

# GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

(FOUNDED IN 1873)

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TODAY'S GAME IS VERSUS

**SALE**

(KICK-OFF 3-15 p.m.)

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NEXT FIRST XV GAME:

Saturday, April 16th — **EBBW VALE**

(Kick-off 3-15 p.m.)

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## ANOTHER NORTHERN SIDE

**A**NOTHER Northern side, Sale, are our Easter Monday visitors but they are no strangers to Kingsholm. In fact there are many who remember the occasion, only a few years back, when Sale came, saw and conquered at Kingsholm. Sale have had a very good 1954-55 season and have been scoring a lot of points. At the time this programme had to be written their latest victims were Moseley and for much of the second half Sale were playing with but 14 men. After Gloucester's visit to Cheltenham last Wednesday and Sale's appearance there on Saturday, we should have a criterion on which to balance the merits of the sides to-day.

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**Official Programme : Price Threepence**



# GLOUCESTER HIPPODROME

PRESENTING THE LATEST ATTRACTIONS on the  
GIANT ALL-PURPOSE SCREEN  
ALL CinemaScope Productions in FULL STEREOPHONIC SOUND

## GLOUCESTER (RED and WHITE)

## TO-DAY'S REFEREE

Mr. A. E. PADFIELD (Bath)

## SALE (BLUE AND WHITE)

Full Back  
1 I. SHEEN or B. SIBERY

Three-quarters  
2 P. LEWIS R.W.

3 R. SUTTON R.C.

4 L. MORGAN L.C.

5 R. BLAIR L.W.

Half Backs  
6 D. JONES O.H.

7 J. HOBBS S.H.

Forwards  
8 R. PARRY

9 C. THOMAS

10 D. SOLOMON

11 D. A. JONES

12 J. VARNEY or

B. GREEN

14 P. FORD

15 R. HODGE

16 D. IBBOTSON

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## FIRST XV. FIXTURES

Played 33 Won 16; Lost 15; Drawn 2; Points for 323; against 537

1954	1955
Sept. 11 Lydney ... H 11-0	Jan. 1 London Scottish ... H 8-12
18 Moseley ... H 52-5	6 Army ... H 11-9
23 Cheltenham ... H 5-3	8 Leicester ... H 11-9
25 Bristol ... A 22-20	15 Wasps ... A 11-0
30 Stroud ... H 11-8	22 Bristol ... H 3-3
Oct. 2 Bedford ... H 6-6	29 Neath ... A 6-24
9 Richmond ... H 6-18	Feb. 5 Civil Service ... H 11-3
(Glos. v. Cornwall, Bristol)	12 Bath ... A 21-0
16 Newport ... A 0-16	19 Swansea ... A 11-0
23 Coventry ... H 6-21	26 Cardiff ... H 11-0
(Glos. v. Devon, in Devon)	Mar. 5 Northampton ... A 6-11
30 Oxford University ... A 3-27	12 R.A.F. ... H 19-8
Nov. 6 Leicester ... A 6-12	19 Guys Hospital ... H 11-0
13 Moseley ... A 11-21	26 Newport ... H 11-3
(Glos. v. Som., Kingsholm)	31 Stroud ... A 13-3
20 Aberavon ... H 3-16	Apr. 2 Harlequins ... H 10-5
27 Cardiff ... A 8-9	4 Swansea ... H 6-3
Dec. 4 Neath ... H 3-6	6 Cheltenham ... A 13-3
11 Bath ... H 11-3	9 New Brighton ... H
18 Coventry ... A 8-14	11 Sale ... H
27 O.M.T.'s ... H 13-19	12 Lydney ... A
28 U.A.U. ... H 3-14	16 Ebbw Vale ... H
	23 Devonport Services ... A
	25 Redruth ... A
	26 Teignmouth ... H
	30 Exeter ... H

Full Back  
1 T. LEE

Three-quarters  
2 C. WILSON R.W.

3 F. G. GRIFFITHS R.C.

4 A. E. ASQUITH L.C.

5 R. McCORMICK L.W.

Half Backs  
6 R. SILLEY O.H.

7 T. C. PEARSON S.H.

Forwards  
8 J. FERNIE (Cheshire)

9 B. S. GARRETT

10 R. G. PORISSE (Yorkshire)

11 R. DAVENPORT

12 J. VAN HEERDEN

13 T. BARKER (Capt) (Lancashire)

14 J. BERRY

15 L. JAMES

**To Night**  
CinemaScope with Full Stereophonic Sound  
ETHEL MERMAN DONALD O'CONNOR MARILYN MONROE DAN DAILEY JOHNNIE HAY MITZI GAYNOR  
**THERE'S NO BUSINESS LIKE SHOW BUSINESS** (Colour by de Luxe) (s)  
Full Supporting Programme

**Next Week**  
CinemaScope with Full Stereophonic Sound  
GLENN FORD BARBARA STANWYCK ED. G. ROBINSON  
**ROUGH COMPANY** (s)  
also Robert FRANCIS Dianne FOSTER  
**BAMBOO PRISON** (s)



## SENIOR TO GLOUCESTER

**E**XCLUDING their games with Gosforth and Cheltenham, the results of which we do not know, Sale had scored 366 points in 28 games this season against 313. This virile side—it was founded in 1861 so it is a lot older than the Gloucester Club—has achieved a well-deserved reputation for a fine team spirit, are always ready to exploit an opposition mistake and are speedy in backing up.

The total of points shows that the three-quarters know the way to the line. The side has brought on a lot of young players and their regular full-back T. Gee is building up a name as a rapidly improving player. They have turned out many County players in recent seasons and we should have, therefore, a really capital open game in prospect to-day.

## A DESERVED TRIBUTE

**T**AKE your minds back to the Harlequins' visit and that beautiful try scored in the closing minutes by W. P. C. Davies. Remember the deafening applause all around the ground that greeted that effort? A spectator who can be regarded as "neutral" said afterwards that that generous tribute to a great player and a great try was typical of the sporting spirit of the Kingsholm crowd.

It has to be confessed that supporters have had some disheartening times this season but it speaks volumes for their sportmanship that a grand bit of play gets so hearty a tribute. And we hope it always will.

## THE END IN SIGHT

**T**HE Gloucester side is approaching the end of a gruelling season and we hope and believe that we have seen the end of the troubles which beset us early in the season. We are going out in a blaze of glory and it is to be trusted that the remaining matches on the card will see the balance of wins and points at long last on our side.

Next Saturday, we welcome Ebbw Vale here and they will get a very hearty reception, for we owe them a debt of gratitude for letting us have Ieun Sheen, who has been such a tower of strength in the last few weeks.

## A STRENUOUS FINISH

**W**E haven't forgotten our visit to Lydney—so there will have been no fewer than seven hard games in sixteen days this month. And then comes the rigours of the Devon Tour with three games in four days! And lastly, four days afterwards, the final game with Exeter.

That's enough rugger for anyone and we wish all our players full power to their elbows—and their legs—to get them through the very strenuous days to finish off what is, after all, becoming in its way, a memorable season. At least we shall have plenty from it to talk about!