

GLOUCESTER
RUGBY

3^{d.}

FOOTBALL
CLUB

OFFICIAL

PROGRAMM

KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY, SEPT. 26th, 1953.

Kick-off 3-15 p.m.

GLOUCESTER

versus

BRISTOL



OUR PLAYERS

No. 3: ROBERT CHARLES HODGE (forward), better known to everyone as "Bob" and last season's team captain. He was born in Lancashire on January 16th, 1926 and was educated at Kirkham Grammar School where he learned the rudiments of Rugby in company with Bill Cartmell. He continued with the Army and Fylde and was honoured with a County Cap for Lancashire. Coming to Gloucester as a sales representative, he linked up with the Club five years ago. Since then he has won a Gloucestershire Cap and last season travelled as reserve for all England's matches. Weight 13 stone 4 lbs.



NEXT WEEK

UNITED (at Kingsholm).

Thurs. NORTH GLOS. COMBINATION Kick-off 6 p.m.

Sat. OLD BRISTOLIANS Kick-off 3-15 p.m.

October's home matches :

1st XV.	Oct. 10th	OLD BLUES
	Oct. 17th	NEWPORT
	Oct. 31st	OXFORD UNIVERSITY
United	Oct. 24th	COVENTRY EXTRAS

COMPLETE YOUR DAY'S PLEASURE by Visiting
GLOUCESTER HIPPODROME

GLOUCESTER
(RED and WHITE)

- Full Back
- 1 **T. HALLS**
- Three-quarters
- 2 **J. TAYLOR (Capt.)** R.W.
3 **R. SUTTON** R.C.
4 **S. TROUGHTON** L.C.
5 **E. TURNER** L.W.
- Half Backs
- 6 **D. PERKS** O.H.
7 **J. HOBBS** S.H.
- Forwards
- 8 **G. HASTINGS**
9 **M. BURFORD**
10 **R. PARRY**
11 **J. GWILLIAM**
12 **H. WELLS**
14 **P. FORD**
15 **R. HODGE**
16 **D. IBBOTSON**

TO-DAY'S REFEREE

is
Mr. K. S. JOHN (LONDON SOCIETY)

BRISTOL
(BLUE and WHITE)

- Full Back
- A **T. U. WELLS**
- Three-quarters
- B **J. A. GREGORY** R.W.
C **M. D. CORBETT** R.C.
D **G. THOMAS** L.C.
E **B. J. BROAD** L.W.
- Half Backs
- F **GLYN DAVIES** O.H.
G **G. LOVELL** S.H.
- Forwards
- H **J. WOODWARD**
I **D. WOODWARD**
J **P. L. E. STORKEY**
K **G. CRIPPS**
L **D. WYATT**
M **G. TROOTE**
N **A. MacDONALD**
O **R. T. MOULE**

FIRST XV. FIXTURES 1953-54

1953		1954	
Sept. 5		Jan. 2	London Scottish ... A
" 12	Lydney ... H 24-0	" 7	Army ... H
" 17	Stroud ... A 15-0	" 9	Leicester ... H
" 19	Moseley ... H 13-0	" 16	Wasps ... H
" 23	Cheltenham ... A 11-9	" 23	Bristol ... A
" 26	Bristol ... H	" 30	Neath ... H
Oct. 3	Bedford ... A	Feb. 6	United Services ... A
" 10	Old Blues ... H	" 13	Bath ... H
" 17	Newport ... H	" 20	Swansea ... H
" 24	Coventry ... A	" 27	Cardiff ... A
	(Glos. v. Cornwall, Away)	Mar. 6	Llanelli ... H
" 31	Oxford U. ... H	" 13	R.A.F. ... H
Nov. 7	Leicester ... A	" 20	Guys Hospital ... A
	(Glos. v. Devon, Gloucester)	" 27	Newport ... A
" 14	Moseley ... A	Apr. 3	Northampton ... H
	(New Zealand, at Bristol)	" 8	Cheltenham ... H
" 21	Blackheath ... H	" 10	Harlequins ... H
" 28	Cardiff ... H	" 15	Stroud ... H
	(Glos. v. Somerset, Away)	" 17	Birkenhead Park ... H
Dec. 5	Neath ... A	" 19	Bradford ... H
" 12	Bath ... A	" 20	Lydney ... A
" 19	Coventry ... H	" 24	Exeter ... A
" 26	O.M.T.s ... H	" 26	Torquay Athletic ... A
" 28	U.A.U. ... H	" 27	Teignmouth ... A
		May 1	Devonport Services ... H



First Showing in the District.
THE GREAT 3-D SENSATION
Vincent Price, Frank Lovejoy, Phyllis Kirk
HOUSE OF WAX (Warnercolor) (X)



Gene Barry, Ann Robinson
WAR OF THE WORLDS (Technicolor) (x)
John Lund, Diana Lynn, Dan Defore
MY FRIEND IRMA (u)

STRONG OPPOSITION.

BRISTOL, with whom we expect a rare tussle to-day, have opened their season by taking on some of the Welsh "giants," notably Newport and Swansea. Their win at St. Helen's a week ago was their first there for many years, but impartial circles agree that their victory was a well-deserved one. Bristol are reputed to have a grand pack-one, G. TROOTE is but 17 years old—so, for one thing, the struggle forward to-day should be full of thrills. Bristol, too, will have memories of the reverse at the Memorial Ground 12 months ago, so from every angle the scene is set for what should be an epic encounter.

VERY URGENT.

THE match at Bristol on November 14th Gloucestershire and Somerset v. New Zealand is to be an all-ticket one. APPLICATIONS FOR TICKETS, MADE THROUGH CLUBS, HAVE TO REACH BRISTOL BY THURSDAY NEXT, OCTOBER 1st. Members of Gloucester R.F.C. wanting tickets must apply, (giving membership card, and enclosing remittance to cover cost of tickets and stamped addressed envelope for reply) to Mr. A. Hudson at 58, Northgate Street IMMEDIATELY. THE LATEST TIME FOR APPLICATIONS TO REACH HIM IS TUESDAY NEXT, SEPTEMBER 29th. Prices:—Grand Stand 10/-; Seats Inside Rails 6/-; Enclosure & Temporary Stand 4/-; Field 2/6. THERE WILL BE ONLY A FEW STAND TICKETS AVAILABLE; applicants must state choice of other accommodation as an alternative. The allocation will be made by the County Union.

TWICKENHAM REMINDER.

MEMBERS are reminded of the arrangements for the all-ticket Internationals at Twickenham this season. The prices for each of the three matches are:—Grand Stand 15/-; Enclosure 3/6; Field 2/6. Members wanting tickets for any or all the games must apply to Mr. Hudson NOT LATER THAN SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24th. Each application must enclose membership card number, the necessary money or cheque to cover the cost, and a stamped addressed envelope. It must be understood that IT IS CERTAIN, OWING TO TICKETS BEING OVER-APPLIED FOR, ONLY A PERCENTAGE WILL BE ALLOTTED BY THE RUGBY UNION.

LEST WE FORGET.

IN December, 1905, against the first and famous 'All Blacks' a young scrum-half from Gloucester was included in the England XV. His name was D. R. Gent and he has the odd and still unique distinction of having played, in the same season, for England, and as a probable for a rival country, Wales, the land of his fathers. The match was played at the Crystal Palace, a fact which forged a curious little link between games and between eras; for the London Cricket Club played there, and on the previous day, at lunch before team practice on the ground, Gent sat next to W. G. Grace. To-day, Dai Gent is the doyen of commentators on Rugby."—Extract from "Portrait Gallery" in the "Sunday Times."

48 YEARS OF SERVICE.

WE have been trying to record, in this programme, ever since the season began, our public appreciation of the services of the men of the St. John Ambulance Brigade. For 48 years now, those wielders of the "Magic Sponge" have been voluntarily giving their services to help injured Rugby men and every player who dons a jersey here is all the happier for knowing if he meets with an accident, prompt and skilled attention will be his at once. Thank you indeed, S.J.A.B.