KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER
SATURDAY, OCT. 17th, 1953. Kick-off 3.15 p.m.

GLOUCESTER
versus
NEWPORT

OUR PLAYERS

No. 5: PETER JOHN FORD (wing forward) born in Gloucester on May 2nd, 1932. He is a product of the Gloucester Central Schools rugby methods and in the opinion of many good judges is destined to make a great player. Appeared for the R.A.F. during his National Service and has shown marked improvement in each of his three seasons wearing the City's colours. Weight 13 stone.

NEXT WEEK

UNITED v. COVENTRY EXTRA 1st.

October's home match:
1st XV. Oct. 31st OXFORD UNIVERSITY
To-Day's Referee is Mr. L. W. Bundy (London Society)

**First XV Pictures 1855-56**

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**Three-quarters**

1 T. Halls
2 J. Taylor (Capt.) R.W.
3 R. Sutton R.C.
4 S. Troughton L.C.
5 E. Turner L.W.
6 W. Cartmell O.D.
7 J. Horbs S.B.
8 G. Hastings
9 C. Thomas
10 P. Parry
11 H. Wells
12 J. Gwilliam
13 P. Ford
14 R. Hodge
15 D. Ibbotson

**Forwards**

12 Lidgett
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HOMERIC STRUGGLE IN PROSPECT.

THE Gloucester XV, with seven successive victories behind them, begin today a series of very hard matches. First Newport, who come to Kingsholm with an impressive season's work. The memories of past struggles, coupled with expectations of a Homeric clash now, make them assured of the heartiest and sincerest of greetings. The Usk Side will be more than keen to spoil the City’s unbeaten run and if men were needed, you may recall their stunning of Blackheath a week back at Rodney Parade. Ken Jones, Roy Burnell and Malcolm Thomas all had a very distinguished day and twice Jones ran more than 50 yards to score tries. We are proud of our own back row forwards; they will have superb opposition to-day if Ackerman, Sheppard and Quartley play as they did against Blackheath. No game is ever won—or lost—until “No Side” is called and we all look forward to an exhibition of our great winter game that will live long in our memories.

PLEASE HELP!

Will all spectators in the stands to-day please help in the task of getting everyone to a seat as long as there is accommodation? Every seat is numbered and if each spectator will but sit on a number, no room will be wasted.

The arrangement for special seating adopted to-day will also apply to the next First XV home game, that against Oxford University on Saturday, October 31st. Seats in A and C Stands will be reserved until 20 minutes before the advertised time of kick-off and there will be $5: Reserved Seats inside the rails, obtainable at 58 Northgate Street or on the ground before the match. We must give the University a great welcome and a great game.

THOSE SPECIAL TICKETS.

If you have not yet applied for International Match Tickets at Twickenham you have a few days left. No applications will, however, be considered after next Saturday. Send membership card number, money and stamped addressed envelope to Mr. Hudson at 58 Northgate Street and state what alternative you would like to the kind of tickets you ask for. One point of expectation, a separate stamped addressed envelope must be enclosed for each match for which tickets are desired.

No further applications can be entertained for tickets for the All Blacks game versus Gloucestershire and Somerset at Bristol on November 14th. It may be that Mr. Hudson may have an allocation of Ground Tickets. If so, notice about this will be given in a later programme, that is, on October 31st—so watch for details.

“JUBILEE” INVITATION.

You may be disappointed about a Twickenham International this season; why not find consolation by making up a party to go to Twickenham on April 17th, 1954 to see the Jubilee Game organised by the English Schools’ R.F.U. (“15 Group,” E.S.R.F.U. founded 1904) between England and Wales? Mr. S. E. LANGSTON, 57 Heathville Road, Gloucester, the Hon. Secretary, will give all information and facts about Tickets. This particularly applies to our Welsh visitors to-day. More details about this anniversary will appear in later programmes.