

GLOUCESTER
RUGBY

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FOOTBALL
CLUB

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY, NOV. 21st, 1953. Kick-off 2-45 p.m.

GLOUCESTER

versus

BLACKHEATH



OUR PLAYERS

No. 7: WILLIAM BAMBER CARTMELL (stand-off half) is a native of "Proud Preston" in the County Palatine and was born on June 28th, 1927. Like Bob Hodge, Bill was a pupil at Kirkham Grammar School, which must be gratified at having produced such a pair of versatile players. He got more Rugger experience when at Liverpool University and before coming to Gloucester three years ago had played for Waterloo and Preston Grasshoppers. He holds County Caps for both Lancashire and Gloucestershire and is one of the williest outside halves in the game. He is a Veterinary Surgeon; his weight is 11 stone.



Next Week at Kingsholm:

CARDIFF — Kick-off 2-45 p.m.

**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 **W. CARTMELL** O.H.
7 **J. HOBBS** S.H.
- Forwards
8 **G. HASTINGS**
9 **C. THOMAS**
10 **R. PARRY**
11 **H. WELLS**
12 **J. GWILLIAM**
14 **P. FORD**
15 **R. HODGE**
16 **D. IBBOTSON**

TO-DAY'S REFEREE

is
Mr. R. J. TODD (NORTH-MIDLANDS)

BLACKHEATH
(BLACK and RED)

- Full Back
1 **N. S. D. ESTCOURT**
- Three-quarters
2 **I. SCLATER** R.W.
3 **D. PARKER** R.C.
4 **G. T. LEWIS** L.C.
5 **W. A. GRAY** L.W.
- Half Backs
6 **D. P. A. PARSONS** O.H.
7 **H. MUSTO** S.H.
- Forwards
8 **K. MOTLEY (Capt.)**
9 **D. WELLS**
10 **M. NEWMAN**
11 **K. W. WALMSLEY**
12 **E. J. V. HAMMOND**
14 **C. B. NICHOLL**
15 **N. GLYN DAVIES**
16 **G. HAMMOND**

FIRST XV. FIXTURES 1953-54

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

To-Night Bing Crosby, Claude Dauphin, Christian Fourcade
LITTLE BOY LOST (u)
Jose Ferrer, Kim Hunter
ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN (u)

Next Week Jean Simmons, Victor Mature
AFFAIR WITH A STRANGER (u)
Tony Curtis, Joanne Dru
FORBIDDEN (u)

WELCOME "THE CLUB."

WE are always delighted when "The Club" comes to Kingsholm and it adds to our pleasure to know that to-day we can put our strongest available side out to meet them, so there is every promise of a rare struggle. Blackheath, in the past season, have been busily engaged in team building and many of the side are young men full of promise for the future. Don't be misled by a comparison of records this season. "The Club's" record to date reads :—won 5, lost 8 ; points for 94, against 120.

That might lead you to think the Gloucester side should have a fairly easy passage to-day. But consider what happened a week ago. Blackheath well and truly trounced Oxford University by 17 points—nil, and thoroughly deserved their win. We, you will recall, had to be content with a single point win earlier over the University. In the opinion of very good judges Blackheath are maintaining their vastly improved form of recent weeks, so the Gloucester XV must get into top gear quickly and keep there all through the game.

THE CARDIFF ENCOUNTER.

WITH the County in the happy position of being serious contenders for Group honours, we can expect that the City XV for the encounter with Cardiff next Saturday will be without some of its stars. Don't let that discourage you ; remember the grand displays the depleted side put up at Coventry, Leicester and Moseley, and in spite of County calls. With the inspiration of their own supporters to encourage them, Gloucester can give the Welsh Metropolitans a good run for their money, so come early and make sure you give that valuable and necessary support.

The kick-off is at 2.45 and seats in A and C Stands will be reserved for season ticket holders until 2.25 p.m. There will also be reserved seats inside the rails at 3/-. Will you also please help the members of the Committee acting as marshals by sitting close together, so that everyone who wants a seat will get one ? Thank you very much—in anticipation ;

PLEASE APPLY EARLY.

GLOUCESTER has played a great part in fostering rugby in the schools and Gloucester Schools R.U reaches its half-century in 1954. From it have gone well-known men like the late Messrs. W. E. Nolder and Eric Keys to be Presidents of the English Schools' R.F.U. As Gloucester is now virtually the H.Q. of the latter body, it is to be hoped a good crowd will go from the City to witness the Boys' England v. Wales match at Twickenham on April 17th. Mr. W. Blackford at Hatherley Road Secondary School, Gloucester, will be glad to supply you with tickets, but please make early application to him, sending, too, a stamped addressed envelope for reply.

FOR YOUR DIARY.

THERE is a Thursday fixture shortly of which you may like a note. It is the annual match English Universities v. Welsh Universities. It is reported the teams will be even stronger than usual this year. The date is December 3rd.