

GLOUCESTER  
RUGBY



FOOTBALL  
CLUB

**OFFICIAL PROGRAMME**

KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY, NOV. 28th, 1953. Kick-off 2-45 p.m.

**GLOUCESTER**

versus

**CARDIFF**



**OUR PLAYERS**

No. 8: ERNEST TURNER (wing three-quarter,) one of our own, for he was born in Gloucester on December 22nd, 1929. He is another product of Gloucester School football, for he played for Kingsholm School when Roy Sutton was captain. He next played for Widden Old Boys and had one or two games for Gloucester in 1947-48 before his Army Service. In 1950 he came back to the United, but this season has been a regular choice for the First XV. and should long remain so, for he is always a wholehearted trier. A turner at the Wagon Works. Ernie weighs 10 stone 9 lbs.



**Next Week at Kingsholm :**

**GLOUCESTER U. v. BATH U. Kick-off 2-45**

(December's Home Games)

First XV. Dec. 19th—COVENTRY  
Dec. 26th—OLD MERCHANT TAYLORS  
Dec. 28th—UNIVERSITIES ATHLETIC UNION

**COMPLETE YOUR DAY'S PLEASURE by Visiting  
GLOUCESTER HIPPODROME**

**GLOUCESTER**  
(RED and WHITE)

- Full Back  
1 T. HALLS
- Three-quarters  
2 M. BAKER R.W.  
3 S. TROUGHTON R.C.  
4 R. SUTTON L.C.  
5 E. TURNER L.W.
- Half Backs  
6 W. CARTMELL O.H.  
7 W. NIELD S.H.
- Forwards  
8 R. PARRY  
9 C. THOMAS  
10 M. BURFORD  
11 H. WELLS  
12 D. BOWDEN  
14 G. HUDSON  
15 J. GWILLIAM (Capt.)  
16 D. IBBOTSON

**TO-DAY'S REFEREE**

is  
**Dr. P. F. COOPER (London Society)**

**GARDIFF**  
(BLUE and BLACK)

- Full Back  
1 J. L. LEWELLYN
- Three-quarters  
2 G. ROWLANDS R.W.  
3 H. NICHOLLS R.C.  
4 B. L. WILLIAMS L.C.  
5 B. C. MURPHY L.W.
- Half Backs  
6 C. MORGAN O.H.  
7 W. R. WILLIS S.H.
- Forwards  
8 J. D. EVANS  
9 G. BECKINGHAM  
10 S. BOWES  
11 M. COLLINS  
12 E. THOMAS  
13 J. NELSON  
14 S. JUDD  
15 C. D. WILLIAMS

FIRST XV. FIXTURES 1953-54	
Played 13, Won 11, Lost 2.	Points for 145, Against 62
1953 Sept. 5 .. 12 Lydney ... .. H 24-0 .. 17 Stroud ... .. A 15-0 .. 19 Moseley ... .. H 13-0 .. 23 Cheltenham ... .. A 11-9 .. 26 Bristol ... .. H 11-3 Oct. 3 Bedford ... .. A 13-6 .. 10 Old Blues ... .. H 11-6 .. 17 Newport ... .. H 8-3 .. 24 Coventry ... .. A 6-9 (Glos. v. Cornwall, Away) .. 31 Oxford U. ... .. H 9-8 Nov. 7 Leicester ... .. A 8-13 (Glos. v. Devon, Gloucester) .. 14 Moseley ... .. A 3-0 (New Zealand, at Bristol) .. 21 Blackheath ... .. H 13-5 .. 28 Cardiff ... .. H (Glos. v. Somerset, Away) Dec. 5 Neath ... .. A .. 12 Bath ... .. A .. 19 Coventry ... .. H .. 26 O.M.T.s ... .. H .. 28 U.A.U. ... .. H	1954 Jan. 2 London Scottish ... A .. 7 Army ... .. H .. 9 Leicester ... .. H .. 16 Wasps ... .. H .. 23 Bristol ... .. A .. 30 Neath ... .. H Feb. 6 United Services ... A .. 13 Bath ... .. H .. 20 Swansea ... .. H .. 27 Cardiff ... .. A Mar. 6 Llanelly ... .. H .. 13 R.A.F. ... .. H .. 20 Guys Hospital ... A .. 27 Newport ... .. A Apr. 3 Northampton ... H .. 8 Cheltenham ... .. H .. 10 Harlequins ... .. H .. 15 Stroud ... .. H .. 17 Birkenhead Park ... H .. 19 Bradford ... .. H .. 20 Lydney ... .. A .. 24 Exeter ... .. A .. 26 Torquay Athletic ... A .. 27 Teignmouth ... .. A May 1 Devonport Services ... H

**To-Night**  
Jean Simmons, Victor Mature  
**AFFAIR WITH A STRANGER** (u)  
Tony Curtis, Joanne Dru  
**FORBIDDEN** (a)

**Next Week**  
Alan Ladd, Jean Arthur  
**SHANE** (Technicolor) (a)  
**SMOOTH SAILING** (u)  
**ONCE IN TEN YEARS** (u)

## 'T WAS A FAMOUS VICTORY.

**W**E shall welcome Cardiff to-day with a special cheer following their great win over the All Blacks a week ago. Determined forward play and superior tactics behind the scrum gave them a famous victory and it will doubtless encourage them to aim at capturing Gloucester's home record. It has to be admitted that from another angle the auguries look good for them, for the key County match between Gloucestershire and Somerset at Bath necessitates four of our stalwarts being away.

We pin our faith to the fine performances our disorganised side put up at Coventry, Leicester and Moseley, and trust that the encouragement of the Kingsholm atmosphere will give the Gloucester XV the heart and stamina to complete the sequence of three successive wins at home over Cardiff. For in the two past seasons, Cardiff have lost here; and that should prove an extra spur for an all-out effort. In any case, we all anticipate a great game. Cardiff's record to date reads: won 13, drawn 1, lost 3, points for 218, against 89.

## DO MOVE UP.

**A**ND may we make the usual plea to A and C Stand patrons on the occasion of these big matches? The closer you sit together, the more will be able to see the game in comfort. Please obey when a broadcast announcement implores you to "Move Up."

## UNIVERSITIES' INTERNATIONAL.

**T**HE next game on this enclosure is on Thursday, December 3rd and since in its way it is an historic encounter, we hope there will be a large attendance to see the English Universities against the Welsh Universities. The kick-off is at 2-30 p.m.

Mr. Reg F. Kerslake, the Chairman of the U.A.U. Selection Committee has sent some information about these annual matches. Last year at Swansea the English side won by 17 points to 3 and in view of their record this year, the home side is rather fancied to win. The English back division is said to be the strongest since 1939. Among them is K. R. Smith, who is a Preston Grasshopper (Bill Cartmell's old side.) He is 18 years old and has been closely watched and nursed by Lancashire. He has played four times for his County and is fast, with a deceptive side-step. He is considered to be an International in the making, so come and see him and form your own opinion. We hear, too, that Gloucester man, Brian Ash (now at Loughborough College) will be in the English pack.

## RUGGER FANS CAN HELP.

**I**F you trouble to look at the foot of this page you will see that this Programme is published by the Trustees of the Gloucester Rugby Memorial Fund. And those Trustees are a trifle worried because money, which is badly needed, is not coming in very fast and there are heavy expenses ahead. (Those of you who have been along Tuffley Avenue recently will have noticed the progress with the entrance and the ground). A steady source of income lies in the sale of these Programmes, so please, do buy them, rather than borrow your neighbour's! And donations and gifts can still be sent to Mr. Arthur Hudson who will very gladly acknowledge each and every one. Do remember the aim is to get some pitches at Tuffley going next season; they will mean much to Junior Rugby in Gloucester.