

GLOUCESTER
RUGBY

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FOOTBALL
CLUB

OFFICIAL

PROGRAMME

KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER

MONDAY, DEC. 28th, 1953. Kick-off 2-30 p.m.

GLOUCESTER

versus

**UNIVERSITIES
ATHLETIC UNION**



OUR PLAYERS

NO. 11. **CYRIL CHARLES THOMAS** (hooker) was born on November 21st, 1927, and his native surroundings are in the Forest of Dean. He began his football at Lydney Grammar School and came up the hard way, playing for Yorkley and Lydney. His first appearance for Gloucester was in the 1947-48 season and he has turned out once for the County in a "friendly." He makes a lot of appearances for Police XV's and on his day, Cyril has few superiors in getting the ball back. Weight 12 stone,



**Next Saturday at Kingsholm:
UNITED v. NEWPORT H.S.O.B. Kick-off 2-30 p.m.**

JANUARY MATCHES AT KINGSHOLM.

First XV	January 7th—THE ARMY
	January 9th—LEICESTER
	January 16th—WASPS
	January 30th—NEATH
United	January 23rd—BRISTOL UNIVERSITY

**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 R. SUTTON R.C.
- 4 L. MORGAN 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 G. HASTINGS
- 11 J. GWILLIAM
- 12 D. BOWDEN
- 14 P. FORD
- 15 R. HODGE
- 16 D. IBBOTSON

TO-DAY'S REFEREE

is

Mr. N. WYATT, Bristol Society

U.A.U.

- Full Back
- 1 B. B. WRIGHT (Liverpool)
- Three-quarters
- 2 K. R. SMITH R.W.
(U.C. Hull)
- 3 C. JACKSON R.C.
(Leeds)
- 4 P. C. DELIGHT L.C.
(Loughborough)
- 5 B. DARLINGTON L.W.
(Loughborough)
- Half Backs
- 6 J. J. PARKER O.H.
(Leeds)
- 7 B. BELLWOOD S.H.
(Liverpool)
- Forwards
- 8 B. ASH (Loughborough)
- 9 R. ELLIS (Sheffield)
- 10 R. L. WALKER (Manchester)
- 11 S. A. HOLMES (Manchester)
- 12 D. EATON (Durham)
- 13 B. CLARE (Sheffield)
- 14 R. W. GARRETT (Birmingham)
- 15 P. FEATHERSTONE (Liverpool)

FIRST XV. FIXTURES 1953-54

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



**THIS
WEEK**

Susan Hayward, Robert Mitchum
WHITE WITCH DOCTOR (Tech.) (u)
Louis Hayward, Naomi Chance
SAINT'S RETURN (u)



Next Week

Lex Barker, Joyce McKenzie
TARZAN AND THE SHE-DEVIL (u)
Veronica Lake, Zachary Scott
STRONGHOLD (u)

TO-DAY'S VISITORS.

OUR Christmas Holiday game with the Universities' Athletic Union dates back to before World War II, and this young side, annually got together for a short tour, has in that period of years made a very respectable name for itself. They always come to Gloucester after two sharp encounters in Wales, and we recall, with a smile, perhaps, what they did to our unbeaten record 12 months ago, and their victory then was no fluke.

On the present occasion they turn out at Kingsholm after matches at Llanelly and Swansea and we may be quite sure that whatever the results there, the side will be a well-balanced one and blended together after their Welsh trip. We must not forget, too, that many of the U.A.U. side appeared in the English Universities side who defeated Wales at Kingsholm a few weeks back.

So we may accept as a fact that these young men will be keen, enthusiastic and very eager to repeat their performance of a twelve-month ago. In any case, we are glad to see them once again, for the team as individuals must provide some great Club, County and International figures of the future. And here in Gloucester our aim must always be to foster the great amateur game of Rugby.

THE SECOND HALF.

WITH to-day's game, we come to the end of the first half of the season and no one we think will be dissatisfied with the rugger our sides have shown at Kingsholm. The highlight was, perhaps, the visit of Cardiff and notwithstanding the portent, we had hopes we should succeed where the All Blacks failed. It proved a remarkable game in which we were quite heavily beaten, but the quality was high, and we console ourselves with the recollection that at least five scoring chances were frittered away. As for the rest the record speaks for itself. The team has striven to play good open rugby and we have not been disappointed.

So much so that we can face the remainder of the season with a great deal of confidence. We may find the pinch of County calls a little troublesome inasmuch as we shall have County Championship aspirations, although a little bird has whispered that the County side will have to do a great deal better than it did against Somerset to have any ideas to ultimate supremacy.

Until the Devon tour comes round at the end of April, the First XV will be away from home seven times only, and no fewer than 14 games will take place on Kingsholm. Practically every match is a most attractive one, but particularly outstanding should be the fixtures against Neath (January 20th), Swansea (February 20th), Llanelly (March 6th), and the Harlequins (April 10th).

And so in wishing you all a Happy New Year, we shall be forgiven if we think largely in terms of the rugger feasts to come at Kingsholm.