

GLOUCESTER
RUGBY

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FOOTBALL
CLUB

OFFICIAL

PROGRAMME

KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY, JAN. 9th, 1954 Kick-off 2-45 p.m.

GLOUCESTER

versus

LEICESTER



OUR PLAYERS

NO. 13. ROY SUTTON (centre three-quarter), another Gloucester-born player, and whose birth took place on February 1st, 1928. He went to Kingsholm School, where he was rugby captain and he was selected as captain of Gloucester Boys but did not play because of the outbreak of war. When he went into the Services he played in the Navy Trials when 17. He turned out for the United when on leave and, service over, for Coney Hill R.F.C. in their record-breaking year. He came into the Gloucester XV in 1947-48 season, and played for the County in his first year and now has a County Cap. A machine tool fitter, he is 11 stone 6 lbs. in weight.



Next Saturday at Kingsholm:

GLOUCESTER v. THE WASPS Kick-off 2-45 p.m.

JANUARY MATCHES AT KINGSHOLM.

First XV January 30th—NEATH

United January 23rd—BRISTOL UNIVERSITY

**COMPLETE YOUR DAYS PLEASURE by Visiting
GLOUCESTER HIPPODROME**

GLOUCESTER

(RED and WHITE)

Full Back

1 T. HALLS

Three-quarters

2 J. TAYLOR (Capt.) R.W.

3 M. BAKER R.C.

4 R. SUTTON 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 J. GWILLIAM

12 D. BOWDEN

14 P. FORD

15 R. HODGE

16 D. IBBOTSON

TO-DAY'S REFEREE

is

Mr. WALTERS, Swansea

LEICESTER

(RED, WHITE AND GREEN)

Full Back

O R. MARSHALL

Three-quarters

K B. DARLINGTON R.W.

L J. ELDERS R.C.

M G. H. CULLEN L.C.

N G. LEE L.W.

Half Backs

J D. HAINES O.H.

I W. J. CLARKE S.H.

Forwards

A D. B. L. THORNELOE

B S. PRATT

C D. St. G. HAZELL

D A. BAKER

E R. H. SMITH

F H. SIBSON

G J. M. JENKINS (Capt.)

H A. D. ASHURST

FIRST XV. FIXTURES 1953-54

Played 20, Won 16, Lost 4.		Points for 204, Against 124	
1953	1954	1953	1954
Sept. 5	Jan. 2	London Scottish ... A 10-0	London Scottish ... A 10-0
" 12 Lydney ... H 24-0	" 7 Army ... H Can.	" 7 Army ... H Can.	" 7 Army ... H Can.
" 17 Stroud ... A 15-0	" 9 Leicester ... H	" 9 Leicester ... H	" 9 Leicester ... H
" 19 Moseley ... H 13-0	" 16 Wasps ... H	" 16 Wasps ... H	" 16 Wasps ... H
" 23 Cheltenham ... A 11-9	" 23 Bristol ... A	" 23 Bristol ... A	" 23 Bristol ... A
" 26 Bristol ... H 11-3	" 30 Neath ... H	" 30 Neath ... H	" 30 Neath ... H
Oct. 3 Bedford ... A 13-6	Feb. 6 United Services ... A	Feb. 6 United Services ... A	Feb. 6 United Services ... A
" 10 Old Blues ... H 11-6	" 13 Bath ... H	" 13 Bath ... H	" 13 Bath ... H
" 17 Newport ... H 8-3	" 20 Swansea ... H	" 20 Swansea ... H	" 20 Swansea ... H
" 24 Coventry ... A 6-9	" 27 Cardiff ... A	" 27 Cardiff ... A	" 27 Cardiff ... A
(Glos. v. Cornwall, Away)	Mar. 6 Llanelly ... H	Mar. 6 Llanelly ... H	Mar. 6 Llanelly ... H
" 31 Oxford U. ... H 9-8	" 13 R.A.F. ... H	" 13 R.A.F. ... H	" 13 R.A.F. ... H
Nov. 7 Leicester ... A 8-13	" 20 Guys Hospital ... A	" 20 Guys Hospital ... A	" 20 Guys Hospital ... A
(Glos. v. Devon, Gloucester)	" 27 Newport ... A	" 27 Newport ... A	" 27 Newport ... A
" 14 Moseley ... A 3-0	Apr. 3 Northampton ... H	Apr. 3 Northampton ... H	Apr. 3 Northampton ... H
(New Zealand, at Bristol)	" 8 Cheltenham ... H	" 8 Cheltenham ... H	" 8 Cheltenham ... H
" 21 Blackheath ... H 13-5	" 16 Harlequins ... H	" 16 Harlequins ... H	" 16 Harlequins ... H
" 28 Cardiff ... H 3-19	" 15 Stroud ... H	" 15 Stroud ... H	" 15 Stroud ... H
(Glos. v. Somerset, Away)	" 17 Birkenhead Park ... H	" 17 Birkenhead Park ... H	" 17 Birkenhead Park ... H
Dec. 5 Neath ... A 3-20	" 19 Bradford ... H	" 19 Bradford ... H	" 19 Bradford ... H
" 12 Bath ... A 9-6	" 20 Lydney ... A	" 20 Lydney ... A	" 20 Lydney ... A
" 19 Coventry ... H 14-3	" 24 Exeter ... A	" 24 Exeter ... A	" 24 Exeter ... A
" 26 O.M.T.s ... H 9-6	" 26 Torquay Athletic ... A	" 26 Torquay Athletic ... A	" 26 Torquay Athletic ... A
" 28 U.A.U. ... H 12-8	" 27 Teignmouth ... A	" 27 Teignmouth ... A	" 27 Teignmouth ... A
	May 1 Devonport Services ... H	May 1 Devonport Services ... H	May 1 Devonport Services ... H

To-Night

Lex Barker, Joyce McKenzie

TARZAN AND THE SHE-DEVIL (u)

Veronica Lake, Zachary Scott

STRONGHOLD (u)

Next Week

Margaret Lockwood, Wendell Corey

LAUGHING ANNE (a)

Judy Canova, Stephen Dunne

ARMY CAPERS (u)

OLD FRIENDS INDEED.

WE are always delighted to give a big welcome to Leicester at Kingsholm. "The Tigers" are old foes—and friends and there are very close personal links between the Welford Road outfits and the Kingsholm one. Long may it continue to flourish.

And we have another reason for being glad to see Leicester here to-day. With memories of that 13—8 defeat early in November still in our minds the Gloucester XV wants to demonstrate that it is a very different proposition when not weakened by County calls. There are no complications of that kind to-day and our men will be very desirous of balancing the account with a good win.

NOT "A PUSHOVER."

IT is always dangerous to don the mantle of a prophet but if comparative form is any guide, then the auguries look good for Gloucester. Last Saturday, Leicester could do no better than draw at Bath, whereas a few weeks back Gloucester brought off a 9—6 win there. That, however will provide no excuse for any Gloucester player to think this match is a "pushover." Leicester have a well-balanced side, quite capable of springing a surprise. In any case, we all look forward to a rousing encounter.

A "RECORD" HOPE.

IT has been pointed out by Rugby critics of "The Citizen" that Gloucester has an excellent chance this year of beating the previous best record for wins. Up to last Saturday, the City had 16 wins with 24 matches still on the card (at the time of writing this, Thursday's game with the Army still awaited decision.) The 1951-52 record set the peak at 30 wins, so that with any ordinary luck, the City may be able to turn the trick for another record, which would be a grand reward to John Taylor to mark his year of captaincy.

Be that as it may, let it still be noted that the game's the thing that matters. There are plenty of keen Rugger enthusiasts who do not like record attempts because they bring an element into the game it can well do without. All supporters will, we believe, be amply satisfied if a good standard of Rugby is served up for their Saturday afternoons' enjoyment. We like Gloucester to win but we do not want wins at the expense of good feeling and true sportsmanship.

A REMINDER.

IF you haven't sent for your tickets for the Boys' (15 Group) Jubilee International at Twickenham on April 17th, it is high time you did if you want to go. Contact Mr. W. Blackford at Hatherley Secondary Modern School at once, with remittance (5/- Stand, 3/6 Ringside). Special trains will be run for the occasion.