

# OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

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**BRISTOL  
FOOTBALL  
CLUB (R.F.U.)**



**SEASON  
1953-1954  
Memorial Ground  
Filton Avenue**

Gloucester come to the Memorial Ground this afternoon with the impressive record of Won 18, Drawn 0, Lost 4 to their credit and must therefore be regarded as one of the leading English clubs this season. Their record is only a little less imposing than that of Northampton whose figures are Won 20, Drawn 1, Lost 2 and our players are deserving of praise for their splendid effort last-Saturday when, after a game display they lost to the Midlanders by 8 pts. to 5. Bristol were defeated at Gloucester last September by 11 pts. to 3 and paid the penalty for wasting good opportunities in the first half.

Although engaged in time-honoured rivalry to-day, Gloucester and Bristol players will doubtless be invited to join forces in two weeks' time in the Gloucestershire team to meet Hertfordshire in the County Championship Quarter-Final. We hope their combined efforts will take Gloucestershire into the Semi-Final and that the County will go on to win the Championship. Gloucestershire last won the title in 1937 and it is time the honour came to the West again.

We have been asked to convey thanks to our spectators for their generous response to the appeals made on behalf of the Lord Mayor's Christmas Fund and the Round Table's Fund for Spastic Children. The Boxing Day collection amounted to £25 9s. 0d. and the Round Tabler's scheme will benefit to the extent of £33 1s. 6d. donated at the Harlequin match.

We regret to hear of the passing of Reg. Meyer, an old player. Reg. played for the Club prior to the first World War, and afterwards on the Radnor Road ground. He was one of three brothers who played. We wish to express our sympathy to his relatives.

Will you please note that all tickets for the New Zealand game at Twickenham next Saturday have been sold.

**DRINK**

*Georges'*  
**HOME BREWED**

**BRISTOL**

Colours—Blue &amp; White

**SATURDAY,  
January 23rd, 1954****GLOUCESTER**

Colours—Red &amp; White

*Full Back*(A) **T. U. WELLS***Kick off*

3.0 p.m.

*Full Back*(1) **T. HALLS***Threequarters**Right Wing* x (B) **J. A. GREGORY (Capt.)***Right Centre* (C) **R. STANDING***Left Centre* (D) **G. THOMAS***Left Wing* (E) **K. C. SMITH***Threequarters**Right Wing* (2) **J. TAYLOR (Capt.)***Right Centre* (3) **M. BAKER***Left Centre* (4) **R. SUTTON***Left Wing* (5) **E. TURNER***Half Backs**Outside Half* x(F) **GLYN DAVIES***Scrum Half* (G) **M. PAYTON***Half Backs**Outside Half* (6) **W. CARTMELL***Scrum Half* (7) **J. HOBBS***Forwards*(H) **J. WOODWARD**(I) **D. WOODWARD**(J) **P. L. E. STORKEY**(K) **G. CRIPPS**(L) **A. MACDONALD**(M) **G. W. DAVIS**(N) **G. DUMMETT**(O) **J. SCOTT***Forwards*(8) **G. HASTINGS**(9) **C. THOMAS**(10) **A. WADLEY**(11) **H. WELLS**x (12) **J. GWILLIAM**(14) **P. FORD**(15) **R. HODGE**(16) **D. IBBOTSON***Referee :***Mr. T. W. MEALE**  
(London Society)x *International*