

GLOUCESTER  
RUGBY



FOOTBALL  
CLUB

**OFFICIAL PROGRAMME**

KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY, FEB. 20th, 1954      Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

**GLOUCESTER**

versus

**SWANSEA**



**OUR PLAYERS**

**N**O. 15. HENRY GEORGE WELLS (forward) born April 6th, 1932. He began his Rugby while at Cheltenham Grammar School, but on joining the Army during the war had very little time for Rugby. He afterwards turned out for Cheltenham for slightly more than two seasons before coming to Gloucester when Gordon Hudson was captain. He has made two appearances for Gloucestershire. A test engineer, Henry is a little shy about his weight. "It's about 15 stone," he said when asked!



**Next Week at Kingsholm. Kick-off 3-0 p.m.**

**UNITED v. CARDIFF ATHLETIC**

March Home Games:

First XV    March 6th—LLANELLY  
              March 13th—R.A.F.  
United :    March 20th—CARDIFF COLLEGE  
              March 27th—NEWPORT UNITED

# 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 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 A. WADLEY  
11 \*J. GWILLIAM  
12 H. WELLS  
14 P. FORD  
15 R. HODGE  
16 D. IBBOTSON

## TO-DAY'S REFEREE

is  
Mr. R. J. TODD, North Midlands.

\* Internationals.

FIRST XV. FIXTURES 1953-54			
Played 24, Won 10, Drawn 1, Lost 4. Points for 255, Against 140			
1953		1954	
Sept. 5	.. 12 Lydney	.. H 24-0	Jan. 2 London Scottish
.. 17 Stroud	.. A 10-0	.. 7 Army	.. H Can.
.. 19 Moseley	.. H 19-0	.. 9 Leicester	.. H 19-0
.. 23 Cheltenham	.. A 11-9	.. 16 Wasps	.. H 14-8
.. 26 Bristol	.. H 11-3	.. 23 Bristol	.. A 3-3
Oct. 3 Bedford	.. A 13-6	.. 30 Neath	.. H Can.
.. 10 Old Blues	.. H 11-6	Feb. 6 United Services	.. A Can.
.. 17 Newport	.. H 8-3	.. 13 Bath	.. H 14-5
.. 24 Coventry	.. A 6-9	.. 20 Swansea	.. H
(Glos. v. Cornwall, Away)		.. 27 Cardiff	.. A
.. 31 Oxford U.	.. H 9-8	Mar. 6 Llanelli	.. H
Nov. 7 Leicester	.. A 8-13	.. 13 R.A.F.	.. H
(Glos. v. Devon, Gloucester)		.. 20 Guys Hospital	.. A
.. 14 Moseley	.. A 3-0	.. 27 Newport	.. A
(New Zealand, at Bristol)		Apr. 3 Northampton	.. H
.. 21 Blackheath	.. H 13-5	.. 8 Cheltenham	.. H
.. 28 Cardiff	.. H 3-19	.. 10 Harlequins	.. H
(Glos. v. Somerset, Away)		.. 15 Stroud	.. H
Dec. 5 Neath	.. A 3-20	.. 17 Birkenhead Park	.. H
.. 12 Bath	.. A 9-6	.. 19 Bradford	.. H
.. 19 Coventry	.. H 14-3	.. 20 Lydney	.. A
.. 26 O.M.T.s	.. H 9-6	.. 24 Exeter	.. A
.. 28 U.A.U.	.. H 12-8	.. 26 Torquay Athletic	.. A
		.. 27 Teignmouth	.. A
		May 1 Devonport Services	.. H

## SWANSEA (WHITE)

- Full Back
- 1 W. BRATTON
- Three-quarters
- 2 \*D. H. PHILLIPS L.W.  
3 J. FAULL L.C.  
4 C. G. LAWRENCE R.C.  
5 T. WILLIAMS R.W.
- Half Backs
- 6 MORWYN THOMAS O.H.  
7 VIVYAN S.H.
- Forwards
- 8 \*W. O. WILLIAMS  
9 T. PETHEBRIDGE  
10 DOUG. JONES  
11 E. T. REES  
12 B. BRUCE THOMAS  
14 \*W. D. JOHNSON (Capt.)  
15 OWEN HUGHES  
16 GWYN LEWIS

**To-Night**

Stanley Holloway, Peggy Cummins, Kay Kendall  
**MEET MR. LUCIFER** (u)  
Rock Hudson, Piper Laurie  
**GOLDEN BLADE** (Technicolor) (u)

**Next Week**

Joan Fontaine, Jack Palance, Corinne Calvet  
**FLIGHT TO TANGIER** (Technicolor) (u)  
Rhonda Fleming, Gene Barry, Agnes Moorehead (Tec)  
**THOSE REDHEADS FROM SEATTLE** (u)

## SEASON'S "ONE AND ONLY."

**I**T cannot be said that Gloucester's record against Welsh sides this season has been very impressive. We began well by beating Newport but both Cardiff and Neath piled up points against us. To-day we take on Swansea for the only time this season and while many eyes will be on the All Blacks' clash with the Barbarians at Cardiff, that game will not make any inordinate drains on the playing strength of either the All Whites or Gloucester.

We can assess the possibilities of to-day's struggle from Swansea's last game, that, at St. Helens, with Llanelly. In a hard and exciting game, the result was a draw and the reports show that Swansea has a hard-working pack. They, too, have a new outside half in M. Morgan who is showing promise.

So the stage is set for a grand game to-day. Gloucester lasted out a dour struggle here a week ago and we know we have a grand set of forwards. Outside, the sides should be evenly matched and the outcome should be a memorable one in the series with the great Welsh club.

Swansea's record to date reads :—Played 23, Won 11, Drawn 4, Lost 8. Points for 191, against 152.

## RE-ARRANGED FIXTURE.

**F**OR the next week or two Gloucester has to face several of the best sides in the Principality. We begin at Cardiff next Saturday, with Llanelly here the week after. Then on March 27th, the Red and Whites go to Newport, and we may be sure the latter have not forgotten what happened last October!

There remains one other fixture with a Welsh side and that is not on your card. You will recall that Neath should have appeared at Kingsholm on January 30th, but snow and frost meant a cancellation of the fixture. The Neath side is very anxious to play at Kingsholm and there has been agreement reached for them to visit our famous enclosure on the evening of Thursday, April 29th which is immediately after the conclusion of Gloucester's tour in Devon.

## COUNTY QUARTER-FINAL.

**N**EXT Thursday brings the County Championship Quarter-Final to Kingsholm between Gloucestershire and Hertfordshire. Tickets sold for the earlier game which had to be postponed because of the weather are valid for this. There is still time to obtain Reserved Stand Seats. These can be obtained from Mr. A. Hudson at his Northgate Street premises. If you must apply by post, don't forget to enclose both the remittance for the seats required and a stamped addressed envelope for the tickets to be posted to you.

## THE BOYS' GREAT YEAR.

**T**O-DAY you will find boys offering for sale small souvenir lapel badges at 6d. each. These are a reminder that on April 17th there will be staged at Twickenham a game it has never known before - the annual International between England and Wales (15 Group) on the occasion of the Jubilee of the English Schools Rugby Union. The profits from these badges will also help to pay for the publicity afforded the game.

We shall have a foretaste of the English side at Kingsholm on March 20th. Then the English Schools R.U. will stage the final trial and we all hope at least one Gloucester boy, if not more, will be fighting for a place in the International side.