

GLOUCESTER
RUGBY



FOOTBALL
CLUB

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY, MARCH 6th, 1954 Kick-off 3-15 p.m.

GLOUCESTER

versus

LLANELLY



OUR PLAYERS

NO. 16. JOHN WILLIAM HOBBS (scrum-half) was born on Sept. 10th, 1928 at Northampton, where later he went to the Grammar School. For three seasons he played for the Old Boys' side, but then came his service training. That over he made about eight appearances for Northampton before coming to a business appointment in Gloucester in 1952. He has put up a number of good games with our First XV and has been a member of the East Midlands XV on several occasions, including the game with the All Blacks. His weight is 11 stone; he is an accountant by profession.



Next Week at Kingsholm. Kick off 3-15 p.m.

GLOUCESTER v. R.A.F.

March Home Games :

United : March 20th—CARDIFF COLLEGE
March 27th—NEWPORT UNITED

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GLOUCESTER
(RED and WHITE)

TO-DAY'S REFEREE

LLANELLY
(SCARLET)

- Full Back**
1 **T. HALLS**
- Three-quarters**
2 **J. TAYLOR (Capt.)** R.W.
3 **R. SUTTON** R.C.
4 **M. BAKER** 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**

Mr. E. V. BARNES, London Society.

- Full Back**
1 **LES PHILLIPS**
- Three-quarters**
2 **J. W. DAVIES** R.W.
3 **R. WILLIAMS** R.C.
4 **RAY WILLIAMS** L.C.
5 **G. HOWELLS** L.W.
- Half Backs**
6 **J. H. DANIELS** O.H.
7 **WYNNE EVANS** S.H.
- Forwards**
8 **H. MORGAN**
9 **C. HIGGINS**
10 **D. V. HOWELLS**
11 **GETHIN HUGHES**
12 **R. H. WILLIAMS**
13 **LEN DAVIES**
14 **J. E. JENKINS**
15 **PETER EVANS (Capt.)**

FIRST XV. FIXTURES 1953-54

Played 26, Won 20, Drawn 1, Lost 5. Points for 288, Against 157

1953		1954	
Sept. 5	Lydney H 24-0	Jan. 2	London Scottish ... A 10-0
" 12	Stroud A 15-0	" 7	Army H Can.
" 17	Moseley H 13-0	" 9	Leicester H 13-0
" 19	Bristol A 11-9	" 16	Wasps H 14-8
" 23	Cheltenham H 11-3	" 23	Bristol A 3-3
" 26	Bedford A 13-0	" 30	Neath H Can.
Oct. 3	Old Blues H 11-0	Feb. 6	United Services ... A Can.
" 10	Newport H 8-9	" 13	Bath H 14-5
" 17	Coventry A 6-9	" 20	Swansea H 8-0
" 24	Oxford U. H 9-5	" 27	Cardiff A 5-17
Nov. 7	Leicester A 9-13	Mar. 6	Llanelly H
" 14	Moseley A 3-0	" 13	R.A.F. H
" 21	Blackheath H 13-5	" 20	Guys Hospital ... A
" 28	Cardiff H 3-19	" 27	Newport A
Dec. 5	Neath A 3-20	Apr. 3	Northampton ... H
" 12	Bath A 9-6	" 8	Cheltenham H
" 19	Coventry H 14-3	" 10	Harlequins H
" 26	O.M.T.s H 9-6	" 15	Stroud H
" 28	U.A.U. H 12-8	" 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

Tony Curtis, Janet Leigh
HOUDINI (Technicolor) (u)
Charlton Heston, Jack Palance
ARROWHEAD (Technicolor) (u)

Next Week

Kay Kendall, Stanley Holloway, Brian Reece
FAST AND LOOSE (u)
Maureen O'Hara, Jeff Chandler
WAR ARROW (u)

"SCARLETS" FINE RECORD

TO-DAY we greet the famous "Scarlets" from Llanelly, remembering with pleasure all the epic struggles we have had with them in the past. Llanelly have quite an impressive record this season, for it runs:— Played 27, Won 18, Drawn 2, Lost 7. Points for 202, against 160.

While Gloucester were at the Arms Park on Saturday, Llanelly were away to Aberavon and let us quote a newspaper summing up of this match; "There would be very little to complain about in Welsh Rugby football if all matches were played in the same spirit It was delightful football with both teams opening up the play on every possible occasion."

That is what all our spectators are hoping to see to-day. Both sides, we know, are capable of giving the ball plenty of air and we trust therefore we shall see some crisp three-quarter movements which will make this one of the season's memorable games.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

WE gather that Llanelly have an outstanding player in their scrum-half WYNNE EVANS, so the duel between him and our own John Hobbs should be instructive. Llanelly too, have a useful "triple" in J. H. Daniells (fly-half) and Denzil Thomas and Ray Williams (centres).

After their win at Aberavon, Llanelly will be very keen to add Gloucester's "scalp" of their season's bag of 18. We expect, however, that John Taylor and his men will have a very spirited reply to that!

AN ADDED FIXTURE

ACCORDING to the printed programme this should be our last match with a Welsh side this season. We would remind you, however, of the "extra" fixture arranged to accommodate Neath whose game here on January 30th had to be scratched. They have been very keen indeed to appear at Kingsholm, so an evening fixture for Thursday, April 29th, has been arranged, immediately after the end of Gloucester's Easter Tour in Devon. Make a note of the date on your own fixture card.

JUST A REMINDER

WE hope to have a good "gate" to-day with the visit of Llanelly. The Committee are anxious to pack A, B and C Stands to their full capacity, so if you are requested by a steward and by loud-speaker to sit together a little more closely, please do so. It will help a great deal if there is a ready and willing response.

CHANCE FOR YOUNGSTERS

AS you may know the County Championship Semi-Final, Gloucestershire v. Middlesex takes place at Twickenham next Saturday. The City have five men in the side, so that we shall be somewhat handicapped in our game with the R.A.F. We have, however, some capable youngsters in the United side and the occasion will be a great opportunity for showing us what they can do in first-class company. We hope the game too will give us an opportunity of seeing P. G. Yarranton, the England and Wasps forward who has climbed so quickly to rigger fame.