

GLOUCESTER
RUGBY

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FOOTBALL
CLUB

OFFICIAL

PROGRAMME

KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY, APRIL 10th, 1954 Kick-off 3-15 p.m.

GLOUCESTER

versus

HARLEQUINS



OUR PLAYERS

NO. 19. MERVYN DOUGLAS BURFORD (forward) was born on November 8th, 1927 and is a Forest of Dean man. He is a capable reserve hooker and a very hard-working forward in the loose. He played some games for Drybrook before going to Rotol. Some two seasons ago he joined the Gloucester R.F.C. and has appeared with success for both United and First XVs. Weight 13 stone 8 lbs.



NEXT WEEK AT KINGSHOLM:

Thursday — STROUD Kick-off 5-45 p.m.

Saturday — BIRKENHEAD PARK „ 3-15 p.m.

APRIL'S FIXTURES

First XV April 19th—BRADFORD

April 28th—NEATH

April 24th— GLOUCESTER BOYS v. CARDIFF BOYS

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 **R. SUTTON** R.C.
4 **L. MORGAN** L.C.
5 **R. AMOS** 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 **H. WELLS**
12 ***J. GWILLIAM**
14 **P. FORD**
15 **R. HODGE**
16 **D. IBBOTSON**

TO-DAY'S REFEREE

is

Mr. A. D. CROSTER, Welsh Union.
*Internationals.

HARLEQUINS

- Full Back
- 1 **M. WILFORD**
- Three-quarters
- 5 ***C. G. WOODRUFF** R.W.
4 **R. M. BARTLETT** R.C.
3 **J. R. TARRY** L.C.
2 **J. BOOTHMAN** L.W.
- Half Backs
- 6 **M. L. GRANT** O.H.
7 **W. A. J. LEAVER** S.H.
- Forwards
- 8 **R. A. WHYTE**
9 ***N. A. LABUSCHAGNE**
10 **P. J. FULLER**
11 **A. A. GRIMSDALL**
12 **R. W. MARQUES**
13 **D. N. GUNSON**
14 **D. K. BROOKS (Capt.)**
15 **I. D. S. BEER**

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

Fernando Lamas, Rhonda Fleming, Brian Keith

To-Night

LOST TREASURE OF THE AMAZON (u)
All Real Fighting Men (Technicolor)
CEASE FIRE (u)

Walt Disney's **SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS** (Technicolor) (u)

Next Week

Tim Holt, Lynne Roberts
DYNAMITE PASS (u)

A FAMOUS SIDE.

TO-DAY we play our annual fixture with the great London side, the Harlequins, and we look forward to another happy and enjoyable game in the series which began in 1912-13 season. We can be certain the ball will be given plenty of air, for the 'Quins play football not necessarily to win but for the joy of it.

Usually one hears arguments as to the actual colours in a Harlequin jersey. Here they are for future reference; light blue, magenta, chocolate, French grey, light green and black! Their record this season reads:— Played 26, Won 15, Drawn 2, Lost 9. Points for 247, against 210.

Their last game was at Coventry where they went down by 20 points to 8, but they were without their famous hooker N. A. Labuschagne, doing duty for Middlesex in the County Championship Final in which they decisively defeated Lancashire.

A MEMORY.

REFERENCE to their first game with Gloucester in 1912-13 recalls that it was during the fifth and last year of Arthur Hudson's captaincy and the result was a draw. An extract from W. B's. Jubilee Handbook published in the 1923-24 season may prove a talking point for some of the "old 'uns" present to-day (and revive some memories);—

"Players who figured prominently during Hudson's regime were: F. Welshman and C. Cook (full backs); F. Smith, A. Lewis, W. Washbourn, W. J. Vance, Stanley Cook (three-quarters); Gent & Stephens, and Dix & W. Hall (half-backs); and W. Johns, H. Berry, J. Wyburn, G. Holford, G. Vears, N. Hayes, S. Millard, C. A. Carleton, S. Smart, A. Lodge, A. Cook, F. Pegler, P. Symonds, J. Harris, J. Meadows, H. Quixley, A. Saunders, D. Hollands, G. Griffiths and W. J. Pearce (forwards). Hudson, Gent, Berry and Johns were all capped for England in 1909-10—a great honour for a provincial club."

CHANGES IN RULES.

HERE are some more of the changes in Rules made by the International Rugby Football Board:—

An addition to Law 20, which says that no player shall hold an opponent who is not carrying the ball, provides that "players shall not be penalised for holding if they drag away a player lying on the ground in close proximity to the ball, but not in a scrummage."

PENALTY KICKS.

By Law 24 dealing with the penalty kick, the ball may be kicked in any direction towards the opponents' goal-line, but it must travel at least five yards (not ten yards as now) or to the kickers' goal line if the kick is taken from behind it.

If the kicker has indicated to the referee that he intends to attempt a kick at goal, it is illegal for him to kick the ball in any other way.

IN THE LINE OUT.

Law 27 (touch) will make it illegal for any player participating in the line out to push, charge, shoulder, or bind with, or in any way, hold another player of either team or use any other player as a prop to enable him to jump for the ball.

(To be continued)