

GLOUCESTER
RUGBY



FOOTBALL
CLUB

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER

THURSDAY, APRIL 15th, 1954 Kick-off 6-30 p.m.

GLOUCESTER

versus

STROUD



OUR PLAYERS

NO. 20. WILLIAM NIELD (scrum half) was born at Nottingham on February 2nd, 1932. He was introduced to Rugger at Cheltenham Grammar School and later played for the Old Patesians. Taking up work at Rotol he played in their XV and came to Gloucester in the 1952-53 season. From that time he has been seen in action with both First XV and the United. Weight 11 stone Profession: Accountant.



NEXT GAME AT KINGSHOLM:

Saturday — BIRKENHEAD PARK Kick-off 3-15 p.m.

First XV April 19th—BRADFORD April 28th—NEATH

April 24th—GLOUCESTER BOYS v. CARDIFF BOYS

Make a Note of these dates :—

Tuesday Next, April 20th—JUNIOR CUP FINAL

Thursday Next, April 22nd—SENIOR CUP FINAL

Tuesday, April 27th—SEVEN-A-SIDE Semi-Finals and Finals

**COMPLETE YOUR DAY'S PLEASURE by Visiting
GLOUCESTER HIPPODROME**

GLOUCESTER
(RED and WHITE)

- Full Back
- 1 T. HALLS
- Three-quarters
- 3 W. J. SMITH R.W.
3 R. SUTTON R.C.
4 D. JONES L.C.
5 R. PERKS L.W.
- Half Backs
- 6 L. MORGAN O.H.
7 J. HOBBS S.H.
- Forwards
- 8 R. PARRY
9 C. THOMAS
10 M. BURFORD
11 H. WELLS
12 J. VARNEY
14 P. FORD
15 G. HUDSON
16 D. IBBOTSON

TO-DAY'S REFEREE

is
Mr. O. D. GARDNER Bristol Society.

STROUD
(BLUE and WHITE)

- Full Back
- 1 A. CURTIS *curtis*
- Three-quarters
- 2 B. W. SMITH R.W.
3 K. P. DYER R.C.
4 ~~A. C. CRADDOCK~~ L.C.
5 J. F. FIELDER L.W.
J. F. FIELDER
D. M. THOMAS
- Half Backs
- 6 A. J. MOORE O.H.
7 D. J. FLYNN S.H.
- Forwards
- 8 P. J. MARRIOTT
9 J. FOWKE
10 D. E. HAINES
11 N. PORTBURY
12 J. T. GARNER
13 P. ASHER
14 B. C. DAINTY (Capt.)
15 T. P. SHILL

FIRST XV. FIXTURES 1953-54

Played 33, Won 23, Drawn 1, Lost 9. Points for 320, Against 221

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 18-0	" 9	Leicester H 19-0
" 19	Cheltenham ... A 11-9	" 16	Wasps H 14-8
" 23	Bristol H 11-8	" 23	Bristol A 3-3
" 26	Bedford H 13-6	" 30	Neath H Can.
Oct. 3	Old Blues H 11-6	Feb. 6	United Services ... A Can.
" 10	Newport H 8-3	" 13	Bath H 14-5
" 17	Coventry A 6-9	" 20	Swansea H 8-0
" 24	(Glos. v. Cornwall, Away)	" 27	Cardiff A 5-17
" 31	Oxford U. H 9-8	Mar. 6	Llanely H 15-13
Nov. 7	Leicester A 8-13	" 13	R.A.F. H 6-14
" 14	(Glos. v. Devon, Gloucester)	" 20	Guys Hospital ... A 6-11
" 14	Moseley A 3-0	" 27	Newport A 6-6
" 21	(New Zealand, at Bristol)	Apr. 3	Northampton ... H 6-9
" 21	Blackheath H 13-5	" 8	Cheltenham H 6-9
" 28	Cardiff H 3-19	" 10	Harlequins H 12-8
" 28	(Glos. v. Somerset, Away)	" 15	Stroud H
Dec. 5	Neath A 9-20	" 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
		" 28	Neath H
		May 1	Devonport Services ... H

To-Night	Fernando Lamas, Rhonda Fleming, Brian Keith
	LOST TREASURE OF THE AMAZON (u)
	All Real Fighting Men CEASE FIRE (u)

Next Week	Walt Disney's SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS (Technicolor) (u)
	Tim Holt, Lynne Roberts
	DYNAMITE PASS (u)

SELECTORS IN DIFFICULTIES.

HARD grounds consequent upon a long dry spell have brought a serious injury list to bother the selectors. The match against the Harlequins—what a thrill-packed, memorable game that was—added to the toll and if there are some makeshifts in the side which lines up against Stroud to-night, our old friends from the other side of Horsepools must forgive us.

In any case we want Stroud to realise that we are not underestimating their capabilities. Gloucester had a fairly comfortable win at Fromehall Park last September, but Stroud have come along very well together. They had a lot of bad luck in their last game with the Metropolitan Police, but we appreciate that whenever they come to Kingsholm they are on their toes and out to lower the Gloucester colours if at all possible. The visitors' record to date reads:—

Played 30, Won 18, Drawn 2, Lost 10. Points for 276, against 149. We read that the Stroud side is remarkably fit and it will need to be. To-day's game is the start of a strenuous Easter—for they have Nottingham, Wakefield and Moseley to meet before this time next week. Good luck to them!

NEXT SEASON'S FIXTURES.

GLOUCESTER'S Fixtures for the season 1954-55 have been made public and there are several features which calls for comment. The greatest disappointment is that, for next season only, Llanelly are not among the teams to be played. We all remember that 15-13 victory here this season and the splendid display the Scarlets gave. There is one consolation, Llanelly will come back to our card in the season 1955-56 and in all probability on the basis of home and away fixtures regularly. County claims will as usual make calls on Gloucester players next season and while that must of necessity cause some interference with fixtures, the position will not be so bad as it was this season when we had to travel to Coventry and Leicester with weakened sides and face the clever Cardiff combination disorganised by County calls. Next season Gloucester will be at home to Blackheath and Coventry on County dates. On the day the County meet Somerset at Kingsholm (November 13th) our engagement is at Moseley.

There are several new sets of opponents to be met next season, notably Ebbw Vale and Aberavon and in February, 1955, the National Civil Service side will be seen at Kingsholm, while New Brighton and Sale will be Easter visitors.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.

SEASON Ticket Holders must of necessity get good value for money next season for there will be one more First XV home game than this season. And a season ticket is a worth while proposition, for you can see more than 40 games each season—if you support the United side as you ought to encourage and assess the youngsters—at roughly 9d. per game if you sit in the wing stands. And of course, the ground admission season ticket is even cheaper!

So if you are not a season ticket holder, begin to think about it now. The ordinary season tickets, too, entitle you to attend the Club's Annual Meeting, vote for committeemen, elect officials and make all the comments and enquiries you wish. And please don't leave it to the last minute, when the time comes round again, to buy your season ticket. Put a note in your diary or elsewhere to make that purchase during the first week of September, ready for the opening game with Lydney on September 11th. That will avoid long queues at a table on the ground!