

GLOUCESTER
RUGBY



FOOTBALL
CLUB

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER
THURSDAY, APRIL 29th, 1954. Kick-off 6-30

GLOUCESTER
versus
NEATH

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OUR PLAYERS

NO. 23; DAVID WILLIAM JONES (Centre three-quarter), born in Gloucester on December 30th, 1930. Went to the Central School, appearing for the school and the City while there. He made an appearance for the Gloucester XV when 17 and later did his service with the R.A.F. There he played in his Command XV and had a trial for the R.A.F. and was a reserve. After a short spell with Kotoi he came into the Gloucester side in 1950-51, playing principally with the United. Weight 11 stones, he has a great future when he has learned certain vital lessons.

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THE SEASON'S LAST MATCH AT KINGSHOLM:
SATURDAY, MAY 1st. Kick-off 3-15.

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GLOUCESTER
(RED and WHITE)

- 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 **L. MORGAN** O.H.
7 **J. HOBBS** S.H.
- Forwards
- 8 **G. HASTINGS**
9 **C. THOMAS**
10 **R. PARRY**
11 **H. WELLS**
12 **J. VARNEY**
14 **P. FORD**
15 **G. HUDSON**
16 **D. IBBOTSON**

TO-DAY'S REFEREE

is
Mr. THOMPSON, Bristol Society.

FIRST XV. FIXTURES 1953-54

1953		1954	
Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
40	29	1	10
Points for 396, Against 265			
Sept. 5	.. 12 Lydney	.. H 24-0	.. 7 Army
.. 17 Stroud	.. A 15-0	.. 9 Leicester	.. H 19-0
.. 19 Moseley	.. H 13-0	.. 16 Wasps	.. H 14-8
.. 23 Cheltenham	.. A 11-9	.. 23 Bristol	.. A 3-3
.. 26 Bristol	.. H 11-8	.. 30 Neath	.. H Can.
Oct. 3 Bedford	.. A 13-6	Feb. 6 United Services	.. A Can.
.. 10 Old Blues	.. H 11-6	.. 13 Bath	.. H 14-5
.. 17 Newport	.. H 8-0	.. 20 Swansea	.. H 8-0
.. 24 Coventry	.. A 6-9	.. 27 Cardiff	.. A 5-17
(Glos. v. Cornwall, Away)		Mar. 6 Llanelly	.. H 13-13
.. 31 Oxford U.	.. H 9-8	.. 13 R.A.F.	.. H 6-14
Nov. 7 Leicester	.. A 8-13	.. 20 Guys Hospital	.. A 8-11
(Glos. v. Devon, Gloucester)		.. 27 Newport	.. A 0-6
.. 14 Moseley	.. A 3-0	Apr. 3 Northampton	.. H 5-3
(New Zealand, at Bristol)		.. 8 Cheltenham	.. H 6-9
.. 21 Blackheath	.. H 13-5	.. 10 Harlequins	.. H 12-8
.. 28 Cardiff	.. H 3-19	.. 15 Stroud	.. H 6-3
(Glos. v. Somerset, Away)		.. 17 Birkenhead Park	.. H 15-8
Dec. 5 Neath	.. A 3-20	.. 19 Bradford	.. H 3-8
.. 12 Bath	.. A 9-6	.. 23 Lydney	.. A 12-3
.. 19 Coventry	.. H 14-3	.. 24 Exeter	.. A 13-9
.. 26 O.M.T.s	.. H 9-6	.. 26 Torquay Athletic	.. A 19-13
.. 28 U.A.U.	.. H 12-8	.. 27 Teignmouth	.. A 8-0
		.. 28 Neath	.. H
		May 1 Devonport Services	.. H

NEATH
(BLACK with White Maltese Cross)

- Full Back
- 1 **V. EVANS**
- Three-quarters
- 2 **G. EVANS** R.W.
3 **B. PHILLIPS** R.C.
4 **R. ROSEN** L.C.
5 **K. MADDOCKS** L.W.
- Half Backs
- 6 **B. RICHARDS** O.H.
7 **G. THOMAS** S.H.
- Forwards
- 8 **D. THOMAS**
9 **R. JENKINS**
10 **R. WALDRON**
11 **D. MEREDITH**
12 **J. SAMUEL**
13 **G. JOHN**
14 **R. STEPHENS**
15 **H. DAVIES**

To-Night

David Niven, Peggy Cummins, Anne Vernon
THE LOVE LOTTERY (Technicolor) (u)
Tom Conway, Eva Bartok
PARK PLAZA 605 (u)

Next Week

William Holden, David Niven, Maggie McNamara
THE MOON IS BLUE (x)
Tim Holt, Lynne Roberts
DYNAMITE PASS (u)

NEATH ARE KEEN

TO-NIGHT'S match is a tribute to the Welsh love of Rugby Football and the desire of all the first-class teams in the Principality to play on Kingsholm. When the game with Neath on January 30th had to be postponed because of weather, only a day or two elapsed before there was a letter of regret from the Neath Club with the suggestion that the fixture should be rearranged.

That sporting gesture adds to the hearty welcome we give to Neath to-night. Early in December they gave us a trouncing on their ground and doubtless they will be all out to complete the "Double." At the time this programme had to be prepared, the Gloucester team were still busy on the Devon tour, and it is impossible to say what the XV to meet Neath will be.

Gloucester, with to-night's game, will have played eight games in a fortnight, including the three victories on the Devon tour, and we have not gone unscathed in the matter of injuries. Including the charity game Neath played with Rees Stephens' XV their record reads: Played 37, Won 15, Drawn 4, Lost 18. Points for 279, against 256.

A GREAT FULL-BACK

TO-NIGHT'S game should be a keen one and we may confidently expect to see some good rugger. We have no wish to be invidious, but it is to be hoped that V. EVANS is in his usual place at full-back for the men from the Gnoll. He is one of the veterans of the game and it gave a great deal of delight to English rugby lovers when circumstances so came about that he gained the honour so long denied him - a Welsh Cap. His cool and excellent displays for Wales shows him to be among the really great full-backs, and our wish is "Long may he flourish."

GOOD LUCK ALAN WADLEY

GLOUCESTER has found useful help for the Police Force from time to time and a word of tribute should be paid to Alan Wadley, now at Tetbury. Son of a famous Gloucester stalwart, Fred Wadley, he is a product of Central School football and has played many good games for both first XV and United. His transfer to Tetbury will probably mean only occasional appearances at Kingsholm in future and we all wish him well in his new surroundings.