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# GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

(FOUNDED IN 1873)

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**TO-DAY'S GAME IS VERSUS**

**STROUD**

(KICK-OFF 5-45 p.m.)

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**NEXT SATURDAY'S GAME:**

**BEDFORD**

(Kick-off 3.15)

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**NEXT WEEK'S GAME:**

**Saturday: FIRST XV v. RICHMOND**

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## A GAME TO REMEMBER



great national newspaper writing about the Gloucester v. Bristol game before the match took place commented that the teams were "two old rivals who, one hopes, will soon regain some of their terrors for all and sundry." Quite obviously, the writer has little or no knowledge of Gloucester's two great seasons just past. In any event, the result and the game at the Memorial Ground must drive home to the Rugby World that the South West is determined to lead the way in adopting that open style of play which delights the true lover of the game. While congratulating our own team, we must not forget a cheer for the Bristol side—and let us all hope, that every future fixture will follow a similar pattern. It was, indeed, one of those games which will long be remembered.

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**Official Programme: Price Threepence**

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

**GLOUCESTER**

(RED and WHITE)

Full Back

1 B. SIBERY

Three-quarters

2 R. AMOS

R.W.

3 R. SUTTON

R.C.

4 M. BAKER

L.C.

5 R. BLAIR

L.W.

Half Backs

6 D. JONES

O.H.

7 J. HOBBS

S.H.

Forwards

8 G. HASTINGS (Capt.)

9 C. THOMAS

10 R. PARRY

11 H. WELLS

12 J. VARNEY

14 P. FORD

15 R. HODGE

16 D. IBBOTSON

**TO-DAY'S REFEREE**

IS

Mr. R. TOTTERELL (Bristol Society)

THE FIRST AID SERVICE ON THIS GROUND IS VOLUNTARILY PROVIDED BY  
THE CITY OF GLOUCESTER DIVISION ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE

**FIRST XV. FIXTURES**

Played 4 Won 4 ; Lost 0 ; Drawn 0 ; Points for 70 ; against 28

1954		1955	
Sept. 11	Lydney ... .. H 11-0	Jan. 1	London Scottish ... H
18	Moseley ... .. H 32-5	6	Army ... .. H
23	Cheltenham ... .. H 5-3	8	Leicester ... .. H
25	Bristol ... .. A 22-20	15	Wasps ... .. A
30	Stroud ... .. H	22	Bristol ... .. H
Oct. 2	Bedford ... .. H	29	Neath ... .. A
9	Richmond ... .. H	Feb. 5	Civil Service ... H
	(Glos. v. Cornwall, Bristol)	12	Bath ... .. A
16	Newport ... .. A	19	Swansea ... .. A
23	Coventry ... .. H	26	Cardiff ... .. H
	(Glos. v. Devon, in Devon)	Mar. 5	Northampton ... A
30	Oxford University ... A	12	R.A.F. ... .. H
Nov. 6	Leicester ... .. A	19	Guys Hospital ... H
13	Moseley ... .. A	26	Newport ... .. H
	(Glos. v. Som., Kingsholm)	31	Stroud ... .. A
20	Aberavon ... .. H	Apr. 2	Harlequins ... .. A
27	Cardiff ... .. A	6	Cheltenham ... .. A
Dec. 4	Neath ... .. H	9	New Brighton ... H
11	Bath ... .. H	11	Sale ... .. H
18	Coventry ... .. A	12	Lydney ... .. A
27	O.M.T.'s ... .. H	16	Ebbw Vale ... .. H
28	U.A.U. ... .. H	23	Devonport Services ... A
		25	Redruth ... .. A
		26	Teignmouth ... .. A
		30	Exeter ... .. H

**STROUD**

(BLUE AND WHITE)

Full Back

1 A. CURTIS

Three-quarters

2 B. W. SMITH

R.W.

3 K. P. DYER

R.C.

4 D. R. MATTHEWS

L.C.

5 G. HARRIS

L.W.

Half Backs

6 A. J. MOORE

O.H.

7 D. J. FLYNN

S.H.

Forwards

8 B. E. HAINES

9 J. FOWKE

10 K. HARPER

11 P. J. MARRIOTT

12 J. T. GARNER

13 T. P. SHILL

14 P. ASHER

15 B. C. DAINTY (Capt.)

Gloucester's Second CinemaScope Production

**To-Night**

Technicolor

**The Robe**

(u)

Richard Burton, Jean Simmons, Victor Mature, Michael Rennie

**Next Week**

SECOND WEEK OF SHOWING

**The Robe**

and FULL SUPPORTING PROGRAMME



## STROUD HOPEFUL

**S**TROUD may have had to wait until their fourth fixture before they could record the first win of the season but the side must not be underrated because of that. We know from the long series of past encounters that nothing gives the Stroud team and their supporters greater pleasure than a win over Gloucester and despite our imposing record of four successive victories, the Town will go all out tonight to return home rejoicing. Comparisons are usually odious, but we cannot forget what Bristol did to Stroud in view of our side's performance on the Memorial Ground on Saturday last. What we all want to see is the ball moving freely and Stroud well know that the Kingsholm crowd is as appreciative of fine play by the opposition as it is of its own XV.

## IGNORANCE IS COSTLY

**O**NE press report last weekend stated there were 21 penalty kicks in the Bristol v. Gloucester game mainly due to infringements of the new Laws and that in Bristol's last four matches 99 penalties have been awarded! If nothing else, that should emphasise the necessity for knowing the new Laws especially by players. And don't forget referees are under orders to apply the Laws strictly. No player can really "get away with it" now! Here is Mr. Frank Blackwell's latest contribution—about the Line-out (Law 18):—

Each player in the line-out must keep on his side of an imaginary line running down the middle of the forwards and must not put even one foot in his opponents half. He can jump for the ball but must not use one of his own players to lever himself up. Nor must he form up behind the man with the ball and shelter him from attack—This is obstruction.

The ball is in the line-out until it has actually left the area of the 'line-out.' If the forward catches the ball, puts it down, and a loose scrum forms round it, the ball is still in the line and if a player gets in front of the ball, he is 'off-side' and a penalty must be given against him. Referees are instructed that they must penalise, there is no accidental off-side.

A player who jumps for the ball and in so doing, has legally got off-side, must retire behind the ball at once with no 'loitering about'.

THE WHOLE IDEA IS THAT THE BALL MUST BE ALLOWED TO GET TO THE BACKS AND AN ATTACKING MOVEMENT BEGUN. THE RUGBY UNION EMPHASISES THAT THE GAME MUST BECOME MORE ATTACKING AND NOT DEFENDING,

The half need not wait for all his players to get on-side, but must waste no time in getting the ball into play again.

(To be continued.)

## FIRST XV SCORERS

**S**CORERS to date are: M. Baker 20 pts.; Trevor Jones 15 pts.; R. Blair 11 pts.; D. Ibbotson 9 pts.; R. Sutton 3 pts.; P. Ford 3 pts.; R. Amos 3 pts.; David Jones 3 pts. Don Hill 3 pts.

## WE HEAR THAT—

**G**ORDON Cumming, who has appeared on several occasions at scrum-half for Gloucester and is now playing for Darlington, has been selected as an outside-half in a Durham County Trial.