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# GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

(Founded in 1873)

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TO-DAY'S GAME IS VERSUS

## LYDNEY

(Kick-off 3-15 p.m.)

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Next Game: Tuesday at 6-30 p.m.

## DUBLIN WANDERERS

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### THE 82<sup>nd</sup> SEASON

OUR famous old Club starts out on this, its 82<sup>nd</sup> Season, with high hopes and great confidence. The "50-50" record of 1954-55 has not set up any very high standard, but the XV certainly then fell well below the levels reached in the two previous campaigns for reasons which need not be specified. We have all been heartened by the prospects of "new blood" coming in to stiffen up the back division and there are many who feel, following the trial games, that Peter Ford, the Club's new captain, will show us a rattling good season. We wish him and the men with him, the best of luck and freedom from serious mishaps, so that when April 1956 arrives we shall be able to look back upon another memorable and enjoyable season.

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Official Programme: Price Threepence

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# GLOUCESTER HIPPODROME

PRESENTING THE LATEST ATTRACTIONS on the  
GIANT ALL-PURPOSE SCREEN  
ALL CinemaScope Productions in FULL STEREOPHONIC SOUND

## GLOUCESTER

Red and White  
Full Back

1 I. SHEEN

Three-quarters

2 R. BLAIR

R.W.

3 J. WILLS *3pts Jerry R.C.*

4 M. BAKER *10pts 2pts L.C.*

5 R. SUTTON

L.W.

Half Backs

6 L. MORGAN *3pts 10pts H.O.H.*

7 D. MEADOWS

S.H.

Forwards

8 G. HASTINGS

9 C. THOMAS

10 R. PARRY

11 D. A. JONES

12 B. GREEN

14 P. FORD (Capt.)

15 R. HODGE

16 D. IBBOTSON

## TO-DAY'S REFEREE

Mr. K. COLLEDGE, 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

1955

Sep. 10	Lydney	...	H.O.H.
13	Dublin Wanderers	...	H
17	Moseley	...	H
21	Cheltenham	...	A
24	Bristol	...	H
29	Stroud	...	A
Oct. 4	Bedford	...	A
8	Old Blues	...	H
	(Glos. v. Devon, at Bristol)		
11	Newport	...	H
15	Coventry	...	A
	(Glos. v. Somerset, Away)		
29	Oxford University	...	H
Nov. 5	Leicester	...	H
12	Moseley	...	A
	(Glos. v. Cornwall, Away)		
16	Cambridge University	...	A
19	Aberavon	...	A
26	Llanelli	...	H
Dec. 3	Neath	...	A
10	Bath	...	H
17	Coventry	...	H
24	Stroud	...	H
26	O.M.T.'s	...	H
27	U.A.U.	...	H
31	Neath	...	H

1956

Jan. 7	London Scottish	...	A
14	Leicester	...	A
21	Wasps	...	H
28	Army	...	H
Feb. 4	Cardiff	...	H
11	Bath	...	A
18	Swansea	...	H
25	Guys Hospital	...	A
Mar. 3	Northampton	...	A
10	R.A.F.	...	H
17	Cardiff	...	A
24	Newport	...	A
31	Bradford	...	H
Apr. 2	Birkenhead Park	...	H
3	Lydney	...	A
7	Harlequins	...	H
12	Cheltenham	...	H
14	Bristol	...	A
21	Exeter	...	A
23	Penzance and Newlyn	...	A
24	Teignmouth	...	A
28	Devonport Services	...	H

## LYDNEY

Black and White  
Full Back

1 B. WESTON

Three-quarters

2 A. JONES

R.W.

3 A. COOPER

R.C.

4 O. JAMES

L.C.

5 J. FRY

I.W.

Half Backs

6 B. KEAR

O.H.

7 R. PORTER

S.H.

Forwards

8 C. BIDDLE

9 G. CARPENTER

10 J. NEWLOVE (Capt.)

11 K. PENN

12 I. HARPER

13 S. BETTERTON

14 T. JONES

15 R. CHARLES

To-Night

BARBARA STANWYCK FRED MacMURRAY JOAN BENNETT  
**THERE'S ALWAYS TO-MORROW** (a)  
also Donald O'Connor, Martha Hyer  
FRANCIS IN THE NAVY (u)

Next Week

JOHN MILLS YVONNE MITCHELL ALASTAIR SIM  
**ESCAPADE** (u)  
also Lionel Jeffries, Avica Landone  
WINDFALL (u)

## OLD AND HONOURED RIVALS

**W**E shall all give the Lydney men a hearty welcome to-day as they come out to begin the season in what has become the traditional manner at Kingsholm. Like ourselves, Lydney has had no previous game this season, for their encounter with Nim Hall's XV a week ago had to be cancelled because of a sun-baked ground. The fact that the men from Regentsholm—a pretty compliment that to Kingsholm if you think it over—have had no serious game yet, it will not deter them from going all out to run Gloucester close—and mark you, they have been known to win here! Well, good luck to them and let us hope that both sides to day will quickly settle down to good open play in the finest possible spirit.

## THE MEMORIAL GROUND

**I**T is a regrettable fact that the Memorial Ground at Tuffley Avenue is not yet ready to begin its appointed task of encouraging junior rugby. That sudden flooding earlier on and then the long dry spell have made it quite impossible to get the pitches in shape for this Autumn. It is imprudent to attempt to state now a date when the ground will be ready but you can take it for granted that the Trustees are moving as fast as the circumstances will allow them.

One of the "circumstances" is £. s. d. If you want to ensure the future of rugby locally you must all give the maximum possible financial support. One easy way is by buying a programme at every match you attend at Kingsholm, for the profits go to the Fund. There were far too many programmes unsold last season—so please buy one rather than borrow the other fellow's! After all, you are getting first-class rugby and very cheaply here on Kingsholm and another 3d. per week will not make much difference—except to the Memorial Ground Fund.

## LET'S BE SPORTING

**T**HERE are one or two things which might bring a very different outlook at Kingsholm. First a bit of faith in the Selection Committee—not unmixed with some charity and a great deal of hope. Like the pianist in the Wild West story, there is no need to shoot them. They are doing their best with the available material and a freedom from carping, back biting criticism could be a big improvement all round. You may not always see eye to eye with their decisions but please do not start rumours—those only do a lot of harm to the game in general and this Club in particular.

The Kingsholm crowd has a great reputation with visiting sides; let that apply to our own XV and all the men who give, voluntarily, so much time, thought and hard work behind the scenes to seeing that the Red and White Jerseys maintain their long standing and high reputation in the world of Rugby.