GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

(Founded in 1873)

TO-DAY'S GAME IS VERSUS

BRISTOL

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

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United XV v. Newport H.S.O.B.

OUR stern rivals from the South of the County are welcome visitors to-day. The foundation of the success of the Bristol team has always been a strong, hard scrummaging pack. This year is no exception. It appears in addition that Bristol have found a match winning combination behind the scrum.

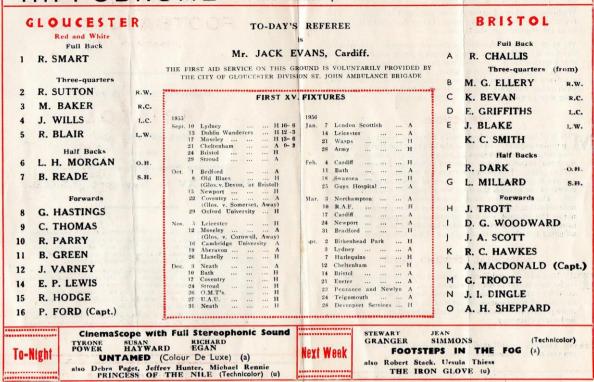
Last year in an unusually high-scoring game at Bristol, Gloucester won by 22 points to 20 points. In the return game here at Kingsholm the honours were even and the match drawn 3-3. In season 1953 54, the balance was again in Gloucester's favour, for Bristol were defeated at Kingsholm 11-3 while at the Memorial Ground the match was again drawn 3-3.

Bristol have beaten Newport and only narrowly lost to Swansea last week by 8 6. We acknowledge their success—we know that they will be difficult to beat.

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COUNTY MATCH

Twas unfortunate that the county match versus the British Police had to be arranged for last night. As a result many of the players in to-day's match will be taking part in their third game this week, for Bristol were engaged against Lydney on Wednesday, when Gloucester were playing Cheltenham. This is certainly heavy going for anyone, at any time, but particularly so at the beginning of the season.

We must however acknowledge the enthusiasm and enterprise of the County Officials in trying to get a really effective County side together early. For too long the County Championship has eluded the grasp of Gloucestershire, in spite of the fact that the standard of rugby in the County compares at least favourably with other Counties, although it must be admitted we have a long way to go to reach the pre-1930 standard.

REFLECTIONS

MUCH of the credit for last week's win must be accorded to our popular captain. In spite of the fact that the Moseley defence nullified the effectiveness of many of the Gloucester three-quarters' attacks. Peter continued to urge his forwards to open up the game. This confidence was not misplaced as was proved, by the final result, yet how many of us wondered during the course of the game if the team would pull the match out of the fire. The whole team must be congratulated on their ardent determination to open up the game, for although mistakes were made, the attempt was appreciated and the game never lacked interest. It was obvious that the hard state of the ground was affecting the play, particularly that of the home team.

MEMORIAL GROUND FUND

THE Memorial Ground Fund, a cause worthy of the support of all rugby fans is still in need of more £ s. d. You are helping that cause by purchasing this programme for all the proceeds from the sale of programmes is devoted to the Fund. Yet many more programmes could be sold. Help us to sell out this Saturday, and every Saturday.

Season Tickets are still available. The Secretary will be glad to see you at his office on the ground.