

GLOUCESTER  
RUGBY



FOOTBALL  
CLUB

**OFFICIAL PROGRAMME**

**KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER**

**SATURDAY, JAN. 16th, 1954      Kick-off 2-45 p.m.**

**GLOUCESTER**

versus

**THE WASPS**



**OUR PLAYERS**

**N**O. 12. MICHAEL JAMES PASSMORE BAKER (centre or wing three-quarter) is not yet 22, having been born in Gloucester on March 20th, 1932. He went to Marling School, Stroud, where he played a lot of football, which won for him a place in the Gloucester Boys' XV, the County XV, and an English Trial. He turned out for the senior Gloucester XV before leaving school in the 1948-49 season. He did his service with the R.A.F. and played in their team in the Services Tournament and also for Lincolnshire. Since his return to the Gloucester side, he has made three appearances for the County. He is a bank clerk and his weight is 12 stone 12 lbs.



**Next Saturday at Kingsholm :**

**UNITED v. BRISTOL UNIVERSITY      Kick-off 2-45 p.m.**

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**JANUARY MATCH AT KINGSHOLM.**  
First XV      January 30th—NEATH

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

**GLOUCESTER**  
(RED and WHITE)

- Full Back**
- 1 **T. HALLS**
- Three-quarters**
- 2 **J. TAYLOR (Capt.)** R.W.  
3 **M. BAKER** R.C.  
4 **R. SUTTON** L.C.  
5 **E. TURNER** L.W.
- Half Backs**
- 6 **W. CARTMELL** O.H.  
7 **J. HOBBS** S.H.
- Forwards**
- 8 **G. HASTINGS**  
9 **C. THOMAS**  
10 **R. PARRY**  
11 **D. BOWDEN**  
12 **H. WELLS**  
14 **P. FORD**  
15 **R. HODGE**  
16 **D. IBBOTSON**

**TO-DAY'S REFEREE**

is  
**Mr. J. BURGUM, North Midlands**

**THE WASPS**  
(BLACK WITH YELLOW BADGE)

- Full Back**
- 1 **C. L. WHITE**
- Three-quarters**
- 2 **A. L. STALDER**  
3 **R. HOSEN**  
4 **G. NORMAN**  
5 **B. DARLINGTON**
- Half Backs**
- 6 **J. T. HARRIES**  
7 **P. W. SYKES (Capt.)**
- Forwards**
- 8 **R. R. WESTERN-KAYE**  
9 **M. U. HUGHES**  
10 **G. TAYLOR**  
11 **P. BRITZ**  
12 **J. BARRETT**  
13 **R. E. SYRETT**  
14 **J. G. BENDON**  
15 **A. J. HERBERT**

FIRST XV. FIXTURES 1953-54			
Played 21, Won 17, Lost 4.		Points for 224, Against 124	
1953	Sept. 5	Lydney ... ..	H 24-0
	" 12	Stroud ... ..	A 15-0
	" 19	Moseley ... ..	H 13-0
	" 23	Cheltenham ... ..	A 11-9
	" 26	Bristol ... ..	H 11-3
	Oct. 3	Bedford ... ..	A 13-6
	" 10	Old Blues ... ..	H 11-6
	" 17	Newport ... ..	H 8-3
	" 24	Coventry ... ..	A 6-9
		(Glos. v. Cornwall, Away)	
	" 31	Oxford U. ... ..	H 9-8
	Nov. 7	Leicester ... ..	A 8-13
		(Glos. v. Devon, Gloucester)	
	" 14	Moseley ... ..	A 3-0
		(New Zealand, at Bristol)	
	" 21	Blackheath ... ..	H 12-5
	" 28	Cardiff ... ..	H 9-19
		(Glos. v. Somerset, Away)	
	Dec. 5	Neath ... ..	A 3-20
	" 12	Bath ... ..	A 9-6
	" 19	Coventry ... ..	H 14-3
	" 26	O.M.T.s ... ..	H 9-6
	" 28	U.A.U. ... ..	H 12-8
1954	Jan. 2	London Scottish ... ..	A 10-0
	" 7	Army ... ..	H Can.
	" 9	Leicester ... ..	H 19-0
	" 16	Wasps ... ..	H
	" 23	Bristol ... ..	A
	" 30	Neath ... ..	H
	Feb. 6	United Services ... ..	A
	" 13	Bath ... ..	H
	" 20	Swansea ... ..	H
	" 27	Cardiff ... ..	A
	Mar. 6	Llanelli ... ..	H
	" 13	R.A.F. ... ..	H
	" 20	Guy's Hospital ... ..	A
	" 27	Newport ... ..	A
	Apr. 3	Northampton ... ..	H
	" 8	Cheltenham ... ..	H
	" 10	Harlequins ... ..	H
	" 15	Stroud ... ..	H
	" 17	Birkenhead Park ... ..	H
	" 19	Bradford ... ..	H
	" 20	Lydney ... ..	A
	" 24	Exeter ... ..	A
	" 26	Torquay Athletic ... ..	A
	" 27	Teignmouth ... ..	A
	May 1	Devonport Services ... ..	H

**To Night**

Margaret Lockwood, Wendell Corey  
**LAUGHING ANNE** (a)  
Judy Canova, Stephen Dunne  
**ARMY CAPERS** (u)

**Next Week**

Stanley Holloway, Odile Versois, Donald Sinden  
**A DAY TO REMEMBER** (u)  
Audie Murphy, Joan Evans  
**COLUMN SOUTH** (u)

## ENTHUSIASTS FOR THE GAME.

**O**UR visitors to-day, The Wasps, have made only a few appearances at Kingsholm since the end of the War, but we are glad to see them because of the grand job they do for the game. Their Club is older than ours, and was in fact founded in 1867 and each Saturday they turn out no fewer than a dozen XV's, which is quite a feat in itself. To-day we shall not have the pleasure of watching their bright particular star of the moment, P. G. Yarranton their Vice-Captain, who is making his first appearance for England at Twickenham, where of course, our own Vice-Captain John Gwilliam, is playing once again for Wales.

## A RUGGER ROMANCE.

**F**IVE years ago Yarranton had never played Rugger and then one day he went to watch The Wasps. He asked if he could learn the game with them. He played a season in one of their minor XV's, came into the first XV, Captained the R.A.F. the next season (1952-53) and now he gets his England Cap. Truly a real rugger romance and we all wish him the best of luck. Last season was possibly the best The Wasps ever had. They beat us on their own ground and their record this season reads:—Played 17, Won 6, Drawn 2, Lost 9. Points for 129, against 112.

## KINGSHOLM "QUARTER FINAL."

**A**S you know the "Quarter Final" of the Rugby County Championship between Gloucestershire and Hertfordshire, the Southern Group Winners, is to take place at Kingsholm on February 6th next. The prices of seats will be;— Stand, Centre 6/-. Wings 4/-. Enclosure 3/-. Worcester Street 2/-. Deans Walk 1/-. Applications for Tickets must be made to Mr. A. Hudson, Northgate Street. If these are sent by post, A STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE MUST ACCOMPANY THE NECESSARY REMITTANCE OF MONEY. Early action is necessary.

## THE LAST FEW.

**M**R. HUDSON still has a few Enclosure 3/6 and Ground 2/6 Tickets left for the ENGLAND v. ALL BLACKS match at Twickenham on January 30th. Applications for these from Members of the Club, with remittance and stamped addressed envelope should be sent at once. It is stressed that the number of tickets available is small.