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# EXETER FOOTBALL CLUB

(Affiliated to the Rugby Union)

## COUNTY GROUND

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Official Programme

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## Club News

TO-DAY'S match brings to a close another season of rugby on the County Ground. Although we have not won many matches we have been fortunate in seeing very many interesting games and some most exciting. A lot of matches were lost by the odd two or three points and these could quite as easily gone in our favour.

With to-day's match we shall be seeing for the last time Brian Homer our hooker. He has decided to "hang his boots up" at a rather young age. We shall certainly miss him and his quick striking of the ball. Every time he plays for us we feel as though we are always in with a chance, when he is absent from our team on other duties we never have the same confidence.

Not only will he be a great loss to our Club, but also to Devon.

Recently there has been a lot of mention in the press about him being unlucky not to get an "England Cap." We certainly thought he deserved an International Trial this campaign.

Yes, the greatest of hookers cannot get the better of Brian Homer.

We can only hope that with the start of the next campaign, Brian will get the urge to turn out his kit and turn up at the County Ground again and don once more the Exeter jersey.

We all wish you luck Brian and hope to see you in the 1958-1959 season.

Two other stalwarts of the club have decided to "hang their boots up" as well namely Sid Sharp and Les Phillips. We shall miss the old faces in the front row of our scrum. However, we wish them well for the future and say thanks for the past.

Now about our guests to-day, Gloucester were founded in 1873 and run two fifteens.

Last season they won 21 matches out of the 41 played, losing 17 and drawing 6.

These results were an improvement upon the season before, although the standard of play never quite came up to expectations. However, they had some outstanding results with victories against Newport home and away, Bristol, Harlequins away, Coventry away and Northampton.

## Programme

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**EXETER v GLOUCESTER**

SATURDAY, APRIL 26th, 1958

Kick-off 3.15 p.m.

EXETER (Black)		GLOUCESTER
1 D. R. Atkins 2 3	Full-back	1 *I. Sheen
2 *J. L. Stark 3	Left Wing	5 D. Haine
3 F. J. Gardner	Threequarters	4 K. Ibbotson
4 A. B. Andrews		3 *A. Holder 3
5 *D. Richards	Right Wing	2 R. Smith
6 J. R. Lewis 3	Stand-off	6 D. Phelps
7 D. Mullins	Half-backs	7 *M. Booth 3
	Scrum	
8 L. D. Phillips	Forwards	8 J. Herbert
9 *B. R. Homer		9 *C. Thomas
10 D. J. Harris		10 *B. J. Lane
11 A. S. E. Lee (Cpt.)	Referee:	11 *B. J. Green
12 A. Byrne	S. Rowe	12 R. Long
13 J. Hilton	(Devon Referees' Society)	13 J. Sainsbury
14 C. Kelynack		14 †V. H. Leadbetter
15*†‡D. C. Manley		15 *D. Ibbotson

\* County. † International Trialist  
‡ Barbarian

\* County † International

Club News contd.

The Club's strength lay in their forwards which included their Internationals George Hastings and Vic Leadbetter. Many young players were tried in the three-quarters which, although not entirely successful last season held promise for the future.

Already this season they have won more matches than they did in the last campaign, although so far they have not scored so many points.

We hope they enjoy their game and stay with us and we hope they have a pleasant tour in Devon and Cornwall.

Now for a fine hot summer and we look forward to seeing all our patrons again next season.

L.J.B.C.