# **GLOUCESTER RUGBY** FOOTBALL CLUB

(FOUNDED IN 1873)

TO-DAY'S GAME IS VERSUS RICHMOND

(KICK-OFF 3-15 p.m.)

NEXT WEEK'S GAME: UNITED V. NEWPORT UNITED Saturday: (Kick-off 3.15)

NEXT FIRST XV HOME FIXTURE: Oct. 23rd. COVENTRY

Kick-off 3 p.m.

10/56

TICKETS FOR INTERNATIONALS



HE dates of the International Matches at Twickenham this season are : v. France, February 26th, and v. Scotland, March 19th, 1955.

MEMBERS of the Gloucester R.F.C. must obtain any Tickets they require through the Secretary, at 58 Northgate Street, Gloucester and no applications can be received after Tuesday, October 26th. It is emphasised that no guarantee can be given that the tickets asked for will be obtainable, inasmuch as there is no certainty that the Rugby Union will allot this Club all the tickets requested. Members should, in their applications, state whether field tickets will be acceptable in the place of stand or enclosure tickets which may not be available. Tickets as received from the E.R.U. will be fairly allocated by the Club, with refunds where necessary. The prices of tickets, including a charge to cover postages, refunds, etc., are : Stands 15/6 each. Enclosuress 4/- each. Field 3/- each.

**Official Programme: Price Threepence** 



## A GREAT LONDON SIDE

T is regrettable that with such an attractive and sporting side as Richmond as our visitors, the demands of the County in the first game of the South West Group of the County Championship make it inevitable that we cannot field our fullest possible strength. For the Richmond XV is in great form—a week back they beat London Welsh 15-0 and on the previous Saturday scored a notable success on the Bedford ground. We know the quality of the East Midlands Side from their draw here last Saturday. Enough has been set down to show that the Gloucester XV to-day, with so many reserves, has a hard task in hand, against a side which is earning great praise for its dash and determination.

### POINT TO REMEMBER

N one Rugby report this week, this striking phrase occurred: "The delivering of passes is not one of modern Rugby's strong points." Might we suggest that is the broadest of hints? Many onlookers would be happier if they could see a return of the well-timed pass (with an opponent drawn) delivered with a rhythm, speed and follow-through which must go with the perfect transfer from one player to another.

#### THE LAW ON THE PENALTY KICK

N this issue Mr. Frank Blackwell begins his explanation of Law 24, dealing with the penalty kick :--

Our own Tommy Voyce was responsible for the short penalty kick in the first place and eventually it caused so much trouble that it was forbidden.

The new idea is that, when a PENALTY (this does not mean a "Free" kick as from a fair catch or mark) is given, it is awarded as a punishment for an infringement. The defenders MUST retire 10 yards beyond the spot. The attackers can go back as far as they like to take the kick.

WHEN KICKED, THE BALL MUST TRAVEL FIVE YARDS—IN ANY DIRECTION TOWARDS THEIR OPPONENTS GOAL LINE.

It need not travel 5 yards directly towards that line. It can go at any angle as long as it travels forward.

This means that the kicker can kick across slightly in front of his own men and one of his side can then catch it (or pick it up) and—as the opponents are 10 yards behind the mark—there is plenty of room to begin an attacking movement without losing possession of the ball.

This is what the R.F.U. emphasises-attack, and again attack-and not so much defensive play. The ball need not go anywhere near the place of infringement before it is played and the defenders must NOT interfere until the ball has travelled the 5 yards.

#### FIRST XV SCORERS

Scorers to date are: Michael Baker 25 pts.; Trevor Jones 18 pts.; R. Blair 11 pts.; D. Ibbotson 9 pts., Roy Sutton 6 pts.; P. Ford 6 pts.; R. Amos 3 pts.; David Jones 3 pts.; Cyril Thomas 3 pts.; Don Hill 3 pts.

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