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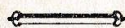
GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

(Founded in 1873)

TO-DAY'S GAME IS VERSUS

LEICESTER

(Kick-off 3-0 p.m.)



Saturday Next—Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

United v. Cheltenham United

We extend a very hearty welcome to our old rivals and friends to-day. Leicester are experiencing an in and out season, having won seven games and lost six. Their points tally shows however that there is an attacking formation, headed by G. Cullen behind the scrum. While forward they are being well served by those stalwarts T. Bleasdale and International-D. Hazell. Leicester enjoyed a successful season last year, the number of points scored 454, breaking their post war record.

Games with Leicester seem to go with ground advantage. Gloucester last gained the double in 1947-48 and Leicester 1950-51.

It is certain that the game to-day will be won by the team with the better attack—we hope that our backs see the openings first.

Official Programme: Price Threepence

This Space To Let

GLOUCESTER

Red and White

Full Back

1 R. SMART

PLEWIS Three-quarters

2 R. SUTTON

R.W.

3 I. SHEEN

R.C.

4 J. WILLS

L.C.

5 R. BLAIR

L.W.

Half Backs

6 A. HOLDER

O.H.

7 B. READE

S.H.

Forwards

8 R. PARRY

9 C. THOMAS

10 G. HASTINGS & HERRERT

11 J. VARNEY

12 R. A. CLARKE

13 P. FORD (Capt.)

14 B. GREEN

15 D. IBBOTSON

TO-DAY'S REFEREE

is

Mr. K. S. JOHN, London Society.

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FIRST XV. FIXTURES

1955			1956		
Sept. 10	Lydney	... H 10-6	Jan. 7	London Scottish	... A
13	Dublin Wanderers	... H 12-3	14	Leicester	... A
17	Moseley	... H 13-6	21	Wasps	... H
21	Cheltenham	... A 0-3	28	Army	... H
24	Bristol	... H 6-11	Feb. 4	Cardiff	... H
29	Stroud	... A 8-3	11	Bath	... A
Oct. 1	Bedford	... A 3-5	18	Swansea	... H
8	Old Blues	... H 6-11	25	Guys Hospital	... A
	(Glos. v. Devon, at Bristol)		Mar. 3	Northampton	... A
15	Newport	... H 11-6	10	R.A.F.	... H
22	Coventry	... A 9-28	17	Cardiff	... A
	(Glos. v. Somerset, Away)		24	Newport	... A
29	Oxford University	... H 6-11	31	Bradford	... H
Nov. 3	Leicester	... H	Apr. 2	Birkenhead Park	... H
12	Moseley	... A	3	Lydney	... A
	(Glos. v. Cornwall, Away)		7	Harlequins	... H
16	Cambridge University	A	12	Cheltenham	... H
19	Aberavon	... A	14	Bristol	... A
26	Llanelli	... H	21	Exeter	... A
Dec. 3	Neath	... A	23	Penzance and Newlyn	A
10	Bath	... H	24	Teignmouth	... A
17	Coventry	... H	28	Devonport Services	H
24	Stroud	... H			
26	O.M.T's.	... H			
27	U.A.U.	... H			
31	Neath	... H			

LEICESTER

Full Back

O B. T. C. SMALL

Three-quarters

N R. D. MATTHEWS R.W.

M D. BROOK R.C.

L J. ELDERS (Capt.) L.C.

K G. H. CULLEN L.W.

Half Backs

J C. SHEPHARD O.H.

I M. LUBBOCK S.H.

Forwards

A *D. St. G. HAZELL

B J. STEVENS

C F. CHAWNER

D R. H. SMITH

E J. G. FORD

F T. BLEASDALE

G P. B. L. THORNELOE

H J. T. McCORMACK

* International

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REFLECTIONS

Enterprising, vigorous, but as yet not quite the usual polished Oxford, showed many of the finer points of back play last week. Their incisive, hard running was an education for any aspiring young player, and a joy to many an older one. Much can be learnt from these University sides, who until the 'Varsity Match, think, talk and plan their games. May our young backs remember how every member of the 'Varsity side was continually on the move when the ball was being handled.

It is well to remember perhaps that Dennis Ibbotson was playing under the handicap of a mouth injury and that I. Sheen had trouble with his knee. But we make no excuses and acknowledge the 'Varsity as worthy winners.

COUNTY TRIBULATIONS

In an endeavour to introduce a vital spark, the County Selectors have made wholesale changes in the County side to play Cornwall. We offer our congratulations to Roy Parry, Dennis Ibbotson and Brian Reade on their selection, to George Hastings and Roy Blair for retaining the confidence of the selectors. To Brian Green and our captain Peter Ford we say, the County's loss is our gain. Moseley next week if they play as they did here will take some beating, we shall need all our big guns to sink them.

INTRODUCING

Full-back, 22 years old RAY SMART. While at the Central School, Ray failed to get in the School team as a regular. At the age of 17 he was playing full-back for Coney Hill. On National Service, Ray had a trial for the Army team, but opposing him was J. H. Thompson, the Scottish International, and Ray was not selected.

In the Army he was one of the few National Service men to be appointed an Instructor at the Small Arms School at Hyde. He could regularly hit the bull then and his sights are well set now—he doesn't miss many conversions. Many have remarked upon the way he improves with every game and Ray modestly ascribes this to the invaluable advice he receives from Bill Hook and Ieuan Sheen.