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TO-DAY'S GAME IS VERSUS

LEICESTER

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

There are few more welcome visitors to Kingsholm than "The Tigers." For many years now a great but friendly rivalry has existed between our two Clubs. There are strong links in this chain of friendship, not the least being the fact that our captain of a few years ago, John Taylor, is now a playing member of the Leicester Club. Most of us also will remember Francis Edwards who gave our club such great assistance for several seasons before removal to the Midland Town and who is now on the Committee of "The Tigers."

The Red and Whites will most certainly be tested to the full to-day. The Leicester pack has always been a veritable power house, working non-stop throughout the game. At the moment the Leicester attack division is in the experimental stage, but we may be sure there is plenty of fire there.

Let us hope for conditions amenable to the handling game and may the ball be given the freedom of the air.

Records to date—Leicester W 4 D 2 L3 Points for 90, agst. 94
Gloucester 6 2 2 , 103, , 68

USE THE MATCH AT HOME ENGLAND'S GLORY FOR YOU OR AWAY GLOUCESTER Redi and White LEICESTER TO-DAY'S REFEREE Full Back Full Back (O) B. T. C. Small 1 S. Ingram Mr. GWYN WALTERS (Swansea) Threequarters Threequarters THE FIRST AID SERVICE ON THIS GROUND IS VOLUNTARILY PROVIDED BY (N) D. Storer PAUSUN 2 P. Hawker R.W. THE CITY OF GLOUCESTER DIVISION ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE. (M) M. R. Wade R.C. A. Holder (c) R.C. B. A. F. Smith L.C. J. M. Jenkin (O.B.) L.C. FIRST XV. FIXTURES 9 Waterloo H 11 3 14 Lydney H 3 0 19 Nowport A 6 24 21 Moseley H 16 3 25 Cheltenham A 3 5 28 Bristol H 9 3 5 Bedford A 9 9 12 Old Blues H 22 0 19 Civil Service H 18 18 26 Coventry A 6 3 Jan. 4 London Scots. A 11 Leicester ... A 18 Wasps H 25 Army H (K) J. S. Swan (1) R. Smith L.W. Half Backs Half Backs 6 D. Phelps Feb. 1 Bristol A 6 Royal Navy H 8 Bath H 15 Swansea ... H 22 Devonport S. H (J) M. Freer O.H. M. Booth S.H. (I) H. V. White S.H. Oct. Forwards Forwards G. W. Hastings (I) R. Skelton March 1 Northampton A 8 R.A.F.... H 15 Guy's Hospital A 22 Newport ... H 29 Stroud A (A) C. Thomas (c) (B) M. R. Walker 10 J. Herbert (C) F. Chawner April 5 Headingley... H 7 Birkenhead Pk H 8 Lydney A 12 Neath ... H 17 Cheltenham H 19 Stroud ... H 26 Exeter A 28 Torquay Ath A 29 Weston-S-Mare A B. J. Green (c) (D) J. Thompson R. M. Muddimer Smith (E) 12 R. Long 7 Neath ... 14 Bath ... 21 Coventry ... 26 O.M.T.s ... 27 U.A.U. ... 28 Cardiff ... 13 P. Ford (c) (Capt.) (F) P. Konig (G) T. Bleasdale (Capt.) 14 V. H. Leadbetter (I) (H) C. G. Martin 15 D. Ibbotson (c) (I) International. (O.B.) Old Blue. (C) County (I) International To complete your day . . . THE STEAK BAR

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COVENTRY

Our hearty congratulations are due to the brave XV which put up such a great show against the powerful Coventry team last week. By sheer courage and a fine team spirit the Red and Whites mastered the renowned Midland Club and thus repeated the previous season's performance, a feat any club at full strength would be proud of. To the few regluar members of the premier side and to the ten United players—well done!

A word also to those local clubs who so loyally rallied round and filled in the gaps, so that the United were able to honour their engagement against St. Paul's College. This is the real spirit of Rugby Football. Many thanks to both the local clubs and the players concerned.

TEAM SELECTION

Pity the poor Selectors! Many letters are received criticising this or that player's selection. It is not the practise of the club to go into print over domestic matters, but it is perhaps worth while placing on record that when selecting the teams in a recent week it was found that no fewer than 18 players were not available through various reasons. This sort of position may explain what would appear to be drastic action at times.

COUNTY HOPES

Our win over the County Champions, Devon, last week conjures up visions of a replay in the South West Group. A win against Somerset next Saturday, with victory for Devon, at home against Cornwall would necessitate a three-cornered play off, which would create great excitement in the South West. The outcome of these two games will be awaited with great interest.

Congratulations to John Herbert, George Hastings, Brian Green, Peter Ford, Micky Booth, Alan Holder and Ieuan Sheen on their selection and for their valliant efforts in the tremendously exciting finish.

THE SOCIAL CLUB

As well as being open before and after the match, the Club Room is open on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and we look forward to seeing more of our members on these occasions. Tea and sandwiches may be obtained in the Club Room after the match.