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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME.

SATURDAY, DEC. 14th, 1929.

Devonport Services

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OUR VISITORS.

For the second week in succession the City Club oppose a Service Team. Unlike most of the clubs we have visited in our wanderings, the Devonport Services lays no claim to venerable antiquity, for it is indeed only a youngster amongst first-class clubs, but nevertheless a sturdy product. It has a wonderful record of matches played and won, since it was established by Commander E. W. Roberts and S. F. Cooper (the present Rugby Union Secretary). Before the War the strongest club in the West was Devonport Albion (now Plymouth Albion), but when peace came, the Devonport Services Club was formed, and in the course of a few seasons, became one of the strongest clubs in the Country. Such players as E. R. Gardner, Lieut. Faithful, W. G. Luddington (forwards) and F. Gilbert (full-back) have played for the club and have represented England. The Services are always strong opposition to the City at Kingsholm, and for three consecutive seasons 1923/4, 1924/5 and 1925/6 our visitors were victorious by 13 points to 8, 8 points to 0, 29 points to 0 respectively, and winning again in 1927/8 by 13 points to 5, and last season after a brilliant exhibition of football secured a remarkable victory by 1 goal and 5 tries (20 points) to 3 goals and 1 try (18 points). For to-day's game our visitors through leave will lack the services of H. W. Stephenson and (Horsey) Browne, the well-known Irish Internationals, but will have the assistance of Lieut Wood (wing) Navy and Hampshire, who played in the last Trial at Northampton, and Lieut. Home (centre) who has represented the Army. Of the forwards Lieut. J. W. Forrest who will appear in the trial game next Saturday cannot play but Corporal Townsend (Army) another selected trial player with Mne. Webb (Navy) and Second Lieut Nott (Army) will help to make up a strong pack. We give the Services a hearty welcome and look forward to another brilliant game of rugger and may the best team win.

THE TRIAL GAME NEXT SATURDAY.

I understand that all the seats in the centre portion of the New Stand have been sold. The gates will be opened at 1 p.m. prompt and our supporters are advised to be there in good time. The match is timed to commence at 2-15 p.m. D. R. Gent the old international and former Gloucester Captain will be present at the game as a representative of the "Sunday Times." During his stay in Gloucester Mr. Gent will be the guest of the Mayor (Councillor S. J. Gillett) who is an ardent supporter of the Gloucester club.

"ANOTHER GREAT ATTRACTION."

The Rugby Supporters' Club are provisionally arranging a great rally of supporters, players and followers of the "Rugger" game on the eve of the Trial Match, at the Corn Exchange on Friday next at 7-30. We hope to have the support of such prominent leaders as Mr. W. T. Pearce (President of the Rugby Union) Mr. R. F. Oakes (Old International and member of the English Selection Committee) D. R. Gent, L. J. Corbett, A. T. Voyce and Dr. Alcock (Old Internationals), Sam Tucker and W. W. Wakefield (Wakers) all of whom will speak on various phrases of the game and the Mayor of Gloucester has announced his intention to be present.

On Saturday next Gloucester journey to Northampton and oppose the Cobblers, who at full strength are strong opposition. On Boxing day our old opponents Old Merchant Taylors will appear at Kingsholm and on the following day Bath will conclude the holiday programme at home.

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 Forwards: Mne. McIlroy (8) Pte. Eyre (9) Mne. Dumbleton (10) A. E. Attwood (11)
 Mne. Webb (12) Sec-Lt. Nott (13) Corpl. Townsend (14) Lt.-Comdr. Laird (15)

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 MR. R. I. STORER
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KICK-OFF
 2-45 P.M.

Forwards: L. E. Saxby, Capt. (8) J. Hemming (12) J. Davies (9) G. Foulkes (15)
 E. Comley (11) F. Wadley (10) D. Crichton-Miller (16) A. Carpenter (14)
 Scrum Half: R. Shelley (6) Stand-off Half: Don Meadows (7)
 Left Centre: E. Stephens (4) Right Centre: M. A. McCannis (2)
 Left Wing: R. N. Loveridge (5) Right Wing: Roy James (3)
 Full Back: H. Boughton (1)

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Considering their depleted ranks and half-back injured during the latter part of the game, Gloucester's victory over the United Services at Portsmouth was a splendid performance. It was a triumph for the reserves, especially the forwards who showed good form. Roy James who acted as Captain scored two fine tries, showed splendid form on the wing.

F. Wadley and Joe Davies have been notified that they are on the reserves for the Trial game on Saturday next.

In a Letter to the Editor.

D. R. Gent (the Old International Half-back, who Captained the City Team in Season 1906/7) writes as follows:—

I am delighted to say a word or two to the Supporters of my old Club—the Club that brought me out, encouraged me, put up with my rotten performances when I was learning the game, I'm sure, and then when luck came my way and I was picked for England, was almost as proud of the honour as I was.

The very word "Gloucester" sends me back to the old days, and among the names I call to mind are George Romans, the most unlucky of all full-backs surely; Arthur Hudson, the most dangerous player the club can ever have had 20-40 yards from the line; "Whacker" Smith, a glorious tackler; "Billy" Johns, a worker if ever there was one, and a capital dribbler; Gordon Vears, the life and soul of any side; "Jimmy" Stephens, the complete club player, and the essence of fairness and unselfishness; A. E. Wood, a great full-back; Ernie and Albert Hall; "Shanter" Dix, another player who should have had an England cap; the late Harry Berry and "Cherry" Holder, two superb forwards, and so I could go on, filling this programme with names and reminiscences of players whom I actually played with.

Then how well have others carried on the club's great traditions! "Biddy" Holford, Sid Smart, and, above all, Tom Voyce raised the reputation of the Gloucester club higher than ever. What a grand forward Tom was! I try to keep all prejudice out of my mind when I give definite opinions, but I do think that Tom was the finest wing forward I ever saw. And mind, I was contemporary with most of the great ones, "Bill" Spiers, the late George Boots, Frank Scriman and Charles Pillman. From one or two remarks I have heard when visiting the old City, I have had some doubts as to whether Tom's greatness was fully realised at Kingsholm. I can understand a little of it, for I am sure that Tom's greatness rose with the occasion, and it reached its greatness, in my opinion, in the last England v Scotland match played at Inverleith. It was the most thrilling game of Rugby I have ever seen (England won by a goal and a try to two tries) and Tom's was the finest display of open forward play I have ever seen, but I must stop, or it isn't a few notes I shall write, but a book!

I don't see much of the side nowadays, but when I saw them play last, I thought that the standard wasn't quite so high as it used to be, but it isn't any where, for that matter. Still, all clubs have their ups and downs in form, and he is a very poor kind of supporter indeed who gets lukewarm because his side isn't winning all the time. The Gloucester Club has as great traditions as any in the country, and those who support it should be proud to be connected with such a famous club. Then youngsters in Gloucester should realise that to play Rugby in that City is to be members of a party of thousands of fine fellows, some now dead and gone, some now old, and the rest carrying on, who have made the name of Gloucester an ornament in the Rugby world, whether they play for an Ex-Scholars team or the City Firsts.

I believe the Supporters Club is paying special attention to these Ex-Scholars' sides—splendid work! Supply them with referees, keep them financially, and encourage them in their play. Gloucester without its Rugby enthusiasms would be unthinkable, and the Supporters Club can do a tremendous lot to keep this spirit alive.

I was glad to see H. Boughton and J. Davies in last Saturday's Trial, and delighted, too, to see Tom Voyce sitting with and helping the selectors. Unfortunately, Boughton was not at his best, the tricky wind bothered him in his kicking and his fielding. There isn't a better back in the country, I'm sure of that, and I only hope that he'll have a chance later and of showing all the Selectors his true form.

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1929	September	Rslt	Points		1930	January	Rslt	Points	
			For	Agst				For	Agst
12	Stroud; away	W	18	6	4	Llanelly; away			
14	Lydney; home	W	13	0	11	Cheltenham; away			
21	Old Edwardians; home	W	18	3	18	St. Bart's Hospl; home			
28	Bath; away	D	3	3	25	Guy's Hospital; away			
30	(Mon) Torquay; away	L	4	9					
	October					February			
5	Bristol; home	L	5	7	1	United Services; home			
12	Leicester; home	W	20	11	8	Cardiff; home			
19	Cardiff; away	W	10	9	15	Llanelly; home			
26	Moseley; home	L	8	9	22	Newport; away			
31	Oxford University; away	W	24	14		March			
	November				1	Swansea; home			
2	Swansea; away	L	3	9	8	Bristol; away			
9	Old Edwardians; away	W	11	0	15	Old Blues; home			
16	Cheltenham; home	D	3	3	22	Northampton; home			
23	Newport; home	W	8	6	29	Leicester; away			
30	Guy's Hospital; home	W	19	3		April			
	December				5	Harlequins; home			
7	United Services; away	W	10	8	12	Devon Services; away			
14	Devon Services; home				14	(M) Camborne; away			
21	Northampton; away				19	U.C.S. Old Boys; home			
21	International Trial				21	London Welsh; home			
26	Old M Taylors; home				22	Lydney; away			
27	Bath; home.								
28	Moseley; away								

SCORERS TO DATE.

R. James	...	5 Tries	G Foulkes	...	4 Tries
J. Davies	...	4 Tries	M. A. McCaulis	...	4 Tries
L. Abbey	...	3 Tries	F. Price	...	4 Tries
R. N. Loveridge	...	3 Tries	S. Weaver	...	2 Tries
L. Franklin	...	1 Try	G. Crichton-Miller	...	1 Try
G. Orpin	...	1 Try	L. Meadows	...	1 Try
L. E. Saxby	...	1 Try	E. Stephens	...	1 Try
E. Comley	...	1 Try	J. Hemming	...	1 Try

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