



**Nottingham
Rugby Football Club**
Official Programme 10p



PROGRAMME NOTES

The fact that Gloucester, one of Nottingham's most attractive visitors, are today shown of players through County Championship calls merely underlines the unbalanced state of English rugby. While some areas play their County matches mid-week, allowing clubs to field full strength sides in Saturday fixtures (which are, after all, the basic diet of the game) other areas "go County" on selected Saturdays, leaving clubs under-strength. Hastily, it should be added that in the case of Gloucester "under-strength" does not mean weak !

Furthermore, English rugby is currently battling with the problem of whether or not to form official Leagues, and the R.F.U. are about to reveal their thoughts on this thorny subject which is certain to split opinions throughout the country. But at least for one watcher the existence of a League might, though it is a big might, have given last week's match against Waterloo some meaning.

Seldom, and surely never in such perfect conditions, can there have been such an unenterprising exhibition from two so-called top class teams. That was the match to silence those who misguidedly bleat that "TV is killing gates", and Nottingham should have had a committee member returning any gate money taken . . . with a bonus for those who saw the match through.

Happily the presence of Gloucester should raise standards considerably and no one should expect to find Nottingham's delightful treasurer, Margaret Ross-Sergeant, emptying the coffers for dissatisfied customers around 4.30.

Finally, our sympathies go out to Robyn Matson, eye injury victim of the "Liverpool Gouger" last week. Despite the libelous tag of "veteran", and his formidable record of 339 First XV matches, Robyn has been playing perhaps his best rugby ever this season, and we wish him a swift return.

STEWART SMITH

Next 1st XV Home Match: HALIFAX (Saturday, 25th November)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Old Players' Re-Union — 28th October
Bonfire Night — 3rd November

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Green and White

M. Tomany
S. Holdstock
M. Northard
S. Hamilton
K. Preece

G. Colbourne
R. Sulley

J. Pearce
J. Elliott (Capt.)
D. Askwith
A. Robinson
P. Nixon
I. Adamson
I. Clayton
D. Layfield

S. Wilson
T. Bennett

15 **Full Back**
14 **Right Wing**
13 **Right Centre**
12 **Left Centre**
11 **Left Wing**

10 **Outside Half**
9 **Scrum Half**

1 **Prop**
2 **Hooker**
3 **Prop**
4 **Lock**
5 **Lock**
6 **Flank**
7 **Flank**
8 **Number 8**

Replacements**GLOUCESTER**

R. Etheridge
P. Williams
R. Jardine
E. Rooney
L. Dick

B. Russell
P. Howel

A. Brooks
K. White
M. Curran
J. Orwin
A. Turton
P. Wood
J. Haimes
J. Simonette

I. Wilkins
S. Baker

Referee: V. J. SCHWARZ (Liverpool Society)
