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Capt. **DONNE'S XV.**

(President of the English Rugby Union)

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AT

KINGSHOLM GROUND

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### NOTES BY THE EDITOR.

To-day, the Jubilee celebration of the Gloucester Rugby Football Club will be marked by a special match between the City and a powerful team, got together by the President of the Rugby Union (Capt. W. S. Donne), to be followed this evening by a banquet at the New Inn Hotel.

This will, undoubtedly, be a memorable event in the history of the Club, and the most notable gathering of Rugby Union enthusiasts ever assembled in Gloucester. Started in September, 1873, the Gloucester Football Club has had a remarkable history. The first balance sheet of the Club showed a total income of £11. Fifty years later, the Club membership was 2,504, and a balance in hand of £2,188. In addition, the Club held 2,000 shares in the Football Club Ground. For 18 years the Club had its headquarters at the Spa, during which period the team met with great success. Those who remember the matches of the eighties and nineties will recall the names of a number of brilliant players, far too numerous to mention.

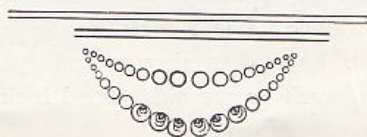
During this time, the style of play generally changed, and Gloucester set the fashion in more than one instance, and it is a well-known fact that the City were the pioneers of the passing game, which, to-day, helps to make the game so fast and delightful to watch. In 1891, the City transferred its headquarters to Kingsholm, to which, during recent years, considerable improvement has been made, and with a commodious stand, opened last season, and covered accommodation provided for over 5,000 spectators, it is to-day one of the best Rugby Union enclosures in the country. During the 33 years occupancy of the Kingsholm enclosure, Gloucester have experienced varied fortunes. The City have the reputation of being one of the hardest sides to beat at home, although the Club is now having a lean time. Gloucester has always held a high position amongst the leading Clubs, and I feel every endeavour will be done by the present officials to maintain these splendid distinctions. May the spirit of Rugby and good comradeship always be found at Kingsholm.

The thanks of our Club are due to Capt Donne for bringing such an excellent team to Kingsholm to-day. It speaks much for the English Rugby Union President's popularity, and the players have honoured both him and the Gloucester Club on this memorable occasion.

In all, 15 Gloucester players have secured International honours, the names of which are shown in the centre of this Souvenir; and in addition, A. T. Voyce, our present-day International, played in the Centenary match, and was also chosen one of the British team to tour South Africa.

D. R. Gent, the old Gloucester and International half-back, was invited to referee to-day's game, but was unable to make the journey from Eastbourne.

Messrs. George Romans and Gordon Vears, two old City captains, will act as linesmen.





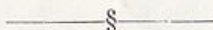
## REMINISCENCES

by A. F. HUGHES (forward) & D. R. GENT (half-back) English International

It is more years than I care to remember, since I first donned the colours of the dear old Club, and I feel honoured by your invitation to give a brief retrospect of my association with it, but when you ask for criticism of present-day methods of the game, I am no means so happy, for, after all, it is most difficult to make comparisons which are separated by so many years.

During my playing career, I met many personalities whose play greatly impressed me, and whose memories I have jealously cherished, that perhaps I may be accused of prejudice if I tried to compare them to the detriment of the players of to-day.

But, in any case, I shall meet with universal approval when I say that of all the fine sporting institutions I have known, there is none that has done so much, or held its own so long, in the advancement of the youths of our dear old City, as the Gloucester Rugby Football Club. One of my proudest possessions is my life membership of the Club, the winning of which, of course, meant a long period of playing, during which the personnel of the teams changed considerably. Among the outstanding players, were two whom I have always thought were unfortunate in not being recognised by the English Match Committee. I refer to Tom Bagwell and H. E. Taylor. I have often said that Bagwell was the finest half-back I have ever seen, and why? Because he went straight up the field, instead of boring towards touch, a tendency all too frequent to-day, not only is that with half-backs, but also with three-quarters. Bagwell had a fine idea of that half-step combined with a droop of the opposite shoulder, which often made even the safest of full-backs look very cheap, and made many tries. May the Club maintain its high position to the glory of the dear old game and the honour of Gloucester.



Extract from the "Citizen" by D. R. Gent (Half-back & English International)

Writing to the "Citizen," says:—"So it's the old Club's fiftieth birthday. Well, many happy returns. I sincerely hope that it will keep going for at least as long again, and that it will give its playing members, in particular, the great pleasure it gave me. I never tire of telling folks I meet in my football travels up and down the country, of the extraordinary record of the Gloucester Club. That a small City of the size of Gloucester should have a Rugby Club that has always been among the half-dozen leading sides in the country is an astonishing record.

During my career it was one long pleasure to take part in the game, for they were ever delightful fellows who formed the side, though drawn from all classes. What times we used to have, playing good, clean football in all parts of the country.

Well, gone are those days, except as abiding memories. We only go through that phase of life once. I was fortunate in having my lot cast with the Gloucester Club, and I hope that players and spectators alike enjoy the Club's activities to-day as much as we did. Good luck to the old Club."



## GLOUCESTER SCHOOLS' RUGBY UNION.

By ERIC KEYS, Hon. Sec., 1907 to 1924.

This Union was founded by the Gloucester Schoolmasters on September 21st, 1897, and so is now in its 28th year of existence. For the first seven years, the code was Association, but in 1904, at the request of the Gloucester Rugby Club, a change was made, and the Rugby code established.

At this period, seven schools of Gloucester joined in the competition. The first season under Rugby, saw National and Deacon tie for the first place, and National won on the re-play by one try to nil. This season also saw the first International Schoolboys' Match, played at Cardiff, when Gloucester had its first two representatives in the England team. In 1907, the County Schools' Union was formed, and the Bostock Smith Cup was put up for competition amongst the Schools Unions of Gloucestershire—Bristol, Stroud, Forest, Cheltenham and Gloucester. The Gloucester Boys were the first winners, and they repeated the performance in 1910-11 and 1913-14.

Only twice has the Competition been tried since the war, and Gloucester won in 1920-21. Through most of the Schoolmasters being in the Army, the competitions between various towns were not played until 1919-20. After the war, when the Schools Committee met, a determined effort was made to get all the schools in Gloucester to join the Union, and there is not one school that has not played in the local competition during the last three years. Since this date, the Gloucester S.R.U. record is:—

Season 1919-20 Cardiff, at Kingsholm, won 20 points to nil.

Season 1920-21 Played 7, won 5, lost 2, points for 133, points against 32.

Season 1921-22 Played 7, won 2, lost 2, drawn 3, points for 91, points agst. 46.

Season 1922-23 Played 7, won 3, lost 4, points for 114, points against 52.

Season 1923-24 Played 9, won 6, lost 3, points for 98, points against 47.

### THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF INTERNATIONAL "CAPS."

| Season  | Player           | Position       | School            |
|---------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 1904-5  | H. Barnard       | Back           | Wellington Street |
|         | F. Rigby         | Forward        | Archdeacon Street |
| 1905-6  | H. Wager         | Three-quarters | Linden Road       |
|         | A. Barker        | Half           | National          |
|         | F. Skidmore      | Forward        | National          |
|         | C. Williams      | Forward        | Linden Road       |
| 1906-7  | W. Tranter       | Forward        | National          |
| 1907-8  | H. Ashmeade      | Three-quarters | Linden Road       |
|         | W. Hughes        | Half           | National          |
|         | F. Brookes       | Forward        | Archdeacon Street |
| 1908-9  | T. Burden        | Back           | Linden Road       |
|         | C. Webb          | Three-quarters | Northgate Street  |
|         | F. Nelmes        | Three-quarters | National          |
|         | F. Reeves        | Half           | National          |
| 1909-10 | F. Pugh          | Half           | Linden Road       |
| 1910-11 | S. Brown         | Three-quarters | Linden Road       |
|         | T. Voyce         | Half           | National          |
|         | A. Langford      | Half           | National          |
| 1911-12 | H. James         | Three-quarters | National          |
|         | F. Davis         | Forward        | St. Luke's        |
| 1912-13 | — Winstone       | Three-quarters | National          |
|         | F. Gladwin       | Half           | Linden Road       |
|         | F. Davis         | Forward        | St. Luke's        |
|         | E. Hughes        | Three-quarters | Northgate         |
| 1913-14 | J. Brown         | Three-quarters | Linden Road       |
|         | W. Ellsmore      | Forward        | Derby Road        |
|         | E. Evans         | Three-quarters | Hatherley Road    |
|         | A. Tanner        | Forward        | Widden Street     |
| 1920-21 | F. Windo         | Forward        | Archdeacon Street |
|         | E. Davis         | Forward        | National          |
|         | A. Ballinger     | Forward        | Tredworth         |
|         | R. Gladwin       | Three-quarters | Linden Road       |
|         | A. Watts (Capt.) | Three-quarters | National          |
|         | H. Collins       | Forward        | Archdeacon Street |
| 1922-23 | D. Meadows       | Half           | Archdeacon Street |
| 1923-24 | H. Boughton      | Back           | Archdeacon Street |
|         | W. Simmons       | Three-quarters | Widden Street     |
|         | G. Bircher       | Half           | St. James'        |

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| <b>W. Jackson</b><br>1894  | <b>C. A. Hooper</b><br>1894  | <b>F. O. Poole</b><br>1895            | <b>Our<br/>Internationals.</b> | <b>F. M. Stout</b><br>1897 - 1898 - 1899<br>1903 - 1904 - 1905 | <b>P. W. Stout</b><br>1898 - 1899                       | <b>C. Hall</b><br>1901  |
| <b>C. Smith</b><br>1901  | <p>Touch Judge<br/>G. VEARS</p> <p><b>CAPT. W. S. DONNE'S XV.</b> <i>Colour : White</i></p> <p><i>Full Back : L. C. Sambrook, North and Leicester</i></p> <p><i>Right Wing : H. C. Catchside, England and Northumberland</i>      <i>Left Wing : R. G. B. Quick, South and Somerset</i></p> <p><i>Right Centre : L. J. Corbett, England and Gloucestershire</i>      <i>Left Centre : R. Hamilton-Wickes, England &amp; Harlequins</i></p> <p><i>Stand-off Half : E. Myers, Capt., England and Yorkshire</i></p> <p><i>Scrum Half : E. J. Mastey, North and Leicester</i></p> <p><i>Forwards : W. R. F. Collis, Ireland and King's College, R. Armstrong, North and Northumberland, H. B. L. Wake, Bath and Somerset, F. D. Prentice, Leicester, J. C. R. Buchanan, Scotland and Devon, H. G. Rew, Devon, J. S. Tucker, England and Gloucestershire, M. V. Shaw, South and Gloucestershire.</i></p> <p><b>Referee - Mr. A. D. STOOP</b><br/>England and Harlequins.</p> <p><i>Forwards : A. T. Voyce, Capt. (9)      F. Aylliffe (8)      A. Hall (10)      H. Roberts (14)</i></p> <p><i>S. Duberley (11)      F. Ford (12)      W. Hemmings (15)      A. Rea (16)</i></p> <p><i>Stand-off Half : Dr. Taylor (8)</i>      <i>Scrum Half : R. Milliner (7)</i></p> <p><i>Left Centre : H. D. Mackay (4)</i>      <i>Right Centre : R. M. Byers (3)</i></p> <p><i>Left Wing : S. A. Brown (5)</i>      <i>Right Wing : S. R. Crowther (2)</i></p> <p><i>Full Back : T. Millington (1)</i></p> <p><b>GLOUCESTER</b>      G. ROMANS<br/>Touch Judge</p> <p><i>Colour : Cherry and White</i></p> |                                       |                                |  |   | <b>D. R. Gent</b><br>1905 - 1906 - 1910   |
| <b>1874<br/>Officials</b><br><i>Hon. Sec.</i><br>J. P. Riddiford,<br><i>Hon. Treas.</i><br>Mr. Crawley,<br>E. Lynch Blosse<br>J. Bryan<br>H. Jewesbury<br>W. A. Lucy<br>W. G. Bosley<br>W. A. Boughton<br>E. T. Gardom<br>A. Macdonald |  |                                       |                                |  |   | <b>1924<br/>Officials</b><br><i>President.</i><br>Arnold Alecock,<br>Esq., M.B., B.S.,<br><i>Vice-Presidents</i><br>A. F. Fielding<br>J. T. Brookes<br><i>General Sec :</i><br>A. Hudson,<br><i>Committee :</i><br>F. A. Abbey<br>H. J. Balchin<br>A. Brown<br>G. F. Clutterbuck<br>G. F. Collingbourne<br>A. Cromwell<br>G. K. Fox<br>N. L. Hayes<br>F. Pegler<br>S. Smart<br>J. H. Webb |
| <b>A. Hudson</b><br>1906 - 1908 - 1910   |  |                                       |                                |  |   | <b>A. E. Wood</b><br>1908   |
| <b>W. A. Johns</b><br>1909 - 1910  | <b>H. Berry</b><br>1910  | <b>S. Smart</b><br>1913 - 1914 - 1920 | <b>Our<br/>Internationals.</b> | <b>G. Holford</b><br>1920                                      | <b>A. T. VOYCE</b><br>1920 - 1921 - 1922<br>1923 - 1924 |   |

## MY VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA

By A. T. Voyce

I appreciate the honour in having the opportunity of writing these few sentences for this day of days, in commemoration of our Jubilee Celebration. The Gloucester Football Club has done much in the furtherance of Rugger. We like to think of ourselves, as we believe others do, as being one of the main-stays of British Rugger, which, to my mind, is the greatest game in the world.

I have played a good many games for Gloucester, and also for England, but the proudest day of my life will be to lead out my team for this, our Jubilee Match.

As you probably know, I had the wonderful privilege of touring with the British side in South Africa, and I am sure I gained much experience and knowledge, not only about Football, but also business facilities out there. This, combined with the grandeur of the scenery, the wonderful mountains, and the limitless extent of Veld, combined with coming into personal contact with gold, diamonds, ostriches and orange groves, not to mention locusts, monkeys, and numerous wild animals, is indeed an experience that will live in my memory for ever.

At De Beers' Diamond Mines, at Kimberley, we saw thousands of diamonds, and when one realises this enormous firm controls the diamond market of the world, it will give you an idea of what Messrs. De Beers were so kind to show and explain to us during our most pleasant visit to Kimberley. One



realises that this town of Boer War fame exists to-day purely on a luxury, and I am sure if some of the ladies could realise what preparations, difficulties, organisations and hardships were necessary to obtain their jewels out of Mother Earth, they would, if possible, appreciate them the more.

We were entertained right well, with the usual hospitality, at Oudshoorn, the ostrich district, and it might be interesting to note that ostriches can run at nearly 40 miles per hour, (I heard some people say 60), and often one sees them racing the trains. We were assured that the clipping of the feathers entails no pain to the ostriches, and consequently "wearers" need have no scruples.

Ostriches are very dangerous birds, as we had cause to know on one occasion, having endeavoured to obtain a close-up photograph of the champion bird, and personally having to take a flying dive over a wire fence, closely followed by Ian Smith and Jamie Clinch. We were somewhat interested to learn afterwards that our pursuer had been the means of death to three men during its short life, namely 6 years, and congratulated ourselves on our escape to tell the tale.

The best feathers are from birds 5 years old, and although they live much longer, a deterioration is noticeable as each year passes.

The average cattle farms vary from 6,000 to 16,000 acres, and as we were taken over many of these for shooting and general inspection, we were given a good opportunity to make comparisons with ours. Sugar, in Natal, seemed to be the chief farm product, combined with bananas and pineapples, consequently monkeys, especially in this district, were often seen in swarms, notably in the sugar fields.

The climate is wonderful, and although we were there in Winter, the sun shone brilliantly each day, and it was much too hot for football. Water and locusts, we found, to be the South African farmers' chief troubles, and although they have many more, in sympathy with their brothers across the water, we were amazed to find the expenditure Government, County Councils and farmers deemed necessary to erect dams and irrigation systems.

Whether we met South Africans or Britishers, we were honoured guests, in every sense of the word, and no effort or hospitality was spared to entertain us, and show how really welcome we were. Mayoral luncheons, banquets and entertainments we were privileged to take part in, on numerous occasions. All shops were closed on Match days, wherever we were playing. Schools, offices and work received a holiday, showing, undoubtedly, that we, as Britishers, were indeed welcome.

Our Rugger in South Africa was hard work, but the foregoing will explain our consolations. We realised, and appreciated, the fact that we were representing Britain, and Rugger is a fit man's game. Therefore, from the time we sailed from England on board the Edinburgh Castle, we did physical training twice each day, and in South Africa, each day, when we were not in trains, we ran and had practice games. So we played right through, keeping fit and keyed up for our hard task. The grounds would be a revelation to you, as they were to us. Hard, virgin soil, some newly ploughed, but a few hours of the sun, and they were hard once more. Red earth, hard, but clouds of dust, especially in the scrums, almost everywhere. Consequently, it was impossible for the spectator to discover whether "these winging forwards" were pushing their weight. Nevertheless, although the rugger was fast and keen, all teams endeavouring to play the open game, we met sportsmen, and the British side left South Africa, having cemented the bonds of friendship with South Africa, which, I am certain, will last for ever; and I express the hope that our tour will be the means of closer uniting the interests of our two nations, not only in our Rugby activities, but in all walks of life, and should we have fulfilled this desire, surely we may write success after the B. S. A. T. South African tour.

England has celebrated her Rugby Centenary; Gloucester her Jubilee. Many teams have played this great amateur game through these years, each and every one realising that the game is the thing, whether you win or lose. All are friends at Rugby Football; let us keep the spirit of the game before us. Hard knocks are given, and likewise taken, with a smile, and off the field, all forgotten and pals right through the piece. So come along, the youths of 19 and 20, and take advantage of a game that is a "man's game".

### NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CLUB.

- 1882/3. J. F. Brown (Capt.) (Undefeated) Played 14, won 11, drawn 3.
- 1883/4. H. J. Boughton (Capt.) Played 19, won 15, lost 2, drawn 2. Defeated Newport (away).
- 1890/1. T. Baywell (Capt.) Played 26, won 21, lost 2, drawn 3. A record which stands out as the most successful in the Club's history. During the season, a great victory was obtained over Swansea, by 1 goal, 1 try to nil. The Welshmen were previously unbeaten.
- 1896/7. W. H. Taylor (Capt.) Llanelly (previously unbeaten) defeated at Kingsholm, 5 points to 3.
- 1897/8. W. H. Taylor (Capt.) Cardiff (at Cardiff) 9 points to 5 points. Drawn games with Newport, Llanelly and Swansea.
- 1898/9. W. H. Taylor (Capt.) Noteworthy for the defeat of the famous Welsh quartette, Cardiff, Newport, Swansea and Llanelly. The victory over Llanelly was the first ever gained by the City at Llanelly. Swansea lost a brilliant record at Kingsholm by 4 points to 3. Cardiff was defeated by 5 points to 3, and Newport by 11 points to nil. This was the City's first win over Newport for eleven years).
- 1899/1900. W. H. Taylor (Capt.) A great victory over Blackheath at the Rectory Field, Bristol (twice), and the Barbarians, which included English, Scotch and Irish Internationals.
- 1900/1. G. Romans (Capt.) Blackheath defeated by 16 points to nil, Leicester (twice), Llanelly 5 tries to nil, Cardiff 11 points to 3, and Swansea 6 points to 3. Points for, 522; against, 75.
- 1904/5. G. Romans (Capt.) Won the County Cup by defeating Bristol 12 points to nil.
- 1905/6. W. Johns (Capt.) Played 37, won 26, lost 8, drawn 3. The team aggregated 86 goals, 82 tries (661 points)—the City's best. A. Hudson, by scoring 41 tries, also established an individual record which still stands.

### Notable Achievements of the Club.—*continued.*

- 1908/9. A. Hudson (Capt.) Secured victories over Plymouth (away), 21 points to 9, Bristol (twice).
- 1909/10. A. Hudson (Capt.) Defeated Swansea 8 points to 5, Pontypool 19 points to nil, Leicester 14 points to nil. Won the County Cup. Drew with Newport at Newport and Gloucester.
- 1910/11. A. Hudson (Capt.) Splendid victories. Llanelly 19 points to 6, Cardiff 15 points to nil, Bristol 23 points to 6, Swansea 13 points to 6.
- 1913/4. G. Holford (Capt.) Defeated Harlequins at Twickenham 8 points to nil, Oxford University at Oxford 9 points to 6, Pontypool 8 points to nil, Llanelly 11 points to nil.
- 1920/1. F. Webb (Capt.) Unbeaten at home. Defeated Cardiff, Newport, Swansea and Llanelly. The great feature was the smashing of Newport's wonderful record by 12 points to 9. This was a memorable victory.



### GLoucester Rugby Supporters' Club.

The Gloucester Rugby Supporters' Club was formed three years ago, with the object of organising and giving support to the finest of all Winter games, and encouraging amateur sport. The idea of the original promoters quickly caught on, and the activities of the Club form a splendid record of achievement in the education of spectators in the various points of the game, generating enthusiasm for, and appreciation of, good movements and fine play, whether executed by the opponents or the home side; meeting and welcoming the visitors, and making the team feel they have come among friends; watching sympathetically the progress of local clubs, and encouraging them by financial assistance to the fullest extent of the funds of the Club; and various other means of keeping Rugby Football vigorously alive throughout the district.

Gloucester's action in starting this Club was quickly followed by Cheltenham, Cinderford, Stroud, and others; and, while rivalry is in no way lessened, it is refined and sweetened by the sporting and friendly instincts thus engendered.

The weekly programmes issued at home matches are the work of the Supporters' Club: whist drives and smoking concerts have been, and are, arranged at frequent intervals for various objects, such as aid for needy clubs.

The success of the Club is mainly due to two prime factors. **First**, the untiring energy of the Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. J. Pitt, and the Assistant Secretary, Mr. A. H. Margarets. These two colleagues have shown the utmost ingenuity in promoting schemes for the success of the Club, and the good of the game. **Secondly**, the unfailing sympathy and assistance of the officials of the Gloucester Rugby Football Club. Mr. Arthur Hudson, Mr. J. T. Brookes, and others have invariably given every possible encouragement to the Supporters' Club, and to this sympathy the success of the Club is, in a large measure, due.

If we were asked to condense the meaning of, and reason for, the Gloucester Rugby Supporters' Club into a slogan, I can think of no better one than the two last lines of the College poem:—

“Play up! play up!  
And play the game!”

C. A. F. RIDSDALE,  
Chairman.