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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

SATURDAY, November 6th, 1937

LEICESTER

v.

GLOUCESTER

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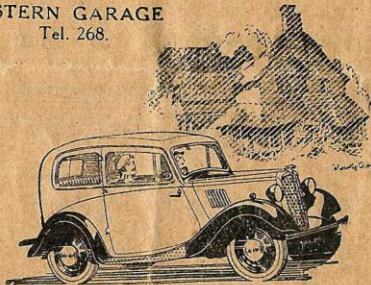
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FOOTBALL AT KINGSHOLM

SATURDAY NEXT, NOVEMBER 13th

OLD BLUES

v.

GLOUCESTER

KICK-OFF 3-0 p.m.

RUNNING COMMENTS

The display of the Cherry and Whites on Saturday last against Richmond at Kingsholm, was disappointing to us all, after their splendid victory over Bedford (away) the previous week, especially as the side that did duty was considered a strong one. Nothing but praise can be given the pack who under the leadership of Dr. Dick, continually controlling the scrums and getting the ball back fairly regularly to the backs. It was one of those games where the backs could do everything but score. On numerous occasions the defence was beaten but at the critical moment a faulty pass or an error of judgment would occur. The Rev. E. L. Phillips showed a welcome return to form making some delightful openings, but unfortunately his passes to the wing were faulty. One can allow for the close marking and deadly tackling of the opposition, but there were times when quicker and better judgment in passing would have given our International wings sufficient room to manœuvre in. W. H. Hopkin made the most of the chances that came his way and it was a beautiful burst through the centre and speedy effort of his that led up to the Cherry and Whites only score. It was noticeable on occasions that the Londoners were inclined to impede him when going for the ball and it did appear on one particular occasion that the referee could easily have awarded a penalty try. This may be annoying to some enthusiasts, but we must remember that the referee is in sole charge of the game. Once again one could hear personal remarks from in front of the gymnasium, **but for the benefit of the game** I appeal to those responsible for this to refrain from such remarks as our visitors go away from Kingsholm with a bad impression of the sporting attitude of our supporters. The forwards played well together and one could hardly pick out any member of the pack. They are now showing much better form. The Rev. H. M. Hughes was not altogether fit and we soon hope to see him showing the form of last season's that gained him his place in the Welsh Trials. Harold Boughton who was again acting captain, gave a splendid all-round display and his kicking was one of the features of the game.

OUR VISITORS

To-day one of Gloucester's oldest opponents appear at Kingsholm in Leicester. The club was founded nearly 60 years ago and their enclosure at Welford Road is without doubt one of the best equipped in the country, capable of accommodating over 35,000 spectators, of which 10,000 can be provided for under cover. In fact before the famous Twickenham ground was erected, several International games were played there. By way of comparison and for our supporters knowledge Kingsholm ground is capable of accommodating 20,000 of which 8,500 can also be provided for under cover. In the history of the Leicester club over fifty playing members have gained International honours and to present day followers best known to us are W. W. Wakefield, H. L. V. Day and G. R. Beamish. In the past the Tigers have been fortunate in being able to call on a great number of first class players and on many occasions the team has been composed entirely of County players, surely a record for any club. Unfortunately several of their best players have now retired or left the club and the name of B. C. Gadney is missing, the International having now joined another club. The outcome of this, is to-day the Tigers are suffering badly for want of good class recruits, now having to depend entirely on local talent. It may surprise our supporters to know that the side to-day is composed almost of local players.

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THE
MATCH

THE HIPPODROME, Eastgate

PROGRAMME BELOW

GLOUCESTER

Colours—Cherry and White

Full Back 'H. Boughton [1]
 Left Wing 'W. H. Hopkin [2]
 Left Centre J. H. Bown [3]
 Right Centre Rev. E. L. Phillips [4]
 Right Wing 'Rev. C. C. Tanner [5]
 Outside Half D. Meadows [6]
 Scrum Half E. R. Day [7]

Referee: Mr. T. H. PHILLIPS
 (Po typridd)

Forwards—

T. Price [8]
 'A. D. Carpenter [9]
 G. Harris [10]
 J. G. A'Bear, Capt. [13]
 R. Morris [12]
 G. Mabbett [11]
 Dr. Dick [14]
 Rev. H. M. Hughes [15]

LEICESTER

Colours—White and Green Hoops

Full Back 'R. J. Barr [6]
 Right Wing J. B. S. Fox [8]
 Right Centre R. W. Clark [1]
 Left Centre A. Squibbs [10]
 Left Wing G. E. Pollard [8]
 Outside Half W. G. Moseby [4]
 Scrum Half D. E. Bevins [1]

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.
 * Internationals

Forwards—

G. B. Herbert [A]
 C. Cromar [E]
 D. Bolesworth [C]
 W. Bainbridge [D]
 J. R. Sharp [B]
 J. T. W. Berry [F]
 N. Adams [G]
 P. E. Ward [H]



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OUR VISITORS - continued

Unfortunately their brilliant centre three-quarter Gwyn Thomas the old Neath player is away having been selected to play for the Welsh Trial game but is unable to play owing to an injury. R. J. Barr is playing as well as ever and is the old International full back. As regards the three-quarters I am afraid they have a reputation still to make, but are all fairly useful. The Tigers are always noted for their formidable forwards, but unfortunately G. B. Fowler and S. E. Anthony are away playing for Notts., Lincs. and Derbyshire against North Midlands in the County Championship, but are strengthened by J. W. Berry and N. Adams both of whom played in English Trials last season. Leicester are always an attractive fixture to Kingsholm owing to their open style of rugger, which we all enjoy so much. So to-day we again look forward to another spectacular game and hope to see the best team win. Last season a fairly contested game resulted in Gloucester winning by 14 pts to 10.

CITY NOTES

John A'Bear, the Gloucester Captain, having now recovered from his injury returns to the pack to-day.

C. J. Dibden is still unfit suffering from an injury to his knee, but hopes to be available for next week's game.

Bob Hook, having now recovered from the injury to his hand, which he sustained in the County Celebration game, is having a try out for the United against Bromsgrove (away) to-day.

We are glad to hear that our esteemed President Dr. A. Alcock is making good progress toward recovery from his recent illness.

The Lydney Club celebrated their Jubilee with a dinner on Thursday, their President Viscount Bledisloe who presided has occupied that position the whole of that time. Our supporters accord their congratulations to the Lydney Club.

This evening at 7 o'clock C. A. Kershaw, the old International, will give an eye-witness account from the Midland Regional of the Notts., Lincs. and Derbyshire v. North Midlands Championship game.

For fifteen minutes before the kick off and again during the interval the Gloucester Wagon Co.'s Band will give special items of music to-day.

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COUNTY NOTES.

The County team will be selected at Bristol this evening after the Bristol v. Harlequins game to oppose Cornwall at Bristol on Saturday next. With the Rev. C. C. Tanner and Bob Hook available the difficulty at wing three-quarter should be overcome. There should be no difficulty over the forwards as their display against Somerset was quite up to the standard.

On Saturday, December 11th, Gloucestershire journey to Plymouth to meet Devon.

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September							
11	Lydney ; home	W	30	3	1	London Scottish ; away	
18	Moseley ; home	W	9	0	8	Leicester ; away	
25	Bristol ; home	W	6	3	15	Bedford ; home	
October							
2	Old Cranleighans ; home	W	5	0	22	Bristol ; away	
9	Cardiff ; away	L	6	20	29	Guy's Hospital ; home	
16	Torquay Athletic ; home	W	23	0	February		
23	Bedford ; away	W	9	5	5	United Services ; away	
30	Richmond ; home	W	3	0	12	Cardiff ; home	
November							
6	Leicester ; home				19	Bath ; home	
13	Old Blues ; home				26	Devon Services ; home	
20	Bath ; away				March		
27	Oxford University ; home				5	Llanelli ; away	
December							
4	Blackheath ; away				12	R.A.F. ; home	
11	Cheltenham ; away				19	Newport ; away	
18	Newport ; home				26	Llanelli ; home	
27	Old M. Taylors ; home				April		
28	Cheltenham ; home				2	Devon Services ; away	
					4	Torquay Athletic ; away	
					9	Harlequins ; home	
					16	London Welsh ; home	
					18	Universities A.U. ; home	
					19	Lydney ; away	

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