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RUNNING COMMENTS

On Saturday last Gloucester meeting Newport for the 50th occasion at home (and in the 100th game) gained another splendid victory over a Welsh team, having previously defeated Cardiff and drawn with Llanelly, a performance few club sides in England could boast. This victory being the 20th the Cherry and Whites have had over the Uskiders in the total number of games played. Newport having already proved successful on 68 occasions and the other twelve games resulting in drawn games. This is a big advantage gained by the Uskiders which should hold good. As to be expected the game was not altogether a spectacular one, owing to both sides having to call upon reserves, but was keenly contested. With the International hookers away from each team, everyone fully expected the Cherry and Whites to get a fair share of the ball from the set scrums, but much to our surprise they were completely mastered in the art of the game. Was it because the Uskiders made up their minds to play the "gentleman" game in the forwards, for it certainly appeared obvious at times that their forwards kept down in the scrums until the ball was out, whereas the Cherry and Whites played their usual game. Anyway "Bumps" Carpenter was badly missed, for we were so badly beaten for position of the ball and with the Newport three-quarters, proving a much cleverer combination, it makes one wonder how the City proved successful. Credit must be given to the Cherry and Whites splendid defence, the tackling was deadly, although W. H. Baker, the county centre three-quarter, played extremely well and made several clever runs, he was unable to go far. W. H. Hughes did well again at outside-half, having hard luck on several occasions. One of the successes of the game was the United Captain, Tom Stephens, who fully held his own with the Welsh International full-back. Where the Cherry and Whites really held the upper hand and owed their success was the splendid play in the loose, under the leadership and captaincy of Tom Price. It was another big test for the young reserve forwards, they rose to the occasion and it would be really unfair to mention any individual. Perhaps Gloucester's victory was chiefly due to having taken advantage to the chances that presented themselves for both tries and the two penalty goals were the results of opportunities to score. As usual the Uskiders finished strongly and always appeared likely to score. Considering the occasion was a special one and the weather delightful, the attendance was much below the usual, only about 4,000 being present.

OUR VISITORS

We give another hearty welcome to Guy's Hospital to-day, who are the oldest club in the Metropolis. In recent years Guy's has been the training school of a great many capable South African students and providing many great players to various countries. To present day followers perhaps best known are W. B. Doherty (Ireland) a great forward, and S. Teddy Morgan (Wales) who was one of the finest three-quarters that has ever represented Wales. We in Gloucester are indebted to Guy's Hospital for our President, Arnold Alceck, Esq., who played for the Hospital and later on gained his English Cap as a forward. There was a time when Guy's came to Kingsholm and proved a most difficult obstacle to overcome, but unfortunately during the past two seasons they have not been any too well together and have not shown their accustomed form. Their brilliant Scottish International centre three-quarter, R. C. Dick, has left the club. To-day the team is Captained by Louis Babrow the Springbok, who scored a record number of tries against New Zealand.
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**Scorers to Date**

- R. H. Hook: 9 Tries
- R. Upham: 7 Tries
- T. Warren: 6 Tries
- E. V. Manning: 4 Tries
- S. Walden: 3 Tries
- W. Jones: 3 Tries
- J. Brown: 3 Tries
- F. Gough: 2 Tries
- Rev. E. L. Phillips: 2 Tries
- A. D. Carpenter: 1 Try
- N. A. Gidney: 1 drop goal
- W. Hook: 1 drop goal and 1 converted goal
- Rev. H. M. Hughes: 2 Tries
- F. Price: 2 Tries
- W. Barrow: 1 Try
- C. J. Vincent: 1 Try
- C. Harris: 1 Try
- E. J. Passifilo: 1 Try
- J. G. A. Bear: 1 Try
- S. Mabbett: 1 Try
- T. Day: 1 Try
- R. Hook: 2 penalty goals
- T. Stephens: 2 penalty goals
- J. Berry: 2 converted goals
- T. Stephen: 2 converted goals

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