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Saturday, Oct. 12, 1946. **GLOUCESTER v. CARDIFF**

The Gloucester Club was formed as long back as 1873, and while rugby is played at Gloucester and Cardiff it is safe to assume that the two clubs will continue to meet in friendly rivalry and so perpetuate a relationship dating back to 1882, when the first recorded game between them resulted in a Gloucester victory, and many historic games have meanwhile stirred the pulses of supporters at the Kingsholm Ground, and the Arms Park. We heartily greet the 'Cestrians as stalwart champions of West of England rugby and a stronghold that has made a great contribution towards the Gloucestershire County XV, three times champion county of England under the new system, besides providing the English International side with some outstanding players. Pride of place in the latter category must be given that great forward Tom Voyce, who had 27 caps to his credit—a record in English football only

beaten by W. W. Wakefield—now a Knight and M.P.—with 31 caps, and R. Cove Smith with 29 caps. In all 23 Gloucester players played for England, and one for Scotland. Two with Welsh connections were D. R. Gent (subsequently a great sports writer), and P. C. Horden who played for Newport. One big distinction the 'Cestrians enjoyed was to supply two outstanding full backs for England in H. Boughton and G. W. Parker, and a great wing in C. C. Tanner, who later took Holy Orders and was killed in the war, together with seven other Gloucester players.

One couldn't complete this brief picture of Gloucester celebrities without special reference to their present Secretary A. Hudson, who played on the wing from 1902 to 1920; was captain for five seasons, and on handing in his jersey, took over the pen and has been secretary ever

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