

# Learning Zone



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## RUGBY FOOTBALL, RICHMOND ATHLETIC GROUND.

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# Richmond v Gloucester

Saturday, November 30th, 1946.

Kick-off 2.30 p.m.

Strange as it may seem to the average rugger follower Gloucester's match on the Athletic ground to-day is their first in London since January, 1939. That game was also at the Athletic ground, against London Scottish. There was a fixture with the Scottish at Richmond last season, but the match had to be cancelled owing to frost. So to Richmond falls the honour to-day of according, on behalf of London, a first post-war welcome to the famous west country club.

Like most other clubs Gloucester have been going through a period of rebuilding. Hampered by injuries and the calls of county matches—which are on a Saturday in the South Western Division—they have had to face the same difficulties as most other clubs in trying to keep a side together. It proved impossible for a long time to keep the same three-quarter for consecutive matches. Nevertheless, Gloucester returned to winning form against Bath a fortnight ago and did well last week to hold the strong Newport side to 3 points. In S. C. S. Farmer they reckon they have found a most promising wing three-quarter with a style reminiscent of the late C. C. Tanner, whom older athletic ground followers will remember as a fine Richmond and England wing three-quarter of the early 1930's.

Richmond make another piece of rugger history in this game. At their invitation a famous French referee, M. Lucien Barbe, is taking charge of it—the first time that an important club game in this country has been controlled by a Frenchman. M. Barbe has a very high reputation in France. He refereed the France and Kiwis game at Toulouse last season and has taken charge of a number of games in which visiting British sides have been playing. As a measure of how highly the French Federation think of him it is only necessary to add that he has been given the unusual honour of refereeing three French Championship finals, more than any other single Frenchman.

Most important change in the home side this week is the introduction of a new hooker, F. W. Higginson, who is in the R.A.F. and has played for Fighter Command.

The appearance of the names of two members of the club in the teams for the first English Trial match at Sunderland next week—even if neither is specifically labelled Richmond—is a cause for considerable satisfaction. P. H. Davies, chosen on the wing for the Colours, may fairly be claimed as a Richmond discovery. A former R.A.F. sprint champion, he has, since leaving the R.A.F., been working in Leeds, too far away to make regular appearances. He will, however, be back in the side when opportunity occurs.

J. E. Ambrose, now with St. Mary's Hospital, was one of the outstanding club forwards of last season. The close association between Richmond and St. Mary's makes the selection of Ambrose all the more welcome.

Another west country side, Bath, visit Richmond next Saturday to play the London Scottish. This is a game in which the Scottish will be out to avenge a defeat at Bath last December.

\* NOTE.—The FIXTURE LIST for 1946-47 will be found on back page of Programme

