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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 to great forward Tom Joyce, 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 28 caps. In all 27 Gloucester players played for England, and one for Scotland. Two with Welsh connections were D. R. Gunt (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 hanging in his jersey, took over the pen and has been secretary ever since.

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since. In addition, he played for England on eight occasions, and surely such a sequence of achievements meant a personal triumph which few, if any, could equal, much less surpass.

In England's "representative" games last season, three Gloucester players were honoured, i.e., Tom Price, J. W. Thornton and A. G. Hudson (a chip of the old block). Price is the club captain this season, but owing to illness he will not resume playing for some time, and his absence today is regretted. If the Gloucester team for today's game pans out as expected, it will prove of special interest to Welsh fans as the Cestrians have two Welshmen at half-back, i.e., D. D. Evans, who played for Wales against England in 1934 as scrum-half, and W. E. Jones the ex-Northam player and Glamorgan County Cricketer, playing at outside half. The Gloucester Club is still team building, but it is a sure thing that they will field their best available side and give Cardiff a good run for their money.

Cardiff Assistant Secretary,

To ease the burden for the Hon. Secretary, Arthur Cornish, the committee have appointed Eric H. Jenkins as Assistant Secretary for the season and the dual appointment should be a happy one and in the best interests of the club.

W. B. Cleaver.

To gain notoriety by displays of Rugby up to the high standard of the Cardiff Rugby Club, is, indeed, the severest test possible for a young player out to win his spurs but none will doubt that today's subject of our "Players' Gallery" has fully gained that distinction, and has earned a place high up among the top-notchers. At outside half, he has always been a safe connecting link in attack—orthodox, maybe, at times—and excels in backing up a colleague on the move. In defensive tactics he is "par excellence" and without a superior. Indeed, he can be called the "Scout Pumpernil" of the side, for he hogs up "here, there and everywhere" when danger threatens, and by magnificent kicking, with either foot, he not only saves many desperate situations, but often converts them into favourable attacking positions for his side. An instance of his versatility was his epic performance at full back for Wales against Scotland last season when the Welsh custodian, Griffiths, was injured.