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Wasps v. Gloucester

On Saturday, January 17th, 1953, at Eton Avenue, Sudbury

KICK-OFF 3.0 p.m.

J. COOKE, Hon. Secretary, 53, Eton Avenue, Sudbury

WASPS BLACK	Referee: M. SEYMOUR LONDON SOCY.	GLOUCESTER RED AND WHITE
1. C. L. WHITE	<i>Full Backs</i>	1. W. SMITH
5. C. D. HOBSON	<i>Three Quarters</i>	5. E. TURNER
3. N. C. BERRY	<i>L.W. L.C. R.C. R.W.</i>	4. M. BAKER
4. A. L. STALDER		3. H. L. TERRINGTON
2. W. A. LEDWIDGE		2. J. TAYLOR (Capt.)
6. J. MARKER	<i>Stand off</i>	6. W. CARTMELL
7. R. JOLLIFFE	<i>Scrum Half</i>	7. J. HOBBS
8. G. T. FORBES		8. R. PARRY
9. M. U. HUGHES		9. M. BURFORD
10. J. F. HERBERT		10. R. STOWERS
11. P. G. YARRANTON (Capt.)	<i>Forwards</i>	11. H. WELLS
12. K. A. GLENDINNING		12. B. HUDSON
13. R. E. SYRETT		14. P. FORD
14. D. F. BLAND	<i>* International</i>	15. G. HUDSON
15. R. K. HILTON		16. D. IBBOTSON

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SATURDAY, 24 JAN. — v. U.S. PORTSMOUTH

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Club Notes

We extend a very hearty welcome to our visitors from Gloucester to-day. Their record for this season resembles our own very closely except that they have won two more games (12 as against our ten), but both have drawn two and lost six. The Westerners have, as usual, a fine pack of forwards of whom Bob Hodge, their captain, is reserve at Cardiff to-day, and also the redoubtable John Gwilliam is leading Wales. Hodge, of course, is a local product, but Gwilliam has joined them only this season and is a master at Bromsgrove.

Gloucester have, of course, produced many internationals, but none so famous as that great forward Tommie Voyce, who figured in that almost fabulous pack led by Wakers—surely the best pack of all time. Voyce had seven consecutive caps, 1920-1-2-3-4-5-6, against Scotland and Ireland; six against Wales and France, and one against New Zealand—27 in all. Only two other Englishmen have ever exceeded this number, and singularly they were both fellow-scrummagers in that famous pack—Wakers himself (31) and R. Cove-Smith (29). Arthur Hudson, the present Hon. Secretary of Gloucester and father of Gordon Hudson the forward, played eight times for England at three-quarter, while S. Smart was another great forward with 12 caps.

Our thoughts to-day will be of the game at Cardiff and our two boys taking part. It may, after all, be only an average match, but one has a sneaking suspicion that it will be something out of the ordinary. At lot will depend on R. Burnett, of Newport, playing his first International—previously he has always been overshadowed by the brilliance of the Cardiff halves—somehow, I fancy, he will find Don White, the Northampton wing-forward, more than a nuisance. It is surely time for England to win again, for out of the five matches since the war England have only won the first, there was next a draw and Wales have won the last three.

To-day W. A. Ledwidge, the Yorkshireman who played centre for the First in a number of matches, is figuring on the wing—he has been doing well there for The Vandals, and it is really his proper position. Another native of the largest shire in R. Jolliffe (from Shoreditch Training College) has been selected to play scrum-half.

Last week we had a mud-bespattered win over Guys. We never looked anything like losing this game, but a number of scoring chances were frittered away. Guy's looked a better side than for a long time past.

Peter Yarranton is skipping the side to-day in the absence of our captain at Cardiff, and we warmly congratulate him on being selected to skipper the R.A.F. this week v. British Police.

It is a pleasure to anticipate the visit of United Services, Portsmouth, next Saturday. For some years now, even before the last war, they had not been as strong as of yore, but this season under the leadership of D. B. Vaughan, that fine International forward, they have had a splendid season, and won a number of notable victories. In their ranks as centre they have the assistance of Broome, the Rugby League International and a very accomplished player.

EXTRA FIXTURE

After the Exeter match (February 14th) the team will travel on to play Torquay Athletic on the Monday (February 16th). John Haarer, an old Wasp, has invited our team to be his guests for the week-end at The Avenue Hotel, of which he is the proprietor. Naturally we are delighted to accept this very generous offer. This will, at least, be a consolation for the cancellation of the Nantes trip.

NOTICE

Our printers have been asked to omit the appeal to spectators not to walk on the grass, because it seems so obvious that the good ash path provided is to everybody's advantage to use. PLEASE do help the Ground Committee by coming into line—at the worst you lose 45 to 60 seconds by keeping to the path, and to offset that you will at least have clean shoes and also leave the pitch in as good a state as possible for the heavy programme ahead.

WASPS F.C.—Summary of Season's results to 10th Jan., 1953 (inc.)

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Pts. for	Pts. agst.
First	18	10	6	2	125	120
Vandals	17	16	1	0	274	71
A ¹	16	11	4	1	183	116
A ²	16	10	3	3	186	116
Ex A ¹	14	10	4	0	219	62
Ex A ²	14	7	6	1	121	88
B ¹	15	7	7	1	139	113
B ²	13	7	6	0	78	81
Ex B	13	9	3	1	151	80
C ¹	14	9	3	2	201	49
C ²	14	8	2	4	133	54
Ex. XV.	9	7	2	0	136	37
Totals	173	111	47	15	1946	987