
GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

(FOUNDED IN 1873)

TO-DAY'S GAME IS VERSUS

LEICESTER

(KICK-OFF 2-45 p.m.)

NEXT WEEK'S GAME :

Saturday—UNITED v. CHEPSTOW

NEXT FIRST XV HOME GAME :

January 22nd—BRISTOL

WELCOME, "TIGERS"

TO-DAY we give the heartiest of welcomes to our old rivals Leicester. The "Tigers" have certainly won more games in 22 games than have Gloucester in 20, but they have lost ten matches as compared with our 13. So it can be inferred that Leicester, like ourselves, are having team building troubles, but if we know anything of the Leicester spirit they will put up a splendid exhibition what ever the result. And it cannot be too often stressed, it is not the result in Amateur Rugby that matters but the kind of football that is served up, whatever the destructive "critics" may say.

Official Programme : Price Threepence

GLOUCESTER HIPPODROME

PRESENTING THE LATEST ATTRACTIONS on the
GIANT ALL-PURPOSE SCREEN
ALL CinemaScope Productions in FULL STEREOGRAPHIC SOUND

GLOUCESTER (RED and WHITE)

- Full Back
1 **W. SMITH**
- Three-quarters
2 **M. BAKER** R.W.
3 **E. SHEEN** R.C.
4 **D. HILL** L.C.
5 **A. HOLLINGSWORTH** L.W.
- Half Backs
6 **D. JONES** O.H.
7 **J. HOBBS** S.H.
- Forwards
8 **R. PARRY**
9 **C. THOMAS**
10 **J. VARNEY**
11 **D. SOLOMON**
12 **M. C. JONES**
14 **P. FORD**
15 **R. HODGE**
16 **D. IBBOTSON**

TO-DAY'S REFEREE

IS
Mr. A. D. CROSTER (Welsh Union)

THE FIRST AID SERVICE ON THIS GROUND IS VOLUNTARILY PROVIDED BY
THE CITY OF GLOUCESTER DIVISION ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE

FIRST XV. FIXTURES

Played 21 Won 6; Lost 13; Drawn 1; Points for 175; against 260

Year	Date	Opposition	Result
1954	Sept. 11	Lydney	H 11-0
	18	Moseley	H 32-5
	23	Cheltenham	H 5-3
	25	Bristol	A 22-20
	30	Stroud	H 11-8
	Oct. 2	Bedford	H 6-6
	9	Richmond	H 6-18
	(Glos. v. Cornwall, Bristol)		
	16	Newport	A 0-16
	23	Coventry	H 5-31
(Glos. v. Devon, in Devon)			
30	Oxford University	A 3-27	
Nov.	6	Leicester	A 6-12
	13	Mosley	A 11-21
	(Glos. v. Som., Kingsholm)		
	20	Aberavon	H 3-16
Dec.	27	Cardiff	A 8-9
	4	Neath	H 3-6
	11	Bath	H 11-3
	18	Coventry	A 8-14
27	O.M.T.'s.	H 13-19	
	28	U.A.U.	H 3-14
1955	Jan. 1	London Scottish	H 8-12
	6	Army	H Canc.
	8	Leicester	H
	15	Wasps	A
	22	Bristol	H
	29	Neath	A
	Feb. 5	Civil Service	H
	12	Bath	A
	19	Swansea	A
	26	Cardiff	H
Mar. 5	Northampton	A	
12	R.A.F.	H	
19	Guys Hospital	H	
26	Newport	H	
31	Stroud	A	
Apr. 2	Harlequins	A	
6	Cheltenham	A	
9	New Brighton	H	
11	Sale	H	
12	Lydney	A	
16	Ebbw Vale	H	
23	Devonport Services	A	
25	Redruth	A	
26	Teignmouth	A	
30	Exeter	H	

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- Full Back
8 **B. SMALL**
- Three-quarters
N **J. E. TAYLOR** R.W.
M **P. T. BAKER** R.C.
L **J. ELDERS** L.C.
K **M. CULLEN** L.W.
- Half Backs
J **D. BROOK** O.H.
I **T. O'CONNOR** S.H.
- Forwards
A **D. St. G. HAZELL**
B **G. STEVENS**
C **F. CHAWNER**
D **R. H. SMITH**
E **E. LACEY**
F **P. B. L. THORNELOE**
G **J. M. JENKINS**
H **J. D. BIRCUMSHAW**

To-Night

ALASTAIR SIM JOYCE GRENFELL GEORGE COLE
THE BELLES OF ST. TRINIANS (u)
also Finlay CURRIE Duncan LAMONT Naomi CHANCE
THE END OF THE ROAD (u)

Next Week

MARLON BRANDO EVA MARIE SAINT
ON THE WATERFRONT (a)
also Gene AUTRY and "CHAMPION"
GOLD TOWN GHOST RIDERS (u)

TOO MUCH TO HOPE

ATENTION has been drawn on the front page of this programme to the somewhat curious similarity in the records this season of Leicester and Gloucester. The Tigers' sheet to date reads: played 22, won 12, drawn 0, lost 10. Points for 245, against 247. It is admittedly a little better in the number of wins and the points they have scored but the similarity does not end there. Last season we lost at Leicester by 13 points to 8 and won on Kingsholm by 19 points to nil. This season we were defeated at Welford Road by 12 points to 6—is it too much to hope that to-day our XV can do what it did twelve months ago?

HOW-DO, JOHN!

WNE man we shall be pleased to see to-day above all else if he turns out in the Leicester colours is John Taylor. We shall be giving no secrets away if we say we have missed his determined running this season, for we know of old that his thrustful bursts for the line heartened us on many occasions in the past. Our loss has indeed been Leicester's gain. A week ago Leicester were down in Somerset where they beat Bath by 12 points to 6. You may remember that our own win over Bath here by 11 points to 3 has been our one success in a run of fifteen matches.

THE REASONS ASSESSED

IT has been good to read the City Captain, George Hastings, now selected for England v. Wales—a fact on which we proudly congratulate him—giving his views on the reasons for Gloucester's run of ill-luck this season. No man has cause to be more upset by that non-success than George, but like the fine sportsman he is, he truly appraises the causes and does not try to put the blame on to any particular set of people, either playing or administrative.

Sickness and injuries have played havoc with our playing strength, both actual and potential. Some men who were "key" players have left the side and the luck has not always gone our way—the Cardiff game was the great example of this. So does George sum up the position as to the facts and he points out the truth that so many seem to miss—that the Club is perserving with a number of young players. Sooner or later the answer to all our present worries will be found and with the standard of local rugby said by good judges to be steadily improving, we shall, before long, see the Gloucester XV once more on the crest of the wave of high success. Until then, let us sportingly give the young players all possible encouragement, for it takes some time usually for a man to bridge the gap between local rugger and the first-class game supporters expect to see as their right on the famous Kingsholm enclosure.

FIRST XV SCORERS TO DATE

THE scorers for Gloucester to date this season are:— Michael Baker 46 points; R. Blair 22 points; Trevor Jones 21 points; Denis Ibbotson and Peter Ford 15 points each; David Jones 14 points; Roy Sutton 12 points; and H. Wells, D. Perks, G. Hollingsworth, R. Amos, D. Hill, H. Terrington, G. Hastings, C. Thomas, G. Counsell and Glynn Williams 3 points each.

CONGRATULATIONS GEORGE FROM ALL OF US
ON THAT FIRST CAP—MAY IT BE THE
FORERUNNER OF MANY OTHERS.