Leicester v. Gloucester

SATURDAY 9th NOVEMBER 1977

Kick-off 3 p.m.

LEICESTER
Colours: Scarlet, Green and White

O. W. HARE *
N. J. DUGGAN (Right Wing)
M. B. HALL Capt.
L. P. DODGE ** (Left Wing)
K. R. BARKER
J. R. McMICHAEL
I. S. KENNEY **
A. R. NEEDHAM
B. P. WHEELER *
C. S. REDFERN
D. N. JOYCE
E. S. NEWSOME
F. I. SMITH
G. G. ADEY *
H. S. JOHNSON

Replacements: T. BARNWELL  F. JONES

* International  ** Cells International

GLOUCESTER
Colours: Red and White

15. P. BUTLER *
14. R. CLEWES (Right Wing)
13. B. VINE
12. D. POINTON
11. R. MOGG (Left Wing)
10. C. WILLIAMS *
9. P. KINGSTON *
8. P. BLAKEWAY
7. S. MILLS
6. M. BURTON *
5. T. ORWIN
4. S. BOYLE
3. J. WATKINS *
2. J. SIMONETT
1. J. HAINES

Replacements: J. HERMINAN  P. TUNSTALL

Referee: A. R. GIBBS (Warwick Society)
We welcome our westcountry rivals Gloucester to Welford Road this afternoon. This is yet another of the ‘big games’ which really matter to the players, and Leicester will have to be at their very best to gain another victory, and preserve our unbeaten ground record. Gloucester achieved the double over us last season, and in fact have won on their last two visits, 22-12 (75-76) and 25-10 (76-77). To-day they will be strengthened by the return of their county players. Gloucestershire won the South-West Division of the County Championship last Saturday, and we congratulate all those concerned. Gloucester’s record for this season stands at won 14, lost 2.

Steve Newsome makes his 1st XV debut this afternoon. He joined us from Sheffield last month and we wish him all the best.

The Extras welcome back two of our 1st XV regulars last season for their visit to Kingsholm. Robin Cowling returns after harvesting (in his boat), and Jim Kempin after a month out with torn knee ligaments.

Dave Forfar has his ankle out of plaster this week, so competition for places will really hot up as Christmas approaches.

Peter Wheeler continues to get picked for invitation sides, his latest two being, on November 17th for Stanley’s XV v. Oxford University, and November 27th The British Lions v. Moseley in the Sam Doble Memorial Match.

To-day’s match has been sponsored by United Dominion Trust Ltd. We thank their Regional Director Mr. P. J. A. Bertram for their generosity, and wish him, and the President of the Rugby Union, who is one of his guests, a most enjoyable afternoon.

October saw another draw for the members of the ‘200 Club’. The winners were:

- £20 for D. Hurrell
- £10 for P. M. Southwood
- £5 for W. Mobbs

**Rugby Quiz**

Last week’s answers:

- Most points in International Rugby—Don Clarke N.Z. (209).
- Most points in 1st class Rugby—Fergie McCormack (2,400+). He has been playing for 18 years.

**This Week**

When was the English Rugby Union founded?

Which year did the Northern Clubs break away to form the Rugby League?

Bob Barker.