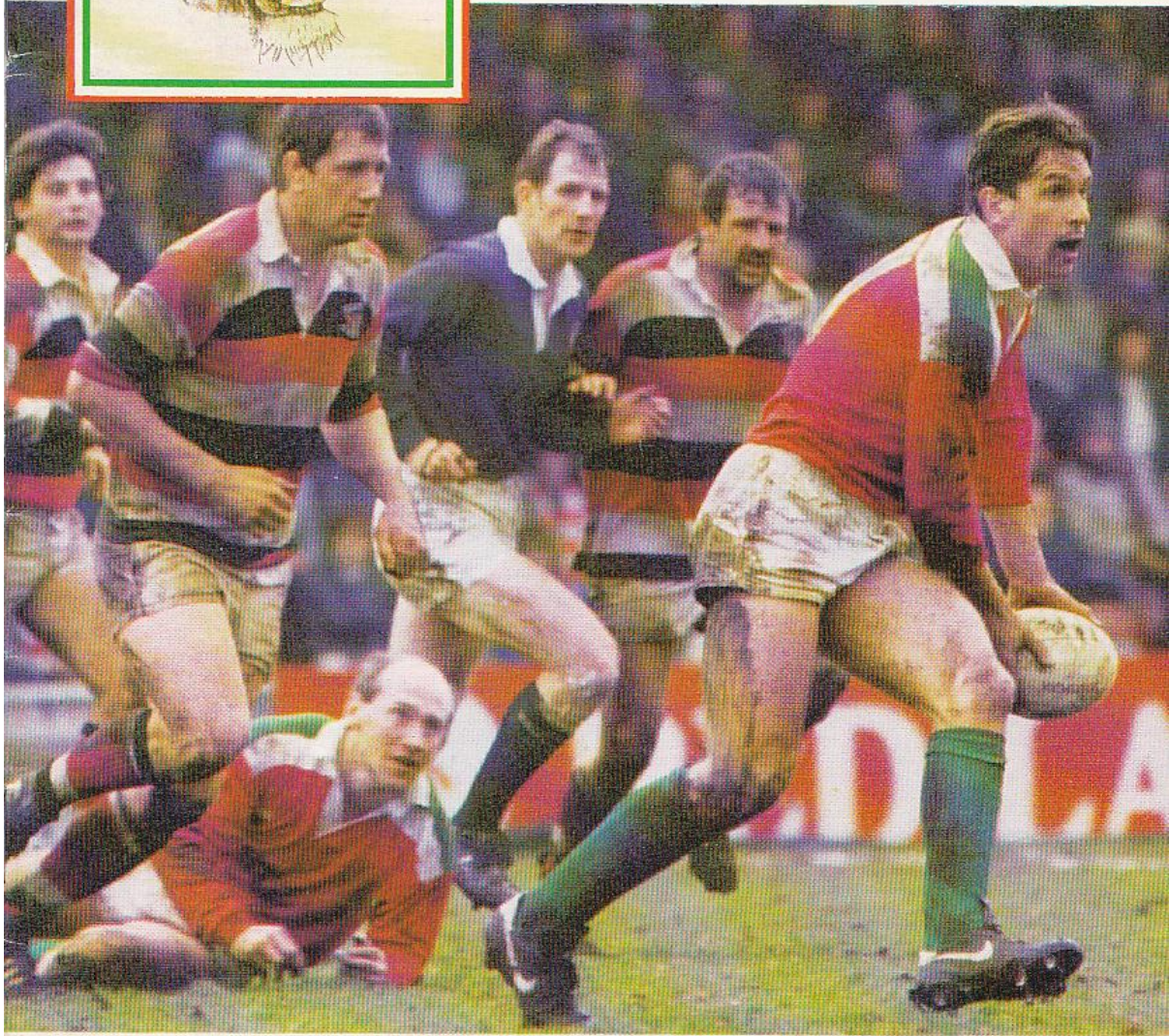


Leicester

FOOTBALL CLUB 1985-6



TIGERS v GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY DECEMBER 7TH 1985 — K.O. 3.00 P.M.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 30p

PATRONS

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LEICESTER

Colours: Scarlet, Green and White

O W. H. Hare (Capt.)*	Full Back
N B. Evans	Right Wing
M I. Bates	Centre
L T. Buttimore	Centre
K C. Dexter	Left Wing
J R. Pell	Fly Half
I S. Kenney	Scrum Half
A M. Whitcombe	Prop
B C. Tressler	Hooker
C W. Richardson	Prop
D N. Joyce	Lock
E M. Foulkes-Arnold	Lock
F A. Marriott	Wing Forward
G D. Richards	No. 8
H R. Tebbutt	Wing Forward

Repl: K. McDonald

* Internationals



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GLOUCESTER

Colours: Cherry/White

15 T. Smith	Full Back
14 D. Morgan	Right Wing
13 R. McLean	Centre
12 P. Taylor (Capt.)	Centre
11 J. Breeze	Left Wing
10 M. Hamlin	Fly Half
9 M. Hannaford	Scrum Half
1 M. Preedy*	Prop
2 G. Mann	Hooker
3 R. Phillips	Prop
4 N. Scrivens	Lock
5 J. Brain	Lock
6 J. Gadd	Wing Forward
7 M. Longstaff	Wing Forward
8 J. Bennett	No. 8

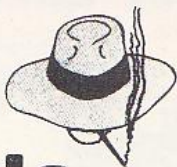
Repl: S. Artus J. Etheridge

Referee: P. Wakefield — London Society

Youth Fifteen Fixtures and Results

1985					
September	7	A	Bedford	Lost	10-25
September	14	H	CARDIFF	Lost	12-25
September	21	H	DAVENPORT	Won	29-7
September	28	A	Nuneaton	Won	30-17
October	5	H	BATH	Won	25-21
October	12	H	NOTTINGHAM	Won	18-0
October	19	A	Northampton	Won	22-8
October	26	A	Rossllyn Park	Won	40-7
November	2	H	LICHFIELD	Lost	3-22
November	9	H	CAMBRIDGE UNIV.	Lost	12-15
November	16	A	Aberaman		
November	23	H	PONTYPRIDD	Lost	10-18
November	30	A	Broughton Park	Won	19-7
December	7	A	Cross Keys		
December	14	A	Moseley		
December	21	A	Derby		
1986					
January	4	A	Headingley		
January	11	H	WAKEFIELD		
January	18	H	BEDFORD		
January	19	H	ARMY JUNIORS	Sun 10.30am	
January	25	A	Rugby		
February	1	A	Nottingham		
February	8	H	LOUGHBOROUGH FRESHERS		
February	15	A	Orrell		
February	22	H	NORTHAMPTON		
March	1	H	HARLEQUINS		
March	8	A	Bridgend		
March	15	H	NUNEATON		
March	31	A	Lichfield	Easter Monday	
April	5	H	LEAMINGTON		
April	12	H	BRISTOL		
April	19	H	ABERAMAN		
April	26	H	MOSELEY		

Barker's ifs and buts



For the Record:

Gloucester Founded: 1873

Ground: Kingsholm

Games played 114 — Gloucester lead 76-62.

Leicester's best win: 31-9 at home 1971-2

Gloucester's best win: 39-6 (Kingsholm)
1977-78

Gloucester's biggest win at Leicester: 29-6
1973-4

Last season: Lost 15-37 (away), Won 27-6
(home).

Gloucester have had a very lean period by their standards over the past few seasons. Last year, although only losing fifteen matches, unfortunately too many of them were in the South-West Merit Table, and thus they have had to play the early rounds of this year's John Player Cup. This, after only losing by 11-12 to Bath in last

year's semi-final, and, to their credit, the better rugby. The start of 1985-6 promised better things. However, defeat by 44-3 to Swansea, and then 14-18 at home to Coventry in the first two matches were, if not disasters, nearly as good as.

The Cherry and Whites quite rightly buckled down to hard work, and a following 53-0 win over Pontypridd, and a record-breaking 87-3 win against Exeter Univ. in the J.P.C. 1st Round put them back on the right lines. Since then Gloucester have eliminated Lewes 24-10 in the J.P.C. 2nd Round, and are unbeaten for the past five matches. This run started at the beginning of November, and includes two notable scalps. Gloucester were the team to take away Rossllyn Park's unbeaten record, and followed this up by being the first English team to beat Bath this season. They have only played two John Smith games so far — beating Bath — but coming unstuck earlier in the season when losing 43-6 to Harlequins at Twickenham. Their record reads: Won 15, Lost 7 with 532 points For and 257 Against.

A Leicester/Gloucester match never needs any extra incentive, so the fact that this is suddenly a Merit Table game really will make little difference to the players attitude. It is a shame that the Divisional Championship hits such an attractive fixture with the Tigers supplying five members to the Midlands, while Gloucester lose three to the South and South-West team. Leicester captain Les Cusworth and centre Paul Dodge are both in the Midlands XV with scrum-half Nick Youngs, prop Stuart Redfern, and flanker John Wells sitting on the bench. Gloucester's missing trio are all forwards — hooker Kevin White, prop Richard Pascall and England lock John Orwin.

Leicester call up their usual replacements for today's game, and are helped by the return of Barry Evans to the right-wing after missing the Saracens match through injury. Richard Pell playing his 19th game today moves from his try scoring wing spot to fly-half. While the Divisional matches are taking place Dusty Hare — Leicester's only ever-present this season — takes over as captain. Dusty is averaging a dozen points a game so far, and has 216 points to date. He also has seven tries together with Barry Evans and Nick Youngs who now trail the side stepping, body swerving Dean Richards on nine tries. Dean, unlucky not to be at Beeston this afternoon, makes his 99th appearance today.

Entries for the 1986 Tigers Sports Quiz are slowly filtering through. If you wish to enter, forms are obtainable at the Office or to me personally. Closing Date Dec. 31st.

There will be a Christmas Disco in the Clubhouse Dec. 21st, 8.30-Midnight. Tickets at £3 including supper can be obtained from Tony Hopkins, Angus Collington and at the Office.

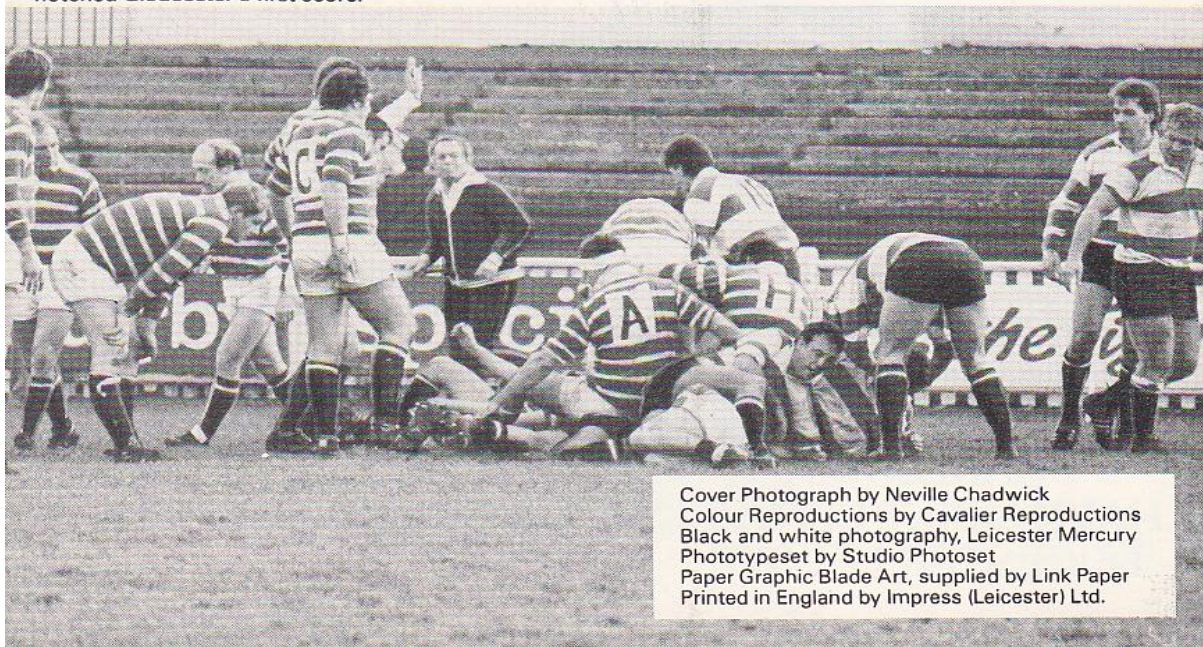
**Next Home Game, John Smith Merit Table A:
Saturday, December 21st v Bristol —
K.O. 3.00pm.**

**Action from Leicester v Gloucester, December 1983 ending
in a 30-20 pts victory for the Tigers.**



ARM LOCK . . . Tigers' lock forward Nigel Gillingham foils an attempted Gloucester breakout, and is about to get help from Chris Tressler (left).

TRYING TIME . . . Tigers' line is under siege, and somewhere underneath the bodies Mike Teague has notched Gloucester's first score.



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