

# **TIGERS v GLOUCESTER**

SATURDAY JANUARY 10TH 1987 - K.O. 3.00 P.M. OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 30p

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#### **LEICESTER**

Colours: Scarlet, Green and White

0	W. H. Hare*	Full Back
N	B. Evans	Right Wing
M	I. Bates	Centre
L	T. Buttimore	Centre
K	R. Underwood*	Left Wing
J	L. Cusworth* (Capt.)	Fly Half
1	N. Youngs*	Scrum Half
Α	S. Redfern	Prop
В	C. Tressler	Hooker
C	R. French	Prop
D	N. Jackson	Lock
E	T. Smith	Lock
F	J. Wells	Wing Forward
G	D. Richards*	Wing Forward
Н	R. Tebbutt	No. 8

Repl: C. Dexter, M. Charles

<sup>\*</sup> Internationals



## Today's match and ball are sponsored by





### **GLOUCESTER**

15 N. I	Marmet	Full Back
14 J. E	Breeze	Right Wing
13 R. I	Vlogg	Centre
12 P. T	aylor	Centre
11 N. I	Price	Left Wing
10 M.	Hamlin (Capt.)	Fly Half
9 R. \	Williams	Scrum Half
1 P.J	ones	Prop
2 K.	Dunn	Hooker
3 R.F	Pascall	Prop
4 C. C	Guest	Lock
5 J. E	theridge	Lock
6 J. C	Gadd	Wing Forward
7 I. S	mith	Wing Forward
8 M.	Teague*	No. 8

Repl: L. Gardner, K. White

Referee: M. J. Edwards, Warwicks. Society

#### Youth Fifteen Fixtures and Results

1986			
September	6	Н	BEDFORD Won 23-18
September	13	Α	Cardiff Won 10-6
September	20	Α	Davenport Lost 10-17
September	27	Н	NUNEATON Won 19-9
October	4	Α	Bath Lost 3-41
October	11	Α	Nottingham Won 28-6
October	18	Н	NORTHAMPTON Won 28-15
October	25	Н	ROSSLYN PARK Won 32-6
November	1	Α	Lichfield Cancelled
November	8	Α	Cambridge University Cancelled
November	15	Н	ABERAMAN Cancelled
November	22	Α	Pontypridd Cancelled
November	29	Н	BROUGHTON PARK Cancelled
December	6	Н	CROSS KEYS Cancelled
December	13	Н	MOSELEY Won 15-4
December	20	Н	DERBY Cancelled
1987			
January	3	Α	Headingley Cancelled
January	17	Α	Bedford
January	18	Α	Army Juniors Sun 10.30am
January	24	Н	RUGBY
January	31	Н	LICHFIELD
February	7	Н	NOTTINGHAM
February	14	Α	Loughborough Students
February	21	Н	ORRELL
February	28	Α	Northampton
March	7	Α	Harlequins
March	14	Н	BRIDGEND SPORTS
March	21	Α	Nuneaton
March	28	Н	PETERBOROUGH
April	4	Α	Leamington
April	11	Α	Bristol
April	18	Α	Aberaman
April	25	Α	Moseley

# Barker's ifs and buts

For the Record:

Gloucester Founded: 1873

Ground: Kingsholm

Leicester's best win: 31-9, Home, 1971-2 Gloucester's biggest win: 41-6, Gloucester, Dec. 1986

Gloucester's best win at Leicester: 29-6,

1973-4 Last season Gloucester won both club fixtures 15-9 at Leicester and 15-10 at Kingsholm.

This season Gloucester achieved a new record score when winning 41-6 (Leicester's score was a penalty try: Hare 1c). This beat the old record of 39-6 again at Kingsholm set in 1977-8.

Gloucester come to Welford Road this afternoon in the kind of form that we always associate with the Cherry and Whites. This wasn't the case earlier in the season when they went through a very poor patch losing more games than they were winning. At one stage they were bottom of this season's John Smith Merit Table, and this after winning the title last season lost just one of their nine games in the table. However, since the middle of November Gloucester have really turned the corner with a bang. Victories over Bath and London Scottish in the Merit Table and a record win over the Tigers have put the West Country club back on the right path. They will be really keen to repeat their earlier victory, and a second successive double against Leicester.

Leicester, on the other hand, will be keen to get going again after going through a sticky patch themselves. December was a bit disastrous to say the least. The Tigers lost three of the four fixtures. The record defeat at Gloucester was followed by a heavy defeat at Bristol which was only one score away from another record defeat, and our home record to the Barbarians. Last Saturday's win at Headingley was a very welcome respite, but a bigger improvement will be needed today to topple Gloucester. Leicester make three changes from the XV that won last week, the most interesting being the return of Nick Jackson to the second row. Nick's last 1st team appearance was two years ago in the same fixture, and he replaces Malcolm Foulkes-Arnold who had been an everpresent this season. This leaves Tim Buttimore as the only player with a 100% playing record. The other two changes see our two current internationals Rory Underwood and Dean Richards back in their positions prior to next week's Calcutta match against Scotland. Dusty Hare still has the satisfaction of having scored in every one of the 22 games he's played in this season - 249 points. Despite missing four of the last five matches Dean Richards still comfortably leads the try scoring list with 15 tries. His nearest rivals are Nick Youngs and Rory Underwood both with 9 tries. Every Leicester player will have to be on top form to win today's game which will count as a John Smith Merit Table match as the first encounter with Gloucester was demerited because of Leicester's Divisional commitments.

I have had several enquiries about this year's Sports Quiz, but unfortunately time and circumstances have stopped me from doing this so far. Hopefully, I can arrange one night later in the season when your sporting knowledge can be tested.

Homes Matches in February: Feb. 14th v Newport. K.O. 3.00 p.m. John Smith Merit Table A: Feb. 21st v Orrell. K.O. 3.00 p.m.