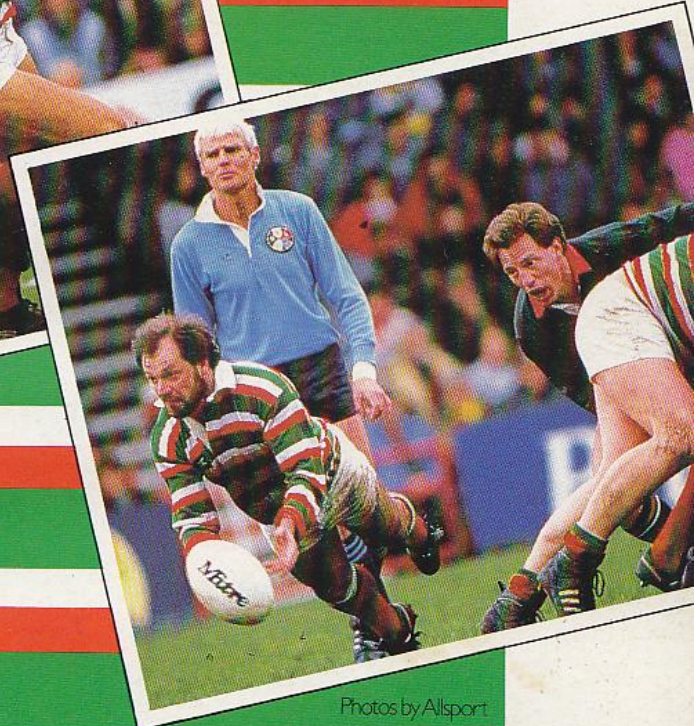
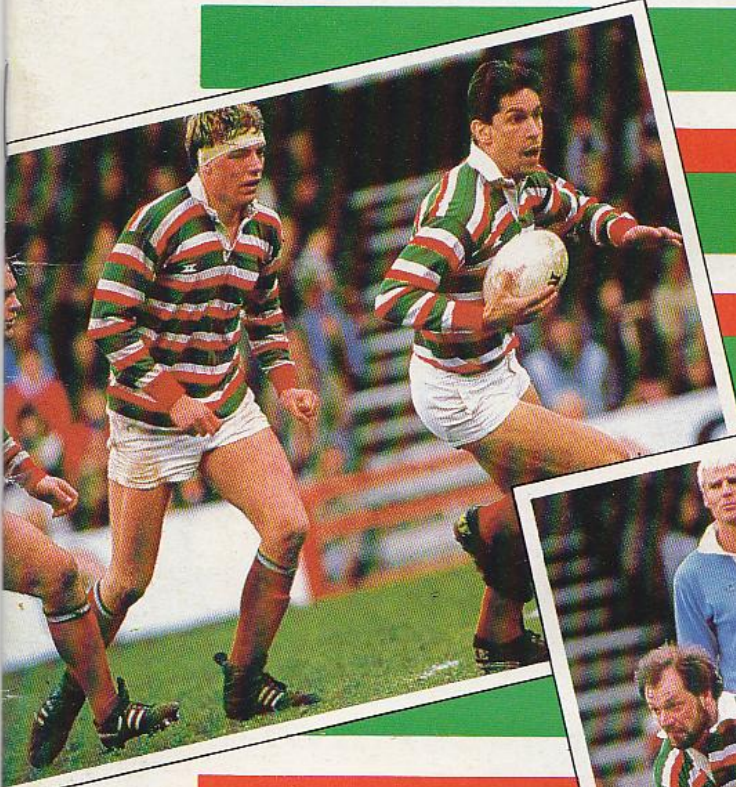


LEICESTER FOOTBALL CLUB 1988-1989



Photos by Allsport

TIGERS v GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY DECEMBER 3rd 1988 — K.O. 3.00 P.M.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 40p

SPONSORED BY

Ansell's

LEICESTER

Colours: Scarlet/White/Green hoops

O W. H. Hare*	Full Back
N C. Gerald	Right Wing
M W. Steadman	Centre
L A. Warwood	Centre
K T. Underwood	Left Wing
J K. McDonald	Fly Half
I A. Kardooni	Scrum Half
A S. Redfern	Prop
B C. Tressler	Hooker
C W. Richardson	Prop
D M. Foulkes-Arnold	Lock
E T. Smith	Lock
F A. Marriott	Flanker
G M. Grant	No. 8
H I. Smith	Flanker

Repl: P — R. Nockles
Q — D. Hopper

* denotes Internationals



Leicester Tigers' Adidas Boots
provided by Sound FM

Today's
game and
ball are
sponsored
by



A Division of
The British Steam Specialties Ltd
Cobden Street Leicester LE1 2LB
Tel: 0533 531271

GLOUCESTER

Colours: Cherry/White

15 T. Smith	Full Back
14 N. Price	Right Wing
13 R. Mogg	Centre
12 D. Cummins	Centre
11 D. Morgan	Left Wing
10 M. Hamlin	Fly Half
9 M. Hannaford (Capt.)	Scrum Half
1 T. Jones	Prop
2 K. White	Hooker
3 R. Phillips	Prop
4 N. Scrivens	Lock
5 J. Etheridge	Lock
6 J. Gadd	Flanker
7 I. Smith	Flanker
8 B. Clark	No. 8

Repl: 16 — S. Davis
17 — J. Brain

Referee: K. Griffiths (London Society)

Youth Fifteen Fixtures and Results

1988

September	3	H	BEDFORD	W 35-11
September	10	A	Cardiff	W 37-6
September	17	A	Northampton	L 0-18
September	24	H	NOTTINGHAM	W 43-3
October	1	A	Bath	L 7-9
October	8	A	Stafford	L 6-11
October	15	A	Coventry	Cancelled
October	22	H	ROSSLYN PARK	Cancelled
October	29		Barker's Buts	L 9-19
November	5	A	Burton	W 58-6
November	12	A	Hereford	W 16-9
November	26	A	Coventry	W 21-12
December	3	A	Aberaman	
December	10	H	MOSELEY	
December	31	A	Nottingham	

1989

January	7	A	Headingley	
January	14	H	LIVERPOOL ST. HELENS	
January	21	A	Bedford	
January	28	H	COVENTRY	
February	4	H	NORTHAMPTON	
February	11	A	Wasps	
February	18	H	ORRELL	
February	25	A	Davenport	
March	11	H	HARLOW	
March	18	A	Worcester	
April	1	A	Cheltenham	
April	8	A	Bristol	
April	15	H	ABERAMAN	
April	22	A	Moseley	

Barker's ifs and buts



For the Record:

Gloucester Founded: 1873

Ground: Kingsholm

Most Capped Player: A. T. Voyce (England), 27 caps

Leicester's best win: 31-9, Leicester, 1971-2

Gloucester's record win: 41-6, Kingsholm, Dec. 1986

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

Last season the clubs met twice but neither of the matches counted towards the Courage Championship.

Leicester won the home fixture 19-12 (Evans, Povoas; Hare 3p 1c) but lost away 30-16 (Kenney; Hare 4p).

Last week virtually ended the Tigers interest in retaining the Courage League Crown this season, and Gloucester must be thinking the same about their chances of winning it. In their last two League games the West Country club have lost at home to Bristol and last weekend drew at Waterloo. This leaves both clubs with identical league playing records, and jostling for the minor spots below Bath.

Gloucester's League results this season:

Gloucester	37	v	Moseley	9
Bath	19	v	Gloucester	9
Gloucester	19	v	Wasps	3
Liverpool St. Helens	9	v	Gloucester	31
Rosslyn Park	8	v	Gloucester	26
Gloucester	10	v	Bristol	11
Waterloo	15	v	Gloucester	15

Courage League Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bath	7	7	0	0	170	51	14
Orrell	7	5	0	2	108	103	10
Gloucester	7	4	1	2	147	74	9
Leicester	7	4	1	2	148	125	9
Nottingham	7	4	1	2	95	78	9
Wasps	7	4	0	3	131	100	8
Bristol	7	4	0	3	93	66	8
Harlequins	7	2	0	5	114	134	4
Rosslyn Park	7	2	0	5	85	153	4
Moseley	7	2	0	5	57	166	4
Waterloo	7	1	1	5	94	130	3
Liverpool St. Helens	7	1	0	6	73	135	2

The John Courage promotion team must be wondering what to do about keeping interest going this season. It is not a new problem because Leicester were in the same position last season and even changing from 4pts to 2pts for a win this year Bath have made it a one horse race. Perhaps next year we can try 3pts as with football, at least the mathematicians can keep saying "it's not over yet" a little longer.

No matter what the outcome of the aforementioned debate Leicester will have another hard game on their hands this afternoon. The Cherry and whites are having a good season to date despite the lapses of recent weeks and they will always raise their game against Leicester. Obviously with Divisional Matches having first call on players any selected line-up will be subject to late withdrawals but Gloucester have never sent a weak XV to Welford Road. Although, Gloucester lost this corresponding fixture last year they have won five of the last six encounters including the record score of 1986. And of all Leicester's opponents Gloucester have the most number of victories on Leicester soil.

Well, what can I say about our favourites. The Tigers really slipped up last week, and Gloucester will be in no mood to let Leicester off this afternoon. Leicester have lost nine players to the Divisional Championship, eight to the Midlands and Rory Underwood to the North. The most interesting of the changes is at centre where Wayne Steadman, one of two New Zealanders at the club, makes his debut. Also in the three-quarters Claude Gerald replaces Barry Evans, Tony Underwood still deputises for his brother, and Kevin MacDonald takes over from Midlands Captain Les Cusworth. Tom Smith comes into the second-row in place of Mike Reid and the back-row sees the recall of Adey Marriott and Ian Smith to partner newcomer Mark Grant at No. 8.

Leicester's change in fortunes can be seen when looking at last season's results. The Tigers were unbeaten at home until after Christmas last year, but already have suffered three reverses on home soil. One has to go back fifteen years to find the last time this happened in the 1973-74 season. The victors then were Coventry, Moseley and you've guessed it — Gloucester. The only plus from last week was Dusty Hare marching on with his formidable points tally which reached 201pts and a career total of 694pts.

Next Home Game:

Sat. Dec. 10th v Blackheath. K.O. 3.00pm.