LEICESTER FOOTBALL CLUB 1988-1989

TIGERS v GLOUCESTER
SATURDAY DECEMBER 3rd 1988 – K.O. 3.00 P.M.
OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 40p
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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

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. Hannaforf (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)

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Youth Fifteen Fixtures and Results

1986
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 Canceled
October 22 H ROSSLYN PARK Canceled
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

1987
January 7 A Headingly
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 Daventry
March 11 H HARLOW
March 18 A Worcester
April 1 A Cheltenham
April 8 A Bristol
April 15 H ABERMAN
April 22 A Moseley

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

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The John Courage promotion team must be wondering what to do about keeping interest going this season. It is not a new problem because Gloucester 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 19-86.

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 Girard replaces Barry Evans, Tony Underwood still deputises for his brother, and Kevin MacDonald takes over from Midlands Captain Las Caswurf. Tom Smith comes into the second-row in place of Mike Reid and the back-row sees the recall of Adley 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 6941pts.

Next Home Game:
Sat. Dec. 10th v Blackheath. K.O. 3.00pm.