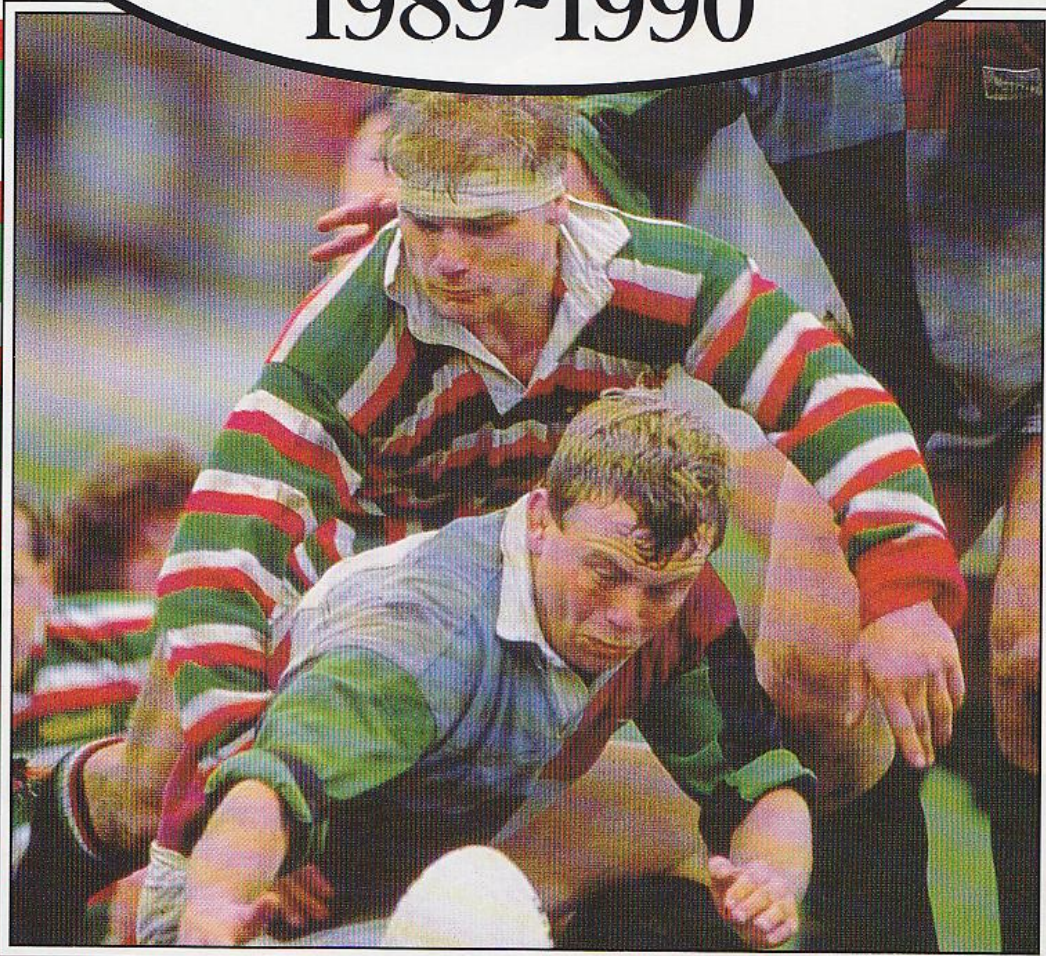




LEICESTER FOOTBALL CLUB 1989-1990



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TIGERS V GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY JANUARY 13th 1990 — K.O. 3.00 P.M.

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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 40p

LEICESTER

Colours: Scarlet/Green/White hoops

O J. Liley	Full Back
N B. Evans*	Right Wing
M T. Buttimore	Centre
L I. Bates	Centre
K R. Underwood*	Left Wing
J L. Cusworth* (Capt.)	Fly Half
I S. Kenney	Scrum Half
A D. Kitching	Prop
B T. Thacker	Hooker
C W. Richardson	Prop
D A. Gissing	Lock
E M. Poole	Lock
F J. Wells	Flanker
G S. Povoas	No. 8
H I. Smith	Flanker

Repl: P – A. Johnson
Q – A. Marriott

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GLOUCESTER

Colours: Cherry/White

15 T. Smith	Full Back
14 D. Morgan	Right Wing
13 D. Caskie	Centre
12 R. Mogg	Centre
11 J. Breeze	Left Wing
10 M. Hamlin (Capt.)	Fly Half
9 M. Hannaford	Scrum Half
1 M. Preedy*	Prop
2 K. Dunn	Hooker
3 R. Pascall	Prop
4 N. Scrivens	Lock
5 J. Brain	Lock
6 J. Gadd	Flanker
8 M. Teague*	No. 8
7 I. Smith	Flanker

Repl: 16 – J. Hawker
17 – L. Gardiner

Referee: C. High (Manchester Society)

Youth First Fifteen Fixtures and Results

1989

September	2	H	Bedford	L 10-12
September 9	H	CARDIFF	W 7-4	
September	16	A	Northampton	D 12-12
September	23	A	Keresley	W 44-0
September 30	H	BATH	W 28-0	
October 7	H	COVENTRY	W 36-14	
October	14	A	Stafford	W 4-0
October	21	A	Barkers Butts	L 4-13
October	28	A	Shrewsbury	W 32-0
November	11	A	Derby	W 22-4
November 18	H	KENILWORTH	W 59-6	
November	25	A	Northampton	W 18-11
December 2	H	ABERAMAN	W 19-4	
December	9	A	Moseley	L 22-28
December 16	H	BARKER BUTTS	L 0-12	
December	23	A	Nuneaton	L 9-12
December	30	A	Bradford & Bingley	W 58-0
1990				
January 6	H	SANDAL	W 30-0	
January	13	A	Liverpool S.H.	
January 20	H	BEDFORD		
January	27	A	Coventry	
February 3	H	NORTHAMPTON		
February 10	H	WASPS		
February	17	A	Orrell	
February 24	H	DAVENPORT		
March 3	H	SOLIHULL		
March	10	A	Harlow	
March 17	H	WORCESTER		
March	24	A	Cheltenham	
March 31	H	NUNEATON		
April 7	H	BRISTOL		
April	21	A	Aberaman	
April 28	H	MOSELEY		

Barker's ifs and buts



For the Record:

Gloucester Founded: 1873

Ground: Kingsholm

Leicester's best win: 31-9, Leicester, '71-2

Gloucester's record win: 41-6, Kingsholm, Dec '86

Gloucester's best win at Leicester: 29-6, '73-74

Previous League Games:

1987-88 Did not play the game

1988-89 Gloucester 28 v Leicester 0

In this season's club fixture in December Gloucester won 19-13 (Sandford 2; Key 1p 1c)

Leicester will be keen to see the last decade fall on matches against Gloucester. The West Country club were the most successful team against Leicester in the eighties. Of the seventeen clashes the 'Cherry and Whites' was eleven of these games, and at Kingsholm they won eight out of nine - the last seven on the trot. Leicester fared a little better at home winning five matches out of eight. In last season's home fixture Leicester won 19-13 and stopped a run of seven successive defeats but in the Courage game at Gloucester in January suffered our heaviest League defeat so far

when losing 28-0. Gloucester ended the decade as they began it with yet another home win over the Tigers when winning the club fixture 19-13 last December.

Gloucester are having a good season to date with their 28 games showing a 22-2-4 record. Only one of these four defeats have been in the League and that was at Wasps and must have really hurt as in their previous game Gloucester had beaten Bath. However, they will have a chance to avenge this reverse when they return to London to meet Wasps in the Pilkington Cup 3rd round.

Gloucester's League results:

Moseley	(A)	W 16-12	Rosslyn Pk.	(H)	W 41-12
Bath	(A)	W 13-6	Bristol	(A)	W 13-6
Wasps	(A)	L 29-6	Saracens	(H)	D 21-21
Bedford	(H)	W 37-6			

Courage League "Top Six":

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bath	7	6	0	1	140	68	12
Gloucester	7	5	1	1	145	92	11
Wasps	7	5	0	2	148	64	10
Harlequins	7	5	0	2	147	92	10
Saracens	7	4	1	2	121	111	9
Leicester	7	4	0	3	166	101	8

Leicester have a really hard game on their hands this afternoon which has been made no easier by further injuries, and two games that have been little more than going through the motions. However, the Tigers will raise their game for this attractive fixture to keep our unbeaten home record, and this will have to be 110% against a club who have more victories on Leicester soil than any other. The return of Rory Underwood and Wayne Richardson slightly outweighs the loss of Stuart Redfern, for whom Dave Kitching deputises as prop. One player who will be looking for a 'W' is Les Cusworth who becomes the second Tiger this season to chalk up 350 games. Barry Evans who has had a very quiet 'in and out' season has suddenly hit his best form, and his 5 tries have taken him to 156. He is now only two short of my club record - a hat-trick this afternoon would be a nice way to do it and I would not shed any tears (tomorrow - yes!). Simon Povoas leads the try scorers with a very impressive 14 from John Liley on 9. Simon must be in with a chance of beating another record - a feat Dean Richards had in sight three years ago but fell one short - David Matthews' record of 21 tries in a season for a forward.

For members who like to remember facts I put in the Barbarians programme the 5 previous times that Leicester reached Christmas with an unbeaten home record. In 1966, 1977 and 1986 the Barbarians ended that record and in 1912 on January 4th Gloucester won at Leicester. The Tigers of 1925 kept an unbeaten home record until March 6th losing 10-11 to Harlequins. So the present day Leicester side have the second longest run in the Club's history, and after today we will or will not be able to think about Leicester going through a season for the first time ever without a home defeat.

The year of the snake has not had a happy ending for 'Hissing' Sid Chamberlain. Sid placed his air-cushion in his usual place near the Committee box for the Nuneaton game, before going to sell his lottery tickets. Sadly on his return the said 'article' was missing and its re-appearance would be greatly appreciated.

Home games are few and far between at the moment, with hopefully the 13th being lucky this afternoon, and depending on the 3rd round cup result and draw the next home game will be Tuesday, February 13th v R.A.F. K.O. 7.15 p.m.