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FOOTBALL

The annual Boxing Day fixture between Gloucester and the Old Merchant Taylors attracted some 3,000 or 4,000 spectators to the Kingsholm Ground, despite the inclement weather. Both clubs were strongly represented, and a capital exhibition of football was witnessed.

Gloucester commenced in brilliant fashion, and in less than ten minutes Percy Stout scored behind the posts, after a grand run from halfway. The same player kicked an easy goal. The remainder of the first half of the game was fairly even, the Taylors' showing up with some splendid forward work.

Immediately on resuming, Williams scored again for the City team, and Frank Stout, Clutterbuck, and Taylor added further tries, the two latter being the result of some brilliant running and passing. Percy Stout landed two goals.

The visitors made strenuous efforts to score in the last few minutes, but the defence proved too strong, and Gloucester ran out winners by the handsome margin of 21 points to nil.

In the morning the Gloucester A team played the return match with St. Marks, and scored a decisive victory by 3 goals 4 tries (27 points) to 1 try (3 points).