

24/12/55

GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

(Founded in 1873)

TO-DAY'S GAME IS VERSUS

STROUD

(Kick-off 2-30 p.m.)



Boxing Day — Kick-off 2-30 p.m.

OLD MERCHANT TAYLORS

We welcome our near neighbours, Stroud, to-day. They like Gloucester, have not been having too successful a season, but playing with great dash and determination have often come very close in many of the games they have lost. No great respecter of reputations, they are a side which cannot be underrated. The Town will know that the Kingsholm crowd is as appreciative of good play by the opposition as it is of its own team and what we would all like to see to-day is a festive display of the handling game.

Official Programme: Price Threepence

GLOUCESTER

Red and White
Full Back

1 I. SHEEN

Three-quarters

2 P. LEWIS

3 J. WILLS

4 M. BAKER

5 R. A. BLAIR

Half Backs

6 A. HOLDER

7 B. READE

Forwards

8 G. HASTINGS

9 C. THOMAS

10 R. PARRY

11 R. A. CLARK

12 D. A. JONES

13 P. FORD (Capt.)

14 R. HODGE

15 D. IBBOTSON

TO-DAY'S REFEREE

is

Mr. J. N. OLSEN, Warwickshire Society

THE FIRST AID SERVICE ON THIS GROUND IS VOLUNTARILY PROVIDED BY
THE CITY OF GLOUCESTER DIVISION ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE

FIRST XV. FIXTURES

1955			1956		
Sept. 10	Lydney	... H 16-6	Jan. 7	London Scottish	... A
13	Dublin Wanderers	... H 12-3	14	Leicester	... A
17	Moseley	... H 13-6	21	Wasps	... H
21	Cheltenham	... A 0-3	28	Army	... H
24	Bristol	... H 6-14	Feb. 4	Cardiff	... H
29	Stroud	... A 8-3	11	Bath	... A
Oct. 1	Bedford	... A 3-5	18	Swansea	... H
8	Old Blues	... H 6-14	25	Guys Hospital	... A
15	Newport	... H 11-6	Mar. 3	Northampton	... A
22	Coventry	... A 9-28	10	R.A.F.	... H
(Glos. v. Somerset, Away)			17	Cardiff	... A
29	Oxford University	... H 6-11	24	Newport	... A
Nov. 5	Leicester	... H 22-11	31	Bradford	... H
12	Moseley	... A 0-20	Apr. 2	Birkenhead Park	... H
(Glos. v. Cornwall, Away)			3	Lydney	... A
16	Cambridge University	A 3-37	7	Harlequins	... H
19	Aberavon	... A 6-6	12	Cheltenham	... H
26	Llanelli	... H 3-6	14	Bristol	... A
Dec. 3	Neath	... A 3-6	21	Exeter	... A
10	Bath	... H 11-0	23	Penzance and Newlyn	A
17	Coventry	... H 0-3	24	Teignmouth	... A
24	Stroud	... H	28	Devonport Services	... H
26	O.M.T's.	... H			
27	U.A.U.	... H			
31	Neath	... H			

STROUD

Full Back

1 A. CURTIS

Three-quarters

2 J. TAGG

3 G. HARRIS

4 D. WEBLEY

5 J. F. FIELDER

Half Backs

6 A. J. MOORE

7 J. B. SMITH

Forwards

8 R. FARMILLOE

9 J. FOWKE

10 M. MINETT

11 A. ASHER

12 C. MAULER

13 D. HARTLEY

14 B. C. DAINTY (Capt.)

15 R. GARNER

INTRODUCING

Alan Holder, the 22 year old outside-half, who has struck up a happy partnership with Brian Reade. Educated at the Crypt, Alan played in the 1st XV with fellow club men Brian Green, Peter Lewis and Doug Perks. While at school he played for Gloucester and District Schools' XV and the Gloucestershire Schools' (over 15) XV. He then joined the Spartans, who have played such a large part in his development. Service in the Army interrupted his rugby career, for he was stationed in Nottingham and had little opportunity to play rugger. He did, however, play in an Army Northern Command XV. This is Alan's first season with our club, although he did turn out on two occasions for the United last season. Many older supporters will recall Alan's grandfather, that well-known referee Jim Holder. Alan has made the difficult transition from local to first-class rugby and held his own. Given support and encouragement he could well develop into an outstanding outside-half.

REFLECTIONS

The result of the Coventry game will appear in the cold light of the record book as a defeat. But no-one who was present will forget the determined and enterprising play of our team. A display which warmed the hearts of the loyal supporters who braved the dismal weather. To Peter Ford and his lads must go every credit for their efforts. They kept the game open, tried to keep the ball on the move and attempted many unorthodox movements. Unfortunately some little mistake at the vital instant caused many of these tactics to break down, or else Coventry were just able to cover and smother the final pass. But, at least, the efforts were made, and with a dry ball we could have reasonably expected them to have come off.

Congratulations to George Hastings on his selection for the Final Trial.

BOYS' MATCH

Next Thursday, December 29th, Gloucestershire Boys will be playing Bristol Boys, here at Kingsholm. Eight of the County Team come from Gloucester and District. So come along and support the boys, the players of the future.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH TICKETS

The allocation to clubs has now been made by the Rugby Football Union and members will no doubt have gathered from the Press some little idea as to how the allotment is made. The number of Stand Tickets allotted to us as to other big clubs is hopelessly inadequate to meet the applications made and we apologise for the disappointment which will be felt by members in the restriction in the allocation of tickets which must of necessity be made. Sympathy should be extended to our Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. Hudson in the unenviable task of distribution which will be made shortly after Xmas. No further applications can of course be entertained.