

26/12/55

GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

(Founded in 1873)

TO-DAY'S GAME IS VERSUS

OLD MERCHANT TAYLORS

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



Tuesday, December 27th—Kick-off 2-30 p.m.

Universities Athletic Union

To-day's fixture with the Old Merchant Taylors steeped in tradition, warms the heart in its very anticipation. We know and like the O.M.Ts. They give the ball plenty of air and 'play the game' with the true spirit of gamesmanship. Last year they pulled off a great win and will to-day be going all out to repeat their success. We may be sure, however, that it is not the winning or the losing of the game, which counts with them, but the playing of the game; and in this spirit we welcome them to-day for the sake of 'Auld Lang Syne.'

Official Programme: Price Threepence

GLOUCESTER

Red and White

Full Back

1 B. SIBERY

Three-quarters

2 R. SUTTON

R.W.

3 P. HAWKER

R.C.

4 M. BAKER

L.C.

5 R. A. BLAIR

L.W.

Half Backs

6 A. HOLDER

O.H.

7 B. READE

S.H.

Forwards

8 G. HASTINGS *Player*

9 C. THOMAS

10 J. HERBERT

11 R. A. CLARK

12 B. HUDSON

13 P. FORD (Capt.)

14 B. GREENE

15 D. IBBOTSON

TO-DAY'S REFEREE

is

Mr. H. S. SMITH, Leicester Society.

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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 9-3	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
	(Glos. v. Devon, at Bristol)		Mar. 3	Northampton	... A
15	Newport	... H 11-6	10	R.A.F.	... H
22	Coventry	... A 9-28	17	Cardiff	... A
	(Glos. v. Somerset, Away)		24	Newport	... A
29	Oxford University	... H 6-11	31	Bradford	... H
Nov. 5	Leicester	... H 22-11	Apr. 2	Birkenhead Park	... H
12	Moseley	... A 0-20	3	Lydney	... A
	(Glos. v. Cornwall, Away)		7	Harlequins	... H
16	Cambridge University	A 3-37	12	Cheltenham	... H
19	Aberavon	... A 6-6	14	Bristol	... A
26	Llandely	... H 3-6	21	Exeter	... A
Dec. 3	Neath	... A 3-6	23	Penzance and Newlyn	A
10	Bath	... H 11-0	24	Teignmouth	... A
17	Coventry	... H 0-3	28	Devonport Services	H
24	Stroud	... H			
26	O.M.T's.	... H			
27	U.A.U.	... H			
31	Neath	... H			

OLD MERCHANT TAYLORS

Full Back

1 J. A. PRODGER

Three-quarters

5 F. R. A. CHRISTEY R.W.

4 I. S. TURNBULL R.C.

3 W. H. ATHERTON L.C.

2 B. A. V. HENSON L.W.

Half Backs

6 F. I. LEE O.H.

7 T. R. BRADBURY S.H.

Forwards

8 R. H. HUSKISSON *Scholar*

9 A. F. COWPER

10 D. ANDREWS-JONES

11 G. W. SHILLING *Player*

12 T. P. R. LANT

13 R. H. PELHAM

14 J. FINDLAY *L. DAVEN*

15 G. F. BROWN (Capt.)

REFLECTIONS

As this programme had to be prepared before the game against Stroud was played, 'Reflections' begs leave to survey the events of the first half of the season. The enterprising, lively Dublin Wanderers XV opened the season with a flash of exciting rugby. Then came a series of disappointments concerning the half-back positions which was finally resolved when Alan Holder and Brian Reade struck up a happy partnership. Highlights following that included that grand win over Newport, only their second reverse this season, and the rousing and spirited game against Leicester when a John Wills break, supported by Roy Sutton sent Peter Lewis in with a 50 yard run, to set us on the winning road.

Perhaps the most vivid impression left from the games so far played this season, is of the display given by that virile Oxford University side. With the brilliant Brace as the keystone of their attack, we saw rugby football at its best. Our lads have, surely learned much from that game—as witness many of the moves against Coventry.

INTRODUCING

Wing three-quarter, 23 year old ROY BLAIR. A product of the Central School, Roy played rugby for Coney Hill Juniors before going on to the Gordon League. In 1951 he played for the United, but an unfortunate shoulder injury interrupted his career. Roy was soon straining at the leash and returned to the Gordon League.

While serving in the R.A.F., Roy played for Maintenance Command and won his R.A.F. 'cap' in 1954, playing against the Army.

Although weighing 14 stone Roy is no mean sprinter, as many an opponent has discovered, and has competed in the Finals of the County and the R.A.F. Championships.

This has been a most successful season so far for Roy. He appeared in all the County Trials and represented the County in all the Championship games. Roy has not yet fully realised his great potential, given confidence and support, there is no reason why he should not go far.

BOYS

We appeal to you to support the Boys on December 29th, this Thursday, when the Gloucestershire and Bristol Boys meet. The boys of to-day are the players of to-morrow !

