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Gloucester Rugby Football Club



GLOUCESTER

v.

Old Merchant Taylors

AT

KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER

ON

Boxing Day, DEC. 26th, 1945

KICK-OFF 2-30 p.m.

TEAMS

GLOUCESTER

(Colours—Red and White)

Full Back

H. BOUGHTON (1) Captain

Three-quarters

W. G. THOMAS (2)

K. DANIELS (3)

S. DANGERFIELD (4)

F/Sgt. EDWARDS (5)

Half Backs

W. E. JONES (6) Outside Half

D. D. EVANS (7) Scrum Half

Forwards

T. DAY (8)

J. HOPSON (9)

B. ASH (10)

R. MORRIS (11)

S. SMART (12)

A. BUCKLEY (14)

W. HOGG (15)

C. DUNN (16)

OLD MERCHANT TAYLORS

Colours—(All White)

Full Back

F. F. SPRAGG

Three-quarters

A. J. SHARPE

J. G. FADDEN

W. A. NICHOLAS

R. F. D. RIBER

Half Backs

H. D. HECK, Outside Half

N. WYNDHAM-SMITH, Capt. Scrum Half

Forwards

D. MALL

R. J. MARTIN

G. FISHER

T. F. HUSKISSON

G. W. WESTON

R. A. BISHOP

W. A. GLUCK

G. GILBERT

Referee : Mr. R. L. NIBLETT (Bristol)

THE OLD MERCHANT TAYLORS

"Should auld acquaintance be forgot."

To-day the "Taylors" pay their accustomed visit to Gloucester and once more a Christmas crowd welcome old and familiar friends. To many a Gloucester enthusiast, Boxing Day has come to mean, among other things, the "O.M.T.'s," and to-day's meeting is a renewal of the firm friendship existing between two famous English Clubs. All round the ground, as the smoke from pipe, cigarette and those Christmas cigars, rises on the December air, there will be this thought "old times are here again," so it is as friends, and "for the sake of auld lang syne" we bid the "Taylors" a Happy Christmas and a Glad New Year.

GLOUCESTER R.F.C.

When the Gloucester Club resumed active operations, there were inevitably more than a few pessimists who prophesied that it would be a long time before the Club's achievements would be such as to give her again a place among the great English Clubs. On the other hand there were those, and among them was most certainly the President, whose faith in the future of the Club, based as it was on the great traditions established by players of other days, never faltered. Having now come to the half-way mark, a review of the first half-season will enable you to judge whether the somewhat pessimistic outlook of the former, or the faith of the latter has been justified. Gloucester "went under" to Newport and was trounced by Cardiff, but, by common consent, Cardiff is a very great side. On the other side of the balance sheet, Gloucester has gained victories over Bristol, Richmond and Blackheath, Leicester, Old Blues, Neath, and the powerful Coventry team, all of them great names in the world of rugby football and opponents of no mean worth. This is an excellent record upon which Captain Harold Boughton and his men are to be heartily congratulated, and the name of the Gloucester Club stands to-day as high as ever it did in those days which are fresh in the memories of the "elder brethren."

We heartily congratulate Tom Price on retaining his place in the English XV., also to "Johnny" Thornton on being selected for the game against Scotland. But finally, all lovers of rugby football will desire to give a hearty "pat on the back" to the entire Gloucester XV., and to say to them "Good show, you fellows! Keep it going"!

S.I. & A.H.