

GLOUCESTER  
RUGBY

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FOOTBALL  
CLUB

OFFICIAL

PROGRAMME

KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER

BOXING DAY, DEC. 26th, 1952.

Kick-off 2-30 p.m.

GLOUCESTER

v.

OLD MERCHANT TAYLORS

1952				1953			
Sep. 6				Jan. 3	London Scottish	...	H
" 13	Lydney	...	H 11-17	" 8	Army	...	H
" 18	Stroud	...	A 11-11	" 10	Leicester	...	H
" 20	Exeter	...	H 14-8	" 17	Wasps	...	A
" 27	Bristol	...	A 9-6	" 24	Bristol	...	H
				" 31	Neath	...	A
Oct. 2	Cheltenham	...	A 3-6	Feb. 7	United Services	...	H
" 4	Bedford	...	H 6-4	" 14	Cambridge Univ.	...	A
" 11	Old Paulines	...	H 30-0	" 21	Swansea	...	A
" 18	Cardiff	...	A 0-18	" 28	Cardiff	...	H
" 25	Old Blues	...	H 14-3	Mar. 7	Northampton	...	H
Nov. 1	Leicester	...	A 6-3	" 14	R.A.F.	...	H
" 8	Llanelli	...	A 6-22	" 21	Guy's Hospital	...	H
	Glos. v. Cornwall			" 28	Newport	...	H
	at Kingsholm			Apr. 2	Stroud	...	H
" 15	Newport	...	A 3-8	" 4	London Welsh	...	H
" 22	Clifton	...	H 20-0	" 6	Sale	...	H
" 29	Oxford Univ.	...	A Can.	" 7	Lydney	...	A
Dec. 6	Neath	...	H Can.	" 11	Blackheath	...	H
" 13	Bath	...	H 11-3	" 16	Cheltenham	...	H
" 20	Coventry	...	A 3-3	" 18	Harlequins	...	A
" 26	O.M.T.s	...	H	" 23	Bath	...	A
" 27	U.A.U.	...	H	" 25	Devonport Services	...	A
				" 27	Penzance & Newlyn	...	A
				" 28	Teignmouth	...	A

To-morrow :

UNIVERSITIES ATHLETIC UNION

Next Week :

LONDON SCOTTISH.

# COMPLETE YOUR DAY'S PLEASURE by Visiting GLOUCESTER HIPPODROME

## GLOUCESTER RED AND WHITE

## OLD MERCHANT TAYLORS WHITE

TO-DAY'S  
REFEREE  
is  
**O. D. Gardner**  
Bristol Society

The Old Merchant  
Taylors have very  
generously offered  
to give a percentage  
of their guarantee  
to-day to the  
Cathedral  
Restoration Fund  
**IF...**

The game to-morrow  
is with  
Universities  
Athletic Union  
and the lads are  
very, very keen.  
Do you recall what  
happened  
12 months ago?

The "IF" is a  
condition that we are  
making an effort for  
the Fund.  
**We Are!** The details  
will be made known  
in Saturday's  
Programme.

- 1 **Smith, W.** Full Back
- 2 **Crabtree, C.** R.W. Three Quarters
- 3 **Terrington, H. L.** R.C.
- 4 **Baker, M.** L.C.
- 5 **Turner, E.** L.W.

- 1 **Nicholas, W. A.**
- 4 **Lee, F. I.** R.W.
- 5 **Banwell, J. G.** R.C.
- 19 **Hinton, D. I. S.** L.C.
- **Edwards, J. R.** L.W.

- 6 **Cartmell, W. B.** Fly Half
- 7 **Nield, W.** Scrum Half

- 8 **Baker, D. G. S.**
- **Dupre, J.**

- 8 **Parry, R.** Forwards
- 9 **Thomas, C.**
- 10 **Stowers, R.**
- 11 **Wells, H.**
- 12 **Gwilliam, J.**
- 14 **Ford, P.**
- 15 **Hodge, R. (Capt.)**
- 16 **Ibbotson, D.**

- 11 **Huskisson, R. A. (Capt.)**
- **Cobb, J. G.**
- 25 **Lant, T. P. R.**
- 22 **Kidson, J. V.**
- 17 **Findlay, J.**
- 18 **Brown, P. F.**
- 13 **King, R. H.**
- 7 **White, D.**

**To-Night**

Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis  
**THE STOOGES** (u)  
Charlton Heston and Susan Morrow  
**THE SAVAGE** (u)

**NEXT  
WEEK**

Irene Dunne and Dean Jagger  
**IT GROWS ON TREES** (u)  
Tony Curtis and Piper Laurie  
**SON OF ALI BABA** (u)  
(Tech.)

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## NOTES

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### OLD FRIENDS INDEED.

More than half a century has elapsed since the Old Merchant Taylors first figured on the Gloucester fixture card. Their Boxing Day visit has become a "hardy annual" and we are all delighted to greet them as old friends.

### A GREAT JOB OF WORK.

The O.M.T.'s do a great job—and this is not sufficiently realised—in their effort to keep the flag of amateur rugby flying in London. They field no fewer than eight XV's. Their record last season showed more losses than victories, but that never damps the O.M.T. spirit—to play the game as well as possible and to keep it open.

### UNITED HAVE NO EXCUSES.

Gloucester United dropped their unbeaten record at Bath by 6 points to nil after a sequence of 13 wins. Ivor Jones' men have no excuses: they were worn down by a heavier pack and quite justifiably lost although they never gave up trying.

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### "OFFSIDE" LAWS.

By the disapproval shown by a section of the spectators in the game against Bath, it is obvious that the "Offside" Law is still not quite understood by many. A player can *only* be offside in five instances

- (1) If he enters a scrummage from his opponents' side.
- (2) If while the ball is *in* a scrum he *remains* with either foot in front of the ball.
- (3) If he stands or moves to his opponents' side at a line-out.
- (4) If one of his *own* side behind him kicks, or touches, or carries, the ball.
- (5) If he *wilfully* remains within 10 yards of an opponent waiting to receive the ball.

Neither of these instances occurred in the "incident" in the case under review. The ball had been thrown to a Gloucester player, and from him to another Gloucester man who was promptly tackled by a Bath man who was actually 'hanging about.'

The Referee allowed this tackle and quite rightly, as the ball had been played by an opponent and not by a Bath man. Had the ball been previously played by a Bath man, then the tackler *would* have been 'offside' but it had been last played by a Gloucester man and so the tackle was perfectly permissible.