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# GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

(FOUNDED IN 1873)

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TO-DAY'S GAME IS VERSUS  
**OLD MERCHANT TAYLORS**  
(KICK-OFF 2-30 p.m.)

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TO-MORROW'S GAME:  
**UNIVERSITIES ATHLETIC UNION**  
(Kick-off 2-30 p.m.)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1st:  
**LONDON SCOTTISH**  
(Kick-off 2-45 p.m.)

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## FRIENDS OF LONG STANDING



THE Old Merchant Taylors R.F.C. is nearly as old as Gloucester R.F.C. in the matter of foundation and while the Boxing Day encounters between the two sides do not go back to the very beginning, they have become a long established tradition. We all like the O.M.Ts., they give the ball plenty of air and if they bring a side consonant with their full strength we are in for a lively afternoon. Like ourselves, their season has been patchy and their record reads: Played 15; Won 5; Drawn 2, Lost 8; points for 105, against 131. It has been truly remarked that results don't matter to an old boys' side; they play rugger because it is the finest of all games and in that spirit we all welcome them to-day for the sake of "Auld Lang Syne."

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**Official Programme : Price Threepence**

# GLOUCESTER HIPPODROME

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## GLOUCESTER (RED and WHITE)

## TO-DAY'S REFEREE

## O. M. T. (WHITE)

- Full Back  
1 B. SIBERY
- Three-quarters  
2 R. AMOS R.W.  
3 R. SUTTON R.C.  
4 M. BAKER L.C.  
5 R. BLAIR L.W.
- Half Backs  
6 D. JONES O.H.  
7 W. NIELD S.H.
- Forwards  
8 G. HASTINGS (Capt.)  
9 C. THOMAS  
10 R. PARRY  
11 H. WELLS  
12 B. J. GREENE  
14 P. FORD  
15 R. HODGE  
16 D. IBBOTSON

Mr. O. D. GARDNER, (Bristol Society)

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### FIRST XV. FIXTURES

Played 18 Won 6; Lost 10; Drawn 1; Points for 151; against 215

1954	1955
Sept. 11 Lydney ... H 11-0	Jan. 1 London Scottish ... H
18 Moseley ... H 22-5	6 Army ... H
23 Cheltenham ... H 5-3	9 Leicester ... H
25 Bristol ... A 20-20	15 Wasps ... A
30 Stroud ... H 11-8	22 Bristol ... H
Oct. 2 Bedford ... H 6-6	29 Neath ... A
9 Richmond ... H 6-18	Feb. 5 Civil Service ... H
(Glos. v. Cornwall, Bristol)	12 Bath ... A
16 Newport ... A 0-16	19 Swansea ... A
23 Coventry ... H 5-31	26 Cardiff ... H
(Glos. v. Devon, in Devon)	Mar. 5 Northampton ... A
30 Oxford University ... A 3-27	12 R.A.F. ... H
Nov. 6 Leicester ... A 6-12	19 Guys Hospital ... H
13 Moseley ... A 11-21	26 Newport ... H
(Glos. v. Som., Kingsholm)	31 Stroud ... A
20 Aberavon ... H 3-16	Apr. 2 Harlequins ... A
27 Cardiff ... A 8-9	6 Cheltenham ... A
Dec. 4 Neath ... H 3-6	9 New Brighton ... H
11 Bath ... H 11-3	11 Sale ... H
18 Coventry ... A 8-14	12 Lydney ... A
27 O.M.T.'s ... H	16 Ebbw Vale ... H
28 U.A.U. ... H	23 Devonport Services ... A
	25 Redruth ... A
	26 Teignmouth ... A
	30 Exeter ... H

- Full Back  
1 J. A. PRODGER
- Three-quarters  
2 F. I. LEE R.W.  
3 W. H. ATHERTON R.C.  
4 D. I. S. HINTON L.C.  
5 F. R. A. CHRISTEY L.W.
- Half Backs  
6 D. G. S. BAKER O.H.  
7 J. DUPRE (Capt.) S.H.
- Forwards  
8 R. A. HUSKISSON  
9 A. F. COWPER  
10 P. J. WILSON  
11 R. H. KING  
12 G. W. SHILLING  
15 D. WHITE  
14 G. F. BROWN  
13 R. H. PELHAM

To-Night

GUY MADISON FRANK LOVEJOY HELEN WESTCOTT  
**CHARGE AT FEATHER RIVER (3-D)**  
also Kirby GRANT Marian CARR (Warntecolor) (u)  
**NORTHERN PATROL** (u)

Next Week

ALASTAIR SIM JOYCE GRENFELL GEORGE COLE  
**THE BELLES OF ST. TRINIANS** (u)  
also Finlay CURRIE Duncan LAMONT Naomi CHANCE  
**THE END OF THE ROAD** (u)

## GOOD LUCK GEORGE

**I**T was a grand prelude to the Christmas of all Gloucester rugby enthusiasts to learn that the First XV Captain, George Hastings has been selected for the England XV in the Final Trial at Twickenham next Saturday. George has certainly caught the selectors' eyes this season and the leading Press critics had many good things to say about George after the second trial at Blundellsands.

For example, D. R. GENT ("Sunday Times") put George among the three best forwards in the Probables side and described his try as "spectacular". HAYDN TANNER ("News of the World") spoke of George as "solid" while J. P. JORDAN ("Daily Telegraph") stated "Hastings enhanced his reputation as a prop forward."

This time last year in the comparable programme we were telling George that we regretted omitting to mention him as a reserve Trials player. On Saturday we shall be keeping our fingers crossed and wishing George "a blinder" of a day. It would be a fine performance for him (and a tonic for his club-mates) if he won the highly coveted English Cap in the same season he was Gloucester's chosen Captain. Good luck on Saturday, George—we all hope you will be at Arms Park on January 15th wearing the Rose—it's a ground which has no terrors for you.

## A HEAVY PROGRAMME

**A**FTER the "off week," Gloucester engage on a positive spate of games in the present fortnight and each one at home. To-morrow those gallant triers, the Universities' Athletic Union come for their annual tussle, and on Saturday, the London Scottish also appear on our ground. On the following Thursday the red-shirted Army XV begins its pre-Services Tournament campaign and two days later, we shall be entertaining Leicester. So we have some grand games in prospect, and who knows, we may improve our somewhat shaky record a little. All that will be a strong introduction to a heavy second half of the season's programme. There still remain 14 home games and 12 away fixtures before we say "farewell" to the season on April 30th.

## SCORERS TO DATE

**T**HE scorers of Gloucester's 151 points so far this season are:— Michael Baker 42 points; R. Blair 22 points; Trevor Jones 21 points; Roy Sutton, Peter Ford and Denis Ibbotson 12 points each; David Jones 9 points; and R. Amos, D. Hill, H. Terrington, G. Hastings, C. Thomas, G. Counsell and Glynn Williams 3 points each.