

Official Programme



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## GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Founded  
1873

We wish all players and supporters  
of the Club the Compliments of the  
Season and a feast of good ruggar  
in the matches to be played in the  
New Year.

Season  
1957-58

TO-DAY'S GAME IS VERSUS

# Old Merchant Taylors

Kick-off 2-30 p.m.

Boxing Day without the Old Merchant Taylors at Kingsholm would be like Christmas Day without the plum pudding! Every Gloucester supporter has a soft spot in his heart for an old boys' side and the finest of them all for us are the O.M.Ts. Our applause to-day will be sincere for our friendship has stood the test of time, for it goes back, almost, to "time immemorial"!

We can confidently expect to-day, to see a full-blooded, open encounter in which the game and the spirit of the game is the main objective, and for Auld Lang Syne we shall welcome the 1957 O.M.Ts. as heartily as their predecessors.

The game last season was cancelled, owing to weather conditions.

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**TO-DAY'S REFEREE**

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- Full Back*  
1 S. Ingram
- Threequarters*  
2 R. Smith R.W.  
3 A. Holder (c) R.C.  
4 P. Hawker L.C.  
5 E. Wakefield L.W.
- Half Backs*  
6 D. Phelps O.H.  
7 M. Booth (c) S.H.
- Forwards*  
8 J. Herbert (c)  
9 C. Thomas (c)  
10 B. J. Lane (c)  
11 R. Long  
12 B. J. Green (c)  
13 P. Ford (c) (Capt.)  
14 V. H. Leadbetter (t)  
15 M. Craig

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**FIRST XV. FIXTURES**

Sept. 9	Waterloo ...	H	11	3	Jan. 4	London Scots.	A
14	Lydney ...	H	3	0	11	Leicester ...	A
19	Newport ...	A	6	24	18	Wasps ...	H
21	Moseley ...	H	16	3	25	Army ...	H
25	Cheltenham	A	3	5	Feb. 1	Bristol ...	A
28	Bristol ...	H	9	3	6	Royal Navy	H
Oct. 5	Bedford ...	A	9	9	8	Bath ...	H
12	Old Blues ...	H	22	0	15	Swansea ...	H
19	Civil Service	H	18	18	22	Devonport S.	H
26	Coventry ...	A	6	3	March 1	Northampton	A
Nov. 2	Leicester ...	H	12	8	8	R.A.F. ...	H
9	Moseley ...	A	11	17	15	Guy's Hospital	A
16	Aberavon ...	A	3	11	22	Newport ...	H
20	Cambridge	A	8	13	29	Stroud ...	A
	University	A	8	13	April 5	Headingley ...	H
23	Cardiff ...	A	0	12	7	Birkenhead Pk	H
30	Oxford	H	6	8	8	Lydney ...	A
Dec. 7	Neath ...	A	3	11	12	Neath ...	H
14	Bath ...	A	9	6	17	Cheltenham	H
21	Coventry ...	H	10	18	19	Stroud ...	H
26	O.M.T.s ...	H			26	Exeter ...	A
27	U.A.U. ...	H			28	Torquay Ath.	A
28	Cardiff ...	H			29	Weston-S-Mare	A

- Full Back*  
1 J. A. Prodger
- Threequarters*  
2 A. Ducat R.W.  
3 J. D. Blumsom R.C.  
4 W. H. Atherton L.C.  
5 R. R. Cordwell L.W.
- Half Backs*  
6 D. G. S. Baker (t) (Capt.)  
7 D. K. Huggins (S.H.)
- Forwards*  
8 G. W. Shilling  
9 A. F. Cowner  
10 P. J. Wilson  
11 M. J. Dowdy  
12 M. J. Christie  
13 R. H. Pelham  
14 A. W. M. Gemmill  
15 G. F. Brown

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## **A NEW YEAR WISH**

It appears that the selectors may have at last found the basis of a premier side. This will be of benefit to all the playing members of the Club, for with a settled combination in the first team the United will have the opportunity of settling down as a team. Changes there must be, a player off form must be replaced by one in the United who is in form, but continual chopping and changing helps no-one and unsettles everyone. So let us hope that after the necessary changes that must be made for the Xmas games, the selectors will have the confidence to maintain a settled premier side.

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## **INTERNATIONAL MATCHES at Twickenham**

The allocation of Stand Tickets, particularly for the Wales and 'Wallabies' games, is extremely small, drastic cuts having been made as compared with previous seasons. This will of necessity occasion disappointment. Those members who have applied for tickets for both games should express their preference for one of them to the Hon. Sec., A. Hudson, 58 Northgate Street. Tickets are available for Enclosure (5/6) and Field (4/6).

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## **MEMORIAL GROUND FUND**

We would remind our followers that the entire profit from the sale of programmes goes to the above Fund, and we would ask all to continue their support and encourage others to purchase a copy. Donations to the Fund would be gratefully acknowledged by the Hon. Secretary.

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## **THE SOCIAL CLUB**

As well as being open before and after the match, the Club Room is open on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and we look forward to seeing more of our members on these occasions. Tea and sandwiches may be obtained in the Club Room after the match.