



**GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

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# Gloucester v. Old Merchant Taylors

KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER

BOXING DAY, DEC. 26th, 1958.

Kick-off 2-30 p.m.

Official Programme

Price Threepence

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OR AWAY**

USE  
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**THE MATCH  
FOR YOU**

**GLOUCESTER**

*Red and White*

*Full Back*

1 I. Sheen (c)

*Threequarters*

2 J. King R.W.

3 D. Smith R.C.

4 D. Phelps (c) L.C.

5 P. Hawker L.W.

*Halves*

6 A. Holder (c) O.H.

7 M. Booth (c) S.H.

*Forwards*

8 G. Hastings (I)

9 C. Thomas (c) (Capt.)

10 A. Ricketts

11 B. J. Green (c)

12 B. Hudson

13 D. Ibbotson (c)

14 J. Sainsbury

15 P. Ford (c)

(I) International. (C) County.

Referee:

Mr. J. G. Aynsley (Bristol)

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**FIRST XV. FIXTURES**

Sept. 13	Lydney	H	40	8
18	Milan (Italy)	H	23	3
20	Moseley	H	9	6
25	Cheltenham	H	9	5
27	Bristol	A	3	13

Oct. 1	Pontypool	A	3	14
4	Bedford	H	13	3
11	Old Blues	H	9	6
18	Newport	A	3	30
25	Coventry	A	0	3

Nov. 1	Leicester	A	12	6
8	Moseley	A	11	14
15	Aberavon	H	8	15
22	Cardiff	H	5	11
29	Oxford Univ.	A	8	16

Dec. 6	Neath	H	10	8
13	Bath	H	8	8
20	Coventry	H	3	3
26	O.M.T.	H		
27	U.A.U.	H		



**FIRST XV. FIXTURES**

Jan. 3	London Scot.	H		
10	Leicester	H		
17	Wasps	A		
24	Cambridge Un.	H		
31	Army	H		

Feb. 5	Royal Navy	H		
7	Bristol	H		
14	Bath	A		
21	Swansea	A		
28	Pontypool	H		

Mar. 7	Northampton	H		
14	R.A.F.	H		
21	Guy's Hospital	H		
28	New Brighton	H		
30	Sale	H		
31	Lydney	A		

April 4	Llanelli	H		
11	Cardiff	A		
15	Cheltenham	A		
18	Newport	H		
23	Stroud	H		
25	Dev'port Serv.	A		
27	Teignmouth	A		
28	Taunton	A		

Result last season:  
GLOUCESTER 12 - O.M.T. 9

**Old Merchant Taylors**

*White*

*Full Back*

1 J. D. Blumson

*Threequarters*

2 A. Ducat R.W.

3 W. H. Atherton R.O.

4 N. W. Griffin L.C.

5 R. R. Cordwell L.W.

*Halves*

6 D. G. S. Baker (I) O.H.

(Captain)

7 I. W. MacGregor S.H.

*Forwards*

8 G. Shilling

9 A. F. Cowper

10 A. J. G. Bell

11 J. R. Marchant

12 M. J. Christie

13 R. H. Pelham

14 J. Findlay

15 G. F. Brown

(I) International

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★ In view of the terrible weather everyone experienced on Saturday last it was really suprising the number of our stalwarts who turned up to see the match against Coventry. Well they certainly had a run for their money. Talk about real heroes! these players gave of their best under conditions which were really wicked. Mud baths were the order of the day and a few minutes before time players on either side were indistinguishable.

★ In view of the fact that such a large number of our supporters did not brave the elements on Saturday it was felt that the records of the Club which appeared on the programmes should be repeated and they are appended herewith.

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points for	against
1929-30	41	23	12	6	427	275
1930-31	38	17	16	5	330	293
1931-32	38	19	16	3	291	259
1932-33	37	24	10	3	423	257
1933-34	39	29	8	2	556	205
1934-35	39	25	14	0	560	315
1935-36	37	23	9	5	402	233
1936-37	36	20	14	2	342	275
1937-38	36	29	6	1	413	228
1938-39	38	19	14	5	325	296
	379	228	119	32	4069	2336
Average		60.1%	31.4%	8.5%	10.7	6.9 per game
1948-49	43	23	15	5	430	288
1949-50	43	19	17	7	295	277
1950-51	45	23	16	6	373	248
1951-52	45	30	11	4	563	313
1952-53	42	23	15	4	416	317
1953-54	42	31	10	1	430	280
1954-55	41	19	19	3	391	402
1955-56	43	16	23	4	373	380
1956-57	44	21	17	6	380	326
1957-58	44	26	15	3	383	333
	432	231	158	43	4034	3164
Average		53.5%	36.5%	10%	9.1	7.3 per game

It may be of interest to mention the fact that amongst the players who represented the Club between 1929 and 1939 the following are still actively taking part in the administration of the Club. Rev. H. M. Hughes-Chairman, R. Upham-Hon. Treasurer, Committeemen R. Morris, E. Day, T. Day, J. A' Bear, A. G. Hudson.

★ It was very gratifying to note that Mick Booth had once again been instructed to attend as reserve in the second trial at Taunton. This match according to reports turned out to be almost farcical and could have been very little use to the English Selectors.

★ Once again we greet our visitors who for so many years have provided us with our Boxing Day game. The football served up is usually of the top class and the large number of people who we hope will be at Kingsholm should really have a very enjoyable time. On your behalf therefore we extend a very warm welcome to the Old Merchant Taylors and wish them every possible success in the future.

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