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GLOUCESTER v. O.M.T's.

KINGSHOLM GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY, 26th DECEMBER, 1959.

Kick-off 2 30 p.m.

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GLOUCESTER

RED AND WHITE
Full Back

1 **A. Holder** (c)

Threequarters
2 **R. Smith** R.W.

3 **J. Taylor** (c) R.C.

4 **B. Kear** (c) L.C.

5 **R. Timms** (c) L.W.
Halves

6 **T. Hopson** O.H.

7 **M. Booth** (c) S.H.
Forwards

8 **R. Fowke** (c)

9 **C. Thomas** (c)

10 **A. Townsend** (c)

11 **R. Long**

12 **A. Rickett**

13 **D. Morris**

14 **P. Ford** (c)
Captain

15 **D. Smith**

FIRST XV. FIXTURES

Sept. 10	Stroud	.....H	14-17
12	Lydney	.....H	28-15
16	Cheltenham	.....A	8-5
19	Moseley	.....H	14-6
23	Cardiff	.....A	9-17
26	Bristol	.....H	11-25
30	Pontypool	.....A	6-25
Oct. 3	Bedford	.....A	8-8
10	Old Blues	.....H	13-0
17	Newport	.....H	6-11
24	Coventry	.....H	20-9
31	Oxford Univ.	.....H	5-3
Nov. 7	Leicester	.....H	13-3
14	Moseley	.....A	18-3
18	Cambridge Un.A	.....A	10-6
21	Aberavon	.....H	16-6
28	Bath	.....H	9-3
Dec. 5	Neath	.....A	12-3
12	Bath	.....A	26-8
19	CoventryA	5-0
26	O.M.T.H	
28	U.A.U.H	



(C)—County Player

Referee :
Mr. M. A. Barr (Bristol)

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FIRST XV. FIXTURES

Jan. 2	London Scot.A	
9	LeicesterA	
16	WaspsH	
23	AberavonA	
30	ArmyH	
Feb. 6	Bristol	.....A	
13	Bath	.....H	
20	Swansea	.....H	
27	Pontypool	.....H	
Mar. 5	Northampton	.....A	
12	R.A.F.	.....H	
19	Llanely	.....A	
26	Newport	.....A	
Apl. 2	Richmond	.....H	
7	Cheltenham	.....H	
9	Cardiff	.....H	
16	Headingley	.....H	
18	Birkenhead PkH	.....H	
19	Lydney	.....A	
23	New Brighton	.....A	
25	Sale	.....A	
30	Devonport S.	.....H	

O.M.T.'s.

WHITE
Full Back

1 **J. A. Prodger**

Threequarters
2 **A. Ducat** L.W.

3 **W. H. Atherton** L.C.
Captain

4 **J. W. McMara** R.C.

5 **M. W. Griffen** R.W.
Halves

6 **D. G. S. Baker** O.H.

7 **I. W. McGregor** S.H.
Forwards

8 **G. W. Shilling**

9 **M. H. Dakin**

10 **D. P. R. Lant**

11 **M. J. Christie**

12 **M. R. Hughes**

13 **R. H. Pelham**

14 **F. A. R. Christie**

15 **G. F. Brown**

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It is somewhat difficult to know how to commence this programme this week. So many great happenings are to be recorded, but inasmuch as the old saying 'Charity begins at home' let us start off with tons of congratulations to the 'Boys' who have broken records by winning no less than ten matches off the reel. What a wonderful record, bearing in mind that of these ten games five were played away. A very big welcome should be accorded to the team when they appear to-day. One can ask the question 'what is the secret of this outstanding success.' There can be no doubt that it is entirely due to the great team spirit which prevails amongst the whole of the players captained by a great player, P. Ford, who in his quiet unassuming manner certainly gets the best out of the boys. One could of course individualise each one of these players, but there is really no necessity to do this, what matters is that they are playing as one man and therein lies the success of the side. This record will take a lot of beating and the football they are producing should bring in large crowds for the rest of the Season.

Whilst congratulating the first side, do not let us overlook the United team. After quite a lot of set backs, practically the same side can now be turned out each week with the result that they have won six matches off the reel. It is therefore a pity that their efforts do not meet with better support. First class Rugby is served up at these matches, so supporters please give this matter your attention.

To-day we have the Annual visit from the Old Merchant Taylors who first visited us at the Spa on Boxing Day, 1890. What a fine record. Some of our elderly supporters can remember the first game and might be interested in the team which played:—

Hughes, Bagwell, Powell, Taylor, Jackson, Ball, George Page, Simpson, Healing, Cromwell, Jenkins, G. Williams, C. Williams, Collins.
Gloucester won by 1 try 3 minors to nil.

It is difficult to give them a welcome applicable to what they deserve inasmuch as this is a real Festive Season no need to apologise for using the words of an old song which usually gives pleasure at all gatherings. So here goes:—

“Here they are again
Happy as can be
All good fellows and jolly good Company
Never mind the weather
Never mind the rain
The O.M.T's are here on Boxing Day again.
La de da de da
La de da de de
All good sportsmen and jolly good Company. ”

Although Christmas Day has gone, it cannot be too late for the President, Chairman, Officers, Committee and Players to wish our supporters the Compliments of the Season with best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Monday, Dec 28th v. University Athletic Union Kick-off 2.30 p.m.

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