



**GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

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## **GLOUCESTER V. OLD MERCHANT TAYLORS**

**KINGSHOLM - GLOUCESTER**

**BOXING DAY, DECEMBER 26th, 1967**

**Kick-off 3-15 p.m.**

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## GLOUCESTER

(Red and White)

- FULL BACK  
**1 E. STEPHENS**
- THREEQUARTERS  
**2 J. DIX** R.W.  
**3 J. BAYLISS (c)** R.C.  
**4 R. JARDINE** L.C.  
**5 B. JACKSON** L.W.
- HALF BACKS  
**6 D. GENT** O.H.  
**7 M. BOOTH (c)** S.H.
- FORWARDS  
**8 R. COWLING**  
**9 M. HAMBLING**  
**10 A. BRINN (c)**  
**11 J. JARRETT (c)**  
**12 H. SYMONDS**  
**13 G. WHITE (c)**  
**14 C. HANNAFORD (c)**  
**15 R. SMITH (c)**

FIRST XV FIXTURES

Sept. 2	Lydney	H	18-6
6	Pontypool	H	14-3
9	Coventry	H	11-9
13	Cheltenham	A	5-14
16	Moseley	A	14-11
20	Cardiff	A	9-20
23	Bristol	H	11-12
30	Bedford	A	18-5
Oct. 2	Ebbw Vale	H	12-8
7	Bective Rangers	A	22-3
12	Clifton	H	-
14	Harlequins	H	18-0
21	Newport	H	13-13
28	Old Blues	H	32-3
Nov. 4	Leicester	A	6-9
11	Moseley	H	3-6
15	Cambridge Univ.	A	3-9
18	Aberavon	A	3-11
25	Newbridge	H	9-11
Dec. 2	Oxford Univ.	H	11-11
9	Bath	H	Can.
16	Coventry	A	3-8
23	Northampton	H	
26	O.M.T.'s	H	
27	Stroud	H	
30	Cardiff	H	

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**12 N. GRIFFIN** L.C.  
**11 D. THOMAS** L.W.
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**9 C. HECK** S.H.
- FORWARDS  
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**2 J. RICHARDSON**  
**3 A. THEED**  
**4 R. HARFORD**  
**5 R. LEWIS**  
**6 J. BIRCH**  
**8 R. LEWIS**  
**7 G. BROWN**

FIRST XV FIXTURES

Jan. 6	Lond. Scottish	A	
13	Leicester	H	
20	Plymouth	H	
27	Neath	A	
Feb. 3	Bristol	A	
8	Army	H	
10	Bath	A	
17	Swansea	H	
24	Aberavon	H	
Mar. 2	Northampton	A	
9	R.A.F.	H	
13	Ebbw Vale	A	
16	Guys Hospital	A	
21	Stroud	A	
23	Saracens	H	
25	Newport	A	
27	Clifton	A	
30	Wasps	H	
Apr. 1	Cheltenham	H	
6	Pontypool	A	
11	Lydney	A	
13	Headingley	H	
15	Birkenhead Pk.	H	
20	Neath	H	
23	Newbridge	A	
27	Penzance	A	
29	Exeter	A	

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## OUR VISITORS

Boxing Day and Old Merchant Taylors are, of course, synonymous at Kingsholm, and have been since time immemorable; and this afternoon we extend the usual hearty Yuletide welcome to our old friends who, quite irrespective of the result, will provide the type of rugger fare that spectators want to see.

Last Boxing Day, giving a spectacular display of handling, Gloucester beat the "Taylors" at Kingsholm by 27 points to 3. Dick Smith (2), Terry Hopson, John Groves, Peter Ford - (yes, the irrespressible veteran took over from the injured Gary White for several games!) - and John Dix, making a splendid debut for the premier side, scored our tries, David Ainge converting three and adding a penalty goal.

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## KINGSHOLM KACKLE

Congratulations to our skipper, Don Rutherford, on being selected for the Barbarians in their annual Christmas game with Leicester; and, of course, on his inclusion in the final England trial. We all sincerely hope that he will go on to add to his England "caps" this season, though it is still a "puzzlement", as the King of Siam puts it, why the selectors, even in their weird ways, have not given deserved recognition to one or two other Gloucester players we could mention!

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The holiday rugger fare continues at Kingsholm tomorrow afternoon with the visit of our friends and neighbours, Stroud, while next Saturday brings one of the highlights of the season, when Cardiff are the visitors. Both these matches kick-off at 3-15 p.m.

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For the benefit of those who are unable to watch their rugger on Saturday afternoons because of their employment, we should like to remind them that Gloucester meet Loughborough Colleges on Wednesday, February 14th in a floodlit match (kick-off 7-15 p.m.). It is also hoped that our Bath friends, whom we could not meet last Saturday fortnight because of the heavy snowfall, will agree to play the match one evening in the New Year under our floodlights.

There is also, of course, the annual game against the Army on Thursday, February 8th.

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**In conclusion, the Gloucester R.F.C. officials, committee and players wish you all the Compliments of the Season, and thank you sincerely for your support.**

A.R.