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KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER

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OUR VISITORS

This afternoon we give a cordial welcome to our friends in the Royal Air Force, who appear to be favourites to win this season's Services' Championship.

Last Saturday at Twickenham the Airmen played sparkling rugger to beat the Army, who, one recalls, provided entertaining fare themselves when they met Gloucester at Kingsholm in January. We look forward, then, to another excellent game this afternoon.

KINGSHOLM KACKLE

Last season, on Saturday, March 13th, Gloucester beat the R.A.F. at Kingsholm by the resounding margin of 36 points to 3. John Bayliss, Terry Hopson, Nick Foice and Peter Ford each scored two tries and Don Rutherford made six conversions.

The winning programme number for the Swansea match at Kingsholm three weeks ago was 989. The holder was Mrs. Owen of 21 Union Street, Gloucester, who won the £5. Congratulations!

The lads face a particularly tough fixture list in these final two months of the season; in fact, at the end of the present month they play four matches in seven days—a stern enough test for any team.

Two of these games are additional to the fixture list; the yare Bath (away) on Wednesday, March 23rd, and French Universities at Kingsholm on Tuesday, March 29th. Sandwiched in between, as it were, are Newbridge (home) on Saturday, March 26th, and Newport at Rodney Parade on Monday, March 28th. All are evening games except, of course, the Newbridge match.

More "diary dates" for the rugger fans! The North Glos. Combination Junior Cup Final is on Tuesday, April 19th, and the Senior Final on Thursday, April 21st, while the Semi-Finals and Final of the "Sevens" are on Monday, April 25th. All are evening matches and all at Kingsholm, of course!

Gloucester were a trifle unlucky not to have beaten formidable Northampton at Franklin's Gardens last Saturday, for though the Saints were credited with a dropped goal the ball in fact sailed well outside the upright! In this game Gloucester's try was a beauty, the finest I have seen this season. More moves and tries like this and the fans will have no "moans" whatever the result.

Finally, congratulations once again to Don Rutherford on retaining his place in the England team for all four International matches, and to Trevor Wintle, the former Lydney Grammar School scrum-half, on winning his first "cap"! A.R.

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