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28 GLOUCESTER v. SALE
KINGSHOLM - GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY, APRIL 19th, 1969
Kick-off 3-15 p.m.

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Full back
1 E. J. Stephens

Threequarters
2 R. Clewes
3 R. Bayliss (c)
4 T. Palmer (c)
5 J. Groves (c)

Half backs
6 T. Hopson (c)
7 M. Booth (c)

Forwards
8 R. Richardson (c)
9 P. Kocerhan
10 D. Pegler (c)
11 R. Long (c)
12 A. Brinn (c)
13 G. White (c)
14 M. Potter
15 R. Smith (c)

First XV fixtures

Full back
1 F. G. Griffiths (c)

Threequarters
Feb. 1 Bristol H 5-6
Feb. 13 Army H 6-6

Half backs
Mar. 26 Cheltenham A 6-3

First XV fixtures
Jan. 4 London Scottish H 11-12
Jan. 11 Leicester H 5-12
Jan. 18 Saracens A 9-10
Feb. 25 Cambridge Union 27-5
Feb. 1 Bristol H 5-6
Feb. 13 Army H 6-6

FORWARDS
Mar. 26 Cheltenham A 6-3

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OUR VISITORS

In the past, of course, Sale have been visitors to Kingsholm once every two years during the Easter holidays; but this afternoon we extend a cordial welcome to our Cheshire friends for a normal Saturday fixture and look forward to another enjoyable game.

It was two years ago, on Easter Monday, March 27th, 1967, that Sale last met Gloucester at Kingsholm. Then, many will recall, the weather would have made an ideal setting for the three witches in Hamlet, for there was a really mixed bag from the elements – thunder, lightning, rain and sunshine!

Despite such contrary conditions, a thoroughly enjoyable and exciting game ended in victory for Gloucester by 21 points to 14. Charlie Hannaford, Dick Smith and John Dix scored Gloucester’s tries, Don Rutherford converting all three and landing a penalty goal while David Ainge added a dropped goal.

KINGSHOLM KACKLE

Congratulations to the lads on their splendid victory over Cheltenham at the Athletic Ground on Wednesday evening. This win, their third over the Town this season, puts Gloucester, temporarily at least, at the top of the points’ scorers among all the first-class rugby clubs in the country – with 713 points! There are always a few ready to ‘knock’ at Gloucester, but, in spite of occasional disappointments, this latest achievement is further proof of the splendid rugger being served up by the lads under the leadership of Dick Smith!

With six more matches remaining after this afternoon’s game with Sale, an in-form Gloucester could well notch a fantastic total by the end of the season. And, incidentally, six more victories would create a new club record for any season!

With the “spring-cleaning” of our ground at Kingsholm very much in mind, an appeal goes out to members, supporters and friends for volunteers to join players and committee men in helping with the 1,001 odd jobs that are necessary to make the ground like spick and span for next season. These many jobs will have to be started as soon as possible after the season ends, and any assistance would be greatly appreciated. You do not have to be skilled tradesmen, and those willing to give a little of their leisure time during the summer months are invited to contact secretary Terry Tandy or any committee member.

Next Monday evening Gloucester travel to Bath to meet the Somerset club, at present in great form, at the Recreation Ground. The next game at Kingsholm is on Wednesday evening, when Clifton will be the visitors (kick-off 7 p.m.).

On the following evening, Thursday, April 24th, there is the North Gloucestershire Combination Junior Cup Final at Kingsholm between Longlevens “A” and Tredworth Athletic.

Gloucester will be on their Cornwall and Devon tour next week-end but there will still be rugger at Kingsholm next Saturday, April 26th, for Gloucestershire Colts meet Warwickshire Colts in an evening game (kick-off 6.30 p.m.).

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