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GLOUCESTER

(Red and White)

- FULL BACK**
15 P. BUTLER (c)
- THREEQUARTERS**
14 R. J. CLEWES R.W.
13 J. BAYLISS (c) (Capt.) R.C.
12 R. JARDINE (c) L.C.
11 J. DIX (c) L.W.
- HALF BACKS**
10 T. PALMER (c) O.H.
9 G. MACE S.H.
- FORWARDS**
1 R. COWLING (c)
2 M. NICHOLLS (c)
3 K. RICHARDSON (c)
4 A. BRINN (i) (c)
5 J. FIDLER
6 E. PINKNEY
8 J. JARRETT (c)
7 R. SMITH (c)

FIRST XV FIXTURES

Sept.	2	Broughton Pk.	H	14-4
	6	Moseley	.. H	31-12
	9	Coventry	.. A	6-14
	13	Abertillery	.. H	30-16
	16	Ebbw Vale	.. A	22-14
	20	British Police	H	26-3
	23	Bristol	.. H	9-13
	30	Bedford	.. H	47-13
Oct.	4	Stroud	.. A	35-10
	7	Newbridge	.. H	24-10
	11	Cheltenham	.. H	39-0
	14	Harlequins	.. A	13-0
	18	S. Wales Police	H	19-4
	21	Newport	.. A	9-30
	28	Clifton	.. A	P
Nov.	4	Leicester	.. H	13-13
	11	Moseley	.. A	12-29
	18	Aberavon	.. H	27-10
	25	Lydney	.. H	19-18
Dec.	2	Oxford Univ.	A	9-8
	6	Cardiff	.. A	P
	9	Bath	.. A	P
	12	S. G. (Counties)	H	29-7
	16	Coventry	.. H	
	23	Saracens	.. H	
	26	O.M.T.'s	.. H	

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4 B. J. CORLESS (c) L.C.
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7 W. J. GITTINGS (i) S.H.
- FORWARDS**
8 K. E. FAIRBROTHER (i)
9 J. D. GRAY (c)
10 J. M. BRODERICK (c)
11 B. F. NINNES (i)
12 D. SIMPSON (c)
13 R. H. WALKER (c)
14 R. N. CREED (i)
15 B. C. HOLT (c)

FIRST XV FIXTURES

Jan	1	Bridgend	.. H	
	6	Lond, Scottish	H	
	13	Army	.. H	
	15	Leicester	.. A	
	20	Wasps	.. A	
	27	Camb. Univ.	H	
Feb.	2	Bristol	.. A	
	7	St. Luke's Coll	H	
	10	Bath	.. H	
	17	Swansea	.. A	
	21	Loughbr. Coll.	H	
	24	Aberavon	.. A	
Mar.	3	Northampton	H	
	10	Richmond	.. A	
	14	Pontypool	.. A	
	17	Guy's Hospital	H	
	24	Newport	.. H	
	28	Newbridge	.. A	
	31	Plymouth	.. H	
Apr.	7	Cardiff	.. H	
	11	Cheltenham	.. A	
	14	Exeter	.. A	
	19	Lydney	.. A	
	21	New Brighton	H	
	23	Liverpool	.. H	
	28	Penzance	.. A	
	30	Camborne	.. A	

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WELCOME TO COVENTRY!

There are some famous clubs, of course, whose visit to Kingsholm means rather more than just another match; and one of these is undoubtedly Coventry, to whom we extend a very cordial welcome this afternoon. Both Coventry and Gloucester, one might say, have, like Wolsey of old, reached the highest point of all their greatness, which partly accounts for the absence of several key players on duty in the England trial match. Nevertheless, we look forward to the accustomed enjoyable game with our great friends and rivals from the Midlands.

KINGSHOLM KACKLE

The corresponding match last season provided Gloucester with one of their toughest struggles in defence of their unbeaten ground record, for they only won through by the narrow margin of 16 points to 15 on Saturday, September 11th, 1971. Coventry, then, again having a highly successful season, will be keen to avenge that reverse.

With honours continuing to come Gloucester's way, congratulations to John Watkins and Mike Burton on their selection for today's England trial, and to those two other popular forwards, Jim Jarrett and Keith Richardson, on winning their places in the Southern Counties' side to meet the All Blacks at Oxford next Wednesday. A word of congratulation too, to Roy Long on his appointment as the club's general secretary in succession to Harold King, who recently resigned because of business commitments. Roy has been a great club stalwart as player, committee man and team secretary; he has already started his new job with the same efficiency and dedication.

After an exciting game of some confusion and uncertainty Gloucestershire narrowly defeated Devon at Kingsholm last Saturday and now qualify to meet Oxfordshire in the quarter-final of the county championship on Saturday, January 13th. As this match will also be at Kingsholm the fixture with the Army arranged for that date will be cancelled or postponed.

But there is rugger in plenty before then and next week-end brings the usual festive season fare, with the visit of Saracens on Saturday and the traditional game against Old Merchant Taylors on Boxing Day, both matches starting at 3.15 p.m. ARTHUR RUSSELL

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