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7 M. BOOTH (C) S.H.
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10 J. FOWKE (C)
11 J. JARRETT (C)
12 A. BRINN (C)
13 G. WHITE (C)
14 D. OWEN (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	-
16	Coventry	A	-
23	Northampton	H	-
26	O.M.T's	H	-
27	Stroud	H	-
30	Cardiff	H	-

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D. CHAFFE

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	-
Apl. 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

This evening we extend a cordial welcome to Clifton, until last season comparative strangers to Kingsholm, and look forward to an extertaining game with our County neighbours who, we trust, will readily approve of our splendid floodlights.

Fittingly enough, Clifton opened Gloucester's programme last season when they appeared at Kingsholm on Thursday evening, Sept. 1st, 1966. Gloucester won by 15 points to 6, though our visitors had the wretched luck to lose their No. 8 forward, Osborn, for much of the game with a leg injury. Gordon Hook, making one of his few appearances for Gloucester, kicked a penalty goal, but suffered "the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune" with his conversion shots. For while Gary Mace, who also dropped a goal, Nick Foice and Terry Hopson scored tries, Gordon twice struck an upright and sent the other conversion attempt only inches wide ! Pollidra scored a try for Clifton and Mason, playing that evening at outside-half dropped a goal.

KINGSHOLM KACKLE

The lucky programme, No. 444, for the Oxford University match at Kingsholm last Saturday was held by Mr. B. W. Smith of 28 Linden Road, Gloucester, who was the richer by a fiver. Congratulations !

Supporters wishing to travel to Twickenham next Saturday week, December 16th, for the match between the Barbarians and New Zealand, are reminded that tickets may be obtained direct from "Twickers". The address to which they can apply is : The Secretary, The Rugby Union, Twickenham.

It appears that the South-Western group of the County rugby championship is now in a hopeless mess following Devon's ridiculous refusal - and that a fortnight ago of Cornwall - to play Gloucestershire because of foot and mouth epidemic. The excuses of both these counties are palpably weak, for soccer teams and others are still travelling to and from Devon and Cornwall without the slightest restriction. One is forced to the conclusion that Devon and Cornwall are either disinclined to meet Gloucestershire, or that as they have no hope of winning the group they have lost interest completely.

However, though County officials and supporters are justifiably incensed over these petty excuses, it will be to Gloucester's advantage, for on Saturday next, December 9th, we meet Bath at Kingsholm (kick-off 3-15 p.m.), and we shall need our strongest available side against the Somerset club, who are in top form at present.

The keen local rugger enthusiast will be glad to know that there is another attractive fixture tomorrow evening at the Athletic Ground, Cheltenham. The annual "Varsities" International between England and Wales is being staged on the Town ground under floodlights, kick-off 7-30 p.m., and well-known players will be on view. A.R.