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OUR VISITORS

Gloucester open their holiday programme with the visit of old north country friends, New Brighton, to whom we extend a very cordial welcome to Kingsholm.

Unfortunately New Brighton, who play bright, open rugger, only visit Kingsholm once every two years, but we trust they will enjoy their brief stay in the West Country and we look forward to another enjoyable game this afternoon.

KINGSHOLM KACKLE

New Brighton’s last appearance here certainly provided an exciting tussle, Gloucester beating them on Saturday, March 25th, 1967, by 12 points to 11. Charlie Hannaford, Roy Morris, Don Rutherford and Gary White scored Gloucester’s four tries, none of which was converted, though both Rutherford and David Ainge went close.

An interesting point is the composition of Gloucester’s team that afternoon in an injury-racked season.

It was: Rutherford; Groves, Morris, Pitt, Dix; Ainge, Spalding; Burton, Keith-Roach, McDougall, Davis, Brinn, White (captain), Hannaford, Neal. Not many of those players in today’s Gloucester team!

Supporters will no doubt like to note that there is a feast of rugger at the Memorial Ground, Tuffley Avenue, tomorrow, Sunday, when Widden Old Boys’ stage their annual Seven-a-side Tournament.

Clubs from many parts of the country, including the Isle of Man, are taking part, and the first match is at 2.30 p.m. With 22 entries, there will be rugger all the afternoon until approximately 8 p.m.—and the bar will be open, gentlemen!

David Green, the Gloucestershire C.C.C. opening batsman who was in such prolific form last season, and our own Mickie Booth and skipper Dick Smith will be presenting the trophies after the final.

Admission is, of course, free, but we ask you to support this excellent venture by purchasing programmes (1/- each, with lucky numbers), which are obtainable in the Social Club.

Ken Sparrow and his colleagues wish to express their deep gratitude to the generosity of supporters at the Newport match, when the annual collection for the St. John Ambulance Brigade realised £24. Their sincere thanks to you all!

Perhaps someone at the Leicester match last Wednesday week did not peruse his (or her) programme thoroughly, for the winning number, 409, is still unclaimed. And there was a fiver for the asking, as it were!

On Monday the holiday programme continues with the visit of relative newcomers, Fylde, another north country club, to Kingsholm (kick-off 3.15 p.m.).

Meanwhile, the officers, committee and players of Gloucester R.F.C. wish you all a happy holiday.

A.R.