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. 1	R. ETHERIDGE (C)	Sept. 2 Clifton H 26-3 5 Cheltenham A 12-15	Jan. 2 Lond. Scottish H 9 Leicester A
	THREEQUARTERS	9 Pontypool — H 3-0	16 Wasps A 23 Cambridge Un. H
3	16/13	w. 12 Coventry	30 BridgendH
4	R. JARDINE I		Feb. 3 St. Luke's Coll. H 6 Bristol
5		W. Oct. 3 Bedford H 11-21	13 BathH 20 SwanseaA
6	HALF BACKS T. PALMER (c)	7 Ebbw Vale H 13-6 10 Harlequins A 6-20	27 AberavonA
7		H. 14 Stroud A 17-0 WHITBREAD H. 19 Newport A 15-9 TANKARD	Mar. 6 NorthamptonH 11 R.A.FH
	FORWARDS	24 Old Blues ——H 44-9 31 Oxford Univ.—A 8-6	13 Richmond — A 17 Ebbw Vale — A
9	(-)	Nov. 4 Newbridge H 6-6 clear, refreshing	20 Guy's Hospital H 22 Clifton ————A
10	(Capt.)	7 LeicesterH 25-15 14 MoseleyA 9-13	26 Newport H 31 Pontypool A
11	e com especial especi	21 Aberavon	Apr. 3 Cardiff H 8 Lydney A
12		Dec. 5 NewbridgeA 10-3	10 New Brighton H 12 Harrogate H
13	(-)	12 Bath	17 Sale H 24 Penzance A
15	J. HAINES	26 O.M.T.'sH 28 SaracensH	26 PlymouthA May 1 CheltenhamH

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1 G. H. COLE (c)

THREEQUARTERS

- 2 J. P. BOLTON (c) R.W.
- 3 C. WHEATLEY (C) R.C. 4 R. E. GRIFFITH (c) L.C. (Capt.)
- 5 R. CAMPTON (c) L.W.

HALF BACKS

- 6 P. D. NICHOLLS O.H.
- 7 W. GITTINGS (c) (I) S.H.

- 8 J. M. BRODERICK (c)
- 9 T. J. GALLAGER (c)
- 10 J. G. CREED (c)
- 11 H. F. PROSSER (c)
- 12 J. BARTON (c) (I)
- 13 R. H. WALKER
- 14 C. R. HOLMES (c)
- 15 P. M. BRYAN (c)

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OUR VISITORS

After what seems an interminable time Gloucester are back at Kingsholm this afternoon; and what better fare for their supporters with the approach of Christmas than the visit of those redoubtable opponents and old friends, Coventry, to whom we extend a very cordial welcome.

"Cov", as usual, are enjoying a highly successful season, and we look forward to a rugger "spectacular" this afternoon.

KINGSHOLM KACKLE

Last season Coventry achieved the double over Gloucester, winning the corresponding match at Kingsholm on Saturday, September 13th, 1969, by 15 points to 9. And Gloucester did not cross the Midlanders' line, for their score consisted of three penalty goals by Eric Stephens!

As can be seen from the season's records to date in the centre pages of the programme, Coventry gained another victory over the Cherry and Whites at Coundon Road in September, so the lads have an old score or two to settle, though they will have to be in top form to achieve this aim.

Congratulations to Dick Smith on gaining well-merited recognition for the first England trial match today, and to young Ron Etheridge, who appears to have created much interest among the Scottish selectors.

It would seem an opportune moment, too, to offer congratulations to Des Diamond, the brilliant Loughborough Colleges' centre, who made his county championship debut for Gloucestershire last month, on being nominated as a reserve for the England trial.

It is hoped to see Des, who hails from Stroud, in the Cherry and

and Whites' jersey over the holidays.

There is the usual feast of rugger at Kingsholm during the festive season, with the time-honoured Boxing Day visit of Old Merchant Taylors next Saturday afternoon.

On Monday, December 28th, the opponents will be Saracens, who recently gave a terrific hiding to neighbouring Cheltenham in London.

Both these holiday games kick-off at 3.15 p.m.

For the match with Leicester early last month Messrs. Bettridge, the well-known poultry and fish merchants, of New Eastgate Market, donated a large chicken as an additional prize for lucky programme numbers.

With Christmas almost here they have repeated their kind gesture for this afternoon's match and we are deeply appreciative of their offer. In addition to the first prize of £5, then, there will be the prodigious portion of prime poultry for our silver-voiced news-caster, Jim Hickey, to announce over the loud-speaker system!

Cups of tea will be available during half-time from the Social Club. Finally, the officials, committee and players of Gloucester R.F.C. wish you all a very happy Christmas!