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# Gloucester v. Northampton

KINGSHOLM - GLOUCESTER

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## GLOUCESTER

(Red and White)

- FULL BACK  
**1 D. RUTHERFORD** (f)
- THREEQUARTERS  
**2 J. GROVES** (c) R.W.  
**3 R. JARDINE** R.C.  
**4 R. PITT** (c) L.C.  
**5 R. MORRIS** L.W.
- HALF BACKS  
**6 D. GENT** O.H.  
**7 M. BOOTH** (c) S.H.
- FORWARDS  
**8 R. COWLING**  
**9 M. NICHOLLS** (c)  
**10 M. BURTON**  
**11 J. JARRETT** (c)  
**12 N. JACKSON**  
**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 | Can.  |
| 16      | Coventry        | A | 3-8   |
| 23      | Northampton     | H |       |
| 26      | O.M.T's         | H |       |
| 27      | Stroud          | H |       |
| 30      | Cardiff         | H |       |

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(C) County

## NORTHAMPTON

- FULL BACK  
**15 I. MOFFATT** (c)
- THREEQUARTERS  
**14 K. SAVAGE** (i) R.W.  
**13 P. BARON** (c) R.C.  
**12 J. COOLEY** (c) L.C.  
**11 D. PROUT** (c) L.W.
- HALF BACKS  
**10 K. A. BROWN** O.H.  
**9 D. BAGNALL** (c) S.H.
- FORWARDS  
**1 D. POWELL** (i)  
**2 R. HORWOOD**  
**3 P. DUFFY**  
**4 M. PARSONS** (c)  
**5 P. LARTER** (i)  
**6 R. B. TAYLOR** (i)  
**8 A. R. TURNELL**  
**7 B. WEST** (c)

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|        |                |   |  |
|--------|----------------|---|--|
| 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

With the festive season upon us once again we could have no more distinguished opponents to open the Christmas holiday programme at Kingsholm than Northampton, the powerful "Saints", to whom we extend a particularly cordial welcome this afternoon.

The magnitude of the task confronting Gloucester today is perhaps best emphasised by giving details of Northampton's remarkable record to date. Of their 18 matches they have won 15, having scored 255 points and conceding only 110.

Victory for our lads this afternoon, then, is a "consummation devoutly to be wished", as Hamlet reminds us; but they will have to be in top gear to beat such formidable opponents.

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## KINGSHOLM KACKLE

Last season Northampton were our first Saturday visitors to Kingsholm, and, strangely enough, Gloucester gave one of their finest performances to beat the "Saints" by 16 points to 9, on September 3rd, 1966. John Groves, in splendid form, scored two tries and Roy Morris one, with David Ainge - whom Bristol have inexplicably dropped from full-back, we notice! - making two conversions and landing a penalty goal. Roger Hosen, then playing for the "Saints", kicked three penalty goals.

In our last home game, against Clifton in mid-week, the lucky programme, number 109, was held by P. Smith, of 11 Albert Street, Gloucester, who was the richer by £5. Congratulations!

Although our first weather "casualty" came with the sudden heavy snowfall a fortnight ago, when we were forced to "call off" the attractive fixture with Bath at Kingsholm, we prefer to regard it as a postponement rather than a cancellation, for we hope our friends from Bath will visit Kingsholm in the New Year for a match under floodlights in mid-week.

Those who look forward to the regular little "family gathering" of Bingo each Monday in the Social Club are reminded that there will be no session next week. The next Bingo evening will be on New Year's Day, Monday week, commencing at 8 p.m.

On Tuesday next, Boxing Day, we have the traditional match with our old friends, Old Merchant Taylors; then on Wednesday afternoon county neighbours Stroud will be our visitors. Next Saturday, December 30th, brings another of the season's highlights with the visit of redoubtable Cardiff. All matches kick-off at 3-15.

**In conclusion, the officials, committee and players of Gloucester R.F.C. thank you all sincerely for your support through thick and thin, so to speak, this season, and send their best wishes for a very happy Christmas to members, supporters and rugger fans everywhere!**

A.R.