OUR VISITORS

Difficult though it may be to believe, this is Gloucester’s first Saturday afternoon game at Kingsholm this year – the last one was on December 30th! – and what better way to celebrate the occasion than a visit from our old friends and rivals, Aberavon, to whom we extend a particularly cordial welcome.

The famous Welsh Wizards, as Aberavon are so aptly named, are enjoying a very successful season; one that would have been even more impressive but for several defeats since Christmas, when they have often been forced to field weakened sides because of injuries and international calls. Their record to last week-end shows that they have won 15 of their 25 matches played, with 3 drawn; scoring 236 points against 152. We look forward, then, to an enjoyable game.

In the corresponding game last season, on Saturday, Nov. 19th, Gloucester beat Aberavon in an exciting game at Kingsholm by 9 points to 8 – though they have to thank David Ainge for their victory – for he landed three penalty goals!

KINGSHOLM KACKLE

The first county championship game at Kingsholm for more than a year provided exciting entertainment last Saturday, when Gloucestershire, especially in the pack, gave hints that they could make a decided impression in the competition this season.

It will be interesting to see what changes the selectors make when they meet this evening – for there will be one or two, surely, in the back division. The strongest available side should be able to avenge those two defeats by Oxfordshire in recent years when they meet the Southern group champions at Iffley Road, Oxford, next Saturday.

It was recently announced in the Citizen “Pink ‘Un” that the match between Gloucester and Bath, originally arranged for December 9th last, but postponed because of snow, would be played at Kingsholm under the floodlights next Wednesday week, March 6th.

At the request of Bath, who have several players taking part in a special match on this date, however, the game with Gloucester has been brought forward to the evening of Tuesday, March 5th at Kingsholm.

One particularly important game for your diary is the Schools’ International (19 group) match between England and Scotland at Kingsholm on the evening of Wednesday, April 10th.

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