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(I)

FULL BACK

### FULL BACK 1 D. RUTHERFORD (I)

4	D. RUTHERFORD (I)		FIRST XV FIXTURES		
			Sept.2 LydneyH 18- 6		
	THREEQUARTERS		6 PontypoolH 14-3		
			9 CoventryH 11- 9		
2	J. DIX	R.W.	13 CheltenhamA 5 -14		
3 J.	J. BAYLISS (c)	R.C.	16 MoseleyA 14-11		
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4	R. PITT (c)	L.C.	23 BristolH 11-12		
5	J. GROVES (c)	L.W.	30 BedfordA 18- 5		
			Oct. 2 Ebbw Vale H 12- 8		
	HALF BACKS		7 Bective Rangers A 22- 3		
6	T. PALMER (c)	О.Н.	12 CliftonH		
7	M. BOOTH (c)	S.H.	14 HarlequinsH 18- 0		
			21 NewportH 13-13		

### FORWARDS

- J. FOWKE (c)
- 8 J. FOWKE (c)
   11 Moseley H 3-6

   9 M. NICHOLLS (c)
   15 CambridgeUniv.A 3-9

   10 R. COWLING
   18 Aberavon A 3-11

   11 A. BRINN (c)
   Dec. 2 Oxford Univ. H 11-11

   20 Oxford Univ. H 11-11

- 12 N. JACKSON 13 A. THOMAS
- 14 D. OWEN (c)
- 15 M. NEAL



- (I) International
- (C) County

		FULL BACK
FIRST XV FIXTURES	15	T. WHEELER (I)
Jan. 6 Lond. ScottishA 6-16		
13 Leicester — H Can.		THREEQUARTERS
20 Plymouth	14	B. FLYNN
Feb. 3 BristolA Can.	13	C. JONES (Capt).)
8 ArmyH 8-8	12	I. HALL
10 BathA 11-0	11	G. REES
16 Swansea	"	G. REES
Mar. 2 NorthamptonA		HALF BACKS
9 R.A.F. ——H	10	R. JONES
13 Ebbw ValeA		
16 Guys HospitalA	9	J. LEWIS
21 Stroud ———A		FORWARDS
23 Saracens — H		
25 NewportA 27 CliftonA	1	W. WHITLOCK
30 Wasps ———H	2	M. HOWELL
Apl. 1 CheltenhamH	3	A. DAVIS
6 PontypoolA	4	B. MAINWARING
11 Lydney ———A 13 Headingley ———H		
15 Birkenhead Pk. H	5	M. WILTSHIRE (I)
20 NeathH	6	J. DAVIES
23 NewbridgeA	8	I. LUFF
27 PenzanceA		
29 ExeterA	7	O. JONES

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21 Newport H 13-13
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Dec. 2 Oxford Only, —H 11-11

9 Bath — H Can.

16 Coventry — A 3-8

23 Northampton —H 19-3

26 O.M.T's — H 14-8

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### **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.

A.R.