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### 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 19- 3  
26 O.M.T.'s — H 14- 8  
27 Stroud — H 11- 3  
30 Cardiff — H 6-21

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### FIRST XV FIXTURES

Jan. 6 Lond. Scottish — A 6-16  
13 Leicester — H Can.  
20 Plymouth — H 8- 0  
27 Neath — A 0-14  
Feb. 3 Bristol — A Can.  
8 Army — H 8- 8  
10 Bath — A 11- 0  
16 Swansea — H 3-17  
24 Aberavon — H 6- 6  
Mar. 2 Northampton — A 8-18  
9 R.A.F. — H 6-17  
13 Ebbw Vale — A 3-20  
16 Guys Hospital — A 3- 3  
21 Stroud — A 15- 8  
23 Saracens — H 3- 3  
25 Newport — A 6- 8  
27 Clifton — A 24- 5  
30 Wasps — H 23- 0  
Apr. 1 Cheltenham — H 3-14  
6 Pontypool — A 16-11  
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

We extend a hearty welcome this afternoon to Birkenhead Park, our visitors from Cheshire, another club who place the accent on open rugby, and we look forward to an enjoyable game.

Birkenhead Park, unfortunately, have not been enjoying the best of luck this season, having won only six of their 29 matches, with 3 drawn. They have scored 198 points and had 384 recorded against them.

Birkenhead Park only visit Kingsholm once every two years and on the last occasion – Easter Monday, April 11th, 1966 – Gloucester played spectacular rugby to win convincingly by 32 points to 3, though in fairness the 'Park' lost a prop forward and a centre, and played a long period of the second half with only 13 men.

Nevertheless, Gloucester were in great form, and tries came from Terry Hopson (2), John Bayliss, John Groves, Tony Osman and Graham Redding, with David Ainge converting four and kicking two penalty goals.

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## KINGSHOLM KACKLE

The rugby season seems to have whizzed past at a terrific rate and it is difficult to realise that Gloucester have only one home game remaining on their programme.

This is against Neath next Saturday, kick-off at 3.15 p.m. It will, in fact, be Gloucester's last Saturday afternoon match this season, for the fixture on tour with Penzance-Newlyn at the Mennaye Field on Saturday week will be played in the evening.

Gloucester's other two matches are against Newbridge tomorrow week, April 23rd, and Exeter on Monday, April 29th – both away.

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This week's Bingo session will be held at the Social Club tomorrow evening (8 p.m.) and will then revert to the normal Monday evenings, when it is hoped to run them throughout the summer months.

A.R.