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# **GLOUCESTER v. COVENTRY**

**KINGSHOLM - GLOUCESTER**

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## GLOUCESTER

(Red and White)

- FULL BACK**  
**1 P. BUTLER**
- THREEQUARTERS**  
**2 R. GWILLIM** R.W.  
**3 J. BAYLISS (c)** R.C.  
**4 D. BROOKS** L.C.  
**5 J. GROVES (c)** L.W.
- HALF BACKS**  
**6 T. PALMER (c)** O.H.  
**7 J. SPALDING (c)** S.H.
- FORWARDS**  
**8 C. N. TEAGUE**  
**9 D. EAST (c)**  
**10 J. FOWKE (c)**  
**11 A. BRINN (c)**  
**12 R. LONG (c)**  
**13 G. WHITE (c)**  
**14 M. POTTER**  
**15 M. NEAL**

- FIRST XV FIXTURES**  
 Sept. 2 Lydney ..... H 54- 6  
 5 Broughton Park H 30- 0  
 7 Moseley ..... H 8- 8  
 12 Cheltenham ..... H 19-17  
 14 Coventry ..... A 9- 9  
 19 Clifton ..... A 12- 9  
 21\*Bective Rangers H 20- 6  
 25 Cardiff ..... H 15- 6  
 28 Bristol ..... A 9- 6  
 Oct. 2\*Coventry ..... H 15- 8  
 5 Bedford ..... H 21-22  
 10 Ebbw Vale ..... H 16- 6  
 12 Harlequins ..... A 3-16  
 16\*Bosuns ..... H 30- 8  
 19 Newport ..... A 0-29  
 26 Old Blues ..... H 59- 0  
 30 Stroud ..... H 19- 5  
 Nov. 2 Leicester ..... H 9- 3  
 9 Moseley ..... A 8-39  
 16 Aberavon ..... H 11-12  
 23 Newbridge ..... A 3- 3  
 27\*St. Luke's Coll. H 9- 9  
 30 Oxford Univ. .... A 3-23  
 Dec. 7 Pontypool ..... H 15- 8  
 14 Bath ..... A Can.  
 21 Coventry ..... H  
 26 O.M.T.'s ..... H  
 28 Newbridge ..... H

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## COVENTRY

FULL BACK

- 1 G. H. COLE**
- THREEQUARTERS**  
**2 J. R. MELVILLE** R.W.  
**3 R. E. GRIFFITHS** R.C.  
**4 C. P. WHEATLEY** L.C.  
**5 J. P. BOLTON** L.W.
- HALF BACKS**  
**6 T. J. DALTON** O.H.  
**7 W. J. GITTINGS (I)** S.H.  
 (Captain)
- FORWARDS**  
**8 R. J. KNOTT**  
**9 H. J. WYMAN**  
**10 K. E. FAIRBROTHER**  
**11 I. R. DARNELL**  
**12 J. D. LACEY**  
**13 R. J. PHILLIPS**  
**14 C. R. HOLMES**  
**15 R. N. CREEP**

FIRST XV FIXTURES

- Jan. 4 Lond. Scottish...H  
 11 Leicester .....A  
 18 Saracens .....A  
 25 Cambridge UnivH  
 Feb. 1 Bristol .....H  
 8 Bath .....H  
 13 Army .....H  
 15 Swansea .....A  
 22 Aberavon .....A  
 26 Cheltenham .....A  
 Mar. 1 Northampton H  
 8 R.A.F. ....H  
 12 Ebbw Vale .....A  
 15 Guys Hospital H  
 19 Moseley .....A  
 22 Newport .....H  
 26\*Leicester .....H  
 29 Wasps .....A  
 Apr. 3 Lydney .....A  
 5 New Brighton H  
 7 Fylde .....H  
 12 Pontypool .....A  
 16 Cheltenham .....A  
 19 Sale .....H  
 23 Clifton .....H  
 26 Penzance .....A  
 28 Plymouth .....A  
 May 1 Stroud .....A  
 3 Exeter .....H

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## OUR VISITORS

For the second time this season we extend a cordial welcome to our old friends and rivals, Coventry, to Kingsholm this afternoon.

Their previous visit here was on Wednesday evening, October 2nd, for the first of the newly-formed Midlands Floodlit Alliance matches, and on that occasion Gloucester ran out winners by 15 points to 8, skipper Dick Smith scoring a memorable try. Gloucester's other tries came from John Bayliss and Richard Clewes, while Tom Palmer landed two penalty goals.

Gloucester will be without their skipper today, for he, like several of his colleagues, is on the injured list. Coventry are also below strength because of England trial match calls at Falmouth. Nevertheless, the Midlanders will be all out to exact revenge this afternoon, for in the first encounter, at Coundon Road on Saturday, Sept. 14th, Gloucester shared the honours in a draw of nine points each.

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## KINGSHOLM KACKLE

An extremely generous gesture by a well-known business firm, keen Cherry and Whites' supporters, has enabled yet another prize to be given for a lucky programme number this afternoon. The prize—a special Christmas one of a free-range chicken, with a dozen farmhouse eggs for good measure. They are presented by Messrs. T. J. Bettridge and Son Ltd., of the Market, Gloucester. We are indeed grateful to Messrs. Bettridge for this kind donation. There will also be the usual £5 and the dozen cans of brown ale, kindly donated by Messrs. Watney's. Better tell your pal to buy a programme instead of borrowing yours!

**Social Club.** There will be no Bingo over the Christmas holidays. The next session in the Social Club will be on Monday evening, Jan. 6th (8 p.m. prompt).

Tomorrow evening's "Sunday Night at the Club" will again have special entertainment for all members and their friends. In addition the Gloucester Rugby Social Club's Christmas Draw will be made. (Have you bought your ticket yet?).

There will also be a special social evening next Tuesday (Christmas Eve). Why not come along to the Social Club for these occasions and bring the ladies with you?

In conclusion, the president, committee and players of the Gloucester Rugby Football Club wish all members and supporters a very Happy Christmas.

A.R.

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### LUCKY PROGRAMME NUMBERS - Pontypool game

No. 17. Mr. W. Neville, of Kemerton, near Tewkesbury, who won £5.  
No. 903. Mr. Edwards, of Cinderford, who won 1 dozen cans of beer.

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Next match at Kingsholm : Boxing Day, Thursday, Dec. 26th  
GLOUCESTER v. OLD MERCHANT TAYLORS (Kick-off 3.15 p.m.)

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