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- 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 9-14
 26 O.M.T.'s — H 42-10
 28 Newbridge — H Can.

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- FIRST XV FIXTURES**
 Jan. 4 Lond. Scottish — H 11-12
 11 Leicester — A 8-12
 18 Saracens — A Can.
 25 Cambridge Univ H 27-5
 Feb. 1 Bristol — H 5-6
 7 Bath — H Can.
 13 Army — H Can.
 15 Swansea — A Can.
 19*Loughbro', Col. H Can.
 22 Aberavon — A Can.
 26 Cheltenham — A 6-3
 Mar. 1 Northampton — H 16-11
 5 Bath — H 8-6
 8 R.A.F. — H 25-8
 12 Ebbw Vale — A 6-6
 15 Guys Hospital — H 24-11
 19 Moseley — A 9-24
 22 Newport — H
 26*Leicester — H
 29 Wasps — A
 Apr. 3 Lydney — H
 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

Were a popularity poll taken in the rugby world, one could reasonably assume that top spot would go to formidable Newport, our old friends and rivals from Monmouthshire, to whom we extend a particularly cordial welcome to Kingsholm this afternoon.

It is unfortunate that Gloucester should suffer injuries to several key players at a time when we meet such formidable opponents, but we realise, too, that our visitors will have four of their stars on duty for Wales this afternoon.

The task facing our lads is obvious from the magnificent record boasted by Newport to date, for they have only lost twice in 33 matches, and have scored 556 points while conceding 208. We look forward, then, to another keen and exciting struggle.

KINGSHOLM KACKLE

Last season, on Saturday, October 21st, 1967, there was an exciting tussle between Gloucester and Newport at Kingsholm, the game ending in a draw of 11 points each. Dick Smith and John Bayliss scored two splendid tries for Gloucester, one of which was converted by Don Rutherford, who also landed a penalty goal.

Vice-captain John Bayliss, who has been suffering from a leg infection, is out of hospital, but does not expect to play again this season, while Mike Nicholls' knee injury – or rather, injuries over the years – have proved so severe that he has been advised to give up rugger. “Nick” will be sadly missed at Kingsholm, for he has been a great servant to the club and Gloucestershire.

Gloucester, forced to make further late changes, gave an excellent account of themselves against speedy Moseley at the Reddings on Wednesday evening, and the margin of their defeat was most unjust, especially as two of the Midlanders' tries came from glaring offences which the referee missed. However, full credit to Moseley, who now seem certain to be the first-ever winners of the new Midlands Floodlit Alliance.

Gloucester play their last match in this competition under the Kingsholm floodlights next Wednesday, March 26th, when they meet Leicester (kick-off 7-30 p.m.).

A.R.