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(Red and White)

- FULL BACK**
1 E. J. STEPHENS
- THREEQUARTERS**
2 R. CLEWES R.W.
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4 J. BAYLISS (c) L.C.
5 J. GROVES (c) L.W.
- HALF BACKS**
6 T. HOPSON (c) O.H.
7 M. BOOTH (c) S.H.
- FORWARDS**
8 K. RICHARDSON (c)
9 P. KOCERHAN
10 M. BURTON (c)
11 R. LONG (c)
12 A. BRINN (c)
13 G. WHITE (c)
14 M. POTTER
15 R. SMITH (c) (Capt.)

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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11 P. CLAPP L.W.
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9 G. MILFORD S.H.
- FORWARDS**
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2 M. COOK
3 K. ROBERTS
4 T. HEMPTON (c)
5 W. PRITCHARD (c)
6 A. COLE (c) (Capt.)
8 M. SLOMAN
7 D. HUGHES (c)
- 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 3-8
 26*Leicester H 0-6
 29 Wasps A 22-14
- Apr. 3 Lydney A 19-8
 5 New Brighton .. H 25-9
 7 Fylde H 20-21
 12 Pontypool A 15-6
 16 Cheltenham A 16-5
 19 Sale H 28-16
 21 Bath A 19-13
 23 Clifton H 12-6
 26 Penzance A 38-3
 28 Plymouth A 8-12
 May 1 Stroud A 27-13
 3 Exeter H

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OUR VISITORS

To ring down the curtain on yet another season we could have no better choice as opponents – if their last visit to Kingsholm is any criterion – than Exeter, to whom we extend a cordial welcome this afternoon.

The past two seasons we have met Exeter at the County Ground during the annual Cornwall and Devon tour, and their last appearance here was on Saturday, April 30th, 1966, when they also provided Gloucester with their last match of that campaign.

It may be recalled that in a miniature heat-wave the two sides gave a brilliant exhibition of rugger that matched the weather, and the result, most fittingly, was a draw of 18 points each, Gloucester equalising in the closing minutes after many fluctuations of fortune. John Groves, Dave Christopher, Dick Smith and Terry Hopson scored our tries, David Ainge converting three of them, just failing with the fourth.

KINGSHOLM KACKLE

As this is the last match, the appeal is specially repeated to members, supporters and friends for volunteers to join players and committee men in starting the “spring-cleaning” at Kingsholm within the next week or so.

Will you help to make our wonderful ground and its surrounds worthy of its tradition, and put it in spick and span shape for the start of next season? You do not have to be skilled tradesmen to help with the numerous odd jobs to be done, and your assistance would be deeply appreciated. Those who can spare a little of their leisure time during the summer months are invited to contact secretary Terry Tandy or any committee member.

The lads met with mixed fortunes on their Devon and Cornwall tour last week-end. After giving a magnificent display of open rugger to swamp Penzance and Newlyn at the Mennaye Field, they unexpectedly succumbed to Plymouth Albion at Beacon Park on Monday.

The reason for this surprise defeat was partly due to the delayed action of the week-end’s social activities. But there was, too, some exceptionally strange decisions made by the Devon referee that appeared to demoralise the lads almost from the start. However, perhaps it is churlish to make excuses, so congratulations to the Albion, who played a little better in the circumstances than Gloucester did.

As this is the last match, the committee and players of the club wish to convey their thanks and appreciation to all members and regular followers who have given their support throughout the season. And perhaps it would not be amiss to thank – and congratulate – skipper Dick Smith and all those players who have given their services so unselfishly and taken the club through a wonderful season, despite the arduous fixture list.

A.R.