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	(Red and White)	THE FIRST AID SERVICE ON THIS GROUND IS VOLU THE CITY OF GLOUCESTER DIVISION ST. JOHN A		FULL BACK
1	R. ETHERIDGE	FIRST XV FIXTURES Sept. 1 Philadelphia Un. H 60-0	Jan. 3 Lond. Scottish A 3-32	D. BRADY
	THREEQUARTERS	3 Cardiff	10 LeicesterH 6-8 17 WaspsH 6-0	THREEQUARTERS
2	R. CLEWES R.V	10 CheltenhamA 17-15 13 CoventryH 9-15	24 BridgendA 0-16 14 31 PlymouthH 11-6	A. ROACHE R.W.
3	D. BROOKS R.		Feb. 4 Ebbw Vale A 0-9 13	D. ROUGHLEY (C) R.C.
4	A. FIELDING L.	20 Bective Rangers A 13-3 24 Newbridge A 5-9	12 ArmyH Can. 12	R. WEBB L.C.
5	J. DIX L.V		14 Bath	H. BINGLEY L.W.
	HALF BACKS	Oct. 1 Ebbw Vale H 15-11 4 Bedford A 8-17	21 SwanseaH 19-3 23 NewbridgeH 8-0 27 AberavonH 9-10	HALF BACKS
6	E. J. STEPHENS O.I	8 StroudH 49-14 11 HarlequinsH 14-6 WHITBREAD	Mar. 7 NorthamptonA Can.	A. RUDGE O.H.
7	J. SPALDING (C) S.H	417 7	14 RichmondH 15-16 9 18 BristolA 15-14	P. SCURFIELD (C) S.H. (Capt.)
	FORWARDS	25 Old Blues	21 Guys HospitalH 20-6 26 Lydney	FORWARDS
8	J. FOWKE (c)	Nov. 1 Leicester A 12-15	28 HeadingleyH 17-3 30 Birkenhead Pk H 15-3	F. COTTON (c)
9	M. NICHOLLS (c)	8 Moseley	31 Stroud	N. COLECLOUGH (c)
10	K. RICHARDSON (c)	15 Aberavon	April 4 Fylde	J. CRELLIN (c)
11	D. PEGLER (c)	22 Lydney H 13-0 (1) International	10 Moseley	F. BOWLES (c)
12	M. BURTON (c)	*26 St. Luke's Coll. H 18-6 (C) County 29 Oxford Univ H 8-13	18 SaleA 6-13	J. BELL
13	G. WHITE (c)	Dec. 6 PontypoolA 14-9 * ALL PAY	20 CheltenhamH 14-6 5 25 PenzanceA 17-6 6	
14	M. POTTER	13 BathH 39-13	27 Redruth 14-9	R. IRVING (c)
19.39		20 Coventry	28 Exeter A 11-9 7	G. THOMAS
15	R. SMITH (c) (Capt.)	26 O.M.T.'sH 16-6 27 Pontypool H 12-6	May 2 Liverpool H 16:-20 8	W. MURPHY (c)

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OUR VISITORS

Today brings the end of yet another season and wark the occasion by extending a very cordial welcome to Liverpool, making their first-ever visit to Kingsholm.

Liverpool come to us as complete strangers, but we sincerely trust that this final game this afternoon will cement a lasting friendship between our two clubs. At least, their reputation has gone before them, so to speak, and it suggests that we may look forward to a pleasant and spectacular game. We trust that our new friends will thoroughly enjoy their brief stay in our city and at Kingsholm.

KINGSHOLM KACKLE

Although taking a somewhat weakened side because of injuries and unavailability, Gloucester achieved the splendid feat last week-end of winning all three matches on their tour of Cornwall and Devon.

The game against Penzance and Newlyn last Saturday evening at the Mennaye Field was played in appalling conditions, acknowledged by local inhabitants as the worst they can recall for late April in Cornwall. A bitter wind, lashing rain and a pitch that was no more than a sea of mud made constructive rugger impossible, and it was a test of endurance for both sides.

Congratulations to the lads on their achievement, particularly to Eric Stephens, who amassed no fewer than 33 points in the three matches and played a leading part in Gloucester's triumphant run.

To celebrate the Rugby Union Centenary Year next season there are several matches arranged. Among them are three in which local enthusiasts may be particularly interested.

The first is at Twickenham on October 3rd, kick-off 3.30 p.m., when a combined England and Wales side meet Scotland and Ireland.

On November 14th, also at Twickenham, the England Under 25 XV play Fiji, and on Wednesday, October 10th, is the game that no Gloucester rugger enthusiast will want to miss, for then the Western Counties-Gloucestershire and Somerset-meet the Fijians at Kingsholm.

Tickets for these matches will have to be applied for before the commencement of the 1970–1971 season. Full details will be sent to members with their annual general meeting notice.

In conclusion the officials, committee and players wish to tender their thanks and appreciation to all those who have given their support throughout the past season. They wish you all plenty of sunshine in the summer months and look forward to your support again next September.

A.R.