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OUR VISITORS

When he spoke of those "enterprises of great pith and moment" Hamlet might unwittingly have been prophesying the future clashes between Gloucester and Bristol; for there is always that added "seasoning" to the rugger fare when our old friends and strong County rivals make their annual journey to Kingsholm. We reserve, then, a particularly cordial welcome for them this afternoon and look forward to another memorable tussle; a blend, we hope of virile determination and sparkling moves of perpetual fascination.

It has been stated, perhaps with tongue in cheek, that the England selectors might well choose their national pack wholly from Gloucester and Bristol, thus ensuring a few victories by way of a change. It's a

kindly thought, anyway!

Meanwhile, both clubs have been enjoying a goodly measure of success again this season. A glance at the inside pages of this programme reveals Gloucester's excellent achievements after an uncertain start; also impressive is the record of Bristol, with 16 victories and two draws from 28 matches. They have scored 402 points and conceded 278.

KINGSHOLM KACKLE

The Gloucester-Bristol games in the past two or three years have not conformed to the rules, so to speak, for victory has gone to the visiting side. This season, perhaps, has broken the sequence, for Bristol won comfortably enough at the Memorial Ground last September by 18 points to nil. On their last visit to Kingsholm, on Saturday, September 27th, our County neighbours won by 16 points to 8, Eric Stephens kicking a penalty goal and converting a try by Tom Palmer for the Cherry and Whites, who later in the season gained revenge with a 15-14 win at Bristol in March.

Gloucester recorded their 20th victory of the season when they convincingly accounted for St. Luke's College under the Kingsholm floodlights on Wednesday evening, but are now in the midst of a tough series of fixtures. For next Saturday, also at Kingsholm, with the usual 3.15 p.m. kick-off, they meet further formidable opposition in Bath, with whom they shared a pointless draw in atrocious conditions at the Recreation Ground last December. And for the final two Saturdays of this month Gloucester make successive journeys to South Wales to take on Swansea and Aberayon.

With Warwickshire now through the semi-final after their exciting victory over Leicestershire in the Midlands group replay on Wednesday evening, it must now be the battle between them and Surrey at Twickenham on February 20th to decide Gloucestershire's opponents in the final on Saturday, March 6th.

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