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- Oct. 3 Bedford H 11-21
7 Ebbw Vale H 13-6
10 Harlequins A 6-20
14 Stroud A 17-0
19 Newport A 15-9
24 Old Blues H 44-9
31 Oxford Univ. A 8-6
- Nov. 4 Newbridge H 6-6
7 Leicester H 25-15
14 Moseley A 9-13
21 Aberavon H 9-3
28 Lydney H 28-3
- Dec. 5 Newbridge A 10-3
12 Bath A 0-0
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26 O.M.T.'s H 50-3
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OUR VISITORS

Northampton, unfortunately, only visit us once every two years, and that, so to speak, makes them doubly welcome to Kingsholm this evening. The Saints, as our old and valued Midland friends are popularly known, were due to meet Gloucester last Saturday, but the fixture, of course, had to be re-arranged because of the County Final. They readily agreed to make the long journey here this evening and we are deeply appreciative of this gesture. As most Kingsholm regulars know, Northampton are having as equally a successful season as Gloucester and are also within sight of their 500 points. Ample testimony to their brilliant rugby and insistence on "giving the ball air". With two such powerful teams in opposition, then, we look forward to another enjoyable and entertaining game this evening. Last season Gloucester were due to travel to Franklin's Gardens on March 7th, but the match had to be cancelled — because of snow! Northampton's last visit to Kingsholm, two years ago, was on Saturday, March 1st, 1969, when Gloucester won an exciting game by 16 points to 11. On that occasion John Groves (2), Bob Clewes and Terry Hopson scored tries for the Cherry and Whites, with Eric Stephens converting two.

KINGSHOLM KACKLE

Gloucester's proud record of being unbeaten by Welsh clubs this season was cracked at the end of last month, when successive visits to Swansea and Aberavon both brought narrow defeats. But the lads were by no means disgraced, for after holding Swansea to a pointless draw in the first half at St. Helen's, they were handicapped by injuries to Alan Brinn and Nigel Jackson, and it was only a try by the Welsh side in the closing minutes that decided the issue.

And against Aberavon at the Talbot Athletic Ground, even the home supporters generally agreed that Gloucester were unlucky to lose after playing the more spectacular rugby and dominating the forward exchanges. But for a slight knock-on they would certainly have drawn and probably gained the victory they so well deserved.

Many supporters have been making enquiries about the match between the South-West XV and the President of the Rugby Union's XV next month. This match is at the Memorial Ground, Bristol, on Wednesday, April 14th, but tickets are not yet on sale. When they become available notes to that effect will be published in the Gloucester R.F.C. programme.

Tonight's Bingo Session will be held on Wednesday in the Social Club at 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, March 9th at Kingsholm Kick-off 7.00 p.m.
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