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KINGSHOLM - GLOUCESTER

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GLOUCESTER

(Red and White)

- FULL BACK**
1 R. ETHERIDGE (c)
- THREEQUARTERS**
2 R. CLEWES R.W.
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4 R. MORRIS (c) L.C.
5 E. STEPHENS (c) L.W.
- HALF BACKS**
6 T. PALMER (c) O.H.
7 M. BOOTH (c) S.H.
- FORWARDS**
8 R. COWLING (c)
9 M. NICHOLLS (c) (Capt.)
10 M. BURTON (c)
11 A. BRINN (c)
12 N. JACKSON (c)
13 J. HERNIMAN
14 J. WATKINS
15 J. HAINES

- FIRST XV FIXTURES**
 Sept. 2 Clifton H 26-3
 5 Cheltenham A 12-15
 9 Pontypool H 3-0
 12 Coventry A 6-11
 16 Moseley H 11-6
 19 Beccive Rangers H 20-12
 26 Bristol A 0-18
 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
 19 Coventry H 11-0
 26 O.M.T.'s H 50-3
 28 Saracens H Can.
 Jan. 2 Lond. Scottish H 19-6
 9 Leicester A 15-17

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- FIRST XV FIXTURES**
 Jan. 16 Wasps A 9-3
 23 Cambridge Un. H 20-6
 30 Bridgend H 12-11
 Feb. 3 St. Luke's Coll. H 24-6
 6 Bristol H 23-9
 15 Bath H 9-9
 20 Swansea A 0-6
 24 Loughboro Col H 11-10
 27 Aberavon A 6-9
 Mar. 8 Northampton H 25-6
 11 R.A.F. H 14-5
 13 Richmond A 11-19
 17 Ebbw Vale A 0-6
 20 Guy's Hospital H 20-6
 22 Clifton A 20-3
 26 Newport H 16-0
 31 Pontypool A 3-3
 Apr. 3 Cardiff H 15-6
 8 Lydney A 16-11
 10 New Brighton .H 18-3
 12 Harrogate H 17-6
 17 Sale H 28-3
 21 Cheltenham H
 24 Penzance A
 26 Plymouth A
 30 Exeter H

- FULL BACK**
15 K. HOWE
- THREEQUARTERS**
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13 P. TATE (c) R.C.
12 P. FEREDAY (c) L.C.
11 R. E. WHITE (c) L.W.
- HALF BACKS**
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9 P. BLAKE S.H.
- FORWARDS**
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OUR VISITORS

It has certainly been no winter of discontent for Gloucester and as a thoroughly successful season draws towards its close we extend a cordial welcome this evening to our rivals, but very good friends, neighbouring Cheltenham.

Success for Gloucester this evening would bring their number of victories this season to 33, thus setting up an all-time record for the club. But to achieve this they will have to stiffen the sinews, as the Bard put it, for in recent years the Town have provided tough and formidable opposition, taking a fair share of the spoils in the tussles with the Cherry and Whites.

Cheltenham's last visit to Kingsholm was a year ago, on the evening of Monday, April 20th, 1970, when Gloucester ran out winners by 14 points to 6. John Watkins and Dave Brooks scored Gloucester's tries, Eric Stephens converting one and landing two penalty goals, while Chris Coley kicked two penalties for the Town.

Under Bob Redwood's leadership Cheltenham, though unaccountably losing heavily on occasions, have brought off several remarkable victories. It may be recalled how, inspired by the genial Bob, they crushed Coventry—at Coundon Road!—and became the first English side to defeat Bath this season. Such feats have not gone unnoticed.

KINGSHOLM KACKLE

The lads played magnificent rugby in beating Sale by such a convincing margin last Saturday, again emphasising the strange ways of selectors who have so often ignored the obvious claims of so many of the team. If Gloucester continue in this mood and Cheltenham can produce their best form then we may look forward to a spectacular game this evening.

Because of a late switch in fixtures Gloucester's game against Sale was their last Saturday home match of the season. It was stated in last Saturday's programme that the final game would be against Exeter at Kingsholm on May 1st. But supporters are asked to note that this match, at Exeter's request, has been brought forward to the previous Friday evening, April 30th, with a 7.15 p.m. kick-off.

This week-end the lads are off on their annual tour of Cornwall and Devon, and it is hoped to have the result of the match against Penzance-Newlyn available at Kingsholm soon after 8 p.m. on Saturday evening.

A familiar figure expected to play for Cheltenham in this evening's game is Mike Bayliss, the former Gloucester United captain. As some of our supporters already know, Mike joined the Town club a few weeks ago and quickly won his place in the senior side A.R.