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GLOUCESTER

(Red and White)

- FULL BACK**
1 R. ETHERIDGE (c)
- THREEQUARTERS**
2 R. CLEWES R.W.
3 J. BAYLISS (c) R.C.
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 D. PEGLER (c)
11 A. BRINN (c)
12 N. JACKSON (c)
13 D. OWEN (c)
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 Bective 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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EXETER

- 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 32-3
 24 Penzance A 14-3
 26 Plymouth A 0-16
 30 Exeter H

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15 R. STADDON (c)
- THREEQUARTERS**
14 P. COLEMAN R.W.
13 M. MAYNARD (c) R.C.
12 E. FISHER L.C.
11 R. LEE L.W.
- HALF BACKS**
10 P. HOLMAN (c) O.H.
9 G. MILFORD S.H.
- FORWARDS**
1 N. BRADFORD (c)
2 J. LOCKYER (c)
3 P. BAXTER (c)
4 J. BAXTER (c)
5 N. DIMENT
6 A. COLE (Capt.) (c)
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OUR VISITORS

If it does not sound too much like the title of a song in a revue, one might almost term the visit of Exeter to Kingsholm this evening as a sort of "hello and goodbye" match. For our very good friends from Devon, to whom we extend a particularly cordial welcome, round off what has been a remarkably successful season for the Cherry and Whites, irrespective of the result of this evening's game.

Last season Gloucester met the Devonians on their own County Ground at Exeter for the final match of their South-Western tour and won a closely contested game by 11 points to 9, Eric Stephens landing a penalty goal and a dropped goal and converting a try by Gary White.

Exeter's last visit to Kingsholm was on Saturday, May 3rd, 1969, when they also provided the final game for Gloucester in a season second only to the current one for its number of victories. On that occasion the Cherry and Whites ran out convincing winners by 37 points to 5, Gary White (3), John Groves (2), John Bayliss (2) and Keith Richardson scoring tries, with Eric Stephens converting five and adding a penalty goal.

KINGSHOLM KACKLE

As this is the final game the occasion obviously calls for sincere congratulations to skipper Mike Nicholls and the whole team on the most outstanding season in the club's long history. Not even the staunchest supporter would have suggested last September that the lads would set up a record number of victories. They have done more than that! Under Mike's dedicated leadership, to which they have responded by giving their all, the lads have gained most of their victories by means of brilliant rugby that has delighted even their sternest critics.

Not now do other clubs look upon Gloucester as "that team with beefy forwards and precious little else". The backs have practised and produced intricate moves that have earned the admiration of all their opponents. Perhaps the Northampton viewpoint sums up the lads performance admirably—"The best team we have met this season!" they unhesitatingly said. WELL DONE, GLOUCESTER!

Many of the Kingsholm supporters, being all-round sportsmen, will now be turning their attentions to the Gloucestershire cricket team and their fortunes. May they enjoy similar success to the rugby lads!

Meanwhile, Gloucester R.F.C. officials, committeemen and the players tender their sincere thanks to all of you who have given your support throughout the season. They trust you have an enjoyable summer with ideal weather and look forward to seeing you all again next September.

A.R.

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