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12 R. JARDINE L.C.
11 E. STEPHENS (c) L.W.
- HALF BACKS**
10 T. PALMER (c) O.H.
9 M. BOOTH (c) S.H.
 (Capt.)
- FORWARDS**
1 R. COWLING (c)
2 F. REED
3 M. BURTON (c)
4 J. JARRETT (c)
5 D. PEGLER (c)
6 J. WATKINS
8 M. POTTER
7 R. SMITH (c)

- FIRST XV FIXTURES**
 Sept. 4 Clifton .. H
 8 Newbridge .. A
 11 Coventry .. H
 15 Moseley .. A
 18 Broughton Pk. A
 25 Bristol .. H
 29 Stroud .. H
 Oct. 2 Bedford .. A
 6 Ebbw Vale .. H
 9 Harlequins .. H
 13 Cheltenham .. A
 16 Newport .. H
 23
 30 Oxford Univ. H
 Nov. 3 Pontypool .. A
 6 Leicester .. A
 13 Moseley .. H
 17 Camb. Univ. A
 20 Aberavon .. A
 27 Lydney .. H
 Dec. 4 Saracens .. A
 11 Bath .. H
 18 Coventry .. A
 27 O.M.T.'s .. H
 Jan. 1 Lond. Scottish A
 8 Leicester .. H

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7 G. WATSON

- FIRST XV FIXTURES**
 15 Wasps .. H
 22 Newbridge .. H
 29 Bridgend .. A
 Feb. 2 St. Luke's Coll. H
 5 Bristol .. A
 12 Bath .. A
 19 Swansea .. H
 23 Loughbr. Coll. H
 26 Aberavon .. H
 Mar. 4 Northampton A
 11 Richmond .. H
 15 Cheltenham .. H
 18 Guy's Hospital A
 25
 27 Newport .. A
 30 Lydney .. A
 Apr. 1 Headingley .. H
 3 Birkenhead .. H
 8 Cardiff .. A
 12 Ebbw Vale .. A
 15 Sale .. A
 17 Pontypool .. H
 22 Penzance .. A
 24 Camborne .. A
 29 Liverpool .. A

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WELCOME TO CLIFTON !

Our great winter game is upon us once again almost before we could get used to the rain falling on the cricket pavilions and to open the new season at Kingsholm this afternoon we extend a very cordial welcome to our friends and neighbours from the south of the county, CLIFTON. Last season, on Wednesday evening, September 2nd, 1970, when Clifton were also the first visitors to Kingsholm, an entertaining game ended in victory for Gloucester by 26 points to 3. John Dix (3), Bob Clewes, Ron Etheridge, Jim Jarrett and Tom Palmer scored tries, with Palmer also landing a penalty goal and Etheridge making one conversion.

KINGSHOLM KACKLE

It will perhaps take supporters some while to get accustomed to seeing the lads numbered back to "front", as it were. At the request of the Rugby Union the Cherry and Whites, for the first time in their 99 years' history, will number from 15 to 1, as most clubs have done for several seasons. That is, the full-back will now be No. 15 instead of the old familiar No. 1.

A large number of new players have joined the Cherry and Whites during the close season, and many of them were seen in the trial games at the end of last month. We welcome them to Kingsholm and though they can't all play at once, this abundance of talent is an "embarrassment" that the selectors will gladly accept. And our popular skipper, Mike Nicholls, is certainly delighted with the enthusiasm of old and new players alike. May he, indeed all of us, be rewarded with another magnificent season. Mike is certain that another long list of successes can be achieved, and much will again be attributable to his outstanding leadership.

Next Wednesday the lads travel "over the bridge" for the tough match with Newbridge, but back here at Kingsholm next Saturday, with the usual 3.15 p.m. kick-off, there is the attractive fixture with those powerful Midlanders, Coventry.

Let's not forget that this season the try is worth **four** points. (Adjust your "guesser" scores accordingly!) Apart from this upgrading of the value of a try, there are also a few changes in the laws, and for a week or two, it is well worth mentioning them in these notes. Perhaps the most significant one concerns the Knock-On (Law 17).

The new wording gives the player more latitude when catching the ball from a pass. It is **not** a knock-on "if the player catching the ball does so without making a second catch". In fact, Note 1 to Law 17 now states that a knock-on should not be adjudged an infringement unless it is clearly so under the law". In brief, then, it will have to be a deliberate or pretty outrageous knock-on to cause play to be stopped. Incidentally, a player cannot knock-on when fielding an opponent's kick unless the ball touches the ground or another player.

In conclusion, a successful and enjoyable season to all !

A.R.