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(they lost)

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13 A. BAYLISS (c)
12 R. WHITE (c)
11 E. STEPHENS (c)

HALF BACKS
10 D. MARSHALL
9 M. H. BOOTH (c)

FORWARDS
1 R. COWLING (c)
3 M. NICHOLLS (c)
3 M. A. BURTON
4 A. BRINN (c)
5 N. JACKSON
6 J. A. WATKINS (c)
8 M. J. POTTER
7 R. SMITH (c)

BATH
(they won)

Mr. M. P. POLLEDRI

THREEQUARTERS
15 D. TAYLOR
14 D. JENKINS
12 N. HUDSON
11 T. D. NORRIS

HALF BACKS
16 R. ELLIOTT
9 M. C. LLOYD (c)

FORWARDS
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2 A. G. PARFITT (c)
3 M. R. HANNELL (c)
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WELCOME TO BATH!

Unfortunately the replay in the South-West group of the county championship between Cornwall and Somerset will deprive Bath of some leading players. However, our very good friends from Somerset, whom we cordially welcome to Kingsholm this afternoon, have, like Gloucester, a wealth of talent in their club, and we look forward to an enjoyable game today.

Of all the many powerful sides that Gloucester meet twice, on a home and away basis, Bath was the only one they did not defeat last season. After a scoreless draw at the Recreation Ground last December the return match at Kingsholm, on the evening of Monday, February 15th, 1971, again ended all square, with each side scoring nine points.

John Haines scored an unconverted try and Eric Stephens landed two penalty goals for Gloucester, while Geoff Phillips (dropped goal) and Roger Walkev, who is their skipper this season, also succeeded with two penalty kicks for Bath.

KINGSHOLM KACKLE

If space permitted several pages could be devoted to that magnificent victory over arch-rivals Bristol in the Rugby Union national knock-out championship second round match at the Memorial Ground. There are those in the London area, looking from afar, as it were, who have for long regarded Bristol as the "club of the West"; as many of them saw for themselves in the fog on wednesday, the lads completely exploded that myth. They outplayed Bristol in every respect and phase of the game, and in that form no pack in the country could have held the Gloucester forwards. Perhaps the greatest tributes came from some of the Bristol supporters, disappointed, but unstinted in their praise. They said that if the County picked that Gloucester pack, with Watt instead of Jim Jarrett who is ineligible, and Mickie Booth, they'd win everything.

Skipper Mike Nicholls and the lads wish to tender sincere thanks and deep appreciation to all those loyal supporters who made the journey down the new motorway. Thank you all very much.

The match was the first of the second round and Gloucester are through to the last eight. But with seven other matches still to be played, the Cherry and Whites will not know their opponents in the quarter-final until next February, when the draw is made - on an "all-in" national scale.

United are still unbeaten at Kingsholm and with over 400 points to their credit, they are playing exhilarating rugger which the connoisseurs have noticed, for attendances at United games have shot up in leaps and bounds.

A.R.

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Saturday, 18th December at Kingsholm  United v. Coventry Extra 1st

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