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 20 British Police H 26- 3
 23 Bristol .. H 9-13
 30 Bedford .. H 47-13
- Oct. 4 Stroud .. A 35-10
 7 Newbridge .. H 24-10
 11 Cheltenham .. H 39-0
 14 Harlequins .. A 13-0
 18 S. Wales Police H 19-4
 21 Newport .. A 9-30
 28 Clifton .. A P
- Nov. 4 Leicester .. H 13-13
 11 Moseley .. A 12-29
 18 Aberavon .. H
 25 Lydney .. H
- Dec. 2 Oxford Univ. A
 6 Cardiff .. A
 9 Bath .. A
 12 S. G. (Counties) H
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A "WIZARD" WELCOME!

This evening we extend a cordial welcome to our old friends, Aberavon, the Welsh "Wizards", who were unable to visit Kingsholm last Saturday, as originally arranged, because of Welsh Cup commitments. Last season both matches against the Welshmen were closely-knit affairs, Gloucester losing at the Talbot Athletic Ground in atrocious weather by 7 points to 6 on November 20th, 1971, but gaining revenge with a narrow win at Kingsholm in the return game by 12 points to 9 on February 26th last. We look forward, then, to another exciting tussle!

KINGSHOLM KACKLE

Gloucestershire kept in the hunt for further county championship honours by the proverbial skin of their teeth against Devon at Exeter, where a last gasp try enabled them to share a draw. But theirs was a sadly disappointing performance and even their staunchest supporters admit that they were extremely lucky. They need to produce vastly-improved form to account for Somerset at Bristol next Saturday, and even victory for them there will necessitate a replay if Devon are successful against Cornwall at Redruth.

Another change of fixtures for supporters' diaries! The match on your lists between Gloucester and Bridgend on Saturday, December 30th has been switched, at the Welsh club's request, to Monday, January 1st, 1973, under the floodlights, kick-off as usual at 7 p.m. The reason for this change is that Bridgend will be supplying several players to the East Glamorgan XV which meets the All Blacks at Cardiff on December 30th.

Next season, as you all know, Gloucester Rugby Football Club celebrates its centenary and the committee - or, rather, various committees - have already been extremely busy making preliminary arrangements, even for "off the field" activities. These will include a special centenary dinner and dance, and other social functions, while a centenary souvenir publication worthy of the occasion is to be issued. It is hoped to include interesting articles by well-known personalities in the world of Rugby and a comprehensive survey of the club's main performances during their 100 years' history. But more about these projects later.

Bristol, having beaten Lydney last Monday week, now meet Gloucester in the second round of the Rugby Union national knock-out competition. But, contrary to many rumours, neither the venue nor the date have yet been decided; this will depend on the draw, which is to be made shortly, though the match will almost certainly be played as an evening one under floodlights next month.

Next Saturday, while Gloucestershire and Somerset battle it out at Bristol, there will be the local derby between Gloucester and Lydney at Kingsholm, kick-off as usual 3.15 p.m. ARTHUR RUSSELL

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