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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 27-10

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6 Lond. Scottish H

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10 Richmond .. A

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WELCOME TO BRIDGEND

While we may not be able literally to follow Tennyson's exhortation to "ring in the new year", we can at least start 1973 at Kingsholm by giving a very cordial welcome this evening to our powerful rivals and good friends Bridgend. It is indeed a pleasure to embark on the second half of the season with a visit from the lads of the Brewery Field.

KINGSHOLM KACKLE

Last year, on Saturday, January 29th, Gloucester accomplished what they still regard as one of their greatest achievements of the season when they defeated Bridgend at the Brewery Field by 6 points to nil. Our friends will forgive the little justifiable pride; it is, in a way, a compliment to them, for they are high on the list of Gloucester's most formidable opponents. Such a victory over many clubs would have occasioned little eyebrow raising, but defeats for Bridgend are comparatively few, especially on their own ground. We look forward to an exciting and enjoyable game this evening, therefore, for the Welsh lads will be eager to square accounts.

We apologise for the brevity of the jottings and the lack of up-to-date gossip, but supporters will no doubt appreciate that because of the Christmas holidays these notes had to be in the printers' hands nearly a fortnight ago. However, any announcements and team changes will be made on the loudspeaker by that capable "D.J.", Jim Hickey, or one of the club's officials.

Next Saturday the feast of rugby at Kingsholm continues with the suitably seasonal visit of London Scottish, and on the following Saturday, January 13th, there is, of course, the quarter-final of the county rugby championship between Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire. Application for stand tickets (price 60p) for this match should be made to the Gloucester R.F.C. secretary, Roy Long, at 75, Merevale Road, Gloucester, enclosing remittance and stamped addressed envelope.

Another little "mention" for "Referees' Corner". Congratulations to Nick Jones on his two festive season appointments; to Ebbw Vale v. Newport, when he became the first-ever Gloucester referee to officiate in Welsh Rugby Union circles on an exchange basis, and to the Combined Services—All Blacks' game at Twickenham.

Finally, the Gloucester R.F.C. President, Officials, committee and players wish you all the compliments of the season and thank you for your continued interest and support. May you all have a prosperous New Year ?

ARTHUR RUSSELL.