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FIRST XV FIXTURES

Sept. 2 Broughton Pk. H 14-4

6 Moseley .. H 31-12

9 Coventry .. A 6-14

13 Abertillery .. H 30-16

16 Ebbw Vale .. A 22-14

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 27-10

25 Lydney .. H 19-18

Dec. 2 Oxford Univ. A 9-8

6 Cardiff .. A P

9 Bath .. A P

12 S. G. (Counties) H 29-7

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Jan 1 Bridgend .. H 6-14

6 Lond. Scottish H 9-6

13 Army .. H Can.

15 Leicester .. A 12-20

20 Wasps .. A 22-11

27 Camb. Univ. H 42-0

Feb. 2 Bristol .. A 3-4

7 St. Luke's Coll H 22-12

10 Bath .. H 18-16

17 Swansea .. A 12-43

21 Loughbr. Coll. H 10-13

24 Aberavon .. A 0-25

Mar. 3 Northampton H

10 Richmond .. A

14 Pontypool .. A

17 Guy's Hospital H

24 Newport .. H

28 Newbridge .. A

31 Plymouth .. H

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23 Liverpool .. H

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WELCOME TO THE SAINTS!

Possibly some of our supporters may not have realised that this afternoon's match is the first that Gloucester have played on a Saturday at Kingsholm this year—indeed, since December 23rd, 1972. Who better, then, to resume normal and traditional week-end fixtures than our old Midland friends and powerful rivals, Northampton—the Saints—to whom we extend a particularly cordial welcome!

Unfortunately, Northampton and Gloucester only meet once each year, on an alternate home and away basis. It may be recalled that last season, because of the Rugby Union knock-out competition commitments, the fixture at Franklin's Gardens was cancelled, the Saints kindly agreeing to release the Cherry and Whites for that memorable and glorious game against London Welsh.

Northampton's last appearance at Kingsholm was on March 8th, 1971, when Gloucester won a spectacular match by 25 points to 6. The Saints will be anxious to avenge that defeat and their tremendous form this season suggests they will provide formidable opposition, for they have won 23 and drawn one of their 31 games, amassing 640 points against 378. We look forward to another entertaining match with the Midlanders this afternoon.

KINGSHOLM KACKLE

Congratulations to Mike Burton on his selection for Barbarians for their annual Mobbs' Memorial match against East Midlands on Thursday. It is excellent news to know that the genial Mike appears to have recovered from that unfortunate injury at England squad training in late December, when he broke his leg, and we all hope to see him back in action again at Kingsholm. Club, county and country have missed Mike very much.

Mike Burton, Dick Smith and John Dix were all expected to play for Gloucester United this afternoon against Northampton Wanderers after their various injuries. The news of our other casualties is that skipper John Bayliss is out of hospital, though he will not play again this season, while full-back Peter Butler has been taking part in light training and is keen to be back in action. He and Mike Burton are looking forward to playing for Gloucestershire in the county championship final later this month.

Next Saturday the Cherry and Whites travel to London to meet Richmond, with the highly successful and free-scoring United side at Kingsholm against Keynsham. Gloucester's next home match is with Guy's Hospital on Saturday, March 17th, but a reminder that United also have a game next Tuesday evening, March 6th—(Budget Day!) when Cinderford are the visitors, kick-off 7 p.m.

ARTHUR RUSSELL

The lucky programme numbers for both the LOUGHBOROUGH COLLEGES and BELGRANO games were unclaimed. (Loughborough Colleges was No. 921 and Belgrano No. 278.)