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WELCOME TO THE POOL!

We extend a cordial welcome for the second time in just over a week to Monmouthshire friends with the visit here this evening of Pontypool, last season's Welsh champions. We offer belated but sincere congratulations to them on this achievement and look forward to yet another entertaining game with them.

KINGSHOLM KACKLE

The "Pool" were only met once last season, at Pontypool Park on Wednesday evening, March 14th, of this year, when Gloucester ran out winners by 13 points to 6. Richard Jardine scored a try, a penalty try was also awarded when John Dix was impeded, while Eric Stephens made the conversion and Bob Redwood dropped a goal. Pontypool's last visit to Kingsholm was on Monday, April 17th, 1972, when Gloucester again won, though it was solely goal kicks that brought success, for John Watkins scored the Cherry and Whites' only try, Eric Stephens adding three penalties and Mickie Booth a dropped goal.

Supporters who intend taking advantage of the trip to Paris next March for the France v. England international are reminded that the closing date for booking is next week-end. They should notify the Social Club secretary, Marvyn Elway, or one of the committee, as soon

as possible.

There is enough rugby in the next ten days, much of it at Kingsholm, to satisfy even the most avid enthusiast. Tomorrow evening Gloucester United travel to Dockham Road to meet Cinderford, then on Thursday there is the semi-final and final of the North Gloucestershire Combination seven-a-side tournament at Kingsholm. Next Saturday, with Gloucester away to Bedford at Goldington Road, the United entertain the Midlands club, Luctonians, while on Sunday there are the Ross R.F.C. Centenary ',sevens' at the Town's Sports Centre, and among the competing sides are Gloucester and Lydney.

The feast of rugger continues next Monday, October 1st, when Gloucestershire meet Monmouthshire in the County friendly match at Kingsholm. This is followed on Wednesday evening by the "plum" of the Cherry and Whites' Centenary season, when Gloucester take on mighty International XV, selected by former skipper Don Rutherford, who is now the Rugby Union technical adviser and administrator.

Don has certainly selected a formidable side of internationals from the four home countries and France – and all the players have accepted the invitations in writing. Tickets for this tremendous attraction are on sale this evening at the office on the ground, and the prices are; Centre Stand £1; Wing Stand 75p; Ground 40p. But those who require the stand tickets must apply in writing, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope and, of course, remittance, to the Gloucester R.F.C. secretary, Roy Long, 75, Merevale Road, Gloucester, as soon as possible. The demand will exceed the supply! ARTHUR RUSSELL