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8 Coventry . . . H	13-8
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15 Ebbw Vale . . . H	25-12
18 Wolfhounds . . H	6-3
22 Bristol . . . A	3-19
24 Pontypool . . . H	9-9
29 Bedford . . . A	15-37
Oct. 3 International XV . . . H	24-14
6 Saracens . . . H	12-10
10 Moseley . . . A	24-4
13 Harlequins . . . H	P
17 Cheltenham . . A	13-0
20 Newport . . . A	16-6
27 Clifton . . . A	34-3
Nov. 3 Leicester . . A	29-6
10 Moseley . . . H	15-13
14 British Police . H	18-12
17 Aberavon . . . A	16-25
21 Cambridge Un. A	16-10
24 London Irish . H	27-9
28 St. Luke's . . . H	P
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26 Bridgend . . . A	
Feb. 1 Bristol . . . H	
(Fri. Evening)	
9 Bath . . . A	
13 Army . . . H	
15 Swansea . . . H	
(Fri. Evening)	
20 Loughborough College . . . H	
23 Aberavon . . . H	
Mar. 2 Northampton A	
9 Richmond . . . H	
13 Abertillery . . A	
16 Guys Hospital A	
20 Cheltenham . . H	
23 Plymouth . . . A	
27 Public School Wanderers H	
30 London Welsh H	
Apr. 6 Cardiff . . . A	
10 Newport . . . H	
11 Lydney . . . A	
13 Headingley . . H	
15 Birkenh'd Pk. H	
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WELCOME AND THANKS TO LYDNEY

This afternoon we extend a particularly cordial welcome to our old County friends and neighbours, Lydney, who have so kindly agreed to visit Kingsholm and take over the original fixture with Universities' Athletic Union, forced to request Gloucester to release them because of the acute petrol shortage and travelling difficulties.

It was only a week ago that Lydney answered Gloucester's call to play this match, thus ensuring that so many supporters on holiday should not be deprived of their rugby. We are extremely grateful to them for "filling the gap" at such short notice and look forward to an enjoyable game this afternoon.

Last season, on Saturday, November 23, 1972, Gloucester only just eased home against "Lyd" at Kingsholm by 19 points to 18. and it was the goal kicking of Eric Stephens that tipped the scales. The Cherry and Whites, it is true, were without several stalwarts playing for Gloucestershire against Somerset at Bristol; nevertheless, they fielded a strong side and scored tries through Eddie Pinkney and John Fidler, the other points coming from Stephens, with one conversion and two penalty goals.

KINGSHOLM KACKLE

The draw for the second round of the Rugby Union club knock-out competition should be shown this week, and it will have added interest for enthusiasts in the West Country, which supplies no fewer than four clubs to the last sixteen. For apart from Gloucester, there are Bath, Bristol and Clifton left in the competition, which at this stage has become a draw on a national "all in" basis.

It is perhaps too much to hope that the four West Country clubs will be kept apart for the second round. But all Cherry and Whites' supporters hope at least for a home game; an away draw might mean a long and tiring journey to the north of England. A trip to Gosforth, one of the north's survivors, for instance, would be no panic for any of the West Country clubs!

Because of the holidays, of course, it was necessary to have these notes at the printers well in advance. Any team changes or additional club news, however, will be announced over the loudspeaker.

Gloucester have another home match on Saturday, when Exeter, who have not appeared at Kingsholm for three years, will be the visitors. The kick-off is at 2.15 p.m. ARTHUR RUSSELL