HEARTY WELCOME TO THE SCOTTISH!

The Rugby Union national club knock-out competition is undoubtedly beginning to arouse the interest and amazement of even lukewarm enthusiasts, and “cup fever” is only too apparent among our own fervent supporters. We extend, therefore, a very cordial welcome this afternoon to London Scottish, one of the leading clubs in the Metropolis.

The grandest moral attitude of a Scotsman, wrote Sir James Barrie, is that he’ll do nothing that might damage his career. But the famous writer may have overlooked the fact that many Scotsmen have other great attributes, among them a high degree of skill in our game of Rugby football. We look forward to an enjoyable match today.

Both sides were without several regular players when Gloucester beat the Scottish in the normal course of fixtures at Richmond early last month, and victory by 21 points to nil was perhaps the exception rather than the rule, for invariably the games between the two clubs are closely contested affairs. The last visit of the Scottish to Kingsholm, on Friday evening, January 5th, 1973, for instance, brought a very narrow victory for the Cherry and Whites by 9 points to 6 with John Bayliss scoring the try and Peter Butler making the conversion and adding a penalty goal.

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KINGSHOLM KACKLE

Congratulations to the lads on that splendid and thoroughly deserved victory over strong county rivals Bristol last Sunday. It rightly earned many of them their places in the Gloucestershire team to meet Warwickshire in the County Championship semi-final at Coundon Road, Coventry, on Saturday, February 23rd, but unfortunately Gloucester have a testing challenge at Kingsholm on the same day, when formidable Aberavon are the visitors.

There are only a few tickets left for the England v. Ireland international at Twickenham next Saturday. While they last they may be obtained from secretary Roy Long at the office on the ground before or after this afternoon’s game.

On the social side the Gloucester R.F.C. cribbage team continue in excellent form. They are clear-cut leaders in their league and have also won their first game in the Jack Edge cup competition.

Gloucester United’s home match with Bath United, due to have been played today, will probably be staged one evening later in the season. Next Wednesday brings the visit of the Army to Kingsholm, but it should be noted that the match, for obvious reasons, will now be played in the afternoon, kick-off 3 p.m. 

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