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FIRST XV FIXTURES

1973	Sept.	1	Broughton Pk. A	24-33
		5	Stroud A	27-9
		8	Coventry .. H	13-8
		12	S. Wales Police H	20-14
		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	6-6
		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
	Dec.	1	Oxford Un. .. H	19-9
		8	Bath H	18-8
		15	Coventry .. A	4-20
		22	Newbridge .. H	21-0
		26	O.M.T.'s .. H	82-12
		27	Lydney .. . H	31-3
		29	Exeter .. . H	37-10



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1974	Jan.	5	London Scot. A	21-0
		12	Leicester .. H	27-10
		19	Wasps .. . H	23-16
		26	Bridgend .. A	16-17
	Feb.	3	Bristol .. . H	7-3
			(Sunday)	
		9	Bath A	P
		13	Army .. . H	Can.
		16	Swansea .. H	13-0
		20	Loughborough College .. H	Can.
		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	
		20	Sale A	
		27	Penzance .. A	
		29	Camborne .. A	

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A "WIZARD" WELCOME!

This afternoon we extend a very cordial welcome to our old friends Aberavon, the Welsh "Wizards", who are enjoying another highly successful season. Last season Aberavon could not visit Kingsholm on the arranged Saturday because of Welsh Cup commitments, but readily consented to play under the floodlights on the following Monday evening, November 20, 1972. On that occasion Gloucester won by 27 points to 10, but the victory was not as overwhelming as the score suggests, for Peter Butler contributed 19 points with *five* penalty goals and conversions of tries from John Dix and Bob White.

KINGSHOLM KACKLE

With eleven of our own lads doing battle for Gloucestershire against Warwickshire in the county championship semi-final at Coundon Road, Coventry, this afternoon, the thoughts of our supporters will occasionally be switching to that match. We wish the County, and particularly our own players, lots of luck in their efforts to reach the final yet again and hope to get a progress report on their fortunes during the afternoon.

Congratulations to the Cherry and Whites on their victory over Swansea under the floodlights last week-end; it put them among the leaders in the unofficial league table of English-Welsh clubs.

Gloucester's promising young lock forward, Steve Boyle, has been selected for a Banks' representative match in London this afternoon, hence his absence from the Kingsholm scene.

Reverting to the subject of league tables, which appears to have caught the imagination of so many rugby enthusiasts, next Saturday's match is against Northampton at Franklin's Gardens. At the moment the Saints are occupying top place in the English Club's league table, with Gloucester in second place, close on their heels. This match, then, has an added significance.

The rearranged away game with Bath — postponed a fortnight ago because of the national knock-out matches — will probably be on Wednesday, April 17, following the Easter holidays.

No definite dates have yet been fixed, but later this season there will be the occasional game of min-rugby at Kingsholm prior to first XV matches. The "home" team will play as a Gloucester side, but will be generally selected from local Combination clubs.

On the Social side of the club the whist drives started earlier this month in the club-house lounge have already proved a big success. Why not come along one Wednesday evening and perhaps win a few "bob" as well as enjoying a game of whist? "Kick-off" for the whist drives is 7.30 p.m.

ARTHUR RUSSELL