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- 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
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 (Sunday)
 9 Bath . . . A P
 13 Army . . . H Can.
 16 Swansea . . . H 13-0
 20 Loughborough Can.
 College . . . H
 23 Aberavon . . . H 18-10
- Mar. 2 Northampton A 15-17
 9 Roundhay . . . H 33-0
 13 Abertillery . . A 12-12
 16 Guys Hospital A 29-3
 20 Cheltenham . . H 19-8
 23 Plymouth . . . A P
 27 Public School
 Wanderers H 21-35
 30 London Welsh H 10-10
- Apr. 6 Cardiff . . . A 10-20
 10 Newport . . . H 10-16
 11 Lydney . . . A
 13 Headingley . . H
 15 Birkenh'd Pk. H
 20 Sale . . . A
 27 Penzance . . . A
 29 Camborne . . . A

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WELCOME TO THE PARK!

The very warm welcome we extend to our Northern friends, Birkenhead Park, on this Easter Monday afternoon must of necessity be tinged with a little gloom for the fervent rugger supporter, for this is Gloucester's final appearance at Kingsholm in their centenary season.

The Park's last visit to Kingsholm was two years ago, on Easter Monday, April 3, 1972, when the Cherry and Whites won an entertaining game by 29 points to 4, with Richard Jardine and Bob Clewes each scoring two tries and Dave Pegler one. Eric Stephens was again in splendid place-kicking form with three conversions and a penalty goal.

Perhaps for this final home match we might be excused for loosely quoting Wolsey in Henry VIII: "Farewell" (for the present) "to all our greatness," in a season that has again blossomed and borne blushing honours upon our famous club in their centenary year. With these valedictory notes we wish Birkenhead Park a happy stay in our fair city and look forward to another enjoyable game with them this afternoon.

KINGSHOLM KACKLE

Although Gloucester's home run has ended there is still plenty of rugger at Kingsholm. On Thursday evening the North Gloucestershire Combination stages its Junior Cup Final, while next Monday, April 22, there is the Senior Cup Final, when mighty Matson meet opponents completely new to Kingsholm in the competition — Old Richians.

Two days later, with a 7 p.m. kick-off, the big attraction at Kingsholm is the new Rugby Union fixture between England U.23 and Gloucestershire, the county champions. Next Saturday the Cherry and Whites make the journey north to meet Sale, while at Kingsholm the highly successful United round off their season's programme with a game against Swindon. If by then you have not had enough rugger, come along and cheer the United in their final match of the centenary season.

Most of our supporters, being all-round sportsmen, will now be turning their attentions to the fortunes of Gloucestershire's cricket team. May they enjoy similar success to last season and not only retain the Gillette Cup but also carry off the championship honours — like their rugger counterparts!

Meanwhile, Gloucester R.F.C. officials, committeemen and players tender their sincere thanks to all of you who have given such tremendous support again throughout the season. They hope you have an enjoyable summer with ideal weather and look forward to seeing you again next September.

We in turn thank the players who have given so much of their time, energy and skills towards providing such excellent fare during the centenary. It is their loyalty and dedication that has maintained the great traditions of our club!

A.R.