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# **GLOUCESTER v. OLD MERCHANT TAYLORS**

**KINGSHOLM - GLOUCESTER**

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## GLOUCESTER

(Red and White)

FULL BACK  
15 R. ETHERIDGE (c)

THREEQUARTERS

14 R. J. CLEWES R.W.  
13 J. BAYLISS (c) (Capt.) R.C.  
12 R. MORRIS (c) L.C.  
11 E. STEPHENS (c) L.W.

HALF BACKS

10 R. REDWOOD (c) O.H.  
9 G. MACE S.H.

FORWARDS

1 K. RICHARDSON (c)  
2 F REED (c)  
3 M. A. BURTON (i) (c)  
4 J. FIDLER  
5 A. BRINN (i) (c)  
6 E. PINKNEY  
8 J. S. JARRETT (c)  
7 R. SMITH (c)

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6 Moseley .. H 31-12  
9 Coventry .. A 6-14  
13 Abertillery .. H 30-16  
16 Ebbw Vale .. A 22-14  
20 British Police H 26-3  
23 Bristol .. H 9-13  
30 Bedford .. H 47-13  
Oct. 4 Stroud .. A 35-10  
7 Newbridge .. H 24-10  
11 Cheltenham .. H 39-0  
14 Harlequins .. A 13-0  
18 S. Wales Police H 19-4  
21 Newport .. A 9-30  
28 Clifton .. A P  
Nov. 4 Leicester .. H 13-13  
11 Moseley .. A 12-29  
18 Aberavon .. H 27-10  
25 Lydney .. H 19-18  
Dec. 2 Oxford Univ. A 9-8  
6 Cardiff .. A P  
9 Bath .. A P  
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20 Wasps .. A  
27 Camb. Univ. H  
Feb. 2 Bristol .. A  
7 St. Luke's Coll H  
10 Bath .. H  
17 Swansea .. A  
21 Loughbr. Coll. H  
24 Aberavon .. A  
Mar. 3 Northampton H  
10 Richmond .. A  
14 Pontypool .. A  
17 Guy's Hospital H  
24 Newport .. H  
28 Newbridge .. A  
31 Plymouth .. H  
Apr. 7 Cardiff .. H  
11 Cheltenham .. A  
14 Exeter .. A  
19 Lydney .. A  
21 New Brighton H  
23 Liverpool .. H  
28 Penzance .. A  
30 Camborne .. A

## O. M. T.

FULL BACK

15 D. WYNNE-JONES

THREEQUARTERS

14 A. CORFIELD R.W.  
13 N. ARRONSEN R.C.  
12 A. WYATT L.C.  
11 A. CONNER L.W.

HALF BACKS

10 N. W. GRIFFIN (c) O.H.  
9 C. D. HECK (c) S.H.

FORWARDS

1 P. H. LIGHTBODY (Capt.)  
2 D. BURDIN  
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## WELCOME TO THE TAYLORS

It is generally agreed that Boxing Day and the Old Merchant Taylors are virtually synonymous in Gloucester rugby circles; indeed, one feels that the festive season would not be quite the same without them, and this afternoon we extend a very warm welcome to our old friends on their time-honoured annual visit to Kingsholm.

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## KINGSHOLM KACKLE

There have been occasions when the Cherry and Whites have been able to record convincing victories over the Taylors. Last Boxing Day, for instance, the lads touched sparkling form to romp home winners by 67 points to 3, when, it may be recalled, Dennis Hargreaves had a remarkable game at outside-half. Nevertheless, we can assure the Taylors that they are among the most popular visitors to Kingsholm, for we know that, whatever the result, they will provide entertaining fare to suit the festive season.

To be named as reserve for an England trial may not be a world-shattering event in rugger circles, but that such recognition was afforded recently to Gloucester's brilliant young full-back, Peter Butler, is undoubted proof that the national selectors have him very much in their minds. Indeed, Peter must feel tremendously proud and encouraged that such recognition has come in what is virtually his first season in the top-class game. He has already proved himself a match-winner for club and county, and full honours should come his way in the not-so-distant future.

A further reminder that Stand tickets (price 60p) for the quarter-final of the County Championship between Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire at Kingsholm will shortly be available. Applications, enclosing remittances and stamped addressed envelopes, should be made to the Gloucester R.F.C. secretary, Roy Long, at 75, Merevale Road.

It would be nice to have a "Referees' Corner" when possible in these notes, for the poor fellows invariably receive more proverbial kicks than ha'pence. A word of congratulation, then, for Ken Hutton, the well-known Gloucester official in charge of this afternoon's game with the Taylors, who was honoured by being appointed a touch-judge at the recent England trial.

There will be no match at Kingsholm next Saturday, when Bridgend were due to meet Gloucester. This match, at the Welsh club's request, has been switched to next Monday evening, January 1st, 1973, (kick-off 7 p.m..)

ARTHUR RUSSELL