



**GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

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# **GLOUCESTER v. EBBW VALE**

**KINGSHOLM - GLOUCESTER**

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## GLOUCESTER

(Red and White)

FULL BACK  
15 P. BUTLER (c)

THREEQUARTERS

14 R. J. CLEWES (c) r.w.  
13 R. WHITE (c) r.c.  
12 T. PALMER (c) l.c.  
11 R. ETHERIDGE (c) l.w.

HALF BACKS

10 R. REDWOOD (c) o.h.  
9 J. SPALDING (c) s.h.

FORWARDS

1 R. COWLING (c)  
2 M. NICHOLLS (c) (Capt.)  
3 K. RICHARDSON (c)  
4 A. BRINN (i) (c)  
5 J. FIDLER (c)  
6 D. OWEN (c)  
8 J. S. JARRETT (c)  
7 J. HAINES (c)

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  
18 Wolfhounds .. H  
22 Bristol .. A  
24 Pontypool .. H  
29 Bedford .. A  
Oct. 3 International  
XV .. H  
6 Saracens .. H  
10 Moseley .. A  
13 Harlequins .. H  
17 Cheltenham .. A  
20 Newport .. A  
27 Clifton .. A  
Nov. 3 Leicester .. A  
10 Moseley .. H  
14 British Police H  
17 Aberavon .. A  
21 Cambridge Un. A  
24 London Irish H  
28 St. Luke's .. H  
Dec. 1 Oxford Un. .. H  
8 Bath .. H  
15 Coventry .. A  
22 Newbridge .. A  
26 O.M.T.'s .. H  
29 U.A.U. .. H  
Exeter .. H

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FULL BACK

15 D. REES

THREEQUARTERS

14 R. FOWLER r.w.  
13 K. BARNES r.c.  
12 A. TOVEY l.c.  
11 I. EVANS l.w.

HALF BACKS

10 M. GRINDLE o.h.  
9 G. TURNER s.h.

FORWARDS

1 G. HOWLS  
2 M. PAUL  
3 D. WILLIAMS (i)  
4 A. HOLVEY  
5 J. GRIDDLE  
6 P. GARDNER  
8 R. ROWLANDS  
7 R. SHURMER

FIRST XV FIXTURES

1974  
Jan. 5 London Scot. A  
12 Leicester .. H  
19 Wasps .. H  
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 Aberlilly .. 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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## WELCOME TO THE VALE!

A cordial welcome to Ebbw Vale, the Monmouthshire lads who invariably provide Gloucester with one of their stiffest assignments of the season. Unfortunately, the Vale are only met once a season and the last tussle with them was on their ground on Saturday, September 16th, 1972, when the Cherry and Whites gained what they rightly consider one of their more notable victories against such powerful opposition, winning by 22 points to 14. John Watkins (2) and John Dix scored Gloucester's tries, Peter Butler converting two and landing two penalties. Ebbw Vale will be thirsting for revenge and we look forward to an exciting and enjoyable game this afternoon.

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## KINGSHOLM KACKLE

Congratulations to the lads on defeating South Wales Police at Kingsholm on Wednesday evening. The game was played perhaps at Victor Silvester time of quick, quick, slow – with the accent on slow! – but both sides undoubtedly felt the effects of an Indian summer evening of warmth and humidity.

Nevertheless, the Cherry and Whites, apart from the disappointing result at Broughton Park, have started their Centenary season extremely well in spite of the unusually delightful weather in what the poet called the “season of mists and mellow fruitfulness”, in describing Autumn.

There has been a slight delay at the printers with the Gloucester R.F.C. Centenary Book, “One Hundred Cherry and White Years”, and it will not be on sale until later this month. The date given by the printers is September 27 – but the book should be well worth waiting for.

The club apologises for the delay, which is no fault of theirs, but mainly due to slight adjustments in the title pages. Supporters may like to know that the book contains over thirty contributions, some humorous, some instructive, others informative, even slightly remonstrative, but all sincere, from people who know their job and their rugger.

Peter West, Pat Marshall, Michael Melford, Michael Green (of “Coarse Rugby” fame), Vivian Jenkins, Bill McLaren, Alan Gibson, J. B. G. Thomas, Wilf Wooller, Don Rutherford, John Reed, Rupert Cherry, David Frost, Bleddyn Williams, Dewi Bebb, Mike Westlake, and Grahame Parker are some of the names well known to supporters.

The feast of rugger continues at Kingsholm next Tuesday, September 18, with the visit of the popular Wolfhounds (kick-off 7 p.m.). A coach is being run to Bristol next Saturday for the clash with our old County rivals at the Memorial Ground, and anyone wishing to book a seat is asked to contact Jim Holder or one of the Social Club committee

ARTHUR RUSSELL

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## LUCKY PROGRAMME WINNERS

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