

### GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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## GLOUCESTER v. SARACENS

KINGSHOLM - GLOUCESTER

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	(Red and White)		ICE ON THIS GROUND IS VOLUN.	**		(Black)	
	FULL BACK	FIRST XV FIXTURES		FIRST XV FIXTURES		FULL BACK	
15	P. BUTLER (c)	1973		1974	15	R. HEADY	
14 13 12 11	THREEQUARTERS  R. J. CLEWES (c) r.w.  T. PALMER (c) r.c.  R. JARDINE (c) l.c.  R. ETHERIDGE (c) l.w.	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	WHITERED TANKARD	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	13	THREEQUARTERS R. WEAVER (c) R. HAWKINS (c) G. J. CROYDON P. KADLE (c)	r.w. r.c. l.c.
	HALF BACKS	Oct. 3 International XV H		15 Swansea H (Fri. Evening) 20 Loughborough		HALF BACKS	
10	R. REDWOOD (c) o.h.	10 Moseley A	WHITBREAD	College H 23 Aberavon H		M. PHILLIPS (c)	o.h.
9	J. SPALDING (c) s.h.	13 Harlequins H 17 Cheltenham A 20 Newport A 27 Clifton A	TANKARD cool,	Mar. 2 Northampton A 9 Richmond H 13 Abertillery A	9	F. GRIFFITHS FORWARDS	s.h.
1	K. RICHARDSON (c)	Nov. 3 Leicester A 10 Moseley H	clear, refreshing	16 Guys Hospital A 20 Cheltenham H	1	K. FAIRCLOTH (c)	
2	M. NICHOLLS (c) (Capt.)	14 British Police H		23 Plymouth A 27 Public School	2	V. MILLAR (c)	
3	M. BURTON (i) (c)	17 Aberavon A 21 Cambridge Un. A	(I) International	Wanderers H	3	G. PUDNEY (c)	
4	P. WINNEL	24 London Irish H 28 St. Luke's H	(C) County	30 London Welsh H	4	R. N. HILL (c)	(1)
5	J. FIDLER (c)	Dec. 1 Oxford Un H	(C) County	Apr. 6 Cardiff A 10 Newport H	5	J. M. HEGGADON (Capt.)	(c)
6	J. WATKINS (i) (c)	8 Bath H 15 Coventry A		11 Lydney A 13 Headingley H	6	C. G. SHERRIF (c)	
7	J. HAINES (c)	22 Newbridge A	de la lace de la lace	15 Birkenh'd Pk, H	7	B. DONALDSON	
8	D. OWEN (c)	26 O.M.T.'s H 27 U.A.U H 29 Exeter H		20 Sale A 27 Penzance A 29 Camborne A	8	M. WILLIAMS	
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### WELCOME TO THE SARACENS!

While the Saracens were originally a nomadic tribe from the Syro-Arabian desert, the present-day rugby club of the same name are indeed formidable opponents to whom we extend a very cordial welcome

indeed to Kingsholm this afternoon.

The Saracens are comparatively new, but valued friends, for fixtures with Gloucester are of comparatively recent origin. Since the Second World War they have become one of London's most famous clubs and are a particularly difficult side to beat. Gloucester's victory over them at Kingsholm last season, on Saturday, December 23rd, 1972, might justly be termed a splendid performance, for the Cherry and Whites won an entertaining game by 35 points to 3. John Horner (2), Roy Morris, Richard Jardine and Mike Burton scored the tries, Peter Butler making three conversions and landing three penalty goals. In this match incidentally, Gloucester passed their 500 points for the season. We look forward to another such enjoyable tussle this afternoon.

#### KINGSHOLM KACKLE

The Captains and the Kings have departed; the magnificent Centenary match spectacular of Wednesday night is now a wonderful memory for all who were privileged to watch it. Now it remains to tender heartiest congratulations to Mike Nicholls and the lads for their stupendous performance. Against such world-famous opponents many supporters gloomily forecast a heavy defeat; some were content to settle for a clear victory for the Internationals within reasonable proportions. But few dared to predict a win for the Cherry and Whites; and certainly not by such a margin and in such a brilliant manner. Well done, lads! Even the London rugby correspondents were impressed and will not in a hurry refer again to "10-man rugby".

Supporters are asked to make two special notes of forthcoming matches—or lack of them, in one respect. The fixture with Harlequins next Saturday, October 13th is OFF; the reason is that Harlequins have asked to be released in order to play their Rugby Union club knock-out cup first round match with Bridgwater and Albion on that date. The Gloucester committee have agreed to their request, but are hoping that the 'Quins will visit Kingsholm later in the season for an

evening game.

Mention of the R.U. knock-out competition brings us to the other point to note. Glouceter. who, incidentally, will not now have a game next Saturday, have arranged their first round cup match with Devizes. It will be played at Kingsholm under the floodlights on Wednesday,

October 31st, kick off as usual at 7 p.m.

A week on Monday, October 15th, Gloucestershire meet Glamorgan at Penycraig in the second of their pre-championship friendly matches, and the Welsh county have selected a powerful side, including five Welsh internationals. And the next match at Kingsholm is that first county championship game when Gloucestershire meet Devon on Saturday, October 20th.

ARTHUR RUSSELL