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**GLOUCESTER v. DEVIZES**

**KINGSHOLM - GLOUCESTER**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31st, 1973**

**Kick-off 7.30 p.m.**

*Official programme* - *Price 3p*

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## GLOUCESTER

(Red and White)

### FULL BACK

15 P. BUTLER (c)

### THREEQUARTERS

14 R. J. CLEWES (c) r.w.

13 J. A. BAYLISS (c) i.c.

12 R. WHITE (c) l.c.

11 R. ETHERIDGE (c) l.w.

### HALF BACKS

10 T. PALMER (c) o.h.

9 J. SPALDING (c) s.h.

### FORWARDS

1 K. RICHARDSON (c)

2 M. NICHOLLS (c) (Capt.)

3 M. BURTON (i) (c)

4 A. BRINN (i) (c)

5 N. JACKSON (c)

6 J. WATKINS (i) (c)

8 D. OWEN (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 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 16-6  
27 Clifton . . . A 34-3

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  
27 U.A.U. . . . H  
29 Exeter . . . H

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## DEVIZES

### FULL BACK

1 M. SPENCER-ELLIS (c)

### THREEQUARTERS

2 R. KIBBY r.w.

3 M. McDONALD r.c.

4 R. BULL l.c.

5 P. BREARLEY l.w.

### HALF BACKS

6 R. TAYLOR o.h.

7 D. NORTON s.h.

### FORWARDS

8 R. TOOGOOD

9 C. WATTS

10 R. WARD

11 S. HORTON

12 R. MOORE (Capt.)

13 P. BLANCHARD

14 J. CROOK (c) Hooker

15 J. PARSONS

### 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 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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## **CORDIAL WELCOME TO DEVIZES!**

This evening sees the advent of the Rugby Union national club knock-out competition to Kingsholm, where we extend an extremely cordial welcome to the enthusiastic and successful Wiltshire club, Devizes, in the first round of this season's campaign.

We trust it is not too presumptuous to suggest that this evening's game is probably the most important in the comparatively short history of Devizes, whose club was founded 42 years ago. For our Wiltshire friends are readily aware that the Cherry and Whites were the first winners of the competition two seasons ago after surmounting such formidable obstacles as Bath, Bristol, London Welsh, Coventry and Moseley, all on "foreign" soil.

Devizes, indeed, are only the second club to appear at Kingsholm in this competition since it was inaugurated. They duly and deservedly qualified by defeating Salisbury towards the end of last season in the final of the Dorset and Wiltshire County Cup competition. They have supplied numerous players to the Combined Counties in championship matches, when our own Keith Richardson and Jim Jarrett have been their county colleagues.

Full-back Mark Spencer-Ellis appeared for Dorset and Wiltshire as recently as last Wednesday, against Berkshire at Dorchester, where he made an excellent conversion and kicked a penalty goal. Oddly enough, Devizes have lost only two matches this season, both to Gloucestershire clubs - Gordon League and Cinderford. Apart from these unexpected lapses they have played exciting rugby which has brought them several convincing victories. To date they have won seven of their nine matches, scoring 232 points against 106. We sincerely trust that our new friends will thoroughly enjoy their brief stay here this evening, and we look forward to an enjoyable and entertaining game.

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### **KINGSHOLM KACKLE**

With the fixture against Harlequins postponed to enable them to play their first match in the R.U. competition, it is nearly a month since Gloucester last appeared at Kingsholm. The lads are away again on Saturday, when they travel to Welford Road to meet Leicester, but will be home again on the following Saturday, November 10, when Moseley are the visitors. On that day, however, Gloucester will be without key players, for Gloucestershire play Somerset at Weston-super-Mare.

ARTHUR RUSSELL

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Judging by the lucky programme winners we have had support from far and near at the last two Kingsholm games. The winners, each of whom received £5, were:

**INTERNATIONAL XV GAME** J. Rickards, 2 Fairview, High Street, Croughton, Northants.  
**SARACENS GAME** M. Richards, 190 Shirehampton Road, Bristol.