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**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 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  
 8 Bath .. H  
 15 Coventry .. A  
 22 Newbridge .. A  
 26 O.M.T.'s .. H  
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**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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## WELCOME TO THE DARK BLUES!

It was Matthew Arnold who wrote of Oxford as that sweet city with her dreaming spires ; but, then, he knew little of the game of Rugby football. For our part, perhaps, most of us are much more aware of the rich contribution that the city's University has made to the world of rugger, and we extend a particularly cordial welcome here this afternoon to the Dark Blues who, unfortunately, only visit Kingsholm every other season.

Our visitors will forgive a brief special mention of one of their number, hooker Colin Ashby, if only to wish him luck and the opportunity to display his skills against Cambridge University in the "big match" next Tuesday week at Twickenham. For Colin is a product of one our city schools, Sir Thomas Rich's, and should he win the coveted "Blue" he will be the first pupil from that school to achieve that honour.

The Dark Blues have paid Gloucester the tribute of fielding their strongest side, the probable team to meet Cambridge University, and regard this afternoon's game as a stern test prior to the 'Varsity match. Last year, on Saturday, December 2, the Cherry and Whites just squeezed through to victory at Iffley Road by 9 points to 8, Bob Redwood scoring a try, with Eric Stephens converting and adding a penalty goal. On their last appearance at Kingsholm, on Saturday, October 30, 1971, the Dark Blues succumbed to Gloucester by 16 to 6, but on that occasion Stephens landed four penalties, with Bob Clewes securing a try. We look forward, then, to an entertaining game this afternoon.

## KINGSHOLM KACKLE

Congratulations to Gloucestershire on winning the South-West group of the county championship for the fifth successive season—a record in the group. Their success may not have delighted their critics, but it prompts another bouquet – to Peter Butler, for scoring all but four of the County's 40 points in their three championship matches. Supporters will no doubt be keeping their eyes on the county match at Chiltern Amersham next Wednesday afternoon, when Buckinghamshire meet Berkshire. The winners will be the South group champions and have been drawn at home to Gloucestershire in the quarter-final on January 12th.

All those who intend to travel on the special week-end trip to Paris for the France - England match on March 2, 1974, are reminded that today is the latest they can confirm the booking with Mervyn Elway or one of the Social committee, to whom they must pay a deposit of £5.

It is regretted that, because of the power crisis, the fixture with St. Luke's College last Wednesday had to be called off, though it is hoped that an alternative date can be arranged for the visit of the Students, probably on Wednesday, January 23, 1974. Next Saturday, however, our visitors to Kingsholm will be Bath who, incidentally, meet R.C.M.S. Shrivenham, at the Recreation Ground next Wednesday afternoon in their first round of the Rugby Union national club knock-out competition.

ARTHUR RUSSELL