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# GLOUCESTER v. BATH

KINGSHOLM - GLOUCESTER

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## GLOUCESTER

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**15 P. BUTLER** (c)
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**13 J. A. BAYLISS** (c) r.c.  
**12 R. JARDINE** (c) l.c.  
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**4 A. BRINN** (i) (c)  
**5 J. FIDLER** (c)  
**6 J. WATKINS** (i) (c)  
**8 J. 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 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 19-9  
 8 Bath . . . H  
 15 Coventry . . A  
 22 Newbridge . . A  
 26 O.M.T.'s . . H  
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 29 Exeter . . . H

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## BATH

**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

- FULL BACK**  
**16 J. S. WATERMAN** (c)
- THREEQUARTERS**  
**15 P. B. BURROWES** (c) r.w.  
**14 N. HUDSON** r.c.  
**12 C. PERRY** (c) l.c.  
**11 A. HICKS** (c) l.w.
- HALF BACKS**  
**10 J. P. HORTON** (c) o.h.  
**9 M. C. LLOYD** (c) s.h.
- FORWARDS**  
**1 J. M. MEDDICK** (c)  
**2 A. G. PARFITT** (c)  
**3 R. J. ELLIOTT**  
**4 R. J. WHEELER** (c)  
**5 B. JENKINS** (c)  
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**8 R. LYE** (c)  
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## WELCOME TO OUR BATH FRIENDS!

There are few more popular visitors to Kingsholm than our old friends and rivals, Bath, to whom we extend a particularly cordial welcome this afternoon after their mid-week trouncing of R.M.C.S., Shrivenham, in the first round of the Rugby Union national knock-out competition.

With this victory Bath join Gloucester, Bristol and Clifton to give the West Country four representatives among the last sixteen club's in this season's competition. Last year, on Tuesday evening, October 31, Gloucester were made to fight harder than the score suggests in beating our Somerset friends in the competition by 16 points to nil, John Watkins, Eddie Pinkney and Alan Brinn crossing for tries, two of which Peter Butler converted.

Bath visited Kingsholm again later in the season in the normal course of fixtures, on Friday, February 9, 1973, and in an even more closely-contested game it was Butler who ensured a narrow victory for Gloucester by 18 points to 16. He landed two penalty goals and converted the two tries scored by John Fidler and Dennis Hargreaves.

This season Bath have been beset by injuries which have accounted for their erratic form, though one does not hurriedly forget how they outplayed powerful Moseley at the Recreation Ground in September to crush the famous Midlanders by 43 points to 7.

However, they hope to welcome international Mike Beeze into their three-quarter line in the New Year. He has had his cartilage removed and is back in training, but prop Niall Carter, who suffered serious knee injuries last season, is not likely to play again for some while. Our tussles with Bath invariably produce exciting rugger and we look forward to another enjoyable game this afternoon.

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## KINGSHOLM KACKLE

A surprise result in the decisive game in the South group last Wednesday gave Buckinghamshire a narrow victory over favourites Berkshire at Amersham. This means that Gloucestershire now meet Buckinghamshire in the quarter-final of the county championship, but with no suitable ground for such a match it is understood that the South group winners, who have the choice of venue, would like to play the quarter-final at Kingsholm. They realise that they would reap considerably greater financial reward, though on the stipulated date, January 12, Gloucester have a home fixture with Leicester.

ARTHUR RUSSELL

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SATURDAY, December 15th at Coundon Road, Coventry  
GLOUCESTER v. COVENTRY

SATURDAY, December 15th at Kingsholm Kick-off 2.15 p.m.  
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