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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 19-9
 8 Bath . . . H 18-8
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 27 U.A.U. . . . H
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FIRST XV FIXTURES

1974

Jan. 5 London Scot. A
 12 Leicoester . . 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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12 A. WYATT l.c.
11 J. EDIS-BATES l.w.
- HALF BACKS**
10 R. FAIRALL o.h.
9 C. HECK s.h.
- FORWARDS**
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 (Capt.)
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WELCOME—AND SAD FAREWELL—TO THE TAYLORS!

It is indeed sad to realise that this afternoon's game is the last appearance of Old Merchant Taylors at Kingsholm on Boxing Day. A great tradition extending back 83 years has ended at the request of the Taylors' who feel they can no longer provide the strength of opposition to test the Cherry and Whites.

There have been occasions when Gloucester have been able to record convincing victories over the Taylors, yet they always provide exciting and thoroughly entertaining fare to suit the festive season, which will not be quite the same without them. Indeed, Boxing Day and the O.M.T. have become virtually synonymous in Gloucester rugby circles.

For this, then, their valedictory appearance here, we extend a very cordial welcome to the popular Taylors, thanking them sincerely for bringing added joy to the festive season for so many years. And we wish them every success in the future, assuring them that somehow Kingsholm will not be quite the same on Boxing Day without them. They will be sadly missed!

KINGSHOLM KACKLE

Gloucester displayed excellent form against the Taylors in the corresponding match last Boxing Day, running out the winners by 49 points to 9. Mike Burton (2), Ron Etheridge, Eddie Pinkney, Dick Smith, Eric Stephens, Richard Jardine, Bob Clewes and Roy Morris scored the tries, Stephens converting five and adding a penalty goal.

Congratulations to John Watkins and Mike Burton on their selection again for the Barbarians in the annual game against Leicester at Welford Road tomorrow. Both these stalwarts, together with Peter Butler, gave splendid displays for the South and South-West Counties in the England regional trial at Bristol last Saturday week.

On Saturday the lively Exeter side will be at Kingsholm, again with the kick-off at 2.15 p.m.

Despite the depressing situation the officials, committee and players of the Club wish to extend seasonal greetings to you all and thank you for your continued support.

The prize for the lucky programme, No. 610, for the match against Bath, was not claimed.

ARTHUR RUSSELL