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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 18-8
	15 Coventry . . A 4-20
	22 Newbridge . . A
	26 O.M.T.'s . . H
	27 U.A.U. . . . H
	29 Exeter . . . H

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EXETER

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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13	A. JEFFERY * r.c.
12	R. PACKER * l.c.
11	J. JENKINS * l.w.
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10	P. HOLMAN o.h.
9	G. MILFORD s.h.
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1	P. BAXTER (Capt.)
2	J. PYNE
3	N. BRADFORD
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WELCOME TO EXETER!

This afternoon we extend a very warm welcome to Exeter, our Devon friends who have not appeared at Kingsholm for three years, though the Cherry and Whites have met them at the County Ground since then. The most recent occasion, in fact, was on Saturday, April 14 of this year, when Gloucester won by 18 points to 13. It was on Tuesday evening, April 28, 1970, that Exeter last visited Kingsholm, when in an even closer tussle the lads just won through by 11 points to 9, Gary White scoring the only try, with Eric Stephens making the conversion and adding a penalty and a dropped goal.

KINGSHOLM KACKLE

Rugby is not the only sport at which Gloucester R.F.C. excels, for some supporters may be surprised to learn that the club have a highly successful cribbage team under the captaincy of Alan Cripps. Indeed, they have so many resounding victories to their credit that at the end of the first half of the season in the Gloucester Cribbage League they held such a commanding lead over their nearest rivals that they will be difficult to overhaul.

Gloucester fixture secretary Doug Dawe is negotiating for an annual Boxing Day fixture to replace Old Merchant Taylors, so long a part of the festive season at Kingsholm. Not an easy task, for few clubs are prepared to travel far to play away every festive season.

The club apologises for having no game for their supporters on New Year's Day, for the announcement that it was officially to be a public holiday came too late for clubs to make arrangements. Gloucester rightly felt that with so many matches over the holidays - and the visit to Richmond next Saturday for the annual tussle with London Scottish - it would be impracticable and unfair to expect the players to turn out for yet another match.

Gloucester's next home match is on Saturday, January 12, when Leicester visit Kingsholm. Unfortunately this is the date that Gloucestershire meet Buckinghamshire in the quarter-final of the County championship, so it is almost certain that the Cherry and Whites will be without several stalwarts for this return game with the Tigers, whom they beat so resoundingly at Welford Road early in November.

The officials, committee and players of the Club join in wishing you all a very happy and prosperous New Year, coupling it with sincere thanks for your continued and fervent support. **ARTHUR RUSSELL**