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## GLOUCESTER v. WASPS

KINGSHOLM GLOUCESTER

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### **GLOUGESTER**

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5 D. W. OWEN (c)

8 J. S. JARRETT (c)

(Cherry and White)

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WASPS XV

(All Black)

FULL BACK

14 13 12 11	FULL BACK P. BUTLER (c)  THREEQUARTERS R. J. CLEWES (c) r.c. R. JARDINE (c) l.c, S. DIX l.w.  HALF BACKS R. L. REDWOOD (c) o.h. J. H. SPALDING (c) s.h.  FORWARDS R. J. COWLING (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 3–8 24 Pontypool H 3–8 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  Nov. 3 Leicester A 29–6 10 Moseley H 15–13  Cetar, refreshing
2	M. NICHOLLS(c)(Capt.)	10 Moseley . H 15-13 14 British Police H 18-12 17 Aberavon A 16-25 21 Cambridge Un. A 16-10
3 4	K. RICHARDSON (c) A. BRINN (i) (c)	24 London Irish H 27-9 28 St. Luke's H P

1974 15 G. RICHARDS Jan. 5 London Scot. A 21-0 12 Leicester ... H 27-10 19 Wasps ... ... H 26 Bridgend ... A THREEQUARTERS I4 I. BELL r.w. I3 N. FRENCH (c) r.c. 12 L. HERON (c) 1.c. II D. GARDINER l.w. HALF BACKS 10 A. MILES (c) 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 9 J. RIDOUT s.h. FORWARDS I B. ADAM (c) 2 G. BIGNALL (c) 3 A. SHORTLAND (c) 4 G. MORGAN (c) (Capt.) 5 C. HANSON 6 A. GRAY

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### WELCOME TO THE WASPS!

Far from being a strange invitation to those revolting insects which have plagued us when watching Gloucestershire on the winning path to the Gillette Cup on hot summer days, the above is a sincere greeting to the famous London club, to whom we extend a very cordial welcome this afternoon.

Wasps, unfortunately, only visit Kingsholm once every two years, and their last appearance here was on Friday evening, January 14, 1972, under the floodlights, the game having been brought forward because of the televised England v. Wales match at Twickenham on the Saturday. (No annoying and senseless power strike then!)

On that occasion Gloucester won convincingly enough by 28 points to 3, with Richard Jardine (2), John Watkins, Bob Clewes and Dennis Hargreaves scoring the tries, and Hargreaves making one conversion and landing two penalty goals. Last January, on their visit to Sudbuy, the Cherry and Whites won through by 22 points to 11, so our London friends will be anxious to put the picture into better focus this afternoon. We look forward, then, to an enjoyable game.

### KINGSHOLM KACKLE

While it would be churlish not to extend congratulations to Gloucestershire on reaching the semi-final of the county championship yet again, their display in defeating lowly Buckinghamshire last Saturday suggests they will have to do something a little more skilful and forthright on their visit to Coventry to meet Warwickshire.

After the disappointment of having to cancel the week-end in Paris for the France-England match, it is planned to run a trip to the match against Ireland at Twickenham on February 16. All those interested are invited to notify Mervyn Elway, Jim Holder or any of the Social Club committee as soon as possible, as arrangements are already well in hand.

Tremendous interest is being shown in the "Sunday Telegraph" league table, particularly as Gloucester are lying second, though only fractionally, to Bristol in the English table, and third in the combined one of English and Welsh clubs.

The actual positions prior to this afternoon's match are: Bristol 77.27%, Gloucester 76.92%, and Northampton 75%. We trust our Wasps friends will forgive us, but victory over them today would ensure the leadership going to Gloucester, as neighbouring Bristol are away to Liverpool, who are not included in the league.

Next Saturday the Cherry and Whites face a tough assignment with a visit to the Brewery Field to meet Bridgend. But supporters are asked to note that the following week-end, because of the power situation and the televised international match, the long-awaited game with Bristol will be played at Kingsholm on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd (kick-off 2.30 p.m.)

ARTHUR RUSSELL