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## **Gloucester v. Newport**

**KINGSHOLM - GLOUCESTER**

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## GLOUCESTER

(Cherry and White)

- FULL BACK  
**15 P. BUTLER** (c)
- THREEQUARTERS  
**14 R. J. CLEWES** (c) r.w.  
**13 R. JARDINE** (c) r.c.  
**12 K. R. MORRIS** (c) l.c.  
**11 R. ETHERIDGE** (c) l.w.
- HALF BACKS  
**10 T. PALMER** (c) o.h.  
**9 J. H. SPALDING** (c) s.h.
- FORWARDS  
**1 M. BURTON** (i) (c)  
**2 M. NICHOLLS** (c) (Capt.)  
**3 P. J. BLAKEWAY** (c) (u)  
**4 A. BRINN** (i) (c)  
**5 J. FIDLER** (c)  
**6 J. WATKINS** (i) (c)  
**8 M. POTTER** (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 Wollhounds .. 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 6-6  
 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 .. H 4-20  
 22 Newbridge .. A 21-0  
 26 O.M.T.'s .. H 82-12  
 27 Lydney .. H 31-3  
 29 Exeter .. H 37-10

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 (U) Under-23 International  
 (C) County

## NEWPORT

(Black and Amber)

### FIRST XV FIXTURES

- 1974  
 Jan. 5 London Scot. A 21-0  
 12 Leicester .. H 27-10  
 19 Wasps .. H 23-16  
 26 Bridgend .. A 16-17
- Feb. 3 Bristol .. H 7-3  
 (Sunday)  
 9 Bath .. A P  
 13 Army .. H Can.  
 16 Swansea .. H 13-0  
 20 Loughborough Can.  
 College .. H
- 23 Aberavon .. H 18-10
- Mar. 2 Northampton A 15-17  
 9 Roundhay .. H 33-0  
 13 Abertillery .. A 12-12  
 16 Guys Hospital A 29-3  
 20 Cheltenham .. H 19-8  
 23 Plymouth .. A P  
 27 Public School  
 Wanderers H 21-35  
 30 London Welsh H 10-10
- Apr. 6 Cardiff .. A 10-20  
 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

- 15 R. PUGH**
- THREEQUARTERS  
**14 K. DAVIES** r.w.  
**13 G. PRITCHARD** r.c.  
**12 N. EDWARDS** l.c.  
**11 M. SHORE** (Capt.) l.w.
- HALF BACKS  
**10 L. JENKINS** o.h.  
**9 F. PHILLIPS** s.h.
- FORWARDS  
**1 C. SMART**  
**2 D. FORD**  
**3 J. DALE**  
**4 J. WATKINS**  
**5 A. MOGRIDGE**  
**6 K. POOLE**  
**8 D. HAINES**  
**7 P. WATTS**

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## WELCOME TO THE BLACK AND AMBERS!

This evening we extend a very cordial welcome to our old and valued friends, Newport who, after an unfortunate start to the season, have been playing splendid rugger and have met with considerable success in recent months. And next season they celebrate their centenary.

Last season Newport completed the double over Gloucester, but we know our Monmouthshire friends will forgive us for mentioning—indeed, we apologise for the unfortunate circumstances beyond our control—that on each occasion the Cherry and Whites were sadly weakened because of County calls.

At Rodney Parade on October 21, 1972, the Cherry and Whites went down by 30 points to 9, but on that day they were without their County players on duty against Cornwall at Kingsholm. Eric Stephens scored all Gloucester's points with three penalty goals, a performance he repeated in the return match at Kingsholm on Friday evening, March 23, 1973, when Newport were again successful, this time by 13 points to 9, with Geoff Evans and Gerald Fuller scoring their tries, and Robin Williams making a conversion and adding a dropped goal.

The match was brought forward to the Friday evening because of the County Championship Final against Lancashire at Bristol the next afternoon. By a very simple process of elimination, therefore, it seems that several of our leading players have not been in action against Newport for over two years.

Not even in the match at Rodney Parade this season, on October 20, 1973, there was the County Championship game against Devon at Kingsholm. Peter Butler, then, has still to make his debut against our rivals from "over the bridge"! However we look forward to an enjoyable and entertaining game this evening.

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## KINGSHOLM KACKLE

The congratulations this week go, not to any of the rugger players, but to the staunch supporters of the Social Club, whose "card sharpeners" are the new champions of the West section of the Gloucester Cribbage League. This evening the same crowd of stalwarts were due to embark on yet another sport—the gentle one of shove-ha'penny—but their opening fixture has been postponed, of course, with Newport providing the attraction.

The centenary season is rapidly drawing to a close and after tonight's game there are only two more home matches, the Easter holiday fixtures. Next Saturday the famous Yorkshire club, Headingley, come to Kingsholm, while on Easter Monday the visitors are Birkenhead Park. Both matches have a 3 p.m. kick-off.

But there is still rugger ahead for keen supporters, for we should not forget the local derby with Lydney at Regentholm tomorrow evening. Then on Monday, April 22, there is the North Gloucestershire Combination Senior Cup Final, between old faithfuls, Matson, and the breezy young newcomers, Old Richians, at Kingsholm. A.R.