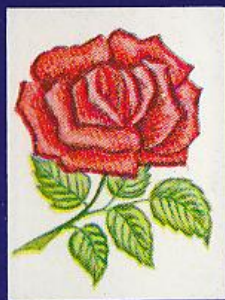


THE RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION CLUB COMPETITION

# THE JOHN PLAYER CUP FINAL

Twickenham April 15th 1978 K.O. at 3.30 p.m.  
Gloucester v Leicester



*Walter Bigham*

Programme 25p.

Secretary, R.F.U.

## GLOUCESTER

Touch Judge: R. F. Johnson (London Society of Referees)

Red and white jerseys

15. P. E. BUTLER

14. R. J. CLEWES

13. B. J. VINE

12. R. JARDINE

11. R. R. MOGG

10. C. G. WILLIAMS

9. P. R. HOWELL

1. G. A. F. SARGENT

2. S. G. F. MILLS

3. M. A. BURTON

4. S. B. BOYLE

5. J. H. FIDLER

6. J. A. WATKINS (Captain)

8. J. F. SIMONETT

7. V. J. WOOLEY

Replacements: 16 R. Etheridge, 17 D. Pointon, 18 P. Kingston, 19 M. Curran, 20 F. Reed, 21 E. Pinkney.

DRAWN MATCHES. In the Final, if at the end of 40 minutes' play each way, the scores be equal, the tries be equal and the goals from tries be equal, there shall be an immediate period of replay between the same sides without replacements of seven minutes each way, with a one-minute interval. If no result is then achieved the match shall be adjudged a draw.

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Referee:  
R. C. QUITTENTON  
(London/Sussex Referees' Society)  
KICK-OFF 3.30 p.m.  
†International

FULL BACKS

THREE-QUARTERS

RIGHT WING

CENTRE

CENTRE

LEFT WING

HALF-BACKS

STAND-OFF

SCRUM-HALF

FORWARDS

PROP

HOOKER

PROP

LOCK

LOCK

FLANKER

No. 8

FLANKER

## LEICESTER

Touch Judge: G. Feast (Eastern Counties/Suffolk and N. Essex Referees' Society)

Green, red and white hooped jerseys

O. W. H. HARE

N. M. J. DUGGAN

M. P. W. DODGE

L. B. P. HALL (Captain)

K. R. G. BARKER

J. B. JONES

I. S. KENNEY

A. R. E. NEEDHAM

B. P. J. WHEELER

C. S. P. REDFERN

D. N. J. JOYCE

E. A. G. HAZLERIGG

F. S. R. JOHNSON

G. G. J. ADEY

H. D. J. FORFAR

Replacements: R. S. Money, W. M. Reichwald, T. A. Walley, J. R. White, A. P. Collington, I. R. Smith.

The first replacement will wear the letter P, the second replacement the letter Q.

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## JOHN PLAYER CUP NATIONAL CLUB KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION PREVIOUS WINNERS

### 1971-72

GLOUCESTER 17

Tries: J. Dix, R. Morris.

Drop goals: T. Palmer, M. H. Booth.

Penalty: E. J. F. Stephens.

TEAM: E. J. F. Stephens; R. J. Clewes, J. A. Bayliss, R. Morris, J. Dix; T. Palmer, M. H. Booth; R. J. Cowling, M. J. Nicholls (capt.), M. A. Burton, J. S. Jarrett, A. Brinn, J. A. Watkins, M. J. Potter, R. Smith.

MOSELEY 6

Try: M. K. Swain.

Conversion: S. A. Doble.

TEAM: S. A. Doble; K. Hatter, M. K. Swain, C. W. McFadyean, R. Kerr; J. F. Finlan, J. G. Webster (capt.); C. C. Morrell, D. E. Lane, J. Griffiths, N. E. Norton, R. Morris, T. J. Smith, J. C. White, I. N. Pringle.



# HOW THE TEAMS REACHED THE FINAL

## GLOUCESTER

### FIRST ROUND

Beat LYDNEY 38-6.  
Tries: R. Clewes (2), R. Mogg, S. Boyle,  
V. Wooley.  
Penalties: P. Butler (4).  
Conversions: P. Butler (3).

### SECOND ROUND

Beat GOSFORTH 19-10.  
Tries: V. Wooley, S. Mills, C. Williams.  
Penalty: P. Butler.  
Conversions: P. Butler (2).

### QUARTER FINAL

Beat WASPS 13-3.  
Tries: V. Wooley, R. Mogg.  
Penalty: P. Butler.  
Conversion: P. Butler.

### SEMI-FINAL

Beat HARLEQUINS 12-6.  
Try: R. Clewes.  
Penalties: P. Butler (2).  
Conversion: P. Butler.

## LEICESTER

### FIRST ROUND

Beat HARTLEPOOL ROVERS 9-3.  
Penalties: W. Hare (3).

### SECOND ROUND

Beat ROSSLYN PARK 25-16.  
Tries: R. Barker, S. Kenney, D. Forfar.  
Penalties: W. Hare (3).  
Conversions: W. Hare (2).

### QUARTER FINAL

Beat NORTHAMPTON 20-11.  
Tries: J. Duggan, N. Joyce.  
Penalties: W. Hare (2), P. Dodge (2).

### SEMI-FINAL

Beat COVENTRY 25-16.  
Tries: P. Dodge, B. Jones.  
Drop goals: W. Hare, W. Reichwald.  
Penalties: W. Hare (3).  
Conversion: W. Hare.

## Full results JOHN PLAYER CUP 1977-78

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<i>First Round</i>	<i>Second Round</i>	<i>Quarter Finals</i>	<i>Semi-Finals</i>	<i>FINAL</i>
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Esher (10) v. London Irish (32)	London Welsh (9) v. Liverpool (13)	Wasps (3) v. Gloucester (13)		
Saracens (3) v. London Welsh (14)	Wasps (10) v. Waterloo (9)	Leicester (20) v. Northampton (11)		
Liverpool (18) v. Sale (4)	Gloucester (19) v. Gosforth (10)	Northampton (11) v. Coventry (16)		
Richmond (9) v. Wasps (9)	Leicester (25) v. Rosslyn Park (16)	Coventry (16) v. Bristol (13)		
Waterloo (10) v. Bedford (4)	Northampton (21) v. Wakefield (4)			
Gloucester (38) v. Lydney (6)	Exeter (0) v. Coventry (34)			
Morley (3) v. Gosforth (12)	Bristol (14) v. Moseley (0)			
Leicester (9) v. Hartlepool R. (3)				
Rosslyn Park (58) v. H. Wycombe (0)				
Walsall (8) v. Northampton (16)				} LEICESTER
Nottingham (12) v. Wakefield (17)				
Exeter (20) v. Bath (6)				
Coventry (7) v. Wilmslow (6)				
Bristol (19) v. Falmouth (6)				
Moseley (38) v. Blackheath (12)				



# VITAL ROLE OF GOAL KICKERS

By TONY BODLEY

*Rugby Correspondent of the "Daily Express"*

The John Player Cup is unique among modern competitions in that the try—and not the penalty goal—reigns supreme. Since the Knock-Out Competition began in 1972, the six finals have produced 33 tries and 16 penalties.

The trend could be upset today because of Gloucester's prolific scoring machine, Peter Butler. I am not accusing Leicester of being a dirty team, I am merely acknowledging the remarkable scoring talents of the Gloucester full-back.

Since making his first-class debut in 1972, Butler has amassed over 2,500 points and, no matter how much the International Board tinker with the penalty law, he is on course to become the highest scorer in the history of the game.

The present record-holder is the former Moseley and England full-back Sam Doble, who claimed 3,651 points. The previous best was Coventry's scrum-half George Cole who, lurking behind the juggernaut Midland pack, scored 3,393. He will have to settle for being the game's highest left-footed scorer.

Cole's career spanned 20 years and Butler will only have to last half that period to smash every scoring record in the book. Butler, now 26, is in his fifth full senior season. He started kicking goals when he was 14 and began in the, then, generally recognised toe-kicking style.

After one season, he experimented with the round-the-corner method using his instep. He has stuck with that style ever since and his size 8 right boot has pulled countless games out of the fire for both club and county. And throughout his whole career he has been taken off only once because he was off-target.

His county record is fantastic. In 32 matches for Gloucestershire he has totalled 370 points which includes 94 penalties. It is not surprising that part of his practice is aiming at a single upright. The next best contemporary county record I can find is Alan Old's 228 points from 48 games for Yorkshire. That is well below Butler's average and the former England fly-half includes eight tries in his total.

Butler's consistency highlights the need for every team to include at least one reliable place-kicker. All Wales might not still be celebrating the Grand Slam icing to their Triple Crown treble if France had retained Jean-Pierre Romeu. The Montferrand fly-half's background of 139 points against International Board countries and 267 in all French representative matches puts him among the great modern gunners of the game.

His presence at Cardiff last month could have produced a different result. Jean-Michel Aguirre and Bernard Vivies failed with six penalty attempts. Wales took the field with three sharp-shooters in Phil Bennett, Steve Fenwick and Allan Martin.

The French selectors should have consulted their history books. In the 50 years since the Five Nations Championship was last completed without a penalty goal being scored, the kicker has obviously become more and more important.

In 1972 the trend went the full circle when penalty goals exceeded tries. And only one season since then—1975—have there been more tries than penalties. The goal-kicker's dream was realised in 1976 when there was a record 44 penalties. This season produced 34 penalties against 24 tries.

The French incompetence must have made Bob Hiller shudder. By far and away my favourite kicker, Hiller delayed recognition of England's appalling drop in



standards. The Harlequin, a great believer in audience participation with his back-chat with the crowd, papered over the cracks in his country's crumbling pretensions as a major nation. It disguised England's deficiencies and delayed the demand for new selectors and a new trial pattern.

In 19 internationals he scored 138 points, including all the points in five games. On his two Lions tours he scored 104 points in South Africa in 1968 and then claimed 102 in nine matches in New Zealand three years later.

In addition, he can boast also to have forced a change in the laws. His seven paces back from the ball and deep breathing routine occupied so much time that referees were ordered to add on time taken at place kicks.

Nothing would shake him from his patient build-up no matter how much the crowd gave him the bird. He admitted: "If they didn't boo, I used to think I hadn't taken long enough over my preparations."

He was the last toe-kicker of note and even his scoring feats on the New Zealand tour were over-shadowed by "King" Barry John with 180 points, including 27 in the four Tests,

Anyone hoping to become a kicker could do no better than study films of John. His beautiful relaxed style, with right hip well forward and right foot angled down and across the ball and then the easy follow-through, are the ideal models for any round-the-corner aspirant.

Like Butler, he is not a giant physically and relied on perfect timing. Yet the great Welsh fly-half does not figure among the big scorers. He had never been first choice goal-kicker for anyone between the time he left school and when he went on the 1971 Lions tour. In the year before, he had been ranked fourth choice Cardiff kicker behind Robin Williams, Dennis Gethin and Gareth Edwards!

A crisply struck kick is almost as pleasing as a try and penalties and conversions are winning parts of the facts of the game. It is hardly surprising that all four semi-finalists possess splendidly reliable kickers. Leicester's Dusty Hare is already well past 300 points for the season while Coventry's Peter Rossborough and Harlequins' Billy Bushell almost produced a different pair of finalists.

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## TODAY'S REFEREE

**ROGER C. QUITTENTON**  
(London/Sussex Referees' Societies)

Today's John Player Cup Final is controlled by a referee who has established a world-wide reputation since his election to the international panel in 1976-77. The 37-year-old Head of Sixth Form Mathematics at Worthing College, Sussex, he took charge of the European Cup match between Italy and Rumania in May 1977, two Tests between Argentina and France the following month, the match between Russia and Rumania in July 1977, and the Final of the Pernod Panache Tournament in France in September 1977. This season he controlled the County Championship Final and the England Trial at Twickenham. Educated at Southampton University, he played full-back for British



Universities and Sussex before a knee injury ended his playing career in 1968. He is widely regarded as Britain's busiest referee, controlling more than 100 matches a season and travelling 15,000 miles to attend them. He is also one of Rugby's fittest referees, training each day during the season. Married with two daughters, he lives at Rustington, West Sussex.



# GLOUCESTER—CRADLE OF RUGBY TALENT

Rugby is more a religion than a game in GLOUCESTER, so perhaps it is appropriate that the club's Kingsholm ground stands in the shadow of a great Norman cathedral.

Gloucester R.F.C., now in its 104th season, won the first national knock-out competition organised by the Rugby Football Union in 1971-72, defeating Moseley in a hard-fought final, and are hoping to capture the John Player Cup for the first time this afternoon.

Despite its comparatively small size, Gloucester claims to have more Rugby teams per head of population than any other area in the country. The North Gloucester Combination is, therefore, a perfect nursery for the city club, many of whose players are "home grown".

Gloucester's reputation in the past has been founded upon a very powerful pack, but the emphasis has changed dramatically over the past two or three seasons. True, they still have a formidable eight, but they also have a skilful and speedy back division which was largely responsible for a record 185 tries last season, 13 more than the previous best.

The 50 Rugby enthusiasts who gathered at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Gloucester, in 1873 to found the club were a far-sighted group, probably without realising it. For the club has produced a host of England and county players over the years, among them the current president, Tom Voyce, capped for his country 27 times and the architect of modern wing forward play. The late Arthur Hudson, father of chairman Gordon Hudson, gave a lifetime of service to the club. He played for England and was general secretary for 35 years.

Today's most capped player is Mike Burton, who brought his total of England appearances to 17 this season, while skipper John Watkins has played for his country seven times and been on three Easter tours with the Barbarians. Full-back Peter Butler, already with 400 points to his credit this season, is English Rugby's leading goal-kicker.

The Kingsholm ground, recently improved with a new main wall and £2,000 scoreboard, has an atmosphere all its own with crowds of 8,000 not unusual for important games. There has always been a close bond between the club and its supporters, whose loyalty through thick and thin has been a great stimulant to the players' morale.

Gloucester's second round tie with champions, Gosforth, was watched by almost 10,000 local people, many of whom will be at this afternoon's final.

After winning 35 of their 51 matches last season and scoring a best-ever 1,147 points, the team toured America's Midwest in the summer, achieving victories in all their six games and scoring 39 tries in the process.

For many years, Gloucester has supplied most of the players to the Gloucestershire side. The county's success in winning the championship 13 times and reaching the final on 22 occasions, is a measure of the sustained strength of the Gloucester club.

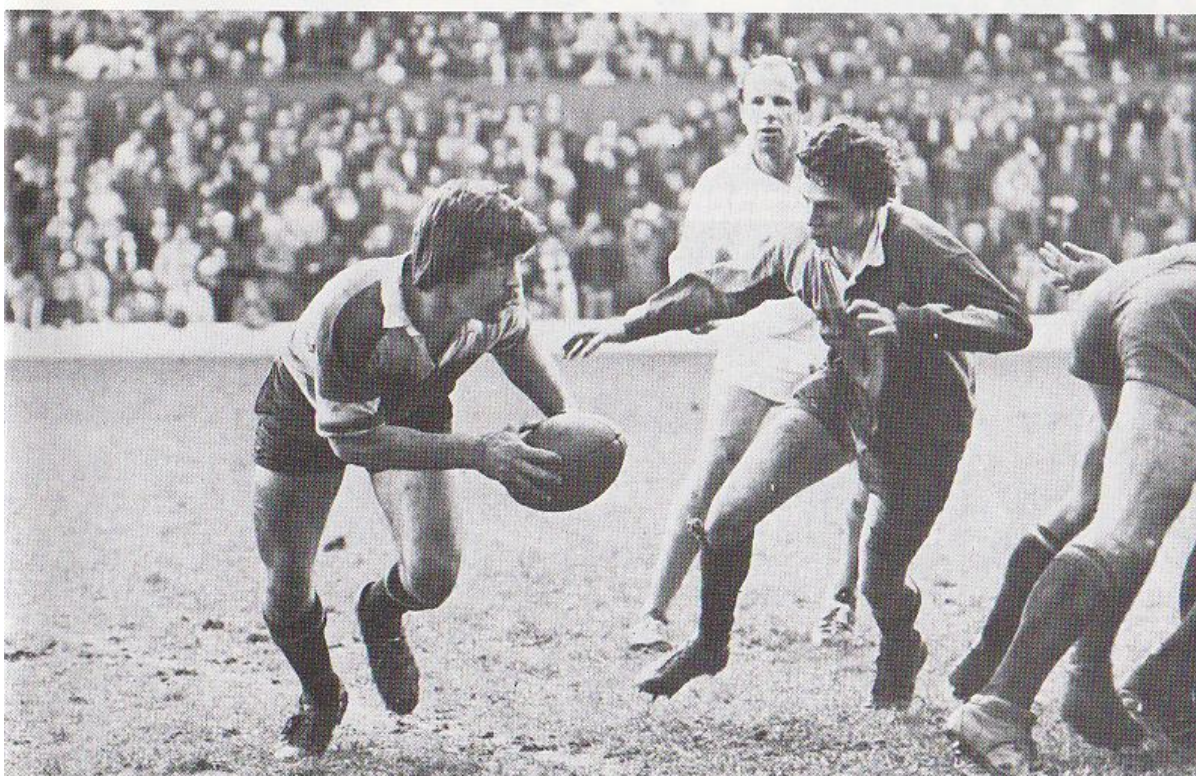




Bob Clewes, hidden under a mound of bodies, scores Gloucester's winning try against Harlequins . . . to the delight of colleagues and supporters.

## GLOUCESTER'S VICTORY OVER 'QUINS

Paul Howell darts clear of a Harlequins' challenge after Gloucester win a set-piece.

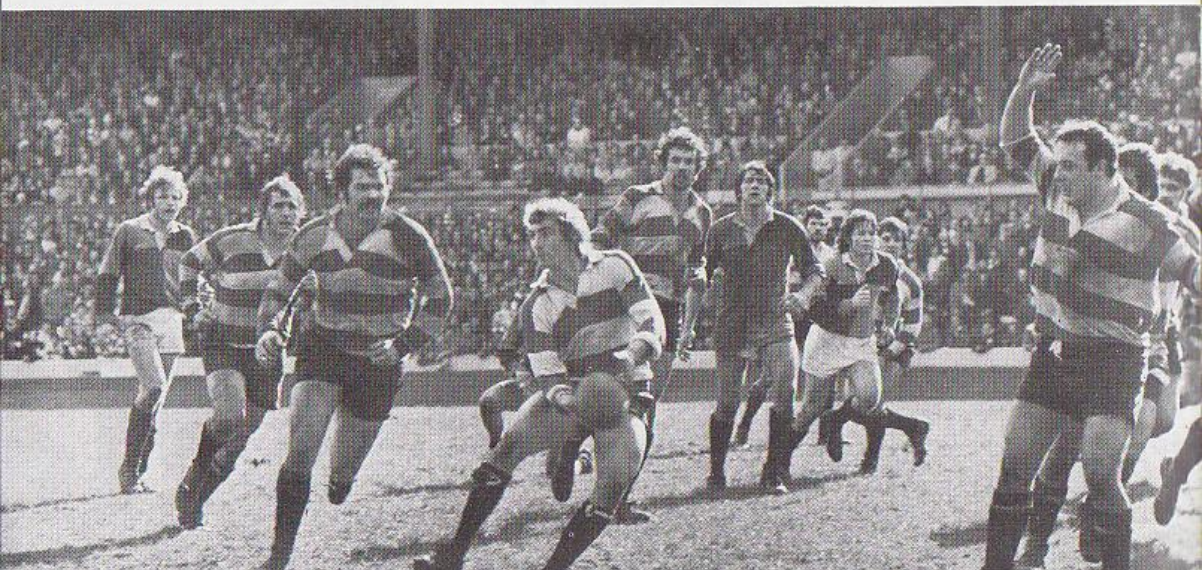






## WINNING THE BALL!

At line out, maul and in broken play Gloucester illustrate their all-round talents against the Harlequins in the semi final.





# GLOUCESTER

Players originally selected for today's match

## P. E. BUTLER

Full-back. Born 23.6.51. 6 ft., 12 st. 2 lb. Peter Edward Butler, the club's vice-captain, is widely acknowledged as England's leading place kicker. In 1973-74, he set up a record by scoring 574 points on British soil, even though he missed an 80-point Gloucester victory over Old Merchant Taylors. So far this season, his personal total stands at 400 points. Educated at Crypt School, Gloucester, a nursery for many great players, he later captained Birmingham University XV. Peter has made more than 20 championship appearances for Gloucestershire, scoring all 24 points in their 24-9 in their final victory over Middlesex two seasons ago. He has twice represented England—against Australia in Sydney and against France in Paris in 1976. Production manager at a local chemical factory.

## R. J. CLEWES

Wing three-quarter. Born 10.11.49. 5 ft. 10 in., 11 st. 7 lb. Robert John Clewes has made more than 400 appearances for Gloucester, scoring well over 200 tries since he joined the club in 1968. Combination of deceptive pace and powerful running make him one of the game's most dangerous wings. So far this season he has almost 20 tries to his credit. Played schoolboy Rugby at Archway Secondary, Stroud, and was selected for Stroud 1st XV at a tender age. First played for Gloucester against Lydney in 1968 and has been an automatic choice for several seasons. Bob has made more than 15 appearances for Gloucestershire, his most recent being in this season's final against North Midlands. Site agent in the building industry.



P. E. BUTLER

## B. J. VINE

Centre. Born 14.4.52. 5 ft. 9 in., 11 st. 9 lb. Brian John Vine is in his third season with Gloucester, having played his first game against Stroud in October, 1975. Although he has almost 100 1st XV appearances to his credit, the total would have been higher, but for a leg injury last season. A player who combines both attacking and defensive qualities, he has played a number of times for Gloucestershire, having toured South Africa in 1976 and played against Japan last season. Educated at Lydney Secondary Modern School, where he was a scrum-half, he went on to play outside-half for his home town, with whom he was a regular for three seasons. A carpenter. Married with a two-month-old son.

## R. JARDINE

Centre. Born 18.1.48. 6 ft. 2 in., 13 st. 7 lb. Richard Jardine, a policeman with the responsibility of guarding the new home of Princess Anne and Capt. Mark Phillips, first played for Gloucester in 1967. He has since made more than 250 1st XV appearances and would almost certainly have been a first choice for Gloucestershire this season had a depressed fracture of the cheekbone not put him out of the running. He has, however, represented his county 26 times. Appearances for the British Police have included two games against the French Police on the Continent. Educated Chipping Sodbury. Married with a "Rugby mad" two-year-old son.



R. J. CLEWES

## R. R. MOGG

Wing three-quarter. Born 28.2.56. 5 ft. 11 in., 12 st. 7 lb. Richard Roy Mogg, who played his first game for Gloucester against Cheltenham in October, 1974, is one of two England Under-23 caps in the team. After leaving Hatherley School, he played for the North Gloucester Combination club, Tredworth, and appeared twice as an England Colt. His four games as an England Under-23, include two against Canada during last summer's tour. Richard also toured South Africa with Gloucestershire in 1976 and was unlucky to have missed this season's championship final because of illness. Has played more than 160 times for Gloucester. A pipe laying engineer.



B. J. VINE



R. JARDINE



R. R. MOGG



**C. G. WILLIAMS**

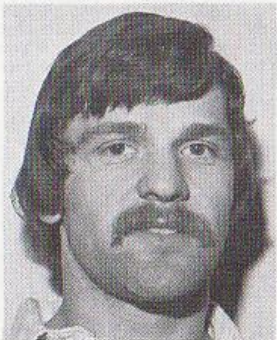
Stand-off. Born 21.12.50. 6 ft., 13 st. Christopher Gareth Williams first played for Gloucester against Oxford University in November, 1975, and has since made well over 100 1st XV appearances. Although born in Pontypridd, he left the Principality when young and won an England cap against France in 1976. Educated at Magdalen College School, Oxford, and at Lydney Grammar School, he has played for Lydney, St. Paul's College in Cheltenham and Headingley. Chris made his 18th Gloucestershire appearance in this season's championship final and has also played for Western Counties against the Australians. A Tewkesbury restaurateur.

**P. R. HOWELL**

Scrum-half. Born 24.9.54. 5 ft. 8 in., 12 st. 3 lb. Paul Robert Howell rocketed into prominence after joining Gloucester from Lydney a year ago. He played his first major game against Gosforth in last season's John Player Cup quarter-final and made his county debut for Gloucestershire in this season's championship final against North Midlands, following the withdrawal of Peter Kingston with influenza. Educated at Lydney Secondary Modern School, he played for Gloucestershire Schools at the age of 15 and had three seasons as a county colt. Has so far played about 30 times for Gloucester, but the best is still to come from this talented young man. A metal plating engineer.



C. G. WILLIAMS



P. R. HOWELL

**G. A. F. SARGENT**

Prop. Born 18.10.50. 5 ft. 11 in., 15 st. 5 lb. Gordon Alan Frank Sargent first played for Gloucester against Stroud in September, 1976, and despite injury problems, has established himself as first choice for the loose head position. A product of Lydney Grammar School which has a fine Rugby tradition, he played for Gloucestershire Schools, 16 Group and Colts. Spent nine seasons with Lydney and was twice captain before moving to Gloucester. Leg injury denied him a chance of playing for Gloucestershire this season, but he has made 10 appearances and toured South Africa. An insurance executive.

**S. G. F. MILLS**

Hooker. Born 24.2.53. 5 ft. 10½ in., 14 st. Stephen Graham Ford Mills first played for Gloucester against Cheltenham three seasons ago and is now fully fit after spraining his left ankle in the John Player Cup quarter-final against Wasps. Born in Cirencester, he was educated at the local grammar school and at the North Gloucestershire Technical College, and joined Cirencester R.F.C. from school. Made debut for Gloucestershire against Japan in September, 1976, and played in the four following championship games before injury forced him out of the semi-final side beaten by Lancashire. Returned this season and played in the final against North Midlands. Replacement for both England trials last season. Toured America with the Cirencester and Gloucester clubs. A computer programmer.

**M. A. BURTON**

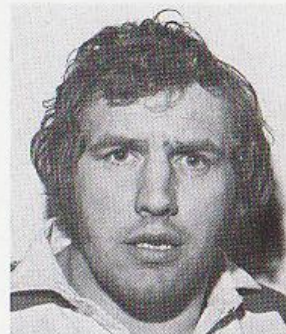
Prop. Born 18.12.45. 6 ft. 2 in., 16 st. 9 lb. Michael Alan Burton was educated at Longlevens School and first played for Gloucester against Moseley in 1964. Since then has achieved just about every honour in the game. Capped for England 17 times, including twice this season, he is a British Lion, a Barbarian and has played for South-West Counties against every major touring side. Mike is one of Rugby's controversial characters, having been sent off four times in first-class matches, including an international against Australia in Brisbane in 1975. He has played more than 350 times for his club and nearly 40 times for Gloucestershire. An oil company representative.



G. A. F. SARGENT



S. G. F. MILLS



M. A. BURTON



**S. B. BOYLE**

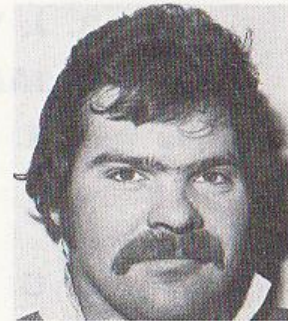
Lock. Born 9.8.53. 6 ft. 4 in., 17 st. 3 lb. Stephen Brent Boyle, a convert from soccer, first played for Gloucester five years ago against Newport. He has made something like 120 appearances since then, but the total would have been higher, but for county and national calls. Steve has played nearly 20 times for Gloucestershire and was capped three times as an England Under-23, against Canada twice and Japan. He also skippered Young England against Alberta. After playing soccer for Herefordshire Schools, Steve converted to Rugby at Sir Thomas Rich's School, Gloucester. A finance company representative.

**J. H. FIDLER**

Lock. Born 16.9.48. 6 ft. 4 in., 17 st. 3 lb. John Howard Fidler, one of two policemen in the side, made his debut for Gloucester against Broughton Park. He was an automatic choice for Gloucestershire Schools and Colts and won four caps for England Boys' Clubs. Since joining Gloucester from Cheltenham, he has played more than 200 times for the 1st XV and has appeared in three Gloucestershire championship-winning teams. "Big John" is an England trialist and played for the South-West Counties against the Australians. He has appeared 12 times for the British Police and has toured South Africa with county and police sides. Married with a son and daughter.

**J. A. WATKINS**

Wing Forward. Born 28.11.46. 6 ft. 0½ in., 12 st. John Arthur Watkins is in his ninth season with Gloucester, his second as captain. A product of local combination club, Gordon League, which reached the second round of the competition last season, he has played well over 300 times for Gloucester and was county captain last season. John was capped seven times for England and has been on three Easter tours with the Barbarians, being honoured with the captaincy against Penarth last season. Tremendous success on Gloucester's tour of the America Midwest a year ago when the side won all six matches. Holds club record of tries scored in a season by a forward (20). An engineering diemaker.



S. B. BOYLE

**J. F. SIMONETT**

Number eight. Born 18.8.50. 6 ft. 5 in., 14 st. 7 lb. John Frederick Simonett is in his second season with Gloucester, having first played against Broughton Park in September, 1976. Educated at Fettes College, Edinburgh, he captained the Scotland Schools, 19 Group, side in 1969, and might well have gained senior honours had he not gone abroad to work. On his return, John went to St. Paul's College, Cheltenham, and while there, captained the British Colleges XV. His proficiency as an amateur magician never ceases to amaze his team mates. A physical education teacher.



J. H. FIDLER

**V. J. WOOLEY**

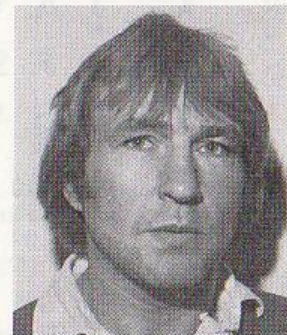
Wing Forward. Born 11.1.55. 6 ft., 13 st. 9 lb. Vivian John Wooley is in his second season with Gloucester, having made his debut against Fylde almost exactly a year ago. Educated at Lucton, Hereford, where he played his schoolboy Rugby, he moved to Gloucester and the local combination club, Gloucester Old Boys. For a time he played in the centre, but reverted to the back row where he has achieved great success with Gloucester. Viv came into the side when John Haines was unavailable this season and scored a try in each of the first three cup ties. As a junior, he played for Herefordshire and Worcestershire Schools and Gloucester and Gloucestershire Colts. Training officer with Brooke Bond Tea.



V. J. WOOLEY



J. F. SIMONETT



J. A. WATKINS