

Official Programme

Ten Pence (Minimum price)

# RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION



FOUNDED 1867

1974-75

108th SEASON

**GROUND** Repton Avenue, Sudbury, Wembley, Middlesex.  
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<b>ADMISSION</b>	Ground & Covered Stand — Adults	40p
	Boys	15p
	O.A.P.s	Free
	Car Park	10p



## Club News

We have made a good start to the New Year. The opportunity which was presented to us by the additional Bank Holiday on 1st January enabled us to stage our match with Rosslyn Park which hitherto had traditionally been played on Boxing Day. This change proved to be most advantageous and with it's own special place as a day of hope, the size of the crowd, the largest for seven years, and the general spirit which prevailed, was significant in relation to the Club's continued recovery and it's well based confidence for the future. We were again honoured and delighted at the presence of Alderman Bob Thompson, Mayor of Brent who was accompanied by his Town Clerk and Public Relations Officer. The Mayor spoke at half time about his own Charity for the disabled and the collection which was made around the ground raised no less than £100. This was a great effort and the Club would like to thank all those who contributed. We have since received a letter from the Mayor in which he expresses his warmest appreciation to the collectors and those who gave.

Since our last home match on New Year's Day we have visited Richmond and Llanelli, with our 1stXV putting on excellent performances in each match. In the Richmond game, which we won 19pts to 9, we recorded the "double" and at that time were the only English Club to defeat them this season. Once again two England Selectors were in the crowd keeping an eye on Geoff Richards. Last week at Llanelli the side pulled everything out of the bag in what was described in Wales as the best match at Stradey Park this season. Although we lost by 18pts to 16 some excellent rugby was played by both sides to make the match a real thriller. It was well into the last fifteen minutes before Llanelli took the lead with a bustling try by Tom David, one of five British Lions in the home team. Off the field all those who made the long journey had a memorable weekend. The hospitality extended to the Club by the management of our Hotel, "The Stradey Park" was second to none.

Now turning to this afternoons game our side faces another tough test in the form of our West Country rivals, Gloucester. Last week they provided no less than eleven players to their county side for the County Championship Quarter Final match with Hertfordshire who included our own Geof Richards. The provision of so many players appeared to have it's toll, for they lost their club match with Leicester. Despite this reverse the side has a good playing record having to date won 19 out of 28 games played. They will no doubt be at full strength today and hoping to repeat last season's win. Two weeks ago the Gloucester 2nd XV visited Sudbury and were defeated by our Vandals XV 10pts to 6.

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### 1st XV FIXTURES 1974-75

Kick-off 3 p.m. unless otherwise stated

1974	F	A	1975	F	A
<b>September</b>					
4 High Wycombe	A	39 — 3	1 Rosslyn Park (2.30 pm)	H	7 — 8
7 Liverpool	H	6 — 12	4 Richmond	A	19 — 9
14 Richmond	H	22 — 16	11 Llanelli	A	16 — 18
21 Streatam/Croydon	H	25 — 3	18 Gloucester (2.30 pm)	H	
28 Headingley	A	15 — 6	25 Sale (2.30 pm)	H	
			29 Rosslyn Park (7.30 pm)	A	
<b>October</b>					
5 Cheltenham	A	18 — 6	<b>February</b>		
6 Gordon R.C. (NSW)	H	16 — 8	1 Harlequins (11 am)	A	
12 Bristol	H	0 — 7	8 Cambridge University	A	
19 Blackheath	A	3 — 9	15 Leicester	A	
26 Newport	A	13 — 20	22 Bath	A	
<b>November</b>					
2 Coventry	H	6 — 9	<b>March</b>		
9 Saracens	A	4 — 14	1 Newport	H	
16 Cardiff	A	6 — 26	8 St. Lukes College, Exeter	H	
23 Met. Police (2.30 pm)	H	18 — 17	15 U.S. (Portsmouth)	A	
30 Moseley (2.30 p.m.)	H	12 — 14	22 Bradford	H	
			28 Camborne	A	
			29 Penzance/Newlyn	A	
			31 Redruth	A	
<b>December</b>					
7 Old Millhillians	A	25 — 9	<b>April</b>		
14 London Scottish (2.30 pm)	H	6 — 23	5 Bedford	A	
21 Northampton	A	20 — 0	9 London Welsh (6 pm)	H	
28 South Wales Police (2.30 pm)	H	28 — 10	12 Blackheath	H	
			19 Notts	H	
			26 Middlesex Sevens-Prelims		
			May 1 Middlesex Sevens-Finals		



Saturday, 18th January, 1975. Kick-off 2.30 p.m.

## Wasps v Gloucester

WASPS	GLOUCESTER
15 G. RICHARDS	15 P. BUTLER
14 K. STEWART	14 D. CRABBE
13 N. FRENCH	13 J. BAYLISS
12 A. DAMON	12 R. MOGG
11 D. GARDINER	11 J. DIX
10 D. WARBY	10 G. HUTCHINGSON
9 J. RIDOUT	9 P. KINGSTON
1 B. ADAM	1 K. RICHARDSON (Capt.)
2 G. BIGNELL	2 M. NICHOLLS
3 A. SHORTLAND	3 P. BLAKEWAY
4 G. MORGAN (Capt.)	4 S. BOYLE
5 H. RICKETT	5 P. WINNELL
6 R. SMITH	6 J. WATKINS*
8 R. HESFORD	8 J. JARRET
7 R. MORDELL	7 J. HAINES

Referee: M. E. HAYHOE, L.S.R.F.U.R.

\* International

### Next Home Game

**SALE Saturday, 25th January, 1975 k.o. 2.30 p.m.**

### Club News continued

During the Christmas holidays three matches have been played by our Schoolboys XV, guided by Freddie Hawkins and Roy Morgan. Victories were recorded over the Schoolboys of Rosslyn Park and London Welsh with one defeat by Saracens. A creditable performance and our thanks are extended to Freddie and Roy for their help.

The draw for the 100 Club December prizes was made by the President, Sam Shield after the game and to his own considerable embarrassment but to everybody else's delight Freddie Spence added the £100 Jackpot to the second prize that came his way in the Christmas Sweepstake. Needless to say much of the money was generously spent in "Majorie's" Bar during the evening and helped to swell the receipts to a most gratifying total. Other winners in the draw were Ron Harding £50; John Shaddock £15; Vera Diment £10; K. Freeman, D. Crow and Sam Simmonds £5 each. We still want more 100 Club members so please help the Club and perhaps yourself by joining. The January Draw will be made on 25th of the month after the Sale game. Thanks to all members who supported the Christmas Sweepstake and helped to achieve a satisfactory result.

G.C.C. & W.M.