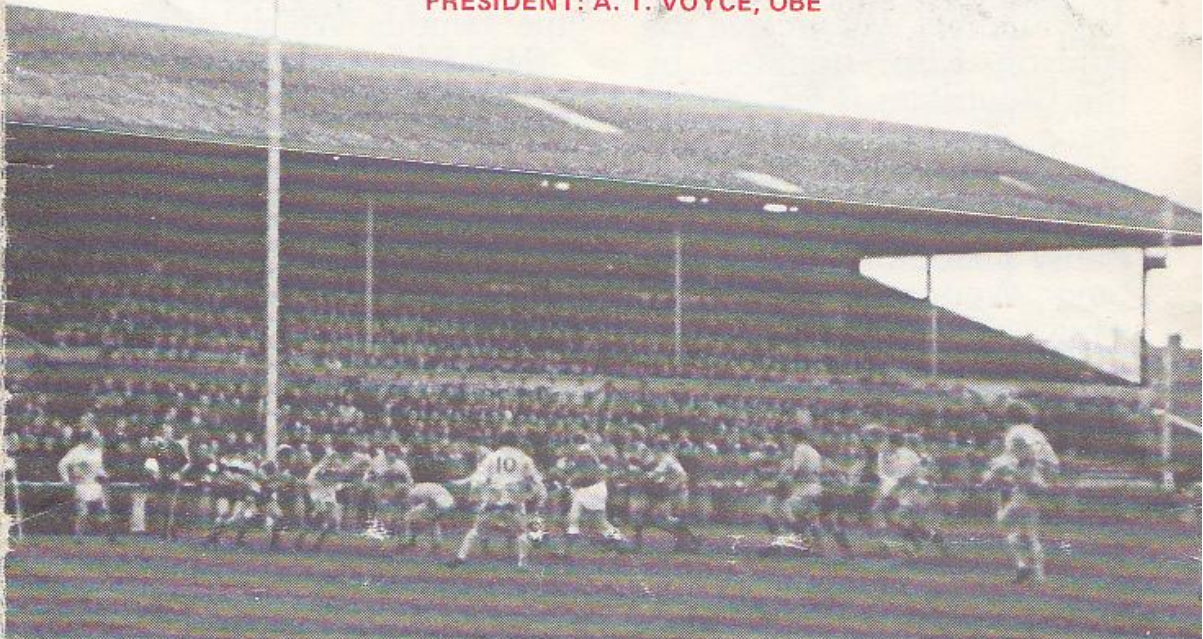




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Three Quarters

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13. J. A. Bayliss* MOOG

12. R. Jardine*

11. R. J. Clewes*

Half Backs

10. G. F. Hutchison

9. P. Kingston* WALL

Forwards

1. K. Richardson (Capt)*

2. M. J. Nicholls*

3. M. A. Burton†*

4. P. J. Winnel*

5. J. H. Fidler*

6. J. A. Watkins†*

8. E. A. Pinkney

7. J. H. Haynes*

† International

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* County

First XV Fixtures

1974			
Sept. 7	Broughton Pk	H	31-3
9	L'Aquila (Italy)	H	75-0
11	Stroud ...	H	17-9
14	Coventry ...	A	15-29
18	Aberillery ...	H	20-3
21	Waterloo ...	A	17-3
28	Bristol ...	H	23-12
Oct.			
5	Bedford ...	H	15-9
9	Moseley ...	H	9-6
12	Harlequins ...	H	30-10
16	Cheltenham ...	H	48-0
19	Plymouth ...	H	32-15
23	Newport ...	A	13-24
26	Clifton ...	A	12-0
Nov.			
2	Leicester ...	H	24-7
9	Moseley ...	A	14-29
16	Aberavon ...	H	12-6
23	London Irish ...	A	P
30	Oxford Univ.	A	13-21
Dec.			
7	Newbridge ...	H	23-19
14	Bath ...	A	7-12
21	Coventry ...	H	12-3
26	Lydney ...	H	29-10
28	Bridgend ...	H	15-18

First XV Fixtures

1975			
Jan. 1	Nottingham ...	H	15-19
4	London Scottish	H	9-17
11	Leicester ...	A	4-18
18	Wasps ...	A	8-9
22	Army ...	H	19-13
25	Cambridge Univ	H	31-3
28	St. Lukes Coll.	H	18-9
31	Bristol (Fri.) ...	A	9-17
Feb.			
14	Swansea (Fri.)	A	15-6
19	Loughborough	H	P
22	Aberavon ...	A	P
25	Bath ...	H	28-3
Mar.			
1	Northampton	H	51-10
8	Richmond ...	A	P
12	Pontypool ...	A	P
15	Guy's Hospital	H	P
19	Cheltenham ...	A	49-3
22	Saracens ...	A	0-30
27	Lydney ...	A	P
29	New Brighton	H	19-13
31	Fyde ...	H	15-12
Apr.			
5	Cardiff ...	H	22-3
9	Newport ...	H	-
12	Ebbw Vale ...	A	-
16	S. Wales Police	H	-
19	Sale ...	H	-
26	Exeter ...	A	-

NEWPORT

(Black and Amber)

Full Back

15. G. Fuller

Three Quarters

14. T. O'Gorman

13. D. Burcher

12. S. Willis

11. P. Asquith

Half Backs

10. D. Wilson

9. A. Evans

Forwards

1. C. Smart

2. D. Ford

3. P. Davies

4. I. Barnard

5. J. Watkins

6. K. Poole

8. J. Squire

7. P. Watts

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WELCOME TO THE "BLACK & AMBERS" IN THEIR CENTENARY YEAR!

This evening we extend a most cordial welcome to one of our closest and long-standing friends — and rivals — Newport, who this season are celebrating their centenary.

Polonius, in his words of wisdom to his son, Laertes, said, "Those friends thou hast, and their adoption tried, grapple them to thy soul..." Much of the grappling between our two great clubs has been in many enjoyable games in the past, and it is fitting that to mark this latest tussle our own welcome is augmented by a civic one.

For our worthy Mayor, Coun. Fred King, who was a guest at the special Newport centenary match at Rodney Parade last Saturday, is returning the hospitality. This evening he is joined by Newport's sports-loving Mayor, Coun. John Marsh, who is also a vice-president of the rugby club. We trust that their Worships and their

good ladies will, like all of us, be looking forward to another entertaining and exciting game.

We must, however, warn our guests that Gloucester will be thirsting for revenge this evening, for in their own centenary year, last season, they suffered one of their few defeats when Newport visited Kingsholm on Wednesday evening, April 10, 1974, and won a splendid game by 16-10. All Gloucester's points came from Peter Butler, who scored an unconverted try and kicked two penalty goals.

Fortunately the Cherry and Whites did not concede the "double," for they had earlier achieved the commendable feat of holding the formidable Black and Ambers to a 6-6 draw at Rodney Parade.

KINGSHOLM KACKLE

Congratulations to Gordon League on winning the Gloucestershire County Cup with that great victory over Lydney at Regentsholme last Sunday. All Gloucester enthusiasts will wish them every success when they meet St. Luke's College later this month at Exeter in the final of the Western group, the winners of which will qualify for next season's national knock-out competition.

The Gordon League youngsters also appear to be emulating their seniors, for tomorrow evening at the Athletic Ground, Cheltenham, they meet Old Patesians in the final of the County Under 15 competition (kick-off 6.15 p.m.). The winners will receive the Hudson Cup, donated by the Gloucester R.F.C. chairman, Gordon Hudson, in memory of his late father.

Gloucester travel to meet Ebbw Vale on Saturday, but next Wednesday evening, April 16, they will be at Kingsholm again, when South Wales Police are the visitors with the usual 7.00 p.m. kick-off. For the avid enthusiasts, however, Matson face Old Richians at Red Well Road in the second semi-final of the North Gloucestershire Combination Senior Cup.

Gloucester take part as specially invited guests in two "Sevens" competitions at the end of the season, now almost here. On April 26 they play in the Border seven-a-side tournament at Jedburgh, then on the following week-end are in the famous Welsh Snelling "Sevens" when, we understand, they have a bye in the preliminary round, but meet the winners of the Swansea-Cross Keys clash in the first round.

Finally, the winners for March in the monthly draw of the 250 Club competition. £25 to R. Pottinger (ticket 43); £10 to G. A. Young (207); £5 each to Mrs. Billington (118); Mrs. W. Pope (181); P. A. Fuller (206); and Mrs. M. Elway (34).

Arthur Russell.

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