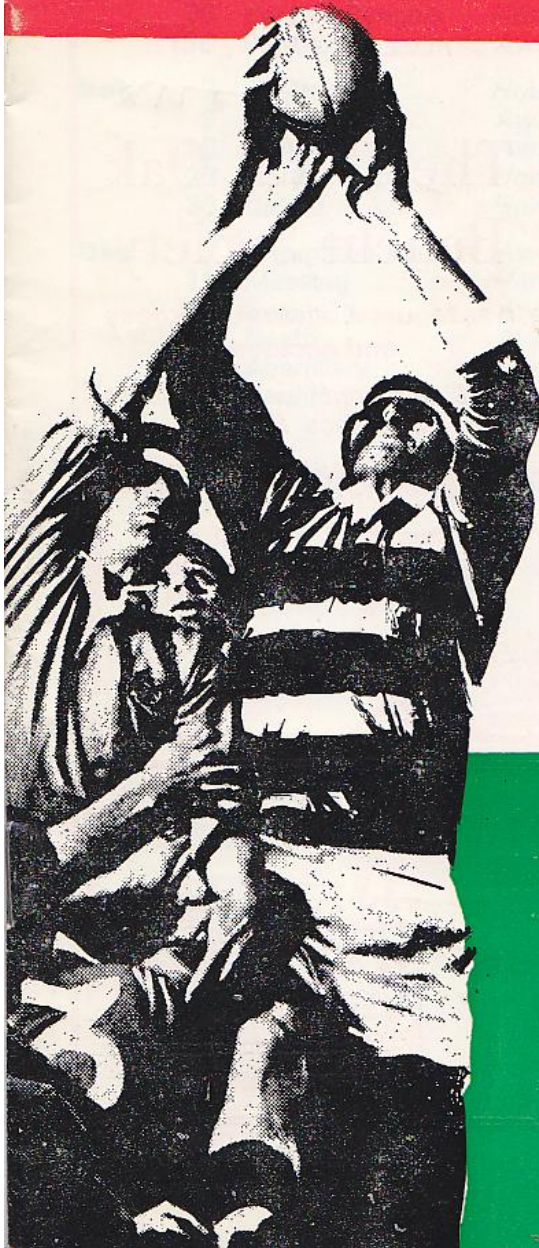


# Ebbw Vale Rugby Football Club

Season '74/75



## Gloucester

*versus*

## Ebbw Vale

Saturday,  
12th April,  
1975

Kick-off 3.15 p.m.

Official Programme 10p

Nº 218



## Ebbw Vale

## Gloucester

	<i>Full Back</i>	
Mostyn Richards	15	<i>LONG STAFF</i> <del>P. Butler</del>
	<i>Threequarters</i>	
<i>From:</i> Neil Collins	14	<del>J. PABBS</del> D. Cradde
Arthur Lewis	13	R. MOGG J. Bayliss
Stephen Hopkins	12	A. R. Jardine
Gareth John	11	<del>R. Clewes</del> J. EDWARDS
	<i>Half Backs</i>	
David Rees, Alan Edwards Paul Chard	10	G. Hutchingson
Stephen Lewis	9	<del>P. Kingstorn</del> S. HALL
	<i>Forwards</i>	
P. Kingsley-Jones	1	K. Richardson (Capt.)
Mike Paul	2	M. Nicholas
Gareth Howls	3	M. Burton
Elwyn Jones	4	P. Winnell
Tony Holvey	5	J. Fiddler
Eddie Powell	6	J. Watkins
Graham Evans (Capt.)	8	E. Pinkney
Phil Gardner	7	J. Haines

*Referee:* D. E. Williams, Ammanford

## ***CLUB NOTES . . .***

Once again it is a pleasure to welcome our friends and rivals Gloucester, to the Eugene Cross Park. Games between the clubs have always provided exciting and entertaining rugby. The Gloucester pack have always been one of the most formidable in British rugby and they invariably have a strong back division. The club was formed in 1873 and their most capped player is A. T. Voyce who won 27 caps for England. They won the first Rugby Union Club Championship by defeating Moseley by 17pts. to 6 pts. on 29th April, 1972. Their form this year has been excellent and last Saturday they defeated Cardiff by 22 pts. to 3 pts. They will certainly provide a stern test for our team today.

Our own form of late has been patchy losing to Newport at home followed by home wins against Cross Keys, Abertillery and Newbridge with a final surprising defeat by Northern California. It must be admitted that the edge has gone from our play during the past week or so. It is difficult to establish what exactly has gone wrong, but there seems to be a certain lack of cohesion between forwards and backs (poor support running would be the modern term). Without doubt Arthur will be working on this aspect during the training sessions. Without wishing to make excuses it must be stated that the weather we have experienced during the past few weeks has in no way helped our style of play. It is a tribute to the groundsman, Bill Dodd, that more games have not had to be cancelled or even abandoned during the heavy snow that has fallen during some of the games. It has been the worst April weather for many seasons and the gates have suffered accordingly. It is to be hoped that the two home games left after today are played in spring-like weather so that the crowds roll-up and help to put a smile on the face of treasurer, John Gaydon. It's an expensive business running three teams and gate money is very necessary if our high standards are to be maintained.

*Before and after the Match meet at . . .*

## ***The Welfare Sports Club***

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