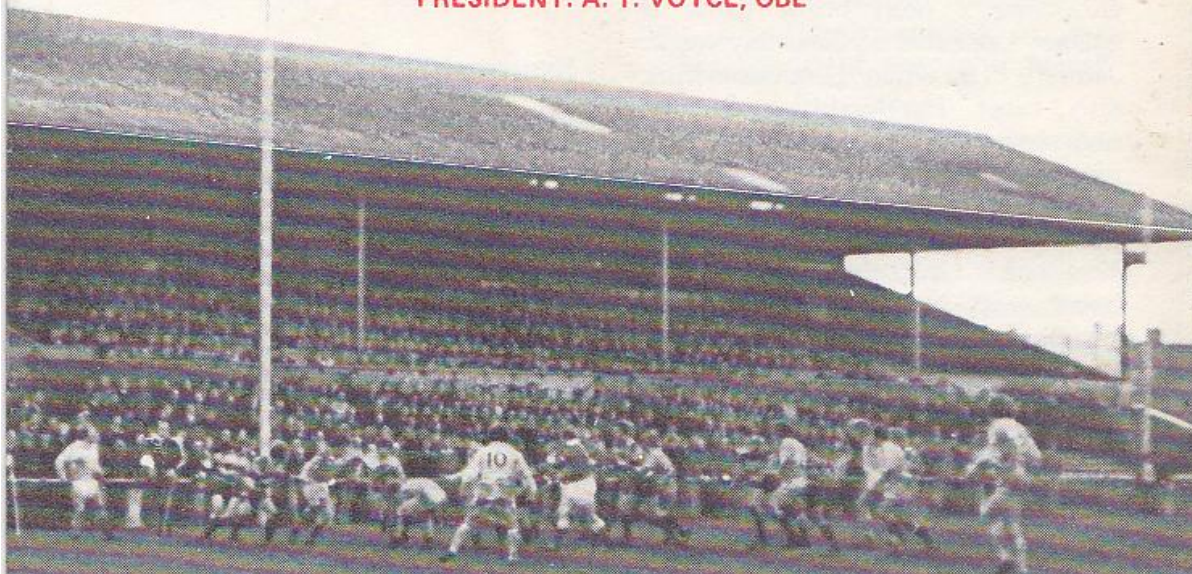




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12. R. Mogg *
11. R. Jardine *
- Half Backs
10. C. Williams *
9. P. Kingston *†
- Forwards
1. K. Richardson (Capt.) *
2. F. Reed *
3. M. Curran *
4. J. Fidler *
5. P. Winnel *
6. J. Watkins *†
8. M. Potter *
7. J. Haines *

Referee: D. M. BROWNING (North Midland Society)

† International

‡ Under-23 International

* County

** Blues

First XV Fixtures

1975			
Sept.	3	Weston-s-Mare	A 37-3
	6	Broughton Pk	A 26-18
	10	S. Wales Police	H 25-10
	13	Coventry ...	H 13-13
	20	Fylde ...	A 3-31
	24	Stroud ...	A 30-9
	27	Bristol ...	A 0-4
Oct.	1	Moseley ...	H 9-22
	4	Bedford ...	A 10-18
	8	British Police...	H 31-6
	11	Harlequins ...	A 24-13
	15	Cheltenham ...	H 40-4
	18	Newport ...	H 17-13
	25	Clifton ...	H 41-0
	29	Pontypool ...	H 12-19
Nov.	1	Leicester ...	A 22-12
	8	Exeter ...	H 76-6
	12	Cambridge Univ.	A 12-32
	15	Plymouth Alb.	A 9-3
	22	London Irish ...	H 7-21
	27	Loughborough	H 16-22
	29	Oxford Univ.	H 22-6
Dec.	6	Moseley ...	A 26-18
	13	Bath ...	H 18-15
	20	Coventry ...	A 15-18
	26	Lydney ...	H 44-7
	27	Newbridge ...	H 29-3

First XV Fixtures

1976			
Jan.	1	Nottingham ...	H -
	3	London Scottish	A -
	10	Leicester ...	H -
	17	Wasps ...	H -
	24	Army ...	H -
	28	St. Lukes Coll.	H -
	31	Bridgend ...	A -
Feb.	6	Bristol ...	H -
	14	Bath ...	A -
	20	Swansea ...	H -
	28	Aberavon ...	H -
Mar.	6	Northampton	A -
	10	Cheltenham ...	A -
	13	Richmond ...	H -
	17	Newbridge ...	A -
	20	Guys Hospital	A -
	24	Abertillery ...	A -
	27	Saracens ...	H -
	31	Cardiff ...	A -
Apr.	7	Newport ...	A -
	10	Ebbw Vale ...	H -
	15	Lydney ...	A -
	17	Headingley ...	H -
	19	Birkenhead Park	H -
	24	Torquay Ath.	A -
May	1	Sale ...	A -

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13. A. Billam *
12. D. Norton *
11. I. Wood *
- Half Backs
10. J. Williams *
9. P. Brown *
- Forwards
1. J. Pearce *
2. J. Elliott (Capt.) *
3. K. MacDonald *
4. A. Sanson *
5. R. Matson *
6. K. Douglas *
8. C. Baynes *
7. I. Clayton *

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CORDIAL WELCOME TO NOTTINGHAM!

There could hardly be a more appropriate way of embarking on the New Year fixtures than to extend a very cordial welcome to comparatively new friends Nottingham, who paid their first-ever visit to Kingsholm on the same day last year.

And, as supporters will ruefully recollect, it was an extremely satisfying debut for our Midland visitors, who deservedly won an entertaining game by 19 points to 15.

As the old proverb tells us, revenge is sweet, so victory for the Cherry and Whites would be a consummation devoutly to be wished. But whatever the outcome we sincerely hope the Nottingham lads enjoy their brief visit to our fair city and we look forward to yet another exciting tussle this afternoon.



KINGSHOLM KACKLE

Out of luck again!

Although supporters have become resigned to the fact that Gloucester rarely have any luck in the knock-out draw, it still came as a bitter disappointment to find that they have to make the long journey north on the M5 and M6 to face Sale on their Brooklands ground in the second round of the John Player Cup.

But, as several have rightly remarked, the draw could have been worse, and Gloucester certainly have the encouragement of knowing that their last two visits to Sale have both ended in convincing victories. Though the actual date has not yet been confirmed, it may be Saturday, February 14, the last day allowed for the completion of the second round and one on which it is likely that several of the cup matches will be played.



Morning Match

On Saturday the Cherry and Whites meet London Scottish in the traditional New Year fixture, this time at the Richmond Athletic Ground. The match will be played in the morning to enable those who wish — and that seems to be everyone making the journey — to travel on to Twickenham for the international match between England and Australia.



Quarter-Final

Gloucester's next home game is against Leicester on Saturday week, January 10, when Gloucestershire also meet Hertfordshire in the quarter-final of the county championship at Croxley Green. Provided there is sufficient response a supporters' coach will be run from Kingsholm, but those wishing to book seats must do so **today** by contacting Jim Holder in the Social Club. The Gloucestershire team, incidentally, will be selected this evening.

250 Club Winners

The December draw of the *250 Club* was made last Saturday and the winners are: H. V. Jenkins (No. 242) £25.00; W. Goddard (216) £10.00; B. Beattie (187), R. Fowke (38), J. Clarke (118), F. Bramner (49) £5.00 each.

Cheltenham

A little "plug" for near neighbours, Cheltenham, will not come amiss in this season of goodwill. Their match with Abertillery on the Athletic Ground has been switched to next *Sunday, January 4*, with a 2.30 p.m. kick-off. The Town would cordially welcome any of our own supporters who can make the short trip.

Seasonal Salutations!

In conclusion the officials, committee and players join in wishing you all a very happy and prosperous New Year, and thank you sincerely for your continued interest and support!

Arthur Russell



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