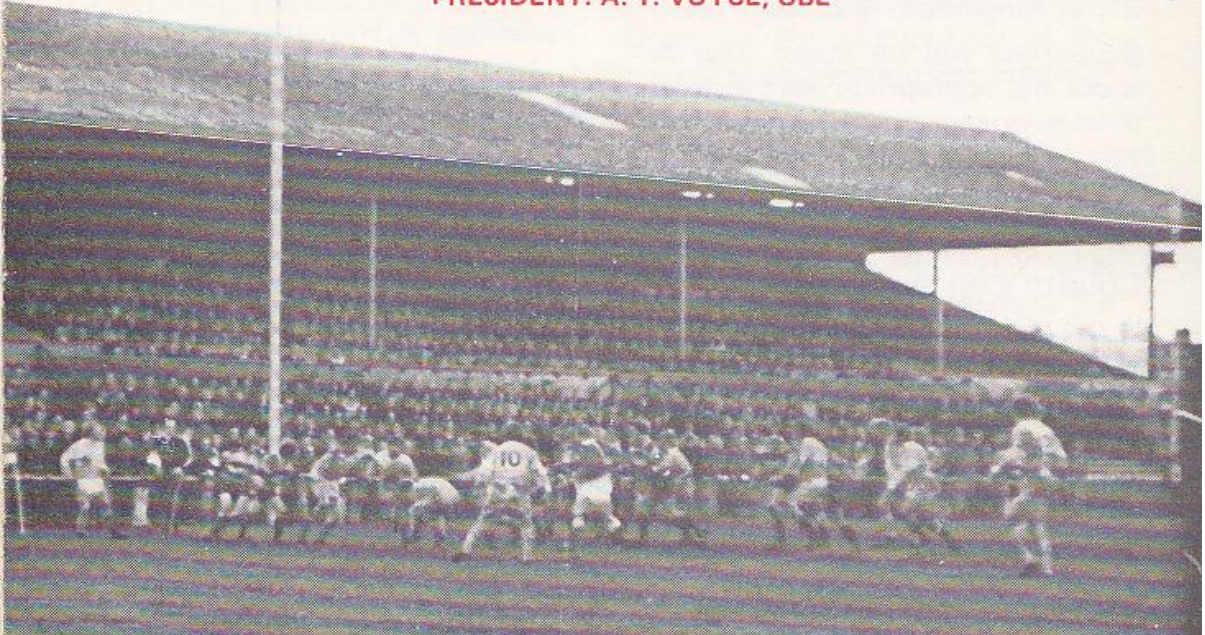




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 11. R. Jardine \*
- Half Backs  
 10. J. Williams \*  
 9. P. Kingston \*†
- Forwards  
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 2. F. Reed \*  
 3. M. Curran \*  
 4. P. Winnell \*  
 5. J. Fidler \*  
 6. J. Watkins \*†  
 8. M. Potter \*  
 7. R. Smith \*

Referee: A. R. GIBBS (Warwicks Society).

† International

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\* County

|| England Trial

*First XV Fixtures*

1975	3	Weston-s-Mare	A	37-3
Sept.	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	Mosseley ...	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	Mosseley ...	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	1	Nottingham ...	H	17-3
Jan.	3	London Scottish	A	0-20
	10	Leicester ...	H	4-9
	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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## **CORDIAL WELCOME TO 'THE WASPS'!**

Far from being a strange invitation to those revolting insects which plagued us during the lovely hot days of last summer, the above is a very sincere greeting to the famous London club, to whom we extend a particularly cordial welcome.

The advent of the international season inevitably brings headaches for fixture secretaries with the alteration of times and dates on the club scene to avoid clashes, where possible, with the televised big games.

We are, then, grateful to the Wasps for so readily agreeing to travel to Kingsholm this evening, despite the inconvenience and the long journey.

Unfortunately those black jerseys with the golden wasps on them are only seen at Kingsholm once every two years, with matches between our clubs played on a home and away basis. In the corresponding game two seasons ago, on January 19, 1974, Gloucester won an exciting, high-scoring tussle by 23 – 16.

Last season, however, on their Repton Avenue ground at Sudbury, the Wasps gained revenge with a narrow victory by 9 – 8. We look forward, therefore, to another entertaining game this evening and sincerely trust our friends enjoy their brief visit to our fair city.

## **KINGSHOLM KACKLE**

### **The Crunching at Croxley**

How gratifying it is to start with congratulations, which we tender to our champions, Gloucestershire – and especially to so many of the "Cherry and White" lads who played the leading part – in crushing Hertfordshire so convincingly at Croxley Green in the quarter-final of the county championship last Saturday!

On to the semi-final, then, which arouses considerable speculation. It is fixed for Saturday, February 7, almost certainly at Bristol, as it is their turn to stage the game, with either Lancashire or Cheshire as our opponents. But these two counties have yet to replay to decide who are winners of the Northern group – and they do not meet until January 31, only a week before the scheduled date of the semi-final..

The question arises, however – what happens if Lancashire and Cheshire draw their replay? There will have to be another replay, with the consequent postponement of the semi-final; and with such congested fixture lists, embracing internationals, the John Player Cup and what have you, it could be, as the King of Siam put it, "a puzzlement".



### **Diary Dates**

Reference to the County semi-final reminds us that Gloucester were due

to meet the "old enemy", Bristol, on the previous evening, Friday, February 6. This match, of course, could not be "on" with the two clubs supplying the majority of the Gloucestershire team. Our worthy fixture secretary, Doug Dawe, has been busy and already transferred this "battle of the West Country giants" to next Wednesday, January 21, at Kingsholm, (kick-off 7 p.m.)

Supporters will no doubt wish to make the appropriate note in their diaries to cancel any unimportant meetings and make new arrangements with their baby-sitters for the visit of Bristol — next Wednesday!

### County Cup Semi-finals

In the midst of so many representative games at top-class level one tends to forget our own County commitments. A reminder, therefore, that the Gloucestershire R.F.U. Cup semi-finals are to be played next month.

Berry Hill are home to the Bristol side, St. Mary's Old Boys, on Sunday, February 1, while the big Gloucester clash is between Gordon League and Matson at Hempsted on Sunday, February 22. A couple more diary dates for the avid rugger enthusiasts!



### Fieldings R.F.C.

Older — and not so old — supporters will readily recall the well-known local rugby club, Fieldings, formerly Atlas, which was forced to disband a few years ago. The club may now be defunct, but the spirit of its members certainly lives on, and this season they would have been celebrating their fiftieth anniversary.

To mark the occasion a dinner has been arranged at the New County Hotel and all those who have played for the club are being eagerly sought to take part in the celebrations. The dinner is on Friday, April 23, and all Fieldings R.F.C. stalwarts of the past who wish to attend and revive old memories are asked to contact Mike Berriman, of 35 St. Mark's Street, Gloucester. (Tel: 28611).

Arthur Russell

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