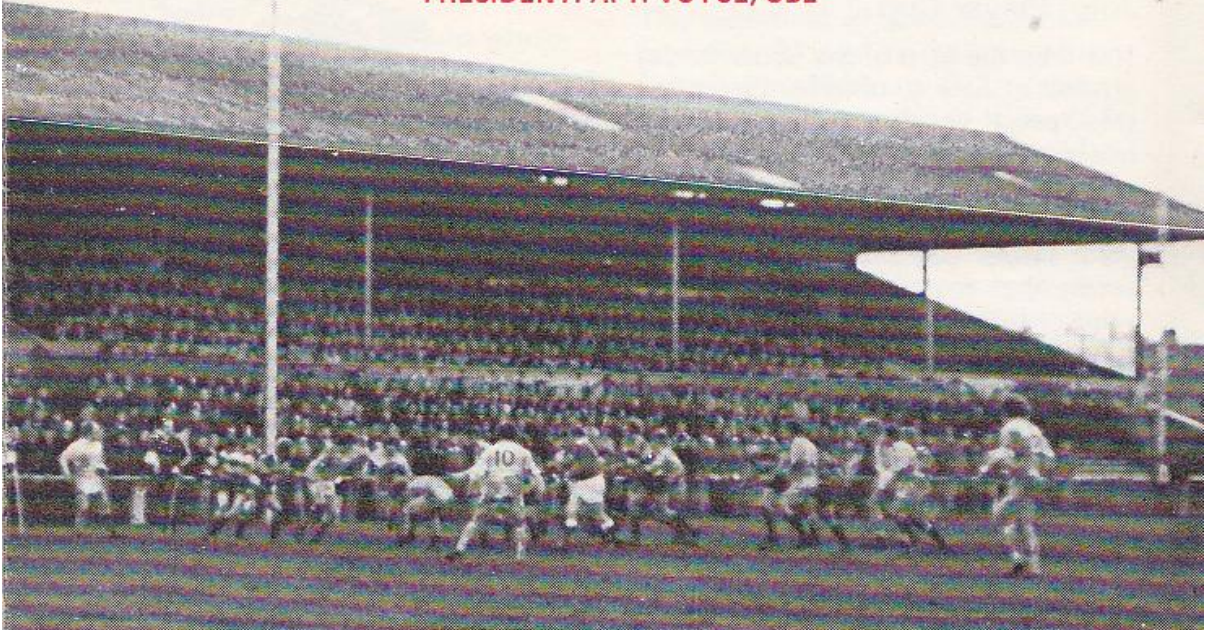




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WEDNESDAY, 21st JANUARY, 1976

Kick-off: 7 p.m.

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

Referee: **K. A. PATTINSON** (North Midlands Society)

- † International  
 ‡ Under-23 International  
 \* County  
 || England Trial

*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	17- 3
3	London Scottish A	0-20	
10	Leicester ... ..	H	4- 9
17	Wasps ... ..	H	16- 6
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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- Full Back  
 A **D. G. Tyler (Capt.)** \*
- Three Quarters  
 B **K. C. Plummer** \*†  
 C **C. J. Williams** \*  
 D **W. S. Hunt** \*  
 E **R. S. Carter** \*
- Half Backs  
 F **D. E. Sorrell** \*  
 G **R. M. Harding** \*
- Forwards  
 H **M. J. Fry** \*  
 I **J. V. Pullen** \*†  
 J **A. Sheppard** \*  
 K **R. R. Speed** \*  
 L **A. Troughton** \*  
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## CORDIAL WELCOME TO BRISTOL

There are some famous clubs whose visits to Kingsholm are regarded as so much more than just another match; and one of these, of course, is undoubtedly Bristol — the other part of our highly successful County side, one might say, though no doubt, at least during this evening's game, both teams will be taking literally the excellent advice of Polonius to grapple friends to one's soul with hoops of steel.

Last season's encounters with our old friends and rivals brought an air of satisfaction to the respective camps. For on Saturday, September 28, 1974, Gloucester won decisively at Kingsholm by 23 — 12; but perhaps echoing Shylock's words, "Shall we not revenge?" Bristol ensured there would be no repeat performance with victory by 17 — 9 at the Memorial Ground on Friday, January 31, last year.

So far in the current campaign Bristol are in the lead, for they squeezed home with a late try to beat the Cherry and Whites by 4 — 0 at the Memorial Ground last September.

This evening's game was originally arranged for Friday, February 6, the day before the County championship semi-final. With so many other commitments and representative games it is not easy to switch

fixtures and we thank Bristol for so readily agreeing to play this evening, when we look forward to yet another absorbing battle between our two great County clubs!

## KINGSHOLM KACKLE Semi-final

The semi-final of the county championship is due to be played on Saturday, February 7, almost certainly at Bristol, as it is their turn to stage the match, with either Lancashire or Cheshire as our opponents. But these two counties have yet to replay to decide the Northern group winners — on January 31! Should they draw this replay it will necessitate more juggling with fixtures and the consequent further headaches for harassed secretaries.



With neither Gloucester nor Bristol engaged on February 7 there is every prospect of a large crowd to support the champions at the Memorial Ground, as indeed there was at Croxley Green for the quarter-final, judging by the strident repetition of "Glawster, Glawster!" that echoed round the ground and must have demoralised hapless Hertfordshire. Arrangements are in hand to run one or more coaches for the semi-final and anyone desirous of booking seats should contact Jim Holder or Mervyn Elway. The Gloucestershire team is expected to be announced this weekend.



### John Player Cup

It will be the turn of the Brooklands ground at Sale to reverberate under this special brand of vociferous exhortations on Saturday, February 14, when Gloucester meet the Cheshire club in the second round of the John Player Cup competition, for it seems that most of the City's large rugby fraternity have contracted that all-pervading affliction known as "cup fever".

Two supporters' coaches have already been filled — though there are those amongst us who have not yet paid their deposits! — and applications continue to mount. In addition a special coach for patrons of the club is also filling rapidly and those who have not yet booked should contact Cecil Pope or Aleck Lankester.

Bristol, incidentally, also play their Cup game against London Irish at Sunbury, on February 14. We wish them every success and trust they will go on to reach the final at Twickenham — *with Gloucester as their opponents!*



### Diary Dates

A reminder that the County Cup semi-finals are to be played next month. Berry Hill, that rapidly-improving Forest of Dean club, are home to the Bristol side, St. Mary's Old Boys, on Sunday, February 1, while the big all-Gloucester clash between Gordon League and Matson is at Hempsted on Sunday, February 22. Gloucester's next match is on Saturday, when the Army will be visitors to Kingsholm (kick-off 3 p.m.)

Arthur Russell

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