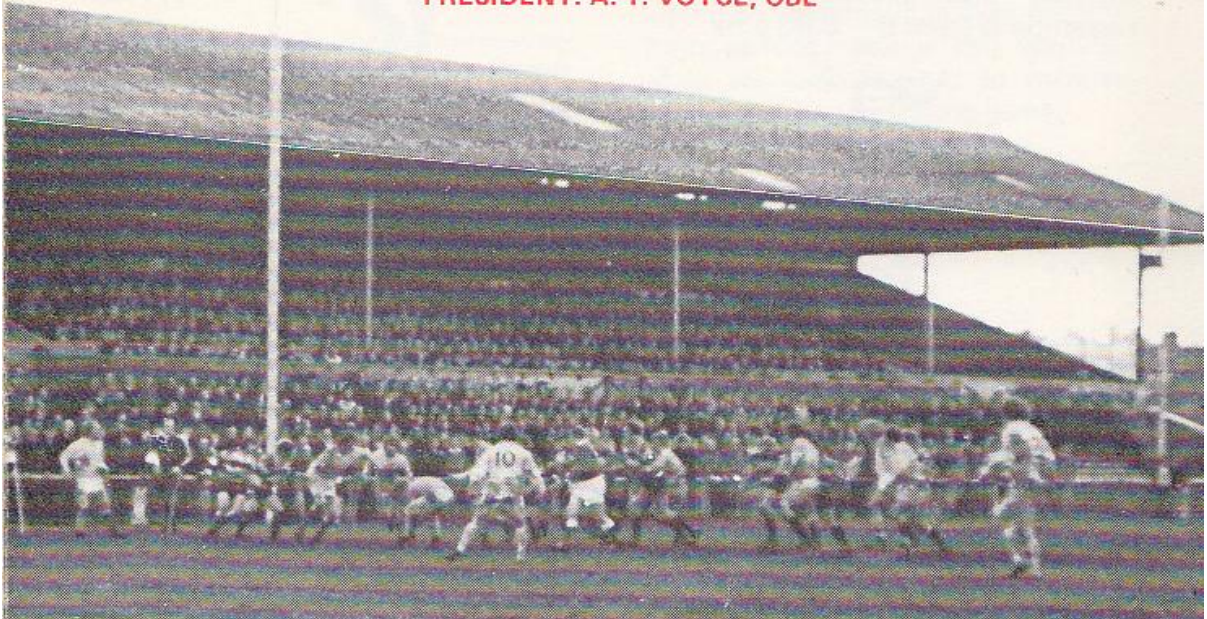




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TUESDAY, 17th FEBRUARY, 1976

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Half Backs

10. D. Pointon *

9. P. Kingston *†

Forwards

1. K. Richardson *

2. R. L. Daldry *

3. M. A. Burton (Capt.) *†

4. A. Brinn *†

5. J. H. Fidler *

6. J. A. Watkins *†

8. M. J. Potter *

7. J. Haines *

Referee: Sqn. Ldr. T. HAYWARD (R.A.F.)

† International

‡ Under-23 International

* County

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
16	Wasps ...	H	16-6
21	Bristol ...	H	15-15
24	Army ...	H	38-8
28	St. Lukes Coll.	H	23-16
Feb. 7	Exeter ...	H	32-10
14	Salisbury ...	A	15-16
17	Bath ...	H	-
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	Salisbury ...	A	-

BATH

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16. J. S. Waterman *

Three quarters

15. J. Davies *

14. R. Hones *

12. M. C. Beese *†

11. R. Wyatt *

Half Backs

10. J. P. Horton *

9. C. J. Perry *

Forwards

1. G. A. Pudney *

2. A. Edwards *

3. J. M. Meddick *

4. A. Litowczyk *

5. B. J. Jenkins *

6. D. J. Gay *†

8. C. Harry *

7. G. Pillinger *

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CORDIAL WELCOME TO BATH!

In these days of so many representative matches and the John Player Cup competition the way of the fixture secretary, like that of the transgressor, is indeed hard as he struggles, aspirins at his side, to re-arrange postponed games into an already congested list, perhaps sympathising with Hamlet's sentiments when he asked who would grunt and sweat under a weary life.

It is because of such a situation that we extend a very cordial welcome this evening to our old and valued friends from Bath for a match that has already had the date changed twice. No doubt Amiens in his song, "Blow, blow, thou winter wind", had a point when he maintained that most friendship is feigning; but the friendship that exists between Gloucester and Bath is deep-rooted and long-standing, with the two clubs ever ready to accommodate each other.

Congratulations to our visitors on their splendid victory over Cardiff last Saturday; a splendid achievement which brought their record to eight successive matches without defeat. And in John Davies they have a match-winner in the mould of our own Peter Butler, for prior to this evening's match he had amassed 274 points.

Last season the honours were shared, Bath winning through at the Recreation Ground by 12 - 7, but Gloucester having the better of

affairs in the return encounter at Kingsholm on Tuesday evening, February 25, with a convincing victory by 28 - 3. Because of the England trial at Kingsholm on December 13 last this season's first meeting of the two clubs was switched to the Recreation Ground, where the Cherry and Whites won by 18 - 15. Bath, then, will be justifiably optimistic in their present form gaining revenge this evening, when we look forward to another exciting and entertaining game.



KINGSHOLM KACKLE

Sad Exit

It was a bitter blow to all our supporters, particularly those who made the long journey north, to see Gloucester knocked out of the John Player Cup, perhaps somewhat unexpectedly, by Sale last Saturday. It was the more exasperating in that victory would have meant a home match in the quarter-final against London Welsh.

But while the mind of the referee appeared to work in mysterious ways few can deny that the lads did not, like Wolsey of old, reach the highest point of all their greatness.

Patrons' Evening

In the notes for the Exeter programme it was announced that the annual Social evening for club patrons will be held in the Social Club on Wednesday, February 25, and that official invitations would be sent out. This, however, is not so

because of the tremendous cost of postage and we gladly issue an amendment, while apologising for any inconvenience caused.

Instead, *all patrons are respectfully requested to inform either the Club secretary, Roy Long, or Cecil Pope if they wish to attend.* Patrons will have the opportunity of meeting officials and players, and the reception is from 8 – 8.30 p.m.



Diary Dates

Gloucester have another attractive fixture at Kingsholm on Friday evening next, when Swansea will be the visitors, (kick-off 7.30 p.m. at the request of the Welsh club). Tomorrow evening there is a match between Gloucester Colts and Taunton Colts at Kingsholm, (kick-off 7 p.m.) and this should provide excellent entertainment. The young

Gloucester lads have already beaten Brixham, Bristol and Weston-super-Mare by convincing margins and are hoping to chalk up their fourth consecutive victory.



Met His Match

As the wag said, he tells fellows not to get married in the rugby or cricket season, leaving little scope for expected matrimonial bliss. But on a more serious note we extend hearty congratulations to Peter Butler on his engagement to Miss Janet Elway and wish them every happiness in the future!

Arthur Russell



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