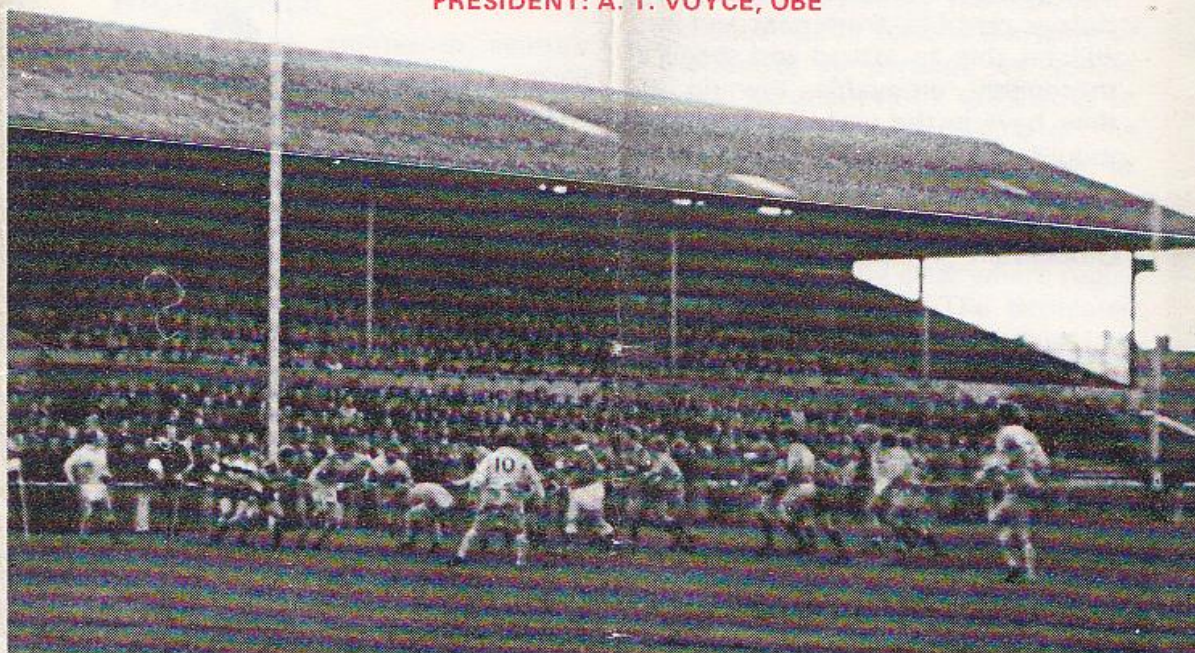




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SATURDAY, 13th MARCH, 1976

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11. R. R. Mogg *

Half Backs

10. C. G. Williams *

9. P. Kingston *†

Forwards

1. K. Richardson *

2. S. G. F. Mills *

3. M. A. Burton (Capt.) *†

4. S. B. Boyle *

5. J. H. Fidler *

6. J. A. Watkins *†

8. M. J. Potter *

7. J. H. Haines *

Referee: D. J. HUDSON (Manchester Society)

† 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	Sale	A	15-16
17	Bath	H	12-3
20	Swansea	H	33-20
28	Aberavon	H	C
Mar. 6	Northampton	A	20-3
10	Cheltenham	A	36-6
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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11. R. McGrath

Half Backs

10. R. Shackleton †

9. T. O'Hanlon

Forwards

1. W. Dickenson

2. A. Boddy

3. A. Shortland

4. S. J. B. James

5. C. W. Ralston †

6. P. M. Hearn

8. J. P. Dickins

7. G. Greenwood

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CORDIAL WELCOME TO RICHMOND!

There is an eighteenth century proverb which says that a constant guest is never welcome; but this can scarcely apply to our old – and seemingly, long-lost – friends from Richmond, whose last appearance at Kingsholm was as long ago as March 11, 1972, when Gloucester won an exciting tussle by 11 points to nil.

In the normal course of events Richmond and Gloucester only meet once each season, on a home and away basis, but the fixtures over the past two years have been cancelled because of the weather and John Player Cup commitments.

It is the more fitting, therefore, that we extend a particularly cordial welcome to our friends from London and we look forward to an entertaining and exciting game this afternoon, trusting the while that they enjoy their brief stay with us after such a long absence.



KINGSHOLM KACKLE Belated congratulations

As this is Gloucester's first home match for rather more than three weeks congratulations to the County on their victory over Lancashire in the semi-final at Bristol last month are unavoidably belated. Some of

our national writers, seemingly weighed down by huge chips on their shoulders, gave Gloucestershire no credit for their success.

Their opinions, of course, tend to become fatuous in view of the fact that our County has reached the final for a *record* seventh successive season! Who are they to criticise such a remarkable achievement? Candour, we're told, is the wine of friendship, so perhaps we should make no enemies in suggesting to the national selectors and the critics that the England team be built round Gloucestershire players.

After all, the feats of the champions make it perfectly clear where rugby is at its strongest. The dedicated approach of the Gloucestershire lads would revive the fortunes of England currently ailing as much as the pound sterling!

The final, incidentally, is against Middlesex at Richmond Athletic Ground, the home of our visitors this afternoon, on Saturday, March 27, and arrangements are already in hand to run coaches from Kingsholm. Those wishing to book seats are asked to contact Jim Holder in the Social Club.



Great Stuff

More congratulations, this time to our own Gloucester lads on those splendid victories over Swansea, Northampton – only the second defeat for the saints this season on their ground at Franklin's Gardens – and neighbouring Cheltenham. In such irresistible form the Cherry and Whites could be first to the 1,000 points among the first-class clubs.

Old Players' Social

The annual Old Players' social evening, which has proved so popular since its inauguration a year or so ago, will this season be held at the Social Club on Wednesday, April 28. The charge is the very nominal one of 50p, or ten bob, as many still prefer to call it, and it is hoped that as many former players of the club as possible, from near and far, will be able to attend and spend a thoroughly enjoyable evening as they have in the past. Applications should be made to the club secretary, Roy Long, at "The Chestnuts", 2 Tewkesbury Road, Gloucester. (Telephone 25335).



Diary Dates

Gloucester's next home match is against Saracens on Saturday, March 27, the date of the county final. Tomorrow morning, however, the spate of rugby continues with the first round of the North Gloucester

Combination Junior Cup, when the matches are: Gordon League v. Old Cryptians; Old Richians v. Cainscross; Newent v. Saintbridge Former Pupils; Painswick v. Spartans; I.C.I. v. Widden Old Boys; Gloucester Old Boys v. Tredworth; Longlevens v. Chosen Hill Former Pupils; All Blues v. Coney Hill.



Put Your Clocks ON!

In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns towards what the girls have been thinking about all the winter — or does it need a change of seasons? However, spring is certainly on its way and supporters are reminded that British Summer Time starts next week-end, so do not forget to put your clocks and watches ON an hour on Sunday, March 21, tomorrow week

Arthur Russell

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