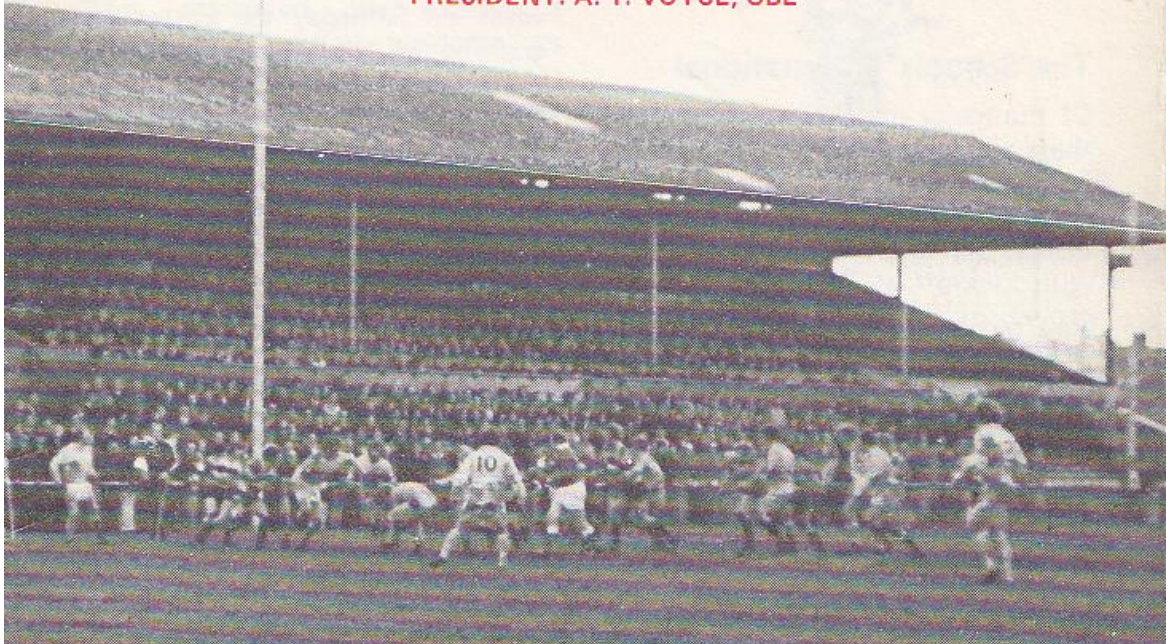




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# EBBW VALE

SATURDAY, 10th APRIL, 1976

at

KINGSHOLM . GLOUCESTER

Kick-off: 3.00 p.m.

*Official Programme—6p*





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- Full Back  
15. P. E. Butler \*†
- Three Quarters  
14. R. C. Clewes \*
13. B. J. Vine \*
12. R. Jardine \*
11. P. A. Williams
- Half Backs  
10. C. G. Williams \*†  
9. P. Kingston \*†
- Forwards  
1. P. J. Blakeway \*§  
2. S. G. F. Mills  
3. M. A. Burton (Capt.) \*†  
4. A. Brinn \*†  
5. J. S. Jarrett  
6. J. A. Watkins \*†  
8. P. J. Winnel \*  
7. J. H. Haines \*

Referee: Major P. LILLINGTON (London Society)

- † International
- § Under-23 International
- \* County

### 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	Fyide	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	1	Nottingham	H	17-3
Jan.	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	18-4
	17	Newbridge	A	6-15
	20	Guys Hospital	A	52-4
	24	Abertillery	A	C
	27	Saracens	H	11-9
	31	Cardiff	A	4-32
Apr.	7	Newport	A	7-24
	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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## EBBW VALE

Red, White & Green Hoops

- Full Back  
15. M. Richards
- Three Quarters  
14. N. Collins
13. A. Lewis †
12. A. Tovey
11. I. Evans
- Half Backs  
10. G. Lawrence
9. S. Lewis
- Forwards  
1. C. Williams  
2. G. Williams  
3. G. Howls  
4. W. Evans  
5. E. Jones  
6. P. Gardner (Capt.)  
8. C. Burgess  
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## WELCOME TO THE VALE!

This afternoon we extend a particularly cordial welcome to Ebbw Vale, whom Gloucester meet only once each season on a home and away basis. Our visitors are having another successful season and the Cherry and Whites will have to produce their best form to avenge that defeat at the Welfare Ground a year ago, on Saturday, April 12, 1975, when the Vale ran out convincing winners by 24-10. We look forward, then, to another exciting and entertaining tussle with our friends from Gwent.



## KINGSHOLM KACKLE Truly The Champs!

Despite all the sour grapes and huge chips on shoulders among some of the national rugby writers, Gloucestershire have done it yet again, retaining their county championship title with that resounding victory over Middlesex at the Richmond Athletic Ground.

Belated congratulations to the lads, especially to Peter Butler for his record-breaking tally of all 24 points. Let the critics carp as they will, they cannot deny that Gloucestershire are truly the champions and have left all sorts of records trailing

in their wake, including seven successive appearances in the final and winning the title 13 times — far more than any other county. No doubt the critics would have played a much more harmonious tune had Butler and Co. been given the chance to have done the same for England!



## Old Players' Social

A further reminder to ALL former Gloucester players, the old and comparatively young, that their special Old Players' Social evening will be held at the Social Club on Wednesday, April 28. The charge is the very nominal one of 50p, and all applications, just in case everyone cannot be contacted, should be made to the club secretary, Roy Long, at "The Chestnuts", 2 Tewkesbury Road, Gloucester. (Telephone 25335).



## 1,000 Up?

Perhaps Ebbw Vale will forgive us for mentioning that Gloucester hope to reach a milestone this afternoon, for they need only six points to become the first club in the country at senior level to reach 1,000 for the season. Some national newspapers have very kindly, but unfortunately, erroneously, shown Gloucester having passed the four-figure mark several



weeks ago. Somewhere along the line their calculations have gone astray, for they have been printing exactly 100 points too many.



### The Schools' International

Of the major matches at Kingsholm there are few more eagerly awaited than the Schools (19 group) internationals, and next Tuesday evening brings the England v. Wales clash, with kick-off at 7.15 p.m. A large crowd, of course, is expected, and tickets may be obtained before or after today's match from the office on the ground.



### Other Diary Dates

There is, indeed, a feast of rugby next week and over the Easter

holidays. Next Wednesday evening at Kingsholm is the North Gloucester Combination Senior Cup Final between Gordon League and Saintbridge Former Pupils. (How pleasing to see a "new face" at Kingsholm; congratulations to the "Pupils"!).

Next Thursday brings the annual visit of Gloucester to Regentsholme to meet county neighbours Lydney, while on Saturday the Easter programme at Kingsholm starts with the visit of Headingley, the famous Yorkshire club for whom Chris Williams played in the opening weeks of the current season.

Gloucester, of course, do not play on Good Friday, but for those who cannot have enough rugby there are three matches in the area on that day, namely, Cheltenham v. Vale of Lune; Stroud v. Preston Grasshoppers; Lydney v. Bournemouth.

Arthur Russell



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