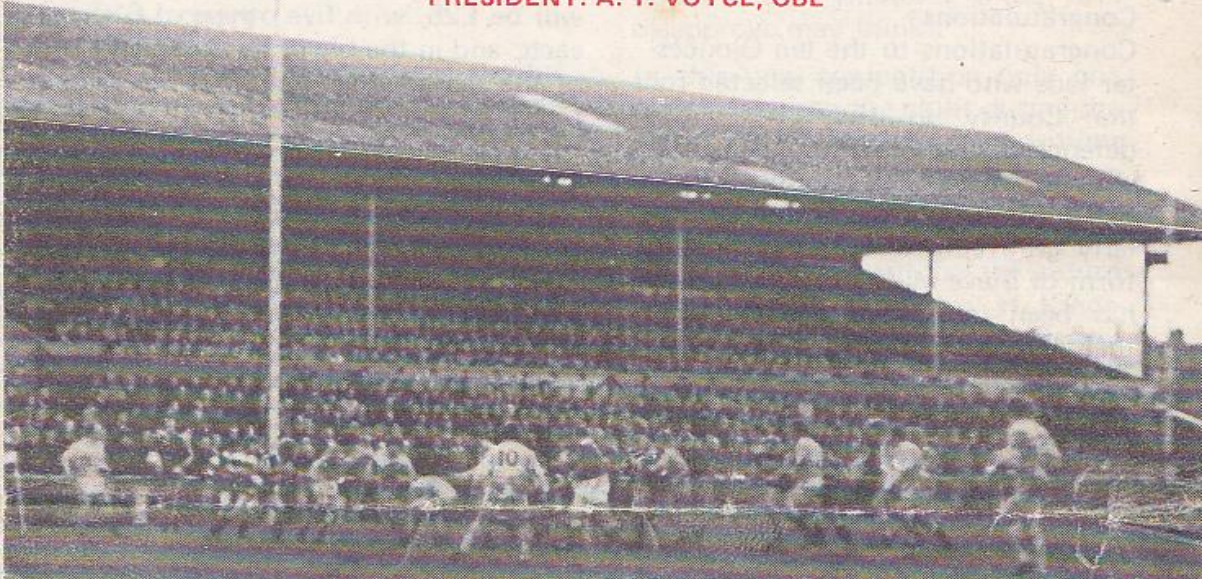




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# BEDFORD

SATURDAY, 2nd OCTOBER, 1976

at

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Kick-off: 3.00 p.m.

*Official Programme—6p*



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Cherry and White

- Full Back
15. **R. Etheridge**
- Three Quarters
14. **R. J. Clewes** \*
13. **R. Jardine** \*
12. **S. P. Clewes** \*
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** \*†
4. **J. Orwin**
5. **S. B. Boyle** \*
6. **J. A. Watkins (Capt.)** \*†
8. **J. F. Simonett** \*
7. **E. A. Pinkney** \*

REPLACEMENTS

Referee: J. WILLIAMS (Warwickshire Society)

† International

§ Under-23 International

\* County

|| England Trial

### First XV Fixtures

1976			
Sept. 4 (S) Broughton Pk.	H	31-6	
8 (W) Stroud	...	H	23-3
11 (S) Coventry	...	A	12-11
15 (W) Newbridge	...	H	18-13
18 (S) Waterloo	...	H	14-10
25 (S) Bristol	...	H	6-9
29 (W) Cheltenham	A	62-7	

1977			
Oct. 2 (S) Bedford	...	H	-
6 (W) Ebbw Vale	...	A	-
9 (S) Harlequins	...	H	-
13 (W) Pontypool	...	A	-
16 (S) Newport	...	A	-
22 (F) Clifton	...	H	-
27 (W) S. Wales Police	...	H	-
30 (S) Oxford Univ.	A	-	-

1977			
Nov. 3 (W) Bridgend	...	H	-
6 (S) Leicester	...	H	-
10 (W) Cambridge Univ	H	-	-
13 (S) Stroud	...	A	-
20 (S) Aberavon	...	H	-
27 (S) London Irish	A	-	-

1977			
Dec. 4 (S) Moseley	...	H	-
11 (S) Bath	...	A	-
18 (S) Coventry	...	H	-
26 Lydney	...	H	-

(Boxing Day)

### First XV Fixtures

1977			
Jan. 1 (S) London Scott	H	-	
8 (S) Leicester	...	A	-
15 (S) Waspas	...	A	-
19 (W) Army	...	H	-
22 (S) Moseley	...	A	-
26 (W) St. Lukes Coll.	H	-	
29 (S) Loughborough	H	-	

1977			
Feb. 4 (F) Bristol	...	A	-
12 (S) Bath	...	H	-
18 (F) Swansea	...	A	-
26 (S) Aberavon	...	A	-
Mar. 2 (W) Newport	...	H	-
5 (S) Northampton	H	-	-
9 (W) Cheltenham	H	-	-
12 (S) Richmond	...	A	-
16 (W) Abertillery	...	H	-
19 (S) Guys Hospital	H	-	-
26 (S) Saracens	...	A	-
30 (S) Newbridge	...	A	-

1977			
Apr. 2 (S) Cardiff	...	H	-
7 (T) Lydney	...	A	-
9 (S) New Brighton	H	-	-
(Easter Saturday)			
11 (M) Fylde	...	H	-
(Easter Monday)			
16 (S) Sale	...	H	-
19 (T) Nottingham	A	-	-
23 (S) Exeter	...	A	-
30 (S) Plymouth	...	H	-

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## BEDFORD

Light Blue and Dark Blue

- Full Back
15. **A. Jordan** †
- Three Quarters
14. **R. Denning**
13. **C. Heron**
12. **B. MacKay**
11. **D. M. Wyatt** †
- Half Backs
10. **N. Bennett** †
9. **G. Fletcher**
- Forwards
1. **C. J. Bailward** \*
2. **N. Barker**
3. **K. Cairns**
4. **J. Mawle**
5. **R. Wilkinson (Capt.)** †
6. **S. Edwards**
8. **D. Jackson**
7. **K. Callum**

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## CORDIAL WELCOME TO BEDFORD

We extend a particularly cordial welcome this afternoon to our old friends and rivals, Bedford, who unfortunately only visit Kingsholm once every two years.

In the corresponding fixture last season at Goldington Road, on October 4, Bedford ran out winners by 18 - 10, but on their last visit to Kingsholm, on October 5, 1974, Gloucester proved triumphant by 15 - 9.

It will no doubt be of interest to supporters to know that this afternoon's game is Gloucester's first in the new Anglo-Welsh merit table. Bedford played their opening "league" match last Saturday, when they trounced Richmond by 30 - 16.

Bedford, indeed, have started the season in fine fettle and free-scoring style; with last season's defeat still in their minds the Cherry and Whites will have to pull out all the proverbial stops if they are to find a satisfactory answer to Shylock's well-known question: "Shall we not revenge?" We look forward, then, to another exciting and entertaining game with our Midland friends this afternoon.



## KINGSHOLM KACKLE

### Anglo-Welsh Merit Table

Many supporters are a little uncertain about the new Anglo-Welsh Merit Table and are wondering why Gloucester's matches against Coventry and Bristol, who are two of the competing clubs, did not count in the "league" (For a league it is undoubtedly, whatever those who disapprove may think).

In this new competition only one match between the clubs during the season count towards the positions in the Table, according to the draw made in Advance. Thus, Gloucester's "league" matches with Coventry and Bristol will be the return ones, that is, Coventry at Kingsholm on December 18, and Bristol on the Memorial Ground on February 4.

Gloucester's next fixture, another tough one, in the Anglo-Welsh table will be in a fortnight's time when they meet Newport at Rodney Parade.



### Avalanche

Congratulations to the lads on the crushing defeat of neighbouring Cheltenham at the Athletic Ground on Wednesday evening. Victory was confidently expected against luckless Town, but few envisaged such a huge margin as 62 points to 7, though in this form few clubs would have held Gloucester. A crumb of consolation for Cheltenham, however, was the fact that they at least scored a try — only their second this season!



### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to the ten Gloucester lads who have been selected for the County as they begin the defence of their championship title with the match against Cornwall at Bristol next Saturday. It is particularly gratifying to see the splendid form of Steve Mills and Steve Boyle has been recognised and we wish them every success on making their championship debuts.



### **300 Club**

Those former members who have not yet joined the *300 Club* and

wish to do so are advised to contact Aleck Lankester or one of the committee as soon as possible, for there are only a few vacancies left. With its increased monthly prizes the competition is proving more popular than ever and the first draw will be made in the Social Club on Friday, November 26, at 9.00 p.m.

This season the main monthly prize will be £25, with five others of £10 each, and in the big draw at the end of the season there will be prizes of £350, £100 and three of £50 each.

### **Diary Dates**

Next Wednesday, October 6, Gloucester travel "over the bridge" to meet Ebbw Vale in an evening match, then next Saturday, when the County take on Cornwall, the visitors to Kingsholm will be the famous Harlequins.

Arthur Russell



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