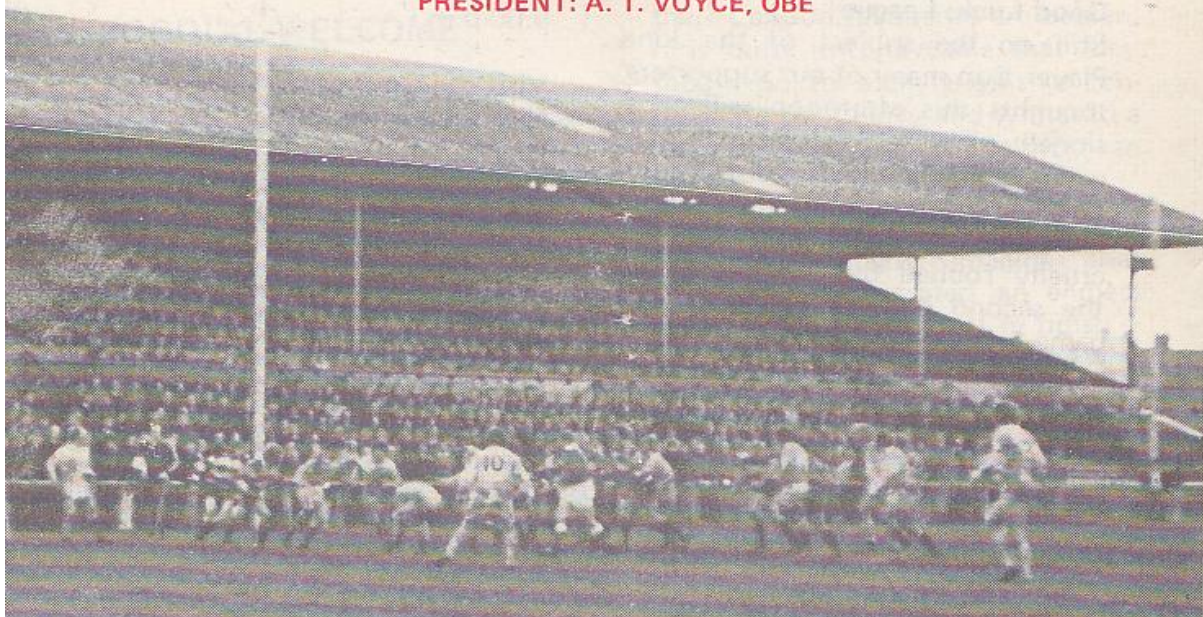




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 R. Light

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- † International
 § Under-23 International
 * County

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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		
Oct. 2	(S) Bedford	...	H 35-14		
6	(W) Ebbw Vale	...	A 4-22		
9	(S) Harlequins	...	H 9-14		
13	(W) Pontypool	...	A 18-0		
16	(S) Newport	...	A 4-30		
22	(F) Clifton	...	H 28-0		
27	(W) S. Wales Police	H	47-17		
30	(S) Oxford Univ.	A	24-13		
Nov. 3	(W) Bridgend	...	H 10-11		
6	(S) Leicester	...	H 14-12		
10	(W) Cambridge Univ	H	4-4		
13	(S) Stroud	...	A 8-10		
20	(S) Aberavon	...	H 9-13		
27	(S) London Irish	A	7-16		
Dec. 4	(S) John Player	...	H 17-9		
11	(S) Sale	...	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) Wasps	...	A -		
19	(W) Army	...	H -		
22	(S) Moseley	...	A -		
26	(W) St. Lukes Coll.	H	-		
29	(S) Loughborough	H	-		
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 -		
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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 10. S. Rule *
 9. S. Smith *†
- Forwards
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 2. J. Lansbury *
 3. A. Henry *
 4. R. Trickey *
 5. R. Kaskow *
 6. R. Creed (Capt.) *†
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CORDIAL WELCOME TO SALE

This afternoon we extend a very cordial welcome to Sale and at once express our gratitude and appreciation to them for so readily filling the vacancy caused by Bath's somewhat unfortunate commitments in the John Player Cup after their fruitless journey to Old Deer Park last weekend.

Sale have become one of our most valued friends in recent years and if it took a while to forgive them for knocking the Cherry and Whites out of the John Player Cup competition last season, at least there are few clubs to whom the lads would rather have succumbed. There was some measure of compensation for Gloucester in the final match when they again travelled to Heywood Road and avenged that cup defeat with a splendid victory.

Our Cheshire visitors are able to appear at Kingsholm today as their Cup game with Moseley at the Reddings has been postponed by mutual agreement until January 29. This will be the only first round match outstanding if all the others due to be played this afternoon are not again hit by the weather, and we wish Sale every success against the Midlanders.

Meanwhile, we look forward to another exciting and entertaining game with Sale, whose last visit here was in April, 1975.

KINGSHOLM KACKLE

Those Sour Grapes

Hearty congratulations to the lads on that great win over Harlequins in the first round of the Cup at Stoop Memorial Ground last Saturday. While it is understandable that so many of the national reporters tend to take umbrage when any of their London favourites are beaten, it is quite unforgiveable that they should go to such lengths in condemning the Cherry and Whites in a manner that amounts almost to libel!

From some reports anyone not at the game might imagine that Gloucester perpetrated an endless series of fouls from start to finish — yet it was a Harlequin player who was severely lectured for kicking one of the lads in full view of everyone.

Fortunately we have a great ally and dedicated supporter in our own M.P., Mrs. Sally Oppenheim, who so forcefully told those misguided London journalistic "experts" a thing or two about the proverbial sour grapes. She had no doubt in her mind the words of Iago to his master, Othello — "O, beware, my lord, of jealousy; it is the green-ey'd monster which doth mock the meat it feeds on". We might add for the benefit of those who persecute and revile Gloucester the sage remark of Henry IV that "nothing can seem foul to those that win".





Good Luck, League

Still on the subject of the John Player Cup many of our supporters' thoughts this afternoon will occasionally stray to Weston-super-Mare where our gallant local club, Gordon League, are resuming their battle with the Sea-Siders after being so cruelly robbed by the weather in the second half of last Saturday's game.

We sincerely trust they will reproduce that same form and can make sure at their second attempt. We wish them every success and it is hoped to get news of their progress during the match here this afternoon.

300 Club Winners

This is the first opportunity we have had of publishing the winners of the 300 Club draw for November,

the first of the current season. They were: £25 — C. Thorpe (No. 55), with £10 each to L. Street (50), A. Husband (206), T. Batsford (2), Miss J. Saunders (217), H. Cook (187).

Congratulations to them and a reminder that the December draw will be held in the Social Club next Friday, December 17, at 9.00 p.m.

Visit of "Cov"

Next Saturday brings the visit of those formidable Midlanders, Coventry, to Kingsholm, with the usual kick-off at 3.00 p.m. Earlier in the season the lads gained a narrow but extremely creditable victory over "Cov" at Coundon Road by 12 points to 11, and will be anxious to complete the double, though unfortunately the England trial will rob us of four key players.

Arthur Russell



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