

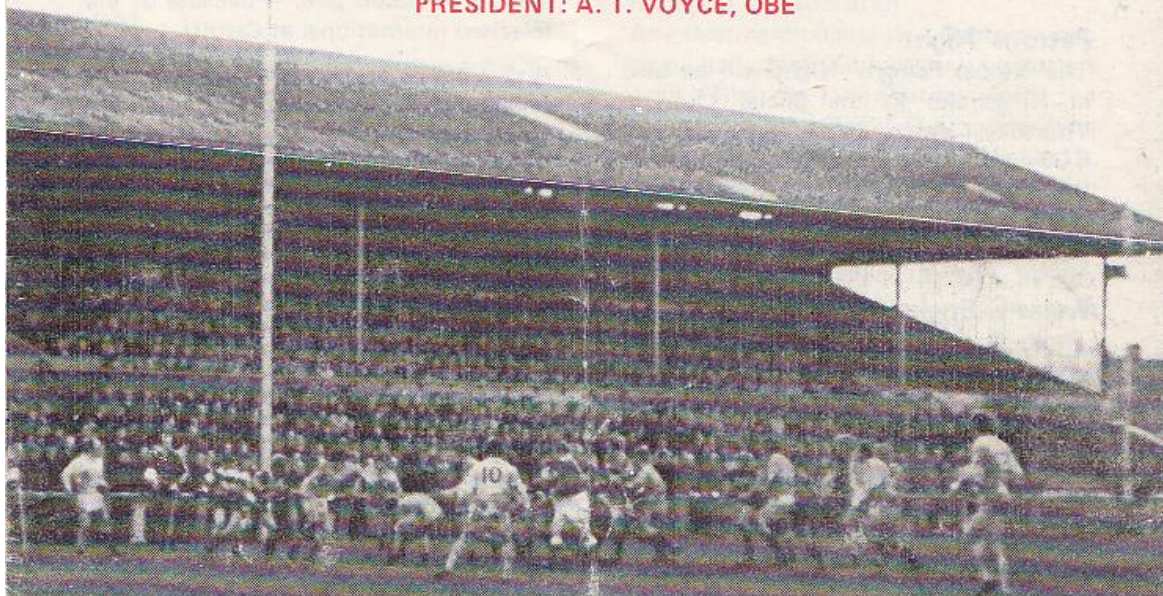


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WEDNESDAY, 2nd MARCH, 1977

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Kick-off: 7.00 p.m.

Official Programme—6p



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- Full Back
 15. **P. E. Butler** *†
- Three Quarters
 14. **R. J. Clewes** *
 13. **D. Pointon** *
 12. **R. Jardine** *
 11. **R. R. Mogg** *§
- Half Backs
 10. **C. G. Williams (Capt.)** *†
 9. **W. Birchley**
- Forwards
 1. **G. A. F. Sargent** *
 2. **S. G. F. Mills** *
 3. **M. A. Burton** *†
 4. **S. B. Boyle** *§
 5. **P. J. Winnel** *
 6. **E. A. Pinkney** *
 8. **J. F. Simonett** *
 7. **J. H. Haines** *

REPLACEMENTS

- J. Cooke (Forward)
 R. Etheridge (Back)

Referee: P. E. HUGHES (Manchester Society)

† International

§ Under-23 International

* County

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 C
18 (S) Coventry	...	H C
26 Lydney	...	H 47-10

(Boxing Day)

First XV Fixtures

1977

Jan. 1 (S) London Scott.	H	0-0
8 (S) Leicester	...	A 25-10
15 (S) Wasps	...	A 32-6
19 (W) Army	...	H 18-14
22 (S) Moseley	...	A 0-28
26 (W) St. Lukes Coll.	H	P
29 (S) Loughborough	H	26-3

Feb. 4 (F) St. Lukes Coll.	H	26-3
12 (S) John Player	H	12-3
18 (F) Swansea	...	A 6-11
26 (S) Llanelli	...	A 16-57

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 -
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(Easter Monday)

16 (S) Sale	...	H -
19 (T) Nottingham	A	-
23 (S) Exeter	...	A -
30 (S) Plymouth	...	H -

NEWPORT

Black and Amber

- Full Back
 15. **Leighton Davies**
- Three Quarters
 14. **Ken Davies**
 13. **Fred Headon**
 12. **David Bale**
 11. **Brian Juliff**
- Half Backs
 10. **David Rogers**
 9. **Alun Billinghurst**
- Forwards
 1. **Colin Smart (Capt.)**
 2. **Steve Jones**
 3. **Roy Cridland**
 4. **Lyn Jones**
 5. **David Waters**
 6. **Bryan Lease**
 8. **Paul Watts**
 7. **Richard Barrell**

REPLACEMENTS

- Mark Morris-Jones (Back)
 Jim Stewart (Forward)

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CORDIAL WELCOME TO THE

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Leaders in the Welsh Rugby Union and the Anglo-Welsh merit tables; a splendid record to date of 26 victories from 30 matches, with 519 points against 237; in the semi-final round of the Welsh R.U. Cup for the first time in their history; and unbeaten this season by an English club!

This is a list of the remarkable achievements of Newport — the famous "Black and Ambers" — to whom we extend a particularly cordial welcome this evening. It gives some idea of the magnitude of the task facing Gloucester, who will be anxious to avenge their defeat at the hands of Newport at Rodney Parade last October by 30 points to 4.

The Black and Ambers have lost only three matches this season, all on their opponents' grounds, their conquerors being Pontypool, Cardiff and Neath, while they held Moseley to a draw at the Reddings. Unfortunately Newport will be without their three internationals this evening, skipper David Burcher, Gareth Evans and Jeff Squire — all resting in view of the big clash on Saturday between Wales and England.

But with reserve strength in depth Newport will as usual be formidable opposition and we look forward to such another exciting tussle as last season's game at Kingsholm, when Gloucester won by 17 - 13 on Saturday, October 18, 1975.

KINGSHOLM KACKLE

Thanks to our Sponsors

Our warmest thanks and appreciation go to *Permal*, the well-known local company of electrical insulation manufacturers, of Bristol Road, for their extremely generous gesture in sponsoring this evening's match. We trust that their representatives here will enjoy the game and the social activities afterwards.

Invasion of Gosforth

Any fleeting thoughts that Gosforth may have had that Gloucester supporters would find the long journey north too far for the John Player Cup quarter-final match next Saturday week, March 12, must have long since been dispelled. In fact, it seems as though there will be a mass exodus of rucker enthusiasts from the city that weekend judging by the extraordinary demand for seats on coach and train.

As many supporters know, one train has already been fully booked. But there are a few seats remaining on a second special train — and at the remarkably low cost of £4.00!

For those who prefer to travel by road, there are also a few vacancies on the coach which will leave Kingsholm on the morning of the match at 7.00 a.m. The cost is even less — £2.80, and anyone wishing to take advantage of this great bargain should contact Mervyn Elway in the Social Club.

There are others who may feel that a 500 mile round journey in a day is a little too much and may prefer to stay over-



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night. They are also well catered for, as Gulliver's Travels, 135 High Street, Tewkesbury, are running a trip 'the leisurely way'. Their coach departs from Kingsholm at 8.00 a.m. and will travel direct to the Gosforth ground with a stop for lunch. Supporters will be able to stay overnight at the Northumbria Hotel, returning to Gloucester on Sunday morning. All for the very reasonable sum of £11.00.

Patrons' Night

The annual Patrons' Night will be held at Kingsholm in the Social Club on Thursday, March 24 — 8.00 p.m. for 8.30 p.m. All Patrons are asked to contact the Club Secretary, Roy Long, at 22 Worcester Street, for tickets as soon as possible.

Wales v. England Ticket?

Those strange, elusive pieces of paste-board — tickets for the Wales v. England match on Saturday — could be in a supporter's hands this evening; two of them, at least. For this is the prize offered to the winner of a raffle in aid of Gloucester's American tour in early summer. Tickets for the raffle will be on sale this evening and the lucky winner's name announced during the match.

Important Diary Dates

All supporters are kindly asked to note several changes in fixtures within the next few days. Tomorrow evening, Thursday, with a 7.00 p.m. kick-off, Gloucester United will meet Hereford at Kingsholm in a recently arranged game.

At the request of our Midland visitors the match against Northampton at Kingsholm on Saturday will kick-off at 7.00 p.m. — *not 3.00 p.m.* — because of the televised international at Cardiff.

And finally, a change in date for the Cheltenham match, due to have been played next Wednesday. Because of the proximity of the John Player Cup quarter-final, Gloucester will meet their Town neighbours *next Monday evening, March 7*, with the kick-off at 7.00 p.m.

300 Club Winners

There was a decided cherry and white flavour about the list of winners in the February draw, made last Friday evening, of the *300 Club*, several of the names being readily recognisable to supporters. They were:

£25 — P. J. Winnel (No. 100); £10 each to D. Dawe (150); A. Brinn and M. J. Nicholls (104); C. Cambridge (283); T. Palmer (299); Mrs. N. E. Stockwell (152). Congratulations to them all.

Arthur Russell

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