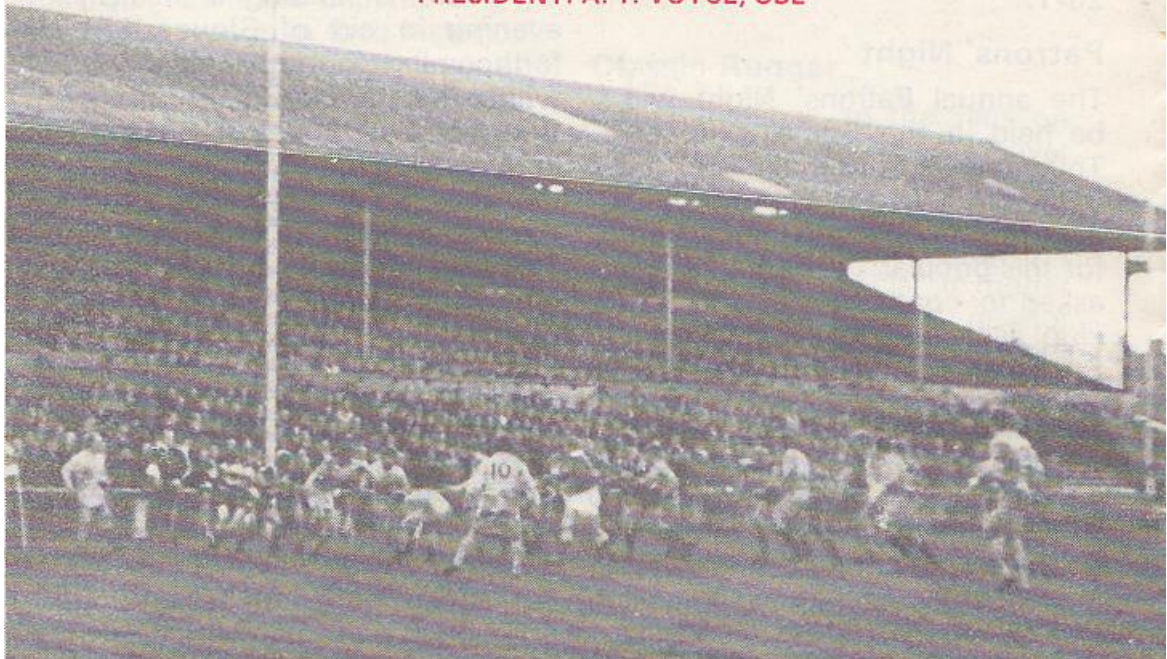




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# GLOUCESTER

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# CHELTENHAM

MONDAY, 7th MARCH, 1977

at

KINGSHOLM . GLOUCESTER

Kick-off: 7.00 p.m.

*Official Programme—6p*



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## GLOUCESTER

Cherry and White

- Full Back  
15. R. Etheridge \*
- Three Quarters  
14. P. A. Williams  
13. B. J. Vine \*  
12. R. Jardine \*  
11. J. Dix \*
- Half Backs  
10. R. Correia  
9. P. Howell
- Forwards  
1. K. Richardson \*  
2. F. C. Reed \*  
3. M. A. Burton \*\*†  
4. A. Brinn \*\*†  
5. J. H. Fidler \*  
6. J. A. Watkins (Capt.) \*\*†  
8. J. F. Simonett \*  
7. J. Cooke

### REPLACEMENTS

M. Longstaff  
M. Hayes

Referee: R. MAYO (Bristol Society)

† International  
‡ Under-23 International  
\* County

### First XV Fixtures

Year	Date	Home	Away	Score
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
1977	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	
1978	Dec. 4	(S) John Player	...	H 17-9
	11	(S) Sale	...	A C
	18	(S) Coventry	...	H C
	26	(S) Lydney	...	H 47-10
				(Boxing Day)

### First XV Fixtures

Year	Date	Home	Away	Score
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	F
	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
1978	26	(S) Llanelli	...	A 16-57
	Mar. 2	(W) Newport	...	H 6-3
	5	(S) Northampton	H	31-6
	9	(W) Cheltenham	H	-
	12	(S) Richmond	...	A -
	16	(W) Aberthillery	...	H -
	19	(S) Guys Hospital	H	-
	26	(S) Saracens	...	A -
	30	(S) Newbridge	...	A -
	Apr. 2	(S) Cardiff	...	H -
1979	7	(T) Lydney	...	A -
	9	(S) New Brighton	H	-
				(Easter Saturday)
	11	(M) Fryde	...	H -
				(Easter Monday)
1980	16	(S) Sale	...	H -
	19	(T) Nottingham	A	-
	23	(S) Exeter	...	A -
	30	(S) Plymouth	...	H -

## CHELTHENHAM

Red and Black

- Full Back  
15. B. Bartlett HUGHES
- Three Quarters  
14. A. Perez  
13. W. Burrows  
12. R. Fenner  
11. S. Pollard
- Half Backs  
10. D. Hughes THOMPSON \*  
9. M. Jones
- Forwards  
1. C. Sinclair  
2. M. Hamlin (Capt.)  
3. S. Jones  
4. G. Cornish  
5. D. McPherson  
6. J. Costello  
7. A. Melrose  
8. G. Beamish

### REPLACEMENTS

S. Thompson  
T. Hurst

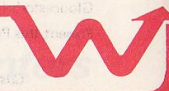
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## **CORDIAL WELCOME TO TOWN**

This evening we extend a particularly cordial welcome to our old friends and neighbours, Cheltenham, with whom we have enjoyed so many happy games over the years.

We make no secret of the fact that the Town are experiencing the worst season in their history; indeed, it would be sheer hypocrisy to do so, for they have not tasted success since last March. A depressing and unenviable record, yet one which in a way, reflects nothing but credit on their gallant players and their dedicated approach.

Cheltenham are still in the process of rebuilding and have several young players of promise. They can be sure that all our own supporters sincerely hope that that elusive first win will not be denied them much longer—provided, of course, it is not achieved this evening!

Last season at Kingsholm, on Wednesday, October 15, 1975, the Cherry and Whites ran out convincing winners by 40-4, while earlier in the present campaign Gloucester won even more decisively at the Athletic Ground on Wednesday, September 29, by 62-7, as Max Boyce was quick to point out when he appeared at the Leisure Centre the following evening.

For all their misfortunes the Town have never given up the struggle and have always insisted on trying to contribute to an entertaining game. We wish them luck in the future and meanwhile look forward to yet another enjoyable tussle with them this evening.

## **KINGSHOLM KACKLE**

### **Thanks to our Sponsors**

Our warmest thanks and appreciation go to the Dowty Group for their extremely generous gesture in sponsoring this evening's match. We trust that their representatives here will enjoy the game and social activities afterwards.

### **Classic Rugger**

Congratulations to the lads on their magnificent victory over Northampton on Saturday evening. For more than half the game there seemed to be nothing but frustration, but the classic rugger they played in the final quarter more than atoned for all that had gone before.

Even our older supporters agreed that their final try in injury time was the greatest they had seen at Kingsholm; a memorable series of brilliant passing started behind their own goal line and involving pretty well every player in the side.

If the lads can produce a few more quality moves like that next Saturday, then Gosforth might wonder if Gloucester R.F.C. have their own 'magic circle'! Following the defeat of Newport last Wednesday it must certainly instil confidence in them for the Cup clash.

### **For the Punters**

Those who like the occasional gamble will perhaps put a few bob on Gloucester to win the John Player Cup at what appears to be generous odds of 10-1. This is the price offered by Lad-broke's, who make Moseley favourites at 6-4 and Gosforth second favourites at 9-4.

For those who may have forgotten, the quarter-final draw is: Fylde v Saracens; Moseley v London Welsh; Waterloo v Bedford; Gosforth v Gloucester. And the other prizes offered against the clubs winning the trophy are Bedford (6-1), Saracens (8-1), London Welsh and Waterloo (16-1), with Fylde the outsiders at 20-1.

### **Patrons' Night**

The annual Patrons' Night will be held in the Social Club on Thursday, 24th March (8.00 for 8.30 p.m.) Those Patrons who have not yet obtained their tickets for this popular 'get-together' are asked to contact Roy Long, the club secretary, at 22 Worcester Street, as soon as possible.

### **Up for t' Cup**

A final reminder - not those wretched things from the Inland Revenue and the like! - to those who have still not booked seats on train or coach for the 'general exodus' to Gosforth next Saturday. The second train (cost £4.00) leaves Gloucester at 7.10 a.m. - the first is fully booked. The coach run by the club, costs

£2.80, leaves at 7.00 a.m., while that being run by Gulliver's Travels, and includes an overnight stay at the Northumbria Hotel in Newcastle-on-Tyne, departs from Kingsholm at 8.00 a.m. (Cost £11.00)

### **Musical Evening**

The Central Electricity Generating Board is holding a musical evening in aid of Gloucester's forthcoming tour of America. It will be held at the CEGB Club at Barnwood on Friday, 18 March commencing at 7.30 p.m., with the Cheltenham Silver Band and the Churchdown Male Voice. Tickets (50p) may be obtained from Roy Long or the Social Club.

### **Diary Dates**

Next Monday, March 14, Gloucester United meet Luctonians, then on the Wednesday evening, March 16, the senior side will have Abertillery as visitors to Kingsholm, both matches kicking off at 7.00 p.m.

Meanwhile, the best of luck to the lads for next Saturday; all West Country rugby enthusiasts will be willing you to win!

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