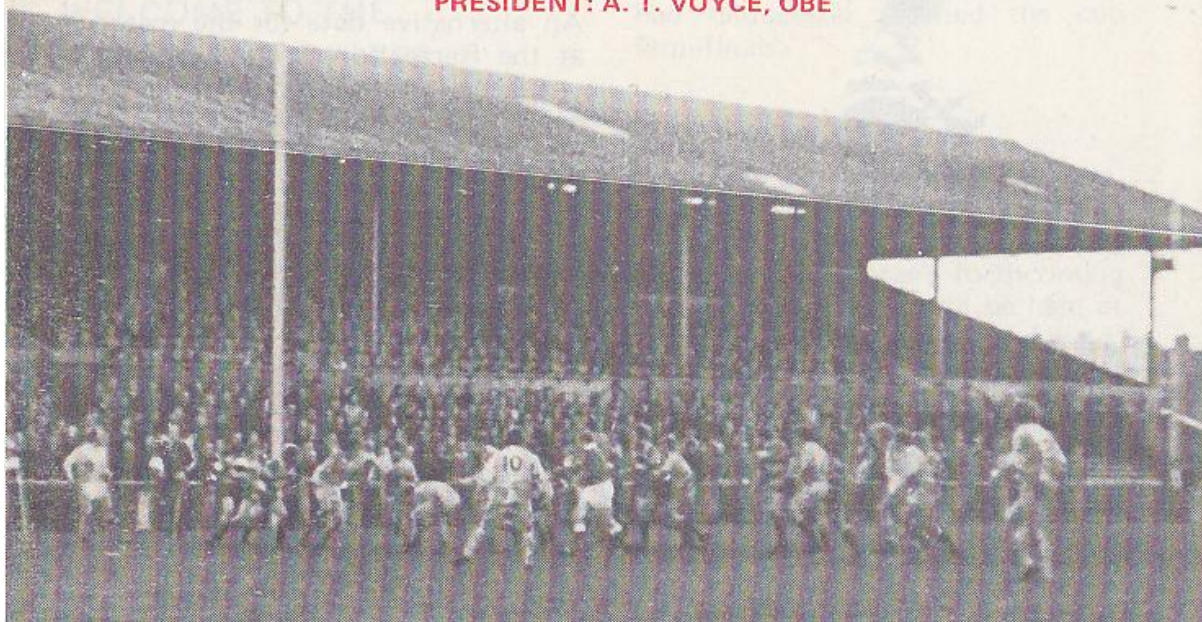




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ABERTILLERY

WEDNESDAY, 16th MARCH, 1977

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Kick-off: 7.00 p.m.

Official Programme—6p



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§ 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 ...

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 ...

6 (S) Leicester ...	H	14-12
10 (W) Cambridge Univ. H ...	A	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 ...

11 (S) Sale ...	A	C
18 (S) Coventry ...	H	C
26 (S) 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. ...

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

Mar. 2 (W) Newport ...

5 (S) Northampton ...	H	31-6
9 (W) Cheltenham ...	H	52-0
12 (S) John Player ...	A	0-3
16 (W) Abertillery ...	H	-
19 (S) Guys Hospital ...	H	-
26 (S) Saracens ...	A	-
30 (S) Newbridge ...	A	-

Apr. 2 (S) Cardiff ...

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	-

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WELCOME TO THE GREEN AND WHITES

We extend a cordial welcome this evening to Abertillery, the 'Green and Whites', as they are popularly known, who are comparatively new friends and only appear at Kingsholm once every two years. On their last visit here, on Wednesday, September 18, 1974, Gloucester won an entertaining game by 20 points to 3, and we look forward to another absorbing tussle tonight.



KINGSHOLM KACKLE

Bitter Disappointment

The 'inquests' have been held, the mistakes analysed, and it might be as well to forget the bitterly disappointing defeat by Gosforth in last Saturday's John Player Cup quarter-final.

It is pointless to pull punches, as we say; the lads failed to display that form and flair of which they are capable and to lose by a penalty goal after dictating play for at least 70 per cent of the game was a galling experience.

There is perhaps one consolation — the Cherry and Whites are scarcely likely to give such a disappointing performance again for a long time, and one can only look forward to better things in next season's Cup Competition. At least supporters will be able to watch Cardiff at Kingsholm on Saturday, April 2, which would not have been possible had Gloucester reached the cup semi-finals.

Musical Evening

On Friday, commencing at 7.30 p.m. the Central Electricity Generating Board is staging a musical evening in aid of Gloucester's forthcoming tour of America. It will be held at the C.E.G.B. Club at Barnwood, with the Cheltenham Silver Band and the Churchdown Male Voice Choir.

An interesting and varied programme has been arranged, with many well-known compositions — nothing 'heavy' nor, at the other extreme, any 'pop' cacophony. Tickets (50p) have been selling well, but are still available from Roy Long, the Gloucester R.F.C. Secretary, or the Social Club.

Patrons' Night

A further reminder that Patrons' Night is being held in the Social Club on Thursday, March 24, (8.00 for 8.30 p.m.). Those Patrons who have not yet obtained their tickets for this very popular 'get-together' should contact Roy Long as soon as possible.



300 Club Draw

On the following evening, Friday, March 25, also in the Social Club, the monthly draw of the *300 Club* will be made at 9.00 p.m. This is the fifth of the current season and the final one will be on Friday evening, April 29.



It will be recalled that because of the John Player Cup commitments, both the original fixtures with Bath had to be postponed. An effort was made to play the away game early in the New Year, but although the lads travelled down to the Recreation Ground, the match was called off shortly before the kick-off time because of the frozen pitch.

An alternative date for the match at the Recreation Ground has not yet been arranged, but the away game with Bristol at the Memorial Ground will now be played on *Wednesday evening, April 27*, with a 7.15 p.m. kick-off.

Re-arranged Fixture

Supporters are asked to note that next Wednesday evening at Kingsholm, with the usual 7.00 p.m. kick-off, Gloucester meet Bath in one of the re-arranged fixtures with our friends 'down south'.

Next Match

Gloucester's next match, of course, will be on Saturday, when Guy's Hospital are the visitors to Kingsholm, (kick-off 3.00 p.m.).

Arthur Russell

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