

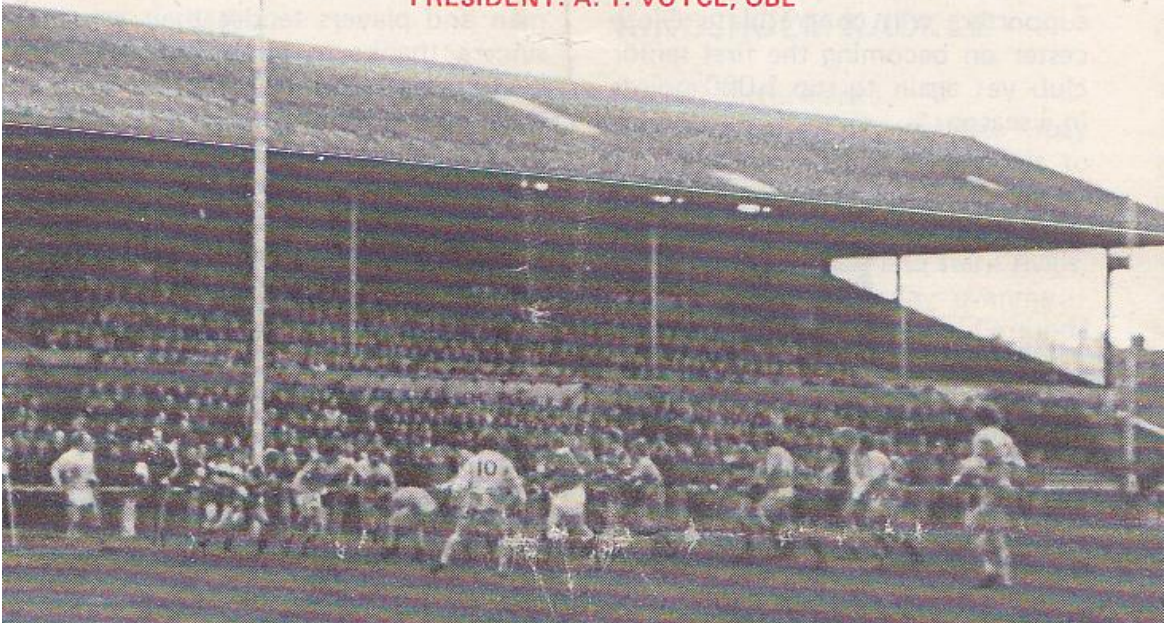


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Plymouth Albion

SATURDAY, 30th APRIL, 1977

at

KINGSHOLM · GLOUCESTER

Kick-off: 3.00 p.m.

Official Programme—6p



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 12. **B. J. Vine** *
 11. **R. R. Mogg** *§
- Half Backs
 10. **C. G. Williams** *†
 9. **P. R. Howell**
- Forwards
 1. **P. J. Blakeway** *§
 2. **F. C. Reed** *
 3. **M. A. Burton** *†
 4. **P. J. Winnel** *
 5. **J. H. Fidler** *
 6. **J. A. Watkins (Capt.)** *†
 8. **E. A. Pinkney** *
 7. **V. Wooley**
- REPLACEMENTS
 P. A. Williams
 J. Cooke

Referee: **G. DAVIES (Liverpool 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 36- 6
19 (W) Army	...	H 17- 8
22 (S) Moseley	...	A 0-28
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 6- 3
5 (S) Northampton	H	31- 6
9 (W) Cheltenham	H	52- 0
12 (S) John Player	...	A 0- 3
16 (W) Abertillery	...	H 51- 4
19 (S) Guys Hospital	H	80-10
23 (W) Bath	...	H 51- 7
26 (S) Saracens	...	A 9- 3
30 (S) Newbridge	...	A 3-22
Apr. 2 (S) Cardiff	...	H 18-19
7 (T) Lydney	...	A 18- 6
9 (S) New Brighton	H	31-10
(Easter Saturday)		
11 (M) Fylde	...	H 24-12
(Easter Monday)		
16 (S) Sale	...	H 37- 9
19 (T) Nottingham	...	A 29-18
23 (S) Exeter	...	A 14- 6
27 (W) Bristol	...	A 34- 9
30 (S) Plymouth A...	H	42- 0

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PLYMOUTH ALBION

Cherry, White and Green

- Full Back
 15. **L. Ware** *
- Three Quarters
 14. **M. Shillabeer** *
 13. **R. Westlake** *
 12. **I. Perkins**
- Half Backs
 11. **S. Evans**
10. **N. Ormby** *
 9. **N. Vosper** *
- Forwards
 1. **B. Steer** *
 2. **D. Fuge** *
 3. **S. Symonds** *
 4. **G. Lovell** *
 5. **R. Herbert** *
 6. **R. Catchpole** *
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WELCOME — AND FAREWELL

The very warm welcome we extend to our friends Plymouth Albion this afternoon must of necessity be tinged with sadness for the fervent Gloucester rugby supporter, as it heralds the end of another memorable season for the Cherry and Whites.

Last season at Beacon Park, where conditions could best have been described as "impossible", Gloucester defeated the Albion by 9 - 3 in a first round John Player Cup match on Saturday, November 15, 1975. The Devon club's last visit to Kingsholm, on October 19, 1974, brought victory for the Cherry and Whites in a high-scoring game by 32 - 15.

(Perhaps the term "cherry and whites" should be used a little guardedly, for Plymouth Albion have the same colours, plus an additional green strip).

Similar valedictory notes to those which ended last season might again be appropriate for this final game, and we make no apology for loosely quoting Wolsey in *Henry VIII* — "Farewell to all our greatness" in another season which has blossomed and borne blushing honours thick upon our famous club. May we, then, wish the Albion a happy, if brief, stay in our fair city and look forward to an exciting and entertaining game to round off another memorable season!



KINGSHOLM KACKLE

Superb Performance

Whatever glowing tributes may spring to mind, it is difficult to conjure up sufficient eulogies to describe the lads' magnificent victory over those old and stern rivals, Bristol, last Wednesday evening — and on their own Memorial Ground!

Some Bristolians offered the excuse that they had rarely seen their favourites play so badly; the more sporting were much nearer the truth, admitting that Gloucester's performance was so superb that few teams could have held them in this mood and that Bristol certainly had no answer.

It was the biggest win ever recorded by either side in matches between the two great clubs — and the first meeting is lost in the mists of time! In addition it was by far the heaviest margin of defeat suffered by Bristol on their own ground for longer than they care to remember.



More Records

When Paul Williams crossed the Exeter line last Saturday he created a new record of tries scored by

Gloucester in a season. Only a moderate total is required from the lads this afternoon to beat the previous points' scoring record.

But let us leave all the amazing statistics to our worthy local scribe Clifford Smith, who will doubtless be reviewing the splendid season and listing all the facts and figures in next Saturday's *Citizen*. But all supporters will congratulate Gloucester on becoming the first senior club yet again to top 1,000 points in a season.



300 Club

Last night the highly popular *300 Club* held its final draw of the season in the Social Club, when the big prizes were one each of £350 and £100, and three of £50. It was, of course, too late to be able to announce the winners in these notes but their names may be seen on the notice board over the Social Club bar.



Valediction

In conclusion, Gloucester Rugby Football Club officials, committee men and players tender their very sincere thanks to all of you who have given such tremendous and extremely valuable support throughout the season. They hope you have an enjoyable summer with ideal weather and look forward to seeing you again next September.

We in turn thank the players of both the first and the United XVs who have devoted so much of their time, energy and unbounded skills towards providing such excellent and exciting fare yet again.

Arthur Russell



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