

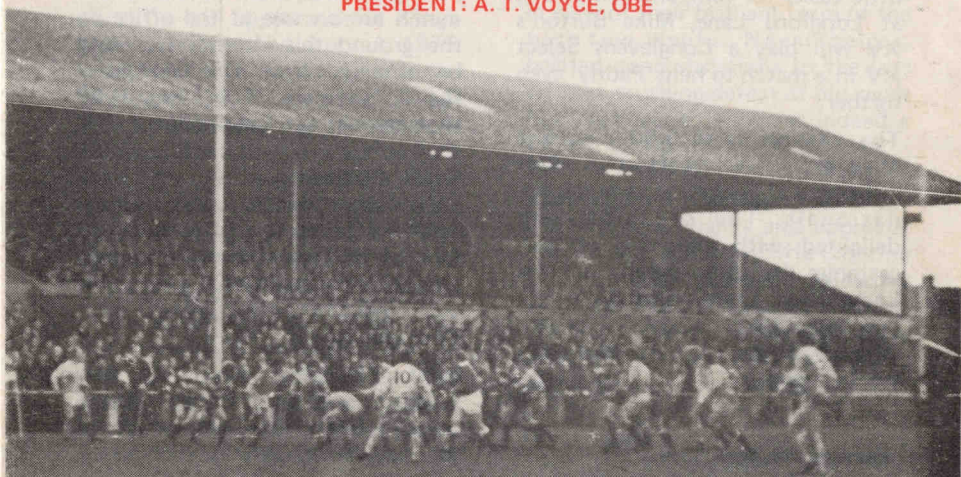


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SATURDAY, 2nd APRIL, 1977

at

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Kick-off: 3.00 p.m.

Official Programme—6p

CORDIAL WELCOME TO CARDIFF

There are few visitors to Kingsholm as popular as our old and valued Welsh friends, Cardiff, to whom we extend a very cordial welcome this afternoon, particularly as in recent years our two great clubs have met only once each season.

Cardiff's last appearance at Kingsholm, on Saturday, April 4, 1975, brought victory for the Cherry and Whites by 22-3, but the famous Welshmen heeded not the words of Prospero that the rarer action is in virtue than in vengeance, for Gloucester's visit to Cardiff a year ago, on Wednesday, March 31, ended disastrously in defeat by 32-4.

For any club victory over Cardiff is, as Hamlet tells us, a consummation devoutly to be wish'd, and the lads will need to produce that mysterious "little something extra" to put the picture in better perspective after that heavy defeat last season.

We look forward, then, to another spectacular game this afternoon, while offering our warmest congratulations to Cardiff on reaching the final of the Welsh R.U. Cup, when they will meet their neighbours and stern rivals, Newport. We wish them luck in what will surely be a tremendous battle.

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The St. John Men

This afternoon those dedicated men of St. John Ambulance make their annual collection on the ground. Ken Sparrow and his lads are on parade for all matches, come fair weather or foul, giving their services freely and so unsparsingly. They deserve a bumper collection and we

know you will give them your most generous support.

Bouquets and Brickbats

While there were a few regular players absent Gloucester's defeat by Newbridge on Wednesday evening came as a bitter disappointment. Their temporary — we hope — fall from grace was the more surprising in view of their brilliant form of the past few weeks. Nevertheless, belated congratulations to the lads on that crushing defeat of old rivals Bath last week. This was indeed a joy to behold.

Thanks to our Sponsor

Our warmest thanks and appreciation go to Messrs. Sutcliffe Catering Ltd. for their extremely generous gesture in sponsoring today's match. We trust that their representatives here will enjoy the game and the social activities afterwards.

Brain Teaser

The little word puzzle introduced in the programme for the Bath match seemed to have proved popular and another today would not be amiss. Supporters are reminded that the object is to turn one word into another by changing one letter at a time. Thus, LEFT can be turned into WING — Left, Lift, Life, Wife, Wine, Wing.

For today's 'word change' — topical in view of Cardiff's visit — can you turn ARMS into PARK in *eight* changes, using an accepted English common word at each step? Plurals are permitted and the answer is printed upside down at the end of these notes. But no peeping, please, until you've used the 'little grey cells'!

Charity Match

As most of our supporters know, Andrew 'Paddy' Butler, the teenage

brother of Peter, suffered serious spinal injuries at his employment last year which cut short a highly promising rugby career — he played for Longlevens — and left him permanently crippled.

Many local sportsmen and his club have been unceasing in their efforts to raise money and make life a little easier for him, and tomorrow, at Longford Lane, Mike Burton's XV will play a Longlevens Select XV in a match to help 'Paddy' even further.

The kick-off is at 3.00 p.m. and Mike has spared no effort to select a strong side, including several internationals. The organisers are delighted with the sale of programmes for this match, but we know that those who have not purchased them in advance will do their best to support this very worthy cause.

Welcome to the Boys

One of the greatest attractions in the rugby calendar at Kingsholm is undoubtedly the annual England Schools (19 group) international; it ranks as a 'must' in the enthusiasts' diary.

And next Wednesday, April 6, kick-off 7.15 p.m., it is the turn of Ireland, who have named a powerful side, to provide the opposition for what is invariably a 'spectacular'.

England Schools are playing their Welsh counterparts this afternoon, and their side to meet Ireland here next Wednesday will be announced during the weekend. Tickets for the match are on sale at the office on the ground this afternoon or may be obtained from the Gloucester R.F.C. Secretary, Roy Long, at 22 Worcester Street, Gloucester.

Easter Fixtures

With Easter almost upon us next weekend brings the usual excellent fare of holiday fixtures, commencing with the traditional away game with neighbouring Lydney next Thursday evening, April 7.

Next Saturday, April 9, New Brighton will be visitors to Kingsholm, followed by Fylde on Easter Monday, both matches kicking off at 3.00 p.m.

Arthur Russell

Answer to Word Puzzle

ARMS: Arms; Ails; Firs; Firm; Form;
Fork; Pork; PARK.

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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	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	-
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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