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FOREWORD

Some time ago our Social Committee suggested a Club Magazine. This was a new venture for Kingswood Old Boys and the Club Committee gave a lot of thought as to whether we had enough journalistic talent in the Club to produce something worthwhile. However, despite numerous comments such as "this is the dawning of the age of pornography" and "what about a front-row forward for Playmate of the Month", we decided it was worth having a try (and we havn't had too many of those this season!)

Anyway, to cut a long story short (if I don't the Editor will!) John Bishop has spent a lot of time chasing numerous members, including myself, for "copy" and has come up with this, the first issue of our Club Magazine. May I add a word of thanks to John and all those who have contributed to K.O.B.'s first tilt at the might of Fleet Street. I think the magazine is a good idea; I hope you enjoy reading it and, as well as being entertained, you get to know a little more about your Rugby Club and the people in it.

Finally, if you think you can pen an article for the magazine I am sure John will be grateful to receive "copy" for future issues. Having heard countless Rugby experiences and exploits on Saturday evenings I am confident that, even after the Editor has been to work with his red pencil, there will be enough printable material left to provide ample entertainment. So let's see your contribution in the next issue! Now, read on.....

GEOFF ANN.
CHAIRMAN.

HISTORY OF KINGSWOOD OLD BOYS CLUB

1. Club formed May 10th, 1954.
2. First meeting held at Kingswood Grammar School.
3. Principal Elected Officers were:-
 - a) President: C.M. Ridley.
 - b) Chairman: E. Fleet.
 - c) Secretary: J. Gray.
4. First Captain of the Club: D. Beard.
5. Club's records at end of 1st Season:-

P.28, W.14, L.12, D.1, Points for 259, Against 140.
6. R.S. Parsons new Secretary 1957.
7. Club moved from Kingswood Grammar School to Lees Hill 1959.
8. 1959 - 2nd XV formed.
9. 1960 - R. Gray elected Secretary.
10. 1960 - J. Tobin, Captain.
11. 1963 - 1st Annual Dinner held at Kingswood Hotel.
12. 1964 - D. Pine elected Secretary.
13. 1964 - 3rd XV formed.
14. 1964 - Club declared 'open'.
15. 1965 - Club shirts and ties bought for members.
16. 1967 - 1st Grand Spa Dance held.
17. 1970 - Ground negotiations started.
18. 1971 - £1,000+ 'in the Bank'.
19. 1971 - H. Watkins elected Secretary.

David Pine.

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When the Magistrate was asked for a Bar extension by Glamorgan Wanderers R.F.C., he replied: "What, are there now twenty-five hours in a day?"

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We hear that Julian Griffiths was once very brave and had a tooth out in Wales. That's why he's so proud of his Welsh extraction!

The "Kings" Jester.

PLAYING RECORD 1970 - 1971

At the end of the 1970-71 Season the playing records of our three teams were as follows:-

	P	W	D	L	F	A
1st XV	27	12	2	13	264	403
2nd XV	30	5	2	23	182	392
3rd XV	25	3	1	21	109	494

All the teams had a number of matches cancelled during the Season; the 3rd XV being the worst hit. During this Season 88 members played for the Club. This number includes our student members.

The following players scored the points for the Club:-

1st XV

P. Davies	3	R. Lawrence	33	M. Redgers	26
A. Dawes	3	M. Lovell	3	C. Small	30
J. Harris	3	K. Miller	9	R. Swordy	6
S. Jelf	6	D. Morgan	6	G. Tainton	7
A. Knowlson	129				

2nd XV

D. Bevan	23	T. Knowlden	9	R. Roberts	6
J. Bishop	4	T. Long	5	D. Summers	3
P. Carrad	3	M. Lovell	3	G. Tainton	11
P. Dix	3	P. Mann	3	A. Warren	2
R. Fowler	3	D. Paget	6	H. Watkins	41
J. Harris	9	M. Redgers	3	R. White	3
J. Hayers	9	J. Roberts	6	W. Woodward	3
C. Hollister	3	P. Roberts	6	B. Young	3
S. Jelf	6			Penalty Tries - 1 - 3	

3rd XV

G. Ann	12	S. Hickman	3	A. Onion	3
J. Bishop	3	C. Hollister	3	D. Paget	3
R. Cromwell	6	T. Knowlden	3	E. White	8
R. Fowler	29	L. Maudsley	3	R. White	3
S. Garnon	3	P. Morgan	3	G. Wring	6
P. Hemborough	6			Guest Players	12

This gives the Club an overall playing record from its formation in 1954-55 Season as follows:-

	P	W	D	L	F	A
1st XV	466	208	38	220	3953	4456
2nd XV	288	109	19	160	2006	2959
3rd XV	153	22	4	127	727	3120

It must be noted the first full playing Seasons for the 2nd and 3rd XV's were 1960-61 and 1964-65 Seasons respectively.

Robert Eales.

For those of you fortunate enough to have missed the "Cabaret" at the Club Social in January, here is an excerpt from "Up Kingswood" entitled "An Ode to Our Emperor"

There was a young skipper named Dawes
Who took to the field without drawers
His jock strap and shirt
Got ripped in the dirt
But it gained him tremendous applause.

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Talking of skippers, none would strike more fear into his team if they made mistakes, than Wilf Wooller when he was Captain of Glamorgan.

Tony Lewis was playing his first game for the County and Bill Alley was batting for Somerset. Alley swept to leg and the ball came straight towards Lewis, then appeared to swerve away to his right. He missed the catch and it was four runs. He looked at Wooller, expecting an immediate reproach, but Wooller said nothing. Alley began to build up a big score, when he swept again to leg. Lewis took a pace to the right, only to see the ball go to his left. Another four runs, another missed catch but no comment from Wooller.

Finally, with a big score on the board, Alley swept to leg again. Lewis stayed still, prepared to take the catch down low, but it went straight through his hands and legs for four more runs. 'Now I'm for it' he thought, but still no comment from Wooller. When lunch came Lewis went up to his Captain to apologise.

"Sorry skipper, I should have kept my legs together".

Came the reply: "Not you lad, your mother!"

The "Kings" Jester.

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1st XV REPORT

In many ways it has been a slightly disappointing Season. The 1st XV has not lived up to early Season form when there were signs that we were going to do well. We won more matches than last Season but again points "against" were far more than points "for". The majority of these points "against" came in about six matches when we lost heavily. I think this was due:-

- 1) to an attitude of mind whereby we seem to think that opponents are invincible;
- 2) to very bad defensive play.

I believe, as I have often said in the past, that the right "mental approach" to a game is as important as physical fitness. We must instill in ourselves a will to win and maintain this throughout a game and throughout the Season. We must not be so easily downhearted by scores against, bad luck or questionable refereeing decisions. To become a strong Club we need to keep trying at all times.

The Season can be split into two parts. The first was much better winning 7 and losing 6 before January 1971. Thereafter we deteriorated and results were poor. A possible explanation for the contrast may be found in the fact that during the first part we kept a fairly settled team together but later injuries and other factors forced us to make many changes, a considerable number being positional.

I was very pleased in the way a number of players worked their way through the sides and established themselves as regular members of the 1st team. Amongst these were John Harris, John Roberts and Steve Pagen. Other newcomers to the 1st XV during the Season were Trevor Knowlden, Ray Gillard, Tony Eckroyd, Stuart Brown, Colin Hollister, Graham Munn, Nelson Carpenter and Tony Long.

Talking of players (and, obviously, I am!!) we were pleased to welcome back Gerry Tainton, Chris Small and Nigel Nash. The last named (known to us all as "Nigde") is an astonishing "old man". Not only does he look young, but he plays "young".

We continued to rely heavily on such players as Denis Morgan, Mike Redgers and Bob Eales. They played with their usual enthusiasm and are an example to the whole Club.

Amongst the forwards Steve Jelfs and John James formed a solid lock partnership and Bob Swordy, Max Lovell, and Pete Dix all did sterling work in the back row.

A special word for my Vice-Captain Richard Lawrence upon whom much seemed to depend. He played some really good games and when he was "on song" the team as a whole played with greater authority.

1st XV REPORT (Cont'd)

Well that seems to be everyone....."whoops"
sorry I seem to have forgotten Alan Knowlson. I see from
my score sheets that he managed to get a few points! In
fact I think it is a record number for the Club in one
Season - well played "Geronimo"!

My thanks to all these players (and any I may have
forgotten to mention) for their support. Also to John Hayers
and Roger Fowler who did so much as Captains of the 2nd and
3rd XV's respectively.

Finally, a note of appreciation for the tremendous
work done by Harry Watkins Snr. His support on the touch-
line was invaluable and I could wish for several like him.
His regular appearance on a Saturday was only matched by
Harry Watkins Jnr. who was, I believe, the only ever present
player.

Looking forward to next Season it is clear that
we can really improve our results. We have the ability but
it is up to each one of us to do our best and to give full
support to the Captains and Coaching Committee. Only then
shall we have the success that I know we can achieve.

Alan Dawes.

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A young couple, who could not have any children
because of the husband's disability, were told by their doctor
that the wife could receive artificial insemination by a
donor. The anxious couple decided that this was what they
would do and the wife made an appointment with the doctor.

"Would you go behind the curtains, take all your
clothes off, and lie on the couch?" asked the doctor.

This she did, and had been lying there for about
five minutes when the curtains suddenly parted. There was
the doctor without a stitch of clothing.

"What's this?" she cried, "I thought it was
artificial insemination?"

"I'm very sorry" replied the doctor, "We're out
of bottled, you'll have to have draught!"

The "Kings" Jester.

THE "K.O.B." QUIZ

1. What is the oldest ball game known to man?
2. What is the length of the longest swim?
3. a) Who won the Cup Final last year?
b) What was the score and who scored the winning goal?
4. In which year did William Webb Ellis "break the rules" and thereby start the game of Rugby?
5. Who holds the womens 400 metres track record?
6. How many fights did Cassius Clay have before he was beaten?
7. When did Walter Hammond die?
8. Who won the Wimbledon Mens Singles Final in 1954?
9. England have had several Captains during the Rugby Union Championship this Season. Who were they?
10. a) Who won the Rugby County Championship this Season?
b) What was the score and how was it made up?

(Answers on Page 11)

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A certain Rugby player found he was playing less and less Rugby but becoming increasinly corpulent. (No reference to you E.W.). He went to his doctor.

"You need more exercise" said the doctor, "Why don't you take up Golf?"

The player did so but returned to his doctor a week later.

"It's no good doctor. When I put the ball where I can see it I can't hit it, and when I put it where I can hit it, I can't see it!!"

The "Kings" Jester.

2nd XV REPORT

Statistically the 2nd XV has not performed very well as the results show, having won only 5 games out of the 30 played. This is not a record of which we can be proud and we must make a better effort next Season. The margins by which some of the games have been lost, however, have been the narrowest possible with no less than 7 games lost by a score difference of 4 points or less. Hence this would suggest that a more favourable bounce may have resulted in a better record.

Most notable of our successes were the games against Old Elizabethans II (13-12) and B.A.C. Barbarians (3-0). The outstanding feature of these games was our determined defence where hard tackling did not slow the opposition to settle down.

Thinking back over the Season one cannot help but see the necessity for a more disciplined pattern of play to be established and there is a need for a Club Coach to dictate how we should play this game. Every player should know what the other 14 are doing and what his own responsibilities should be for any given situation. If we could achieve teams of players who were in command of the basic skills with good team understanding then we will improve our record and enjoy the game to a greater degree.

John Hayers.

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ODE TO OUR LEADER

Our Captain's with many girls tarried
And their pleas for a ring he has parried
If he doesn't take care
He'll be tearing his hair
And finding he's got to get married.

poet laureate - 3rd class.

3rd XV REPORT

Playing for the 3rd XV for the last two Seasons has been very enjoyable in spite of only a few victories. Team spirit has been very good throughout which is probably why the team is still running.

The support from players this Season has varied from having 6 reserves to having only 6 players(!) towards the end of the Season. It is interesting to note that out of 55 players who played for the 3rd's this Season, only 12 played more than 12 games of the 25 matches. Out of these players 7 were backs and only 5 were forwards. This probably explains our weakness. It has been noticed that when experienced players come down into the 3rd XV forwards, our play as a team has greatly improved because of the extra possession. This point illustrates why we played well against Chipping Sodbury, Yatton, North Bristol, Ashley Down and Old Bristolians and why we lost to some of the teams that we beat last Season.

We have a good pitch at Hanham but I would like to see the 3rd's playing alongside our 1st and 2nd teams so that we can meet and play as a Club on a Saturday.

For the future more discipline and enthusiasm is essential. I found, as a Captain, that I would have liked more general support both on and off the field. This would have left me with a good deal more enthusiasm for the game itself.

Finally, I would like to thank the regular members of the 3rd XV without whom the team would no longer exist.

Roger Fowler.

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Question of the month:-

What is the difference between frustration and desperation?

Answer:-

Frustration is when you realise for the first time that you cannot manage it a second time.

Desperation is when you realise for the second time that you cannot manage it a first time.

The "Kings" Jester.

FEM PORTRAIT NO: 1

DAVID GEORGE PINE. AGE: 31

OCCUPATION: SPECIALISED SALESMAN.

WEIGHT: 13st. HEIGHT: 6ft. 1in.

David Pine joined K.O.B. in September 1969 as a 2nd Row Forward. He had an early opportunity to get into the 1st team. The team was Captained by John Tobin in his 1st year as Club Captain and Dave recalls his admiration of "the best Forward we have ever had". This 1st game was against Chipping Sodbury and Dave was on the winning side (8-0).

He started playing Rugby at Kingswood Grammar School but modestly describes himself as only a "fair Rugby player". On leaving school he played soccer but because of numerous friends at Kingswood Y.M.C.A. who played Rugby, he was persuaded to change his game.

In 1964-65 Season Dave sustained a badly dislocated shoulder. He found that 2nd Row play was hampered by the injury and it was at this stage that he began playing Prop Forward regularly. Since then he has played mainly at Prop and has seemed to move from 1st team to 3rd team and back again with alarming suddenness.

Dave has many happy memories of the past 12 years with K.O.B. He recalls a game at Gloucester when a huge touch kick went into a road and hit a bus. The irate driver stopped the vehicle, grabbed the ball, and marched onto the pitch. He flung the ball at the players and demanded that they "Find somewhere else to play your bloody games!"

Dave regrets that the development of K.O.B. has been so slow. He suggests several reasons for this:-

- 1) Lack of support from the school.
- 2) Lack of support from the area because we stayed a "closed" Club for too long.
- 3) The loss of experienced players at an early age.

He is very insistent about (3). He maintains with some vehemence, that once an older player loses his 1st team place he has an opportunity of playing in the 2nd or 3rd teams and giving the benefit of his experience to the younger players. Even after his playing days are over he can still assist the Club by acting on the Committee.

Dave is hopeful for the future and feels that in recent years we have had a strong Committee which is a healthy sign. His one fear is the lack of talented players who become available at the beginning of each Season to replace those who retire.

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PEN PORTRAIT NO: 1 (Cont'd)

Dave Pine is probably best known for the tremendous service he has given the Club in the Offices of Match Secretary (1960-63) and General Secretary (1964-71). His work in these positions has been invaluable and it is probably true to say that Dave has done more for K.O.B. than any other individual.

Dave hopes to continue playing for a few years and although his wife and two children still can't see him much on Saturday afternoons at least he should be at home more during the week. However, Dave has a habit of saying "I won't be a minute dear" as he goes through the front door (time 7.0 p.m.) and getting home at midnight!

John Bishop.

ANSWERS TO QUIZ

1. Polo.
2. 292 miles.
- 3.b) David Webb (2-1 replay).
4. 1823.
5. Marilyn Neuville.
6. 31.
7. 1965.
8. Jaroslav Drobný.
9. Jeremy Spencer, Tony Bucknall and Bob Hillier.
- 10.a) Surrey, b) 14-3 made up of 1 goal, 1 try and 2 dropped goals to 1 penalty.

PEN PORTRAIT NO: 2

ALAN ROBERT KNOWLSON.

Alan has just finished his 2nd Season with the Club, and what a Season it has been. He played for the 1st XV throughout this Season and has scored 129 points, which is half the total points scored by the 1st XV during the last Season.

Alan is 18 years old, 5'10", weighs 11½ stones and is always smiling. He first played rugby at Oldland School and has played for Barton Hill before Roger Fowler brought him along two Seasons ago.

Alan lives in Church Avenue, Warmley and works at Bristol Ericson, the Engineering firm who have recently moved to Warmley. He enjoys playing for Kingswood.

He enjoys playing for Kingswood because it is a good Club. He got to know other members of the Club through going training and at the Station on Saturday night after the game.

He backs the Club by giving all he's got when playing. He trains every week without fail and supports all the Club social functions.

You probably remember Alan won the single pin skittles competition by knocking down a single skittle 3 times in a row, and to prove it wasn't a fluke, just as he was leaving he knocked it down a fourth time.

You may be forgiven if you think George Best has made a transfer when you see Alan kicking goals for Kingswood with his round the corner style. Those that have seen him play, know that besides being the wit and fun raiser in the 1st XV and in spite of being an acknowledged expert in ancient Egyptology he is one of the best young players in the Club.

Mike Redgeys.

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Limerick of the month:-

There was a wing-forward named Swordy
Who sounds to me like a Geordie
Give him Newcastle Brown
And He's painting the Town
And becoming increasingly Bawdy.

The "Kings" Jester.

PEN PORTRAIT NO: 3

DENIS MORGAN - HOOKER - BORN 28.1.39.

Educated at Kingswood Grammar School Denis admits to showing little interest in the oval ball game while at school; in fact he represented the school on only one occasion and that was in the 2nd XV.

However, on leaving school in 1955 he was persuaded to turn out for the newly formed Kingswood Grammar School Old Boys Rugby Football Club. Since that time Denis has played over 400 games for the Club and has always commanded a place in the 1st XV.

Starting his career as Prop he moved to the 'glamour' position of Wing Forward after three years. After two Seasons on the flanks Denis moved to the centre of action when he took over as Hooker, where he has played for the past eleven years. Scoring on average, two tries per Season he particularly remembers his first 'moment of glory' against Chippenham.

Married, with three children, Denis is employed by E.S. & A. Robinson, Limited at their Fishponds premises where he is Development Engineer. Although obviously busy he still finds time to serve the Club as our representative to the Bristol Combination; he also supports the Club at all social events throughout the year.

With the present dearth of aspiring hookers at the moment the Club is indeed fortunate that Denis has no intention of hanging up his boots for a few Seasons yet!

Roger Cromwell.

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There was an old boy of Kingswood
Who was really exceptionally good
At raising a cheer
By buying the beer
And drinking as much as he could.

The "Kings" Jester.

For those of you thinking of retirement from the Rugby field let the following extract from Michael Green and "Even Coarser Rugby" be an inspiration to continue.

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- August 9th : Change to tipped cigarettes.
August 16th : Cut down to 40 a day.
August 23rd : Drink a pint of ale before breakfast.
August 24th : On arising, lift left arm above shoulder, then right arm, to tone up muscles and make them supple.
August 27th : Receive card for 1st trial. Burn it!
September 2nd : Ring Team Secretary, furious at not being selected for 2nd trial.
September 18th : Play first game for 3rd XV and lose 39-Nil. Treaten not to play again until rest of team are fit.
September 19th : Wake up wondering why you bothered to do all that training. Resolve to give up all forms of training except pint of ale before breakfast!

The "Kings" Jester.

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During camouflage training in Louisiana, a private disguised as a tree trunk had made a sudden move that was spotted by a visiting general.

"You simpleton!" the officer barked. "Don't you know that by jumping and yelling the way you did, you could have endangered the lives of the entire company?"

"Yes, sir," the soldier answered apologetically. "But, if I may say so, I did stand still when a flock of pigeons used me for target practice. And I never moved a muscle when a large dog peed on my lower branches. But when two squirrels ran up my pants leg and I heard the bigger say, 'Let's eat one now and save the other until winter' - that did it."

The "Kings" Jester.

TOMORROW'S WORLD

It is with no apology that we end this first Club Magazine by doing some "gazing into our Crystal Ball".

We hope that some of the viewpoints and comments have made you think about the future for the Club. The aim or ambitions can be stated quite simply:-

- 1) To become better at the game of Rugby - in other words to win more matches.
- 2) Through the game to provide recreation and camaraderie for as many people as possible.

Our record over the past years both on and off the field, leaves a great deal to be desired. There is, to put it bluntly, considerable room for improvement.

We have a strong base upon which we can build for the future. The general Club spirit is very good and there are a number of people within the Club who have the enthusiasm and ability to take us to the top in Local Rugby. But half a dozen dedicated members working frantically behind the scenes will have no effect whatsoever unless they are given absolute support by the members.

Our first concern must be to win a much greater number of matches. This will only be achieved by improving our own fitness, ability and understanding of the game. To this end we have appointed a Club Coach and training will take on a more professional and methodical look. We must also increase our membership and continue to recruit players of quality. It is obvious that several of the present-day players are rapidly nearing the end of their playing careers and all too soon there will be vacancies to fill. Would it not be an idea for the Club to have a recruiting programme and is the day far off when we shall have a Colts XV?

Perhaps the most significant development will be the acquisition of a new ground upon which it is hoped we can have 2 or more pitches. We may also be able to build a Clubhouse and these facilities in themselves will have a tremendous effect upon the future; in fact the possibilities are enormous.

However, to come back to earth! The future depends upon you - the person reading this article. The future demands your participation in everything we do and your sustained effort on the field and at training. It is quite useless to hope that all will be well and leave someone else to do a job or attend a meeting. Probably one of the most accurate assessments of life is contained in the saying:

"You get out of life exactly the same rewards commensurate with the effort which you have put into it."

The same applies to our Rugby Club and the future stands or falls on the extent of our participation. Let us ensure that we take giant strides towards the top of our particular "ladder" next Season.