

Newport Rugby Football Club

OFFICIAL
PROGRAMME



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Gloucester v. Newport

Saturday, December 31st, 1949

Kick-off 2.30 p.m.

NOTES

Gloucester will provide the opposition at Rodney Parade this afternoon, and their annual visit will be attractive fare to wind up the old year and the first half of the football season. Meetings between Newport and Gloucester are noted for their hard character, but play is invariably open and not lacking in full entertainment. (Commentaries) on the second half of to-day's match, by the way, are being broadcast on the Home Service.)

Newport will be greatly encouraged by their three splendid victories over Christmas. The holiday matches provided the brightest football of the season, and these successes have certainly helped to give the record a better appearance.

Newport have a large and talented company of players at their disposal, and with practically all the injured men again in action and showing good form, there is every reason to anticipate that the second half of the season will reverse much of the misfortune experienced.

The selected Newport side to-day is at full strength which will mean the resumption of the half-back partnership of Hadyn Thomas and Burnett for the first time since September 10th. (Neither player is really at his best in the absence of his partner) Bryn Williams, following his excellent form in the Birkenhead Park game, retains the centre position with Ken Spray while G. Hirst has won back his place in the front row of the forwards.

The excitement of the Internationals looms near again with the announcement of the teams for the final Welsh Trial at Cardiff next Saturday Newport are well represented and congratulations are extended to Ken Jones, Hadyn Thomas and R. T. Evans on their selection in the Wales team against The Rest. In addition, John Gwilliam and Malcolm Thomas are also honoured and they will all carry the hopes and wishes for a display of their best form in this final hurdle to International honours.

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FIXTURE LIST 1949/50

Date	Opponents	Result		Date	Opponents	Result	
		For	Agst			For	Agst
1949				1950			
Sept. 3—Crosskeys	H	28	8	Jan. 7—Devonport Services	A		
10—Bristol	A	11	8	14—Neath	A		
17—Wasps	H	3	11	21—Coventry	A		
24—Swansea	H	8	11	28—Richmond	H		
Oct. 1—Cardiff	A	5	14	Feb. 4—Bath	A		
8—Blackheath	A	11	5	(W) 8—Oxford	A		
15—Leicester	A	8	13	11—Leicester	H		
22—Neath	H	3	3	18—Bath	H		
29—Llanelli	H	3	3	25—Blackheath	H		
Nov. 5—Plymouth	H	9	5	Mar. 4—Cardiff	H		
12—Cardiff	H	0	11	11—Wasps	A		
19—London Welsh	A	6	8	18—Harlequins	H		
(M) 21—Cambridge	A	6	0	25—Gloucester	A		
26—Penarth	A	6	5	Apr. 1—Cardiff	A		
Dec. 3—Bristol	H	8	6	E.S. 8—Devonport Services	H		
10—Llanelli	A	3	3	E.M. 10—London Welsh	H		
17—Swansea	A	0	3	E.T. 11—Barbarians	H		
24—Newbridge	A	3	0	15—Abertillery	A		
(M) 26—Watsonians	H	11	0	22—Plymouth	A		
27—Birkenhead Park	H	22	6	(M) 24—Torquay	A		
31—Gloucester	H			(T) 25—Exeter	A		
				29—Penarth	H		

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Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	—Points—	
				For	Agst.
20	10	7	3	154	123

Scorers: Peter Davies, 2 tries, 6 pen. gls., 10 conversions, 44 pts.; R. D. Owen, 4 tries, 1 dr. gl., 15 pts.; D. Jones, 4 tries, 12 pts.; R. T. Evans, J. Lane, K. Sergeant, each 3 tries, 9 pts.; R. Burnett, 1 try, 1 dr. gl., 6 pts.; H. Thomas, D. Dando, Ken Jones, H. J. Tovey, each 2 tries, 6 pts.; Malcolm Thomas, 1 pen. gl., 1 conversion, 5 pts.; G. Gibbon, M. Walsh, E. Coleman, L. E. T. Jones, B. Williams, K. Spray and L. Davies, each 1 try, 3pts.

Principal appearances to date: L. E. T. Jones (20), Peter Davies (17), R. T. Evans, D. Dando, Ken Jones (16), G. Gibbons, R. D. Owen, H. Tovey (14), H. Thomas (13), M. Walsh, Ken Spray (12), D. Jones (11), Bryn Williams (10).

RECORD OF POST-WAR MEETINGS BETWEEN THE CLUBS

1945—Nov. 24 (A), won, 11 pts. to 3.
 1946—April 6 (H), draw, 21 pts. to 21
 Nov. 23 (H), won, 3 pts. to nil.
 1947—Mar. 22 (H)* won, 14 pts. to nil.
 Nov. 22 (A), lost, 3 pts. to 7.
 1948—April 3 (H), won, 6 pts. to 3.
 Nov. 27 (H), won, 16 pts. to 6.
 1949—Mar. 26 (A), lost, 3 pts. to 6.

* Venue reversed.

Newport: Won 5, lost 2, drawn 1; For 77, agst. 46.

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C. CRABTREE	(2)	Right Wing
V. DAVIES	(6)	Outside Half
J. TEAKLE	(7)	Inside Half

Referee—

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Forwards—

T. DAY	(8)
H. J. MEADOWS	(9)
D. IBBOTSON	(10)
G. HASTINGS	(11)
R. PARRY	(12)
C. DUNN	(14)
S. SMART	(15)
A. G. HUDSON, Capt.	(16)

NEWPORT

Colours—Black and Amber.

Full Back	G. GIBBON	(1)
Right Wing	KEN JONES	(2)
Right Centre	KEN SPRAY	(3)
Left Centre	BRYN WILLIAMS	(4)
Left Wing	DERYK JONES	(5)
Outside Half	ROY BURNETT	(6)
Inside Half	HADYN THOMAS	(7)

NEXT HOME MATCH—

v. **Richmond**
SATURDAY, JAN. 28th.
Kick-off 2.45 p.m.

Forwards—

T. STERRY	(8)
LYN DAVIES	(9)
G. HIRST	(10)
L. E. T. JONES, Capt.	(11)
PETER DAVIES	(12)
D. DANDO	(14)
R. T. EVANS	(15)
H. J. TOVEY	(16)



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Lysaghts' R.F.C. is only in its second season, but its ideals, team spirit and enthusiasm is equal to the clubs with long tradition.

There is always a "beginning," and Lysaghts' R.F.C. has commenced as it means to continue.

It is fitting that Mr. E. C. Lysaght should be president of the R.F. Club. He, in his day, played Rugger in the correct spirit, and with him taking a genuine interest in his works team there is every reason for a bright and successful future.

The first season was fairly successful when it is remembered that pronounced difficulties were encountered with the ground and team building. The committee and faithful members of the team overcame all obstacles, and to-day they can look back with pride and measure their efforts with satisfaction.

Special praise is due to Jack Horton, who has not yet missed a match. His efforts on and off the field have been an inspiration to his colleagues. Good work has been done for the club by Len Travers (where there is Rugby will be found a Travers), Arthur Dixey, Ivor Davies and W. Gorman (secretary).

The highlight of the initial season was a visit to the Lockheed Brake Company, whose strong fifteen narrowly triumphed after a grand open game.

Games this season have been of a high standard, enjoyed by players and spectators. The main effort booked for the future is the meeting of Risca Athletic R.F.C. in the first round of the Supporters' Cup.

Last season Risca Athletic beat Lysaghts six points to three, and then went on to win the cup. Lysaghts' ambition at the moment is to reverse last year's result with Risca Athletic and go on to the final.

Under the leadership of "Mac" Carter, the team is highly optimistic, but do not intend even to put the result of any game before their policy of good open Rugby.

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SUPPORTERS CLUB NEWS

After several very pleasant visits where many new friends were made, our travelling supporters look forward to watching the first XV at home. We extend our good wishes to Roy Burnett on his return, and wish all selected players good fortune in the Final Welsh Trial.

On Friday, December 30th, the club are staging the second of a series of dances at the G.W.R. Institute, Mill Street. Dancing will be from 7.30 p.m. to 12 to the music of Ken Wells and his All Star Sextet. If the result of the first dance is any criterion, then this should be a very successful effort, because despite the snow there was a gathering of 200 at our first venture.

Arrangements are going ahead for the annual dance in February.

The Supporters’ annual outing will be to London for Newport’s game against the Wasps on March 11th. An outing fund has now started, and subscriptions can be made after any match at the Bowls Pavilion.

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