Newport Rugby



Football Club

Gloucester v. Newport

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16th, 1954. Kick-off 3.30 p.m.

NOTES

Newport entertain Gloucester at Rodney Parade this afternoon, and this is always an attractive and closely contested meeting. The English Club have a good record this season, suffering only their first defeat last Saturday when, with the majority of their first team players engaged in a County match, they were beaten at home by Richmond. Back to full strength to-day, this should prove a very even match. Last season, Newport were beaten at Kingsholme by 8 points to 3, and won an equally close return game at Rodney Parade by 6 points to nil.

In the selected Newport side to-day John Roblin who has, himself, been far from fit of recent weeks, returns to the threequarters, and replaces Brian Jones, who will be out of the game for a spell with an injured wrist. In the forwards, Gordon Morris will also be an unfortunate absentee, through injury. G. W Price comes back to the front row and the most interesting experiment is being tried of playing a threequarter, G. Whitsun, at wing-forward—a position that is causing considerable difficulty to fill adequately this season. Whitsun, who will be playing his first game for Newport, has appeared with success in the wing forward position for the United side.

Thanks must be expressed to Supporters for their magnificent response to the appeal, at the Cardiff match, on behalf of the Hospitals Broadcast Scheme. The £100 realised will enable discussion of plans to link up other Hospitals in the area, where practicable. There is full appreciation, too, of the efforts of the Newport Schools' Rugby Union, under Mr. Don Jones and Mr. Phil. Hill, who organised the collecton.

A final note of interest: Newport have conceded 36 points in the last 3 rames, comprising 10 penalty goals and two dropped goals. Only 3 tries have 1 scored against the side in the last six matches. It has certainly been rugby with a 'kick in it' so far this season!

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PRESENT SEASON PLAYERS

H. A. DAVIES

*

Harold Arthur Davies was born in Newport on November 2nd, twenty-nine years ago.

He comes from a footballing family, and he played in the same Newport pack as his cousin, Peter Davies, who wore the Black and Amber for many seasons.

As a schoolboy, he played for the Belle Vue School XV and was selected for the Town team in the full-back position. He served four years in the Navy (1942-1946) and played Services football.

On returning to "civvy street" he joined Newport Saracens R.F.C. and favoured the wing-forward position.

After one season he joined Newport and, although not immediately making the 1st team, he continued to give capital performances as a blind side wing-forward. He was selected often as a back-row forward for the premier side, but when Tom, Sterry broke his leg some years ago he was experimented with as a front-row forward. He soon proved his worth as a scrummager and henceforth was a recognised "prop."

He forced himself into a regular position in the front row a few games before the "All Blacks" game last season. It is now ancient history how that pack played as a "terrible eight" on that occasion. He has cheerfully accepted many hard knocks, but has never had the misfortune to be badly crocked.

Harold is keeping alive the fine reputation of previous "Dockers" who I played for the Newport XV.

He has the essential qualities of a good club man, and his loyalty is a shining example to all future would-be aspirants for a place in the Newport team.

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FIXTURE LIST. 1954-55

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Nov. 6—Pi 13—C 20—A 27—Li Dec. 4—Bi 11—C 18—H 25—X	ardiff A bertillery H ondon Welsh A ristol A ambridge U H arlequins A mas Day No match			12—Wasps A 19—Rosslyn Park H 26—Gloucester A April 2—Aberavon H 9—Crosskeys H E.M. 11—London W., 11 a.m. H E.T. 12—Barbarians H 16—Neath H 23—Plymouth A Mon. 25—Devonport Serv. A Tues. 26—Exeter A 30—Welsh Sevens N'port

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D HILL

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(8) (9)

(10)

(12)

(14)

(15)

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> Next Home Game-SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23rd

Kick-off 3.3	0 p.m.
Forwards—	
H. A. DAVIES	(8)
BRYN MEREDITH	(9)
G. W. PRICE	(10)
G. KEELEY	(11)
IAN FORD	(12)
D. G. ACKERMAN, Cap	ot, (14)
JOHN HERRERA	(15)
G WHITSLIN	(16)

v. Wasps

Forwards—	
H. A. DAVIES	(8)
BRYN MEREDITH	(9)
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The Supporters' Committee are still waiting for ideas for a Club Tie. Now that Newport Rugby Supporters' Club is known over such a vast area, not only in this country, but in South Africa, where we have members; also in Australia, and, nearer home, in Ireland, it is only right that we should have our own Tie, so if you will give a little thought to this matter and let the Committee have the results of your efforts we should be very grateful.

Club membership is still rising and we are around the 800 mark. We still want about 450 more. Membership is 2/6d. per annum, including your button Badge.

The Annual Outing to Richmond on Saturday, 22nd January, is fully booked up. Breakfast will be at Gloucester, Lunch at Richmond, and Dinner (Sat.), also Breakfast and Lunch on Sunday will be at the Hotel. A deposit of £1 must be paid by the 31st October to bind the booking.

If the number wishing to make the trip to Llanelly is sufficient there will be a Coach available, but we must have the names to-day, which can be handed in at the Canteen, or to Mr. Les Powell or Mr. L. King at the Social Centre after to-day's match.

We are hoping to hold a Dance at the Transport Club Ballroom next month, details will be published as soon as available.

DATE TO REMEMBER!

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