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Newport Rugby Football Club

GLOUCESTER

vs.

NEWPORT

SATURDAY, 18th OCTOBER, 1958. Kick-off 3.30 pm.

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floodlights at Pandy Park on October 29th and on November 26th on this ground shall play Penarth under floodlights. Arrangements have been made to play the Royal Navy here under lights in January. The Newport players selected for Monmouthshire versus Glamorgan next Thursday at Neath are:—N. Morgan, C. Lewis, J. Hurrell, D. Greenlake, J. Herrera and T. Ford.

Next Saturday we are home to the Wasps.

NEWPORT RUGBY SUPPORTERS' NOTES.

After the recent successful run, it was surprising to be defeated by Blackheath, although victory for the London Club was long overdue, and no doubt gave a big boost to their centenary celebrations.

Today's visitors can be expected to provide strong opposition, and will be a severe test for Billy Watkins, who we congratulate on being chosen to play for the first time, in the premier side.

We ask supporters to note a coach will be running to Abertillery on November 1st, and would be pleased if names are given to the organiser, Mr. A. Paul, or any Committee-member as soon as possible. We will be leaving the N.A.C. at 1.45 p.m., return directly from the match.

It has also been decided that the Annual Outing will be to Leicester, on Saturday, February 14th, full details will be published in these notes at a later date, paying-in cards, if desired, can be obtained from Mr. Paul or Mr. L. King. If you have not yet obtained your supporters' badge, they will again be on sale at the gates, and at the Canteen, price 2/6.

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NOTES.

The English clubs met so far this season have lowered our colours. Gloucester will certainly go all out to carry on the good work. Our visitors won their game last Saturday at Kingsholm although many of their stars were in the County side playing Devon. To-date their record reads won 6, lost 2, 107 pts. for and 55 pts. against. Over the last eight seasons Newport have recorded the double 4 times to Gloucester’s once with three seasons all square with a victory apiece. To-day their formidable pack includes George Hastings and Vic Leadbeater, both English internationals. Hastings is a very mobile prop forward and expert place kicker, and Leadbeater (formerly of Newport) plays a very intelligent game at lock and is a lines-out expert.

Our points record so far this season shows twice the amount for as against —72 to 36. In our four victories no points were registered against us (Welsh Clubs), but in the three defeats (English Clubs) we conceded 36 points. Geoff Whitson after a successful run out with the United returns to the back row and W. R. Watkins will play inside-half to Gethin Evans. Watkins played one game last season against the Universities Athletic Union XV. He has captained St. Luke’s College, Exeter and has played for Devon. Bryn Meredith will be out for some weeks yet, but the other invalids, Roy Burnett and Glyn Davidge will be having fitness trials this afternoon with the United at Gloucester.

Next Thursday at 7 p.m. in the N.A.C. Gymnasium a form of sports quiz called “Make your Mark” will be broadcast on the Welsh Home Service. Newport and Llanelli will be the opponents, each side supplying four members. The accent will be on rugby football. We shall be playing a friendly under

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