

Newport Rugby Football Club

GLOUCESTER . NEWPORT

MONDAY, 28th MARCH, 1966 kick-off 7.15 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

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NOTES

Gloucester are another team who are seeking a double at Newport's expense at Rodney Parade today. They won on 16th October last at Kingsholm 14-13. The last time that doubles were achieved was in 1957, when Gloucester won 12-6 at home and 8-6 at Newport, and only once

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That indicates, of course, that Gloucester rarely won at Newport, and in fact their last success at Rodney Parade was in March, 1962. This, however, was rather a humiliating experience for Newport because, after our president, Lord Brecon, had formally opened the new Social Centre, Gloucester proceeded to whack our team 16-0.

On top of this, Newport have generally found it difficult to overcome Gloucester on their famous Kingsholm ground. Their last win there, in fact, was five years ago, by the substantial margin of 23-11.

You never know what will happen in Newport-Gloucester matches. In between all these close games, there was one in 1958, when Clive Lewis scored a hat-trick of tries, and Newport recorded a 30-3 victory which was their biggest since 1895.

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Golucester have generally had an outstanding start in the England team, and the latest in a distinguished line is Don Rutherford, their full back. Rutherford was England's full back in all their four matches of 1960 and against the Springboks in 1961, then he lost favour with the selectors for several years, but he is back again now and virtually unchallenged as England's full back.

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GLOUCESTER Colours: CHERRY and WHI					NEWPORT Colours: BLACK and AMI	
C. WHEATMAN	(1)	Full Back		Full Back	J. ANTHONY C.C.C.C	(15)
N. FOICE	(2)	Right Wing		Right Wing	D. PERROTT $ au$	(14)
J. BAYLISS	(3)	Right Centre		Right Centre	I. TAYLOR	(13)
D. AINGE PG	(4)	Left Centre		Left Centre	G. BRITTON $ au$	(12)
J. GROVES	(5)	Left Wing		Left Wing	P. REES T	(11)
T. HOPSON	(6)	Outside Half		Outside Half	R. PHILLIPS T	(10)
M. BOOTH	(7)	Inside Half	3	Inside Half	C. WILLIAMS	(9)
		Forwards	n	Forwards		
J. MILNER	(8)		10		M. WEBBER	(1)
M. NICHOLS	(9)				G. BEVAN	(2)
J. FOWKE	(10)				B. PERRINS	(3)
A. BRINN H. SIMMONDS	(11)				B. MORRIS T	. (4)
R. LONG	(12)				R. BENDALL	(5)
G. WHITE T	(13)				K. POOLE	(6)
D. OWEN	(14)				J. JEFFREY A. HURFORD	(8)
R. SMITH	(15)				A. THOMAS	(7)
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port's supporters the three brilliant players who have been honoured by selection for the British Lions tour of New Zealand and Australia. We are all very proud of David Watkins, Stuart Watkins and Brian Price and we are sure that they will add lustre to the name of Newport just as Ken Jones, Malcolm Thomas, Bob Evans, Bryn Meredith and Glyn Davidge did in other Lions tours since the war.

Congratulations to David Watkins, Brian Price and Stuart Watkins on their selection for the British Lions tour They have brought great honour to our Club and we wish them a highly successful tour It is interesting to note that of the thirty players selected from throughout Great Britain, no less than six come from our small County of Monmouthshire. Of this we can be very proud.

Our first team record to date is Played 32, Won 21, Drawn 3, Lost 8, Pts. For 345, Pts. Against 190, 70.3%.

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Leading points scorers :-	- Matches	Tries	Pens.	Cons.	Dr. Gls.	Pts
John Anthony	32		11	20		73
Stuart Watkins	21	19				57
David Watkins	29	3	2	7	9	56
Peter Rees	26	10				30
Gordon Britton	29	6			1	21
Alan Thomas	25	6				18
Ivor Taylor	25	5				15

The winner of the £5 Prize Draw held at our last home match was Mr. Ian Brice, of 16 New Barn Path, Llanfrechfa, nr. Newport, Mon., with ticket number 229.

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