



Newport Rugby Football Club

GLOUCESTER

v.

NEWPORT

MONDAY, 25th MARCH, 1968

kick-off 7.15 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

6d.

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NOTES

The curtain came down on the International scene last Saturday, leaving France undisputed champions. They humbled the four Home Counties, so for the first time they have achieved the "Grand Slam".

The "Lions" leave at the end of the season so we can concentrate now on the domestic front.

Our results up to the end of February were a bit ragged, but with four wins in our last four games there appears a bit more "bounce" in the team. The heavy programme has taken its toll, so by giving a few of the regulars a well deserved rest the remainder of the campaign can be shared without undue pressure on a limited few.

Tonight there are six changes from the side on duty against Paris University last Friday. Martin Webber returns to his "prop" position after leading British Universities against French Universities at Ebbw Vale last Friday. Keith Jarrett who was reserve for the Wales game last Saturday, replaces Dennis Perrott, Brian Mills comes in for Youth player Allan Evans, Len Martin the former Army player partners Bill Morris in the second row, Warren Lewis takes over from Keith Poole and hooker Vic Perrins, recovered from his injury, takes the place of Peter Rose.

Brian Price who received a leg injury in the Cardiff game was selected to play last Friday, but unfortunately the trouble had not cleared up and he must once again receive treatment before returning. We trust he will make a speedy recovery.

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Colours : RED and WHITE

D. RUTHERFORD (Capt.)	(1)	Full Back
D. MEDCROFT	(2)	Right Wing
J. BAYLISS	(3)	Right Centre
R. JARDINE	(4)	Left Centre
R. MORRIS	(5)	Left Wing
T. PALMER	(6)	Outside Half
J. SPALDING <i>G. Williams</i>	(7)	Inside Half

Forwards

J. FOWKE	(8)
M. NICHOLLS	(9)
R. COWLING	(10)
A. BRINN	(11)
N. JACKSON	(12)
P. FORD	(13)
D. OWEN	(14)
R. SMITH	(15)

NEWPORT

Colours : BLACK and AMBER

Full Back	J. EVANS	(15)
Right Wing	S. WATKINS	(14)
Right Centre	K. JARRETT	(13)
Left Centre	D. CORNWALL	(12)
Left Wing	P. REES	(11)
Outside Half	P. EVANS	(10)
Inside Half	B. MILLS	(9)

Forwards

M. WEBBER (Capt.)	(1)
V. PERRINS	(2)
T. DAVIES	(3)
W. MORRIS	(4)
L. MARTIN	(5)
D. HAINES	(6)
R. WILLIAMS	(8)
W. LEWIS	(7)

Referee: W. D. DAVIES (Swansea)

Next Home Match: v. R.A.F., Wednesday, 27th March, kick-off 7.15 p.m.

NOTES (continued)

Gloucester, our visitors tonight are having an "in" and "out" sort of season, due to injuries to key players and County calls. Last season we won on this ground 31 points to nil and at Kingsholme, we won 8 points to 6 points. On October 21st last, at Gloucester we shared 26 points. This was a useful performance for us because we were still dazed by the departure of David Watkins, the day before. Gloucester's English International and "Lions" full-back Don Rutherford is playing immaculately as ever, still possessing a wonderful sense of position, a safe pair of hands and the flair for goal kicking.

On Wednesday night we are home to the R.A.F. and we wind up a full week by playing Neath here on Saturday afternoon.

Next Monday, commencing 6.30 p.m. the Vince Griffiths—Bill Everson Memorial Sevens will take place. Matches will take place on a league basis between Bristol, Cardiff, Monmouthshire and Newport. Tickets are available, Grand Stand 5 -, Enclosure 3/6 and Field 2/6.

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