



**Newport Rugby Football Club**

**GLOUCESTER**

v.

**NEWPORT**

**SATURDAY, 19th OCTOBER, 1968**

**kick-off 3.30 p.m.**

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

6d.

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## **NOTES**

The game last Saturday against Blackheath will be remembered not so much for the high number of points scored, but for the manner and execution of the planned moves. Undoubtedly the leadership of Brian Price and the full understanding of the coaching has enthused into the team an intelligent sense of anticipation. This flat out plan of attack at all times, coupled with intensive support have given us the initiative. Thoughtful covering during defensive periods has shown that this aspect of the game has not been neglected. The new rule, whereby, direct kicking to touch between the two 25's is forbidden, has brought the game into the open. The old so-called attacking, by hugging the touchline, particularly by both half-backs, is as dead as the proverbial dodo. The new rule is operative for one season at all levels, and will be open to review. The answer must be very plain.

Gloucester come to us today with an impressive record having won 9, drawn 2, lost 2. Pts for 231 and pts. against 119. They were unbeaten until they met Bedford two weeks ago and last Saturday they lost away to the Harlequins, 16 pts. to 3 pts. Don Rutherford, their former England and British Lion full-back, who collected 14 caps, has retired. On the Barbarians' Easter Tour he broke the same elbow which he fractured on the Lions' tour of New Zealand.

Last season our game at Gloucester ended in a 13 pts. each draw, our scorers being a try a piece by Peter Rees and Stuart Watkins with two conversions and a penalty by Keith Jarrett. This was a brave show because just two days beforehand the team captain David Watkins left for the Rugby League. The return game on this ground gave us a narrow 8 pts. to 6 pts. victory, the scorers, 1 try by Stuart Watkins and a try by Keith Jarrett which he converted.

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Colours: CHERRY and WHITE

E. STEPHENS	(1)	Full Back
R. GWILLAM	(2)	Right Wing
J. BAYLISS	(3)	Right Centre
R. MORRIS	(4)	Left Centre
J. GROVES	(5)	Left Wing
T. PALMER	(6)	Outside Half
M. BOOTH	(7)	Inside Half
Forwards		
M. BURTON	(8)	
D. EAST	(9)	
C. TEAGUE	(10)	
A. BRINN	(11)	
J. JARRETT	(12)	
G. WHITE	(13)	
K. RICHARDSON	(14)	
R. SMITH (Capt.)	(15)	

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Colours: BLACK and AMBER

Full Back	J. ANTHONY	(15)
Right Wing	S. WATKINS	(14)
Right Centre	K. JARRETT	(13)
Left Centre	I. TAYLOR	(12)
Left Wing	A. SKIRVING	(11)
Outside Half	M. PARRY	(10)
Inside Half	G. TREHARNE	(9)
Forwards		
	T. DAVIES	(1)
	V. PERRINS	(2)
	M. WEBBER	(3)
	B. V. PRICE (Capt.)	(4)
	W. MORRIS	(5)
	K. POOLE	(6)
	J. JEFFREY	(8)
	P. WATTS	(7)

Referee: M. JOSEPH (Cwmavon)

Next Home Game: v. Pontypool, Wednesday, 23rd October, kick-off 7.15 p.m.

NOTES (continued)

Alan Skirving who usually occupies the right-wing, will play on the other flank today. He is no stranger to this position having played there for Middlesex. This is the only change in the back division. There are three changes in the pack, Bill Morris comes in for Jeff Watkins, Paul Watts takes over from Del Haines and Keith Poole returns as openside wing-forward in place of the promising Gareth Jones.

Under the captaincy of Warren Lewis our United XV (who are playing at Gloucester today) are turning in good performances. They receive the full treatment from our coaches. Gordon Britton has been playing excellently at full-back.

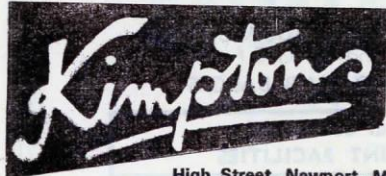
Next Wednesday evening we are home to Pontypool and a week today, for the third successive Saturday, we meet English opposition, the popular Wasps.

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