



Newport Rugby Football Club

GLOUCESTER

v.

NEWPORT

MONDAY, 19th OCTOBER, 1970

Kick-off 7.15 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

6d.

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NOTES

The capacity of the crowd at Cardiff last Saturday in glorious mid-October sunshine, was a tribute to the two excellent XV's fielded to officially open the new Welsh National Rugby Ground, which when finally completed will be the best rugby stadium in the world. The one weak link in the Welsh XV was the absence of a reliable place-kicker, so with this in mind, coupled with a possible vacancy at wing three-quarter, our Laurie Daniel could be in the reckoning.

We could not compete with the attraction at Cardiff so our game with Gloucester was arranged for tonight. We have had many sterling games with our visitors over a long period, but last season was unique that the results see-sawed with dramatic emphasis on records. At Kingsholm last October we suffered our biggest reverse ever to Gloucester, by 21 pts. to 5 pts. The return game in April this year produced another record, in this instance in our favour because we ran out winners 45 pts. to 9 pts., our biggest victory over the West Countrymen.

Our selected team show a few changes from the Blackheath game. Adrian Hearn comes in for his fifth game at full-back, Ivor Taylor plays at centre to allow Billy Raybould to partner Allan Evans at half-back. Phil Waters, after a successful run-out with the United and the Monmouthshire County XV, returns after five weeks lay-off with a leg injury. In the pack Peter Rose replaces Vic Perrins, and Del Haines comes in for Geoff Evans whilst Eric Phillips and Jeff Watkins still bear the brunt in the second row due to the continuing absence of Len Martin who has not recovered from an injury at work.

Players with the necessary age qualifications are keen to catch the eye of the selectors for the Welsh Under-25 XV due to play the Fijians at Cardiff on 21st November. The South Pacific tourists scored their second victory, in the Centenary Year Tour, beating the N.W. Counties by 11 pts. to 6 pts. last Saturday.

Next Saturday we meet the Wasps, our second English opponents in one week, and the following Wednesday we entertain Pontypool on this ground.

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Colours: CHERRY and WHITE

R. ETHERIDGE	(1)	Full Back
R. CLEWES	(2)	Right Wing
J. BAYLISS	(3)	Right Centre
D. BROOKS <i>R. JACOBINE</i>	(4)	Left Centre
J. DIXS	(5)	Left Wing
E. STEPHENS	(6)	Outside Half
M. BOOTH	(7)	Inside Half
		Forwards
M. BURTON	(8)	
M. NICHOLS	(9)	
R. COWLIN	(10)	
A. BRINN	(11)	
N. JACKSON	(12)	
J. HAINES	(13)	
M. POTTER <i>J. JAKRETT</i>	(14)	
R. SMITH	(15)	

NEWPORT

Colours: BLACK and AMBER

Full Back	A. HEARN	(15)
Right Wing	L. DANIEL	(14)
Right Centre	I. TAYLOR	(13)
Left Centre	P. EVANS	(12)
Left Wing	P. WATERS	(11)
Outside Half	W. RAYBOULD	(10)
Inside Half	A. EVANS	(9)
	Forwards	
	G. SUTTON	(1)
	P. ROSE	(2)
	C. PRESCOTT	(3)
	E. PHILLIPS	(4)
	J. WATKINS	(5)
	D. HAINES	(6)
	J. JEFFREY (Capt.) <i>A. EVANS</i>	(8)
	K. POOLE	(7)

Referee: M. S. LEWIS (Cardiff)

Next Home Match: v. WASPS, Saturday, 24th October, kick-off 3.15 p.m.