



**Newport
Rugby
Football
Club**

OFFICIAL
PROGRAMME
3p

**GLOUCESTER
VERSUS
NEWPORT**

MONDAY, 27th MARCH, 1972
Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

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NOTES

We are hoping to have our invalids fit for the space of games in the next nine days. We have had our problems, mostly in the pack, during March and now we desperately want to have a fuller selection for the remainder of the season.

We made an inglorious exit from the Welsh Rugby Union Knockout Cup when we went out to Aberavon at the Talbot Field.

Tonight we welcome the mighty Gloucester XV. They are having a good season in Club and County games. They supplied two forwards to the English side that lost to Scotland, 'prop' M. A. Burton and lock A. Brinn. Last season Gloucester recorded the double at our expense. We lost at Kingsholm 16pts. to nil and lost 15pts to 9pts on this ground. When we played at Gloucester last October we lost 18pts to nil, so our visitors are hoping for the 'double' for the second year. Gloucester played Coventry last Saturday in the semi-final of the English' Knockout Cup Competition. At the time of going to print we do not know the outcome of this game but everything points to a hard gruelling encounter.

Over the Easter week-end we play three home games, meeting Crosskeys in a local derby on the Saturday, the crowd pulling London Welsh on Monday and on the Tuesday the opposition will be the star-studded Barbarians.

This is our first opportunity to congratulate Mr. Vernon Parfitt who is President elect to the W.R.U. We wish him a successful reign in office during 1972-73 season.

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GLOUCESTER 9

Colours : CHERRY and WHITE

E. STEPHENS C, PG (15) Full Back
R. CLEWES (14) Right Wing
J. BAYLISS (13) Right Centre
R. JARDINE (12) Left Centre
J. DIX T (11) Left Wing
T. PALMER (10) Outside Half
M. BOOTH J. SPALDING (9) Inside Half

Forwards

R. COWLING (1)
M. NICHOLLS (Capt.) (2)
A. BURTON (3)
A. BRINN (4)
N. JACKSON J. JARRETT (5)
J. WATKINS (6)
M. POTTER J. OWEN (8)
D. SMITH (7)

NEWPORT 3

Colours : BLACK and AMBER

Full Back J. ANTHONY (15)
Right Wing L. DANIEL (14) PG
Right Centre P. EVANS (Capt.) (13)
Left Centre N. EDWARDS (12)
Left Wing R. FRANCIS (11)
Outside Half K. JAMES (10)
Inside Half A. EVANS (9)

Forwards

G. SUTTON (1)
M. PAUL (2)
R. SHIPP (3)
J. WATKINS (4)
I. BARNARD (5)
D. HAINES (6)
K. POOLE (8)
G. EVANS (7)

Referee : M. S. LEWIS (Cardiff)

Next Home Match : v. CROSS KEYS, Saturday, 1st April, 1972, kick off 3.15 p.m.