

1875



1973

Newport Rugby Football Club

NEWPORT



GLOUCESTER

at Rodney Parade, Newport

on Saturday, 20th October, 1973

kick-off 3.15 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 5p

CLUB NOTES

Away from the rugby field, arrangements are now being made for Newport's fixture in this season's Rothman's Rugby Quiz. We have been drawn to test our rugby knowledge versus Bath in the first round and it is pleasing to report that the sixteen man team will comprise of four members each from St. Julian's H.S.O.B., Newport H.S.O.B. and Newport Saracens, together with four from N.A.C. As a first prize of £500 is being offered to the winning team, there is certainly every reason for participants to start reading this year's copy of the Rothman's Rugby Almanack as this will be the basis of all the questions.

Last Saturday's youth game versus Cwmcarn was postponed due to the fact that both teams supplied five players to the South Mon. team who played Cardiff in the Crawshay and Hornimans Cup at Caerphilly. The Newport players were Richard Taylor (last season's Welsh Youth International), Chris Lewis and Martin Webb, who all played with David Vaughan and David Waters who were reserves. Unfortunately South Mon. were defeated by 34-10 and eliminated from the competition.

Having only lost one game this season, and once again proving the most successful team in the club, supporters are asked to make a note in their diaries of Saturday, 3rd November, when the youth travel to Cwmcarn to play the semi-final of the Nathan Rocyn Jones Cup versus the local team. As well as the semi-final of one cup, both teams have agreed to count it as a preliminary round for the Welsh Youth Cup inaugurated last season. Another item for supporters' diaries is the change of date for our first visit to Cardiff, we will now play them on Wednesday, 7th November, 1973, to allow the Cardiff club to travel to France for their annual Remembrance Day fixture.

After the difficulties the Welsh Rugby Union got themselves into over the draw for the Challenge Cup competition, it is pleasing to note that we have been drawn to play Ruthin, the North Wales club, away. This will be a new experience for the team and we wish them well as they set out on the cup trail.

OCTOBER'S HOME FIXTURES

1st XV

Friday, 5th October, 7.15 p.m.	v.	CARDIFF
Wednesday, 10th October, 7.15 p.m.	v.	EBBW VALE
Wednesday, 17th October, 7.15 p.m.	v.	CROSS KEYS
Saturday, 20th October, 3.15 p.m.	v.	GLOUCESTER
Saturday, 27th October, 3.15 p.m.	v.	WASPS

UNITED XV

Saturday, 13th October	v.	CAERLEON COLLEGE
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YOUTH XV

Saturday, 6th October	v.	CARDIFF JUNIORS
Saturday, 27th October	v.	CHELTHENHAM COLTS

TODAY'S VISITORS

For the second time this season Newport supporters have the opportunity of congratulating a visiting team on reaching their century. Today it is the turn of the "Cherry and White's", our great rivals from the West Country.

At a meeting held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Gloucester, on the 15th September, 1873, the Gloucester Rugby Football Club was formed with Frank Hartley being elected captain and Mr. J. P. Riddiford elected Hon. Secretary. During the early years, Gloucester proved just as difficult to beat as are the present-day teams. It is interesting to note that in 1882-83 the team, under the captaincy of J. F. Brown, obtained the only invincible season in the club's history with the following record:—

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Season 1891-92 saw the club move to their present headquarters, Kingsholm, and also W. Yiend became the club's first English International. Since then, the club have played a prominent part in West Country and English rugby and the following are a few of the many players who have made the club a name to be respected in the rugby world: W. J. Jackson, C. Hall, W. Johns, D. R. Gent (also famous as the rugby correspondent for the Sunday Times), A. Hudson, S. Smart, P. C. Hordern (who also played for Newport), T. W. Price, W. G. Hook, G. W. D. Hastings, D. Rutherford (Chief Technical Administrator and Adviser to the Rugby Union), Peter Ford, Alan Brinn, Mike Burton and John Watkins. All these players are internationals but I am certain that the "Cherry and White" supporters would agree that two players who were never lucky enough to attract the national selectors' eye, namely Micky Booth and Dick Smith should be included in the list.

Congratulations Gloucester, all best wishes for a season to remember, and a repeat of your 1971-72 season's success when you were the first winners of the Rugby Unions Challenge Cup under your present skipper Mike Nicholls.

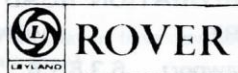


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THE TEAMS

GLOUCESTER

Colours: CHERRY AND WHITE

E. STEPHENS	(15)	Full Back
R. CLEWES	(14)	Right Wing
R. WHITE	(13)	Right Centre
J. BAYLISS	(12)	Left Centre
J. DICKS	(11)	Left Wing
N. EVANS	<i>D. HAGREAVES</i> (10)	Outside Half
J. SPALDING	(9)	Inside Half

Forwards

K. RICHARDSON	(1)
M. NICHOLLS (Capt.)	(2)
R. BUTLER	(3)
S. BOYLE	(4)
J. FIDDLER	(5)
D. OWEN	(6)
J. JARRETT	(8)
R. SMITH	(7)

NEWPORT

Colours: BLACK AND AMBER

Full Back	P. JENKINS	<i>A HEBBANE</i> (15)
Right Wing	D. HADDEN	(14)
Right Centre	R. WATKINS	<i>K. DAVIES</i> (13)
Left Centre	N. EDWARDS	(12)
Left Wing	M. L. SHORE or K. DAVIES	(11)
Outside Half	R. GUILFOYLE	<i>D. ROGERS</i> (10)
Inside Half	R. MAIDMENT	<i>A. EVANS</i> (9)

Forwards

R. MORGAN	(1)
D. FORD	(2)
C. SMART	(3)
L. JONES	(4)
A. MOGRIDGE	(5)
G. EVANS (Capt.)	(6)
K. ROWLANDS	(8)
G. WILLIAMS	<i>D. HAINES</i> (7)

Referee : E. M. LEWIS (Govilon)

Next Home Match : v. WASPS, Saturday, 27th October, 1973, kick-off 3.15 p.m.