

Newport
Rugby



Football
Club

Gloucester v. Newport

SATURDAY 27th MARCH, 1954. Kick-off 3.30 p.m.

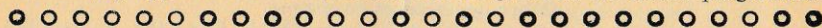
NOTES

It is again unfortunate that an important home fixture clashes once more, to-day, with a home International. Newport's experience this season in this respect has indeed been an unhappy one, and home gates have certainly suffered accordingly.

There can, however, be no lack of interest in to-day's game when Gloucester are ever welcome visitors to Rodney Parade. The English Club are enjoying a splendid season, and must rank as one of the strongest sides of the year. They are playing fast and resourceful rugby, and to-day's game should certainly provide first-class football between two well matched sides. Gloucester are without their former Newport and Welsh captain, John Gwilliam, but they have selected an extremely strong team, including many seasoned players well-known at Rodney Parade.

Newport, of course, are without their captain, Ken Jones, playing in his 34th consecutive game for Wales, while L. H. Jenkins is also at Cardiff—this time as reserve. Graham Ross deputises for his captain, while the great point of interest in the Newport back division, is the possibility of Roy Burnett returning to outside half after an absence of over two months through injury, which has kept him out of the side. At the time of writing a decision regarding his fitness has not finally been confirmed, but everyone will hope to see this grand little half-back in the game again. Changes in the forwards see both Ian Ford and R. Sheppard brought back.

Although, like most Clubs, heavily loaded with fixtures during the last month of the season, after to-day Newport have only the three Easter matches at home. Re-arranged away games are at Penarth on Monday, April 12th, and at Llanely on Thursday, April 29th. Next Thursday evening, April 1st, Newport United play Newport H.S.O.B. at Rodney Parade. The kick-off will be at 5.30. Keep May 1st open for the first-ever Welsh Sevens' Tournament at Newport. Detail have already appeared in the Press and will be given in the Easter programmes.



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T. HALLS	(1)	Full Back
J. E. TAYLOR	(2)	Right Wing
R. SUTTON	(3)	Right Centre
M. BAKER	(4)	Left Centre
N. CRABTREE	(5)	Left Wing
W. CARTMELL	(6)	Outside Half
J. HOBBS	(7)	Inside Half

Referee—
Mr. W. J. Evans,
Llandaff

Forwards—
G. HASTINGS (8)
C. THOMAS (9)
R. PARRY (10)
H. WELLS (11)
J. VARNEY (12)
P. FORD (14)
R. HODGE (15)
D. IBBOTSON (16)

NEWPORT

Colours—Black and Amber

Full Back	G. LEGGE	(1)
Left Wing	JOHN LANE	(5)
Left Centre	BRIAN JONES	(4)
Right Centre	M. C. THOMAS	(3)
Right Wing	GRAHAM ROSS	(2)
Outside Half	ROY BURNETT	(6)
Inside Half	D. O. BRACE	(7)

Next Home Games
Easter Matches—
v. NEWBRIDGE
v. LONDON WELSH
v. BARBARIANS
All Kick-off 3.30 p.m.

Forwards—
G. KEELEY (8)
LYN DAVIES, Capt. (9)
H. A. DAVIES (10)
G. MORRIS (11)
IAN FORD (12)
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