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# NEWPORT RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

OFFICIAL



PROGRAMME

## Gloucester v. Newport

Saturday, 6th April, 1946

Kick-off 3.30 p.m.

### NOTES.

To-day's game with Gloucester is the forerunner of a series of attractive home matches to wind up this first very successful post-war season. Bath, Nuncaton and London Welsh will be met, the programme culminating with the visit of the famous Barbarians on Easter Tuesday.

Gloucester are among Newport's very oldest friends and opponents. The clubs first met as long ago as 1878, and except for the breaks forced by two Great Wars, fixtures have been practically unbroken ever since. In actual point of fact, we can record 101 games played, of which Newport have won 69, Gloucester 20 and 12 have been drawn. At Gloucester, earlier in the season, Newport registered a very good victory by 11 points to 3.

Since the retirement of W. H. Travers, who served Newport and Wales with such distinction, it is worthy of note that another Newport forward is wearing the mantle of hooker in the Welsh side. Sheer merit has won this honour for Jack Bale, whose skilful hooking and sterling all-round forward capabilities has earned him a permanent place in the Welsh pack. Twenty-nine years of age, Bale, a Newport born lad, is another product of the Pill Harriers Club, whom he assisted before the war. As a member of the Newport Police Force, his prowess has also earned him the distinction of appearing in representative football for the British Police at the White City. During the war, Bale was a sergeant in the Commandos and took part in landings in North Africa. In one of these he was taken prisoner, and after being sent to Italy, had the thrilling experience of escaping right through enemy territory into Switzerland, where he was interned until the end of the war.

Please peruse the enclosed leaflet, issued by the Newport Athletic Club, with care. It is a guide to all members and intending members of the revised Annual Club Subscriptions for the coming year, operating from May 1st.

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## GLOUCESTER

Colours—Red and White

H. BOUGHTON (Capt.)	(1)	Full Back
W. D. KEAR	(5)	Left Wing
K. WATKINS	(4)	Left Centre
S. H. DAVIES	(3)	Right Centre
H. CRABTREE	(2)	Right Wing
K. DANIELS	(6)	Outside Half
H. RICHARDS	(7)	Inside Half

Referee—

Mr. V. C. Phelps,  
Llandaff.

Forwards—

T. PRICE	(8)
B. DAVIES	(9)
T. DAY	(10)
S. SMART	(11)
R. MORRIS	(12)
J. THORNTON	(14)
G. DUNN	(15)
G. HUDSON	(16)

## NEWPORT

Colours—Black and Amber

Full Back	D. R. MORGAN (1)
Right Wing	ROSS JOHNSON (5)
Right Centre	A. R. PANTING (4)
Left Centre	LES WILLIAMS (3)
Left Wing	W. E. WILLIAMS (2)
Outside Half	GRAHAM JONES (6)
Inside Half	J. C. HAWKINS (Capt.) (7)

NEXT HOME GAME—

v. BATH

SATURDAY, APRIL 13th

Kick-off 3.30 p.m.



Forwards—

FRANK MORRIS	(8)
J. BALE	(9)
F. OSMOND	(10)
J. COLEMAN	(11)
W. G. JONES	(12)
RUSSEL TAYLOR	(14)
E. COLEMAN	(16)
R. T. EVANS	(17)