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Newport Rugby Football Club

OFFICIAL



PROGRAMME

Gloucester v. Newport

Saturday, April 3rd, 1948

Kick-off 3.30 p.m.

Newport entertain Gloucester on the Athletic Grounds this afternoon in what will be the final home game of the season. It is an appropriate wind-up, as our near English neighbours have, as usual, proved to be a very good side again this year with a record of 23 victories in 31 games played. Meetings between the clubs invariably provide keen, open Rugby, and we sincerely trust to-day's game will close the home programme in fitting manner.

For the Newport club it has, in many ways, been a remarkable season. In the first place the programme of matches has been the heaviest for many years, and secondly the team had to contend with a most indifferent start to the season which, in the first three months produced disappointing football, and a record out of keeping with Newport traditions. At the end of November, with 18 games played, only nine had been won, eight lost, and one drawn; 153 points had been scored, and almost as many—145—recorded against. It is true that a brave showing had been made against the Australians, but it was really only at the beginning of December that the team got into stride, and to such good purpose that since defeat—at Gloucester it so happens—on November 22nd, only two games have since been lost, and, finally, on the occasion of their last home engagement to-day, there is every satisfaction in recording a record of:—

P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts. for.	Pts. agst.
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Gwili Jenkins must indeed be reviewing his season of captaincy with much satisfaction. He has himself scored almost one-third of Newport's total of points, having registered 130 with 10 penalty goals, 4 tries and 44 conversions. With five games remaining, including to-day's, there is the possibility of his bringing his total for the season up to 150 points. In his two seasons with Newport—he also recorded over 100 points last season—Gwili Jenkins has proved an outstanding personality in the side. Not only has his own play been consistently excellent, but, as captain, his enterprise and leadership have been notable contributions to the welding of a most successful Newport fifteen, and let it be added that his efforts have met with the loyal response and support of all who have worn the Newport colours this season. It was early apparent that team construction would be a vital necessity, and that the task has been so successfully accomplished reflects the highest credit on the captain, vice-captain (W. G. Jones) and the players as a whole.

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GLOUCESTER

Colours—Cherry and White.

P. G. NICHOLLS	(1)	Full Back
B. WILLIAMS	(5)	Left Wing
S. DANGERFIELD	(4)	Left Centre
S. H. DAVIES	(3)	Right Centre
C. CRABTREE	(2)	Right Wing
W. E. JONES	(7)	Outside Half
D. D. EVANS	(6)	Inside Half

Referee—

W. D. Richards,
Llanfrechfa.



Forwards

I. PRICE	(8)
C. THOMAS	(9)
T. DAY	(10)
R. MORRIS	(11)
J. WATKINS	(12)
C. DUNN	(14)
E. L. BEVAN	(15)
G. HUDSON, Capt.	(16)

NEWPORT

Colours—Black and Amber.

Full Back	GWILI JENKINS (Capt.)	(1)
Right Wing	A. ROCHE	(2)
Right Centre	J. EVANS	(3)
Left Centre	K. A. N. SPRAY	(4)
Left Wing	D. JONES	(5)
Outside Half	ROY BURNETT	(6)
Inside Half	HADYN THOMAS	(7)

Forwards

J. H. BALE	(8)
W. G. JONES	(9)
E. COLEMAN	(10)
J. A. Gwilliam	(11)
L. E. T. JONES	(12)
D. DANDO	(14)
PETER DAVIES	(15)
A. H. ROWLAND	(16)