

Newport Rugby Football Club

OFFICIAL
PROGRAMME



PRICE
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Gloucester v. Newport

Saturday, November 27th, 1948

Kick-off 2.45 p.m.

Gloucester are ever welcome and popular visitors to Newport, and their annual encounter on the Athletic Grounds this afternoon is awaited with the usual pleasure. Post war meetings between the clubs have, each season, provided points of interest. In the '45/46 season, for instance, there was that remarkable game at Newport—acclaimed by many as the most exciting match on the Athletic Grounds during this post-war period—when both sides scored 21 points, each compiling three goals, a penalty goal and a try. The game at Newport in the following season was played in such a torrential downpour of rain that proceedings had to be abandoned after 20 minutes of the second half, with Newport leading by a try to nil. That was the season of frost and snow, so that the venue of the return game at Gloucester had to be switched back to a second game on Newport's protected ground. Last season Gloucester won their home encounter, and although they lost by six points to three at Newport, they were a very unfortunate side to be defeated on that day's play. Prior to a mid-week defeat at Oxford, Gloucester had won six out of their last seven matches, and with their Welsh halves, W. E. Jones and D. Evans, always colourful contributors to the game, there is every indication of a meeting between two well-matched sides this afternoon.

A complimentary dinner to honour two N.A.C. members, Ken. Jones and W. S. Griffiths, and the Swimming contingent from Newport who represented Great Britain at the 1948 Olympic Games, will be held at the King's Head Hotel on Saturday, 11th December, at 6.30 p.m. This will be a unique and notable occasion for Newport sportsmen, and members of the club who wish to attend should send in their applications for tickets (without remittance) to reach the Club Office by Monday, 29th November. The cost is 12s. 6d. per ticket.

Should any thoughts yet be directed to Christmas, Club Members are also informed that there will be the customary Club Dance in the Gymnasium on Boxing Night, on the occasion of the visit of the Watsonians. Members can obtain tickets (5/- each) from the Club Social Centre to-night and on subsequent Saturday nights between 7 and 9 o'clock.

Newport have accepted an invitation from the Middlesex Rugby Union to take part in the "Seven-a-side" Tournament at Twickenham on April 30th. At the end of the season Newport themselves hope to stage a "Seven-a-side," and if this is successful followers will have the opportunity of witnessing Rugby of a calibre too long denied them.

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GLOUCESTER

Colours—Cherry and White.

P. B. NICHOLLS	(1)	Full Back
S. F. DANGERFIELD	(2)	Left Wing
K. DANCILL	(3)	Left Centre
B. B. KNIGHT	(4)	Right Centre
C. CRABTREE	(5)	Right Wing
W. E. JONES	(6)	Outside Half
D. D. EVANS	(7)	Inside Half

Referee—

Mr. D. Pritchard,
Swansea Valley.



Forwards—

T. DAY	(8)
C. THOMAS	(9)
J. WATKINS	(10)
R. R. MORRIS	(11)
J. BERRY	(12)
C. DUNN	(14)
Dr. W. MURRAY	(15)
G. HUDSON (Capt.)	(16)

NEWPORT

Colours—Black and Amber.

Full Back	LEN JONES	(1)
Right Wing	W. H. M. BAKER	(2)
Right Centre	A. H. ROWLAND (Capt.)	(3)
Left Centre	R. WADE	(4)
Left Wing	D. JONES	(5)
Outside Half	R. BURNETT	(6)
Inside Half	H. THOMAS	(7)

NEXT HOME MATCH—

v. Cambridge Univ.

THURSDAY, DEC. 9th,

Kick-off 2.45 p.m.

Forwards from—

W. TRAVERS	(8)
E. COLEMAN	(9)
T. STERRY	(10)
L. E. T. JONES	(11)
B. EDWARDS	(12)
D. DANDO	(14)
S. KIMPTON	(15)
H. A. DAVIES	(16)