Official Programme

Newport Rugby Club

GLOUCESTER

v.

NEWPORT

SATURDAY, 26th MARCH, 1960. Kick-off 7 p.m. (Floodlights)

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NOTES

The counter attractions this afternoon included the lure of an International almost on our doorstep and in a lesser degree the first time ever televising of the Grand National at Aintree. The boom of our floodlights enabling a late kick-off is now very much taken for granted and always assuming that our visitors on these particular occasions kindly fall in with the revised kick-off it appears that this is our permanent solution to big game clashes and also to postponed games due to inclement weather.

When we visited Gloucester in October we were on the crest of the wave with 6 victories in our first 6 games, with 96 pts. for to 30 pts. against. In a hard fought game we still had our unbeaten record at the close, 11 pts. to 6 pts., but the margin was just a converted goal.

The policy of drawing on our reserve strength is paying dividends for with each game the United players gain valuable experience which should be to their advantage in the future. We are delighted that Geoff Whitson has recovered from the injury sustained in Dublin and also that he is fit enough to take his rightful place in our pack tonight. Talking of “rightful place” in a pack the red-shirted pack at Arms Park this afternoon was also a “rightful place” for Geoff. We are proud of our representation in the Welsh team today and although the game will now be over and the inquest held it is not too late to congratulate Bryn Meredith on resuming the captaincy and holding the record of the most capped Welsh hooker, together with Norman Morgan, Glyn Davidge, Brian Cresswell and our own skipper Brian Jones.

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As far as home games are concerned, after today only three more are to be played and they are all over the Easter week-end, which leaves six away games and the Welsh Sevens before saying good-bye to season 1959/60.

SUPPORTERS NOTES

Although only a small party of supporters visited Sudbury for the Wasps match, the trip was thoroughly enjoyed, despite the fact that the Wasps trophy had to be left behind.

Last Saturday's game against Abertillery was a very hard one, the day being saved by yet another of those goal kicks by Norman Morgan, which have yielded such happy results of late. Had both sides been at full strength, this could have been a great game.

We are hoping for a return to winning form this evening, but our visitors from Gloucester are usually a tough side to beat, and, with our team weak from International duties, they have a good chance to crack the ground record.

We hope all our representatives at Arms Park this afternoon had a good and successful game.