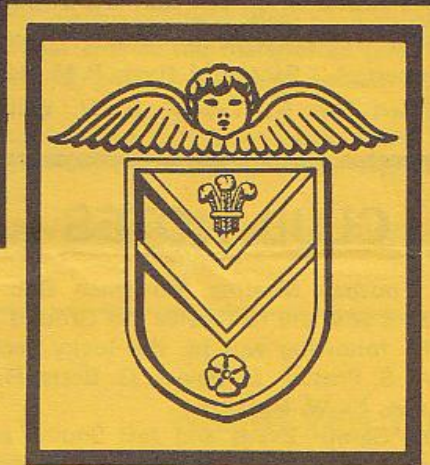


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Saturday
16th October 1976

KICK-OFF
3.15 PM

GLOUCESTER

ANGLO-WELSH MERIT TABLE GAME

Official Programme 10p

THE TEAMS

Referee: D. O. Hughes (Newbridge)

GLOUCESTER

Colours: Cherry and White

Ron ETHERIDGE	(15)	Full Back
Robert CLEWES	(14)	Right Wing
Steve CLEWES	(13)	Right Centre
Richard JARDINE	(12)	Left Centre
Paul WILLIAMS	(11)	Left Wing
Chris WILLIAMS	(10)	Outside Half
Peter KINGSTON	(9)	Inside Half

Forwards

Keith RICHARDSON	(1)
Steve MILLS	(2)
Mike BURTON	(3)
Alan BRINN	(4)
Phil WINNELL	(5)
John WATKINS (Capt.)	(6)
Eddie PINKNEY	(8)
John SIMONET	(7)

Substitutes

Rodney CORRIEA
Fred REED

NEWPORT

Colours: Black and Amber

Full Back	Leighton DAVIES	(15)
Right Wing	Ken DAVIES	(14)
Right Centre	David BURCHER (Capt.)	(13)
Left Centre	Gareth EVANS	(12)
Left Wing	Jeff MARTIN	(11)
Outside Half	David ROGERS	(10)
Inside Half	Alan EVANS	(9)

Forwards

Colin SMART	(1)
Steve JONES	(2)
Rhys MORGAN	(3)
Tony MOGRIDGE	(4)
Jeff WATKINS	(5)
David SANDERS	(6)
Paul WATTS	(8)
Brian LEASE	(7)

Substitutes

Tony HAINES
Ian BARNARD

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NEXT HOME GAME v NEWBRIDGE WEDNESDAY 20th OCTOBER, K.O. 7.15 p.m.

WELCOME TO RODNEY PARADE

This afternoon's visitors have made a fine start to the season, although they have been without the services of English International full back Peter Butler, one of the most prodigious points scorers in the modern game. In 1973-74 he amassed 574 points, which was only 7 points short of Sam Doble's world record, so the Cherry and White's will be hoping that he is soon fit enough to regain his place in the team.

England flanker John Watkins has certainly got a well balanced team at his command. In front of Butler, the three-quarters have such fine players as Bob Clewes, Richard Jardine and R. Mogg, who are admirably served by International half backs, Chris Williams and Peter Kingston. Many top critics are already talking of this pair being selected together this season and solving England's thorny problem. It is certain that Newport's back row this afternoon will have to be in top form to keep them in check.

Up front the Gloucestershire front row of G. Sargent, S. Mills and British Lion Mike Burton backed up by locks S. Boyle and John Fidler, provide the platform for a scrummage in the best West Country tradition. While the skipper, John Haines and P. J. Winnell provide a back row that are as effective in defence as they are in attack.

John Watkins is determined that as skipper of his club and county (Gloucestershire contains 8 Gloucester players) to lead them both to success, in the best possible manner. He is confident that he has the material to play 15 man rugby, and create a new image for a club that has always been known for the high class of their forwards.

With both today's teams leading the Anglo-Welsh Merit Table, the game is certain to provide a high degree of excitement. Let's hope it proves worthy of both clubs and may the best team win.

Welcome Gloucester, you first visited us in 1878, may our friendship mature with age.



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