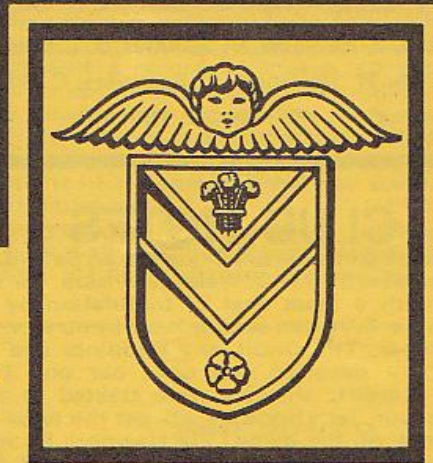


**NEWPORT R.F.C.**

**RODNEY PARADE**

**1977-1978**

**NEWPORT**



Wednesday  
21st December, 1977

KICK-OFF  
7.15 p.m.

**GLOUCESTER**

ANGLO WELSH MERIT TABLE GAME

**AT RODNEY PARADE**

***Official Programme 10p***

## WELCOME TO RODNEY PARADE

Formed in 1873, Gloucester first appeared on the Newport fixture list in 1878. Since that date the clubs have met on 165 occasions, with Newport winning 109, Gloucester 41 and 15 being drawn. The 'Cherry and Whites' have only achieved 4 victories at Rodney Parade, 1956-57, 1962-63, 1970-71 and 1971-72. On each of these occasions they completed 'the double' to emulate the only two other Gloucester teams who achieved this feat in 1881-82 and 1932-33.

Having won this seasons earlier encounter at Kingsholme by 16 pts to 6 pts, this evenings visitors are well aware that they have a rare opportunity of placing their names in the record books. Victories are very hard to achieve at Rodney Parade, especially by clubs from the other side of 'the Bridge' so the 'Cherry and Whites' will be receiving no early Christmas present from the 'Black and Ambers'.

During their illustrious history, Gloucester have made a great contribution to English rugby both on and off the field. It is hoped that their most capped player, the legendary Tom Voyce, will be present tonight and we extend to him a special warm welcome. He must be delighted with the form of the club this season and also their representation in the Gloucestershire county side and the England regional trials.

Full back Peter Butler, is still proving a prolific points scorer and could still force himself into the England team for this seasons Internationals. Wing three-quarter Richard Mogg, prop Mike Burton and lock Stuart Boyle, are all making determined efforts to wear the England jersey this season. Burton is already on the capped list, but if Mogg or Boyle make the England team, they will add their names to the long list of 'Cherry Whites' who have already achieved this honour.

Coach Mike Nicholas will be hoping that the side can repeat the performance of the 1971-72 team, when he was captain. They became the first winners of the Rugby Unions Challenge Cup. He also captained the club in their 'Centenary Season' when they achieved a record of Played 53 Won 39 Drawn 4 Lost 10 For 1077 Against 663 so can be relied upon to produce a brand of rugby in the true Gloucester mould. Such is his appetite for the game he has even turned out this season. But with the players mentioned earlier, together with Bob Clewes, Richard Jardine, Chris Williams, Peter Kingston, Alan Brinn, John Fidler, Eddie Pinkney and John Watkins he is confident that the standard of rugby played will continue to be of the highest order.

Welcome Gloucester, your visits to Rodney Parade have always produced hard exciting rugby. Long may they continue. Please accept our thanks for agreeing to visiting us tonight instead of on Christmas Eve and also our Best Wishes for the Festive Season.

WHEREVER YOU GO  
YOUR BEST BET IS . . .



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# THE TEAMS

Referee: Alan Richards (Caldicot)

## GLOUCESTER

Colours: Cherry and White

Peter BUTLER	(15)	Full Back
Bob CLEWES	(14)	Right Wing
Richard JARDINE	(13)	Right Centre
Brian VINE	(12)	Left Centre
Paul FUNSTALL	(11)	Left Wing
Chris WILLIAMS	(10)	Outside Half
Peter KINGSTON	(9)	Inside Half

### Forwards

Mike BURTON	(1)
Steve MILLS	(2)
Keith RICHARDSON	(3)
John FIDLER	(4)
Steve BOYLE	(5)
John WATKINS	(6)
John SIMONETT	(8)
John HAINES	(7)

## NEWPORT

Colours: Black and Amber

Leighton DAVIES	(15)	Full Back
Ken DAVIES	(14)	Right Wing
David BURCHER (Capt.)	(13)	Right Centre
Gareth EVANS	(12)	Left Centre
Jeff CRANTON	(11)	Left Wing
Keith JAMES	(10)	Outside Half
Brynmor WILLIAMS	(9)	Inside Half

### Forwards

Colin SMART	(1)
David FORD	(2)
Jim DALE	(3)
Tony MOGRIDGE	(4)
David WATERS	(5)
Richard BARRELL	(6)
Jeff SQUIRE	(8)
Keith POOLE	(7)

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MATCH BALL

NEXT HOME GAME v CARDIFF COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, MONDAY 26th DECEMBER, 1977, K.O. 3.15 p.m.

### WHITBREAD MERIT TABLE

As At 19th December, 1977

	P	W	D	L	F	A	%
Ebbw Vale ...	12	10	0	2	187	79	83.33
Maesteg ...	12	10	0	2	235	69	83.33
Swansea ...	10	8	0	2	161	90	80.00
Aberavon ...	10	7	0	3	145	91	70.00
Pontypridd ...	13	8	1	4	201	117	65.38
Pontypool ...	11	7	0	4	234	108	63.63
Neath ...	12	7	0	5	156	178	58.33
Llanelli ...	9	5	0	4	167	103	55.55
Newport ...	11	6	0	5	111	109	54.54
Bridgend ...	14	5	1	8	163	156	39.28
Newbridge ...	13	4	1	7	102	163	34.61
Glamorgan W. ...	9	2	0	7	73	161	22.22
Cross Keys ...	13	2	1	10	97	282	19.23
Abertillery ...	13	2	0	11	96	221	15.38
Penarth ...	8	0	0	8	35	174	—

### ANGLO WELSH MERIT TABLE

As At 14th December, 1977

	P	W	D	L	F	A	%
Moseley ...	7	5	1	1	123	76	78.54
Swansea ...	11	8	0	3	185	131	72.72
Aberavon ...	13	9	0	4	214	167	69.21
Gloucester ...	9	6	0	3	140	119	66.66
Llanelli ...	11	7	0	4	219	115	63.63
Bedford ...	10	6	0	4	163	171	60.00
Leicester ...	8	4	1	3	174	155	56.25
Ebbw Vale ...	9	5	0	4	85	98	55.55
Northampton ...	8	4	0	4	92	96	50.00
London Welsh ...	10	5	0	5	136	140	50.00
Newport ...	15	7	0	8	170	194	46.62
Bristol ...	11	5	0	6	160	157	45.45
Pontypool ...	9	4	0	5	131	104	44.44
Neath ...	9	4	0	5	100	166	44.44
Bridgend ...	14	6	0	8	182	198	42.84
Coventry ...	10	3	1	5	170	158	35.00
Richmond ...	6	2	0	4	44	81	33.32
Saracens ...	5	1	1	3	71	90	30.00
Bath ...	9	2	0	7	141	212	22.22
Newbridge ...	10	2	0	8	73	151	20.00