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 1979. Since that date the clubs have met on 185 occasions, with Newport winning 109, Gloucester 41 and 15 being drawn. The ‘Cherry and Whites’ have only achieved 4 victories at Rodney Parade, 1986-87, 1982-83, 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 1952-53.

Having won this seasons earlier encounter at Kingsholm 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 southern 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 63 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 Cleaves, Richard Read, Graeme Williams, Peter Kington, 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

GLOUCESTER

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Forwards

Mike BURTON
Steve MILLS
Keith RICHARDSON
John PUNTER
Steve BOYLE
John WATKINS
John SIMONETT
John WATNES

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Full Back
Right Wing
Right Centre
Left Centre
Left Wing
Outside Half
Inside Half

Leighton DAVIES
Ken DAVIES
David BURCHER (Capt.)
Gareth EVANS
Jeff CRANTON
Keith JAMES
Brynmor WILLIAMS
Colin SMART
David FORD
Jim DALE
Tony MOGRIDGE
David WATERS
Richard BARRELL
Jeff SQUIRE
Keith FOOLE

NEWPORT

Colours: Black and White

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NEWPORT R.F.C. WOULD LIKE TO THANK
UMBRO
INTERNATIONAL
FOR SUPPLYING THEIR RUGBY CLOTHING
AND
ALCAN METAL CENTRES
FOR SPONSORING TODAY'S
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 18th December, 1977**

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