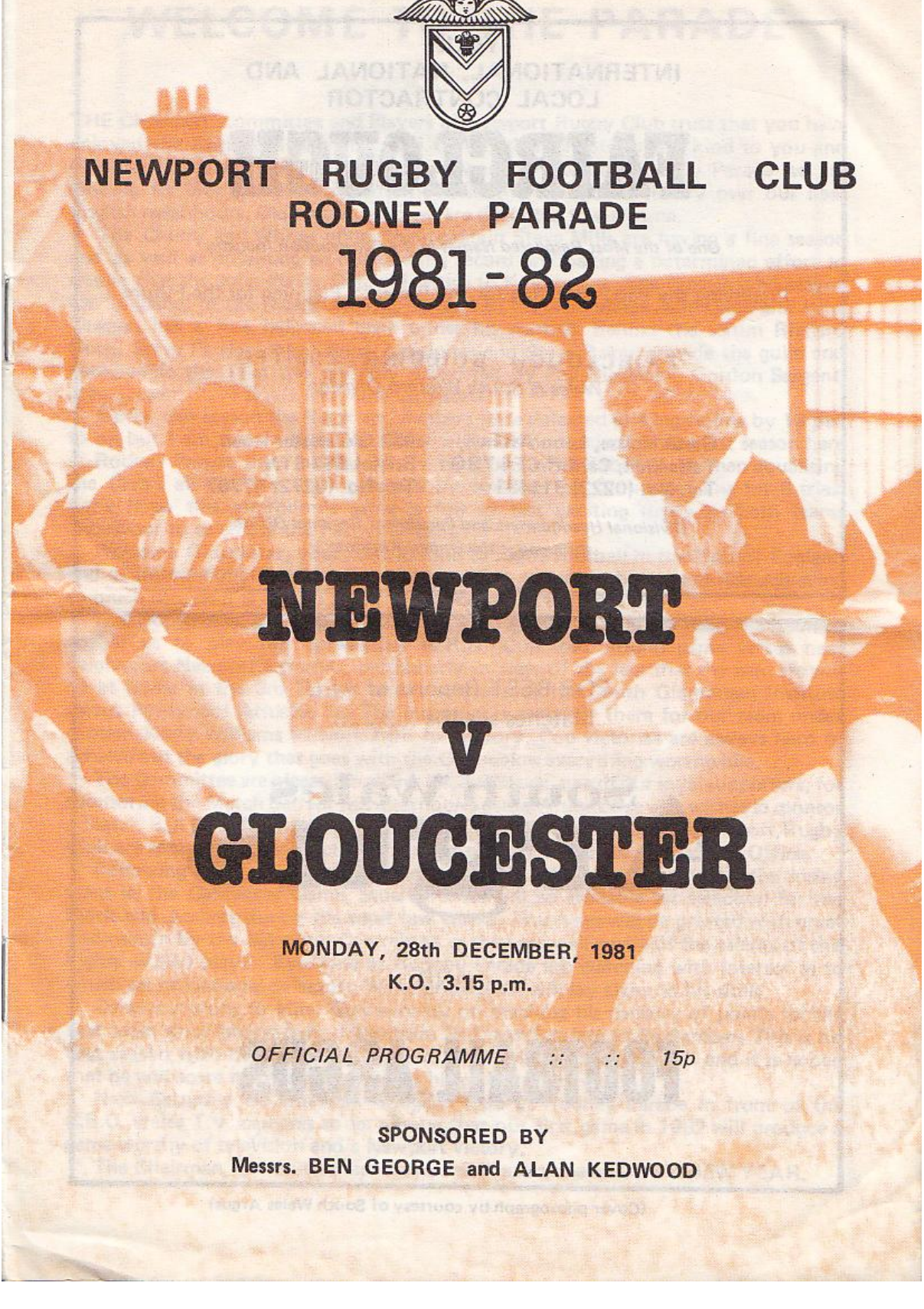




**NEWPORT RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB
RODNEY PARADE**

1981-82



**NEWPORT
v
GLOUCESTER**

MONDAY, 28th DECEMBER, 1981

K.O. 3.15 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME :: :: 15p

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TODAY'S TEAMS

NEWPORT

Colours: Black and Amber

Stuart BARNES 15
 Nigel WEBB/
 Julian ROBINSON 14
 Gareth EVANS 13
 Justin ROBINSON/
 Mark FENWICK 12
 Robert ACKERMAN 11
 Mike GOLDSWORTHY 10
 Alun BILLINGHURST/
 Nigel CALLARD 9
 Jim McCREEDY 1
 Mike WATKINS/
 Paul RANSOM 2
 Rhys MORGAN 3
 John WIDDICOMBE/
 Nigel HUGHES 4
 David WATERS 5
 Nigel WILKS 6
 Kerry WILLIAMS (Capt.) 8
 Tony AUBIN 7

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

GLOUCESTER

Colours: Cherry & White

P. FORD 15
 R. MOGG 14
 P. TAYLOR 13
 S. PARSLOE 12
 P. PRITCHARD 11
 L. JONES 10
 S. BAKER 9
 P. BLAKEWAY 1
 S. MILLS (Capt.) 2
 M. PREEDY 3
 J. ORWIN 4
 N. PAYNE 5
 J. GADD 6
 M. TEAGUE 8
 M. LONGSTAFF 7

Substitutes:

REFEREE: W. D. BEVAN (Swansea)

Next Home Game: Saturday, 2nd January, 1982 v. BRIDGEND K.O. 2.45 p.m.

(PLEASE NOTE)

NEWPORT R.F.C. WOULD LIKE TO THANK MESSRS. BEN GEORGE
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Newport R.F.C. Programme Editor: B. J. Jones

WELCOME TO THE PARADE

THE Chairman, Committee and Players of Newport Rugby Club trust that you have enjoyed the Christmas festivities and that Father Christmas was kind to you and delivered all those lovely presents you wanted. Here at Rodney Parade we are looking for our 'present' this afternoon in the form of a victory over our near English neighbours, Gloucester, who we are delighted to welcome.

The Cherry and Whites under their captain Steve Mills are having a fine season and as well as obtaining an outstanding record are making a determined effort to ensure that the John Player Cup will return to Kingsholme. The captain who played for 'England' in the recent Trial, as did two of his team mates John Gadd and Mike Teague, has a fine balanced team under his control. Behind the scrum Richard Mogg, Steve Parsloe, Peter Ford, Les Jones and Steve Baker provide the guile and pace, while the Trial trio are ably supported by Phil Blakeway, Gordon Sargent, John Orwin, Steve Boyle and Mike Longstaff.

Earlier this season the Black and Ambers were defeated at Kingsholme by 19 pts. to nil but I am certain that Gloucester will need no reminding that last season here at Rodney Parade they lost by 38 pts. to 6 pts., with Robert Ackerman equalising the Club's all-time try scoring record by crossing the Gloucester line for 6 tries. Let's hope this afternoon's game is full of fast exciting rugby as both teams endeavour to celebrate the Festive Season.

Welcome Gloucester, your contribution to rugby football in the West of England and at International level has been outstanding and with the current side achieving so much success it is certain that it will continue in the future.

It is hoped that the weather has been kind enough during the Festive Season to enable us to play our Schweppes W.R.U. Cup 2nd Round game versus near neighbours Newport Saracens, particularly in view of the fact that the winners will be at home in the 3rd Round to the winners of the South Glamorgan Institute versus Pontypool Athletic tie. The incentive is certainly there for our team under captain Kerry Williams to work hard for victory. Cup victories are always hard to achieve but the glory that goes with the Cup makes everything worthwhile.

The Committee are pleased to thank Mr. Joe Walsh, one of our loyal supporters, for sponsoring the Match Ball for this afternoon's game. Anyone else who wishes to sponsor a Match Ball or enter into any other form of sponsorship regarding Newport Rugby Club are requested to contact any member of the Committee or the Club Office.

Following his very successful Varsity Match, although finishing on the losing team in the Centenary Game, Stuart Barnes will be available for selection for the Black and Ambers during the next few weeks. This news will be greeted with great enthusiasm by the Selection Committee as they are well aware of the talents of this highly skilled player. Everyone at Rodney Parade are watching with interest as to which set of National Selectors, Wales or England will lay claim to his skills.

Congratulations to Mike Goldsworthy on reaching his century of points for the first team since taking over the outside half position late in September. This is his first season with the Black and Ambers since joining from Penarth and it is hoped that he will score many more points as his career progresses.

Next Saturday we entertain Bridgend here at Rodney Parade in front of the B.B.C. Wales T.V. cameras so let's hope that our first game in 1982 will produce a game worthy of television and a Newport victory.

The Chairman, Committee and Players wish everyone a HAPPY NEW YEAR.