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GLOUCESTER v. NEWBRIDGE

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	Full Back
15.	P. Ford
	Three Quarters
14.	D. Morgan
* 13.	P. Taylor
*§ 12.	R. Mogg
* 11.	N. Price
	Half Backs
10.	M. Hamlin
§ 9.	S. Baker
	Forwards
*† 1.	P. Blakeway
	2. G. Manns
	3. R. Phillips
*† 4.	S. Boyle
*† 5.	J. Fidler
* 6.	P. Wood
	7. D. Spencer
*§ 8.	M. Teague
	REPLACEMENTS
	N. Scrivens
	R. Wilmott

NEWBRIDGE

	Full Back
15.	W. Bow
	Three Quarters
14.	A. Glasson
13.	P. Evans
12.	D. Owen
11.	C. Phillips
	Half Backs
10.	P. Turner (Capt.)
9.	L. Davis
	Forwards
1.	G. Hewlett
2.	P. Ransom
3.	B. Cripps
4.	T. Shaw
5.	S. Harris
6.	P. Jones
7.	S. Griffith
8.	M. Short
	REPLACEMENTS
	M. Oliver, A. Morgan
	M. Whittson

Referee: A. WELSBY (Manchester Society)

† International

§ Under 23 International

* County



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Not overshadowed

Newbridge comes to Kingsholm hot on the heels of teams bearing such illustrious names as Cardiff, Llanelli and Pontypool, and immediately before Newport. In fact, so many Welsh rugby supporters and players have crossed Westgate Bridge, recently, that I hear they are thinking of lifting passport restrictions.

Nevertheless, tonight's visitors can hold up their heads with any of them. Any team which can comprehensively beat Bristol can't be all bad, and Newbridge have administered pretty severe frights to several other very good sides as well.

Last season, when we travelled to them, our visitors tonight just took the edge in what I am told was a pretty good game, and we came home trailing by the odd two points in 38. (20 - 18 for anyone who can't remember his 'O' Level maths).

Two years ago, on their last visit to Kingsholm, Newbridge lost by six points to nil, in what I remember as a forthright struggle. So there hasn't been much between the sides recently.

It would probably be fair to say that both teams are better than they were at this time last season, so we'll see how the pendulum swings tonight.

All seems set fair for a good game, but however things turn out, it's good to see Newbridge back again, and we hope they have a thoroughly good evening, on the field and off it.

Train to Northumberland

October 22nd is the date of the next step in the County's campaign to retain the Thorn County Championship. Northumberland only just managed to lose to Yorkshire, while Gloucestershire were beating Surrey, so there won't be a great deal between the sides — which isn't really surprising, when you think that 10 Gosforth players turned out for their County.

As always, British Rail have turned up trumps, and will be running a special train. I don't have full details, at the time of writing, but you can get them, no doubt, by ringing our old friend Cliff Adams at the Travel Centre.

One up to the Ladies!

Rugby grounds are quite often portrayed as strongholds of sexist male chauvinism, by some of the more humourless feminists, but Miss K. Ellis of 29 Clegram Road probably wouldn't agree.

Even if she does, it hasn't stopped her from taking away a thoroughly sexist fiver, which she won by purchasing programme number 956 at the Llanelli game. Ladies don't seem to win the fiver very often, which is probably explained by the fact that they can usually con their male escorts into buying the programme in the first place.

There I go, getting all chauvinist again . . .

Perhaps I'd better pass on to news of the Lucky Programme winner for the Pontypool game. He was Mr. D. E. Meek of Pike Cottage, Ruardean. Well done, old Butt!

Patrons Evening

For the third time of asking — news of the Patrons Evening on Thursday, October 27th. Tickets — free of course — can be obtained from the new Office under the stand, or from members of the Patrons Committee on production of your Patrons Card.

Might be a good idea to do that fairly soon. We have more Patrons than ever before, this year, and we'd like to avoid a last-minute scrum for tickets.

South and South West v. New Zealand

Ground and Enclosure tickets for the game at Bristol will be on sale in the Office this evening. No news about any Stand tickets yet, but if they do turn up they're likely to be in derisory numbers, so perhaps you'd better settle for what's available.

Incidentally, perhaps it's worth pointing out that it's an afternoon game — just in case you thought you could nip down there after work, and instead, suddenly find that you'll have to go to your granny's funeral — again.

News from John Bick

John is delighted with the present outcome of the major Appeal, which has raised over £22,000 at the last count. This is a great effort, and John sends his personal thanks to everyone who gave him help, advice, suggestions and names of potential donors. And of course, the Club is eternally grateful to all those individuals and organisations whose generosity has led to such a fine result.

Not that John Bick is doing any laurel-resting. He's very involved with his major Christmas draw — Top prize, limousine trip for two to the England and Wales game — and would very much like to hear from anyone who would like to act as ticket sellers for him — with the possibility of winning the bottle of Scotch on offer to the seller of the winning ticket.

Why not have a word?

Mustn't miss Saturday

There are two good reasons why I earnestly recommend you to be in your usual spot at 3.00 p.m. on Saturday. The first is that the visitors are Newport, and a season at Kingsholm without watching the black-and-ambers would be like eating a ploughman's lunch without the cheese.

The second reason is that it marks the last match in the incredible string of very strong home fixtures with which we have been blessed, almost since the start of the season. Unfortunately, all matches can't be played at home, and you're going to have to stifle your withdrawal symptoms (after Newport) until we welcome Oxford University on October 29th. Unless, that is, you'd like to go to Gosforth or Clifton next Saturday, or Abertillery on the 26th.

On the other hand, there's an attractive Colts match — against Bath — also on the 26th, and they're always worth a speculative eye.

Unfortunately, the United aren't gainfully employed for the next couple of weeks either.

If all that sounds a bit gloomy, don't let it worry you. The Oxford game starts another mini-string of attractive engagements at home, which includes Glamorgan Wanderers, Rosslyn Park, South Wales Police, (unbeaten at the time of writing) and Cheltenham.

County tickets

The situation about tickets for the Northumberland game seems to be a bit nebulous, at the moment. We didn't get any for Surrey, but Stand tickets for Gosforth may be different — we're not sure. The best I can advise is that you keep an ear cocked for loudspeaker announcements, and if you're likely to want to go, have a word with David Foyle.

250 Club

Brian Howells requests me to keep plugging on behalf of the 250 Club. I'm obviously very happy to do that small thing, because it's one of those proposals which makes good money for the Club, but which has potential pecuniary advantages for the investor too. Worth a gamble for £6.50.

Well done Gaddy!

Congratulations to John Gadd on selection for the Canadian match. Hope he's not being condemned to a career against the 'second division' sides like Fiji and Canada.

'Hard luck' to Phil Blakeway, Steve Mills, Malcolm Preedy and Steve Boyle — although both front and second rows look a bit experimental, and anything could happen.

Be interesting to see the side for New Zealand.

Tailpiece

We always contended that the old South West Group was the strongest in the old-style County Championship. After last Saturday, perhaps some of the pundits will start to believe us. Gloucestershire beat Surrey, Cornwall beat Cheshire and Somerset beat Lancashire. In fact the only West Country side to lose was Devon, and that's no disgrace against the very strong Middlesex side.

It's technically possible that we could meet Somerset in the Semi Final, or even Final. That would be a laugh, wouldn't it?

PETER ARNOLD.