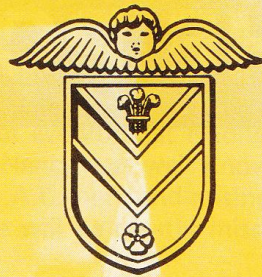


**NEWPORT  
RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

**NEWPORT  
v  
GLOUCESTER**



**RODNEY PARADE :: NEWPORT**

**WEDNESDAY, 21st DECEMBER, 1983**

**KICK-OFF 7.00 p.m.**

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**20p**



# TODAY'S TEAMS

## NEWPORT

Colours: Black & Amber

## GLOUCESTER

Colours: Cherry and White

Phil PARKER	15	Full Back	15	T. SMITH
Marc BATTEN	14	Right Wing	14	D. MORGAN
Chris WILLIAMS	13	Right Centre	13	R. MOGG
Justin ROBINSON	12	Left Centre	12	P. TAYLOR
Chris WOOD	11	Left Wing	11	N. PRICE
Huw WATKINS	10	Outside Half	10	M. HAMLIN
Rowland DAVIES	9	Inside Half	9	S. BAKER
John RAWLINS	1	Forwards	1	G. SARGENT
Michael J. WATKINS	2		2	S. MILLS
Rhys MORGAN	3		3	P. BLAKEWAY
John WIDDECOMBE	4		4	S. BOYLE
David WATERS	5		5	J. FIDLER
Richie COLLINS	6		6	J. GADD
Wayne RENDALL	8		8	M. TEAGUE
Roger POWELL	7		7	D. SPENCER

Substitutes:

Nick DEVONALD  
Nigel WILKS

REFEREE: KEN ROWLANDS (Ynysybwl)

*Next Home Game: Monday, 26th December, v. South Glamorgan Institute  
K.O. - 3.00 p.m.*

The Players and Committee of Newport R.F.C.  
wish to express their Sincere Thanks and Appreciation to  
**Fairclough Building Ltd., Wales & South Western Division**  
for Sponsoring Tonight's Game.

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Newport R.F.C. Programme Editor: B. J. Jones



## WELCOME TO THE PARADE

We hope the weather is kind this evening in order that our near neighbours from 'across the border' are able to travel over the Severn Bridge without any difficulty. The journey time has certainly been cut since the opening of 'The Bridge' in order that the Cherry and Whites and the Black and Ambers can maintain their great rivalry.

Gloucester arrive at Rodney Parade tonight well aware that Newport's victory at Kingsholme on 15th October, by 7pts to 3pts, has given the Black and Ambers the opportunity of achieving 'the double' something they last achieved in 1972-73, when they won at home by 30pts to 9pts and away by 13pts to 9pts. They will also need no reminding that their record against other Gwent clubs has been far from impressive this season. Last season they were defeated here by 10pts to 6pts.

With Gloucestershire once again through to the County Championship Final it is certain that the Gloucester and Bristol clubs will once again provide the bulk of players. Having already provided the South and South-West of England and the County with the following forwards this season: Phil Blakeway, Steve Mills, Malcolm Preedy, Steve Boyle, John Orwin, John Fidler, John Gadd and Michael Teague, it is understandable why they offer such strong opposition up front. The confrontation between the two packs tonight should present enthralling viewing. Behind the scrum the Cherry and Whites will be looking for inspiration from Richard Mogg, who having just failed to gain international honours on the wing is now proving to be a strong attacking centre who will need a great deal of attention.

Welcome, Gloucester — we are confident that you will bring the 'Festive Spirit' to Rodney Parade early and revive memories of such Gloucester favourites as Peter Ford, Eric Stephens, Micky Booth, John Bayliss, Mike Burton, Peter Butler, Dick Smith, Mike Nichols and many, many others.

## CLUB NOTES

Tonight the 'Big Five' announce the 'Wales Squad' for the first Home International versus Scotland at Cardiff on 21st January 1984, and everyone at Rodney Parade will be anxious to learn if our 4 Wales 'B' internationals have been included. This, following the excitement of last Saturday's W.R.U. Challenge Cup Tie and the Draw for the next round on Sports Line Up, has certainly taken thoughts of Christmas out of the minds of the Black and Amber faithfuls.

It was with deep regret that everyone at Rodney Parade learned of the sudden death of Mrs. Nancy Harper. Nancy was well known throughout the town for her charity work, while here at N.A.C. her fund-raising efforts, especially those for the players, were tremendous. She will be greatly missed and we extend our sympathy to all the family.

All Club members will have seen the display in the Members' Lounge of the 'Souvenirs' that are available from the Club Office — why not solve that last-minute Christmas present by supporting Newport R.F.C.? If you are still looking for somewhere to celebrate the coming of 1984, why not make a date in your Newport R.F.C. diary that the Players' are organising a 'New Year's Eve Celebration Disco Party' in the Rodney Hall, commencing at 8 pm. Tickets priced £5, which includes a buffet and a glass of champagne at midnight, are available from any player or the Club Office. During the evening a cabaret will be performed by 'The Stitches Showband', so why not get your tickets tonight!!!

As this is our last game prior to Christmas, the Chairman, Captain, Committee and Players would like to take the opportunity of extending their very best wishes to all members and supporters for a very merry Christmas.