



# Newport R.F.C.

RODNEY PARADE, NEWPORT



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VERSUS

# GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY, 28th DECEMBER, 1985

KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m.

Official Programme: 20p

# TODAY'S TEAMS

## NEWPORT

Colours: Black & Amber

## GLOUCESTER

Colours: Cherry and White

<b>J. CALLARD/P. STEELE</b>	<b>15</b>	Full Back	<b>15</b>	<b>T. SMITH</b>
<b>Marc BATTEN</b>	<b>14</b>	Right Wing	<b>14</b>	<b>D. MORGAN</b>
<b>J. WHITE/R. KNIGHT</b>	<b>13</b>	Right Centre	<b>13</b>	<b>R. McLEAN</b>
<b>Paul DANIEL</b>	<b>12</b>	Left Centre	<b>12</b>	<b>P. TAYLOR</b>
<b>A. BARKER/M. ROBINSON</b>	<b>11</b>	Left Wing	<b>11</b>	<b>J. BREEZE</b>
<b>Dan KIRBY</b>	<b>10</b>	Outside Half	<b>10</b>	<b>M. HAMLIN</b>
<b>N. CALLARD/Tony COOMBS</b>	<b>9</b>	Inside Half	<b>9</b>	<b>M. HANNIFORD</b>
<b>Alan WILLIAMS</b>	<b>1</b>	Forwards	<b>1</b>	<b>M. PREEDY</b>
<b>M.J. WATKINS/H. ALI</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>K. WHITE</b>
<b>R. MORGAN/P. SMITH</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>R. PASCALL</b>
<b>John WIDDECOMBE</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>J. ORWIN (Capt.)</b>
<b>David WATERS</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>J. BRAIN</b>
<b>G. GEORGE/R. COLLINS</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>J. GADD</b>
<b>Wayne RENDALL</b>	<b>8</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>J. BENNETT</b>
<b>R. POWELL/A. POCOCK</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>M. LONGSTAFF</b>

Substitutes:

**FROM ABOVE**

**S. ARTUS**

**G. MANN**

**REFEREE: GARETH SIMMONDS (Taffs Well)**

*Next Home Game: Wednesday, 1st January 1986, v. CROSS KEYS – K.O. 3 p.m.*

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## WELCOME TO THE PARADE

This afternoon we continue our "Festive Fayre" by extending a very warm welcome to our friends from across the border, Gloucester. The Cherry and Whites, under the captaincy of England lock John Orwin, had an indifferent start to the season and un-typically lost a number of games on their home ground of Kingsholme, which has been the graveyard of many teams – Newport included – in the past, when the likes of Peter Ford, John Bayliss, Micky Booth, Eric Stephens, Alan Brinn, Dick Smith and Mike Burton were on parade. Our visitors will need no reminding that a last minute drop goal, from who else but Keith James, gave the Black and Ambers a 12-10 victory in October, and that they last defeated us on 17th October 1981 at Kingsholme, while their last victory here at Rodney Parade was achieved on 20th October 1978, when they won by 16-9. John Orwin will be anxious to put the record straight this afternoon and also to learn if he has obtained a place in the England XV to play Wales at Twickenham. Two team-mates, Mike Preedy and Steve Mills, will also be keen to hear the team as they have previously played for their country. Welcome, Gloucester – our rivalry dates back to the 1870s and is certain to remain into the future. Let's hope we witness a game befitting both our clubs and played with true 'Festive Spirit'.

Competition for places in our back division as soon as everyone is fit will be intense but pleasant for the Selection Committee. Who will obtain the full back berth – Jonathan Callard or Phil Steele?; who will gain selection on the wings and in the centre from Marc Batten, Steve Pill, Shaun McWilliam, Ashley Barker, Mike Robinson, Jason White, Paul Daniel, David Pitt and Ross Knight?; who will be the half backs – Paul Turner or Dan Kirby, Nigel Callard, Tony Coombs or Ricky Stewart? If you were a selector, what would your combination be, taking into account that our forwards are still going to obtain plenty of ball? Remember, you can only select Seven.

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