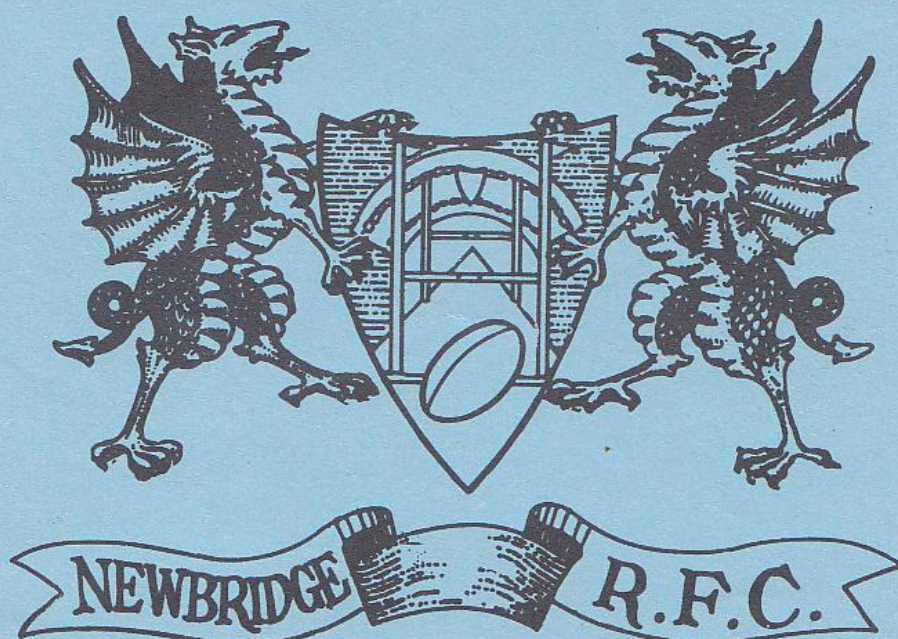


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NEWBRIDGE WELFARE GROUND

Newbridge versus Gloucester

Saturday, November 8th, 1986

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

And a cry of anguish from the start! Are things ever to go right for us season? In the first two months of it we have suffered enough bad luck for two seasons. At a time when we really need all our resources we find that Stuart Griffiths is likely to be out for at least another week with a leg injury, Terry Shaw expects to be out for about another three weeks with his knee, David Hussey still suffers from a leg injury, Neil James won't be available until after Christmas, Chris Manley has work commitments which are likely to last until Christmas and Paul Ransom is decorating a house in anticipation of marital bliss. That's an awful lot of talent to be short of and it's throwing a dreadful burden on the rest of the squad, not to mention the Coaches.

Thank goodness there are some credits. Andrew Thomas intends joining us and his two performances to date promise much. Two more New Zealanders have found us and we can expect to see them in the near future and in addition to Lloyd Davies two of the pillars of the immediate past Ian Goslin and Jim Stokes have been able to return to the Club. Their returns couldn't be more timely considering our present situation.

The last two away matches have been disastrous in their own particular ways. We were well in the game at Maesteg until Hemi fell foul of officialdom and Neil James had to leave the field because of injury. Our hearts go out to Hemi whom it appears suffered a penalty inflicted by the competitive nature of the game rather than a blatant misdemeanour on his part. We hope that the matter will be speedily and justly resolved. We lost the game at Bath rather than them winning it. You don't miss five penalties in their twenty-two and then expect to come away winning.

The Club would like to express their appreciation to Dennis Toomer the Mayor of Islwyn Borough Council. He entertained our New Zealand visitors on Friday last and they were royally received. It was further evidence of the close ties and mutual respect between the Borough and Newbridge Rugby Football Club.

We are pleased to entertain Gloucester on their bi-annual visit to Newbridge. Their start to the season has not been its usual impressive self but this shouldn't lull us into a false sense of security. Recent results suggest that they are returning very much to their normally successful course. We would dearly love a win today, not only because its Gloucester but also to put us in the right frame of mind for next Saturday's Cup game. Whatever the result though, today's game will be hard and keenly contested.

B. W.

SUPPORTERS' NOTES

Today we extend a warm welcome to the Gloucester team and their Supporters and we look forward to a good game.

Although we have been unable to continue our winning ways after the Tredegar match, I am sure that our Supporters left the game at Bath thinking what could have been.

When the teams take the field today let's give a very warm Newbridge welcome to our second New Zealand player. I am sure our Supporters will be pleased if Bruce Corlett settles in as well and as quickly as Hemi Taylor.

Time is running out for those Supporters wishing to purchase scarves, bobble hats, sweaters, etc. for Christmas. Hurry now and place your orders with Mr. Jack Phillips.

Don't forget the Supporters kiosk is open for coffees, teas, snacks, etc.

— ENJOY YOUR AFTERNOON —
THERE'S ALWAYS A WELCOME
AT THE WELFARE.

G. P.

NEWBRIDGE RUGBY FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS CLUB

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NEWBRIDGE

Colours: SKY BLUE & BLACK / RED.

15. SIMON HILL
14. ANDREW THOMAS
13. IAN GOSLIN
12. STEVE CRANDON (Captain)
11. BRUCE CORLETT
10. PAUL WILLIAMS
9. LLOYD DAVIES
1. JOHN RANSOM
2. KIERON GREGORY
3. MALCOLM SIBTHORPE
4. DAVID BIDGOOD
5. SIMON HARRIS
6. PETER JONES
8. ROBERT SMITH
7. TIM COLLINS

Replacements: Neil Ralkes, Chris Phillips,
Steve James, Robin Clayton.

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

Referee:
MR. B. WALLIS,
Cwmbran.

Next home game: SEVEN SISTERS (WRU Cup)
Sat. November 15th, 1986. K.O. 2.30 p.m.

GLOUCESTER

Colours: CHERRY & WHITE

15. NICK MARMENT
14. DEREK MORGAN
13. PAUL TAYLOR
12. RICHARD MOGG
11. JIM BREEZE
10. MIKE HAMLIN
9. RICHARD WILLIAMS
1. MALCOLM PREEDY (Captain)
2. KEVIN DUNN
3. RICHARD PASCALL
4. PAUL WALLACE
5. JOHN ETHERIDGE
6. BOBBY FOWKE
8. MIKE TEAGUE
7. IAN SMITH

Replacements: Juliad Davis,
Glyn Mann.

TODAY'S VISITORS — GLOUCESTER

Last season Gloucester became the first winners of the John Smith Merit Table A, losing only one of their nine matches that counted in the competition.

Watchers of television rugby will have already seen Gloucester this year when they came into South Wales only to lose in a high-scoring game to Newport.

Through the eighties Newbridge have had the better of the results although many of the games have been very closely contested.

None could have been closer than last season's victory at Kingsholm. Lloyd Davies came out of retirement (for the first time) to help the Bridge to a 12 points to 10 victory. Tim Collins scored a try after just three minutes which was converted by Peter Goodfellow. However by half time the scores were level through two Wickenden penalties. Gloucester then took the lead through an Ian Smith try only for Neil James to score Newbridge's second try while Paul Williams' conversion proved to be the winning margin.

Recent results: 1979-80 D 9-9 (a). 1983-84 W 36-16 (a).
 1980-81 W 18-9 (h). 1984-85 W 17-9 (h).
 1981-82 L 0-6 (a). 1985-86 W 12-10 (a).
 1982-83 W 20-18 (h).