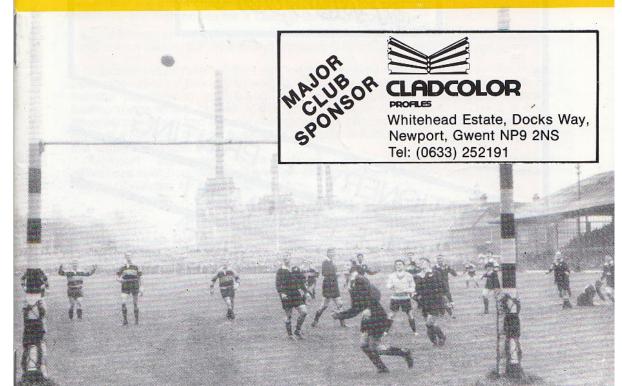


Season 1989-90



VERSUS

GLOUCESTER

Saturday, 23rd December 1989

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Sponsored by WHITBREAD FLOWERS

Programme 40p

TODAY'S TEAMS

Colours: Black & Amber

Gareth HARDACRE Full Back

Andrew TUCKER Right Wing 14

Anthony EVANS Right Centre 13

Lee JONES 12 Left Centre

John THOMAS 11 Left Wing

Outside Half 10 **Paul TURNER**

John REID 9 Inside Half

Frank HILLMAN 1 **Forwards**

> 2 Hassan ALI

Mark DAVIES 3

Phil BOOTH

5 **David WATERS**

Martin PRITCHARD

Andrew POCOCK

Glenn GEORGE (Capt)

Substitutes

Mark YENDLE Glyn MOON Morell SMITH

GLOUCESTER

Colours: Cherry & White

Tim SMITH 15 Full Back

Derek MORGAN 14 Right Wing

Steve DAVIS 13 Right Centre

Richard MOGG 12 Left Centre

Jim BREEZE 11 Left Wing

Mike HAMLIN 10 Dutside Half

Lloyd GARDINER Inside Half

Malcolm PREEDY

Forwards

6

2 John HAWKER

Richard PASCAL 3

Nigel SCRIVENS 4

> John BRAIN 5

Steve ASHMEDE

John GADD 8

ian SMITH

Substitutes

Neil MATTHEWS Larry CUMMINS

Referee: ROBERT G. DAVIES (Swansea)

Next Home Game: Saturday, 6th January v BRIDGEND

Newport R.F.C. thank UMBRO INTERNATIONAL and PATRICK for sponsoring their kit this season

CLUB NOTES

Today's visitors, Gloucester, founded in 1873, must be counted as one of the country's top teams. Last season the Cherry and Whites finished in second place in the Courage League Division 1 and reached the semi-final of the Pilkington Cup, where they lost 3pts to 6pts to the eventual Cup Winners — Bath. Gloucester won the Cup in the first year of competition (1972), again in 1978, and in 1982 shared the award with Moseley (the game ended in a draw 12pts each). In 1988/89 Gloucester's top-scorer was full-back Tim Smith with 345pts. Wing Nick Price was the top try-scorer with 19. The Newport team lost narrowly, 15pts to 19pts, in the first game last season, but at Kingsholm the Black and Ambers were overwhelmed 6pts -42pts. Gloucester are again challenging strongly for the top spot in the League Division I and there are high hopes for a League and Cup Double.

The following paragraph appeared in our last programme. It is repeated for the benefit of our Gloucester friends and any supporters who missed the Bristol game . . .

A collection will be taken at the next home game (against Gloucester) on Saturday, December 23rd for David Mainwaring, a local six-year-old boy. He was born three months prematurely and when only eleven days old he suffered a brain haemorrhage which caused hydrocephalus (water on the brain). David is both severely physically and mentally handicapped, but he has been accepted for treatment at a Special Unit in a hospital in Hungary. A Fund has been launched to ease the family's financial burden.

Newport supporters have always given generously to previous collections and Gloucester folk are well-known for their charity. You can make this a

Happy Christmas for a special little boy.

... THANK YOU, MOST SINCERELY, AND A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL.