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Newport Rugby Football Club

OFFICIAL



PROGRAMME

Cardiff v. Newport

Saturday, Oct. 5th, 1946

Kick-off 3.30 p.m.

NOTES.

Firstly, for the statistically minded, let us recall that in the series last season Cardiff won the first two matches by 28 points to 19 and 10 points to 6, and Newport were successful in the last two encounters by 7 points to 3 and 6 points to 3. And secondly, we would record that Newport and Cardiff have met on 222 occasions. Of these Newport have won 93, Cardiff 92, and 37 games have been drawn. Newport's record of scoring is 172 goals and 190 tries, Cardiff's 167 goals and 186 tries. These few bare facts and figures are more important than they may seem, because perhaps they sum up better than anything else the greatness and intensity of the struggles for supremacy between these old rivals, which are resumed by the first meeting of the season between the clubs to-day.

Neither side has opened the present season with the success and confidence that their respective arrays of talent has quite warranted. Cardiff have already lost to Neath, and although Newport can still claim an unbeaten record, they have had the rather extraordinary experience of drawing four of the first six matches played, three of them being pointless contests.

But the season is barely a month old, and with both teams taking rather longer than usual to get into their stride, it is too early as yet to assess the comparative worths of either side. Potentially we do know that both clubs are capable of playing Rugby of the highest standard, as was revealed in their meetings last season, grand matches which above all else, perhaps, gave that fillip so necessary to the game on the long and difficult path of reconstruction following the war.

That the series will be played in an exemplary and typical spirit of friendly rivalry we have not the slightest doubt, and supporters of both clubs must be sharing with us that pleasurable feeling of anticipation which the first of the four meetings to-day occasions.

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Date	Opponents	Result		Date	Opponents	Result	
		For	Agst			For	Agst
1946				1947			
Sept. 7	Penarth	H	15	6	Jan. 4	Richmond	A
14	Llanelly	H	0	0	11	Plymouth	A
(M) 16	Abertillery	A	0	0	(M) 13	Devonport Services	A
21	Bristol	H	15	10	18	Abertillery	H
28	Swansea	A	14	14	25	Pontypool	H
(M) 30	Pontypool	A	0	0	Feb. 1	Cross Keys	H
Oct. 5	Cardiff	H			(Th) 6	Oxford University	H
12	Blackheath	H			8	Leicester	A
19	Leicester	H			(Th) 13	Neath	H
26	Wasps	A			15	Cardiff	H
Nov. 2	Plymouth	H			22	Blackheath	A
9	Cardiff	A			Mar. 1	Cardiff	A
16	London Welsh	A			8	Bath	A
(Th) 21	London Hospital	H			(M) 10	Cross Keys	A
23	Gloucester	H			15	London Harlequins	H
30	Llanelly	A			22	Gloucester	A
Dec. 7	Bristol	A			29	Wasps	H
14	Cambridge Univer.	H			April 5	Devonport Services	H
21	Swansea	H			E.M. 7	London Welsh	H
B.D. 26	Watsonians	H			E.T. 8	Barbarians	H
28	Newbridge	H			12	Bath	H
					(W) 16	Penarth	A
					19	Neath	A
					26	Newbridge	A

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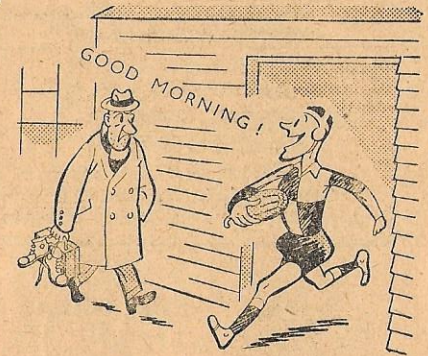
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PERSONALITIES OF NEWPORT RUGBY CLUB.

No. 4.—CAPTAINS OF NEWPORT.

Gracefully and imposingly adorning the wall of Newport's Club Room is an Honours Board. Beautifully made and panelled, there are printed thereon in plain gold lettering thirty-six illustrious names. They are the Captains of Newport Rugby Team from 1875-6 season up to the present day—a period of 70 years.

There is something magnetic about the influence of this Board. You cannot dismiss it with an idle glance. Somehow the whole wonderful history of the Newport Club seems bound up in that gold lettering, compelling constant and thoughtful homage to the men who, for these 70 years, have led Newport to greatness. Actually this subject is worthy of a volume—what an opportunity for the pen of someone with life-long connections with the Newport Athletic Club!—and we can do little more in this short article than try to conjure in the minds of our readers something of the splendour and of the importance of this epic record of the years.

We look with pride at the "stars" against the names of J. Leonard, Wm. Phillips, T. C. Graham and Jack Wetter, indication of Newport's season of invincibility. We gaze with wonderment that Wm. Phillips captained Newport for five successive seasons—from 1877 to 1882, T. C. Graham for four seasons, from 1889-1893, and G. Ll. Lloyd for four seasons, 1899-1903.

There is a simple poignancy in the "Great War" captaining Newport from 1914-1919, and "World War" 1940-1944, incensed by the crosses against the names of Charlie Pritchard, captain from 1906 to 1909, who fell in the former, and against John Evans, captain from 1935 to 1937, who gave his life in the latter. Space does not permit even a passing reference to more of these thirty-six names, but how truly indicative of our "Personalities of Newport Rugby Club" is each of them.

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W. B. CLEAVER	(4)	Left Centre
J. MATTHEWS (Capt.)	(3)	Right Centre
G. PORTER	(2)	Right Wing
BLEDDYN WILLIAMS	(7)	Outside Half
W. DARCH	(6)	Inside Half

Referee—

Mr. T. H. Phillips,
 Neath.



Forwards—

H. E. JONES	(8)
LES MANFIELD	(9)
R. ROBERTS	(10)
W. E. TAMPLIN	(11)
R. M. GLOVER	(12)
J. J. BESWICK	(13)
MALDWYN JAMES	(14)
CLIFF DAVIES	(15)

NEWPORT

Colours—Black and Amber

Full Back	D. R. MORGAN (1)
Right Wing	KEN JONES (2)
Right Centre	A. H. ROWLANDS (3)
Left Centre	K. SPRAY (4)
Left Wing	W. E. WILLIAMS (5)
Outside Half	GRAHAM JONES (6)
Inside Half	N. T. FRYER (7)

NEXT HOME MATCH—
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 SATURDAY, OCT. 12th,
 Kick-off 3.30 p.m.

Forwards—

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FRANK MORRIS	(10)
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No. 4.—W. J. T. COLLINS ("Dromio").
Newport v. Cardiff in 1892.

On November 22nd, 1892, I saw and reported my first Newport-Cardiff match, and so opened that new chapter in my life in which is written a record of happy and still unbroken association with Newport Rugby football. Newport, invincible in 1891-2, had won their first nine games with only 1 try scored against them. They had drafted into the team F. W. Cooper, of Abergavenny, afterwards English even-time sprint champion, who had been playing for the Seconds; Harry Packer, recovered from injury which kept him out of the Invincible XV., was in the pack; for the rest they had the tried players of the previous season (nine of whom afterwards played for Wales against Scotland at Edinburgh).

What a game it was! Arthur Gould dodged over for the first try; Cooper dodged the opposing wing, jumped over the full-back's arms, and scored the second; Dauncey raced in for the third after passing. England converted the first and third, and Newport led at half-time by 13 points. Such a brief record may give the impression that there was "only one side in it." In reality, Cardiff, captained by T. W. Pearson, were always potentially dangerous. Great dribbling by the Newport forwards gave Graham an unconverted try. Then "one wild cheer went up as it was seen that Arthur Gould had possession a little over the halfway line, and was careering away in his best style. Breaking past the opposing backs, he galloped on, dodged E. P. Biggs at full speed, and placed the ball over the line." (Only those who saw Arthur Gould in his prime know how wonderful and how popular he was). To close the scoring the forwards had another turn—this time a handling attack in which Henshaw scored from Packer's pass. England converted these last two tries, so Newport won by 4 goals 2 tries to nil. That was my memorable first Newport-Cardiff game.

On the following Wednesday Newport beat Oxford University at Oxford by 4 goals 3 tries to nil. Harry Packer held (and I agree) that these two matches marked the highest level Newport Rugby football ever attained. The same opinion is held by H. Percy Phillips, one of the halves of that great day, like T. W. Pearson still happily with us.

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And sometimes in the glow and cheer of that Club Room on a Saturday afternoon, after the match has been won or lost, a late wintry sun might spread a fitful gleam on that gold lettering, and it will make those personalities—many of whom are no longer with us—live again. And lost in reverie as we gaze, we almost imagine those giants of the past will step down from their places on that Board and mingle with the goodly sprinkling of "younger" old captains of Newport still happily with us.

IN BRIEF.

Charlie Thomas, the old Newport half-back and giant of T. C. Graham's Invincible season, came from Usk to see Newport's game with Llanelly.

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Replying to a gentle reprimand on his turning out on such a wet afternoon, he retorted, "I was always fond of Llanelly; I was hoping to meet a few of my old pals from there." Charlie Thomas is over 80 years of age!

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"Chic" Mogford, on the staff of the Newport Athletic Club for 26 years, has retired. All sections of the Club are opening a Testimonial Fund for the occasion.

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Friend, guide and mentor to the Newport Rugby team for many years, the scores of former Rugby players and enthusiasts associated with "Chic" will wish to contribute to the happy and comfortable retirement of this grand sportsman.

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