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1975

**Newport Rugby Football Club
CENTENARY SEASON**

NEWPORT v CARDIFF

**at Rodney Parade, Newport
on \Saturday, 22nd March, 1975,**

Kick-off 3.15 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 5p

CLUB NOTES

Last Monday saw the 1st team fail in injury time to get the Aberavon ground record. This was unfortunate, as it would have been the ideal way for the 'depression' that has settled over Rodney Parade during the last month to be lifted. This afternoon, is another ideal opportunity for the wind of change, so let's hope the wind is in the right direction.

John Ryan and the team must now realise what Leeds United under Don Revie must have felt on many occasions, getting so near to the top honours and then failing. At the start of February we were in contention for the three major honours at stake in Welsh rugby, now we are battling to regain a winning way after failing to achieve victory in our last seven matches. John and the team are well aware of the situation, and are determined to show that they have the character and ability to regain their rightful position, just as Leeds United have. Supporters are certain that this memorable season will end on a high note and hope it will start against our 'old rivals' today.

While the 1st team have been having their problems, the United and Youth teams have been achieving a string of excellent results, so the future of the club seems to be in very good hands. The Youth team will be going on tour to Belgium before the end of the season, and with the 1st team going to the U.S.A. in August, and the United having visited Italy, all teams will have made an overseas tour in this Centenary Season.

Full details of arrangements for the U.S.A. tour are not available at the moment, but as soon as they are supporters will be informed in case they would like to travel and support the team. Our Rothmans Quiz Team were defeated by Cross Keys after winning the 1st leg so we will have to wait another year to carry off the trophy.

The Chairman and Football Committee would like to apologise to all Members who did not receive a Field or Enclosure ticket for this season's Home Internationals.

During the last two seasons our allocation of tickets has been drastically cut by the Welsh Rugby Union, and in order that tickets are issued in the fairest way, the Committee have now decided that Field and Enclosure tickets for next season's matches will be allocated on the 'Alphabet System', which has worked well as far as Stand Tickets are concerned.

FORTHCOMING HOME FIXTURES

1st XV

29th March
31st March

v. MOSELEY
v. LONDON WELSH

1st April
5th April
12th April

v. BARBARIANS
CENTENARY MATCH
v. CROSS KEYS

United XV

9th April
17th April
19th April
25th April

v. GLOUCESTER UNITED
v. BLACKWOOD
v. CALDICOT
v. NEWPORT SARACENS

WELCOME TO RODNEY PARADE

In keeping with their inconsistent form this season the 'Blue and Blacks' have reached the depths and the heights during the last two weeks. Their supporters will wish to forget the dismal display and ultimate score at Stradey, while they will no doubt remember the ecstasies of the final fifteen minutes at Arms Park, only a fortnight ago. Their rugby during that period was 'vintage' Cardiff, and it is certain that they will endeavour to produce the same again this afternoon. Although it is certain that they will be well aware that they have already been defeated at Rodney Parade once this season.

While looking through some old papers recently, I came across some comments of a Newport v. Cardiff game played on Saturday, 12th February 1910, by Mr. Hamish Stuart in the "Daily Chronicle".

"These observations have been prompted by the travesty of rugby football which the match between Newport and Cardiff on Saturday produced. Unfair methods, foul play, deliberately rough play, 'playing to win'—these were the only features of a match in which Welsh football knew its culminating disgrace of the season. After such a display there was, one reads, a 'scene of great enthusiasm'. Why? Simply because Cardiff had beaten the unbeaten Newport side by a point. The rivalry between the two clubs is so keen that all 'play to win', none for the pleasure of playing. The play is of no moment; the result is everything, and the means by which it is reached, however discreditable, are justified by the end! The referees tolerate, as I have said, methods of play, breaches of the letter of the law, and of the spirit of the game, which amaze and disgust the 'alien' onlooker, used to clean football and fair play, for its own sake, so that the evil grows by what it feeds upon."

The rivalry between the clubs is still as great as ever but it is certain that if Mr. Hamish Stuart was alive today and able to witness modern-day games, he would have to alter his views. Let's hope that this afternoon's game will be a credit to both clubs and also rugby football.

Everyone at Rodney Parade would like to extend their congratulations to Gerald Davies and Gareth Edwards on their great contribution to the Welsh team's success this season, and in particular the magnificent display against Ireland.

Welcome Cardiff, may our rivalry continue to the benefit of Welsh rugby.

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SELECT THE BEST POST WAR (1939-45) NEWPORT TEAM

Before listing the rules to cover the above competition no 'best' team would be complete without the proper captain and a goal kicker. The following are a few names for consideration for both positions.

Captains:- Jim Hawkins, Hedley Rowland, Ken Jones, Malcolm Thomas, Bryn Meredith, Brian Price, John Jeffery, Geoff Evans.

Goal Kickers:- Garfield Owen, Norman Morgan, Laurie Daniel, Keith Jarrett, David Watkins, Ben Edwards, Malcolm Thomas, Rhys Morgan.

The 'Final Team' will be selected by the following panel, Brian Wall (South Wales Echo), John Billot (Western Mail), Robin Davey (South Wales Argus). Their decision will be final, and the 'selected' team together with the captain will be announced in the Cross Keys match programme on Saturday 12th April, 1975.

All entries must be in writing and received at the Club Office no later than Monday, 7th April 1975. The first entry received to correspond with the team selected by the panel (including the naming of the captain) will be declared the winner.

The winner's name will be announced on the 12th April, 1975, together with the 'Special Prize' he or she will receive.

It is hoped that this competition has stimulated interest during this memorable season. Now is the time to test your ability as a selector so don't hesitate to get your selection off now to the following address:

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THE TEAMS

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CARDIFF

Colours: Blue and Black

J. DAVIES	(15)	Full Back
T. G. R. DAVIES	(14)	Right Wing
P. EVANS	(13)	Right Centre
A. FINLAYSON	(12)	Left Centre
P. L. JONES	(11)	Left Wing
G. DAVIES	(10)	Outside Half
G. EDWARDS	(9)	Inside Half

Forwards

M. KNILL	(1)
G. DAVIES	(2)
G. WALLACE	(3)
I. ROBINSON	(4)
P. RAWLINGS	(5)
R. LANE	(6)
M. McJENNETT	(8)
M. JOHN (Capt.)	(7)

NEWPORT

Colours: Black and Amber

Full Back	G. FULLER	(15)
Right Wing	K. DAVIES	(14)
Right Centre	D. BURCHER	(13)
Left Centre	N. EDWARDS	(12)
Left Wing	G. EVANS	(11)
Outside Half	C. JENKINS	(10)
Inside Half	A. EVANS	(9)

Forwards

J. DALE	(1)
D. FORD	(2)
R. MORGAN	(3)
L. JONES	(4)
J. WATKINS	(5)
P. WATTS	(6)
J. JEFFERY (Capt.)	(8)
K. POOLE	(7)

Next Home Game: v. MOSELEY, Saturday, 29th March, 1975, Kick-off 3.15 p.m.

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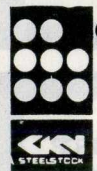
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BEST POST WAR NEWPORT TEAM

During this memorable season each home programme has contained a list of names for consideration when selecting the above. The rules for this competition are listed on Page 4 of this programme together with the closing date for entries. It must be emphasised that selection for this team is not confined to the names listed below or to the positions listed.

Full Back—D. R. Morgan, Gwili Jenkins, Gerry Gibbons, Garfield Owen, Norman Morgan.

Wings—K. J. Jones, S. J. Watkins, Graham Ross, Clive Lewis, Laurie Daniel, John Lane, Roy Burnett, Peter Rees, Dennis Perrott, Alan Skirving.

Centres—Hedley Rowland, Malcolm C. Thomas, Bobby Owen, Bryn Williams, Harry Morgan, Jack Hurrell, John Uzzell, Gordon Britton, Ivor Taylor, Keith Jarrett.

Outside Half—Roy Burnett, Malcolm C. Thomas, David Watkins.

Inside Half—Jim Hawkins, Haydn Thomas, Billy Williams, Onllwyn Brace, Billy Watkins.

Hookers—Bunner Travers, R. E. Blakemore, Lyn Davies, Bryn Meredith, Vic Perrins.

Prop Forwards—Ernie Coleman, Tom Sterry, John Phillips, Des Green-slade, Nev Johnson, Martin Webber, Barry Llewellyn, Colin Smart, Rhys Morgan.

Locks—L. E. T. Jones, Ben Edwards, Ian Ford, John Herrera, Gordon Morris, Brian Price, Bill Morris, Jeff Watkins, Lyn Jones.

No. 8's—John Gwilliam, Peter Davies, Doug Dando, L. H. Jenkins, Glyn Davidge, John Mantle, John Jeffery.

Flankers—Bob Evans, Geoff Whitson, Brian Cresswell, Alan Thomas, Doug Ackerman, Keith Poole, Del Haines, Geoff Evans.

Captains—Jim Hawkins, Hedley Rowland, Ken Jones, Malcolm Thomas, Bryn Meredith, Brian Price, John Jeffery, Geoff Evans.

Goal Kickers—Garfield Owen, Norman Morgan, Laurie Daniel, Keith Jarrett, David Watkins, Ben Edwards, Malcolm Thomas, Rhys Morgan.

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