

Newport RFC 1979-80

NEWPORT

v

CARDIFF

WEDNESDAY 17th OCTOBER, 1979, KICK-OFF 7.15 p.m.

AT RODNEY PARADE

Official Programme 10p

NEWPORT R.F.C. 1979-80

Chairman: W.R. Taylor

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1st XV Match Sec. Campbell Black United Match Sec. Mel Dawes

Youth XV Sec. John Llewellyn Fixture Sec. R. Atkins

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1st XV Vice Captain: Rhys Morgan

United XV Captain Roy Cridland Youth XV Captain: Anthony Lloyd

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W. R. Taylor, B. V. Williams

WELCOME TO RODNEY PARADE

It is always a pleasure to welcome one of the world's great rugby clubs to Rodney Parade and this evening's visitors can rightly claim to be placed in this category because of their illustrious past and present outstanding form.

Under the captaincy of outside half Gareth Davies, the team spirit and combined play developed on their successful tour of South Africa during the summer, has certainly been seen during the opening weeks of this season. Gareth has at his command a team bristling with talent and the Blue and Blacks are quietly confident that this season they are going to carry off either or both the Club Championship an honour that has illuded them for so long even Tom Holley cannot "remember", or the Schweppes W.R.U. Challenge Cup, which they have never won.

Scrum half Terry Holmes is a player Rodney Parade fans will remember, not only for his outstanding displays for Wales, but for his outstanding debut for the Blue and Blacks against Newport when he came into the side to replace Gareth Edwards when still a Youth team player. His game is developing rapidly and many of the game's best judges, are confident that if he can resist the luge offers being dangled in front of him by Rugby League Clubs he can even surpass the fame achieved by his illustrious predecessor.

With such an outstanding half back combination the team has the right spring-board for success and the future looks very bright for the club on the field of play. Off the field, the Club suffered a great loss during the summer with the death of their president Hubert Johnson. He was a man of great stature and humanity, while his deep affection for the Cardiff Club was known throughout the world. He was a magnificent ambassador for the club, as is his successor Leslie Spence. Everyone at Rodney Parade wishes him well together with the new Club Chairman Haydn Wilkins. They are both fine rugby men who have served their club with distinction. Welcome Cardiff.

CLUB NOTES

"Lady Luck" has certainly been missing from Rodney Parade this season and the events of last week once again enforced this view. David Waters and Mark McJennett were banned by the W.R.U. for being sent from the field during the Club's South African Tour, although they had been disciplined in South Africa. The loss of skipper Gareth Evans and vice captain Rhys Morgan during Saturday's game at Blackheath added to the first two players will greatly weaken the team.

This evening we are delighted to welcome the players, Officials and Supporters of the Suburbs Rugby Club from Auckland, New Zealand. Tomorrow K.O. 7.15 p.m. they play a Newport XV here at Rodney Parade as part of their European Tour, but said "they could not miss the opportunity of seeing what is recognized as one of the greatest club matches in the world Newport v Cardiff". All we hope is that they see a game worthy of such a statement. Following tomorrow night's game the Newport Male Voice Choir will be in attendance at the Rodney Hall from 9.30 p.m. to entertain our guests, so why not come along and help make it an evening for them to remember.

On Friday next 19th October 1979, the Newport Schools Rugby Union hold their Annual Presentation Evening in the Rodney Hall. Newport Rugby Football Club wish them every success.

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AND

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TALKING RUGBY

Tomorrow evening a Newport XV play the Suburbs Club from Auckland New Zealand, on this ground K.O. 7.15 p.m., while on Saturday 27th October the South African Barbarians are the visitors.

Following their long and illustrious relationships with the rugby fraternity in both countries the Newport Club are delighted to have the opportunity of maintaining old rugby friendships and making new ones. It is certain that both sets of visitors will be very aware of our proud record against teams from their respective countries and also of the wonderful hospitality afforded all Rugby Teams who visit Rodney Parade, no matter what country they may come from.

We have achieved memorable victories over teams from overseas none more so than those over Whinerays All Blacks in 1963 and DeVilliers Spring Boks in 1969. But rugby football is much more than the pure statistics of matches, it is about fellowships and friendships. Friends made through Rugby Football last a lifetime even those who wore Blue and Black jerseys during their playing days. Great Rivals on the field but lifelong friends off the field. This is one of the great things about rugby football, it breaks down all barriers as long as it is not interfered with.

We look forward to the visits of our overseas friends as another chapter is added to our history and hope they will return to their countries like their predecessors before them, full of praise for the warmth of our welcome, the quality of our rugby and with friendship that epitomizes everything about rugby football, the "Greatest Game in the World".

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CARDIFF

Colours Blue & Black

Chris WEBBER	(15)	Full Back
David THOMAS	(14)	Right Wing
Neil HUTCHINGS	(13)	Right Centre
Paul DANIELS	(12)	Left Centre
Andrew YEANDLE	(11)	Left Wing
Gareth DAVIES - Captian	(10)	Outside Half
Terry HOLMES	(9)	Inside Half

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NEWPORT

Colours: Black and Amber

Leighton DAVIES	(15)	Full Back
Ken DAVIES	(14)	Right Wing
Neil BROWN	(13)	Right Centre
Gareth EVANS - Captain	(12)	Left Centre
Mark MORRIS - JONES	(11)	Left Wing
David ROGERS	(10)	Outside Half
Alun BILLINGHURST	(9)	Inside Half

Forwards

Bob NEWMAN	(1)
Mike WATKINS	(2)
John DIXON	(3)
Peter SOUTO	(4)
Robert NORSTER	(5)
Terry CHARLES	(6)
Carl SMITH	(8)
Brian LEASE	(7)

Forwards

Colin SMART	(1)
Peter NOWELL	(2)
Rhys MORGAN	(3)
Jeff WATKINS	(4)
Lyn JONES	(5)
Peter MERRITT	(6)
Geoff EVANS	(8)
David CORNWALL	(7)

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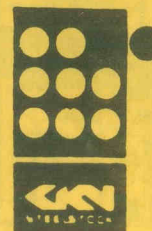
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