

WASPS

VS

CARDIFF



C.R.F.C.



RIZLA 

1988

Rotorua Stadium, May 25th, 1988.

Programme \$1.00

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the N.Z. Wasps Club, I am delighted to welcome to Rotorua the Cardiff Rugby Football Club, Officials, Players and Supporters in this, their first club tour of New Zealand.

The Wasps Club members on their European tour have happy and fond memories of their visit to the famous Cardiff Ground. The conducted tour of the Committee Rooms, being entertained socially that night, nobody will ever forget the Welsh Choir and our Wasp members replying with the traditional Haka and singing, a truly memorable night never to be forgotten.

It is our earnest wish that while you are our guests for the next five days we may return the magnificent hospitality that was extended to us.

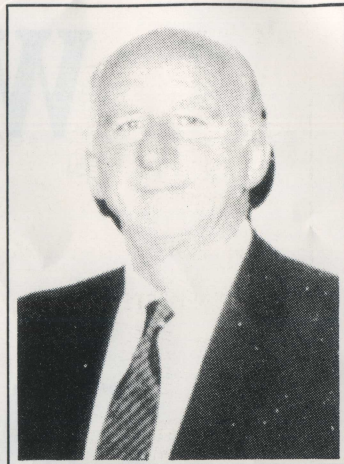
Traditionally over the year these fixtures have been noted for its high scoring and entertaining style of rugby, today I believe will be no exception.

We still have fond memories of the Welsh National Team winning their World Cup game against the Australians at the Stadium and hope the Bay of the Plenty public will respond as they did on that great occasion.

To Air New Zealand our principle sponsor over the past years may I again record the Wasps gratitude for your generous and willing support of our fixture. Our thanks to the generous business houses who by either advertising or sponsoring, greatly assisted us in promotion of today's game.

Finally to the rugby public who attend and support us here today, we thank you all for attending and hope you enjoy the fixture and leave the Stadium with pleasant memories.

J.J. Donaldson
President



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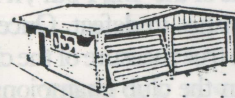
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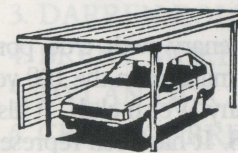


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CARDIFF

Founded: 1876. HQ: Cardiff Arms Park. Colours: Blue and Black Hoops.

If not the greatest club in the world, as is claimed by its long serving members, then Cardiff must be the most consistent as the records prove. One of the 'Big Four', it is the club that everyone, yes, just about everyone in the world wishes to defeat. Once in a while they achieve that ambition, and this in itself must be the true measure of the club's greatness. It matters more than Cardiff's post-war record in the club championship, which produces an average of third place and only once in 33 seasons has it fallen lower than seventh position. Although they won the title five times in the first 12 years after World War II and never since, they have maintained a remarkable consistency of performance.

In the 1976-77 season the club celebrated its Centenary with true pomp and ceremony, after having played well over 3,000 first class matches in the 100 years and having produced over 150 internationals; the most by any Welsh club. It also had a recorded number of 10 in the same national side in 1948. It has been represented on every British Lions tour since 1904 with a total of 28 players.

It has remained rather independent in attitude and approach, accepting praise and criticism with equal calm, and has endeavoured to maintain a committee composed of former players. For the greater part of its career, the Club played on what is now the Arms Park national ground. This was its true home, but when the time came for the Welsh Rugby Union to have a home of its own, the late president of the Cardiff Club, Hubert Johnson, produced a plan that enabled the Union to take over the Arms Park while creating a club ground alongside it, on what was a splendid cricket ground. Cardiff opened its new club ground in 1970 and it has proved most popular although the club is still encouraged by the Welsh Rugby Union when major tours occur to play the opposition on the national ground. It boasted the oldest surviving international until 1979 when Ewan Davies (the Club's honorary solicitor) died at the age of 92. Many of its internationals were honoured with the captaincy of their country.

The Club has always run two sides, the 1st XV and the Athletic or 'Rags' XV. In recent years it has run a successful youth team but there was a stage in its history, between 1926 and 1931, when the club ran two first XV's. This was carried out as a financial experiment, following the purchase of the Cardiff Arms Park, in order to provide a first-class 'home' match every Saturday. Thus in 1926-27 the club created a record that will last for ever, one believes, by fulfilling 81 first-class fixtures!

Unlike its near-neighbour and perennial rival, Newport, it has never achieved an invincible year, although losing only once in a season on two occasions to Moseley in 1885-86 and to New Zealand in 1905-06 and only twice in the 1947-48 season (Pontypool and Penarth), with the respective captains being F.E. Hancock, Percy Bush and Haydn Tanner.

Many players have migrated to Cardiff down through the years, especially from West Wales; many to achieve their first caps after so doing, which created the saying, 'if you want a cap, join Cardiff'. Times have changed and the 'Big Four' in Wales have become the 'Big Ten'. Yet it remains important for every other club to beat Cardiff and this may be their way of offering a salute to a great club.

Curtainraiser

TE PUKE H.S. 1ST XV

1. JASON DOBSON
2. KOKIRI ROTA
3. DARREN ROLLESTON
4. BRENT MOLLIER
5. DYLAN DITCHFIELD
6. CRAIG GARRETT
7. TED CLARKE
8. HENRY WICHMAN
9. JIMMY ROLFE
10. ANDY MILLER
11. RICHARD HARCOURT (Capt.)
12. ROY WATTIE
13. DAMON KAUI
14. KELVIN JONES
15. JUSTIN ROBERTSON

Reserves

16. PAUL HENDERSON
17. DWAYNE McCALMAN
18. ANDREW WEATHERLEY
19. SEAN PEPENE
20. FRANCIS BASS
21. TONY SCHRAFFT
22. CAMERON WOODHOUSE

R.B.H.S. 1ST XV

1. R. REID
2. M. SMITH
3. J. PURNELL
4. P. PESEFEA
5. J. CHRISTIANSEN
6. M. WATTS
7. I. MORGAN
8. M. ROGERS
9. G. PARKER
10. J. ROGERS
11. J. KENDAL
12. S. MEEK
13. D. JAMES
14. M. HORGAN
15. J. PESEFEA

Reserves

16. J. WILSON
17. C. AITU
18. S. McCOMISH
19. P. MUIR
20. M. SUTTON
21. M. ENESE

Referee:

A. Wellington

Touch Judges:

G. Wood, A. Coleman



Cardiff R.F.C.

1. Steve Blackmore
2. Alan Phillips (I. Greenslade)
3. Geoff Whitefoot (C. Collins)
4. Mike Parry
5. Tim Crothers (M. Rowley)
6. Owen Golding (J. Burnel)
7. Gareth Roberts
8. Howard Stone
9. Ray Giles (C. Hutchins)
10. Malcolm Dacey
11. Andrew Martin (J. Hapley)
12. Allan Donovan
13. Steve Crandon (C. Conway)
14. Gerald Cordle
15. Mike Rayer

Referee:

B. Donovan

Touch Judges:

M. Spence, G. De Thierry

Ball Boys:

Julian Thompson
Charles Hubbard
Daniel Kalan
Michael Millar

Wasps R.F.C.



1. Peter Kennedy
2. Rex George
3. Bruce Cameron
4. Gary Braid
5. Darren Martin
6. Dean Oswald
7. Rex O'Brien
8. Bruce Mac
9. Peter Simpkins
10. Ron Preston (Captain)
11. Peter Woods
12. Steve Milne
13. Darryl Shelford
14. Bruce Smith
15. Paul Davis

RESERVES

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| 16. Chris Law | 19. Craig Smale |
| 17. Tony Oswald | 20. Tony Murray |
| 18. Mike Jolley | 21. Kopai Irehai |

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Sunday, 29th May, 11.00 am
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Sunday, 19th June, 11.00 am
Te Puke High School
at Paengaroa.

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Rotorua Boys High School
Rangatahi High School
Whakatane High School

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Although the season that has just ended was not one of the best in the club's history, the previous eight years produced a most consistent record of success. The Schweppes Cup competition was won five times and another, a final, they lost narrowly. There was success in sevens competitions and often the Club was able to field nine international players.

Now the team is in the process of rebuilding and looks forward to the years ahead in its second century. The visit to New Zealand will be a great experience for the party but especially for the younger players who should serve the Club handsomely in the future. It is always an honour to play for a great club.

—J.B.G. Thomas

Cardiff Rugby Club 1987-88

FIRST XV FIXTURES

1987

September

Wed. 2 Taffs Well (Centenary) A 28-4

Sat. 5 Bristol (Centenary) A 20-15

Wed. 9 Glamorgan Wanderers A 6-6

Sat. 12 Neath H 6-35

Wed. 16 Maesteg H 9-9

Sat. 19 Coventry A 14-21

Wed. 23 Pontypridd A 18-16

Sat. 26 Aberavon H 12-15

October

Sat. 3 Newport A 9-16

Wed. 7 Bridgend H 6-7

Sat. 10 Northampton A 14-7

Wed. 14 Pontypool A 0-31

Sat. 17 Cambridge University H 48-9

Wed. 21 Caerphilly (Centenary) A 19-12

Sat. 24 Harlequins A 20-12

Sat. 31 Moseley H 10-14

November

Sat. 7 Leicester A 19-27

Mon. 9 Welsh XV H 17-13

Wed. 11 Oxford University H 22-27

Sat. 14 Ebbw Vale H 35-9

Sat. 21 Ystradgynlais (Cup) A 12-9

Sat. 28 Llanelli A 6-41

December

Wed. 2 Newbridge H 20-0

Sat. 5 Swansea H 17-6

Sat. 12 London Welsh H 27-21

Sat. 19 Aberavon Quins (Cup) A 36-0

Sat. 26 Pontypridd H 6-6

Mon. 28 Bridgend A 9-25

1988

January

Sat. 2 Bath H 38-9

Sat. 9 Aberavon A 16-10

Sat. 16 Ebbw Vale A 32-10

Sat. 23 Newport (Cup) A Post.

Sat. 30 Newport (Cup) A 26-13

February

Sat. 6 London Welsh A 38-7

Sat. 13 Newport H 21-9

Fri. 19 S.W. Police H 38-6

Sat. 27 Pontypool (Cup) H 6-9

March

Tue. 1 Bristol H 10-12

Sat. 12 Pontypool H

Wed. 16 Penarth A

Sat. 26 W.R.U. Cup Semi-Final

Mon. 28 Newport A

April

Sat. 2 Barbarians H

Tue. 5 Llanelli A

Sat. 9 Swansea A

Sat. 16 Neath A

Sat. 23 Wasps H

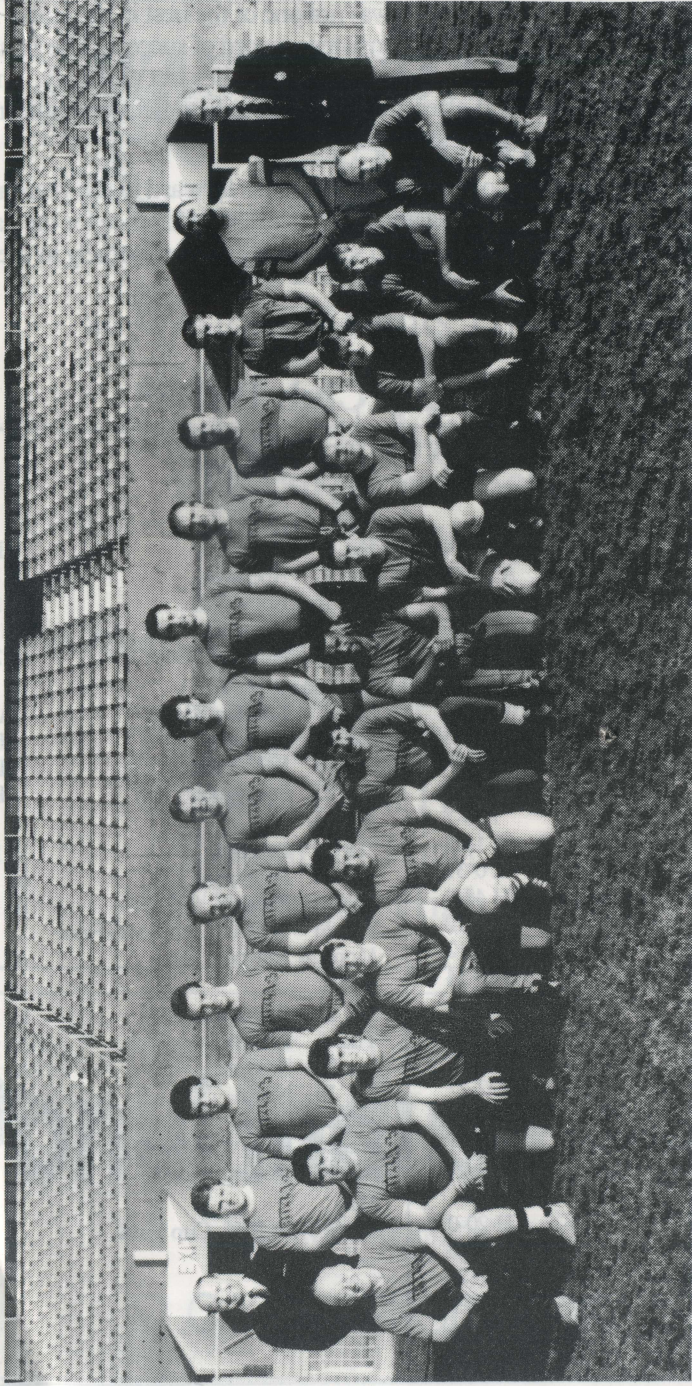
Wed. 27 Barry (Centenary) A

Sat. 30 Nottingham H

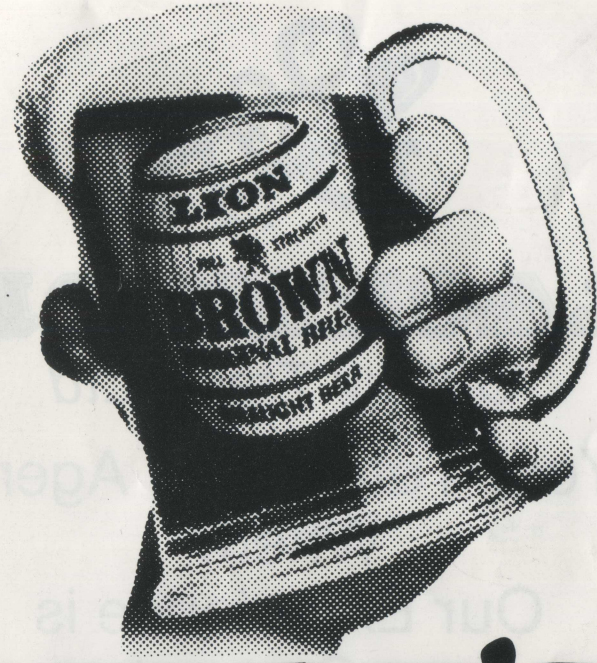
May

Sat. 7 W.R.U. Cup Final

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Back Row, Left to Right: Tony Williams (Asst. Team Manager), Mike Rayer, Tim Crothers, Howard Stone, Steve Blackmore, Justin Burnell, Mike Parry, Mark Rowley, Gareth Roberts, Jeff Whitefoot, Andy Martin, Roger Beard (Coach), Mervyn John (Team Manager).
Front Row, Left to Right: Ron Ayers (Trainer), Chris Collins, Geraint John, Ray Giles, Alan Phillips, Alan Donocian, Gerald Cordle, Ian Greenlade, Owen Goldings, John Hadley, Malcolm Dacey, Steve Crandon.



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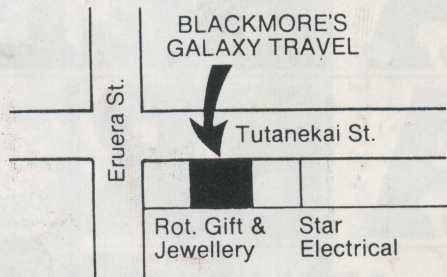
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