

# BRAIN AMID THE RUGBY BRAWN

A SCHOLARLY background will not be lacking when Cardiff play Southern Universities at Newlands to-morrow. While the Varsities have their usual crop of degrees and budding doctors, most of the Cardiff tourists are young men of some scholastic attainment; all of which proves that there is often brain amid the brawn on the rugby field.

John Davis, the big fair-haired lock, who toured here with the Dragons as a school-boy is a BA Honours (History) from the University of Wales and holds a Diploma in Education.

Ken Jones, the well-known Welsh centre, is a BA from the University of Wales and went up to Oxford, won his Blue and a Diploma in Education.

Ray Cheney, full-back, who stands down to-day is a B.Sc. in engineering, and Gwyn Thomas is a B.Sc. (Honours) in chemistry from the University of Wales. Like several of the team he also holds a Diploma in Education.

## Cambridge Blue

TONY PENDER, who is No. 8 to-morrow, and another Welsh cap, won his Cambridge Blue and holds a BA (History). Gerald Davies, the swift international centre, holds a diploma in physical education from Loughborough College, and three others who are experts in this field are Keri Jones, John Huw Williams and Gary Samuel, all from Cardiff Training College.

Then there is John Harding, highly qualified in engineering and the touring captain. Billy Hullin, with a senior banking qualification.

## Farmer-scholar

AMONG the student team there is Jannie Engelbrecht, Springbok wing, and a B.Sc., studying further for an M.Sc. in agricultural economics in between farming duties at Koekenaap.

Springbok Hannes Marais, the Varsities' captain, is also a B.Sc. studying for a Master's degree in agriculture. The third Springbok, Eben Olivier, centre, teaches at Paul Roos HS, but is studying at the same time for an Honours degree in geography.

Among the UCT men, Gus Enderstein is a B.Sc. studying for a secondary teacher's certificate; Mike Nicolai is a final-year B.A. in languages;



Preston Robertson is a final-year B.Sc.; Derek van den Bergh is a third-year in medicine; and John le Roux studies for a B.Comm.

## Looks like 'Tuppy'

GERALD DAVIES, who had a fine game at Port Elizabeth and is said to be the fastest centre in the British Isles, bears an amazingly close resemblance to "Tuppy" Owen Smith, a well-known sporting doctor in these parts, but better known as a Springbok cricketer and former Oxford and England full-back.



Gerald Davies

The likeness, of course, relates to "Tuppy", when, in his younger days, he played as a centre for Cape Town University.

"Tuppy", when he has the time these days, relaxes on the links.

## Moving ceremony

THERE was a moving ceremony at Newlands yesterday, when the ashes of the late Frank Mellish, Springbok and England forward and famous international rugby personality, were strewn in the north-west corner of the field.

Mr. Hubert Johnson, chair-

man of the Cardiff Athletic Club, who had grown to know Frank intimately when the Springboks toured the British Isles in 1951-52 and is here with the Cardiff team, took a leading part, and said that he was deeply touched at being given the opportunity to be associated with these last rites on behalf of the Cardiff club and personally.

He also laid a wreath with the Cardiff colours on it in the Members' Pavilion, alongside flowers laid on behalf of Mrs. J. Mellish, Frank's widow, by the manager of the touring side, Mr. Lyn Williams.

## 'Frank's Corner'

REES STEPHENS the famous Cardiff and Welsh second row forward, who played against Frank's Springboks in '51-'52, also took part in the ceremony and said all remembered Frank as a fine manager of a splendid team of Springbok sportsmen.

Afterwards Mr. Johnson said that since 1951 he and Frank had been close friends, and had always looked forward to seeing each other wherever they could.

He suggested that in years to come that corner of Newlands A where the ashes were strewn should be known as "Frank's Corner".

## Brave player

FEW people noticed it when Potchefstroom University recently played UCT at Newlands, but their good flanker, Theuns Kruger, is a one-handed player.

Theuns suffered an accident in a butchery as a boy and lost his right hand. He wears an artificial hand, but takes it off when he plays rugby. He is a brother-in-law to former Springbok captain, Johan Claassen. The handicap did not seem to worry Theuns in the Newlands game. In fact, he was all over the place and nearly scored a try.

## Not the first

MRS. J. OWEN-HUGHES, of Newlands, writes to point out that Cardiff is not the first Welsh team to play at Newlands.

During Jubilee Week in 1964 in the year Wales toured but did not play at Newlands, there was a team composed of camp-followers from Rhymney and Glynneath, who played a curtain-raiser against a UCT Invitation XV.

I recall how they played a willing game obviously enjoyed by those who took part. Thanks for reminding me, Mrs. Owen-Hughes!

# Getting the sun



The touring Cardiff rugby team yesterday had their first look at Newlands, where they will meet Southern Universities to-morrow. Among the team who took advantage of warm sunshine to start a tan were (from the left) John Williams, S2 Fuel and Gwyn Thomas.

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# FRONT ROW



*CARDIFF FRONT ROW* which will pack down against Southern Universities at Newlands on Wednesday photographed during practice at Newlands today. From left: John O'Shea, Billy Thomas and Howard Norris. All three are Welsh internationals.