

CARDIFF players, with their mascot, "Shaunee," who arrived at Jan Smuts yesterday. Left to right: Gareth Edwards, Tony Williams, John Harding and Keri Jones.

WELCOME, CARDIFF



Welshmen are staggered by the heat

From MAXWELL PRICE

WINDHOEK.—The Cardiff Rugby touring team due to open their short tour against South West Africa tomorrow received two shocks on arrival here late yesterday afternoon.

First was heat; the second was food.

Hot and perspiring, their white cheeks flushed by their sudden hot climatic impact, the Cardiff team trooped into their hotel with ties off and jackets over their arms.

"Phew," said Mr. Hubert Johnson, the Cardiff President, who is touring with the team.

"I knew it was going to be a great deal warmer, but not like this."

OVERPOWERING

Said team manager Lyn Williams: "It is overpowering. When we left Cardiff on Wednesday it was snowing. This sudden change in climate cannot be too good for my players. We did not expect it."

Outside sweltering Windhoek was a somnolent city with the temperature at 90 Fahrenheit with the possibility of more heat to come.

Manager Williams called off yesterday's practice and there will be one while it is still reasonably cool today.

THE MENUS

Then someone tipped off manager Williams about hotel menus here. Williams blinked at such choice items as Kudu Steak Champignon Schweinebraten mit Schwenkartoffel (roast pork with roast potatoes), and Kalbsleber mit Spek (calves liver and bacon).

"We will order a-la-carte," he said. Then Hennie Gouws, President of the South West Africa Rugby Union welcomed Cardiff and said how pleased they were that such a famous club should come to this sparsely populated Rugby area and help the game.

Williams said: "We have looked forward to the visit and making many friends."

Gerald Davies misses first match

CARDIFF are fielding a strong team against South West Africa here in Windhoek tomorrow.

It includes three internationals in Ken Jones (centre), Billy Hullin (scrumhalf and captain), and prop forward Howard Norris who played opposite Doug Hopwood when the Springboks defeated Cardiff 13-0 in 1960.

The team also includes Bob Cheney a sound fullback with much experience, a round-the-corner goal kicker who also played against the Springboks in 1960 — for Pontypool.

Star centre Gerald Davies has been left out. He is reckoned to be the best centre in British football at the moment, but the Selection Committee thought it advisable to rest him because he had recently played in a strenuous Welsh seven-a-side knock-out tournament for Cardiff.

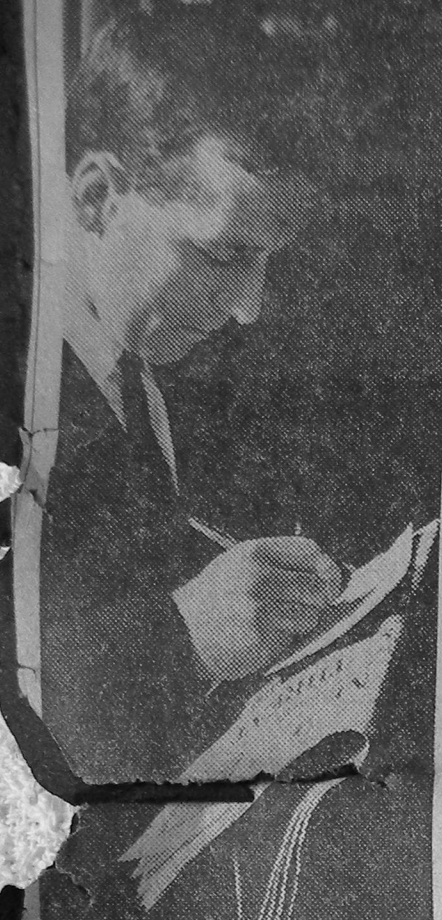
ROWLANDS RETIRES

CARDIFF. — Cardiff's Rugby captain Keith Rowlands who was prevented from going on their South African tour because of a broken leg, has announced his retirement. —Sapa-Reuter.

"After a thirty-hour plane trip and this sudden change of climate, it could possibly be too much for him," said manager Williams who made no secret of the fact that it was hoped that Cardiff would field their strongest team of the five-match tour against Southern Universities on May 17 at Newlands.

Phil Morgan, the flyhalf who plays tomorrow is considered unlucky not to have a Welsh cap. Hubert Johnson, Cardiff President, said that the team was strong with good pace in the backline even if without Keri Jones, the Welsh sprinting champion on the wing.

The Cardiff team reads: R. Cheney; J. A. Williams, Ken Jones, A. D. Williams and M. Richards; Phil Morgan and W. Hullin; Glyn Thomas, Gar Davies, Howard Norris, J. Hickey, John Davies, Lyn Baxter, A. K. Pender and J. Harding.



Billy Hullin, captain of the Cardiff rugby team, writes a postcard home soon after his arrival.

Cardiff threes are tops

CARDIFF centre Ken Jones gave South Africans food for thought on his arrival with the team in Windhoek at the start of their three-week tour.

Jones claimed the Cardiff threequarter line was the best he had ever played in—and that included Welsh and British Lions teams.

Cardiff resist the temptation to pick their strongest side for tomorrow's opening match against South West Africa. Keri Jones and Gerald Davies are omitted from the three-quarter line, while in the pack Gary Davies hooks in place of Billy Thomas and Gwyn Thomas props instead of John O'Shea.

Cardiff: R. Cheney; J. H. Williams, D. K. Jones, A. D. Williams, M. Richards; P. Morgan, W. Hullin (capt.); G. Thomas, G. Davies, H. Norris, J. Davies, L. Baxter, J. Hickey, J. Harding, A. R. Pender.

Cardiff tour win expected

From ACE PARKER

WINDHOEK, Friday.

I FEEL quite confident that Cardiff Rugby Club can start their short South African tour with a win tomorrow here in Windhoek, against the South-West African XV.

The South-West are not an easy side to play against; they have a useful bustling-type pack, capable as the rest of the side are of adopting offensively-defensive tactics, and if the South Walian, in their efforts to move the ball into the outfield make a lot of mistakes, then they could well find themselves in trouble.

Control will have to be carefully exercised by the half back pair of Morgan and skipper Hullin, while Norris and his pack prepare themselves for a hard battle for possession.

Unfortunately for the home team, their chances of upsetting the tourists in their opening match, have not been

helped by the withdrawal of Springbok flanker Jan Ellis, who is still feeling the effects of a sprained ankle. Ellis is the only South-West candidate for the Test series against France later in the season.

Veteran Springbok tighthead prop forward Dick Putter, formerly with Western Transvaal, who is now teaching in Windhoek, is still a solid scrummager, while the two locks, Chris Hopperman and Hennie Vermeulen are a force to reckon with under any conditions. At No. 8 South-West have a player of class in Adri Basson.

Basson, when captaining Border, played an outstanding game at East London against Arthur Smith's British Lions in 1962.

Of the backs, the only player with any sort of reputation is full back Van Druten, who kicks like a left-footed Don Clarke, but remains somewhat stiff and slow-looking about the field.

Some local surprise was expressed today when it was learned that Cardiff had chosen only three of their seven internationals for this "pipe-opener," but I gather there is no question of the Welsh club under-estimating their opposition.

Club coach Roy Bish explained that it was felt some "frontline" players could do with a rest, especially after the strenuous Cardiff Sevens last weekend. He points out, however, that there is a thin dividing line in ability today between certain first and second team choice players, and he has full confidence in the so-called reserve material.

Altitude no worry

Many visiting teams have found the high altitude here—over 4,000 feet—can induce a condition of lethargy, but the undoubted fitness of this Cardiff party, its first-rate class and greater thrust behind the scrum should carry the day tomorrow.

The South-West XV will be: Van Druten; N. Smit, B. de Lange, H. Smyman, A. Bredenhann; H. Luttig, T. Bosch; J. Kitze, K. Claassens, D. Putter (capt.), H. Vermeulen, C. Opperman, J. Nel, A. Basson, R. Valtene.

Cardiff lead— then hang on for 11-11 draw

From Our Special
Correspondent

WINDHOEK, Monday.

CARDIFF'S hopes of winning all five games on their South African tour were shattered when they had to hang on grimly to snatch an 11-11 draw in the opening fixture with South-West Africa.

After the match, Cardiff coach Roy Bish said: "I would have liked to have won, but I am not despondent. We can play much better than this and we know now what to expect."

The Welsh club started well and seemed to be on the way to victory when they led 11-3 early in the second half. A dropped goal by fly half Phil Morgan put them in front, but van Druten levelled the scores with a long-range penalty.

Cardiff regained the lead when Phil Morgan picked up a shrewdly placed punt by Billy Hullin and linked with Ken Jones, who sent Maurice Richards racing over. Ray Cheney converted from the touchline.

40-yard penalty

They went further ahead when Cheney banged over a 40-yard penalty goal, and would have scored again had not Tony Williams thrown an impossible pass to John Huw Williams.

It looked as though Cardiff had the game sewn up, but suddenly they began to falter and fade. Their forwards appeared to be feeling the effects of the altitude and the home pack took control.

A second penalty goal by van Druten put South-West Africa back into the game, and they drew level with a try by Apie Bredenhann which van Druten converted.

Howard Norris tried hard to rally his forwards, but although Lyn Baxter did fairly well a lot of the play lacked combined drive. The line-out work was untidy and scrum half Hullin suffered from some haphazard knocking back.

Davies missed

Behind the scrum Cardiff missed the speed and skill of Gerald Davies, while Ken Jones looked a little suspect in defence. The Welsh club did have a last-minute chance to snatch victory when John Huw Williams raced away.

The winger had only to round full back Rautenbach, standing on the half-way line, and he would have been clear. But Williams was tackled as he tried to jink through and the game ended in a draw.

On the whole this was a fair result, because South-West Africa had stormed back with impressive verve and vigour in the closing stages of a hard-fought match.

Sporting gesture, Craven

WINDHOEK, Thursday.

TO the handclaps of some 200 rugby enthusiasts, the Cardiff touring team arrived here this afternoon after 36 tiring airborne hours.

After South African hospitality and rest they will take their first practice on African soil tomorrow morning, in readiness for the anticipated first hard match with South-West Africa here on Saturday.

Dr Danie Craven, the president of the South African Rugby Union, told the party all sportsmen in the Union were appreciative of the Cardiff club's gesture in making the trip despite political pressures prior to their departure. "This is a truly sporting gesture," he said, "and we in South Africa will never forget it."

Ken Jones said at the airport this Cardiff threequarter line was the best he had ever played in—including international or Lions threequarter lines.

Cardiff team: A. Cheney; J. Williams, Ken Jones, A. Williams, Richards; Morgan. W. Hullin (capt.); G. Thomas, Gareth Davies, K. Norris, J. Davies, Baxter, J. Hickey. Hard-
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