

Cardiff *rugby club*

at the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon
STAN BOWES MEMORIAL CUP

CARDIFF RFC v NEWPORT RFC

at Under 15's, 16's and 19's

Monday 20th April 1992



Newport *rugby club*

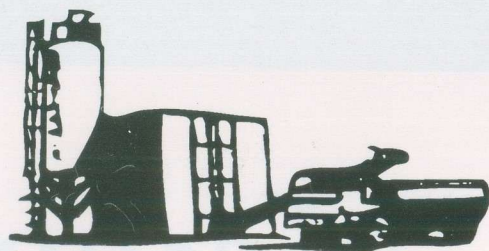
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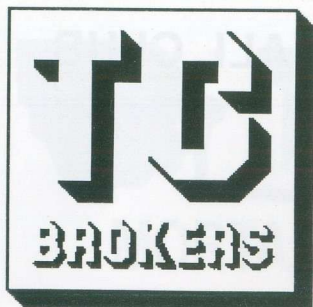
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It is with great pleasure, on behalf of the Cardiff Youth Committee, that I welcome you to the Cardiff Arms Park this Easter Monday. This is the second year that Cardiff and Newport have competed for the Stan Bowes Memorial Cup.

It is fitting to commemorate Stan in such a way. Those who knew him from Cardiff and Newport will be aware that Youth rugby had a special place in his heart.

I trust that this afternoon's festival of rugby at Under 15, Under 16 and Youth levels will be as exciting and entertaining as last year.

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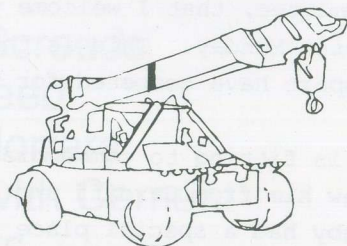
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*Old Stan Bowes, so it appears,
Had na been a-gorn more three
or four years,
When they sat down and wrote
to their friends to say,
Oh, we're all gornna have a
jubilation day!
(With apologies to the original song).*

And of course, today, is the day. This is the day when the young representatives of two of Rugby Football's most significant Clubs, continue the longest running, hardest fought, and most frequently contested of all the epic battles engaged in under the flag of the handling code.

Newport and Cardiff have played more than 360 times which if they had played the normal home and away fixtures would have meant that they started playing in 1776, just a year after the battle of Bunker Hill. However, most of that number was made up in the 'four matches a season' saga that started in 1878 and survived until 1976, when it was decided to revert to the normal two games a season. Which on reflection might have been a good thing, and probably inevitable with the advent of overseas tours, the Schweppes Cup, and then the Heineken Leagues.

Nevertheless, they were heroic battles, with Newport always striving to beat Cardiff four times in a season, but never quite succeeding, although they went close on several occasions. Despite the fact that for most of the years those

games were played, Newport and Cardiff could claim between them more great players, than the rest of Wales could match, they were often so sternly contested that there was little flamboyant or reckless play. To the uncommitted outsider, they were probably dull, but it could be said that if you weren't supporting Newport or Cardiff you had no right to be there anyway. Nevertheless, the series must have caught the imagination of the Welsh public, because in February 1951 the third game of the series was played at Cardiff Arms Park before a crowd of 48,500 souls who braved the bitterly cold conditions and the hailstones, to witness the third Newport success of the season. That crowd set a world record for a Club match that still persists, and in this age of television and instant gratification is unlikely ever to be broken. For those wondering what happened in the fourth game at Newport, the game was drawn when Bill Tamplin kicked a penalty to match the one scored by Newport earlier in the game.

Surely as a note to the youngsters playing today, it must be pointed out that after the third match, played in the excitement and tension created by a crowd of International match dimensions, the W.R.U. wrote to both Clubs expressing it's 'thanks and admiration for the sporting spirit in which the game was played. A fine example to all clubs, exemplifying the splendid relationship between two of the World's greatest Rugby Clubs'.

It must be stated that despite the intensity of the rivalry between the Clubs, I never played in, or watched, a 'dirty' game between Cardiff and Newport during that series. Very hard, full of gamesmanship, but devoid of the 'boot.' Current players please note.

In the very season that saw the creation of the world record crowd, Stanley Bowes, after whose revered Memory of the Cup

for today's match has been named, was appointed Captain of Cardiff Rags for the first time. He had joined the Club some thirteen years previously and despite disruption by the War had played 184 games for the 1st XV. He went on to Captain the Rags for the next four seasons. Indeed he went on playing for many years after that. Stan joined a Cardiff team that contained Cliff Jones at Outside half, Tommy Stone at Scrum half, and Wilf Wooller in the centre – all legendary names of the pre-war era. He certainly played with Haydn Tanner, Rex Willis and Lloyd Williams – all scrum halves that would make Alan Davies, the current Welsh Coach open his eyes with wonder. What is more, I can personally vouch for the fact that he also played against Gareth Edwards, another Cardiff scrum half amongst the greats of the game. Gareth was playing as a guest for Llandovery and Stan was propping for a Crawshays XV. The fact that he was in his sixties didn't diminish his zest for the game, or for his beer, and neither diminished the volume of his singing or his facility with the vernacular. I wonder if there is a budding 'Bowsie' out on the park this afternoon, or even if there was, whether he would be allowed by modern society and contemporary Rugby Football, to blossom in the uninhibited manner of his predecessors. Probably not. It matters not as long as he gets from the game all the best qualities that Rugby Football offers its adherents. We must wish the players from both sides the best of luck in their future careers in the game and with their respective Clubs. Nothing is gained in this world, or this game, without hard work and dedication. Everyone owes it to himself to make the most of his talents. Not only Newport and Cardiff need players with that ambition, but Wales expects both Clubs to produce them.

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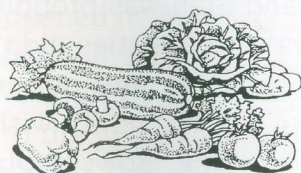
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Cardiff Schools Under 15 v Newport Schools Under 15

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15. Tristan Greenslade

14. Mark Dineen

13. Rhys Gilson

12. Rhodri Humphries/
David Vodden

11. Alun Jones

10. Gavin Samuel

9. Andrew Driscoll

1. Phillip Tsang

2. Jason Arab

3. Neil Hennessy/Ryan Ashley

4. Andrew Grabham

5. Phillip Greenwood/Kevin May

6. Matthew Davey

7. Richard Field

8. David Yeates

REPLACEMENTS

Leigh Flowers

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James Davies

John Morgan

REFEREE: S. Horrigan

NEWPORT UNDER 15 TEAM

Richard Jones

Nathan Barrett

David Goulding

Martin Cawley

Tim Barnes

Owain Picton

Andrew Screen

Carl Bourne

David Bishop

Jeff Russell

David Jones

Charles Heaven

Ryland Griffiths

Paul Cornwall

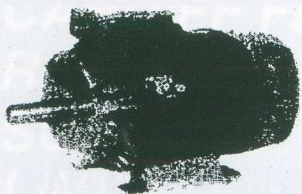
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NEWPORT UNDER 16 TEAM

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Stephen Layne
Greg Walker
Jonathon Callow
Darrien Jones
Gareth Williams
Rhys Walters
David John
Christian Jones
Darren Symmons
Russell Thomas
Gareth Davies
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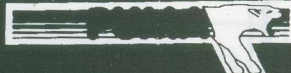
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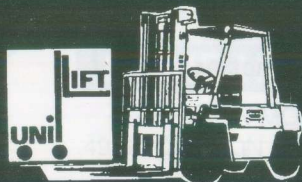
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Cardiff Schools Under 19 v Newport Schools Under 19

CARDIFF UNDER 19 TEAM

NEWPORT UNDER 19 TEAM

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| 15. Martyn Gould | J. Donovan |
| 14. Chris Wilkins | C. Rendle |
| 13. David Callaghan | J. Hawker |
| 12. Martin Gilson | M. Bell |
| 11. Andrew Wiggins | P. Evans |
| 10. Tom Davies | M. Childs |
| 9. David Smith | R. Smith |
| 1. Will Garraway | D. Peters |
| 2. Stuart Lock | G. Hicks |
| 3. John Craddock | A. Davies |
| 4. Paul Hennessey | D. Alonzi |
| 5. Simon Bruncker | A. Forbes |
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