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# **CARDIFF**

**v**

# **COVENTRY**

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**SATURDAY, 8th JANUARY, 1972**

**KICK OFF 3 P.M.**

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## **OFFICIAL PROGRAMME**

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## Cardiff v. Coventry

It is not often that a season goes by without Coventry registering a victory over Cardiff. In fact, in the last 15 years, there have been only three occasions when the Blue-and-Blacks have managed to record a double over the distinguished Midlands club. Our chances of doing it this season, of course, were dashed at Coundon Road in September, when Coventry were 22-10 winners. But, by the same reckoning, we must expect that our visitors today have gained their customary one-win-a-season over Alex Finlayson and his boys and the hour of retribution is nigh! There was a time when Cardiff could field a glittering array of international players and dazzle Coventry with the glare. Now the boot is very much on the other foot — though it is the boot on Barry John's foot (and Gareth Edwards, of course!) that calls the tune these days. Our two Lions' stars could put Coventry into orbit, or so we hope. Anyway, it promises to be a great tussle.

Cardiff will be up for the cup again shortly. We go to Pontypool Park on Wednesday, January 19 in search of a place in the fourth round and seeking revenge for that 15-12 defeat we suffered in the seventh match of the season. Cardiff beat Pontypool 19-6 at the Arms Park in the return, but it will be what happens up the valley that will keep cup interest boiling. John Hickey broke his leg at Pontypool in that earlier match when Ivor Taylor fell across him, and it is good to see "Hick" is hobbling pretty well nowadays as he returns to full health and vigour. That hefty plaster cast has taken the edge off his speed in past weeks!

On only four occasions since the war have Cardiff been topped at Pontypool. Those moments of dread defeat were in 1947-48, 1961-62, 1967-68 and 1971-72. But none will be as dire as failure on January 19, because the glamour of the cup is making its presence felt — and there is a crock of gold at the rainbow's end into the bargain. The call of hard cash is making club treasurers throughout Wales lick their lips as the cup reaches its exciting final stages. There is glory for the players and pounds and new pence for the clubs. The cup is also a test of sportsmanship, for this is competitive rugby at the highest level and it should reflect all that is best in our game. In 1879-80, Cardiff claimed to have beaten Lampeter College in the South Wales Challenge Cup by a dropped goal to a try. Lampeter denied the dropped goal was legal and alleged that Cardiff had walked off the field 10 minutes before the end. The WRU ordered the tie to be replayed — and Lampeter won by two tries to nil. Cardiff learned their lesson that day over 90 years ago. Tries are always better than arguments!

## Know the Laws

by FRED CROSTER

Well, Well! Still no-one claiming that promised pint for the Christmas programmes Quiz.

Does it mean that it was too easy or not easy enough? It is not too late if you did have them all right.

I have been taken to task by a supporter, Mr. Francis of Cyncoed when, in the programme for London Welsh, I pointed out the quick throw in from touch by spectators at Poverty Bay which had resulted in an All Blacks try. He felt that referees at home had been equally remiss especially in the "Sevens".

Point taken. "Thanks." Actually this instance was specifically mentioned in view of all the Lions in our match that day. They remembered it well! They had cause to.

Today, more on Line-out.  
Lifting! Is it ever within the Laws?  
The answer is that it can be.

Law 23, section 10, paras (b) and (c) state that, "*Before* the ball has been thrown in, touched the ground, touched or been touched by a player it is illegal to push, charge, shoulder or bind with or hold another player and use any other player as a support to enable him to jump for the ball."

Quite simply, by inference, if all this is illegal *Before*, it is thereby legal *after* the ball has been touched, . . . . .

Look carefully next time.

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11. S. McCANN
10. B. JOHN\*
9. G. EDWARDS\*
1. G. WALLACE
2. G. DAVIES
3. R. BEARD
4. I. ROBINSON
5. A. PIKE
6. R. LANE
8. C. SMITH
7. M. JOHN

Referee: R. LEWIS (Llangynwyd)

Full Back

Right Wing

Right Centre

Left Centre

Left Wing

Outside Half

Inside Half

Forwards

**Coventry**

- P. A. ROSSBOROUGH\* 1.
- P. N. PREECE 2.
- D. DUCKHAM\* 3.
- G. EVANS 4.
- R. E. WEBB\* 5.
- D. NICHOLLS 6.
- W. G. GITTINGS\* 7.
- K. E. FAIRBOROUGH (Capt.)\* 8.
- J. D. GRAY 9.
- R. J. KNOTT 10.
- J. BARTON\* 11.
- B. NINNES\* 12.
- B. C. HOLT 13.
- L. R. ROLINSON 14.
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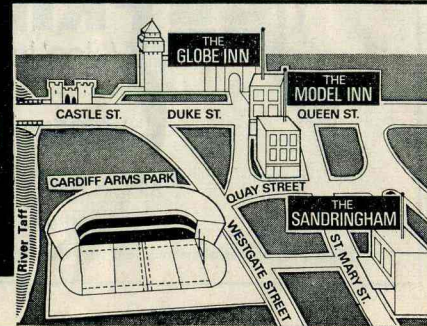
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Date	Opponents	Venue	Results
1971			
Sept. 1	Glamorgan Wands.	H	34-4
4	Maesteg .. ..	H	26-9
8	Bristol .. ..	A	19-13
11	Blackheath .. ..	H	26-13
15	Neath .. ..	H	13-12
18	Coventry .. ..	A	10-22
22	Pontypool .. ..	A	12-15
25	Aberavon .. ..	H	22-16
29	Abertillery .. ..	A	3-15
Oct. 2	Newport .. ..	A	4-7
6	Penarth .. ..	A	30-6
9	Northampton ..	H	24-20
13	Pontypridd .. ..	A	11-6
16	Ebbw Vale .. ..	A	18-21
23	Cambridge Univ.	H	17-4
27	Bridgend .. ..	A	6-19
30	Pontypool .. ..	H	19-6
Nov. 6	Oxford Univ.	A	30-13
11	Clermont Ferrand	A	6-9
13	Newport .. ..	H	0-6
20	Wasps .. ..	A	33-6
27	Llanelli .. ..	A	10-17

Dec. 4	Swansea .. ..	H	38-6
11	Harlequins .. ..	A	19-12
18	London Welsh ..	H	23-4
27	Liverpool .. ..	H	17-6
28	Watsonians .. ..	H	25-13
1972			
Jan. 8	Coventry .. ..	H	.....
15	London Welsh ..	A	.....
22	Ebbw Vale .. ..	H	.....
29	Aberavon .. ..	A	.....
Feb. 4	Heriot's F.P. ..	H	.....
11	Bristol .. ..	H	.....
19	Newport .. ..	A	.....
26	Llanelli .. ..	H	.....
Mar. 4	Newport .. ..	H	.....
10	Bective Rangers..	A	.....
15	Bridgend .. ..	H	.....
18	Swansea .. ..	A	.....
23	Bath .. ..	A	.....
April 1	Barbarians .. ..	H	.....
3	Harlequins .. ..	H	.....
8	Gloucester .. ..	H	.....
12	Neath .. ..	A	.....
22	Newbridge .. ..	H	.....
29	Snelling Sevens		

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