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Cardiff v. Leicester

SATURDAY, 5th NOVEMBER, 1988 KICK-OFF 3.00p.m.

With September and October but memories of the past it means that one quarter of the season has become history. Mind you, I don't think many will be happily recalling this recent history however because generally the goings on off the field have by far and away overshadowed the mediocrity of the standard of play witnessed on it. The latest eyebrow raiser occurred with the reintroduction of the World War II Lease Lend past coming back into operation. This has come about by Wales selecting Cornishman Colin Laity in their B side last Saturday. England have gone a step further though in their full international selection of Welshman Dewi Morris against Australia at Twickenham this afternoon. There must be a fair sprinkling of players called Colin who have played for Wales but Dewi amongst the English ranks, now I ask you!

Still it's fair do's to the three English Divisional sides who really put the Aussies to the sword. If England can't repeat the dose today, I can well imagine the inquest that will follow.

Another amazing feature that came to light this week was All Black captain Wayne Shelford's statement on TV during his brief visit to Wales. He declared that of his 30 plus games during his season, only two of them had been for his parent club side. Now given that they have a highly organised and very competitive provincial set up, only two games for his club seems an inordinately small number. I suppose it's hard for us in Wales to appreciate this because the only progression we have is from club to country. Even in England however, with their County and Divisional structure, their top players feature far more prominently in club rugby. This is particularly so at present when opinion seems to be saying that the new league structure is providing that necessary edge of competitivesness required at international level. So where will Wales go from here? Time, and hopefully common sense, will soon tell.

In speaking of representative rugby it's congratulations to Howard Stone on his B cap last Saturday and his nomination to the full squad.

It's nice to be back home after three away games however and let's hope the weather will be as kind to us this afternoon as when these notes were being chiselled on the tablet. The defeat at Cambridge was very disappointing albeit the big Welsh complement now sporting the Light Blue jersey all performed very well indeed. The draw at Pontypridd was a heart stopper however. Acting captain Tim Crothers did a great job in keeping his players going when all others thought it was a lost cause being adrift 27-12. The game is never over until the final whistle however, and Ponty were given a classic example of that advice. Features of the game were Steve Ford's opportunism and hat-trick of tries and Mike Rayer's place kicking. I'm sure he used the same hole twice to land those majestic touch line conversions in those dying seconds of the game. The draw was a result in every sense of the word as both sides scored three goals and three penalty goals. As is usual too a very pleasant evening ensued after the game in the convivial surroundings of the Pontypridd clubhouse.

Another Houdini act came again last Saturday at Moseley when within ten minutes we were as many points up. It didn't stay that way however and we turned around at half time 20-10 down. Steve Ford and Mike Rayer did the business again however and a 20 all draw resulted. It was a good week for Steve with a haul of five tries.

It's on to this afternoon now though when it gives us great pleasure to welcome Leicester to The Arms Park once again on what are now biennial visits. As we know Leicester were the first winners of Division One of their new league structure. They won nine of their ten league games and finished on 37 points, one ahead of Wasps on 36. It's always nice to be the first club to achieve something new in the game and it adds to their other memorable first when they took the John Player Club in 1979, 1980 and 1981. No other club had done that in the previous seven seasons of that coveted trophy. Bath may have done it since — but Leicester were the first.

Last season was The Tigers' best for many a year when 32 of 38 games were won. Their points total of 1077 was a club record with veteran Dusty Hare bagging more than a third of them with a massive 374. I'm sure they would have dearly loved to have got their hands on that Cup again to celebrate the double along with the league as another first but it was not to be.

If they are to retain their Division One title this season they will not be able to afford any more slip ups. In their four league games so far they have won at home against Wasps, and away to Liverpool/ St. Helens. A draw resulted at Nottingham but rather surprisingly The Tigers lost at home to Orrell. Other defeats have come at the hands of Swansea away and last Sunday visitors Llanelli, with Jonathan Davies at his spell binding best won a very exciting encounter.

So they come to Cardiff today for the 79th game in the series. The record of the previous 78 reads 54 wins to Cardiff, 16 to The Tigers and 8 drawn. As is the case of most English visitors a win in Cardiff is a rarity. In fact Leicester have only managed a solitary win on The Arms Park in 39 visits. That came in February 1920 when the Midlanders went home with a 16-3 win under their belts.

Today they will be without Rory Underwood and Dean Richards who will be on international duty on the 'uncut cornfield' of Twickenham. Those excepted though we are very pleased to see Leicester bring their best available side under the captaincy of Paul Dodge. This is a pleasant reversal of the trend of many English visitors to Wales this year but then again it is the great Leicester club isn't it. To Leicester then we again say welcome, we hope you enjoy the day.

Chris Collins' young Rags side are still riding the crest of the wave. Their latest win against Moseley United by a staggering 76 points to 20 took their record to: played 18 won 16, drawn 1, lost 1 with a massive 559 for to 225 against. And what a game it was on The Park last Saturday so the moral is when

The Rags are at home don't miss the fireworks.

It's great to see captain Bob Norster back for today's game so let's hope his injury problems are all behind him for the remainder of this season. A very pleasant ceremony will take place this afternoon when ten minutes prior to the kick off Bob will receive the prestigious Rothman's Rugby Yearbook Player of the Year Award for 1988. The award is given for outstanding services to the sport and Bob's contribution to Welsh Rugby over the years has been immense. This Yearbook highlights Bob's season last year, particularly so for his massive input into the game against Ireland when he battled on manfully although injured. The Yearbook's tribute to Bob makes excellent reading and it is also packed with detailed information about our games both home and abroad — a marvellous publication.

Bob will receive his award in the form of an engraved cut glass cup from Mr. Ernie Harris, Rothman's

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Last, but certainly not least, The Cardiff Rugby Club wishes to thank most sincerely today's sponsor, **Chartered Trust**, for their very generous support for the occasion. We in turn trust that Mr. Tony Webb and all his guests will thoroughly enjoy the event.

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P.S. Are we to lose Robert Lakin. More in the next programme

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Rugby Quiz - No. 8

Let's see what we know of the various competitions in the English structure.

- 1. Leicester won the League Division One Championship last year. Name the two bottom sides who were consequently relegated?
- 2. Name the top two sides in Division Two who were consequently promoted?
- A record crowd witnessed the John Player Cup Final between Bristol and Harlequins. How many attended?
- 4. Who were last season's Divisional Champions?
- 5. Who were last season's County Champions?

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By J. E. MALCOLM THOMAS FREE KICK

Players, coaches and spectators – and even referees – are still getting used to the new law changes. For those who are still uncertain please let me explain the change affecting the Free Kick.

This change in law is aimed at preventing the time wasting tactic of place kicking the ball to touch.

This season, the law allows the opponents to charge a free kick as soon as the kicker places the ball on the ground. However, there appears still to be some confusion over this, for some referee societies in England, Scotland and Ireland have ruled that if any player places the ball on the ground, then the opposition may charge. Clarification is awaited from the International Board for Welsh referees maintain that the law covers this aspect of play since 'the kicker' is clearly mentioned in Law 28 (8) and identified as the player who must place the ball on the ground before the opponents may charge.

Common sense and the intention of the law should prevent opponents charging if the ball is placed on the ground by players other than the kicker.

Please note, however, that **if the kicker is lawfully prevented** from kicking the ball then the correct decision for the referee is a scrummage to the team who have prevented the kick. There is no Advantage here.

Finally, please note that players CANNOT CHARGE A PENALTY if the kicker puts the ball on the ground. The opposition, at least ten metres away, can only move after the ball has been kicked.

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QUIDNUNC'S COLUMN

YOU'D THINK, wouldn't you, that the normal person due to make his Cardiff debut would be safely tucked up in bed by, say 10.30 p.m. Mike Parry, then, is no ordinary person. Oh no. The scene is Vancouver Island. "The Pup", as he was called as the youngest player on the Cardiff tour to Canada in 1986, was sharing a room with Gareth Davies, about to play his final match for the club. "Majid", Ming Roberts, Chris Webber and one or two others somewhat longer in the tooth had a couple of beers, a chat and retired quietly to bed in good shape at a respectable half-past midnight. "Majid" Davies, in particular, tiptoed into his room so as not to disturb the Pup. Mike Parry was missing. Missing until about 5.30 a.m., in fact — though the officials and his coaches never knew. Majid kept quiet. "And Mike played a real stormer next day", he has since admitted.

Now Quidnunc is not trying to ensure that Mike Parry collects a rocket this Guy Fawkes Day, merely illustrating the different ways in which some people approach a big game. The former Welsh Youth International who at one time nearly became a soccer player — he had trials in goal with both Newport County and Cardiff City — insists that he enjoyed "rooming" with the quiet and assuming Gareth Davies on tht tour "because he had a disco in the room each night." Indeed, the only person with whom he would prefer more to share is Steve Crandon because, for some reason, Steve does the washing for Mike, who does tend to get into trouble on tour. Why else would he have had to sit through an official dinner in Alberta with his face blacked as the result of the team's court sentence for a racist joke which also made him Gerry Cordle's personal fag for the day? In New Zealand this past summer he was said to be the leading golf ball loser — beaten perhaps only by Big 'Ed Crothers who actually managed to lose a club.

But in fairness one should say that today's cartoon and essay subject does take his rugby seriously, when he and the afore-mentioned Tim Crothers are not attempting to take over as the Drifters singing group. So let's find out a little more about the private life of...

MICHAEL PARRY

PERSONAL DETAILS

Birthplace: Caerphilly

Birthday: St. Patrick's Day (that's March 17) 1967.

Height/Weight: 6ft 4in. About 16 stone 9 — "a stone or so too light," say some Cardiff coaches.

Education: St. Ilan Comprehensive School, Caerphilly.

Previous Club: Cardiff Youth.

Married: No - but a steady relationship with

Joanna.

Employment: retail in roofing and cladding for Brohome.

Car: Ford Escort.

Superstitions: Nil – but is constantly told literally to pull his socks up.

Career: Under 16 county representation. Four Welsh Youth Caps. Touring Canada with Welsh Youth.

Club Nickname: The Pup (The result of being the youngest in the Cardiff touring team to Canada a couple of years ago).

Hobbies: Training (up and down the Treforest Industrial Estate near which he lives) and weights.

PERSONAL FAVOURITES

Rugby Player: Bob Newman.

Referee: Clive Norling Other Sports: Soccer. Other Sportsman: Ilye Nastase.

Film: Platoon.

Actor: Ian 'Compo' Greenslade (to whom Quidnunc offers heartiest congratulations for last Saturday's try at Moseley when he belted irrepressibly across from all of two metres).

Actress: Meryl Streep.

Comedian: Justin Burnell.

Pop Group: Genesis - and Phil Collins.

Holiday Resort: Vancouver (see also, Welsh Youth and Cardiff tours).

Food: Indian, preferably in the Panama in Whitchurch Road in the Company of whoever will join him.

Drink: Brain's Dark - or Guiness.

Politician: Margaret Thatcher "because she always gets her own way." And "the next Prime Minister. John Scott."

Rugby Ground (apart from the Arms Park): Brewery Field, Bridgend.

MEMORIES

Best: Touring Canada with Cardiff in 1986, during which trip he made his first appearance for the club.

Worst: Losing in the Youth Final to Llanelli, also in 1986.

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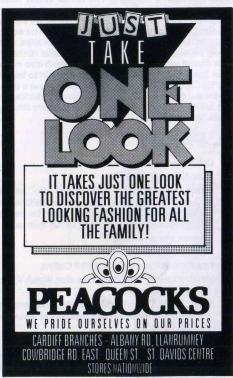
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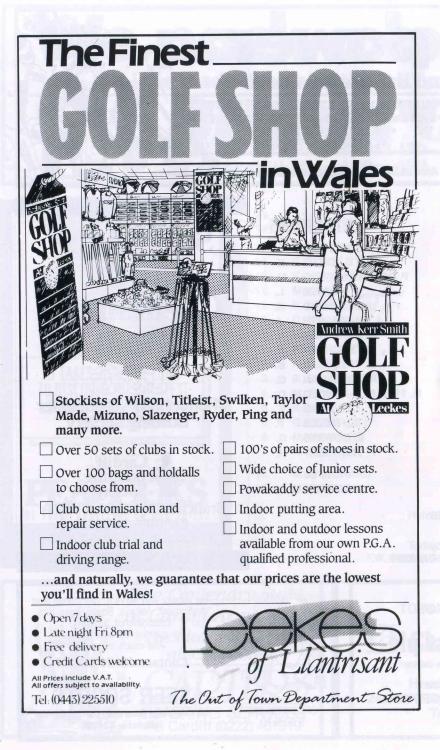
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WINNERS

TWO WINNERS to be announced today from the programmes of Cardiff v. Pontypool (October 8) and Harlequins (October 15). The controversial Welsh former World Cup soccer referee Clive Thomas did the honours and out came

October 8: Mr. M. Lewis, of Maesyffynon Lane, Aberdare (Countries winning Olympic medals included Kenya, Japan, Spain, France, Bulgaria, Morocco, Jamaica, Holland, Turkey, Suriname, Poland, Djibouti, Chile, Belgium, Rumania, Iran, Greece, Colombia, Peru, Italy and China). And

October 15: Mr. A.K. Miles, of Coburn Street, Cathays, Cardiff (Hidden names from last year's English cup final were Curtis, Davis, Langhorn, Skinner, Edwards, Carling, Olver, Mullins, Salmon, Ackford, Thompson, Moon, Thresher, Harriman and Bell from the Quins; Thomas, Webb, Hone, Dun, Palmer and Carr from Bristol. Congratulations, both

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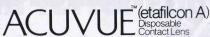
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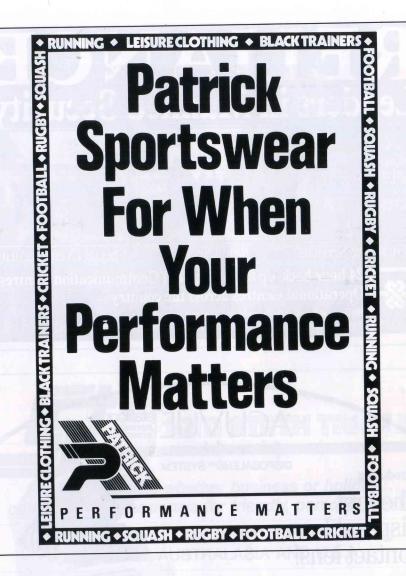


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- Rosslyn Park and Liverpool/St. Helens.
- Northern, beat London 13-0, South and South West 15-13 and Midlands 23-15.
- Lancashire. beat Warwickshire 23-18.

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These were the teams that took the field on 15th November 1947. Cardiff won by 50 points to 5 which is still the record score for the series. Can you spot the Leicester player who also played 32 games for Cardiff, I'll bet our visitors today will also have their work cut out to pronounce the referee's home village. Tell them to ask Gareth Edwards.

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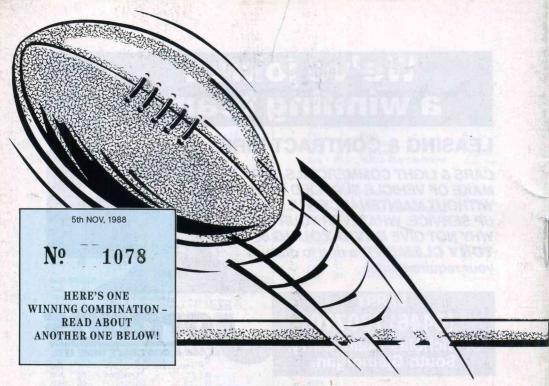
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