

CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB CENTENARY YEAR



CARDIFF v WOLFHOUND XV

SATURDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER, 1976

KICK OFF 3 p.m.

Official Programme 15p

THE WOLFHOUNDS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

The Wolfhounds Rugby Football Club was founded in 1956 and came into being as a result of the success of two exhibition matches organised by club members of the original Committee to help a new Leinster club — Devlin.

The original objectives were to popularise attacking rugby, by taking teams with a basis of international players to the country districts of Ireland and to give young Irish players an opportunity to play with established international players.

Subsequently invitations were received and accepted to play special matches outside Ireland, in England, Scotland, Wales and France. These came from the clubs of players who had toured with the Wolfhounds and they gave young Irish players a chance of broadening their knowledge of rugby.

In the early days small coaching sessions were organised, particularly for schoolboys, on the mornings prior to matches. Thus when the first Leinster Branch Coaching Course was run at Mosney, Jean Prat, who captained the first team to play against the Wolfhounds, was invited to the course as Chief Instructor. Subsequently Wolfhound players have given a great service to Irish rugby by their help at this course.

Normally the Wolfhounds Tour takes place in September. In 1974 the club was honoured by being chosen to represent the President of the I.R.F.U. in matches against each of the four provinces at the start of the Centenary season.

This year the Wolfhounds will play their first match in Wales against Cardiff R.F.C. on September 11th as part of Cardiff's Centenary celebrations. From there the touring party will travel to Newcastle where they will play Northern Football Club on Monday, September 13th.

A little later on September 26th the Wolfhounds will play in Ireland against Kilkenny R.F.C. who will be opening a new Pavilion on that day. The Wolfhounds will play again on October 10th this time against Arklow R.F.C. Again this match is to celebrate the opening of a new Pavilion.

Whilst the Wolfhounds have not played against Cardiff or Northern before, they will be renewing friendships with many players who have assisted the Wolfhounds in the past.

The original Wolfhounds Committee consisted of Karl Mullen (the President), Ham Lambert, Bobbie Mitchel, Tony O'Reilly, Jacky Kyle, Des O'Brien, Jim McCarthy, Cliff Morgan, Brian Gray and Desmond Scaife and has extended over the years mainly to obtain the best possible players for tours. Tony Twomey, the present fixture

secretary, Andy Mulligan, Locky Butler, Fergus Slattery, Al Moroney, Tom Kiernan, Joe Kennedy, Syd Millar, Chris Crowley, Mick Fitzsimons, Mick Doyle and Michael Cooney joined the Committee subsequently. Cadfan Davies (Wales), Gerard Murillo and Michel Celaya (France), Budge Rogers (England) and Chris Laidlaw (New Zealand) are the overseas members of the Committee.

KNOW THE LAWS

By FRED CROSTER

Another new season and what a thrilling, exciting one it must be.

Law changes! Inevitably. The law-makers, the International Board, certainly keep up with trends and developments although not everyone agrees with their resolutions. This is being written in Johannesburg, the day after the All Blacks were simply robbed at Pretoria when they lost to Northern Transvaal by a penalty award. Still obscure to me, long after the game had ended. What a case, there always must be, for neutral referees.

In this hemisphere I naively thought that the new changes would have been implemented. Watching their matches, to my not complete surprise, no changes at all were noticed. I thought "maybe that's normal for most spectators and many players". Only through talking to various officials did I then learn that they were not yet in operation. They will be for us.

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Knock-on or throw forward: Law 17 now states: "If the ball in a player's possession is dislodged when he is tackled or falls to the ground, this is NOT propelling the ball forward. If there is doubt, play should proceed." I can see troubles here.

Law 18, tackle: A player on his feet and held by opponents can make an effort to free himself and play the ball but this effort must be of short duration. If he fails he must release the ball immediately unless a maul has begun, thus ending the tackle.

Line-out offside: Two offside lines will operate. One for the backs and one for those in the line-out. Backs must remain 10 yards back as now and keep that position even though the players in the line-out may move farther away from them as they maul or ruck for the ball. For those in the line-out the offside line is where the ball is.

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Cardiff v. Wolfhound XV

SATURDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER, 1976

K.O. 3 p.m.

What a tremendous start to our Centenary season and celebrations last Saturday's Sevens proved to be. The pool system, as opposed to a knock-out, certainly appeared to be more attractive to both players and spectators alike. It was five hours non-stop thrills with great interest shown in every single game played. It was disappointing that we failed to reach the final from our pool but it augurs well for Welsh Rugby that the title stayed in Wales in the custody of our good friends up the road. This was a very creditable performance because the opposition included teams steeped in Sevens tradition and expertise. To somewhat offset our disappointment on the field however, the organisation and presentation on the day brought glowing praise from all the competing teams, both local and from foreign parts.

However, the suggestion that we make it an annual event caused certain committee men to turn even greyer at the very thought of it. All that remains to be said now is congratulations to Newport and also to the participating schoolboy teams, especially Romilly Primary, Barry on their victory.

Today we continue our festivities with the celebrated Irish Wolfhounds as our opposition. This is the first visit we have had from them so on behalf of all concerned we would like to extend to them a most hearty welcome. Their team is punctuated with many famous international names and some are making a repeat performance having already played in the Sevens last Saturday.

During the comparatively short time the Wolfhounds have been in existence, they have earned themselves a reputation for good open Rugby. As we have seen during the past few seasons, the Cardiff team seems to play its best against class opposition. Therefore we look forward to today's game and hope it will provide the sort of spectacle that two sides of such calibre are capable of producing.

And so, on with the game

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Action from the Centenary Sevens



• Mark McJennett notches a try in the Centenary Sevens at the Arms Park. Too late with his tackle is Ulster's S. Blake-Knox.



• The day the minnows faced Rugby's big guns. Taffs Well played in the pool containing Cardiff, the Barbarians and Ulster. Here Cardiff's John Davies slips a pass to Gerald Davies.

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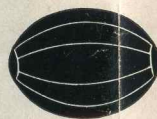
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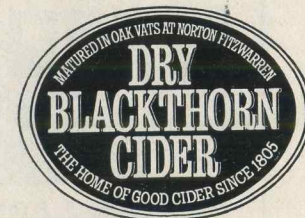
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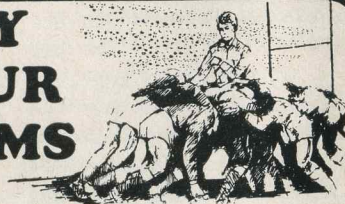


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CARDIFF
v.
OVERSEAS INTERNATIONAL XV

25th SEPTEMBER, 1976

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Tickets are on sale at the Centenary Shop in the forecourt of the Clubhouse.

CARDIFF RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS/SEASON TICKET HOLDERS

CARDIFF v ARGENTINA

SATURDAY, 2nd OCTOBER, 1976

Stand tickets for the above game will be on sale from the Cardiff Rugby Football Club Stewards Room (underneath W.R.U. North Stand) from **Monday, 13th September** up to and including **Saturday 18th September**, Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to midday. After this date sales will be made to the general public.

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THE CENTENARY BROCHURE

By PETER NYHAN

Amongst all the other happenings of this busy beginning to our Centenary, this week saw the arrival on the scene of the Brochure, and what an arrival. Some 18 months of hard work, sweat and toil by Haydn Wilkins and his sub-committee has been manifested in the creation of a publication which in contents is excellent and in presentation is æsthetic. This 100 page booklet makes the most compulsive reading. The contributors are all legendary figures in the Rugby world and one wonders how lucky we are to have had so many great players and characters in one club. The photographs therein are of excellent standard and will bring back many nostalgic memories.

On reflection after reading the brochure my own thoughts were of the esteem in which the late Cliff Davies was held by most of the contributors. This is surely testimony to the greatness of the man both as a player and character. Comparisons are perhaps odious but could we be forgiven for saying that surely Cliff Davies must have been the "Man of the First Hundred Years of Cardiff Rugby".

The Brochure is on sale at one pound and surely the only man who will show any disappointment in the publication is Barry Nelmes. Read it and find out why. No prize for spotting the mistake except, perhaps, a pint from F. M. D. Knill.

FORTHCOMING HOME FIXTURES

Wed., 15th September **CARDIFF v. PENARTH** (K.O. 7.15 p.m.)

Sat., 18th September **CARDIFF v. COVENTRY** (K.O. 3 p.m.)

Sat., 25th September **CARDIFF v. OVERSEAS INTERNATIONAL XV**
(At the National Stadium) (K.O. 3 p.m.)

Sat., 2nd October **CARDIFF v. ARGENTINA** (K.O. 3 p.m.)

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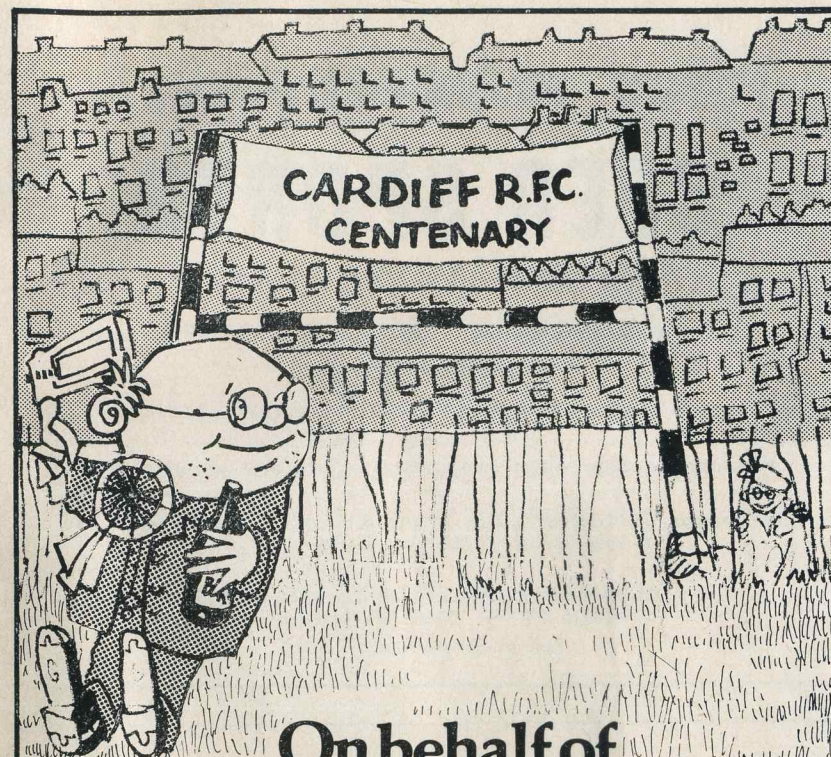
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Sat. 4	Sevens Tournament	H.....	
Wed. 8	Bristol	A.....	
Sat. 11	Wolfhound XV	H.....	
Wed. 15	Penarth	A.....	
Sat. 18	Coventry	H.....	
Wed. 22			
Sat. 25	Overseas		
	International XV*	H.....	
Wed. 29	Aberavon	A.....	
OCTOBER			
Sat. 2	Argentine	H.....	
Sat. 9	Northampton	A.....	
Wed. 13	Bristol	H.....	
Sat. 16	Cambridge Un.(am)	H.....	
Wed. 20	Bridgend	A.....	
Sat. 23	Harlequins	A.....	
Wed. 27	Neath	A.....	
Sat. 30	Italy*	H.....	
NOVEMBER			
Wed. 3	Pontypool	A.....	
Sat. 6	Oxford University	H.....	
Sat. 13	Ebbw Vale	H.....	
Sat. 20	W.R.U. Cup		
Sat. 27	Llanelli	H.....	
DECEMBER			
Sat. 4	Swansea	A.....	
Wed. 8	Newport	H.....	
Sat. 11	Moseley	H.....	
Sat. 18	W.R.U. Cup		
Mon. 27	Crawshays XV	H.....	
1977			
JANUARY			
Sat. 1	Pontypool	H.....	
Sat. 8	W.R.U. Cup		
Sat. 15			
Sat. 22	Neath	H.....	
Sat. 29	Aberavon	H.....	
FEBRUARY			
Sat. 5	Coventry	A.....	
Sat. 12	Pontypridd	H.....	
Wed. 15	Llanelli	A.....	
Sat. 19	Ebbw Vale	A.....	
Sat. 26	W.R.U. Cup		
MARCH			
Sat. 5	London Welsh	H.....	
Sat. 12	Scot. Co-optimists*	H.....	
Sat. 19			
Wed. 23	Bridgend	H.....	
Sat. 26	Newport	A.....	
APRIL			
Sat. 2	Gloucester	A.....	
Sat. 9	Barbarians	H.....	
Mon. 11	Harlequins	H.....	
Sat. 16			
Wed. 20	Swansea	H.....	
Sat. 23	Sydney*	H.....	
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