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# **CARDIFF**

**v**

# **EBBW VALE**

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**SATURDAY, 22nd JANUARY, 1972**

**KICK OFF 3 P.M.**

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# **OFFICIAL PROGRAMME**

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## Cardiff v. Ebbw Vale

Today we welcome our guests from the top end of the Western Valley, and I mean the top. It is so high that the locals reckon the rain comes up. I feel this is an exaggeration, but it is significant that one of their Presidents is the Dalai Llama. It is certainly a few degrees colder up there in winter, in fact there are solid grounds for believing the story that the Iron Works was put there in the first place by benevolent Iron Masters in order to keep the locals warm. Since Nationalisation and the Welfare State, the furnaces have never been allowed to burn low because certain Geologists fear that a Glacier would descend on the lower half of the valley. This could never be allowed to happen because Asia Lewis lives in Newbridge and he wouldn't be able to get to home matches because he can't ski. Whatever the truth of the climate is, the boys from Ebbw Vale certainly seem to play better in the warmer air at Cardiff. We have not beaten them at the Arms Park since 1965-6, when we beat them 42 pts to 8 pts in a Floodlit Alliance match. That season we beat them three times 16-0, 3-0, and 42-8. Since then we have only beaten them once, and that was away in 1969-70, by 16 pts - 0. Ebbw Vale have won 4 and drawn one of the other five games played. As a matter of fact Ebbw Vale were the first team to win at the new ground and are one of only three teams to win at our New Headquarters. If they win today they will have a record at the Arms Park that must be unique. They will not only represent the cause of 50% of our defeats at the New Ground, but they have also taken Cardiff's Ground Record in 1961-2, 62-3, 63-4, 67-8 and 70-71. If we lose today I suggest that for next seasons game at Ebbw Vale we play a couple of Eskimos in the pack and have special training sessions before the home game in the strip mills at Port Talbot.

Coming from that area of the same valley that lies beyond the Glyn Fault, I am allowed access to information about their players that is denied to outsiders. I cannot divulge the name of the person who supplied the information, because Alan Foster is a nice lad and I promised him I wouldn't tell anybody. However, amongst the general background material he supplied were some surprising items about the Ebbw Vale players. For example who would have thought that Denzil Williams refuses to take anything with his Scotch but Vichy Water. They have the traditional valley penchant for apt nick-names for their players, Detective Constable Gareth Howls is named officer Dibble, Nigel Powell who has a large Christmas Turkey trade has been tagged Gobble Gobble Powell. David Morgan who went to Cambridge is known as Dai Educated. Asia Lewis glories in the name of Flashman whilst Glyn Turner becomes Cuthbertson his fag. It seems unfair of his supporters on the bank, to call the Ebbw back row Peter, Paul and Mary because Graham Evans is a sensitive lad, and he makes up the back-row, with Peter Moyle, and Paul Watts. However, Rugby wit has always been somewhat insensitive, but makes up in genuine good humour what it lacks in finesse. May it long continue and may we long continue to play and enjoy our games with Ebbw Vale.

D. J. H.

## Know the Laws

by FRED CROSTER

Cardiff v. Coventry. Just two weeks ago and one of the best wins I can remember in 30+ years association with our club.

And, the best moment to me and so many others, that typical, superb, cheekiest of tries which Barry scored to devastate them and pave the way to victory.

Let me briefly take you back. The kick awarded, out near the touch line just outside their 25. The defending player on the floor, Barry with the ball in his hands, the touch judges, still on the touch lines, the defenders Bless them, behind the line, near the posts awaiting the kick at goal which never came.

Did it have to? Was Barry within the Laws? That was what many wondered. Not so Barry, not so referee Ron Lewis, not so yours truly. Not so any of you now. I hope!

Law 27 is the one that clarifies the point quite simply. I quote, "if the kicker has indicated to the referee that he intends to attempt a kick at goal or has taken any action indicating such intention, he must not kick the ball in any other way. Any indication of intention is irrevocable."

Barry made no indication whatever. In fact he told Ron Lewis, the ref., that he was not going to kick at goal and Ron replied simply, 'That's up to you'. If he had made any indication the touch judges would have been ordered to go behind the posts. They were not, Coventry should have known.

We all know the result. A lesson to be learned. That's how games can be won and lost. We won! Fair enough!

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- Full Back
- Right Wing
- Right Centre
- Left Centre
- Left Wing
- Outside Half
- Inside Half
- Forwards

Referee: M. JOSEPH, (Hitchin)

**Ebbw Vale**

- B. TOVEY 15.
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- A. LEWIS 13.
- A. TOVEY 12.
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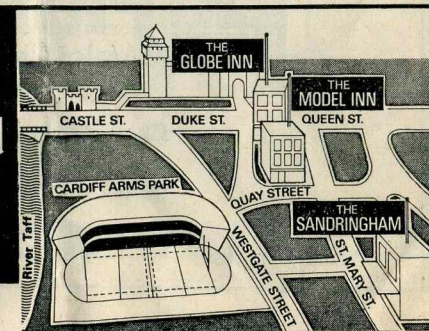
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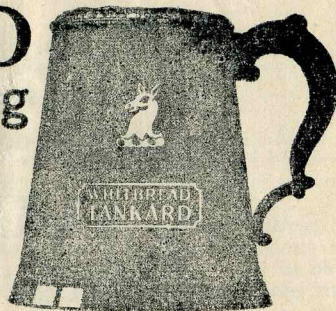
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Date	Opponents	Venue	Results
<b>1971</b>			
Sept. 1	Glamorgan Wands.	H	34-4
4	Maesteg . . . .	H	26-9
8	Bristol . . . .	A	19-13
11	Blackheath . . .	H	26-13
15	Neath . . . .	H	13-12
18	Coventry . . . .	A	10-22
22	Pontypool . . . .	A	12-15
25	Aberavon . . . .	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
<b>1972</b>			
Jan. 8	Coventry . . . .	H	22-15
15	London Welsh . .	A	7-8
22	Ebbw Vale . . . .	H	.....
29	Aberavon . . . .	A	.....
Feb. 4	Heriot's F.P. . . .	H	.....
10	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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