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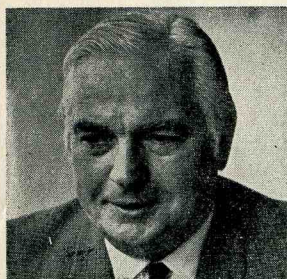
TUESDAY, 26th DECEMBER, 1972

KICK OFF 3 P.M.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

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"UNCLE HUBERT"



It was Hubert Johnson who drove me to drink. It happened like this. I was once an impecunious schoolmaster struggling to bring up a young family. We lived in a prefabricated bungalow, above the snow line on a council estate in Newbridge. I don't like pleading poverty but we were the only people in the street who couldn't afford a television set. Keeping warm at that height was a problem, made worse by the fact that even in a mining community coal costs money. I once picked

six bags of coal off the tip, and carried them up the mountain, before putting on my best blazer to travel to Cardiff to play for Wales against Scotland. One particularly dismal, wet evening the only Rolls Bentley ever to drive down that street pulled up outside my house, and a distinguished looking gentleman asked my wife where I was. It so happened I was training at the local Welfare Ground, so the gentleman drove back down the hill and sat in his car and waited for me to finish my training. He had driven all the way from Cardiff, and waited in his car purely to tell one of Cardiff RFC's youngest and least distinguished players that if I was interested in a job with a well known Cider Company to ring a certain number and say so. That call changed the course of my life — well at least I'm a lot warmer now. The distinguished gentleman concerned was Hubert Johnson. He didn't know me very well, and he certainly didn't have to go to so much trouble for me. But he did. I was a Cardiff player and therefore I was worth the trouble. That story I tell because what he did for me, he did for Cardiff Rugby Club, and for Welsh Rugby at large.

His achievements are too numerous to mention or to do credit in this brief article. Certain things, like his three year captaincy of the Rags from 1933-1936, his long association with Cardiff Athletic Club, his generosity in donating the Trophy Room, the fact that the stand you are sitting in and the Club House at the end of the pitch, and the very existence of the National Ground are due to his foresight and personality, are well documented matters of fact. What is not so well known is his humanity, generosity, and his rigid insistence that only the very best is good enough for Cardiff players, and that includes behaviour as well as perks.

The reason for this article is that Hubert has retired from the Rugby Club Committee. Why he has no-one is really sure, but we know that the decision was motivated by the wisdom that he has always shown in Committee matters. We miss him as a human being as well as a Committee man, and we would like to pay a tribute to a great man for Cardiff.

The South Wales Echo of October 28, 1970 carried a headline 'Welsh Rugby owes him a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid', and so does Cardiff Rugby Club. Thank you Hubert.

A presentation to Mr. Johnson on behalf of Committee, players and Members will be made in the Members Lounge at approximately 5.30 p.m.

D.J.H.

Know the Laws

by FRED CROSTER

Christmas time, Quiz Time. Once again. Alright the years do go by I know but what better time could there be to ponder over posers on our game. Here we go straight away. As previously, the answers will be in tomorrow's programme with a pint for the first member in the club to come up with an all correct. It was a pleasure to comply after the Easter Quiz.

1. The ball, or a player carrying it, touches the referee in the field of play. What is the decision?
2. Replacements or, as we used to call them, 'substitutes' have been much in the news in this 'All Blacks' year. In what games can they be permitted?
3. What are the conditions under which replacements can go on and what is the maximum number allowed?
4. There are only five occasions when advantage does not apply. How many can you name?
5. Under what conditions would a penalty try be awarded?
6. Where would the conversion kick then take place in all such cases?
7. A change took place in the law regarding 'Knock-on' this season. What is the difference from last season?
8. What is the maximum number of players allowed in a scrummage?
9. Where is the 'Offside' line in a scrummage/a Maul/a Ruck?
10. How many warnings can a player receive before the referee must send him off?

There we are then. Look out for the answers tomorrow. Look for me in the club if you have them all correct.

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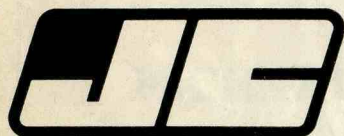
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Right Wing
Right Centre
Left Centre
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Outside Half
Inside Half
Forwards



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- C. BOLDERSON 15.
- J. SPARKES 14.
- J. LEWIS 13.
- P. MORGAN 12.
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Date	Opponents	Venue	Results
1972			
Sept. 2	La Rochelle ..	H	26-20
6	Ebbw Vale ..	A	12-10
9	Blackheath ..	A	20-6
13	Bristol ..	H	13-7
16	Coventry ..	H	18-19
20	Pontypool ..	A	19-7
23	Neath ..	H	6-14
27	Bridgend ..	A	6-6
30	Aberavon ..	A	16-3
Oct. 4	Penarth ..	A	26-4
7	Newport ..	A	18-14
11	Cdf. Col/Education	H	32-12
14	Northampton ..	A	4-15
18	Ebbw Vale ..	H	26-0
21	Cambridge Univ.	A	36-10
28	Pontypool ..	H	37-10
Nov. 4	New Zealand ..	H	4-20
8	Newport ..	H	24-3
11	Auvergne ..	A	0-36
18	Wasps ..	H	26-6
22	Oxford ..	H	C
25	Llanelli ..	H	18-12

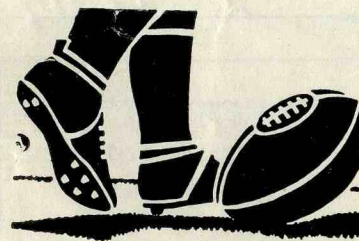
Dec. 1	Swansea ..	A	C
6	Gloucester ..	H	C
9	Harlequins ..	A	47-8
16	London Welsh ..	A	13-20
23	Maesteg ..	H	.....
26	Pontypridd ..	H	.....
27	Watsonians ..	H	.....
30	Leicester ..	A	.....
Jan. 13	Coventry ..	A	.....
19	London Welsh ..	H	.....
26	Aberavon ..	H	.....
Feb. 9	Bristol ..	A	.....
17	Newport ..	H	.....
23	Llanelli ..	A	.....
Mar. 3	Newport ..	A	.....
9	Bective Rangers ..	H	.....
17	Swansea ..	H	.....
28	Bridgend ..	H	.....
31	Newbridge ..	A	.....
Apr. 7	Gloucester ..	A	.....
14	Neath ..	A	.....
21	Barbarians ..	H
23	Harlequins ..	H
28	Snelling Sevens
29	La Rochelle ..	A
30	Cognac ..	A

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