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WEDNESDAY, 7th NOVEMBER, 1973

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Cardiff v. Newport

It has been a peculiar season. The Sun shone well into October, and allied to the unseasonal weather we have had visitors from France Japan and Australia to further unsettle us. There are compensations to be gained. I can't remember a more beautiful Autumn, with the trees holding their leaves and making the woods a blaze of colour. Even the solitary silver birch tree on the tip behind my house held one of its three leaves until the first week of October. I was going to keep it as a memento, but the kids chopped the tree down for their bonfire.

However, the leaves have now gone, the weather is cooler and we know that we have returned to normality when we have our first home game against Newport. There is something comforting about that. It is nice to hear the familiar accents of the Usksiders shouting in their inimitable way "Come on the Port", instead of the multitude of mixed accents we have coped with this year already. Whilst it is nice to see the different approach to Rugby Football of the various nations, to a Cardiff man there is nothing like the blood and guts confrontation of the game against Newport. Despite the fact that the fixture has lost some of its glamour, because of the publicity gained by the upstarts from deep West and London, to the initiated it still holds pride of place in the fixture list. It is the nature of things, for Clubs to experience good years followed by lean years, but if there is one constant factor in the game, it is that this will be a very hard match. It always has been, it is, and always will be. We won the away game at Newport 16pts - 6pts, and we will be all out to improve on the results of last year, when we won 18-14, 24-3, 19-10pts and with the four games in our grasp lost that remarkable game at Newport by 6pts - 7pts. I still have my doubts whether either side can win the four games in a season.

The series now reads: P. 320 Cardiff have won 146 and Newport 118 games.

PROFILE.

This years skipper of the Club is Gary Davies. This urbane, pipe smoking, Customs officer, hails from Treherbert in the Rhondda. He was born there a long time ago, and was educated at Pnerenglyn Junior School. It says much for the education given in Welsh Schools that he passed the 11+ and went onto Pentre Grammar School, where his physics master was Eddie Thomas, the former Cardiff Captain. Incidentally it was also Billy Cleavers old school, so Cardiff have done well from that end of the Valley.

He left school to join the Civil Service, and was posted as a Customs Officer to London Airport. During his time there he played for London Welsh Druids. He says it is pure coincidence that he was posted to Rhoose shortly after a Bullion Robbery at Heathrow. Anyway, it was a fortunate occurrence for Cardiff, because he joined the club in 1963, during D. J. Haywards year of captaincy. Billy Thomas was the resident hooker at that time, and Gary had to bide his time until Billy retired three years later before he stepped into the great man's shoes. He did actually put Billy out of the team for almost a season, when Billy lost the sharp edge of his form. Gary has been there ever since and maintains, in full, the great traditions of Cardiff's hookers, and is bidding fair to become one of the outstanding Captains of recent years.

His quiet, demeanour and soft voice hide the true talents of the man, and the only clue as to what lies behind the well-controlled exterior is the twinkle of his eyes.

Like all Cardiff Captains, his greatest wish is to beat Newport four times, followed closely by the desire to win the Unofficial Championship. He rates the Cardiff v. Barbarians game of two years ago as the best he has played in. We won that game 43pts - 10pts and he scored two tries.

The player he most admires is John Pullin of Bristol. He is not saying that because John is a hooker also, but because he is a dedicated footballer and is very much a players-player. The fact that John Pullin said the same about Gary, hasn't influenced this opinion. The whole tour of Rhodesia, its peoples, its country and the fact that the Club played superb rugby all add up to make the outstanding Rugby episode of Garys life.

Gary is married, and his wife Carys, has produced a son, they call Andrew. They live at Pencoed.

Gary drives a Maxi, uses Christian Dior after shave (samples), likes Mantovani, smokes Punchbowl tobacco, buys expensive clothes at Hector Powes, and wears Red, Blue or Purple underpants from Marks and Spencer. His favourite food is steak and his favourite drink is drink. Apart from Captaining the Club, Gary's other honours include playing for the County and the Civil Service, as well as being Chairman of the C.M. Club. This Club is very exclusive and the rules governing its membership are way beyond the abilities of the average person, which only goes to show that perhaps Gary Davies is no ordinary person. D.J.H.

Know the Laws

by FRED CROSTER

Knock-ons have been much in the news lately. In my last notes I quoted the example of the Australians' match at Bath when they lost through a penalty kick awarded them after they had knocked-on when charging down a kick. The one instance when a knock-on is permissible. The referee felt that it was a deliberate knock-on.

This is one which is contravened far too often and goes unpunished. We have all seen instances of a pass to a player with a scoring chance being knocked by a defender and the scoring chance nullified.

If the defender has made a genuine attempt to intercept the pass and no more it is in order.

If the knock-on has been intentionally done to prevent the receiver from getting the ball then it should and must be penalised.

It is only the referee as always who has to decide but there is a distinct difference readily discernible. Ask the players deprived of that scoring chance. They will tell you.

Under Law 17, any intentional knock-on MUST be penalised AND an intentional throw forward. Something we do not see a lot of.

Deliberate throwing of the ball into touch is another one which comes under a similar category and for some reason does get spotted and punished more often.

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- 8. J. MANFIELD
- 7. M. JOHN

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

Newport

- A. HERNE 15.
- J. DODD 14.
- D. DUNNE 13.
- N. EDWARDS 12.
- M. SHAW 11.
- B. GUILFOYLE 10.
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- D. FORD 2.
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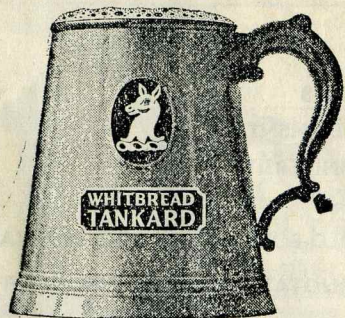
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Date	Opponents	Venue	Result
1973			
Sept. 1	Cognac	H	56-0
5	Ebbw Vale	H	8-8
8	Blackheath	H	23-9
10	Paignton	A	28-6
12	Bristol	H	30-3
15	Coventry	A	16-20
19	Pontypool	H	27-9
22	Neath	H	11-7
29	Aberavon	H	18-6
Oct 3	Penarth	A	29-13
5	Newport	A	16-6
10	Northern Suburbs (N.S.W.) All Pay	H	44-6
13	Northampton	H	13-3
17	Ebbw Vale	A	13-3
20	Cambridge Univ.	H	17-3
24	Pontypool	A	9-14
27	Harlequins	A	20-19
31	Bridgend	H	11-13
Nov. 3	Oxford University	A	22-8
9	Newport	H	
11	Clermont Ferrand	A	
17	Wasps	A	
24	Llanelli	A	

Dec. 1	Swansea	H	
8	Maesteg	A	
15	London Welsh	H	
22	Moseley	A	
26	Pontypridd	H	
27	Watsonians	H	
29	Abertillery	A	
1974			
Jan. 12	Coventry	H	
18	Heriots F. P.	H	
26	Aberavon	A	
Feb. 2	Bective Rangers	A	
9	Bristol	A	
23	Llanelli	H	
Mar. 2	Newbridge	H	
9	Newport	A	
16	London Welsh	A	
20	Bridgend	A	
23	Newport	H	
30	Swansea	A	
Apr. 6	Gloucester	H	
13	Barbarians	H	
15	Harlequins	H	
20	Neath	A	
27	Cornish Tour	A	

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