

St. Helen's Ground, Swansea

Quarter-Final W.R.U. Cup

# Swansea

versus

# Cardiff

Saturday, 9th February, 1974

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Programme 5p (Donation to Club)

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### Editorial

The most attractive draw in the Quarter Final of the Welsh Challenge Cup, that of playing Cardiff, fell to Swansea and makes it an East-West Cup clash at St. Helens this afternoon. Cup rugby has certainly caught the imagination of the Welsh rugby supporters as was shown in the final last season at the National Stadium which attracted a crowd of 32,000 and gate receipts of £18,000.

Cardiff under the leadership of Gary Davies are having a very successful season and are second in the Welsh Championship Table. They have of course in Gareth Edwards the reigning Welsh captain, and a competant outside half in Keith James. On the wing Neil Collins has this season come into his own and has established himself, with P. L. Jones occupying the other wing position. Cardiff have discovered an exciting young forward in Trevor Morgan who plays at No. 8.

It is a case of double congratulations for Alex Finlayson and Geoff Wheel who were both awarded their first caps against Ireland last Saturday, and helped Wales to a creditable draw at Lansdown Road.

Roger Blyth, Wales reserve full back and Swansea's leading points scorer has made a good recovery after the injury he sustained in the Welsh Trial.

Members will have received from our President Mr. Bruce Barter a "Centenary Appeal Fund" letter. You will be pleased to know that the appeal has got off to a most encouraging start. Members who have not already contributed are urged to send in their contributions on the slip provided in the appeal letter. The committee are confident that the appeal will achieve its aim, which is to provide Gymnasium facilities, a Medical Treatment room, and extended playing areas.

As part of the Centenary celebrations a gathering of Past and Present players assembled in the Patti Pavilion for what proved to be a most enjoyable evening. What memories were brought back as famous personalities in the Swansea club history stepped forward to be enthusiastically acclaimed To complete the programme they were entertained by the Morriston Orpheus Choir. Unfortunately Mr. Horace Phillips who organised the event was indisposed and was unable to attend this excellent evening.

One of our committee members Mr. Mervyn Bowen who is this years Chairman of the Supporters Club is receiving treatment in Singleton Hospital. We send him our best wishes and hope he will soon be back with us at St. Helens.

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### A brief look at our players . .

GERWYN JONES (Wing threequarter)



Gerwyn, 21 years of age, was born in the village of Glanamman in the Amman Valley. He attended Amman Valley Grammar School, Ammanford, but played very little rugby until the end of his School career at which time he represented the School 1st XV. He assisted Amman United R.F.C. occasionally during their Championship Year 1970-71.

After entering Cardiff College of Education in September 1970 he began playing with earnest for the College XV. He represented the Welsh Colleges v. England at Newport in 1972-73 during which season he was the College's top try scorer with 22 tries.

It was during the summer that he commenced training with Swansea, and very soon after his debut this season is proving very popular with the Swansea followers. He is able to beat an opponent with ease and possesses exceptional defensive qualities. This was evident in the Newport match lately when a superb tackle on their right wing saved a certain score.

To date he has scored 8 tries for the club, and we are certain to see many more from this versatile wing threequarter.

Gerwyn has already gained a Diploma in Physical Education at Cardiff and is now in his 4th year at College pursuing a Bachelor of Education degree. Besides rugby he enjoys athletics (he was Welsh Middle School high jump champion at 17 years of age), Gymnastics and surfing during the summer.

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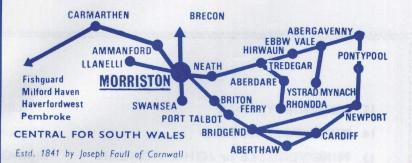
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14	GWYNFOR HIGGINS	Right Wing	Asgell Dde	NEIL COLLINS	14
13	MIKE YEANDLE or JOHN MORGAN	Right Centre	Canolwr De	PAUL EVANS	13
12	or DAVID PROTHEROE	Left Centre	Canolwr Chwith	ALEX FINLAYSON	12
1	GERWYN JONES	Left Wing	Asgell Chwith	P. L. JONES	11
10	DAVID RICHARDS	Outside Half	Maswr	KEITH JAMES	10
9	ROBERT DYER (Captain)	Inside Half	Mewnwr	GARETH EDWARDS	9
	NEIL WEBB	Prop	Y Rheng Flaen	MIKE KNILL	1
	ALAN MAGES	Hooker	Bachwr	GARY DAVIES	2
	PHIL LLEWELYN	Prop	Y Rheng Flaen	TONY NEWMAN	3
4	GEOFF WHEEL	Lock	Clo	IAN ROBINSON	4
	BARRY CLEGG	Lock	Clo	CARL SMITH	5
(	TREFOR EVANS	Flanker	Blaenasgell	ROGER LANE	6
8	MERVYN DAVIES	No. 8	Wythwr	TREFOR WORGAN	8
7	MARK KEYWORTH	Flanker	Blaenasgell	MERVYN JOHN	7

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Some supporters are aware of the fact that the local R.U. are celebrating their 75th anniversary in 1976. As part of these celebrations it is the intention of the Union to send two teams (approx. 70 boys) to New Zealand in August 1976 for a short 3 week tour, playing 5 games each. Initial arrangements are now well in hand regarding the organisation. A fund raising committee has already been established with Meirion Joseph the well known referee as its Treasurer., together with Ivor Mathews (Brynmill), H. Phillips (Waunarlwydd) Viv Davies (Swansea R.F.C., chairman), Bob Thomas (Dunvant), A. Williams, Ron Perkins, (Clwyd), Geraint Williams (Parklands), Gareth Evans (Clase), G. Lyndenbourne (Bishop Gore), M. Richards (Olchfa), John Davies (Penlan), and Mr. Danny Davies (Cefn Hengoed).

It is estimated that the trip will cost somewhat in the region of £10,000 - £15,000, and schemes have already been put forward with the hope of raising the required finance, these are:

- 1. Raffles immediately, to raise initial £2,000.
- 2. Sponsored Walks possibly with aid of parents.
- 3. Collections.
- 4. Social functions dances, coffee evenings etc.
- 5. Production of a brochure to circulate local businessmen outlining aims and objects of the Union.
- Proposed money raising matches, e.g. an International XV v. Swansea.

The age groups involved will be the present 2nd year and 4th year City teams, (Under 17's and Under 15's in 1976), and it is hoped that a temporary selection of the squads will be made by this weekend.

It is also interesting to note that the Swansea Schools R.U. will be the first Schools Union in Wales to celebrate its 75th Anniversary the number of teams having increased since its inception from 4 to 100 during the season. Also, during the celebration activities the Union hope to produce a special magazine involving the work of Schools rugby through the years If any parent, player or spectator has anything to contribute the Secretary Mr. Geraint Williams (Tel.: 72921) will only be too glad to hear from them.

Supporters are also reminded that Swansea Boys XV will be playing the Chairman of Welsh Schools International XV at St. Helens on Easter Tuesday. K.O. 6.30 p.m. This match is part of the Swansea Clubs Centenary Celebrations, and your support is welcomed.

#### CENTENARY APPEAL FUND

Dear Sir/Madam,

What thoughts or memories do you conjure up when you have read the above heading?

The deeds and achievements of those who have served the Club as Officials or Players in any of its sporting activities will undoubtedly be recounted in the first century of the club's history.

Over the years the Club has played an important part in the administration of Rugby Football, Cricket and Hockey at National and International level, whilst its playing representatives have gained the highest honours in their particular sport.

In this very special year your committee has arranged an outstanding programme of Events — highlighted by the visit of the Fijian XV to St. Helen's on September 8 and to be followed by a series of attractive events in all three sports.

A Calendar has already been forwarded to all members.

What of the future? The Club currently possesses prized assets but as the modern sporting era demands Gymnasium facilities, a fully equipped medical treatment room, and extended playing areas, it has become apparent that these objectives can only be achieved by the generosity and support of all those who admire the great traditions of the Club.

Will you therefore consider sending a donation to help to achieve these aims during the Club's Centenary Year ?

May we take the liberty of thanking you in anticipation of your kindness?

	Tours sincerely,
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#### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Geoff Wheel on gaining his first Welsh Cap at Dublin last Saturday.

Our good wishes to Arwel Rees who is in Morriston Hospital recovering from a cartilage operation, we wish him complete recovery and a quick return to St. Helen's.



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