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CARDIFF v MOSELEY (3 pm)

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 7p



Cardiff v. Moseley

SATURDAY, 7th SEPTEMBER, 1974

K.O. 3 p.m.

Tribute to the Lions

The human mind has a self-protecting, and self-healing system called the memory. All the pains and sorrows of the past hurt less as the memory of them fades. Unfortunately all the joys and ecstasies receive the same treatment. It is the way of our nature to push the past, even the recent past, into the recesses of our memory to make way for new experiences and emotions. This process appears to apply particularly strongly to sporting memories. Whilst today we are all looking forward to the new season and all it promises, and as our anticipation of the joys to come increases, our recollection of teams, players and events of the past is fading.

I want to arrest that process today and revive memories of the very near past. I want to revive memories and pay tribute to the glorious achievements of the 1974 British Lions in South Africa. Their record, which we print in its entirety, speaks for itself. When all else is forgotten, and whether you think that they played as exciting Rugby as John Dawes' Lions or not, the cold figures of their results are indisputable. So we can raise our hats to Alun Thomas, Sid Millar, Willie John McBride and to the whole Pride of Lions, on behalf of Cardiff Rugby Club, and all associated with the Club.

The Lions tour to New Zealand saw the incredible gifts of Barry John blossom to the full, and he was rightly crowned by the Rugby world as King John. Indeed it was said that when Gareth Edwards wrote his life story it would be entitled 'The King and I'. The tour to South Africa saw all the gifts of Gareth Edwards mature blossom to the full. This man, of whom it has been said, is the greatest all-round footballer of all time, and I wouldn't disagree with that, has in his turn been acclaimed by the world of Rugby. Whether he is going to change the title of that book to 'Edwards the Great' or 'I, Gareth' we will have to wait and see, because it appears he is going to break a few more records of his own yet. In the meantime the frontispiece of this programme is a tribute to him and to the 1974 British Lions.

MOSELEY

It is many years since we last played Moseley at Cardiff. To our cost we played them at Moseley last year, as part of their Centenary celebrations, and lost. It was a loss that virtually finished our championship bid. This, however, wasn't their most damaging win over Cardiff. In 1885 Cardiff were cruising to an invincible season, with only Moseley to beat at the Arms Park. Having beaten them away it appeared to be a formality, and the celebration preparations were well advanced. The impossible happened and Moseley won by two goals to a try, and deprived us of a much desired invincible season.

In recent years Moseley have been consistently one of the most successful of British sides. They have contributed several internationals to the English team, and of course the redoubtable Sam Doble makes law-breaking against Moseley a costly pastime. We welcome Moseley to Cardiff and look forward to a thrilling curtain-raiser to the 1974-75 season. We also wish Mervyn John, this year's skipper, all the best for a highly successful season.

Record against Moseley —

Played 64

Won 52

Lost 10

D.J.H.

Know the Laws

By FRED CROSTER

Another season and again the lawmakers have been busy. Busy this time, making a bit of rugby history as well, as the International Board, with Hermas Evans and Ken Harris as the WRU delegates, met for the first time ever, in Australia as part of their 75th anniversary celebrations.

This innovation means that 'Down Under' they will have already implemented the changes made, as their season was immediately under way. I shall go through them all in due course. A couple to start with:

Pitch Markings:

Did you notice last season that the new 15 yard in from touch markings crossed the goal lines into in-goal? Not any longer. They will now cross the 25's, the 10 yard lines and halfway but will stop at the goal line itself, just extending 5 yards from the line into the field of play. This is to help referees to determine the place for 5 yard scrums and penalties.

Replacements:

Permissible now in competitions etc., determined by the WRU, in addition to internationals and representative games.

Line-outs:

In order to clear up the mess, players in the line cannot close the gap **until the ball has been touched in the line-out**, or has touched the ground. Previously they could do so as soon as the ball left the hands of the player throwing it in. This is what caused so much trouble. I think that's enough for now. They are the important ones. The others next time.

BRITISH LIONS RUGBY TOUR OF SOUTH AFRICA - 1974

May 15	Western Transvaal	W 59-13	June 22	South Africa	W 28-9
18	S.W. Africa	W 23-16	27	Quagga's	W 20-16
22	Boland	W 33-6	29	Orange Free State	W 11-9
25	E. Province	W 28-14	July 3	Griqualand W.	W 69-16
29	S.W. Districts	W 97-0	6	Northern Transvaal	W 16-12
June 1	Western Prov.	W 17-8	9	Africans	W 56-10
4	Coloureds	W 37-6	13	South Africa	W 26-9
8	South Africa	W 12-3	17	Border	W 26-6
11	S'th'n Universities	W 26-4	20	Natal	W 34-6
15	Transvaal	W 23-15	23	Eastern Transvaal	W 33-10
18	Rhodesia	W 42-6	27	South Africa	D 13-13
TOTAL —		Played 22	Won 21		Drawn 1

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6. T. WORGAN
8. C. SMITH
7. M. JOHN (Captain)

Referee: D. E. WILLIAMS (Ammanford)

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



Moseley

- S. A. DOBLE 15.
- R. WAIN 14.
- M. SWAIN 13.
- A. W. HILL 12.
- A. THOMAS 11.
- J. G. WEBSTER 10.
- M. J. COOPER 9.
- R. V. GROVE 1.
- D. PROTHEROUGH 2.
- B. GREAVES 3.
- L. SMITH 4.
- N. R. C. HORTON (Captain) 5.
- D. WARREN 6.
- D. NUTT 8.
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Date	Opponents	Venue	Result
1974			
Sept. 4	Glam. Wanderers	A	
7	Moseley	H	
11	Bristol	A	
14	Blackheath	A	
18	Pontypool	H	
21	Coventry	H	
25	Pontypridd	A	
28	Aberavon	A	
Oct. 2	Penarth	H	
4	Newport	H	
5	Univ. Coll. Cork	A	
12	Northampton	A	
16	Devon	H	
19	Cambridge Univ.	A	
23	Pontypool	A	
26	Harlequins	A	
30	Bridgend	H	
Nov. 2	Oxford Univ.	H	
9	Newport	A	
16	Wasps	H	
23	Llanelli	H	
30	Ebbw Vale	A	

Dec. 4	Neath	H	
7	Swansea	A	
14	Maesteg	H	
21	London Welsh	A	
26	Pontypridd	H	
28	Ebbw Vale	H	
1975			
Jan. 1	Bath	H	
11	Coventry	A	
25	Aberavon	H	
Feb. 1	Neath	A	
8	Bristol	H	
14	London Welsh	H	
22	Llanelli	A	
28	Heriots F.P.	A	
Mar. 8	Newport	H	
14	Bective Rangers	H	
22	Newport	A	
29	Barbarians	H	
31	Harlequins	H	
Apr. 5	Gloucester	A	
12	Swansea	H	
16	Bridgend	A	
19	New Brighton	A	
21	Orrell	A	

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