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# Cardiff v. Newport

WEDNESDAY, 2nd OCTOBER, 1974

K.O. 7.15 p.m.

**Frontispiece:** Mervyn John, skipper of the club, scoring the winning try against Newport in the National Sevens.

By courtesy of Western Mail & Echo

Well here it is. The first of the season's encounters with Newport. A saga that goes back so far in antiquity that the first recorded account we have of the match states that the game was held up for half a day whilst they removed a woolly rhinoceros from the pitch. Records of those far off days are difficult to find, because a reporter's job was a hazardous profession. If they didn't die an early death from silicosis as a result of chiselling their reports on stone, they fell out of their trees. Even in later centuries they were persecuted. If they attempted to forecast a game they were dipped in ponds on the end of ducking stools, as witches, and many a correspondent who was over-enthusiastic about the opposition spent his weekend in the stocks. Whilst today's reporters may think times haven't changed much, by comparison they have an easy time. They are spoiled and closetted. We provide comfortable boxes for them, equipped with the latest telephonic aids, and in time we will get around to providing free programmes — especially when we have the expensive special editions.

Whilst on the subject of programmes, I must plead guilty to a charge of bad public relations. To spring a programme costing 7 p onto our supporters, and follow it up by one costing 10p, without an explanation, was presumptuous arrogance. The explanation is quite simple. Our printers advised us some time ago of the incredible rise in the costs of everything associated with their business. Paper was scarce and expensive, and the cost of type and ink and labour would make it inevitable that we would have to raise the cost of a programme — and I can assure you that the rise to 7p will not meet the increases by the end of the season.

In addition we decided to brighten the programme and include extra pages of information and put in a colour front and some photographs for special matches. These 'bumper' editions are test copies for our centenary season, and if any of you have any practical suggestions (no we will not make them of absorbent paper) to improve them we would be delighted to have your ideas. Remember — photographs and colour front add to the cost. So do extra pages. For the Coventry match, we had a colour front, four extra pages and a photograph, that is why it cost 10p, the equivalent of five fags or  $\frac{1}{2}$  a pint of beer, both of which are bad for you. I'm not saying the programme is good for you — but it makes a useful fan on hot days and it gives you an unshakeable alibi when you get home late after the match.

Back to Newport. In this their centenary season we all wish them a season that is in keeping with their glorious heritage. From this game on we hope they will beat everybody in sight — except us. I am sure that Geoff Evans would love to be the first Newport skipper to beat us four times, but I am sorry that even in their Centenary Season, even allowing for my generous nature, I can't wish them that. Mervyn John would be an unusual Cardiff skipper if he didn't want to get four Newport scalps under his belt. As for myself I am extremely dubious that either side will ever do it again.

Last year we won three of the games, and lost one. We won away 16 pts. - 6 pts., and at home 38 pts. - 14 pts. and 12 pts. - 4 pts. We lost at Rodney Parade 3 pts. - 6 pts. In all we have played Newport 324 times, winning 147 games and losing 119.

All the best to Newport in their hundredth year. I'm at the stage in life where I tell lies about my age, and it's nice to know that we are younger than our greatest rivals.

CROESO CASNEWYDD.

D. J. H.

## Know the Laws

By FRED CROSTER

### Law 23, 'Touch'

It often surprises me how much we take for granted and accept during most matches we take part in. Yes! Those who watch DO take part in making it a match in its fullest context.

When the touch judge puts his flag up, we all tend to just wait for the ball to be thrown in, for the game to go on, with, for many, not another thought.

There is, must be, more to 'Touch' than merely that. Let me elucidate. The definition is clear enough:

"The ball is in touch when it is not being carried by a player and it touches or crosses a touch line, or, when it is being carried by a player and it or the player carrying it touches a touchline or the ground beyond it."

It is the exceptions to this which make interesting reading.

"If a player, in the field of play, catches the ball, immediately after it has crossed the line it is NOT in touch, provided that the player himself does not go into touch."

"If the ball crosses a touch line and then comes back, it IS in touch at the place where it first crossed the line."

"If the ball is NOT in touch, a player who IS in touch may kick the ball or propel it with his hand but NOT HOLD IT."

The last part will no doubt surprise many.

There is a simple and important difference between our game and soccer where 'Touch' is concerned. In soccer the whole of the ball has to be over the line before it is in touch. In our game, the field is bounded by the lines, hence ON the line is the same as OVER the line.

## ATHLETIC XV RESULTS

September	4	Llanharan	...	...	Home	W	40-15
	7	Maesteg Celtic	...	...	Away	W	14-6
	11	Bristol United	...	...	Home	W	20-14
	18	Pencoed	...	...	Away	W	31-9
	21	Coventry Extra 1st XV	Away	W	16-8		
	25	Pontypool United	...	...	Away	L	3-4
	28	Cardiff H.S.O.B.	...	...	Home	W	14-4



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7. M. JOHN

Referee: D. O. HUGHES (Newbridge)

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



### Newport

- R. PUGH 15.
- J. DAVIES 14.
- D. BURCHER 13.
- N. EDWARDS 12.
- M. L. SHORE 11.
- D. WILSON 10.
- A. EVANS 9.
- C. SMART 1.
- D. FORD 2.
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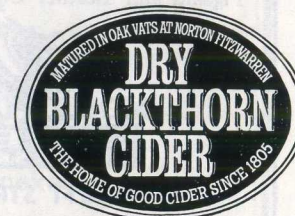
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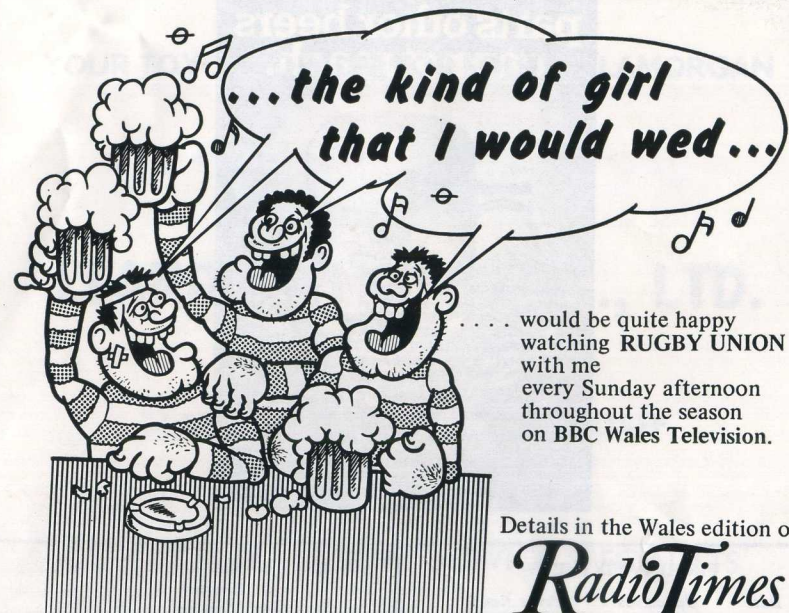
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Date	Opponents	Venue	Result
Sept. 4	Glam. Wanderers	A	.....
7	Moseley	H	.....
11	Bristol	A	.....
14	Blackheath	A	.....
18	Pontypool	H	9-15
21	Coventry	H	32-6
25	Pontypridd	A	18-6
28	Aberavon	A	9-13
Oct. 2	Penarth	H	.....
4	Newport	H	.....
5	Univ. Coll. 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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