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Cardiff v. Devon

WEDNESDAY, 16th OCTOBER, 1974

K.O. 7.15 p.m.

As far as I know, and I am open to correction, as I will be if I am wrong, we have never played the County of Devon XV at the Arms Park before. It is unwise to make bold categorical statements on fixtures, because investigation of ancient records turns up some amazingly unlikely fixtures. I must hasten to add that there is nothing surprising about playing Devon, since it is traditionally a strong Rugby County, well known to generations of touring Rugby teams. Whilst the show places of the Devon Riviera, such as Torquay, Paignton, Plymouth and Brixham, may bring back pleasant memories of past holidays spent in the sun to the womenfolk of Wales, the glazed look that comes over the eyes of their menfolk when these names are mentioned has nothing to do with sand castles and candy floss. After many years of travelling to Devon to sample their Rugby, and their hospitality, it is nice to reciprocate, and we hope that both the Rugby and the hospitality will match what we have become accustomed to in Devon.

WELCOME TO DEVON

ATHLETIC XV FIXTURES

Date	Opponents	Venue	Result
Sept. 4	Llanharan	H	40-15
7	Maesteg Celtic ..	A	14-9
11	Bristol Utd.	H	20-14
14	Neath Ath.	A	.....
18	Pencoed	A	31-9
21	Coventry Ex. 1st XV	A	16-8
25	Pontypool Utd. ..	A	3-4
28	Cardiff H.S.O.B.	H	14-4
Oct. 2	Barry	H	.....
4			
5	Newport Utd.	A	.....
10	Welsh Guards ..	H	.....
12	Quins Wanderers ..	H	.....
19	St. Pauls Chelt. ..	H	.....
26	Bridgend Sports ..	H	.....
30	Treherbert	A	.....
Nov. 2	Newport H.S.O.B.	A	.....
9	Taibach	H	.....
16	Treorchy	A	.....
23	Llanelli Wands ..	A	.....
30	Senghennydd ..	A	.....
Dec. 7	Swansea Athletic ..	H
14	Llantwit Major ..	A
21	Neath Athletic ..	H
28	Pontypool Utd. ..	H

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Jan. 4	Aberaman	A
11	Coventry Ext. 1st XV
18	Mumbles	H
25	Aberavon Quins ..	A
Feb. 1	Maesteg Celtic ..	H
8	Bristol Utd.	A	.....
15	London Welsh Druids	H	.....
22	Llanelli Wdrs. ..	H	.....
Mar. 1	Merthyr	A	.....
8	Abercynon	A	.....
15	Cilfynydd	H	.....
22	Newport	H	.....
29	Chepstow	H	.....
Apr. 5	Gloucester Utd. ..	H	.....
12	Swansea Ath.	A	.....
19	Ebbw Vale Ath.	A	.....

It is good to see the Rags performing so well under the able captaincy of John Hickey, they won their last game against Harlequin Wanderers 46 pts. - 12 pts., as well as beating the Welsh Guards in midweek. There are several promising youngsters coming into the Rags this season, all of whom will start making their mark in the first team before long. We all wish John Hickey the best of luck for what promises to be another outstanding Rags team. The rules of the competition virtually eliminate the Rags from appearing in the Silver Ball Final, but with John at the helm I am sure with his enthusiasm and a little luck we have a good chance of making it this year.

D.J.H.

Know the Laws

By FRED CROSTER

Our South Island friends from Tonga will soon be back to that sunshine which they have missed so much. The weather has been one adverse effect upon their results. Another, and more important, has been the lack of possession which has denied them the freedom of their normal play which is so exciting to watch.

No excuses, no grumbles. As they have said 'We came to learn. We have, from the start, realised that it meant learning the hard way.' One major factor in this lack of ball possession, has been their inability to assess the 'Maul' situation as we play it here.

They felt from the beginning, and still do, that in a 'Maul', if the player in possession, who sets it up, stays in front of the ball as it is slipped back, then he and others who move it are actually 'Offside' and causing obstruction by shielding the ball from their opponents.

This is why, all through the tour, they have released the ball when held, because, as the law states, a tackle can be equally valid when standing, if 'there is a moment when the player cannot pass or play the ball'.

The ball has then gone to their opponents.

They do have a point. BUT!

Law 22. 'Maul' states:

"A maul, which can only take place in the field of play, is formed by one or more players from each team on their feet and in physical contact, closing round a player who is carrying the ball."

But! And this is the vital determining factor. It then goes on to say:

"A MAUL ENDS A TACKLE."

They have been fundamentally wrong in not appreciating this. This is what enables the ball to be legally smothered back. This is what makes the possession from the 'Maul' possible within the law.

We shall see on Saturday next how much this lesson has now been learned.

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



Devon

- G. FULLER 15.
- J. JENKINS 14.
- A. MUNDY 13.
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- M. SLEMEN 11.
- P. TRESEDER 10.
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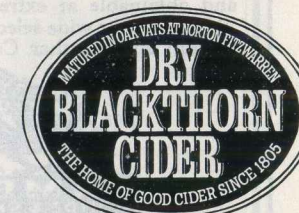
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Date	Opponents	Venue	Result
1974			
Sept. 4	Glam. Wanderers	A
7	Moseley	..	H
11	Bristol	..	A
14	Blackheath	..	A
18	Pontypool	..	H 9-15
21	Coventry	..	H 32-6
25	Pontypridd	..	A 18-6
28	Aberavon	..	A 9-13
Oct. 2	Penarth	..	H
4	Newport	..	H
5	Univ. Coll. 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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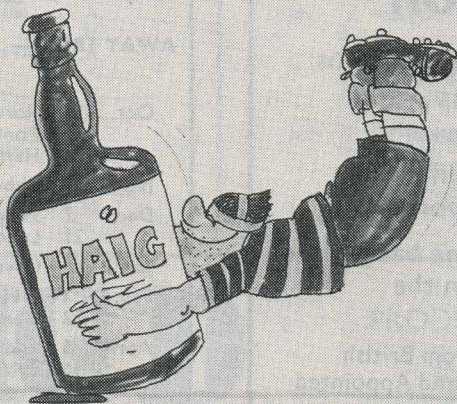
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