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CARDIFF v WASPS (3 pm)

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Cardiff v. Wasps

SATURDAY, 16th NOVEMBER, 1974

K.O. 3 p.m.

Have you ever sat in a pub with nothing to do except look around at the assortment of humanity that assembles there. There are always darts players, there are always the regular boozers throwing down pints to satisfy a thirst like the Taf Fechan, there is the inevitable star struck couple sitting in the dark corner, hoping no-one will recognise them, particularly their respective spouses, and there are the married couples. You can always tell these, because they sit looking at everybody else, hoping someone they know will come in — because they've got nothing to say to each other. They've said it all before. Which, as I sit here trying to think of something to write, is exactly how I feel.

If you are a regular contributor to these series you will have read everything there is to know about the Wasps, from their multi-team bath in the old tin shed to their splendid new club house. One thing you won't know is why they are called the Wasps, and if you rely on this column for information you will remain in ignorance, because I don't know either. However since there are many other examples of teams with appellations taken from the animal world it would be safe to assume they are the stinging variety of wasp, not white Anglo-Saxon Protestants. To have named themselves after the latter would have been something of a misnomer anyway, particularly when I remember some of their more robust players who would have qualified as the blackest of 'B's.

One thing that is not generally known is that Colin Howe maintains he scored the fastest try in the history of Cardiff RFC, against the Wasps. There are two versions of this try. One is by Colin Howe himself, who maintains that in one of the traditional Boxing Day fixtures against the Wasps, Geoff Davies, then playing fly-half for Cardiff, caught the ball from the kick off and made a brilliant run. The only man fast enough to stay with him was Colin, who was given the ball twenty-five yards out, and with a series of swerves, jinks and hand-offs scored the try.

The other version varies slightly in the details. It starts with the fact that Colin was so bemused after a gigantic thrash on Christmas night that when he took the field, he lined up with the Wasps. The rest happened so quickly that when Geoff Davies ran up to within two yards of the Wasps line and passed to Colin, who was lurking around that area trying to keep out of trouble Colin thought he was on his own line and put the ball down to minor it — thus scoring the fastest try in the history of the club.

The Wasps have not yet returned to the days of Ashby, Yarrangton, Bendon, Herbert, Hurst, Sykes and Woodward, but they are certainly improving to the point where they are a power to be reckoned with. May their resurgence be complete and quick, welcome to the Wasps.

For those who study these things, we have played the Wasps 44 times, Losing 3, and drawing 2.

D.J.H.

Cover photograph — JOHN HICKEY and IAN ROBINSON

Know the Laws

By FRED CROSTER

The Tongans have, of course, now gone back to their sunshine. I have previously explained the main reason for their failing to gain possession from Maul situations. Appropriate Law communication, sadly to blame. All who saw the last match against Wales may recall a touchline incident, over on the South Stand side, near the river end 25. Tonga defending that end. The full back kicked to touch. The ball was actually over the touchline, in the air, when it was fielded by a Welshman who had his feet in the field of play.

The yell went up. "Touch". Dave Johnson was running the line. He kept his flag down and the player concerned set off on an attacking run. Quite in order although that ball had definitely crossed the line. In such situations it is the position of the player's feet which determines the decision. His feet were in play. That means that the ball, in the air, was still in play.

Sounds odd I know, but there it is. Law 23 states, and I quote:

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

There is a particularly interesting development of this law aspect which will be in next week's programme.

CARDIFF RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

A Welsh XV v. New Zealand

NOVEMBER 27th, 1974

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7. M. JOHN (Captain)

Referee: F. H. SMITH (Ebbw Vale)

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

Wasps

15. M. ANDERSON
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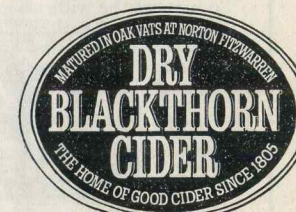
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Date	Opponents	Venue	Result
1974			
Sept. 4	Glam. Wanderers	A	26-6
7	Moseley	H	19-7
11	Bristol	A	7-17
14	Blackheath	A	25-17
18	Pontypool	H	9-15
21	Coventry	H	32-6
25	Pontypridd	A	18-6
28	Aberavon	A	9-13
Oct. 2	Newport	H	9-3
5	Univ. Coll. Cork	A	17-12
12	Northampton	A	6-9
16	Devon	H	24-16
19	Cambridge Univ.	A	16-16
23	Pontypool	A	18-17
26	Harlequins	A	9-18
30	Bridgend	H	12-13
Nov. 2	Oxford Univ.	H	21-8
6	Newport	A	13-0
13	Penarth	H	
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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