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THURSDAY, 26th DECEMBER, 1974 K.O. 3 p.m.

Let me first wish all our readers a Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year, you deserve that after reading these notes since last September. So I hope that you are fat and contented as you wait to see what sort of Christmas Fayre the boys will serve up today. I hope that the only inflation you suffer from is due to too many goodies over this week, and the only redundancy in your house will apply to the bathroom scales. So tuck in that ghastly tie that Auntie Mary sent you, light another one of those cigars the kids bought you — go on — the wife isn't looking, take out that flask of the right brand of whisky — don't be vague about these things — and pass it to that slob sitting next to you who has spoiled all your games this year with his inane comments on rugby. This is the season of good will to all men. With a few exceptions. Like referees who throw penalties around like confetti, like forwards who stamp and rake in the rucks, like half backs who kick away good possession, like centres who don't do the simple things — like passing the ball, like full backs without the imagination to run and link up when they are made a gift of the ball by the opposition, like wings who don't look for work and captains who insist on taking shots at goal with every penalty award. If all these miserable characters reform in the New Year then despite all the Unions and the Government can do to us in 1975 we will have something to look forward to. ADVENTURE, that is the word for 1975, any of our players who displays it will get a personal accolade in these columns and a framed copy of the programme signed by 10,000 grateful supporters. I am the eternal optimist and I look forward to Cardiff winning the championship and Gerald Davies breaking the club try scoring record.

Our guests today are Pontypridd, which I feel is entirely appropriate. They haven't had far to travel, and who needs to travel on a day like Boxing Day, and they have been close and neighbours for many years. The fact that it is now easy to travel from Pontypridd to Cardiff on the new trunk road may be a blessing to many valley folk but it has caused Pontypridd RFC many headaches, since it lopped off the end of their pitch at Ynysangharad Park. However, the worst of their problems are now over and they are happily esconced on their splendid new pitch, well equipped with a spacious new club house and a brand new Grandstand in the course of erection.

TRIBUTE

One of the reasons I wouldn't miss this match is to see two ex-Cardiff players in action for Pontypridd. Bill Davey is a prop who probably wouldn't give Roy Maglochlin or Frau Cotton nightmares about his scrummaging ability, but who for handling dexterity and ball winning attributes in the loose, allied to sheer footballing intelligence has few peers. Then we have at scrum half Gary Samuel. This is certainly the appropriate time to say Diolch yn Fawr lawn, to 'Sam' from all the players, committee and supporters of Cardiff Rugby Football Club. How does one begin a tribute to this character who has put in so much to the club on and off the field. It would need a chapter to cover half the episodes I could recall without even thinking too deeply. Suffice to say that as a scrum half he was a joy to watch. Always accurate, always thinking — indeed his Rugby Brain seemed to move seconds before his arms and legs, he was the great motivator of the sides he played in. Always prodding and goading

into action players who were bigger and faster than he. Always scheming, and always full of pure Rugby Football. Off the pitch he was responsible for the great singing sides of the near past — certainly for the Welsh content of their repertoires. He was also a founder member of the C.M. Club which to the uninitiated had nothing to do with a Temperance Society. Thanks again Sam for the football, the fun, the devotion, and the dignity with which you left us. We wish you and your new club many years of successful and enjoyable Rugby.

BLWYDDYN NEWYDD DDA BOB IN, A CROESO PONTYPRIDD.

D.J.H.

Know the Laws

By FRED CROSTER

It seems incredible that twelve months, and non-top rugby months at that, have elapsed since I last wrote about 'port', 'pies', 'perusal of laws', etc., for what has become our annual 'Know the Laws' quiz.

Here we go then. The questions today and the answers in the next programme with that pint for the first in the clubhouse with them all correct.

1. Name the two members on the W.R.U. who represent us on the International Board.
2. Name the W.R.U. officer who, with the referees' committee, is directly responsible for the training of Welsh referees.
3. All referees in Wales are now graded. Name the two methods whereby this grading is initially obtained.
4. When the laws were amended by the I.B., meeting in Australia for the first time ever in March 1974, one of the changes concerned the marking of the field. What was it?
5. An important change also regarding replacements. Do you know what it was?
6. Still on changes! Do you know the new clause relating to the spacings between the players in the line-out?
7. The ball is put in unfairly at a scrummage. Despite this, the other side heel the ball. What is the position regarding 'advantage'?
8. We have seen a number of 'Marks' disallowed this season. What are the conditions necessary for a 'Mark' to be allowed?
9. A player wishes to change clubs. Who applies for a permit? Who then applies for a transfer?
10. In an international the referee is injured and cannot carry on. Who takes over from him?

Have a go then. They should be easy to regular followers with all of the points having been dealt with in previous programmes. Don't forget that pint.

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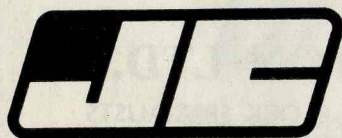
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14. P. L. JONES	Right Wing
13. M. OWEN/P. EVANS	Right Centre
12. A. FINLAYSON	Left Centre
11. S. McCANN	Left Wing
10. Gareth DAVIES/K. JAMES	Outside Half
9. B. WILLIAMS	Inside Half
1. G. WALLACE/R. BEARD	Forwards
2. A. PHILLIPS/Gary DAVIES	
3. B. NELMES	
4. I. ROBINSON/P. RAWLINS	
5. J. LUFF	
6. R. LANE/S. LANE	
8. C. SMITH	
7. M. JOHN	

Referee: J. C. KELLEHER (Llantwit Major)

Pontypridd

C. BOLDESON	15.
J. LEWIS	14.
A. WILLIAMS	13.
N. HUTCHINGS	12.
P. MORGAN	11.
S. LEWIS	10.
G. SAMUEL	9.
B. DAVEY (Captain)	1.
S. MOULE	2.
D. PUGH	3.
B. PENBERTHY	4.
B. LEIGH	5.
D. LEGGE	6.
J. RICKETTS	8.
H. DAVIES	7.



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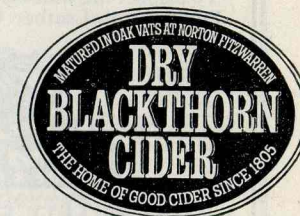
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Date	Opponents	Venue	Result
1974			
Sept. 4	Glam. Wanderers	A	26-6
7	Moseley	H	19-7
11	Bristol	A	7-17
14	Blackheath	A	25-17
18	Pontypool	H	9-15
21	Coventry	H	32-6
25	Pontypridd	A	18-6
28	Aberavon	A	9-13
Oct.			
2	Newport	H	9-3
5	Univ. Coll. Cork	A	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	8-21
6	Newport	A	0-13
13	Penarth	H	21-0
16	Wasps	H	26-6
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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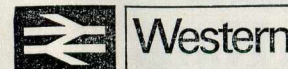
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