

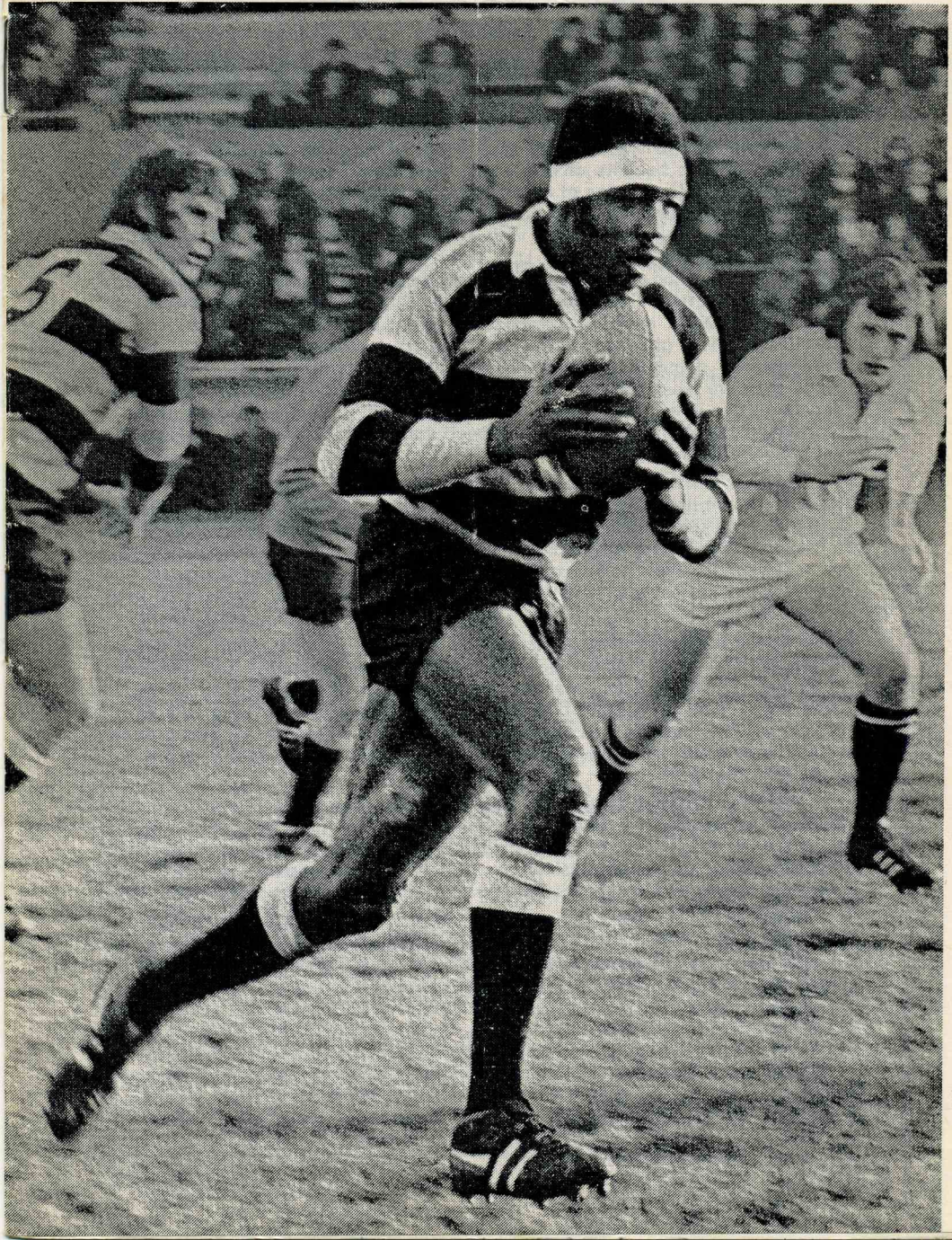


# CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB

SEASON 1974 - 1975

CARDIFF v ABERAVON ( 2.30 pm )

*OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 7p*



# Cardiff v. Aberavon

SATURDAY, 25th JANUARY, 1975

K.O. 2.30 p.m.

Let us hope that today's game survives this season's monsoon rather better than the Bath game did. When one thinks of it, with a name like Bath, perhaps that game played under the downpour that prevailed might have been appropriate. However when it is realised that a literal translation of Aberavon means at the mouth of the river, it is no less appropriate to the present deluge.

Nevertheless it is an ill wind that blows all rain and no good. Apart from the more obvious benefits of heavy rain, such as filling our reservoirs so that there will be ample supplies of cheap, Welsh subsidised water for the Midlands. Which is very important, because a large proportion of the population in that part of the country comes from very arid parts of the world, and it helps to make them feel welcome in the U.K. There are other fringe benefits from this sort of weather. For a start it helps the economy drive in the clubhouse. Those members who take their luncheons in the Club will have noticed that rice pudding is always available for dessert, at a very reasonable price. This is because we now grow our own rice on the Park. The seed was sown before the Coventry game in September and was well stamped in by both packs. Since then we have had optimum growing conditions for the crop, which was harvested this week. As a matter of fact, we might as well be honest about it, the reason the Bath game was postponed was because we knew we couldn't get the coolies off the pitch in time.

Another unrealised benefit is that Bob Thomas' famous locally caught trout are much lighter in shade and texture. This is because the fish he catches in the Taff on the Club's stretch behind the goalposts have been relishing the torrent of clean water now coming down from Merthyr. It is essential at this time of year for their health, otherwise they tend to get pneumoconiosis and coal-clogged scales, and they can only be sold in specialist markets as baby porpoises.

Enough of the benefits of the rain, as a Rugby watching public we can do without too much of it particularly when we have the prospect of watching one of Wales's top Club sides in action. Aberavon, Cup finalists last season, have been riding high for the last couple of seasons and are certainly a side worth watching. They beat us at Aberavon earlier in the season — albeit rather luckily after Keith James was carried off — but are quite capable of beating most sides on merit.

We look forward to seeing amongst their ranks Alan Martin and John Bevan fresh from their triumphs in Paris. May we take an opportunity of saying well done to both, and it will be interesting to see how Brynmor Williams reacts to playing against Clive Shell. Both are superb technicians and perhaps today's game might settle a few arguments as to their relative merits.

Whichever way the game goes let us all hope, whilst realising that 'All good things around us are sent from heaven above', that He sends a little less 'rain in winter', and a little more 'warmth to swell the grain' on Saturday. After all we have to think of Bob Thomas and those coolies.

A big welcome to Aberavon.

D.J.H.

Cover photograph — Carl Smith

Cardiff Athletic XV matches will be played at Cardiff Arms Park  
— weather conditions permitting

## Know the Laws

By FRED CROSTER

Have you recovered from that wonderful victory last Saturday? Something for even the most critical connoisseur to savour.

Were you somewhat perplexed I wonder at the first penalty awarded to France, from which they kicked the goal? It was apparently for Graham Price, surely the prop forward seventy yard sprint champion for evermore, leaving the line-out after it had been formed.

Let's have a look at it for a moment.

It's covered all right, sadly, in section (13) of Law 23 which governs 'Line-out'. Let me quote:

"When the ball is in touch, players who approach the line of touch must ALWAYS be presumed to do so for the purpose of forming a line-out. Except in a peeling off movement such players **must not** leave the line of touch, or the line-out when formed, until the line-out has ended."

Not much doubt there I am afraid.

No peel off. The line-out had not ended, in fact it had only just formed and he was part of it.

The only exception is at a quick throw in — shades of our own Alun Friday — when a player may come up to the line of touch and retire from that position without penalty.

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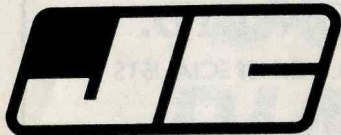
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2. Gary DAVIES
3. G. WALLACE
4. I. ROBINSON
5. P. KALLONAS
6. S. LANE
8. C. SMITH
7. M. JOHN (Captain)

Referee: D. E. PARRY-JONES

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

### Aberavon

- K. DAVIES 15.
- S. ROPER 14.
- A. REES 13.
- J. THOMAS 12.
- D. CONDON 11.
- J. BEVAN 10.
- C. SHELL 9.
- C. WILLIAMS 1.
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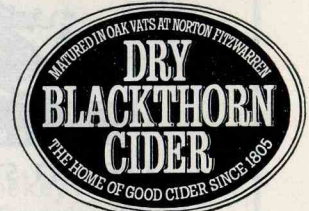
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Date	Opponents	Venue	Result
<b>1974</b>			
Sept. 4	Glam. Wanderers	A	26-6
7	Moseley	H	19-7
11	Bristol	A	7-17
14	Blackheath	A	25-17
18	Pontypool	H	9-15
21	Coventry	H	32-6
25	Pontypridd	A	18-6
28	Aberavon	A	9-13
<b>Oct.</b>			
2	Newport	H	9-3
5	Univ. 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
<b>Nov.</b>			
2	Oxford Univ.	H	8-21
6	Newport	A	0-13
13	Penarth	H	21-0
16	Wasps	H	26-6
23	Llanelli	H	15-0
30	Ebbw Vale	A	0-10

Dec. 4	Neath	H	20-9
7	Swansea	A	15-6
21	London Welsh	A	14-10
26	Pontypridd	H	23-6
28	Ebbw Vale	H	9-3
<b>1975</b>			
<b>Jan.</b>			
1	Bridgend (Cup)	H	4-6
11	Coventry	A	13-21
25	Aberavon	H	
<b>Feb.</b>			
1	Neath	A	
8	Bristol	H	
14	London Welsh	H	
22	Llanelli	A	
28	Heriots F.P.	A	
<b>Mar.</b>			
8	Newport	H	
14	Bective Rangers	H	
22	Newport	A	
29	Barbarians	H	
31	Harlequins	H	
<b>Apr.</b>			
5	Gloucester	A	
12	Swansea	H	
16	Bridgend	A	
19	New Brighton	A	
21	Orrell	A	

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