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Cardiff v. London Welsh

SATURDAY, 15th FEBRUARY, 1975 K.O. 10 a.m.

There has to be a number of advantages in playing Rugby Football at 10 a.m. on a Saturday morning. There must be advantages, because we do it, but at the moment they elude me. I have no doubt that come Saturday morning at 10 a.m. when I am sitting shivering in the stand trying to look and act normal despite a crashing hangover from the Old Players Reunion I will find it even more difficult to think of a good reason for purveying pre-prandial frolics. However, always the optimist, let's look on the bright side of things. For a start, if we have to be uncivilised there are no visitors to the Arms Park who can ease the discomfort with greater facility than our exiled compatriots from London Welsh. Like the big happy family that Welshmen become on International Day, we welcome them back to the fold, and also since they are in the family we will expect them to put up with the discomforts of an early morning kick off with the same stoicism that we have shown on many a frosty winter's morn at Old Deer Park. Duw it's hard; families can be awful cruel, aye. Of course, whilst we open all the doors to our guests, and kill the fatted calf on their behalf, whilst we will enjoy, as we always do, the magnificence of their play and hope that by the end of the day their cups of joy are full to the brim. We also hope that they won't be running over. Because we want to win this game. Duw, there's selfish some families are, aye.

Despite the fact that London Welsh are not having one of their better seasons, they are, because of their exciting style of play, always amongst the most popular of our visitors. Even though they have lost more games this season than they would have liked, we must admire them for their adherence to the principles of attacking Rugby Football. This has always been their hallmark, and was brought to its pinnacle of perfection in the great teams of their recent past. Winning is always important, how you win is more important. May they always abide by this philosophy.

At the height of their success, when they were carrying all before them, surprisingly, we did very well against the 'Welsh'. Indeed, we have to go back to 1963 to find their last success at the Arms Park. Since that was also the same year England last beat Wales at the Arms Park, I hope to God you London Welsh fellas read these notes before you play Cardiff, and like all patriotic Welshmen do the honourable, if slightly suicidal thing, if you find yourselves winning this morning. Damn it all, I'm not superstitious but with an omen like that, we can't take chances. Added to that when I am visiting my family I always let them have the last word — proper like, innit?

Well, here's to a satisfying day for both contingents of supporters on this Festival Day of Rugby. I hope in the end that either we or our guests are celebrating a double.

CROESO I GYMRU LLUNDAIN

D.J.H.

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Know the Laws

By FRED CROSTER

Scrum awarded! Whose ball?

The times I hear that one asked. Sometimes it's to the defending side; sometimes to the attacking side; sometimes it almost seems like a toss up and yet the choice of 'putting in' can be so often vital.

Older supporters, and that includes very many, will remember that inevitably, the defending side usually had the 'put in' and it made life just a bit easier for the referees, players and spectators to understand. That went by the board years ago.

Now, it is still easy to follow as long as you appreciate the fundamental fact that the law makers have made their changes with the emphasis on encouraging attacking play and the intention to allow play to flow.

Law 20, section (7) is quite explicit and how I love to quote, just to save argument from our many 'experts':

"The team not responsible for the stoppage of play shall put the ball in. In the event of doubt as to whose responsibility, the ball shall be put in by the team which was moving forward prior to the stoppage or, if neither team was moving forward, by the defending team."

Fair enough? I think so.

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| 14. A. ROSE | Right Wing |
| 13. P. EVANS (Capt.) | Right Centre |
| 12. A. FINLAYSON | Left Centre |
| 11. P. LYN JONES | Left Wing |
| 10. Garet DAVIES | Outside Half |
| 9. B. WILLIAMS | Inside Half |
| 1. B. NELMES | Forwards |
| 2. A. PHILLIPS | |
| 3. M. KNILL | |
| 4. P. RAWLINS | |
| 5. P. KALLONAS | |
| 6. R. LANE | |
| 8. M. McJENNETT | |
| 7. S. LANE | |

Referee: M. A. RICHARDS (Caldicot)

London Welsh

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| G. JAMES | 15. |
| C. REES | 14. |
| K. HUGHES | 13. |
| J. SHANKLIN | 12. |
| A. RICHARDS | 11. |
| H. STOCKHAM | 10. |
| W. HULLIN | 9. |
| P. POGSON | 1. |
| A. BAKER | 2. |
| M. JONES | 3. |
| T. G. EVANS (Capt.) | 4. |
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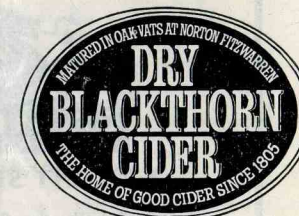
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Date	Opponents	Venue	Result
1974			
Sept. 4	Glam. Wanderers	A	26-6
7	Moseley	H	19-7
11	Bristol	A	7-17
14	Blackheath	A	25-17
18	Pontypool	H	9-15
21	Coventry	H	32-6
25	Pontypridd	A	18-6
28	Aberavon	A	9-13
Oct.			
2	Newport	H	9-3
5	Univ. Coll. Cork	A	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	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
1975			
Jan. 1	Bridgend (Cup)	H	4-6
11	Coventry	A	13-21
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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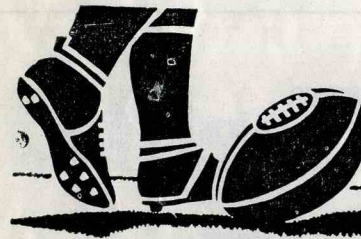
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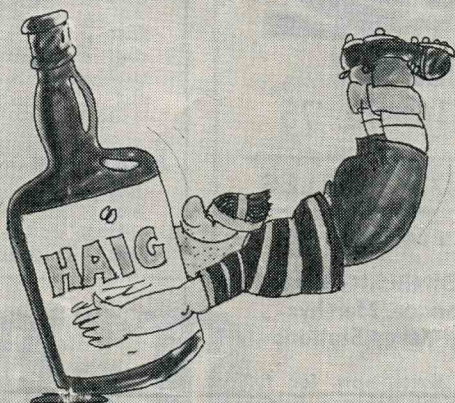
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