



# CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB

CARDIFF v SWANSEA

SATURDAY, 12th APRIL, 1975 KICK OFF 3 p.m.

*OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 7p*



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Anuerin Bevan is attributed with the statement "If the past shouts too loudly in your ears, how can you hope to hear the first whispers of the future". Whilst I make no claims to the accuracy of the quote, the sense remains, and it is applicable to the past performance and the future aspirations of the Cardiff 1st XV.

Too often in the recent past have we seen performances which have fallen well short of our ambitions and traditions. Not so much in endeavour, but in imagination and adventure. It has grieved me to see talented players shackled by the short lead of their own fears of losing or by someone else's unyielding and short-sighted direction. Other teams have taken over our mantle of glamour that adherence to the principles of open rugby endows, and they have prospered. So much for the shouts of the past. What about the first whispers of the future. The first whispers of the undoubted talent for the attacking game that is inherent in the Club have been apparent in spasms like the games against Coventry, Newport and the Barbarians, and they have been amplified by the appointment as captain of a dedicated disciple of the running game in Gerald Davies. We all offer our congratulations to Gerald and look forward to a diminution of the shouts of the past.

What about today. Well, that presents some formidable problems in the form of Swansea R.F.C. A Club that is well on the way to regaining its former glory. They possess in my opinion the best all round pack in Wales, an aggressive and efficient unit that boasts Phil Llewellyn, Geoff Wheel, Mervyn Davies and Trefor Evans as internationals. They back these front line men up with players like Neil Webb and Barry Clegg. (If the two players I haven't mentioned introduce themselves to me after the match I promise to mention them in next year's programme.) These men are going to prove a handful to our pack today if they are at full strength. Barry Clegg has missed a few games lately, and one wonders if this has inspired the rumours that he has been tempted to move west, along with Cardiff players such as Trevor Worgan and Brynmor Williams. One hopes, for the sake of the respective Clubs, there is no truth in the rumours. If there is, one must marvel at the skill of the West Wales angler, and ponder on what he uses for bait.

We look forward to a cracking game today against Swansea, and hope that we end up a campaign that has been notable for its inconsistency, on a high note of optimism for the future.

CROESO ABERTAWE.

D.J.H.

Cover photograph — Roger Beard

## Know the Laws

By FRED CROSTER

At this time of the year our lawmakers and law interpreters, and this of course includes players, officials and spectators as well as referees, are normally involved in discussions over the International Board Rulings resulting from their annual meeting which by tradition had always taken place after the England v. Scotland Calcutta Cup match. A tradition which was broken last year when they met in Australia as part of that country's 75th Anniversary Celebrations. Wales, incidentally, represented by Ken Harris and Hermas Evans.

This year the meeting does not take place until late in April, hence no news therefrom.

One whisper is that the differential penalty will certainly come under review and also "offside" at a scrummage which is one law regularly and almost blatantly broken.

Have a close look today and see for yourself. According to Law 24B any player in the scrummage, particularly the back row, **must** retire behind the offside line and this is the line through the hindmost foot of the player's team, before he can advance forward. Time after time, the eager back row trio advance to menace the opposing half backs much as they used to do. This one certainly needs clearing up.

### NOTICE TO PLAYERS DURING THE 1948-1953 ERA

The R.F.C. Committee are now "decorating" the new Players' Dining Room and intend placing Athletic XV photographs on the walls. The following dates are missing and they would be pleased if any old player would like to present their photograph to the Club. 1948/49, 1949/50, 1950/51 and 1952/53.

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### Cardiff

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|------------------------|--------------|
| 15. J. DAVIES          | Full Back    |
| 14. Gerald DAVIES      | Right Wing   |
| 13. P. EVANS           | Right Centre |
| 12. A. A. J. FINLAYSON | Left Centre  |
| 11. P. LYN JONES       | Left Wing    |
| 10. Gareth DAVIES      | Outside Half |
| 9. G. EDWARDS          | Inside Half  |
| 1. G. WALLACE          | Forwards     |
| 2. A. PHILLIPS         |              |
| 3. B. NELMES           |              |
| 4. I. ROBINSON         |              |
| 5. P. KALLONAS         |              |
| 6. R. LANE             |              |
| 8. M. McJENNETT        |              |
| 7. M. JOHN             |              |

Referee: C. G. P. THOMAS (Pontypridd)

### Swansea

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|---------------|-----|
| R. BLYTHE     | 15. |
| S. WARE       | 14. |
| C. JANSZEWSKI | 13. |
| D. JENKINS    | 12. |
| G. HIGGINS    | 11. |
| D. RICHARDS   | 10. |
| R. DYER       | 9.  |
| R. TILLEY     | 1.  |
| A. MAJES      | 2.  |
| A. LEWIS      | 3.  |
| G. WHEELER    | 4.  |
| B. CLEGG      | 5.  |
| M. KEYWORTH   | 6.  |
| M. DAVIES     | 8.  |
| T. EVANS      | 7.  |



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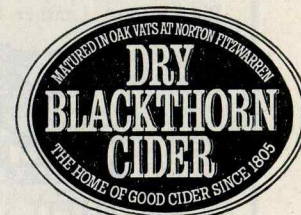
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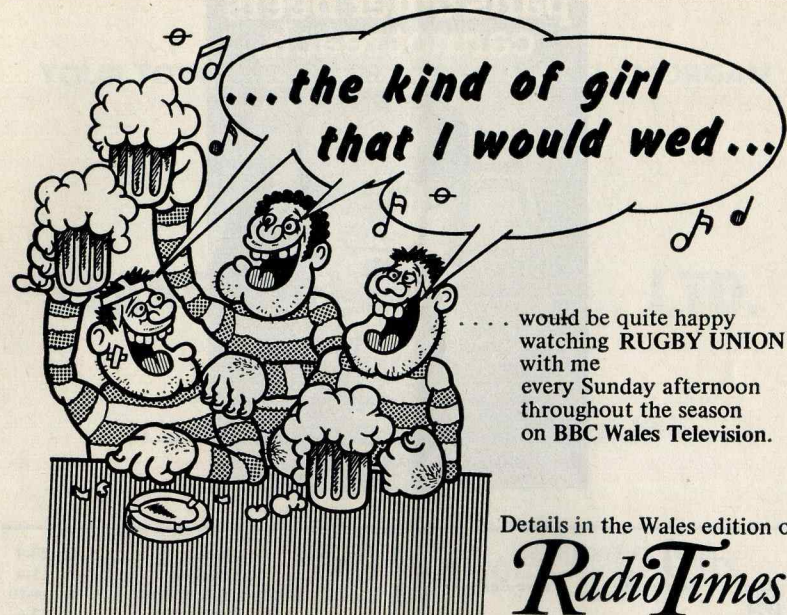
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Date	Opponents	Venue	Result
<b>1974</b>			
Sept. 4	Glam. Wanderers	A	26-6
7	Moseley	H	19-7
11	Bristol	A	7-17
14	Blackheath	A	25-17
18	Pontypool	H	9-15
21	Coventry	H	32-6
25	Pontypridd	A	18-6
28	Aberavon	A	9-13
Oct. 2	Newport	H	9-3
5	Univ. Coll. Cork	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
<b>1975</b>			
Jan. 1	Bridgend (Cup)	H	4-6
11	Coventry	A	13-21
25	Aberavon	H	6-7
Feb. 1	Neath	A	9-9
8	Headingley	H	24-12
12	Bristol	H	38-3
15	London Welsh	H	13-12
22	Saracens	A	10-12
28	Heriots F.P.	A	13-7
Mar. 5	Llanelli	A	13-37
8	Newport	H	27-3
14	Bective Rangers	H	26-13
22	Newport	A	18-7
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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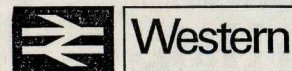
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