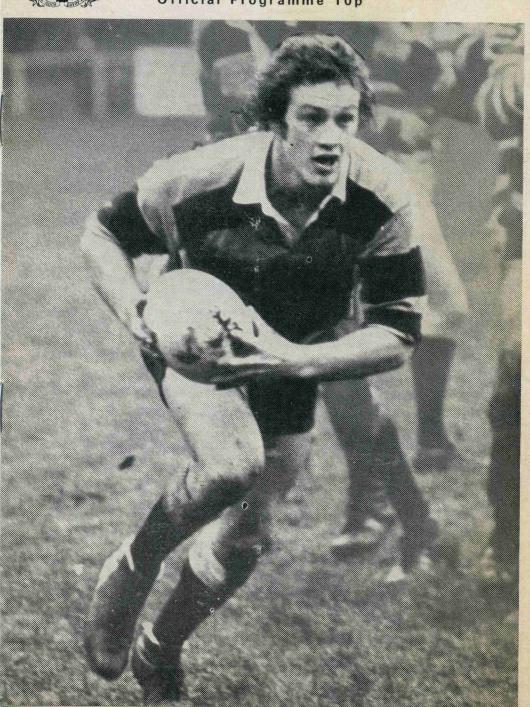


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CARDIFF v LONDON WELSH

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LONDON WELSH v. CARDIFF or YULE GET YOURS

Yn gyntaf, Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda, bob in, which for the more Anglicised amongst us, means a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all. That includes the less seasonally orientated amongst you who were too mean to buy a programme and borrowed the one you are reading, knowing damned well that it is the programmes I sell illegally that enables me to get sufficient finances to send both my Christmas cards. They are the same ones I sent last year, which I nick from the mantelpieces of the people I send them to, when they have gone to cut me yet another turkey sandwich. I have insisted that they write their cards to me this year in pencil, so that I can rub them out and send them to someone else. As you must be aware times are hard and there are harder times coming - its either that or I have spent too much time in Cardiganshire recently, and some of their carefulness with money has rubbed off. I don't believe that 'Cardi's' are mean, as a matter of fact I find them quite the reverse. Neither do I think that people from Carmarthenshire are strangers to the truth, which is another popular fallacy. It doesn't really matter what I think, the story will always persist that a Cardiganshire man will steal the eye from your head, and a man from Carmarthenshire will tell you that you look better without it.

None of this has anything at all to do with the plot, which is of course the game between London Welsh and Cardiff. Well, since most of you know more about London Welsh than I do, and probably about the Cardiff team too I suspect, at least that's what they tell me in selection, what do you expect me to write about. Anyway it's Christmas and my inclinations tend rather more to the festivities than the football. Not that there should be anything less than festive about the football tonight, because where in the world would you find two teams with a tradition that absolutely guarantees you a game of running Rugby with more certainty than those paraded before you tonight. Go on, puzzle your addled minds, and don't come up with such flashes in the pan as certain recently successful sides, either from the remoter parts of Wales or nearer ones of younger lineage, because even armed with my memory of tender age I can destroy those propositions.

London Welsh and Cardiff have been pioneers in exciting, running Rugby since before anyone watching this game was a hormone that caused your Dad to starve.

We have been playing them since 1885, which is long enough ago to assume that things have progressed. However I must add that if my recent experiences of travelling by train to London are anything to go by, then that first game played against London Welsh in London would have qualified on time taken travelling for tonight's game to be the return match for that season. Nevertheless there must have been a time when the G.W.R. were more punctual, because we have played them 78 times, winning 66 and losing 10. It might be of interest to the more chauvinistically inclined Cardiff supporter to know that London Welsh have won only once at the Arms Park since 1932, and that was in a game which I played in, but disclaim responsibility for, in 1963 when we lost 11 pts - 14 pts.

No more of results and wins and losses. I hope with more than a fair degree of certainty that you will enjoy tonight's game, and I hope with sincerity that every one of you has a Happy Festive season. We can do no more for you than provide this choice morsel of a match before you, hoping of course that it will take the edge of your appetite from you for tomorrow's game, and even after saying enough of results, I wouldn't be exactly distressed to know that we go into 1976, having won all our games over Christmas and making the more professional pot-hunters look over their shoulders at us.

CROESO I GYMRU LLUNDAN

D.J.H.

Know the Laws

By FRED CROSTER

After the Australian game — it will take a long time to erase that marvellous memory — I wrote about referee John West examining the players' boots to ensure that the studs conformed to the required regulations.

I made the point that surely it is the onus of the manufacturers to produce a boot which does conform. It is pleasing to note that at least one major manufacturer has gone to considerable lengths to do this and all the retail sports shops have been circularised with interesting data to this effect.

The W.R.U. in the newly published Coaching Scheme Booklet emphasises this and all referees will be on the lookout for footwear which does not comply. For those who wish to know, the actual stud measurements are:

Maximum length ... 18mm. Minimum diameter at base ... 13mm. Minimum diameter at top ... 10mm.

Minimum diameter of washer if separate from stud ... 20mm.

Nylon studs are the main culprits. They can wear to sharp edges with a lethal ridge developing and can cause devastating damage if chipped.

Warming up on hard surfaces — concrete etc. — is something which, if possible should be avoided.

In the same booklet, under 'Personal Protection' it is also recommended that all players should wear mouthguards (they markedly reduce concussion, dental and facial injuries — all the Wallabies do); that the chewing of gum can cause catastrophic injuries by blocking the air passage and that Shin Guards, made of very light Plastazote, should be strapped to the legs when worn by forwards.

Do I hear exclamations? Probably so, Some simple Christmas presents. here maybe, for rugby mums and dads to buy.

England v. Wales

SATURDAY, 17th JANUARY, 1976 at TWICKENHAM

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NOTICE TO MEMBERS/SEASON TICKET HOLDERS

For the above game, Stand Season Ticket holders who were not successful in the alphabetical system for a Stand ticket, together with Enclosure/Field Season Ticket holders, may apply for a NORTH ENCLOSURE ticket at £1.00, SOUTH ENCLOSURE at 80p or FIELD at 50p.

Notice will be sent through the post on 30th December.

Tickets are strictly limited and will be on sale from the Concourse (Roadway) at the rear of the Cardiff R.F.C. Stand (turnstiles) from 12.30 - 2.00 p.m. on Saturday, 10th January, 1976, before the Cardiff/Coventry game.

Members or Season Ticket holders will only be allowed to purchase a maximum of 2 tickets on production of 2 slips 'B'. Holders of slips 'A' and 'B' will be given priority. If unsuccessful in obtaining a ticket, please retain Slip 'B' for the Wales /Scotland game

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Date		
Date	Opponents Venu	e Result
1975		
Sept. 3	Glam. Wanderers	H 36-6
6	Moseley	A 16-17
10	Bristol	H 9-3
13	Blackheath	H 44-0
17	Bridgend	A 12-3
20	Coventry	A 18-21
24	Aberavon	H 18-6
27	Gala	A 10-12
Oct. 1	Penarth	H 21-15
4	Newport	A 0-16
8	Pontypool	A 16-7
11	Northampton	H 19-15
15	Ebbw Vale	A 9-13
18	Cambridge Univ.	H 19-12
22	Pontypridd	A 17-15
25	Harlequins	A 19-32
Nov. 1	Australia	H 14-9
8	Newport	H 14-6
12	Glam. Wanderers	H 41-6
15	Wasps	A 20-6
22	Llanelli	A 13-18
29	Pontypool	H 9-7

Dec.	2	Neath	A 15-6
	6	Swansea	H 23-6
	13	Bedford	H 40-18
	19	London Welsh	H
	26	Pontypridd	H
	27	Ebbw Vale	H
1976			
Jan.	10	Coventry	H
	17	London Welsh	A
	25	Neath	H
	31	Aberavon	A
Feb.	7	Gala	H
	14	Bristol	A
	28	Llanelli	H
Mar.	10	Bridgend	H
	13	Newport	A
	20	Italian Tour	
	27		H
	31	Gloucester	H
Apr.	3	Gala Centenary	
		Sevens	A
	10	Swansea	A
	17	Barbarians	H
	19	Harlequins	H
	24	W.R.U. Cup Final	



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