

# CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB CENTENARY YEAR



**CARDIFF v ITALIAN SELECTION**

SATURDAY, 30th OCTOBER, 1976

KICK OFF 3 p.m.

**Official Programme 10p**

# Cardiff v. Italian Selection

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If you were born in the valleys, before you could earn more on the dole than you could in work; before flush toilets and bathrooms; and before television limited social concourse to the bits where they show the ads, you will understand the great debt that South Walians owe to Italy.

Where else could you meet the boys and the girls, in warmth and light, for the cost of a cup of coffee and a hot pie (albeit that both were heated by a machine that created more noise and steam than the Flying Scot) except in Allegri's, Fulgoni's, Rabaiotti's, Dalanegras', Carpanini's, Stronati's, Bassini's, Malvisi's, Conti's or Berni's? They even tell me that after Sophia Loren rode a white horse across Crumlin Viaduct whilst making 'Arabesque' they named the nearest town to the east after her husband, hence 'Ponti'pool. It seemed incredible to me that these hard-working masters of the ice-cream scoop and the fish slice, whose assimilation into the life of the valleys is an object lesson to the West Indians, Pakistanis and the Race Relations Board, should have been considered anything but part of the Welsh scene, and I remember being nonplussed when one of them was interred during the war. How ridiculous, I thought, and I was greatly comforted when my father told me that he had been sent away for watering his Dandelion and Burdock. It was one of the great joys of my life to sit with Poppa Dalanegra in the Gloria Cafe at Rhymney, listening to his profundities, made even more thought-provoking by his fractured English, and looking at his daughters. Four raven-haired beauties who would have boiled the rice if they had stood in the same field as Sylvana Mangano, and yet spoke with such thick valley accents that they couldn't be understood in Abergavenny.

As the Latins from Argentine surprised us with their Rugby ability, you will be in for another surprise today by the flair and expertise of the Italians. They played some tremendous football against Cardiff on last year's tour of L'Aquila and Rome. Running and handling is their natural game, and they have players that made the Cardiff Selectors drool. We were hard pushed to win 31-25 in the first game, and whilst there were many changes in their next selection, they still showed us that we cannot afford to give them 12 points start — as we did against the Pumas — and still hope to win. We won the second game 36-16. A game I remember best for a remarkable 100 yard try by Chris Camilleri (no, his dad didn't keep a cafe in the valleys — he's of Maltese extraction).

It would be most appropriate at this point to thank the Italian Federation for their memorable hospitality on that tour, and also to say thank you to Annie and Daniel Bish for adding to it. We hope

Roy's unceasing endeavours will, before too long, bring the Italians up to the standard of the French and Argentinians. That will pay back some of the debt we owe them, and I hope that after the first Italy v. Wales game at the Arms Park, that we will all be invited to steak and chips at the Citicentre (by courtesy of Carpan Inns) followed by Ice Cream Gateaux (courtesy of Sidoli's), washed down by Valpolicella (courtesy of Astey's). Toastmaster — Remo Malvisi, and the Banquet to be chaired by his Dad, since he is the only one who can keep him quiet.

CROESO ITALY.

D.J.H.

## KNOW THE LAWS

By FRED CROSTER

The 'Rest of the World', Argentine, now Italy. All so good. For the club, the supporters, and indeed for the game itself.

For many years, I have pleaded for the means to establish universal interpretation of the laws by which we have to play and there cannot possibly be any better way than just playing such fixtures as often as circumstances permit.

In my active reffing days, in the same season, if my memory is correct, Rumania and Italy came over. It was my privilege to control their first matches, both at Swansea, before they then came east to the Arms Park. We wondered about language problems. Then, as ever since, as had been mentioned previously this season, no problems! The whistle is the language all understand. That's the way it always has been and surely always will be.

Talking to John Dawes about this self same subject after one of our special games, he brought up one particular point which has concerned him, especially with preparation for the international season and Lions tour ahead.

In New Zealand they 'murder' players who hold on to the ball after being tackled, especially if a 'ruck' is formed. Ask our lads who have been there! Law 18 is specific:

*"If a tackled player, on his feet, is held by one or more opponents he is permitted to make an effort to free himself and play the ball, but this effort MUST BE OF SHORT DURATION. If he fails to free himself, HE MUST RELEASE THE BALL IMMEDIATELY."*

What bothers John and many others is that players are not releasing the ball immediately. They hold on, often after the ball touches the ground — this makes it a ruck if other players are around — and even if it has not touched the ground they still try to push it back to produce that second phase.

Conflict on this has arisen between some refs and coaches. Playing the law as quoted above is the only answer.

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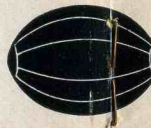
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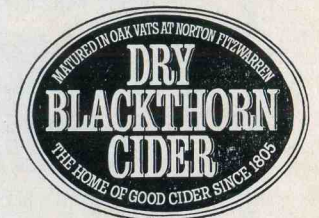
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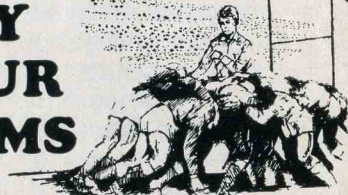


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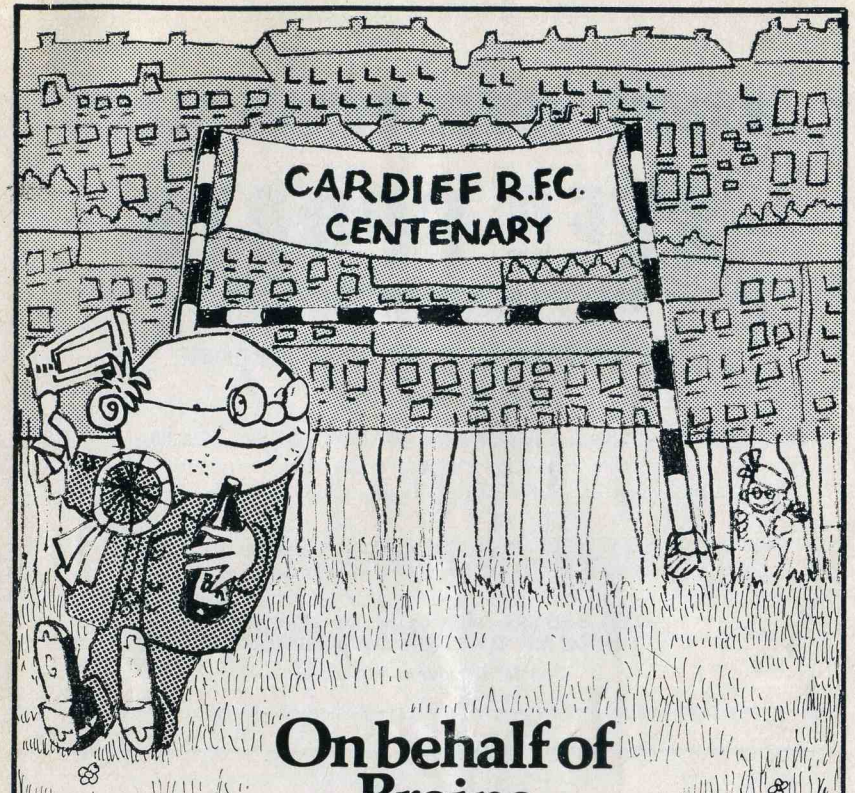
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SEPTEMBER	Mon. 27	Crawshays XV	H.....
Wed. 1	Llandaff	H 40-3	
Sat. 4	Sevens Tournament	H.....	
Wed. 8	Bristol	A 24-3	
Sat. 11	Wolfhounds XV	H 9-20	
Wed. 15	Penarth	H 62-15	
Sat. 18	Coventry	H 25-12	
Wed. 22			
Sat. 25	Overseas		
	International XV*	H 24-13	
Wed. 29	Aberavon	A 10-14	
OCTOBER			
Sat. 2	Argentina	H 25-29	
Sat. 9	Northampton	A 20-16	
Wed. 13	Bristol	H 26-0	
Sat. 16	Cambridge Un.(am)	H.....	
Wed. 20	Bridgend	A.....	
Sat. 23	Harlequins	A.....	
Wed. 27	Neath	A.....	
Sat. 30	Italy*	H.....	
NOVEMBER			
Wed. 3	Pontypool	A.....	
Sat. 6	Oxford University	H.....	
Sat. 13	Ebbw Vale	H.....	
Sat. 20	W.R.U. Cup	H.....	
Sat. 27	Llanelli	H.....	
DECEMBER			
Sat. 4	Swansea	A.....	
Wed. 8	Newport	H.....	
Sat. 11	Moseley	H.....	
	Sat. 5	Coventry	A.....
	Sat. 12	Pontypridd	H.....
	Wed. 15	Llanelli	A.....
	Sat. 19	Ebbw Vale	A.....
	Sat. 26	W.R.U. Cup	
	MARCH		
	Sat. 5	London Welsh	H.....
	Sat. 12	Scot. Co-optimists*	H.....
	Sat. 19		
	Wed. 23	Bridgend	H.....
	Sat. 26	Newport	A.....
	APRIL		
	Sat. 2	Gloucester	A.....
	Sat. 9	Barbarians	H.....
	Mon. 11	Harlequins	H.....
	Sat. 16		
	Wed. 20	Swansea	H.....
	Sat. 23	Sydney*	H.....
	Sat. 30	W.R.U. Cup	
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