

CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB CENTENARY YEAR



CARDIFF v PONTYPRIDD

SATURDAY, 12th FEBRUARY, 1977

KICK OFF 3 p.m.

Official Programme 10p

Cardiff v. Pontypridd

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K.O. 3 p.m.

Welcome to all our supporters for another Saturday extravaganza. That is, all those who haven't been stranded in Paris, and all those who can tear themselves away from today's Daily Mirror and the latest instalment of the Up and Downing Street frolics. Sounds more like our house than No. 10. Because we played away last week, and because, although none of you noticed, there were no programme notes for the Aberavon match, we have a lot to chat about in today's issue. If there are those amongst you who now want to know why there were no notes, I can only say that because of several extraordinary coincidences involving the climate, the M4, atmospheric freaks, the Bermuda Triangle, Denis Healey and the fact that I forgot, they didn't get to the printers on time. If you want a refund please send a letter enclosing a stamped addressed envelope to the Social Security office. They're bound to give you something.

To start with we must congratulate the team on a fine performance last Saturday. Despite the fact that we were several short, they achieved the first double over Coventry since 1970-71. Add to that the fact that we beat Neath and Aberavon on the previous consecutive Saturdays and our winning streak stretches back for nine games and over two months. Before we start getting too cocky just have a look at the fixture list over the next two months. If we can survive that lot unscathed I think the Queen should invite the team to a special Jubilee Year party at the Palace. The mind boggles. Imagine what our lot loose there would be like. What with Les Spence endangering the irreplaceables, Colin Howe telling Her Majesty about the time Dai met her Dad, Trevor Worgan doing his thing with the fish in the fountain and the Valley heart-throbs making sure that the Ladies-in weren't kept Waiting for long, there is every chance that we would be devolved by the morning. Still, I think it is very nice of Her Majesty to decide to have her Jubilee Year in honour of our Centenary. We wish Her a very happy anniversary and leave an open invitation for Her to attend our Centenary Dinner. Failing that we must say that we have a soft spot for her eldest son.

We also now know our opponents in the next Cup round. I remember a Cardiff forward telling me that if he died he hoped that it would happen during a game at Pontypool Park. It would make the transition to death easier. Despite that and the fact that they don't lose many games on the ground 'neath the Grotto, I am quietly confident. Anyway if you look at the teams left in the tournament there's nothing much between them in an away match.

Today's game against the champions promises to be a cracking match since the boys from Pwllgwaren (that's a lot easier to say than Ynysangharad Park) are dedicated devotees of the open game. It appears from the reports that they gave away, rather than lost, their Cup round against Bridgend and they are having another excellent season. Several of their personnel will be familiar to the Arms Park regulars, since they number in their ranks Robin Morgan, Steve Lewis, Colin Riley, Bill Davey, Mike Alexander and others who have worn Cambridge Blue rather than White with their black. Of course, everyone will know Mr. Pemberthy who has been winning line-out ball for them since the last salmon swam the Taff, and Tommy David, who it is rumoured has won the demolition contract for the City Centre Re-development Scheme and plans to do it single-handed as part of his training.

It all adds up to a splendid afternoon's sport.
CROESO PONTYPRIDD.

D.J.H.

We won at Pontypridd last year 18-6 and at home 23-6. In all we have played Pontypridd 35 times, winning 28 and losing 5.

KNOW THE LAWS

By FRED CROSTER

The last programme saw the completion of the referees' signals, compiled by the Irish Rugby Union, on behalf of the International Board. They are in the process of being sent around the world, to wherever the game is played, with

the object of uniformity; by referees themselves and common understanding by players and spectators. There is nothing worse than the whistle blowing and no-one knowing why. If you are a regular supporter, keep them. They will provide a useful reference. In Paris last Saturday use of appropriate signalling by referee Hosie would have been helpful on one particular occasion. When he awarded what seemed a push-over try to France, then accredited to Skrela, we all thought that it should have been a penalty to Wales.

He picked the ball up from the back of the scrum, pushed his way through, touching at least three or four of his fellow forwards on the way before then touching down, in the midst of the mass. It was, surely, never a try? If the scrum had been over the line, handling the ball would have been alright as the scrum can only take place in the field of play. It WAS in the field of play, hence handling was an offence.

Going through, touching his own players in front of him made them 'offside', another obvious offence to us.

Referee Hosie's signal was somewhat ambiguous. The last thing we thought was that it was for a try, until realisation dawned. That's the luck of the game, I suppose.

Late, high, dangerous tackling. Gerald was the subject of a bit of rough handling. This must be up to the judgment of the referee at all times. He, and only he, decides. Doesn't make it easier to bear though, does it?

WALES v ENGLAND

SATURDAY, 5th MARCH, 1977

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 £1.00 or FIELD at 60p.

Tickets are strictly limited and will be on sale from the Field turnstiles, adjacent to the Clubhouse, from 12 midday on Saturday, 19th February, 1977.

Members/season ticket holders will only be allowed to purchase one ticket on production of Slip '2'. Priority will be given to holders of Slip '1' and Slip '2'. This will require the formation of two queues: one for holders of Slips 1 and 2 and the other for holders of Slip 2 only.

It is regretted that the Club's allocation of tickets has been drastically reduced due to the development of the Welsh Rugby Union North Enclosure Debenture seats.

Postal applications will be accepted from outside the Cardiff/Penarth areas by, or before 15th February, 1977, but it will be necessary to conduct a ballot. Please enclose Slip '1' and '2' if not already used, cheque/postal order for correct amount, plus strong stamped addressed envelope. Unsuccessful postal applications will be returned on 16th February, 1977.

The Committee very much regret that no satisfactory alternative system has yet been found to avoid members and season ticket holders having to queue, but further investigation is taking place.

HON. SECRETARY

SCOTLAND v WALES

SATURDAY, 19th MARCH, 1977

At MURRAYFIELD

A limited number of tickets have been received for the above game. Those members interested are invited to submit a POST CARD, bearing name, address, membership/season ticket number (one card per person only accepted) to the Club Office before the 7th March, 1977, when a ballot will take place. Those successful will be notified through the post advising the procedure to be adopted.

Persons who were successful in the ballot for France v. Wales will not be considered for the above.

CARDIFF v PONTYPOOL

WELSH RUGBY UNION KNOCK-OUT CUP

SATURDAY, 26th FEBRUARY, 1977

Stand tickets for the above game, ONE ONLY PER MEMBER/SEASON TICKET HOLDER; Enclosure tickets as required — will be on sale from the Stewards' Room under the Stand from 10 a.m. on Monday, 14th February, 1977. Books must be produced.

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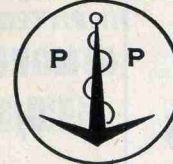
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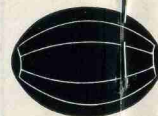
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11. C. CAMILLERI	Left Wing
10. J. DAVIES	Outside Half
9. B. WILLIAMS	Inside Half
1. G. WALLACE	Forwards
2. M. WATKINS	
3. B. NELMES	
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K. SWAIN	11.
S. LEWIS	10.
R. MORGIN	9.
P. DAVIES	1.
M. ALEXANDER	2.
J. NEWLANDS	3.
B. PENBERTHY (Captain)	4.
H. EVANS	5.
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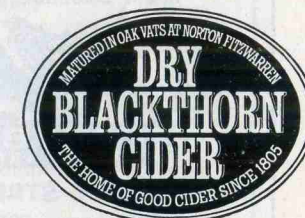
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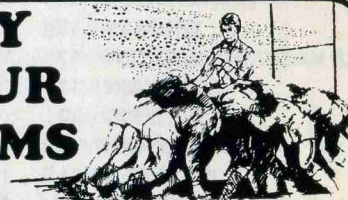
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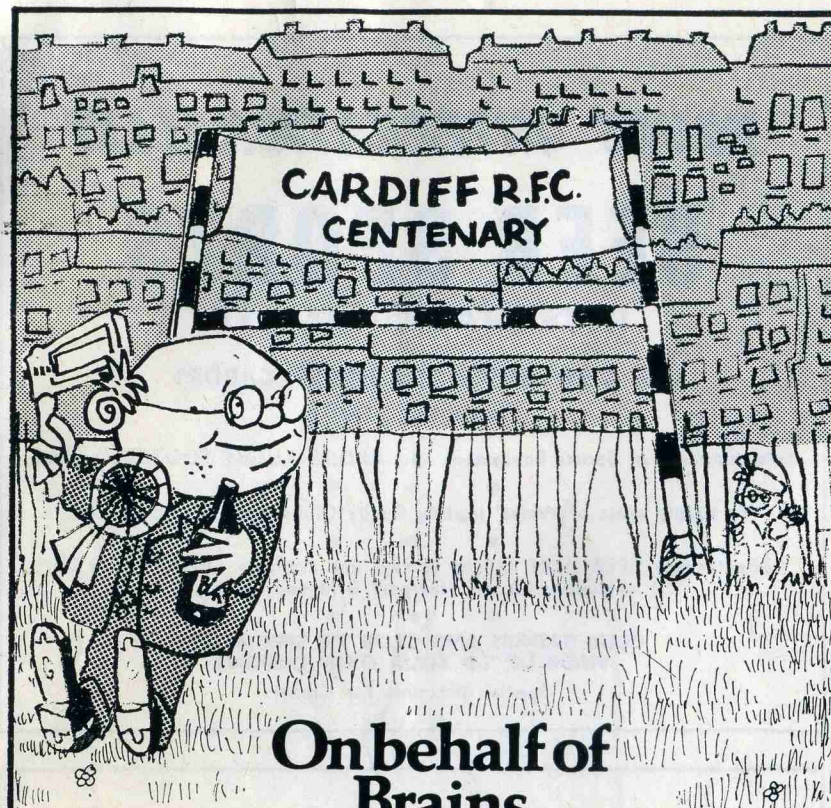
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1976			
SEPTEMBER			
Wed. 1	Llandaff	H 40-3	
Sat. 4	Sevens Tournament	H.....	
Wed. 8	Bristol	A 24-3	
Sat. 11	Wolfhounds XV	H 9-20	
Wed. 15	Penarth	H 62-15	
Sat. 18	Coventry	H 25-12	
Wed. 22			
Sat. 25	Overseas		
	International XV*	H 24-13	
Wed. 29	Aberavon	A 10-14	
OCTOBER			
Sat. 2	Argentine	H 25-29	
Sat. 9	Northampton	A 20-16	
Wed. 13	Bristol	H 26-0	
Sat. 16	Cambridge Un. (am)	H 15-6	
Wed. 20	Bridgend	A 21-7	
Sat. 23	Harlequins	A 29-11	
Wed. 27	Neath	A 13-19	
Sat. 30	Italy*	H 54-22	
NOVEMBER			
Wed. 3	Pontypool	A 4-15	
Sat. 6	Oxford University	H 50-16	
Sat. 13	Ebbw Vale	H 25-7	
Sat. 20	Aberaman (Cup)	H 54-3	
Sat. 27	Llanelli	H 4-17	
DECEMBER			
Sat. 4	Swansea	A 28-13	
Wed. 8	Newport	H 14-12	
Sat. 11	Moseley	H 24-18	
Sat. 18	Cardiff Coll. (Cup)	H 42-16	
Mon. 27	Crawshays XV	H 40-16	
1977			
JANUARY			
Mon. 3	Pontypool	H P	
Sat. 8	Llanelli (Cup)	H 25-15	
Sat. 22	Neath	H.....	
Sat. 29	Aberavon	H.....	
FEBRUARY			
Sat. 5	Coventry	A.....	
Sat. 12	Pontypridd	H.....	
Wed. 15	Llanelli	A.....	
Sat. 19	Ebbw Vale	A.....	
Sat. 26	W.R.U. Cup	A.....	
MARCH			
Sat. 5	London Welsh	H.....	
Sat. 12	Munster	H.....	
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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