

CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB CENTENARY YEAR



CARDIFF v LONDON WELSH

FRIDAY, 4th MARCH, 1977

KICK OFF 7.15 p.m.

Official Programme 10p

Cardiff v. London Welsh

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K.O. 7.15 p.m.

Good evening, you gluttons for punishment. Before you sit down to enjoy tonight's match let me ask you, how are you going to get out again tomorrow afternoon to watch the supporting feature if you go home smashed tonight? This obviously doesn't apply to London Welsh supporters since I assume they won't be wandering back to suburbia or leafy Surrey tonight, but beware of these City slickers. Since they have been let loose from the constrictions of the tidy wife, the need to keep face with the neighbours and the soulless corridors of the Big City, they will be only too delighted to whoop it up with you tonight. Particularly if London Welsh win, since it will be only their second win at Cardiff since 1931. Their last success was 14-11 in 1963.

However, if you do fall by the wayside and you need a ready-made alibi, let me give you a few suggestions. If Cardiff lose, then you don't need an excuse, because anyone can be forgiven for breaking down under the stress of watching this glorious, exciting, lucky, unlucky, mediocre, pathetic, psychotic team of ours. This team has more moods than a valley funeral. If they win you are almost excused, but you can add weight to your argument by saying that since they played away last week, you didn't have a chance to have a pint or two with Gareth, Gerald or Barry and discuss the finer points of their rousing Cup win at Pontypool. Demonstrate how the Cardiff front row buckled Pontypool in the first scrum, and then if she doesn't say anything, she is either speechless with admiration or she's got a broken neck. Either way you'll be able to watch the match tomorrow.

Before we watch the epic battle on the other ground we have tonight's encounter with London Welsh, a fixture that goes back to 1885. A curious feature of the first 47 fixtures was that only 6 were played away. The majority of the games were played in Cardiff, in or around the period of Christmas or the New Year, which exemplifies the masochistic love of the Welsh exile for Wenceslas with Wintergreen. They have been having a mixed season very much like ours, but they still boast more internationals in the side today than the average valley club has made allowance for on their honours board. This either speaks volumes for the durability of the London Welsh players, an overabundance of talent, or for a pre-dilection of the Big Five for players who pronounce their aitches. In view of the fact that we have injuries in many vital positions today, the format of the Cardiff side leaves a lot to speculation. However, we welcome the boys from London and look forward to an exposition of Rugby Football that has now become synonymous with the image of the Welsh exiles from Old Deer Park.

D.J.H.

We have played London Welsh on 80 occasions, winning 68 and losing 10. Last year's results were a win home 33-4, and away 28-7.

CARDIFF RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

DISTRIBUTION OF FIELD AND ENCLOSURE INTERNATIONAL TICKETS

The Committee apologise to all those people who queued on the 19th February, particularly those who were unsuccessful. They have already met and discussed the situation. It has been minuted that as from next season 'A system similar to the Stand Ticket distribution i.e. Alphabetical will be introduced so as to avoid queueing'. The distribution will be through the post.

KNOW THE LAWS

By FRED CROSTER

Referees are invariably on a hiding to nothing. Even the most avid Rugby supporters will agree. No referee was ever born who goes through any game without making mistakes but perish the thought that the 'Match of the Day' pernicious playback will ever pervade our own after match T.V. coverage to the same extent. Inquests are easy from the comfort of the armchair when it's all over. A vastly different thing out there when decisions have to be made in an instant midst the heat and turmoil of the occasion.

What's this leading up to? Go back two weeks, when Welsh refereeing was paid a supreme compliment, with the appointment of Meirion Joseph and Jeff Kelleher to control the two major internationals that day.

I watched the England v. France game and thought that Jeff did well. It incensed me to read much criticism afterwards and knowledgeable Rugby men decrying one particular point, on which they were way out.

There were two occasions when French players going forward touched their own men in front of them who were in the way. "Accidental offside!" went up the cry.

No such thing! Used to be, but not now and I have mentioned it before.

Unless the infringing team gains an advantage, in which case it would be a scrum, play should be allowed to continue. This is what happened.

Two further quick points on the same theme.

A player who receives the ball from an unintentional throw forward is not offside, and if, because of the speed of the game, an offside player is unavoidably within 10 metres of an opponent waiting to play the ball, if he retires without delay, without interfering with play, he should NOT be penalised. Two to look out for.

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.

NEXT HOME FIXTURES

Saturday, 12th March:	CARDIFF v. MUNSTER	3 p.m.
Wednesday, 23rd March:	CARDIFF v. BRIDGEND	7.15 p.m.
Saturday, 9th April:	CARDIFF v. BARBARIANS	3 p.m.
Monday, 11th April:	CARDIFF v. HARLEQUINS	3 p.m.

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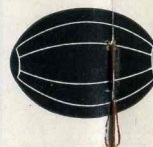
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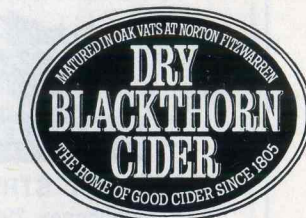
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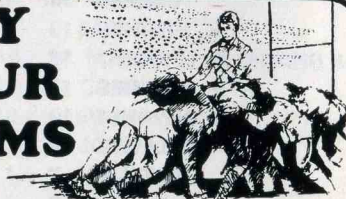
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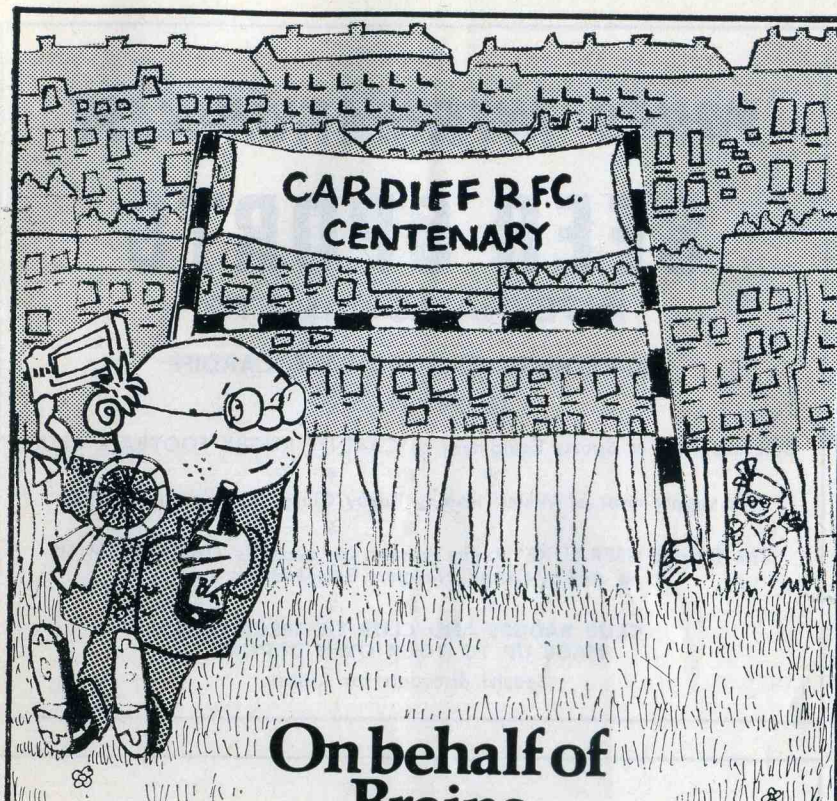
1976			
SEPTEMBER			
Wed. 1	Llandaff	H 40-3	
Sat. 4	Sevens Tournament	H.....	
Wed. 8	Bristol	A 24-3	
Sat. 11	Wolfhounds XV	H 9-20	
Wed. 15	Penarth	H 62-15	
Sat. 18	Coventry	H 25-12	
Wed. 22	Overseas		
Sat. 25	International XV*	H 24-13	
Wed. 29	Aberavon	A 10-14	
OCTOBER			
Sat. 2	Argentina	H 25-29	
Sat. 9	Northampton	A 20-16	
Wed. 13	Bristol	H 26-0	
Sat. 16	Cambridge Un. (am)	H 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 18-9	
Sat. 29	Aberavon	H 28-10	
FEBRUARY			
Sat. 5	Coventry	A 22-17	
Sat. 12	Pontypridd	H 9-12	
Wed. 16	Llanelli	A 19-24	
Sat. 19	Ebbw Vale	A 0-28	
Sat. 26	Pontypool (Cup)	A 10-10	
MARCH			
Fri. 4	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.....	
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