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CARDIFF v LONDON WELSH

SATURDAY, 10th DECEMBER, 1977

KICK OFF 3 p.m.

Official Programme 10p

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R. C. B. Michaelson,
Chairman and Chief Executive,
London Welsh R.F.C.,
Old Deer Park,
London.

K. A. Rowlands,
Cardiff R.F.C.,
Arms Park,
Cardiff.
23rd November, 1977

Dear Roger,

For some unaccountable reason the Committee have asked me to write the programme notes for the London Welsh game on December 10th. It could be that now David Hayward has accepted John Haig's goat and emigrated, there are very few alternatives left for them. By the way, the Committee no longer play "Find the Dai" twice monthly: they all know where he is now. Birkhamstead, and a London Welsh supporter to boot — a singularly inappropriate pun for that happy footballing gipsy flanker.

I asked Peter Nyhan, the programme editor, what on earth should I write about, and he somewhat catholically replied "welcome". But how can one adequately welcome home an exile for "I, for one, know of no sweeter sight for a man's eyes than his own country" (Homer: The Odyssey).

At first I thought I'd write to Sid Dawes and ask for his guidance, but in spite of all those years playing together for London Welsh and Wales, and all the help I've given him as selectors together for Wales and the Lions, I realised he would never let me forget this one favour I asked of him. Especially as he would acclaim to all and sundry that I lacked the academics to write such an article with my inferior Aberdare schooling as against his superior Lewis's School, Pengam "classical education".

With middle age coming up fast, Sid is very touchy about us having played together, and when talking of it recently a journalist friend of his (did you know he actually has some!) said he couldn't remember. Sid said "I was the footballer". I said "Yes, but I was the fast one". Sid wasn't amused and went back to that old Lewis School business. So tell Sid I'm going to write the notes despite my lack of the said education, which in truth I have never regarded with any distinction. Did you know my brother David went to Lewis School too, and although he's on the board at Littlewoods, he still believes that the word "pool" is a direct reference to Terry and the Viet Gwent.

Roger, I know that London Welsh want to come to the Arms Park almost as much as we want them to because "Each blade of grass has its spot on earth whence it drains its life, its strength: and so is man rooted to the land from which he draws his faith, together with his life" (Joseph Conrad: Lord Jim).

Roger, I know for all your tremendous success in the John Player Cup competition that "every man has a lurking wish to appear considerable in his native place" (Samuel Johnson, Boswell's life of) and consequently you put even greater store on a victory against Cardiff. For according to the record P 81, W 68, Lost 11, Drawn 2, victory to London Welsh has been almost as elusive as Fin McCool's crock of gold!

However, I wish you well in your quest and no matter who shall be the victor on the day remember "though it rain gold and silver in a foreign land, and daggers and spears at home, yet it is better to be home" (old Malay proverb).

Tell Sid I shall be writing the notes on the day and that I said of London: "That great cesspool into which all the loungers of the Empire are irresistibly drawn" (Conan Doyle, Study in Scarlet). But honestly Roger I am mindful

of my playing days at Home Hill and Old Deer Park, and the London that for almost a century has magnetically drawn Welsh Rugby men, and given them a living, a home, a club, a society, an identity, and has repaid the visiting sons from the Land of their Fathers, with boundless hospitality in return. I am, then, even more mindful of the London of Samuel Johnson (Boswell's life of again): "When a man is tired of London, he is tired of life, for there is in London all that life can afford."

Roger, please tell players, Committee and your staunch band of members/supporters, that we at Cardiff welcome you all, as a man would welcome home his brother from exile. "Breathes there the man with soul so dead, who never to himself hath said, this is my own, my native land" (Walter Scott, Last Minstrel).

Which reminds me, I would be extremely grateful if you have any information regarding London Welsh which may be useful to me when I write the programme notes, and tell Dawes I'm going to use my quotation — Conan Doyle's!

Yours aye,

KEITH.

P.S. If you should see Dai at Old Deer Park, tell him to come home too. All is forgiven.

INTERNATIONAL TICKETS STAND AND ENCLOSURE

As agreed at the Annual General Meeting of the Cardiff Rugby Club last year the allocation of all the Club tickets for the forthcoming internationals will now be by the alphabetical system, as previously employed for members and stand season ticket holders for the stand tickets.

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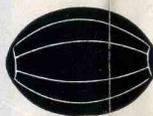
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| 9. G. EDWARDS | Inside Half |
| 1. G. WALLACE | Forwards |
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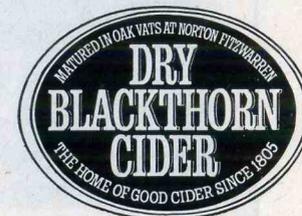
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KNOW THE LAWS

By FRED CROSTER

Last Saturday's notes! Remember I quoted the case at Swansea when the Irish referee had changed a free kick into a penalty, because of dispute, and correctly awarded it at the same place when many people thought that it should have been 10 metres on?

This has aroused interest in refereeing circles and discussion has revealed that if there had been further dissent, once the penalty had been awarded, then there could have been another kick 10 metres further on. Makes you think, doesn't it.

How many of you saw the Varsity match? Quite a number, no doubt, especially on TV. I think Stan Bowes' coach party did come back; at some time.

Can you recall the corner post being touched and the touch judge immediately putting up his flag?

No touch! No chance! Referee Clive Norling, without hesitation, overruled him and gave a drop-out.

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Another one to look out for

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Saturday, 17th December, 1977

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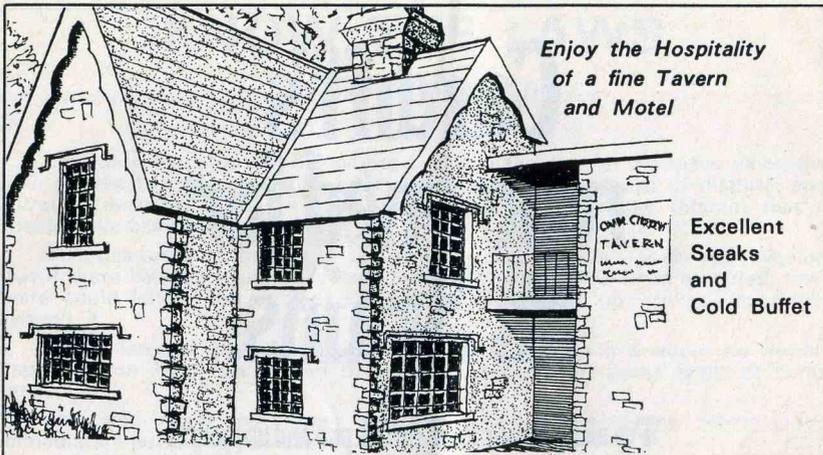
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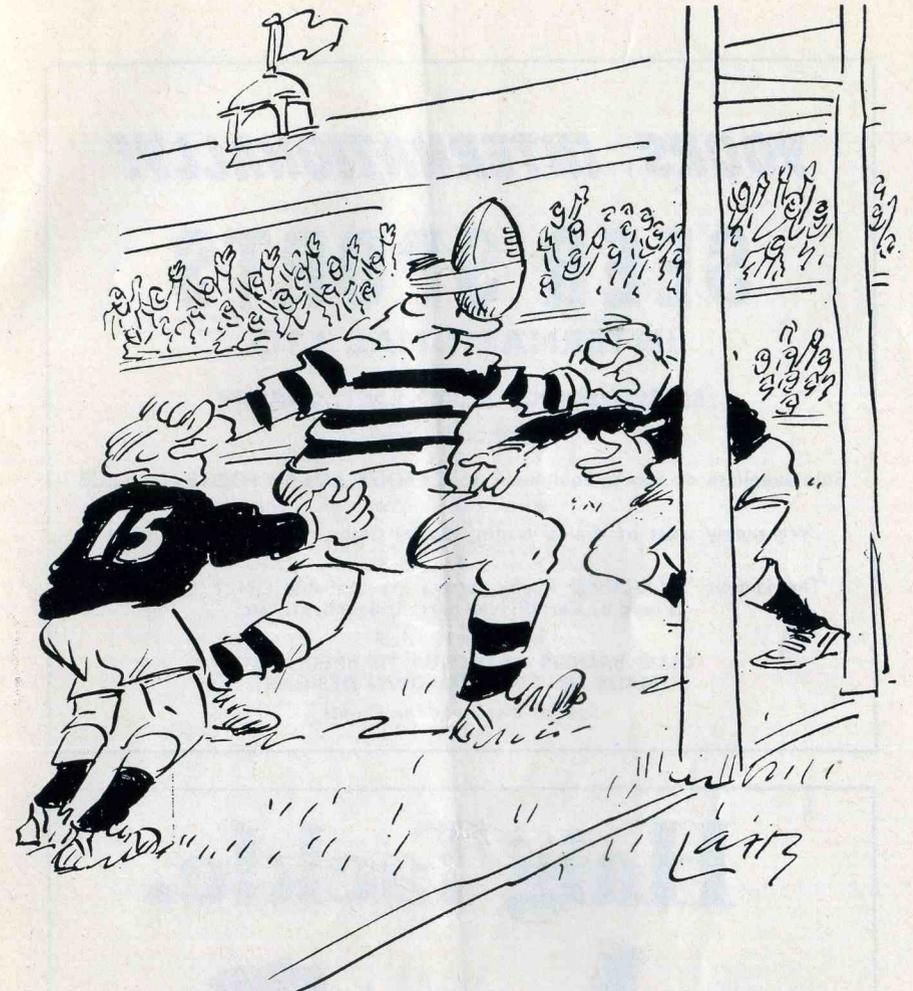
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SEPTEMBER		Sat. 31	Coventry	H.....
Sat.	3 Maesteg	H	35-9	
Wed.	7 Glamorgan Wands.	H	35-9	
Fri.	9 Neath	H	18-9	
Wed.	14 Bristol	H	25-12	
Sat.	17 Coventry	A	17-9	
Wed.	21 Pontypool	A	12-6	
Sat.	24 Aberavon	H	28-13	
OCTOBER				
Sat.	1 Newport	A	10-27	
Wed.	5 Pontypridd	A	11-23	
Sat.	8 Northampton	H	50-6	
Wed.	12			
Sat.	15 Cambridge Univ.	A	46-9	
Wed.	19 Penarth	H	21-12	
Sat.	22 Harlequins	A	22-16	
Sat.	29 Moseley	A	9-18	
NOVEMBER				
Sat.	5 Oxford University	A	29-9	
Sat.	12 Ebbw Vale	H	28-0	
Sat.	19 Garndiffaith (Cup)	A	9-0	
Sat.	26 Llanelli	A	20-10	
DECEMBER				
Sat.	3 Swansea	H.....		
Wed.	7 Pontypool	H.....		
Sat.	10 London Welsh	H.....		
Sat.	17 Cwmavon (Cup)	H.....		
Sat.	24 Bridgend	A.....		

NEXT HOME FIXTURES			
Sat., 17th December:	CARDIFF v. CWMAVON (Cup)	3 p.m.	
Mon., 26th December:	CARDIFF v. PONTYPRIDD	3 p.m.	
Sat., 31st December:	CARDIFF v. COVENTRY	3 p.m.	



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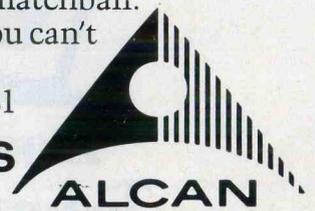
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