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CARDIFF V ORRELL

SATURDAY, 11th MARCH, 1978 KICK OFF 3 p.m.

Official Programme 10p

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Today we extend a warm welcome to Orrell on their first visit to Cardiff in this their Golden Jubilee season. The name Orrell will probably be unfamiliar with lots of Cardiff supporters but I doubt if this will be the case after today's game. In its 50 years life span the Orrell story is a manifestation of determination, resolve, tenacity and sheer guts.

From their foundation in 1927-28 season Orrell had a fairly nomadic existence as far as home venues were concerned. In those bygone days such marvellous sounding hostelries as The Stag Inn and The Old Dog Inn were used for changing purposes and meetings and revenue was raised by holding "hot-pot" socially. After closing activities during World War II, Orrell reformed in October 1945. The then chairman, Tom Shore, appealed to new members to show the same team spirit as the pre-war members and pioneers and to follow Orrell's tradition of open, attractive Rugby. This appeal didn't fall on deaf ears and from that day to this Orrell progress has been quite remarkable.

By September 1950 a permanent home had been established at Edge Hall Road and the acquisition of a large hut provided clubhouse and changing facilities. On past the 25th anniversary the enthusiasm of both players and administrators was putting Orrell on the Rugby map. The players were becoming regular members of County trials whilst the administrators worked hard on the development side. On September 1st, 1955 a new clubhouse was opened when a game against Jack Heaton's XV was staged. Orrell did well to hold the star side to 8 pts. to nil and brought glowing press reports for themselves.

Progress continued and by 1956 a fifth team and a Colts section had been formed and as the years rolled by, the first XV became mainly composed of ex-Colt players - a very healthy and encouraging situation. Over the next decade the side went from strength to strength and became established as very good performers of the seven-a-side game. Meantime the adminstration was matching the deeds of the players and during September 1968 Orrell became the first club in Lancashire to install floodlights. It was the earnest hope of all concerned that this venture would help to bring more first class sides to compete at Edge Hall Road because it became painfully obvious that playing strength alone would not attract such sides to Orrell. Further development took place and on the 24th April, 1970 a spectator stand was opened by Lord Wakefield and the opposition was provided by Cardiff Athletic who were on a short end of season Northern tour.

Slowly but surely fixtures improved but the big breakthrough came with the advent of the R.F.U. Cup Competition. In season 1972/73 the mighty Coventry visited Edge Hall Road and Orrell matched them until some 15 minutes from the end when the Midlanders scored 22 of their 29 points. This game was the forerunner to more glory in this competition and visits from such formidable opponents as Harlequins and Northampton saw the home side triumphant. These wins and a few glorious defeats gave Orrell just cause to think that they had finally arrived.

All this was followed by such magnificent happenings as Frank Anderson's English cap, Jack Benson becoming manager of the Lancashire side to South Africa and Rhodesia with no fewer than nine Orrell players included, the further development of the ground to include car parking, members' lounge and extra terracing, the marvellous win in the Gala Sevens, the levelling of the No. 1 pitch and so much more. Thus the Cardiff Rugby Club has pleasure in welcoming President, and founder member, Bill Liptrot and all his hard working players and committee to the Arms Park. May the next fifty years see you consolidate the tremendous graft you've put into the first fifty.

On the home front, Bridgend have done it again and extended their run of success at the Arms Park for another year. Perhaps we will do them the discourtesy of beating them at Cardiff during their Centenary season next year. Good news comes, however, in the number of our players in the Welsh squad. Many congratulations to the established members Gareth E., Gerald and Mike, the re-appearance of Gareth D. and Stuart and especially newcomers Pat and Terry: well done boys.

KNOW THE LAWS

By FRED CROSTER

I was tempted to ignore last Wednesday's match and dwell still upon the Irish international for today's notes. Second thoughts prevailed - why not mention both? And why not indeed.

Last Saturday first. Gareth's try which was not! Remember? Ireland heeled from a scrum near their line. Gareth went around as it was coming out and

was in the midst of the scramble which ensued OVER the line.

Referee Domerq awarded a drop-out. It has never been my policy to criticise referees in these notes; after twenty years out there in the middle how could I? No, the whole object is to clarify and explain. Just by the way it is gratifying to learn that so many supporters, ladies especially who were new to the game, have expressed their appreciation of the opportunity to learn more about the complexities and so forth. That's what they're all about.

Back to Gareth. They took the ball over the goal line. It was then made dead. If a try had been awarded — surely it should — that would have been that. If they had grounded the ball it should have been a scrum five — Wales put in. If there was doubt as to who had first grounded the ball then it MUST be a scrum 5 with Wales put in. In no way whatever could it be a drop-out.

Now, last Wednesday and that deliberate knock-on by J.P.R. What does the good book say? I'll quote: firstly Law 17, 'Knock-on' or 'Throw Forward': 'The knock-on or throw forward must not be intentional. Penalty: Penalty

kick at the place of infringement."

Now, Law 12b, 'Penalty Try':

A penalty try shall be awarded between the posts if, but for obstruction, unfair play, foul play or misconduct by the defending team, 'a try would have been scored".

It certainly looked as if, but for J.P.R.'s 'professional foul', Pat Daniels pass would have put Mike Murphy in for a certain try, hence, within the context of the Law a penalty try could have been awarded.

As always, in all instances, the referee is the sole judge of fact. We have to

abide by his decision.

CARDIFF v. BARBARIANS

SATURDAY, 25th MARCH, 1978 K.O. 3 p.m.

The South Stand (adjoining National Stadium) entrance Quay Street, will be reserved for Members and Stand Season Ticket holders only until 2.30 p.m. Thereafter the unclaimed seats will be made available to the general public.

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Tickets for the stands will be issued through the turnstiles and will be Rover (no specific seat). As there are 3,500 Members and Stand Season Ticket holders who could attend this game it is essential that you claim your seats early, then the remaining seats (1,000) can be sold to the general public.

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- 15. J. DAVIES14. T.G.R. DAVIES (Captain)
- 13. P. DANIELS
- 12. M. MURPHY
- 11. D. PREECE
- 10. Gareth DAVIES
 - T. HOLMES
- 1. B. NELMES
- 2. A. PHILLIPS
- 3. D. LLEWELLYN
- 4. P. RAWLINS
- 5. C. SMITH
- T. CHARLES

D. MILLER

M. McJENNETT

- 8. R. LANE
- 7. S. LANE



Replacements

Orrell

- D. GULLICK 15.
- J. CARLTON 14.
- J. HEATEN 13.
- P. PHILLIPS (Captain) 12.
 - R. LAWSON 11.
 - P. WILLIAMS 10.
 - D. WILLIAMS 9.
 - W. ANDERSON 1.
 - I. WEBSTER 2.
 - D. SOUTHERN 3. W. WOODCOCK 4.
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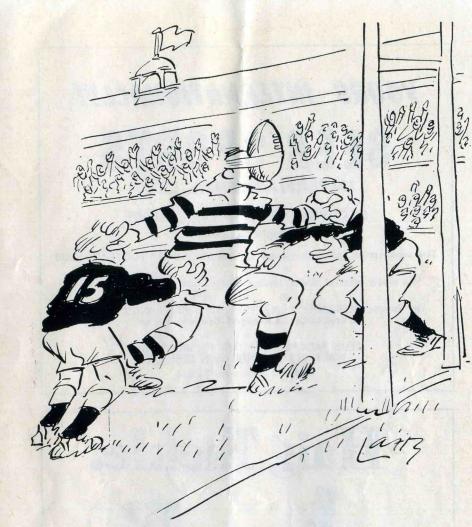
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