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**v**

**CARDIFF**


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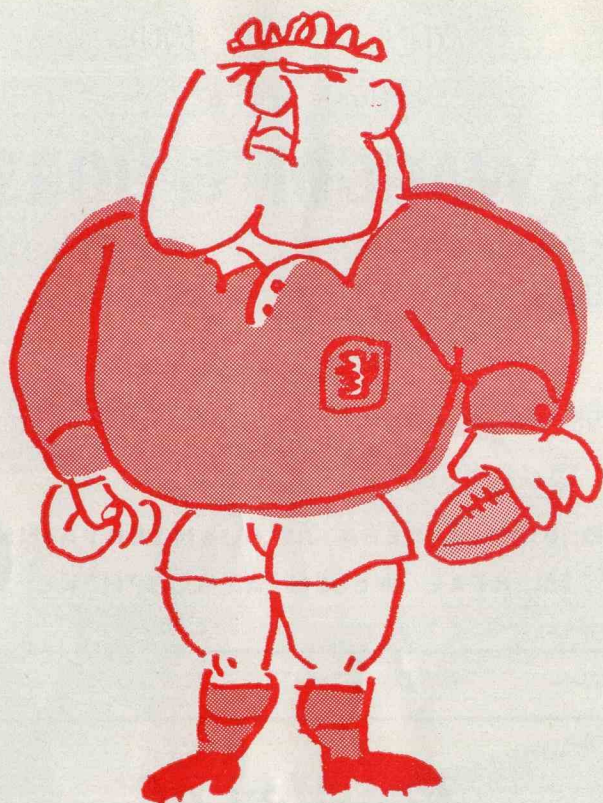
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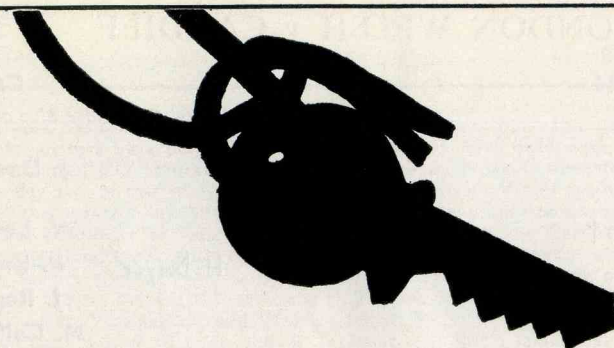
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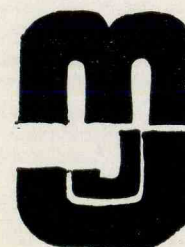
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## LONDON WELSH

(Colours—Red)

15	D. Coley	Full Back
14	J. L. Shanklin †	Threequarters
13	K. Hughes †	
12	C. Williams	
11	R. Ellis-Jones	
10	G. W. James	Fly Half
9	Elis W. Williams	Scrum Half
1	J. Young † G. Evans	Forwards
2	A. P. Baker	
3	M. Arnold	
4	T. G. Evans †	
5	M. G. Roberts †	
6	J. Taylor † (Capt.)	
8	J. Vaughan J. James	
7	J. Simonson	

† International.

Referee: Capt. P. L. Lillington (L.S.R.F.U.R.)

## CARDIFF

(Colours—Cambridge Blue and Black)

J. Davies	15
W. Lewis	14
P. Evans	13
J. Regan	12
N. Collins	11
K. James	10
B. Williams	9
G. Wallace	1
(Capt.) G. Davies	2
M. Knill	3
L. Baxter	4
C. Smith	5
R. Lane	6
T. Worgan	8
S. Lane	7

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## club notes

We are most pleased to welcome CARDIFF to Old Deer Park this morning. To date this season our visitors have played 35 games of which 25 have been won, 2 drawn and 8 lost; they have scored 698 points to their opponents 338. Notable absentees from the Cardiff line-up today are, of course, Gareth Edwards, who captains Wales against England this afternoon, and this season's new Welsh caps Alex Finlayson and Ian Robinson who are also engaged in the vital encounter at Twickenham. Ian has been with the Cardiff Club since 1964/65, while another long serving player is the Club captain Garry Davies, who has also captained the Civil Service side, and whose connexion with Cardiff dates back to 1963/64. Alex Finlayson leads the try scorers this season with 29 tries, followed by P. Lyn Jones with 20. Two of the forwards, Vice-captain and Welsh triallist, Mervyn John, and 'B' International Roger Lane have each scored 10 tries, and 'B' International Keith James has 3 tries and 28 goals (including 9 dropped goals) to his credit. Cardiff count as their best performances this season, the wins over Cognac (56-0), Bristol (30-3), Newport (38-14) and Coventry (36-13). They have progressed to the semi-final of the W.R.U. Challenge Cup at the expense of Hendy, Bangor, Bridgend, and Swansea, three of these games having been played away from home, and they now meet Aberavon in the penultimate round. In this competition our visitors will be clearly hoping to go one better than last season when they were beaten by Llanelli in the final. The Cardiff Club, who incidentally celebrate their centenary in two years time, has a happy affinity with London Welsh particularly as so many notable players have served with both clubs. Names that spring readily to mind are Harry and Jacky Bowcott, Billy Hullin, Gerald Davies and Billy Raybould, not forgetting one of the heroes of the memorable 1933 game at Twickenham, Ronnie Boon, who was with Cardiff at that time and subsequently served our Club as an administrator with such distinction for so many years, and who, with that other London Welsh stalwart, Dick Ellis, continues to look after, and represent our interests in South Wales.

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Since our last programme notes were written we have played two games of which one was drawn, our only draw so far this season, and the other lost, so once again the record is all square with 15 wins and 15 losses. Against Coventry a fortnight ago things looked black when we found ourselves 12 points down after 10 mins. or so of the second half, but with three excellent tries we managed to hold our own, and might even have improved on this position had time not run out. Against Blackheath at the Rectory Field last week we do not seem to have made as full use of the conditions as we might have done and a penalty goal in the last few minutes saw us lose by a narrow 12-9 margin.

Today we are of course, without Gerald Davies, our sole representative at Twickenham. Because of the pressures of England v Wales week your editor has not had the opportunity to research the matter in detail, but it must be a long time since London Welsh representation in the national side was so sparse. We commiserate with John Williams whose knee injury prevents him from playing against England, and extend our best wishes to his stand-in, Roger Blyth on his first appearance for Wales.

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During the past few weeks we have given a certain amount of publicity to forthcoming activities in the field of London Welsh Schoolboys rugby. To summarise, your Schoolboys' Committee has planned the following:—

**Sunday, 24th March — Mini-Rugby**

Boys aged between 9 and 13 years who would like to take part should attend on the ground at 11.0 a.m. on that day with their kit.

**Sunday, 31st March — Trials for April 6th game**

Boys who were 16 years of age and under on 1st September, 1973, are eligible to take part.

**Saturday, 6th April — Annual game against Carmarthen and District Schoolboys for the 'Vernon Davies Memorial Cup'****Sunday, 7th April — Club Coaching course 10.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. approx.**

Open to boys 15 years of age and over, and younger boys who take part in the 31st March trials.

Full details of the arrangements for the trials and coaching course, together with application forms, have already been sent to Club officials, members and certain boys, all of whom are known to be involved in schoolboys' rugby, but anyone else who is interested, and has not yet been approached, should contact George Jenkins here, or if you can't find him in the crush, write or telephone him at 22 Lynmouth Gardens, Greenford, Middlesex. (Telephone 01-998 8226).

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Our very full calendar of March events will end on the evening of Tuesday 26th with the visit of the **Ponsonby Club from Auckland, New Zealand** to Old Deer Park. Throughout the years no less than thirty-four Ponsonby players have worn the All-Black jersey and six of these are included in the current touring party. Because guarantees had to be given, this will be an all pay game; admission to the ground will be 30p., transfer to the stand 30p. The game will kick off at 6.0 p.m.

During their three day stay in the area our visitors are being accommodated at the "Magpie Hotel", Thames Street, Sunbury-on-Thames, and the Club is grateful to mine-host Hayden Cooke for providing these facilities. Hayden has moved to Sunbury from Chertsey and welcomes all London Welsh members and supporters to his new home. "The Magpie" is residential and has a restaurant and snack bar. There are moorings for the exclusive use of patrons and there is ample car parking opposite the main entrance to the hotel. Private parties and weddings are catered for.

A week tomorrow, Sunday, March 24th a unique event will take place at Old Deer Park — a charity soccer match arranged by the **Voyagers**, kicking off at 3.0 p.m. The game will be between a **Voyagers XI** and a **Sporting Personalities XI**. The **Voyagers'** team, captained by John Taylor, will be selected from an impressive list of Rugby international players from the four Home Countries with London Welsh R.F.C. players well to the fore. The **Sporting Personalities** side will be drawn from the world of sport and entertainment — soccer, boxing, television, radio, all will be represented. You can get details of the names of the celebrities taking part by studying the posters on display at Old Deer Park today, and you can buy a programme for 30p., which will admit you to the ground on the 24th. If you want to transfer to the stand when you get here this will cost you an extra 20p.

At the memorial service held at St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, last week for the late I. L. (Jim) Manning, the renowned sports columnist, the Club was represented by Vice-President J. Charlton Jones.

The **Club Steak and Kidney supper** will be held at the Clubhouse, Old Deer Park on Tuesday, 9th April, 1974 when the guest of honour will be Cliff Morgan. Tickets, price £2.00 each, can be obtained from Irton Treharne in the Committee Room after today's game.

**We make a most earnest appeal to spectators today not to take bar glasses onto the pitch surrounds or into the stands.** Many glasses taken out of the Clubhouse are left lying about the ground, and this not only results in a shortage behind the bar, but causes much extra work for our helpers who today are very hard pressed. More seriously, some glasses are broken thus constituting a hazard to players, spectators and ground staff alike.

The special collection being made on the ground today is in aid of the **Welsh School at Willesden**. Please give generously.

Will members who are still holding **Grand National Sweenstake Tickets** please hand counterfoils and cash and unsold tickets to Ken Lewis in the Committee Room today, or send them to him at 44 Coldstream Gardens, West Hill Road, London, S.W.18, as soon as possible remembering that the draw will take place on Monday week, March 25th.

Spectators today are reminded that **Ponsonby R.F.C. from New Zealand** play the first game of their short tour of the U.K. tomorrow against **Harlequins** at the Stoop Memorial Ground. Kick-off 3.0 p.m.

**IMPORTANT NOTE :—** Spectators are asked to co-operate with the Club and the Partnership by keeping off the hockey pitches and the cricket square. At this time of the year the state of the turf is such that unusual traffic can cause irreparable damage. Please remember that the hockey season is still in progress and the cricket season just over a month away, so spare a thought for all sportsmen using this ground by keeping clear of the playing surfaces.

**Recent results :—**

1st XV. v Coventry 16-16: Tries, Gerald Davies, Mike Roberts, Keith Hughes; Conversions, Max Arnold (2). v Blackheath, 9-12: Try, Tony Fulwood; Conversion, Max Arnold; Penalty, Max Arnold.  
 Druids v Blackheathans, 18-16. v London Scottish Ex. Ist., 14-6.  
 Dragons v St. Mary's College, 7-16. v London Scottish 13-7.  
 "A" XV. v Old Pelhamians (cancelled). v London Scottish 9-11.  
 Extra "A" XV v Meadhurst 33-9. v London Scottish 23-13.  
 Extra "A1" XV. v Saracens 3-27.

**Next Home Games :—**

Saturday, 23rd March. 1st XV. v **HARLEQUINS**. Kick-off 3.0 p.m.  
 Tuesday, 26th March. 1st XV. v **PONSONBY (N.Z.)**. Kick-off 6.0 p.m. **ALL PAY.**

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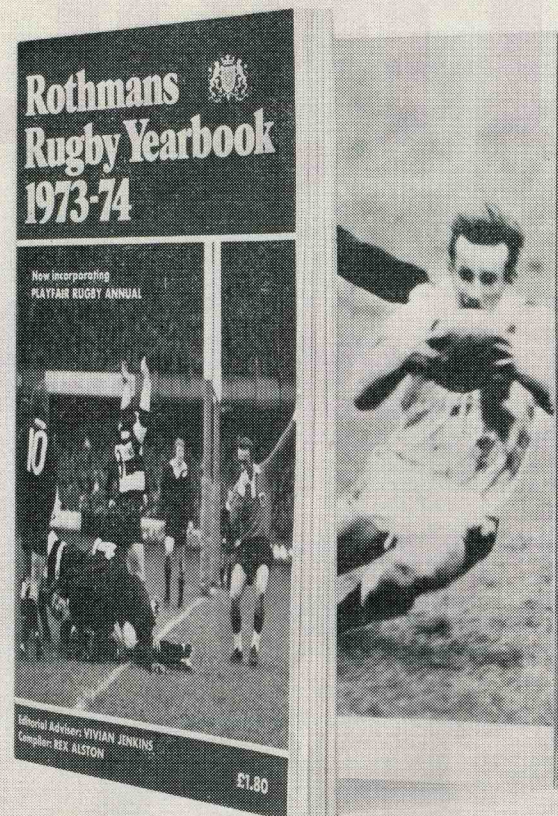
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