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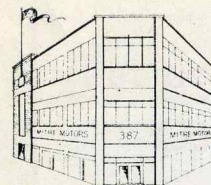
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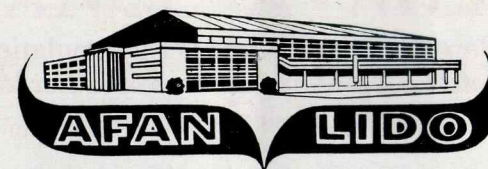
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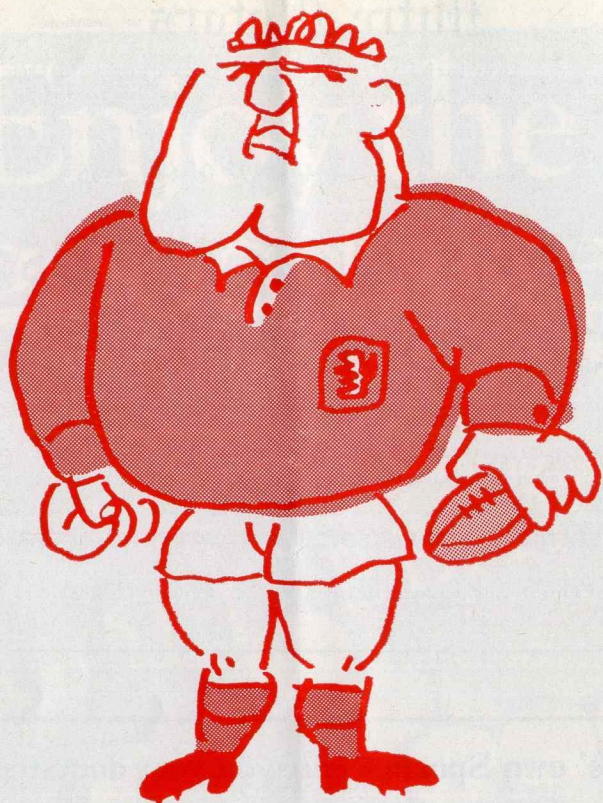
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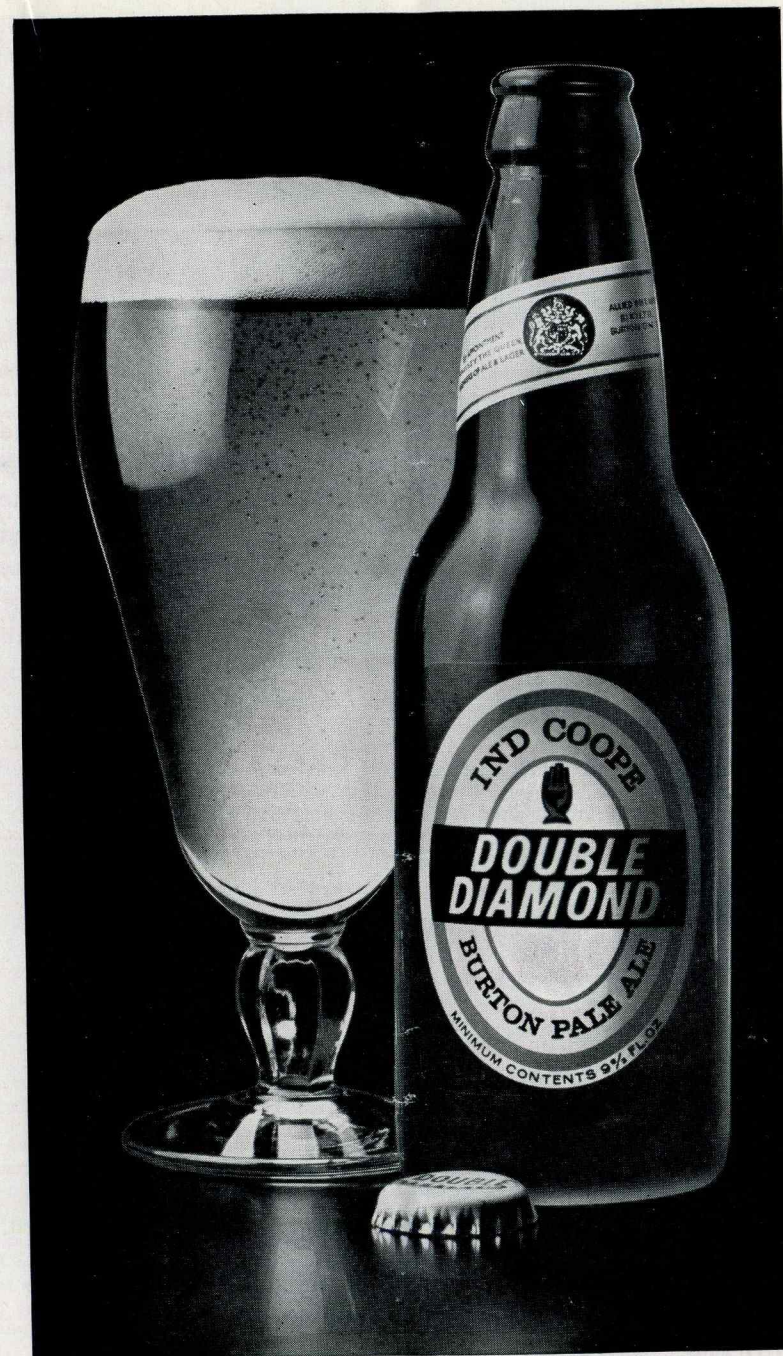
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14	A. Richards	Threequarters
13	S. J. Dawes †	
12	T. Higginson	
11	J. L. Shanklin †	
10	R. H. Phillips	Fly Half
9	J. Shore	Scrum Half
1	F. Williams	Forwards
2	A. P. Baker	
3	T. G. Davies	
4	I. C. Jones †	
5	M. G. Roberts †	
6	A. M. Phillips	
8	A. R. Pender	
7	A. J. Gray (Capt.) †	

† International.

CARDIFF

(Colours—Cambridge Blue and Black)

J. Davies	15
W. Lewis	14
J. Regan	13
(Capt.) A. Finlayson	12
N. Williams	11
G. Edwards	10
G. Treharne	9
R. Beard	1
G. Davies	2
G. Wallace	3
I. Robinson	4
A. Pike	5
R. Lane	6
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M. John	7

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club notes

Today we extend a warm welcome to CARDIFF, who join battle with us in the traditional curtain-raiser to the big event in the Borough later today. On the corresponding day two years ago the two Clubs provided between them seven players to do duty with the National side; today they go one better with eight. John Bevan, Barry John and Gareth Edwards will represent Cardiff at Twickenham, while our own John Williams, Gerald Davies, Geoff Evans, Mervyn Davies and John Taylor will also be on duty — for good measure Keith Hughes will be on the reserves bench. We extend a special welcome today to our former scrum-half, Gwilym Treharne, who fills the No. 9 berth vacated by Gareth Edwards because of today's International. Gwilym gave us much pleasure with his tenacious performances at Old Deer Park and we are very glad to see him here again.

Unusually, we are meeting Cardiff today for the second time within the space of four weeks. On December 18th last, before a capacity crowd in Cardiff, we were soundly beaten to the tune of 23 points to 4, the Welsh half-back combination on duty at Twickenham today, being in great form for our opponents. As reported in last week's programme, the erroneous T.V. and evening newspaper reports that we had beaten Cardiff by 24 points to 23 gave rise to much speculation in the Clubhouse as to the last time London Welsh were successful at the Arms Park; it was in fact in 1963, when we triumphed by 14 points to 11. More recently, in 1968, we won at Old Deer Park by 14 points to 6, but the overall record of the 37 matches played between the two Clubs since the War is overwhelmingly in Cardiff's favour, the Welsh having won a mere handful of the games. So, we have a lot of leeway to make up — starting today we hope!

In today's London Welsh line-up John Williams' place at full back is taken by his Club understudy and Welsh trial counterpart, David Llewellyn. It must be a long time since the Probables full back in the Final Trial was opposed by a club colleague in that same position in the Possibles side. No prizes offered, but can anybody enlighten us on this score? Alan Richards, who was such a prolific try-scorer in his many first team appearances earlier this season, takes over the right wing position from Gerald Davies. At left centre, in place of Keith Hughes, we introduce (as the film captions say) to 1st team duty at Old Deer Park, Tony Higginson, a Cambridge LX Club player. Tony, of course, made his 1st XV debut in the recent away game at Northampton, where he opened the scoring with a try, and he is no stranger at Old Deer Park to that large band of "old faithfuls" who, resisting Dick Rees' sales talk for his coach trips around the country, regularly turn up to watch the Druids playing at home. Bob Phillips, who was unavailable last Saturday, returns to the outside-half position, while the familiar figure of Freddie Williams appears again in the front-row, Ian Jones moving back to No. 4 to partner Mike Roberts, now coming back to his best form.

The two vacancies in the back-row caused by the international calls are filled by another two stalwarts of the early season successes, Tony Phillips and Tony Pender, the latter playing against his old club.

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Those who turned up, in rather dismal conditions, to watch the 1st XV take on Bath last Saturday must have wondered when the first score was to come, but once the team got into its stride we were treated to some magnificent football. The highlight was undoubtedly the movement which started under our own posts at the Kew end, following a missed Bath penalty kick, and finished with a try at the Richmond end. One of our senior members, an ex-International, who has been around some time, described the try as "the best I have ever seen" — high praise indeed! Tony Gray and Jim Shanklin each got a hat-trick of tries and, in running up 54 points, the team not only passed the 600 mark for the season, but brought their overall points total to 647, which is one more than the number scored in the whole of last season — and there are still 17 games left to play, excluding the possibility of further knock-out matches if we beat Saracens to-morrow week.

While all this was going on a bit of history was perhaps being made on the second pitch. To help out our other Bath visitors, Roger Michaelson, Bowen Thomas and Gerry Farmer turned out for them against the Dragons. We do not know whether the Bath membership booklet contains a section similar to our "International Players who have appeared for the Club", but if it does will the name "R. C. B. Michaelson" appear in its pages? It is an intriguing situation, and we will watch developments with interest.

Meanwhile the Druids maintained their 100% record by beating Bath United away by 16 points to 11. They have a tough assignment today when they meet Cardiff Athletic on the second pitch, but we hear that they are quietly confident that if this hurdle is surmounted the 100% record might well be intact at the end of April.

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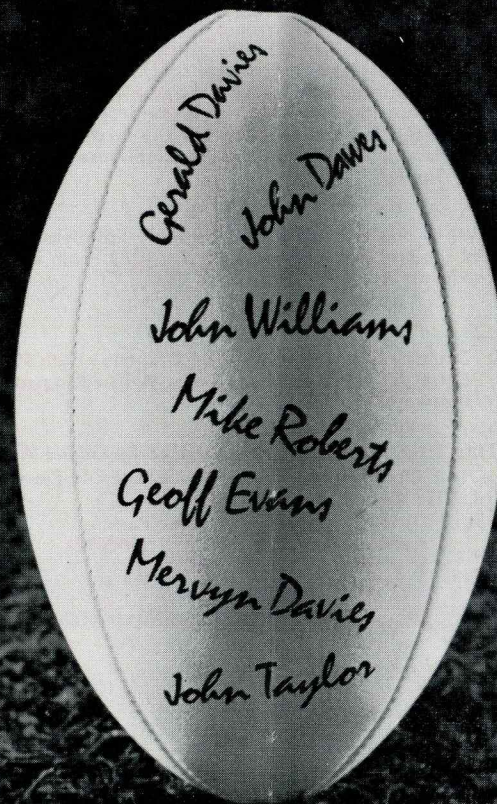
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Before we leave last Saturday's happenings we hope that our "Controller of Playing Activities" duly noted the name of the ball boy who so expertly fielded the ball from a kick to touch, and drew a round of applause, exceeded in volume only by that accorded to the try.

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A few of the lapel badges issued by the Welsh Rugby Union depicting a Rugby ball, inscribed 'Wales', and surmounted by the Prince of Wales feathers are still available from Hector Jones in the Clubhouse, price 20p. each. Why not sport your 'colours' at Twickenham this afternoon?

Green Shield Stamps

London Welsh have formed a Community Savings Group under the Green Shield Stamps Scheme. Stamps collected by the Club under this arrangement can in due course be exchanged for goods of use to us, e.g., playing, ground, pavilion equipment, etc. Will you help please by depositing any stamps you can spare in the boxes provided.

John Dawes — Lions Room Appeal

We hope that by the time they read this programme Club members will have received through the post a copy of the brochure describing our plans for the building of additional pavilion accommodation — "The John Dawes — Lions Room" — to commemorate the part played by London Welsh in the historic Lions tour of 1971, in which, under John Dawes' captaincy, no less than six other London Welsh players took part. We believe that all our members will want to support the appeal for funds for this project, and the means by which this can be done are described in the brochure. Should any further information be required this can be obtained by contacting **Dave Clark** in the Clubhouse, or by writing to him at **26 Cadogan Court, Sutton, Surrey.**

Wales v. Scotland

Will those wishing to travel by coach to Cardiff on February 5th please contact Jim Watkins or Dick Rees. The cost of the trip will be £1.25, and as usual a room will be booked for the London Welsh party in the Royal Hotel.

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Last Saturday's results :—

1st XV v Bath 54-0. Druids v Bath United 16-11. Dragons v Bath 59-13.
'A's v Wasps 14-18. Extra 'A's v Wasps 21-0. Extra 'A'1's v Kingston College 8-18.
Occasionals v Old Wandsworthians 22-8.

Forthcoming matches :—

Saturday, January 22nd. 1st XV v London Scottish at Richmond Athletic Ground.
Druids v Harlequin Wanderers, Old Deer Park.
Sunday, January 23rd. 1st XV v Saracens at Southgate.
Saturday, February 5th. Druids v Welwyn, Old Deer Park.

Next 1st XV Home Game :

Saturday, February 12th. v London Irish. Kick-off 11.0 a.m.

Club Results to date :	Points					
	P	W	D	L	For	Agst.
First XV.	23	15	1	7	647	279
Druids	15	15	—	—	431	149
Dragons	15	12	—	3	418	152
"A" XV.	14	11	—	3	409	140
Extra "A" XV.	15	12	—	3	481	148
Extra "A.1" XV	15	11	1	3	306	80
Occasionals	11	9	—	2	299	90
	108	85	2	21	2991	1038

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