



Cardiff Rugby Club

Cardiff v Barbarians

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To say that of all the club fixtures on our list there is nothing comparable or anything that quite captures the imagination as today's guests is a massive understatement. The annual Easter visit of the Barbarians is something altogether different and the standard of rugby played sends people home looking forward to the next visit some 12 months ahead. Without the implication of disparagement to any other of the great clubs on our list, and we've got our fair share of those, this particular day is probably anticipated more than any other during the season. It gives us the opportunity of seeing a galaxy of talent representing the great personalities of the four home countries with the added sprinkling of Frenchmen to add spice and variety. All this combines to make them the most formidable opponents who serve up just the type of rugby that we all relish at Cardiff Arms Park.

Trying to write about the Baa Baa's is rather a superfluous exercise because it has probably all been said before. Their oft heralded fame is known throughout the rugby world and they come to Cardiff this weekend fresh from the Hong Kong Sevens but they didn't quite enjoy the pleasure of winning the tournament this year as they had done in 1981. On this latest occasion they went out at the semi-final stage to Scottish Borders who were defeated in the final by Australia. Supporter Haydn John who travelled to the Orient for the occasion tells me that the Australia-Fiji semi-final was an absolute stunner of a game which the Aussies won in extra time before accounting for the Scots in the final. So we won't have a repeat of last year when we both had cause for celebrating. The Baa Baa's were fresh from their Hong Kong success and we, of course, had won the Schweppes Cup. We must have been more inspired than the Baa Baa's because we ran out winners by 45-19 which constitutes the biggest score ever recorded by either side in the series which began in 1890. Since those bygone days we have had the pleasure of playing them every year, except for the periods of the 2 world wars, and today sees the series reaching its 98th game. Of the previous 97, we have won 61, lost 32 and drawn 4. Points wise we have notched up 1358 to the Baa Baa's 855.

A little bit of Barbarian history will come to an end over this Easter, however, because for the last time they will play the four clubs Penarth, Cardiff, Swansea and Newport over the holiday. As the years have gone by and overseas tours become more common place for clubs to undertake, players have found great difficulty in affording the time to stay the whole period of the Easter tour. Consequently, by the time Tuesday came around the original squad became rather depleted due to injury and premature departures. With the greatest respect to those players who won their Baa Baa spurs on the Tuesday against Newport, on occasions, things were rather desperate and perhaps the honour of playing for the famous club sometimes became a little too easy with the quality of availability coming before that of ability. The Easter Tuesday game will now be discontinued but it won't be lost to Newport as it will take place in future under floodlights probably in late October. So the Baa Baa's can look back over many a long year of glorious reflection and recall that their most successful period of the South Wales tour occurred during the former years of the 1930's. It was in season 1929-1930, after we had beaten them on the Saturday and then again lost to Swansea on the Monday, that a victory over Newport on the Tuesday began a real golden era for them. They went on to win all 4 games for the next five seasons until we brought their run to an end in 1935-36 by winning 7-3. Prior to our win they had beaten Penarth so it took their sequence of winning games to 22 which is by far the best they have ever recorded on their Welsh tour. During that purple patch they clocked up 5 consecutive wins against us but on no other occasion in the 92 year history of our 97 previous games have they managed to get any better than 2 consecutive wins. We have managed this feat on several occasions with our highest sequence being 8 recorded between 1905-06 and 1909-10 (we used to play them twice a year until season 1920-21). We can be very proud of our record against the Barbarian team and as Massa Dan says so beautifully in his book of one of their early pioneers, Emile de Lissa, who used to run the line in his Norfolk suit of peppers and salt tweed and was often heard to say, "Ah, if we can

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only beat Cardiff". To all Barbarians then, old and new, welcome to Wales, to Cardiff in particular, may you have a thoroughly enjoyable tour.

Well quite incredibly Monday sees our last home game of the season and for the second year running John Scott and his boys have done us proud. It now looks very much as if we will finish the season with the best record of first class clubs in Wales and, of course, a fortnight today will see us pitting our wits against Bridgend in a replay of last year's Cup Final, let's hope for the same result. Due to the holidays and the fact that I went to Devon with the Rags last Monday (I tossed a coin with Alun Friday about the two tours and I won, so I went with the Rags to Paignton and he goes with the first team to Pretoria. Sorry about that Alun!) these notes were compiled before the Baa Baa's party was known. It is also always difficult to get their side early enough to publish their exact team so if we have to print their whole squad in today's programme, I hope this will not inconvenience you too much. Again due to the time factor and my absence there's a treat in store for you in Monday's programme as David Hayward will be putting pen to paper to entertain you with a bit of pre-match reading. In speaking of the game on Monday too, another era comes to an end when Tom Holley finally hangs up his boots after being involved as player and trainer since 1938. Tom has seen many players come and go in his long career during which he has put in a tremendous amount of time and effort. Another retirement in the person of Miss Anne Davies has also taken place. Anne finished after working in the office for some 30 odd years and she too has also seen many players going through their careers with the club. Good luck in your retirement then Anne and we still hope to see your smiling face in the crowd for a long time to come.

Finally, we would like to express our thanks to Scottish and Newcastle Breweries Ltd., who are sponsoring today's game. We wish former player and area manager George Spear and his guests a pleasant day.

P.N.

KNOW THE LAWS

By FRED CROSTER

Two prestigious matches on successive days. That, as most of you know is ready made for our annual 'Know the Laws' quiz. Nothing too difficult. Why should they be? The laws themselves are difficult enough for most to understand. The reason, of course, for these very articles. Remember, as always, copies of 'Welsh Rugby' magazines will be given to the first two female or male with all correct answers on Monday — BEFORE THE GAME. If you think you have the ten correct answers, call into the supporters shop cabin in the forecourt where Eddie and Gladys John perform so wonderfully well. They have the copies available. I shall be there, round-a-bout. Here we go then:

1. At the International Board meeting held last March, certain changes in the laws for next season were agreed. Name them?
2. There was a proposal from the Welsh Rugby Union. State what it was?
3. A simple question and answer. Was the proposal successful or not?
4. For a considerable number of years the W.R.U. had put up an entirely different proposition. What was it?
5. Name the Welsh members of the I.B.
6. There is to be a comprehensive study on the penalty kick and the free kick. By whom and for how long will this study be undertaken?
7. Wales first made a suggestion regarding the appointment of referees for international matches ten years ago. It has now been agreed. What was the suggestion and how will it affect Welsh referees?
8. We see referee touch judges becoming more and more involved in the decision of the actual official in charge. In what matches does this apply?
9. How does the touch judge indicate the offending team in such instances?
10. Name the Welsh international panel during the season now drawing to its close? That's the lot. Enjoy the game. Have a go at the quiz. See some of you on Monday.

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| 12. D. BARRY | Left Centre |
| 11. D. PREECE | Left Wing |
| 10. G. DAVIES | Outside Half |
| 9. T. HOLMES | Inside Half |
| 1. J. WHITEFOOT | Forwards |
| 2. A. PHILLIPS | |
| 3. I. EIDMAN | |
| 4. K. EDWARDS | |
| 5. R. NORSTER | |
| 6. O. GOLDING | |
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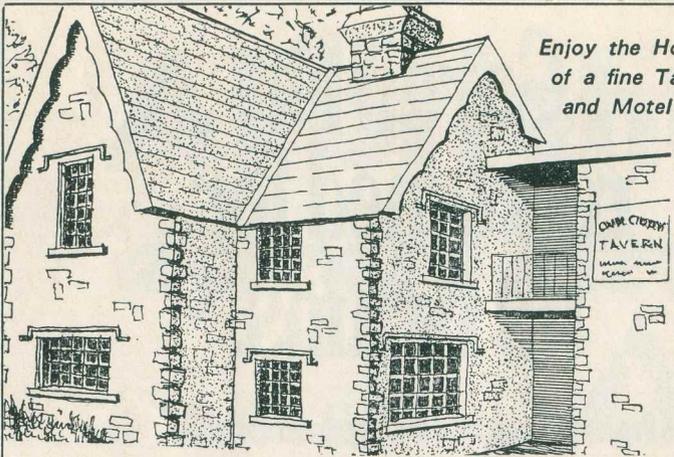
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Sat. 19	Coventry	A	12-12
Sat. 26	Aberavon	H	11-25
Wed. 30	Pontypridd	A	10-3

OCTOBER			
Sat. 3	Newport	A	15-6
Wed. 7	Bridgend	H	18-14
Sat. 10	Northampton	H	26-22
Wed. 14	Pontypool	A	15-24
Sat. 17	Bath	H	32-3
Wed. 21	Newbridge	A	15-12
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Sat. 31	Moseley	A	26-24

NOVEMBER			
Sat. 7	Munster	H	16-10
Wed. 11	Oxford University	H	38-9
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Sat. 21	W. Barry (Cup)	A	45-6
Fri. 27	Llanelli	A	15-7

DECEMBER			
Wed. 9	Swansea	H	Post.
Sat. 12	Lon. Welsh Aband.	H	6-6

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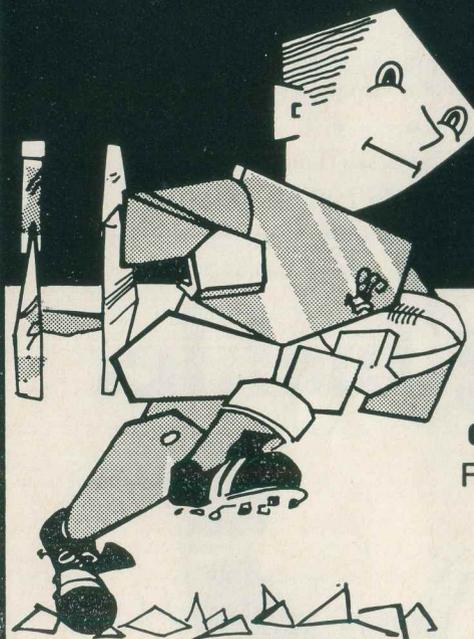
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Sat. 30	Waterloo	H	40-9

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Wed. 17	Swansea	H	16-3
Sat. 20	Ebbw Vale	A	15-0
Sat. 27	Llanelli (Cup)	H	12-3

MARCH			
Sat. 6	London Welsh	A	20-13
Wed. 10	Llanelli	H	15-10
Sat. 13	Pontypool	H	36-23
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Sat. 27	Newbridge Cup SF (at Newport)	H	21-11
Wed. 31	Swansea	A	7-16

APRIL			
Sat. 3	Bedford	A	13-10
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