

CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB



CARDIFF v PONTYPRIDD

TUESDAY, 26th DECEMBER, 1978

KICK OFF 3 p.m.

Official Programme 10p

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Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's . . . this being so, today we bid a warm welcome to Welsh champions Pontypridd. This Boxing Day fixture is rapidly becoming a big day in the rugby calendar. I saw proof of the magnetism of this game just prior to the kick off of the Barbarians v. New Zealand match when a rather harassed looking fan was offering, in a loud voice, "three Baa Baas stand tickets for one Cardiff v. Pontypridd".

Today sees only the fortieth game in the series, although the first one was played as far back as 1878. Of the 39 previous games Cardiff have won 28, lost 9 and drawn 2. The points tally shows 500 to Cardiff and 217 to Pontypridd. A more detailed examination of the statistical record, however, reveals that our visitors have won the last four encounters, which includes of course the double last year during their championship-winning campaign. Although it was their second championship in three years, many of the elder Pontypridd statesmen believed it was that double which enabled the club to say loud and clear that they had arrived at the top in Welsh Rugby and there they intended to stay.

Pontypridd's emergence as one of Wales' top clubs is a story of graft, determination and pride, particularly over the last decade or so. It was always their ambition to move away from Ynysangharad Park where they were very much at the mercy of the local council. After long and hard negotiations they finally managed to secure their own ground and clubhouse and now the name of Sardis Road is well known in and around the Welsh Rugby scene. The atmosphere generated during home games by their loyal supporters, the type of rugby played by their players and the hospitality of their officials after the games are all first class and are thoroughly enjoyed by all visiting teams, except perhaps the drubbing they usually get on the field.

At this point in time Pontypridd are enjoying one of the most successful spells that the club has ever experienced. This, of course, is due primarily to their great results obtained on the field. In this respect they are well served by two men whom the club has good cause to be proud of. These men, by their instruction and example, have marshalled the vast talents of the extensive range of players available to them to create a side which can hold its own with the best in Wales. Tom David as captain and Joe Smith as coach are the two men in question and must be very valued members of the Pontypridd club. The loyal, local supporters find it incredible that the honours that come the club's way are very few and far between, yet the consistency displayed by many of their players perhaps deserves more reward. Mind, the Pontypridd club has never been able to boast that they have supplied many players to the national side. Correct me if I'm wrong but, by research, I can find only seven, so let this be a challenge to all the Ponty supporters to find any more if they can. The list reads as follows: E. Treharne 1881, F. Hawkins 1912, Glyn Davies 1947, Russell Robins (the most capped club player with 13 appearances) 1953 to 1957, Danny Harries 1959 to 1961, Gareth Payne 1960 and finally Tom David 1973 to 1976.

And so to today's game. We will be very intent on winning today in order to put a halt to the sequence of four wins to Ponty. Of course, they will be keen to extend the run and in so doing would achieve the double in consecutive seasons, a feat not performed by many clubs. Anyway we look forward to a good game and again we extend a warm welcome to President Sam Simon, secretary Stan Thomas and all your party and may you have an enjoyable afternoon.

On the home front it is good to see the name of Stuart Lane on the team sheets again and we hope he will soon be fully fit. Also congratulations to Terry Holmes on his selection for the Barbarians at Leicester.

Finally, the Cardiff Rugby Club extends its thanks to J.B. (Volkswagen) Ltd. for sponsoring today's match and welcomes the directors and their guests to the Arms Park.

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KNOW THE LAWS

By FRED CROSTER

The all-conquering All Blacks are, of course, home rejoicing now. Can there ever have been a touring team helped so much by refereeing decisions which, at vital times, brought them back from the brink of defeat to change not only the result but produce their remarkable record? I must resist the temptation at this festive time to develop that, but dwell with some of Norman Sansom's rulings on the Saturday before last. The Press Box is a most interesting place to be when 'what the whistle does' causes eyebrow raising and, indeed, caustic comment, with some of our critics.

Loveridge diving into the scrum to try and score, almost apropos the try which referee John West permitted at Newport! Loveridge knew what he was about. The scrum was near the line, the ball in the scrum, touched, then crossed the line—that meant that the scrum had ended and it was thus permissible to handle the ball. This might well have been a try although it was not awarded. Phew! Thank goodness for that one.

That All Black short penalty and the pseudo 'Haka', which amused us all. Nothing in the book to stop that, BUT they then formed a wall to prevent the Baa Baas from getting at the man with the ball. Blatantly offside and obstruction, MUST be a penalty kick as it was. Mind you, I have seen one or more players in front of the kicker many times when a short kick is taken, haven't you? Usually as a deliberate ploy, and they have got away with it.

That push over the Baa Baas' line near the goal, which led to the last scrum from which the winning drop goal came! It looked so unfair. In the spirit of the game, I agree it WAS unfair. But, alas, according to the Law, 14, In-goal, in this instance the decision was correct. I quote:

"If a defending player carrying the ball in the field of play is forced into his in-goal and he then touches down, a scrum shall be formed 5 metres out with the attacking team having the put-in."

On that sad note, I'll leave it. Happy New Year.

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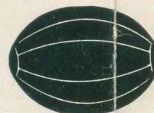
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| 13. A. FINLAYSON/M. MURPHY | Right Centre |
| 12. P. DANIELS | Left Centre |
| 11. C. CAMILLERI <i>D. Preece</i> | Left Wing |
| 10. G. DAVIES/J. O'BRIEN | Outside Half |
| 9. T. HOLMES | Inside Half |
| 1. B. NELMES (Captain) | Forwards |
| 2. A. PHILLIPS/L. O'BRIEN | |
| 3. J. DIXON | |
| 4. P. RAWLINS | |
| 5. R. NORSTER/C. SMITH | |
| 6. T. CHARLES | |
| 8. J. SCOTT/R. LANE | |
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| S. FLYNN | 12. |
| K. SWAIN | 11. |
| J. HAZZARD/S. LEWIS | 10. |
| B. DYER | 9. |
| W. EVANS | 1. |
| M. ALEXANDER | 2. |
| R. LOTT | 3. |
| B. PENBERTHY | 4. |
| D. SHELLARD | 5. |
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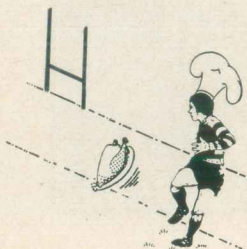
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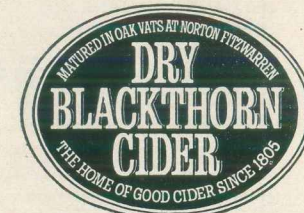
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Sat., 6th January:	CARDIFF v. MOSELEY	3 p.m.
Sat., 27th January:	CARDIFF v. ABERAVON	3 p.m.

FIRST XV FIXTURES

1978
SEPTEMBER

Fri.	1			
Sat.	2	East District	H	38-17
Wed.	6	Glasmorgan Wands.	H	55-13
Sat.	9	Neath	A	13-11
Wed.	13	Bristol	A	42-14
Sat.	16	Coventry	H	76-9
Wed.	20	Penarth	H	62-0
Sat.	23	Aberavon	A	14-13
Wed.	27	Pontypridd	A	9-23
Sat.	30	Moseley	A	9-3

OCTOBER

Sat.	7	Newport	H	7-0
Sat.	14	Northampton	A	10-3
Sat.	21	New Zealand	H	7-17
		(All pay)		

Wed.	25	Bridgend	A	10-12
Sat.	28	Harlequins	A	36-12

NOVEMBER

Nov.	1	Pontypool	H	14-16
Sat.	4	Maesteg	H	10-7
Sat.	11	Ebbw Vale	A	10-13
Sat.	18	Whitland (Cup)	H	65-6
Sat.	25	Llanelli	H	9-15
Wed.	29	Oxford University	H	47-12

DECEMBER

Sat.	2	Swansea	A	4-10
Sat.	9	London Welsh	A	25-23

Sat.	23	Crumlin (Cup)	H.....
Tues.	26	Pontypridd	H.....
Sat.	30	Coventry	A.....

1979
JANUARY

Mon.	1	Bath	H.....
Sat.	6	Moseley	H.....
Sat.	13	W.R.U. Cup	3rd Round
Fri.	19	Heriots F.P.	A.....
Sat.	27	Aberavon	H.....

FEBRUARY

Sat.	10	Bristol	H.....
Sat.	17		
Sat.	24	W.R.U.	Cup 4th Round
Wed.	28	Llanelli	A.....

MARCH

Sat.	3	Ebbw Vale	H.....
Sat.	10	Pontypool	A.....
Fri.	16	London Welsh	H.....
Sat.	17		
Sat.	24	Newport	A.....
Sat.	31	Swansea	H.....

APRIL

Sat.	7	Gloucester	A.....
Sat.	14	Barbarians	H.....
Mon.	16	Harlequins	H.....
Sat.	21	Neath	H.....
Sat.	28		



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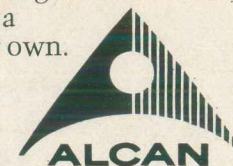
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