

CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB



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Official Programme 10p

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Tonight we extend to our Irish visitors a very warm welcome with the wish that they enjoy their weekend in Cardiff on this, their biennial journey to the Principality on the occasion of the Wales v. Ireland match at the National Stadium. Perhaps it would also be appropriate to welcome our own members and supporters back to the Arms Park because it is some five weeks plus since we had the opportunity of seeing the first team playing at home. The atrocious weather has struck a frightful blow at our cup and domestic fixtures and it makes you wonder how on earth we are going to be able to fit in all the games that have been postponed.

This present season is much akin to that of 1962-63 when we also had an arctic winter and no games were played at all during the January of that year. In fact, in that ill fated season the Athletic XV had no fewer than ten successive matches cancelled in the period between 26th December and 2nd March. Let's hope that by tonight's game the freezing conditions are behind us, although the latest forecast I have heard of for the next year is ten months of winter followed by two months of bad weather.

It has proved to be a great pity that the bad weather came when it did because the last home game we witnessed turned out to be a cracker. I refer, of course, to the Pontypridd game on Boxing Day. What a marvellous atmosphere prevailed that day, a full and sporting crowd, good conditions and above all a splendid game in the best traditions of Welsh rugby. Pontypridd were disappointed but generous in their defeat. They admitted that they would never have thought that their pack could have been pushed around so much as it was during the second half. It was a rare sight indeed to see their whole front row lifted out of a set scrum and unceremoniously dumped onto the backs of their rear five. This splendid forward performance coupled with three excellent tries gave us a well merited victory. With another fine display in winning at Coventry (they will have cause to remember Cardiff this season) we were set fair for attractive home games against Bath and Moseley and what is rapidly becoming tradition, a visit to Pontypool in the Cup. The big freeze-up intervened, however, and the only game we have managed since 30th December was that against Heriots F.P. on the eve of the Scotland v. Wales game in Edinburgh. The conditions during this game were also atrocious with a constant blizzard blowing all through the game. Another very good forward performance saw us win this game by 4 pts to 3. The new date for the Cup tie is now 10th February which also means the loss of a Saturday visit from Bristol. This now means we have to try to arrange to fit in the following home games: Bridgend, Bath, Moseley, Aberavon and Bristol. It looks as if we are going to have a very busy end to the season, doesn't it?

Rather ironically tonight's fixture is not shown on the fixture list and we are very grateful to Bective Rangers in helping us to provide a game to our rugby starved supporters. The sides have met on 15 occasions with Cardiff winning 11, Bective 1 and 3 games drawn. Points for Cardiff show 208 with 111 for Bective. The Bective club was formed in 1881 and they play on the famous Donnybrook Ground in Dublin. Perhaps their most famous player was the great W.A. (Wiggs) Mulcahy, a lock who played for Ireland on 35 occasions between 1958 and 1965. For four years "Wiggs" and the legendary Willie John McBride stormed across the international grounds of the world as Ireland's second row and were very rarely bettered by any other pair. During last year Bective had what can be called a very middle of the road season because they scored only one more win and one more point than they conceded. Of 32 games played 16 were won, 15 lost with 1 draw and 396 points were scored with 395 against. I am sure tonight, however, they will be

as fiery as all Irish sides are and will be looking for a first ever win in Cardiff to add to their single victory in Dublin in 1954. Welcome to Cardiff Arms Park then to Bective Rangers players and supporters, may your weekend be a happy one.

P.N.

KNOW THE LAWS

By FRED CROSTER

Although we are well into the New Year, this is the first match to be played in 1979. Let us go back for a moment to the well remembered Baa Baas-All Blacks match when, for the fourth time on their tour, refereeing decisions let the All Blacks off the hook.

The penalty count. Fourteen to the Baa Baas, thirteen to the All Blacks. Can't get much closer than that.

Of the Baa Baas' fourteen, eight were for offside in various situations; of the All Blacks' thirteen, seven for the same offence — we have to include that mysterious Elgan Rees offside at the end which mystified me and most around me. So! Offside is still the heinous offender.

How well that great captain, flanker supreme, now honorary Baa Baa, Graham Mourie, right through the tour, watched the referees like a hawk to verge on being offside almost all movements from set play. He didn't get caught very often. Easy for us from the stand we know, but I wish I had kept count of the number of times when he should have been pulled up. Flanker play developed to a fine art!

I dealt in the last notes with most of the dubious decisions. Did you notice another simple All Blacks let-off?

Right in front of the Press Box as it happened. The Baa Baas were attacking down the touch line towards the town end; scrum half Loveridge—what a fine match he had—calmly and deliberately threw the ball into touch to check their progress. It went undetected and a line-out was awarded when, of course, it should have been a penalty kick.

Pressure is mounting in certain circles for the touch judges to have more say. Might this have been another case for that cause?

NEXT HOME FIXTURES

Sat., 3rd March:	CARDIFF v. EBBW VALE	3 p.m.
Fri., 16th March:	CARDIFF v. LONDON WELSH	7.15 p.m.
Sat., 31st March:	CARDIFF v. SWANSEA	3 p.m.

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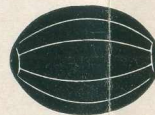
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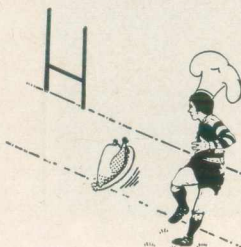
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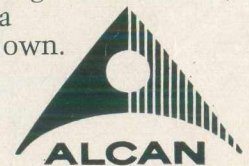
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1978
SEPTEMBER

Fri.	1		
Sat.	2	East District	H 38-17
Wed.	6	Glamorgan 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 (All pay)	H 7-17
Wed.	25	Bridgend	A 10-12
Sat.	28	Harlequins	A 36-12

NOVEMBER

Wed.	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 12-0
Tues.	26	Pontypridd	H 18-0
Sat.	30	Coventry	A 36-10

1979
JANUARY

Mon.	1	Bath	H P
Sat.	6	Moseley	H P
Fri.	19	Heriots F.P.	A 4-3
Sat.	27	Aberavon	H P

FEBRUARY

Sat.	10	Pontypool (Cup)	A.....
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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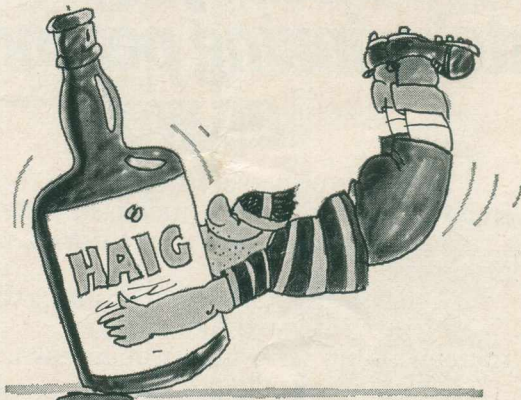
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