

Cardiff Rugby Club

Cardiff v East District

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Official Programme 15p

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Oh to be in Wales now that rugby is there. With apologies to the poet that must be the cry of many an expatriate from the principality as September comes around. We in Wales are always seemingly very keen to get cracking as soon as we can and this cannot be better amplified than by a story I once heard about a conversation that went on at an international rugby conference. The delegates of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, were discussing the point as to when the game really started seriously in their respective countries. Several dates ranging from the 2nd Saturday in September to the 1st Saturday in October were proffered by the English, Irish and Scottish delegates. When it came to the Welshman's turn, he proudly and in no uncertain manner told his colleagues that the game in this neck of the woods began in deadly earnest at dawn on September 1st.

So we in the Cardiff Rugby Club go into our 105th season with rather mixed feelings. On the plus side we had a very successful and enjoyable tour to Zimbabwe when all five matches played were won and in doing so we scored 166 points for with 75 against. Then last Saturday we gained that very creditable win in the Snelling Sevens notwithstanding the fact that we were unable to field what most people would have thought was our best team. The squad who did the honours that day, however, had different ideas and produced some great rugby in scoring 118 points in winning their 5 games. We were very worthy winners over guest side Leicester in the final. Geraint John and Bob Norster must have run Gwynfor Williams very close for the man of the tournament award, but Gwynfor edged home so congratulations to him on his award. It must have been a very pleasing result too for Roger Beard who has now taken over the coaching mantle from John Ryan. John is a very respected coach who's track record is second to none. Roger has worked in close harmony with him over these last few years, however, so there is no lack of continuity in the system. We all wish Roger a successful and happy term of office. In so saying we also extend our appreciation to John Ryan for the time and effort he has put into his job. To be a top coach certainly entails dedication to your work and we are fortunate in having a man of Roger Beard's calibre so readily available.

Now on the debit side the injury syndrome still appears to be with us. The most serious of these have struck our captain for his second term of office, John Scott. He enhanced his already formidable reputation with a great performance on the England tour of the Argentine. Since his return, however, continued weakness has necessitated an operation on both ankles which is going to side line him for some considerable period. We all wish you well John for a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing you leading our side onto the field again as soon as possible. In the meantime Gareth Davies the nominated vice captain will take over the reins but he too received a niggling groin injury in the recent Aberaeron Sevens. Hopefully it will soon clear up and we will have a full complement to select our side from. The only serious continuing absence is that of Mike Murphy. He has had an operation on one shoulder to shorten ligaments and he now awaits a similar job on the other. So it's also best wishes to Mike for a speedy and permanent recovery. Whilst on the best wishes subject, good luck to our super star Terry Holmes in his effort to prove his undoubted prowess in some other sports.

On the administrative side of things, C. D. Williams continues as Chairman for his second term of office and two old and very respected members of the committee have resigned to be replaced by two ex-club captains. The resigning members, Les Spence and Lyn Williams, have a magnificent 100 years of service between them as players and administrators. Les with 53 and Lyn with 47 are deserving the highest of praise. They are still on the scene and long may it be that way with Les being our well liked President of the Athletic Club. Their replacements are David Hayward, who has the unique distinction of having captained the First team,, Athletic and Extras side when the latter was in brief existence, and Gary Davies who was captain in season 1973-74 but did yeoman service with our Youth side during the past two seasons.

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On to today then and it falls to East District to open our home campaign for the 1981-82 season. Who are East District you may ask then? Well, 180 of the 181 clubs who form the W.R.U. are allocated according to their geographical situation into 9 districts A to J. From these districts 2 or 3 members are selected to serve on the W.R.U. committee to administer the game in Wales. We in Cardiff are in District B along with 21 other clubs and these 22 clubs have formed an association known as East District. Their representative side is selected from the composite clubs, except ourselves, of course, and the other first class club, Penarth. Now are you wondering who the odd club out is of the 181. The answer is London Welsh who until this year was a member of District B with their own W.R.U. representative. They have now been withdrawn, however, but still retain their direct representative on the W.R.U. with responsibility for all Anglo Welsh affairs.

To East District then we say welcome on this your third visit to the Arms Park. The previous 2 games have resulted in wins to us by 38-17 and 66-8 but regardless of this, have a good day today.

P.N.

KNOW THE LAWS

By FRED CROSTER

Here we go again. Seems no time at all since the last season ended. During the 'closed' season I had a strange dream. Simply that, one season, one year before I die, a new season would start with NO law changes to report. I wonder if that dream will ever come true. As far back as I can remember and that is a fair while, something has been changed by the International Board and this year has been no exception. A number of changes in fact but we did have an important and in its own way, historic difference. The W.R.U. mainly in the shape of John Dawes and Malcolm Lewis were extremely concerned when the findings of last March's I.B. meeting were published, over the new front row, prop binding solution. So much so that, due to the injury factor which might have resulted, they submitted their own suggestions which have now been adopted and all clubs, referees and so on notified to that effect. More of that later. For now, let me briefly say what all the changes are and I shall then go into them in detail as the season gets under way.

Players' Dress: From now on the wearing of a single stud at the toe of the boot is prohibited.

This is very much up to the manufacturers surely.

Tackle: Here we really go back to older times. Now, if the player goes to the ground a tackle will have been deemed to occur.

Lying with or near the ball: A player who has NOT been tackled but who is lying on the ground and holding the ball must IMMEDIATELY pass or release the ball or roll away and get up.

Scrummage: The tight head prop must bind with his right arm outside the left upper arm of his opposing loose head prop. He may grip the jersey of his opposing prop with his right hand but only to keep himself steady. He must not exert downward pressure.

That will do for now. Let's get on with the season and the game.

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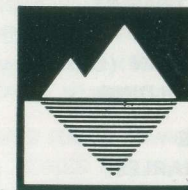
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7. O. GOLDING

T. LEE
T. CHARLES
Referee: K. D. BIDDER

Referee: ALUN RICHARDS

Full Back
Right Wing
Right Centre
Left Centre
Left Wing
Outside Half
Inside Half
Forwards



Replacements

East District

15. M. DAVIES (Cardiff HSOB)
14. R. EDWARDS (Cardiff HSOB)
13. R. DIAMOND (St. Peter's)
12. C. RILEY (Taffs Well)
11. G. PUGH (Pontyclun)
10. H. JONES (Pentyrch)
9. A. RAVEN (Llandaff)
1. P. DAVIES (S. Glam. Inst.)
2. M. CATRIS (Old Illydians)
3. R. EVANS (Llanharran)
4. S. MIDDLETON (Llandaff)
5. R. HIGHGATE (Llandaff)
6. S. MURPHY (St. Peter's)
8. R. McPHERSON (Dinas Powis) (Capt.)
7. A. COLES (Pontyclun)

P. MANNING (Dinas Powis)
A. JONES (Pencoed)
C. HUGHES (Barry)
F. HESKINS (Pencoed)
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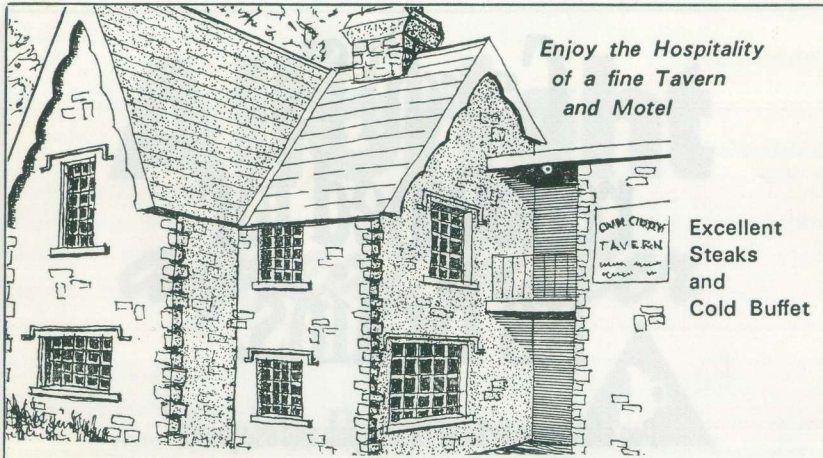
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FIRST XV FIXTURES

1981
SEPTEMBER

Wed. 2	Glamorgan Wands.	A.....
Sat. 5	East District	H.....
Wed. 9	Bristol	H.....
Sat. 12	Neath	H.....
Wed. 16	Penarth	A.....
Sat. 19	Coventry	A.....
Sat. 26	Aberavon	H.....
Wed. 30	Pontypridd	A.....

OCTOBER

Sat. 3	Newport	A.....
Wed. 7	Bridgend	H.....
Sat. 10	Northampton	H.....
Wed. 14	Pontypool	A.....
Sat. 17	Bath	H.....
Wed. 21	Newbridge	A.....
Sat. 24	Harlequins	A.....
Tues. 27	Maesteg	A.....
Sat. 31	Moseley	A.....

NOVEMBER

Sat. 7	Munster	H.....
Wed. 11	Oxford University	H.....
Sat. 14	Ebbw Vale	H.....
Sat. 21	W.R.U. Cup 1st Round	H.....
Fri. 27	Llanelli	A.....

DECEMBER

Wed. 9	Swansea	H.....
Sat. 12	London Welsh	H.....

Sat. 19	W.R.U. Cup 2nd Round	H.....
Sat. 26	Pontypridd	H.....
Mon. 28	Bridgend	A.....

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JANUARY

Sat. 2	Moseley	H.....
Wed. 6	Aberavon	A.....
Fri. 15	Bective Rangers	A.....
Sat. 23	W.R.U. Cup 3rd Round	H.....
Sat. 30	Llanelli	H.....

FEBRUARY

Sat. 13	Bristol	A.....
Sat. 20	Ebbw Vale	A.....
Sat. 27	W.R.U. Cup 4th Round	H.....

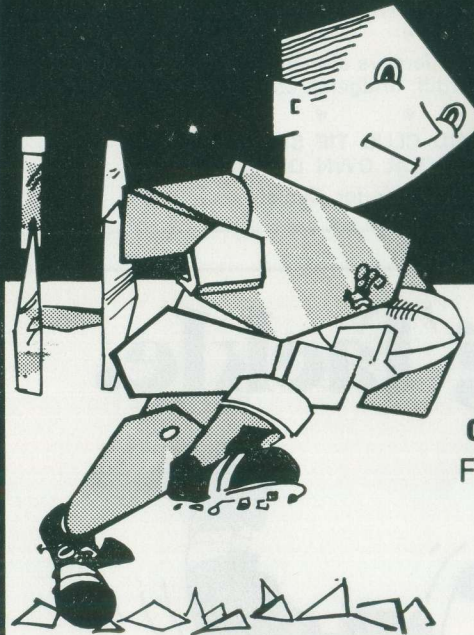
MARCH

Sat. 6	London Welsh	A.....
Sat. 13	Pontypool	H.....
Fri. 19	Heriots F.P.	H.....
Sat. 27	Newport (Cup S.F.)	H.....
Wed. 31	Swansea	A.....

APRIL

Sat. 3	Bedford	A.....
Sat. 10	Barbarians	H.....
Mon. 12	Harlequins	H.....
Sat. 17	Neath	A.....
Sat. 24	W.R.U. Cup Final	H.....

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