



Cardiff Rugby Club



Cardiff v Northampton

SATURDAY, 10th OCTOBER, 1981

KICK OFF 3 p.m.

Official Programme 15p

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A warm welcome today to Northampton, the second of our English guests of this season. Their now biennial trip to Cardiff sees them visiting the Arms Park for the 25th time in the 53 games played between our sides. Of these we have won 30, lost 18 with 5 drawn. games. Points wise we have notched up 571 to Northampton's 442. The great town of Northampton (once described by Daniel Defoe as "the most handsome and best built town in this part of England") is renowned for its boot, shoe and leather industries and its Central Museum includes such items as Roman sandals, Queen Victoria's wedding slipper and Margot Fonteyn's ballet pumps. The strangest item, however, must be a huge boot made in Northampton and worn by an elephant which was taken across the Alps in 1959 in a reenactment of Hannibals crossing in 218 BC. Despite all these amazing facts we in Wales are more inclined to associate Northampton with some of the great names of English rugby such as Dickie Jeeps, Jeff Butterfield, Lan Cannell, Frank Sykes, Don White, Ron Jacobs, Phil Taylor and many more. Of these Ron Jacobs is the top cap winner with 29 to his credit.

At present 'The Saints' are going through a bit of a lean period. Last season was one of their poorest since the war with only 15 wins from 38 games. This was explained perhaps by the fact that they suffered a massive 24 bad injuries to the 47 players used in the side. This harps back to the days when we used to play the 'Saints' at home on Easter Tuesday. It was the last game of a four match tour they undertook over the holiday weekend. Now that sounds rather pleasant doesn't it but hang on a minute, let me tell you who their four opponents were. To start off they played Llanelli (then Llanelly) on the Good Friday and Pontypool on the Saturday. After a bit of a rest (from rugby at least) on Sunday they took on Bristol on Monday and then arrived in Cardiff to do battle with us on the Tuesday. We also tended to be rather depleted after games against the Baa Baas and the Quins so mercifully it was curtailed in 1958. Since then we have played each other once a season home then away in alternate years. Of 23 games played since then, we've rather got the whip hand over the 'Saints' inasmuch as we have won 14 of them, lost 5 and drawn 4. Strangely enough there is only a total of 5 drawn games in the 53 match series and three of these came consecutively in seasons 1960/61, 61/62, and 62/63 when the scores were 6-6, 9-9 and 0-0 respectively, the latter being the only pointless encounter since the first game in 1926.

The last two visits to the Arms Park have seen the 'Saints' going home with rather heavy defeats of 50-6 in 1977 and 45-4 in 1979. In fact, we are now on a string of 6 consecutive wins which beats the best run of 5 on 3 previous occasions, twice by us and once by the Saints. To Northampton then again we say welcome and may you have an enjoyable day.

WELSH RUGBY UNION CHARITABLE TRUST

In the Welsh Rugby Union Centenary season, Cardiff Rugby Club, in its desire to contribute a worthy sum to the Welsh Rugby Union Centenary Charitable Trust Fund, held a Gala Dinner at the City Hall, Cardiff on 22nd May, 1981.

The dinner replaced the normal function which is held each year for players, officials and guests, and at which the annual presentation of caps is made to players. On this occasion, however, the main purpose was to raise funds and I am happy to report that the event was a financial success thereby enabling the Cardiff Rugby Football Club to hand over a cheque to the officers of the Welsh Rugby Union in the sum of £4,000. This, it should be noted, is in addition to the £1,000 already donated by the 1953 side following a function held last year.

The Cardiff Rugby Football Club is grateful to those persons who purchased tickets, attended the dinner and contributed to a very worthwhile raffle during the evening. We thank also Mr. John Roberts of Cowbridge, and

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the Cardiff Athletic Club Choir and of course the St. Alban's Band for their worthy contributions during the function. More particularly, the Club acknowledges with gratitude and appreciation the kind and generous contributions made by donors and sponsors, namely:

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On a personal note, I would like to thank publicly the Sub Committee of John E. Davies, Alun J. Priday, D. M. James, M. John, C. T. Howe and Tom Holley for the wonderful efforts they made to ensure the success of the venture.

W. H. Wilkins,
Chairman of Cardiff R.F.C. Special Sub Committee.

The chairman of the Cardiff Rugby Club, Mr. C. D. Williams, will be presenting the aforementioned cheque to Sir Tasker Watkins, chairman of the W.R.U. Charitable Trust Fund. The presentation will take place on the pitch at half-time this afternoon.

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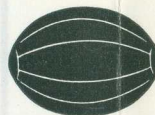
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13. D. BARRY
12. P. DANIELS
11. N. HUTCHINGS
10. G. DAVIES (Captain)
9. T. HOLMES
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| 1981 | | |
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| SEPTEMBER | | |
| Wed. 2 | Glam. Wanderers | A 9-3 |
| Sat. 5 | East District | H 40-6 |
| Wed. 9 | Bristol | H 37-17 |
| Sat. 12 | Neath | H 25-8 |
| Wed. 16 | Penarth | A 23-7 |
| 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..... |
| 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 | |
| Fri. 27 | Llanelli | A..... |
| DECEMBER | | |
| Wed. 9 | Swansea | H..... |
| Sat. 12 | London Welsh | H..... |

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

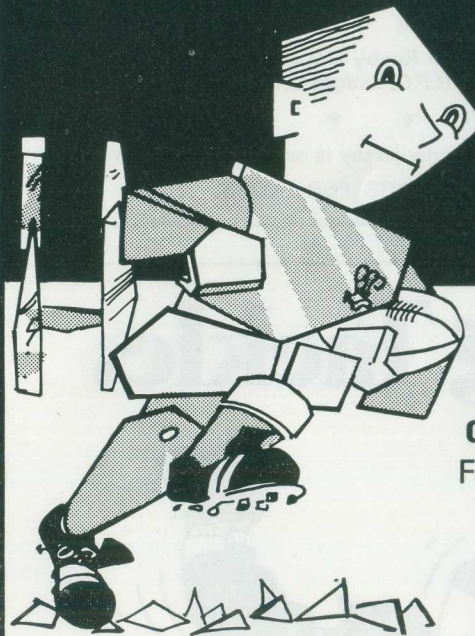
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| JANUARY | | |
| Sat. 2 | Moseley | H..... |
| Wed. 6 | Aberavon | A..... |
| Fri. 15 | Bective Rangers | A..... |
| Sat. 23 | W.R.U. Cup 3rd Round | |
| Sat. 30 | Llanelli | H..... |

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

| MARCH | | |
|---------|--------------------|--------|
| Sat. 6 | London Welsh | A..... |
| Sat. 13 | Pontypool | H..... |
| Fri. 19 | Herlots 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 | |

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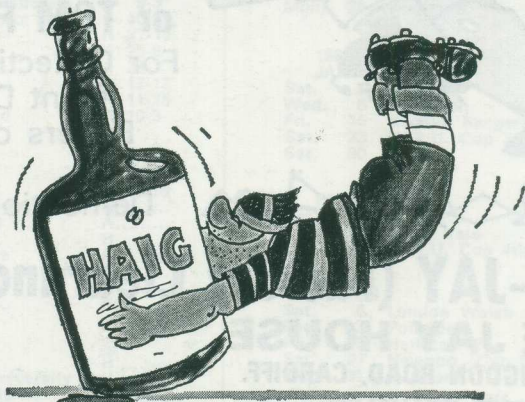
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