



Cardiff Rugby Club

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Do you know, ponder as I did, I couldn't think of anything suitably smart or clever with which to start these programme notes. I thought of 'From the City of Dreaming Spires to the County of Alderman Squires'; 'From the Thames to the Taff' or 'From Cowley to Canton' or 'Iffley Road to Cowbridge Road'; 'From Christs to Eisu Mawr'; 'From the Isis to a Crisis', but I gave up in the end and sought refuge in a simple 'welcome to Oxford University'. Visitors to Cardiff Arms Park in 1889, a game which we won by scoring the games' solitary try, they have been formidable opponents ever since except for a twenty year gap at the turn of the century, and a short break in the Thirties. An interesting point concerning our games with Oxford in the early 30's was that they were played in March, away from the traditional period of their frenetic build-up to the Varsity Match. Their single-minded preparation for the all-important clash against Cambridge produces a level of team-work and fitness rarely matched in club sides. It also generates a tension and a Kami-Kazi-like will to win that explodes in the first twenty minutes of the Varsity match making the early mauls and rucks look like wall charts for Zulu infantry training before Rorkes Drift. As a side issue of this fitness, team-work and determination to win a Blue, Cardiff lost their ground record in the 50's and 60's with fairly monotonous regularity to one or other of the Universities — mainly Cambridge because we play them earlier than Oxford. However, in recent decades the combined effect of coaching on club sides and the deprivations in the ranks of potential Blues, by a more stringent cerebral selection has given us the edge and we have to go back to 1974 to record our last defeat when we lost handsomely by 21pts. to 8. Overall we have played Oxford University 47 times winning 32 and losing 12 games.

One interesting feature of today's game is that both our Chairman and our Captain are former Oxford Blues. C. D. Williams in 1948 and Gareth Davies in 197 . Perhaps because our club colours incorporate the Cambridge shade of blue, according to Danny Davies we have had almost twice as many Cambridge Blues in the club as Oxford Blues. Amongst those Light Blues we number some great names, backs like Harry Bowcott, Gerald Davies, Cliff Jones, Wilf Wooller and Lon Turnbull, and very few forwards, with Roddy Evans virtually the only Cardiff player to have gained both University and Welsh honours in recent times. In contrast from Oxford J. Conway-Rees, W. Roberts and D. K. Jones are the only backs against a formidable list of forwards including D. W. Evans, H. M. Hughes, Tony Newman, C. D. Williams, Ian Robinson and John Price.

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However, we can boast that the fly half of Oxford, in their centenary season of battles with Cambridge, is almost a home-grown product. Huw Davies taught us a bit — and we taught him, one hopes, a hell of a lot. I have no doubt that he will come back to taunt Wales for many years to come. It will hurt so much more because of his name. Not only that, but Mr. Rose the full-back is the son of a lovely full-back himself, who happened to be one of my tutors at Loughborough. Good luck to you both in the Big Game, and may you win today if you are the better side.

D.J.H.

KNOW THE LAWS

By FRED CROSTER

Resulting from the recent Referees' Conference, organised by the Coaching and Referees Department of the W.R.U., under John Dawes and Malcolm Lewis, a circular went out to all referees concerning, amongst other things, the playing of Advantage. 'Two bites of the cherry' was the analogy used. Many referees, not only in Wales but the other countries have, in their desire to play advantage to the full, allowed play to carry on too long, to see if an advantage had been gained by the other side, then bringing play back to where an infringement had occurred. The example quoted was, a scrum takes place near the posts, attackers' ball, a defending flanker gets up, and is offside; the referee spots this, lets play continue until the flyhalf attempts a drop at goal which he misses, to then blow up for a penalty against that flanker.

It has been agreed that in such situations and this also applies in play generally, the referee must decide whether the offence initially interferes with play. In the example quoted there could be a case for mental pressure by virtue of the very fact that the penalty should be awarded immediately. Two bites of the cherry cannot be allowed.

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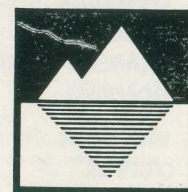
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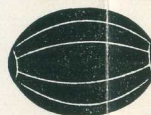
Cardiff

15. P. GOODFELLOW
14. S. EVANS
13. D. BARRY
12. P. DANIELS
11. A. YEANDLE
10. M. RING
9. T. HOLMES
1. I. EIDMAN
2. A. PHILLIPS
3. J. RAWLINS
4. T. MOGRIDGE
5. K. EDWARDS
6. R. LEWIS
8. T. CHARLES
7. O. GOLDING

G. WILLIAMS
L. O'BRIEN

Referee: R. PARDOE

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



Replacements

Oxford University

15. T. M. DAVIES
 14. S. SAUNDERS
 13. C. MILLARCHIP
 12. S. J. HALLIDAY
 11. A. J. BIBBY
 10. S. BARNES
 9. R. S. LUDDINGTON
 1. J. C. WEBSTER
 2. A. HOBART
 3. N. HERROD
 4. C. HUGO-HAMMAN
 5. M. T. ROBERTS (Captain)
 6. J. SEARLE
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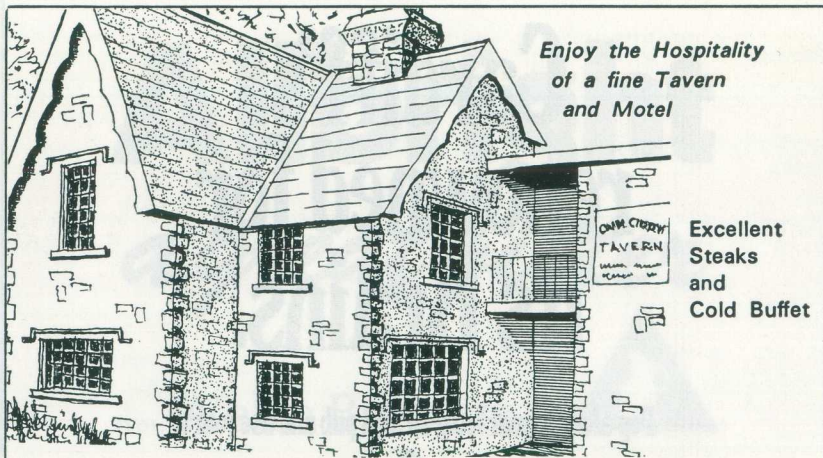
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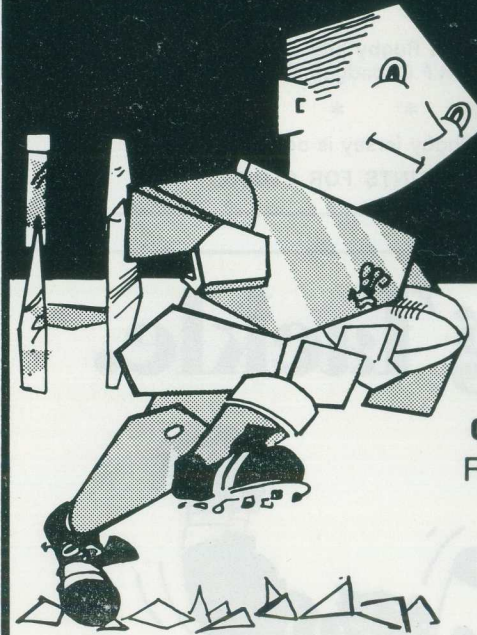
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1981		
SEPTEMBER		
Wed. 2	Glam. Wanderers	A 9-3
Sat. 5	East District	H 40-6
Wed. 9	Bristol	H 37-17
Sat. 12	Neath	H 25-8
Wed. 16	Penarth	A 23-7
Sat. 19	Coventry	A 12-12
Sat. 26	Aberavon	H 11-25
Wed. 30	Pontypridd	A 10-3
OCTOBER		
Sat. 3	Newport	A 15-6
Wed. 7	Bridgend	H 18-14
Sat. 10	Northampton	H 26-22
Wed. 14	Pontypool	A 15-24
Sat. 17	Bath	H 32-3
Wed. 21	Newbridge	A 15-12
Sat. 24	Harlequins	A 47-17
Tues. 27	Maesteg	A 25-11
Sat. 31	Moseley	A 26-24
NOVEMBER		
Sat. 7	Munster	H 16-10
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.....

Sat. 19	W.R.U. Cup 2nd Round	
Sat. 26	Pontypridd	H.....
Mon. 28	Bridgend	A.....
1982		
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	Herliots 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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