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Well here we are at the point of the season when we have passed over the summit and the down slope descent has begun. That's in the terms of the calendar, however, because in ratio of games played to those to be played we are well past the half-way mark. Today will see us take the field for the 26th time including the abandoned London Welsh game which for record purposes will not be included in the statistics I will be handing on to you. Of the 24 completed games the record is by far the best we have achieved for many a season: 21 games having been won, 3 lost and 1 drawn with a points total of 572 for and 256 against. Of the games on the debit side of the record, perhaps the one that will remain the biggest mystery to us as spectators was Aberavon's victory on our own patch on 26th September. The Wizards came in trepidation that day with several newcomers in their line-up and a record of previous wins on the Arms Park as bare as the rear of the proverbial badger's anatomy. They took the spoils on the day, however, and went home with a 25-11 victory. While the result was fair on the day, I would suggest that if the same sides took the field again 10 times I would put my money on us every time. With due respect to the Wizards and having said the result was fair on the day, the way every Cardiff player seemed to have an off day that particular afternoon is what made us wonder. Conversely Aberavon appeared to have had their fair share of good luck for the whole season because after that rare win in Cardiff they suffered a string of defeats on their own ground against opposition they would normally have eaten for breakfast.

Since that defeat, however, the only blemish on our record is that at Pontypool. And what a bruising encounter that was, but still could have been a different kettle of fish had we had our normal front row available. Once

again on the night however a fair result for the "Pooler".

So we can look back on the year of 1981 with a great amount of satisfaction. Prior to today's game we have put a sequence of 12 consecutive victories together. Our previous best before the present sequence was in season 1975-76 when between 29th November and 6th February we chalked up 11. To find a better run than we are experiencing at present we really have to delve into previous records and virtually go back to ancient history to find when we registered such a feat. It was in fact way back in season 1963-64 when the side was captained by present day committee man David Hayward and between 11th January and 11th April we won all 16 games played. I'm sure David would be only too pleased to see such a record broken but there are some very difficult hurdles before us if a better sequence is to be achieved.

Of course 1981 also embraced the second half of season 1980/81, and that will be one we will long remember because at our tenth attempt we carried off the Schweppes Cup after being unsuccessful in two previous finals. Perhaps the point most of us will well remember 1981 for is the fact that we have laid low the Bridgend bogey. So 1981 can well be remembered as one in keeping with the great traditions of our club and indeed with such a strong squad who are so rich and long in experience but still of comparatively

tender age, we can look forward.

The past is the past however and now we must look to the present and the future. As far as the present is concerned we are extremely pleased today to welcome our friends from across the border Moseley. They come today in an endeavour to stop us achieving a double, having beaten them at the Seddings earlier on this season. That was a game of two halves too if ever I have seen one. Immediately after the kick off of the second half, Terry Holmes scored a try which Gareth Davies converted to virtually bury Moseley. They thought different however and at the end of the game we were extremely pleased to hear the final blast of the whistle which saw us winners by 26 pts. to 24. It was a very close call and on the day Moseley showed us how good they can be when they run the ball. Some of their very young backs look extremely good prospects indeed, particularly so for a young left wing J. Goodwin who is not long out of school. His geography must have been very good because he knows exactly where the line is and the most direct and quickest way to get there. Moseley's task is made a bit more difficult today because they were due to play Gloucester at Kingsholm yesterday so no

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doubt many of them, particularly so the forwards, may be feeling a little bit fragile today. To add to their problems their big No. 8 Nick Jeavons gets his chance to play in his position for England in the absence of our captain John Scott. When speaking to some of their players on our earlier visit this season they were of the opinion that it all aded up to a rather masochistic start to 1982 but I feel sure that if they clock up a win at Gloucester and the Arms Park in a space of two days they will all be delighted with themselves. So to Moseley and their merry men then we wish them well on their visit today and also for the rest of 1982. For the record we have played Moseley on 74 previous occasions, 54 of which we have won, 13 to Moseley with 2 drawn games. On the points issue we have accumulated 1,113 to Moseley's 343.

It would be less than fair if we fail to thank Glamorgan Wanderers for their attitude concerning the replay date for the postponed Cup tie. We did have different ideas but when we met and aired both points of view, the Wanderers amicably agreed to our proposals. Mind, I can see their players point of view for opting for January 1st. Over the past two New Years Days they have registered away wins against Swansea and Newport and that can't be bad, can it? So we do say thank you to the Wanderers and very much appreciate their attitude, albeit not to the extent of allowing them to beat us.

In conclusion then I hope that all you wish for yourselves in the New Year is realised and if we can come to a common resolution, let that be to see John Scott back in action with his new super-carbonated ankles causing him no further bother. A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL.

P.N.

KNOW THE LAWS BY FRED CROSTER

Many of you were, I know, at the rousing Wanderers Cup encounter. We all saw a little bit of rugby history made. It started before the game when the home side all had to change their shirts as they were in red which clashed with referee Clive Norling's own attire. I've never known that happen before. He wouldn't change into the white shirt himself which the home side offered and

suggested.

Then, two penalty tries, both for the same offence. 12 points. Referee Clive beat them on his own. The official reason was that they were awarded for collapsing the scrum. In each case, to refresh your memory, a scrum just outside the Wanderers's west goal line resulted in Alan Phillips gaining the strike. The push was on, the defenders were going back over their own goal line. The ball was actually in front of No. 8 Terry Charles feet. As the push continued he would then have grounded the ball for the try. The collapsing prevented this.

As, in the referee's verdict, a try would probably have been scored but

for the illegal act of collapsing, the penalty tries resulted.

Several interesting points arise as far as the laws are concerned. A scrum can only take place in the field-of-play. How then could they collapse something which, in rugby law, had ceased to exist? The answer to that one is that, at the Memorial Ground, they collapsed just outside the goal line. On that, if a scrum is awarded on or near the line, as long as the front row of the defending side are in the field-of-play it is in order.

What determines this is the actual ball. It is when the ball is on the goal line or over the line and in-goal that the scrum is deemed to be in-goal and hence

invalid

Back to the match, if they had been in-goal when they went down, although technically it could not have been 'collapsing', it could still have been obstruction and still a penalty try. Or two as so happened.

We all live and learn. Happy New Year.

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S. SUTHERLAND 9.

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Any unsold tickets will be on sale from 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 4th January.

This course of action has been undertaken because of postal difficulties over the Christmas period.

Hon. Secretary.

Ireland v. Wales

16th JANUARY, 1982

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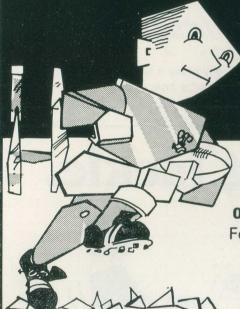
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