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Hello again and welcome back to the Arms Park whether you be from Waterloo, Timbuktu or indeed, due to such infrequent games on the Park these days from Cardiff itself. Today as you are probably well aware should have been a red letter day in every sense of the word with a visit from the Scarlets of Llanelli. And why you may well ask are they not here today. The answer to that query is something well beyond our control because every effort was made and no stones were left unturned in our quest to ensure the game was played. It would be less than honest of us too if we did not admit that we have been rather disappointed with the lack of consideration and co-operation we have been the recipients of from the other parties involved in the situation. Indeed we have always prided ourselves on the fact that we have rarely, if ever, had any trouble in arranging or re-arranging cup ties and we have cause to be very grateful to Bridgend for their very commendable attitude in our re-arrangement of the date of the previous round of this season's cup tournament.

Perhaps members, season ticket holders and regular supporters may be of the opinion that we do not consider them enough when fixtures are arranged but I can assure you that you are the uppermost thing in our minds when the list is being formulated. It would be very nice if we could achieve the situation whereby we play home and away alternatively throughout the season. This, however, is an impossibility because after Christmas we are virtually denied use of our ground on as many as five or six Saturdays due to activities on the adjoining National Stadium. This is further complicated when, such as this season, we have a visit from a touring team. So as you may now gather it is no easy matter to initially fix and then subsequently re-arrange postponed games. A welcome bit of news on the re-arrangement front, however, in the fact that Swansea will be our visitors on Wednesday, February 17th to play the game initially scheduled for last December 9th. Again we have agreed to go to Bridgend on April 6th to fulfil the game originally scheduled for December 28th. That still leaves Llanelli at home and Bristol away to be re-arranged the latter not being able to take place as we will now be at Ebbw Vale on February 13th in the 3rd round of the cup.

Having got that off my chest I hope our guests today will not think it ingracious of me to leave it so late in these notes to bid them a very fond welcome on this their first visit to Cardiff Arms Park. We are deeply indebted to Waterloo for accepting our invitation at such short notice and greatly appreciate their co-operation. They themselves were left unable to play their scheduled opponents due to the County Championship final. They were down to play Moseley at the Reddings but that now becomes the venue for the Lancashire versus North Midlands final clash. That being so it gives us the opportunity of seeing one of the great clubs of English rugby who will be celebrating their centenary in 1983. We in Wales know very little of the Waterloo club, indeed lots of us would associate the name with either Napoleon or Abba. This would be most unfair, however, when you consider some of the great names that have come from the famous Blundellsands ground. Such players as H. B. Toft, our own Watcyn Thomas and H. G. Periton who still remains their most capped player are part of their history. Then, more recently, can you remember when the first post war internationals were played in 1947 when it was the turn of such great players as Jack Heaton and Dickie Guest to represent the Waterloo club. Both these players had also played for England before the war and in seeking information for these notes from Waterloo it was nice to hear that Jack Heaton is still very active and involved with all sorts of sporting activities in the area. After these came the likes of Alan Ashcroft and Peter Thompson who along with Peter Jackson of Coventry formed a pair of wings that any side would be pleased to have. So the Waterloo club can be proud of their contribution to the cause of English rugby.

Coming up to date their side at present is fairly young and they made a very good start to the present season by rattling up 6 wins on the trot. Then they had the misfortune to suffer a string of injuries particularly to their back row players which arrested their progress slightly. It was ather crucial because their Wales B back row man is still out of action after badly breaking his leg last season. They weathered the storm, however, and bounced back well and consider their best win of the present season was the 16-6 away win at Bedford. Today they are under strength as Jim Syddall will be partnering Billy

Beaumont in the Lancashire second row and Dave Carfoot sits on the bench for that game. They certainly aren't short of players, however, as they field 6 sides every week and spasmodic appearances are made in the sixth team by their great British Lion Alan Ashcroft. With a strong colts side and a flourishing mini section they have good cause for optimism. They are still in the John Player cup having defeated Nuneaton last Saturday and now face Coventry at Blundellsands in the next round. Their full record to date is played 20, won 12, lost 7, and drawn 1, points for 295 against 191. Today, we get the chance to square the record because we have only played one previous game and that was at Blundellsands in April '65 when we lost by 6 pts to 3. To all from Waterloo then, especially ex-captain and present crack Welshman Gareth Hopkins we bid you a warm welcome and again express our thanks for your ready co-operation in coming.

Finally a couple of points of interest. Friday, February 5th sees the Annual Old Players reunion so if you know of any "Golden Oldies" who may not know about the function please pass on the information. Secondly news of debentures for the National Stadium. There's good news and bad news on this score, the good news is that they are ONLY £500 and the bad news is there's a queue forming. Seriously, we will be giving information concerning de-

bentures once a policy has been decided.

Lastly to end a very happy note it will be great to see John Scott lead his team out for the first time since last season's cup triumph. Welcome back John and well done.

P.N.

KNOW THE LAWS By FRED CROSTER

This almost seems like the start of a new season. What a relief to get back to some degree of normality. No doubt, thanks to the 'Box' you did manage to see some rugby, no substitute for the real thing but far better than nothing.

'Wheeling scrum and Rolling Maul' the latter often a development of the former, is a topic which has been much on my mind. It is an area where some confusion does arise, especially the offside situation. As you know, I am usually a firm believer in quoting relevant laws to clarify particular points bit quoting this one merely emphasises the dire need for simplification. This is what it says, "In play at scrummage, ruck, maul or line-out, the player is offside because he remains or advances in front of the line or place stated in, or otherwise infringes, the relevant sections of this law". Any wiser? If you are you're a better lawyer than I am.

What is important in a wheeling scrum is that, once the scrum has wheeled right around 180°, the No. 8 and only he, is permitted to detach himself from the scrum providing that, he immediately picks up the ball which is at his feet and that he did continue to bind whilst the scrum was turning. This is because the true concept of a scrummage offside line cannot then be applied.

If a rolling maul develops as we see more often these days, then, as the scrummage is over, the normal offside law for a maul applies. That means keeping behind the offside line which is through the hindmost foot of the player's team in that maul. If he joins it from his opponents side, or is in front of the ball; doesn't join the maul and fails to retire behind that line without delay, unbinds and fails to retire before then rejoining or advances in front of the offside line without being part of the maul, then he is offside.

I was tempted to talk about 'Pile-up'. This season's law changes were aimed as you know to prevent, or minimise them. Did you count the Pile-ups last Saturday? I started to and lost count after 45. Pretty drastic and damning. It just goes to show, as always, that without the players' support the law makers are wasting their time.

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L. O'BRIEN

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

Inside Half Forwards



Replacements

Waterloo

J. TICKLE 15.

C. KING 14.

S. CHRISTOPHERSON 13.

J. WHITEHEAD 12.

S. McVEIGH 11.

M. COTTER 10.

J. MALLOY 9.

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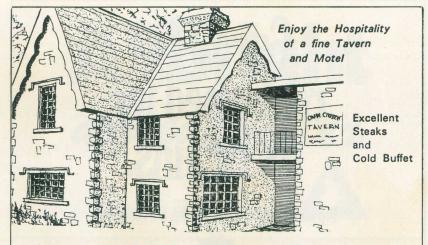
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