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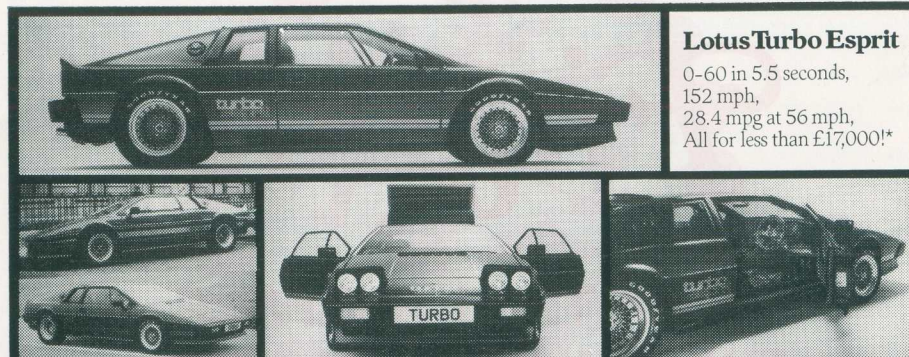
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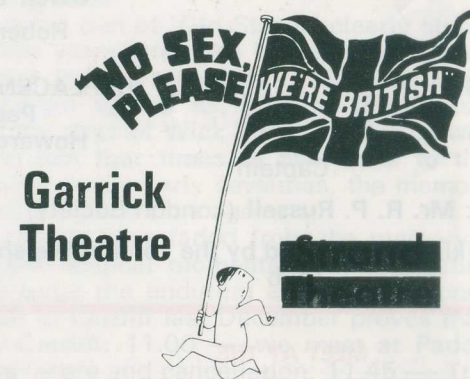
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LONDON WELSH v CARDIFF

LONDON WELSH

(Colours — Red)

15	Haydn Davies
14	David Rees
13	Jim Williams
12	Mark Walbyoff
11	John Hurley
10	Nigel Rees
9	Ian George
1	Tim Jones
2	Richard John
3	Bruce Bradley
4	Ted Lewis
5	Chris Howcroft
6	*Kevin Bowring
7	Brian Morgan
8	Mathew Watkins

REPLACEMENTS:

Richard Owen
David Hinton

* Captain

Referee: Mr. R. P. Russell (London Society)

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15	Chris Webber
14	Steve Evans
13	Kevin Trevett
12	David Barry
11	Dereck Preece
10	Mark Ring
9	Gwynfor Williams
1	Jeff Whitefoot
2	Lawrence O'Brien
3	Ian Eidman
4	Tony Mogridge
5	Kevin Edwards
6	Matthew Hadley
7	Owen Golding
8	Robert Lakin*

REPLACEMENTS:

Paul Rees
Howard Stone

CLUB NOTES

We are very pleased to welcome Cardiff to Old Deer Park for their traditional visit on the morning of the big game at Twickenham.

As all true London Welshmen know, our record against Cardiff is less than outstanding — some would say it is positively underwhelming! Now this worries us. Victories over Swansea, Llanelli, Newport, and other great rivals from the Principality may not be overflowing, but they are regular enough to give us that warm glow of satisfaction whenever the Exile cause triumphs. So, to what can we attribute this dire state of affairs against Cardiff? Frankly, we put it down to those misguided London Welshmen who descended on Cardiff in 1890, and against all odds inflicted a defeat on their hosts which clearly scandalised the home crowd and press alike. 'Old Stager' had no doubts: "Verily, verily, a sad time have we had of it. On Christmas Eve (Oh, black Christmas Eve!) — there came to me the excuse-mongers. Cardiff, you see, had not played for three weeks; the men were all out of condition, and the referee treated them unfairly. Fudge! It is simply idle to deny that the Londoners had all the best of the game. One and all played with a degree of dash and energy quite inspiring to behold". Cardiff lost by a trifling three points, yet columns of scorn were heaped upon the team "who must have felt heartily ashamed of themselves as they hastened off the ground".

Anyway, the acerbic pen of 'Old Stager' clearly stung Cardiff, for when we returned three years later, the home team "piled score upon score with the most monotonous regularity". Six goals and nine tries to nil — that was the margin against us, and the trouble is that apart from a purple patch in the days of Wick Powell & Co. between the wars, when we contrived to win four times in five visits to the Arms Park, and another little flurry in the early seventies, the memory of '93 has come back to haunt us time and time again.

But long after results have faded from the memory, we can recall the great players, the magical moments, and the lasting friendships that have helped to forge the enduring and special bond between our two clubs. Our visit to Cardiff last December proves that point. 09.00 — Pitch O.K. say Cardiff; 11.00 — we meet at Paddington, only to be delayed by bomb scare and cancellation; 11.45 — Train finally boarded; 12.20 — High Speed (?) 125 departs. Iced points and standing-room only all the way; 15.40—Train limps in to Cardiff; 15.50—We inspect pitch and agree to play; 16.16 — Game starts with pitch freezing rapidly; 16.32 — Sixteen minutes and two spectacular tries later, time is diplomatically called with the scores at 6-6, at which point we hasten to the dressing-rooms to prepare ourselves for the long journey home. And if that doesn't prove our love for Cardiff, we don't know what does! They come here today having reached the semi-final of the Welsh Cup and with the most impressive record of having won 29, drawn 1 and lost 2 of their games to date. Their leading scorers are Gareth Davies

YOUR CO-OPERATION IS REQUESTED

Spectators are earnestly requested to approach and leave the Rugby pitch by the recognised routes and NOT walk on the Cricket and Hockey pitches.

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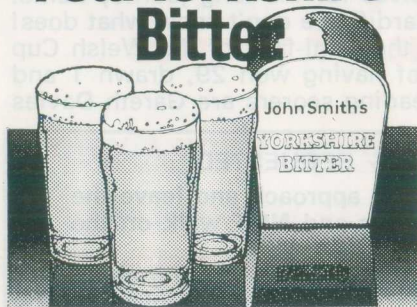
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with 156 points and Terry Holmes with 19 tries. They and four other team-mates are on duty at Twickenham today but we know that Cardiff will prove formidable opponents despite their absence.

Once again we owe a debt of gratitude to the army of loyal London Welsh members and friends who descended on The Reddings last Saturday in support of our cause. Many will remember a similar occasion five years ago when the vocal support and the singing was of significant help in our gaining the day. This time, alas, there was little to sing about.

England v Wales — on the big screen

As previously announced, this afternoon's game will be shown in the Tea Bar on a large screen by TV projection. Tickets for members, at £1 each, may be obtained from the Club Shop on production of the membership booklet. Seats must be occupied by 2.30 p.m. Non-members may pay at the door after 2.30 p.m.

It is hoped that similar viewing arrangements will be made for the Wales v Scotland game on 20th March.

Annual Club Supper

This function will be held in the Clubhouse on Thursday, 1st April. Detailed arrangements will be announced later.

The Old Deer Park Partnership

At a buffet lunch in the Clubhouse on Sunday, 14 February, presentations were made to TOM OUTHWAITE and JOHNNY PRICE to mark a quarter of a century of valuable and dedicated service to the Partnership. On behalf of all those who enjoy the facilities of this splendid ground we ask Tom and Johnny to accept our most grateful thanks for all they have done for us over the years.

400 Club

The £5 winners in the draw made at the Rosslyn Park game were No. 298, B. L. Humphreys, and No. 398, E. Pearl.

GRAND NATIONAL SWEEPSTAKE

The latest increase in postal charges imposes a further strain on our administration costs. Members can help to keep these down by returning unsold tickets, counterfoils and cash promptly to the Organiser, thereby cutting out the need for reminder action. Your co-operation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

MIDDLESEX SEVENS FINALS — 8.5.82

The Club is once again providing a ticket-ordering facility for its members. An application form was enclosed with the Mid-Season Newsletter and members can assist in the administration of the scheme by making their requirements known as soon as possible.

FUND RAISING

Pontoon tickets with which prizes ranging from 10p to £20 can be won are on sale in the Clubhouse. We ask members to support this new venture the profits from which go to Club funds.

A New Rugby Book

Just published, 'Never Stay Down' by Mike Burton and Steve Jones, Press Officer, London Welsh. Queen Anne Press, £7.95. Copies available in the Club Shop.

Latest 1st XV Results

v. Rosslyn Park 7-12: Try, Clive Rees; Penalty Goal, Rhodri Best. v. Pontypridd 26-16: Tries, Ian George Tim Jones, David Rees, Clive Rees; Rhodri Best, Conversions (2) Penalty Goals (2) v Moseley 9-25: Rhodri Best, Penalty goals (3).

Next Home Games

Saturday, 13th March — Druids v. Blackheath

Saturday, 20th March — Druids v. Rosslyn Park (a.m.)

Sunday, 21st March — 1st XV v. Public School Wanderers XV

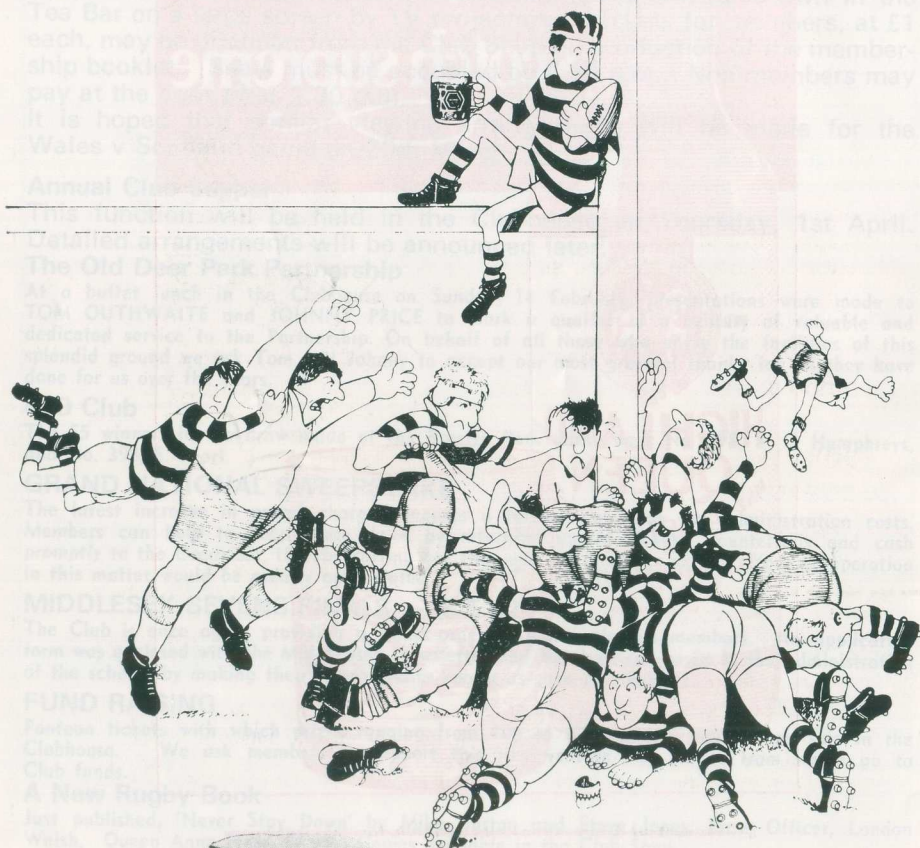
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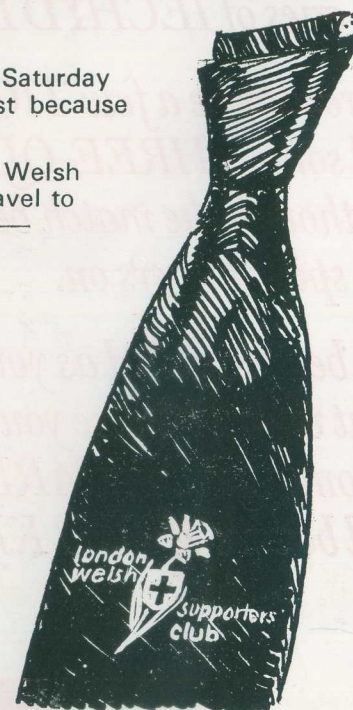
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And be sure of YOU KNOW WHO.'*

Anon.

