

Gardiff Rugby Glub

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One hundred years and eleven days ago, we first played the Harlequins at the Arms Park, we drew, neither side scoring. Two years later in March 1883 at Twickenham in one of the two games of our first London tour, we beat the Harlequins for the first time 10 pts. to 3 pts. Incidentally the other team played on that tour was Old Levsians who were also beaten. Not the least interesting fact about that first London trip was that the Cardiff players paid their own expenses, enabling the club to make a net profit of £8 16s 10d on an income of £220 1s 8d. The previous season the club had built for £50 its first stand which seated 300 people. That must make the W.R.U. sigh.

Since those far off days we have played many spectacular games against the men garbed in multi-coloured, guartered, jersies. In all we have played them 109 times, winning 80 and losing 19 games. Earlier in the season we won at Twickenham 47 pts.-17 pts. and will be making a bid today for our 13th successive win in the series, which would better by one game the longest winning sequence which started way back in 1937-38. Having faltered at Swansea in a bid to create the longest winning sequence in the club's history, I sincerely hope that we win today. At the time of writing, the results of the Bridgend and Barbarians matches are unknown and one suspects that having qualified for the Cup Final there has been an inevitable relaxation of effort that resulted in a loss at Swansea and a whiskers-win at Bedford. Any more defeats could affect our chances of winning the Western Mail Championship for the first time since 1958. Today's match will be the last at home before the Cup Final, and I would like to pay tribute to the guts and quality of John Scott's team, which has displayed consistent dedication, and a determination to play attacking rugby at all times throughout a long and arduous season. Whatever happens to the Cup and Championship, I have enjoyed watching, and being with, the lads in the team, who on, and off, the field have been a credit to the captain and to Roger Beard and Gary Samuels who have worked liked demons to recapture the spirit and the glories of the Cardiff R.F.C. Whatever honours we win we shall have earned them if we win nothing we have still had a marvellous season.

Today also marks the retirement of Tom Holley who has been with the club since 1937, when he won his Rags cap. He went to war in 1939 and there has been considerable speculation in recent years whether it was Montgomery or Tom Holley and Ken George who beat Rommel at El Alamein. Either way he put away his Enfield and regulation Kháki shorts to play a few games for the first fifteen before taking over the trainers job with the Rags and then with the first fifteen when Jack Powell died. Tom has looked after all the touring teams to visit Wales, and in recent years has been seen on the bench at the Varsity match looking after the Cambridge fifteena job he intends to continue (he was always very intellectual), as well as his interests in athletics, badminton and weight lifting. Tom has given the club forty-five years of unstinted loyalty, and apart from his rub-a-dub duties with the players he has been a friend and a Mr. Fixit of amazing dimensions with contacts in the most unlikely places. Well done Tom and thanks, I won't tell anybody that you have been called up by the Marines to look after the boys in the Falklands.

Tom sends this message. "My sincere thanks to the Cardiff Rugby Club Committee and players, the Rugby Supporters Club Ground staff, and my many friends who have all helped to make my time with our great club a pleasure that defies description."

D.J.H.

KNOW THE LAWS

By FRED CROSTER

Did you enjoy Saturday's quiz when you ate your Easter egg. A bit of serious fun really but, by now, I hope to have given a couple of current 'Welsh Rugby' magazines to the first two all correct answers. One female and one male if all works out well. Thank you Eddie and Gladys John in the supporters shop forecourt for you ready co-operation.

Here are the answers for a ready check.

1. The changes in the laws agreed at the International Board meeting held last March, to come into operation next season were; five players, instead of three of each side can form a scrum; retreating beyond the 15m limit in a line-out will not be allowed; also, no scrum can be formed nearer than 5m from the touchline.

2. The proposal from the Welsh Rugby Union was that the value of the penalty should be reduced to two points.

The simple answer to the result of this proposition was that it was The proposal put up by the W.R.U. previously, for a considerable number

of years was that the 'Mark' be abolised.

The Welsh members of the I.B. are Ken Harris and Gwyllim Treharne.

The comprehensive study on the penalty kick and the free kick will be undertaken by all member countries other than Wales and will be for the next twelve months.

7. The suggestion regarding the appointment of referees for international matches made by Wales 10 years ago was that neutral referees be appointed world wide. It will affect Wales as we will only supply two referees next season as a New Zealand official will take charge of two matches.

Referee touch judges, whom we see becoming more and more involved in the control of the game are appointed for representative matches and

matches for which a Union gives express premission.

He can indicate what he deems to be incidents of foul play and misconduct by raising his flag to a horizontal position in the direction of the goal line of the offending team. At the next stoppage of play, the referee may then consult him. He, the referee, must decide whether any action is taken.

The current international panel of referees this season is: Clive Norling, (Swansea), Ken Rowlands (Ynysybwl) and Alun Richards (Caldicot).

Not too bad were they? Just realised. We've come to the end of the domestic home season. Except for the 'Big One'. Let's fervently hope that this great season ends as it should. Have a good summer.

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Forwards



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