

BEDDAU RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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Beddau R.F.C.

*versus*

# International XV.

Kick-off 6 p.m.



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## THE OFFICIAL OPENING

of the

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## BEDDAU RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB, 1963-64

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E. Newton, W. Wheeler, K. Stephens, G. Hughes,  
G. Roberts, J. Bridges, C. T. John, R. Jenkins.

Captain: Senior XV. C. Harry; Captain: Youth XV. T. Lewis

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### FOREWORD

RUGBY was played in Beddau in the early 1920's but the highlight of pre-war rugby in Beddau is the famous Dr. Washington Evans XV. with such acclaimed players as the Harrison Bros., Ivor Hicks, Bryn Roberts, Frank Alderman and of course Jones the schoolteacher. This team can be seen to-day on photographs with the players proudly sporting their "Caps" which were presented to them by Dr. Evans for an invincible season.

The outbreak of war ended rugby in Beddau until 1951 when stalwarts like Trevor Davies (who is still Treasurer), Cyril Hughes, Ron Phillips, Rhys Jenkins, Arthur Hedges and many others dipped in their pockets and founded the Beddau and District R.F.C. and the Headquarters were in the back room of the Gelynog Hotel.

The Club's first captain was Committeeman Dill Hill, well supported by "Dosh" Jenkins, L. Raisons, E. Jenkins, R. Hallett and E. Cross to name but a few. Ex-Cardiff forward Gower Jenkins did some valuable work for the Club in moulding the pack into shape and the local boys were taught the tricks of the trade by their rugger mates attending Cowbridge and Tonyrefail Secondary School.

Beddau itself was a soccer stronghold and it was a hard struggle to "educate the boys" to the handling game, but I am sure that the most ardent soccer fan will agree that the Beddau R.F.C. is here to stay.

In December, 1959, after a lot of hard work by the members and Mr. M. Curtis, Secretary at the time, Beddau R.F.C. had their first home, affectionately called the "Hut." Local support (and thirst) was tremendous and very soon Beddau R.F.C. had a bank balance deserving of their efforts, winning the Rhondda and East Glam. Championship three times, the Dr. Coleman Cup twice and winning the first Union Sevens at Senghenydd. Individual players Francis Hill, Cyril Jones, Ray Dowsett, Mick O'Leary and Terry Lloyd all represented the Rhondda and East Glam. Rugby Union in representative games.

In Season 1961-62 Beddau made good their profits by forming a Youth XV. and under the captaincy of Frank Taylor they were a team of obvious talent from the "off." Credit must be given to Ken. Porter (Fixture Secretary), Ray Morgan (Trainer) and Sportsmaster Phil. Edwards for their fine work with the Youth XV. in their first season. Many of the Youth players have played in representative games for the Rhondda and East Glam. Youth R.U., Ray Shearan and David Morgan figured in Welsh Youth Trials.

Members of the Beddau R.F.C. who have played for first-class Clubs include Gower Jenkins (Cardiff), Jock Watkins (Pontypridd), Brian Screen (Penarth), Glyn Williams (Cardiff), and of course Gareth Protheroe (Bridgend) who was taught his rugby at Beddau and played for Beddau Senior XV. straight from school, after two Seasons Gareth went to Cardiff Youth and gained the captaincy of the Welsh Youth XV., later he played with Cardiff Athletic and now is hailed as one of the finest back-row forwards in Wales, and is a member of the formidable Bridgend R.F.C. and could well be Beddau's first Senior Cap.

It is a rare occasion when a Junior Club can claim to be the pioneers of anything in the world of Rugby Football, but in March, 1962, Beddau Rugby Football Club became the first Rugby Club in Wales (and if they have Rugby Clubs anywhere else in the world they are included) to play in Berlin, the Capital of Germany, and I know that the memory of that Tour, the feel of the turf on the Olympic Stadium and the wonderful hospitality of the Welch Regiment Commanding Officer COLONEL MALCOLM STEPHENSON, M.C., and ADJUTANT CAPTAIN DAVID COX, the latter a Beddau player this Season, will always be remembered, our Club Patron Lt.-Col. J. R. L. TRAHERNE guaranteed the boys a good time and he was correct.

Beddau R.F.C. to-day, I don't think I need say much, the tremendous work done by the Members and Committee is here for all to see, and believe me there is a lot more to be done yet, and I feel confident that in the not too distant future I will be writing on Club Letterheadings with the magic words 'Members of the WELSH RUGBY UNION.'

Thanking all the Committee, Members and Guests for making this night possible, I remain, yours sincerely,

TERRY LLOYD, Secretary.



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INTERNATIONAL XV.

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- A. PRIDAY, Cardiff
  - R. MORGAN, Llanelly
  - A. WILLIAMS, Cardiff
  - R. EVANS, Bridgend
  - G. WILLIAMS, Cardiff
  - D. WATKINS, Newport
  - L. WILLIAMS, Cardiff
  - C. HOWE, Cardiff
  - B. MEREDITH, Newport
  - K. JONES, Cardiff
  - G. DAVIES, Cardiff
  - R. EVANS, Bridgend
  - E. WILLIAMS, Cardiff
  - E. JONES, Penarth
  - G. PROTHEROE, Bridgend
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## RUGBY PROGRESS IN WALES

By J. STUART WEAVING (Editor Rugger Sport)

The history of rugby goes back to the time that William Webb-Ellis picked up a football and ran with it. However, Wales, who are renowned for their rugby today, did not start playing until about 1870. About 17 clubs got together in 1880 to start the governing body called the Welsh Rugby Union. Since that date the game has gone from strength to strength and the W.R.U. has grown into a select form of snobbery, at the present moment membership is sought by a number of worthy clubs but no one knows what the qualifications are, Bridgend Sports are not members yet almost every team they play are, at the end of the season the record is always well in favour of Bridgend Sports; Pyle and Beddau have been helping to further rugby by running regular youth sides yet so many of the select group do not provide for the future by financing such sides.

The sooner the Welsh Rugby Union either come into the open and state what the qualifications for membership are or throw their doors open to all who want to play the game the better.

Beddau is a club which sprang up in a soccer stronghold in 1951. The progress made in 12 short years is a great credit to the players and officials alike, I brought a team to Beddau four years ago and we enjoyed a good game and a wonderful rugby reception in a large hut. Only four years later we find ourselves in one of the finest and most lavish club houses in the world. This could only happen in Wales with the assistance of such public and rugby spirited people as Mr. Ausden (Fernvale Brewery) and the many other businessmen of the area who have helped Mr. Lloyd's committee's dream become a reality.

On the field of play the club have reason to be proud of their short but illustrious history, they took the lead and were the first Welsh Club to play in Berlin since the war, followed by a number of sides such as last years Welsh Champions, Pontypridd.

One of the outstanding players has been R. Dowsett who could have won a regular place in almost any first-class side but chose to stay with Beddau and was skipper for five years. The club youth captain must be the youngest player to play first-class rugby in recent years playing for Penarth when 18 years and one day, he has chosen to return to Beddau for another year's youth rugby. Another Beddau boy Brian Screen is now playing with Penarth. In the early days of Beddau, Gower Jenkins, the old Cardiff Prop turned out for the club. I will forecast the first Beddau player to win a full International Cap will be Gareth Protheroe who has already captained Wales Youth.

I feel sure that this club will remain a rugby club and not a bingo palace.



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