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**V. LONDON WELSH**  
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## Cardiff v. London Welsh

SATURDAY, 14th DECEMBER, 1985

KICK OFF 3 p.m.

Today it gives the Cardiff Rugby Club particular pleasure to welcome London Welsh to The Arms Park during this their centenary season and also congratulate them on joining the 'Ten Up Club' of Welsh Rugby. One hundred years of fluctuating fortunes, adventure and enterprise coupled with their early wanderings in search of a permanent home, find the Exiles from Wales holding their heads proudly to fully justify the esteem in which they are held all over the country.

From their foundation they have always figured prominently in the Welsh way of life in London. The players who have raised the club to its present place of fame are legion. Right from the formative years when the legendary A. J. 'Monkey' Gould sported the Scarlet jersey of the Exiles it has always had a magnetic attraction for the many Welsh teachers and students who had been drawn to the great Metropolis. Following Gould came names like Teddy Morgan and Willie Llewellyn then Wick Powell and Claude Davey. Their carefree style and enjoyable way of spending their Saturday afternoons made them much sought after opponents.

Without doubt however, the golden era of the Exiles came during John Davies' career. He arrived in the early 1960's as an ex-Aberystwyth student who had also played for Newbridge. Capped for Wales in 1964 he was appointed vice captain of The Welsh in season 1964-65. The following year he became captain and remained in the position for the next five seasons. During that time he nurtured what was arguably one of the best club sides of all time. He introduced J.P.R. Williams as a young medical student to the club and then an ex-Swansea Training College teacher joined their ranks and became one of the best players the game has ever seen in his position — Mervyn Davies. By 1968-69 the astute coaching and tough training schedule John Davies had introduced had come to very satisfying fruition. Many said this was due to the one game a week routine and the absence of the remorseless grind of two games a week by most players in Wales until the end of November.

This obviously was a contributing factor by the talent of John Davies side in its heyday could not be denied. The proof of this situation was well demonstrated when John captained The Lions tour to New Zealand in 1971 and with a further six of his team mates, a record Lions contingent from any one club, became the only Lions side ever to win a series in All Black country. Further testimony of the talent of that side was demonstrated again this very week when Tony Gray was nominated to succeed John Bevan as Welsh team coach, an appointment which must give The Welsh extreme pleasure in their centenary year.

Time and tide wait for no man however, and the superstars of that era are now all part of The Exiles illustrious history. Following on after such a team became a bit of 'The after the Lord Mayor's show' situation. Things were going along very nicely during last season however, and it proved to be one of their most successful seasons since those palmy days of the early 1970's. They played their typical attractive try scoring rugby and were unbeaten at home until as late in the season as March 16th. All was well on course and a place in the John Player Cup final was a wonderful launching pad for their centenary celebrations.

Alas, whilst there has been no shortage of enthusiasm and assistance in their celebrations they have fallen short of success on the playing side of the business. Hopes were high after an opening narrow defeat by a very strong BaaBaas side 27-24 that they were still on the right path. This was not to be however, and of their 13 games to date they have won 2, drawn 2 and lost the remaining 9. All is not lost however, because both their wins have been against strong Welsh opposition in the form of Llanelli and then last Saturday Aberavon. The Aberavon match in particular gave them reason for optimism because Mark Douglas returned from injury and certainly gave their attacking potential a far better cutting edge. A sad feature of that success however, means we shall not see their current captain and longest serving player, Clive Rees, in action today as their selectors have given a vote of confidence to the side who did so well against Aberavon. They have also adopted a tough no training, no selection policy. This is where it all started in the John Davies era so is there another purple patch on the way for them. After today, we hope they win every game until the end of the season. Anyway once again, we offer them a most warm welcome to Cardiff and we hope they enjoy their day. For the record we have played 94 games of which we have won 80 to their 12 with 2 drawn, points for 1663, against 589.

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## Rugby Quiz – No. 12

It's all about London Welsh this week.

1. Have the Exiles ever figured in a John Player Cup final prior to last season?
2. What was unusual about their semi-final win over Coventry last year?
3. Name the seven players from London Welsh who toured New Zealand with the 1971 Lions?
4. Which season did they move into their now famous headquarters?
5. The game scheduled for 9th February, 1952 was called off. What was the reason?

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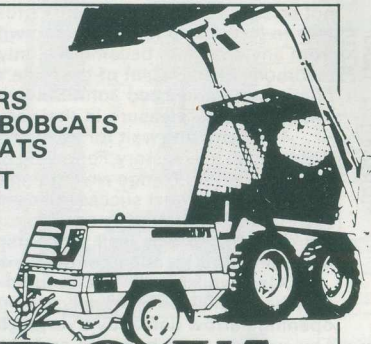
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## KNOW THE LAWS

By J. E. MALCOLM THOMAS

### THE LINE-OUT

**1. QUESTION:** At a formed line-out the ball is in the hands of the thrower-in and players rapidly exchange positions just as the ball is to be thrown in. Is this permissible?

**ANSWER: NO**, the referee should award a **free-kick** 15 metres from the touch line along the line-of-touch, **because the players have left the line of touch**. Referees should also be aware of some delay if the thrower-in holds the ball until the interchange takes place, for the law states clearly that **"the ball must be thrown in without delay and without feint."**

**2. QUESTION:** Who, or what, determines the **maximum** number of players in the line-out?

**ANSWER :** A line-out is formed by at least two players from each team lining up in single lines parallel to the line-of-touch in readiness for the ball to be thrown in between them.

**The team throwing in the ball shall determine the maximum number of players from either team who so line up.**

Therefore the opposition, i.e., the team not throwing in the ball, may not have more players participating in the line-out than the team throwing in the ball.

**The referee must be alert to this situation** for sides, who are coached this play, expect referees to penalise the opposition by awarding a free kick 15 metres from the touch line along the line-of-touch.

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### T. LYN WILLIAMS

Lyn, a Cardiff man, did his schooling at Cardiff High where he showed great prowess at both rugby and cricket. He won a Welsh Secondary School cap in 1934 and this on examination showed the talent he possessed. He played outside half to Haydn Tanner when the selectors of the time favoured Lyn to the Swansea man's more well known partner, Willie Davies. The Tanner-Davies partnership had caused a real sensation in school circles (and later in senior rugby with Swansea) so it was quite a distinguished feat for Lyn to be chosen.

He played his first senior rugby with Penarth but in December 1936 when Cardiff were without Cliff Jones due to injury Lyn was invited to play for Cardiff in the outside half role. This opportunity he hastily accepted and had played in enough games to win his First XV cap by the end of that season. From then on until the war, Lyn's service to both the First XV and the Rags was always of the highest order.

Being in the T.A. at the outbreak of war he was called up with the Royal Engineers but in 1942 he took a commission in the R.A.S.C. and was posted to Barry. This enabled him to play in Cardiff's unofficial games and he was captain in season 1943-44 when of 23 games played only 1 was lost and 1 drawn. He also played for Western Command and for the British Army against the French in Paris in January 1945.

He soon took up his Blue and Black playing career again on demob in January 1946 and captained the Rags in season 1946-47 and 1947-48. The former of those years was very curtailed playing wise because of frost and only 22 games were played of which only 1 was lost. In his second year of office only 3 of 31 games were lost and Lyn proved himself to be a very popular captain.

He hung up his boots at the end of 1947-48 but immediately took up the administration cudgels by being appointed to committee the following season 1948-49. He then did magnificent service for some 34 years during which he was Chairman of Rugby on two occasions until calling it a day in 1982.

He was suitably rewarded for his service when, in 1982 he was made a vice president of The Athletic Club. Lyn's activities these days are confined to bowls a game he really likes but unfortunately one he cannot pursue as much as he wishes due to a hip disorder. He is still a regular attendee at matches with his wife Muriel and twin sister Beryl and it is always a joy to see his happy face around the place.

## CARDIFF RUGBY SUPPORTERS CLUB

At long last we are back with another Rugby Season and have pleasure in advising you of our plans for the Autumn Social Events and also the Coach arrangements and costs for the away games.

### Social Events

Friday, 4th October  
RACE MEETING (with Buffet)

Friday, 18th October  
REFEREE'S FORUM (for Welsh Association of Referee's Supporters Club).

Thursday, 31st October  
HALLOWEEN DANCE (in association with the Athletic Club).

Friday, 29th November  
TRADITIONAL JAZZ BAND EVENING.

Wednesday, 18th December  
FRANK HENNESSEY EVENING.

Please watch the notice board in the Club for further details regarding times and tickets etc.

### Coach Arrangements

Following last years successful coach bookings, we have made similar arrangements for this season again with National. We list below the first half details and prices.

Saturday, 21st September	
COVENTRY*	£6.00
Wednesday, 16th October	
PONTYPOOL	£2.50
Saturday, 26th October	
HARLEQUINS	£6.00
Saturday, 2nd November	
LEICESTER*	£6.00
Saturday, 23rd November	
LLANELLI	£3.00
Saturday, 28th December	
BRIDGEND	£2.50

\* Late Return





## QUIDNUNC'S COLUMN

It normally takes years of loyal and committed work in Cardiff's colours, not to mention a few pints with anonymous finks and friends, to qualify for inclusion in this spot. Today, however, in view of his relationship with our visitors and because of an early dose of the Christmas spirit, we take a look at an Exile who has returned home to Wales. No doubt he would rather be enjoying the summer in his second home of exile, Bondi Beach, and being looked after by that other sometime man from down under, Kevin Edwards: either way, our man has changed since he came West from Newport, London, Sydney et al. "I suffer from lockjaw now," he admitted in an off-guard moment, "I'm very quiet on the field." And off it: trying to discover stories about him is as difficult as going past him on the park — partly, perhaps, because he is currently unemployed and deeply "exercising" my options while thinking about going back to the Antipodes for a third season." Meanwhile, he will today renew acquaintance with old colleagues, including if he is unlucky, quite the worst voice of them all, Mark Douglas, as he gives his rendition of Baa, Baa, Black Sheep. Today's inquiry is not into this black sheep but into . . .

### ROBERT ANGUS ACKERMAN

#### PERSONAL DETAILS

**Birthplace:** Ebbw Vale.

**Birthday:** March 2, 1961.

**Height/Weight:** 5ft 11in; 14 stone 10lb.

**Education:** Christ's College, Brecon, St. Mary's College, Strawberry Hill, London.

**Previous Clubs:** Newport, London Welsh, Cardiff.

**Married:** No.

**Children:** No.

**Employment:** No.

**Car:** No.

**Superstitions:** No. Well, yes, (Phew! It was getting a bit monotonous with the one word answers). Trying to get on to the field after Bobby Norster.

**Career:** Three school caps at Under-19 on the wing; also first cap for Wales against New Zealand on wing (1980). 21 further Welsh cap since then.

**Club Nickname:** China (see the eyes in Derek Stears' cartoon opposite).

**Hobbies:** Playing rugby 12 months in the year. Pushing Paul Rees off bars.

#### PERSONAL FAVOURITES

**Rugby Player:** Terry Holmes when he's fit.

**Referee:** Kerry Fitzgerald (Diplomatic, see, for when Mr. Ackerman returns to Australia).

**Biggest influence:** Parents (Father Doug was, of course, is and no doubt ever will be a black-and-amber bastalwart).

**Other Sports:** Playing chess with Jeff Whitefoot and boxing and wrestling with Bobby Norster.

**Other Sportsmen:** Ed Moses.

**Film:** Apocalypse Now.

**Actor:** Charles Bronson.

**Actress:** Natasha Kinsky (Gorki Park).

**Comedian:** Ian Eidman, "because he can't stop telling jokes."

**TV programmes:** Alas Smith and Jones, Going for a Song, Antique Road Show.

**Pop Star:** Elton John.

**Holiday Resort:** Bondi Beach, Sydney.

**Food:** Seafood of any kind.

**Drink:** Tennant's Pilsner Lager.

**Politician:** John Scott.

**Rugby Ground:** Parc des Princes.

#### MEMORIES

**Best:** Winning that first cap against, of all teams, the All Blacks in Cardiff in 1980. Scoring THAT try in Dublin.

**Worst:** My debut for Cardiff against South Glamorgan Institute in the cup-tie a few weeks ago. Losing last season's other cup final with London Welsh, against Bath.

**Ambition:** Just to enjoy life.



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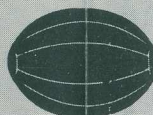


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Left Centre  
Left Wing  
Outside Half  
Inside Half  
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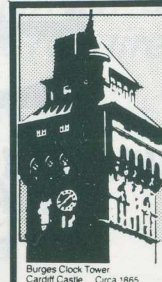
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### London Welsh

- A. MARTIN 15.
- J. HUGHES 14.
- G. LELEU 13.
- N. JENKINS 12.
- A. YEANDLE 11.
- H. EVANS 10.
- M. DOUGLAS 9.
- T. JONES 1.
- B. LIGHT 2.
- B. BRADLEY 3.
- T. LEWIS 4.
- S. PAGE 5.
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1. No.
2. With a 10 all score, The Welsh won on try count. Coventry had won their previous round against Leicester in an exactly similar situation, a 10 all draw but won on try count.
3. John Davies (Captain), J.P.R. Williams, Gerald Davies, Mervyn Davies, John Taylor, Geoff Evans and Mike Roberts.
4. Season 1969-70.
5. Due to the death of King George VI.

### Rugby Quiz No. 12 – Answers

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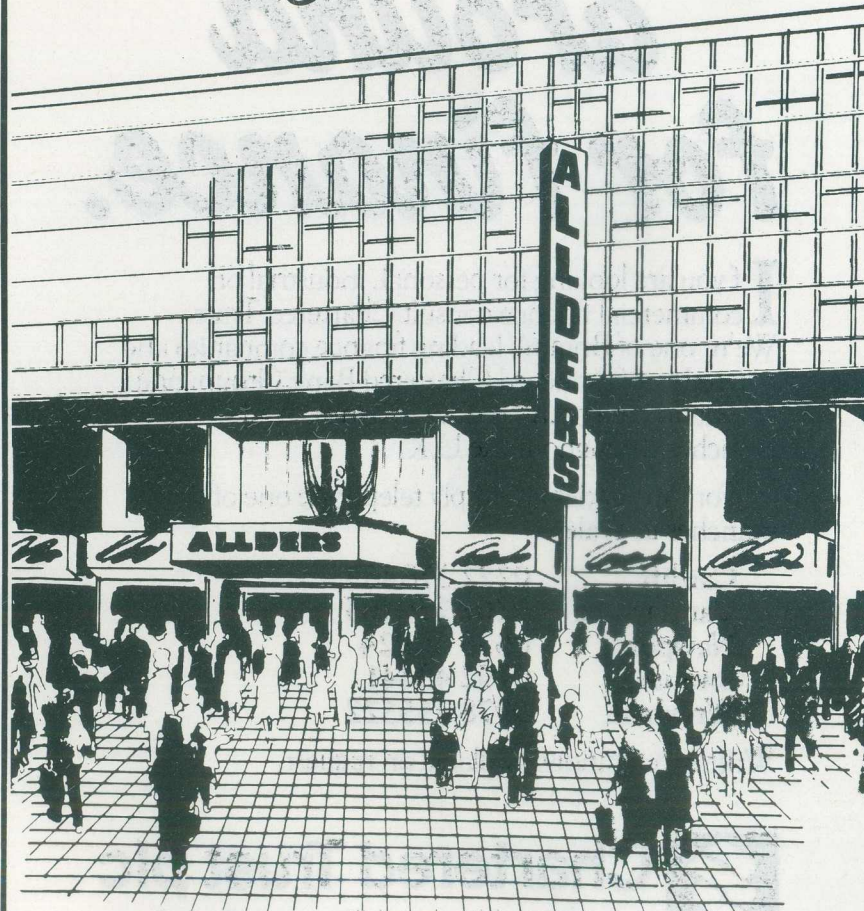
<b>1985</b>			<b>DECEMBER</b>		
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			Sat. 7	Swansea	H 13-12
Mon. 2	Cross Keys	A 32-11	Sat. 14	London Welsh	H.....
Wed. 4	Glamorgan Wanderers	A 27-10	Sat. 21	Pencoed (Cup)	H.....
Sat. 7	Bangor	A 15-3	Thur. 26	Pontypridd	H.....
Wed. 11	Bristol	H 28-0	Sat. 28	Bridgend	A.....
Sat. 14	Neath	H 30-27	<b>1986</b>		
Wed. 18	Penarth	A 37-6	<b>JANUARY</b>		
Sat. 21	Coventry	A 20-13	Wed. 1	Bath	H.....
Sat. 28	Aberavon	H 24-12	Sat. 4	Moseley	A.....
<b>OCTOBER</b>			Sat. 11	Aberavon	A.....
Wed. 2	Pontypridd	A 32-6	Sat. 18	London Welsh	A.....
Sat. 5	Newport	A 13-7	Sat. 25	W.R.U. Cup 3rd Round	
Wed. 9	Bridgend	H 7-16	<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
Sat. 12	Fijis	H 31-15	Sat. 8	Bristol	A.....
Wed. 16	Pontypool	A 12-13	Sat. 22	W.R.U. Cup 4th Round	
Sat. 19	Wasps	H 20-12	Wed. 26	South Glam. Institute	H.....
Wed. 23	Bath	A 13-16	<b>MARCH</b>		
Sat. 26	Harlequins	A 38-16	Wed. 5	Llanelli	H.....
Wed. 30	Newbridge	H 41-15	Sat. 8	Pontypool	H.....
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			Sat. 15	Ebbw Vale	A.....
Sat. 2	Leicester	A 20-15	Sat. 22	Newport (S-Final Sch.)	H.....
Wed. 6	Oxford University	H 44-7	Sat. 29	Barbarians	H.....
Fri. 8	Ebbw Vale	H 13-12	<b>APRIL</b>		
Sat. 16	S. Glam. Inst. (Cup)	H 25-16	Sat. 5	Bedford	H.....
Sat. 23	Llanelli	A 3-13	Sat. 12	Swansea	A.....
Wed. 27	Maesteg	H 15-3	Sat. 19	Neath	A.....
Sat. 30	South Wales Police	H 38-6	Sat. 26	W.R.U. Cup Final	

## ATHLETIC XV FIXTURES

<b>1985</b>			Sat. 21	Neath Athletic	A.....
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			Sat. 28	Bridgend Sports	H.....
Wed. 4	Bedwas	H 9-0	<b>1986</b>		
Sat. 7	Neath Athletic	H 44-10	<b>JANUARY</b>		
Wed. 11	Bristol United	A 0-9	Sat. 4	Moseley United	H.....
Sat. 14	Bath United	A 17-22	Sat. 11	Bridgend Sports	A.....
Wed. 18	Llandaff	H 16-0	Sat. 25	Llanharen	H.....
Sat. 21	Coventry Extras	H 7-10	<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
Wed. 25	Old Illydians	A 25-7	Sat. 8	Bristol United	H.....
Sat. 28	Pontypool United	A 47-3	Sat. 15	Barry	A.....
<b>OCTOBER</b>			Wed. 19	Pontypool United	H.....
Wed. 2	Cardiff & District	H 42-6	Sat. 22	St. Peters	H.....
Sat. 5	Newport United	H 46-21	Fri. 28	Bryncoch	H.....
Thur. 10	Paramatta	H 6-10	<b>MARCH</b>		
Wed. 16	Pontypool Athletic	H 22-8	Wed. 5	Abercynon	A.....
Sat. 19	Rumney	A 4-7	Sat. 8	Pontypool Athletic	A.....
Wed. 23	Pyle	H 18-16	Sat. 15	Ebbw Vale Athletic	H.....
Sat. 26	Trinant	H 40-9	Wed. 19	Pontypridd Athletic	H.....
Wed. 30	Pontypridd Athletic	A 18-12	Sat. 22	Newport United	A.....
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			Wed. 26	Maesteg Celtic	A.....
Sat. 2	Leicester Extras	H 19-16	<b>APRIL</b>		
Wed. 6	Newport Saracens	A 27-11	Sat. 5	Blackwood	A.....
Fri. 8	Ebbw Vale Athletic	A 9-13	Wed. 9	Bedwas	A.....
Sat. 16	Caerleon	H 52-6	Sat. 12	Swansea Athletic	H.....
Wed. 23	Abercarn	H 36-7	Tues. 15	Resolven	A.....
Sat. 30	Berry Hill	A 26-21	Sat. 19	Talywain	H.....
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