



### Cardiff v. Maesteg

WEDNESDAY, 27th NOVEMBER, 1985 KICK OFF 7.15 p.m.

Tonight we can really say good riddance to the Wednesday evening outings for 1985. After tonight's encounter we go through to the end of February before we play another evening game and indeed only one more after that before the end of the season. This should come as a bit of an early Christmas present for Alan Phillips and his team because our Wednesday evening results have been far from good. In fact Wednesdays in October were rather disastrous occasions as we registered three of the four blots on our current record whilst playing under the lights. So good-bye to Wednesday and hello to a nice string of home fixtures. In fact this evening's game begins a sequence of seven home games in the next eight culminating on New Year's Day with the visit of Bath.

On to tonight then and it's welcome to Maesteg for the 25th game in the series which began in 1920. Games have been pretty spasmodic to say the least but the up to date record reads 14 wins to us, 8 to Maesteg with 2 games drawn. We have managed a total of exactly 400 points to their 272. Like many other clubs victory in Cardiff is in extremely short supply for Maesteg and in fact they have only managed it once and that was in 1926 when they won to the tune of 14 points to 0. They came very near to it again however on their visit to the Arms Park in October 1983. On that occasion we seemed to be coasting to another win by half time but the Llynfi Valley boys came back very strongly in the second half and the game ended up 26 all. In fact that was the last occasion we met as last season's scheduled game didn't take place due to our cup semi-final commitment. They do figure prominently in our all time record too as they have the dubious distinction of being on the receiving end of our highest ever score when on December 23rd, 1973 we unfestively beat them by 77 points to 9.

Currently The Old Parish are having a pretty traumatic time. After a reasonable season last year when they won 29 of their 48 games things aren't going at all well at the moment. Prior to last Saturday they were on a nine game losing streak against first class opposition. The only lifeline in that pool of defeat was their cup win away at Tumble by 11 points to 6. Lady Luck has also not seen fit to smile on them in the next round in the shape of a home game, but instead have to travel for the difficult task of overcoming an extremely efficient Cilfynnydd side in order to advance to the third round. They kept up the good work last Saturday as well however when they won at

home against Tredegar by a healthy 27 points to 4.

So those two wins will help lift the gloom of the previous string of defeats and a second win in Cardiff would really put them on cloud nine. Perhaps the recent pruning that they have done to their squad to reduce it to 23 players will serve a useful purpose. Their avowed policy is to promote youth, utilise local talent and strive to achieve a standard of rugby that is entertaining for the fans. They had an extremely good youth side last year and are now busy nurturing several of those into the senior rugby scene. Hopefully they will replace such experienced players as David Authur who defected to Bridgend, Peter Jones to Aberavon and Colin Donovan who decided to step down a level and now plays with Llanharan. The latter of that trio became the club's highest ever try scorer last year when he amassed a career total of 171. Another to establish a record was forward Robbie Llewellyn who touched down on 22 occasions to surpass the previous best by a forward of 19 by Alan Fall some eight years earlier. Another they have high hopes for is No. 8 Ralph Turner who although not a giant in stature certainly makes up for it in the shape of commitment and all round playing ability. So who knows, with such a good player as Gwyn Evans to marshall these youngsters, perhaps a return to the palmy days of the 1949-50 season, when they were the champions, may be only round the corner. To Maesteg then, we extend a warm welcome to Cardiff Arms Park

Finally, it only remains to offer our sincere thanks to Welsh Brewers for the

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### Rugby Quiz - No. 9

Let's see what we know about Maesteg.

- 1. Who is their most capped player?
- 2. Have they celebrated their centenary?
- 3. Trevor Lloyds was on the 1955 Lions tour to South Africa. How many Welsh caps had he won prior to the tour?
- 4. When did they last win the Welsh Club Championship?
- 5. Who was their international wing of that era?



### **KNOW THE LAWS**

By J. E. MALCOLM THOMAS

### SOME OBSERVATIONS

With the onset of wet, inclement weather and the consequent muddy grounds, referees will have to deal with more players going to ground. Referees will have to be vigilant and ensure that the new and experimental laws are applied consistently, so that players do not fall back to the bad habits of last season.

l am aware of the situation of a scrum which collapses after the ball has been heeled through the second row to the No. 8.

How should the referee deal with such a situation?

Play should **always** be stopped and either a scrum or a penalty be awarded regardless of the ball becoming available. The safety of the players is paramount and no advantage should be played in this situation.

Referees should also be vigilant with regard to scrums which collapse after the ball has left the scrum, and should award a penalty if foul play has taken place. A good referee will always turn his head and glance over his shoulder. Control and good positioning are essential qualities in refereeing.

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### **PAST PLAYERS CORNER**

R. F. TROTT

Frank Trott, a Cardiff boy was educated at Canton High School. He began his rugby career firstly with Penarth before graduating to Cardiff. He played at the time when full backs were the last line of defence and were expected to be good kickers and strong tacklers. Frank certainly was a good tackler and although his line kicking was never considered to be lengthy, it always made the safety of the touch line. He won his first team cap in season 1946-47 and the following year considered by many as Cardiff's greatest he played in 38 of the 41 games. He gained eight Welsh caps by playing in all the five nations championships games in 1948 and 1949.

Frank was vice-captain to Bleddyn Williams in season 1949-50 and retired in 1951-52 after playing in 205 first XV games. He went straight on to committee the following season and in 1955-56 he took over the secretary's post from Bruce Jenkins and did a marvellous job of it until poor health caused him to retire in 1970. Indeed he was about to take over as General Secretary of The Athletic Club at the time and I'm sure he would have been as excellent in that job had his health held up.

Frank now lives a quiet life at a retired people's home in Penarth.

### 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* * Late Return	£2.50

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### QUIDNUNC'S COLUMN

What's Tha' lakin' at? A familiar phrase in that part of Great Britain from which Quidnunc comes. 'Laking' is messing about, playing about: the phrase, then, translates roughly as "what the so-and-so do you think you're up to?" The word, then, in no way fits the name of the man of this evening's symposium for Bob Lakin is a determined and dedicated man both on and off the pitch. He's loyal, too, despite disappointments like being made man of the match in the Cup Final one year (1980-81) only to find himself on the replacements bench for the same occasion against the same opponents (Bridgend) the following year. He's a quiet man, phlegmatic as are so many farmers as he looks after the dairy herd and pigs on the 130 family acres. Despite those close season rumours about joining Penarth (like every other rugby player in Wales) and Bridgend (like nearly every rugby player in Wales), there are few more dedicated men in the Cardiff club than . . . .

### **ROBERT JOHN LAKIN**

PERSONAL DETAILS Birthplace: Barry.

Birthday: March 5, 1959.

Height/Weight: 6ft 3ins and 14 stone 10lb.

**Schools:** Romilly Junior, Barry Comprehensive and Usk College of Agriculture.

Previous Club: None. Cardiff from start to now.

Married: Yes, to Hilary.

Children: Son, Gareth, aged three and a half

Employment: Farmer. "The family have been farming in Wenvoe for about 10 years after moving from Barry."

Car: Fiesta.

Superstitions: "I never walk under a ladder. I never have and I never will."

Career to Date: Welsh Youth Cap, Wales B Cap against France 1981 and Barbarian.

Club nickname: Bob. Jock (after Jock Ewing) and Knob Head because "of my bald patch which I don't seem to be able to hide any more."

Hobbies: The job, farming, really. All hours. In winter you just spend more time in the yard and less in the field.

PERSONAL FAVOURITES
Rugby Player: Dai 'Shadow' Morris.

Referee: No such thing.

Biggest Influence on Career: Just about everyone who has coached me at one time or other. Plus my family.

Other Sport: Horse racing — though I don't listen to Ringo or the other lads with their tips. It's because I'm in farming, I suppose,

but I like to look at horses. And I enjoy going to point-to-point when I can.

Other Sportsmen: Because I like other sports also like cricket and soccer and athletics, I'd go for lan Botham and Daley Thompson.

Film: I'm not a film lover, haven't been to the cinema for years and only see a bit of TV. Errrm, The Woman, the Monkey and the Whatsit . . . No, Smokey and . . . What? (Heavy prompting from Hilary). Clint Eastwood, Yes, Every Which Way You Can.

Actor: Clint Eastwood.

Actress: Barbra Streisand.

TV Programme: Fawlty Towers.

Comedian: John Cleese. Kevin Edwards. Rowan Atkinson.

Pop Star: Lionel Ritchie.

Holiday Resort: South Africa, especially Durban.

Food: Chicken Kirma with 'arf and 'arf at the Paradise in Cowbridge Road.

**Drink:** Beer. Brain's Dairk at the Three Horseshoes at Moulton.

Politician: Benito Mussolini and Jeff Whitefoot.

Rugby Ground: Certainly not Stradey Park. St. Helen's, Swansea.

### **MEMORIES**

Best: Winning the Lloyd Lewis award for being man of the match in the 1981 Schweppes/ WRU Cup Final.

Worst: Missing any major matches.

### **AMBITION**

To carry on playing rugby football and enjoying it. To have a long, happy and successful life with my family.

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7. T. CROTHERS

16. S. CANNON

17. L. O'BRIEN

Full Back

Right Wing Right Centre

Left Centre

Left Wing Outside Half Inside Half

Forwards

Replacements

### Maesteg

A. BATEMAN 13.

G. EVANS 12.

I. DAVIES 10.

R. DOBLE 1.

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A. DAVIES 8.

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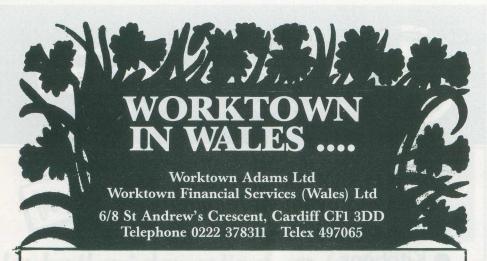
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Sat.	7	Bangor	A 15-3	Thur. 26	Pontypridd	H
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### **ATHLETIC XV FIXTURES**

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