

# *Cardiff Rugby Club*



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**Official Programme 20p**



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Its Easter again and that means, of course, that we get the pleasure of entertaining the most famous of all touring sides, the Barbarians. This year the game is rather special because by our reckoning it happens to be the 100th in the series which began on 31st March 1891. I say by our reckoning because the Baa Baa's maintain that the century of games was achieved in our encounter last Easter. How did such a situation arise then. Well it all came about due to the maniacal aspirations of that failed artist, ill educated and temperamentally unbalanced Austrian Adolf Schickulgruber, who changed his name to Hitler, and was responsible for the second World War.

As we all now will know that skirmish started on 3rd September, 1939 just after the commencement of the 1939/40 season. We had played only 2 games against Cardiff and District on Friday, 1st September and then Bridgend on the 2nd. With the declaration of the war on 3rd the committee at the time suspended all remaining official fixtures for that season until full resumption in season 1945/46. The result of that decision had the technical effect of giving us our only invincible season in our history as we won both official games played.

Back to our 100 or 101 situation however, Cardiff did meet the Baa Baa's in 1940 when we were captained by Wilf Wooler and they were led by Claude Davey in a game which we won by 16 pts. to 8. As far as our records were concerned it was an unofficial fixture so it doesn't figure in our records but it does in the Barbarian archives. So I suppose we can both say we are right and perhaps we can explain the situation by saying to the Baa Baa's welcome to Cardiff Arms Park for the 101st occasion for the 100th game in the series.

As far as we are concerned then the record stands at played 99, won 62, lost 32, with 5 matches drawn. We have registered 1,426 pts. to the Baa Baa's 918. Their records, however, will show the 1 more victory to us which gives us a 2 to 1 ratio of victories over the series. Now this must stand comparison with any other club the Baa Baa's play. Also when one looks at the points total the average overall score per game is as low as 14-9 to us. Looking over the last 5 games played that certainly does look low. Last season for instance we registered only our 5th draw in the series 32 all and the 4 previous results to that were 36-31, 45-19, 15-32 and 40-22 which is an average of 34-27 to us. Such scores are far more indicative of the marvellous entertainment the Cardiff Barbarian games have produced over the years.

There are records and incidents galore to ponder over and relish. For instance the Baa Baa's have managed a winning sequence of only 5 games between 1931 to 35 whereas our best sequence is one of 11 obtained between 1910 and 1920. Then again the highest score ever achieved by us was 45 in the 1980 encounter as opposed to 40 by the Baa Baa's in the 1957 game. In the 99 games played we have only been kept from scoring any points at all on only 3 occasions but we have kept our line intact on 15 occasions. Another unique distinction which falls our way is the fact the 1929 game was something special inasmuch as it was the first time for the Barbarians to field a completely international XV. The side included such famous names as Herbert Waddell, the current president of the club, who captained the side. J. B. Nelson, Dan Drysdale, Jack Gage, Windsor Lewis and the McVicker brothers. We fielded 8 internationals with Bobby Delahay leading the side and a report of the game described it as "a continuous succession of thrills. Play alternated between one and the other in bewildering fashion, and if anything, there were too many brilliant incidents, for before the onlookers had time to appreciate one moment, another equally thrilling came along. At the end of the game, the spectators probably felt like a small boy who had eaten too many good things. But for all the brilliance of the home back (including Danny Davies who will no doubt be with us today to counterbalance Herbert Waddell's presence with the Baa Baa's) Cardiff's 16-8 victory was determined by the tremendous effort of the Cardiff pack led by

Idris Richards". The Times of the day commented that "the Baa Baa's had their consolation in defeat . . . they played the game of rugby as it ought to be played".

With all this marvellous history and tradition surrounding our association and of all the 99 games played, however, there can be no doubt that the most extraordinary result of the series was Cardiff's 29-28 victory in the 1976 encounter. Those who witnessed that game will certainly never forget it. Early on in the second half the touring side lead by 28 pts. to 4 and looked to heading for a record win. The next twenty minutes completely reversed the situation, however, and on the most purple of patches Chris Camilleri, John Davies, Alan Phillips and Gerald Davies scored tries to add to Gareth Edwards' early touch down. The Baa Baa's still lead by 2 pts. however, but minutes from the end Gareth Edwards snatched the ball from a ruck and coolly dropped a beautiful goal to give us victory by 29-28. A truly magnificent performance and as Nigel Starmer Smith said in his book, "The Barbarians with 14 internationals in their ranks must have wondered what kind of supernatural force had brought about such a turn of events". I suppose the answer to that must be simply — Blue and Black magic.

To the Barbarian players and "alikoos" then, welcome to Cardiff today, we hope you enjoy your day and the remainder of the tour particularly to any new Baa Baa visiting us for the first time.

On the home scene it's congratulations to the Youth on winning the Welsh Youth Cup. Chris Lakin and his lads certainly had to soak up some very heavy second half pressure against opponents Pontypool United, but soak it up they did and Orwell Parry kicked the vital penalty to give them a 16-14 victory. Well done lads a very worthy climax to a good season and also a good omen to the senior side for their forthcoming encounter with Neath on 28th of this month.

Finally it only remains to extend our sincere thanks to Thorn EMI Heating for their sponsorship of today's game. We hope they and their guests have an enjoyable day.

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## KNOW THE LAWS

By J. E. MALCOLM THOMAS

**Question:** The ball is kicked-off and crosses the touch-line on the full. The non-kicking team elect to accept the kick and take a quick throw-in from the half-way line, in accordance with the quick throw-in law, to a single player standing 7 metres in from touch. Is this legal?

If the ball was thrown-in to a player standing 20 metres from touch, would this be accepted as a legal throw-in?

**Answer:** In both cases — YES — provided the requirements of the Law on a quick throw-in have been fulfilled. Remember that at a quick throw-in the "position of 15 metres from touch" requirement does not apply. In this question it is assumed that the ball crossed the touch-line on the non-kicking team's side of the halfway line.

**Question:** The ball is drop-kicked at a drop-out and the ball does not reach the 22 metre line. What is the decision if:

- The ball is knocked on by a defender 15 metres from the goal line?
- The ball is caught by the wind and is blown into touch-in-goal?
- Can the advantage be played for the infringement or must the options at the 22 metre line be taken?

**Answer:**

- As the advantage law applies play would carry on. If no advantage came from the knock-on a scrummage would be ordered.
- Advantage law applies. 5 metre scrummage opposite where the ball crossed the goal line (at least 5 metres from the touch line), and Attackers' ball.
- The referee shall not whistle for an infringement during play which is followed by an advantage gained by the non-offending team, therefore the Advantage Law applies.

**Question:** Why was "the flying wedge" banned from rugby recently?

**Answer:** On March 27th the I.R.F.B. issued a directive expressing its deep concern at the use of "the flying wedge" following the award of a penalty or free kick.

This is potentially a very dangerous practice and could result in serious injury to opposing players. Consequently, it is to be regarded as Dangerous Play and is to be penalised in accordance with the provisions of Law 26(3) MISCONDUCT AND DANGEROUS PLAY.

## Rugby Quiz – No. 20

Its a Barbarian quiz this week.

- What is the highest aggregate score in a Cardiff Baa Baa's game?
- Name 3 players who have scored 5 tries in one game for the Baa Baa's?
- Name the two try scorers (same surname) in the Baa Baa's 6-0 victory over the 1961 Springboks?
- Who was the first French international to play for the Baa Baa's?
- What happened to the Baa Baa's for the first time in their history on their 1976 tour to South Wales?

RUGBY QUIZ No. 20 — ANSWERS

- 67 in 1982 Cardiff won 36-31.
- C. B. Holmes, P. H. Thompson, D. J. Duckham.
- W. G. D. Morgan (England), H. J. Morgan (Wales).
- M. M. Potharios.
- They lost all 4 games.

Due to the lack of response the Gala Dinner scheduled at the City Hall on May 11th, 1984 has regrettably been cancelled.

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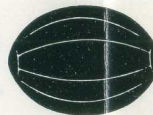
## Cardiff

15. N. HUMPHREYS
14. G. CORDLE
13. A. DONOVAN
12. M. RING
11. A. HADLEY
10. W.G. DAVIES
9. T.D. HOLMES
1. J. WHITEFOOT
2. A.J. PHILLIPS
3. I. EIDMAN
4. K. EDWARDS
5. R. NORSTER
6. O. GOLDING
8. J.P. SCOTT (Captain)
7. T. CROTHERS

J. SOUTO  
D. BARRY

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Right Centre  
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Left Wing  
Outside Half  
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Forwards



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## Barbarians

- N. STRINGER (Wasps) 15.
- S. SMITH (Wasps) 14.
- J. SALMON (Harlequins) 13.
- D. JOHNSTON (Watsonians) 12.
- R. BAIRD (Kelso) 11.
- B. BOWEN (S.W. Police) 10.
- R. HARDING (Bristol) 9.
- C. WHITE (Gosforth) 1.
- H. T. HARBISON (Bective R.) 2.
- I. MILNE (Heriots F.P.) 3.
- W. CUTHBERTSON (Harlequins) 4.
- J. FIDLER (Glos.) 5.
- P. SIMPSON (Bath) 6.
- R. HESFORD (Bristol) 8.
- L. REES (Nottingham) 7.

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Wed.	7	Glamorgan Wands.	A 19-10
Sat.	10	Neath	H 16-14
Wed.	14	Bristol	H 22-13
Sat.	17	Coventry	A 27-16
Wed.	21	Gloucester	A 26-10
Sat.	24	Aberavon	H 37-17
Wed.	28	Pontypridd	A 12-4
OCTOBER			
Sat.	1	Newport	A 21-32
Wed.	5	Bridgend	H 9-7
Sat.	8	Northampton	H 13-7
Wed.	12	Penarth	A 22-6
Sat.	15	Cambridge Univ.	H 24-18
Wed.	19	Pontypool	A 10-9
Sat.	22	Harlequins	A 26-7
Wed.	26	Maeesteg	H 26-26
Sat.	29	Moseley	H 43-10
NOVEMBER			
Sat.	5	Leicester	A 24-29
Wed.	9	Oxford	H 47-25
Sat.	12	Ebbw Vale	H 31-16
Sat.	19	Senghennydd (Cup)	A 43-3
Sat.	26	Llanelli	A 13-14
DECEMBER			
Sat.	3	Swansea	H 26-13
Sat.	10	London Welsh	H 43-20
Sat.	17	Treorchy (Cup)	A 31-4
Sat.	24	Bridgend	A 10-34
Mon.	26	Pontypridd	H 21-14
Sat.	31	Coventry	H 46-10
1984			
JANUARY			
Mon.	2	Bath	Postponed
Sat.	7	Moseley	A 25-20
Sat.	14	Aberavon	A 26-17
Sat.	28	Swansea (Cup)	H 12-7
FEBRUARY			
Wed.	1	S. Glamorgan Inst.	Post.
Sat.	11	Bristol	A 23-17
Wed.	15	Newbridge	H 17-9
Sat.	25	Newbridge (Cup)	A 29-9
MARCH			
Sat.	3	Ebbw Vale	A 61-18
Sat.	10	Pontypool	H 11-16
Sat.	17	London Welsh	A 10-21
Sat.	24	Llanelli (Cup SF) (at Swansea)	A 26-6
Sat.	31	Llanelli	H 28-17
APRIL			
Fri.	6	Bedford	H 48-4
Sat.	7	Gala Cent. Sevens	A.....
Sat.	14	Swansea	A 14-15
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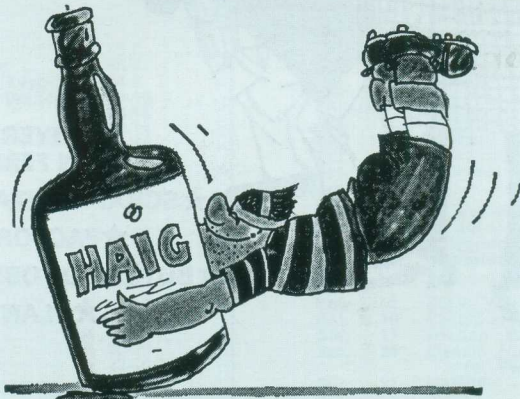
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