

Cardiff Rugby Club



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The weather, County Councillors, Anti-Apartheid demonstrators, the World-is-Flat Society and P.O.E.T.S. Day Observation Society permitting, we welcome Bedford R.F.C. to the Arms Park tonight.

We have to admit we have failed to vet the Bedford club and their team, and we don't know the racial composition of their XV, or whether it has the mandatory mix of Scots, Welsh, Irish, Jamaican or Japanese. Perhaps they might, horror-of-horrors have an Englishman or two. Even worse, they could have a Public School Englishman, who has actually been to S A (Sh.you know where).

Conversely they could have a couple of K.G.B men straight from the front where they have been gainfully employed murdering Afghanistans, or a South American Dictator or two, a trio of terrorists, an Indian who doesn't care about the Untouchables or even a crooked politician or a bent policeman. But how silly of me — all the latter could be in the team and that wouldn't matter

We stand guilty of the charge of not knowing our opponents colour, creed, political affiliations criminal records or humanist stance. We stand condemned, because frankly we don't care. All we want to do is play Rugby Football against any team the Bedford selectors choose to send to play against us. (If that's alright by everybody else). On the same grounds we would like to reserve the right to go anywhere to play anyone else of a like mind. (However, even in this free Society that seems unlikely). What a strange world we live in.

We would like, as a committee, to get on with the job we were elected to do — that is simply — organise the Cardiff Rugby Club for the benefit of our players and our supporters. Perhaps not a very high minded vocation, but not without its merits. Wouldn't it be nice if everyone got on with the job they were elected to do, perhaps then we could see something being done about the scandal of our lung-scarred miners, the atrocious housing standards in Glamorgan, the abysmal figures on health in South Wales and, of course, the horrifying unemployment statistics, not to mention corruption in local Government.

I realise these problems are here, not 8,000 miles away, and that they are not very fashionable causes to espouse — but perhaps there is merit in thinking for a change that charity starts at home.

Not that I think for one moment that Bedford will be very charitable to us tonight. They will be out to gain their first win at the Arms Park. They have won two games against Cardiff over the eight games played, but these have both been at Bedford. Their cause will not be helped by the absence tonight of their highest scorer and fly half Simon Smith, or

the evergreen Bob Wilkinson, who is well known to Welsh supporters if only for the part he played in the unforgettable game when the Baa Baas beat the All Blacks at the Arms Park. If you think he has been around forever, I must tell you that he has been playing for Bedford since he was sixteen. He also played in the Midlands XV that beat the last All Blacks, there aren't too many people still playing in the U.K. who can claim two wins against New Zealand.

However, Ian Peck a double Cambridge Blue and an English reserve, will pose plenty of problems at scrum half, and he will be leading a side that has some notable wins already this season. They have beaten Gloucester, Ebbw Vale, Neath, Harlequins, Swansea and Rosslyn Park, and they would have taken Pontypool's ground record had the referee not played injury time. In the end they lost 27 pts. - 25 pts., through a last-minute penalty goal.

We have, of course, Terry Holmes, Bob Norster and Ian Eidman playing for Wales tomorrow, with Jeff Whitefoot standing by. In addition we have a Seven-a-side team at the Gala Centenary Sevens. This will be chosen from Howard Stone, José Souto, Niel O'Brien, Jeff Howells, Dai Barry, Gerald Cordle, Russell Gardener and Owen Golding.

A warm welcome to Bedford R.F.C. The record against Bedford — P 8, W 6, L 2, For 159, Against 75.

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KNOW THE LAWS

By J. E. MALCOLM THOMAS

1. (Q.) Can a guideline be given as to Advantage even though the Law states that the referee is the sole judge of fact.

Example 1: An infringement by "A" team is quickly followed by a second infringement by "A" team, and then "B" team gains an advantage. Should play proceed or should play be stopped for the second "A" infringement?

Example 2: "A" team infringe by means of a knock-on and, in the process of trying to gain an advantage, "B" team are guilty of foul play. Should a scrum be ruled for "A" team's knock-on or a penalty kick for "B" team's foul play?

- (A.) *Example 1: Play proceeds.*
Example 2: Penalty kick to "A" team.

2. (Q.) A defending player knocks-on 3 metres from his goal line. An on-side attacking player picks up the ball. The referee plays the advantage. The attacking player goes over the goal line and knocks the ball on in in-goal.

What is the decision? Is it a drop out, or is it a scrummage, no advantage, attackers ball?

(A.) *As no advantage was gained from the first knock-on, a scrummage should be ordered 3 metres from the goal line — attackers' ball.*

3. (Q.) If a defender in the field-of-play but close to his own goal line has his clearing kick charged down by an attacker and the ball is then made dead, what is the correct decision?

(A.) *Drop out 22 metres if the defender made the ball dead, or a try if the attacker made the ball dead.*

Rugby Quiz – No. 19

With Bedford as our visitors its English orientated this evening.

- 1). Who is England's most capped player?
- 2). Who were the first winners of the John Player Cup and when?
- 3). Who are the current holders?
- 4). Who has won the cup on most occasions?
- 5). What's the highest score achieved by any club in the competition?

RUGBY QUIZ No. 19 — ANSWERS

- 1). Tony Neary Broughton Park, flanker 43 caps.
- 2). Gloucester 1972.
- 3). Bristol.
- 4). Leicester 3 times 1979, 1980 and 1981.
- 5). 28, by Bedford when beating Roslyn Park in 1975 28-12 which was equalled by Bristol last season when they beat Leicester 28-22.

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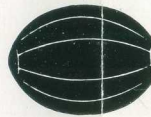
Cardiff

- 15. P. REES
- 14. P. ADEN
- 13. A. DONOVAN
- 12. M. RING
- 11. C. WEBBER
- 10. S. JONES
- 9. S. CANNON
- 1. C. COLLINS
- 2. A.J. PHILLIPS
- 3. R. NEWMAN
- 4. K. EDWARDS
- 5. A. MOGRIDGE
- 6. R. LAKIN
- 8. J.P. SCOTT (Captain)
- 7. T. CROTHERS
- B. McALOON
- K. EVANS

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- K. CANNING 14.
- B. MACKAY 13.
- J. MOSES 12.
- G. PHILLIPS 11.
- A. FINNIE 10.
- I. PECK (Captain) 9.
- R. WHITE 1.
- M. HOWE 2.
- J. FLINT 3.
- P. CATLING 4.
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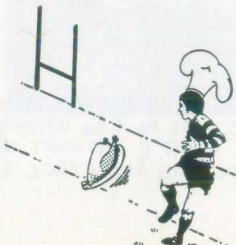
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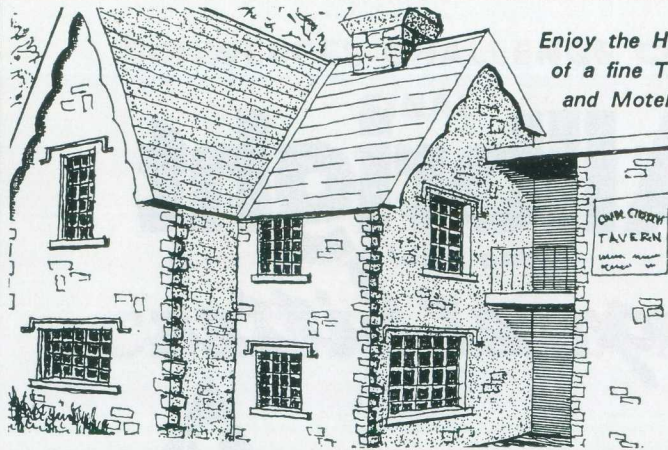
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SEPTEMBER			
Thurs. 1	Abertillery	A	3-9
Sat. 3	East District	H	56-4
Mon. 5	Glasgow & District	H	34-9
Wed. 7	Glamorgan Wands.	A	19-10
Sat. 10	Neath	H	16-14
Wed. 14	Bristol	H	22-13
Sat. 17	Coventry	A	27-16
Wed. 21	Gloucester	A	26-10
Sat. 24	Aberavon	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	Maesteg	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	Senghenydd (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	17-14
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
Sat. 7	Gala Cent. Sevens	A
Sat. 14	Swansea	A
Sat. 21	Barbarians	H
Mon. 23	Harlequins	H
Fri. 27	Neath	A
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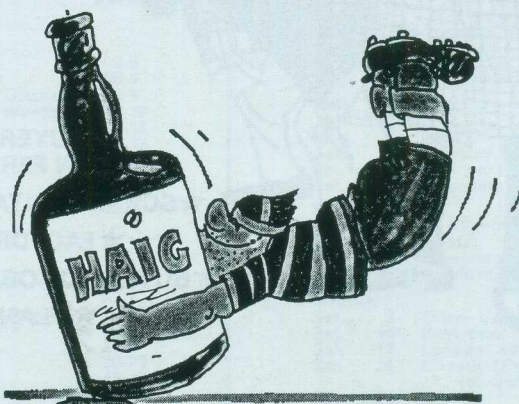
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