



Abertillery RFC

Centenary Year 1883-1983

Abertillery

v

Cardiff

Thursday, 1st September, 1983

kick-off 7 pm



Official Programme 15p

Fixtures 1983-84

September

| | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| 1 Cardiff (Th) | H |
| 3 Neath | A |
| 10 Schweppes Cup 1st Prelim Rd | A |
| 14 Newbridge (Wed) | A |
| 17 Kelso | H |
| 24 Maesteg | A |
| 27 Llanhilleth (Tu) | A |

October

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|------------------------------|---|
| 1 Plymouth Albion | A |
| 8 Japan | H |
| 12 Newport (Wed) | A |
| 15 Pontypool | H |
| 17 Mon. County (Mon) all pay | H |
| 22 Broughton Park | H |
| 26 Gloucester (Wed) | H |
| 29 Met Police | A |

November

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|----------------------------|---|
| 2 Bristol (Wed) | H |
| 5 Pontypridd | A |
| 9 Glam Wanderers (Wed) | A |
| 12 Maesteg | H |
| 16 Weston S. Mare (Wed) | H |
| 19 Schweppes Cup 1st Round | A |
| 23 Mon Jnr Union (Wed) | H |
| 26 Saracens | H |
| 30 S W Police (Wed) | H |

December

| | |
|----------------------------|---|
| 3 Bridgend | H |
| 7 S Glam Inst (Wed) | H |
| 10 Cheltenham | A |
| 17 Schweppes Cup 2nd Round | A |
| 21 Cross Keys (Wed) | H |
| 26 Ebbw Vale (Mon) | A |
| 31 Aberavon | A |

January

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|----------------------------|---|
| 7 Torquay | A |
| 10 Glam Wanderers (Tu) | H |
| 14 Bridgend | A |
| 18 Tredegar (Wed) | A |
| 21 Coventry (evening) | H |
| 28 Schweppes Cup 3rd Round | H |

February

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|----------------------------|---|
| 4 Tredegar (morning) | H |
| 11 Nuneaton | A |
| 17 Moseley (Fri) | A |
| 25 Newport | H |
| 25 Schweppes Cup 4th Round | H |

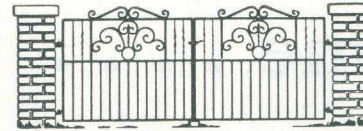
March

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| 2 Aberavon (Fri) | H |
| 7 Chairman's Select XV | H |
| 10 Blaina | H |
| 14 Pontypridd (Wed) | H |
| 19 Pontypool (Mon) | A |
| 24 Cross Keys | A |
| 28 Swansea (Wed) | H |
| 31 Penarth | H |

April

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|-----------------------------|---|
| 4 Llanelli | H |
| 7 S W Police | A |
| 9 Inter XV (Mon) all pay | H |
| 14 Penarth | H |
| 18 Crawshays XV (W) all pay | H |
| 21 Ebbw Vale | A |
| 23 Bristol (Mon) | A |
| 27 Newbridge (Fri) | H |

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Today's Game

We extend a very warm welcome to Cardiff this evening on the opening of our Centenary Celebrations. The welcome is more so because they were last at The Park some ten years ago. We have never had regular fixtures with the blue & blacks so maybe tonight's game will see the start to that taking place.

With the welcome we offer our congratulations to Cardiff on winning the Snelling Seven a Side Final. Who thought Abertillery would provide the opposition? To our own Adrian Parry we say "Well Done" on receiving the Bill Everson player of the tournament award. It was well deserved and it is significant that Adrian is only the third player from a losing team to win the award.

Returning to this evening's encounter it is evident that Cardiff led by John Scott have selected a strong side. Up front they have a couple of speed merchants in Alan Phillips and Owen Golding while in mid-field there is an international trio in Mark Ring, Alan Donovan and Gareth Davies. Incidentally Adrian Hadley was voted last season's most promising player in Welsh Rugby.

For our own part it is good to see Nigel Paul and Adrian Parry for that matter fully recovered from last season's troublesome injuries. Certainly Adrian along with David Owen are a very speedy pair of wing threequarters. Regular props Mark Pugh and Howard Gilson impressive in training and will, along with Mike Cairns provide a solid platform up front. Richard Moon, Vice-Captain, will be linking up at half back with Kevin Clarke who has joined us from Garniffaith.

This coming Saturday we will be visiting Neath who are normally our start of the season opponents. The next home game will be on Saturday, 17th September when we entertain Kelso.

Quote: If you pay in peanuts you must expect to get monkeys

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Nigel PAUL 15

Adrian PARRY 14
David GEORGE 13
Alun THOMAS 12
David OWEN 11

Kevin CLARKE 10
Richard MOON 9

Mark PUGH 1
Mike CAIRNS 2 (Capt)
Howard GILSON 3
Mike GREAVES 4
Phil ROBERTS 5
Robert PREECE 6
Roger CLARK 8
Peter CRANE 7

Reserves

Steve LANE **Mark ROSSITER**
Lyn MADDEN **Mark ROBERTS**

Cardiff

I WALSH 15

D. PREECE 14
M RING 13
A. DONOVAN 12
A. HADLEY 11

W. G. DAVIES 10
G WILLIAMS 9

S. BLACKMOORE 1
A PHILLIPS 2
J. WHITEFOOT 3
K. THOMPSON 4
A. MOGRIDGE 5
O. GOLDING 6
J. SCOTT 8 (Capt)
R. LAKIN 7

FULL-BACK

THREE-QUARTERS

RIGHT WING

CENTRE

CENTRE

LEFT WING

HALF-BACKS

STAND-OFF

SCRUM-HALF

FORWARDS

LOOSE HEAD

HOKKER

TIGHT HEAD

LOCK

LOCK

FLANKER

FLANKER

No. 8

Referee:

Mr. BRIAN DAVIES
Swansea

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Club Profile



Michael Cairns
Hooker - Captain

This evening Mike Cairns embarks on his fifth season as Captain; his third consecutive period at the helm. Probably, it will be the most demanding of them all but at the same time one which will give a great deal of enjoyment and pride to such a loyal servant.

Mike has been Abertillery's regular hooker since 1972 and this evening he plays in his 472nd game. The number of times he's packed down in the front row must run into five figures! An old pal of his - Ray Gladwyn - holds the club record with 494 appearances so it looks as if Mike will soon take over that particular distinction.

A little secret can be revealed, Mike has reported centre Alun Thomas to the Front Row Union, His crime: Crossing the demarcation line to play hooker in the Snelling Sevens.

Since the end of last season team spirit and fitness hve continued! at an impressive level much to the credit of Mike. He will be playing with the same enthusiasm - less some of his sandy hair but a lot more cunning - as he did in game No. 1. We wish him well.

Height: 5ft 7ins. Weight: 13st 4lb.

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