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## **CARDIFF**

**v**

## **WASPS**

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**SATURDAY, 18th NOVEMBER, 1972**

**KICK OFF 3 P.M.**

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# **OFFICIAL PROGRAMME**

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## Cardiff v. Wasps

Despite the fact that the Black and Amber colours of the Wasps are the same as those of our near neighbours from Monmouthshire, the relationship between the clubs for good and bad are entirely different. As far as you, the supporters are concerned, this is a game to relax and enjoy, far removed from the tensions, emotions, and the love/hate atmosphere that surrounds our encounters with the Usksiders. A medical friend of mine has estimated that in terms of blood pressure, loss of nervous energy, tension, the disorientation of the endocrine system, and the intake of nicotine and alcohol in massive doses, the four Newport matches have the same cumulative effect on life expectancy as a short tour as a Roman Galley slave, or a spell as a food taster for the Borgias, four attempts at high jumping the Berlin Wall, or two Moslem sight-seeing tours of the Sinai desert. He suggests one game every four years would be better, the other games to be spread equally between the All Blacks, the Springboks, Neath and Llanelli.

So today, the ever thinking fixtures Committee, have put for you, after the high drama of recent weeks, a game which by its very nature should be positively therapeutic. This is the return to sanity after momentary madness, this is the game for players to balm battered reputations, to be uninhibited, away from the microscopic scrutiny of the manipulators of mass media, and to revel in their youth and skill unfettered by thoughts of failure and prestige.

Over the years the Wasps have provided us with staunch opposition from sides liberally sprinkled with names famous in English Rugby, and invariably the games have been enjoyable both to play and watch. In recent years the Wasps have rebuilt their facilities at Sudbury, and gone for ever is the most democratic communal ablution since Louis XIV took the whole of the French Court with him to the toilet. Before progress, and pre-packaged hygiene caught up with Wasps, whichever of their fifteen sides that were playing at home, together with their opponents all piled into a couple of huge ponds that looked more like a hot water version of Lake Bala than a bath, and scrubbed away merrily, pinching each others soap and whatever they else could get hold of. It was a splendid system and most enjoyable, even if it did mean that the last man in came out dirtier than he went in. Quite in keeping with the highest principles of Socialist ideology. I am not really sure why they discontinued it. It has been rumoured that they anticipated the findings of the Plowden report, but a more likely reason was that the captain of the 10th XV sabotaged the captain of the 9th XV by sub-aquatic skulduggery involving a loofah I had never realised what was meant by grass roots Rugby until I bathed there and came out with a mouthful. As a safety precaution all Wasps Committee men took a mandatory course of life-saving after the tragic episode when one of their more elderly playing members disappeared after last being seen heading towards the bath after playing Cardinal Puff and was only found when they drained the bath on Monday.

Anyway enough of the past. The Wasps are obviously on the ascendancy after a couple of lean years and we look forward to a game in keeping with the traditions of this fixture. Welcome to the Wasps.

We have played them on 42 occasions losing 3 and drawing 2.

WELCOME THE WASPS.

D.J.H.

## Know the Laws

by FRED CROSTER

Back to 'That Game', just for a moment. But merely to look at the way that one of the Laws in particular was used to good effect by Roy Bish in the coaching sessions.

'Line-out'. Back of the line-out, actually. The phase from which the All Blacks have habitually gained so much good possession.

The Laws provide that only two men from each side, the thrower / and opposite number, and the scrum halves / on each side, or a player assuming that position are permitted within the privileged 'non Offside' area — between the 5 yd., line and the touch line and within the 10 yard from line of touch.

To counter that back of the line threat Roy used this ploy: — On their throw in, Roger Beard came out from the line and assumed a scrum half position at the rear; Gareth came up to protect the front; Wayne Lewis or John Bevan then retired behind that 10 yard line.

Quite legal. Quite beyond dispute. And it worked.

Did you spot it.

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9. Gareth EDWARDS
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2. G. DAVIES
3. R. BEARD
4. L. BAXTER
5. I. ROBINSON
6. R. LANE
8. C. SMITH
7. M. JOHN (Capt.)

Full Back  
Right Wing  
Right Centre  
Left Centre  
Left Wing  
Outside Half  
Inside Half  
Forwards

Referee: C. G. P. THOMAS, (Pontypridd)

### Wasps

- A. ROBINSON (Capt.) 15.
- P. SMITH 14.
- T. RINGER 13.
- N. FRENCH 12.
- G. KETTLE 11.
- G. WILLIAMS 10.
- G. LUCKMAN 9.
- A. SHORTLAND 1.
- G. BIGNELL 2.
- K. SISSON 3.
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#### FIRST XV FIXTURES

Date	Opponents	Venue	Results
1972			
Sept. 2	La Rochelle	.. H	26-20
6	Ebbw Vale	.. A	12-10
9	Blackheath	.. A	20-6
13	Bristol	.. H	13-7
16	Coventry	.. H	18-19
20	Pontypool	.. A	19-7
23	Neath	.. H	6-14
27	Bridgend	.. A	6-6
30	Aberavon	.. A	16-3
Oct. 4	Penarth	.. A	26-4
7	Newport	.. A	18-14
11	Cdf. Col/Education	H	32-12
14	Northampton	.. A	4-15
18	Ebbw Vale	.. H	26-0
21	Cambridge Univ.	A	36-10
28	Pontypool	.. H	37-10
Nov. 4	New Zealand	.. H	4-20
8	Newport	.. H	24-3
11	Clermont Ferrand	A	0-36
18	Wasps	.. H	.....
22	Oxford	.. H	.....
25	Llanelli	.. H	.....

Dec. 2	Swansea	.. A	.....
6	Gloucester	.. H	.....
9	Harlequins	.. A	.....
16	London Welsh	.. A	.....
23	Maesteg	.. H	.....
26	Pontypridd	.. H	.....
27	Watsonians	.. H	.....
30	Leicester	.. A	.....
Jan. 13	Coventry	.. A	.....
19	London Welsh	.. H	.....
26	Aberavon	.. H	.....
Feb. 9	Bristol	.. A	.....
17	Newport	.. H	.....
23	Llanelli	.. A	.....
Mar. 3	Newport	.. A	.....
9	Bective Rangers	.. H	.....
17	Swansea	.. H	.....
28	Bridgend	.. H	.....
31	Newbridge	.. A	.....
Apr. 7	Gloucester	.. A	.....
14	Neath	.. A	.....
21	Barbarians	.. H	.....
23	Harlequins	.. H	.....
28	Snelling Sevens	..	.....
29	La Rochelle	.. A	.....
30	Cognac	.. A	.....

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