



Cardiff v. Sale

SATURDAY, 14th FEBRUARY, 1987 KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m.

Well the good old British weather has been at it again. After our abortive journey to Llanelli on 31st January due to the hard ground, games were called off on the following Monday due to waterlogged pitches. Now that Monday, February 2nd happened to be Candlemas Day and I heard a very confident statement from someone on the radio. He said without any doubt that if it rained on Candlemas Day it was a sure sign that we had seen the last of the hard winter. The first part of his prediction certainly came about because it belted down all day. Let's hope now that the latter part also comes about and the snow and ice are behind us.

It's not only the weather which interferes with the difficultly negotiated arrangements of fixture secretaries though. As you well know we should be entertaining Bristol today but they are involved in The John Player Cup so their visit is put back until next Wednesday evening. But that's another story. They say it's an ill wind however, so our compensating bonus is the fact that we come out of the situation with an extra game at home with Sale becoming most welcomed visitors today. In fact the Sale club is 125 years old this year having been in operation since 1861-62 season. They were trying desperately for a Cardiff visit to their ground to celebrate the occasion but due to our heavy commitments this could not be. It may come therefore as some consolation to them that we will meet, albeit not at the venue that Sale would have preferred.

Our previous meetings have been sparse to say the least. In all we have met on only four occasions in the early 1950s. We won all four games two home and two away and in total registered 76 points to Sale's 6. So to a generation of Cardiff supporters Sale is rather an unknown quantity. Mind we have one thing in common in fact that a past Cardiff captain also played for them. Who you may ask? well it was none other than the inimitable Wilf Wooller himself. The great man started playing for Sale in the winter of 1932. He gained very rapid and justified promotion from the third XV to the first where he played alongside Claude Davey. Whilst still studying at Rydal School, on the North Wales coast. He made such a big impression in the final Welsh trial in December 1932 that it lead to automatic selection against England in January 1933 to win his first Welsh cap. He gained 17 more from Rydal School, Sale, Cambridge University and Cardiff and but for the war this magnificent sportsman would have had far more to his name.

What of Sale at the present however? Well, currently they are in the process of blooding a fairly young side with the intention of recapturing the form of season 1984-85. That was their best for quite some time when they won 39 of 45 games played, drew 1 and lost only 5. In the process they carried off The John Smith Table A championship, the Northern Merit Table and for good measure The Cheshire Cup for the 14th time. Last season they lost a bit of edge however, and also the services of their ebullient scrum half Steve Smith. Steve, of course, was the most capped English scrum half with 28

appearances but decided to call it a day. This, added to injuries to a few key players led to only an average season in which eleven defeats were incurred in their 38 games. The overall result was a narrow squeak in only just avoiding relegation to Table B. Of some consolation though was their triumph yet again in the Cheshire Cup for the 15th consecutive season since its launch.

The current season has carried on in much the same pattern. With stalwart international Tony Bond now having departed for London, the side is captained by durable inside half Howard Fitton. To date they have played 5 John Smith Merit Table A games losing 3 but scoring good victories over Coventry 14-4 and Orrell 22-9. That latter victory was disappointingly cancelled out for Sale however, when Orrell took the spoils in the third round of The John Player Cup by 22-12 at Sale. They are still committed to playing open attractive rugby so, given a reasonable bit of weather, may we see just that this afternoon. To Sale then welcome to The Arms Park after such a long time away. We hope you have an enjoyable day out and thanks for so readily agreeing to come to Cardiff.

Speaking of cup encounters our last home game against Llanharan was a fortnight ago but my own heart beat has only just about returned to normality. Llanharan's performance on that day put a whole new dimension on the word anxiety and we could have had no complaints had we lost the game. It's rather ironical that they should have outscored us by 3 tries to 2 and then we lost our next game although we won on tries 5 to 3. If one of those games was destined to be lost I'm glad Lady Luck was on our side against the magnificent Llanharan side

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MATCHES RECALLED

BECAUSE matches between today's two clubs have been rare, J. B. G. THOMAS changes course in his stroll down Memory Lane to remember two famous Welsh centres who were playing

Up For Sale

ACCORDING to the records of the club's much respected historians, Danny Davies and C.R.G. Harris, Cardiff have met Sale on only four occasions, all of them during the 1950s. Sale lost all four and none come to mind as especially memorable. Yet there is one great occasion that Welshmen will treasure when Sale won a great victory at Twickenham.

As the guest side to the prestigious Middlesex Sevens Tournament in April 1936, they won the Trophy: they were the first provincial club to do so, although Cardiff followed them later in 1939. Sale had to play four matches, beating St. Bart's Hospital, Rosslyn Park and London Scottish before Blackheath in the final.

A record crowd of 20,000 (up to that time) watched the tournament and there were many notable players on view because English rugby was currently strong. The Barbarians had won the tournament in 1934 with a team mainly composed of Scottish internationals, who were experts as the game was designed by the Scots before the first World War.

Sale were at their zenith in the 1930s and attracted the interest of Welshmen because they had the outstanding Welsh centre pair of the era in Claude Davey and Wilfred Wooller. They were remarkable players, Davey with the short powerful burst and Wooller with the long stride as the perfect runner-in for the sevens game.

It was nevertheless an unusual decision to bring Wooller in for the tournament as the powerful international wing, Hal Sever, was the regular. He was immensely strong but Wooller had that long stride.

Both had played with success during the season for their countries, and shared in victories over New Zealand. However, Sever took it well and ran the line as his club roared to victory. In April 1986 the surviving members of the Sale team were invited to Twickenham for the Middlesex Sevens and had a great 50-year reunior party.

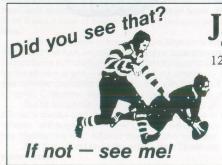
The Sale side was a strong one. The three forwards were Jock Mycock and G.C. Noden as props with R.U. Reynolds as hooker. Mycock had to wait until 1947 to win his first cap and but for the War would have made many more appearances. As the Rugby Annual reported on the trio, "They were three sound and fairly fast forwards in close attune with their halves."

A Scottish flank forward G.D. Shaw was at half-back and did well, while three big names played outside him in Davey, Wooller and Ken Fyfe. On the day the Sale side were even better than the Barbarians had been behind the scrum in 1934

Davey was the genius around which the side operated and he was a great servant of Sale, extremely popular and inventive, determined in attack and superb in defence. Wooller, of course, was born to the open spaces of the Sevens game, and Ken Fyfe of Cambridge and Scotland was a deceptive runner and an expert sevens man

Rosslyn Park had Prince Obolensky in their team and London Scottish gave Sale a hard match in the semi final. Blackheath in the final fielded a strong side with Charles Dick in the centre, a fine Scottish international who always did well against Wales. Gus Walker, to be cappped later and become a war hero, was at inside half and John Tallent, a famous name in English rugby, was outside him. England flanker A.G. Cridlan was in the pack.

Blackheath put up a brave show in the final but went down 18-8 to the all-conquering Sale. When Cardiff won the trophy in 1939, Wooller brought his expertise to the side and he must rank as one of the outstanding sevens players of the 1930s.



J. Warren Hailes

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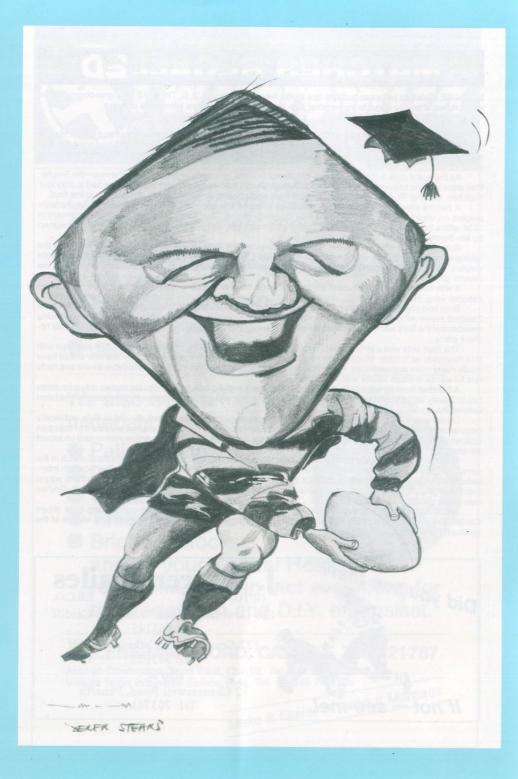
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QUIDNUNC'S COLUMN

YOU CAN either thank or blame the subject of today's double history period for having forsaken your loved ones this St. Valentine's Day afternoon. When Bristol's English cup success meant they would be otherwise occupied today — Cardiff play them on Wednesday evening instead — there would no doubt be wives and girl-friends anticipating a special Saturday of romance around the shops. It would be a blank day and/or much hassle for the fixture secretary.

Step forward, therefore, Mr. Brian Mark, Cardiff's charming, modest and unflappable incumbent of that post. Unflappable? Well, it would be extremely churlish of me to mention that notorious occasion when Cardiff did find themselves in the tricky situation of being expected to play both London Scottish and Ebbw Vale on the same afternoon. But fixture secretaries have a grey world of their own, rather like the front-rows, and a few words with Brian's old friend Doug Smith of the London Scots prevented too much embarrassment. Either way, Mr. Mark is responsible for today's late substitution and the odds are that only Sale will arrive to play Cardiff. Unless, of course, they believe that it is at their own ground....

Brian Mark has been associated with the club as player and committee man — he is a former chairman and, indeed, programme editor so I had better watch my step — since 1949. He is also headmaster of Lady Mary R.C. High School and, seeing that there will be one or two of his former pupils like Mark Ring and Adolf Hadley and sundry others about the place today, Quidnunc has to reflect that they may be unaware of the time those 40-odd years ago when his future teaching career was in real jeopardy. Yes, Brian Mark was sent down from college — a matter which duly attracted the attentions of the more gaudy of the Sunday newssheets. The principal of Strawberry Hill in West London for one reason or another decided that there would be no college rag. Mr. Mark disagreed with the result that beds disappeared through windows and many other curious, not to say bizarre, activities also took place. Mark B. was suspended for several weeks.

It is, I suppose, only fair to say at this stage that a further 79 students were also involved, including one Kevin Bush, normally associated with Penarth R.F.C. It was suspension or apology. "We will not apologise," said the students. "Oh, yes, you will," said their parents who in those days clearly believed in the types of discipline which Mr. Mark will continue to instill into Lady Mary's until his retirement later this year. The apologies duly made, the career continued.

A short time later, playing for Gloucester United because as a national serviceman, he was stationed in the area, Brian applied for a trial with Cardiff. It was a fortuitous moment: the brilliant Rex Willis was off to New Zealand and Australia with the Lions, Haydn Tanner would not be persuaded out of retirement and Billy Darch (what names, eh?) was injured. In stepped our hero — despite heavy suggestions to the contrary from Newport. In the following years, sandwiched between Rex Willis and Lloyd Williams, Brian wore the scrum-half jersey 95 times for Cardiff, being capped in season 1951-52. Despite always being No. 2 to Rex, he was within an inch of a Welsh trial. The unfortunate Rex was frequently injured, not with the odd 'pull' or strain but with rather more major problems (he once fractured a jaw against Scotland but played on) with the result that Arms Park crowds grew familiar with the announcement by then secretary Brice Jenkins that "Maaiirk was playing in place of Willis."

He was chairman in 1969-70, the year when the first match was played on our current ground and, despite only a moderate playing season, recalls it as a magnificent memory. As a committee man, he is known for several reasons to his colleagues. The first is for turning up slightly late with the announcement that he has just left a meeting. The second is for leaving slightly early because he has to attend at meeting. Some of his more cynical associates believed that there was more to it than the alleged gatherings of the Parent Teachers Association of Lady Mary but they all agree that his offerings in committee tend to be "sound, thought-out, valuable and, most important, brief."

Yet he will never forgive hon, sec. Alun Priday for one incident when the club were playing Bective Rangers in Ireland. A. P. admits that he gave away a try but the Irish press next day laid the blame, complete with head-and-shoulders photographs, on Brian Mark. "Brian was," recalls Alun, "most indignant and I can only think it was a case of mistaken identity because we both have Roman noses. You know, roamin' all over the face."

Meanwhile, back at home, the Old Illtydian is married to Anne. They have three daughters in Bernadette (not a bad out-half, I'm told, after her few appearances with the Poly) Catherine and Geraldine (who works in France but is sufficient of an enthusiast to travel to see Wales last weekend). Brian plans in retirement to further his fanaticism at golf — he plays off 16 at Llanishen — and will be chary of taking camping holidays. A blazing gas cylinder exploded once in France with the result that Brian spent many painful months in St. Lawrence Hospital, Chepstow, encased from neck to knee in plaster.

But he will continue to thank C. D. Williams for squaring up to Northampton's Don White when it looked as if Brian's marital and parental ambitions might be in jeopardy ("Today, we might all have been sent off," he reflects, "although I don't know"), and he will continue, I hope, to entertain with the song of the "Spaniard who has blighted my life," Alfonso Spagioli, the toreador.

And if you don't know the words, then Quidnunc will suggest that he sings them over the public address system today.

But only if Sale and, say, London Scottish both turn up to play Cardiff.

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Rugby Quiz - No. 18

Let's see what we know of Sale and it's players

- 1. Who is Sale's most capped international?
- 2. Sale hooker Andy Simpson holds a rather unusual record. What is it?
- 3. Have Sale ever won the John Player Cup?
- 4. Have they ever contested a final?
- 5. What England record does Fran Cotton hold?

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- 13. M. RING
- 12. R. CARDUS
- 11. A. HADLEY
- 10. G. JOHN
- 9. G. PRITCHARD
- 1. J. WHITEFOOT
- 2. A. PHILLIPS (Captain)
- 3. S. BLACKMORE
- 4. T. CHARLES
- 5. M. PARRY
- 6. R. LAKIN
- 8. J. SCOTT
- 7. G. ROBERTS
- the the cubic
- 16. M. POOLE
- 17. S. CANNON

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Full Back Right Wing Right Centre

Left Centre Left Wing

Outside Half

Inside Half Forwards



Replacements

Referee: Mr. CLAYTON THOMAS

Sale

- G. JENION 15.
- H. THOMAS 1
- P. STANSFIELD 13.
 - D. POLLARD 12.
- H. BENJAMIN 11. J. RAFFERTY 10.
- H. FITTON (Captain) 9.
 - D. BUTCHER 1.
 - A. SIMPSON 2.
 - M. CALLERY 3.
 - T. BROUGHTON 4.
 - C. SHAW 5.
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PAST PLAYERS CORNER

In some earlier programmes we looked at sets of brothers who had played for Cardiff. Let's carry along that line again now, and look at that famous Cardiff family the Turnbulls. The family consisted of eight boys and four girls and father, Phillip still found time to play hockey at international level for Wales. Six of the brothers played at the Arms Park and following is a chronological record of their contributions to the Blue and Black.

- B. R. Bernard (1923-24 to 1932-33). He became the most famous of the brothers on the rugby field as a centre who played 232 first team games. He captained the club on two occasions and in addition won six Welsh caps. His strong running and solid defence also saw him get his Cambridge Blue and represent The Barbarians. After his playing days he did sterling work on the administrative side of the Club and eventually became a trustee of Cardiff Athletic Club.
- 2. K. P. R. Kevin (1923-24 to 1929-30). A forward and played in 176 first team games. he was vice-captain in season 1928-29 and was a very conspicuous player with his flaxon hair. He was also renowned for that now long lost art of dribbling the ball.

More of this outstanding Cardiff family will appear in the Bristol programme.

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Rugby Quiz No. 18 - Answers

- 1. Fran Cotton, England, 31 between 1971 and 1981.
- 2. He has been on the England bench for 22 games without ever being called to play.
- 3. No.
- 4. No.
- 5. He is his country's most capped prop forward.



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G. JOHN	22	2	59	156	41	4	87	235
G. CORDLE	22	15	-	60	95(1)	71	_	284
M. RING	20	13	3	59	127	62	72	421
A. HADLEY	26	13	_	52	157	98	_	392
M. RAYER	27	2	16	48	58(1)	10	16	92
D. EVANS	8	1	16	41	33(1)	6	52	148
G. ROBERTS	23	9	-	36	74	23	_	92
G. DAVIES	10	7	_	28	10	7	_	28
R. CARDUS	16	6	_	24	16	6	_	24
C. NORMAN	4(1)	6	_	24	4(1)	6	_	24
T. CROTHERS	. 18	5		20	90(1)	23	NAME OF	92
A. DONOVAN	24	4		16	119	17	_	68
R. LAKIN	21(1)	4		16	243(3)	59		236
C. WEBBER	6	1	4	13	90(7)	17	103	334
N. O'BRIEN	11(1)	3		12	37(10)	12	_	48
A. PHILLIPS	17	3		12	377	140	_	560
P. RING	4	3	_	12	4	3	1	12
J. SCOTT	12	2	TYP T	8	229(2)	35	-	140
G. PRITCHARD	8(5)	2	_	8	8(5)	2	1 - D	8
R. NORSTER	19	1	_	4	230	13	_	52
M. PARRY	18	1	-	4	18	1	_	4
J. SOUTO	11(3)	1	_	4	41(11)	4	_	16
I. EIDMAN	9	1	_	4	199	3	_	12
K. EDWARDS	11	1	_	4	150	13	_	52
D. WRIGHT	4	1	<u> </u>	4	5(1)	1	-	4
H. STONE	7	1		4	85(1)	11	_	44
S. BLACKMORE	16	1	A-R	4	53	2	_	8
N. HUMPHREYS	2	1	-	4	7(1)	4	_	16
J. BURNELL	2	1	93-20	4	2	1	-	4
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J. WHITEFOOT	21	-	_	-	229	7	_	28
C. COLLINS	15	PE-S			62(2)	1	_	4
P. CRANE	8	-	2-1	- 1	_ 13	_	_	
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D. GIBBON	5(2)		_		6(3)	_		_

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By J. E. MALCOLM THOMAS

QUESTION: A scrum half receives the ball from a line out and is held by an opponent. A player from his own side retiring from the line out and **in front** of the ball carrier takes the ball from him.

Is this player offside:-

- (a) if the scrum half is standing?
- (b) if the scrum half is brought to ground and releases?
- (c) if the scrum half knocks the ball forward?

ANSWER:

- (a) Yes. Penalty kick or scrummage on the spot.
- (b) Yes. The receiver should retire behind the scrum half and then come forward to play the ball.
- (c) Yes. The proximity of opposition line out forwards means they have been deprived of advantage from the knock on.

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Wed. 5 Oxford University	H 35-24	Sat. 14	Pontypool	Α
Sat. 8 Ebbw Vale	A 30-24	Wed. 18	Penarth	H
Sat. 15 Treorchy (Cup)	A 14-7	Sat. 28	Newport (S.F. W.R.U. Cup	o) A
Sat. 22 Llanelli	H 16-16	APRIL		
Wed. 26 Newbridge Sat. 29 Bangor (N.I.)	A 18-15 H 21-14	Wed. 1	S. Glam. Institute	H
Sat. 29 Bangor (N.I.)	H 21-14	Sat. 4	Bedford	Α
DECEMBER		Sat. 11	Swansea	H
Sat. 10 Swansea	A 14-19	Sat. 18	Barbarians	H
Sat. 13 London Welsh	A 12-25	Sat. 25	Neath	H

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1986 SEPTEMBER Wed. 3 Glamorgan Wanderers II Sat. 6 Kidwelly Wed. 10 Bristol United Sat. 13 Maesteg Celtic Wed. 17 Garndiffaith	A 35-20 H 36-16 H 23-27 H 20-16 A 25-9	DECEMBER Sat. 6 Swansea Athletic H 20-11 Wed. 10 Cardiff & District H 22-7 Sat. 13 Risca H 7-11 Sat. 20 Neath Athletic H 10-25 Sat. 27 Bridgend Sports A 17-12 Sat. 27 Bridgend Sports A 17-12 Sat. 27 Sat.
Sat. 20 Coventry Extras Wed. 24 Old Illtydians Sat. 27 Abercynon	A 16-12 H 18-9 H 35-20	1987 JANUARY Sat. 3 Moseley United A 0-28 Sat. 10 Blackwood A 13-20 Sat. 24 Bath United H 12-9
OCTOBER Sat. 4 Newport United	A 43-30	Sat. 31 Pontypool United H Post.
Wed. 8 Bridgend Sports Sat. 11 Neath Athletic Wed. 15 Resolven Sat. 18 St. Peters Wed. 22 Pontypool Athletic	H 28-29 A 25-31 H 70-0 H Post. A 9-37	FEBRUARY Sat. 7 Bridgend Ravens H 4-23 Wed. 11 Pencoed H 13-6 Sat. 14 Bristol United A Sat. 21 Ebbw Vale Athletic A
Sat. 25 Tondu Wed. 29 Pyle	A 10-23 A 12-23	MARCH Wed. 11 Pontypridd Athletic H Sat. 14 Pontypool Athletic H
NOVEMBER Sat. 1 Leicester Extras Wed. 5 Newport Saracens Sat. 8 Ebbw Vale Athletic	A 4-27 A 8-15 H 13-7	Sat. 14 Pontypool Athletic H Tue. 17 Abercynon A Wed. 25 Maesteg Celtic A Sat. 28 Newport United H
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