CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB

SEASON 1968 - 1969



CARDIFF NEWBRIDGE



WEDNESDAY, 9th OCTOBER, 1968 KICK OFF 5.00 P-M.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

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Cardiff v. Newbridge

We welcome our opponents for this early evening game sure in the knowledge that the Cardiff team will be making intensive efforts to halt the slide of the past few weeks. Fortunately the side is strengthened by the return of a few players, who have been unavailable recently, including Howard Norris, who is now fully recovered from his attack of tonsilitis. Also we welcome back Lynn Baxter from his Argentinian Tour and congratulate him on what was for him a successful tour, even though the record of the Welsh team was not impressive. Lynn was in fine form, when playing for the 'Rags' at Newport last Saturday and his lively forward play will be welcome.

The make-shift half-back partnership remains, but the threequarter line undergoes a major re-shuffle. Maurice Richards, understandably cannot obtain time off for this early kick-off, and there are changes on both wings as both Alec Finlayson and J. H. Williams come in. Ken Jones makes a re-appearance in the centre and no doubt will be anxious to show the selectors that he is back to his old form. Let us hope that the Cardiff players forget all about the disastrous month of September and play with confidence this evening, for only in this way will the team taste that success, which is so essential to morale.

A report on some current absentees reveals that Gareth Edwards will be absent for quite a few weeks with a ham-string injury, Barry John is not available until late October and Gerald Davies will be with Cambridge University until Christmas vacation. On the credit side Billy Hullin will be available next Saturday and John Uzzell's shoulder is steadily improving.

One final note is that next weeks kick-off against Pontypool is timed for 4.30 p.m. For those supporters who have queried these arrangements, it must be pointed out that the fixtures are made three or four seasons in advance and thus the present circumstances of no floodlighting, could not have been accurately foreseen.

Know the Laws - No. 26 by FRED CROSTER

Just when I thought that I had dealt in it's entirety with all aspects of 'Kicking to Touch', under the experimental law, I have been reminded by a refereeing friend of yet another point which has cropped up; as it is relevant and important it must be clarified.

Remember I discussed a 'Mark', made in the 'prohibited area' outside your own 25yd., line, and then in order that he may be able to kick it directly into touch in order to gain ground, the player in question, retired behind the line to take his kick?

All in order, providing that the kick is taken in line with the 'Mark' and that the ball reaches the line parallel with the 'Mark' and the goal lines before it goes into touch.

Now, what has happened in some cases is that the player has retired some considerable distance from his original making of the 'Mark' in order to get behind the 25yd., line — this he is entitled to do — but then, the resulting kick totouch has not reached the required distance forward to the point of the actual 'Mark'.

Two interesting points emerge from this contingency.

- 1. If the ball had gone over the 25 and then directly into touch the decision must be a scrum on the spot where the 'Mark' had been made.
- 2. If the ball had *not* reached the 25 before it went into touch, the referee could apply the advantage law in favour of the opposition and thus permit the line-out to take place where the ball had entered touch inside the 25yd. area.

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