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CARDIFF v. OXFORD UNIVERSITY



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Cardiff v. Oxford University

Oxford University players are now in the throes of team-building for what is their one vital match of the season against Cambridge University at Twickenham in December. It was only just a fortnight ago that Cardiff defeated the latter and Oxford will be anxious to see how they fare against similar opposition. They have played only two matches as compared with their ancient rivals, who have played seven and they have made an inauspicious start, as they have lost both games. However, with a Blue to play for, it is surprising what a spur that can prove for players who, at this stage of the season, have everything to gain and nothing to lose.

Cardiff make four changes from last week and the skipper Howard Norris takes over from British Lion John O'Shea, who, although he played in the first team last week, does not yet consider himself fully fit for top-class rugby. Vice-captain Tony Williams replaces Roy Duggan in the centre. Alex Finlayson re-appears on the wing in place of John Huw Williams, whilst the rota system operating in the second row allows Maurice Braithwaite to come in for Lynn Baxter.

It is interesting to note that British Lions' scrum-half Gareth Edwards, who has played only one game since the South African tour — and that in Ireland — is back in action today. He has now recovered from the ham-string injury he received whilst playing in Belfast last month and turns out for the 'Rags' at Cwmgwrach. Another player, John Uzzell, who has been out of action with a dislocated shoulder since the opening match of the season, also tests his fitness in the same game.

We would like to seek the co-operation of those members who bring cars via the Angel Entrance to park there in as orderly a fashion as is possible. Only members displaying a Cardiff Athletic membership badge may park near the flats and in future, before first-team matches, members of the Rugby Committee will marshal this area before each game in order to make the maximum use of the confined area. We feel sure that members will co-operate in trying to alleviate this enormously difficult problem.

Finally we remind members that the Annual Rugby Club Dance takes place on Wednesday next, November 6th in the Cardiff Athletic Club and tickets (Price 15/-) can be obtained in the Bar. An added attraction for those attending is the chance of a return flight for two to Paris, Rotterdam or Ostend at a convenient time to be arranged between the lucky pair and the Hourmount Travel Agency, Cardiff which has both donated and arranged the trip.

B.M.

Know the Laws - No. 29

by FRED CROSTER

When we talk, as we have so much, about the 'new laws', in operation this season, almost invariably and obviously, 'kicking to touch', has been the dominant topic. It must not be forgotten, in the enthusiasm which this 'Australian Dispensation' has evoked that this is only applicable for this season, up to now, and that there have been other changes, almost unnoticed by comparison, which are with us to stay.

One of these and very important, concerns, Law 27 'Touch'. Previously we were all treated so often with the situation when players in the line-out, would run off, back to their 10yd., line, leaving just 2 or 3 forwards to contest the line.

This has been stopped by the simple fact of determining when the line-out has been formed, i.e.,

Once the players have lined up, in readiness for the ball to be thrown in, no player in that line can leave it until the line-out has ended, except in a 'peeling off' movement and then, in that movement it is essential that he or they, run 'in close proximity' with the players remaining in the line.

It is still possible to have a 'short line', but only if the players concerned establish that 'short line' initially.

The line-out begins when the ball leaves the hands of the player throwing in. The furthest player in the line at that moment establishes its length.

The line-out ends when : the ball is on the ground and a loose scrum is formed : when the ball or a player carrying it emerges from the line : when the ball is thrown beyond the furthest player in the line.

All the laws concerning 'Offside' are applicable until any of the above take place.

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- Inside Half C. R. LAIDLAW (Merton) 9.
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- *J. WILSON (Keble) 15.
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Sept. 4	Glam. Wanderers	H	27-12
7	Welsh Academicals	H	30-0
11	Bridgend ..	H	6-11
14	London-Welsh	A	19-8
18	Bristol ..	H	19-9
21	Coventry ..	H	3-6
25	Gloucester ..	A	6-15
28	Aberavon ..	A	3-6
Oct. 2	Penarth ..	A	17-0
5	Newport ..	H	6-11
9	Newbridge ..	H	16-8
12	Northampton	A	6-6
16	Pontypool ..	H	35-9
19	Cambridge Univ.	A	10-6
26	Glamorgan Police	H	46-17
Nov. 2	Oxford Univ.	H	
9	Newport ..	A	
16	Wasps ..	H	
23	Llanelli ..	H	
30	Ebbw Vale ..	H	
Dec. 7	Swansea ..	A	
11	South African Univ.	H	
	(All Pay)		

14	Harlequins ..	A	
21	Galashiels ..	H	
26	Liverpool ..	H	
27	Universities Ath. U.	H	
28	London-Welsh	H	
1969			
Jan. 1	Galashiels ..	A	
2	Watsonians ..	A	
11	Coventry ..	A	
25	Aberavon ..	H	
Feb. 1	Pontypridd ..	H	
8	Bristol ..	A	
15	Newport ..	H	
22	Llanelli ..	A	
Mar. 1	Newport ..	A	
15	Swansea ..	H	
22	Penarth ..	H	
29	Headingley ..	A	
Apr. 5	Barbarians ..	H	
7	Harlequins ..	H	
14	Bridgend ..	A	
19	Liverpool ..	A	
21	Birkenhead Park	A	
22	Chester ..	A	
26	Sevens (All Pay)	H	
30	Pontypool ..	A	

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