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CARDIFF v. EBBW VALE



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KICK OFF 3.00 P.M.

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Cardiff v. Ebbw Vale

We welcome Ebbw Vale to the Arms Park and wonder whether indeed their performances this season have not been underestimated by many for their record reads as follows :

Played 20 games : Won — 16 ; Lost — 4 ;
Points for — 329 ; Points against — 360.

They have in fact won two more games than Llanelli and have amassed a total of points which is only 22 less than the total scored by Llanelli. Thus the Cardiff players are well aware of the fact that they will have just as hard a game today as they had in last Saturday's lively game.

The team shows a few changes from last week as College Student Ian Lewis reverts to outside-half after playing for the 'Rags' last week. He has been out of the side since the third match of the season and is available this week as the Cardiff College of Education do not require his services. Barry John has only just resumed training after illness and it is not yet known when he will be ready to play for the first team.

Another British Lion, Gareth Edwards is still out of action and will probably be fit in about three weeks. John O'Shea makes his third appearances of the season to give Roger Beard a rest after playing in ten of the last eleven games. The other change from last week is that the 2nd row rota switch allows Ian Robinson to replace Maurice Braithwaite.

A number of requests have been received from supporters who like to know how the other Cardiff teams fare from week to week as their results are not always published in the press. Thus last week-end's results read as follows :

Cardiff Athletic 6 — Pontypool United 3
Extra XV 8 — Penallta 3
Youth XV 5 — Llanelli Youth 6

The 'Rags' victory over Pontypool United was quite an achievement as they took their two year unbeaten ground record from them.

We should like to draw your attention to the next two Home Matches the first of which is scheduled to be played against Cape Town Universities on Wednesday, December 11th in the afternoon. The other game concerns the fixture with Galashiels which was originally to have been played on October 26th but was transferred to Saturday, December 21st. In connection with this game it is hoped to be able to arrange an informal dance at the Athletic Club on the night of that game and further details will be available later.

B.M.

Know the Laws - No. 32

by FRED CROSTER

A little more on Law 20. 'Charging, Obstruction, Foul Play and Misconduct', following up the notes of last Saturday.

As many supporters are aware, the majority of cases of obstruction occur after the ball has been kicked — at least these are the cases which are probably the most obvious. We can all recall many instances of outside halves being laid low after they have booted the ball.

The decision of the Referees is that if the kicker's kicking foot has returned to the ground and he is then tackled, then it is a late tackle and he will be penalised. If his kicking foot has *not* returned to the ground, then it is considered justifiable and just hard lines on the kicker.

The penalty kick can be either at the place of the infringement *or where the ball lands*. If it lands in touch or *within 10yds. of the touch line*, the kick is 10 yds. in. If it goes in-goal, touch-in-goal, or over the dead ball line, the mark is 5 yds. from the goal line, opposite where it went over or 10 yds. from the touch line, which ever is the greater.

Watch the referee the next time a late tackle as above occurs. The good referee will never succumb to the natural tendency to watch the flight of the ball ; he will watch the player who has kicked it. This is the only way to spot these misdemeanours.

After all what is the point of watching the ball ; nothing can happen to it whilst it is in the air.

One word on our French friend last Saturday. Was there ever more justification for neutral referees in Welsh 'Derby' games and was there ever a better example of the wisdom of not arguing with him?

The universal language is that of the 'whistle' as far as all referees are concerned. All players must realise this.

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Date	Opponents	Venue	Result
1968			
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	9-6
9	Newport	A	6-9
11	Auvergne	A	20-6
16	Wasps	H	20-6
23	Llanelli	H	9-3
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		
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26	Sevens (All Pay)	H		
30	Pontypool	A		

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