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CARDIFF v SWANSEA

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Cardiff v. Swansea

Totalitarian régimes have long realised the value of sport in maintaining national prestige and in applying subtle psychological and political pressure on friend and foes. We in this country have been slow to utilise this power, preferring not to mix politics and sport. However, we are learning, and there have been several Diplomatic coups recently that certainly appear to have been the result of discreet application of pressure on reluctant politicians through the media of sport. I am in no position to make categorical statements of fact, but don't you think that it istoo much of a co-incidence that since we have a standing fixture in Clermont Ferrand, that the doors of the Common Market have swung wide open to welcome us. Is it mere chance that the Club colours and the present Governments colours happen to co-incide. Who knows what political juggling went on between Lord Home, Ian Smith and the Cardiff fixture secretary before the Rhodesian settlement was made. Of course all this could be mere conjecture and I am overstating the value of a fixture with Cardiff, but if I were in the IRA I would start behaving myself because after all we don't have to play Bective Rangers.

None of this hasanything to do with Swansea of course. and nothing short of Civil War would ever prevent this fixture taking place. It has been played with very few interruptions since 1876, when Swansea were one of Cardiffs three opponents that season. Swansea last season clambered from the doldrums to achieve a position more in keeping with the traditions of the Club. They started badly this season but have had a recent run that appears ominous for us. We have had a very bad half season but wehave the aid of one or two useful players for this match who haven't played before this season. So let us welcome Abertawe and look forward to fine weather and a fine match.

Last season Swansea ran us around at St. Helens and we were lucky to get away with a 5-13 loss. The game at Cardiff was a complete transformation and we completely overran them and won 20-11 pts. These results made the total of games against Swansea 209, we have won 106 and lost 85.

D.J.H.

Know the Laws

by FRED CROSTER

With the keeping of time by referees much in the news of late, a review of the official ruling would be timely.

Law 5 deals with it. Let me quote the relevant points.

"The duration of play shall not exceed eighty minutes as shall be directed by the Union or, in the absence of such direction as agreed upon by the teams, or, if not agreed, fixed by the referee."

"Play shall be divided into two halves. The interval cannot exceed five minutes."

"A period not exceeding two minutes shall be allowed for any other permitted delay. A longer period only to allow time for an injured player to be removed from the field of play."

"Playing time lost as a result of any delay, including delay in taking a kick at goal must be added on to the half of the match in which that delay occurred, subject to the power invested in the referee to declare no-side before time has expired"

In the "Notes for the guidance of Referees", the same Law and again I quote, "The referee must make up time lost through any delay in taking a kick at goal. This applies whether or not the referee considers the delay to be 'undue delay' on the part of the kicker. Playing time lost should begin from 40 secs., after the player has indicated his intention to kick at goal".

All perfectly straight forward. Plus, is the all important fact that the referee is the *sole judge of fact and of law*. This of course MUST include the keeping of time.

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1972

Dec. 4 Swansea H......

 Jan.
 8
 Coventry
 ...
 H......

 15
 London Welsh
 ...
 A.......

 22
 Ebbw Vale
 ...
 H......

11 Harlequins .. . A.....

 18
 London Welsh ...
 H.......

 27
 Liverpool ...
 H.......

 28
 Watsonians ...
 H.......

 29
 Aberavon
 A......

 Feb.
 4
 Heriot's F.P.
 H.......

 11
 Bristol
 Herioty
 Herioty

 19
 Newport
 ...
 A......

 26
 Llanelli
 ...
 H......

 Mar.
 4
 Newport
 ...
 H......

10 Bective Rangers. A...... 15 Bridgend H......

18 Swansea A.....

23 Bath A.....

3 Harlequins ... H...... 8 Gloucester ... H......

12 Neath A...... 22 Newbridge .. . H......

April 1 Barbarians H......

29 Snelling Sevens

FIRST XV FIXTURES

Date 1971		Opponents V	enue Results
Sept.	1	Glamorgan Wand	Is. H 34-4
	4	Maesteg	Н 26-9
	8	Bristol	A 19-13
	11	Blackheath	Н 26-13
	15	Neath	Н 13-12
	18	Coventry	A 10-22
	22	Pontypool	A 12-15
	25	Aberavon	Н 22-16
	29	Abertillery	A 3-15
Oct.	2	Newport	. A 4-7
	6	Penarth	A 30-6
	9	Northampton	. Н 24-20
	13	Pontypridd	. A 11-6
	16	Ebbw Vale	A 18-21
	23	Cambridge Univ.	Н 17-4
	27	Bridgend	A 6-19
	30	Pontypool	. Н 19-6
Nov.	6	Oxford Univ.	A 30-13
	11	Clermont Ferrand	I A 6-9
	13	Newport	Н 0-6
	20	Wasps	A 33-6
	27	Llanelli	A 10-17



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