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v

LONDON WELSH

SATURDAY, 18th DECEMBER, 1971

KICK OFF 3 P.M.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

PRICE 4 PENCE

Cardiff v. London Welsh

YULE NEVER BELIEVE ME

When my son asked me for tickets for Saturday I assumed he was referring to the Pantomime in the New Theatre. It was only after I had clouted him and told him he was too old for kids stuff like that, that he explained that he wanted them for today's game against London Welsh. That made everything entirely different. After he had cleaned my car, dug the garden and polished my shoes, I relented. I told him how to get in to the ground through a hole in the fence.

A small enough incident in itself, but indicative of the enormous interest that this game has engendered. I sometimes think that Cardiff Supporters are unappreciative of what they get for the pittance they pay as Club Members. What other Club would have arranged today's extravaganza for their supporters as a Christmas Treat.

We bring you at enormous expense Santa Dawes and his Merry Men, all the way from Old Reindeer Park. (John has to be Santa because his name rhymes and Freddie Williams couldn't make it.) The Supporting cast in this Nativity play is quite impressive. At Full Back they have John Williams as the Star that Shines in the East. They have Three very Wise Men in the back row in John Taylor, Mervyn Davies, and Skipper Tony Gray. I have been told not to name the rest of the pack because the second row are the Shepherds, one of the front row plays Joseph and the other two have to toss up to decide who is Mary. The other one is the Donkey. I leave it to you to sort them out. No prizes awarded.

Goldie, Frank Incense and Myrrh are played by London Welsh Committee Men who will come carrying appropriate gifts if they beat us today. Also included in this all-star cast are several other stunning lights (Fairy?). Including Gerald Davies who used to thrill us all by dazzling running on his twinkling mistletoes (Ugh). If you don't think that's Fir, let us hope they pull up their Christmas stockings, have a cracker of a game, with no-one turning Turkey or shouting nuts to Tom Holly, who is quite a Card.

Not to be outdone we are Captained today by Alex Finlayson, fresh from his triumphs playing the Sheriff of Nottingham in Robin Hood, by kind permission of the Chief Constable. King John is playing King John in the same panto — everybody knows who plays Friar Tuck, but he's with the Rags today. Incidentally, we have had complaints from the mothers of many young children who are getting wet feet whilst standing on the banks of the Taff waiting for Barry John to walk across the water on his way to the ground. Desist youngsters it isn't true — but he can walk through walls.

We also have Wayne Lewis straight from the set of Dr. Zhivago, and Carl Smith who is playing the lead in Snow White. I thought it was grossly unfair after only one mediocre performance against the Quins, that someone suggested the rest of the pack must have been the Seven Dwarves. Lyn Baxter plays 'Lurch' in the Adams Family. From the cast of Cinderella we have Robbo and Roger Beard as the Ugly Sisters, Roger Lane as Prince Charming (charming) and Gerry Wallace as the Pumpkin. It depends on who out of John Bevan, Gareth Edwards and John Regan, scores the most tries today as to who will be our Fairy Godmother. Because of their extreme youth Mervyn John and John Davies play the Babes in the Wood and for exactly the opposite reason Gary Davies plays the witch.

The fixture with London Welsh has had traditionally a special significance to the players of Cardiff R.F.C., and since the Welsh have risen to amongst the most powerful teams in the land, this significance has intensified. Because of their attitude and ability — and mainly their attitude, I can think of no better team to be playing at Cardiff a week before Christmas.

For the faint-hearted amongst the Cardiff Supporters who are in awe of the fearsome array of talent before us — let me say some words of comfort. History is on our side. London Welsh have beaten Cardiff only once in the last 12 games (14-6 away in 1968). They have won once in Cardiff since the war (14 pts. - 11 in 1963). The full record reads since 1945 Played 36, won 31, lost 4.

Blwyddyn newydd da a Nadoleg Llawen. Croeso i Gymru Llundain.
D.J.H.

Know the Laws

by FRED CROSTER

A special one this week. Special because of the number of the supreme British Lions on the field. They met it in New Zealand. John Dawes himself was critically aware of the mistake the referees had made.

The game was against Poverty Bay, just before the vital last Test. It was won by 18-12 but could so easily have been a defeat.

Seven minutes from 'no-side', the ball went into touch from a punt by the Lions' skipper. It went into the crowd. David Kirkpatrick that great New Zealand forward was waiting on the touch line. Before anyone else knew what was going on the ball was handed down from the spectators so fast that he was able to throw it to winger Usher who then raced over unopposed, unchallenged, for a try which brought them within three points of the Lions' score.

All wrong! Law 23, 'Touch and Line-out', expressly states in Para 5, "A quick throw in from touch without waiting for the lines of players to form up is ONLY permissible provided that the ball that went into touch is used, it has been handled *only by the players* and is thrown in quickly."

I am tempted to say, now that our own crowd can be that much nearer to the field of play, "Let us beware" if a similar situation arose. Is there any need to now?

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- 9. G. EDWARDS†
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- 3. R. BEARD
- 4. I. ROBINSON
- 5. L. BAXTER
- 6. R. LANE
- 8. C. SMITH
- 7. M. JOHN

- Full Back
- Right Wing
- Right Centre
- Left Centre
- Left Wing
- Outside Half
- Inside Half
- Forwards



Referee: D. M. LLOYD (Nantyyfflon)

London Welsh

- J. P. R. WILLIAMS† 15.
- T. G. R. DAVIES† 14.
- S. J. DAWES† 13.
- K. HUGHES† 12.
- J. L. SHANKLIN† 11.
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- J. SHORE 9.
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- J. JAMES 4.
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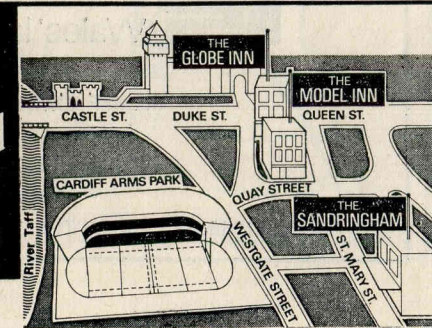
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Date	Opponents	Venue	Results
1971			
Sept. 1	Glamorgan Wands.	H	34-4
4	Maesteg	H	26-9
8	Bristol	A	19-13
11	Blackheath	H	26-13
15	Neath	H	13-12
18	Coventry	A	10-22
22	Pontypool	A	12-15
25	Aberavon	H	22-16
29	Abertillery	A	3-15
Oct. 2	Newport	A	4-7
6	Penarth	A	30-6
9	Northampton	H	24-20
13	Pontypridd	A	11-6
16	Ebbw Vale	A	18-21
23	Cambridge Univ.	H	17-4
27	Bridgend	A	6-19
30	Pontypool	H	19-6
Nov. 6	Oxford Univ.	A	30-13
11	Clermont Ferrand	A	6-9
13	Newport	H	0-6
20	Wasps	A	33-6
27	Llanelli	A	10-17

Dec. 4	Swansea	H	.....
11	Harlequins	A	.....
18	London Welsh	H	.....
27	Liverpool	H	.....
28	Watsonians	H	.....
1972			
Jan. 8	Coventry	H	.....
15	London Welsh	A	.....
22	Ebbw Vale	H	.....
29	Aberavon	A	.....
Feb. 4	Heriot's F.P.	H	.....
11	Bristol	H	.....
19	Newport	A	.....
26	Llanelli	H	.....
Mar. 4	Newport	H	.....
10	Bective Rangers	A	.....
15	Bridgend	H	.....
18	Swansea	A	.....
23	Bath	A	.....
April 1	Barbarians	H	.....
3	Harlequins	H
8	Gloucester	H
12	Neath	A
22	Newbridge	H
29	Snelling Sevens		

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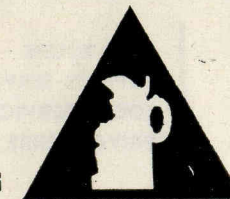
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