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v

LONDON WELSH

SATURDAY, 15th DECEMBER, 1973

KICK OFF 2.15 P.M.

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Cardiff v. London Welsh

To begin with, we feel it only right to quash the rumour that our distinguished visitors, en route to the Principality had an overnight stay at Pontypool, where pipes of peace were partaken of and you couldn't see the place for doves! Speaking of birds on the wing, we in the Cardiff Club have calculated that Gerald Davies is now on his 300th permit and we still won't agree to his transfer.

The London Welsh club have indeed made an indelible impression on club rugby and their style of play is much in keeping with our own traditions at Cardiff, for all that is good in Rugby Football. On the International scene their contribution in recent years has been tremendous.

The Old Deer Park clubhouse is *the* meeting place on International days and has been the launching pad for some memorable nights 'on the town' for many years.

We take this opportunity to salute that great club man John Dawes and wish him as much success as an administrator as he had as a player.

There are few greater crowd pulling games in Welsh club rugby than the Cardiff v. London encounter whether it be at home or away. The clubs have played each other since 1885 - 86 season and our record to date is:

PLAYED 74 WON 62 LOST 10 DRAWN 2

The last occasion that the Welsh conquered Cardiff at the Arms Park was in 1963. Last season we lost away by 20 pts. to 13 pts. and won at home under floodlights by 27 pts. to 6 pts. We anticipate a great game today and look forward to the return fixture on March 16th, on the morning of the Wales v. England international.

We wish all club members and supporters a Merry Christmas and hope that you will not be FUELISH and miss the holiday games against Pontypridd and Watsonians on Boxing Day and the 27th Dec. respectively.

C. T. HOWE

Know the Laws

by FRED CROSTER

In the last few notes, I have been talking about 'Advantage' and the importance it can play in our modern game when the referee in charge, and the players under his charge, appreciate the extent and scope of intelligent interpretation.

I wonder how many of you saw the varsity match last Tuesday? If not in the flesh, then on the 'box'. If so you will have noted the first penalty kick which Steve Lewis, the son of referee Ernie Lewis, put over safely to give Oxford their first score and a temporary lead.

Loud and long discussion around me, in the company of those who know quite a bit, as to whether the kick should have been given, when a try, right under the posts was on, if play had been allowed to continue. That would have meant a certain four points, with an almost certain conversion to make six, instead of the resultant three for the kick and, then, as happened Oxford would have been winners at the end.

As it looked to us then, and again in retrospect in the evening, it seemed fairly certain that Oxford would have gained that try. 'Advantage' could well have been allowed as the law permits. If it had been stopped, then play could have been brought back and the kick given. It did look fairly obvious. The referee could have been hasty in blowing up.

There is, though, more to it than the presentation of bare facts. Talking it over to the ref., and some of the players, the whistle did go quickly; the Cambridge defence eased off; if the whistle had not gone, they said that he would have been stopped. They might be right but had the whistle not gone then Oxford might have won.

The law is there to help the game to go on. I think that whistle could have been swallowed by Ken Clarke had he known the ultimate result.

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Referee: M. JOSEPH (Swansea)

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



London Welsh

- A. JENKINS 15.
- T. G. R. DAVIES 14.
- K. HUGHES 13.
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1973			
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5	Ebbw Vale ..	H	8-8
8	Blackheath ..	H	23-9
10	Paignton ..	A	28-6
12	Bristol ..	H	30-3
15	Coventry ..	A	16-20
19	Pontypool ..	H	27-9
22	Neath ..	H	11-7
29	Aberavon ..	H	18-6
Oct 3	Penarth ..	A	29-13
5	Newport ..	A	16-6
10	Northern Suburbs (N.S.W.) All Pay	H	44-6
13	Northampton ..	H	13-3
17	Ebbw Vale ..	A	13-3
20	Cambridge Univ.	H	17-3
24	Pontypool ..	A	9-14
27	Harlequins ..	A	20-19
31	Bridgend ..	H	11-13
Nov. 3	Oxford University	A	22-8
9	Newport ..	H	38-14
11	Clermont Ferrand	A	10-10
17	Wasps ..	A	.....
24	Llanelli ..	A	0-26

Dec. 1	Swansea ..	H	.....
8	Maesteg ..	A	.....
15	London Welsh ..	H	.....
22	Moseley ..	A	.....
26	Pontypridd ..	H	.....
27	Watsonians ..	H	.....
29	Abertillery ..	A	.....
1974			
Jan. 12	Coventry ..	H	.....
18	Heriots F. P. ..	H	.....
26	Aberavon ..	A	.....
Feb. 2	Bective Rangers ..	A	.....
9	Bristol ..	A	.....
23	Llanelli ..	H	.....
Mar. 2	Newbridge ..	H	.....
9	Newport ..	A	.....
16	London Welsh ..	A	.....
20	Bridgend ..	A	.....
23	Newport ..	H
30	Swansea ..	A
Apr. 6	Gloucester ..	H
13	Barbarians ..	H
15	Harlequins ..	H
20	Neath ..	A
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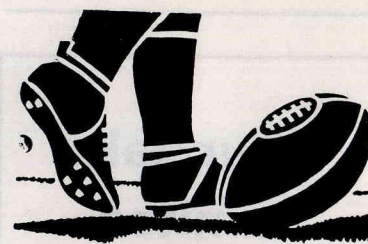
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