

CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB



CARDIFF v PONTYPOOL

WEDNESDAY, 7th DECEMBER, 1977

KICK OFF 7.15 p.m.

Official Programme 10p

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POOLA! POOLA!

Welcome to Pontypool.

As one who wore the famous 'Pool' colours during an unforgettable apprenticeship of nearly three seasons, way back in the early fifties, I naturally qualified for selection as programme scribe for tonight's game.

Some players who spring to mind from those early days are the resilient Max Horton, a great captain and tactician, Alan Forward at his foraging best and Len Arnold, soundest of full backs with the heart of a lion!

The club was blessed with tough, experienced prop forwards like Tom Matthews, Reg Baker and Jack Bodenham, who endeavoured to teach me some of the finer points of front row play. It was an experience second to none for the young hooker from "Kerdiff".

When the redoubtable Ray Prosser joined the second row he quickly established himself as pack leader and character extraordinary. When leading the pack, some of his exhortations to us when we were flagging are still engraved on my ear drums, such as: "Come on, you're like a bunch of milkin' cows!" and "Damn, you're like a lot of prima donnas!"

He was, and still is, one of the great characters of the game.

The build-up to the Cardiff fixtures in those days took the form of special training sessions which included running up the famous bank at Pontypool Park, around the Folly at the top, and back down again, followed by cheese and onion sandwiches.

Returning to more recent times, I doubt if Cardiff will have many harder cup rounds than last season's encounter at Pontypool Park. It was certainly one of the most hard-earned victories since the competition began.

A special welcome tonight to the returning Lions Terry Cobner and the Terrible Trio Charlie Faulkner, Bobby Windsor and Graham Price, who must have created a unique record in having four Lions selected from one club pack.

The Eastern Valley club is never easy opposition at home or away and tonight is no exception, particularly so considering their recent performances against Newport and Ebbw Vale where both ground records were taken.

Well, whatever one might think about ground records our must be in the balance tonight, but let us hope for a contest in keeping with some of the exciting tussles which both clubs have shared since 1907.

The record between the clubs (from the good book), 1907-1975:

Played 121 Won 83 Lost 25 Drawn 13

Congratulations to Mike Knill on his selection for the President's World XV v. France Centenary game. Also deserved recognition for Stuart Lane, Bob Dudley-Jones, Alan Phillips and Pat Daniels in their selection for Wales "B" v. France "B" squad.

Since the tremendous home victory over Ebbw Vale, we have witnessed a cold, hard, below par Cup performance at Garndiffaith, and a scintillating top quality team effort at Stradey Park. This produced a thoroughly convincing scoreline of 20-10 and included four Cardiff tries to one by Llanelli in a Club match which reached the high standards that one expects from two great Clubs.

On behalf of the Chairman, Committee, players and members we would like to wish Brynmor Williams every success with his new club.

After so many years of loyal service to the Club, wherein we have seen him develop from a college player to a British Lion, it is with regret that we have to lose him, but nevertheless we wish him well (except when we play the Black and Ambers).

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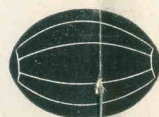
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Cardiff

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| 15. J. DAVIES | Full Back |
| 14. T. G. R. DAVIES (Captain) | Right Wing |
| 13. P. DANIELS | Right Centre |
| 12. M. MURPHY | Left Centre |
| 11. C. CAMILLERI | Left Wing |
| 10. D. BARRY/J. O'BRIEN | Outside Half |
| 9. G. EDWARDS <i>T. HOLMES</i> | Inside Half |
| 1. B. NELMES | Forwards |
| 2. M. WATKINS | |
| 3. D. LLEWELLYN | |
| 4. C. SMITH | |
| 5. P. RAWLINS | |
| 6. T. CHARLES | |
| 8. R. LANE | |
| 7. B. DUDLEY-JONES | |



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Replacements

T. HOLMES
L. O'BRIEN

Referee: K. ROWLANDS (Ynysybwl)

Pontypool

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| P. LEWIS | 15. |
| G. DAVIES | 14. |
| J. WALTERS | 13. |
| H. WILLMOTT | 12. |
| G. HUGHES | 11. |
| I. TAYLOR | 10. |
| A. GREY | 9. |
| A. G. FAULKNER | 1. |
| R. WINDSOR | 2. |
| G. PRICE | 3. |
| M. LEIGHTON | 4. |
| S. SUTTON | 5. |
| B. GREGORY | 6. |
| P. CLARK | 8. |
| T. J. COBNER (Capt.) | 7. |
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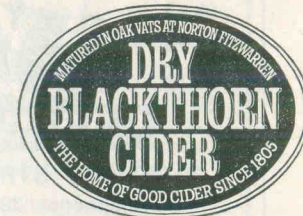
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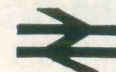
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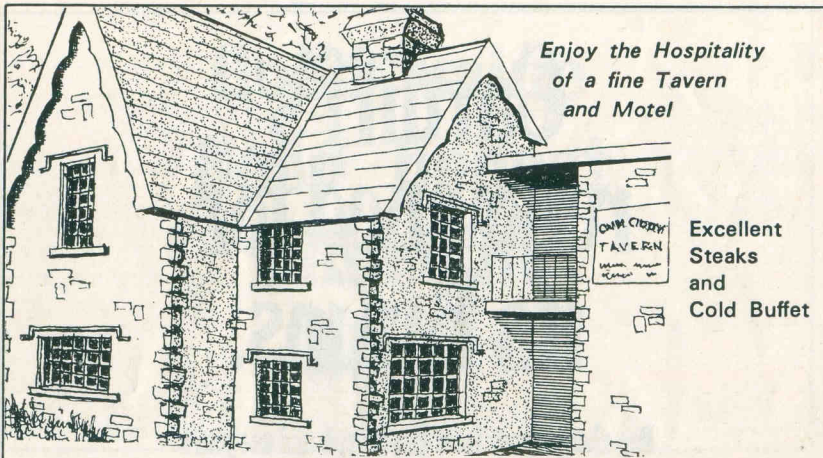
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FIRST XV FIXTURES

1977 SEPTEMBER

Sat. 3	Maesteg	H	35-9
Wed. 7	Glamorgan Wands.	H	35-9
Fri. 9	Neath	H	18-9
Wed. 14	Bristol	H	25-12
Sat. 17	Coventry	A	17-9
Wed. 21	Pontypool	A	12-6
Sat. 24	Aberavon	H	28-13

OCTOBER

Sat. 1	Newport	A	10-27
Wed. 5	Pontypridd	A	11-23
Sat. 8	Northampton	H	50-6
Wed. 12			
Sat. 15	Cambridge Univ.	A	46-9
Wed. 19	Penarth	H	21-12
Sat. 22	Harlequins	A	22-16
Sat. 29	Moseley	A	9-18

NOVEMBER

Sat. 5	Oxford University	A	29-9
Sat. 12	Ebbw Vale	H	28-0
Sat. 19	Garndiffaith (Cup)	A	9-0
Sat. 26	Llanelli	A	20-10

DECEMBER

Sat. 3	Swansea	H	.....
Wed. 7	Pontypool	H	.....
Sat. 10	London Welsh	H	.....
Sat. 17	Cwmavon (Cup)	H	.....
Sat. 24	Bridgend	A	.....

Mon. 26	Pontypridd	H	.....
Sat. 31	Coventry	H	.....

1978 JANUARY

Mon. 2	London Scottish	H	.....
Sat. 7	Bedford	A	.....
Sat. 14	W.R.U. Cup 3rd Round		
Sat. 21	Ebbw Vale	A	.....
Sat. 28	Aberavon	A	.....

FEBRUARY

Sat. 4	London Welsh	A	.....
Wed. 8	Llanelli	H	.....
Sat. 11	Bristol	A	.....
Sat. 25	W.R.U. Cup 4th Round		

MARCH

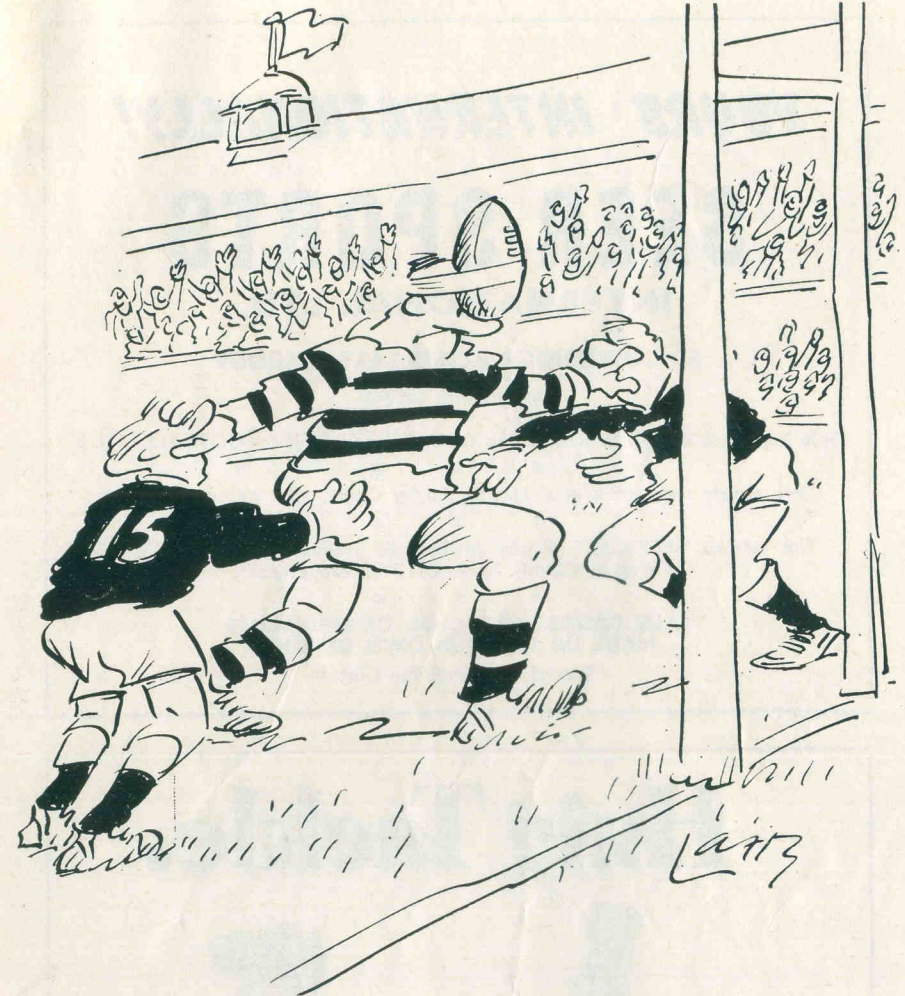
Wed. 8	Bridgend	H	.....
Sat. 11	Orrell	H	.....
Sat. 25	Barbarians	H	.....
Mon. 27	Harlequins	H	.....

APRIL

Sat. 1	Gloucester	H	.....
Wed. 5	Newport	H	.....
Sat. 8	Swansea	A	.....
Sat. 15	Camborne	A	.....
Mon. 17	St. Ives	A	.....
Sat. 22	Neath	A	.....
Sat. 29	W.R.U. Cup Final		

NEXT HOME FIXTURES

Sat., 10th December:	CARDIFF v. LONDON WELSH	3 p.m.
Sat., 17th December:	CARDIFF v. CWMAVON (Cup)	3 p.m.
Mon., 26th December:	CARDIFF v. PONTYPRIDD	3 p.m.



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