

# CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB



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**Official Programme 10p**



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Today we bid a hospitable welcome to the reigning Whitbread Merit Table champions, Maesteg. During last season when they won this honour, the Old Parish fully deserved to do so. On the way to the top place in that table they doubled Bridgend and Pontypool, took Swansea's ground record and won at Pontypridd. Consistency such as this is the stuff champions are made of so Maesteg certainly deserved their success. It marked the most epic season in the club since their invincible campaign of 1950. Colin Donovan proved to be a marvellous find in his first year in senior rugby and scored 37 tries in beating the club record of 36 held by Norman Davies.

The Maesteg club was formed in 1882 and so they will soon have to be busily under way planning celebrations for their centenary season. Since their formation, however, we have only played them spasmodically at first class level on 18 occasions. Of these 18 games Cardiff have won 11, lost 6, with one drawn game. The points total for the series shows 280 to Cardiff with 175 for Maesteg. A study of these results shows that of the eight games played between 1926/27 and 1930/31, Maesteg won 6, lost 2 and scored 113 points against Cardiff's 71. This was indeed a purple patch for the Old Parish. A record they could well do without, however, is the fact that Cardiff's record score of 77 points in a first class match was against them during season 1972/73. I am sure that Maesteg must have been subconsciously well and truly behind Cardiff when we played Coventry earlier on during this season and amassed 76 points. Two more and the Old Parish would have been delighted to have been erased from the record books for this particular statistic.

During their existence Maesteg have provided six players who have represented Wales. From their first cap, D. Watts in 1914 who made two appearances, the sequence has been continued by Evan Davies in 1919 with one cap, C. Pugh with seven during 1924 and 1925, Windsor Major with two in 1949/50, Trevor Lloyd with two in 1953 and finally to Chico Hopkins who replaced an injured Gareth Edwards during the game against England at Twickenham in 1970. The memory of this match was the way Wales snatched victory from the jaws of defeat once Chico came on as replacement. Further honours were achieved when Trevor Lloyd toured with the 1955 British Lions to South Africa and Chico Hopkins to New Zealand in 1971. It was during this test series winning tour that Chico was introduced to golf. He was drawn to play against Mike Gibson who happened to be a very good player. On seeing Gibson hit an almighty first tee shot which soared away into the distance, Chico was heard to remark "Blimey, I don't go that far for my holidays!"

Despite the fact that Maesteg have been hit by injuries to key players they have been going well this year and appear to have taken up where they left off last season. Colin Donovan is again in splendid form as is his co-winger Phillip Martell who has scored eight times since the season began. As yet the Old Parish have lost only to Pontypool and just recently to Glamorgan Wanderers. With their approach for open and fluid rugby we should reasonably expect to see a really entertaining game this afternoon. Welcome Maesteg..

On the home front, it was great news to hear that Gareth Davies and Terry Holmes have been selected to play for Wales against New Zealand and Mike Watkins as a replacement. When you consider that there have been only nine such previous encounters, seven of them at Cardiff, it highlights how fortunate the players concerned are to be around at the time of an All Black tour. Many great Welsh players have seen their careers come and go without

a touring side visit. Gareth and Terry will be thrilled at the chance of proving themselves worthy successors to the great Gareth Edwards and Phil Bennett, especially in front of a Welsh crowd at the National Stadium. Good luck to you both and whilst not wishing anybody ill luck, may fortune smile on Mike Watkins in his quest for his first cap.

P.N.

## KNOW THE LAWS

By FRED CROSTER

During the week, alas, it conflicted with the Pontypool game, I took one of our Sports Forums to Maesteg for what was a marvellous evening. Coaching and the need for closer liaising with referees was a point discussed at length. It took me back to, again, our All Blacks match.

There was in my mind a penalty kick when one of our forwards was tackled; down he went, released the ball behind him, putting his body between the ball and the opponents. A ruck was soon formed, a harsh blast on the whistle brought them the penalty and the resulting three points. We see it happen so often, do we not?

Several things to look at there. Firstly, the tackled player did nothing wrong in the first instance by putting the ball behind him. That is correct.

Secondly, he DID release the ball. Again, correct.

What he **must** do then is to roll away, if possible, but in any event not attempt to affect the play in any way.

**Then, as happened, even if a ruck is formed and he is there, virtually helpless and unable to get away from what is an offside position in that ruck, then he should NOT be penalised.**

This is a bone of contention, I know, with players, coaches and referees. Often, in my opinion, referees do tend to penalise, looking for the offside 'ruck' situation when, as quoted, the player is physically unable to do anything about it. That is wrong.

Going 'over the top' is an entirely different situation. This again happens so often when players drive in to form the ruck. That is definitely offside and **MUST** be penalised immediately.

### NEXT HOME FIXTURES . . . .

Sat., 18th November: **CARDIFF v. WHITLAND**  
(WRU Cup—1st Round) (All Pay) 3 p.m.  
Sat., 25th November: **CARDIFF v. LLANELLI** 3 p.m.  
Wed., 29th November: **CARDIFF v. OXFORD UNIV.** 7.15 p.m.

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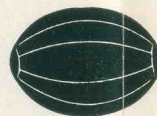
**Cardiff**

- 15. J. DAVIES
- 14. A. YEANDLE
- 13. P. DANIELS
- 12. A. FINLAYSON
- 11. C. CAMILLERI
- 10. H. DAVIES
- 9. K. KINSEY
- 1. B. NELMES (Captain)
- 2. M. WATKINS
- 3. D. LLEWELLYN
- 4. H. de GOEDE
- 5. R. NORSTER
- 6. D. CHURCH
- 8. C. SMITH
- 7. R. DUDLEY-JONES

P. REES  
J. SCOTT

Referee: A. DUFFY (Australia)

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



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Replacements

**Maesteg**

- I. HOPKINS 15.
- C. DONOVAN 14.
- R. STEVENS 13.
- G. GRIFFITHS 12.
- P. MARTELL 11.
- J. REES 10.
- L. O'CONNOR 9.
- L. BOWEN 1.
- I. THOMAS 2.
- B. BRADLEY 3.
- J. MORGAN (Captain) 4.
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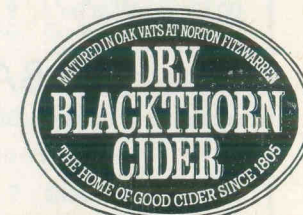
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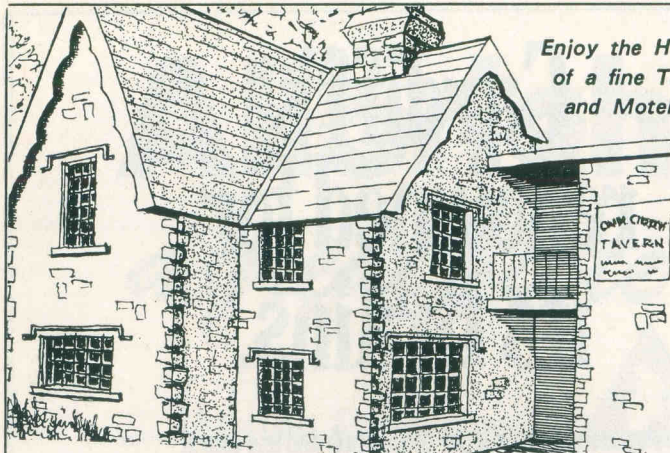


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| 9       | L'nd'n Welsh | £3.00           |
| 30      | Coventry     | £2.60           |
| 1979    |              |                 |
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| Mar. 10 | Pontypool    | £1.30           |
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### FIRST XV FIXTURES

#### 1978 SEPTEMBER

|      |    |                  |         |
|------|----|------------------|---------|
| Fri. | 1  |                  |         |
| Sat. | 2  | East District    | H 38-17 |
| Wed. | 6  | Glamorgan Wands. | H 55-13 |
| Sat. | 9  | Neath            | A 13-11 |
| Wed. | 13 | Bristol          | A 42-14 |
| Sat. | 16 | Coventry         | H 76-9  |
| Wed. | 20 | Penarth          | H 62-0  |
| Sat. | 23 | Aberavon         | A 14-13 |
| Wed. | 27 | Pontypridd       | A 9-23  |
| Sat. | 30 | Moseley          | A 9-3   |

#### OCTOBER

|      |    |             |        |
|------|----|-------------|--------|
| Sat. | 7  | Newport     | H 7-0  |
| Sat. | 14 | Northampton | A 10-3 |
| Sat. | 21 | New Zealand | H 7-17 |

(All pay)

|      |    |            |         |
|------|----|------------|---------|
| Wed. | 25 | Bridgend   | A 10-12 |
| Sat. | 28 | Harlequins | A 36-12 |

#### NOVEMBER

|      |    |                      |         |
|------|----|----------------------|---------|
| Wed. | 1  | Pontypool            | H 14-16 |
| Sat. | 4  | Maesteg              | H.....  |
| Sat. | 11 | Ebbw Vale            | A.....  |
| Sat. | 18 | W.R.U. Cup 1st Round |         |
| Sat. | 25 | Llanelli             | H.....  |
| Wed. | 29 | Oxford University    | H.....  |

#### DECEMBER

|      |    |                     |        |
|------|----|---------------------|--------|
| Sat. | 2  | Swansea             | A..... |
| Sat. | 9  | London Welsh        | A..... |
| Sat. | 16 | W.R.U. Cup2nd Round |        |

|       |    |            |        |
|-------|----|------------|--------|
| Sat.  | 23 | Bridgend   | H..... |
| Tues. | 26 | Pontypridd | H..... |
| Sat.  | 30 | Coventry   | A..... |

#### 1979 JANUARY

|      |    |                      |        |
|------|----|----------------------|--------|
| Mon. | 1  | Bath                 | H..... |
| Sat. | 6  | Moseley              | H..... |
| Sat. | 13 | W.R.U. Cup 3rd Round |        |
| Fri. | 19 | Herlots F.P.         | A..... |
| Sat. | 27 | Aberavon             | H..... |

#### FEBRUARY

|      |    |                      |        |
|------|----|----------------------|--------|
| Sat. | 10 | Bristol              | H..... |
| Sat. | 17 |                      |        |
| Sat. | 24 | W.R.U. Cup 4th Round |        |
| Wed. | 28 | Llanelli             | A..... |

#### MARCH

|      |    |              |        |
|------|----|--------------|--------|
| Sat. | 3  | Ebbw Vale    | H..... |
| Sat. | 10 | Pontypool    | A..... |
| Fri. | 16 | London Welsh | H..... |
| Sat. | 17 |              |        |
| Sat. | 24 | Newport      | A..... |
| Sat. | 31 | Swansea      | H..... |

#### APRIL

|      |    |            |        |
|------|----|------------|--------|
| Sat. | 7  | Gloucester | A..... |
| Sat. | 14 | Barbarians | H..... |
| Mon. | 16 | Harlequins | H..... |
| Sat. | 21 | Neath      | H..... |
| Sat. | 28 |            |        |



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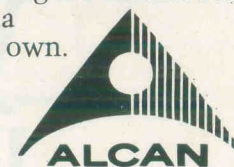
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