

CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB



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(SCHWEPES/W.R.U. CHALLENGE CUP)

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Official Programme 10p

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Today sees the beginning of the long hard slog which will eventually lead to two teams contesting the final of the Schweppes/W.R.U. Challenge Cup at the National Stadium on April 28th next. During the interim period, we will, no doubt, witness the usual heartache of the near miss or conversely the glory of victory of many teams until the 64 sides competing today are ultimately dwindled down to the finalists. Many of the so called smaller clubs are now licking their lips and savouring the prospects of having a go at one of the "big guns". On the other side of the coin, however, many of the "big guns" will have feelings of apprehension at the thought of having to visit a small village in the back of beyond.

On occasions such as these, the whole village is completely and unashamedly 100% behind their local heroes and no effort in the form of support is spared in urging them on to a giant-killing act which will see their beloved village through to the next round. Several, if not all committees of the bigger clubs have been known to age visibly during the course of such encounters. With their own sides only marginally ahead of their supposedly inferior standard opposition, and one score would see the "minnows" nose ahead, the final whistle has come to their utmost relief and ultimate benefit to deteriorating heart conditions. In fact this was our lot last season when we visited Garndiffaith in the first round. As that game went on, many Cardiff people were beginning to get that horrible "something's going to go wrong" feeling (right for Garndiffaith, of course). We survived, however, and managed a win by three penalties to nil.

Today's Cup match gives us the opportunity of bidding a big welcome to the town of Whitland, or as the Welsh speakers would have it Hendgwyn-ar-Dâf. The town is situated on the Carmarthenshire side of the old border with Pembrokeshire (does anyone ever refer to these counties as Dyfed?). The old border was marked by the River Tâf which is famous for its salmon and sewin fishing. There is a familiar ring to the name of that river, but there the similarity must surely end. Whitland is famous in possessing the largest dairy in Europe with a daily intake of some 125,000 gallons. What a staggering figure, a million pints! That's almost as much as the amount of Brains Dark sold in Cardiff every day. Historically, Whitland can boast the ruins of a Cistercian Abbey and the fact that St. David was taught there.

Rugby was first played at Whitland prior to 1900 and after going through phases of soccer and hockey, rugby took over completely in 1937. They have been regular competitors in both the Pembrokeshire Knock-out Cup and League. In fact they won the double of cup and league for three years running in 1950, 51 and 52. In all they have won the cup on eight occasions and the league on ten. Since they became members of the W.R.U., Whitland have always been a progressive club. The headquarters, Caxton House, was opened in 1962 and extended in 1965. Their present playing field and dressing rooms became available in 1969 after extensive levelling of the field had been completed. Since then they have installed first class floodlights, a stand to seat 1,000 spectators, a gymnasium, car park and extensive boundary fencing. All in all this has cost some £55,000.

The club fields three sides: firsts, seconds and a youth XV and sponsors and supplies facilities for school rugby. Last season they retained their hold on the championship title and were beaten finalists in the cup competition by 10-6 against Tenby United. They have provided many players to Llanelli and Swansea and can be justifiably proud of their contribution to Rugby Football both on and off the field. Yes, Whitland can walk with its head held high and may today's game be a memorable occasion for them. Whatever the result may we trust that above all else they enjoy their first visit to Cardiff Arms Park.

So to President Dr. M.F. Holding, Secretary Doddy Richards and all your officers, players and supporters we again bid you a warm welcome to the home of the "Blue and Blacks".

P.N.

KNOW THE LAWS

By FRED CROSTER

Still smarting over last Saturday? I think we all will for very many years. Referee Quittenton had much to bear. I'll resist the temptation to dwell upon that diabolical last kick which has been publicised so much, and just provide you with a few facts—of interest to me and, I hope, to you.

First half: 8 kicks to us, 7 to them.

Second half: 5 to us, 10 to them.

In all, 13 for, 17 against. Of those, 3 to us were for offside at scrum or maul; 4 for obstruction or foul play; 3 for line-out offences; 1 for handling after a tackle and 2 free kicks—one for not straight and one unusual one for not packing in the scrum.

The All Blacks received 9 for offside at scrum, maul or ruck (I disagreed with 3 of these); for what might have been a bit of dangerous play; 2 for barging, PLUS that last one which I will discount; 3 for handling after tackle or/and in scrum or ruck; 1 against Faulkner for supposedly raking.

A couple of points which caused comment with the press box pundits: Stoppage time for injuries—should strictly be ONE minute. Seemed to stretch a bit didn't it? Advantage to us on at least two occasions when play was stopped and the scrum awarded to us; the old practice of holding up play for injuries to take us 'off the boil'. Difficult to do much about this. The Bryan Williams trip on J.J. The kick should have been given where the ball landed, but Fenwick did make the goal, fortunately.

So easy for us, isn't it?

Back to our own domestic scene and the last home game against Pontypool. I have been asked about this one especially.

Scrummage, ball held by Terry Cobner at the back of the scrum, when he was to all intents and purposes almost an arms length from the others and we were caught offside. Was the ball out or not? That was the question.

Terry, clever Terry Cobner, remained in contact with the scrum by still holding on. He kept the ball at his feet, in front of him. Alas, it WAS still in the scrum. We WERE offside.

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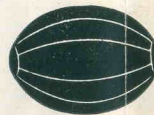
Cardiff

15. P REES
14. P. DANIELS
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12. A. FINLAYSON
11. C. CAMILLERI
10. G. DAVIES
9. T. HOLMES
1. B. NELMES (Captain)
2. M. WATKINS
3. D. LLEWELLYN
4. P. RAWLINS
5. R. NORSTER
6. T. CHARLES
8. J SCOTT
7. M. JOHN

- J. DAVIES
H. DAVIES
S. MILLER
A. PHILLIPS
J. WHITEFOOT
R. DUDLEY-JONES

Referee: W. D. BEVAN (Clydach)

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



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Whitland

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- M. EDWARDS 10.
- D. HILL 9.
- N. EDWARDS 1.
- H. LEWIS 2.
- P. DAVIES 3.
- C. SKONE 4.
- J. REES 5.
- A. THOMAS 6.
- D. MORGAN (Captain) 8.
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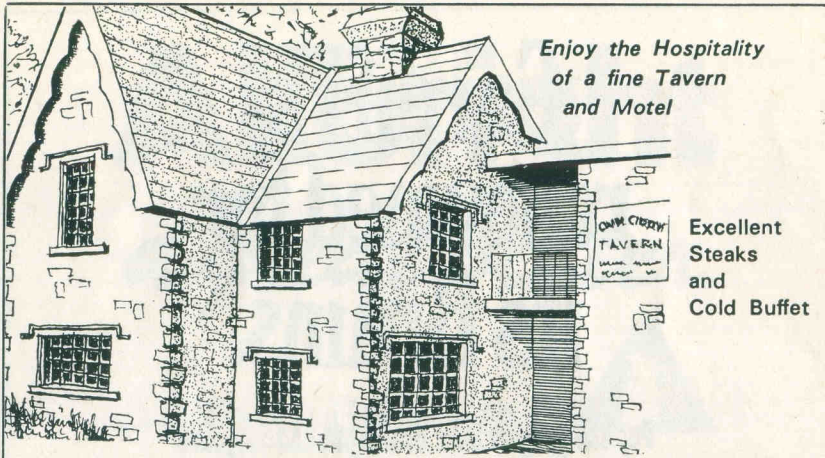


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7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.
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The proposed trips for the
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DATE	VENUE	Cost per member
1978		
Dec. 2	Swansea	£1.50
9	L'nd'n Welsh	£3.00
30	Coventry	£2.60
1979		
Feb. 28	Llanelli	£1.70
Mar. 10	Pontypool	£1.30
Apr. 7	Gloucester	£1.60



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Wed., 29th November: **CARDIFF v. OXFORD UNIV.** 7.15 p.m.
Sat., 23rd December: **CARDIFF v. BRIDGEND** 3 p.m.

FIRST XV FIXTURES

1978	Sat. 23	Bridgend	H.....
SEPTEMBER	Tues. 26	Pontypridd	H.....
Fri. 1	Sat. 30	Coventry	A.....
Sat. 2	1979	JANUARY	
Wed. 6	Mon. 1	Bath	H.....
Sat. 9	Sat. 6	Moseley	H.....
Wed. 13	Sat. 13	W.R.U. Cup 3rd Round	A.....
Sat. 16	Fri. 19	Herliots F.P.	A.....
Wed. 20	Sat. 27	Aberavon	H.....
Sat. 23	FEBRUARY		
Wed. 27	Sat. 10	Bristol	H.....
Sat. 30	Sat. 17		
OCTOBER	Sat. 24	W.R.U. Cup 4th Round	A.....
Sat. 7	Wed. 28	Llanelli	A.....
Sat. 14	MARCH		
Sat. 21	Sat. 3	Ebbw Vale	H.....
Wed. 25	Sat. 10	Pontypool	A.....
Sat. 28	Fri. 16	London Welsh	H.....
NOVEMBER	Sat. 17		
Wed. 1	Sat. 24	Newport	A.....
Sat. 4	Sat. 31	Swansea	H.....
Sat. 11	APRIL		
Sat. 18	Sat. 7	Gloucester	A.....
Sat. 25	Sat. 14	Barbarians	H.....
Wed. 29	Mon. 16	Harlequins	H.....
DECEMBER	Sat. 21	Neath	H.....
Sat. 2	Sat. 28		
Sat. 9			
Sat. 16			



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