

# CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB



**CARDIFF v LLANELLI**

SATURDAY, 25th NOVEMBER, 1978

KICK OFF 3 p.m.

**Official Programme 10p**

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Today we extend the warm hand of friendship to our old rivals from West Wales, Llanelli. The kick off has been maintained at the normal time of 3 o'clock despite the fact that the England v. New Zealand game is being televised live from Twickenham. This is due to the fact that it was thought that the magnetism of a live encounter between Cardiff and Llanelli with all its parochialism and partisanship should far outweigh the non-committal comfort of viewing on the "box".

This afternoon's match sees the 190th in the series between the sides. Of this total, Cardiff have won 106, lost 68, with 16 games being drawn. The points total shows 1,684 to Cardiff and 1,242 to Llanelli. During the past three or four seasons the games have been of the highest quality, played at a tip-top pace and have proved to be very good spectator value. The game at Stradey last year was a real cracker during which Gareth Edwards really stamped his personality on proceedings. He scored one of his own special brand of tries from 15 yards out, generally played havoc with the opposition and with the rest of the side playing well gave Cardiff the verdict by 20 points to 10. The return match, played on a Wednesday night in February, proved to be even better, at least from the Cardiff point of view because we won by 22 points to 3. The night was bitterly cold but the tempo and heat of the match soon made the spectators forget this and they thoroughly enjoyed a very good match.

In fact, last year was the first time we have won at Llanelli since season 1968/69 when the score was 6 points to nil. Having won the previous game of that season at Cardiff by 9 points to 3, it was also the last occasion when we doubled the Scarlets.

Perhaps the most memorable game ever played between the sides, however, was that pulsating encounter of the 8th January, 1977 in the third round tie of the W.R.U. Cup of that season. It was, of course, our Centenary year and Llanelli had already rather easily disposed of us earlier in the season at the Arms Park by 17 points to 4. (Remember that day? It was the occasion when we had a parade of our past players marching with all their old team mates in their respective playing decades. Marvellous stuff!) This cup match created a magnificent atmosphere, almost like international days on the Stadium. The game itself proved to be a classic in true Welsh Rugby mould. The Scarlets went off with a bang and at half-time were in the lead by 12 points to nil and were looking a reasonably safe bet for another cup victory. The Cardiff side of the day, however, had a different opinion and during the second half gave a superb display of attacking rugby and came out eventual and deserved winners of a truly marvellous game by 25 points to 15. That victory put an end to Llanelli's sequence of 26 consecutive cup victories and only two defeats in six years of such encounters during which they won the cup on four successive occasions. A wonderful achievement and one of which they can be justly proud.

During their history Llanelli have produced many, many fine players for their club, country and British Lions. For example, one of their forwards, the great R. H. Williams (now a member of the Cardiff club) jointly holds the record with Gareth Edwards of 10 appearances for the British Lions in test matches. But perhaps Llanelli's greatest son is the one and only Phil Bennett, O.B.E. A truly superb player in the typical Welsh outside half style, he keeps popping up in all sorts of record books. In his sixth season as captain of his club, 29 appearances for Wales, 8 as captain, including last year's magnificent Grand Slam and triple Triple Crown, 8 appearances in tests for the British Lions during two tours, the second of which he was captain, world record holder of 212 points for his country and British Lions tests and so on and so on. Regrettably for Wales Phil has called it a day at international level and perhaps he may well do so at club level at the end of this year. If this is to be the case, today will be the last occasion to see one of the giants of Welsh Rugby in action on the Arms Park.

So to Phil Bennett and his Scarlets, and indeed all Llanelli, we say welcome and hope for fine weather in order to witness another great Cardiff v. Llanelli match.

P.N.

## KNOW THE LAWS

By FRED CROSTER

'Players' dress', and 'Studs' in particular, is the topic this week. With all the publicity this has brought of late I find it strange that no mention has been made of the J.J. Williams thigh gash in the West Wales v. All Blacks match which required seven stitches and could have been quite serious. That could only have been caused by studs which do far more damage than the boot itself.

They do have to conform to stringent regulations as laid down, and I quote: "They must be of leather, rubber, aluminium or approved plastic. They must be circular and securely fastened and the dimensions: Maximum length (from the sole)...18mm. Maximum diameter at the base...13 mm. Maximum diameter at the top...10 mm. Maximum diameter of washer (if separate)...20 mm."

Manufacturers have not always complied and careful watch is observed regarding this. Referees in Scotland are issued with an official gauge in order to check; they have been and are being used by English and Welsh referees, indeed I personally had a template given to me some time ago resulting from an article I had written. As has been said before, referee Quittenton measured the studs prior to our All Blacks match and eight of their players had to change them.

All Welsh referees have been told to inspect players' footwear before matches. One cynical observer remarked "how long before the kick off?". I'll leave you to work out why.

Nylon studs which were very popular can, with wear, plus warming up on concrete floors and running out on to the ground, produce a razor-like edge; aluminium, the most common, for the same reasons can become well nigh lethal. Hard rubber, which I myself used for twenty years with excellent grip, much comfort and which never wore to an edge, seem to be right out of favour. A new synthetic type is being experimented with. When discussing this with the W.R.U.'s Ray Williams and Malcolm Lewis, the point was made that a small file, to smooth rough edges, is almost a dressing room necessity, with which we at the Arms Park have long complied.

**Prevention is far better than any cure.**

They also feel that it is up to the players themselves to be far more concerned with the state of their own footwear and not leave it to the ground-staff as so many do.

After all, the lawmakers can only do so much. The rest is up to those who, themselves, might be sadly on the receiving end.

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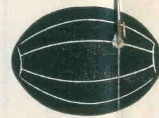
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| 15. P REES              | Full Back    |
| 14. P. DANIELS          | Right Wing   |
| 13. M. MURPHY           | Right Centre |
| 12. A. FINLAYSON        | Left Centre  |
| 11. C. CAMILLERI        | Left Wing    |
| 10. G. DAVIES (Captain) | Outside Half |
| 9. T. HOLMES            | Inside half  |
| 1. B. NEWMAN            | Forwards     |
| 2. M. WATKINS           |              |
| 3. D. LLEWELLYN         |              |
| 4. P. RAWLINS           |              |
| 5. R. NORSTER           |              |
| 6. T. CHARLES           |              |
| 8. C. SMITH             |              |
| 7. M. JOHN              |              |



ALCAN METAL  
CENTRES

- |                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| 16. A. YEANDLE | Replacements |
| 17. L. O'BRIEN |              |

Referee: J. A. SHORT (Hawick, Scotland)

## Llanelli

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|-------------------|-----|
| C. GRIFFITHS      | 15. |
| J. J. WILLIAMS    | 14. |
| R. GRAVELL        | 13. |
| P. MORGAN         | 12. |
| D. NICHOLAS       | 11. |
| P. BENNETT        | 10. |
| S. WILLIAMS       | 9.  |
| C. THOMAS         | 1.  |
| H. THOMAS/J. LUGG | 2.  |
| J. WILLIAMS       | 3.  |
| A. DAVIES         | 4.  |
| P. MAY/H. JENKINS | 5.  |
| D. DAVEY          | 6.  |
| D. QUINNELL       | 8.  |
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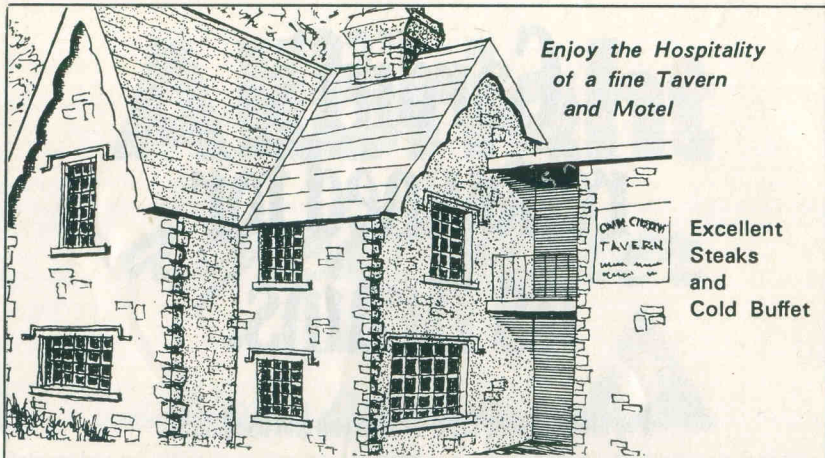


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1978		
Dec. 2	Swansea	£1.50
9	L'nd'n Welsh	£3.00
30	Coventry	£2.60
1979		
Feb. 28	Llanelli	£1.70
Mar. 10	Pontypool	£1.30
Apr. 7	Gloucester	£1.60



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Sat., 23rd December: **CARDIFF v. BRIDGEND** 3 p.m.  
Tues., 26th December: **CARDIFF v. PONTYPRIDD** 3 p.m.

### FIRST XV FIXTURES

1978		Sat. 23	Bridgend	H.....
SEPTEMBER		Tues. 26	Pontypridd	H.....
Fri. 1		Sat. 30	Coventry	A.....
Sat. 2	East District	1979		
Wed. 6	Glamorgan Wands.	JANUARY		
Sat. 9	Neath	Mon. 1	Bath	H.....
Wed. 13	Bristol	Sat. 6	Moseley	H.....
Sat. 16	Coventry	Sat. 13	W.R.U. Cup 3rd Round	
Wed. 20	Penarth	Fri. 19	Heriots F.P.	A.....
Sat. 23	Aberavon	Sat. 27	Aberavon	H.....
Wed. 27	Pontypridd	FEBRUARY		
Sat. 30	Moseley	Sat. 10	Bristol	H.....
OCTOBER		Sat. 17		
Sat. 7	Newport	Sat. 24	W.R.U. Cup 4th Round	
Sat. 14	Northampton	Wed. 28	Llanelli	A.....
Sat. 21	New Zealand (All pay)	MARCH		
Wed. 25	Bridgend	Sat. 3	Ebbw Vale	H.....
Sat. 28	Harlequins	Sat. 10	Pontypool	A.....
NOVEMBER		Fri. 16	London Welsh	H.....
Wed. 1	Pontypool	Sat. 17		
Sat. 4	Maesteg	Sat. 24	Newport	A.....
Sat. 11	Ebbw Vale	Sat. 31	Swansea	H.....
Sat. 18	Whitland (Cup)	APRIL		
Sat. 25	Llanelli	Sat. 7	Gloucester	A.....
Wed. 29	Oxford University	Sat. 14	Barbarians	H.....
DECEMBER		Mon. 16	Harlequins	H.....
Sat. 2	Swansea	Sat. 21	Neath	H.....
Sat. 16	London Welsh	Sat. 28		
Sat. 9	W.R.U. Cup2nd Round			



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