

CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB



CARDIFF v OXFORD UNIVERSITY

WEDNESDAY, 29th NOVEMBER, 1978

KICK OFF 7.15 p.m.

Official Programme 10p

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Tonight we stage the game against Oxford University which is normally played on the first Saturday of November. Due to several complicating features however, which make the life of a fixture secretary so hazardous, the game could only be fitted in this year as an evening floodlit venture. Oxford of course will be glad of the work out in preparation for their big game of the year and the one that really matters, Cambridge University at Twickenham. By tradition both these seats of learning are extremely keen to defeat the other and regardless of all other results during the year a victory in the varsity match heralds a successful year of office for the captain and his team.

Last season's encounter saw our own Gareth Davies, as a freshman, playing for the Dark Blues and they had particularly good reason to be glad of his inclusion. They had lost eight consecutive games in their run up to Twickenham, but to the joy of their long suffering supporters, they put an end to the Cambridge record breaking sequence of five wins in a row by winning 16 points to 10. In the process they ensured that two other records should remain unbroken. Had Cambridge won they would have taken the lead in the series for the first time since it began in 1872. Instead Oxford still lead by 42 wins to 41 defeats with 13 matches being drawn. It also ensured that C. D. (now Sir Carl) Aarvold remains the only Blue to have taken part in 4 winning University matches, in his case from 1925 to 1928. Two of the Cambridge team, their captain Alistair Hignell and former All Black international wing Mike O'Callaghan were set to equal that record last season having taken part in three of the previous victories. The Oxford success was largely due to the superb play of Gareth Davies at outside-half who used the ample supply of ball won by his forwards to control the game with some great line kicking. This, coupled with some magnificent goal kicking by Tony Watkinson ensured victory for the Dark Blues in an entertaining match in which both sides gave themselves to their task with the usual and traditional do-or-die commitment.

Formed in 1869, the Oxford Cardiff series reaches its 45th game this evening. Of the previous 44 Cardiff have won 29, lost 12 with 13 games drawn. The points total shows 538 to Cardiff with 300 to Oxford. Their 12 victories have been fairly evenly distributed over the 90 year history of the series. They have only managed consecutive wins on two occasions, seasons 1931/32 and 1932/33 and secondly 1962/63 and 1963/64. In the post second world war era Oxford seemed to draw many overseas players to its colleges with the best known of these being perhaps the great Van Ryneveld brothers from South Africa. Nearer home it is rather strange to see the uneven distribution of Cardiff players to both the Light and Dark Blues. While some 18 are recorded as playing for Cambridge, only 9 have donned the dark blue jersey of Oxford. Gareth Davies is the most recent of these of course, but included in the list is another man still very actively engaged in working for Cardiff, Dr. C.D. Williams. C.D. played in the 1945 Varsity game (Cor! 33 years ago) which was won by Cambridge by 11 points to 8.

Tonight then we extend a warm welcome to Oxford University and also our thanks for coming on a Wednesday and giving us the opportunity of staging a further home game. Obviously their thoughts and efforts are very much geared to the big game at Twickenham on Tuesday, December 12th and for this occasion we wish them well.

Last Saturday's exciting game against Llanelli saw a new venture for the Cardiff Club in as much as it was sponsored by J. B. (Volkswagen) Ltd. One of the features of the sponsorship was the presentation of a man of the match award. This was won predictably by Phil Bennett for his vast contribution to the game. His kicking was immaculate and he was very much involved with both his sides' tries in achieving their victory. Phil, being the nice guy that he is was very pleased with the award and was very complimentary to Cardiff in his remarks when accepting the award. The sponsorship arrangements went very well and to the complete satisfaction of J. B. (Volkswagen) Ltd. and we hope that the venture can be repeated on other occasions.

P.N.

KNOW THE LAWS

By FRED CROSTER

Three points which arose in the All Blacks' so comfortable win over England and caused comment and discussion around me.

'Accidental Offside'. Two distinct occasions when a player in possession of the ball touched one of his own men in front of him, making the latter player accidentally offside and the whistle did not blow.

Quite in order. If the infringing team had gained some advantage over the accidental offside then a scrum would have been awarded with the other side's put in. This did not occur. Play was allowed to carry on.

'Quick throw in from touch.' In a defensive situation, the ball went into touch, a quick throw took place from nearer the goal line than the ball had actually gone into touch to give the receiver time to get in a clearance kick. The touch judge remained with his flag up, referee Sansom ordered the throw to be re-taken from the correct place. This is not one of the occasions when a touch judge should keep his flag up. The correct place must be the referee's decision.

Many players and spectators are under the impression that if the throw is taken from nearer their goal line then it is in order. Not so! It must be taken correctly and this means the correct place.

In case some may wonder, the only two occasions when the touch judge should keep his flag up are when the thrower has a foot in the field of play or the wrong team throw the ball in.

Several 'Marks' took place and resultant 'Free Kicks' awarded. It is not often realised that a 'Mark' can now only be allowed in the player's own half of the field.

By the way, for some years now, the W.R.U. have proposed at International Board meetings that the 'Mark' be abolished altogether. To me, there is still a place for it in defence, always another point for healthy discussion.

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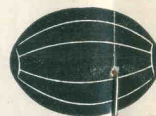
Cardiff

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14. D. THOMAS
13. M. MURPHY
12. H. DAVIES
11. C. CAMILLERI
10. G. DAVIES
9. T. HOLMES
1. B. NELMES (Captain)
2. A. PHILLIPS
3. D. LLEWELLYN
4. P. RAWLINS
5. R. NORSTER
6. T. CHARLES
8. J. SCOTT
7. M. JOHN
16. A. YEANDLE
17. L. O'BRIEN

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Right Centre
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Left Wing
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Inside Half
Forwards



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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
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NEXT HOME FIXTURES

Sat., 16th December: **CARDIFF v. CRUMLIN** (WRU Cup—2nd Round) (All Pay) 3 p.m.
 Sat., 23rd December: **CARDIFF v. BRIDGEND** 3 p.m.
 Tues., 26th December: **CARDIFF v. PONTYPRIDD** 3 p.m.

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 (All pay)	H 7-17	
Wed. 25	Bridgend	A 10-12	
Sat. 28	Harlequins	A 36-12	
NOVEMBER			
Wed. 1	Pontypool	H 14-16	
Sat. 4	Maesteg	H 10-7	
Sat. 11	Ebbw Vale	A 10-13	
Sat. 18	Whitland (Cup)	H 65-6	
Sat. 25	Llanelli	H 9-15	
Wed. 29	Oxford University	H.....	
DECEMBER			
Sat. 2	Swansea	A.....	
Sat. 16	London Welsh	A.....	
Sat. 9	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	Heriots 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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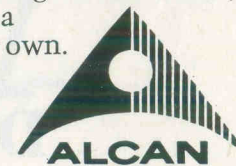
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