

# CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB



**CARDIFF v BRIDGEND**

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**Official Programme 10p**



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Tonight we extend a warm welcome to our visitors Bridgend. Our thanks are due to them also for agreeing to come this evening as this game was originally scheduled for December 23rd. Due to the Wales v. New Zealand game however, the cup matches due on 17th December were put back to the 23rd. This was then the first of what turned out to be a disastrous run of lost home Saturdays caused by the arctic conditions.

Tonights occasion also affords the Cardiff Club to extend its most sincere congratulations to Bridgend in their centenary year. The Vale of Glamorgan club is fully deserving of every success during this season because their contribution to Welsh rugby, particularly during the last two decades has been most praiseworthy. Their brand of rugby has made the name of Bridgend respected and admired in all corners of the land. It was a fitting tribute to them that New Zealand happened to be on tour this particular season and the Brewery Field club were honoured with a fixture against the All Blacks. So once again it is many congratulations to them and may their next 100 years be as illustrious and attractive as the last.

Tonights game sees the 102nd in the series between the clubs with Cardiff having won 52, lost 37 with 12 drawn games. The points total shows 936 to Cardiff with 690 to Bridgend. Of the 101 previous games, 2 have been in the W.R.U. Cup Competition, so very appropriately tonights meeting is the 100th game in the normal fixtures between us.

A study of the statistics reveals some rather interesting details too. If ever a side appears to have the Indian sign on us at home, this qualification is Bridgend's by a long, long way. We have to go back to season 1967-68 for our last win at the Arms Park. Of the ensuing 10 games at the Park, Bridgend have won 8 and drawn 2. I don't think it would be unfair comment to state that of these 8 victories, some of them were snatched from the jaws of defeat by Bridgend. Instances like last second drop goals from prodigious distances, equally late conversions of penalty kicks from half way and on the touch line and the missed kick by Cardiff in front of the post during the 1974-75 cup tie readily come to mind. Bridgend, however, play right up to the final whistle as we well know to our cost, and is a tribute to their competitiveness.

Tonight they will again be looking for a double, having beaten us 12-10 at the Brewery Field in an excellent and exciting game. They are going well this season and are well on course for one honour or another to celebrate their festive year. Another double over Cardiff would be satisfying to them no doubt, but the bogey can't continue for ever for us on the Arms Park. Perhaps tonight then we will be ungracious enough to record our first win at home for 11 years to slightly dent our visitors' centenary progress.

Bridgend, of course, are still in the W.R.U. Cup, having accounted for Maesteg last Saturday. They now meet Llanelli in the semi-final and a possible bonus for them in this encounter could be the possible absence of Phil Bennett who is due to be in South Africa at the time. This could prove a vital factor for Bridgend, but we wish them well against the Scarlets, with or without Phil. To take the cup in their centenary year would serve a two-fold purpose, one, to really put the icing on the cake to conclude their festivities and secondly, a very well merited retirement present for the greatest of all Welsh full-backs, J. P. R. Williams.

Our own exit from the cup was very disappointing to us all, especially the players. After the great victory at Pontypool we were hoping to obtain a similar result on Saturday last, but success was not to be ours so once more we will have to have another crack again next year.

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## KNOW THE LAWS

The usual Know the Laws notes have been held over due to Fred Croster's absence.

We look forward to his return and his interpretation of the game in South Africa.

## OLD PLAYERS REUNION

The reunion of the "Boys of the Old Brigade" will take place in the Players Dining Room on Friday, 16th March, at approximately 9 p.m.

ALL PAST PLAYERS WELCOME.

## NEXT HOME FIXTURES . . . .

Fri., 16th March:	CARDIFF v. LONDON WELSH	7.15 p.m.
Sat., 31st March:	CARDIFF v. SWANSEA	3 p.m.
Sat., 14th April:	CARDIFF v. BARBARIANS	3 p.m.

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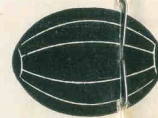
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10. Gareth DAVIES
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1. B. NEMES Captain)
2. A. PHILLIPS
3. J. DIXON
4. H. de GOEDE
5. R. NORSTER
6. R. DUDLEY-JONES
8. J. SCOTT
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Inside Half  
Forwards



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**Bridgend**

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- A. ROSE 14.
- S. FENWICK 13.
- C. WILLIAMS 12.
- V. JENKINS 11.
- L. HALLETT 10.
- Gerald WILLIAMS 9.
- I. STEPHENS 1.
- K. TOWNLEY 2.
- M. JAMES 3.
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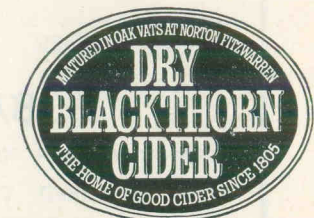
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Apr. 7	Gloucester	£1.60





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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 47-12

DECEMBER

Sat.	2	Swansea	A 4-10
Sat.	9	London Welsh	A 25-23

Sat.	23	Crumlin (Cup)	H 12-0
Tues.	26	Pontypridd	H 18-0
Sat.	30	Coventry	A 36-10

1979  
JANUARY

Mon.	1	Bath	H P
Sat.	6	Moseley	H P
Fri.	19	Heriots F.P.	A 4-3
Sat.	27	Aberavon	H P

FEBRUARY

Sat.	10	Pontypool (Cup)	A.....
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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