

# CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB



**CARDIFF v SWANSEA**

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**Official Programme 10p**



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Today sees rather an unusual situation in our current season, or any other season for that matter, inasmuch as this is the 13th Saturday of 1979 and yet it is the first home Saturday game we will have played this calendar year. The last occasion we played at the Arms Park on a Saturday was as far back as December 23rd when we entertained Crumlin in the W.R.U. Cup. Even that game was delayed by a week due to the Wales v. New Zealand game. During this period which was ravaged by deplorable weather, we missed five home Saturdays. Of the teams we should have played, Bristol (albeit partially), Bridgend and Ebbw Vale were re-arranged to Wednesdays but we still have very attractive games against Aberavon and Moseley to fix up. Every effort is being made to stage both games but the position is complicated by the fact that each of the clubs is involved in the semi-finals of their respective national cup competitions, so we just have to wait and see how the situation develops. Both sides, whom we have beaten on their own patches this season, are capable of producing the thrilling type of rugby that constitutes such good spectator value so we can only keep our fingers crossed that both games come about.

This afternoon therefore it gives us extra pleasure to welcome to Cardiff Arms Park one of our oldest friends and rivals Swansea. Of course, until such time as a new winner emerges from this year's competition, the All Whites are the current holders of the coveted W.R.U. Cup. They too however, like us, have been eliminated from this season's competition at the quarter-final stage in losing to Llanelli by the very narrowest of margins 4-3. As previously stated, the All Whites are one of our old friends as we first met them in our year of foundation 1876-77. Since then, and prior to today's game, we have met on 235 occasions. Only one other club has played Cardiff more times than this and that record belongs to Newport. The statistics for the series reads as follows: played 235, Cardiff 120 wins, Swansea 87 with 28 drawn games; while the points tally sees 1,791 to Cardiff with 1,534 to Swansea. We have been a bit of a bogey team to Swansea over the last decade but they chose the very best opportunity, from their point of view, to lay this low when they beat us in the semi-final of the Cup last season. Also they pulled off another rare win at St. Helens earlier this season, so perhaps their fortunes are changing and they will be looking today for their first double since 1949/50. Mind you, victory at Cardiff is a very rare achievement for the All Whites because in 32 post-war matches at the Arms Park they have taken home the spoils on only three occasions: in seasons 1949/50, 1960/61 and 1965/66.

Apart from their disappointing exit from the Cup, Swansea are having a good season, having lost only six matches. As already mentioned, among their victories they can claim the name of Cardiff and last Monday they were 'set sail' (I use this nautical term deliberately) for a rare win against Newport at Rodney Parade, but the game was abandoned at half-time. David Richards, of course, has arrived on the international scene and with Geoff Wheel to the fore they have a very forceful pack. It was a blow to Swansea, however, when Alan Donovan was so badly injured on the ill fated tour of Australia last summer, which has kept him out of the game for the whole season. He is a very exciting young player who I'm sure would have been well in contention for a place in the Welsh side this year had he been on the scene. So let's look forward to a fine game today with some equally fine weather to match perhaps.

The Rags carry on their winning ways and they now look all set for an invincible season. With six matches left to play they have won all their previous games except one when they were held to a draw by Bridgend Sports. Unfortunately, of these six matches, only one is at home—against Gloucester United on Saturday, April 7th. It would be a fitting tribute to Mervyn John and his side if we had a better than usual crowd on that day. Further good news on the home front sees the return of Brynmor Williams. It was a sad day for us when he left, so it is a correspondingly happy one to see him return. Welcome back, Brynmor.

Finally, did you hear about the English forward who has categorically stated that England will win the Triple Crown next year because new coach Mike Davies has arranged a tour to 'Fantasy Island'!

P.N.

## KNOW THE LAWS

By FRED CROSTER

Much to note resulting from the recent International Board conference, full details of which will be discussed as the season draws to a close. The changes proposed do not come into effect here until next season and most will certainly be welcomed.

It has been the practice for member countries to have powers to experiment in certain aspects; Australia brought in the no kicking directly into touch between the then 25's, now 22m's, before it was written into the laws and they again, as supporters will have noted from these notes, are bringing in the use of touch judges to assist referees now, as their own season starts.

You will also have noted that South Africa are using their dispensation regarding handling the ball on the ground when rucks form after line-outs. They, by the same powers and our lads will have to watch this, do not use short line-outs. They keep all the pack in the line until the line-out ends and I shall have more to say about this later.

Back, before we forget, to Wales v. England. Swansea's Dave Richards and the lost try after that marvellous break by our own Terry Holmes. Excellent referee Palmade ruled that it was a knock-on. I thought not. I wonder what David thought? To me and others in the Press Box, the ball went from him so far and fast that it was surely from his chest, not hand or arm, and thus a rebound. It might have touched hand or arm before hitting his chest—it would have still been a rebound—but never could it have travelled as it did otherwise. Fortunately it was not critical.

Do you know that in that marvellous match 16 kicks at goal were missed? So often are results decided by kicks and for once, it didn't matter a bit. Makes you think.

I have been asked to clarify a point in the Newport game last Saturday when, after a try was scored, the game was re-started with a penalty kick from halfway. Not being there myself I didn't see it, but such things can and do happen.

After the try was scored and the conversion taken, although technically the ball is dead, any foul play, misconduct, even strong adverse comment, could warrant a penalty and the kick would then, as in this case, be taken from half way. O.K.?

### NEXT HOME FIXTURES . . . .

|                   |                       |        |
|-------------------|-----------------------|--------|
| Sat., 14th April: | CARDIFF v. BARBARIANS | 3 p.m. |
| Mon., 16th April: | CARDIFF v. HARLEQUINS | 3 p.m. |
| Sat., 21st April: | CARDIFF v. NEATH      | 3 p.m. |

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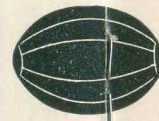
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- 1. B. NEWMAN
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- 8. J. SCOTT
- 7. S. LANE
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- Left Centre
- Left Wing
- Outside Half
- Inside Half
- Forwards



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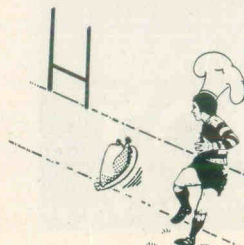
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|           |    |                          |         |
|-----------|----|--------------------------|---------|
| 1978      |    |                          |         |
| SEPTEMBER |    |                          |         |
| Fri.      | 1  |                          |         |
| 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<br>(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  |    |                          |         |
| Wed.      | 14 | Bristol (Abandoned)      | H 3-10  |
| Sat.      | 24 | Pontypool (Cup)          | A 23-12 |
| Tues.     | 27 | Llanelli                 | A 6-12  |
| MARCH     |    |                          |         |
| Sat.      | 3  | Pontypridd (Cup)         | A 7-9   |
| Tues.     | 6  | Bridgend                 | H 10-12 |
| Sat.      | 10 | Pontypool                | A 36-10 |
| Fri.      | 16 | London Welsh             | H 23-3  |
| Wed.      | 21 | Ebbw Vale                | H 13-0  |
| Sat.      | 24 | Newport                  | A 21-10 |
| 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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