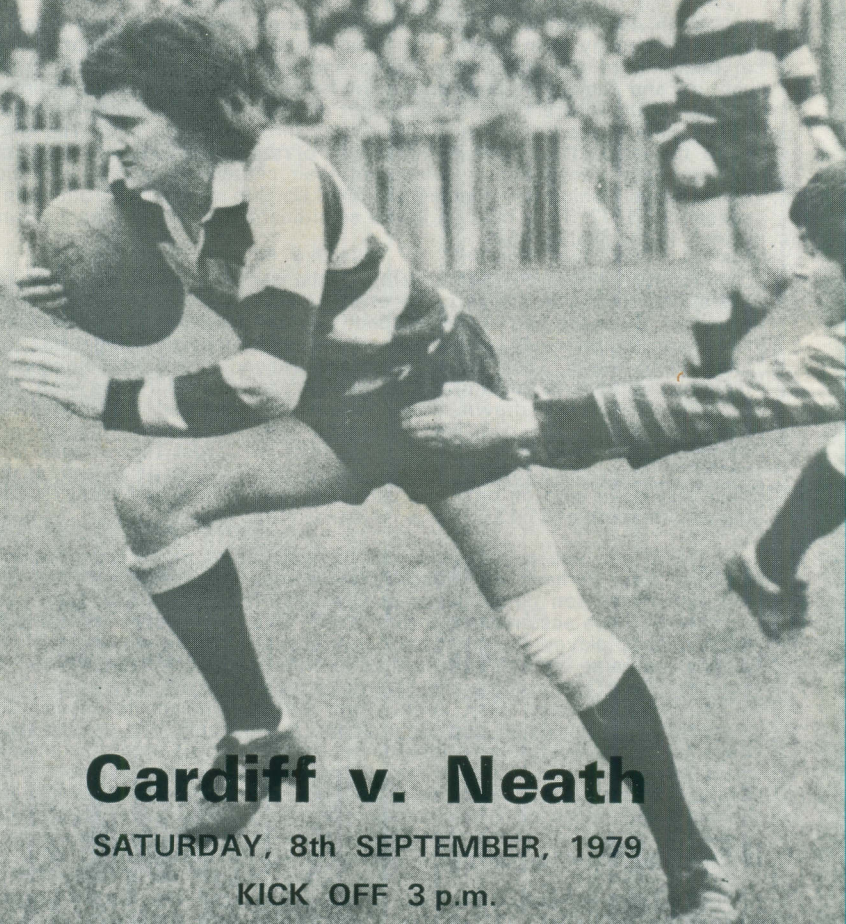




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Official Programme 10p



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Today we welcome to Cardiff Arms Park Neath, the first of the top class sides to really launch the home games of this, the 1979/80 campaign. Last Saturday's home pipe opener against East District turned out to be a very entertaining game in which our opponents showed great courage and never gave up trying. The greater experience of the Cardiff side, however, overpowered them, but it was very pleasing to note that all our behind the scrum players managed to score tries. These included touch downs by three players making their debut, Neil Hutchings, Chris Webber and Julian Robinson.

With due respect to East District though, we can expect much sterner opposition today from Neath. The West Glamorgan town is historically famous in boasting of the ruins of a castle and an abbey dating back to the 12th century and the old Roman station of Nidum. Perhaps they are more famous though as the wearers of the black shirt adorned with the white Maltese Cross. These colours are known in Rugby circles throughout the land. The Gnoll Club were formed in 1871 and is the oldest of the so called first class clubs in Wales. They subsequently celebrated their centenary in 1971 and did so in magnificent fashion by winning the W.R.U. Cup on its reintroduction during season 1971/72. They beat us in the semi-final by 16-9 and then accounted for Llanelli in the final by 15-8.

Today will see the 165th game in the series between us. This puts the Welsh All Blacks in fourth place of our most played opponents, behind only Newport, Swansea and Llanelli respectively. Of the previous 164 games, Cardiff have won 98, Neath 49, 17 drawn and the points tally showing 1,632 to Cardiff and 936 to Neath. Their record since the Second World War however shows far more impressive reading. Of 63 games played Cardiff have won 33, Neath 22 with 8 matches drawn. They have also registered the longest winning sequence during the post-war period by winning seven consecutive games between 1961 and 1965. Their last success in Cardiff though was in season 1972/73 when they took home the spoils to the tune of 14 pts. to 6. Since then they have won on only two other occasions, both at Neath, by 19-13 and the record score of 31-13.

Neath are also a club who can be well proud of its contribution to the national side. Perhaps the most famous names to emerge from the Gnoll are the father and son combination of Glyn and Rees Stephens. Glyn gained 10 caps while Rees accumulated a total of 32. This total is only second to Neath's most capped player, the great back row man Dai Morris who won 34 caps. He played the game in such a manner as to be a credit to himself, his club and his country. After these come the illustrious men of Neath who won 12 caps or more, Brian Thomas, Roy John, Tom Arthur, Graham Hodgson, Courtney Meredith, Arthur Lemon and Glyn Shaw. It was only last season that Elgan Rees finally achieved international fame. After making a record six appearances in B games he was brought into the Welsh side after the defeat by New Zealand and retained his place for all the home internationals. He certainly helped Neath to go off with a bang last Saturday when they defeated Abertillery by 41-24. Lets hope today then that the two sides who between them scored 107 pts. last Saturday, can lay on something special for us today.

And now a trip down Memory Lane to recall the Cardiff-Neath match played on 23rd April, 1938 at the Arms Park. I have the match programme in my possession and it shows the following sides fielding on that day — Cardiff (who appeared in lettered jerseys): Duncan Brown, Arthur Bassett, Wilf Wooller, Lyn Williams, A. H. Jones (Capt.), R. H. Millar, W. G. Morgan. The

forwards were selected from the following 9: Les Spence, Jim Regan, Seiby Davies, Wendy Davies, Harry Rees, Eddie Watkins, Ianto Jones, Roy Roberts and L. G. S. Thomas. The Neath team was: B. Bevan, G. Jones, E. Walters, W. T. Davies, M. Clements, W. E. Jones (Capt.), R. Thomas. The forwards were: D. Lewis, N. Jones, S. Smith, R. Dyer, E. Cook, A. McCarley, H. Williams and C. Challinor. Cardiff won the match 19-0 and the price of the programme was 1d.

Finally, but certainly not least, the Cardiff Rugby Club deeply regrets the passing of both Cardiff's and Wales' oldest player, Ewan Davies. Enough has been said and written about this grand old man of rugby, he was 93 years young, to realise that the Cardiff Club in particular and rugby generally have lost a great servant and character.

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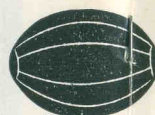
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| 13. N. HUTCHINGS          | Right Centre |
| 12. M. MURPHY             | Left Centre  |
| 11. A. YEANDLE            | Left Wing    |
| 10. Gareth DAVIES (Capt.) | Outside Half |
| 9. T. HOLMES              | Inside Half  |
| 1. D. LLEWELLYN           | Forwards     |
| 2. M. WATKINS             |              |
| 3. J. DIXON               |              |
| 4. J. SCOTT               |              |
| 5. P. NORSTER             |              |
| 6. B. LAKIN               |              |
| 8. R. LANE                |              |
| 7. T. CHARLES             |              |
| J. O'BRIEN                |              |
| G. WALLACE                |              |



Replacements

Referee: K. C. PARFITT

## Neath

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|----------------|-----|
| J. PRITCHARD   | 15. |
| E. REES        | 14. |
| D. COLE        | 13. |
| C. HASTE       | 12. |
| B. TAYLOR      | 11. |
| P. DAVIES      | 10. |
| C. GNOJEK      | 9.  |
| D. MILLS       | 1.  |
| M. RICHARDS    | 2.  |
| P. LANGFORD    | 3.  |
| C. JONES       | 4.  |
| S. DANDO       | 5.  |
| C. O'CALLAGHAN | 6.  |
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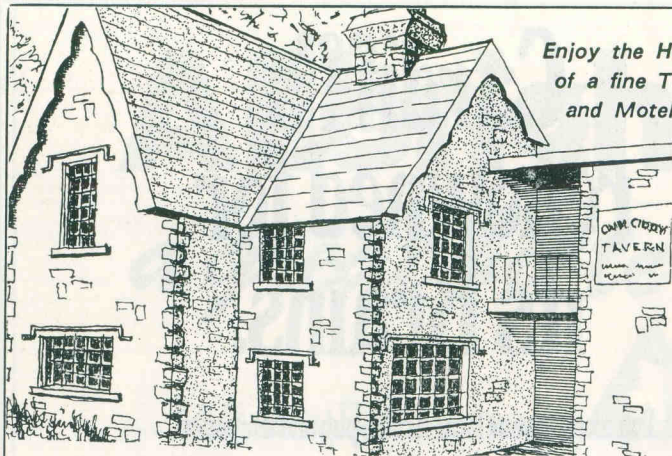
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Sat. 1	East District	H 66-8
Wed. 5	Glamorgan Wands.	A 26-9
Sat. 8	Neath	H.....
Wed. 12	Bristol	H.....
Sat. 15	Coventry	A.....
Wed. 19	Canada (All pay)	H.....
Sat. 22	Aberavon	H.....
Wed. 26	Penarth	A.....
Sat. 29	Moseley	H.....
OCTOBER		
Wed. 3	Bridgend	H.....
Sat. 6		
Wed. 10	Pontypridd	A.....
Sat. 13	Northampton	H.....
Wed. 17	Newport	A.....
Sat. 20	Cambridge Univ.	H.....
Wed. 24	Pontypool	A.....
Sat. 27	Harlequins	A.....
Wed. 31	Don Pill Memorial	H.....
	Selected XV (All pay)	
NOVEMBER		
Sat. 3	Munster	A.....
Wed. 7	Oxford University	H.....
Sat. 10	Ebbw Vale	H.....
Sat. 17	W.R.U. Cup 1st Round	
Sat. 24	Llanelli	A.....
DECEMBER		
Sat. 1	Swansea	H.....
Wed. 5	Maesteg	A.....
Sat. 8	London Welsh	H.....
Sat. 15	W.R.U. Cup 2nd Round	
Sat. 22	Bridgend	A.....
Wed. 26	Pontypridd	H.....
Sat. 29	Coventry	H.....
1980		
JANUARY		
Tues. 1	Bath	H.....
Sat. 5	Moseley	A.....
Sat. 12	W.R.U. Cup 3rd Round	
Fri. 18		
Wed. 23	S. Wales Police	H.....
Sat. 26	Aberavon	A.....
FEBRUARY		
Sat. 2	Ebbw Vale	A.....
Sat. 9	Bristol	A.....
Sat. 16	London Welsh	A.....
Sat. 23	W.R.U. Cup 4th Round	
Fri. 29	Heriots F.P.	H.....
MARCH		
Tues. 4	San Isidro (All pay)	H.....
Sat. 8	Pontypool	H.....
Sat. 15		
Sat. 22	Newport	H.....
Sat. 29	Llanelli	H.....
APRIL		
Sat. 5	Barbarians	H.....
Mon. 7	Harlequins	H.....
Wed. 9		
Sat. 12	Swansea	A.....
Wed. 16		
Sat. 19	Neath	A.....
Sat. 26	W.R.U. Cup Final	



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