



Cardiff Rugby Club



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Official Programme 10p

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Today we bid a hearty welcome to the Saints of Northampton on this, their 23rd visit to Cardiff Arms Park and the third of our English visitors of the current season. The Northampton club is as famous in the rugby world as is the town for its footwear and leather manufacturing industries. They were founded in 1880 so they must now be well advanced with their plans for celebrating their centenary next season. Although they are only four years younger than ourselves, rather strangely today's game is only the 52nd in the series between us. The statistical record of the previous 51 games shows 28 wins to Cardiff, 18 to Northampton with five drawn matches. Cardiff have scored 513 points while Northampton have recorded 431. Our association first began in 1925/26 season and up until the Second World War 11 games were played. On the cessation of hostilities, two fixtures per season were resumed in season 1948/49 and continued until 1957/58. The home game during this period was played on Easter Tuesday. This was always very popular with the supporters but the poor Northampton players must have felt otherwise. They used to arrive in Cardiff on the Tuesday morning somewhat jaded after playing three previous games in Wales since the Friday. Nevertheless they always provided stern opposition and during the period we saw some of the best players ever to adorn the famous black, green and gold jerseys of Northampton. Outstanding names such as Ron Jacobs (their most capped player with 29 to his credit), Jeff Butterfield, Dicky Jeeps, Don White, Frank Sykes, Lou Cannell and many others were amongst the players who made the Saints such a dominant side in the 1950's. Dicky Jeeps of course went on to become the President of the R.F.U. and is now heavily involved on the Sports Council as its Chairman.

The Easter tour however became too much for even a side like Northampton to undertake. Mind you there was probably many a Cardiff player who was also glad to see the back of that particular day. The last occasion the Easter Tuesday fixture took place was 8th April, 1958 and, of the Northampton side printed on the match programme, no fewer than six changes were made due to injuries suffered earlier in the tour. They managed to win two of the ten games played at Cardiff during the period, however, so that is on the credit side for them. Since 1958/59 season we have had one game per season on a home and away basis during alternate years. They come to the Arms Park on their biennial visit today probably hoping to erase the memory of their last visit in 1977. Do you remember the game and why it should have been so memorable? Well, let me help to refresh your memories if you have forgotten. At half-time the score stood at 6-6, but a second half onslaught by Cardiff produced another 44 pts. to make the final score 50 pts. to 6. This score also relieved Northampton of the best previous score in the series — they beat us 29 pts to nil on their own pitch in season 1928/29.

Last season Northampton were well defeated by Leicester, the eventual winners, in the first round of the John Player Cup. After finishing fifth in the Midland Merit Table last season, they again qualify for the national cup competition this season so they will be hoping for better luck this year. They have had a reasonable start to the current season and last Saturday had a good away win over London Scottish by 19 pts. to 6. They have only one current international in their team at the moment, Gary Pearce, but they are optimistic for the future with some good young talent available to them. In Ian Lutter they have a young forward who, although only 22, has made well over 100 appearances for the club. Last season powerful wing Paul McGuckian scored 29 tries which is only five short of Barry Oldham's post-war record. So to Northampton we again say welcome to Cardiff and may your visit be an enjoyable one for yourselves and all today's spectators.

As has been previously stated, St. Alban's band are currently celebrating their 60th season of "playing for Cardiff". This is a magnificent achievement and on behalf of everyone concerned with the club we say well played, keep it going and may you never run out of puff. To allow you to show your appreciation today, weather permitting, the band will be marching around the ground before kick off on a lap of honour. Well done John Williams and your marvellous band.

P.N.

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St. Albans Military Band

The St. Albans Brass Band was formed in 1896, when the town was already teeming with bands of all kinds, and competition was fierce. After the First World War the Band, under its leader Tom Ryan, was playing at Ninian Park, but with all of them rugby enthusiasts they jumped at the opportunity of playing at Cardiff Arms Park. The Band had now developed from a Brass to a Military Band. In 1932 at the death of Tom Ryan the Band was taken over by his brother Ian Ryan. The coming of the Second World War meant the end of many Bands in the city but with the club's decision to try and keep the game going during the war the Band, although badly depleted, had the necessary incentive to keep playing. After the war, with lots of returning bandsmen no longer interested in playing the few bands left in the city were in difficulties. Senior players in the Band remember with appreciation the constant help and encouragement received from the club and its officials, Arthur Cornish, Brice Jenkins, Hubert Johnson, Les Spence and Danny Davies. In 1949, at the retirement of Ian Ryan, the Band was taken over by its present conductor John Williams.

In the early fifties an invitation from the W.R.U. saw the Band's emergence on the national scene where it was to become possibly the best known rugby band in the world. It was a suggestion to the W.R.U. by the Band for a special send-off for the All Blacks at the end of the Barbarians game in '53 that started what has now become a tradition in British rugby.

The intervening years have seen a tremendous development in the Band and with its blend of experience and the outstanding ability of so many of its young players of both sides it is now enjoying the greatest period in its history. "Sixty years with one club could be a world record" said Alun Friday a few weeks ago. With the club and the Band more closely associated than ever we are left with only one conclusion. May it last another sixty years.

JOHN WILLIAMS

KNOW THE LAWS

By FRED CROSTER

Last Saturday! The turning point of the game to me and many others was Gareth's drop goal—how grand to see him running so well, supplied with Terry's booming pass—from the scrum which followed Bucos' abortive free kick from his 'Mark'.

There has been discussion about it with general agreement but it is well worth fully clarifying.

You all recall the incident no doubt. A Welsh kick ahead, Romanian full back Bucos fielded the ball in front of his own posts, not far off his 22m line; correctly called for a 'Mark'. He stood on the mark, Bobby Windsor charged as soon as he offered to kick. Due to the charge, Bucos then moved to his left to avoid Bobby and then took the kick some several yards away—off the line of the 'Mark'. Referee Palmade, who did a fine job, I thought promptly awarded a scrum from which the drop goal came.

Several points to note!

Firstly, no longer does the opposing side have to stand on the mark and the kicker have to retire to then kick the ball through the line of the mark.

Now, the opponents have to retire 10m back and the kick is taken from the actual mark. A charge is permitted once the kicker has offered to kick.

Did Bobby Windsor retire 10m? That's the first point. I think not. Then, due to the premature charge, Romania could have been awarded a penalty on the place of the mark. If Bucos had stood his ground, that may have been the referee's decision. He didn't and moved away—who wouldn't with burly Bobby charging at you? From thereon the decision was correct and the scrum awarded because the resultant kick was not taken from the right place.

It does, however, pose quite a thought that, if the initial charge had been illegal, the drop goal and the ultimate win to Wales came about because of that illegality. It might never happen that way again, but, we did win, did we not?

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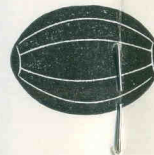
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Right Wing
Right Centre
Left Centre
Left Wing
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Inside Half
Forwards



Replacements

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Northampton

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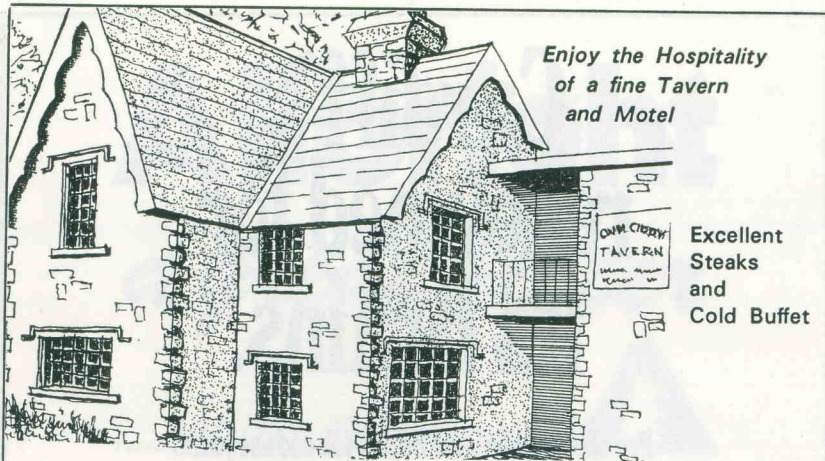
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Sat., 20th October: CARDIFF v. CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY 3 p.m.

Wed., 31st October: Don Pill Memorial Game
CARDIFF v. A WELSH INTERNATIONAL XV 7.15 p.m.

FIRST XV FIXTURES

1979			
SEPTEMBER			
Sat. 1	East District	H 66-8	
Wed. 5	Glamorgan Wands.	A 26-9	
Sat. 8	Neath	A 28-3	
Wed. 12	Bristol	H 17-17	
Sat. 15	Coventry	A 15-16	
Wed. 19	Canada	H 19-8	
Sat. 22	Aberavon	H 29-12	
Wed. 26	Penarth	A 12-0	
Sat. 29	Moseley	H 31-10	
OCTOBER			
Wed. 3	Bridgend	H 9-17	
Sat. 6			
Wed. 10	Pontypridd	A 13-10	
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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