

Cardiff Rugby Club



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Official Programme 10p

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Today we are delighted to welcome the Light Blues of Cambridge University to Cardiff Arms Park on this their 23rd visit to our ground and the 43rd game played since the series began in 1893/94. Last season we failed to play the Light Blues due to the fact that the All Blacks game coincided with the traditional date for the fixture, the third Saturday of October. The 'Cantabs', however, are very keen to maintain the fixture because it gives them more than ample opportunity of a very hard work-out before the pinnacle of their season arrives, the second Tuesday of December, when they clash with their arch rivals, the Dark Blues of Oxford. This is the whole point of their season and everything is geared for victory on that day. A captain of either university side is considered to have had a successful year of office if he leads his side to victory at Twickenham on the great day.

Over the last seven years, the Light Blues captains have enjoyed savouring the taste of success on six of these occasions. This sequence started when Cambridge won in season 1972/73 and then won the next four games to season 1976/77. This established a record for the series, because both sides had previously recorded four successive wins, Cambridge on three occasions and Oxford on two. I suppose Cambridge apportion a certain amount of blame on the Cardiff Club for failing to extend their sequence from five to six because if you can recollect the Oxford victory of that fateful day for the Light Blues, the man who was instrumental in scheming that win for the Dark Blues was, lo and behold, our present captain, Gareth Davies. The Oxford pack gave its all and Gareth in turn, put in a superb display of handling and support kicking which won the game for his side by 16 pts. to 10. The Dark Blues sighed with relief that day because, had Cambridge won, they would have gone ahead in the series for the first time ever, but as it was, Oxford still held a marginally slight lead of 42 games to 41 with 13 drawn. Last years game, however, was won handsomely by Cambridge by 25 pts. to 7 in a game that was very much dominated by the Irish scrum half John Robbie. He not only proved himself a thorn in the flesh of the Oxford defence, but he also contributed 17 of their 25 pts., which was only two behind the best ever 19 recorded by the great English all-rounder, Alastair Hignell, in the 1975 match. This puts the sides locked in equality with 42 game apiece, so the incentive for Cambridge to win, and creep ahead for the first time, is there for the taking in the forthcoming 98th match of the series. So we wish you luck on December 11th, but warn you that, in order to show complete impartiality, I must also wish our visitors of November 7th the same sentiments, guess who? Oxford University.

The Cardiff-Cambridge association has been a long and happy one and 18 players of the Cardiff Club have won blues whilst students at this world renowned seat of learning. From H.S.F. Adams who played in 1884 to Gerald Davies in 1970/71, many top class players punctuate the list which consists of, beside the above mentioned, Alan Barter, Harry Bowcott, Jackie Bowcott, W. Cope, Roddy Evans, Dennis Gethin, John James, Cliff Jones, Clem Lewis, Harry Morgan, Tony Pender, Billy Raybould, John Roberts, T.J. Thomas, B.R. Turnbull and last but certainly not least Wilf Wooller. Many fine games have been witnessed in the 42 games played so far and of these, Cardiff have won 28, lost nine, with five drawn, and scored 574 points for to 340 against. The game I can always bring to mind was during season 1965/66 when the 'Cantabs' beat us by 19 pts. to 11 at the Arms Park. Their victory was achieved by a solid all round display by the rest of the side in backing up the brilliance of their outside half of that day — the immaculate Mike Gibson. This incredible player had already won four caps for his country when this particular game was played, and having been selected in the last game that Ireland played against Scotland last season he must still be regarded as a current international. His 67 caps for his country and 12 for the British Lions is an achievement which will be difficult to emulate in this day and age. 16 years in top class international rugby is a mind boggling thought. So to Cambridge then, we again say welcome to the Arms Park and may you, and we alike, enjoy ourselves.

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And now to the home front, and what of the season so far? Played 13, won 10, lost two, drawn one, points for 331, against 116. I suppose the most disappointing feature of the season to date is yet another home defeat by Bridgend. This bogey has now turned into a syndrome and I think we must first get them to play at Cardiff on a Saturday when we may be more match attuned than we seem to be on Wednesdays. That game apart, we have again seen some great rugby and some smashing tries scored. The brief loss of concentration we appeared to have had in the Bristol and Coventry games is now well and truly restored and the away victory at Pontypridd dispelled any thoughts their own supporters had that we were becoming their "bunnies" on their own ground. What of last Wednesday however? Their abysmal record of 16 successive defeats was the worst in Newport's history, and what better motivation could the sight of a Blue and Black jersey have been to the Black and Ambers. It was not to be however, and after weathering Newport's initial storm we took control, particularly so at half back, with some forceful play by Terry Holmes and majestic line kicking by Gareth Davies. After today's hurdle however, we face a very stiff challenge at Pontypool, when Ray Prosser's boys will be very keen to erase the memories of our two victories there last season.

The Athletic also continue on their merry way and of the 11 games played they have won eight and lost three. On the injury front, Stuart Lane hopes to start training at the end of the month, so hopefully, we could see him back in action for the first time this season some time in November.

P.N.

KNOW THE LAWS

By FRED CROSTER

Scrummage! Ball going in; ball coming out.

If you wonder what that is leading up to, don't worry. What it is actually about is the wording of the instructions and notes on the Laws, concerning advantage.

Let me explain. And this happened in a game recently with our own Terry Holmes involved.

The opponents, I forget exactly who, put the ball in, it was not hooked, but played by the hooker — not possible to say of which side but that doesn't matter; the ball came back out of the tunnel where it had gone in and the referee quite within the laws allowed play to go on.

Alright, it seemed all wrong and, according to what the good book says regarding the ball coming back out of the tunnel it could be wrong. BUT, and here is the loophole — the Notes aforementioned do say, and I quote, Law 20 (6):

"Advantage applies as soon as the ball has been put into the scrummage and PLAYED (the emphasis is mine). If the ball emerges from the far side of the tunnel without being played it shall be put in again."

In this case it came back out of the near side, NOT the far side. That clears that up.

It WAS played, otherwise it could not have come back out.

Terry took advantage, although it looked all wrong and play continued. A nice one to discuss. Hermas Evans, I.B. chairman of the Laws committee is not happy and feels that the wording may have to be tightened up, eliminating 'played' and perhaps substituting 'hooked'. That's in the future. For now, "carry on, Terry" and any other scrum halves who are on the ball.

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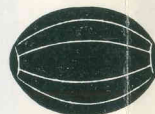
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13. N. HUTCHINGS
12. P. DANIELS
11. A. YEANDLE
10. Gareth DAVIES (Capt.)
9. T. HOLMES
1. B. NEWMAN
2. A. PHILLIPS
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5. R. NORSTER
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7. B. LEASE
- M. POWELL
- M. WATKINS

Referee: D. E. PARRY-JONES

Cambridge University

Full Back
Right Wing
Right Centre
Left Centre
Left Wing
Outside Half
Inside Half
Forwards



Replacements

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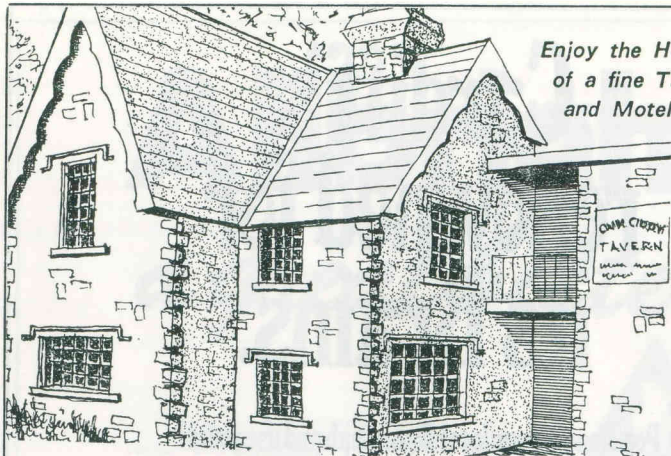
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Wed., 31st October: Don Pill Memorial Game
CARDIFF v. A WELSH INTERNATIONAL XV 7.15 p.m.
Wed., 7th November: CARDIFF v. OXFORD UNIV. 7.15 p.m.

FIRST XV FIXTURES

1979					
SEPTEMBER					
Sat. 1	East District	H	66-8		
Wed. 5	Glamorgan Wands.	A	26-9		
Sat. 8	Neath	H	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	45-4		
Wed. 17	Newport	A	21-12		
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	Herlots 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		
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