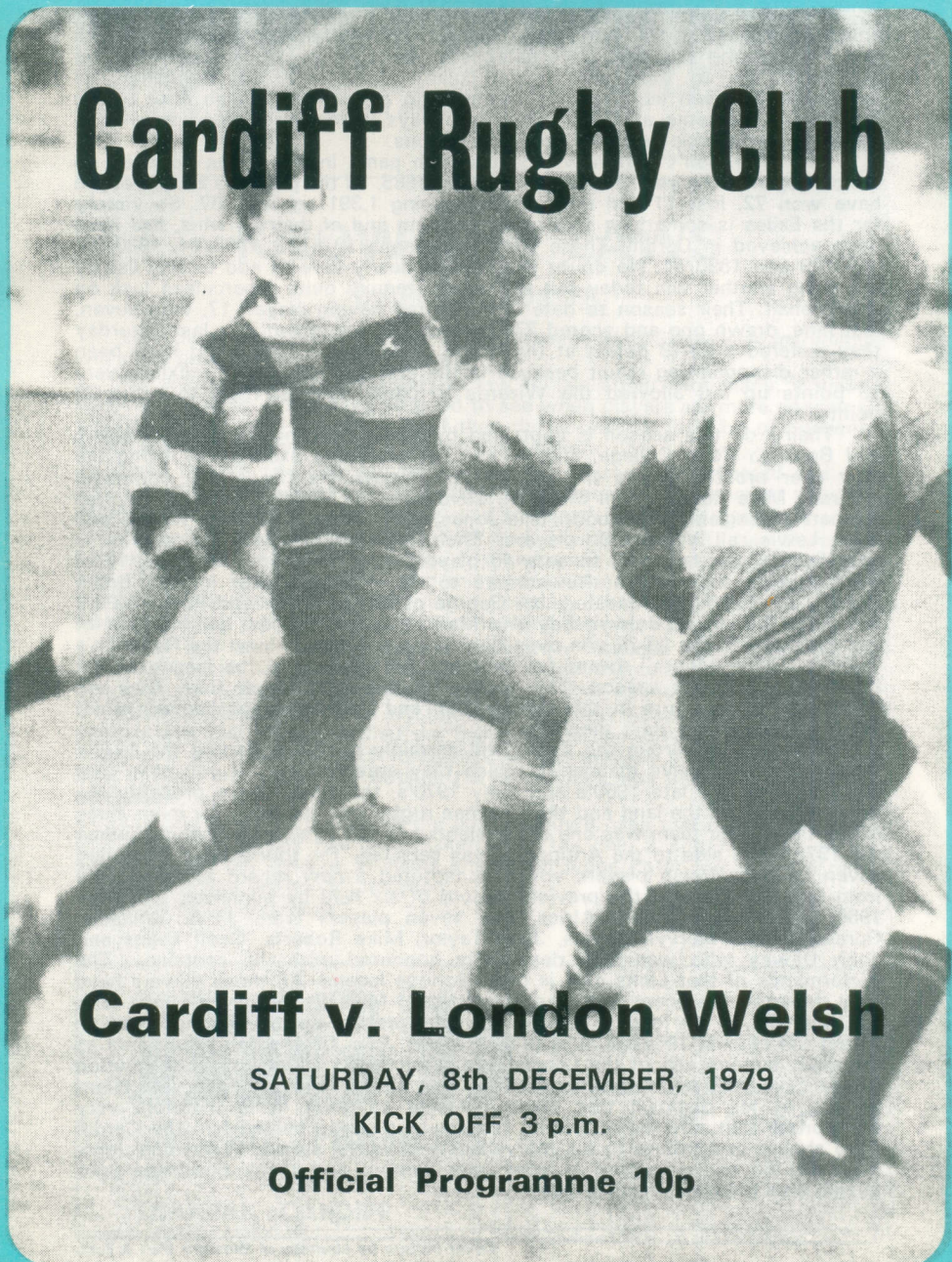


Cardiff Rugby Club



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Official Programme 10p

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Welcome today to our exiled countrymen from the "Big City" on their annual pilgrimage to the Arms Park. Always redoubtable opponents, the Exiles enjoy the strong ties they have established with all the Welsh clubs but we in Cardiff like to think that a particularly close bond of friendship has developed between us. Our own biennial trip to play the Welsh prior to the England-Wales game at Twickenham is always keenly anticipated because a thoroughly enjoyable weekend invariably ensues.

This afternoon's match will be the 86th game in the series between us which began in the year of their foundation, 1885. Of the previous 85 games we have won 72, lost 11 and drawn two, scoring 1,391 against 467. So victory for the Exiles is something of a rarity for them and of their 11 wins, five have been achieved in Cardiff. These were in seasons 1976/77, 1963/64, 1930/31, 1928/29 and 1890/91. No doubt they would dearly love to add to this list by achieving another win today but this would require quite a herculean task on their behalf. Their season to date is in the red having played 17, won seven, lost nine, drawn one and scored 274 against 281. As recently as last Saturday they suffered a 23-13 defeat at the hands of Aberavon. This must have been a rather disappointing result because in the first half an hour, the Exiles were 13 points up but allowed the Wizards to come back at them to score 23 points.

Their side this season is captained by Kevin Bowring, formerly of Neath and Borough Road College, and he has set a sterling example by being the only ever present during the season up to now. He has at his command veterans Mike Roberts, Jim Shanklin, Clive Rees, all Welsh internationals, Neil Bennett of England and Rhodri Ellis-Jones, Chris Howcroft, Chris Neville and Alun Lewis, all Welsh 'B' players. Their team-building of this season is amplified by the fact that to date 46 players have seen first XV duty, 11 of them making their debut. Newcomers to the side this year include Bruce Bradley of Neath and Maesteg, Ian George of Northampton and Rosslyn Park and Emyr Blease of Colwyn Bay and Manchester. Their best achievement of the season was the 28-22 win over Llanelli for which they won the Rothman's "Match of the Month" award for October. As winners of the league of the London section last season they qualify for the John Player Cup. They are hoping for a good run in this competition and begin their challenge against Weston-Super-Mare next month.

One thing is certain the Exiles will certainly not be departing the 1970's in the same explosive manner in which they entered them. If you cast your mind back to the late 1960's and early 1970's, the Welsh were probably the best club side in the land and their 15 man rugby was too good for most sides of the time. Their team was one of all talents and the fact was recognised when the 1971 Lions side to the Antipodes was selected. The touring party included seven London Welsh players which constituted a new record for selections from one club. It beat the previous record of six held by ourselves when the 1968 Lions toured South Africa. The seven players were J.P.R. Williams, Gerald Davies, Mervyn Davies, John Taylor, Mike Roberts, Geoff Evans and John Dawes who was also deservedly honoured with the captaincy. The performance of that Lions side is now glorious legend. All those players have now departed the scene with the exception of Mike Roberts who, along with Jim Shanklin, is the longest serving player at present on their strength, having joined the club in 1968/69. It is probable that John Dawes can be classed as the most famous son of the London Welsh club. His service and contribution to the Exiles has been enormous and it was his harnessing of the vast talent he had at his disposal that made his side so great. It is therefore very appropriate that now he is leaving his amateur status behind him the Cardiff Club should pay tribute to his marvellously colourful career. Well done John, may you be as successful in your new venture and thank goodness your talents aren't lost to Welsh Rugby.

3-0, 6-0, 6-3, 6-9, 10-9, 13-9, 13-12, 17-12, 17-16 and 21-16. Just a string of figures you may think, but behind them lie the scoring sequence of last Saturday's home game against Swansea. And what a game it turned out to be. The sustained excitement and the nail-biting finale could all have well been stage managed for the TV cameras on site. The Rags didn't fare so well, however, in losing to Swansea Athletic by 18-7. The Youth are having an outstanding season though and last Saturday's win over Ystradynglais by 30 pts to 3 brought them their 18th victory in 18 games. They have scored 646 points against 38. The very low total against shows only two tries, the remained coming from kicks. The outstanding scoring achievement of the side is the 27 tries scored by Mike Burridge. This despite the fact that he hasn't played in all 18 games is quite an achievement, and guess what position he plays? Scrum half. Have we got another one on the way?

P.N.

KNOW THE LAWS

By FRED CROSTER

Last Saturday! Recovered yet? A bit different from Stradey. A marvellous win and a great game by any standards.

As always, a couple of points of law to talk about. Not many, it wasn't that kind of game. It's always so good to see when players are more concerned with getting on with the game itself than the occasional little bit of nonsense which soon dies down. Makes a referee's life easier.

John Scott's try. Did you notice that the referee had indicated and was about to give a penalty to us? He waited for advantage. John went on to score. What better advantage, what better way to punish misdemeanours?

That ruck, near their 22m. line, river end, when scrum half, Huw Davies — I think, reached over, well over the top and tried to scoop the ball back to deny Terry — what a hope — of gaining possession. It looked wrong, but, as the ball WAS clear of the ruck, nothing wrong. I know many of you voiced disapproval, but isn't just this one reason why these notes appear.

River end again, near side, when Andrew Yeandle, after following up, tackled Malcolm Dacey over the line just inside the corner flag! Remember? The post went down and a line-out then given just outside. What about it?

Well, it certainly was no try but what an effort Andrew made. What did happen was that, Dacey carried the ball over the line initially; he was tackled when over the line, with such force that he was actually swung back into the field of play, into touch just outside the post which was hit down by the legs of Yeandle, the tackler.

My first reaction, on seeing the post go down, was that it would be drop out; then, as the ball had been taken over the line, a scrum to us as the attackers, but no. Referee Williams and touch judge Peter Nyhan were right. The line-out was the correct decision.

It all makes you think.

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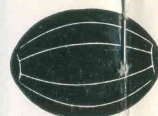
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| 13. M. MURPHY | Right Centre |
| 12. N. HUTCHINGS | Left Centre |
| 11. A. YEANDLE | Left Wing |
| 10. Gareth DAVIES (Captain) | Outside Half |
| 9. T. HOLMES | Inside Half |
| 1. B. NELMES | Forwards |
| 2. A. PHILLIPS | |
| 3. I. EIDMAN | |
| 4. P. RAWLINS | |
| 5. R. NORSTER | |
| 6. T. CHARLES | |
| 8. J. SCOTT | |
| 7. B. LEASE | |
| D. BURCHER | |
| P. SOUTO | |

Referee: R. O. P. JONES



Replacements

London Welsh

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| I. GEORGE | 9. |
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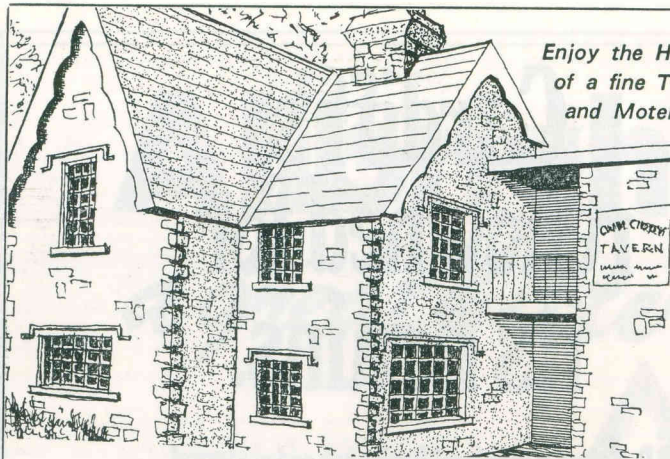
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1979 SEPTEMBER

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	37-12
Wed. 24	Pontypool	A	10-28
Sat. 27	Harlequins	A	43-19
Wed. 31	Don Pili Memorial	H	15-27
	Selected XV (All pay)		

NOVEMBER

Sat. 3	Munster	A	15-13
Wed. 7	Oxford University	H	C
Sat. 10	Ebbw Vale	H	32-16
Sat. 17	Waunarlwydd (Cup)	H	43-3
Sat. 24	Llanelli	A	14-18

DECEMBER

Sat. 1	Swansea	H	21-17
Wed. 5	Maesteg	A	13-19
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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