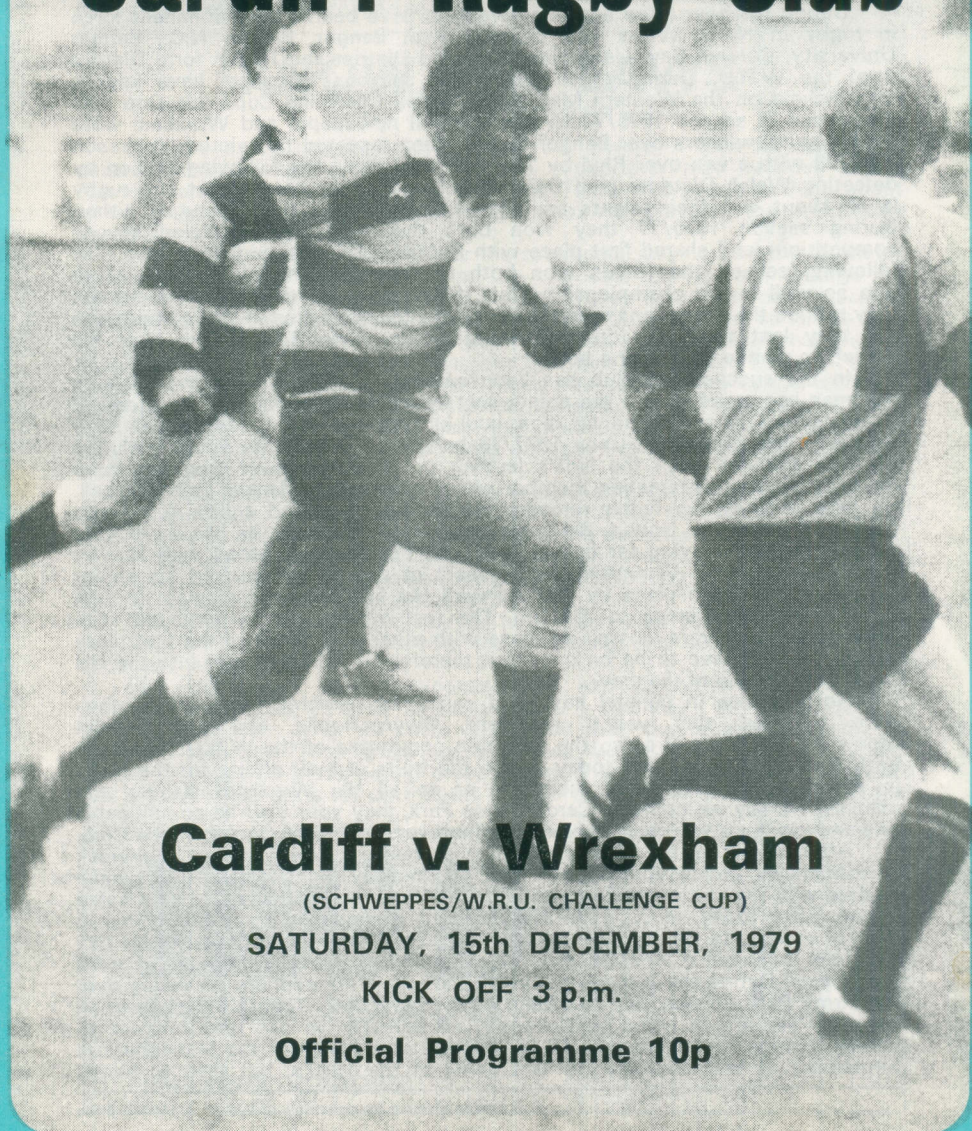




# Cardiff Rugby Club



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3-o'clock Saturday, 15th December, 1979 and clang goes the bell to commence the second round of this season's Schwepes/W.R.U. Cup competition. It is unquestionably the most sought after trophy of all Welsh clubs and one coveted by them as would any boxer's attitude be towards a Lonsdale Belt. The occasion also affords us the opportunity of extending a warm welcome to North Wales club Wrexham. Actually Wrexham are no strangers to the Arms Park as they were regulars on the Athletic fixture list during the 1950's, and players of that era will well remember the very enjoyable weekends spent when we played at Wrexham.

During the past three seasons Wrexham have been a very dominant force in rugby in North Wales and together with Bangor, Bangor N.C., Bangor University, Colwyn Bay, Llandudno, Rhyl and District and Ruthin form District J of the W.R.U. During these past three seasons Wrexham have kept a stranglehold on the Western Mail North Wales Challenge Cup. This Cup was introduced in season 1976/77 by our national newspaper and Wrexham were the inaugural winners over Bangor by 6-3. They repeated this victory in season 1977/78 with a win over Rhyl by 16-7 and then again the following season by defeating Welsh Districts club Delyn by 32-4. So they know what cup rugby is all about, but their talents are not confined to this type of rugby either. During season 1976/77 they won both the major North Wales sevens competitions and shared first place with Ruthin in the championship table. The following season they again won both the sevens competitions but didn't fare so well in the championship table, finishing in fourth place. Last season they topped the championship table by remaining undefeated in that competition but they lost their grip on both tournaments when Ruthin took over the Wrexham mantle by winning both.

In the success the club has been enjoying over the past several years one man has stood out on the points scoring scene like a beacon. He is one of a rare breed inasmuch as he is a goal-kicking try-scoring wing and Terry Cleave is his name. In season 1977/78 he scored 355 points which included 40 tries and has been the side's leading points scorer over the past three seasons. Another interesting member of today's team is flanker Dave Gaskell. He may probably be better remembered for his class and agility in keeping goal for Manchester United. Since his conversion, however, he has thoroughly enjoyed himself playing for firstly Orrell and then a spin abroad with Kuwait R.U.F.C. and finally Wrexham. At 37 years of age he has proved his ability to gain a first team place by starting with the fifth side and playing through each intermediate stage to the top. The rest of the side is peppered with representative players as well as those with other experience of the first class game. We will have to be on our merit therefore if we are to get into the hat for the next round of the draw.

North Wales in general has good cause for rejoicing this because they have supplied this year's president, Gwyn Roblin, and also District representative Tony Grey to the selection committee of the W.R.U. We hope both these can be present today to see the fruits of their efforts for the game in North Wales. To them, therefore, as to all the Wrexham players and officials, we say welcome to Cardiff Arms Park, may your visit be an enjoyable one and we hope you return home with happy memories of Cardiff Rugby Club.

After taking a bit of stick from the media concerning our mid-week performances, unquestionably our best Wednesday night win of this season to date was the victory at Pontypridd by 13-10. Now, strangely, our next home fixture, after today, is on a Wednesday and it's against Pontypridd. This is due, of course, to Boxing Day falling on a Wednesday but this particular day has now become a must in the rugby calendar of Pontypridd and Cardiff supporters. During the last several years the whole atmosphere prevailing over the Arms Park on that day has been of the very best. Then on the following Saturday we are at home to Coventry, so perhaps we can look forward to taking revenge for our narrow 16-15 defeat at the hands of the Midlanders in September. It will also see the last game of the 1970's, but then to herald

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the advent of the new decade of the 1980's we have the attractive English side Bath as our visitors on the following Tuesday, New Year's Day.

It is sad to see Brynmor Williams on the move again but it was inevitable. Brynmor still considers himself, and rightly so, as the next best in Wales to Terry Holmes. In order to keep himself in contention he obviously must play regular first team competitive rugby. With Terry's amazing strength, stamina and desire to play every game it would have been impossible to give Brynmor anything like as much first team rugby as he needs. But may we wish you luck with Swansea Brynmor, and sincerely hope that you do maintain your status as second only to Terry in Wales.

The Rags returned to winning ways last Saturday when they beat Treorchy by 8-6 and the Youth continued their fantastic winning sequence in accounting for St. Albans by 48-0. That makes it 19 wins in 19 games with 694 pts. for and 38 against. Some going, that.

Finally, as this is the last home game before Christmas, may I on behalf of the players and committee of the Cardiff Rugby Club wish you all a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.  
P.N.

## KNOW THE LAWS

By FRED CROSTER

Did you enjoy last Saturday's romp? As always, I look for something controversial. Something which you, the supporters, may wonder about. Nothing really which fell into that category. There was just one thing about which I have mentioned before. Something the players, the front row especially, are concerned about.

One penalty kick to Oxford, near the town end, just outside the 22 metre line, at a set scrum with our put in. The ball was coming back cleanly, the whistle blew and referee Jones raised his arm in their favour. He then indicated that the offence was collapsing in the front row. Didn't appear so to me but, of course, he was on the spot. The point for discussion is this. What was to be gained by collapsing when it was our ball, our possession, the pack's job done? Nothing is the simple answer. There was certainly no danger of them pushing us off the ball to deny possession. As said, the ball was coming out.

To get the shove, to get the heel, the forwards have to stay on their feet. It is the opposing front row which does collapse in such situations. I think the front row deserve that explanation.

The Cup means Cash. Many wonder what the W.R.U. ruling is on this one. Some supporters, wonder, why it is ALL PAY. In the preliminary rounds the gate money is shared by the two teams after the deduction of expenses.

In the Cup Rounds proper, up to and including the quarter finals, after the deduction of bona fide expenses, the clubs participating get 40% each with 20% going to the Competition Reserve Fund

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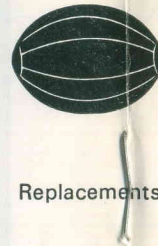
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## Cardiff

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|-----------------------------|--------------|
| 15. C. WEBBER               | Full Back    |
| 14. D. THOMAS               | Right Wing   |
| 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. M. WATKINS               |              |
| 3. I. EIDMAN                |              |
| 4. C. SMITH                 |              |
| 5. R. NORSTER               |              |
| 6. B. LEASE                 |              |
| 8. J. SCOTT                 |              |
| 7. S. LANE                  |              |
| D. BURCHER                  |              |
| T. LEE                      |              |
| D. BARRY                    |              |
| T. CHARLES                  |              |
| A. PHILLIPS                 |              |
| D. LLEWELLYN                |              |

Referee: W. D. BEVAN (W.R.U.)



Replacements

## Wrexham

- |                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| G. WILLIAMS    | 15. |
| T. GLEAYE      | 14. |
| R. JONES       | 13. |
| R. MASON       | 12. |
| I. RANDAEL     | 11. |
| D. WILLIAMS    | 10. |
| D. CHEESBROUGH | 9.  |
| G. HARRIES     | 1.  |
| M. GRAHAM      | 2.  |
| H. EVANS       | 3.  |
| B. LEWIS       | 4.  |
| A. THOMAS      | 5.  |
| D. BIRCH       | 6.  |
| S. BARRETT     | 8.  |
| D. GASKELL     | 7.  |
| S. JARVIS      |     |
| F. LLOYD       |     |
| I. SIMONS      |     |
| D. JONES       |     |
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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 Pill 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 50-12
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.....
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Sat. 19	Neath	A.....
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