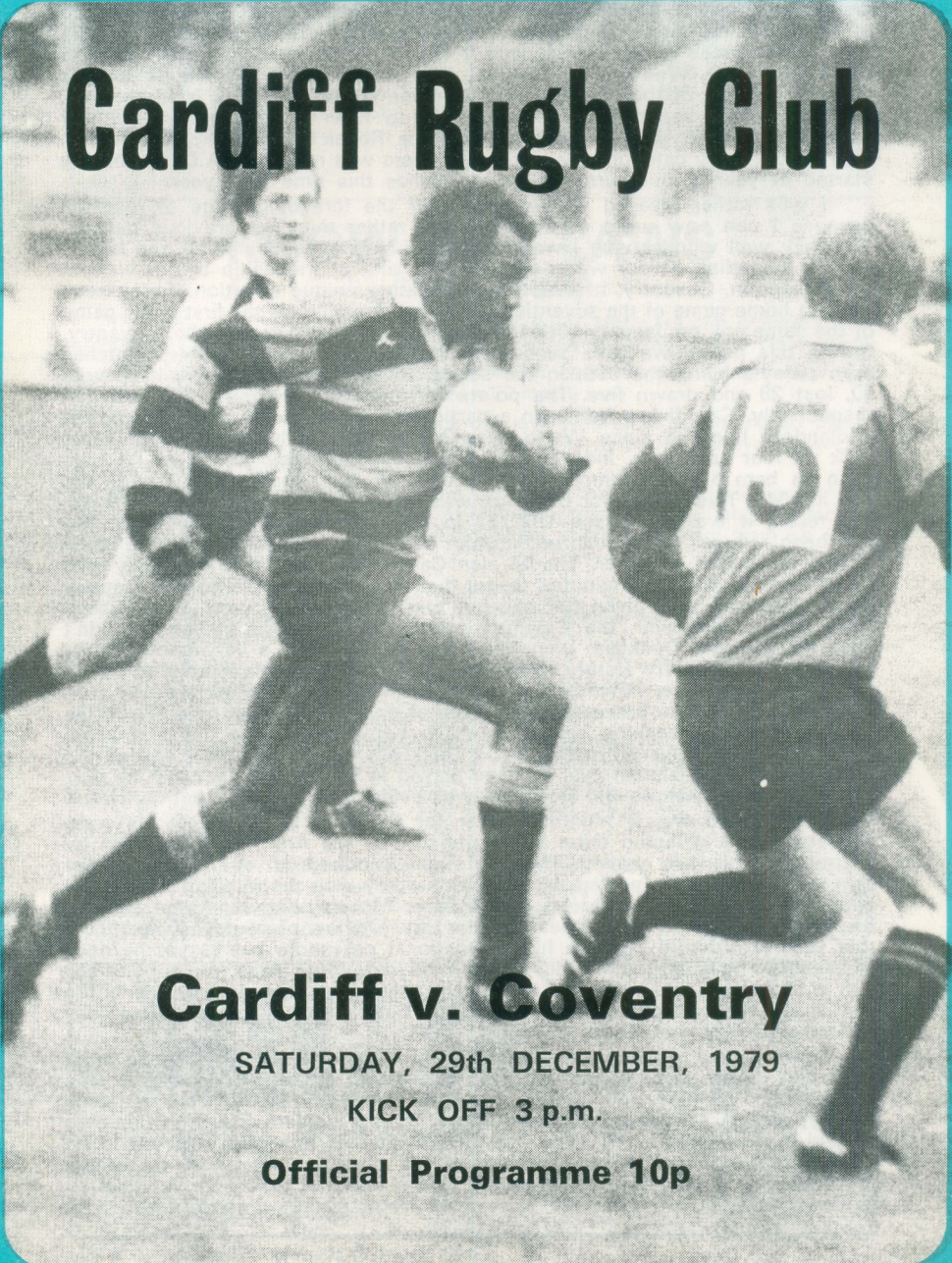


# Cardiff Rugby Club



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Official Programme 10p



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I am given to believe that there are various schools of thought as to when the end of a decade occurs. Most understand that it commences when the first year of the ten starts with a 0 and ends with a 9. With all we have read in the press and seen on television during the past week of the sporting feats and performances of the last decade it would appear that this definition was the correct one. Well yours truly has news for all those who think today's game is the last of the decade. The last game of the seventies it certainly is, but the current decade has still one year to run. I confidently base my information on no greater authority than the Royal Observatory, Greenwich. This august body categorically states that there was no year 0 A.D., so, having started at year 1, our current decade finishes this time next year.

I was rather pleased with myself over the foregoing piece of research because I can now write of the seventies rather than the previous decade. You may well wonder why I want to write of the seventies. Well, the fact is that in extending a very warm and sincere hand of friendship to our visitors this afternoon, Coventry, it gives rise to a rather unique situation. Today sees the last home game of the seventies but, coincidentally, for the first home game of the same era, on January 10th 1970, our visitors were, guess who, Coventry. During this period we have seen some marvellous Cardiff-Coventry matches with today's being the 95th in the series. Of the previous 94 we have won 60, lost 29 and drawn five. The points for and against show 1,359 and 774 respectively. Cardiff has not been a particularly happy hunting ground for the Midlanders because since World War 2 they have only won on the Arms Park on four occasions. Indeed, during the seventies their record would have been as bare as their famous Lady Godiva on her historic ride through the city in 1040. This victory for Coventry was also rather dubious because, if you can recall, it was in season 1972/73 in the days before replacements. We had been reduced to 14 men when John Bevan had retired early in the game with a dislocated shoulder. The 14 man Cardiff side had done extremely well to be leading with only minutes to go, then disaster struck. The ever popular David Duckham was given the ball but was hustled into touch by full back John Davies. However, the Coventry touch judge thought otherwise, didn't raise his flag and Duckham went over the line to score a very controversial try and gave Coventry victory by 19 pts. to 18. Only a single victory at Cardiff during the seventies, however, in no way reflects the keen anticipation with which their visits are preceded. Their type of open rugby suits us down to the ground and the smashing games we have witnessed during the past years are testimony of this situation. David Duckham must have been one of the most popular Englishmen ever to have played in Wales. The fact that he was affectionately known as Dai Duckham was evidence enough of that fact.

Last season was a nightmare year for Coventry as far as Cardiff were concerned. We defeated them by 76 pts to 9 at the Arms Park and then by 36 pts. to 4 on their ground. They were also knocked out of the John Player Cup in the second round but despite all this they won the Midland merit table which also included Leicester, Nottingham, Moseley, Northampton, Rugby, Bedford, Birmingham and Nuneaton. Our Huw Davies, of course, joined them this year in order to improve his international prospects but as yet he does not seem to have settled in order to show his undoubted class. We hope to see him in action today, and to him and all the other Coventry players, committee and supporters we again say welcome to Cardiff, may you enjoy your day and we wish you well for the new year.

Looking back on the seventies within our club, unquestionably the most important event of that era was the celebration of our centenary. It was meticulously planned and each event was arranged to recall our previous history, and in a manner commensurate with the esteem in which our club is held in the rugby world. The year, however, also provided what could be argued as our biggest disappointment of the seventies. That was our failure to clinch the W.R.U. Cup after getting to the final but losing to Newport by the odd point in 31. Secondly we moved from our old ground, which now

houses the National Stadium, to our present ground. This was the brainchild of one of the men who has become a legend in this club, Hubert Johnson. From the time in season 1962/63 that the W.R.U. began to look at Bridgend as a new home for international rugby in Wales, Hubert was equally determined that it should stay in Cardiff. He saw this come to fruition and took justifiable pride in looking at this new super rugby complex. He was also a great benefactor to our club and it was a gift from him in the form of the club trophy room that has now become world famous. All other clubs have seen fit to include a trophy room within their clubhouse but it will be forever Hubert Johnson who instigated it. In order to perpetuate his name in our club, the trophy room has been officially redesignated 'The Hubert Johnson Room'. The ceremony was simply but sincerely performed by his life long friend Les Spence and Haydn Wilkins on Sunday, 16th December last. In the presence of many, many of his friends who attended in body, you could feel the presence of Hubert in spirit. A very great man and certainly my man of the seventies.

P.N.

## KNOW THE LAWS

By FRED CROSTER

Did you have a go at the Boxing Day quiz? Here are the answers and, remember, I'll be waiting to give a pint or two away to those who claim them.

1. 'Fair catch', 'Mark'. The difference which came in this season is that it can only take place in a player's own 22 metre area.
2. The subtle change in the 'Knock-on' law was an amendment so that if the ball does go forward in a tackle it IS a knock-on. Steve Fenwick's try against France would not now be allowed.
3. In a 'Pile-up' situation, with the emphasis on keeping play going and preventing injuries, the practice of falling on top of tackled players, tackled players not releasing the ball and tacklers preventing them from so doing are closely watched by refs.
4. Injury time allowed is strictly one minute.
5. The 'big change' implemented in South Africa but not by the Home Countries is the use of the 'Sin Bin'.
6. When a player wishes to move, permission for a permit must be made by the other club. He can only play six games on permit.
7. A transfer must be applied for by the player himself.
8. The offside line common to scrums, rucks and mauls is the line through the hindmost foot of the player's team in the scrum, ruck or maul.
9. You were asked to fill in the blanks: "In a line-out, when jumping for the ball or peeling off, players can only move, **once the ball has left the thrower's hands.**"
10. If, at a scrum the ball goes into the tunnel, then comes back out and play is allowed to go on it is a case of the referee playing the advantage law which can apply to the benefit of the other side. How did you find them? Not too bad?

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|-----------------------------|--------------|
| 15. C. WEBBER               | Full Back    |
| 14. D. THOMAS               | Right Wing   |
| 13. D. BURCHER              | 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. NEWMAN                | Forwards     |
| 2. A. PHILLIPS              |              |
| 3. I. EIDMAN                |              |
| 4. P. SOUTO                 |              |
| 5. R. NORSTER               |              |
| 6. T. CHARLES               |              |
| 8. J. SCOTT                 |              |
| 7. S. LANE                  |              |
| P. DANIELS                  |              |
| B. LEASE                    |              |



Replacements

Referee: K. ROWLANDS

## Coventry

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|----------------------|-----|
| S. HALL              | 15. |
| P. F. KNEE (Captain) | 14. |
| S. BAILEY            | 13. |
| M. WOODHEAD          | 12. |
| M. GRIFFITHS         | 11. |
| H. DAVIES            | 10. |
| S. THOMAS            | 9.  |
| F. MELVIN            | 1.  |
| S. BRAIN             | 2.  |
| S. WILKES            | 3.  |
| D. NINNES            | 4.  |
| S. BROWN             | 5.  |
| S. OLIVER            | 6.  |
| S. GREGORY           | 8.  |
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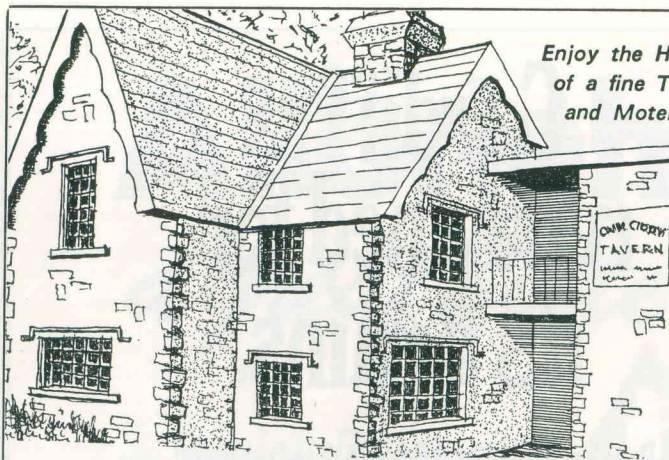


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Wed. 5	Glamorgan Wands.	A 26-9
Sat. 8	Neath	H 28-3
Wed. 12	Bristol	H 17-17
Sat. 15	Coventry	A 15-16
Wed. 19	Canada	H 19-8
Sat. 22	Aberavon	H 29-12
Wed. 26	Penarth	A 12-0
Sat. 29	Moseley	H 31-10
OCTOBER		
Wed. 3	Bridgend	H 9-17
Sat. 6		
Wed. 10	Pontypridd	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 43-19
Sat. 27	Harlequins	A 43-19
Wed. 31	Don Pill Memorial Selected XV (All pay)	H 15-27
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	Wrexham (Cup)	H 36-6

Sat. 22	Aberavon	H 36-8
Wed. 26	Pontypridd	H 19-3
Sat. 29	Coventry	H.....
1980		
JANUARY		
Tues. 1	Bath	H.....
Sat. 5	Moseley	A.....
Sat. 12	Pontypridd (Cup)	H.....
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.....
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