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Perhaps it is a reasonable argument to state that the stunningly successful musical Evita has done more than anything else to put Argentina in the public eye in this country. The haunting music and lyrics of "Don't cry for me Argentina" rightly became immensely popular and the words of that beautiful song can be applied in a very appropriate manner to the healthy state of rugby in that country. Rugby nations the world over are rapidly becoming aware of the emerging strength of Argentinian standards and as such nobody - but nobody - will need to shed a tear for the state of the game in the South American continent. It therefore gives the Cardiff Rugby Club the greatest of pleasure to welcome the Argentinian club San Isidro to the Arms Park. A little bit of history will obviously be created today because it is the first time a club side from that country has played on the Arms Park. You may well remember that we have actually clashed with the Argentinian national side having played them during our centenary year on October 2, 1976. It was the Saturday after our main centenary game against an Overseas International team which we won by 24 pts. to 13. The following Saturday, however, saw Argentina beat us by 29 pts. to 25. And what a game that was on the day. The South American Señors went off straight from the kick off like bombs and by half-time we were trailing by 22 pts. to 6. Gerald Davies, captain at the time, motivated his side to great heights in the second half but we just couldn't manage to overcome such a large deficit and the end of the game came with Argentina winning by 29 pts. to 25. You may remember that particular game for an incident in which the prompt action of our ever alert "rubber dub" man, Tom Holley, probably saved the life of one of the Argentinian players who had his tongue lodged in his throat after taking a knock. Tom's rapid appraisal of the situation and swift remedial action fortunately averted what could have been a very serious situation.

San Isidro itself is a city on the River Plate some 30 miles north of the capital of the country, Buenos Aires. It is not the only side in the city either as Club Athletico is also another club of first class standard which plays in San Isidro. They are no strangers to touring this country either as they had an eight game itinerary of England and Wales at the beginning of 1972. Of these, they won six and lost two to Bedford and Bridgend by 9-12 and 12-15 respectively. It was also during 1972 that San Isidro drew with the touring South African team the Gazelles. This was the first occasion that any South African tourists had failed to win a game in Argentina. This success led to an invitation for San Isidro to play a five match tour in South Africa and Rhodesia. They played Old Miltonians, Mannicaland-Mashanaland and Gos-Hawks in Rhodesia and won all three and then in South Africa they beat East Transvaal but then lost their final game of the tour to the powerful Transvaal side by 16-25.

The San Isidro club is recognised as one of the strongest in the country and during the 1970's they enjoyed a very large measure of success. They won the first division championship of their country in 1970, 71, 72, 73, 77 and 78, were runners-up in 1974 and 1976 and in third place in 1975. In the same period some 21 San Isidro players were selected to play for their national side, amongst them being **Arturo Rodrigues Jurado**, an inside half who has gained 51 caps. Including the fore-mentioned player their party consists of 34 players and of these 17 have represented their country. Of their side this evening 12 have gained caps, so we are going to have something on our plate tonight. The

San Isidro players themselves are looking forward very much to playing Cardiff and were very disappointed to see Gareth Davies injured during last Saturday's game. Their coach, Carlos Villegas, is a firm believer in playing 15 man rugby and he was very complimentary in his statement about the Cardiff club when I spoke to him. San Isidro, of course, have played two games prior to arriving at the Park tonight. They just lost out by 27-20 against Pontypridd last week but Ponty admit that they were lucky to catch their opponents early on in the tour and readily endorsed the fact that the South Americans have a very good side. A further indication of the strength of rugby in Argentina lies in the fact that San Isidro's other club. Athletico, are also touring in this country and Rosario from further inland are also currently playing here and gave Pontypool quite a shock last week when a last ditch try for the the Gwent side gave them a draw to preserve a 12 month ground record. So to captain Mario Walther and his players, manager Adrian Anthony, coach Carlos Villegas and all other members of the party, we say welcome to Cardiff, may your visit to our city be a pleasant one and we hope that when you depart you take happy memories with you.

The Cardiff Rugby Club wishes to acknowledge the kind gesture of John Cory Travel Ltd. in sponsoring this evening's game.

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KNOW THE LAWS

By FRED CROSTER

A teaser which may intrigue our rugby mad visitors from far distant shores. I'll leave last Saturday's match till next time. A defending player catches the ball in his own 25 from a kick ahead and, quite within his rights calls 'Mark'. The 'Free Kick' is awarded. He then taps the ball to himself, runs up the field until he is in a suitable position and drops a goal. What should be the referee's decision?

The points of discussion are that: a 'Mark' can only be made in his own 25-alright, 22, if you like. That was o.k. But, the law states that: "A goal shall not be scored by the kicker from a 'Free Kick' unless the ball has first been played by another player."

So, where does that leave us?

The good book does have the answer. An infringement has been incurred by the kicker; the drop goal must be void, so, quite simply, a scrum must be awarded at the mark and the opposing side have the put-in. I've never seen this happen. Have you?



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Full Back Right Wing Right Centre

Left Centre Left Wing

Outside Half

Inside Half

Forwards



Replacements

San Isidro

F. ARGERICH* 30.

M. WALTHER (Capt.)* 29.

M. PEREZCOBO 25.

M. LOFFREDA* 23.

F. SAINZ TRAPAGA 24.

R. MADERO* 21.

A. SOAREZ GACHE* 18.

C. SAINZ TRAPAGA* 1.

J. PEREZ COBO* 3.

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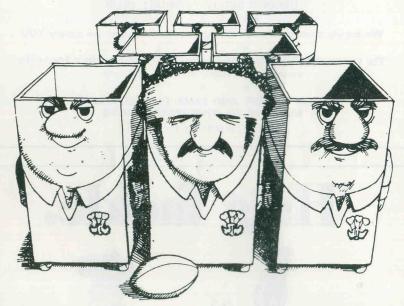
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