



Cardiff Rugby Club

Cardiff v. Newport

SATURDAY, 22nd MARCH, 1980

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Official Programme 10p

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Can you believe it? With only six more games left to the end of the season it begins to snow. By now, many is the rusty lawnmower which has been dragged from obscure corners of the garage and given an oily kiss of life in readiness for the forthcoming battle against the never-ending growth of the grass. After experiencing probably the wettest winter we have had for some years, hopefully the flurry of snow falling as I write these notes is not a prelude to mini Winter Olympics on the Wenallt. As I've stated though, in terms of games to be played, another six will see season 1979/80 take its place in history. It is to be hoped therefore that the club scene in Wales will live up to its high reputation and give us something to talk about over our pints. With the annihilation of our national side at Landsdowne Road last Saturday there is now no way we can bask in the reflected glory of a 5th triple crown, or even a share of the championship, with the sort of self-indulgence we in Waies have become accustomed to. There are probably many Welshmen these days who are very reluctant to meet their English counterparts and find out what it's like to be on the receiving end of such a situation.

However we can still hold our heads high by virtue of the fact that Wales has supplied the biggest majority of the Lions party to tour South Africa during the summer. On this score we as a club can take great pride in providing the largest contingent of Welsh players. In doing so we offer our heartiest congratulations to Gareth, Terry, Alan and Stuart and we wish them every success and enjoyment for the tour. All four are becoming seasoned tourists now, and I am sure they will be equally worthy ambassadors of the Cardiff club as all the previous Blue and Black Lions. We would also like to add our congratulations to our vice-captain John Scott on his very significant contribution to his country's Grand Slam, and with the same breath commiserations over his non-selection for the Lions tour.

So what's left for the remainder of the season. As previously stated we have only six games left and the highlight of those, with the utmost respect to all our other opponents, will be the Baa Baas game on Easter Saturday. Hopefully we should then be able to field a full strength side and make it the last that our Lions elect will play before the tour.

If interest for us, and some other clubs, is on the wane, it can be said of our opponents today that theirs is now at its zenith. In extending a very warm and sincere welcome to Newport, we do so with rather an envious glance in their direction because they are still very much involved in the W.R.U. Cup. This, in what has unquestionably been the worst season in their illustrious history, reflects great credit on their powers of survival where it matters. They have borne many a defeat from lesser clubs and the slingshots and arrows of many unqualified critics with a dignity that befits their place in the rugby world. There weren't many who would have put a bent penny on their chances of winning at Maesteg, but this they did and then accounted for Newbridge to earn a semi-final place against Swansea.

Today's game gives the Usksiders a golden opportunity to stage a full dress rehearsal because, of course, their semi-final against the All Whites is also on our ground. The Black and Ambers are no strangers to Cardiff as this afternoon sees the 341st game in the series since it began in 1876. This is a vast number of games for two clubs to have played and it makes me wonder whether it is a record of some kind. The full statistics read: played 340, Cardiff won 159, lost 125 and 56 drawn games, points for 2,429, against 2,040. We also have something to prove today, however, and we will be all out to arrest a dismal run of three successive defeats. San Isidro, Pontypool (both at home) and last Tuesday's reverse at Bridgend. So a win is rather vital, but

Cover picture by courtesy of Western Mail & Echo

Newport are going to be just as determined to halt a run of five consecutive defeats against us over the last three seasons. Welcome then Newport and we wish you more luck for next Saturday rather than this.

Since the publication of the Wasps programme on 23rd February, the Rags have played another three games. They had a very good win in the second of their Centenary games by 38-4 against Cardiff and District. They then fell from grace slightly in losing 12-13 against Pontypool Athletic, but returned to their winning ways last Saturday in defeating Pontypool United by 21-3. The Youth XV are also carrying all before them spectacularly on their path to invincibility and last Saturday won against a hitherto unbeaten Nottingham. Their cup final game against Cwmbran will be played at Newbridge on 1st April.

Finally, fixture secretary Brian Mark tells me he is desperately trying to arrange an alternative date for the attractive home game against Llanelli, which we cannot now play next Saturday of course. This could prove rather difficult for him if the Scarlets get through their semi-final so we can only wait and see.

P.N.

KNOW THE LAWS

By FRED CROSTER

Peeling off! A popular move and one which this year's chairman Howard Norris used to enjoy employing throughout his long playing career.

But! So often,, especially this season, have I noticed players contravening the appropriate Law — 23 for those who like to know.

'Peeling off' occurs when a player (or players) moves from his position in the line-out for the purpose of catching the ball when it has been passed or knocked back by another of his team in the line-out. No one quarrels with that, it is what happens next that produces the wrong doing.

In a peeling off movement the player must move parallel and close to the line-out. If the line-out does not end he must rejoin it. He MUST KEEP MOVING until a ruck or a maul is formed and he rejoins it or the line-out ends. He can start to peel off once the ball has left the hands of the thrower in. Time and time again, players will start to make the peel, the ball sticks in the line and they will then wait in anticipation of it coming back to them.

They should be penalised. Alas, many times they are not.

NEXT HOME FIXTURES

Sat., 5th April: **CARDIFF v. BARBARIANS** 3 p.m.

Mon., 7th April: **CARDIFF v. HARLEQUINS** 3 p.m.

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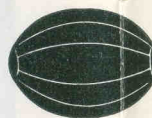
Cardiff

15. C. WEBBER
14. D. THOMAS
13. N. HUTCHINGS
12. *D. BURCHER
11. D. PREECE
10. D. BARRY
9. *T. HOLMES
1. J. WHITEFOOT
2. *A. PHILLIPS
3. J. DIXON
4. R. NORSTER
5. *I. ROBINSON
6. T. CHARLES
8. *J. SCOTT (Captain)
7. *S. LANE

C. SMITH
G. WILLIAMS

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



Replacements

Newport

- L. DAVIES 15.
- G. EVANS (Captain)* 14.
- P. WATERS 13.
- J. ROBINSON 12.
- R. ACKERMAN 11.
- K. JAMES 10.
- A. BILLINGHURST 9.
- J. DALE 1.
- S. DONOGHUE 2.
- R. CRIDLAND 3.
- L. JONES 4.
- D. WATERS 5.
- G. EVANS 6.
- R. BARRELL 8.
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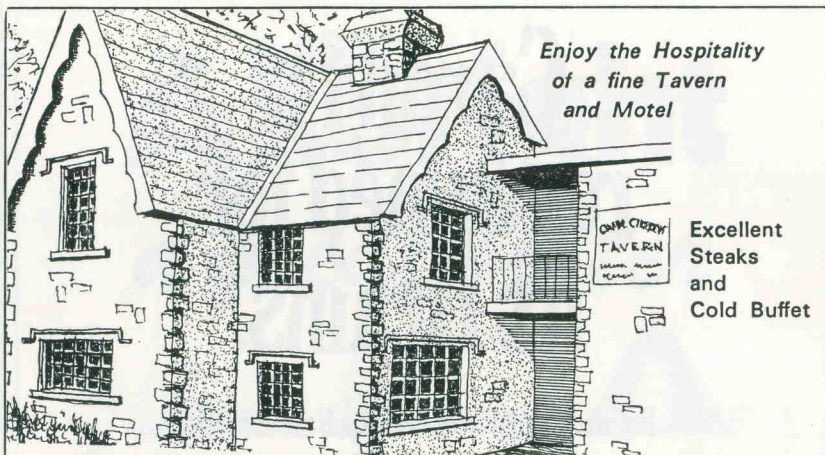


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SEPTEMBER

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 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	Wrexham (Cup)	H	36-6

Sat.	22	Aberavon	H	36-8
Wed.	26	Pontypridd	H	19-3
Sat.	29	Coventry	H	33-13

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JANUARY

Tues.	1	Bath	H	16-4
Sat.	5	Moseley	A	20-6
Sat.	12	Pontypridd (Cup)	H	6-13
Fri.	18			
Wed.	23	S. Wales Police	H	C
Sat.	26	Aberavon	A	22-29

FEBRUARY

Sat.	2	Ebbw Vale	A	12-6
Sat.	9	Bristol	A	14-9
Sat.	16	London Welsh	A	41-19
Sat.	23	Wasps	H	25-8
Fri.	29	Heriots F.P.	H	38-9

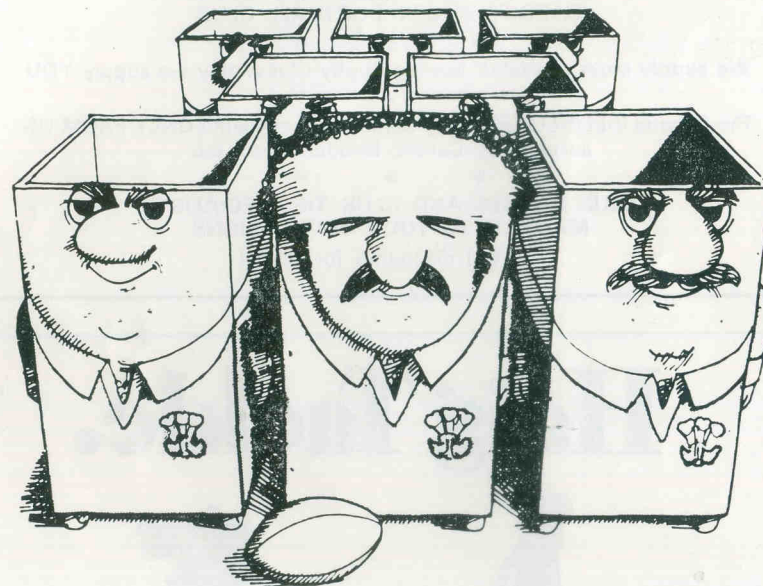
MARCH

Tues.	4	San Isidro	H	10-16
Sat.	8	Pontypool	H	4-10
Sat.	15	Bridgend	A	3-4
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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