



Cardiff Rugby Club

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Official Programme 10p

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This afternoon we take great pleasure in welcoming to the Arms Park the second of our regular Easter visitors, the aristocrats of English rugby, the Harlequins. Their visit today could see the end of the season for us on the Arms Park because this is our last scheduled home game for the 1979/80 campaign. However, there is now hope that we will be able to rearrange the Llanelli game which we lost due to their involvement in the semi-final of the cup. They lost that game, as we all know, so now there could be some leeway on their part to agree a suitable date to visit us. It would make a very suitable climax to our home season.

Still, back to today which sees the 105th game in the Cardiff-Harlequins series and of the previous 104 we have won 75, lost 19, drawn ten and scored 1,382 against 739. The series began in season 1881/82 so next year it will be 100 years old. The Quins last won in Cardiff in season 1967/68 so no doubt they would like to chalk up another one today. They arrive in Cardiff for this afternoon's game fresh from their good performance against Leicester in the semi-final of the John Player Cup. Many was the critic who predicted that the Midland side had only to turn up at Twickenham in order to overwhelm the Londoners. The Quins fought a stubborn fight however but finally went under by 16 pts. to 9. Also on the debit side of that match for the Quins was the fact that their popular captain, Terry Claxton, had to leave the field with a painful rib injury. We hope this will have cured itself by today and he will be able to lead his side this afternoon. Late information as I write these notes, however, has become available which indicates that the Quins will be very fortunate to have any of their front row available due to injuries suffered during their cup game with Leicester. We in the Cardiff Club sometimes get two sides on the field by a whisker and it shows how desperate must be the plight of selection committees such as the Quins whose Easter games are Swansea on Saturday and ourselves on Monday. It just goes to show how lucky we are in Wales that English sides seem to be quite happy to visit the Principality over a holiday period in order to provide us with suitable entertainment. Don't forget this year, too, all our visitors from the other side of Offa's Dyke will be able to lord it over us with their Triple Crown and Grand Slam. Hopefully, today also amongst the Quins side will be All Black Andy Haden who, of course, is very well known in Cardiff. So to the Harlequins we say welcome to Cardiff, may you enjoy your day and again hopefully we will be blessed with a bit of fine weather.

Now regardless of Fred Croster's holiday quiz here's a little poser for you. When was the last time Cardiff First XV won any sort of tangible trophy (sevens excluded, of course)? The nearest we have got to it was during our centenary year when we agonisingly lost to Newport by one point in the final of the W.R.U. Cup. Correct me if I'm wrong then but it strikes me that the last time a Cardiff captain was actually holding some sort of trophy was season 1964/65 when Meirion Roberts was the skipper. That year we won the Floodlit Alliance Tournament by beating Ebbw Vale, Bridgend, Cross Keys and then Llanelli by 14 points to 8 in the final which earned us the trophy. Well, another trophy has arrived in the Cardiff Club via the good auspices of our brilliant Youth XV. On Tuesday last, they appeared in the final of the W.R.U. Cup against Cwmbran at Newbridge R.F.C.'s ground and won by 20 pts to 3. Prior to this game they had played 34, won 34 and scored a massive 1,098 points against a mere 90. Full credit to Newbridge for allowing the game to go on last Tuesday evening but the ground was really in rather a bad state. It was all against the playing of good rugby and this was compounded by the presence of a very strong wind. The Cardiff lads made up their minds, however, that they could conquer Cwmbran and the elements and, indeed, did so by the 20 pts. to 3 margin previously mentioned. Some of their rugby on the night was a great credit to themselves and their coach Peter Davies. Their exceptional record this year has been achieved by a great willingness of the whole squad under the captaincy of Anthony Bartlett to play rugby in true Cardiff style. This has resulted in the scoring of 218 tries of which Martin Burrridge has scored 35, Phillip Forde 32 and Steven Dudridge 23. The whole squad has played exceptional rugby all the year and this has culminated in Phillip Forde, Kevin Trivett, Joseph Suto, Martin Burrridge, Alan Edwards, Matthew Curtis and

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John Manders being selected for the Welsh Youth tour to South Africa — well done lads. Well done too to Youth secretary Gary Davies and all his able helpers and also to the faithful band of Mums and Dads who turn up to support the boys every week. Perhaps it will be the forerunning to a couple more trophies coming our way.

In the hope that we manage to play Llanelli, and another home programme will be printed, I will defer my good wishes for a happy summer and thanks for your support until then.

P.N.

KNOW THE LAWS

By FRED CROSTER

Here are the answers to Saturday's questions. I hope that you enjoyed them.

1. If a defending player makes a Mark in his own 25, taps the ball to himself, then runs up the field to drop a goal it would not be allowed as the ball would have to be touched by another player. The ref., should award a scrum to the other side where the Mark was made.
2. If a long kick off goes over the dead ball line without being touched, the opposing team may accept the kick, have it kicked off again or ask for a scrum at the centre.
3. If, after the scrumhalf puts the ball in, it comes back out of the tunnel and play is allowed to continue it would be if the ball had been played by the opposite front row and advantage then taken by the other scrumhalf. A lá our own Terry quite often.
4. Referee waiting to blow up for full time! He cannot blow to end the game until the ball goes dead. In soccer they blow as soon as the actual time is up no matter where the ball may be.
5. Touch judges can report incidents of foul play and misconduct in matches where they are recognised referees themselves, in representative games or in such domestic matches for which the Union has given express permission — Cup games are an example.
6. In such cases they would signal to the referee by raising their flag to a horizontal position, pointing in the direction of the goal line of the offending team. They must remain in touch until the next stoppage of play when the ref., may consult.
7. Foul play in-goal while the ball is out of play! A penalty kick would be awarded at the place where play would otherwise have re-started and, in addition, the player would be cautioned or sent off.
8. 'Going over the top', and often the tackler punished! The tackler must NOT prevent the tackled player lying on the ground, from releasing the ball, prevent him from getting up after he has released it, attempt to pick up the ball before it has been released, pull the ball from his possession, or reach or go beyond the ball in order to get possession.
9. Putting the ball in the scrum! Firstly, the team not responsible for the stoppage of play, if any doubt, the team moving forward prior to the stoppage or, if neither team was moving forward, the defending team.
10. If a scrum takes place near the goal line, the ball is being heeled by the defenders, the attackers shove and their scrumhalf dives in and touches the ball down for a try it is because a scrum can only take place in the field of play. Once the scrum reaches the goal line or beyond it ceases to exist as such.

How did you find them? I'll be waiting to give someone a pint if you're the first member with all correct answers, or around the entrance with some 'Welsh Rugby' mags if you're not.

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Right Centre
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Left Wing
Outside Half
Inside Half
Forwards



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| 1979 | | |
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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 |

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| Sat. 22 | Aberavon | H 36-8 |
| Wed. 26 | Pontypridd | H 19-3 |
| Sat. 29 | Coventry | H 33-13 |
| 1980 | | |
| 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 11-6 |
| Sat. 29 | Llanelli | H P |
| 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 | |

Cardiff R.F.C. ball boys - season 1979/80



Back row (left to right): NICHOLAS KYRIACO, ALAN JONES, MARK PILL.
Front row: MATTHEW NYHAN, COLIN HARVEY, BRADLEY KNIGHT, CENNYDD WILLIAMS.

Today we would like to record a vote of thanks to our hard-working ball boys who, through fair weather and foul (with more the latter than the former), have kept the game flowing. Well done boys, we hope you have enjoyed being as close to the action as anyone else on the Park.

Nicholas Kyriaco — aged nearly 13, was born in Cairo but now attends Lady Mary School. He is keen on all games especially rugby and he wants to become a policeman.

Alan Jones — Alan is the senior ball boy and has done this job for years. He is now contemplating retiring from this exacting position.

Mark Pill — Mark is another keen rugby player and besides playing for his school he has represented Caerphilly & District and East Wales. Son of the late Don Pill ex-player and committeeman.

Colin Harvey — aged 13 and attends Bishop of Llandaff School for whom he plays rugby. Colin is a great nephew of the legendary Arthur Gould who's 25 caps for Wales as a centre was only recently broken by Steve Fenwick. Other interests are sea fishing, tennis and metal detecting.

Bradley Knight — aged 13 and attends Whitchurch Comprehensive School. Bradley is an all round sportsman and once scored 16 goals in a soccer match in which he was playing.

Cennydd Williams — aged 10½ and attends Ffynnon Taff Primary School. He is the son of Tony one of Cardiff's best ever sevens players, and present committeeman. Cennydd plays centre for his school team and also likes football and swimming. His favourite player is Terry Holmes.

Matthew Nyhan — aged 11 and is a pupil at St. Joseph's Convent School. He plays outside half for his school side and is also the captain. Likes most ball games and is the son of Peter Nyhan present committeeman.

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