

# Cardiff Rugby Club

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Official Programme 10p

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Well, unbelievably, here we are at the end of season 1979-80 and after tonight's game it will become part of the history of the club. Mind you we could not ask for better visitors to bring down the curtain than our friends and rivals from West Wales, Llanelli. Tonight's game, as you probably well know, has been rearranged from the original date of March 29th due to Llanelli's involvement in the Schweppes/W.R.U. Cup on that day. The Scarlets have been very co-operative, however, in agreeing to come to the Arms Park and by so doing they establish rather a unique situation. Soon after tonight's game the Scarlets leave for Exeter for a short tour to the West Country so in our long history I imagine that this is the first time we have been the first leg of a West Country tour by another Welsh club. So in extending a warm welcome to Llanelli we say again thank you for the ready agreement to play this evening and may you enjoy your weekend.

Tonight's game sees the 194th game in the series between our clubs and as the first game was played in season 1880-81, the association will be 100 years old next season. The statistics of the previous 193 sees Cardiff having won 106, lost 71 and 16 games have been drawn. We have scored 1,813 points against Llanelli's 1,287. Earlier in the season when we played our annual visit to Stradey we went off with quite a bang and had two good tries on the board before the Scarlets had looked like scoring. However, we appeared to go off the boil or perhaps we should give Llanelli the credit in saying they came back at us with a bigger bang and ran out final winners by 18pts to 14. Prior to that game the Scarlets had been having a very ordinary season by their high standards, but the win against us signalled a revival in their fortunes and from there on in they had an extremely good run which amongst other things got them to the semi-final of the Cup. Tonight of course the Scarlets, like ourselves, will be well below strength with their Lions contingent Derek Quinnell, Ray Gravell and Peter Morgan resting. If the old maestro Phil Bennett plays however and is there to marshal the abundant talent of the bevy of young players that the Scarlets have at their disposal, we could well witness another good running game like many many of the preceeding games of the series. One apology that must be made is the lack of space for an after-the-match-drink in the clubhouse. This is due to the fact the top bar has already been booked for a testimonial dinner for Glamorgan Cricketer Alan Jones. This will seriously restrict the accommodation available so we apologise for any inconvenience caused.

I suppose we can consider tonight's game a form of aperitif for tomorrow's big game. One thing is certain: both Llanelli and ourselves would be only too glad to be one of the contestants on the National Ground tomorrow. For Bridgend and Swansea, however, due to the immense pre-match interest and the subsequent amazing early sale of all stand tickets, an international match atmosphere is guaranteed. This again shows the relative standards of Welsh and English club rugby. Last Saturday's John Player Cup drew a record 30,000 crowd to Twickenham. Tomorrow's game looks like being a sell out and with a full house of some 50,000 plus it will probably see another Cardiff record go by the board. That of course is the record held for attendance at a club game of 48,500 when we played Newport at the Arms Park on 17th February, 1951. The most startling contrast between that game and tomorrow's is the fact that the Cup Final is expected to net some £100,000 plus while the Cardiff-Newport match of nearly 30 years ago realised the then magnificent sum of £2,600 — mind-boggling, isn't it?

On the home front, it's congratulations to our newest recruit, Kevin Edwards, on his selection for the Welsh tour to North America. Also welcome to Gwynfor Williams who is back in the Blue and Black colours again. The Rags centeary is rapidly coming to an end and since publication of the Baa Baas programme they have had mixed luck. The third and last of their centenary

games against Pembroke County ended in a 17-16 defeat. The Rags were rather pushed to field a side because of unavailability and several youth players filled the breach in a commendable manner. They then had a very successful tour to Scotland when they defeated Kelso Seconds by 28pts to 9, a Galashiels Select side by 15-9 and then in the Portabello sevens they lost in the semi-final by 10pts to 6 to Preston Lodge, who then went on to beat Portobello by 38-18. A very enjoyable time was had by all in the Border Country and the hospitality extended by the Scots was overwhelming. Last Saturday the Rags won against Ebbw Vale Athletic by 33pts to nil. The Youth also are looking set for an invincible season and the exhibition they put up prior to the Baa Baas game when they ran up 80pts against Llandaff was quite amazing. Their latest conquest brought them victory in the Maesteg Invitation Youth Sevens during which they won all three games to win the cup and scored 84pts against nil.

Finally it ouly remains for me to wish you all a happy summer break in the hope that we will see you all back again for a brand new 1980-81 season.

P.N.

#### KNOW THE LAWS

By FRED CROSTER

Cup Final days always produce some talking point. A Cup Final, 'next door' which took place since our last home game, produced not only a fine game between local team Rumney — their third successful Final and they had won the last two — and Tondu, who proved worthy winners of the Welsh Brewers' Welsh Districts Cup, but a talking point with which we can end this season's notes.

No referee who ever took the field has done so without making a mistake of some sort, be it large or small, be it important or unimportant. This particular match, the climax to a competition which started with 136 teams, could well have ended differently with Rumney making it a hat trick of wins due to such an error.

They were awarded a penalty kick on Tondu's goal line or, at most, a yard or so outside. A short kick was taken, the ball passed to one of their fine burly forwards who crashed over the line. A try was given, the kick converted.

Then came this little revelation for yours truly. Most of the W.R.U., V.I.P.'s were present as Welsh Brewers's guests. Came a question which showed considerable knowledge of the Laws. "Was that right, Fred? Should that penalty have been taken so near the goal line?"

I had to think before realising the importance of the point. No, it was not right. The kick should have been taken 5 metres back from the goal line. That try might never have been scored. Tondu did win, hence the result was not changed. A relief.

This little known change came about when the alteration in a short penalty was introduced. If a penalty is awarded within 5 metres of the goal line then the mark for that penalty, or a scrummage instead of it must be 5 metres back. Fair enough. It's there for all to see.

That's it till next season. Have a good summer.



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- 9. G. WILLIAMS
- 1. J. WHITEFOOT
- 2. M. WATKINS
- 3. J. DIXON
- 4. P. SOUTO
- 5. C. SMITH
- 6. B. LAKIN
- 8. J. SCOTT (Captain)
- 7. B. LEASE
  - D. BARRY
  - O. GOLDING

Referee: K. PARFITT (W.R.U.)

Replacements

Right Centre

Left Centre

Left Wing

Outside Half

Inside Half

Forwards

#### Llanelli

- Full Back R. DAVIES 15.
  Right Wing J. J. WILLIAMS (Captain) 14.
  - R. BERGIERS 13.
    - M. JONES 12.
    - P. LEWIS 11.
  - M. GRAVELL 10. M. DOUGLAS 9.
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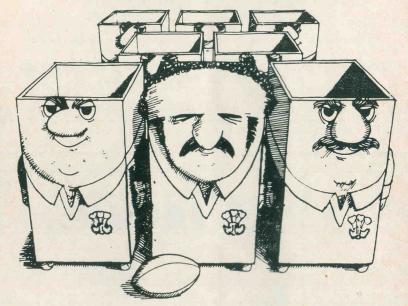
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