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Well here we go again, off into the brand new season after probably one of the wettest summers we have had for many a long day. Added to this, if you are anything like me, the list of jobs to be done around the house still remains practically intact and will now have to remain so for another eight months.

To further compound this situation the disasters suffered by Cardiff's representatives on both the Lion and the W.R.U. Canadian tours seemed to be never-ending. Of all our casualties poor Stuart Lane must surely have earned himself a place in the annals of rugby history by the brevity of his appearance in the coveted Lion jersey. Stuart has resigned himself to the fact that he is out of the game until perhaps the end of the year but he is determined to be back but, sensibly, only when his leg will be 100% capable of standing up to the hard rigours of Welsh rugby. Then the injuries suffered by our brilliant young half backs, which caused their premature return from South Africa, was no doubt the biggest factor in the 3-1 winning margin gained by the Springboks in the tests. Then of course Alan Phillips was also added to the illness and injury list which also restricted his appearances. Chris Webber and David Thomas were then laid low with injury in Canada to complete the tale of woe. Hopefully, then Lady Luck will smile on us during the coming season after being as ominously absent as the sun during the summer months.

All this would have been bad enough if it were behind us but now as fresh as a new laid egg comes the W.R.U. Centenary celebrations with all its accompanying extra matches. The announcement of the Welsh squad last week revealed no fewer than six of our players so things are going to be fairly tough for our new captain John Scott who, of course, will also be involved with the English squad. In congratulating John on his appointment we wish him well in his task of leadership in what is going to be a difficult year. Uppermost in his mind, and everyone elses probably, must be yet another visit from New Zealand on 18th October. It will be of paramount importance to have a settled team some weeks before the great day if we are going to stand a chance of victory. Mind you, its a bit of a daunting tour for the All Blacks to play Cardiff, Swansea, Llanelli, Newport and Wales in the space of 15 days and is considered by lots, to be masochistic. Their image is also slightly tarnished through defeats by Australia and they will, no doubt, be going flat out to regain their prestige. What better way could they do this than going through the Centenary tour undefeated. If they do manage such an achievement they will deserve full acclaim and we in Wales await the composition of the party with great interest.

On the administration side of things, the Chairmanship has been taken up by one of the great stalwarts of the Club, C. D. Williams. C. D. is no stranger to you having been around on the Cardiff scene for many years. As one of Bleddyn's victorious team against the 1953 All Blacks, C. D. would dearly love to see another Cardiff victory chalked up. So we wish you well C. D. and sincerely hope you enjoy your term of office.

Back to tonight's game now though and it gives us great pleasure to welcome Glamorgan Wanderers to the Arms Park as our first opponents of season 1980/81. Tonight's game is the 15th game in the series between our clubs and as yet the Wanderers have failed to register a win. They managed to hold us to a scoreless draw in season 1961/62 but have suffered defeat on all other 13 occasions. During these 14 games, Cardiff have registered 424 points against 83. The Wanderers are of course, our closest first clas neigh-

bours and as such they have suffered the defection of many of their stars to the Cardiff Club. For instance playing for Cardiff tonight against their old club will be Pat Daniels and Julian O'Brien whilst Andrew Yeandle will be turning out for the Rags in a bid to recapture the sparkling form of last year which made him so popular with the crowd. Despite this fact, the clubs are on the very best of terms as far as friendship is concerned and long may this be. Welcome the Wanderers.

Now the bad news, which should be evident to you by now if you have read this far, The cost of the programme has gone up to 15p. This has been forced on us by the cost of paper and production and considering it has cost 10p for the last 5 years we hope you will not be too critical of this increase.

P.N.

KNOW THE LAWS

By FRED CROSTER

Here we are, back again, and what a season this promises to be. Exciting to say the least and successful we hope.

What have the law makers been up to during the summer? Not very much I am pleased to say and that does make a welcome change. Nevertheless there have been a couple of things and, in order to get things right, right at the start, let's put that in order.

A little bit on 'kick off.' A new clause inserted to ensure that it's the correct form of kick and, of course, from the correct place.

'Line-out' has a slight alteration: "When the furthest player in the line-out of the team throwing the ball in is less than 15 metres from the touch line, to conform to the established length, opposing players may retire to the offside line without penalty as long as they don't delay."

The introduction last season of touch judges playing a part in detecting foul play has been written in to provide that, for such an offence, the penalty as a result may be awarded where the offence occurred or the place where play would re-start.

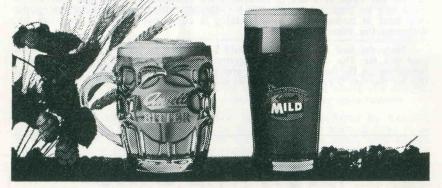
And that's the lot. Marvellous. But, all involved or concerned with the laws of our game are awaiting anxiously the imminent Referees and Coaches International Conference when details of the complete re-write of the book will be revealed for the first time. Under the chairmanship of Hermas Evans, this sub-committee of the International Board has been hard at it for over three years. A major revolution is on the way. You'll hear all about it.



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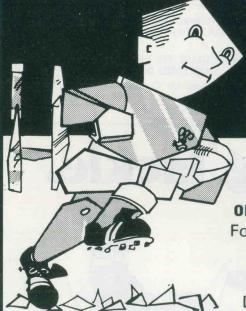
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