

Cardiff Rugby Club



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Official Programme 15p

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Welcome tonight to the men of "Donkey Island" Penarth for this the 132nd encounter in the series between our respective clubs. The statistics of the previous 131 games sees 113 wins to us, 8 to Penarth with 10 ending even. During this sequence which began in 1887 we have amassed 2,052 pts. against 462. The "Seasiders" of course, have now begun their 101st season having celebrated their centenary last year. Amongst their most notable achievements during their celebrations was their magnificent victory over the Baa-Baas on Good Friday by 29-22. Their victory was all the more pleasant because even the most ardent Penarth fan could never have envisaged a win against the tourists who included such illustrious players as Phil Bennett and Jacques Fauroux amongst their ranks. The Seasiders rose courageously to the occasion however, and provided a marvellous retirement present for their captain Mike Knill. Mike of course, is well known to us at the Arms Park and in leading his side to victory over the Baa-Baas on that day he provided the second leg of rather a unique double. It was three years previously that Penarth had also beaten the Baa-Baas (Mike played against Penarth that day) and the side that day was captained by another player who had left Cardiff to spend the twilight of his career with the Seasiders—Lyn Baxter. He led his side to a 36-30 victory on that day so it may be something for the Baa-Baas to take heed of when they next play at Penarth with the local side being led by an ex-Cardiff player.

John James was another erstwhile Cardiff player to lead the Seasiders, in fact he was only the second man to captain both Cardiff and Penarth clubs. Who was the other you may well be asking. Well we have to go back some 70 years to answer that question, when unlike John James who went from Cardiff to Penarth, his predecessor in this particular double was Reggie Gibbs. He captained the Seasiders in season 1903/04 and then defected to Cardiff and subsequently captained the Blue and Blacks in 1910/11. Incidentally Reggie Gibbs was the record holder of try scorers for Wales when during his 16 match career he touched down 17 times. This was only to be broken by the great Gareth Edwards during season 1975/76 with somewhere in the region of 45 caps to his credit. Another Cardiff player now shares this record with Gareth who finally notched up a total of 20 tries and that is the inimitable Gerald Davies. And so with the Cardiff Penarth association soon to reach 100 years, our relationship is as close as ever. This is not only due to geography but also the history of the interchange of players between our clubs which has helped to weave a strong bond of friendship. between us.

Although Penarth didn't enjoy a great deal of success on the field of play during their centenary year — mind, besides the Baa-Baas win, they were only denied victory over high riding Pontypool due to a dubious decision of the "Pooler" touch judge — with 7 wins from 39 games they celebrated in grand style off it. The highspot of the season was the switch on of their excellent floodlighting system which cost some £12,500. Great credit must go to the administrators of the game at Penarth because season in and season out they invariably struggle on the field and very rarely achieve a 50% record. Despite all this the enthusiasm and steadfastness shown in the face of such frustration and adversity speaks volumes for the men concerned. A typical example of such loyalty is personified by Kevin Bush. An excellent full back in his playing days Kevin, went straight on to committee on his retirement and is still as energetic as ever after a 30 years plus association with the club.

The pinnacle of the season from the players point of view however, must have been the tour to the State of Florida and the South East coast of America.

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They played and won 4 games against Orlando, Tampa, Florida State and Southern States. The players thoroughly enjoyed the success on the venture and Brendan McAloon ended up as the top scorer of the tour. As is normal with Penarth too, trouble is not very far around the corner and it was to show itself in a very nasty fashion during their tour. This happened on their last night in Miami when the party was an unwilling witness to the civil unrest and rioting that broke out in the state during the summer. It was a very harrowing experience and one which they could have well done without.

So again welcome to Penarth who must now be flexing their muscles and thinking they are in with a chance after probably our poorest start to a season for many a day.

P.N.

KNOW THE LAWS

By FRED CROSTER

Approximately 200 referees and coaches from 46 countries throughout the world, assembled for the W.R.U. Centenary, International Conference, for 11 programme packed days and nights. You may be able to imagine the talk, the arguments, the discussions. Unless being actually there for at least some of the time, it would be impossible to appreciate to the full the fantastic scope of the operation. It goes on until next Saturday, non stop: talks, films, practical sessions. World uniformity of interpretation is the name of the referees' game. Without any shadow of doubt, by Saturday, major steps forward in this laudable direction will have been achieved.

'Pile-up, Ruck and Maul' occupied one morning session. It was interesting to say the least. Usually situations which arise after a player is tackled. Our Clive Norling insisted that, after being tackled, a player, on the floor MUST ALWAYS make the ball available and the ball MUST be held away from the chest. If it is close to the chest, Welsh referees WILL penalise. England's panel referee, Alan Welsby was not satisfied. The R.F.U. have decided that, in a smother tackle, if the player has no real control of his situation and the ball is trapped, the ref., should blow for a scrum with the put in given to the side which was moving forward at the time. Referees from Canada, New Zealand, Australia and Japan had their say. No agreement yet. I'll report on this later.

Where there was complete agreement was that in ALL cases, the key was that, THE BALL MUST BE RELEASED WITHOUT DELAY; it MUST be available, even if this means losing possession to the other side and EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE FOR THE TACKLER AND TACKLED TO STAY ON THEIR FEET.

More of this in Friday's programme.

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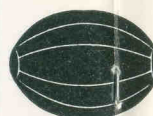
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- 6. M. HADLEY
- 8. B. LAKIN
- 7. R. LEWIS
- D. BARRY
- T. CROTHERS

Referee: K. J. EVANS

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



Replacements

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Penarth

- B. McALOON 15.
- D. GOODFELLOW 14.
- T. MORGAN 13.
- A. WRIGHT 12.
- P. HELMORE 11.
- H. POWELL 10.
- M. GOODING 9.
- D. LUBIN 1.
- A. DAVIES 2.
- N. O'DONNELL 3.
- E. WILLIAMS 4.
- H. BOHLEN 5.
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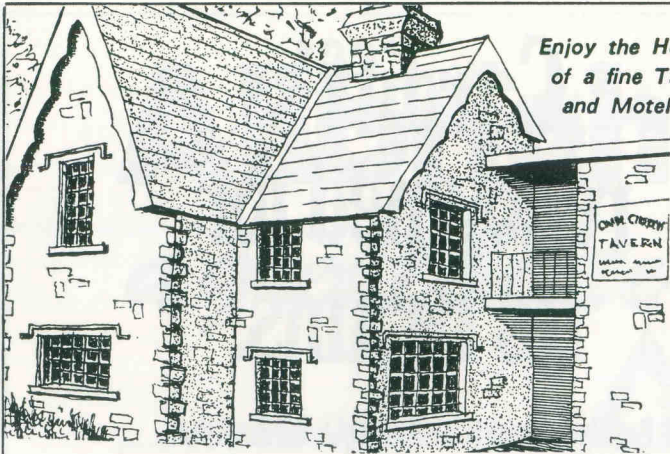
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SEPTEMBER

Wed. 3	Glamorgan Wands.	H	25-15
Sat. 6	Nice	H	68-25
Wed. 10	Bristol	A	8-28
Sat. 13	Neath	A	14-20
Wed. 17	Penarth	H	.....
Fri. 19	Coventry	H	.....
Wed. 24	Maesteg	H	.....
Sat. 27	Aberavon	A	.....

OCTOBER

Wed. 1	Bridgend	A	.....
Sat. 4	Newport	H	.....
Wed. 8	Pontypridd	A	.....
Sat. 11	Northampton	A	.....
Sat. 18	N. Zealand (All Pay)	H	.....
Sat. 25	Harlequins	A	.....

NOVEMBER

Wed. 5	Oxford University	H	.....
Sat. 8	Ebbw Vale	A	.....
Sat. 15	Schweppes Cup 1st Round	H	.....
Sat. 22	Llanelli	H	.....
Fri. 28	Moseley	A	.....

DECEMBER

Wed. 3	Pontypool	H	.....
Sat. 6	Swansea	A	.....
Sat. 13	London Welsh	A
Sat. 20	Schweppes Cup 2nd Round	H

Fri. 26	Pontypridd	H
Sat. 27	Newbridge	H

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JANUARY

Thurs. 1	Bridgend	H
Sat. 3	Moseley	H
Sat. 10	Schweppes Cup 3rd Round	H
Fri. 16	London Welsh	H
Sat. 24	Aberavon	H	.....
Sat. 31	Llanelli	A	.....

FEBRUARY

Fri. 6	Heriots F.P.	A	.....
Wed. 11	Neath	H	.....
Sat. 14	Bristol	H	.....
Sat. 28	Schweppes Cup 4th Round	H	.....

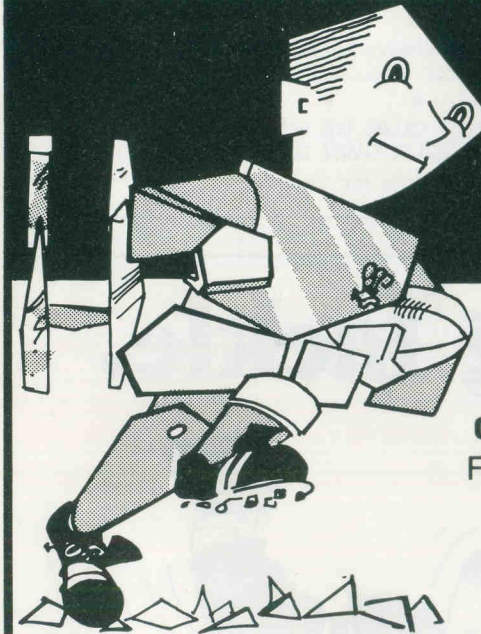
MARCH

Sat. 14	Pontypool	A	.....
Sat. 21	Ebbw Vale	H	.....
Sat. 28	Newport	A	.....
	(Schweppes Cup Semi-final)		

APRIL

Sat. 4	Bedford	H	.....
Tues. 7	Bath	A	.....
Sat. 11	Schweppes Cup Final	H
Wed. 15	Swansea	H
Sat. 18	Barbarians	H
Mon. 20	Harlequins	H

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