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Welcome tonight to our illustrious English visitors Coventry, the city of Lady Godiva and the motor-car. It also heralds the first imposition on our normal domestic arrangements which the W.R.U. Centenary celebrations will be causing this season. Without the shadow of a doubt, Saturday afternoon is the time for both players and spectators to enjoy their pastimes but due to additional games organised by our parent body we have no alternative but to switch to the night prior. First and foremost then we must thank Coventry for coming and then be mindful of the fact that the boot will be on the other foot on the 28th November when we have to travel to Moseley on a Friday night due to the counter attraction of the Wales and England v. Ireland and Scotland game on the following day, Saturday 29th, at the National Stadium.

Let's hope then that this temporary re-arrangement doesn't interfere with the standard of play and subsequent entertainment which we have become accustomed to in the encounters between our two clubs. We have met on 95 occasions prior to tonight's game and of these we have come away with the spoils 61 times to Coventry's 29. The mathematicians amongst you have no doubt worked out in a flash that to complete the statistical records it only needs to say that 5 games have been drawn. During these games which began in 1891 we have scored 1392 points while the men of the Coundon Road side have built up a total of 787.

In immediate postwar years there were some titanic struggles between the sides. The first of these occurred on November 17th 1945, when after winning 11 matches we journeyed to Coventry to take on what was regarded as the strongest side in the Midlands. The game itself turned out to be a corker played in front of a full house with Cardiff winning well by 16-3. Included in the Coventry side of that day were people like the Wheatley brothers, Harry Walker, Ivor Preece and many other famous names of English Rugby. However, our win on the day ended a run of 63 consecutive victories registered by the home club. Since World War II we have played 65 games of which we have won 43 lost 19 and drawn 3. Indeed Coventry's victories in Cardiff since then have been extremely scarce because of their 19 wins only 4 have been on the Arms Park. One of those wins too, which was achieved by a last minute try scored by David Duckham, was the result of a very questionable decision of the Coventry touch judge. In speaking of records Coventry have cause to be very grateful to our Gareth Davies because during their annihilation by 76pts. to 9 in September '78 he missed a conversion in front of the post during the course of the game. Had he popped that one over to make the score 78 pts. Coventry would have had the dubious honour of having the most points ever scored by Cardiff against any club. As it stands this particular record is held by, strangely enough, our next home opposition, Maesteg, whom we beat on the Park by 77-9 on 23rd December '73. I hope all these statistics are not demoralising for Coventry because that's not the object of the exercise (nudge nudge — wink wink) and we do extend to them a very warm welcome, and once again, our thanks for coming on this Friday night. It will also be nice to see one of our erstwhile players Huw Davies if he happens to be playing tonight. A particularly fond welcome too to Alf Wyman if he is here also. Alf was instrumental in my having rather an embarrassing moment when in the programme notes of September 1978 I congratulated him on not missing a game at Cardiff as a player or an administrator for some 50 years. As it happened I was in Coventry with the Rags on the day and the first man I saw when I got off the coach was — guess who — Alf Wyman. It was indeed his first absence from the game in Cardiff for over 50 years and he had to make it the very one I wrote him up in the programme.

What can we say of our own season so far — not a lot I'm afraid. When was the last time we lost 2 of our first 4 games? We have to go back to 1963-64 for that when David Hayward was captain and in a disastrous start to the season we lost the first 3 games won the 4th and lost the 5th. So with 4 defeats in 5 games the Jeremiahs must have really been prophesying gloom and doom. They were very much thwarted however because we only lost another 5 games all that year to make it a total of 9. Without knowing the result of the Penarth match, as I write these notes, our forthcoming program-

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me is pretty hectic right up until the New Zealand game on October 18th. Maesteg H, Aberavon A, Bridgend A, Newport H, Pontypridd A and Northampton A are all formidable opponents. With our skipper John Scott now on the list of injured players things aren't looking too rosy. John however, is reasonably optimistic that he should be fit to play by the end of the month so hopefully we will not be without his services on the big day. Of the rest of the walking wounded, The two Terries, Holmes and Charles hope to be fit to play, also by the end of the month, so perhaps by then we will have turned the corner. Chris Webber is not so lucky however and he must now rest for several weeks after thinking his legacy of the North American tour was well behind him.

P.N.

KNOW THE LAWS

By FRED CROSTER

Those of you who were at Wednesday's Penarth game will recall that I brought up points from the W.R.U. Centenary International Conference for Coaches and Referees, with over two hundred delegates from forty six countries attending from Thursday of last week until tomorrow. Interesting, illuminating, a mammoth piece of organisation for John Dawes and his team. In Wednesday's notes I dealt with aspects of the tackle and must repeat, as the Conference finally agreed that: tackler and tackled player MUST make every attempt to stay on their feet; MUST make the ball available, even if this means losing possession; and, ALWAYS, the ball must be released without delay. If the tackler prevents this then it is HE who will be penalised.

Law 19. 'Lying with, on or near the ball' was another cause for much discussion. Referees from all over the world were unanimous in their determination to eliminate 'Pile-Up' situations by what was referred to as 'Ruthless refereeing'. Any player who attempts to KILL the ball WILL be unhesitatingly penalised.

'Binding in a Ruck' brought talk but no problem. The binding MUST be as at a set scrum with at least one arm around another player. Shirt holding WILL NOT do. Many delegates felt that the Offside line at a Ruck was not fully understood. Players tend to not only fail to be behind the ball but forget that they have to be behind other players of their own team in the Ruck when they join it.

Bill Freedman, New Zealand's coaching supremo, spent a whole session on how they coach a Ruck. It was all about ATTACK, with players ON THEIR FEET. Their command is: 'BEND, BIND, DRIVE'; with, heads up, keep your balance, go beyond the ball and, GET IT BACK WITH YOUR FEET. Strictly according to the law book. They're still talking about that one.

CARDIFF RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

CARDIFF V. NEW ZEALAND

SATURDAY, 18th OCTOBER, 1980

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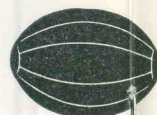
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- 9. G. WILLIAMS
- 1. J. WHITEFOOT
- 2. M. WATKINS (Captain)
- 3. I. EIDMAN
- 4. K. EDWARDS
- 5. T. MOGRIDGE
- 6. M. HADLEY
- 8. B. LAKIN
- 7. T. CROTHERS
- 16. D. BURCHER
- 17. P. SOUTO

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- Right Wing
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- Outside Half
- Inside Half
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- 9. S. THOMAS
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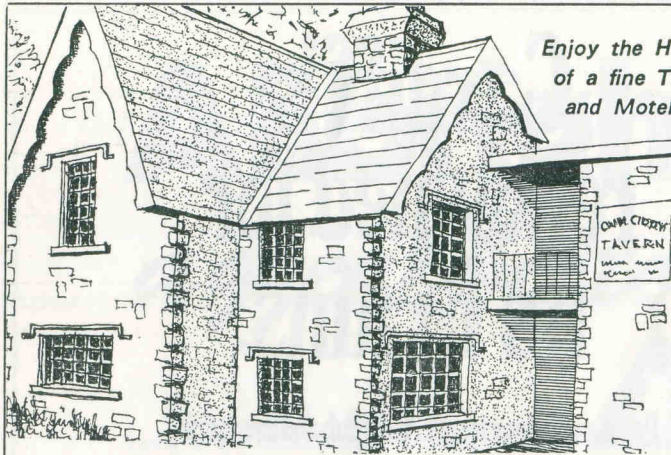
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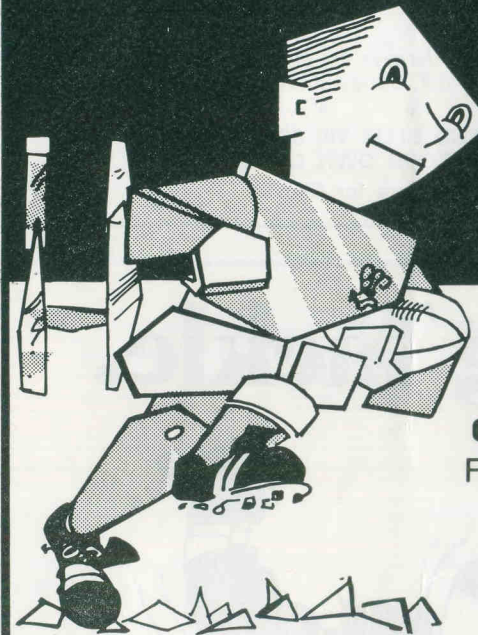
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Sat.	6	Nice	H 68-25
Wed.	10	Bristol	A 8-28
Sat.	13	Neath	A 14-20
Wed.	17	Penarth	H 34-0
Fri.	19	Coventry	H.....
Wed.	24	Maesteg	H.....
Sat.	27	Aberavon	A.....
OCTOBER			
Wed.	1	Bridgend	A.....
Sat.	4	Newport	H.....
Wed.	8	Pontypridd	A.....
Sat.	11	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 (Schweppes Cup Semi-final)	A.....
APRIL			
Sat.	4	Bedford	H.....
Tues.	7	Bath	A.....
Sat.	11	Schweppes Cup Final	H.....
Wed.	15	Swansea	H.....
Sat.	18	Barbarians	H.....
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