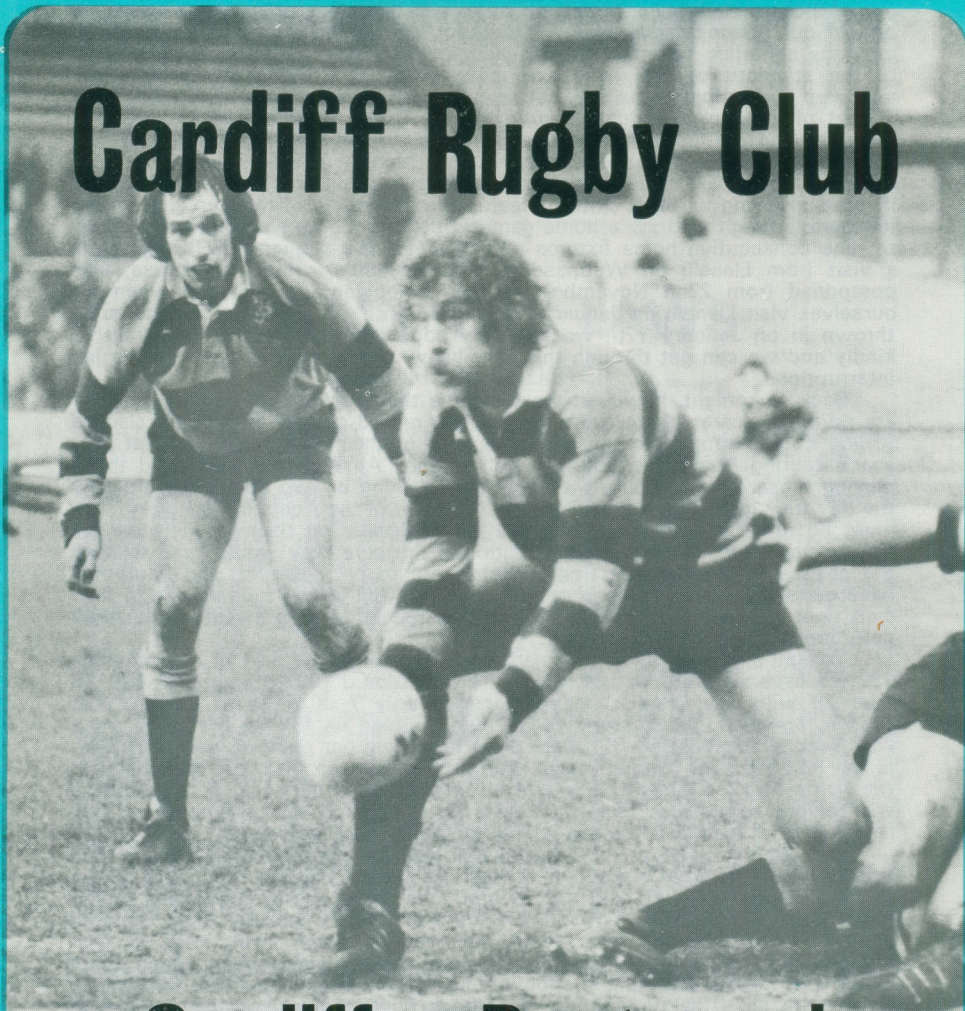


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Welcome tonight, on what we hope will be a fine, crisp, dry evening, to one of our greatest adversaries, Pontypool. Dry is the operative word of the previous sentence because if the quality of the rugby on show tonight is up to the standard of the games we have witnessed during the seventies it will keep our temperatures well above average. Tonight's game also nearly sees us out of our barren patch of home fixtures. Next Saturday we are away to Swansea and the following Saturday away to London Welsh but then begins a sequence of home games which, although a nightmare for a programme note writer, should make the most complaining supporter drool at the prospects. If, pre-supposing we beat British Steel in the 2nd round of the Cup and we are fortunate enough to draw a home game in the 3rd round, we will have a string of nine consecutive home fixtures on our plate. The sequence will begin with a visit from Llanelli on Wednesday, 17th December which, of course, was postponed from 22nd November last and coincidentally, will end when we ourselves visit Llanelli on January 31st, 1981. With the Wales v. England game thrown in on January 17th we can only hope that the weather will treat us kindly and we can get through this very heavy programme without any further interruptions.

Back to tonight, however, we welcome the "Pooler" who again this year are riding the crest of the wave having lost only 3 games. They must also be feeling cock-a-hoop with the announcement of their own fixture against next year's touring Australian side. As well as the "Aussies" are supposed to be playing these days I'm sure they will learn a thing or two about forward play the day they grace Pontypool Park. On the point of the Australian itinerary, they must be rather disappointed that we fail to appear on their list because we have a nap hand of wins against them and I'm sure they would have relished the chance to reverse that trend. That is not to be, however, and Pontypool have certainly earned the opportunity to play a full blown touring side in their own right and without the shackles of a combined side to interfere with their own brand of power forward play.

Tonight's match brings the series up to 134 games and of the previous 133 we have won 89, lost 29, drawn 15 and scored 1507 pts. against 820. Of their 29 wins the "Pooler" have managed only 7 of these at Cardiff. Last season, however, the Eastern Valley men doubled us for the first time since way back in season 1931-32. More disturbing from our point of view, however, is the fact that the "Pooler" have won both games on their last two visits to the Arms Park so tonight they will be looking for a hat-trick. Furthermore, a win tonight would also make it 3 wins on a trot and that is something they have never managed since the inaugural fixture on 1st January, 1908.

Last season was a very successful one for Pontypool and coach Ray Prosser went to great lengths to dispell the theory that his side were slaves to the 10 men style. Of 203 tries scored, the backs were responsible for no fewer than 146 of them. Two players were prolific try getters, Nigel Osborne scored a record 38 and was closely followed by Steve Evans with 35. Disappointingly, however, for the Pooler both these players have joined other clubs, the former returning to Ebbw Vale while Steve Evans has thrown his lot in with us. Other interesting milestones Pontypool players have achieved are the fact that Peter Lewis passed 1,000 points for the club, the indestructable Terry Cobner has scored over 100 tries and Graham Price has now become the most capped player produced in the club by pulling ahead of his great friend Bobby Windsor. It is very fitting, however, for Graham Price who since his first international against France in 1975, when he distinguished himself with a superb try, he has been in top demand as one of the world's greatest prop forwards. And speaking of Bobby Windsor it's great to see him back in harness again and playing as well as ever.

Pontypool are at present missing the leadership of their captain Jeff Squire

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who was injured during the New Zealand game. Terry Cobner is no stranger to that job, however, having done it for 10 years prior to Jeff's appointment. Terry and all the other Pooler players and committee of the time, have night-mare experiences of our clubs clashes in the W.R.U. Cup. We have met on four occasions since the cup competition restarted in 1971-72 and as we all know all 4 games have been at Pontypool and again as we all know we have won all 4. It was amusing to read last week an article written about Roger Lane who at present is having an Indian summer ending of his career in Cornwall where his efforts have done so much to revitalise that county's rugby. He said that the thing he missed most about Welsh rugby was going to play for Cardiff in the Cup at Pontypool. Who knows, however, we may even come out in the draw for the third round always providing, of course, that we win against British Steel and the Pooler suitably dispose of their opponents. If this has to be, however, I will hope Lady Luck will smile on us and make it a home game. Welcome Pontypool.

P.N.

## KNOW THE LAWS

By FRED CROSTER

Did you enjoy last Saturday's extravaganza? Seventy points on the board. Must be one for the record books. When our own Terry did that sleight of hand juggling trick after he dispossessed Robbie, to then kick ahead to set up Gareth's winning try I thought that Paul Daniels had added his expertise to the coaching staff. Seriously though, it's actually Terry's 'No try' when he picked up from the back of the scrum and dived over to be then penalised earlier on that I want to clear up.

Terry rightly looked perplexed — he knows the laws around the scrum as well as anyone. M. Bonnet's command of English is less than Terry's is of French, but it is only right that players should know. Later on that remarkable day he did indicate to me that the infringement was picking the ball out of the scrum, 'Shall I quote it in French?' No. perhaps not or then, you mightn't understand me.

That, then officially was the offence. Some in the press box around me thought that maybe the ball had been grounded short of the line and then another movement had put it over the line. Not so, but that would have caused a penalty; the only extra movement permitted is that of momentum, in such a case. Terry hadn't gone through the scrum, that was clear, but, one further point on this area is, as sometimes asked, "in a push-over try, why is the player allowed to handle the ball in order to score?"

The answer to that one is quite simply that a scrum can only take place in the field-of-play. As the goal line and the in-goal area is not in the field-of-play, then the ball can be handled as the scrum officially ceases to exist.

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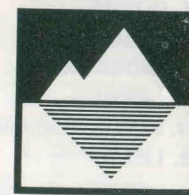
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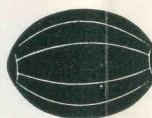
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P. BLIGHT	10.
S. CANNON	9.
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Friday, 26th December:	CARDIFF v. PONTYPRIDD	3 p.m.
Saturday, 27th December:	CARDIFF v. NEWBRIDGE	3 p.m.
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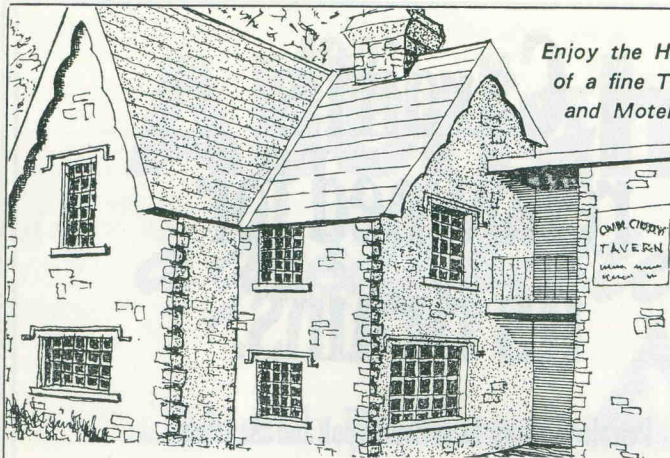
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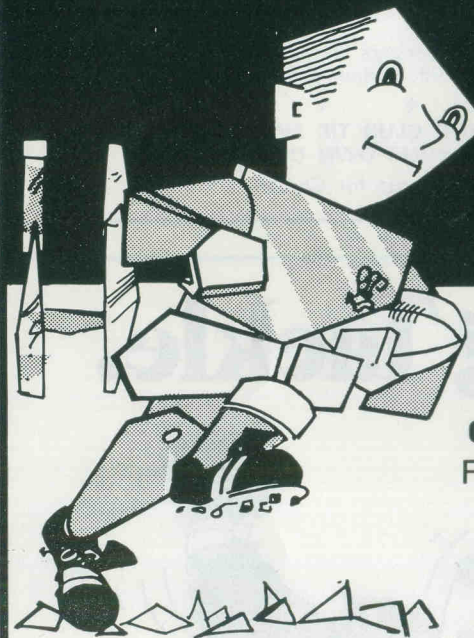
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Wed.	3	Glamorgan Wands.	H 25-15
Sat.	6	Nice	H 68-25
Wed.	10	Bristol	A 8-28
Sat.	13	Neath	A 14-20
Wed.	17	Penarth	H 34-0
Fri.	19	Coventry	H 35-9
Wed.	24	Maesteg	H 22-3
Sat.	27	Aberavon	A 0-18
OCTOBER			
Wed.	1	Bridgend	A 12-18
Sat.	4	Newport	H 21-19
Wed.	8	Pontypridd	A 3-11
Sat.	11	Northampton	A 13-7
Sat.	18	N. Zealand (All Pay)	H 9-16
Sat.	25	Harlequins	A 31-12
NOVEMBER			
Wed.	5	Oxford University	H 25-13
Sat.	8	Ebbw Vale	A 10-10
Sat.	15	Tonyrefail (Cup)	A 15-0
Sat.	22	Bristol	H 26-7
Fri.	28	Moseley	A 7-11
DECEMBER			
Wed.	3	Pontypool	H.....
Sat.	6	Swansea	A.....
Sat.	13	London Welsh	A.....
Wed.	17	Llanelli	H.....
Sat.	20	British Steel (Cup)	H.....

Fri.	26	Pontypridd	H.....
Sat.	27	Newbridge	H.....
1981			
JANUARY			
Thurs.	1	Bridgend	H.....
Sat.	3	Moseley	H.....
Sat.	10	Schweppes Cup 3rd Round	
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	
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	
Wed.	15	Swansea	H.....
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