

# Cardiff Rugby Club

## Cardiff v Newbridge

SATURDAY, 27th DECEMBER, 1980

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Official Programme 15p

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Welcome today to rather infrequent visitors, Newbridge. Although they were formed in the year 1890, we have only met on 9 previous occasions. Of those we have won 6, lost 1 and drawn 2. In fact, the first time we ever played was in the 1963-64 season when we drew. The following season also saw the game ending in a draw, but that particular year was probably the most illustrious in the whole history of the Newbridge Club. That was the year that the Gwent side topped the unofficial championship table for the first time since the second world war.

Since those palmy days the Newbridge club has had its fair share of adversity, and it speaks volumes for their tenacity that they just keep bouncing back. Not many clubs can say that they have had experience of seeing their clubhouse blown up, as did the men of the Welfare Ground. They got through that crisis in the same workmanlike manner as they have coped with all others. In fact, this particular period in time sees the club enjoying one of their best spells its had since its championship days. Towards the latter end of last season, they won 13 of their last 15 games and new outside half, Paul Turner, scored a record 274 pts. During the course of that period they scored 67 tries against only 14. Lloyd Davies, was a kingpin of their attack and that successful climax to last season has continued this year. Up to the present, they have lost six games and recently were only narrowly beaten by one of the front runners, Swansea. A familiar sight to Cardiff supporters will be the presence today, of Paul Evans, who, of course, spent some seasons with us when he left Newport. He left us to join Tredegar but has now thrown his lot in with the Newbridge club and his know how and expertise have given them a very welcomed recruit.

It is quite a coincidence also that we should be playing Newbridge today after yesterday's game with Pontypridd. After Rob Penberthy, we may have the pleasure of seeing another one of the longest serving single club players in the form of, Dennis Hughes. He has been active with Newbridge for some 2 decades and is still turning out for them, although he must now be nudging 40. With both Bob and Dennis around, some of the younger Cardiff forwards must have thought it was grab a grandad week-end. Still, the Welfare Ground boys will be very keen to maintain their current good form and record their first ever win in Cardiff as their only win ever was at their ground in season 1967-68. Their exuberant fixture secretary, Stan Bounds, will be a very happy man today because he very rarely lets up on our own, Brian Mark, in seeking fixtures for his club. So to you Stan and all the rest of the Newbridge party, welcome and may you enjoy your visit.

On the home front the injury nightmare continues unabated. The latest now is Ian Eidman, who received a very nasty bang on his face last Saturday against British Steel. It caused a depressed fracture of his cheek bone which necessitated surgery and the consultant has told him, it could lead to a 2 or 3 month lay off. Of the other hospital casualties, Derek Preece has had an operation for the removal of his cartilage whilst Terry Holmes has had his operation to rectify his shoulder trouble. So now we can only hope that their recuperation periods are as short as possible. It is the worst injury situation that most people can remember, and it is now well on the cards that if we field the strongest side we are capable of before the end of the season, we will be lucky. In fact, it reflects well on the players who have remained uninjured, that we have, in these circumstances, a very reasonable record to date.

Amidst all this gloom and doom, however, the Youth side's record shines out like a beacon. As I briefly mentioned in yesterday's programme, last Saturday they beat a very fine Pontypridd side by 7 pts. to 3 and now progress to the 3rd round of the W.Y.R.U. Cup. That was their 21st win in 21 games this season and they have scored 532 points against 99. This latest victory has brought their winning sequence up to 69 because last season, of course, they

had an invincible year winning all 40 games played, and the last time they tasted defeat was on March 24th, 1979, when Pontypridd beat them. The side has shown marvellously consistent form over the past five years but last season was the best ever in winning all their 40 games, they scored 1320 pts. with only 111 against and that included the incredibly low total of only 6 tries. This year's squad with only Wally Blackmore and Mark Ring available from last year, started off very much as a bunch of individuals. Tremendous dedication in training, however, and the great enthusiasm of coach, Peter Daniels, has moulded them into a very fine team. Captain Mark Ring is kicking goals from all over the place and is top scorer with a total nearing 200 pts. Coach, Peter Daniels, is also very confident that next year the side will be even better because so many of the boys will still be within the age limits to qualify for another year. Well done boys, keep up the good work.

P.N.

## KNOW THE LAWS

By FRED CROSTER

Quiz yesterday. The answers, as promised, today. Remember I'll be at the clubhouse door with a couple of 'Welsh Rugby' magazines or a pint for the first all correct answer.

1. In representative matches the touchjudge, who would be a qualified ref., of required standard would indicate to the referee by raising his flag sideways, pointing in the direction of the offending team.
  2. In such a case, if the referee supports his action the penalty would be awarded where the offence occurred or at the place where play would re-start.
  - 3&4. Two of the main things a tackled player must do in order not to be penalised is to release the ball immediately without playing it in any way and he must make the ball available. Remember, now, the ball must touch the ground for it to be a legal tackle.
  5. The tackler, in the same situation must not prevent the tackled player from releasing the ball.
  6. When a Maul is taking place, although players can join it from any angle, in order to remain on-side they must stay behind the ball.
  7. In a short line-out, the end player can step back as soon as the ball leaves the thrower's hands.
  8. The main guide line when a knock-on might be considered intentional is that a two handed attempt to catch the ball would NOT be considered an infringement, a one handed might.
  9. In order not to be penalised, an off-side player finding himself within 10 metres of an opponent waiting to catch or receive the ball must retire outside that 10 metres zone without delay.
  10. The slight alteration in the line-out law this season concerns determining its length. If the furthest player of the thrower's team is less than 15 metres out, opposing players may retire to the off-side line without penalty as long as they don't delay.
- Not too difficult were they. Happy New Year.

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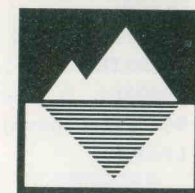
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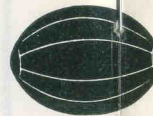
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- 12. D. BARRY
- 11. A. YEANDLE
- 10. G. DAVIES
- 9. T. LEE
- 1. J. WHITEFOOT
- 2. M. WATKINS
- 3. J. DIXON
- 4. K. EDWARDS
- 5. B. NORSTER
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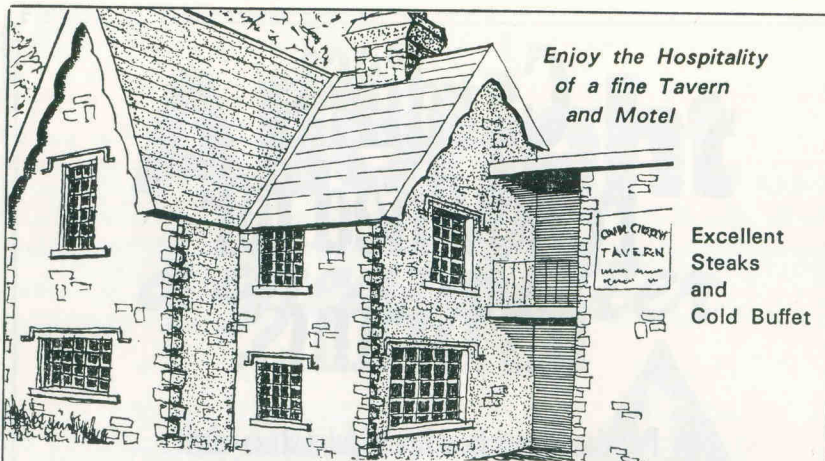
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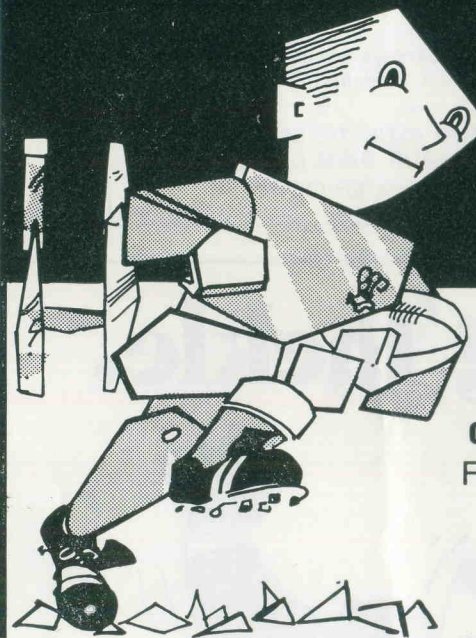
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1980			
SEPTEMBER			
Wed.	3	Glamorgan Wands.	H 25-15
Sat.	6	Nice	H 68-25
Wed.	10	Bristol	A 8-28
Sat.	13	Neath	A 14-20
Wed.	17	Penarth	H 34-0
Fri.	19	Coventry	H 35-9
Wed.	24	Maesteg	H 22-3
Sat.	27	Aberavon	A 0-18
OCTOBER			
Wed.	1	Bridgend	A 12-18
Sat.	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	Tonyrefall (Cup)	A 15-0
Sat.	22	Bristol	H 26-7
Fri.	28	Moseley	A 7-11
DECEMBER			
Wed.	3	Pontypool	H 32-15
Sat.	6	Swansea	A 23-18
Sat.	13	London Welsh	A 22-12
Wed.	17	Llanelli	H 22-6
Sat.	20	British Steel (Cup)	H 41-0

Fri.	26	Pontypridd	H.....
Sat.	27	Newbridge	H.....
1981			
JANUARY			
Thurs.	1	Bridgend	H.....
Sat.	3	Moseley	H.....
Sat.	10	Tredegar (Cup)	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	Schwepes Cup 4th Round	
MARCH			
Sat.	14	Pontypool	A.....
Sat.	21	Ebbw Vale	H.....
Sat.	28	Newport (Schwepes Cup Semi-final)	A.....
APRIL			
Sat.	4	Bedford	H.....
Tues.	7	Bath	A.....
Sat.	11	Schwepes Cup Final	
Wed.	15	Swansea	H.....
Sat.	18	Barbarians	H.....
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