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Saturday 28th March 1981

Kick-off 3.15 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 15p

The Rugby Scene

Last Saturday saw the curtain come down on a very undistinguished Five Nations Championship with France, in winning their Third Grand Slam, proving that it certainly is the Year of the Cockerel. (It has been rumoured that Derek Pugh Racing is very worried about the money he will lose if Tottenham win the F.A. Cup.) On reflection, the quality of rugby produced left a great deal to be desired and it is easy to see why the Springboks defeated the Lions as well as destroying France, and the All Blacks blazed a victory trail through Wales on their short Centenary Tour.

France produced moments in their matches which rekindled thoughts of the great French teams of the past, but they were unable to achieve consistency. It is also worth noting that two of their victories versus Wales and England included two very debatable refereeing decisions. Should Alan Welsley have ordered a drop out on the Welsh 22 metre line instead of a scrum five metres from the Welsh line, with a French put in after Gerald Williams had minored the ball when Clive Rees tackled the French No.8 short of the line. Remember, from the resulting scrum France scored a try, while Alan Hosie was certainly deceived over the wrong ball being used for France's first try at Twickenham last Saturday.

Ireland, selected by many critics as favourites to carry off the title prior to the Championship commencing, ended up with the 'Wooden Spoon' and it is interesting to note that although they included two of the world's foremost goal kickers in Tony Ward and Ollie Campbell, they lost two games on missed goal kicks. Scotland flattered to deceive, and although they produced some moments of magic through their backs, their tight forwards lacked strength. England never recovered the zest of the previous season in their forwards, the loss of Cotton, Neary and Uttley plus Beaumont, Colclough and Wheeler looking stale from too much rugby, meant that a dangerous back division were never certain of getting the ball.

With Ireland going to South Africa, Scotland going to New Zealand and England going to Argentina, International rugby will certainly be to the fore during the summer months and either the three Home Countries concerned will have laid the foundations for next season or over-taxed their players with too much rugby.

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Name Nigel Webb
 Birth Place Pontypool!! (Sorry not my fault)
 Date of Birth 20th March 1958
 Profession Chartered Surveyor 'well nearly'
 School/Coll/Univ. Loughborough — who again beat Lukes!!
 Present Address Underwood, Portskewett, Newport, Gwent
 Weight 13½ stone? Height ... 5ft. 11¾ nearly 6ft.
 Present Car Porche Mini 1000
 Married/Single Single
 Wife/Girl Friend's Name Vernessa
 Child/Children's Names Pass
 Joined Newport In 1975
 Previous Clubs (If Any) Loughborough, Whitland
 Favourite Rugby Player in Your Position Gerald Davies
 Most Difficult Opponent in Your Position None
 Favourite Captain Keith Poole
 Favourite Other Rugby Club None
 Biggest Rugby Memory D. Rodger's shorts last Friday

 Biggest Rugby Disappointment Injuries
 Rugby Honours Gained . OAU Leicestershire, Surrey schools, Gwent Youth
 Personal Rugby Ambition To catch Geoff Evans without his rabbit badge
 Favourite Soccer Club Notts Forest
 Favourite Soccer Player Gareth Edwards
 Favourite Other Sport 2001 Space Invaders
 Favourite Sports Person Mohammed Ali
 Favourite T.V. Show Charlies Angels
 Favourite Food Anything!!
 Favourite Actress Linda Carter
 Favourite Actor Peter Sellers
 Favourite Singers Gerry Rafferty
 Favourite Group Wishbone Ash
 The Person In The World You Would Most Like '
 The person who can develop hamstring transplants

TODAY'S TEAMS

CARDIFF

Colours: Black and Blue

15 Glyn DAVIES Full Back
 14 David PREECE Right Wing
 13 David BURCHER Right Centre
 12 Neil HUTCHINGS Left Centre
 11 Steve EVANS Left Wing
 10 Gareth DAVIES Outside Half
 9 Gwynfor WILLIAMS Inside Half

Forwards

1 John WHITEFOOT
 2 Mike WATKINS
 3 Ivor ELDMAN
 4 Kevin EDWARDS
 5 Robert NORSTEV
 6 Robert LAKIN
 8 John SCOTT (Capt)
 7 Bryan LEASE

Substitutes

Kerry LEE
 Tony MOGRIDGE

NEWPORT

Colours: Black and Amber

Paul REES 15
 Julian ROBINSON 14
 Gareth EVANS 13
 Robert ACKERMAN 12
 Nigel WEBB 11
 Keith JAMES 10
 Gary POWELL 9

Colin SMART 1
 Steve O'DONOGHUE 2
 Jim DALE 3
 John WIDDECOMBE 4
 David WATERS 5
 Geoff EVANS (Capt) 6
 Keri WILLIAMS 8
 Roger POWELL 7

REFEREE:— D. PARRY JONES (GRIFFITHSTOWN)

Next Home Game: Tuesday 31st March Newport H.S.O.B. — Saracens XV

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