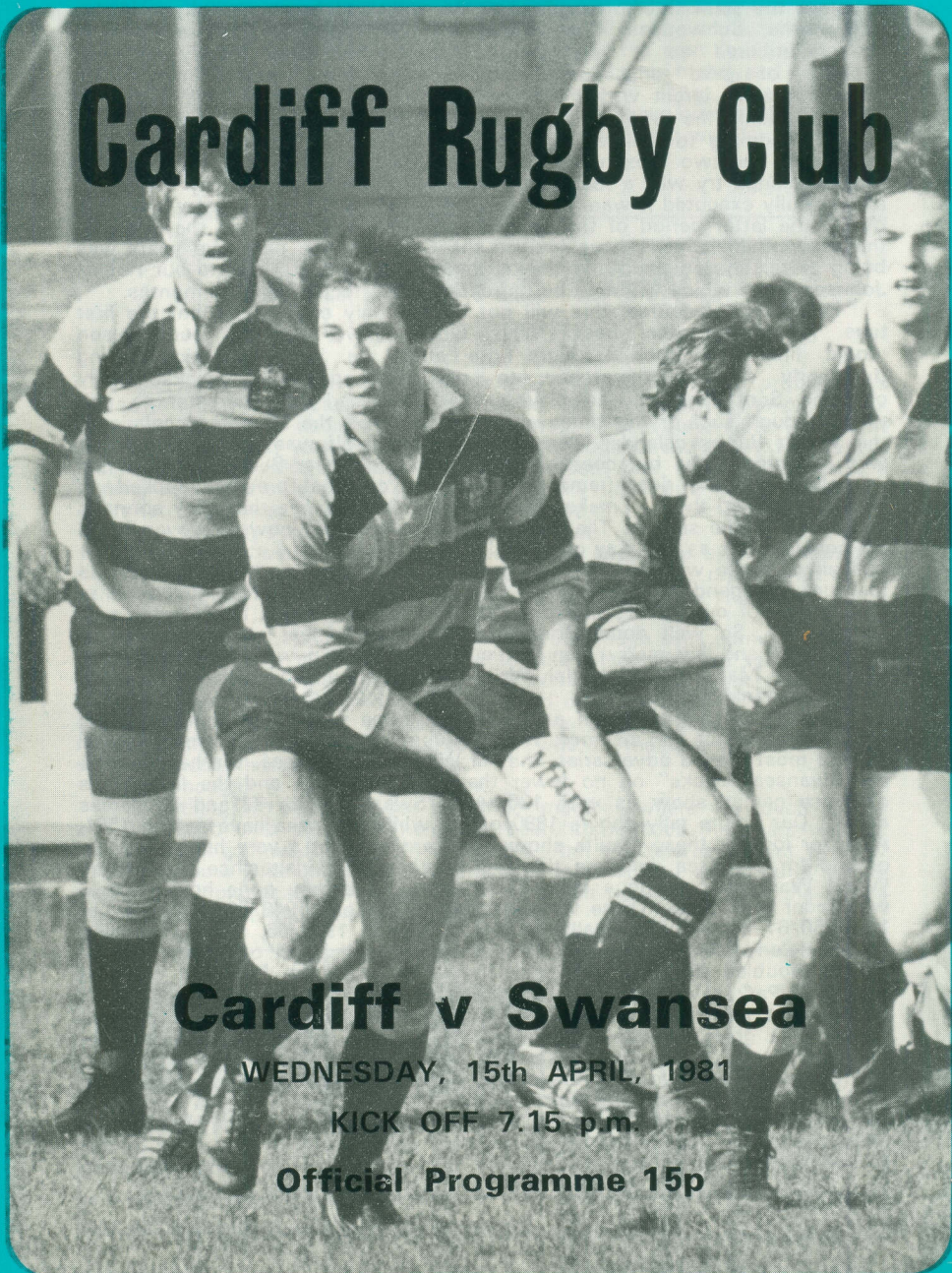




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Cup rugby has come and gone for this season but in no way can it ever be forgotten. At long last, and at our tenth attempt the name of Cardiff R.F.C. becomes the sixth club to be added to the most sought after trophy in Welsh rugby, the Schweppes Cup. Saturday, April 11th, 1981, will always be remembered as a very proud day in our long history. It was a case of third time lucky for us, but there were times when Gareth was off target with his place kicking that we may have had good cause to think, the Bridgend jinx concerning games at Cardiff was alive and well and coming to their aid yet again. It was not to be so, however, and at the end the two tries to nil tally, was a fair reflection of our superiority. Niel Hutchings try was a real gem and a joy to watch. Beautifully conceived and skilfully executed it was a just reward for all the pressure that we exerted during the latter period of the second half. From that point on the grip that the Brewery Field boys have had on the Cup over the past two years was being extricably loosened and the trophy was well on its way to our Hubert Johnson room which will now be its resting place for the next 12 months.

Hopefully, of course, this will not be our only cup victory but the first time is always the best. Who would have thought our season would finish on such a high note after the injury situation during the early months threatened to tear us apart. It speaks highly of John Scott and all the players that they had the character to pull them through such trying times and then carry off the ultimate accolade of the Welsh Rugby calendar. Perhaps the game itself was not the classic it was expected to be but coaches John Ryan and Roger Beard, certainly had our players in the right frame of mind. The constant pressure applied on Bridgend caused them to make more mistakes in the game than they normally make in a whole season. The big question being asked now, however, is do we consider this as an away game and if so is the Bridgend at home syndrome still alive, or do we consider this game as the bogey breaker. One thing is for sure, Bridgend in defeat were both gracious and dignified. Gracious in their praise of our victory and dignified in accepting defeat by a better side on the day. So well done! Bridgend, but also heartiest congratulations to John Scott and his merry men particularly Bob Lakin who was nominated Man of the Match by the Welsh Writers Association and received the Lloyd Lewis Memorial Trophy.

Still the season goes on and we have some very tough games left on our plate. Tonight for instance, it gives us great pleasure to welcome our second most played adversaries, the All Whites of Swansea. We have played the Swansea "Jacks" on no fewer than 240 occasions and the full details of those games show us with 125 wins, Swansea with 87 and 28 games drawn. Our points tally shows 1890 points while Swansea have scored 1591. A closer look at these results show that Cardiff in not a very happy hunting ground for Swansea, because this will be their 35th visit since the second World War and only on a mere 3 occasions have they gone home with a win under their belts. These wins resulted in seasons 1949/50 by 18 pts. to 12, 1960/61 by 8-3 and finally by 3-0 in season 1965/66, and by winning at St. Helen's during that year it was the last occasion on which the All Whites doubled us. Over the past couple of years the Swansea game at the Arms Park have been real crackers. Last season for instance, our 21-16 victory was one of the best games of the season with some superb tries scored in a great spectacle. Then again there was that marvellous game in the semi finals of the Cup in season 1977-78. Swansea were well in front by 15-3 when we suddenly exploded into action with 2 magnificent length of the field tries. It was not quite enough, however, and Swansea eventually ran out winners by 18-13. At the final whistle it was true testimony of the effort the players had put in to see as many as 10 or 12 of them lying on the ground with sheer exhaustion. We don't have to have very long memories

to recall our latest victory over the All Whites too. It was only on the 24th of last month, on that very wet night in Bridgend, when we won this year's semi final as a prelude to last Saturday's marvellous victory. Swansea were obviously very disappointed to be knocked out of the competition, because a win would have given them another crack at Bridgend in a repeat final of the previous year. Perhaps we can thank them for softening up Bridgend for us, because some days after that semi final they gave the Brewery Field outfit the mother and father of a hiding. Swansea themselves maintain that it was the best rugby they have played all year. So they come tonight with a burning desire to reverse their poor record over the past few years. They are still in with a chance of winning the unofficial Championship and also, look firm favourites for the Whitbread Merit Table so, no doubt, they will make a special effort tonight to lay the Cardiff "Bogey". So then once again welcome Swansea to the Arms Park tonight and we also wish you well for your forthcoming tour of California.

P.N.

KNOW THE LAWS

By FRED CROSTER

Have you recovered from last Saturday? A great day. No problems as far as referee Alun Richards was concerned. No problems in the press box either as far as his decisions were concerned. That's quite rare. One point worth talking about was the time when touch judge Clive Norling intervened, indicated to Alun that he had noted an incident and, as a direct result a penalty kick was awarded. We don't see it very often but, it will come into operation one feels, more and more as a result of the directive which went out some while ago from the W.R.U. in this respect.

It can only operate where touch judges are appointed by the Union, are themselves qualified referees and operating in matches, representative or otherwise where the Union has given express permission for the law to come into effect.

In such cases, as last Saturday, if the touch judge sees something under Law 26 — Foul play and Misconduct which the referee has not seen, he must raise his flag horizontal, pointing in the direction of the goal line of the offending team. He must remain in touch and continue to carry out his other functions until the next stoppage of play when the referee shall consult him regarding the incident. Then, the referee, who is the sole judge can take whatever action he deems appropriate.

Fair enough!

Something we shall not see in normal matches where the touch judges are, as usual, club officials. There has been, throughout the years, talk of neutral touch judges for all games. Ideally, from the referee's point of view this could be a good thing but the administration involved would quite simply make this impracticable. Just as well. That might be another step the wrong way with our essentially amateur game.

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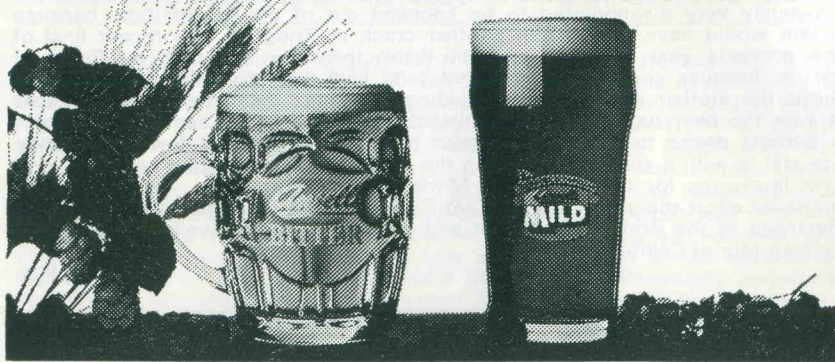
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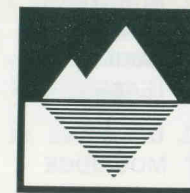
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| 9. T. LEE | Inside Half |
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| 11. A. EMYR | 11. |
| 10. A. DONOVAN | 10. |
| 9. M. DACEY | 9. |
| 1. B. WILLIAMS | 1. |
| 2. C. WILLIAMS | 2. |
| 3. J. HERDMAN | 3. |
| 4. H. HOPKINS | 4. |
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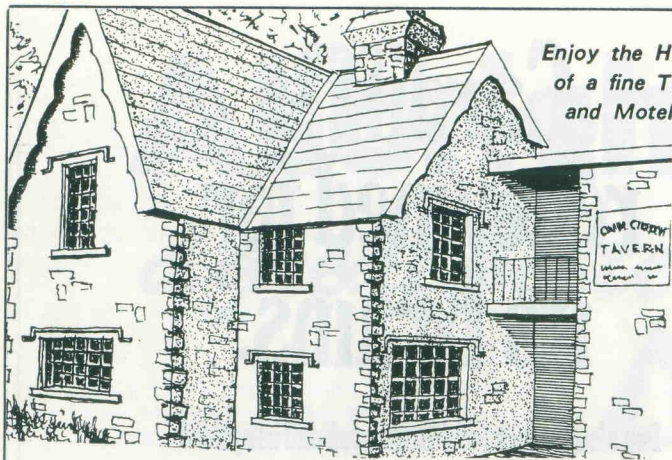
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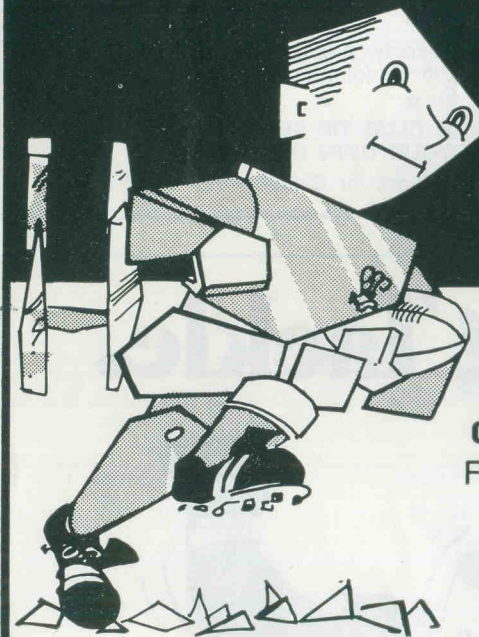
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Sat.	13	Neath	A 14-20
Wed.	17	Penarth	H 34-0
Fri.	19	Coventry	H 35-9
Wed.	24	Maesteg	H 22-3
Sat.	27	Aberavon	A 0-18
OCTOBER			
Wed.	1	Bridgend	A 12-18
Sat.	4	Newport	H 21-19
Wed.	8	Pontypridd	A 3-11
Sat.	11	Northampton	A 13-7
Sat.	18	N. Zealand (All 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 16-4
Sat.	27	Newbridge	H 12-7
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JANUARY			
Thurs.	1	Bridgend	H 6-22
Sat.	3	Moseley	H 17-13
Sat.	10	Tredegar (Cup)	H 22-0
Fri.	16	London Welsh	H 17-4
Sat.	24	Aberavon	H 21-15
Sat.	31	Llanelli	A 15-24
FEBRUARY			
Fri.	6	Heriots F.P.	A 26-8
Wed.	11	Neath	H 9-6
Sat.	14	Bristol	H 26-16
Fri.	20	Bective Rangers	H 36-9
Sat.	28	Cross Keys (Cup)	H 22-10
MARCH			
Sat.	21	Ebbw Vale	H 28-0
Tues.	24	Swansea (Cup)	N 18-7
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