

Cardiff Rugby Club

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Official Programme 15p

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This afternoon we welcome the second of our traditional Eastertide visitors, the Harlequins. The Aristocrats of English rugby probably have the distinction of possessing the most ornate colours of any side in the world namely, light blue, magenta, chocolate, French grey, black and light green. They are a very senior club of the R.F.U. having been formed in 1866 which, of course, makes them some 10 years older than ourselves. We first played them on 1st April, 1882, so the series is now 99 years old and the Easter Monday game next year will see us reach our century. Over these 99 years, we have played a total 106 games prior to today's. Of these we have won 77, lost 19 with 10 ending equal with the points tally showing 1439 to us and 769 to the Quins. If nothing else we must have tremendous admiration for the Londoners who accept two such hard games over Easter. Last Saturday they played Swansea at St. Helen's prior to today and this has been the case for many years now. These days, however, with the opening of the motorway, they usually travel up and back on one day but not that long ago it used to be a weekend stay in South Wales for the two games and that with the accompanying socialising was a hard weekend. The Quins success rate in Cardiff has also been very sparse and they last recorded a win on our ground in 1968 and that was only their fourth success on the Arms Park in 36 visits since the Second World War. One of those visits was also rather unique because it was played at Penarth. It should have been played at Twickenham on 20th December, 1947 but the R.F.U. wanted the ground for its Final Trial. The Arms Park was due to stage the Wales v. Australia international so hurried arrangements took place with the Penarth club and the game was played on their ground on the morning of the big game. We won that day by 29 pts. to 8 and then in the afternoon Wales with 9 Cardiff players in the side beat Australia by 6 pts. to nil with 2 penalties kicked by Bill Tamplin.

We have also had quite an association with the Quins in the seven-a-side game. We appeared in their tournament for the Lord Wakefield Trophy in the inaugural season 1968/69 which we won beating the host club in the final by 21 pts. to 13. The following year we lost in the 1st round to Loughboro College by 15 pts. to 8 and then in season 1970/71 the Quins took ample revenge for defeat in their inaugural year and beat us 18-5 in the second round. That year was the last in which we competed in the Quins' Sevens. It could well be, however, that we may again come across them in a sevens tournament fairly soon now because we have been invited and have accepted to play in this year's Middlesex Sevens. This is a phenomenal successful competition and its popularity is amazing. The standard of play is extremely high and we have tried desperately here in Wales to even partially emanate its success and popularity in our own Snelling Tournament, but we just can't get anywhere near it. Our own success rate in the Middlesex event is a very good one, however, we have only ever entered twice in 1939 when we won by beating London Scottish in the final. We then returned in 1946 to defend our record but lost in the final to St. Mary's Hospital by 13-3. Perhaps the reason for that final defeat was the completely exhausted state of the players after beating Charlie Saxton's Kiwis side in the semi final by 3-nil. Our try was scored by the inimitable Cliff Davies who ran from the half way line and, was chased all the way by desperate Kiwi defenders. For the record, our sides in those games were as follows: 1939 Wilf Wooller, Gwyn Porter, Graham Hale, W. R. Davies, Les Spence, Evan Jones and Selby Davies. 1946 Dai Jones, Jack Matthews, Billy Cleaver, Bleddyn Williams, Hubert Jones, George Tomkins and Cliff Davies. The Quins have also had their fair share of success in this marvellous Tournament and are joint holders with Richmond as the most successful club in the 55 previous events. So come next May 9th, we may well have to face the Quins again. If you are interested in going for a great day out then Twickenham is the venue and May 9th the date. Tickets are available at the Club shop.

Well, unbelievably today sees our last home game of this season. It must now be considered as one of the most successful in our history as we

have the coveted Schweppes Trophy in our possession. But we still have some hard grafting away from home as we go to Bath on 23rd April, Pontypool on 28th April and then we go to France for a game against Côte de Basque to wind up the season. So it's going to be a hard run in with all three of our opponents just raring to have a go at the Cup holders. Such is the way of Welsh rugby and may it always be so.

Finally then to bring the home programme to a close I'm sure you will all join me in congratulating John Scott and the boys on the way they have fought adversity practically the whole season through and still come out triumphant. Well done John — you have been a more than worthy captain of our great club. This praise must also include the Club coaches and selectors on whom a lot of work falls. Also to Mark Ring and his Youth team who had another tremendous year.

Until next September then, enjoy your summer break and on behalf of all the committee and particularly the players can we say thank you for being the best supporters in the land.

P.N.

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KNOW THE LAWS

By FRED CROSTER

Saturday's ten questions were not difficult. Did you have a go at them? Remember, the first supporter with all correct answers at the clubhouse door will get a pint if a member or a couple of Welsh Rugby Magazines if not.

1. If last Saturday's Cup Final result had been a draw extra time of ten minutes each way would have been played and if still then a draw then the Cup would have been shared, for six months with each club.
2. The least number of players needed to form a scrum is SIX. That is, three from each side.
3. The least number of players required to form a line-out is FOUR. At least TWO from each side, lining up in single lines, parallel to the goal line in readiness for the ball to be thrown in.
4. For a quick throw in from touch to be permitted it is essential that the ball that went into touch is used, it has been handled only by the players and it is thrown in correctly.
5. The put in of the ball into the scrum is awarded to, firstly, the team NOT responsible for the stoppage of play.
6. If this is difficult to decide then it goes to the team which was moving forward at the time of the stoppage. If there is still doubt then the defending team.
7. In order not to be penalised a tackled player or/and the tackler, must let the ball go.
8. Make the ball available; roll away if possible; keep right side of the ball and not do anything to prevent play from continuing.
9. A guide line used by referees to determine when a tackle is late after a kick is whether that tackle took place before the kicking foot had returned to the ground. If still in the air, the tackle is late. If on the ground, fair enough.
10. An opposing No. 8 can pick the ball up from the wheeling scrum when it has moved around a full 180 degrees. That is, a full circle. Before then would be penalised.

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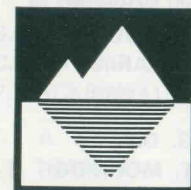
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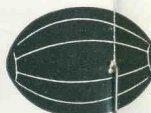
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14. D. PREECE
13. D. BURCHER
12. N. HUTCHINGS
11. K. SWAIN
10. G. JOHN
9. T. LEE
1. J. WHITEFOOT
2. M. WATKINS
3. I. EIDMAN
4. K. EDWARDS
5. R. NORSTER
6. O. GOULDING
8. R. LAKIN
7. R. LEWIS

G. DAVIES
T. MOGRIDGE

Referee: A. W. BEVAN

Full Back
Right Wing
Right Centre
Left Centre
Left Wing
Outside Half
Inside Half
Forwards



Replacements

Harlequins

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10. S. HALLIDAY
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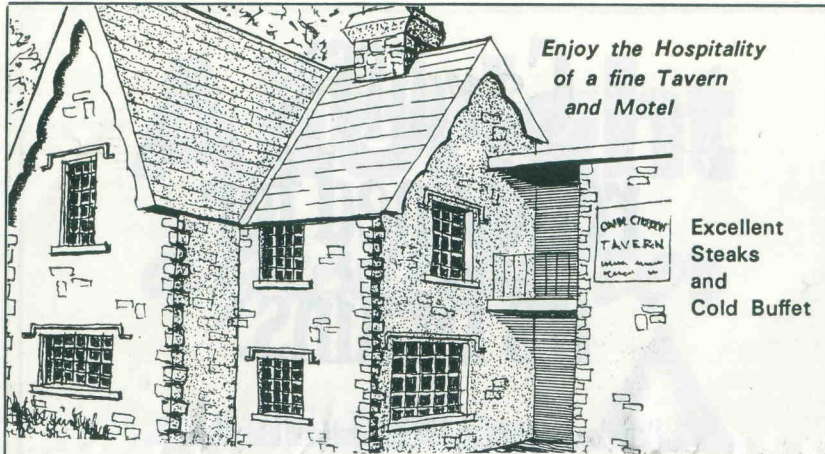
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Sat. 13	Neath	A	14-20
Wed. 17	Penarth	H	34-0
Fri. 19	Coventry	H	35-9
Wed. 24	Maesteg	H	22-3
Sat. 27	Aberavon	A	0-18

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	Tonyrefail (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

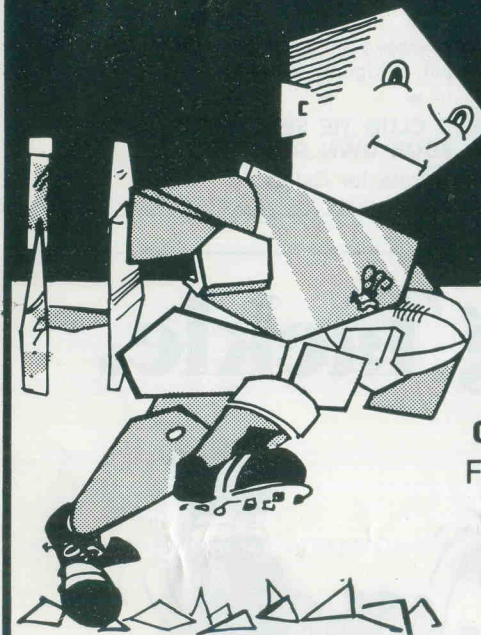
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Sat. 21	Ebbw Vale	H	28-0
Tues. 24	Swansea (Cup)	N	18-7
Sat. 28	Newport	A	13-13

APRIL

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