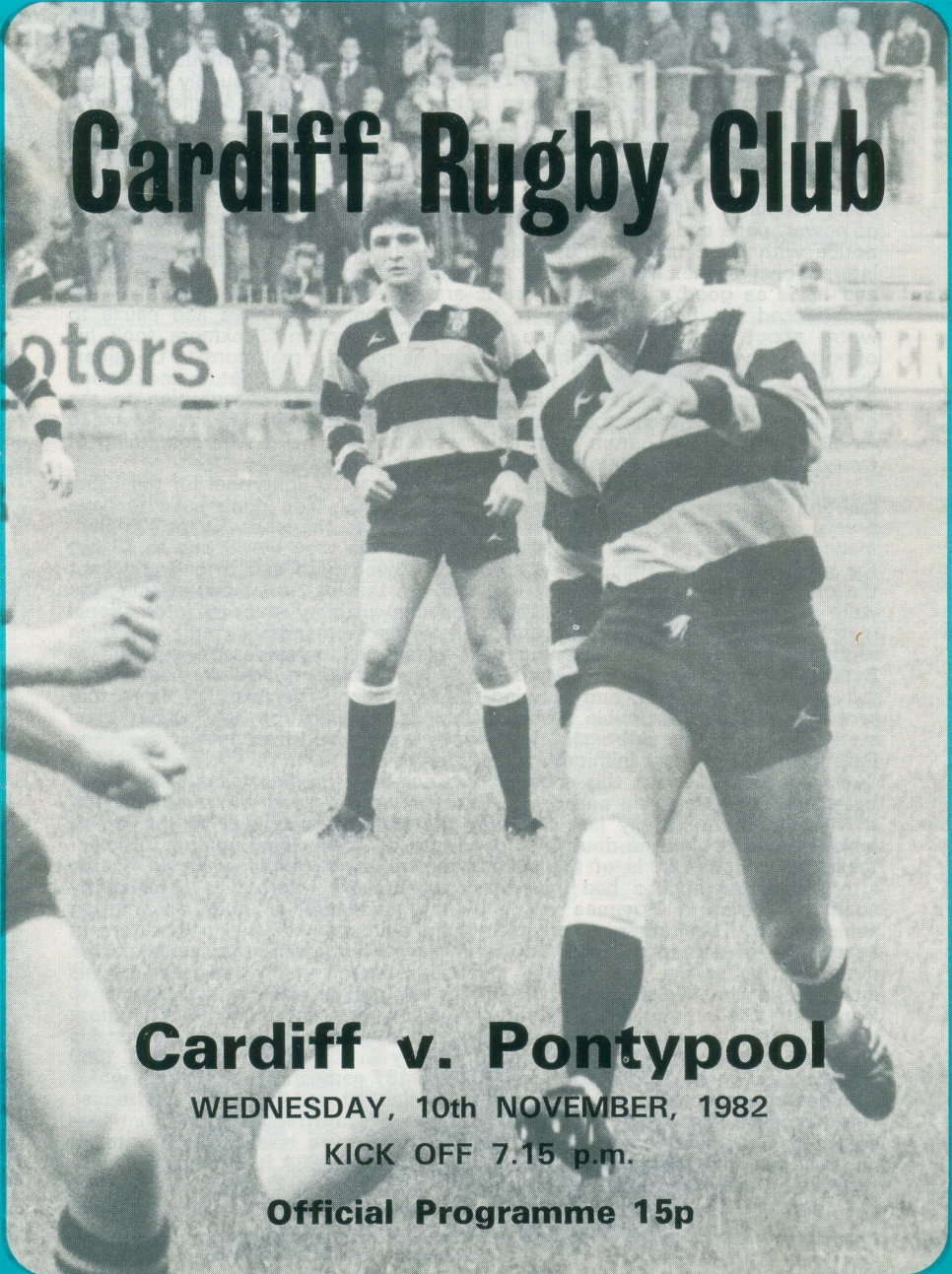


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Official Programme 15p

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If the string of 4 home matches in November carry on where we left off last Saturday we are going to be in for a very spectacular month. Our own fixture secretary, Brian Mark and his Leicester counterpart John Berry, can feel very pleased with themselves as the result of their long negotiation came to marvellous fruition last Saturday afternoon. What a thoroughly enjoyable occasion it turned out to be. Even before the game, there seemed to be a wonderful atmosphere permeating the Arms Park and with both sides heavily populated with internationals the match took on the role of a mini Wales v. England. Oh that we could see such enjoyable rugby in an international match. From the first whistle to the last the game was packed with real heart stopping stuff. Terry Holmes' opening try was as good an example of power, pace and skill that you could wish to see and Gareth Davies served notice with his 2 brilliant tries that he sees himself far from finished on the international scene. Derek Preece also showed he is back to his best form and he is as good a wing as there is around at the moment. With the very experienced Ian Eidman having to withdraw some may have had cause to worry about who would replace him. Young Stephen Blackmore took his opportunity with both hands, however, and he played a real stormer. Considering he is only in his second year out of youth rugby his future looks rosy indeed. Leicester too, in all fairness made a massive contribution to the occasion and kept the game open and exciting. It was also unusual inasmuch as all 4 substitutes, 2 from each side, were utilized. So it was something of everything and a marvellous afternoon's entertainment.

Tonight however, we extend a warm welcome to Pontypool for the 138th meeting between our sides since the first in 1907. You don't have to have a very good memory to cast your thoughts back to the last visit the "Pooler" made to the Park. It was last March 13th and we won by 36 pts. to 23 but the game itself was again a real corker. It flowed from end to end and kept the crowd on its toes from start to finish. On that particular day neither side were shackled with injury problems or unavailability due to international matches and we witnessed a game that was a tremendous credit to Welsh rugby. Unfortunately this evening both sides will be understrength due to Saturday's game against the Maoris and injury problems will also take their toll on both sides. It's and ill wind, however, and because of front row problems the indestructible Bobby Windsor is back on the scene doing sterling work for his club again. It's always a pleasure to see him at the Arms Park playing in his own inimitable manner.

Pontypool's results this season have not been as disastrous as our own but their form is also up and down. Recently after a good win over Bridgend they went down heavily last Saturday at Neath so they will be looking to make amends tonight no doubt. I suppose the biggest talking point at "Pooler" these days, however, is of the phenomenal return to rugby of David Bishop after sustaining such a bad injury last season. His return was heralded by scoring 14 tries in 7 games which by my standards is quite an amazing achievement. This rather remarkable young man, who is also a star turn at baseball is of course a Cardiff boy who played his youth rugby with us. His determination to get back to the game has been suitably rewarded by his inclusion in the Welsh squad. No doubt tonight he will be most eager to live up to the reputation he is rapidly gaining and nothing would do more to enhance it than by adding to his try tally in a "Pooler" victory against his home town team. They last achieved victory in Cardiff during March 1980 when they won by 10 pts. to 4. In all of the 137 games already played, which includes cup matches, we have won 91 "Pooler" 31 and 15 have ended equal. One accolade Pontypool do hold is the highest score recorded and that was achieved in April 81 when we lost at Pontypool by a horrendous 52 pts. to nil. In all we have recorded a total of 1590 pts. to their 934. It is pleasing to note that during the last few seasons which has resulted in 2 wins to each side, the aggregate points scored were 37, 52, 39 and 59, so let's hope we keep

this going tonight. To Pontypool then welcome to the Arms Park once again and we hope you bring better weather with you than we were experiencing when these notes were being written.

In speaking of the weather which has been so wet lately, I think we should congratulate Albert Francis and his ground staff for such a fine playing surface. Last Saturday for instance the white shorts of the Leicester players were nearly as clean at the end of the game as when they ran on — and after all the rain we had suffered too. Another point of interest that has arisen concerns the Maori programme. It appears that the player with the letter J on his jersey in the photograph of the Danny Davies try is Tom Lewis. Tom, an ex-Glamorgan County Policeman played 260 games for Cardiff between 1923 and 1933 and also won 3 Welsh caps. He is still hale and hearty in his retirement and lives in Rhiwbina.

Well the Rags have finally been hauled off their invincible pedestal. They went down by 13 pts. to 12 last Saturday away to Leicester second string. They are also playing tonight against Pontypool Athletic and then again against Poneke the New Zealand side on Friday night at 7.15 p.m. They will be hard pushed to come out of both these games on the credit side as it appears we are in for another bad patch of injuries.

Finally the Cardiff Rugby Club offers its appreciation for the sponsorship of tonight's game by Welsh Brewers.

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KNOW THE LAWS

By J. E. MALCOLM THOMAS

ADVANTAGE — "Two Bites of the Cherry"

A referee must not allow "two bites of the cherry". This refers to **play being allowed to continue for some time after what the referee thinks is an advantage.** (This is the first bite). If the anticipated advantage does not materialise he then decides to bring the teams back and award the original offence. (This is the second bite).

If the referee has allowed advantage the original offence must be forgotten.

However, British referees differ greatly in their interpretation of advantage. Whilst most Welsh referees do not allow "two bites of the cherry", leading referees in Scotland, Ireland and England do. One is very concerned at this inconsistency.

In the recent Cardiff v. Maori game, the first Cardiff score was an excellent example of "two bites of the cherry". England exchange referee, Fred Howard, pointed to the Maori midfield player who strayed offside during a scrum. The referee waited and allowed Cardiff to gain positive advantage. They moved the ball, Gareth Davies went outside his man and Adrian Hadley was almost over in the corner.

To my surprise, the referee brought play right back to the midfield and gave Cardiff the penalty from which David Barry scored. Both Carwyn James and Nigel Stammer-Smith praised the referee for an excellent decision, but I would argue that Cardiff had gained real advantage, and why should they have a second chance or bite?

I remember an Ireland v. England international when the Scottish referee pointed to an English three quarter, who had strayed offside at a lineout, then waited for and allowed advantage. Ireland won good possession and Tony Ward, under no pressure, dropped for goal and narrowly missed. The referee then decided to give Ireland the penalty for offside — i.e., their second bite or chance.

One can issue directives and guidelines, but, in the end, the referee is the sole judge of whether an advantage has been gained and he must be consistent in his application of advantage.

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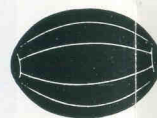
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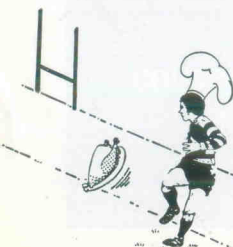
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SEPTEMBER

Wed. 1	Glamorgan Wand.	H	9-15
Sat. 4	Munster	A	6-22
Wed. 8	Bristol	A	9-22
Sat. 11	Neath	A	16-9
Wed. 15	Penarth	H	70-0
Sat. 18	Coventry	H	25-25
Sat. 25	Aberavon	A	20-16
Wed. 29	Pontypridd	A	9-15

OCTOBER

Sat. 2	Newport	H	13-3
Wed. 6	Bridgend	A	16-21
Sat. 9	Northampton	A	40-9
Wed. 13	Maesteg	A	24-31
Sat. 16	Newbridge	H	10-12
Sat. 23	Maori XV	H	9-17
Wed. 27	Oxford University	A	17-9
Sat. 30	Moseley	A	33-19

NOVEMBER

Tues. 2	Ebbw Vale	A	10-12
Sat. 6	Leicester	H	32-9
Wed. 10	Pontypool	H	.....
Sat. 20	W.R.U. Cup 1st Round		
Sat. 27	Llanelli	H	.....

DECEMBER

Sat. 4	Swansea	A	.....
Sat. 11	London Welsh	A
Sat. 18	W.R.U. Cup 2nd Round		

Wed. 22	Bridgend	H
Mon. 27	Pontypridd	H

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JANUARY

Sat. 1	Moseley	H
Sat. 8	Aberavon	H
Sat. 15	Ebbw Vale	H
Sat. 22	W.R.U. Cup 3rd Round		
Sat. 29	Llanelli	A	.....

FEBRUARY

Sat. 5	London Welsh	H	.....
Sat. 12	Bristol	H	.....
Fri. 18	Heriots F.P.	A	.....
Sat. 26	W.R.U. Cup 4th Round		

MARCH

Fri. 4	Bective Rangers	H	.....
Sat. 12	Pontypool	A	.....
Wed. 23			
Sat. 26	Newport	A	.....

APRIL

Sat. 2	Barbarians	H	.....
Mon. 4	Harlequins	H
Sat. 9	Swansea	H
Sat. 16	Neath	H
Sat. 23	Bath	A
Sat. 30	W.R.U. Cup Final		

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