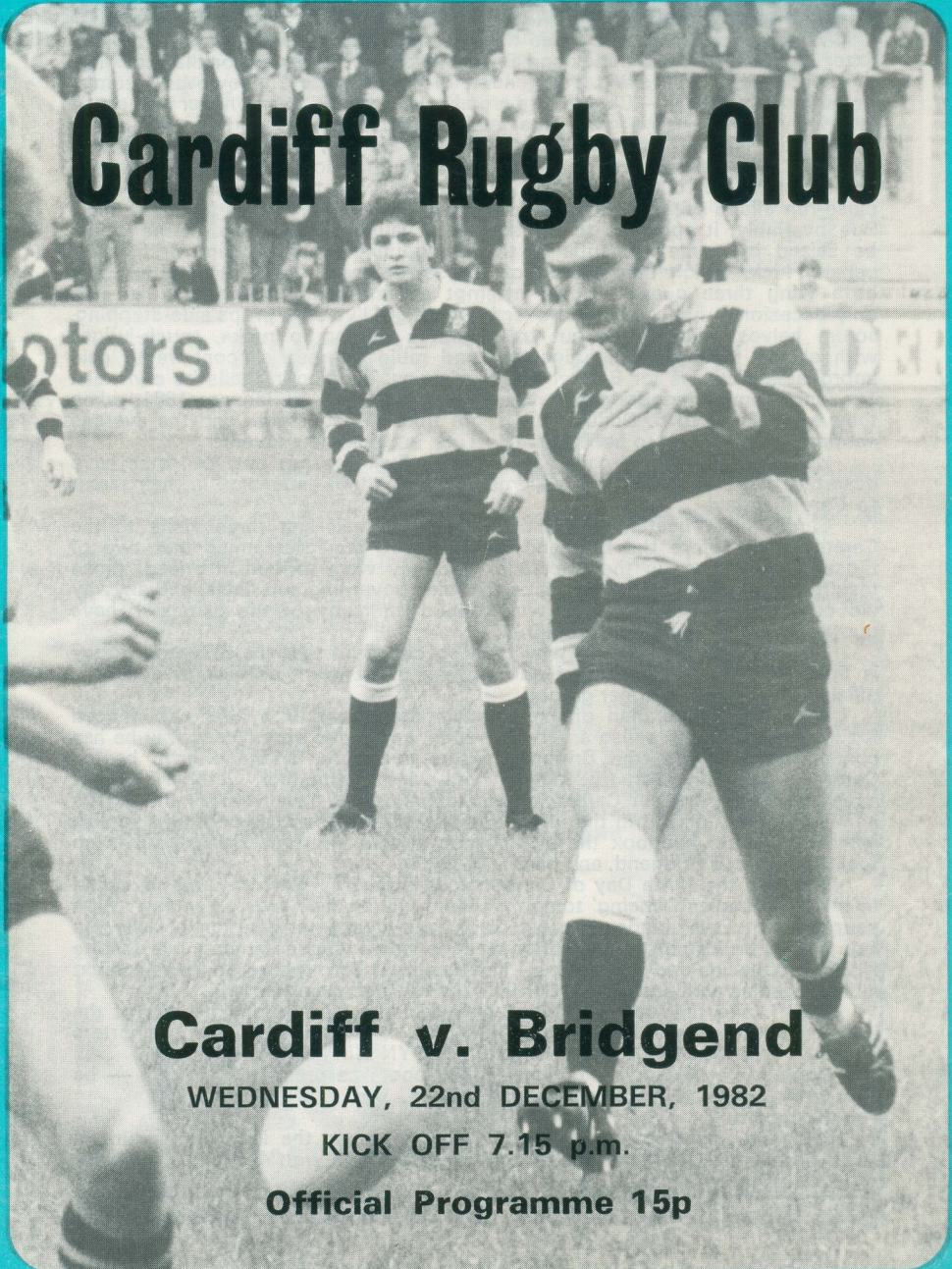


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These programme notes to be headed (TO CARDIFF SUPPORTERS) "COME ALL YE FAITHFUL", or conversely in view of the statistics against Bridgend at home "YULE BE SORRY".

With Christmas a mere three days away, what a delectable gift-wrapped, fizzer of a fixture Eddie Jones and Brian Mark have contrived for the stockings of supporters of both sides. The genuine Blue and Black fan, however optimistic he may be (note — Cardiff fans are always optimistic and never one-eyed) invariably approaches a game against Bridgend at the Arms Park with some trepidation. Not without good reason for his anxiety, when it is realised that we have only beaten them once in a club fixture at home since 1967. It was a most remarkable run of victories for Bridgend with the games always being close-run affairs with the scoring rarely reaching double figures for either side. But invariably, it appeared to my somewhat jaundiced eye, the referee would be seized by some dementia in the dying minutes and award Bridgend a penalty kick, which they kicked of course, and won the match. Either that or a wing three quarter would attempt an improbable drop-kick for the only occasion in his career, and over it would go. I've seen props side-stepping, scrum halves winning line-out ball, centres setting-up rucks, touch-judges with elastic mathematical judgement and rabid referees all contrive to gain improbable victories for Bridgend in this series. The scoring tells its own tale. The only hammering Bridgend ever gave Cardiff was in January 1981, when they won 22pts. to 6. Deduct that score from the aggregate and the average scoring rate turns out to be 7.3pts. to 7.1pts. in Bridgend's favour.

However, all that is past history. Their luck has run out, the fates have deserted them, and they now assume a more natural dimension in their threat to Cardiff today.

Cardiff have beaten Bridgend on each of their last three visits to the Capital City. Before the Bridgend Bovver Boys start screaming that two of those defeats were in the Cup, and that they were robbed in one of those results, let me state we didn't make the rules governing cup finals, and anyway we could have screamed 'we wuz robbed' in many of the games I have quoted — but of course we wouldn't.

However the real reason why I am so confident that the Bridgend Bogey is finally finished is not based on anything to transient as luck or eccentric officials, but on much firmer ground.

Brian Mark is a man of exceptional talents, and is a very experienced fixture secretary. He is also a very nice man, and in the very nicest way he has conned Eddie Jones, the Bridgend fixture secretary. Bridgend have beaten Cardiff in January, February, March, April, May, September, October etc. But never have they beaten Cardiff in December. Cardiff have won all the games home and away played in the ultimate month of the year. It would be a foolish man who would overlook the significance of that fact, and Brian Mark is no fool. So look out Bridgend, and hard luck Eddie.

Today is the Ninth Day of Christmas, it is the day when my true love said to me 'Nine Ladies Dancing' tomorrow there will be 'Ten Lads a Leaping'. With your prurient little minds you will place your own interpretation of why the lads should be leaping the day after the nine ladies were a-dancing, but despite all the prophecies and predictions I have made, if Cardiff beat Bridgend tonight all those ladies and lads will be Cardiff supporters prancing for joy.

May I take this opportunity on behalf of the officials and players of the Club, to wish all our supporters and the Bridgend Club and supporters NADOLIG LLAWEN A BLWYDDYN NEWYDD DDA.

Don't forget if you are giving football boots as presents this year — be very, very, careful. You could lose your stripes.

For the record:

Bridgend and Cardiff have met 111 times since the inaugural fixture in 1879. Cardiff have won 55 games and Bridgend have won 44. Earlier this year

a very depleted Cardiff team, further depleted by the injury to skipper John Scott, lost at Bridgend by 21pts. to 16pts.

Goodwill to all men particularly injured rugby players

In this season of goodwill to all men it is encouraging to hear of the progress made in a study of Rugby Injuries set up by the four Home Unions and France. They jointly financed this research, and chose Wales as the test area mainly because of the work already being done here, and also because of the compact area of concentration available. The study covers the type and frequency of injuries, possible means of prevention of those injuries, and the treatment available at various clubs. Of course spinal injuries are very closely followed up. This two-year project centred at the Orthopaedic Department of the Welsh National Hospital under the guidance of Professor MacKibben. The person doing the leg work on this project is Dr. P. Williams. No, not Dr. Peter, nor Dr. Phil, nor even Dr. J.P.R., but J.P.R.'s wife Prescilla, another branch of the amazing Williams family. (Chris is probably playing tonight). Prescilla has written thanking Cardiff for our prompt return of the initial questionnaire. So come on you clubs, particularly the first class clubs, who have yet to co-operate fully get cracking — it's for everyones good.

D.J.H.

KNOW THE LAWS

By J. E. MALCOLM THOMAS

OFFSIDE IN GENERAL PLAY

- 1) Q. A player **knocks on**, and an offside player of the same team next plays the ball. What is the correct decision?
 - A. A penalty for offside should **not** be awarded **unless** the offside deprives the non-offending team of advantage.
- 2) Q. Can a player be offside in his own in-goal?
 - A. Yes.
- 3) Q. A player **hands** the ball to another player of his team in front of him. What is the right decision?
 - A. Scrummage for "accidental offside", unless it is considered that the player was wilfully offside, in which case a penalty kick should be awarded.
- 4) Q. An offside player, who cannot be placed onside, charges within 10 metres of an opponent waiting to receive the ball. How should the referee react?
 - A. He should whistle at **once** for delay may prove dangerous.
- 5) Q. An attacking player kicks the ball which is misfielded by an opponent, and the ball is then played by another attacking player, in an offside position, **within 10 metres of the opponent**. What is the correct decision?
 - A. A penalty kick should be awarded.

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Cardiff v. Moseley

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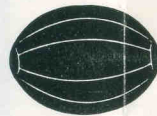
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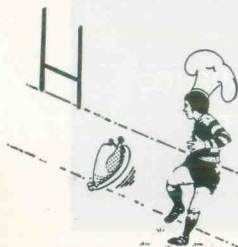
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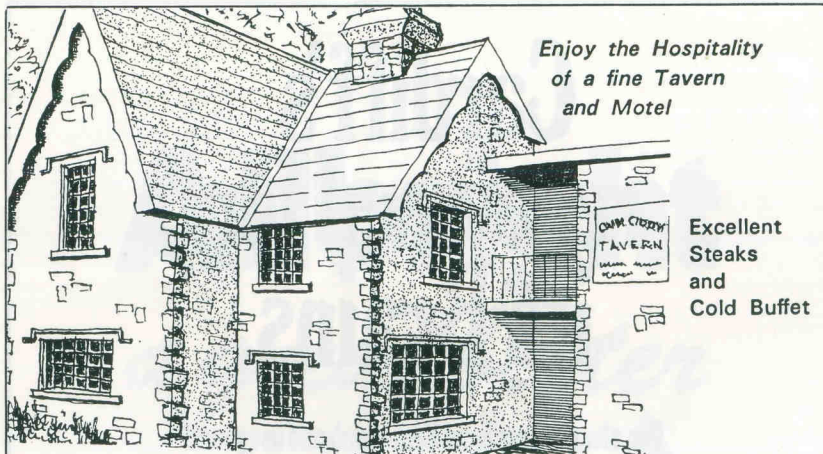
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FIRST XV FIXTURES

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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	12-16
Sat. 20	Cilfynydd (Cup)	H	66-9
Sat. 27	Llanelli	H	24-13

DECEMBER

Sat. 4	Swansea	A	13-18
Sat. 11	London Welsh	A	38-12
Sat. 18	Gowerton (Cup)	A	70-6

Wed. 22	Bridgend	H	.....
Mon. 27	Pontypridd	H	.....

1983

JANUARY

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

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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