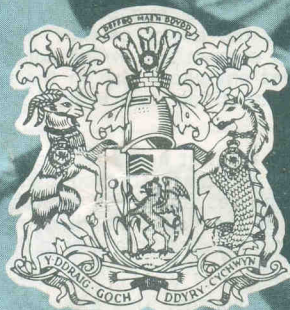


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The aftermath of last Saturday's defeat by Scotland at the magnificent and now completed National Stadium has engendered far more discussion and worry in the Principality than the home rule referendum of several years ago ever did. After all, life stumbles along regardless of politics but with three consecutive defeats behind them and Ireland away as the next fence, the prophets of gloom and doom are preaching disaster for Welsh rugby. This being the case, a visitor from foreign shores around this time could be forgiven for thinking that the substrata of the upper structure, club rugby, also suffers from the same called malaise as the national side.

How wrong he would be, however, for where in the world of club rugby could he find so many top class sides playing in such a confined area as we enjoy in South Wales. It is, invariably, the exception rather than the rule for English, Scottish or Irish sides to get the better of their Welsh counterparts and added to this we have our own cup competition which again will stand comparison with any other similar such contest anywhere else in the world. I referee, of course, to the great Schweppes Cup Competition now in its 13th year and gaining in stature and strength annually.

So today we see the first team at home for the first time in 1984. Bath should have been, of course, but the weather scotched that one. Nevertheless there was that rather elongated lunch-time session which stretched well into the late evening to compensate for the loss of the game. Pending mutual agreement we hope to be able to play that particular game some time later in the season.

On with today's show then and welcome to Cardiff Arms Park today to our great friends from the West, Swansea. This afternoon's game will be our 59th in the cup since its re-introduction in 1971-72 and the record of the previous 58 reads 48 wins to 10 defeats. We have scored 1,437 points to our opponents 455. Swansea also are no strangers to us in the cup as this will be the fifth occasion we have met them and this equals the record 5 times we have played Pontypool. We first met in the cup in season 1972/73 when we won the semi-final at Aberavon by 12-8. The second occasion came the following season 1973/74 when we again won the fourth round encounter at Swansea by 13-0. The third game came in season 1977/78 when again at Aberavon in the semi-final Swansea redressed the balance slightly with a 18-13 win over us. Our last meeting came in season 1980/81 when we stretched our win sequence to 3-1 with a 18-7 victory in another semi-final encounter, but this time at Bridgend on a rather wet evening.

On final appearances, we also edge the All Whites out as we have made 4 appearances in 1972/73, 1976/77, 1980/81 and 1981/82 and we were successful on the latter 2 occasions both against Bridgend. In 1973 we lost heavily to Llanelli by 30-7 while in 1977 we had the cup of joy snatched from our lips in our centenary year when our oldest rivals Newport pipped us on the post by 16-15. Swansea on the other hand have made 3 final appearances in 1975/76, 1977/78 and then last year's final. They lost to Llanelli in 1976 by 15pts. to 4 but achieved their only success in 1978 when they beat Newport by 13 pts. to 9. Last year, however, with the Whitbread Merit Table and the Club Championship under their belt they failed to make it a magnificent treble when they failed in the cup final against Ray Prosser's super-charged Pontypool side by 18-6.

Early on this year, Swansea failed to reproduce the sort of form that they showed at the end of last season when they put down the Barbarians to the tune of 58 pts. to 6. Their earlier visit to us this season also saw them lose yet again in Cardiff in a very entertaining game by 26-13. It must have been a great disappointment to them also to be drawn to play at Cardiff for I am sure they would have been as happy to be drawn at home as we were. Perhaps it will give them some heart to realise that in both the semi-finals they have played in the cup at the Arms Park, however, they have won. The first occasion was in 1976 when they beat Pontypool and then last year they accounted for Newbridge. The former of those games will be remembered as the last game the inimitable Mervyn Davies ever figured in. So today perhaps Swansea can forget their abysmal record in normal domestic fixtures here and just concentrate on the fact that they have a one hundred per cent record to retain in the Schweppes Cup on the Cardiff Arms Park.

Their form of late suggests that they are getting back to the sort of form they showed last season and their recent thrashing of Newport by 29 pts. to 8 must put them in good heart. Also on the plus side is the fact that apart from Gareth John and Mark Wyatt their squad is injury free so they will be able to pick an extremely strong side indeed. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us, we will have a good firm surface on which to play and the game will maintain the very high standard of rugby we have been accustomed to when the All Whites visit Cardiff. This being so our hypothetical visitor will go away as bemused as ourselves as to why the national side can't put things together when the state of its club rugby is so healthy. To Swansea then, welcome to Cardiff yet again and may you suffer no ill luck.

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## KNOW THE LAWS

By J. E. MALCOLM THOMAS

Today sees an innovation, for the W.R.U. has appointed W.R.U. Referees to act as Touch Judges in the Schweppes Cup third round. One would like to see this extended to incorporate cup games at other levels. At the Arms Park today, D. Parry-Jones and Philip Jones will assist referee Les Peard, whilst at Aberavon, Ken Brackston and myself will be assisting referee Gareth Simmonds.

Referees appreciate the assistance of competent, impartial officials who "run the line". Touch judging is an art that demands concentration, alertness and a sound knowledge of the game and its laws.

A Touch judge is under the control of the referee who may over-rule ANY of his decisions.

The Touch judge shall lower his flag when the ball has been thrown in except on the following 3 occasions when he must keep it raised. Last season there were 2 occasions, this season 3.

- 1). When the player throwing in the ball puts any part of either foot in the field of play. The touch-line is "in touch" and the thrower can stand on the line. He must not, however, encroach on to the field of play.
- 2). When the ball has not been thrown in by the team entitled to do so.
- 3). An addition this year, when at a quick throw-in the ball that went into touch is replaced by another, or is handled by anyone other than the players.

It is for the referee to decide whether or not the ball has been thrown in from the correct place.

Today the touch judges may report incidents of FOUL PLAY and MISCONDUCT to the referee. The touch judge will signal such an incident to the referee by raising his flag to a HORIZONTAL position pointing in the direction of the goal line of the OFFENDING TEAM. The touch judge must remain in touch and continue to carry out his other function until the next stoppage in play, when the referee shall consult him regarding the incident.

The referee may then take whatever action he deems appropriate, and consequent penalties shall be in accordance with LAW 26(3) (Misconduct and Dangerous Play).

It should be a very positive move in removing foul play and misconduct from the game.

## Rugby Quiz – No. 15

- 1). What is Cardiff's record score in the Schweppes Cup?
- 2). What is Cardiff's longest winning sequence in the competition?
- 3). What is our biggest defeat in the cup?
- 4). What is the longest winning sequence by any club?
- 5). Who won the cup on its re-introduction in 1971/72?



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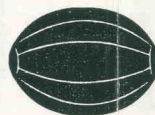
## Cardiff

15. P. REES
14. P. ADEN
13. A. DONOVAN
12. M. RING
11. A. HADLEY
10. W. G. DAVIES
9. S. CANNON
1. J. WHITEFOOT
2. A. J. PHILLIPS
3. I. EIDMAN
4. K. EDWARDS
5. R. NORSTER
6. R. LAKIN
8. J. P. SCOTT (Captain)
7. T. CROTHERS

B. McALOON, N. O'BRIEN  
M. MURPHY, C. COLLINS  
J. SOUTO, H. STONE

Referee: Mr. L. PEARD

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



Replacements

## Swansea

15. R. BLYTH
14. T. SWIFT
12. D. RICHARDS (Captain)
12. G. JENKINS
11. A. EMYR
10. M. DACEY
9. R. JONES
1. C. WILLIAMS
2. J. HERDMANN
3. K. COLCLOUGH
4. T. CHEESEMAN
5. R. MORIARTY
6. G. ROBERTS
8. P. MORIARTY
7. M. DAVIES

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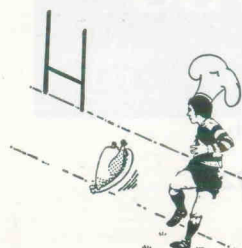
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# Dai's Page....

100 YEARS AGO

The following report appeared in the Western Mail of the Cardiff v. Swansea match played on Saturday, November 12th 1883.

A match was played in the Cardiff Arms Park in the presence of a large number of spectators. The teams were as follows:—

## Cardiff:

Barlow, back, Lambrick, Clare and Stewart, threequarters, T. Williams, Douglas and Spickett half-backs; Simpson (captain), W. D. Phillips, Hinton, Laybourne, H.W. Jones, Stadden, Evans and Treatt, forwards.

## Swansea:

G. Bowen, back, W. Bowen, D. Gwynne and J. Thomas, threequarter backs; Walter Jones, W. Edwards and W.H. Gwynn half-backs; F. Andrews, S. Goldsworthy, S. Buckland, G. Payne, D. Morgan, P. Studdard, R. Ball and W. Davies, forwards.

"Cardiff won the toss and selected to play from the Pavilion end. Swansea kicked off, and Stadden passed the ball to Stewart who carried it into neutral ground. Some fast play ensued and the territory of the visitors invaded, the Cardiff backs doing some smart work in passing and running. Phillips, Stewart and Clare successively got away with the trophy, but the ball was punted back, and nothing occurred until Stewart, by a remarkably fine run, carried the ball on to the extreme corner of the Swansea goal, when a try was claimed by Cardiff. The point was disputed, and as a compromise a scrum was formed half-way. From a scrum well in the visitors half Douglas passed to T. Williams who by a smart run evaded all pursuers and secured a try behind the Swansea posts, from which Barlow kicked goal.

The game continued with vigour but no incident of importance took place until W. H. Gwynn and Thomas got away with the ball and dribbled the ball down the field along a clear course. A try seemed to be certain but there is many a slip between cup and lip' and so it proved in this case. A little hesitation gave Stadden the opportunity to rush in and touch the ball down just in time to avert the major point. A little later Barlow attempted a drop goal from the field which resulted in a touch in goal for Cardiff, and with this exception no points were scored up to half time.

Sides were changed and Cardiff kicked off. The visitors at once made an advance on the home goal, which was in danger, when W.D. Phillips made a gallant run out. Stewart made the run of the day passing all pursuers till his way was stopped by the back, who caught him by the legs.

But the position of the game was entirely changed when W. H. Gwynne got away with an almost clear field before him. He ran to mid-distance, and being threatened by Lambrick passed to Thomas, who was thrown into touch well in the home territory. Swansea made the most of this advantage and at length on an attempt being made to drop a goal Cardiff touched down in self-defence. On play being resumed, Stewart again distinguished himself by a magnificent run, by which he brought the ball to the Swansea 25. From a scrum Stadden punted in and the visitors touched down in self-defence. No further points being scored, the game therefore ended in a win for Cardiff by one goal, one try, one touch in goal and one touch down in self-defence to Swansea's two touches down in self-defence. The game was a very good one."

D.J.H.

## RUGBY QUIZ No. 15 — ANSWERS

- 1). 70-6 v. Gowerton, 1982/83.
- 2). 15 from the first round, season 1980/81 until the fourth round, 1982/83.
- 3). 30-7 by Llanelli in the 1972/73 final.
- 4). Llanelli 26 from first round, season 1972/73 until the third round, 1976/77.
- 5). Neath beat Llanelli by 15-9.

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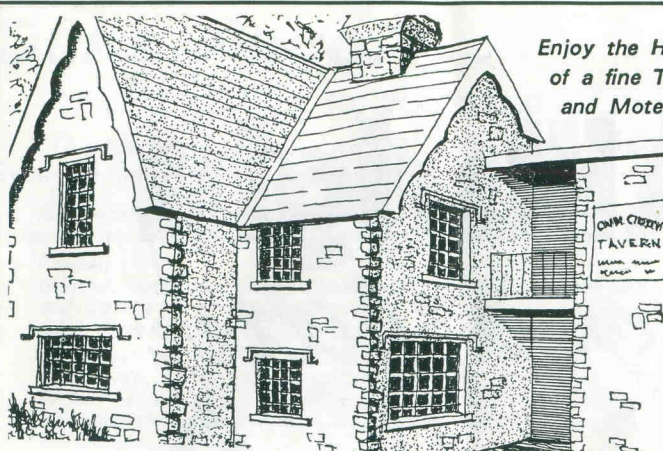
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Sat. 3	East District	H	56-4
Mon. 5	Glasgow & District	H	34-9
Wed. 7	Glamorgan Wands.	A	19-10
Sat. 10	Neath	H	16-14
Wed. 14	Bristol	H	22-13
Sat. 17	Coventry	A	27-16
Wed. 21	Gloucester	A	26-10
Sat. 24	Aberavon	H	37-17
Wed. 28	Pontypridd	A	12-4

##### OCTOBER

Sat. 1	Newport	A	21-32
Wed. 5	Bridgend	H	9-7
Sat. 8	Northampton	H	13-7
Wed. 12	Penarth	A	22-6
Sat. 15	Cambridge Univ.	A	24-18
Wed. 19	Pontypool	A	10-9
Sat. 22	Harlequins	A	26-7
Wed. 26	Maesteg	H	26-26
Sat. 29	Moseley	H	43-10

##### NOVEMBER

Sat. 5	Leicester	A	24-29
Wed. 9	Oxford	H	47-25
Sat. 12	Ebbw Vale	H	31-16
Sat. 19	Senghennydd (Cup)	A	43-3
Sat. 26	Llanelli	A	13-14

##### DECEMBER

Sat. 3	Swansea	H	26-13
Sat. 10	London Welsh	H	43-20

Sat. 17	Treorchy (Cup)	A	31-4
Sat. 24	Bridgend	A	10-34
Mon. 26	Pontypridd	H	21-14
Sat. 31	Coventry	H	46-10

#### 1984

##### JANUARY

Mon. 2	Bath	Postponed	
Sat. 7	Moseley	A	25-20
Sat. 14	Aberavon	A	26-17
Sat. 28	Swansea (Cup)	H	.....

##### FEBRUARY

Wed. 1	S. Glamorgan Inst.	H	.....
Sat. 11	Bristol	A	.....
Wed. 15	Newbridge	H	.....
Sat. 25	W.R.U. Cup 4th Round		

##### MARCH

Sat. 3	Ebbw Vale	A	.....
Sat. 10	Pontypool	H	.....
Sat. 17	London Welsh	A	.....
Sat. 24	Newport	H	.....
Sat. 31	Llanelli	H	.....

##### APRIL

Sat. 7	Bedford	H	.....
Sat. 7	Gala Cent. Sevens	A	.....
Sat. 14	Swansea	A	.....
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