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I suppose that by the application of Sod's Law it was inevitable that we should have been paired with Newbridge in the forthcoming quarter-final of the Schweppes Cup. With tonight's game having been arranged ages ago, both clubs would have been happy to avoid each other in the cup game. One thing is patently obvious and that's the fact that having come out of the hat together, Newbridge are extremely relieved to have come out first which, of course, gives them the cardinal advantage of being at home.

Tonight's game therefore is going to be something of a sparring bout in order to get the finger on the pulse of how the other side are playing. We for our part will be shorn of our international players Adrian Hadley, Ian Eidman, Robert Norster and Jeff Whitefoot who will be on national duty for Wales against France on Saturday and as these notes were written before the England side was announced John Scott could also be another absentee on duty at Twickenham against Ireland. So while there can be all sorts of permutations of the effects of the result of tonight's game, come Saturday week I don't think it is going to matter one jot. The cup particularly for us being away in the fourth round engenders the sort of atmosphere normally reserved for international occasions. So we can expect a very hot reception from the men of the Welfare Ground who will be looking for a win to take them into their third successive semi-final. As you may well remember we beat them at Newport the year before last and then last season they lost to Swansea on our ground. Strangely enough we only have to go back two seasons to recall a similar incident. We played Ebbw Vale away in the third round of the 1981/82 competition on one Saturday and we made the same journey the following Saturday to play them in a normal fixture.

What of Newbridge this year then. They are going great guns at the moment and they are really firing on all cylinders after their early season disappointment of losing to Japan. To date they have played 31 games winning 23, drawing 2 and losing the other 6. In total they have scored 649 points to their opponents 364. Happily for them their popular captain Jim Stokes has now fully recovered from a very bad virus infection and is again leading the side in fine style. Paul Turner is in fine kicking form and to date has scored 219 points and is chasing his own club record of 360 points in a season. He is a great linchpin in their attack and this year he finally opted to go Welsh when he was invited to join the National squad. He had previously attracted the interest of the English selectors due to English forebears.

Last Saturday Newbridge certainly turned it on for their supporters when they crushed Exeter to the tune of 64-14. This must have given them a massive boost for tonight's game and the big one on Saturday week. During that high scoring win, wing Alun Glasnon scored 4 tries to bring his season's total to 17. Centre Paul Evans was substituted during the game and he is another essential cog in their attacking machine so they will hope that his injury is only trivial. They must also hope that all their injury problems will be sorted out by the cup game because they are suffering a bit as far as their back row is concerned.

Tonight sees Newbridge come to Cardiff for their 9th visit in the 14th game in the series which only has a very short history. We first played in 1963 which does seem rather a strange state of affairs in as much as the Newbridge club was formed in 1890. Our own present day committee man and ex-club captain Dai Hayward is a product of the Gwent club but we won't hold that against him, however. Our first 2 meetings in 1964 and 65 ended in drawn games and Newbridge first beat us in the fourth game played on their ground in 1968. We won the next 8 games and Newbridge achieved their second success last season on the Arms Park when a last second penalty was kicked by Paul Turner to give them the narrowest of wins by 11 pts. to 10. They will no doubt be looking for a repeat performance tonight which could put them in the right frame of mind for the cup. As I've said previously though, whatever happens tonight we will both be starting from scratch for the

big one. So let's hope we get some fine weather for both games because the way both sides are playing at the moment they should be well worth watching. The full record for the series reads played 13, won 9, lost 2, drawn 2, points for 197, against 122. To Newbridge then we offer you a warm welcome to the Arms Park, we hope you enjoy your evening.

Now to some more home-based news. Gareth Davies has now smashed his own club record points total for a season which still has some 10 weeks to run. In last Saturday's excellent win at Bristol he took his tally for the current campaign to 303. With still more than a dozen games to go he will smash his own previous record of 275 out of sight. He is the leading points scorer in Wales at the moment with Pontypool's Peter Lewis in second place on a total of 279.

While the first team were carving out that fine win across the Bridge, the Rags meeting with the Bristol counterparts on the Arms Park was by any standards a first class event. Terry Charles' side included Terry Holmes and Rhodri Lewis and what an encouraging sight it was to see them both making such an impact with their contributions to an excellent game of rugby. Terry's presence is certainly box office these days and the crowd who witnessed the game and thoroughly enjoyed it, would have been welcomed by lots of first class sides. Bristol too made a great contribution towards the enjoyment and they were no pushover as the 34-0 score might suggest, indeed they were unfortunate not to get any points on the board.

Last but certainly not least, it gives us great pleasure to extend a warm welcome to Cardiff Arms Park, to tonight's officiating referee — Australian Dick Byers. He is certainly having to earn his corn on his working holiday. He refereed a couple of club games in Ireland and then took charge of the Ireland v. Wales match in Dublin. He came back to Wales with the Welsh Team and since, he has refereed Bridgend v. Neath and Swansea v. Neath matches. After his spin tonight he does the whistling on Saturday in the Wales v. France match. This poses the question "Has it happened before for the same man to referee Wales in two consecutive matches?"

We hope he enjoys his evening and takes home fond memories of Cardiff.

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The referee is the sole judge of whether an advantage has been gained. An advantage must *either be TERRITORIAL* or such possession of the ball as constitutes an obvious *TACTICAL* advantage. Officials who referee advantage well are those who have a real feeling for the game — its players and coaches — and spectators.

Here are some guidelines:

- 1). Put your self in the non-offending team captain's position. Would he want the advantage or the scrummage; would he want the advantage or the penalty? *He cannot have both.* It is *either* advantage *or* the scrummage; advantage *or* the penalty.
- 2). After a knock-on or throw forward, if the non-offending team does not get clean ball, without any pressure, then blow immediately. Similarly if the offending team regain immediate possession of the ball following the knock-on, the referee should blow up for the scrummage.
- 3). The referee should ask himself *why* did the number 8 keep the ball at his feet, *or why* did the jumper catch the ball two handed in the line-out and hold onto it? In both instances it is to catch the opposing players offside and to be awarded a penalty. The referee should give them the penalty.
- 4). For offside players the referee should ask himself, "did the offside player stop the movement of the ball"? If the answer is yes — then give the penalty.
- 5). The referee should tidy the game up *early* so that players know exactly what the referee expects of them at rucks, mauls, tackled situations etc., so that the referee is not continually blowing for the same offence *or playing advantage for the same offence by the same player* — e.g., the hooker who continually comes around offside at the front of the line-out, holds his arms in the air, smiles and apologises to the referee, and then returns to his side of the line-out.
The referee who continually plays advantage in this situation is causing trouble for himself *and the non-offending team.*
- 6). A referee cannot make players play advantage following an offence. It is up to them to play the ball, and if they don't, they are saying in effect, "Referee blow your whistle".
- 7). Advantage is a personal thing, but whatever approach a referee adopts, *he must be consistent during the game for both sides.*

Rugby Quiz – No. 17

- 1). What is the highest score ever recorded by a British Lions side in an international match?
- 2). What is the highest score the Lions have achieved against New Zealand?
- 3). What is the highest score achieved by New Zealand and the Lions?
- 4). Who holds the record for the most tries in any match for the Lions?
- 5). What is the biggest winning points margin scored by the Lions over New Zealand?

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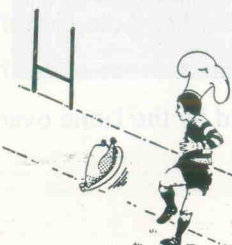
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- 2). 17 but still lost 17-18 at Dunedin 1959.
- 3). 24-11 to New Zealand Auckland 1966.
- 4). 6, D. Duckham v. West Coast-Buller N.Z., 1971 and J.J. Williams v. South Western Districts S.A., 1974.
- 5). 10 when beating the All Blacks 13-3 Wellington, 1971.

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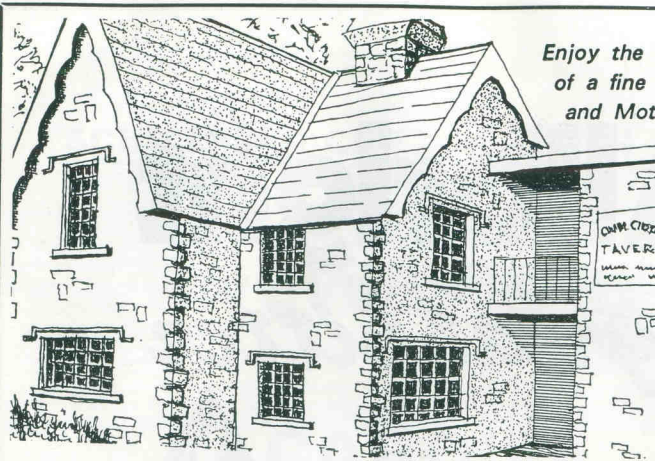
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Sat. 3	East District	H	56-4
Mon. 5	Glasgow & District	H	34-9
Wed. 7	Glamorgan Wands.	A	19-10
Sat. 10	Neath	H	16-14
Wed. 14	Bristol	H	22-13
Sat. 17	Coventry	A	27-16
Wed. 21	Gloucester	A	26-10
Sat. 24	Aberavon	H	37-17
Wed. 28	Pontypridd	A	12-4

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.	H	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	Senghenydd (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	12-7

FEBRUARY

Wed. 1	S. Glamorgan Inst.	Post.	
Sat. 11	Bristol	A	23-17
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
Sat. 21	Barbarians	H
Mon. 23	Harlequins	H
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