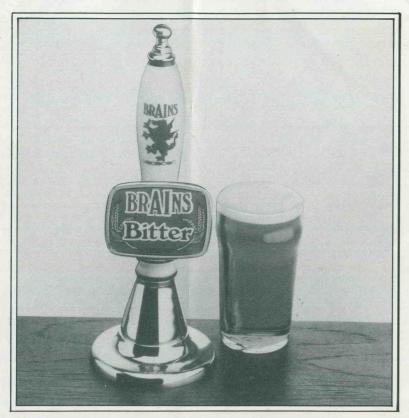


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Cardiff v. Aberavon

SATURDAY, 12th JANUARY, 1985 KICK OFF 3 p.m.

Well, well, after the glorious weather Mother Nature brought with her for our New Year's Day game against Crawshays' she has certainly seen fit to turn her more icy side towards us now. The loss of the Moseley game last Saturday was a big disappointment as these games over the years have been really big points bonanzas. Of the last seven games played, we have won them all and scored an aggregate of 200 points to Moseley's 119 to give a match average of 28-17. They have had a few good results of late and were looking forward to having a shot at our ground record but the hard state of the ground meant it was not to be. Also disappointing is the fact that it is one of the long haul fixtures which will probably prove impossible to rearrange for later on in the season.

Hopefully then the situation will only be temporary and by this week-end we will be back with a full programme of rugby again. Mind, as I pen these notes, a glance through the window reveals a very lovely Christmas card vista — yes, the dreaded snow has come down. The only redeeming feature of that stuff to me these days is the fact that my not too well kept garden looks as picturesque as the immaculate one

of the horticulturally mad guy down the road.

So, it becomes Aberavon's turn to have a crack at our ground record and also become our first Saturday visitors in 1985. The series becomes 107 games old this afternoon and of the previous 106 we have won 62 to Aberavon's 38 with the remaining 6 ending in stalemate. A further look at the records shows some interesting facts for instance a Cardiff win today would put us on a sequence of seven successive wins which would equal the record for most consecutive wins in the series. At present we both hold this record jointly, Aberavon having done it between seasons 1920-21 and 1923-24 whilst our run came between 1970-71 and 1973-74. Victory in Cardiff is a morsel that is not often savoured by Aberavon as success on The Arms Park has only been achieved on eleven occasions. Of those eleven I would well imagine that the last win they achieved was the most surprising to them. It happened at the beginning of season 1981-82 when they arrived at The Arms Park with a real wing and a prayer side but nevertheless took the spoils against a full strength Cardiff side by 25 pts to 11 to become one of only seven sides to get the better of us in that particular season.

What of The Wizards at the present then. After winning 27 of their 50 games last season things were settling down a little and there was good cause for optimism for the current campaign. Before the season got underway however, they had the two sledgehammer blows of seeing their captain of last season Adrian Owen going to Bridgend and their talented young outside half Mike Lewis throwing in his lot with Newport. The latter was their top scorer last season with a total of 201 points but 20 year old newcomer Andrew Jones also finished up with a tally of 143. The bulk of these points came from the boot of these top scorers because the team's top try scorer, wing Kevin James could only claim twelve during the whole season.

This season under the guiding influence of club captain Billy James (who is being suggested also as a possible Welsh captain) and coach Clive Shell things are not going as well as they had hoped. Of the 25 games played they have won 11 and lost 14. The bone of contention seems to be the chopping and changing that is going on and the number of players who have represented The Wizards this season is now in the 40's. Still with the likes of a hard-core such as Billy James, Alan Martin and Ray Giles they shouldn't be in the doldrums for long. Andrew Jones has taken over the kicking role vacated by Mike Lewis and to date he has collected 107 points in a team total of 397. Ray Giles is top try scorer at the moment with nine to his credit, so

at last he should get a better total than last season top number of twelve.

To Aberavon again then welcome once more to Cardiff and we hope you enjoy your day at The Arms Park especially Mr. and Mrs. Mainwaring who will be guests of our Chairman Stan Bowes.

Speaking on the statistical scene, our own current record reads played 28, won 22, lost 4, drawn 2, points for 711, against 323. Top scorer is Gareth Davies with 245 points and the top try scorers are Mike Carrington 15, Terry Holmes 14, Mark Ring and Adrian Hadley 11 each.

Now a word of appreciation from 'Charlo' and his Rags side to the loyal band of supporters who turned up at Sophia Gardens on the last Saturday in December to watch their game against Coventry Extras. Due to the atrocious weather the game was transferred from the Arms Park. Whilst there were a few of us who were duty bound to be present some 50 or more real enthusiasts braved the shocking conditions but were thoroughly compensated for their attendance by witnessing a match of tremendously entertaining proportions. Well done The Rags, Coventry Extras and those who supported the game.

Finally, we hope the rafters will be ringing with the applause of good rugby this afternoon and also if not already, we shall soon know if Gareth is in the Welsh side or not. It relegates the "Who shot J.R." mystery to real nursery school level.

P.N.



KNOW THE LAWS

By J. E. MALCOLM THOMAS

"REFFING IN THE SPIRIT OF THE GAME"

The large holiday crowd that thoroughly enjoyed the Boxing Day match against Pontypridd at the Arms Park must also have been very impressed by the control, positive and sympathetic refereeing of Clive Norling.

There were no penalties in the first half. The first penalty came after 65 minutes play. In fact, there were only 6 penalties in the whole "derby" match, and no kicks at goal.

In no way did Clive "opt out" of the Laws, in fact his contribution ensured its success.

"Reffing in the spirit of the game rather than to the letter of the law" is one of those clichés that do not stand up to close examination.

The spirit of the game lies in the Laws and their observance. People who use the phrase really mean they want the game to be refereed in accordance with their own particular, and often peculiar, interpretations of the Laws. They may have a perfectly genuine desire for football which is attractive, which flows and has rhythm, and they feel that the referee's whistle is somehow preventing the attainment of their ideal.

But the referee has no option in the matter. If he sees an infringement he cannot shut his eyes and let it go. What he can do is to take firm control from the start, by showing that he knows the Laws and means to apply them. He can win the players' confidence; he can refrain from blowing his whistle unless he knows that an offence has been committed — and until he has given full play to the Advantage Law.

After that, it is up to the players themselves (who, after all, are responsible for the stoppages) to avoid infringements, and thus ensure that the match is played "in the spirit of the game" and in accordance with the Law.

The object of the referee must be to see the Laws are obeyed with the minimum use of sanctions. Clive Norling — and some other Welsh referees — have mastered this art.

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- What was our highest score in 1984?
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QUIDNUNC'S COLUMN

Everyone connected with rugby football, no matter how remotely, will tell you that in the front row they live in a different world to the remainder of us. These are no ordinary mortals with feelings, faults and fancies: no, they are a special breed of bull-necked Ghostbusters and Gremlins, all rolled into one.

Bill and Ben are no exceptions which is why today's literary foray behind the scenes into the whims and eccentricities of the Cardiff dressing-room must deal with two men.

To be perfectly honest, I am not entirely certain which is which. Is lan Eidman Bill and Jeff Whitefoot Ben? It matters not for in many ways they are identical flowers in the pot. "And for those who remember Bill and Ben on children's television, that of course makes Alan Phillips the little weed in the middle," says a more senior colleague. Now, lest Mr. Phillips takes a dim view of such a description, particularly in view of the fact that he was described in these jottings in the Llanelli programme as a "sensitive soul" and because I would rather have him on my side on the proverbial dark night, let me continue.

"He certainly pulled the strings and acted as puppet master for Bill and Ben," says another international. "Brought them up to the Welsh side. Trouble is," he ruminates, "they

all think they can now even tell the backs what to do."

Bill and Ben acquired their nicknames on the Cardiff tour of Zimbabwe two or three years ago - though they are now more commonly known by different names. Ian Eidman is either Ivor (the engine?), Smiler (because he doesn't) or Cheeky (those packing behind him may have a different reason for calling him this than those who meet him front on); Jeff Whitefoot is affectionately known as Snake-Eyes. Why? "Just try to look him full in the face," says a friend.

Inseparable as the two were in Zimbabwe, or as they are when you think of the Cardiff front row, there is nevertheless a rivalry between the two big men. Ian Eidman, who replaced Graham Price in the Welsh team for his first cap in 1983 and has had five more since, and Jeff Whitefoot, who made his first appearance for Wales as a replacement against the

Australians this winter, have an annual try-scoring wager.

"It's just a small bet," says a colleague," a tenner, I think. But one thing is certain: whoever gets the first try in a season is odds-on favourite to win the competition."

"Strange," says another observer, "because both of them nearly score quite often but

always seem to get caught a yard or two short of the line."

When the tries do come, they can be crucial. Cast your mind back to April 24th, 1982. Bridgend go 9-0 in front of Cardiff in the Schweppes/WRU Cup Final. David Barry reduces the lead with a penalty and then, just before the interval and following a short line-out, Terry Holmes sends Kevin Edwards bursting through the middle and there is lan Eidman sprinting the final metre for the try which is to decide the match. (For the uninitiated, I should explain briefly that the final score was 12-12 but Ivor Smiler's try was worth not only the £10 but also the coveted cup on the 'more-tries' rule).

It was his first try for Cardiff.

They are, Bill and Ben, the quiet men of the Cardiff team. This may be because from their own unique world the props disown the post-match trivialities or it may be that this special breed feel simply that they leave horseplay to the fly-by-nights, the glory-seekers, the headline-makers. Or is it because they simply have what one colleague describes as the "worst singing-voices ever?"

In the case of Ivor, it could also be that he is more interested in maintaining his search

for draught Guinness.

Mr. Eidman has, would you believe, a weight problem. Or two. His favourite tipple resolves one of them insofar as he believes in mixing quality with quantity - and that Guinness is indeed Good for Him. But if he is Guinnless for a week or two, or if he is out of action for a fortnight through injury, the tape measure comes out. He lives in constant fear that his thighs are getting smaller.

Not only that. Ian Eidman is very keen on weight-lifting as a part of his training. A certain person close to him reckons he takes the whole business too far. I mean, not everyone keeps

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QUIDNUNC'S COLUMN continued

their weights in the dining-room: surely, she has been heard to claim, this is carrying weigh-

watching too far?

But it does help the degree-holding company rep to be rather more mobile than many props. Indeed, Snake-eyes Whitefoot also gets himself round the park pretty well. Nevertheless, one colleague claims that lan is a candidate for the fattest (yes, fattest: it is not a printers error for fastest) member of the playing staff, beaten only by Terry Charles.

Both props (Eidman weighs in at 16 stone plus and Whitefoot at fifteen and a half) eat virtually anything they can lay their hands on and try in addition to keep supremely fit. But Snake-eyes has one particular problem which worries his friends in this respect. He

regularly receives a lift home after training from Tony Mogridge.

"Moggie's difficulty is that he believes he is Stirling Moss or Nicky Lauda or someone like that, which is not a good idea in that car of his. And although they may be the first home after a training session," says a less speedy driver among the players, "he is not behaving in an entirely responsible way in putting Jeff Whitefoot at risk like that."

The same colleague believes that one day Jeff Whitefoot may also get his own back for

that £10 Cup Final try-scoring fame enjoyed by his fellow prop.

"I would not be in the least bit surprised," he says, "if Jeff were not to be seen one of these days landing a penalty for Cardiff. After all, he kicks everything else on the park.

"Including his own team."

Friends are quick to point out the ball-playing skills of their strong men in the front row. "I cannot understand," says one member of the pack, "why lvor is the man to take the ball in the peel. He hasn't caught a ball in the past three years."

But with these two quiet men, just as it was virtually impossible to split them for these idle jottings, so was it also not easy to dig in any way deeply into their personalities.

"Ivor and Snake-eyes are two guys who started at roughly the same time in the club," says a team-mate, "played for the Rags together and it was only after about two years that I heard either of them say a word.

"And come to think of it, it's about two years since I last heard them speak."

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Sat. 1	East District	H54-6		26	Pontypridd	H44-12
Wed. 5	Glam. Wanderers	H34-6	Sat.	29	Coventry	A 12-6
Sat. 8	Neath	A 12-13	1985			
Wed. 12	Bristol	A 30-26	JANU.	ADV		
Sat. 15	Coventry	H17-0		1	Crownboug VV	H29-24
Wed. 19	Penarth	H64-3	Tues.	5	Crawshays XV	H Post.
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Wed. 26	Pontypridd	A 28-15	Sat.	12	Aberavon	H
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OCTOBER			Sat.	2	Ebbw Vale	H
Sat. 6	Newport	H37-3	Sat.	9	Bristol	H
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Wed. 28	Llanelli	H24-6	Sat.	13	Swansea	H
			Sat.	20	Neath	H
DECEMBER			Wed.	24	Bath	A
Sat. 1	Swansea	A 13-13	Sat.	27	W.R.U. Cup Final	

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Sat. 8 Bath United	H50-16			
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Wed. 12 Bristol United	H25-9	JANUARY		
Sat. 15 Coventry Extras	A 21-15	Sat. 5	Moseley United	Α
	A 15-6	Sat. 12	Llandaff	Α
	A 26-12	Sat. 26	Neath Athletic	A
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Wed. 26 Pontypridd Athletic	H22-21	FEBRUARY		
Sat. 29 Neath Athletic	H25-22	Sat. 2	Ebbw Vale Athletic	Α
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Sat. 13 Abercarn	H20-11	Sat. 2	Bath United	Α
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