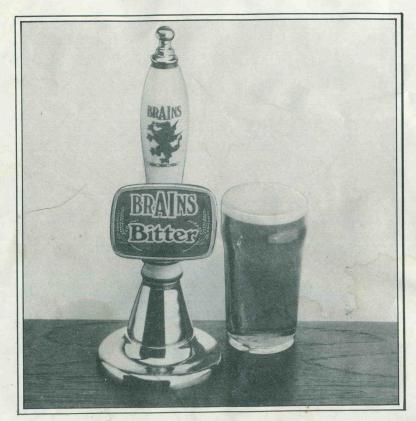


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Nominally I suppose we can say that this is the first time we have ever played South Glamorgan Institute of Higher Education. Technically that statement would be quite correct because as a centre of learning it had its humble beginnings at Heath Park way back in the late 1940s as Cardiff Training College. From that original name it has graduated to Cardiff College of Education before finally arriving at its very impressive present appellation.

It was under the original names that we have previously met them and in all the Rags have played them three times and the 1st team four. The Rags beat them in 1952/53 26-6, in 1971/72 by 11-10 but the college boys won the 1963/64 encounter by 22-0. We have won all four games played at 1st team level, 21-6 in 1966/67, 32-12 in 1972/73 and the other two were Schweppes Cup games. In the inaugural year 1971/72 we just managed to scrape through the 4th round tie against them by the very narrowest of margins 7-6. We met them again in the 1976/77 competition but won that one by a far more convincing margin 42-16 and that was the last time our paths crossed.

From its humble beginning in the Heath, the Institute has carved out a very impressive reputation for itself in the rugby world particularly so here in Wales. There are not many top bracket Welsh sides who do not contain one or two players who have passed through the renowned Cyncoed Institute. The stream of players turned out year after year is enormous. They can also boast of the fact that three players have actually played for Wales whilst in residence. Our own Gareth Edwards in 1967 and John Bevan in 1971 were still in training when they got their first caps. This was also true of Newport forward John Jefferies when he played against New Zealand in 1967.

Over the last decade the never ending stream of talent that has flowed from the Institute has been nurtured by one of the shrewdest coaches in the business, Leighton Davies. Over the years he has regularly produced sides playing good fluid rugby and testimony to this is the fact that their fixture list includes most of the top class clubs in Wales. Their whole approach to fast open rugby is first class and they are always a pleasure to watch.

Back in their ranks at present after a long lay off through injury is Geraint John. At the moment Geraint must be one of the hottest properties in Welsh rugby. Indeed many think that if he had not been injured he could have become the fourth college student to play for Wales. His performances for Wales B and particularly so for Crawshays against the WRU President's World XV last April showed him a player of immense talent and one who will not be long in gaining his full cap. It will be nice to see him playing on the Arms Park again as it looks as though he may be lost to Welsh rugby next season by spending a year at Cambridge University.

The students of course have to rely on the fast moving type of game as invariably the forwards can't match their opposing packs for weight. This will suit our style down to the ground and because we are obviously going to be well under strength due to Saturday's Murrayfield encounter. This will give those who don't make the first team on a regular basis a chance to show their talents and endeavour to maintain our ground record.

So to the students of South Glamorgan Institute, we welcome you to the Arms Park once again.

Well the Cup game last Saturday certainly lived up to the pre-match tension that had been built up. Those first twenty minutes created the most explosive start to a game seen for many a long day and the game was probably won for us and lost to Neath inasmuch as they couldn't turn their pressure into points. Mind, there were times during those opening minutes when many a Cardiff heart was beating ninety to the dozen, but by scoring three times to nil I think we can consider ourselves worthy winners. The next question the victory poses however is when do we now play our scheduled opponents for semi-final day, March 23rd, Newport? Fixture secretary Brian Mark will be doing more negotiating over the next few weeks than the NCB and the NUM have done in the past year.

Looking at our overall record for the season it now reads played 32, won 26, lost 4 and drawn 2. In all we have scored 845 points to 366 against. Gareth Davies, with 9 points last Saturday, took his total to 303 and is slowly creeping towards his last year's club record of 383 points. Adrian Hadley's try brought him level with Terry Holmes and Mike Carrington with 15.

The youth team are emulating the first team feats as well, as last Saturday they beat Pontypool Youth away by the very narrowest of margins 4-3 in the quarter final of the WYRU Cup competition. The win not only ensured their progress to the semi final but also relieved the home club of their ground record. Well done, lads!

P.N.



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But you need not be facing the enemy, nor absolutely upright, when you make the catch, nor need you stand still after you have made it—in fact it is generally better to get moving in case the referee does not allow the catch!

It is worth noting that the **shouting of "Mark"**, which used to be optional, **is now compulsory**, so make a good noise while you are about it. You may make a fair catch at any stage of the game — even off a free kick, or a penalty, or a kick off, or drop-out, or a knock-on from the line-out.

But remember this. It's a splendid thing to do if it gives your side a chance to rally in a tight corner, but nobody will thank you much for claiming a fair catch when your side is under no pressure. After claiming a fair catch all your team mates must retire behind the ball.

Having made your mark – and it may interest you to know that it was after making a fair catch (already legal) that William Welsh Ellis started off on his famous run in 1823 – you will be awarded a free kick.

Please note the following features peculiar to a free kick after a fair catch:-

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- What is the highest number of players sent off in any one match?
- Who was sent home to Australia for biting an opponent's ear?
- Who was the first All Black to be sent home from this country for disciplinary reasons?
- 5. Which senior English club appointed as captain a player they had dropped briefly the previous season because his sending off brought dishonour to the club?

the committee box.

v. Hertfordshire quarter final County Championship and on his way off he bowed to Mike Burton, Gloucester, 1975/76. He was sent off in the 1974/75 Gloucestershire

4. Keith Murdoch, December 1972.

Oxford University.

Ross Cullen, 1966 Wallaby hooker, for biting Ullie Waldron's ear in the game against

2. 7. 4 from Falmouth and 3 from Bideford in a game in October 1975.

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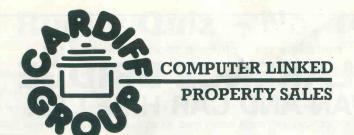
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# QUIDNUNC'S COLUMN

Inevitably, as is the way of any columnist, Quidnunc has tended so far this season in this spot in the programme to concentrate on the established stars. It is true that some of the bigger names have yet to receive the treatment — inside stories and anecdotes that the club supporters do not always hear or appreciate — but they will come under the microscope before the WRU/Schweppes Cup is won, along with the Grand Slam, the Snelling Sevens and sundry other pots which can be retrieved from Pontypool or whoever.

But it has been pointed out to me (anonymously, of course, as is the case with any comments which have appeared over the weeks) that no rugby club exists on international caps alone: that a winning side depends almost as much on its strength in depth, on the lads who for one reason or another plough their own furrows without ever

quite reaping their real rewards.

I have various players in mind — and for today's student visitors I introduce to the column a name which may not be known very much across the land but which has, in the past few weeks in Bob Norster's absence, made a number of knowledgeable and even prestigious critics sit up and take notice. "He has," say one senior member of the Cardiff club, "been around a little while — and yet could still have a tremendous rugby career ahead of him."

"Think of that cup-tie at Newbridge a month ago," says another colleague, "and count the number of two-handed catches he made in the line-out against a much

bigger opponent."

Which, of course, gives the clue. Step forward, then, 'Shakey' or 'Shaking Stevens' – no other than Howard Stone, a Cardiff Rugby Club man through and through, known by that particular nickname because that's exactly what he does, on the pitch, in the

dressing-room or anywhere: he shakes.

But let us go back a moment to the remark about beating the Newbridge jumper and catching two-handed. "Howard," say a man close to the selection committee, "suffers from a similar problem to Carl Smith when he was with us. He is a shade too short to play No. 8, a shade too light to move up a row. 'H' (his other pseudonym) really can leap up into the sky at line-outs, it's a helluva jump, and he catches two-handed."

Others are also impressed by his mobility round the park in a pack which has an enormous power but which on occasions — particularly when Gareth Roberts is absent — can appear a little pedestrian. Now, lest Messrs Phillips, Golding, Crothers and others throw up their arms in protest, it has to be repeated that this is the case 'on occasions' only.

No matter: Howard Stone covers a great deal of ground at considerable speed for a

man of his position, whichever that may be.

"Not surprisingly, really," says another team-mate, "when you realise that he is

probably one of the most talented all-round sportsmen in the club."

Others will tell you that Shakey is accident prone — or just a little vague. He has, apparently, a habit of disappearing for one reason or another. "He just shoots off anywhere," says a colleague in jest, "to Henley Regatta or somewhere totally absurd. When you go looking for him, he in unavailable." Quidnunc points out that Henley is in mid-summer and that should not affect rugby football in any way at which point I am informed that the remark was just a made-up example, a sort of stab-in-the-back, though I won't go into that either.

The all-round reputation, and possibly his ball-handling ability on the pitch, may stem largely from his cricketing abilities. Howard Stone is a hitter of no mean repute

and technique as well as a former vice-captain of Radyr Cricket Club.

"If he spent as much concentration on cricket as he does working overtime to spend money on that dream car of his," says another close acquaintance, "Howard FOAT FOAT FOAT FOAT

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#### QUIDNUNC'S COLUMN continued

Stone could have been and may still be a colossal run-scorer."

Certainly, those who drink with him in a certain Radyr hostelry, are in awe of his potential. And we are not merely discussing his consumption but his cricket.

Although most of the striking prowess has been shown at Radyr, he has also produced valiant efforts for Cardiff Rugby Club on the cricket field. In a relatively recent six-a-side competition, the lads found themselves up against the up-market and proud rivals, Cardiff Cricket Club, in the semi-finals.

Sad to report, our heroes were beaten at that stage - but not before Shakey put the fear of Botham into his opponents by taking half a dozen leisurely sixes off their top

Nor is it merely on the field that H's exploits are regarded with considerable awe. Those unfortunate team-mates on last summer's tour to Thailand who were inveigled by the 'Mikong Gang' into visiting an establishment where Thai boxing and dubious whisky came in equally liberal proportions are said to have later regretted the occasion.

It is not my place to divulge the constituent parts of the Mikong Gang - but I am reliably informed that Messrs Rees, Charles and Barry may on occasions wax lyrical about the techniques and skills of that curious sport - and, perhaps, that bizarre, rough £2-a-bottle whisky.

But seriously, as they say when they want to change the subject, there is a general

view that we on the terraces have yet to see the best of Howard Stone.

"He does seem to get better and better, stronger and stronger," says one who should know. "He really is a good player, still wants to learn and is prepared to accept advice and to listen to experience. There's a lot more to come . . . .

And yet despite all the good things there is a recurring club complaint. Howard H. Shakey Stone wears out his boots quicker than anyone else. "They're always dirty, always worn. Ask him to clean them occasionally . . . . '

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Sat. 29 Garryowen	A13-6	Sat. 26	Newbridge (Cup 3rd Rnd)	A 24-6
OCTOBER Sat. 6 Newport Wed. 10 Bridgend Sat. 13 Northampton Wed. 17 Pontypool Sat. 20 Cambridge Univ.	H37-3 A12-9 A44-10 H 9-9 A13-16	FEBRUARY Sat. 2 Sat. 9 Fri. 15 Sat. 23 Wed. 27	Ebbw Vale Bristol London Welsh Neath (Cup 4th Rnd) S. Glamorgan Inst.	H44-13 H Post. H Post. H21-12 H
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Wed. 30	Newport Saracens	H45-3	Sat. 9	Pontypool Athletic	H
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