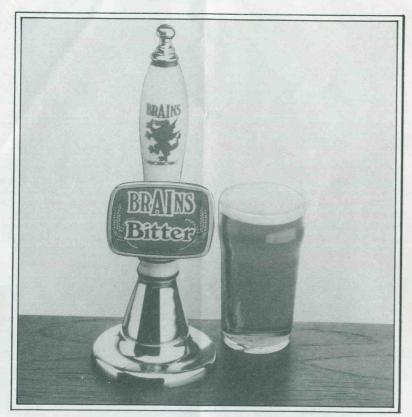


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Cardiff v. Bective Rangers

FRIDAY, 15th MARCH, 1985 KICK OFF 7.15 p.m.

Well, I suppose you can say that international rugby has been around for a long time in Cardiff but nevertheless we still get unique situations cropping up. Tomorrow is one for instance. When did we last, if ever, see an occasion with the season already into its last quarter and Wales has only got one of its four games in the Five Nations Championship out of the way. The postponement of the home game against England gives Ireland the opportunity of becoming Wales' first home showing in the Triple Crown and Championship quest.

Hopefully we will enjoy the perfect weather apertaining when these notes were being penned. This being the case, we should see a cracking match if the games played by Wales and Ireland against Scotland, both at Murrayfield, are any sort of yardstick to go by. Strangely enough, a win by either side today will put them into a similar situation whereby a home game against England will be the only barrier in their path on the Triple Crown road. From the evidence of the games against Scotland the sides will be fairly reasonably matched so perhaps Wales will be considered as slight favourites due to enjoying home advantage. The last time Ireland won at Cardiff was in 1967 when they managed a 3-0 verdict. New coach Mick Dayle says they will give it their best shot however and with the emphasis on running rugby the prospect of an enjoyable encounter seems very favourable. Lets hope the Irish don't have too much to celebrate the day after the game — St. Patrick's Day.

To all the Irish on their biennial visit to Cardiff then, we hope you have an enjoyable weekend and you haven't brought too many Irish 50p pieces for our fruit machines. This holds so more particularly to the players, committee and supporters of Bective Rangers (the welcome I mean and not the reference to the 50p pieces) who provide our opposition tonight. The Cardiff/Bective series began just after the Second World War in January 1947 since which we have played 19 games. Of these we have won 15, drawn 3, lost only 1 and scored 313 points to the Irishmen's 144. Their sole win in the series came on their own patch in February 1954 when they recorded their highest ever points total in a 21-8 win.

Bective have also done slightly more travelling than ourselves, because of the 19 games played, 10 of them have been at Cardiff and the other 9 in Dublin. The nearest they have come to taking the spoils at Cardiff was in October 1962 when we scraped home 15-14. In speaking of the 9 trips across the Irish Sea however, many is the story that can be told of the fabulous hospitality received in the wonderful city of Dublin. High on the list of such occasions must be the get togethers on Sunday morning for just a few jars before catching the plane for home. If that's what they call a few jars, I'd hate think what a real binge would be like. Still long may continue the strong bonds of friendship that have been created over the past four decades.

What of Bective at present then. Well, after the disasters of last season when they won only 9 of the 29 games they played, to finish with the worst record of all fifteen senior Leinster clubs, progress this year is infinitely better. To date they have played 29 games of which they have won 15, drawn 1 and lost 13. More significantly is the fact that since Christmas, of the 11 games they have played they have won 7 of them, drawn 1 and lost 3. Recently, they have had a very morale boosting 32-6 win over University College Cork, who topped the Munster Senior Clubs League this season and also achieved a creditable 22-6 victory over the strong Blackrock club. They have also beaten centenary celebrating Garryowen by 21-10. You may remember we played Garryowen at the end of September when we won by 13-6.

Bective come tonight knowing full well we will be well under strength which gives rise to a certain amount of optimism on their part seeing they have struck a fairly good patch. Their international commitment is restricted to only hooker Harry Harbison who is on the bench for tomorrow's match. Harry, of course, won his first cap last season as a replacement for Ciaran Fitzgerald in the game against Wales and then played against England and Scotland. Bective this year are captained by Tom 'Titch' Cavanagh who has represented Leinster and is also a B cap. They are still being exceptionally well served by their young 'veteran' full back Brendon Murphy whose adventurous skills we have seen a few times on The Arms Park. He regularly commands a place in the top scorers in Irish rugby season in and season out. The fruits of running an under 19 side is also paying dividends because no fewer than eight of the present team have emanated from that source. They also have two South Africans in Smitt and Swart in the back row who are both thoroughly enjoying their rugby in Ireland.

So as I've previously said Bective come tonight with high hopes of a first ever victory in Cardiff. The strength of our reserves will therefore be tested to the full in what we hope will be an enjoyable game. And don't forget, we still have a ground record. To Bective once again then we offer you a warm and most sincere welcome to Cardiff Arms Park.

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2. Place changing at a line-out.

The ruling is that once the ball is in the hands of the thrower **and** presented, no more changing is allowed.

3. Maul callapse.

The deliberate collapse of a maul will continue to be penalised as foul play.

4. Scrum pulling.

Overt pulling by a prop to spin a scrummage will be penalised.

5. Tackle interpretation.

Provided that the passing action has been started before the player is tackled the pass will continue to be allowed.

6. The 'Flying Wedge'.

The 'flying wedge' was to be penalised at international level, but the 'cavalry charge', outlawed in some Unions, was **not** to be penalised at this level.

7. Foul play.

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- 2. What is (a) Ireland's highest score against Wales? (b) Wales' highest score against Ireland?
- 3. Which Irish player scored a points record in the 1982-83 Five Nations Championship only for it to be beaten by Jean-Patrick Lescarboura in 1983-84?
- 4 Which International Board country have Ireland never beaten?
- 5. In how many positions did Mike Gibson play whilst winning his 69 caps for Ireland?
 - Three, 40 as a centre, 25 as outside half and 4 on the wing.
 - New Zealand, although they drew in 1973.
 - 3. Ollie Campbell, 52 points. Lescarboura scored 54 in 1983-84.
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 - 2. (a) 21 points in 1979 and 1980.
 - and Moss Keane (51).
- Mike Gibson (69), Willie John McBride (63), Fergus Slattery (61), Tom Kiernan (54)

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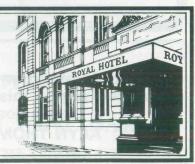
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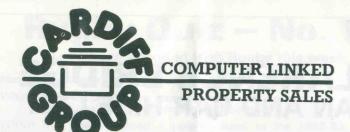
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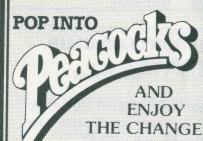
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Left Wing
Outside Half

Inside Half Forwards



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Bective Rangers

- B. MURPHY 15.
- C. POOLE 14.
- I. FINNEGAN 13.
- P. O'LOUGHLIN 12.
 - B. KEALY 11.
 - R. CULLEN 10. M. NESTOR 9.
- T. CAVANAGH (Captain) 1.
 - P. PHEALAN 2.
 - C. REDMOND 3.
 - K. MURPHY 4.
 - J. O'REILLY 5.
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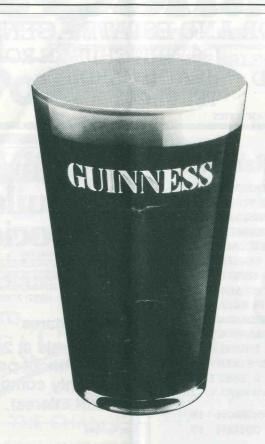
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In view of the bias of certain key personnel within the Cardiff Club towards a certain drink—and I make no bones about the fact that I am referring predominantly to the chairman, Mr. Stanley Bowes, and the former captain of considerable years, Mr. John Scott—I am not going to complain about the drastic reduction in the space allotted to me in this evening's programme.

Nor will I in any way insinuate that the usual insulting comments about a member of the home team has in any way been terminated by any religious connotation: indeed, Quidnunc has to confess that he suffers from a family split that makes the result of tomorrow's match a reason for separation, divorce or at the least annulment despite the presence of children.

Nor will I, in view of the presence this weekend of such literary Irish luminaries as Messrs. Ned van Esbeck, Karl Johnston (cheers! see you in the Butchers Arms) and Sean Diffley, claim that I will be neutral this evening or tomorrow afternoon. On the contrary, too much gloating in advance leads inevitably to hangovers in retrospect.

But I do remember too well an occasion on which I found myself seated with green-bedecked Irish wife at the big ground next door when our visitors found themselves on the wrong end of a five-try hiding. Now, our Welsh neighbours were very generous in dispensing the liquid: your man insisted that we should drink the health of every try. My Anglo-Welsh accent became less apparent and my forelock was duly tugged with each try and each nip. My brogue became so relaxed that I fell from the banks of the Liffey.

All of which adds up to the fact that — Cliff Morgan of Bective fame and the likes of John O'Shea notwithstanding — I refuse to be drawn into any arguments over the drinking and religious aspects of the Cardiff team and committee: after all, they're not doing a bad job despite last Saturday.

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