



## Cardiff v. Bridgend

WEDNESDAY, 9th OCTOBER, 1985 KICK OFF 7.15 p.m.

The unrelenting pressure of a very exacting October crashes on this evening with the visit of Bridgend. This time next week we will be heavily engaged at Pontypool Park and sandwiched in between will be our brush with the Fijian tourists on the National Ground on Saturday. With the likes of the Wasps, Bath, Harlequins and Newbridge to follow, our resources are really going to be put to the sword.

Still we can only take them on one at a time so tonight it gives us much pleasure to welcome Bridgend to the Arms Park yet again. As any Cardiff supporter worthy of the name knows that some years ago this would have meant a defeat for Cardiff or at best a draw. Now Cardiff supporters not worthy of the name may well ask — how come. Well the reason is because of the 13 games played between September 1968 and January 1981 on the Arms Park Bridgend won 11 of them and the remaining 2 were drawn. At one time it seemed we would never win again at home. But our record at Bridgend wasn't too bad at all. Of the 14 games played on their patch we won 6, lost 7 and drew 1.

They really had the Indian sign on us in Cardiff however and when the very long overdue home victory came it was very sweet indeed because it actually happened in the 1980-81 season cup final when we won by 14-6. To emphasise that the bogey was well and truly broken we also won our next domestic fixture on our own ground by 18-14 and we have also won all other three home games since then.

Prior to today, 116 games have been played of which we have won 59 to their 45 with 12 draws. Points wise we have collected 1146 for with 903 against. Our margin of wins over theirs of 14 is as good as any club we play and at one point in the series, which began in 1878, it was down to as little as 11. The series has also produced some splendid rugby although high scoring has not been a feature. Only on three occasions have we managed a 30 plus score, the latter of these coming in our home game last season when we won by 34 points to 13. For their part they have only managed the 30 plus total on one occasion and that was on their ground on Christmas Eve when they won by 34-10. It appears then that the good standard of rugby has produced an inverse record on the points scoring. A 20 plus has only been acheived by us on nine occasions and by them on four. In winning sequences we just have our nose in front with eight between April 1953 and March 1958, while their best was seven between March 1978 and January 1981. On with tonight's game then which will add more facts and figures to the statistics and also produce an enjoyable game in keeping with the tradition of the past.

At present the Brewery Field is still suffering from the aftermath of a poor season last year, their worst for a long time in losing 20 games. Billy Griffiths decided to call it a day as coach and they never really found adequate replacements for Meredydd James and Roy Evans, two great stalwarts of their pack. Ex-player and Walls wing Lyn Davies has taken over as coach however and he is convinced that the talent is there to bring back the creativity and flair which has been such a hallmark of their game over many years now. He has been dealt a couple of blows in the departure of Richie Griffiths to ourselves and Mark Titley's recent defection to Swansea. Geriant John was a fine capture however but injury has upset his settling in. Gareth Williams an ex-captain and another great stalwart of their pack is also side-lined so Lyn Davies certainly has a job on his hands to keep the ship steady in rather stormy waters. Good victories over Munster and Saracens have been nullified by a couple of hammerings at both Llanelli and Pontypool by 36-16 and 36-8 respectively. Last Saturday they managed to get back on a winning trail at home against Ebbw Vale. It was only a last ditch effort by the skin of their teeth, a dying seconds penalty for a 9-7 victory. They will be more than keen this evening to record another victory in Cardiff and with the probability that we also won't have anything like our strongest team out due to Saturday's game, who knows what will happen. To Bridgend then welcome once again to the Arms Park.

Now here's an interesting little rugby titbit. Recently retired National Ground manager Bill Hardiman had a vast collection of photographs on the walls of his office which he took down on finishing. Cardiff Rugby Club buff John Mitchell, 'mine host' of The Cottage, Sanquahar Street, used the Cardiff orientated ones to feature in his splendidly refurbished pub and carvery. The Frank Hancock Bar is stacked with memorabilia and the blown up photographs making up the Bill Hardiman collection are magnificent. The one of Bleddyn, Sid and Cliff looking from a train window is superb. The Cottage is well worth a visit to see the collection.

Finally we thank Crown Brewery p.l.c. for their sponsorship of this evening's game, we hope they enjoy their visit.

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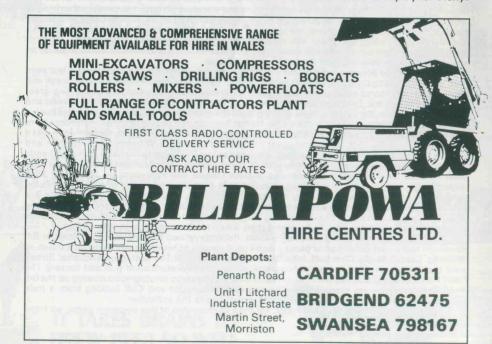
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## Rugby Quiz - No. 4

Let's have a look at some odd-beat international questions this week.

- 1. Which Welsh club player was capped by England on their 1975 Australian tour?
- 2. Who played for Scotland when with Neath?
- 3. Who was the referee who allowed a Gareth Edwards drop goal even though the Welsh players thought he had missed?
- 4. Which match set a world record attendence of reputedly 104,000?
- 5. Which former Welsh internationals flew to France each weekend to play for Vichy?



## **KNOW THE LAWS**

By J. E. MALCOLM THOMAS

This week I will concentrate on two situations which illustrate what a scrum-half can and cannot do.

## Question 1

At a scrummage, player **A** puts in the ball which team **A** win. Is his opposite number, **B** allowed to run behind his own No. 8. and take up a position on the opposite side of the scrum with his feet behind the ball?

## Answer

No. He is offside. The offside line referred to is the line through the hindmost foot.

## Question 2

Player A puts in the ball which team B win. Is player A allowed to take up a position on the opposite side of the scrum?

## Answer

No, once he retires to the scrummage offside line he must remain there.

This line again being through the hindmost foot.

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## **PAST PLAYERS CORNER**

## LES MANFIELD

Les Manfield was one of a select few players who played for Wales both before and after the war. He was probably one of the most popular forwards ever to play for Cardiff and he was the iron man of his era. With all his popularity and fame however basically he has always remained a Mountain Ash Boy. After schooling at Mountain Ash County he went to Carnagie College and obtained his first teaching post in Huddersfield. During this period he played for Otley and his home town when on holiday. He also qualified and played for Yorkshire. He gained his pre-war caps against Scotland and Ireland in 1939. He joined Cardiff in season 1939-40 and played in both official games, Cardiff and District and Bridgend before the commencement of the war. During the war he served as a navigator in the R.A.F. and when the victory internationals were played towards the closing stages of hostilities Les was the only man to feature in all eight games that Wales played.

He resumed his playing career with Cardiff after the war and played a futher 69 games before he packed up in 1948-49. He deservedly gained another five caps to add to his pre-war two. His brother John also had the odd game for Cardiff before joining Pontypool and his son John played in 22 games in the early 70's before going to London Welsh. Les returned to his original seat of learning and for 20 years prior to retiring he was deputy head and head of the Physics department at Mountain Ash Comprehensive school. He now lives in happy retirement at Mountain Ash since

finishing in 1976.

## **CARDIFF RUGBY SUPPORTERS**

At long last we are back with another Rugby Season and have pleasure in advising you of our plans for the Autumn Social Events and also the Coach arrangements and costs for the away games.

## Social Events

Friday, 4th October RACE MEETING (with Buffet)

Friday, 18th October REFEREE'S FORUM (for Welsh Association of Referee's Supporters

Thursday, 31st October HALLOWEEN DANCE (in association with the Athletic Club).

Friday, 29th November TRADITIONAL JAZZ BAND EVENING.

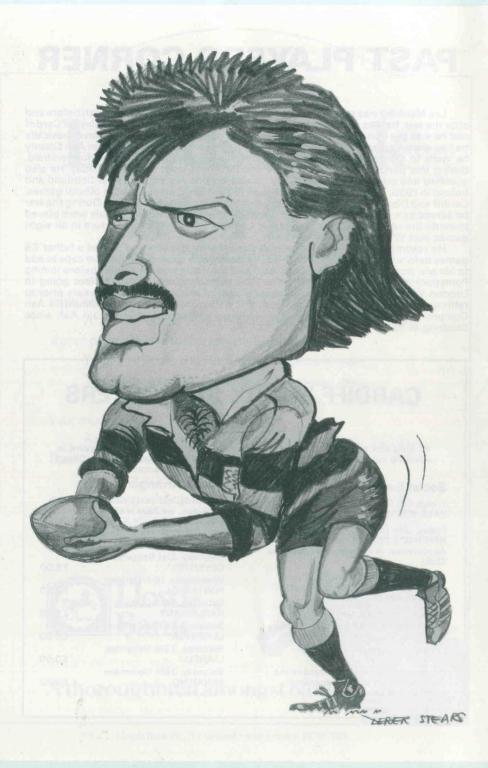
Wednesday, 18th December FRANK HENNESSEY EVENING.

Please watch the notice board in the Club for further details regarding times and tickets etc.

## **Coach Arrangements**

Following last years successful coach bookings, we have made similar arrangements for this season again with National. We list below the first half details and prices.

Saturday, 21st September COVENTRY*	£6.00
Wednesday, 16th October PONTYPOOL	£2.50
Saturday, 26th October HARLEQUINS	£6.00
Saturday, 2nd November LEICESTER*	£6.00
Saturday, 23rd November LLANELLI	£3.00
Saturday, 28th December BRIDGEND	£2.50
* Late Return	



## QUIDNUNC'S COLUMN

No one could have been surprised last weekend when Paul Pablo Rees was named in the Wales B squad to prepare for the match against France B at Sainte Foy la Grande later this month. No one could have been surprised on Saturday afternoon when Paul Pablo Rees was as steady as the proverbial rock under any high ball when he was helping Cardiff to beat his old club, Newport. He's that sort of player: he doesn't surprise you: he is, in a word, reliable. On the pitch, that is. And even on the park he cannot help also being the joker of the Cardiff team: he cannot resist having a crack at Gareth Davies when he makes a tackle — "he made one in Ireland early last month, honestly," says Pablo — or at Alan Phillips, or John Scott. "He is," says a team mate, "a very funny man," which explains his popularity not only in Cardiff but also with his old clubs, Ebbw Vale, Newport and the Collegians in South Africa. This evening, then, let us look just a little further into . . . .

## **PAUL ANTHONY REES**

PERSONAL DETAILS

Birthplace; Cardiff.

Birthday: March 25, 1957.

Height/Weight: 6ft 21/2 and 15 stone.

Schools: Bishop Hannon (where he used to bully a younger, smaller kid called Terry Holmes).

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Previous clubs: Newport, Ebbw Vale,

Collegians (Durban).

Married: No. Children: No.

Employment: Window installer with West 'N Welsh Windows.

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Car: Rover. Which one? Not certain.

Superstition: Ghosts.

Career: Cardiff and Welsh Youth caps after being in school team. Moved away from Cardiff to gain experience with Newport and Ebbw Vale "because it is a good thing to see other ways, different styles." Wales B caps as replacement against France in 1984 and Spain in 1985.

Club nickname: Pablo. Or Frankenstein "because of the number of scars on my

face."

Hobbies: Keeping fit. (Clubmates will tell you he's just about the fittest man in

the side.)

Biggest Influence: My parents — father and mother, Ern and Lil, are familiar figures at any ground where Pablo and Cardiff are playing.

Other sport: Baseball – he plays for the Old Illtydians.

Other sportsmen: Steve Cramm. "He fascinates me, such speed and power."

Film: The Champ.

Actor: Steve McQueen.

Actress: Liz Taylor.

TV programme: Crossroads — "because it's on when I get home and it kills half an hour."

Pop star: Stuart Lane.

Holiday resort: Ibiza.

Food: Steak.

Drink: Everything. Anything.

Politician: Roger Beard.

Rugby Ground: Loftus, Pretoria.

## **MEMORIES**

Best: Playing against New Zealand.

Worst: Playing against New Zealand. "I missed a tackle which lead to a try."

## AMBITION

To get from my mother the £5 that she owes me.

PERSONAL FAVOURITES

Rugby player: Terry Holmes. Referee: Michael Mouse.

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10. W. G. DAVIES

9. S. CANNON

1. J. WHITEFOOT

A. PHILLIPS (Captain)

A. ELLIS

4. K. EDWARDS

R. NORSTER

R. LAKIN

M. TEAGUE

7. P. CRANE

16. N. O'BRIEN

17. L. O'BRIEN

Full Back

Right Wing Right Centre Left Centre

Left Wing

**Outside Half** Inside Half

Forwards



Replacements

## **Bridgend**

C. BRADSHAW 15.

G. WEBB 14.

J. APSEE (Captain) 13.

S. PARFITT 12.

G. EVANS 11. D. THOMAS 10.

H. LLEWELLYN 9.

P. EDWARDS 1.

> W. HALL 2.

G. HISCOCKS 3. 4. L. JOHN

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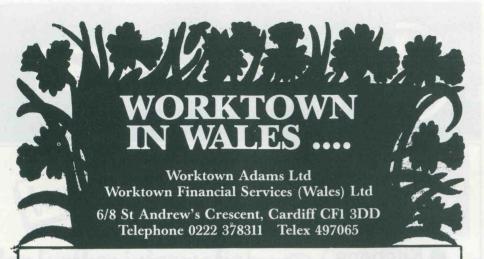
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- 5. Denzil Williams and Brian Price in 1972 when their international careers were over.
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- 3. Mike Titcomb against Ireland at Dublin 1968. It levelled the scores 6-6 but Ireland
  - 2. Wilson Lauder.
  - 1. Barry Nelmes.

Rugby Quiz No. 4 - Answers

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