



Cardiff v. Wasps

SATURDAY, 19th OCTOBER, 1985 KICK OFF 3 p.m.

The Wednesday/Saturday pattern grinds remorselessly on without respite. Firstly today, however it's congratulations to Alan Phillips and his team on yet another fine win over a major touring team. After their win at Swansea in mid-week perhaps Fiji aren't the push-overs that many thought they would be and that success enhances our victory over them so again, well done Alan and 'the boys'.

Talking of push-overs we could have well done with one last Wednesday of no game at all before today's encounter. That was far from the case in our little skirmish at Pontypool Park however where relaxation was certainly not the order of the day. What a torrid and bruising game it was for the players and one of continual excitement for the spectators if not exactly loaded with high quality rugby. I'm sure the famous Pooler pack will not have such a test of durability again this season (until they come to The Arms Park perhaps). It would have been great to snatch victory again in the heart of Viet Gwent, but it was not to be and certainly not from the point of effort on the players part.

That's all very much in the past now so let's look to our very immediate future — this afternoon and a very welcome re-appearance to Cardiff of the famous Wasps. The Londoners have a fascinating history and are one of the oldest in the business having been founded in 1866. The founder members were old scholars from Merchant Taylors School who, at the time were studying at University College London. In those long-gone days it was the fashion to adopt eccentric names, and teams of that era paraded under such unique titles as 'Gypsies', 'Mohicans', 'Flamingos', 'Hornets' and 'Grasshoppers'. The young bloods of U.C. London not to be outdone chose Wasps which stood the test of time up to the present day, some 120 years.

Their policy has always been to provide rugby facilities for budding players. This reached its peak in the early 1950's when they fielded as many as 13 or 14 sides every Saturday. Longevity is not only the prerogative of the club either. The Compton family has a fantastic record in the organisation. The match programme for the Boxing Day game in 1946 states that Mr. E.N. Compton was the current match secretary and his son Neville was in his 20th year with the club and his eighth as captain. I had to read several times the statement which said that in his 20 seasons with the club he had missed only 3 games — yes 3 in 20 years. The credibility of the situation takes some digesting and to think he went on playing after 1946 as well. He still serves the club as fixture secretary and will be a very welcome visitor here today.

The Cardiff-Wasps association began in 1945 and they became our regular Boxing Day apponents from 1946 to 1962. That was pre-motorway and 125 train days so it was a bit of an ordeal but they were always given a great reception by our supporters. In all we have played them 46 times, winning 41, losing 3, with 2 drawn. We have scored 766 points to their 239.

The present day Wasps outfit, like their insect counterparts, certainly possess a sting. When at full strength the team looks something like Debretts rugby peerage. Their last two seasons have been highly successful particularly so last year when they won the London Merit table and took the Middlesex 7's trophy for the first time since 1952. On their own admission they are desparately trying to improve their fixture list and in order to prove their strength, they have made The John Player Cup their top priority.

The success pattern over the past two seasons is being maintained this year. As yet they are unbeaten and their latest win at Bristol last Saturday was probably their best to date. They will be fielding five internationals today and the best known to us is Huw Davies. Huw's football ability was always appreciated when he was an Arms Park player and it looks as it he is carrying on in the same manner. Having been capped in several positions for England he has now decided to play exclusively at full back. After only the odd game for the Vandals he is now playing well enough to keep internatir nal Nick Stringer out of the First side at full back. Huw certainly looked good on the television coverage I saw of that Bristol-Wasps game. Simon Smith is another international on the crest of a wave. He showed us his ability in last year's Baas Baas v Australia game. After seeing him on television in the Bristol game too, I would advise touch judges to make absolutely sure he has transgressed the touch line before they raise the flag — or else!!! Nigel Melville is another of their internationals who hopefully has put injury behind him. Captain, Richard Cardus and long serving prop Paul Rendall make up their international quota, so to them, the rest of the players, committee and supporters welcome again to Cardiff, we hope you enjoy your day.

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Rugby Quiz - No. 5

Let's see what we know about our London visitors.

- 1. On which ground do Wasps play?
- 2. Who was first capped from Gosforth but finished his career with Wasps and gained 23 caps?
- 3. Who was the big blond Wasps wing of the 1950's who gained 15 caps for England?
- 4. Have Wasps ever reached a John Player Cup Final?
- 5. Who is the current player who defected from Wasps saying London rugby was too soft and now plays in Wales?



KNOW THE LAWS

By J. E. MALCOLM THOMAS

INTERPRETATION OF THE TACKLE LAW

There is some confusion and inconsistency in the refereeing of this new Experimental Law. Hopefully, to clarify matters the Welsh Rugby Union has issued the following interpretation which takes effect immediately.

The Law is quite specific:— "A tackled player must play the ball immediately or, if unable to play it, must release it immediately and get up or move away from it. He must not play the ball again or interfere with it in any way until he is on his feet. Any other player must be on his feet before he can play the ball."

What does "play the ball" mean?

Well, from now on, to play the ball includes diving on the ball, and a player or players may dive on the ball even though the ball is in close proximity to the tackled players on the ground.

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Bill Tamplin (Tamp) joined Cardiff after serving as a lieutenant in the Army during the war. Prior to that Bill, a policeman in the Old Monmouthshire Constabulary, played for Pontypool. He quickly established himself in that rather underestimated Cardiff pack of the 1945 to 1953 era and won many accolades for his quality of leadership. Second row was his first love but he also performed as a then lock forward known today of course as No. 8. His goal kicking ability was also many a match winning feature for both Cardiff and Wales. Perhaps his best is a little known when he dropped a goal at Pandy Park against Cross Keys to win the game 4-3 but the Keys players of the day swears Big Tamp punted the ball over.

In all he played 252 games for Cardiff and gained seven Welsh caps. His two penalty goals brought Wales victory over Australia in 1947 which must have given him a great thrill because on the day he was captain of his country. He captained Cardiff in season 1950-51 and what better tribute could be paid to him than a quote from Danny's book. "He was a great captain, a real leader who could inspire his team to greatness. A hard driver of the pack and a good reader of opposing teams, and scourge of any slacker on his own."

'Tamp' now lives in quite retirement at New Inn, Pontypool but is always seen around Cardiff on big match days and his presence makes the day all that happier.

CARDIFF RUGBY SUPPORTERS CLUB

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 Club).

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

Friday, 29th November
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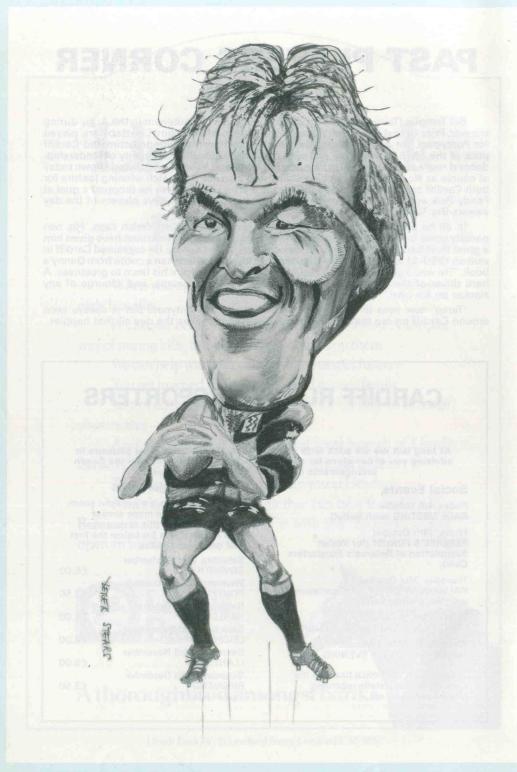
Wednesday, 18th December FRANK HENNESSEY EVENING.

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



QUIDNUNC'S COLUMN

Just ask any of his teammates, whether at Cardiff Rugby Football Club or Radyr Cricket Club, where you can find Howard Stone and they'll get it in one; the back bar of the Tynant in Morganstown. Quidnunc has a private theory that Howard is trying to gain a stone or two (sorry: no pun intended) to catch up with some of his more weighty companions but this is disregarded by his colleagues. After all, they tell you, he's been doing it for years. He's been with Cardiff for years, too - a true club man who has come up through the youth team and remains Cardiff through and through. When he's not scoring the odd quick century for Radyr or being deceptively quick around the Arms Park or enjoying the back bar, you'll find him jogging or with girl-friend Shan Lewis, Today, then, we open the file into

HOWARD EDWARD STONE

PERSONAL DETAILS

Birthplace: Morganstown. Birthday: August 1, 1961.

Height/Weight: 6ft 21/2in, 14 stone 12.

School: Radyr Comprehensive.

Previous Clubs: Cardiff Youth and Morganstown for half a season.

Married: No. Children: No.

Employment: Electrician.

Car: Ford Capri. Superstitions: None.

Career: Howard Stone is one of the few Welshmen Quidnunc has ever met who admits never to have won a Cap at Youth, Under-18, Under-16, Under-15, Under-14, Under-10, Primary school, or Kindergarten levels. Not even a prenatal trial. He did, however, play in a Cardiff youth side that won all its 40 matches one season. And he did score 120 not out for Radyr in a 45-over match once. But he did not, as I was informed by one totally unreliable source in a rival back bar, have a trial for Aston Villa/Sheffield Wednesday/ Sheffield Thursday/Liverpool or any one else for that matter.

Club nickname: H. or Shakv.

Hobbies: All sports. And a few pints in the back

Other sport: Cricket.

Other Sportsmen: No one really -"though I do like watching Viv Richards

Film: The Deer Hunter.

Actor: Basil Fawlty - John Cleese.

Actress: Marilyn Monroe.

TV programme: Open All Hours.

Comedian: Ronnie Barker.

Pop Stars: Bruce Springsteen - "Went up to Wembley to see him in the summer. Marvellous. A great, great show."

Holiday resort: Greece. Rhodes especially.

Food: Steak.

Drink: Anything except gin, and preferably in pint pots.

Politician: None.

Rugby ground: Certainly not Pontypool Park (this was written before Wednesday - Q.) Murrayfield.

MEMORIES

Best: Debut for Cardiff against London Welsh. Winning Cardiff cap two years

Worst: Missing out on the Zimbabwean

PERSONAL FAVOURITES

Rugby Player: None.

Referee: Clive Norling. "I like his briefs." Biggest influence: Father, And Peter

Davies, the youth team coach.

AMBITION

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2. A. PHILLIPS (Captain)

3. I. EIDMAN

4. H. STONE

M. ROWLEY

6. R. LAKIN

J.P. SCOTT

7. T. CROTHERS

16. S. CANNON

17. I. GREENSLADE

Full Back

Right Wing Right Centre Left Centre

Left Wing

Outside Half Inside Half

Forwards



Replacements

Wasps

H. DAVIES 15.

S. SMITH 14.

R. CARDUS (Captain) 13.

R. LOZOWSKI 12. P. MINIHAN 11.

A. RAYNER 10.

N. MELVILLE 9.

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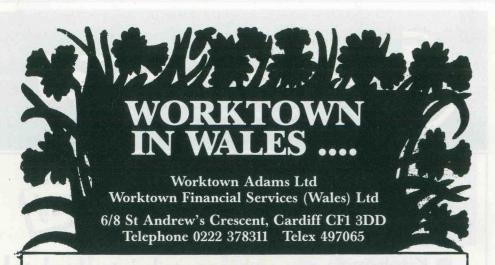
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