

Cardiff
Rugby Club
v. BARBARIANS
Saturday, 29th March, 1986. 3 p.m.
Official Programme 30p



Cardiff v. Barbarians

SATURDAY, 29th MARCH, 1986

KICK OFF 3.00 p.m.

The great feast of Easter is celebrated on any of the 35 days from March 22nd to April 25th. Unlike most of our normal seasonal times which are related to the sun, Easter time is influenced by the moon's phases. This of course is common knowledge to all and sundry because it should herald the first signs of spring. To all rugby people however the first day of spring occurs when the BaaBaa's come to partake of their annual tour on Welsh ground. Having said that they will be more than welcomed today if their appearance puts a bit of spring in the air as well as in their game. So regardless of the Gregorian calendar, moon phases or anything else let's say how delighted we are to see The Barbarians on Cardiff Arms Park once again.

Our famous ground will be very much the focal point of today's rugby programme when we meet the most prestigious of all touring teams throughout the British Isles. Today will be our 102nd encounter according to us but the 103rd according to The BaaBaas. The maverick fixture occurred at Easter 1940 when all club fixtures had been officially suspended so it is not included in our records whereas it is in theirs. Of those 101 previous games we have won 64 to the BaaBaa's 32 with 5 drawn. Our points total is 1522 to their 954. That 2 to 1 win ratio speaks volumes for present and past players of Cardiff in achieving such a magnificent record against a side always brimful of talent and for ever intent on playing fast open rugby.

Indeed during the whole series of the 101 games we have failed to register at least one score on only three occasions. For our part we have prevented our famous opponents from scoring 16 times, including four in a row starting in 1906. Results seemed to have followed in a reasonable fashion prior to 1976 with the odd game providing a hefty score line. Since our centenary year of 1976 however when we won the game by 29 points to 28 in an unbelievable comeback, the scoring has absolutely gone through the roof. The nine games since that miracle win have produced points aggregates of 39, 28, 62, 47, 64, 67, 64, 68, and 64 respectively to give an average of some 55 points per game. So it appears that our centenary bonanza game set a pattern which is still rolling in as strong as ever and to the obvious relish of the T.V. presenters. The sheer enjoyment of the occasion also generates a marvellous atmosphere and makes Cardiff Arms Park a must on Easter Saturday.

What of today's BaaBaa's then. Well they come looking for their first win since a 32-15 victory in 1980. They came near in 1983 with a 32 all draw with a very strong side that included Gerber and Tobias of South Africa and Joinel of France. Their selection today has been rather fettered by home commitment of top Scottish and French players but nevertheless they have a squad that can produce an extremely useful side indeed. With several of the Welsh players who did so well in the Australian Sevens Tournament included it gives us an opportune moment to congratulate them on their tremendous performance 'Down Under' - well done gentlemen. At the time these notes had to be ready for press, their side hadn't been completed but let's hope we get the chance to see our own young Welsh backs in action in a more relaxed atmosphere than the explosive environment in which international rugby is surrounded. That could be a treat indeed even though the likes of Jonathan Davies and co. could make it a hard Easter Saturday afternoon for us.

To the Barbarian alikadoos and players, particularly those coming to Cardiff for the first time, we say again it's great to see you and we hope you enjoy a memorable visit.

For our own part today, we are obviously disappointed that Alan Phillips will not be fit enough to lead his side but we are more than mindful of that very important date, 26th April, Cup Final day. At this stage it would be appropriate to congratulate Alan and his players for taking us to the final much to the amazement and doubts of a lot of Jeremiahs. The victory over Bridgend was most conclusive and to score three tries to nil in a cup semi final is doing it with a bit of style. It's going to be some game come the 26th April so let's hope Alan, John Scott and everyone else will be fit for selection on the day. Well done lads - a magnificent effort.

Matthew Hadley's Rags team have certainly hit the high spots too since coming out of hibernation at the start of March. Up to last weekend they had won all seven games played and scored 210 points in doing so. And what a bonus to see Mark Ring back in harness and enjoying it. In all The Rags have won 28 of the 36 games they have played and scored 854 points for to 387 against.

Finally today it only remains to thank Thorn EMI for their generous sponsorship of the game. We hope their directors and guests will have a thoroughly enjoyable day. And so to another great Cardiff-BaaBaas game - we hope.

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Rugby Quiz – No. 18

1. What was significant of the BaaBaa's side against Cardiff at Easter 1929?
2. In that fantastic come back game of 1976 who scored the final points to edge Cardiff ahead and win 29-28?
3. What is the longest running sequence of wins we have registered against them since World War II?
4. In the 41 games played since the war, Easter 1946, how many times have the BaaBaa's won two consecutive games?
5. Who captained the BaaBaa's in the 1973 epic against New Zealand?

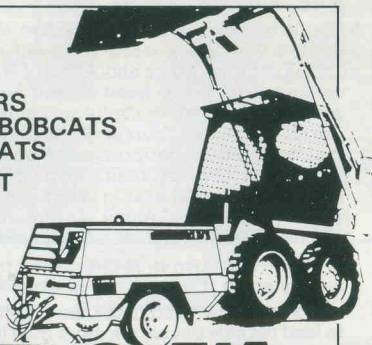
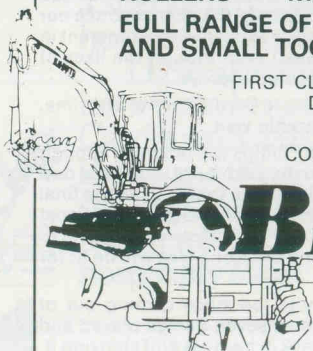
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THE PENALTY TRY

Welsh International referees, Clive Norling and Derek Bevan have both awarded penalty tries whilst refereeing in the Five Nations Championship this season. Derek awarded France a **penalty try for a deliberate knock-on** by Stuart Barnes. Derek adjudged that in an effort to stop the move, the English replacement defender deliberately knocked the ball forward towards touch.

Clive Norling awarded England a penalty try against Ireland. There was a scrummage one metre from the Irish goal-line with England putting the ball into the scrum. England won the ball, held it at the No. 8's feet and went for the push over.

The ball was still at Dean Richards feet when it was kicked out of the scrummage by the Irish flanker.

Why a penalty try?

As the ball had not reached the goal-line, the scrummage was still in existence, and under LAW 20 it is an offence deliberately to kick the ball out of a scrummage.

Clive felt that England would have **probably** scored a try but for that illegal kick and he therefore awarded a penalty try.

In considering a penalty try, the referee must always give the **benefit of the offence to the attacking team** and award a penalty try.

By the way, the Irish team, if they had realised it, were entitled to charge the conversion after a penalty try.

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Saturday, April 12th
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Saturday, April 19th
NEATH £2.50



QUIDNUNC'S COLUMN

THERE ARE, as we have pointed out in this column in the past, characters and personalities connected with the Cardiff Rugby Football Club who are rather more than life-size. Their reputations – based entirely on fact: there are fictitious stories, true, but they rarely measure up to reality – far exceed the boundaries of our little country. Because of the festive nature of today's planned entertainment, Quidnunc thought fit to examine one such individual rather than follow the style of the season's offerings so far in which he has indulged in more serious inquiries as to the captain's favourite actress, the acting captain's bizarre experiences with vases of wine, Jeff Whitefoot's favourite television documentaries, what John Scott (get well soon: I've got your father's hat) does not drink, if anything, while playing the fruit machines and other momentous matters of deep import and research.

As the result and by popular request, we turn today just a few of the pages in the very full life of

LESLIE MAGNUS SPENCE

There will be few people of mature years in the crowded Arms Park this afternoon who do not immediately recognise at least the first and last names of the President of the Cardiff Athletic Club even if the Magnus element of it is rather less well-known on Les than on Mr. Pike (extravagant gestures with the arms must go with the name).

Even those who do not know Les Spence personally will surely remember his starring as a flanker with the illustrious Great Western Railway XV in those heady pre-war days.

In fairness, I should also point out that he played in addition for Llandaff and Cardiff. Indeed, Les skippered the Cardiff team in 1936-37 when – eat your heart out, Alan Phillips – he is credited with inventing 'Player Power'.

Contemporaries on the rugby scene will tell you that 'Elbow' Spence – for thus he was known on the field through certain characteristics which surface still today as anyone who has stood near him in a crowded (or, for that matter, near-empty) bar will testify – should really have won a Welsh cap if justice had been seen to be done.

'Elbows' Spence, let us face it, is accident prone. Who else for example, could:

- Sit on a Louis XIV chair in a Paris hotel and have it collapse beneath him?
- Lay J.B.G. Thomas out cold in a Cowbridge hostelry with a flying table skittle?
- Become trapped on a roof at his Llandaff home because his son Jem (yes, he who was nominated for an oscar as best-man supporting actor in a recent notorious television series concerning the first year's activities of a young South Wales married couple) removed the ladder in a one-off and untypical example of tidiness?
- Single-handedly almost demolish a Cardiff chemist's while purchasing some shaving-cream?
- Knock glasses from a bar ten yards away when entering a room; and
- Claim to have saved four lives when his brakes failed by skilfully glancing off a Port Talbot telegraph pole?

The President's driving prowess is considerable. There are those, indeed, who claim that a dint in a car in Westgate Street is evidence that it belongs to Mr. Spence – or that he has recently passed by. Yet somehow he has managed to run successfully the family business of Bateman Brothers which basically deals with – yes, glassware.

No wonder that when he took over the business after spending some time after the war as assistant secretary to Glamorgan County Cricket Club he was known as the original bull in a china shop.

Not that all has been sweetness and light and humour for this large man with a heart as big as his enormous hands and feet.

As a prisoner-of-war under the Japanese he suffered quite dreadful privation and was one of the few Britains to have seen the mushroom cloud of the A-bomb, near which he was forced to work in a coal-mine.

But such was the spirit of the man, however, that he was forgiving enough to return in 1975 as manager of the Welsh touring team to the country in which he had been incarcerated from 1942-45.

It is difficult to believe that Monsieur Le President is 80 next year (there are rumours, indeed, of his attending already a celebration party for the event thrown by an organisation not a million miles from here who turned out to be a year premature: but that, surely, would be justice) for he and the redoubtable if diminutive Babs still lack nothing in drive and energy.

And one looks at the height and the warmth and the fun and the huge, vice-like wicketkeeper's hands and wonders whether they build 'em like that any more.

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16. T. LEE
19. L. O'BRIEN

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| Full Back | P. J. THORBURN* (Neath) | 15. |
| Right Wing | M. E. HARRISON* (Wakefield) | 14. |
| Right Centre | J. A. DEVEREUX* (S. Glam Inst.) | 13. |
| Left Centre | K. G. SIMMS* (Liverpool) | 12. |
| Left Wing | K. D. CROSSAN* (Instonians) | 11. |
| Outside Half | J. DAVIES* (Neath) | 10. |
| Inside Half | R. J. JONES* (Swansea) | 9. |
| Forwards | P. A. G. RENDALL* (Wasps) | 1. |
| | C. F. FITZGERALD* (St. Mary's College) | 2. |
| | G. S. PEARCE* (Northampton) | 3. |
| J. R. E. CAMPBELL-LAMERTON* (London Scottish) | | 4. |
| | N. C. REDMAN* (Bath) | 5. |
| | P. J. WINTERBOTTOM* (Headingley) | 6. |
| | G. L. ROBBINS* (Coventry) | 8. |
| | G. REES* (Nottingham) | 7. |

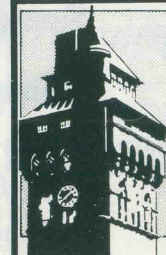
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4. *Four times, 1949 and 1950, twice in season 1964-65, 1970-71, and finally 1977 and 1978.*
3. *Four on two occasions – 1951-54 and 1966-69.*
2. *Gareth Edwards with a drop goal.*
1. *It was the very first occasion that they had fielded a full international XV.*

Rugby Quiz No. 18 – Answers

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FIRST XV FIXTURES

1985
SEPTEMBER

Mon. 2	Cross Keys	A 32-11
Wed. 4	Glamorgan Wanderers	A 27-10
Sat. 7	Bangor	A 15-3
Wed. 11	Bristol	H 28-0
Sat. 14	Neath	H 30-27
Wed. 18	Penarth	A 37-6
Sat. 21	Coventry	A 20-13
Sat. 28	Aberavon	H 24-12

OCTOBER

Wed. 2	Pontypridd	A 32-6
Sat. 5	Newport	A 13-7
Wed. 9	Bridgend	H 7-16
Sat. 12	Fijis	H 31-15
Wed. 16	Pontypool	A 12-13
Sat. 19	Wasps	H 20-12
Wed. 23	Bath	A 13-16
Sat. 26	Harlequins	A 38-16
Wed. 30	Newbridge	H 41-15

NOVEMBER

Sat. 2	Leicester	A 20-15
Wed. 6	Oxford University	H 44-7
Fri. 8	Ebbw Vale	H 13-12
Sat. 16	S. Glam. Inst. (Cup)	H 25-16
Sat. 23	Llanelli	A 3-13
Wed. 27	Maesteg	H 15-3
Sat. 30	South Wales Police	H 38-6

DECEMBER

Sat. 7	Swansea	H 13-12
Sat. 14	London Welsh	H 22-17
Sat. 21	Pencoed (Cup)	H 24-3
Thur. 26	Pontypridd	H.....
Sat. 28	Bridgend	A Post.

1986

JANUARY

Wed. 1	Bath	H 30-12
Sat. 4	Moseley	A 13-7
Sat. 11	Aberavon	A 3-24
Sat. 18	London Welsh	A 19-3
Sat. 25	Neath (Cup)	A 22-0

FEBRUARY

Sat. 8	Bristol	A Post.
Sat. 22	Glam Wands (Cup)	H Post.
Wed. 26	South Glam Institute	H Post.

MARCH

Tue. 4	Llanelli	H 16-16
Sat. 8	Glam Wands (Cup)	H
Sat. 15	Ebbw Vale	A 16-19
Sat. 22	Bridgend S.F.Cup	A 17-9
Sat. 29	Barbarians (Swansea)	H.....

APRIL

Sat. 5	Bedford	H.....
Sat. 12	Swansea	A.....
Sat. 19	Neath	A.....
Sat. 26	W.R.U. Cup Final	

ATHLETIC XV FIXTURES

1985
SEPTEMBER

Wed. 4	Bedwas	H 9-0
Sat. 7	Neath Athletic	H 44-10
Wed. 11	Bristol United	A 0-9
Sat. 14	Bath United	A 17-22
Wed. 18	Llandaff	H 16-0
Sat. 21	Goventry Extras	H 7-10
Wed. 25	Old Illydians	A 25-7
Sat. 28	Pontypool United	A 47-3

OCTOBER

Wed. 2	Cardiff & District	H 42-6
Sat. 5	Newport United	H 46-21
Thur. 10	Paramatta	H 6-10
Wed. 16	Pontypool Athletic	H 22-8
Sat. 19	Rumney	A 4-7
Wed. 23	Pyle	H 18-16
Sat. 26	Trinant	H 40-9
Wed. 30	Pontypridd Athletic	A 18-12

NOVEMBER

Sat. 2	Leicester Extras	H 19-16
Wed. 6	Newport Saracens	A 27-11
Fri. 8	Ebbw Vale Athletic	A 9-13
Sat. 16	Caerleon	H 52-6
Wed. 23	Abercarn	H 36-7
Sat. 30	Berry Hill	A 26-21

DECEMBER

Sat. 7	Swansea Athletic	A 18-3
Sat. 21	Neath Athletic	A.....
Sat. 28	Bridgend Sports	H Post.

1986

JANUARY

Sat. 4	Moseley United	H 12-12
Sat. 11	Bridgend Sports	A 22-20
Sat. 18	Reading	A 16-28
Sun. 19	Abbey	A 22-15
Sat. 25	Llanharan	H 22-10

FEBRUARY

Sat. 8	Bristol United	H Post.
Sat. 15	Barry	A Post.
Wed. 19	Pontypool United	H Post.
Sat. 22	St. Peters	H Post.
Fri. 28	Bryncoch	H Post.

MARCH

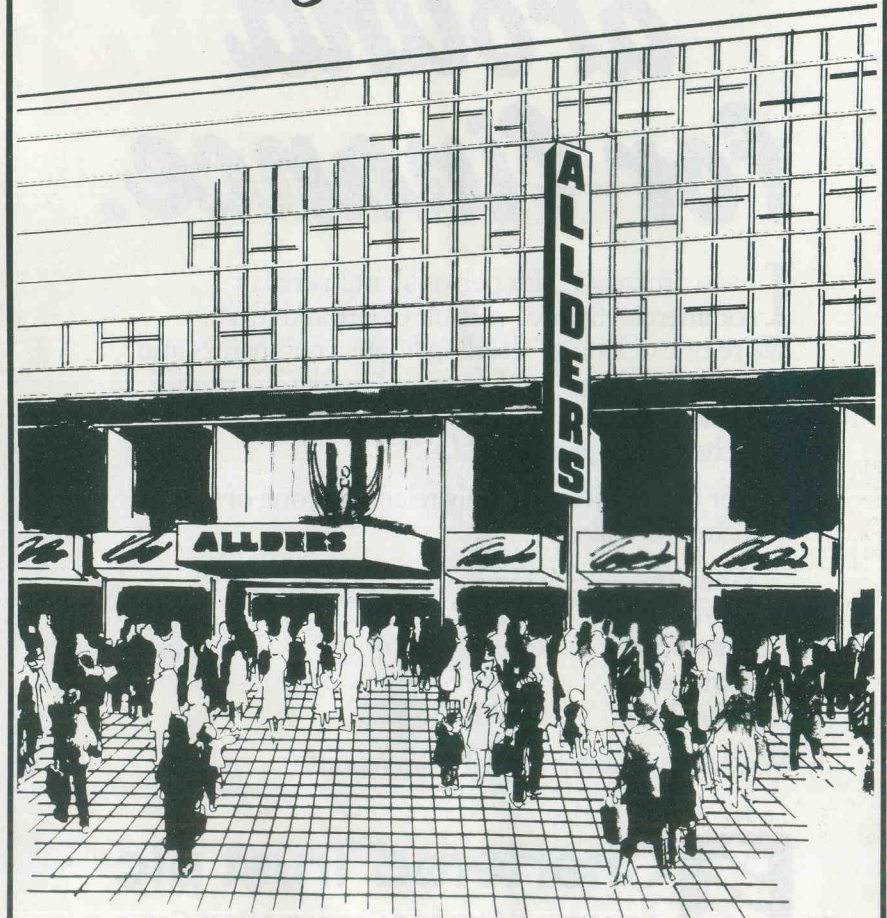
Tue. 4	Abercynon	A 24-9
Sat. 8	Pontypool Athletic	H 42-26
Wed. 12	St. Peter's	H 16-6
Sat. 15	Ebbw Vale Athletic	H 38-0
Wed. 19	Pontypridd Athletic	H 52-0
Fri. 21	Newport United	A 20-19
Wed. 26	Maesteg Celtic	A 18-11

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Sat. 5	Blackwood	A.....
Wed. 9	Bedwas	A.....
Sat. 12	Swansea Athletic	H.....
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Sat. 19	Talywain	H.....
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