

Cardiff *rugby club*



at the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon.....

STAN BOWES MEMORIAL CUP

CARDIFF R.F.C -v- NEWPORT R.F.C

Under 15's, 17's and 19's

Monday 1st April 1991

Kick-Off 12.15 p.m.

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A.D.S.B

There is a certain group of past Cardiff players whose claim to fame they could have well done without. They are the players who turned out for the club both before and after World War II. Its a cruel fact of life that some of them were denied top class rugby when at their athletic & physical peak. Indeed the situation again denied legions of spectators the chance to see such great players at their best.

The strength of the Cardiff side of the immediate post war seasons has been well chronicled. The club and international stars of those days were household words and immediately identifiable by their christian names. Bleddyn & Jack, Rex & Cliff are just but a few to mention.

Amongst such immortals is another who, although he never made the international scene, was just as much a part of the household scene. Just plain Stan or A.D.S. was enough to readily identify the late but very great Stanley Bowes. His total devotion to The Cardiff Club as player and administrator for over fifty years of his lifetime was nothing short of epic.

He was very proud of being Cardiff born & bred. He first came on The Arms Park scenario in season 1937/38 and gained his full cap the following season. The war intervened in Stan's and many others, career when he saw active service in The Royal Navy. His accompanying photograph perhaps could well have been the inspiration of the lyrics of the song that advocates "All the nice girls love a sailor". Doesn't he look cracking?

After the war though he was soon packing down in his favourite front new position, where very few opponents got the better of him, and he won his first XV cap in 1946/47. He played in the final Welsh trial on Jan 1st 1949 but never made selection to the National XV. He soldiered on for Cardiff however and was first elected captain of the "Rags" in season 1950/51. In his marvellous history of the club Danny Davies describes Stan's appointment as "a popular selection as he was replete with choice naval and other adjectives with which to exhort his team both on and off the field". A very apt qualification indeed.

He was reappointed "Rags" captain the following year when he

achieved the rare feat of playing in all 31 games in the season. 1952/53 saw Stan again nominated as "Rags" captain but such was his expertise and strength at prop that he was called on 25 times to appear at first team level. He was again nominated for a fourth consecutive season in 1953/54 but his consistently good form meant that he played for the 1st XV on 36 occasions. And on of those occasions turned out to be the absolute epitome of his playing career. The 21st November 1953 was the day and Cardiff v New Zealand was the game. Its all part of our famous history as to what happened on that day and it was certainly one that Stan was to cherish for the rest of his life.

Himself and his opposite number on the day, Snowy White struck up an instantaneous friendship that stood the passage of his lifetime. The members of that side who defeated the All Blacks still to this day hold a reunion dinner to celebrate the occasion and for Stan it was one of the highlights of his year to meet up with those of his colleagues who had moved away from Cardiff.

Stan wasn't finished after that famous game either. He was well in the veteran stage now however but he never turned down the chance to don the jersey. Whether it was Blue and Black or any other colour for that matter. On that score and because of his lifetime love/hate relationship with the Newport Club, he vowed he would never wear the black and amber next to his skin. It seemed he had forgotten his intentions when he once played in a Newport international's XV who provided the side with the dreadful black and amber jerseys. Stan happily played out the game but when he stripped off the black and amber jersey after the game, the contented smile on his face was due to the fact that he had a blue and black one beneath it.

With his regular career coming to an end in the late 1950's Stan kept in active touch with the game with the odd appearance here and there. Indeed he was well into his sixties when he last trod the field.

Stan came in to the Cardiff committee in 1959 and apart from a two year lapse in 1966 and 1967 he served faithfully until the day he died. He became chairman of the club in season 1984/85 and this again was an honour of which he was justly proud. He was also a very committed member of Glamorgan County R.F.C. and for his long services to that organisation he became their President.

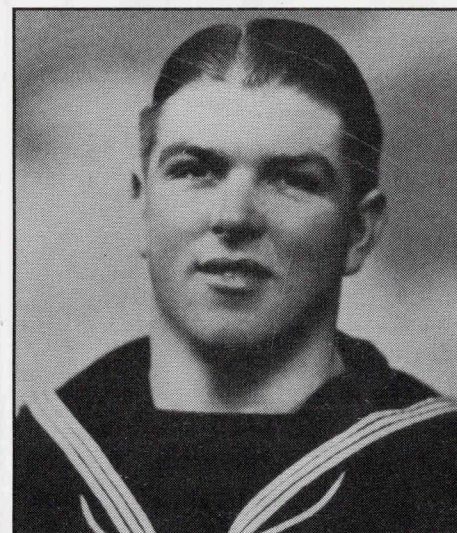
What a man this Stan Bowes was then. He was arguably the best known of all the personalities who have emulated from the Cardiff club. A man at home in the company of dukes and duchesses whose trademark was the trouser clips he used when he rode his beloved bike. His dress was always immaculate and to see him in his favourite tweed jacket and cavalry twill trousers you would swear how was straight out of the Tatler, and as for his shoes, he must have been the best shooed man in Wales.

Then again can you remember him running the line over the Christmas period resplendent in deer stalker and kilt. In the atmosphere of the clubhouse there was always raucous laughter surrounding Stan when his foot tapping rendition of "Issachar Johnson" raised the rafters. Mind an the other side of the coin, if a lady joined in the company, Stan would be the first man to leap to his feet.

Yes Stan Bowes was certainly a man of all seasons. His many friends in the club included what he affectionately referred to as "The Taffia" have donated a trophy to be played for this afternoon between Cardiff and Newport at under 15, 17 and 19 level. Stan would have loved this because he always had a soft spot for the youngsters in the club and was always happy in their company. Thank you gentlemen for your generous gesture in

commemorating one of the greatest characters the game has produced.

This is our Stan in his prime and in the navy.



Stan departed this world three years ago last March 9th. His physical presence is surely missed but his spirit still exists in every nook and cranny of the Arms Park. Woe betide anyone who walks into the club with his hat on. You can just almost hear Stan shouting from the celestial heights "Take that bl**** hat off."

P.N.

EASTER MONDAY FESTIVAL

Cardiff Schools Under 15 v Newport Schools Under 15

CARDIFF UNDER 15 TEAM

15. Daniel Williams (St. Illtyds) Captain.
14. Desmond Higgins (Willows)
13. Darren Jones (Whitchurch)
12. Jonathon Callow (Llanrumney)
11. Mark Dineen (St. Teilo's)

NEWPORT UNDER 15 TEAM

- Robert Brunnock
- Paul Taylor
- Matthew Hillier
- Nick Waine
- Tim Edwards

10. Rhys Walters (St. Teilo's)
9. Christian Jones (Bishop of Llandaff)
or Russell Thomas (Cantonian)

- Andrew Drought
- Robert Scrivens

1. Andrew Winterbottom (Llanishen)
2. Jason Kemble (St. Illtyds)
3. Stephen Williams (Llanishen)
4. Remo Marini (St. Illtyds)
5. Craig Silver (St. Illtyds)
6. Rhodri Crandon (Glantaf) Vice-captain
7. Michael Chichester (St. Illtyds)
8. Gareth Mahoney (Bishop of Llandaff)

- Andrew Edwards
- Chris Davies
- Haydn Jeffries
- Matthew Green
- Danny Williams
- Adrian Knorz
- Craig Goodman
- Philip Sims

REPLACEMENTS

16. Russel Thomas (Cantonian) or
Christian Jones (Bishop of Llandaff)
17. Gareth Williams (Glantaf)
18. Stephen Lane (St. Teilo's)
19. Ian Cabral (Corpus Christi)
20. Gareth Davies (Llanishen)
21. Ian Mansfield (Corpus Christi)

REPLACEMENTS

- Steven Berry
- Lyndon Wallickes
- James Roy
- Brent Sadler
- Ashley Phillips

REFEREE:- Phil Ward KICK OFF:- 12.15 pm

EASTER MONDAY FESTIVAL

Cardiff Schools Under 17 v Newport Schools Under 17

CARDIFF UNDER 17 TEAM

15. David Callaghan
14. Stephen Rauch
13. Gareth Thomas
12. Stephen John
11. Martin Gilson

NEWPORT UNDER 17 TEAM

- J. Donovan
- C. Rendle
- M. Bell
- P. Evans
- P. Smith

10. Tom Davies
9. Sean Lonergan

- C. Chapman
- N. Morgan

1. Christian Johnson
2. Brett Wakefield
3. Nicholas Jarvis
4. Paul Hennessey
5. Martin Jones
6. Gareth Hewitt
7. Matthew Foley
8. James Savastano (Captain)

- M. Thomas
- C. Fletcher
- D. St. John
- D. Alonzi
- L. Steer
- L. Pemberton (Captain)
- A. Thorpe
- J. Studley

REPLACEMENTS

From:- Paul Beard; Darren Saunders;
Matthew Popple; Peter Gallagher;
Justin Burt; Andron Abdul; Paul Hayes;
Iestyn Williams; James O'brien
Matthew Symmons; Anthony Hurford;
Ben Bishop; Jeremy Evans;
Simeon Brunker; Mark Newman;
Chris Wilkins; Martin Gould;
Nathan John.

REPLACEMENTS

G. Berry
L. Thomas
W. Davy
D. Southwood
C. Bannister
J. Parfitt

REFEREE:- P. Ebenezer KICK OFF:- 1.30 pm

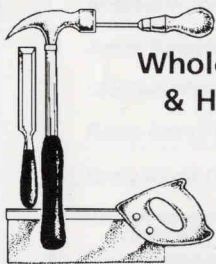
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Cardiff R.F.C Youth v Newport Youth

CARDIFF YOUTH

15. P. Armstrong
14. R. Clifford
13. M. Walsh
12. P. Cousins
11. T. Pridmore
10. M. Brace
9. J. Kaid
1. P. Douglas
2. S. Clemetts
3. M. Madden
4. M. Crahart
5. J. Allen
6. H. Merrett
7. M. Bubbins
8. P. Agar

REPLACEMENTS

P. Oardean, K. Fahiya, J. Ronan,
M. Symmons, J. O'brien

REFEREE:- J. Wainwright KICK OFF 3.00 p.m.

NEWPORT YOUTH

- J. White
- N. Essery
- P. Hale
- C. Blanks
- J. Eley
- G. Williams
- D. Smith (Captain)

- D. Peters
- M. Walters
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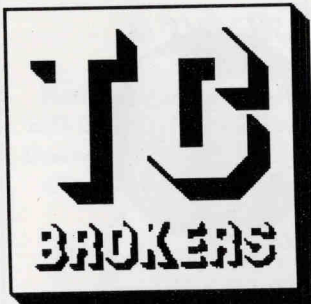
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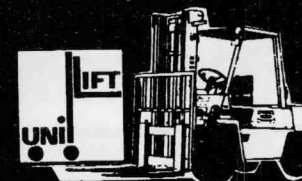
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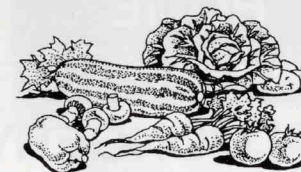
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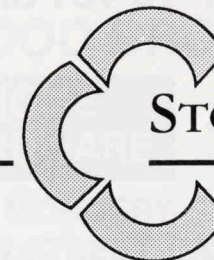
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WHY CHOOSE TO COACH C.R.F.C.?

When the position of Cardiff R.F.C. coach was advertised we thought hard about applying for the position, knowing how great the commitment would be.

We had both been involved with the coaching of the school team at Cardiff High School for many years and found it both satisfying and frustrating. The immediate question to ask ourselves was - could we find the time? Many people, including ourselves, questioned the ability to do justice to both teams.

But for the last few years we had found it more difficult to motivate pupils towards a total commitment to the school rugby team.

Saturday mornings especially were frustrating when boys slept late, failed to turn up and offered feeble excuses on a Monday morning.

Added to this was the fact that we were the committee, ie., we had to be there irrespective of illness or our own family commitments. Our roles were as follows:

- a) Coach the teams
- b) Select sides
- c) Organise referees/first aid/playing fields
- d) Collect equipment and jerseys after the game
- e) Wash jerseys
- f) Take injured etc. to hospital/home

The duties are endless.

How then could we cope with an extra commitment?

After much thought and discussion the attraction of joining the greatest rugby club in the world was too strong to resist.

The commitment to summer training, recruitment, two nights coaching and week and Saturday afternoons was a tall order.

We have found that this association has become a bonus - the cream on the cake, and thoroughly fulfilling. We have been lucky in having met and coached some of the outstanding young talent in Wales. Some of their performances this year have been quite brilliant and breathtaking. They have responded positively to our philosophy of fifteen man rugby.

But the Club have given us an extra dimension into our rugby world. The support system of an active committee to take charge of all the burdens of first aid, fixtures, kit and communication allow us the luxury of getting on with our job - coaching.

We are both honoured to belong to the great Club. Our wish is to transfer the talents/techniques of the team to senior rugby. Our immediate aim was to develop levels of fitness and skill that could be transferred to the senior side.

Although we have much to do we are, we feel, getting the message over to a responsive group of boys.

JACK LEWIS
GARETH JONES

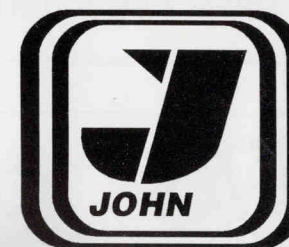
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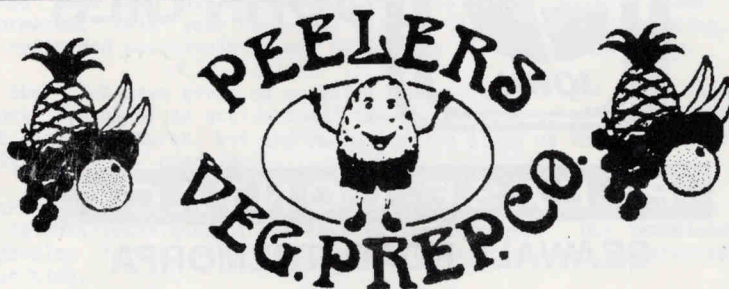
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