

CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB



CARDIFF v COVENTRY

SATURDAY, 31st DECEMBER, 1977

KICK OFF 3 p.m.

Official Programme 10p

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A FESTIVE SEASON'S WELCOME TO COVENTRY. Yes, we know it's New Year's Eve, but thanks to the motorways it will be possible for the Midlanders to be back home in time to join their respective celebrations for the New Year, and with time to spare.

One wonders how the teams travelled when the clubs met first in November 1891, and how long it took to travel between the two cities.

Immediately after the 1939-45 War, in November 1945, Cardiff travelled to Coventry by train to Birmingham and a coach to the ground. It is now possible to do the same journey in a shorter time by coach all the way from Cardiff. In November 1945 Cardiff were led by Dr. Jack Matthews and (in front of a record crowd for Coventry) won by 16 pts. to 3 pts.

Welshmen who had moved to the Midlands in the depression and had worked throughout the War period in munition factories or in the local mines turned out in their thousands and gave Cardiff a fantastic welcome. Billy Darch was the Cardiff scrum half and, after being badly injured, he returned to the field swathed in bandages and played a "blinder" at outside half. Dr. Darch is now general manager of the oil pipeline from Alaska into America, and will as usual carry out his duties in a most efficient manner. The famous Wheatley brothers played on that day. Alf Wyman, Coventry's fixture secretary, came out of retirement to hook. Also in the front row was the legendary Harry Walker and at inside half the well known Norman Stack. The backs included Ivor Preece whose son Peter has been such an asset to English Rugby. Since this match Cardiff have lost at Coventry on 14 occasions, but managed a win there this season.

Most of the above mentioned players attended this year's match as it coincided with Coventry's Old Players Reunion Lunch.

Today's game is the 91st between the clubs and we trust that the high standard of sportsmanship will be maintained.

Our recent game with Cwmavon in the Cup was another indication of how Cup Rugby is so much different from normal games. The score after one hour and five minutes play was 7-6 in Cardiff's favour and was a true reflection of the play.

Mr. John Morgan, the chairman of Cwmavon, was a Cardiff player up to 1945-46 season and was in the sevens team that won at Llangattock in 1945 (Arthur Rees had persuaded Cardiff to take a team to his home village). "Shwn", as we knew him, proudly produced a photograph of the seven and we in turn were glad to welcome him and his side to Cardiff.

Having forecasted correctly that Abercynon would beat Abertillery in the Cup it is now very much on the cards that they will do the same to Newport.

Cardiff would have preferred to play at home next round and possibly a team other than Pontypool, but as previously stated Cup Rugby is different and the lads are playing smashing Rugby so don't despair!

Our congratulations to Stuart Lane on his belated Welsh 'B' cap (he was picked last year but was injured) and to Alan Phillips who hooked so well in Nantes to obtain his Welsh 'B' place. Both our hookers have now been honoured, but which one will get his full cap first?

Gareth Davies was the backbone behind Oxford University's great win in the Varsity match and take this opportunity of welcoming him back to the fold.

By the way, Les and Babs were up at the Palace recently to get Les's M.B.E. from Her Majesty the Queen: what a way to finish 1977! A marvellous year for Les.

"Blwyddyn Newydd Dda."

D.M.J.

KNOW THE LAWS

By FRED CROSTER

A Quiz to end the old year and to start the new. Straight in with the questions. Christmas is over. Down to the nitty gritty.

1. Metrication is well and truly with us. Our ground, as all others, is marked accordingly, with one exception. What is this exception?
2. When a player is injured who makes the decision whether he will be replaced by another player? Bit of a trick here. I want TWO answers.
3. What is the period of time allowed for an injured player to be attended to, on the field?
4. This time can only be exceeded for one reason. What is it?
5. The referee is the sole judge of fact. There are two occasions when he can consult the touch judges. What are they?
6. If the ball or a player carrying it touches the referee during the course of play what effect does this have on the game?
7. A drop out fails to reach the 22 metre line. An opponent picks up the ball and grounds in over the defending goal line. What is the decision?
8. A scrummage usually consists of eight players from each team, with three in the front row. Does this have to be?
9. How many players from each side are necessary for a line-out to take place?
10. Rucks and Mauls have offside lines. State where they are.

That's the lot. Not too hard are they? Remember, the first member in the club with all correct gets a pint on Monday. If you are not a member still have a go. Come to the clubhouse, ask the doorman for me and if we can't give you a pint, then a couple of complimentary copies of 'Welsh Rugby' magazine will be your prize.

Happy New Year to you all.

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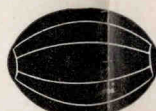
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Cardiff

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| 15. J. DAVIES | Full Back |
| 14. D. THOMAS/D. PREECE | Right Wing |
| 13. P. ELLIOTT | Right Centre |
| 12. M. MURPHY | Left Centre |
| 11. P. BOLLAND | Left Wing |
| 10. D. BARRY | Outside Half |
| 9. G. O. EDWARDS <i>HOLMES</i> | Inside Half |
| 1. B. NELMES (Capt.) | Forwards |
| 2. A. PHILLIPS | |
| 3. D. LLEWELLYN | |
| 4. I. ROBINSON | |
| 5. C. SMITH | |
| 6. R. DUDLEY-JONES | |
| 8. R. LANE | |
| 7. S. LANE | |



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CENTRES**

Replacements

Referee: F. H. SMITH. (Cwmbran)

Coventry

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| P. ROSSBOROUGH | 15. |
| S. MAISEY | 14. |
| D. DUCKHAM | 13. |
| <i>HAMILTON</i> P. PREECE | 12. |
| P. KNEE | 11. |
| K. AIPCHISON | 10. |
| C. GRIMSHAW | 9. |
| J. HAMER | 1. |
| C. WESTON | 2. |
| T. DINGLEY | 3. |
| I. DARNELL | 4. |
| M. SLAGTER | 5. |
| J. SHIPSIDES | 6. |
| B. MINNES | 8. |
| S. OLIVER | 7. |

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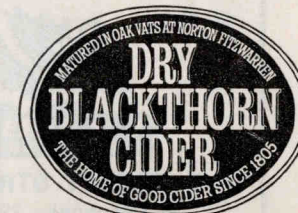
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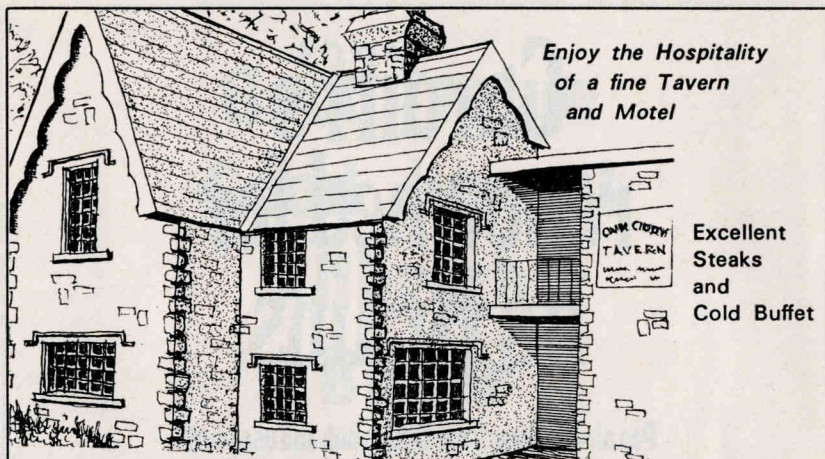
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	22	Neath	£1.20



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FIRST XV FIXTURES

1977 SEPTEMBER

Sat. 3	Maesteg	H	35-9
Wed. 7	Glamorgan Wands.	H	35-9
Fri. 9	Neath	H	18-9
Wed. 14	Bristol	H	25-12
Sat. 17	Coventry	A	17-9
Wed. 21	Pontypool	A	12-6
Sat. 24	Aberavon	H	28-13

OCTOBER

Sat. 1	Newport	A	10-27
Wed. 5	Pontypridd	A	11-24
Sat. 8	Northampton	H	50-6
Wed. 12			
Sat. 15	Cambridge Univ.	A	46-9
Wed. 19	Penarth	H	21-12
Sat. 22	Harlequins	A	22-16
Sat. 29	Moseley	A	9-18

NOVEMBER

Sat. 5	Oxford University	A	29-9
Sat. 12	Ebbw Vale	H	28-0
Sat. 19	Garndiffaith (Cup)	A	9-0
Sat. 26	Llanelli	A	20-10

DECEMBER

Sat. 3	Swansea	H	.....
Wed. 7	Pontypool	H	.....
Sat. 10	London Welsh	H	.....
Sat. 17	Cwmavon (Cup)	H	.....
Sat. 24	Bridgend	A	.....

Mon. 26	Pontypridd	H	.....
Sat. 31	Coventry	H	.....

1978 JANUARY

Mon. 2	London Scottish	H	.....
Sat. 7	Bedford	A	.....
Sat. 14	W.R.U. Cup 3rd Round		
Sat. 21	Ebbw Vale	A	.....
Sat. 28	Aberavon	A	.....

FEBRUARY

Sat. 4	London Welsh	A	.....
Wed. 8	Llanelli	H	.....
Sat. 11	Bristol	A	.....
Sat. 25	W.R.U. Cup 4th Round		

MARCH

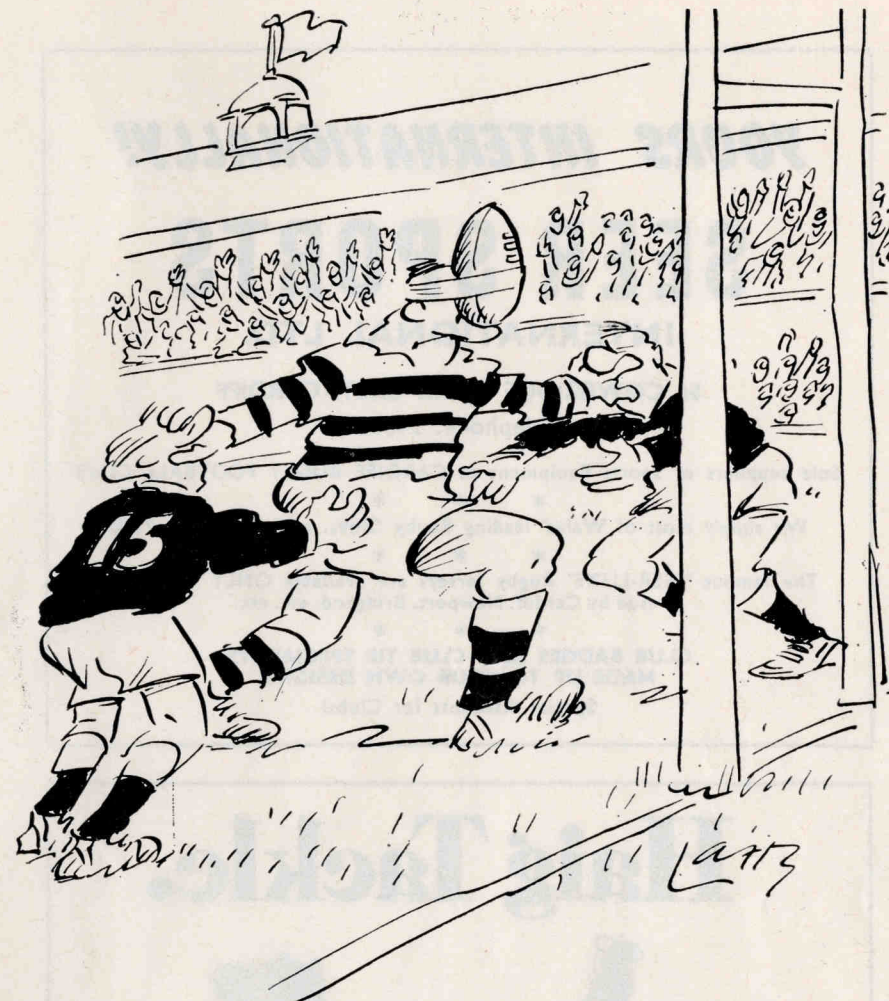
Wed. 1	Newport	A	.....
Wed. 8	Bridgend	H	.....
Sat. 11	Orrell	H	.....
Sat. 25	Barbarians	H	.....
Mon. 27	Harlequins	H	.....

APRIL

Sat. 1	Gloucester	H	.....
Wed. 5	Newport	H	.....
Sat. 8	Swansea	A	.....
Sat. 15	Camborne	A	.....
Mon. 17	St. Ives	A	.....
Sat. 22	Neath	A	.....
Sat. 29	W.R.U. Cup Final		

NEXT HOME FIXTURES

Mon., 2nd January:	CARDIFF v. LONDON SCOTTISH	3 p.m.
Wed., 8th February:	CARDIFF v. LLANELLI	7.15 p.m.
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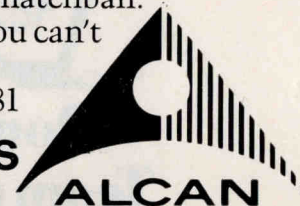
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