

CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB



CARDIFF v PONTYPRIDD

MONDAY, 26th DECEMBER, 1977

KICK OFF 3 p.m.

Official Programme 10p

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We in Cardiff Rugby Club bid a warm welcome to our visiting team, Pontypridd, and to all those Rugby supporters who regard Boxing Day as a necessary sporting interlude and part of traditional Christmas festivities. Let us hope that the game will be as festive as the season!

Pontypridd, who did not play against us last Boxing Day, in Centenary Year, in order to allow Crawshay's XV to appear instead, will no doubt be anxious to renew combat with Cardiff RFC after their stirring victory by 24-11 at Pwll Gwaun last October. Today's game promises to be just as full-blooded, skilful and partisan. A glance at each club's playing record, and their positions at the top of the unofficial Welsh Championship table, bears testimony to the same successful, open-running Rugby style inspired by captains T. G. Davies and T. David, viz:

PONTYPRIDD	P 27	W 22	D 1	L 4	F 616	A 244
					Av. pts. per game — 26	
CARDIFF	P 22	W 18	D 1	L 3	F 521	A 224
					Av. pts. per game — 28	

Strange to say, inter-club rivalry has been a transitory and spasmodic arrangement, ever since the first game in 1878. To date only a bare three dozen games have been played between Cardiff and Pontypridd; with Cardiff having the ascendancy except for most recent times. How remarkable that out of his 642 first class games for Pontypridd, Bob Penberthy, the magnificent second row war horse, can only have played a handful of games against Cardiff!

It would be remiss of me as an erstwhile Pontypridd player (just like Maldwyn James and Tony Williams!) if I did not take this opportunity to give a personal welcome to my old playing friends — President Sam Simon, Chairman Graham Gittins and Secretary Stan Thomas — and to all those other "Ponty" people who made my stay at Ynysyghard Park so happy in 1961-62.

It would be as well to consider our other teams at Cardiff Rugby Club. Under Mervyn John's astute and enthusiastic leadership the Rags are enjoying an excellent Rugby season. Their playing record to date is:

P 20 W 18 D 1 L 1 F 627 A 154

Their progress in the Silver Ball Competition leaves them well-placed with several fixtures yet to play:

P 6 W 5 D 1 L 0 Pts. 14

Meanwhile the Cardiff Youth team, under the chairmanship of P. Goodfellow, the coaching of R. Beard and the captaincy of Roger Lakin, have performed very creditably, although the team has been knocked out of the Welsh Youth Cup by local rivals Rumney (good luck to them!). Honours at representative Welsh Youth and Welsh Schools U19 levels seem likely through the regional trial selections of R. Lakin, D. Thomas, P. Spear, D. Hancock, S. Miller, T. Carruthers, K. Trevett, P. Suto and C. Edwards. The Youth Committee are currently negotiating an Easter 1978 tour to Jersey, and no doubt fund raising will begin in earnest in the New Year under the tactical control of Mr. Les Jones!

Finally, we wish coach Chris Padfield good wishes and a swift recuperation following his recent operation.

And to everyone for 1978 — Blwyddyn newydd dda.

John Davies

KNOW THE LAWS

By FRED CROSTER

Christmas time is usually 'Know the Laws' Quiz time, with a pint cheerfully given in the clubhouse for the first all correct answer. Some members may wonder why not with this programme. For those of you who like to 'have a go' and air their knowledge of the Laws, not to worry. Next Saturday's programme will contain the ten questions. The answers will then be included for the following Monday. OK?

Two 'quickies' for today.

'Intentional knock-on'. Who knows, there may be some supporters who saw the Llandaff v. Ebbw Vale cup game last Saturday. If so they will know why it is being mentioned. Many intentional knock-ons take place as a player attempts to intercept. If it is genuinely so, most referees allow it, BUT, if the knock-on is with the object of denying the recipient to be possession of the ball, then a penalty kick will be awarded.

Invariably this will be a one handed knock forward. If there is an attempt to catch the ball with TWO hands, even in an attempt to intercept, there is an understanding that in most cases the referee will NOT penalise.

'Short, tapped, quick penalty'. A subtle change here, which I did mention in the early part of the season. If a player does take a quick one, which of course he is quite entitled to do, it is essential that the ball is actually propelled. Daylight must show between his foot and the ball, no matter what direction the ball may be kicked.

On a number of occasions this season I have seen players merely touch the ball with their foot and get away with it. This is one for the players as well to look out for.

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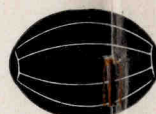
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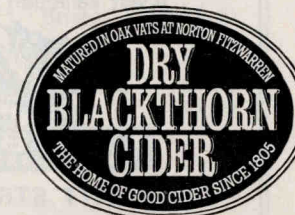
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1977 SEPTEMBER

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

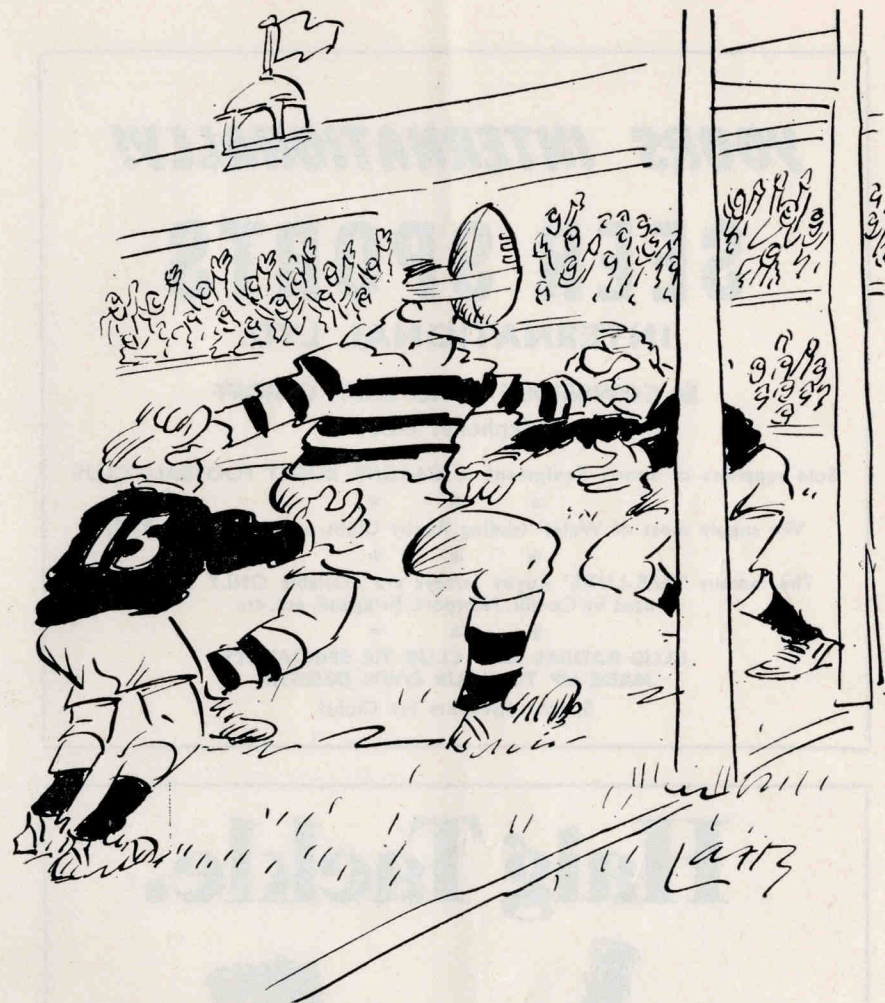
Wed. 1	Newport	A	.....
Wed. 8	Bridgend	H	.....
Sat. 11	Orrell	H	.....
Sat. 25	Barbarians	H	.....
Mon. 27	Harlequins	H	.....

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

Sat., 31st December:	CARDIFF v. COVENTRY	3 p.m.
Mon., 2nd January:	CARDIFF v. LONDON SCOTTISH	3 p.m.
Wed., 8th February:	CARDIFF v. LLANELLI	7.15 p.m.



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