

# CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB



**CARDIFF v NORTHAMPTON**

SATURDAY, 8th OCTOBER, 1977

KICK OFF 3 p.m.

**Official Programme 10p**



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Welcome to the Saints, who in the post-war period can rightly claim to be one of the hardest English teams to defeat, particularly if the match is played on their home soil. Looking back over the records of the two clubs it is easy to realise why the players on the opposing sides today always regard this game as a particularly stiff hurdle to overcome. The ground advantage in these fixtures has proved to be more significant than most, since as far back as season 1952-53 Cardiff have defeated Northampton at Franklin Gardens on only five occasions in twenty-five years. Conversely, the Saints have tasted success at Cardiff Arms Park only twice in that period. Small wonder then that there will be some trepidation in the minds of the Northampton players today as their coach swings into the ground via the Gwyn Nicholls gates.

However, the statistics so faithfully recorded by "Massa Dan" indicate that the margins of victory for either side have never been very great. Indeed since matches were first played in season 1925-26 our record reads significantly as follows:

Played 48 Won 25 Lost 16 Drawn 5 Pts. for 434 Pts. against 407

Few clubs in the land have such a record over the years, nor can they claim to have scored almost as many points for as against, which is a clear indication of the evenness of the encounters.

Memories savoured over some of those years conjure up in the mind a kaleidoscope of pictures full of personalities and events, which give so much character to Rugby Football. Supporters will remember that years ago both clubs used to play three very tough matches over Easter, culminating in a clash on Easter Tuesday on grounds which, to the players, always seemed shorn of grass and bone hard.

One recalls the sight of the irrepressible Dickie Jeeps hobbling about after one such game with enormous blisters on his bare feet, but still having enough energy left to get up to as many tricks off the field as he did on it. A great jester in his playing days, he has flourished as a reforming administrator who has recently been an outstanding success as President of the English Rugby Union. In the same era, there was the beatifully balanced running of British Lion Jeff Butterfield, whose class and style ranked him alongside the greatest of centre threequarters.

Players will remember the clashes of those great second row antagonists Hamp and Bill Tamplin; and Geoff Beckingham's story of how an old score between them was settled dramatically on the field of play, followed by a truce being amicably declared later over a pint and a handshake in the bar. The years have rolled on to produce such names as Mike Berridge (Stan Bowes' front row counterpart as a "firework entertainer"), Ron Jacobs, Roger Hosen, Phil Taylor, Peter Larter, Trevor Wintle to mention but a few. So much for the memories and coming right down to the present generation the Northampton team is captained by English international Jacko Page, who has two other current English internationals in the squad, namely Ian Wright and Bob Taylor.

These notes are written before the result of the Pontypridd game was known, but whatever the outcome, there is no doubt that after the dismal performance last Saturday at Newport, our players will relish a return to the Arms Park, where they provided such enjoyable entertainment during September. The 'Rags', under the captaincy of Mervyn John, also deserve a

mention as there are some lively young players who are forcing themselves into prominence by their attractive style of play. Of the first six games they have won four, drawn one and lost to Bristol United. It is interesting to note that Peter Goodfellow's work with the Youth team is bearing fruit as a number of them are now playing well for the Athletic XV.

Finally, let us hope we see an attractive game of Rugby Football. Our players will certainly not be misled by Northampton's poor record of late, as they always seem to produce their best against us. The omens augur well for Cardiff, but with Northampton one can never tell. Good luck to you in your preparations for your centenary year, 1979-80!

B.M.

P.S. Congratulations to vice-captain Barry Nemes on being selected to play for England against America at Twickenham on Saturday, 15th October.

## KNOW THE LAWS

By FRED CROSTER

'Free Kick', *not* 'Differential Penalty', has now had a fair airing as far as the awarding of the kick is concerned. There is, though, a little more about the actual kick itself which we may as well clear up before going on to other things.

After one of the many infringements previously mentioned, the free kick may be taken by any player of the other team and can be ANY form of kick — but, of course, not at goal. **The non-infringing team can opt for a scrum if they wish.** The kicker, if holding the ball, must propel it out of his hands, or, if on the ground, must propel it a visible distance from the mark, and **it can go in any direction.** The kick must be taken without delay, must be at or behind the mark unless within 5 metres of the other goal line, when it must be on the 5 metres line, with the player's own team behind the ball.

The opposing team must immediately retire to the 10 metres line. They can charge as soon as the kicker begins his run or offers to kick. If the kick is taken so quickly that they cannot retire, they cannot enter the game until an opponent carrying the ball has run 5 metres.

If the kicker's team commit an infringement or the kick is declared void, a scrum is awarded with the other side putting in.

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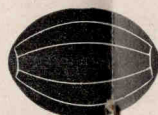
## Cardiff

15. Glyn DAVIES
14. T. G. R. DAVIES (Captain)
13. P. DANIELS
12. P. ELLIOTT
11. C. CAMILLERI
10. D. BARRY
9. T. HOLMES
1. B. NELMES
2. A. PHILLIPS
3. M. KNILL
4. P. RAWLINS
5. R. DUDLEY-JONES
6. T. CHARLES
8. M. McJENNETT
7. M. JOHN

J. DAVIES  
M. WATKINS

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Right Centre  
Left Centre  
Left Wing  
Outside Half  
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Forwards



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15. P. RAYBOULD
14. P. BIGNELL
13. C. MACKANESS
12. D. CLARKE
11. P. McGUICKIAN
10. I. WRIGHT
9. J. PAGE (Captain)
1. N. FOX
2. P. JOHNSON
3. R. SMITH
4. D. MASON
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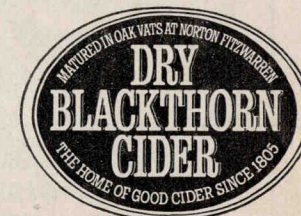
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#### 1977 SEPTEMBER

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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	11-23
Sat. 8	Northampton	H	.....
Wed. 12	.....	.....	.....
Sat. 15	Cambridge Univ.	A	.....
Wed. 19	Penarth	H	.....
Sat. 22	Harlequins	A	.....
Sat. 29	Moseley	A	.....

#### NOVEMBER

Wed. 2	Pontypool	H	.....
Sat. 5	Oxford University	A	.....
Sat. 12	Ebbw Vale	H	.....
Sat. 19	W.R.U. Cup 1st Round	.....	.....
Sat. 26	Llanelli	A	.....

#### DECEMBER

Sat. 3	Swansea	H	.....
Sat. 10	London Welsh	H	.....
Sat. 17	W.R.U. Cup 2nd Round	.....	.....
Sat. 24	Bridgend	H	.....

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. 8	Bridgend	A	.....
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	.....	.....



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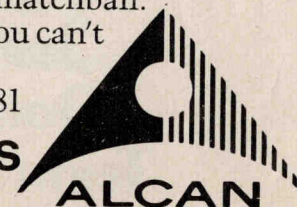
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Sat., 12th November:	CARDIFF v. EBBW VALE	3 p.m.



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