

# CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB CENTENARY YEAR



**CARDIFF v MUNSTER**

SATURDAY, 12th MARCH, 1977

KICK OFF 3 p.m.

**Official Programme 10p**

## Cardiff v. Munster

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K.O. 3 p.m.

Having already played and lost to the Wolfhounds this year, one would have thought that we would have had enough of Irish sides who came here in our Centenary Year, and don't have the courtesy to lose to us. However, one of the great charms of the Irish is their unpredictability, for who would have said that any Irishman lacks charm and courtesy. Of the many ethnic generalisations that people of various nationalities have to suffer, and are generally so wide of the mark as to be ludicrous (for example—who ever met a Scot who was mean, or who knew anything at all about whisky), those concerning the Irish are probably the most accurate. Because they really do have enormous charm. They play their Rugby with an enthusiasm that borders on the suicidal, and since they have so little regard for their own safety you can hardly complain if they have a scant regard for yours. Only the Irish can hammer during a game of Rugby Football, and after the match silence the recriminations on your swollen lips with a bonhomie and genuine friendliness that makes you feel positively proud to wear your black eyes in their honour.

At the time of writing, the Munster team is a bit of a mystery to us, but it is known to include several internationals. One of the mysteries of the game in Ireland is that with so many alternative sports to play the comparatively few Irish clubs so consistently turn out internationals and British Lions that compare with the best in the world. Willy John and Mike Gibson are names that readily spring to mind to substantiate that point, and I know a few Welshmen who rate Jackie Kyle even above our best fly-halves. Another lesser mystery is the partiality that the Irish selectors have for established players. They dislike hurting their known players by dropping them, and take this to an extent whereby some of their best known players have more caps than could be seen in a photograph of the Jarrow march. One could understand their reluctance to dispense with the services of the magnificent Tony O'Reilly. They brought him back into the Irish side as a last minute replacement after the effects of executive existence with Heinz had taken its toll of his nimbleness. Not surprisingly, he didn't play up to his own standards, and his game that day inspired one of the more memorable, if cruel, headlines in the national press. It ran "Heinz Beans, Means Has Beens". I don't know if that daunted Tony O'Reilly. If what I hear is true, he probably wrote it and collected a handsome cut from the advertising budget for his pains.

However, in this season of many unusual fixtures that have caused our visitors' dressing rooms to ring with more accents than can be heard in the loo of the United Nations, we are specially pleased to welcome our visitors from across the water.

WELCOME TO MUNSTER.

D.J.H.

## KNOW THE LAWS

By FRED CROSTER

An international match and no controversy as far as the refereeing was concerned. That's a rarity these days and a compliment to Mr. Burnett and the players of both sides. They are the ones who make the ref's job easy or otherwise at all levels of our game.

The penalty count — 14 to us and 17 to England — was some indication of the way the lads behaved.

'Offside' in the ruck is still one of the commonest of offences. Nine penalties were awarded last Saturday. It can happen so easily. A player is tackled, he goes down with the ball; players from both sides pile in to win second phase possession; someone goes over the top on the wrong side of the ball and the whistle blows.

The actual 'Offside' line in a ruck is the line parallel to the goal through the hindmost feet of the player's team in that ruck, but if a player joins it in front of the ball, or from the opponents' side he must be 'Offside'. What happens so often, of course, is that the player goes 'Offside' to stop the other side from heeling and again, players are still coached to put their bodies between the ball and their opponents when tackled. It all adds up to those kicks against.

If a tackled player released the ball, when on the ground, IMMEDIATELY as the law requires, without playing it in any other way until he has got up, many of those kicks would be saved.

The coaching insistence for players to stay on their feet in a ruck does much to prevent the offence and the old maxim — "prevention is better than cure" — certainly holds good in this respect.

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Saturday, 19 March, 1977

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14. D. THOMAS
13. \*Gerald DAVIES (Captain)
12. P. BOLLAND
11. C. CAMILLERI
10. P. EVANS
9. B. WILLIAMS
1. M. KNILL
2. A. PHILLIPS
3. B. NELMES
4. I. ROBINSON
5. C. SMITH
6. T. WORGAN
8. R. LANE
7. B. DUDLEY-JONES

- \*G. EDWARDS  
P. REES  
A. JONES  
B. NEWMAN  
L. O'BRIEN  
T. BRAHIM  
I. BRICE

Referee: W. M. HITCHINGS (Llangwm, Haverfordwest)

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Right Wing  
Right Centre  
Left Centre  
Left Wing  
Outside Half  
Inside Half  
Forwards



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- L. MALONEY\* 15.
- J. BOWEN\* 14.
- J. McDONNELL\* 13.
- G. BARRETT 12.
- P. LAVERY 11.
- M. FYNN 10.
- D. CANNIFFE (Captain)\* 9.
- P. O'CALLAGHAN\* 8.
- P. WHELAN\* 7.
- G. McLOUGHLIN 6.
- M. KEANE\* 5.
- B. FOLEY\* 4.
- S. DEERING\* 3.
- W. CRONIN 2.
- C. CANTILLON 1.

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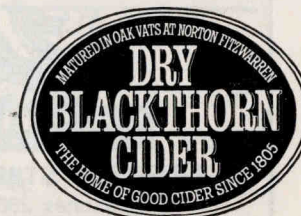
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# MUNSTER

**PEN PICTURES  
OF THE MUNSTER  
PLAYERS**

**LARRY MALONEY**

Has two Irish caps. Toured New Zealand with the Irish team last season. He is captain of his club, Garyowen.

**JIM BOWEN**

Has played three times for Ireland but lost his place against France. Is a former Schoolboy International and played for Carl Constitution.

**JOHNNY McDONNELL**

Was selected last season to play for the Irish "B" team, but had to cry off through injury. Has been a regular in the Munster team for the last three seasons. Plays for Garyowen and is an Irish final trialist.

**GREG BARRETT**

This is his first season with Munster. He is a former Schoolboy International and an Irish final trialist.

**PAT LAVERY**

Plays for London Irish. Has played twice for Ireland, once on the wing and once in the centre. Whilst playing last season he received an injury and was replaced by today's full back, Larry Maloney. This is his first season for Munster.

**MOSS FYNN**

Former Schoolboy International. He scored 20 points for Munster against Ulster in December.

**DONALD CANNIFFE (Captain)**

A very experienced player. He toured New Zealand with Ireland last season. Has played twice for Ireland in the past six seasons.

**G. McLOUGHLIN**

Plays for Shannon. This is his fourth season with Munster. He can easily be picked out by his flaming red hair.

**PETER WHELAN**

Plays for Garyowen, and will be winning his seventh cap against France next Saturday.

**PHIL O'CALLAGHAN**

Plays for Dolphin. Phil is one of the most experienced forwards with over 20 caps. He toured New Zealand last season.

**BRENDON FOLEY**

Two Irish caps and was one of the successes of the Irish Tour to New Zealand. He first played for Munster in 1969 at only 18.

**MOSS KEANE**

Playing his 17th international against France next Saturday and is a strong candidate for the Lions Tour. He has only played Rugby for the last seven years.

**SHAY DEERING**

Plays for Garyowen. Has six international caps and is following in the footsteps of his father.

**CHRISTY CANTILLON**

Plays for University College, Cork, and is yet to represent his Province in an outside Inter-Provincial match.

**NEXT HOME FIXTURES . . . .**

Wednesday, 23rd March: **CARDIFF v. BRIDGEND** 7.15 p.m.

Saturday, 9th April: **CARDIFF v. BARBARIANS** 3 p.m.

Monday, 11th April: **CARDIFF v. HARLEQUINS** 3 p.m.

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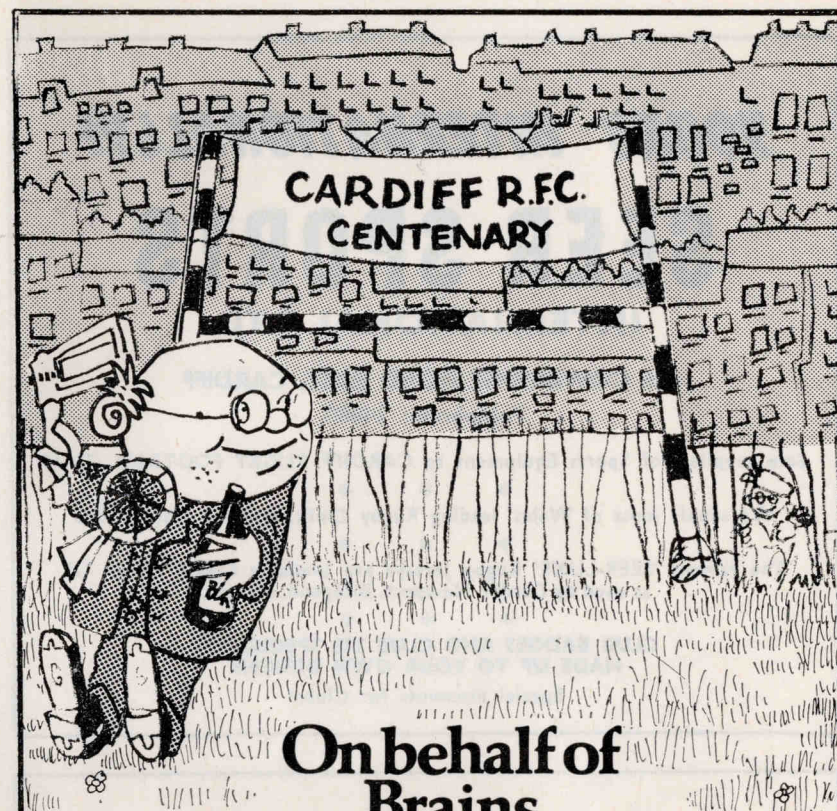
1976			
SEPTEMBER			
Wed. 1	Llandaff	H 40-3	
Sat. 4	Sevens Tournament	H.....	
Wed. 8	Bristol	A 24-3	
Sat. 11	Wolfhounds XV	H 9-20	
Wed. 15	Penarth	H 62-15	
Sat. 18	Coventry	H 25-12	
Wed. 22	Overseas		
Sat. 25	International XV*	H 24-13	
Wed. 29	Aberavon	A 10-14	
OCTOBER			
Sat. 2	Argentina	H 25-29	
Sat. 9	Northampton	A 20-16	
Wed. 13	Bristol	H 26-0	
Sat. 16	Cambridge Un. (am)	H 15-6	
Wed. 20	Bridgend	A 21-7	
Sat. 23	Harlequins	A 29-11	
Wed. 27	Neath	A 13-19	
Sat. 30	Italy*	H 54-22	
NOVEMBER			
Wed. 3	Pontypool	A 4-15	
Sat. 6	Oxford University	H 50-16	
Sat. 13	Ebbw Vale	H 25-7	
Sat. 20	Aberaman (Cup)	H 54-3	
Sat. 27	Llanelli	H 4-17	
DECEMBER			
Sat. 4	Swansea	A 28-13	
Wed. 8	Newport	H 14-12	
Sat. 11	Moseley	H 24-18	
Sat. 18	Cardiff Coll. (Cup)	H 42-16	
Mon. 27	Crawshays XV	H 40-16	
1977			
JANUARY			
Mon. 3	Pontypool	H P	
Sat. 8	Llanelli (Cup)	H 25-15	
Sat. 22	Neath	H 18-9	
Sat. 29	Aberavon	H 28-10	
FEBRUARY			
Sat. 5	Coventry	A 22-17	
Sat. 12	Pontypridd	H 9-12	
Wed. 16	Llanelli	A 19-24	
Sat. 19	Ebbw Vale	A 0-28	
Sat. 26	Pontypool (Cup)	A 10-10	
MARCH			
Fri. 4	London Welsh	H.....	
Sat. 12	Munster	H.....	
Wed. 23	Bridgend	H.....	
Sat. 26	Newport	A.....	
APRIL			
Sat. 2	Gloucester	A.....	
Sat. 9	Barbarians	H.....	
Mon. 11	Harlequins	H.....	
Sat. 16			
Wed. 20	Swansea	H.....	
Sat. 23	Sydney*	H.....	
Sat. 30	W.R.U. Cup		
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