

# CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB



**CARDIFF v BRISTOL**

WEDNESDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER, 1977

KICK OFF 7.15 p.m.

**Official Programme 10p**



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Tonight we extend a warm and hospitable welcome to Bristol, our rivals from over the Bridge. Our association with the West Country club began in 1888 when the first game played was won by Cardiff 52 points to nil. Since then we have played home and away fixtures every season with very few exceptions. Of the 146 official games played, Cardiff have won 112 and lost 27, while seven have resulted in draws. For the statistically minded amongst you, the points amassed from these games total 1960 to Cardiff and 807 to Bristol. As a point of analysis, it speaks highly of the type of Rugby played by both sides that of the aggregate of 2767 points scored, a mere 360 of these are accredited to penalty goals.

It was back in October 1956 that Cardiff met Bristol in a floodlit game on one of the local soccer grounds, Ashton Gate. That was Bristol's venture into the floodlit scene but Cardiff had had previous experience of such conditions, having played at the White City in London against the Harlequins during season 1954-55. The game at Ashton Gate was a magnificent spectacle which Cardiff won by 20 points to 13. The Western Mail, at the time, said it was "a brilliant display of exhilarating, open Rugby in the highest traditions of the two clubs". This game led to a short series of such matches with our home fixtures being played under the magnificent lights at Ninian Park. This of course was prior to our system being installed in what is now the National Stadium. The curtailment of the brief series came when the Football League banned Rugby from being played on Association grounds. Of the five matches played however, after victory on that first memorable occasion, we were unable to repeat our success and of the remaining four, Bristol won three, with one drawn.

Perhaps it can be rightly said that Bristol were the first advocates of real fifteen man Rugby with the full back as much, if not more, as part of the attack as their three-quarter. To see a full back, during the mid-fifties, run with the ball from deep inside his own 25 with the intention of linking up with an unmarked colleague was considered to be suicidal. Bristol, however, achieved such a mode of play which was soon to set a new pattern on the game.

It was during this era that the names of people like John Blake and Peter Coulston emerged. As we all know, Peter went on to become coach to his national side. To take on such an arduous and demoralising situation as did Peter, and make such a success of it, speaks volumes for him, and indeed for his club, from whom he learned his Rugby. It is also interesting to note that during this period there was also another talented full back playing for Bristol, a young Welsh schoolmaster named Malcolm Lewis. He has since returned home again to Wales and is now the Assistant Coaching Organiser of the W.R.U.

Much nearer home now of course we have our own vice-captain Barry Nelmes also coming from the West Country bastion. Barry, to my mind, achieved an incredible feat when at the age of sixteen he played as a prop against, of all sides, Cardiff. This was some thirteen seasons ago. To see him on the "box" during the Lions v. Barbarians game makes you wonder how England can afford to play without a man of such a wealth of experience and no mean talent.

Victory at Cardiff has been a rare situation for Bristol to enjoy. They arrive here tonight with the very credible scalp of Newport under their belts, having battered the Black and Ambers last Saturday evening. They will do well to win this evening as our own form in beating Maesteg, Glamorgan Wanderers and, particularly, Neath has been quite impressive. All this despite the fact that we have yet to field our strongest side augurs well for things to come.

An idiosyncrasy of crowd behaviour appears that without individual collusion it can unanimously single out a favourite. One such favourite with Cardiff has quietly faded from the Cardiff scene. He was a man who brought the crowd to its feet yelling and extorting even further efforts beyond what appeared possible. Invariably he produced these further efforts. I refer, of course, to our very own P.L. Jones. After 13 seasons, boy and man, (or should

I say superman), P.L. has decided to spend his pre-retirement seasons with his village club, Pencoed. Can there ever be another P.L.? As a tribute to him, all I need say is that it is going to take a big man to replace the esteem in which he is held by a decade of committee men, players and supporters of Cardiff Rugby Club.

P.N.

## KNOW THE LAWS

By FRED CROSTER

Free Kick! Penalty Kick!

The season is only one week old and players, officials and certainly spectators are more than confused. Forget 'differential penalty', that is not anywhere in the book as I said in the first programme.

What offences merit what kick? That is the question continually asked. It's a long list, I'll have a go.

'Free Kick' is awarded for a 'Mark' — only now allowed in a player's own half and also for:

In a scrum:- the front row not adopting a normal stance, — they must have both feet on the ground, not crossed and ready to shove  
not putting the ball in without delay, it must be a single, forward movement  
not putting the ball in straight  
stopping the ball from going in  
foot up too soon — before the ball touches the ground  
any other player, not in the front row, playing the ball while it is in the tunnel

In a line-out:- not lining up correctly — at least two players from each side, at least one metre from the next player of his own team, with the furthest player not more than 15 metres from touch when the line-out commences  
a clear space of 500mm must be left between the two lines of players, until the ball is touched or on the ground  
leaving the line-out before it has ended except in order to peel

These are deemed technical offences. The free kick can be any form of kick, provided that the player propels the ball a visible distance. A kick at goal is NOT allowed, BUT the team can opt for a scrum instead.

It has been now suggested that referees indicate a free kick by raising one arm out horizontal and bent at the elbow as per the signals brought in last year.

'Penalty Kick', indicated as usual — arm straight up with the ref's back to the play — is awarded for:

offside — in all cases

obstruction, dangerous play etc., all wilful offences as previously; too many to enumerate but if the offences above, warranting a free kick are remembered, quite simply, all the other offences would receive the usual penalty.

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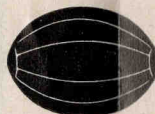
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## Cardiff

15. John DAVIES
14. D. THOMAS
13. P. ELLIOTT
12. P. EVANS
11. C. CAMILLERI
10. D. BARRY
9. T. HOLMES
1. B. NELME S (Captain)
2. A. PHILLIPS
3. M. KNILL
4. P. RAWLINS
5. C. SMITH
6. B. DUDLEY-JONES
8. M. McJENNETT
7. S. LANE
- M. WATKINS
- J. O'BRIEN

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



Replacements

Referee: WINSTON JONES (Ammanford)

## Bristol

- |                      |    |
|----------------------|----|
| D. SORRELL           | A. |
| K. PLUMBER (Captain) | B. |
| C. WILLIAMS          | C. |
| P. WATERS            | D. |
| M. MORLEY            | E. |
| P. CUE               | F. |
| A. PEARN             | G. |
| M. FRY               | H. |
| J. TASKER            | I. |
| A. SHEPPARD          | J. |
| N. POMPHREY          | K. |
| S. GORVETT           | L. |
| P. POLLEBRI          | M. |
| A. YOUNG             | N. |
| M. RAFTERS           | O. |
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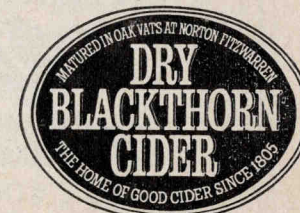
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### FIRST XV FIXTURES

#### 1977 SEPTEMBER

Sat. 3	Maesteg	H	35-9
Wed. 7	Glamorgan Wands.	H	35-9
Fri. 9	Neath	H	.....
Wed. 14	Bristol	A	.....
Sat. 17	Coventry	A	.....
Wed. 21	Pontypool	A	.....
Sat. 24	Aberavon	H	.....

#### OCTOBER

Sat. 1	Newport	A	.....
Wed. 5	Pontypridd	A	.....
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

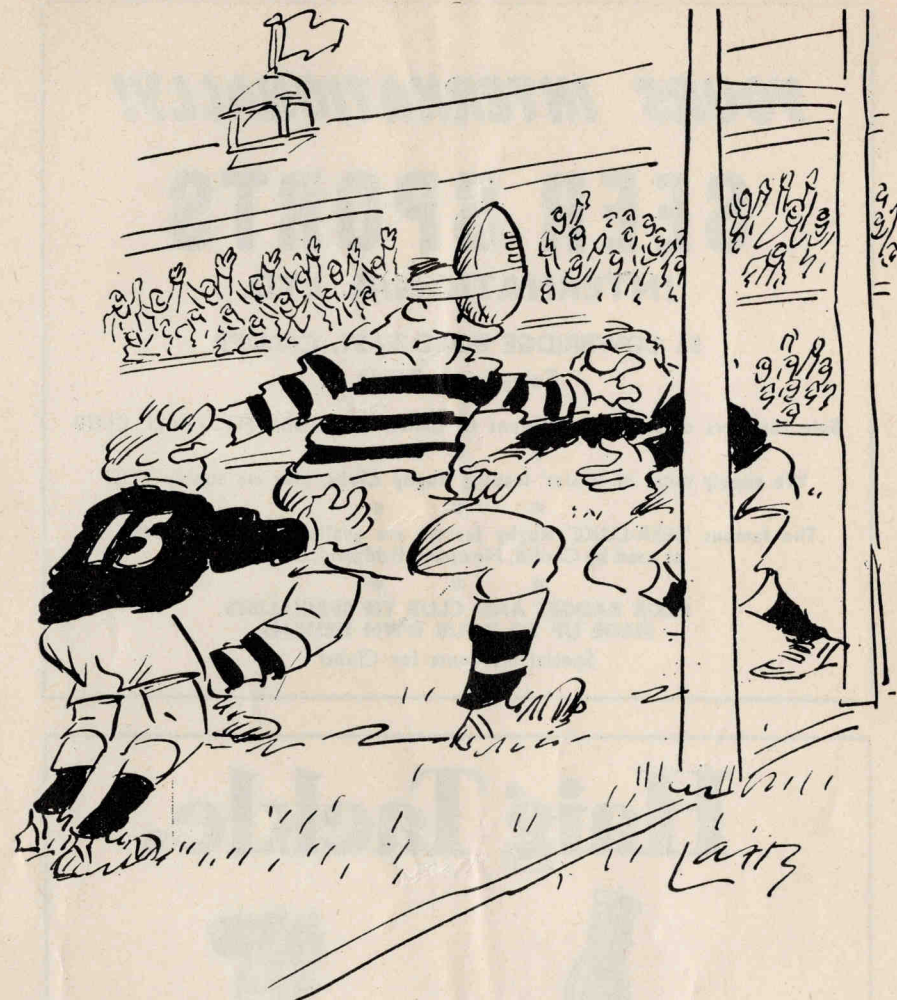
Sat. 4	London Welsh	A	.....
Wed. 8	Llanelli	H	.....
Sat. 11	Bristol	A	.....
Sat. 25	W.R.U. Cup 4th Round		

##### 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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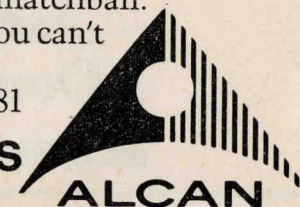
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Sat., 8th October:	CARDIFF v. NORTHAMPTON	7.15 p.m.
Wed., 19th October:	CARDIFF v. PENARTH	7.15 p.m.



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