

CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB



CARDIFF v BRIDGEND

WEDNESDAY, 8th MARCH, 1978

KICK OFF 7.15 p.m.

Official Programme 10p

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Welcome to Bridgend Club once again, and many congratulations to Steve Fenwick on his remarkable performance at Dublin last Saturday. 16 points out of a total of 20 is some going. We in Cardiff have cause to remember Steve as on January 1st, 1975 Steve won a Cup match at Cardiff with the last penalty kick of the match, and from the half-way line at that.

A hearty welcome also to Durbar Lawrie, one of the longest serving secretaries in Welsh Rugby, a person who has devoted almost all his spare time to the benefit of Bridgend and who is now looking forward to the completion of the new developments at the Brewery Field.

This development is being looked after by an old friend and past player of Cardiff, "Roddy Evans", who was described by one of his friends as the "Onassis" of Porthcawl.

The Cardiff Club take this opportunity of wishing Bridgend every success in their forthcoming Centenary Year: we sincerely hope that Bridgend will get the same kind of support that Cardiff experienced last season from members and supporters alike.

Tonight's fixture is the 99th between the two clubs and the record so far is as follows:

Cardiff — Played 98 Won 51 Lost 35 Drawn 12

There has rarely been heavy scoring in any of these matches, in fact the majority have ended with a single score as the winning margin, which is some indication of the tremendous rivalry which has existed over the years. The official fixtures were re-started after the war in 1950, but prior to this Dr. Jack Matthews took a side to Bridgend as a gesture to his home town. It was in this match that we first met the legendary Cliff Davies and his cousin W.G. Jones, and as a result both joined the Cardiff Club and gave wonderful service over the years. Also in that game were Vernon Eddy and his brother and the present Glamorgan secretary Glyn Hopkins at outside half.

Yes, Cardiff knew they had been in a game as Bridgend could always produce the hardest pack of forwards one would meet in any season, most of them miners straight up from pit and on to the field, to demonstrate their strength, which the public couldn't see when they were underground. Yes, it was tough.

In later years Cardiff had the benefit of that magnificent player in the person of Ken Richards, who spent six seasons with Cardiff before returning to his home town. What a player!

The Cardiff team under Gerald are to be congratulated on their magnificent win at Ebbw Vale, and again at Newport last Wednesday. Such was the enthusiasm of the supporters that their vocal support for the Club could be heard for miles. The success and in particular the manner in which Cardiff are playing is bound to generate such support. May it continue to the end of the season.

D.M.J.

KNOW THE LAWS

By FRED CROSTER

"Knock-on or throw forward after a tackle." In the news of late, and rightly so.

Steve Fenwick's try against Scotland, after J.J. Williams had been tackled by Renwick received much publicity and much was said about the change in the laws which permitted it. On this point, I must make a little apology. Behind me in the press box were Wyndham Lewis, Enid Wooller and an ardent Cardiff supporter. When the try was awarded, my immediate reaction, as so many others, was "no try", "no way". I think I said so at the time.

Last Saturday we had a similar incident in the second half and this time referee Domercoq blew up for a scrum. There was some understandable confusion. Must be! What then does the good book say?

Law 17. Notes thereon does state:

"If the ball in a player's possession is dislodged when he is tackled or falls to the ground this is not propelling the ball forward. If there is any doubt, play should be allowed to proceed."

Fair enough, but, as usual, there is a little more to it than just that.

For it to be a tackle, and again I quote, Law 18:

"A tackle occurs when a player carrying the ball in the field of play is held by one or more opponents so that while he is held the ball touches the ground."

That must be the determining factor. If the ball has not touched the ground, WHILE HE IS HELD, then it is NOT a tackle.

To me, in any event, in such a case if it looks wrong then in all the spirit and context it must be considered wrong. I can see no merit in otherwise. Consideration must be given to the tackler also. His effort to prevent a score, as with Steve Fenwick, actually made the score.

This is one which will, according to my inside information, receive second thoughts.

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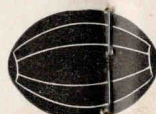
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Cardiff

15. Glyn DAVIES
14. T.G.R. DAVIES (Captain)
13. P. DANIELS
12. M. MURPHY
11. D. THOMAS
10. Gareth DAVIES
9. G. EDWARDS
1. B. NELMES
2. M. WATKINS
3. D. LLEWELLYN
4. I. ROBINSON
5. C. SMITH
6. T. CHARLES
8. M. McJENNETT
7. S. LANE

T. HOLMES
R. LANE

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Right Centre
Left Centre
Left Wing
Outside Half
Inside Half
Forwards



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Bridgend

- J.P.R. WILLIAMS 15.
- V. JENKINS 14.
- S. FENWICK 13.
- S. BROWN 12.
- A. ROSE 11.
- I. LEWIS 10.
- G. WILLIAMS 9.
- I. STEPHENS 1.
- G. DAVIES 2.
- M. JAMES 3.
- L. DAVIES 4.
- R. EVANS 5.
- G. WILLIAMS 6.
- D. BRAIN 8.
- G. JONES 7.

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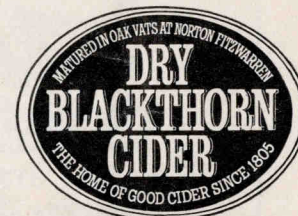
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FIRST XV FIXTURES

1977 SEPTEMBER

Sat. 3	Maesteg	H	35-9
Wed. 7	Glamorgan Wands.	H	35-9
Fri. 9	Neath	H	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	10-6
Wed. 7	Pontypool	H	7-7
Sat. 10	London Welsh	H	52-17
Sat. 17	Cwmavon (Cup)	H	27-6
Sat. 24	Bridgend	A	18-6

Mon. 26	Pontypridd	H	9-13
Sat. 31	Coventry	H	22-20

1978 JANUARY

Mon. 2	London Scottish	H	31-21
Sat. 7	Bedford	A	15-7
Sat. 14	Pontypool (Cup)	A	16-11
Sat. 21	Ebbw Vale	A	P
Sat. 28	Aberavon	A	16-13

FEBRUARY

Sat. 4	London Welsh	A	23-4
Wed. 8	Llanelli	H	22-3
Sat. 11	Bristol	A	P
Fri. 17	Heriots F.P.	H	C
Sat. 25	Ebbw Vale (Cup)	A	29-10

MARCH

Wed. 1	Newport	A	12-3
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		



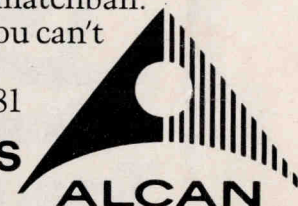
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Sat., 11th March:	CARDIFF v. ORRELL	3 p.m.
Sat., 25th March:	CARDIFF v. BARBARIANS	3 p.m.
Mon., 27th March:	CARDIFF v. HARLEQUINS	3 p.m.

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