

CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB



CARDIFF v HARLEQUINS

MONDAY, 27th MARCH, 1978

KICK OFF 3 p.m.

Official Programme 10p

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This afternoon we welcome the second of our traditional visitors to Cardiff Arms Park — the Harlequins. The famous London club, whose colours of light blue, magenta, chocolate, French grey, light green and black sound more like an ornate tapestry than a Rugby jersey, are some ten years older than us, having been founded in 1866. During this period "The Quins" have made a substantial contribution to English Rugby and their best known son must be the ageless and indefatigable Lord Wakefield of Kendall (Wakers) who, besides being their most capped player, also graced the administrative scene with charm and dignity. He is as much a Harlequin now as he was when he first pulled the famous jersey over his head. He epitomises the friendship and camaraderie that Rugby Football is all about. In the post-war era the Quins have supplied, among others, such names as Vic Roberts, whom we wish a speedy return to full health, Sandy Sanders, David Marques (Ray Prosser's friend), Ricky Bartlett, W.P.C. Davies, Colin Payne and Bob Hiller to their national side, and so they are justly proud of their club's tradition.

A study of the statistics reveals that today's occasion is unique as it takes us into our second century of games, having already played 100. The full record reads played 100, with 71 wins to Cardiff, 19 losses and 10 drawn games. The points total: 1260 to Cardiff, with 687 against. Of the previous 100 games, 95 have been official fixtures while 5 have been played under floodlights. The first of these floodlit games took place in 1954-55 season on the 12th October, 1954, the game being played at the White City. It was the first floodlit Rugby game to be staged in the South of England. The Quins won that game by 8 points to 6 but ample revenge was gained two months later when we played them in a normal fixture at Twickenham and won by 9 points to 3. The merit of this victory, however, was more praiseworthy than it sounds because whilst the Quins were at full strength, Cardiff fielded at least nine Athletic players and the side was captained by the then Athletic captain Peter Goodfellow. The final Welsh trial had served to decimate Cardiff's strength but victory was all the sweeter for it. Having played in that match my everlasting memory of it was crunching confrontation of Howard Nichols for Cardiff and W.P.C. Davies of Quins, as each of these big men tried to break through the other's tackle. It was no place for the faint-hearted that day. It was after that game that the lovely story was told about the extremely likeable W.P.C. Davies who, after attending a champagne reception at Twickenham with Lord Wakefield, proudly announced that he had been for "sippers of champers at Twickers with Wakers".

Up to the present Quins have been going great guns and have reached the semi-final of the John Player Cup and meet Gloucester on April 1st. This has been partly attributed to the arrival on the scene of the great New Zealand forward Peter Whiting who has moulded the individual talent of the forwards into a very useful ball winning unit. It should be quite a battle with Gloucester but we wish the Quins well in the quest to reach their first John Player Cup Final.

Meantime back on the home front it is very interesting to note the composition of Cardiff's side today. It is an en bloc selection of the Rags side that defeated Abercynon at the Arms Park by 37 points to 6 on the eve of the Grand Slam game. With the Quins in such good form this is going to prove quite a test for Mervyn John's men but with the form they showed against Abercynon, and with today's crowd well and truly behind them, they have the talent and temperament to overcome such formidable opponents.

It seems rather incredible that after today's game we have one more scheduled fixture on our home ground, which is against Newport on Wednesday, April 5th. The time seems to have flown by since our first game against Maesteg last September. It is everybody's fervent hope, however, that Saturday, April 29th sees us on the National Stadium in the Cup Final, because we unashamedly and without reserve admit that this is the honour we want to

win. The task against Swansea on April 1st is a mammoth one and they will be equally dedicated in their approach and ambition to make the Final, so this should be quite a match, with the winner a worthy participant on April 29th. With the cool approach and calculated skill that has been shown in most matches this season, Cardiff could well be one of those teams on the big day.

P.N.

KNOW THE LAWS

By FRED CROSTER

Here are the answers to Saturday's ten questions. How did you get on? Not too bad, were they?

If you are a member and have the answers correct meet me in the club and claim your pint. If you are not, I shall be around the club entrance and a couple of Welsh Rugby magazines can be yours.

1. The notable exception to the fact that when the referee blows his whistle, the game stops, is quite simply, of course, that he blows it to start the match and the second half. I bet that caught some of you.
2. The extra time allowed for stoppages is two minutes. This must be added on to the half in which the stoppage occurred as each half of the game must be of equal playing time.
3. The only occasion on which this time may be exceeded is for the removal of an injured player from the field of play.
4. The reason that play often goes on, after time is up, even if there have been no stoppages, is that the game, or the first half of the game, cannot end until the ball has been made dead.
5. The criterion upon which the referee, or the touch judges, would decide whether a goal would be allowed when the ball goes high above the upright is that: it must be assumed that the post would continue upwards indefinitely. On that assumption they must decide whether it would bounce in, out, or rebound back. If the touch judges disagree, the referee must make the ruling.
6. Referees have agreed that as far as an intentional knock-on is concerned, a TWO handed catch attempt will be allowed. TWO hands means, NO intentional knock-on.
7. In order NOT to be penalised, a tackled player lying on the ground must release the ball immediately, without playing it in any other way, and get up or move away from it.
8. The factor which can permit scrum halves to wait before putting the ball in is that the scrum MUST BE STATIONARY. Although there is a requirement that the ball must be put in without delay, this STILL applies.
9. The fundamental difference between Mauls and Rucks is that in the latter the ball must be on the ground.
10. The offside line — the same for both — is a line parallel to the goal line through the hindmost foot of the player's team in the ruck.

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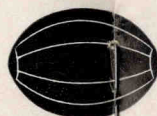
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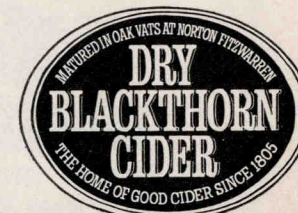
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1977			
SEPTEMBER			
Sat. 3	Maesteg	H	35-9
Wed. 7	Glamorgan Wands.	H	35-9
Fri. 9	Neath	H	18-9
Wed. 14	Bristol	H	25-12
Sat. 17	Coventry	A	17-9
Wed. 21	Pontypool	A	12-6
Sat. 24	Aberavon	H	28-13
OCTOBER			
Sat. 1	Newport	A	10-27
Wed. 5	Pontypriidd	A	11-24
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	Pontypriidd	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	6-7
Sat. 11	Orrell	H	30-22
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., 1st April: CARDIFF v. GLOUCESTER
Wed., 5th April: CARDIFF v. NEWPORT

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