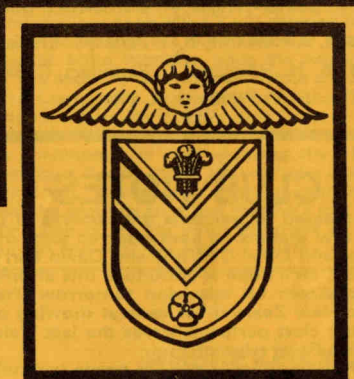


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Saturday

1st October, 1977

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Official Programme 10p

THE GREATEST

I am certain that when T. S. Donaldson-Selby, led his Cardiff team on to the field to play J. Leonard's Newport team, on the 22nd January, 1876 the two captains were totally unaware that they were starting a series of club matches that have had the rival supporters and players arguing for the last century, as to which is 'the Greatest' rugby club in the world. Both clubs can put forward very strong claims for the title. Cardiff can claim to have provided more Internationals than their Black & Amber rivals, 158 to 134 while they have also provided 32 British Lions to Newports 28. Other facts that the men and women in Blue and Black are quick to point out are that of the 346 games played between the clubs, Cardiff have won 157, Newport 131, with 58 being drawn. Cardiff have also defeated Newport four times in a season on no less than four occasions, while Newport have never achieved the feat.

It is interesting to note the breakdown of games between the two great rivals during respective era's.

Between 1876 and 1900 Newport Won 41, Cardiff 27 and 11 were Drawn
Between 1900 and 1914 Newport Won 20, Cardiff 24 and 12 were Drawn
Between 1914 and 1940 Newport Won 28, Cardiff 42 and 14 were Drawn
Between 1944 and 1977 Newport Won 42, Cardiff 64 and 21 were Drawn

Cardiff can also claim during their illustrious history to have defeated Australia 5 times, South Africa and New Zealand.

While not disputing any of these facts, Newport supporters will quickly counter by stating that their club have achieved six invincible seasons something that the Blue and Blacks have never been able to achieve and also fielded an all International XV versus Bristol in an official match during the 1920-21 season. They also may add, that there were two internationals travelling as reserves for the game. Newport have also defeated South Africa twice, New Zealand (the only team in the U.K. to do so during their 1963-64 tour) and Australia. Also they have won the Snelling Sevens cup on more occasions than any other Welsh club and commenced their rivals Centenary Season by winning their Centenary Sevens Tournament. The final comment that will come from the Black and Amber camp, is to ask 'who won last season's W.R.U. Challenge Cup Final'. 'We have never been beaten by Cardiff in the new cup competition' they can rightly claim.

Any outsider can see from these few facts that it is understandable why the rivalry between the two clubs is so great and they have every justification claiming that their club is 'The Greatest'. Being completely unbiased but having Black and Amber blood flowing through my veins, 'the Bard' from Newbridge will testify on my behalf, I will leave it to the readers to make up their own minds which club qualifies for the title. 'The Greatest'.

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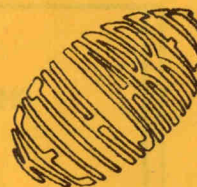
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THE TEAMS

Referee: J. S. P. Evans (Swansea)

CARDIFF

Colours: Blue and Black

John DAVIES	(15)	Full Back
Gerald DAVIES (Capt.)	(14)	Right Wing
Paul EVANS	(13)	Right Centre
Pat DANIELS	(12)	Left Centre
Chris CAMMILLERI	(11)	Left Wing
David BARRY	(10)	Outside Half
Gareth EDWARDS	(9)	Inside Half

Forwards

Barry NELMES	(1)
Alan PHILLIPS	(2)
Mike KNILL	(3)
Peter RAWLINGS	(4)
A. N. OTHER	(5)
Bob DUDLEY-JONES	(6)
Mark McJENNETT	(8)
Mervyn JOHN	(7)

Substitutes

Mike WATKINS
Paul ELLIOT

NEWPORT

Colours: Black and Amber

Full Back	Leighton DAVIES	(15)
Right Wing	Ken DAVIES	(14)
Right Centre	Neil BROWN	(13)
Left Centre	Steve WILLIS	(12)
Left Wing	David BALE	(11)
Outside Half	David ROGERS	(10)
Inside Half	Alun EVANS (Capt.)	(9)
Forwards		

Jim DALE	(1)
Steve JONES	(2)
Rhys MORGAN	(3)
Jeff WATKINS	(4)
David WATERS	(5)
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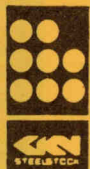
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NEWPORT FIRST XV

1977					
Sept.	1-Penarth ...	H	W		
"	3-Coventry ...	A	W		
"	7-Bath ...	H	W		
"	10-Bristol ...	A	L		
"	17-Neath ...	A	L		
"	20-Newbridge ...	A	W		
"	24-Swansea ...	H	W		
Oct.	1-Cardiff ...	H			
"	5-Abertillery ...	A			
"	8-Blackheath ...	A			
"	12-Pontypool ...	H			
"	15-Gloucester ...	A			
"	19-Newbridge ...	H			
"	22-Wasps ...	H			
"	26-Ebbw Vale ...	A			
"	29-Llanelli ...	H			
Nov.	5-Moseley ...	A			
"	12-Pontypridd ...	H			
"	*19-Welsh Cup ...				
"	26-London Welsh ...	A			
Dec.	3-Bristol ...	H			
"	10-Aberavon ...	A			
"	*17-Welsh Cup ...				
"	24-Gloucester ...	H			
"	26-Cardiff Col. Ed. ...	H			
1978					
Jan.	7-Bridgend ...	H			
"	*14-Welsh Cup ...				
"	18-Swansea ...	A			
"	23-Crosskeys ...	H			
"	28-Llanelli ...	A			
Feb.	6-Bridgend ...	A			
"	11-Leicester ...	H			
"	20-Crosskeys ...	A			
"	25-Abertillery ...	H			
"	* Welsh Cup ...				
Mar.	6-Ebbw Vale ...	H			
"	11-Glam. Wanderers ...	A			
"	20-Aberavon ...	H			
"	25-Moseley ...	H			
"	27-London Welsh ...	H			
"	*28-Barbarians ...	H			
Apr.	1-Bath ...	A			
"	5-Cardiff ...	A			
"	8-Penarth ...	A			
"	15-Pontypool ...	A			
"	19-Neath ...	H			
"	29-Welsh Cup Final ...				
			Cardiff		
May	6-Snelling Sevens ...				
			Cardiff		

NEWPORT UNITED

1977					
Sept.	3-Llanharan ...	H	W		
"	10-Bristol ...	H	L		
"	17-I.C.I. ...	H	W		
"	24-Swansea ...	A			
"	28-Blackwood ...	H			
Oct.	1-Cardiff ...	A			
"	8-Bath ...	H			
"	15-Gloucester ...	H			
"	22-Blaina ...	A			
"	29-Cardiff College of Education ...	A			
Nov.	5-Moseley ...	H			
"	12-Newport Saracens ...	A			
"	19-Caerleon College of Education ...	H			
"	23-Crosskeys ...	A			
"	26-London Welsh Druids ...	H			
Dec.	3-Bristol ...	A			
"	10-Newport High School Old Boys ...	H			
"	17-Abercarn ...	H			
"	24-Gloucester ...	A			
"	31-Caldicot ...	A			
1978					
Jan.	7-Cleve ...	A			
"	14-Swansea ...	H			
"	21-Penygraig ...	A			
"	28-Ynysddu ...	H			
Feb.	4-Cardiff College of Education ...	H			
"	11-Caerleon College of Education ...	A			
"	18-Caldicot ...	H			
"	25-Abercarn ...	A			
Mar.	4-Cardiff ...	H			
"	11-Newport Saracens ...	H			
"	18-Newport High School Old Boys ...	A			
"	25-Llanharan ...	A			
Apr.	1-Cowbridge ...	H			
"	6-Blackwood ...	A			
"	8-Bath ...	A			
"	12-Pontypool Ath. ...	H			
"	15-Cleve ...	H			
"	22-Ynysddu ...	A			
"	28-Talywain ...	A			

* denotes ALL PAY

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

Feb. 18, 1978-WALES v SCOTLAND, Cardiff
Mar. 4, 1978-IRELAND v WALES, Dublin
Mar. 4, 1978-SCOTLAND v ENGLAND, Murrayfield
Mar. 18, 1978-WALES v FRANCE, Cardiff
Mar. 18, 1978-ENGLAND v IRELAND, Twickenham

Jan. 21, 1978-FRANCE v ENGLAND, Paris
Jan. 21, 1978-IRELAND v SCOTLAND, Dublin
Feb. 4, 1978-ENGLAND v WALES, Twickenham
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