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Official Programme 15p



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Today we offer an extra special warm hand of friendship to our visitors Moseley. Coincidentally enough, and hot on the heels of a hundred years of rivalry between ourselves and Llanelli, now comes the same landmark for our association with the Midlands club. Although they were formed in the year 1873 we first played them on 11th December, 1880 and the game resulted in a draw, three points each. Since then we have played a further 71 games and the full statistics are as follows: Cardiff won 57, lost 13, drawn 2 with 1,070 points for to 308 against. Of all these 72 games played the one result which must have given Moseley the most satisfaction was their victory in 1885/86. It was the 27th and final match of the season for us and was to be played on the Arms Park. We had won all previous games under the inspiring leadership of Englishman Frank Hancock who, of course, was instrumental in Cardiff adopting the four three-quarter system. They had amassed 530 points against only 10 in the 26 games prior to this last one and, to boot, Moseley away was included amongst those victories. I can just imagine the gloom on that day when Moseley won the game by ten points to three. All the celebration champagne being put back and people wondering how such a thing could happen. But happen they do and that's what makes this game of ours so fascinating to watch and talk about. For instance, as these notes are being written before last Thursday's game, I wonder what we will all have to say after that one.

That victory by Moseley in 1886, however, was only one of two ever achieved in Cardiff by the Midland club, the other being in October 1881. In fact the bulk of our 72 games played tend to be rather ancient history. More up to date, after a string of seven away games on the first Saturday in January from 1952 to 1958, we have now become regular opponents on a home and away basis since 1973. Those away games in the 1950's used to be rather hard work because they happened to coincide with the final Welsh Trial. As this invariably took quite a toll on our playing strength, that particular date was finally abandoned. In speaking of trials we all thought that with squad systems being adapted by the home unions this particular hazard was behind us. But lo and behold this very day we have the situation whereby our squad players will be involved in weekend training and English commitments will deprive us of John Scott. So at the very minimum it looks as if we shall be without the services of our captain and vice-captain. Still, we have to tolerate such circumstances in the national interest so it's no use moaning about it. Moseley will, of course, be without that grand lock Russ Field who in company with John Scott will be involved in the Enland trial at Twickenham.

The Moseley club are really coming into their own of late after not too good a season last year. They lost 13 of their 41 games which was their worst year since 1967/68. Martin Cooper is now playing as well as ever and is proving a tremendous inspiration to the side while young Mike Perry is developing rapidly. They have an impressive string of victories since mid-October with wins over Gloucester, Aberavon, Coventry, Ebbw Vale, Newport, London Welsh, Rosslyn Park, Leicester, ourselves, Bedford and Birmingham. During this spell they have only lost to Bristol and then at Coventry on Boxing Day. They probably derived great pleasure in their victory over Leicester because that particular side have beaten them in the last two seasons in the John Player Cup which, of course, is the English equivalent to our Schweppes Cup. Leicester are the present holders having won it for the past two years. They beat Moseley 15-12 in the 1978-79 competition and then by 17-7 in the second round last season. That defeat was only the second Moseley had suffered on their ground, The Reddings, since the competition began. Moseley would certainly like to win today no doubt because it would give them a

second double in this centenary season. Whilst not wishing them any luck in that respect we do wish them a very happy welcome on this their 36th visit to Cardiff.

Since our reverse at Moseley on 28th November, John Scott and his lads have certainly hit quite a purple patch. John, playing what must now be his best ever rugby for Cardiff, has inspired the forwards to great heights and during the month of December we saw some really fine games, particularly so during the second half of the game against Pontypool. What a great game of Welsh Club rugby that was. It contained everything you could hope to see in a very entertaining spectacle. Then fine away wins over Swansea and London Welsh were followed by four home wins: Llanelli, British Steel, Pontypridd and Newbridge. The latter two in the space of two days was very testing on the players but great credit to them for staving off very formidable assaults on the ground record.

Of the other sides, the Youth carried on their magnificent run and brought this season's total to 23 wins in 23 games with victories over Llandaff and Brecon, both away. The Rags have been a bit inactive due to cancellations, but I'll give you more details of their results in our next home programme, Tredegar in the Cup.

Finally, congratulations to those of our players involved in the Welsh squad and commiserations to those not retained this time.

P.N.

## KNOW THE LAWS

By FRED CROSTER

Offside around the back of the scrum! In one of our recent games, Llanelli if my memory serves me right, we saw so much of this that it became well nigh farcical; in the press box at least. I recall one specific occasion when Paul Ringer came right around the scrum to tackle Terry Lee from behind when the ball was coming out from the opposite side. And he got away with it.

This is an aspect of the law which is contravened time and again and it might prove timely to clarify what the good book says. We'll make it a New Year resolution.

*"The offside line is the line parallel to the goal line through the hindmost foot of the player's team in the scrum."*

A player is offside if he:

*"fails to retire behind this line before then advancing forward."*

This was brought in a long time ago in order to give the scrum halves a bit more protection and allow the game to flow. In the olden days, and the trouble is that so many back row forwards still play it that way and are allowed to, they could creep around the scrum, watching the ball, and as long as they stayed behind it they were okay to pounce on the scrum half as soon as the ball came out. This they still can do, providing that they get behind that offside line initially.

A wheel is a different proposition. That will be dealt with next time.

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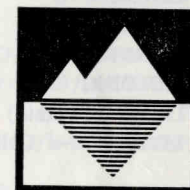
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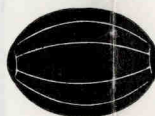
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5. R. NORSTER  
6. O. GOLDING  
8. R. LAKIN (Captain)  
7. B. LEASE

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Right Centre  
Left Centre  
Left Wing  
Outside Half  
Inside Half  
Forwards



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Sat.	6	Nice	H	68-25
Wed.	10	Bristol	A	8-28
Sat.	13	Neath	A	14-20
Wed.	17	Penarth	H	34-0
Fri.	19	Coventry	H	35-9
Wed.	24	Maesteg	H	22-3
Sat.	27	Aberavon	A	0-18

OCTOBER				
Wed.	1	Bridgend	A	12-18
Sat.	4	Newport	H	21-19
Wed.	8	Pontypridd	A	3-11
Sat.	11	Northampton	A	13-7
Sat.	18	N. Zealand (All Pay)	H	9-16
Sat.	25	Harlequins	A	31-12

NOVEMBER				
Wed.	5	Oxford University	H	25-13
Sat.	8	Ebbw Vale	A	10-10
Sat.	15	Tonyrefail (Cup)	A	15-0
Sat.	22	Bristol	H	26-7
Fri.	28	Moseley	A	7-11

DECEMBER				
Wed.	3	Pontypool	H	32-15
Sat.	6	Swansea	A	23-18
Sat.	13	London Welsh	A	22-12
Wed.	17	Llanelli	H	22-6
Sat.	20	British Steel (Cup)	H	41-0

Fri.	26	Pontypridd	H	16-4
Sat.	27	Newbridge	H	12-7

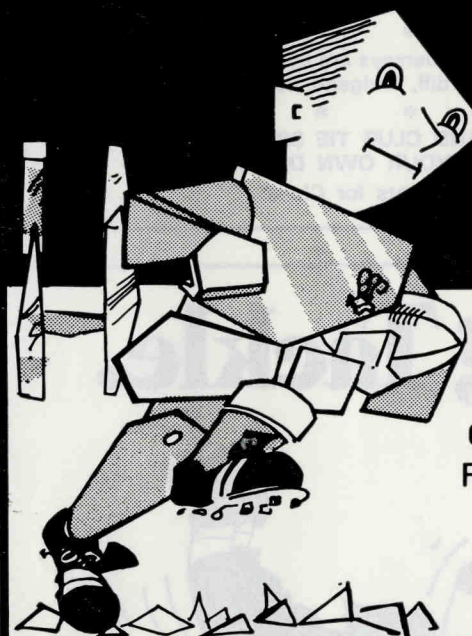
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JANUARY				
Thurs.	1	Bridgend	H	.....
Sat.	3	Moseley	H	.....
Sat.	10	Tredegar (Cup)	H	.....
Fri.	16	London Welsh	H	.....
Sat.	24	Aberavon	H	.....
Sat.	31	Llanelli	A	.....

FEBRUARY				
Fri.	6	Heriots F.P.	A	.....
Wed.	11	Neath	H	.....
Sat.	14	Bristol	H	.....
Sat.	28	Schwepes Cup 4th Round		

MARCH				
Sat.	14	Pontypool	A	.....
Sat.	21	Ebbw Vale	H	.....
Sat.	28	Newport	A	.....
		(Schwepes Cup Semi-final)		

APRIL				
Sat.	4	Bedford	H	.....
Tues.	7	Bath	A	.....
Sat.	11	Schwepes Cup Final		
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