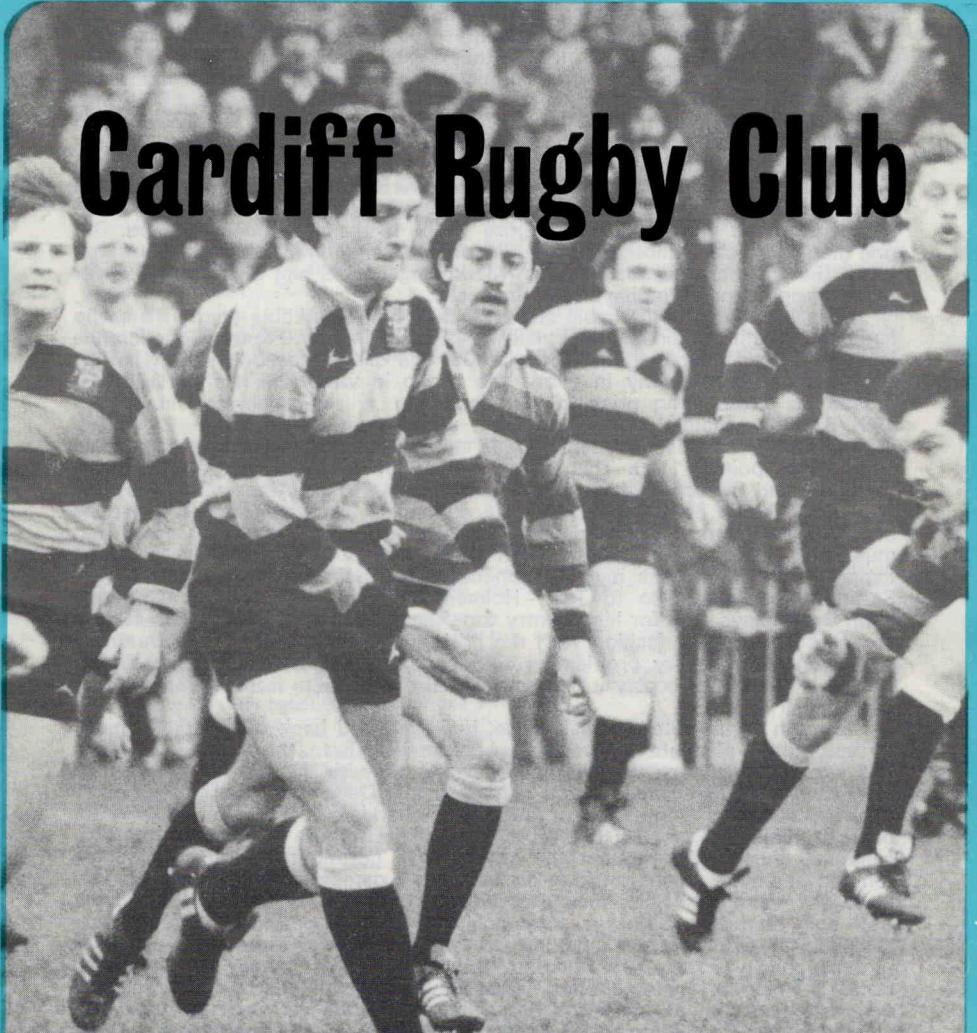


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Once more into the breach of all the rasamataz that heralds Wales' first international of the season. As usual, the build up in anticipation and expectation increases as we get nearer the day and the cauldron has been simmering away nicely for some weeks now and it should come to the boil spot on 2.30 tomorrow afternoon. The interest that has surrounded this particular game seems to be more intense than usual and the involvement of our own club has also caused a lot of talking. Firstly there was the rejection of 2 of our stalwarts Gareth Davies and Alan Phillips. This decision, although fairly evenly accepted in Wales was well acclaimed the other side of Offas Dyke so it's an ill wind. While the pros and cons of this was being discussed Robert Ackerman the original selection at centre had the misfortune to break a bone in his hand which rendered him unavailable. This was very bad luck for him as it would have meant his first cap in the centre which is the position he prefers. But one man's ill luck is another's good luck and as we all know the man entrusted to fill the vacant spot was our own Mark Ring (that's him on the front cover of this programme if you haven't noticed it).

This is rather a remarkable achievement by a remarkable young man who has been well in the limelight virtually all his sporting life. From his appearance in St. Alban's Under-11 team at the tender age of 8 in season 1970-71 he has figured most prominently in every age group in which he has participated. Indeed his swan song prior to him becoming a senior player last season 1981/82, he captained our Youth team which won the W.Y.R.U. Esso Cup for the second successive year. He was also responsible for scoring 354 of the sides' total points, 1196. This was made up of 13 tries, 6 drop goals, 36 penalties and 88 conversions. Then last season, his first in senior rugby, he won his Athletic cap and this year he now wins his first Welsh cap and he still has games to play in order to gain his Cardiff first team cap. Now that must cause a bit of a poser. When was the last time a similar situation happened or indeed has it ever happened. We wish Mark every success on Saturday then and also to Terry Holmes and Bob Norster. We also hope John Scott plays well for his country too. The international season has started in rather topsy turvy fashion with the both away sides winning last Saturday week. England's injury problem is also becoming acute and if John Widdicombe is called on to play it will see a total of 4 players from Welsh clubs in the English side.

Enough of the international scene, however, and back to tonight. It gives us very great pleasure to welcome London Welsh to the Arms Park again and we sincerely hope we will have better luck with the weather than when the Exiles were last here. Do you remember last December 12th when a delay in their travelling arrangements caused a rather late kick off and then after only 20 minutes play with the score at 6 all the referee called a halt to proceedings because he thought the ground was getting too hard. They come tonight, however, smack on form as their last 3 games have seen them record victories over firstly Sale, then a great win at Gloucester in the John Player Cup and then last Saturday they achieved a very creditable double over Leicester at Old Deer Park having beaten the Midland side away earlier in the season. The Exiles have been strengthened this year by the recruitment of Bob Ackerman, a remarkable find in Matthew Ebsworth and, of course, a great erstwhile favourite of the Arms Park Andrew Yeandle. The newcomers also include Roger Ford, Mac Knowles and Jeremy Hughes a young centre who has graduated through their own mini and junior section. Matthew Ebsworth has been an extremely useful acquisition too and not including last Saturday's win against Leicester has scored 166pts. in 19 games. His first 100pts. came in only 9 matches which is the fastest century in the Club's history and he is now well set to establish another club best in bettering the present most points in a season which is held by John Taylor. In season 1972/73 the ex-Welsh international and British Lion notched up 196pts. in 31 games. Clive

Rees is still their longest serving player having joined the club in 1973-74 and has played in 228 games in the Exiles colours. He wins his 10th cap tomorrow and we wish him well.

This year Bruce Bradley has taken over the captaincy from Kevin Bowring and in addition to their last 3 wins he has lead his team to good wins over Welsh clubs Bridgend, Neath and Newport. Their record to date reads played 26, won 12 and drawn 1. Their points tally (excluding last Saturday's) reads 424 for and 378 against. This evening's game is the 93rd in the series between us and the record to date reads 78 wins to us, 11 to the Exiles, with 11 drawn games (don't forget one was started but abandoned). We have scored 1585pts. to their 545. Perhaps their recent good form and the fact that we are rather depleted with international calls and injury gives them hope of recording their first win in Cardiff since the floodlit encounter of 4th March, 1977 when they won by 14pts. to 9. Still our players standing in for those who are unavailable will be doing their level best to prevent this and we particularly extend best wishes to ex-youth players Jeff Howells and Terry McClean on their first team debuts.

On the home front the Youth side triumph in their Cup semi-final against Bedwas by 10pts. to 3 and now face Whitland in the Final, the date and venue is yet to be decided. The Rags after a good away win at Bedwas last Saturday week fell at the last hurdle last Saturday against Pontypool United when they were pipped in the dying moments with a try under the posts and conversion to lose by 26-24.

Finally don't forget to have a little game of "Spot the Golden Oldies" tonight. The old players reunion takes place after tonight's game and hopefully there should be quite a number of them watching the game before the reunion immediately afterwards.

P.N.

KNOW THE LAWS

By J. E. MALCOLM THOMAS

1). Q. In a passing movement a player, in attempting to catch the ball, knocks on but recovers the ball before it has touched the ground or another player. What is the referee's decision?

A. **Play on. The ball MUST BE RECOVERED.**

If the player continues to "juggle" the ball it is up to the referee to decide whether the action is a deliberate "knock on" or a genuine attempt to catch the ball.

2). Q. A scrum half, with the ball at the feet of his No. 8, dummies a pass from the base of the scrum, and then picks up the ball whilst it is still in the same position. Decision?

A. **Penalty kick**, for handling the ball in the scrum.

3). Q. A player drops on a rolling ball and is in the act of getting to his feet when an opponent dives on him in an "attempted tackle". Decision?

A. **Definition of "Lying on the ground" is important.**

If the player with the ball is on one knee, or on both knees, or sitting on the ground, then he is deemed to be "lying on the ground", and the "attempted tackler" should be penalised under Law 19.

However, if the ball carrier is getting to his feet, with no part of his knee on the ground, then he is deemed to be standing and can be tackled legally.

4). Q. A player waiting to drop out at the 22 metre line, "back heeled" it over the 22 metre line. Is this allowed?

A. **NO. Definition of "kick" is important**, i.e., any part of the leg or foot (EXCEPT THE HEEL), from knee to toe inclusive. Scrummage awarded to opponents on 22 metre line.

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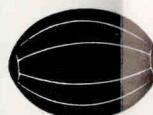
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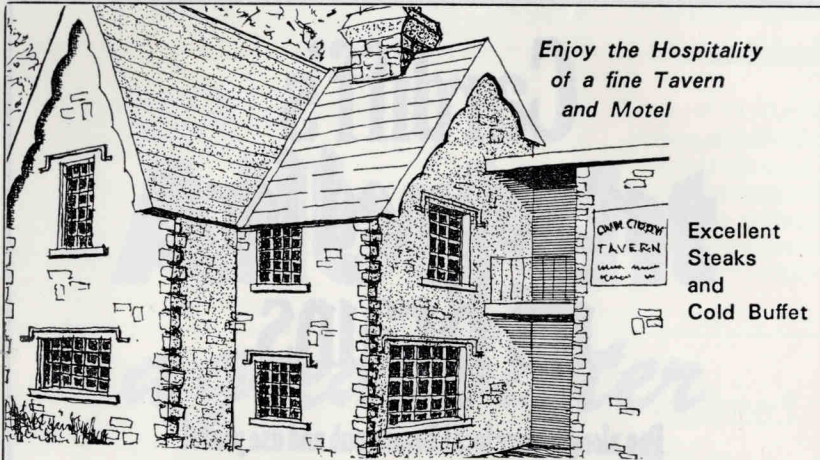
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SEPTEMBER

Wed. 1	Glamorgan Wand.	H	9-15
Sat. 4	Munster	A	6-22
Wed. 8	Bristol	A	9-22
Sat. 11	Neath	A	16-9
Wed. 15	Penarth	H	70-0
Sat. 18	Coventry	H	25-25
Sat. 25	Aberavon	A	20-16
Wed. 29	Pontypridd	A	9-15

OCTOBER

Sat. 2	Newport	H	13-3
Wed. 6	Bridgend	A	16-21
Sat. 9	Northampton	A	40-9
Wed. 13	Maesteg	A	24-31
Sat. 16	Newbridge	H	10-12
Sat. 23	Maori XV	H	9-17
Wed. 27	Oxford University	A	17-9
Sat. 30	Moseley	A	33-19

NOVEMBER

Tues. 2	Ebbw Vale	A	10-12
Sat. 6	Leicester	H	32-9
Wed. 10	Pontypool	H	12-16
Sat. 20	Cilfynydd (Cup)	H	66-9
Sat. 27	Llanelli	H	24-13

DECEMBER

Sat. 4	Swansea	A	13-18
Sat. 11	London Welsh	A	38-12
Sat. 18	Gowerton (Cup)	A	70-6

Wed. 22	Bridgend	H	29-6
Mon. 27	Pontypridd	H	56-3

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JANUARY

Sat. 1	Moseley	H	31-19
Sat. 8	Aberavon	H	20-10
Sat. 15	Ebbw Vale	H	19-20
Sat. 22	Blackwood (Cup)	H	21-6
Sat. 29	Llanelli	A	15-16

FEBRUARY

Sat. 5	London Welsh	H
Sat. 12	Bristol	H
Fri. 18	Heriots F.P.	A
Sat. 26	W.R.U. Cup 4th Round		

MARCH

Fri. 4	Bective Rangers	H
Sat. 12	Pontypool	A
Wed. 23			
Sat. 26	Newport	A

APRIL

Sat. 2	Barbarians	H
Mon. 4	Harlequins	H
Sat. 9	Swansea	H
Sat. 16	Neath	H
Sat. 23	Bath	A
Sat. 30	W.R.U. Cup Final		

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