



Cardiff Rugby Club

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Official Programme 15p

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Once again Easter is on us and it affords us the opportunity of welcoming the famous Baa Baa's to the Arms Park. This year will be the first to break the long tradition whereby the four Welsh clubs Penarth, Cardiff, Swansea and Newport figure in the Easter weekend tour. Due to the difficulties that have been encountered over the last decade or so to field a fully representative side on the Tuesday at Newport it was decided to switch this fixture to late September so for the first time since 1925 it's only the 3 games over Easter. This could well be trouble for the other 3 clubs concerned because players may make themselves available for 3 games whereas they couldn't manage the 4. So it could be a case of a stronger squad being available.

Because of the printing deadline due to the holidays the actual Baa Baa's squad hadn't been published when these notes were prepared but it looks as if there will be a fair international flavour, an added spice to the occasion with the selection of the two South African centres Errol Tobias and Danie Gerber and the French giant Jean-Luc Janel. The South African centre Gerber certainly looked an extremely strong player in that delightful game last Saturday when the Baa Baa's played and defeated Scotland in the game to celebrate the opening of their new stand. It was a real Barbarian occasion and the spirit that seems to permeate all their games was certainly much in evidence again last Saturday. It will obviously put them in fine fettle for this weekend and, no doubt they will be looking for a hat-trick of wins to start their new shorter Welsh tour. It may be, however, that they will not be able to select as strong a side as they would have liked because I would imagine that there will be quite a few players who having already been picked for the forthcoming Lions tour will not risk injury by coming to Wales over this weekend. In speaking of the Lions selection it's congratulations all round to those chosen especially the Welsh contingent and particularly our 2 players Terry Holmes and Bob Norster. Terry's form, reputation and stature made him one of the very few certainties of the tour and Bob has taken his chance magnificently during the international season and thoroughly deserves his trip. Their selection maintains a very proud record for the club because this will be the 11th Lions tour to the Antipodes and on all 11 we have had at least one Cardiff player amongst the party. Of the other 11 tours to South Africa, Cardiff players were represented on 7 occasions so we can certainly derive a lot of satisfaction from such a situation.

Today's game against the Baa Baa's will take the series to 99 so next season we will hit the ton mark and that should be a really great occasion. Our clubs first met on 31st March, 1891 when we won by 12pts. to 5 and the total record reads played 98, won 62, lost 32 with 4 games drawn. We have scored 1394pts. to the Baa Baa's 886. The points have certainly been piling up over the last few seasons too. Last year if you remember we managed to hold on to a 36-31 win when the Baa Baa's threw everything they had at us in the last few minutes. The year before that we won by a record series score of 45pts. to 19 (This in some small measure helped to compensate for the 43pts. to 10 defeat we suffered at their hands in 1972.) The year before that record win it was a 32-15 victory to the Baa Baa's and before that it was a 40pts. to 22 win to us so the aggregate of the last 4 games have been 66, 64, 47 and 62 respectively.

There seems to be no reason then why today's game should not carry on the trend and provide us with another great spectacle. Hopefully we will be able to field a full side which will also have the unique situation of seeing 4 of our players playing for and then against the Baa Baa's on consecutive

Saturdays. As I've previously said the Baa Baa's side is not available at the time of going to press so if we have to print the whole party and announce the selected side on the day please bear with us as the situation can't be helped. So to the Barbarians on their 99th visit to Cardiff, we hope you enjoy your Welsh tour and we extend a particularly warm welcome to the Arms Park.

There has always been talk of the points system in the game in the relative merits of tries over kicks. Last Saturday it worked against us on two occasions and nearly for us on the other. Although defeated by 13pts to 8 at Newport the first team outscored Newport 2 to 1 on tries. The Rags on the other hand chalked up 4 tries to Newport United's 1 but they still lost the game by 6 penalty goals and a try, 22pts., to just 4 tries 16pts. The Youth XV on the other hand went to Ammanford to play Whitland in the Final of the Youth Cup. They lost by the narrowest of margins 10-9 scoring 3 penalties to a try and 2 penalties. The game was nearly saved by the boot however, when outside half Matthew Harris attempted a last minute penalty which if successful would probably have won the game. It wasn't to be however, but very nearly, the ball hitting an upright and rebounding into play. The lads played well however, but Whitland's enthusiasm had to be seen to be believed. During the game Terry Bishop, younger brother of "Pooler" scrum half David had to come off with what proved to be a broken sternum bone which needed an operation to reset, so we wish Terry a speedy recovery.

Finally the Cardiff Rugby Club wishes to offer sincere thanks to J. R. Management Services Ltd., Cardiff, who are sponsoring today's game.

P.N.

KNOW THE LAWS

By J. E. MALCOLM THOMAS

OBSERVATION

At both line-outs and after the kick off players are coming back to the ball carrier from an offside position and then binding on to the ball carrier thus causing **obstruction**.

Law 26 (1) (b) is quite explicit on such obstruction. "It is illegal for any player who is in an offside position wilfully to run or stand in front of another player of his team who is carrying the ball, thereby preventing an opponent from reaching the latter player."

I have also noted that many scrum halves are forcing their way through a line-out without penalty.

Again, **Law 26 (1) (c) on obstruction** explains clearly that "it is illegal for any player who is carrying the ball after it has come out of a scrummage, ruck, maul or line-out, to attempt to force his way through the players of his team in front of him."

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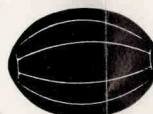
15. P. REES
14. D. PREECE
13. D. BARRY/C. WEBBER
12. M. RING
11. A. HADLEY
10. G. DAVIES (Captain)
9. T. HOLMES
8. T. CHARLES
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Left Wing
Outside Half
Inside Half
Forwards



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Barbarians

15. N. STRINGER (Wasps)
14. *POLLACK* J. CARLETON (Orrell)
13. R. ACKERMAN (Lon. Welsh)
12. D. GERBER (Eastern Prov.)
11. M. BAILEY (Camb. Uni.)
10. E. TOBIAS (Boland)
9. M. DOUGLAS (Llanelli)
8. I. STEPHENS (Bridgend)
7. K. TOWNLEY (Llanelli)
6. N. ROWAN (Boroughmuir)
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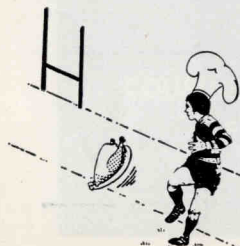


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SEPTEMBER

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

1983

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	25-3
Sat. 12	Bristol	H	16-3
Fri. 18	Heriots F.P.	A	13-12
Sat. 26	Pontypool (Cup)	A	9-13

MARCH

Fri. 4	Bective Rangers	H	16-6
Sat. 12	Pontypool	A	14-24
Sat. 26	Newport	A	8-13

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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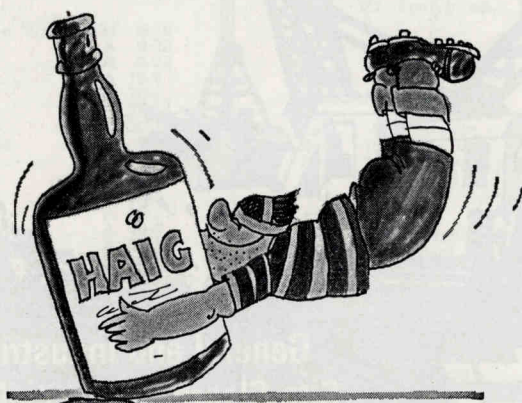
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