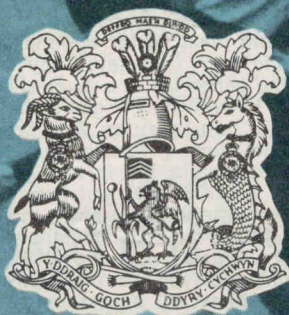


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With the finish of British Summer Time and the clock going back to normal, it also appeared to flag out the message to the clubs in Wales to do likewise. Having taken this timely advice, our domestic scene will now get back to some sort of rationality and the tempo of playing only on Saturday will make Alan Wells look like a marathon runner. On analysis though it does seem completely disproportionate that after only two months, a quarter of the season, we will have played 19 games after this afternoon's encounter.

It is going to take us another four months, until the end of February, to get through the next 19 and I wonder what those next 19 will hold in store for us. One thing is for sure, if we only suffer another two defeats it will be a truly remarkable performance as a glance at the fixture list shows some really formidable opponents on their grounds. Leicester to start, then Llanelli, Bridgend, our visitors today Moseley, Aberavon and finally Bristol. Interspersed amongst that lot we also have Senghennydd away in the first round of the Cup and if we get through that we are away again in the second round. So regardless of the regularity of the games the pressure will certainly be well and truly in abundance.

Back to today, however, and what better opponents could we ask for on a fine Saturday than our good friends from Moseley. They come this afternoon for their 36th visit to Cardiff to bring the series up to a total of 78. Of the previous 77 games we have won 62 to Moseley's 13 with only 2 games having ended in stalemate. The Moseley club was formed in 1873 and play on their famous Reddings Ground. Their most capped player is still Nigel Horton, the big second row man who would have won far more caps had he not sought his fortune in France at the height of his playing career. We first played them in 1880 and fixtures prevailed on a very regular home and away basis each year until 1912. They then ceased until a further five games were played between 1925 and 1928 and then a further seven games were played at Moseley on the first Saturday of January 1952 to 1958. Again they ceased to be resumed in 1973 and we have played them regularly since.

A closer perusal of the series record shows that Moseley's 13 wins have been mainly confined to their own patch, 11 in all with 2 in Cardiff. These 2 successes were achieved in 1881 and then 1886. Now, hopefully without sounding too repetitive, that win in 1886 blotted what would have been for Cardiff an invincible season. We have won all 26 previous games and the champagne was on ice to celebrate invincibility of the 27 match season. Dai Hayward has done a bit of research on that particular match and an account of it can be found on his page in this programme.

Another point comes to light from that game as it is recorded in "Massa" Dan's book that the 20 most successful players of that season were presented with all blue caps for the first time. That is a tradition which is still current today for any player making 20 appearances in the season and his cap is presented to him at the annual dinner.

What of Moseley today? Well they appear to be experiencing the same sort of conditions they endured last season when after losing only two of their first 12 games they fell foul of the injury problem and finished up with 21 wins, 21 losses and 3 draws from their 45 games. They finished up in third place in the Midlands Merit Table. They were knocked out of the John Player Cup in the third round by Coventry who also doubled them in domestic fixtures so the Counton Road men certainly had the Indian sign on them last year and in all it proved to be Moseley's worst season for 18 years. On the credit side, however, 19-year-old wing John Goodwin scored 27 tries which was the highest individual total for a decade. Wing Simon Hunter and lock John Davidson continued to show great promise and ever improving full back Ian Metcalfe scored a total of 232 points.

A close season bonus also came about when Nick Jeavons was called up as

a replacement on the Lions tour to New Zealand.

So Moseley were glad to see the back of last season and start afresh on this one. Things went reasonably well to start and similarly to last season they went off with a bang and they were particularly pleased to record a good win over Swansea at the Reddings. This gave them cause for optimism but their injury problem began anew during that win over the All Whites when their ever improving second row man John Davidson suffered an injury which is still keeping him sidelined to this day. Once again last year's pattern seemed to unfold and after beating Pontypridd at home they travelled to Aberavon and lost to the Wizards. Then last Saturday they went to Coventry where they were playing some good rugby, but a series of penalties put them behind and they finally finished well adrift by 30 points to 3. That wasn't the end of it either because their highly experienced outside half Mike Perry pulled a hamstring and is doubtful for today. If he does not appear this afternoon Moseley have high hopes for a very young man who could be his stand in, ex-Schools cap Gary Swain (no relation to Malcolm).

Their England flanker Nick Jeavons is another injury victim having damaged his hand but he is hopeful of playing today in readiness for England's forthcoming game against New Zealand. So all in all captain Gary Cox has a good bit on his plate today, but perhaps he can take solace from the fact that his counterpart on Moseley's last victory in Cardiff must have felt the same way and look what happened then.

One thing is certain: if today's game continues in the same manner as its recent predecessors we should see the points piling up. Last year we doubled them with very near the same scores, 31-19 home and 33-19 away. In season 81/82 we again topped them twice 26-24 away and 25-14 at home while season 1980/81 saw them win away 11-7 but we won at home by 17-13. These six matches produced a total of 239 points at an average of nearly 40 points a game. Now that can't be bad, can it, and to boot they are always pretty exciting games so it's no wonder we hold Moseley in such high esteem on the entertainment scale. Again then, welcome to Moseley, it's nice to have you back once more and we hope you enjoy your day.

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CARDIFF v. MOSELEY

"The football season, which may be said to have closed for this district, has been a most eventful one for the Cardiff Football Club. For months it has maintained an unbeaten record, each week adding its victory to swell the list of successes: and until Saturday last it seemed highly probable that the "Invincibles" — a name which they had every right to claim — would doff their jerseys with the proud boast that they had not sustained a single defeat.

Had the hitherto unbroken record of victory of the Cardiff team not been checked in the match with Moseley, the Welsh Metropolitans would have occupied a position unique in the annals of football. Though at the last unable to avert defeat the premier position in the Principality is rightly theirs. In the many matches played against their countrymen not a single goal has been scored by their rivals. In fact this has been the case in every match played by the Cardiffians with the exception of Moseley in the last game.

This has been the result of steady, honest work and scientific play. Instead of employing nine men in the scrummages as formerly, one was taken out and placed behind making four threequarters, thus placing the battle with the swift rather than the strong and rendering brute force of but little value. This method of play of course had the tendency to transfer the greater portion of the game from the forwards to the backs and naturally called for the exercise of great judgment in passing.

In a great measure the merit of this should go to Hancock, he being usually the centre around which the others have worked. The Cardiff team has only been defeated once, and has compiled the grand record of 70 goals, 59 tries and 61 minor points. Against 3 goals, 1 try and 32 minor points.

This match, the last of the Cardiff football season, was played in the Cardiff Arms Park, on Saturday, before over 4,000 spectators. Immense interest was evinced during the game, every prominent feature being loudly cheered. Cardiff kicked off from the river end shortly after four o'clock. The ball was returned to the halfway and Stadden kicked to touch. On the leather being sent into play, Arthur, Hancock and Stadden exhibited a little passing, but failed to gain any advantage. This proved only the commencement of a series, and the Cardiff forwards having decidedly the advantage, the leather was quickly taken near the visitors' lines. Mylins rushed the ball back, but it getting into Hughes possession he returned, and a number of tight and severe scrummages took place a few yards off the Moseley line. Moseley were again favoured, a loose kick sending the leather to the centre of the field. The visitors following well up, sent the sphere in touch near the Cardiff 25 flag. The ball was then thrown out, when Emery made a huge mistake and kicked forward, Mylins secured the leather and dashed off through the forwards and scored near the posts, amid loud applause. Mansell secured the major points. The Cardiff men now played with great determination, and again invaded their opponents' quarters. Arthur tried to make off with the ball but was quickly held. Jarman made things a little livelier by a dodgy run, and Hancock and Arthur directly afterwards looked like scoring.

HALF-TIME Moseley, one goal Cardiff nil.

Moseley re-started, the home team now played with great dash. Lewis came through the scrum in an alarming manner, and dribbled well in the direction of the Moseley citadel, Arthur and Douglas taking advantage of an error managed to touch the ball down over the line. Every exertion was made by the visitors to improve their position but a combined rush on the part of the Cardiff forwards sent the sphere into the centre where play was confined for some time. Hughes frustrated a rush of the Moseley men by putting in a huge punt and the visitors were again penned. Arthur made his mark near the half-way flag, Hughes again although unsuccessful received loud applause for his excellent attempt, the leather again falling short, Moseley being compelled to save. Directly after the restart, Mylins succeeded in

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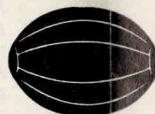
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Referee: W. D. BEVAN

Full Back
Right Wing
Right Centre
Left Centre
Left Wing
Outside Half
Inside Half
Forwards



Replacements

Moseley

1. METCALFE
14. A. PARSONS
13. C. SMITH
12. S. HUNTER
11. J. GODWIN
10. C. MEANWELL
9. G. VINEY
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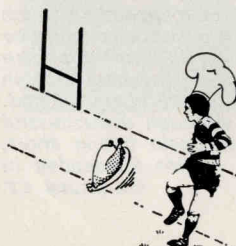
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getting hold of the oval and putting in a magnificent run planted the ball between the uprights, Mansell again converting. Cardiff kept the ball hovering on the Moseley lines during the rest of the time. They however failed to get over and nothing further was scored.

Moseley were heartily cheered by the team and spectators for their victory, the latter having behaved in a very orderly manner throughout the game.

The following were the teams:

CARDIFF: Back: H. Hughes; Threequarters: F.E. Hancock (captain), C.S. Arthur, W.M. Douglas and A.B. Thomas; Half Backs: W. Stadden and W. Jarman; Forwards: A.F. Hill, D.H. Lewis, J. Mahoney, A.F. Bland, Q.D. Kedzlie, H.J. Simpson, J. Sant, and A. Emery.

MOSELEY: Back: Wallis; Threequarters: Hasluck, Smith, Mylins and Rotheram; Half Backs: Lea and Player; Forwards: Eagles, Foster, Carter, Reeves, Johnson, Forshaw, Twyford and Deakin.

KNOW THE LAWS

By J. E. MALCOLM THOMAS

Below are decisions that were made at the Annual Referees Conference in September, which have been confirmed by the Welsh Rugby Union Laws Committee, and must therefore be applied by referees.

(1) Law 23B (i) — The Line-out

"The team not throwing in the ball may not have more players participating in the line-out than the team throwing in the ball."

This does mean the people on the line of touch and does not include the player throwing in the ball, and another player who takes up position to receive the ball if it is poised or knocked back from the line-out — normally this is the scrum-half.

If the scrum half stands on the line of touch and leaves it, he is infringing the law in the same way as any other player who leaves the formed line-out in similar circumstances.

The referee's decision should be a free kick on the 15 metre line.

(2) Law 26, note (3) Foul Play

Head High Tackling

"Playing the man without the ball and all forms of dangerous tackling, including early, late and stiff arm tackling or attempting to tackle a player around the neck or head **MUST be punished severely.**"

The Law has been amended on medical advice. Referees are advised to look for the **intention** of the tackler, e.g. if a player is running with his head well down and the tackler goes for his head then the tackle must be penalised. If a player is running with his head held high and then lowers his head after the tackle has commenced, then there is no offence committed.

Must be punished severely means:—

(1) The offending player must be penalised and **cautioned**, or if the offence is serious enough,

(2) The offending player must be penalised and sent from the field of play.

For a similar offence, after (1) above, he **must** be penalised and sent from the field of play.

(3) Law 19 (3) Lying with, on, or near the ball

"A player or players from either team must not **wilfully** fall on or over a player who is lying on the ground with the ball in his possession or on players lying on the ground with the ball between them."

Unfortunately, this is still being allowed at all levels of rugby. **For the third year in succession**, referees are reminded to operate this law and penalise the culprits with a penalty kick at the place of infringement.

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Sat. 10	Neath	H	16-14
Wed. 14	Bristol	H	22-13
Sat. 17	Coventry	A	27-16
Wed. 21	Gloucester	A	26-10
Sat. 24	Aberavon	H	37-17
Wed. 28	Pontypridd	A	12-4

OCTOBER

Sat. 1	Newport	A	21-32
Wed. 5	Bridgend	H	9-7
Sat. 8	Northampton	H	13-7
Wed. 12	Penarth	A	22-6
Sat. 15	Cambridge Univ.	H	24-18
Wed. 19	Pontypool	A	10-9
Sat. 22	Harlequins	A	26-7
Wed. 26	Maesteg	H	26-26
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NOVEMBER

Sat. 5	Leicester	A
Wed. 9	Oxford	H
Sat. 12	Ebbw Vale	H
Sat. 19	W.R.U. Cup 1st Round	A
Sat. 26	Llanelli	A

DECEMBER

Sat. 3	Swansea	H
Sat. 10	London Welsh	H

Sat. 17	W.R.U. Cup 2nd Round	A
Sat. 24	Bridgend	A
Mon. 26	Pontypridd	H
Sat. 31	Coventry	H

1984
JANUARY

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Sat. 7	Moseley	A
Sat. 14	W.R.U. Cup 3rd Round	A
Sat. 28	Aberavon	A

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Wed. 15	Newbridge	H
Sat. 25	W.R.U. Cup 4th Round	A

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Sat. 10	Pontypool	H
Sat. 17	London Welsh	A
Sat. 24	Newport	H
Sat. 31	Llanelli	H

APRIL

Sat. 7	Bedford	H
Sat. 7	Gala Cent. Sevens	A
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