

Cardiff Rugby Club



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Official Programme 20p



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And a Blwyddyn Newydd dda to you all. The fact that I am writing these notes with some three matches to go before you read them has nothing to do with the N.G.A. and flying pickets, and everything to do with a congestion of fixtures, Bank Holidays and the exigencies of the printing trade.

Nevertheless, despite the fact that we are still bruised and somewhat bemused by the decidedly unseasonal Cup match at Treorchy, and we have yet to learn whether Bridgend, Pontypridd and Coventry are going to enter into the spirit of the season of goodwill and make us a present of a couple of tries or so, I can assure you that we are starting the New Year in the very best of ways by hosting Bath R.F.C.

It matters not that over Christmas you were comatized, analysed, baptised or breathalysed, nor that you are probably now over-sized and under-capitalised, you are going to eulogise over what I consider to be the best all-round team in England when they are at full strength. I saw them beat Newbridge on their own ground with the gutsiest performance I've ever seen from an English club pack and with some splendid running from their three-quarters.

The week before Newbridge had beaten, easily, the South Western Counties selection that ran the All Blacks close enough. However, the Bath team had already beaten Neath 67-0 at Bath — a result that caused gasps of incredulity amongst Welsh fans. However, when you realise that Bath can call upon the services of players of the calibre of John Horton at fly-half, who has won eleven caps for England, and is partnered by Richard Hill, formerly of Exeter University and currently under surveillance by the English selectors, and three-quarters like David Trick (one cap against Ireland) who has now happily returned to the fold after doing walkabouts in America, together with John Palmer at centre (a hot favourite for a centre spot in the English team) and Simon Halliday, who has played for England against Canada, but with bad luck and even worse timing broke his ankle recently, it is perhaps not so surprising.

Particularly when served by a Bath pack that fears no-one, and contains Ronnie Hakin (Ireland) at No. 8, and Paul Simpson (England) who is an unusual and very effective player. When he isn't tackling All Blacks and lying concussed, he is flashing smiles at the crowd and leaping at advertising boards. I realise it must be galling to some players to know that they have missed out on the goodies since the R.U. edict on amateurism, but really Paul it isn't the advertiser's fault — and it was the wrong advert anyway.

Paul Simpson with Roger Spurell (captain) and John Hall form a powerful back row that, allied to their potential thrust behind the scrum, must lead Bath to believe they are well set to gain their first ever win at Cardiff Arms Park.

We have played Bath on 32 occasions, winning 25 games and losing six, scoring 468 points to their 223. Our biggest win in the series was at Cardiff in 1982 when we beat them 32-3. They returned the compliment last year when they hammered us 28-9 at Bath.

Whatever the result, may Rugby Football win, and start off 1984 with an optimistic smile on its face.

D.J.H.

Rugby Quiz – No. 14

- 1). What is the highest score ever recorded by a British Lions side in an international match?
- 2). What is the highest score the Lions have achieved against New Zealand?
- 3). What is the highest score achieved by New Zealand and the Lions?
- 4). Who holds the record for the most tries in any match for the Lions?
- 5). What is the biggest winning points margin scored by the Lions over New Zealand?

RUGBY QUIZ No. 14 — ANSWERS

1). 31 v. Australia at Brisbane 1966. 2). 17 but still lost 17-18 at Dunedin 1959. 3). 24-11 to New Zealand Auckland 1966. 4). G. D. Duckham v. West Coast-Buller N.Z., 1971 and J.J. Williams v. South Western Districts S.A., 1974. 5). 10 when beating the All Blacks 13-3 Wellington, 1971.

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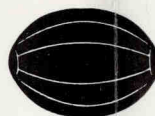
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SEPTEMBER

Thurs. 1	Abertillery	A 3-9
Sat. 3	East District	H 56-4
Mon. 5	Glasgow & District	H 34-9
Wed. 7	Glamorgan Wands.	A 19-10
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
Sat. 29	Moseley	H 43-10

NOVEMBER

Sat. 5	Leicester	A 24-29
Wed. 9	Oxford	H 47-25
Sat. 12	Ebbw Vale	H 31-16
Sat. 19	Senghennydd (Cup)	A 43-3
Sat. 26	Llanelli	A 13-14

DECEMBER

Sat. 3	Swansea	H 26-13
Sat. 10	London Welsh	H 43-20

Sat. 17	Treorchy (Cup)	A 31-4
Sat. 24	Bridgend	A 10-34
Mon. 26	Pontypridd	H 21-14
Sat. 31	Coventry	H.....

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JANUARY

Mon. 2	Bath	H.....
Sat. 7	Moseley	A.....
Sat. 14	Aberavon	A.....
Sat. 28	Swansea (Cup)	H.....

FEBRUARY

Wed. 1	S. Glamorgan Inst.	H.....
Sat. 11	Bristol	A.....
Wed. 15	Newbridge	H.....
Sat. 25	W.R.U. Cup 4th Round	

MARCH

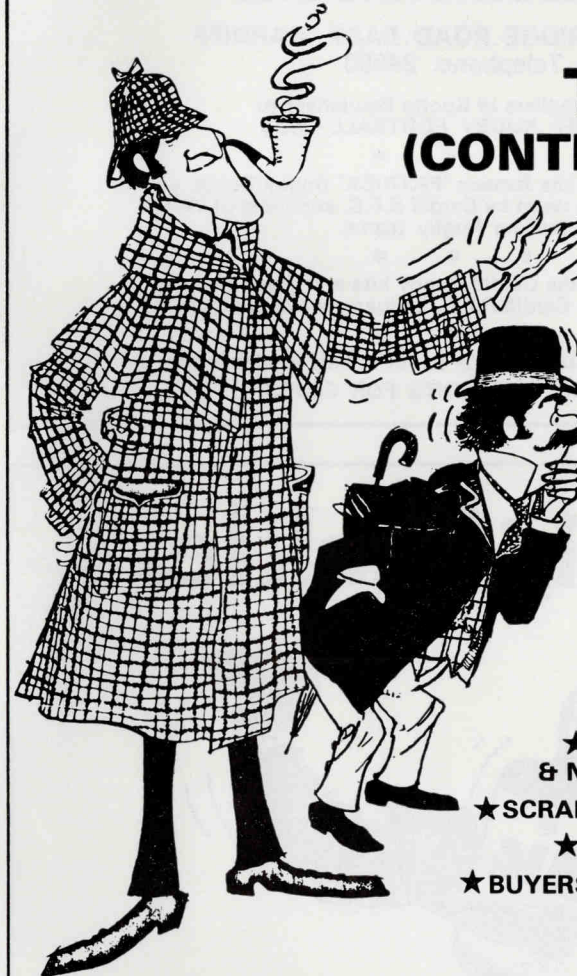
Sat. 3	Ebbw Vale	A.....
Sat. 10	Pontypool	H.....
Sat. 17	London Welsh	A.....
Sat. 24	Newport	H.....
Sat. 31	Llanelli	H.....

APRIL

Sat. 7	Bedford	H.....
Sat. 7	Gala Cent. Sevens	A.....
Sat. 14	Swansea	A.....
Sat. 21	Barbarians	H.....
Mon. 23	Harlequins	H.....
Fri. 27	Neath	A.....
Sat. 28	W.R.U. Cup Final	

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