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With the season now bubbling to a nail biting climax, things certainly seem to be all systems go from our own point of view. The form which the side are currently producing just doesn't happen over night and now the hard work of the players coaches and selectors is coming to very powerful fruition, much to the distress of the opposition. Allied to this, of course, is the fact that our injury position appears to get better daily and with the indestructible Terry Holmes now back on the scene plus the fact that Owen Golding and Rhodri Lewis are on the brink of match fitness, it will be a very difficult choice for the selectors to pick the side for our forthcoming Cup semi-final against Llanelli. With the exception of Derek Preece, it will be virtually a full house to pick from as Paul Aiden is expected to be clear of his ham-string trouble by then.

People may well say that it is bad luck on those players who have replaced the injured stars to lose their places at such an exciting part of the season. Players like Steve Cannon and Tim Crothers, however, have taken their chances with both hands and made a very good job of it. Steve for instance played his 20th game in our last home appearance against Newbridge and so very deservedly gained his first team cap. Now that is a lasting momento for him to treasure and it may have never come about had Terry not been so badly injured. Hence, its an ill wind.

Today then, lets hope we can welcome the mighty Pontypool to Cardiff on a day that may be graced with fine rugby weather. Over the last few years both our respective fixture secretaries have been unable to get two Saturdays for the games at Cardiff and Pontypool. So having already been to Pontypool this year on a Wednesday, it gives us immense pleasure to stage this game today. On that previous encounter in 'Pooler' we managed to come away with a 1 point win 10-9 and up to the present time we are still the only side to have beaten them on their own patch this season.

Since that October Wednesday the 'Pooler' took all before them except for the last couple of games. As we all know they lost in the last round of the Cup in a 15-15 draw by dint of Llanelli's 1 try but what a touch and go situation it was. That disappointment was followed with another reverse when Ray Prossers' Boyos went to the Gnull only to be beaten by the Welsh All Blacks, Neath. David Bishop's absence was no doubt very very instrumental in both these reversals but David Bishop or not it is not very often these days that 'Pooler' are on the wrong end of the stick 3 times on the trot. So we can expect superhuman effort from them tonight in order to get themselves back to winning ways.

Last year, of course, the Pooler put it across us 3 times, twice in the normal fixtures and, at the fifth time of asking they also got the better of us in a cup tie. Strangely enough all those 5 games have been staged at Pontypool and the Gwent men used to think they would never beat us in that competition. Since our fourth cup win in season 1978-79 our record against Pontypool has been rather miserable. Of the 10 games played since then, they have won 7 of them to our 3. As much as they will be trying for a win today then we also will be looking to score a double over them as some revenge for last season's whitewash. In all we have played 141 games in the series which began in 1908 and the record to date reads: 92 wins to us, 34 to 'Pooler' with the remaining 15 ending even. We have scored 1,635 to their 1,006. So let's hope we can see again a match of the like of our last home win in 1982 when after a most enthralling and entertaining game we won by 36 pts. to 23. To Pontypool then welcome again to Cardiff and the Arms Park. May you have a pleasant day.

As I've previously said how well things are going at the moment, it also looks as if several records are going to go by the board before the season finally comes

to an end. Gareth Davies is majestically sweeping towards the 400 point mark while the evergreen Alan Phillips has already beaten his own try scoring record for a forward with 20 to his credit to date. With possibly another 10 or so matches to come these now stalwarts of the club could set very high standards for those who follow them in terms of those particular records. Another one which could also go is the points total. As yet from our 37 games we have recorded 974 points.

We could well be disappointed in our aspirations to re-arrange the Bath fixture however. If we manage a win in the coming semi-final we are going to be too hard pushed to find a date suitable to both clubs. To add to this we now also lose Newport at home due to the semi-final. So that is just going to be a matter of wait and see.

The Rags last 4 outings have seen them clocking up wins over Abercynon away 31-0, Pontypridd Athletic home 42-0 and Blackwood home by 40-18. In between, however, they went down away to Pontypool United by 24-10. Their full record to date now reads P 33, W 23, L 9, D 1 points for 711 against 372.

The Youth are also pressing on in grand style and have set the pattern for the first team. Last Saturday they beat their Llanelli counterparts away by 18-12 in the Welsh Youth Cup semi-final and now meet either Maesteg or Pontypool United in the final.

Finally today, the Cardiff Rugby Club would like to thank Bowers International for the sponsorship of today's game. Stan Bowers, of course is well known to us as it is his coaches that haul us to all quarters of the country for our away games. May Stan and his party have an enjoyable day.

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KNOW THE LAWS

By J. E. MALCOLM THOMAS

Here are a few questions to test your knowledge of the laws governing the **Scrummage**. If you get them all right, love your rugby and are active and fit then consider taking up refereeing — for we need young recruits — 50 is the official retiring age for W.R.U. Referees.

QUESTIONS:

1. What is the minimum number of players required to form a scrummage?
2. Can a scrum be formed near the touchline?
3. Can a scrum be formed on the goal line?
4. What is the minimum number of players that can form the **FRONT ROW**?
5. Can a flank forward pack at an angle?
6. At a scrummage must the outside (loose head) prop bind his opposing tight head prop with his left arm?
7. Who puts the ball into the scrummage if the referee is in doubt as to who was responsible for the stoppage of play?
8. When does the scrummage begin?
9. Can a player handle the ball in the scrummage?
10. Is the scrum half allowed to play the ball while it is in the scrummage?
11. Where is the scrummage "offside line"?
12. Is a player allowed to leave the scrummage during play?
13. Can the opposing scrum half take up a position on the opposite side of the scrummage?

ANSWERS:

1. 5 Players from each team.
2. No, a scrum is **not** to be formed within 5 metres of the touch line.
3. No, if the ball in a scrummage is on the goal line, the scrummage is ended.
4. Each front row shall have 3 players in it **at all times**.
5. Yes, provided he is properly bound. If the ball is emerging from the back of the scrummage and he moves outwards, thereby preventing an opponent from advancing around the scrummage, a penalty kick should be awarded for obstruction.
6. No, he may place his left hand or forearm on his left thigh.
7. The team moving forward prior to the stoppage or, if neither team was moving forward then the attacking team shall put in the ball.
8. Play in the scrummage begins when the ball leaves the hands of the player putting it in.
9. **ONLY** in the act of obtaining a "push over" try or touchdown.
10. No, neither scrum half is allowed to kick the ball while it is in the scrummage.
11. The scrummage offside line means a line parallel to the goal lines through the hindmost foot of the player's team in the scrummage.
12. Yes, a player **behind the ball** may leave a scrummage provided he retires immediately behind the offside line.
13. No, he must stay on the same side as the player putting in the ball or retire behind the offside line.

Rugby Quiz - No. 18

THE SIN BIN

- 1). What is the highest number of players ever sent off on an international occasion?
- 2). What is the highest number of players sent off in any match?
- 3). Who was sent home to Australia for biting whose ear?
- 4). Who was the first All Black to be sent home for disciplinary reasons?
- 5). Which senior English club appointed as its captain a player they had dropped briefly the previous season because his sending off brought dishonour to the club?

RUGBY QUIZ No. 18 — ANSWERS

1). 4, 2 from each side Ireland B v. France B at Lansdowne Road, December 1975 by referee Alan Welsby. 2). 7, 4 from Falmouth and 3 from Bideford in the game of October 1975. 3). Ross Cullen 1966 Wallabies hooker for biting Olle Waldron of Oxford University. 4). Keith Murdoch, December 1972. 5). Mike Burton, Gloucester 1975/76. He was sent off in 1974/75 in the Gloucestershire v. Hertfordshire quarter-final County Championship and on his way off he bowed to the committee box.

Sack cloth and ashes concerning Quiz No. 17. I gave the answer that 24-11 was the highest score ever achieved in a Lions v. New Zealand game. Clang, it was, of course, the 38-6 drubbing the Lions had last July in the fourth test and last game of their tour to New Zealand.



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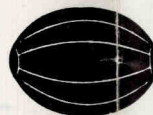
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Sat. 3	East District	H	56-4
Mon. 5	Glasgow & District	H	34-9
Wed. 7	Glamorgan Wands.	A	19-10
Sat. 10	Neath	H	16-14
Wed. 14	Bristol	H	22-13
Sat. 17	Coventry	A	27-16
Wed. 21	Gloucester	A	26-10
Sat. 24	Aberavon	H	37-17
Wed. 28	Pontypridd	A	12-4
OCTOBER			
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	26-7
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	Senghenydd (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	46-10
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JANUARY			
Mon. 2	Bath	Postponed	
Sat. 7	Moseley	A	25-20
Sat. 14	Aberavon	A	26-17
Sat. 28	Swansea (Cup)	H	12-7
FEBRUARY			
Wed. 1	S. Glamorgan Inst.	Post.	
Sat. 11	Bristol	A	23-17
Wed. 15	Newbridge	H	17-9
Sat. 25	Newbridge (Cup)	A	29-9
MARCH			
Sat. 3	Ebbw Vale	A	61-18
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
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