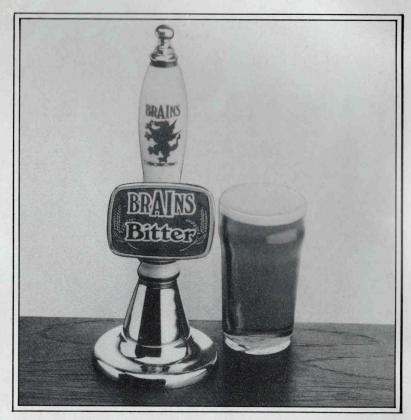


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Cardiff v. South Wales Police

WEDNESDAY, 10th APRIL, 1985 KICK OFF 7.15 p.m.

'Ello 'Ello 'Ello, what have we here tonight then. Its the long arm of the law in the shape of The South Wales Police. They are very infrequent visitors to The Arms Park however, for the purposes of playing rugby that is because this is but only their third visit since their foundation in June 1969 when the amalgamation of the Cardiff City Police and Glamorgan Police took place. We should have played in January 1980 at Cardiff to celebrate 75 years of police rugby in South Wales but unfortunately the weather intervened causing cancellation.

Our first ever meeting came in October 1969 when we went to their Waterton Cross, Bridgend, Ground to mark their entry in the W.R.U. They celebrated in apt style that day because they won the game by 21-12. Our next meeting came in September 1970. This, again was a very memorable occasion in our history because it was the first time that the first team played on our present ground having moved across from what is now The National Stadium. We reversed the original result and won by 21 points to 10. Our third and last game played came in the first round of the Schweppes Cup in season 1972-73. They gave us quite a torrid time in that game and it was only in the dying minutes that we made it safe and ran out winners by 18 points to 10. So in all then our record reads played 3, won 2, lost 1, points for 51, against 41.

Traditionally the Cardiff Club has always had its fair sprinkling of policemen in its ranks. There have been in excess of 110 policemen who have worn the Blue and Black jersey of Cardiff and the bulk of these were in the pre war era with the old Glamorgan County force. Names such as Cyril Arthur, Bob Barrell, the Bassett brothers Jack and Arthur, Albert Cundy, Horace Edwards, Sid Hiram, Mike Fitzgerald, Cliff Houre, Frank and Trevor Lee, Tom Lewis, Harry Rees, Billy Spiller and Bill Tamplin readily come to mind. But perhaps our most famous policeman was Gwyn Evans who had an absolutely meteoric rise to fame. He came out of the crowd to play for the 'Rags' in September 1946 and by the following January he was in the Welsh side against England. More recently however, Alex Finlayson and Mike Knill were both capped from Cardiff.

For sheer consistency and longevity of his playing career however, John Davies must certainly take the biscuit. During his four seasons with Cardiff between 1971-72 and 1974-75, he played 128 first team games. He played in every position behind the scrum, was an excellent sevens player and gave the Cardiff Club great service. Now here it is some thirteen seasons on and he is still a formidable weapon in the S.W.P. armoury and his superb versatility is proving as helpful to them as it was to us. John must now be regarded as the Peter Pan of the first class scene in Wales since Bob Pemberthey went second class.

The Police these days are on the crest of a wave. Last year they achieved their best ever record with only Pontypool, Bridgend, Cardiff and Newbridge finishing above them. They also achieved a best ever point total of 1321 and a further record of 226 tries resulted in that grand total. Amazingly wing Mark Brinkworth scored a total of 54 tries in 40 games to become the largest tally by a major club player since Neath's Dan Jones touched down 59 times in 1928-29. Mark has been rather restricted in appearances due to injury this season but he is still proving a 'bobby dazzler' and at present he has got 27 tries to his credit. In all he has played in over 200 games for S.W.P. and has scored 166 tries.

This year their record reads played 38, wond 29, lost 7 and drawn 2 and they are now literally a 'force' to be reckoned with. They have ceased to become cannon fodder for the top clubs in Wales. Indeed this year they went one better than last year and reached the quarter finals of The Schweppes Cup by defeating Newport at Rodney

Parade 15-12. They then lost to Llanelli at Stradey by 13-23, but only after they had given the Scarlets a great fight. Lady Luck doesn't appear to be on their side at the moment, with the return of Phil Davies to Llanelli and the injuries to another two of their internationals, Bleddyn Bowen and Richie Donovan. Neil Harris at full back however, is still reaping a rich harvest of points and now has 303 to his credit and needs only 11 more to beat the existing record of 313 held by Bleddyn Bowen. Clive Barber is following in Mark Brinkworth's wake with 21 tries.

So as well as things are going for them they could still be better if the injury situation was a little easier on them. However, they are not complaining and now eagerly look forward to their forthcoming tour to British Columbia. For this venture we wish them all success and also extend a most warm welcome to them this evening. May all their players, officials and any visiting police dignitaries have an enjoyable evening.

Perhaps, appropriately, this evening you may like the story of a prominent player of the 1950's who joined the old Glamorganshire Constabulary. He settled in well but it soon became very apparent that he did not like night shift. He spent the majority of the darkened hours of that duty beneath the brightly illuminated lamp posts of his beat and the rest of the time was taken up scurrying between them. His colleagues quickly nicknamed him 'The Moth' not wishing to have my collar felt, I'm not mentioning names.

Our Youth side won their semi-final of the W.R.U. Cup and could now be involved in a very interesting final. More of that in the Swansea programme.

Finally we would like to express our sincere thanks to Welsh Brewers for their sponsorship of this evening's match.

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KNOW THE LAWS

By J. E. MALCOLM THOMAS

Here are a few simple rules: OFFSIDE

- (1) A player is offside if he is in front of one of his own side who is carrying the ball, or has just kicked or touched it.
- (2) He **becomes on-side** again as soon as he gets behind the man of his own side who is carrying the ball, or has just kicked or touched it.
- (3) He also becomes on-side when either a team-mate who kicked the ball from behind him, or any team-mate who was on-side when it was kicked, has run in front of him.
- (4) Once he is on-side he remains on-side until one of his own team behind him again touches the ball.

Question: This is all very well, but it often happens that the whole team is in front of the man with the ball, e.g., when the full back has just gathered a long kick ahead. Are they all off-side?

Answer: Yes.

Question: Well then, supposing the full-back kicks right back up the field, have all the others on his side got to hang about doing nothing until he has galloped in front of the whole lot of them? Or, if he feels too tired to run up, must they all go trooping back behind him, what time their opponents come tearing down the field with nobody to stop them?

Answer: No. Because if your own man doesn't put you on-side your opponents soon will. The laws are devised to ensure that if you are offside at the time the ball passes from your own side to the opposition, you must pay for being off-side by 'giving the enemy a little rope'; but you needn't give him much. He is allowed, so to speak, 'one free turn'.

You must not interfere with the ball, or molest you opponent in any way until he has either:—

- (a) kicked or passed the ball, or
- (b) run five metres, or
- (c) intentionally touched it, without getting it cleanly into his hands when he fails to gather or catch it properly, for instance.

When he has done one of these three things you are at once on-side again. But until he has had his free turn, you must not approach within 10 metres of him — and, if you are already nearer than that, you must go away if you can possibly manage it.

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- 1. How many players have won their first cap for Wales from The South Wales Police?
- 2. How many Cardiff players have been capped by Wales since the Second World War whilst they were serving policemen?
- 3. Who is Cardiff's most capped policeman?
- 4. In season 1972-73 John Davies, still a current S.W.P. player scored what was then a points total record. What was his total?
- 5. How many caps does the existing S.W.P. captain, Steve Sutton, hold?
 - 5. 2, France and England, 1982.
 - 4. 209, 4 tries, 81 conversions and penalty goals.
 - 3. Archie Skym, 20 caps, 4 while with Llanelli and 16 while with Cardiff.
 - 9261
- 2. Four, Bill Tamplin and Gwyn Evans in 1947, Alex Finlayson 1974 and Mike Knill
 - replacement against France in 1983.
- 1. Three, Bleddyn Bowen, five caps; Martyn Morris, three; and Richie Donovan, one as

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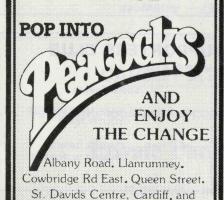
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N. WHITEHOUSE 9.

M. PUGH 1. S. DAVIES 2.

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Strange things happened on the Sydney Cricket Ground on June 17, 1978. Wales were playing Australia in the second international of an unhappy tour and the match had an explosive start. Within minutes the 41,000 crowd saw Graham Price led off with a broken jaw. Terry Cobner, the skipper, Squire and Derek Quinnell were all unavailable through injury.

J.P.R. Williams – the answer to many a sports quiz question this – had to play wing forward in the match. The new debut-making full-back was injured after 36 minutes. His replacement, Gareth Evans of Newport, received a depressed fracture of his cheekbone in his first tackle but played on because there were no further replacements allowed. Terry Holmes was winning his first cap and scoring his first try for Wales. Gerald Davies, captaining Wales for the first time, scored his 20th try for the country. And if Gareth Davies had been able to convert that try from far out Wales would, against all odds, have drawn 19-19.

Tour manager Clive Rowlands told the after-match dinner audience' "If we are rugby people and condone thuggery, then I don't want any part of it."

I mention all this not because it is simply interesting but because that full-back making his first appearance when J.P.R. moved forward was one Alun John Donovan, otherwise known to his team-mates both previously at Swansea and now, happily, at Cardiff as Lonnie Donegan.

Rugby life for Lonnie is full of bitter-sweet memories. Most of us would give our proverbial back teeth to wear that red jersey just once in our lives: but whether we would have chosen that match to make our terrifying debut or whether, indeed, we would have chosen to make our last (so far) appearance for the country in that infamous 34-14 defeat by Scotland at the Arms Park in 1982 is highly doubtful.

I say so far: Lonnie, the former Maesydderwen Comprehensive schoolboy who became a teacher after further education at St. Paul's College, Cheltenham, is not getting any younger. Yet there are knowledgeable people in the game who sincerely believe that if there weren't so many Cardiff players in the Welsh team already he would be well in contention for further honours.

Certainly, his solid performances this season alongside the effervescent Ringo, have been a major part of the Cardiff success story. Take that semi-final against Pontypool the other Saturday. It has been calculated that Lonnie had the ball in his hands only twice that afternoon: more importantly, no one went past him.

The ups and downs, however, have upset the rhythm of his career. A member of the Welsh Youth squad in 1973-74, he led St. Paul's to their first victory in the British Colleges Cup. Following that ill-fated Australian tour, Alun was missing from the international scene primarily through injury until 1981 when it was another person's injury — to Llanelli's Peter Morgan — that brough thim on as a replacement against Ireland. Wales won 9-8 that day, incidently, though Slattery and MacNeill scored the only two tries of the match. Dropped after a further cap against Australia, Alun remerged again in 1982 only to be left out again after substantial defeats at Twickenham and against Scotland.

Add to that a replacement's bench view of Swansea's defeat in the W.R.U. Cup final of 1983 and you may get some idea of why Lonnie views life occasionally with a somewhat jaundiced eye.

But 'tis better to have loved and lost — and the background certainly goes some way to explaining his determination to appear again for Cardiff in a final when they play against Llanelli on the 27th.

It may also go some way to explaining why Lonnie – in much the same way as Ray Gravell, his partner in the centre in those two 1982 internationals – still seeks continued over page

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reassurance from colleagues about his performance. I understand that telephone calls, and even visits to the houses of such as Davies G. and Golding O., are not unusual after a game.

A modest man, then, no matter how hard the field — and a much-liked colleague. Indeed, there were many at Swansea who were very sorry to see Donovan move eastwards to be followed by Gareth Roberts: "Swansea's loss was very much Cardiff's gain," says one of the All White's senior players.

"I think it is right to say that Lonnie had disagreements over coaching at Swansea," I was told, "which led to his departure. But he appears to be playing as well as ever now. Which is more than you can say about his golf."

This was repeated by another source. "Lonnie started to play golf with tremendous enthusiasm but never really got to proper grips with the game. Now if he'd only bring his right thumb round. . . ."

Alun Donovan is regarded by his colleagues as a good trainer and an ever better tourist—an essential ingredient in the Swansea team spirit, for example, shown in their trips to California and Zimbabwe. And he maintains some links with the Swansea club as a result of leaving the teaching profession to become 'something in the City'—well, in finance anyhow—with David Richards as his boss.

But if I give the impression that Lonnie never wins, let me remind you again that he was of course in Cardiff's cup-winning side last season. Indeed, he was a try scorer in that spectacular 26-6 win over Llanelli in the semi-final at Swansea — a happy return to St. Helen's.

Meanwhile, he will continue to try to sing in the style of Elvis Presley despite his nickname, continue to be talked about with awe and affection in his birthplace village of Abercrave and continue, in the words of the other Lonnie, "putting on the agony" for the opposition.

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Wed. 5	Glam, Wanderers	H34-6	Sat.	29	Coventry	A 12-6
Sat. 8	Neath	A12-13		23	Coventry	A 12-0
Wed. 12	Bristol	A 30-26	1985			
Sat. 15	Coventry	H17-0	JANU			
Wed. 19	Penarth	H64-3	Tues.		Crawshays XV	H29-24
Sat. 22	Aberavon	A 23-19	Sat.	5	Moseley	H Post.
Wed. 26	Pontypridd	A 28-15	Sat.	12	Aberavon	H45-12
Sat. 29	Garryowen	A13-6	Sat.	26	Newbridge (Cup 3rd Rnd)	A 24-6
Out. 25	Garryowen	A 13-0	FERR	UARY		
OCTOBER			Sat.	2	Ebbw Vale	H44-13
Sat. 6	Newport	H37-3	Sat	9	Bristol	H Post.
Wed. 10	Bridgend	A12-9	Fri.	15	London Welsh	H Post.
Sat. 13	Northampton	A44-10	Sat.	23	Neath (Cup 4th Rnd)	H21-12
Wed. 17	Pontypool	H 9-9	Wed.		S. Glamorgan Inst.	H27-9
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NOVEMBER			Sat.	23	Pontypool (SF Cup)	A 24-3
Sat. 3	Leicester	H47-21	Sat.	30	Llanelli Newport	A Post.
Wed. 7	Oxford University	H15-13	APRII			
Sat. 10	Ebbw Vale	A 13-22	Sat.	6	Barbarians	H44-20
Sat. 17	Tonyrefail (Cup 1st Rnd)		Wed.	10	S. Wales Police	H
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Wed. 12	Bristol United	H25-9	JANUARY		
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	Barry	A 15-6			
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Wed. 3	Cardiff HSOB	H64-61		Pontypridd Athletic	A 21-6
Sat. 6	Newport	A 27-24	Sat. 9	Bristol United	A Post.
Wed. 10	Pontypridd United	H17-10	Sat. 23	Llandaff	A 27-6
Sat. 13	Abercarn	H20-11	MARCH		
Wed. 17	Pontypool Athletic	A 26-16	Sat. 2	Bath United	A 4-14
Sat. 20	Blackwood	H10-16	Wed. 6	Pontypool United	A 27-13
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NOVEMBER			Wed. 20	Abercynon	H 9-7
Sat. 3	Leicester Extras	A 28-14	Sat. 23		H Post
Sat. 10	Ebbw Vale Athletic	H36-9		Newport United	
Sat. 17	St. Peters	A 15-12	Sat. 30	Bridgend Sports	H 8-7
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