



Cardiff v. Bedford

SATURDAY, 5th APRIL, 1986 KICK OFF 3.00 p.m.

It seems quite unbelievable that if it was not for our rearranged game with Pontypool on 30th of the month we would be saying good bye to the 1985-86 season at home this afternoon. Although it's been a hard and frustrating season, in retrospect it appears to have flown by. It seems but weeks rather than months since Alan Phillips first led his side out against Cross Keys on September 2nd. Alan has had quite a season, however and despite the massive loss of Mark Ring and Terry Holmes, the Bob Norster affair and many more frustrating situations he has come through the ordeal with great credit and has led the side by example.

Evidence of this is our forthcoming appearance in the Cup Final on 26th April. This has perplexed many a critic but the determination of the Cardiff players to get that cup back began the moment that Gary Pearce dropped that goal in last years final to snatch it from our grasp in the dying seconds of the game. It has been their top priority since that awful moment and thay have now nearly put matters to right with only one fence to go in the shape of our Black and Amber friends from Rodney Parade. It's going to be quite a ding dong affair judging it by Newport's power pack display in the semi final against Aberavon. As I've said however Alan and his players are so determined to erase last year's painful memory that Newport will have to do something very special on the day to go home with the spoils.

The match will see us making our seventh appearance in the final to overtake the record of six held jointly by ourselves and Llanelli. The Scarlets have the best overall record however with five wins from their six appearances. Besides Llanelli and ourselves only six other teams have contested the final. Those are Swansea and Bridgend four times each, Newport three (their fourth coming up), Neath and Aberavon twice each and Pontypool once. Of all eight only Aberavon have the dubious distinction of not having their name inscribed on the base of the cup as ultimate winner. The scarcity of Pontypool's appearances makes you wonder doesn't it and ironically enough their only appearance, and subsequent victory, in the final came when they managed to beat us in only one of the six encounters we have had in the cup.

We still have some very hard games to go before the big day however. Swansea, after their tremendous display against The Baabaas, and Neath away on successive Saturday's prior to the cup game will be no Whitsun Treats by any means. Victories will be very welcomed but the top priority will be having our best side on the field on the 26th all fit and free from injury. As this is the last home game before the event we would like to congratulate Alan Phillips and his team on getting to the final and wish them all the very best on the day. Well done lads.

Back to today however and I hope our very welcome visitors today, Bedford, will forgive their belated mention in these notes. They are rare visitors to The Arms Park and this afternoon sees them here for only the sixth time. We first played them in 1924-25 at Cardiff and again at home in 1928-29 winning both games. Bedford evened the score by winning the following two games on their ground in 1928-29 and 1929-30. There were no further fixtures until resumption in 1975-76 and the five resultant games since — three at home and two away — have been won by us. The record for all nine games played then shows seven wins to us and two to Bedford. We have scored 207 points to their 79.

At this point in time Bedford are struggling somewhat and not living up to their illustrious past. Yet again last season they failed to achieve a 50% overall record and this season has followed a similar pattern with only 12 wins from 34 games played. They have to go back to 1975 for their last major success when they won the John Player Cup on their only appearance in a Twickenham Final.

This has all been very disappointing for them as next season they will be celebrating their centenary. This season their veteran scrum half lan Peck after three years as captain has handed the reins over to Andy Key now playing at outside half. Last Saturday they had a heartening victory at Northampton and I'm sure they will be more than happy if they could have a second helping of the same this afternoon. To Bedford then welcome again to Cardiff Arms Park, we hope you enjoy your day. We would also like to wish you the very best of luck for your Centenary Year and your tour to Kenya. May the year be an enjoyable one in recognition for your contribution to the cause of rugby in England.

Today is also something special for Cardiff R.F.C. as it sees the re-emergence of one of the best talents in the rugby world — Mark Ring. It's 51 weeks since Mark was stretchered from this very ground with an injury so bad as to threaten his career. It speaks volumes for his determination, dedication and courage that he has fought back so valiantly to get back into the first class scene. We sincerely hope all your troubles are now behind you Mark and you will soon be established in your rightful place, on top of the pile. This will give much exultation to your legions of admirers. It's also welcome back to Alan Phillips and John Scott today.

Our Youth side are still in their cup competition too. They have to replay their semi final against Pontypool United because the original game was called off early in the second half due to injury to the referee. We could have claimed the game under the laws but opted for a replay. This will take place next Saturday, 12th April on The Arms Park.

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Rugby Quiz - No. 19

- 1. Where is Bedford's Ground?
- 2.. Who is their most capped player?
- 3. Who was their big lock forward who won seven English caps in 1975-76?
- 4. Ian Peck, Bedford's captain for three years prior to this season, had previous experience of captaining of which side?
- 5. Cardiff played Bedford on 13th December, 1975 to resume fixtures for the first time in 45 years. Only one player who appeared for Cardiff on that day survives currently. Who is he?



KNOW THE LAWS

By J. E. MALCOLM THOMAS

INTERESTING INTERPRETATION

1. Offside at Set Scrummage.

The scrum-half **not** putting in the ball may **not** advance beyond the hindfoot off-side line on the side opposite to that of the put-in.

2. Disengaged Front Row.

In the situation of one set of forwards causing an accidental disengagement from their opponents, and then proceeding downfield en bloc with the ball at the second or third row's feet — then, the referee should, at once, award a scrummage for accidental off-side.

3. Ball Release.

A tackled player on his back is allowed to pass the ball from his chest provided that the action is **immediate**.

4. A single fallen ball-carrying player in Open Play.

An arriving player must not dive on him. The fallen player must try to rise immediately, and can be tackled when both his knees have left the ground.

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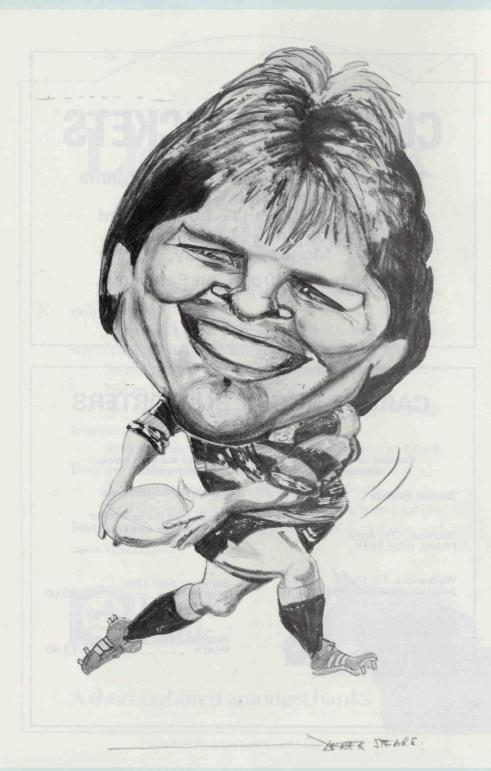
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Coach Arrangements

Coaches for the remainder of this season's away games.

Saturday, April 12th SWANSEA

Saturday, April 19th



QUIDNUNC'S COLUMN

AND SUDDENLY it's April, with the home games running out so quickly that Quidnunc feels almost obliged to offer an apology to those players and their admirers who will not be appearing on these pages this season. I have plenty of the splendid Derek Stears caricatures before me but the cancellation of one or two fixtures means that, after today, we have but one match left. As the result, some relatively recent favourites (Messrs Glasson, Rayer et al) will have to wait until next season to see how others visualise them. They may be relieved - just as the subject of today's foray may have preferred to have been omitted; it would have been unfair to have left him out. Cardiff is blessed with back-row men of calibre, presenting on occasions some embarrassment for the selectors. Yet they somehow manage one and all to get on well. There are stories that today's subject does not see eye to eye, for example, with Bob Lakin. He denies them vehemently. "We have played against and with each other since the Under 12 days, I was Captain of Cardiff Schools against Bob as captain of Cardiff Youth. Rivals, yes, but the best of friends." Off the field he and Chris Webber run in various capacities (because they seem to be the sole members of) the Cardiff Rugby Club Wine-lovers Society. And there have been those who allege that because he works for the brewery that he is closely involved professionally with the senior selector in his Llandaff hostelry he may have an inside track in Monday evening's team choice race. Be that as it may, it is also coincidence, he claims, that he was mentioned on 23 consecutive pages in one issue of the excellent Welsh Brewers Rugby Annual. Quidnunc refers, of course, to ...

OWEN MORGAN GOLDING

PERSONAL DETAILS

Birthplace: Dinas Powis.

Birthday: February 26, 1959.

Height-Weight: A struggling 5ft 11ins and a struggling 14 stone 6lb.

School: St. Cyres.

Previous Clubs: Dinas Powis, S. Glam. Institute.

Married: No. Children: No.

Employment: Personnel officer with Bass Wales and West.

Car: Austin Montego.

Superstitions: Only one - "trying not to go out drinking alone with Chris Collins because I

always have to drive home."

Career: "This won't take long," says Owen but there's a fair amount in fact. Welsh Schools International Under 15, 16 and 19, Captain at Under 19. Captain of Welsh and British Colleges. Welsh squad member 1981-82. Toured with Crawshay's and Welsh Academicals.

Nickname: Some doubts here but Roger Beard calls him Olwyn. Then, Roger Beard always finds something insulting to say abouth his forwards. And, come to think about it, something worse about the backs.

PERSONAL FAVOURITES

Rugby Player: Much thought - "They're much the same." Then "Bob Lakin because so many people say we don't get on together." Referee: Ken. (Parfitt, that is.)

Biggest Influence: John Huw Williams at St.

Other Sport: "I have been known to pitch a ball well up - so, cricket."

Other Sportsman: Tom David.

Film: Star Trek - 1 ... 2 ... and 3. And probably 4 and 5 if and when they come round.

Actor: My father or brother when they're trying to avoid buying a round.

Actress: Sophia Loren.

Comedian: Harpo Marx - or scrum-half Gwynfor Without-his teeth Williams.

TV Programme: Here we go again - Star Trek.

Pop Star: Olivia Newton-John. Holiday Resort: Cape Town.

Food: Most things well done. But not fish at any price.

Drink: Medium dry white wine.

Politician: Senior selector C.D. Williams when he's just dropped me from the side. But then, he's had plenty of experience.

Rugby Ground: Llanharan (where Owen played his first game for the Rags).

MEMORIES

Best: Giving Pontypool a hammering in last year's semi-final. Chasing Papua New Guinea all round the Hong Kong stadium with Crawshay's during the international sevens. With the Accies in South Africa.

Worst: Being in bed in Bangkok, losing two stone in five days, during the Cardiff tour with a virulent bug - so ill that I paid £7 for a water melon just to cool off.

At 27 now, still hoping to play for Wales. Or Wales B, for a start.

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2. A. J. PHILLIPS (Captain)

3. I. EIDMAN

4. K. EDWARDS

5. R. NORSTER

6. O. GOLDING

8. J. P. SCOTT

77. G. ROBERTS

16. I. GREENSLADE

17. S. CANNON

Full Back

Right Wing Right Centre

Left Centre Left Wing

Outside Half

Inside Half Forwards

Bedford

S. SEARLE 15. K. CANNING 14.

P. ELLAM 13. D. MICHELL 12.

G. PHILLIP 11.1

A. KEY (Captain) 10500

FINLAYSON A. WALFORD 2.

J. FLINT

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W. TALL 5.

P. STEPHENSON 6.1

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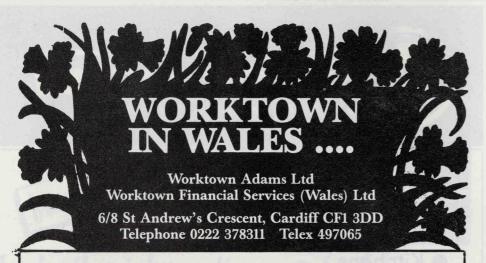
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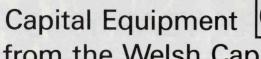


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 - 4. Cambridge University, 1979-80.
 - 3. Bob Wilkinson.
 - 2. Budge Rogers, 34.
 - 1. The Goldington Road Ground.

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