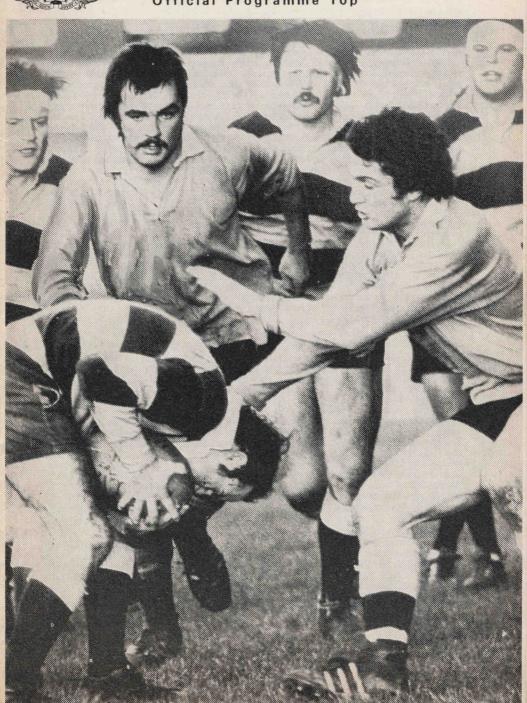


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CARDIFF v NEATH

SUNDAY, 25th JANUARY, 1976 K.O. 3 p.m.

Official Programme 10p



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CHAPTER 1 VERSE 1

There must be a first time for everything, a trite cliché but neverthless true. Today we witness the first Sunday match that Cardiff Rugby Club have played at the Arms Park. This is a remarkable occurrence when it is realised that we have had players, who are still playing, who refused even to train on the Sabbath. Sleep at peace Jubilee Young. Perhaps the less Godly amongst you will excuse me if we maintain a more reverend tone about the proceedings this afternoon, and let me explain that where it says "Let their be light", it is not a plea for the return of the Floodlight Alliance. Nor should our pack take too literally the statement "and on the Seventh Day ye shall rest", because I can assure them that the Neath pack will have no such angelic thoughts. It might only be from the colour of their shirts, rather than the sulphurous fury of their footrushes, but I am sure their philosophy lies nearer that of Lucifer than St. Paul. Even the crosses on their jerseys have a peculiar look about them. So don't be fooled now — watch and pray. Here endeth the First Lesson.

We will now join with the St. Alban's Band and sing Hymn No. 1 "Fight the good fight with all thy might".

CHAPTER 1 VERSE 2

Today we should be killing the fatted calf and welcoming the return of our prodigal sons after last Saturday's epic encounter at Twickenham. Apart from the skipper and Gareth Edwards, we had Barry Nelmes, Mike Knill, Gareth Davies and Brynmor Williams 'subbing' last Saturday. We hear also that Alan Phillips was sweating on the fitness of Bobby Windsor in case he would be joining them. A word too for the performance of the team at Old Deer Park, where the Club ran up its seventh consecutive 20pts. win, averaging 30pts. a match in the process.

CHAPTER 1 VERSE 3

"And in the beginning there was Neath." Well almost in the beginning anyway. We have been playing them since 1878, almost without interruption. There was a break in diplomatic relationship between 1968-71, due to differing interpretations of the laws of the game, but in all we have played them 157 times, winning 93 and losing 47. Whilst that seems a fair margin in favour of Cardiff, it must be pointed out that we had registered 29 of those wins out of 37 matches before the turn of the century. Things have been much more even since then. Indeed, the Gnoll-folk registered seven consecutive wins between September 1962 and January 1965, something few teams can boast of against the Blue and Blacks. This season we gained a good 15-6 win at Neath and will be looking for a rare double today. An indication of the tight nature of the games between the two clubs is the fact that since the war, scores in excess of 20 points have been registered on only four occasions — each time by Cardiff. Neath have scored a 17pts, and three 16pts. wins.

Neath of course are our elders by some five years, being founded in 1871. They won the unofficial Championship in 1967, and the W.R.U. Cup in the year of its inception in 1972.

Despite having lost 11 of their 21 games so far this year, they have had notable wins over Newport and Swansea. The team includes many talented players such as Wynne Davies, Glyn Shaw, Wilson Lauder, Elgan Rees and Dai Morris. The present Neath team have moved away from the effective, but unimaginative reliance on their formidable packs and now play a more fluid, attractive style of Rugby Football. With the talent inherent in this team they are capable of running us off the Park. It should be a cracking contest.

CROESO CASTELL NEDD.

AMEN

D.J.H.

PROFILE — Peter Rawlins

One of the crop of outstanding youngsters who have come through to the 1st XV this year, Peter has realised that, at the top, talent alone is not enough. Last year, carrying a surplus of waistline, we didn't see the best of him, but this year he has trained hard, lost weight and shown glimmerings of the dedication necessary to make the grade. He grabbed his chance, when it came, to compete on equal terms with the 1st XV regulars for his place. He is now an accomplished short line-out jumper and a grafting, footballing, tight forward. Aged 20 years, Peter hails from Caerphilly, where he played for the Boys' Grammar School, and occasionally for Cardiff Youth. At 16 stone and 6' 3" he has the physical qualities to make an outstanding lock. He played for the W.S.S.R.U. in 1972, and joined the Club in 1973. Naturally enough he cites Delme Thomas as the greatest player he has seen, and the greatest game as the Barbarians v. New Zealand match — no one will argue with that. There is a strange quotation under the heading of Rugby Humour on his profile sheet. It says "playing 'Bunnies' when John Luff is in the game". I leave that to your imagination. Outside of Rugby Football his interests lie in collecting various items of militaria such as Army Badges and Medals - I wonder if he has had a word with Tom Holley. His favourite food is Anti-Pasta, and his musical interests lie in the classics, with André Previn and Segovia as the people he most admires. His ambitions are to be successful in life and in Rugby-admirable and easily accomplished ambitions - but watch that waistline Peter and the way you get it.

D.J.H.

Know the Laws

By FRED CROSTER

The welcomed Wallabies are now looking forward to their journey home after a tour which belied what many critics said and made them many more rugby friends. They certainly learned a lot. They also taught us quite a bit.

Especially concerning their interpretation of the laws and how to adapt to the prevailing interpretations. You may remember that it was not long ago that they conceded penalty after penalty. That pattern changed dramatically as the tour progressed. A pattern which has seriously deteriorated as far as our national XV is concerned.

For years I have conscientiously kept the penalty 'score' in internationals. It used to be frightening. Then it drastically improved. Last Saturday at 'Twickers' it was back to square one. 16 against; 6 for. Time for re-thinking again.

One particular Wallabies 'ploy' was to deliberately hold the ball when a tackle was on, and then, on falling to the ground, hold it at arms length to provide second phase possession for their supporting players. Did you notice it? A supporter from Lampeter, of all places, has written to ask whether this is in order.

Yes! That's the immediate answer. It goes back to the definition of a 'tackle'. As usual I quote:

"A tackle occurs when a player carrying the ball is held so that while he is so held

- * the ball touches the ground, or
- * if he is on his feet he is unable to free himself without delay and cannot play the ball except by releasing it. "

The law provides the answer. As it should.

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 R. LANE

7. M. JOHN

S. LANE
M. McJENNETT

Referee: D. M. LLOYD (Nantyffyllon)

Full Back Right Wing Right Centre Left Centre Left Wing

Left Wing Outside Half Inside Half Forwards



Substitutes

Neath

W. DAVIES 15.
A. ROSE 14.
D. DAVIES 13.
J. POOLE 12.
M. JENKINS 11.
P. DAVIES 10.
M. DAVIES 9.
G. SHAW 1.
M. RICHARDS 2.
D. LEWIS 3.

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R. HUGHES 4.

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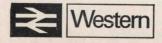
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1975										
Sept. 3	Glam. Wanderers H 36-6									
6	Moseley A 16-17									
10	Bristol H 9-3									
13	Blackheath H 44-0									
17	Bridgend A 12-3									
20	Coventry A 18-21									
24	Aberavon H 18-6									
27	Gala A 10-12									
Oct. 1	Penarth H 21-15									
4	Newport A 0-16									
8	Pontypool A 16-7									
11	Northampton H 19-15									
15	Ebbw Vale A 9-13									
18	Cambridge Univ. H 19-12									
22	Pontypridd A 17-15									
25	Harlequins A 19-32									
Nov. 1	Australia H 14-9									
8	Newport H 14-6									
12	Glam. Wanderers H 41-6									
15	Wasps A 20-6									
22	Llanelli A 13-18									
29	Pontypool H 9-7									

Dec.	2 6 13 19 26 27	Neath Swansea Bedford London Welsh Pontypridd Ebbw Vale	A 15-6 H 23-6 H 40-18 H 33-4 H 22-12 H 43-10
1976			
Jan.	10 17 25 31	Coventry London Welsh Neath Aberavon	H A H
Feb.	7 14 28	Gala Bristol Llanelli	H A H
Mar.	10 13 20 27 31	Bridgend Newport Italian Tour Newport Gloucester	H H
Apr.	3 10 17 19 24	Gala Centenary Sevens Swansea Barbarians Harlequins W.R.U. Cup Final	A A H

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Left Centre	12	Stuart Lane	CARDIFF R.F.C.			2	Davies
	77	Chris. Camilleri	OLD PLAYERS REUNION.		From.	2	Ashby
Left Wing	11	CHITIS. Camilleri	Mar chara Resulting 127 1 1 27			7	Poole
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Second	4	Peter Rawlins					TICMID
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