



### **Cardiff v. City of Derry**

FRIDAY, 3rd APRIL, 1987 KICK-OFF 7.15 p.m.

Well it's certainly been a busy week but nonetheless a very successful one from our point of view. That marvellous cup win over Neath at Swansea last Saturday was obviously the highlight. The victory added further lustre to the already shining record we hold at present in the competition during this decade as we now go into our sixth final of the last seven years. Our only miss was in season 1982-83 when we made our exit in the fourth round away to Pontypool.

This latest win in Swansea means that interest in the season will be maintained right up to the last Saturday on May 2nd. Mind it's going to be a busy month with Newport and Llanelli breathing down our necks to arrange visits to their respective grounds while still having to cross swords with Swansea, the BaaBaas and Neath on our own ground. It's not going to be an easy task to please everybody, indeed you would need the wisdom of Solomon to do so. Another Cup final win is obviously our main prerogative, and all other matters will be subservient to that end. To keep our hands on that Cup would put all the disappointments of the season into oblivion.

Hot on the Cup win came the announcement of Steve Blackmore's selection for Wales tomorrow. It would be less than honest to say that we were not surprised at the selection. Having said that however, we all applauded the selectors on their foresight because Steve Blackmore has grasped the chance of an extended run in the first team with great relish. He has improved rapidly with every game and testimony of his scrummaging comes readily from those who pack down both with and against him. His mobility about the field, his handling and his ball winning skills are there for all to see. Well done Steve, we hope you have a great game tomorrow and it leads you on to selection for the World Cup. Again it's very pleasing to see Mark Ring back where he belongs after his courageous fight back from that horrendous knee injury. Further congratulations also to Adrian Hadley whose obvious and outstanding skill meant that he wasn't out of the running for very long. To those three then and to Bob Norster and Jeff Whitefoot we say good luck. And without wishing anybody ill luck, let's hope Gareth Roberts can get another chance to show his great talents.

Enough of things past and future though, let's get back to tonight's game. It's one that should already be in the record books but last January's icy weather changed all that. So it gives us great pleasure to finally welcome City of Derry to Cardiff and The Arms Park. Visits by Ulstermen are very rare indeed and prior to this season only one club had ever paid us a visit, Belfast Collegians in 1905. We've had a little bit of a rush from the Province this season though as tonight's visitors were preceded in November by Bangor. Now we all know how they enjoyed themselves and it appears that the boyo's from the lovely City of Derry are coming this weekend to do precisely the same thing.

I am indebted to Ian Crowe who has sent the following contribution concerning his

club:

"City of Derry is one of the oldest clubs in Ireland. It was founded in 1881 and has produced some illustrious players down the years. W.G. Byron who was in Ireland's second Triple Crown team in 1899, A.R. Forster 1910-21, C.E. Allen who captained Ireland in 1905 and more recently Noel Henderson and one Ken Goodall. Ken, of course, was one of the best No.8s the games has ever seen and he happens to be a member of the Derry party at the match tonight.

Derry has tended to live out in the wing of Ulster and Irish Rugby but it has survived and eventually grown into one of the largest clubs in Ireland due to home grown talent. Who can forget when Ken Goodall won his first cap at 19 years of age. Can you ever forget his brilliant try against Wales when he chipped

over the head of some chap called Edwards and outpaced the rest of the cover to score in the corner. Ah ves. we remember.

City of Derry travel to Cardiff with a party of 110. Their First XV play this evening and their Second and Fifth XV play Old Illtydians tomorrow morning. The First XV this evening play without some of their regulars due to injury. Their captain sustained a rib injury some sixteen weeks ago and last years captain and ex-Ulster wing forward, lan Crowe, fractured a leg in several places last season and both miss tonight's game. More recently left winger lan Callaghan sustained a fractured ankle just two weeks ago.

Some of the personalities playing tonight though include the athletic ex-Ulster second row forward Mark McFeely and a fine scrum half in Gerald McCarter who has been Ulster's best uncapped player in that position over the last eight years. Derry also have two Ulster representatives at Under-23 level in hooker Sean O'Kane and winger forward Eddie O'Connor. The Derry team covers a wide range of trades and professions but perhaps the most unusual is a D.J. Yes a D.J. and second row forward, Big John (Logue) as he is better known in Show Bizz. He has a spot on one of the local radio stations and is also a good friend of Samantha Fox (true).

Derry, whatever the result tonight will play to entertain with the only way we know, running rugby. With all its talents and personalities we will enjoy this weekend and hope for at least one win to go home with. City of Derry would like to thank all their Welsh friends for their cooperation in getting this fixture and the hospitality that is being extended to the party throughout the weekend.

IAN CROWE.

It's welcome to Derry then, we sincerely hope you enjoy your visit and we wish you good luck.

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### **MATCHES RECALLED**

BECAUSE there is no history of matches between Cardiff and tonight's visitors, because these past seven days have seen yet another quite superb Cardiff Cup performance and because South Glamorgan Institute were guests at the Arms Park on Monday, J.B.G. THOMAS strolls down Memory Lane and recalls . . . .

### A Great Escape

CARDIFF HAVE a special record of great 'escapes' in the Cup competition that have proved exciting but nerve-wracking to their supporters. Against Newport recently, they did it again, and it is as much due to tradition as resilience. They just do not want to lose and regard the Cup almost as a personal trophy. Last Saturday's defeat of Neath at St. Helen's was another example.

One of their most exciting and perhaps greatest escapes, even better than that against Llanharan, was during the 1972-73 season. It was in the fourth round tie at the Arms Park against Cardiff College of Education as it was then known.

The match had a special flavour of rivalry because two of the College lecturers were in opposition as coaches — Roy Bish for Cardiff and Leighton Davies for the College; two real specialists. In the Cardiff side were three former student team members in Gareth Edwards, Roger Beard and Roger Lane. Playing for the College was that fine wing John Bevan, who also played for Cardiff.

The match was played on a wet and soft slippery surface and the College took the lead after three minutes to set the match alight. Scrum-half Dyer went away and was checked but College won the ball from the maul and Hopkin grub kicked for Bevan to chase and gather on the bounce to dash over for the try. The long-kicking fullback with either foot, Robin Williams, converted.

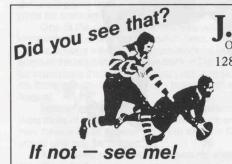
There followed a great effort by the students and the plan was to harass and break up the Cardiff pattern of play. The rhythm of their approach was disturbed, and there were long periods of student pressure.

They were excellent in the loose play and the forwards, until they lost flanker Baden Evans 15 minutes from the end, more than held their own except in the set scrums. In the centre Roy Bergiers and lan Hopkin tried hard but Cardiff put up a splendid cover defence. Dudley Jones (who also played for Cardiff), Tony Hodge and Meredith James were the best of the student forwards.

Gareth Edwards and Barry John at half back had a comparatively quiet day for Cardiff, and it was the back row, led by Mervyn John, who really saved them. Indeed, the side had to pull out everything to win and although they escaped they lost to Neath in the semi-finals.

After the College had scored their six points Barry John later kicked a penalty for Cardiff and such was their enthusiasm and skill, that the College held their lead until the interval. Soon after the restart Cardiff won the tight head scrum. Roger Lane picked up at the back to feed Edwards. He ran diagonally through the defence and Stuart Watkins was able to put wing Neil Williams over for a try.

It was not converted but Cardiff led 7-6 and they held on to their precious one point lead until the end. It was exciting and they survived — The first of several exciting Cup escapes.



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### **QUIDNUNC'S COLUMN**

WHAT WITH semi-finals and Steve Blackmore's first cap — I'll be having you, Wally, before the end of the season so watch out—and April Fool's Day and New Zealand Barbarians, it's been quite a week. And for many of tonight's visitors, it promises to be quite a weekend as well.

For several reasons which I won't go into, Quidnunc has a soft spot for the Irish, which is why he will be seen at various stages between now and Sunday evening in the liquid company of various enthusiastic topers from Tuam, layabouts from Limerick, alcholics from Adare, soakers from Shannon, Bacchanalians from Belfast, groggers from Garryowen, tipplers from Terenure, inebriates from Instonians, dipsos from Dublin and imbibers from Ballymena. Even the Irish Press will not escape (you own me a pint, Mr. Johnston, for taking the name of my local pub in vain.)

None of which has anything to do with this evening's seminar other than to admit that I accepted cheerfully the suggestion that I should include the drinkers from Derry as a change of pace from the usual gossip from behind the scenes at the Arms Park. As the result, you may not recognise at first — or even second — glance the figure opposite drawn by the redoubtable Mr. Stears who himself is still recovering from the excesses of a weekend in Paris which forced him to miss the semi-final.

Let me introduce, therefore, on the left, Mr. Jeremy Greenwood, captain of the City of Derry and known as Jess. Mr. Greenwood deserves our sympathy this evening not because of his position with the club as skipper and out-half, not because his famous hand-off has become the subject of ridicule among his colleagues and not even because his equally notorious sidestep—known as the Greenwood boogie because it resembles an out-of-date dance step — has become a negative asset to Ulster rugby. But because poor Jess has been hooked by Julie and will marry her at the end of the month.

And because, I am reliably informed, the City of Derry team, officials and alicakadoos regard this weekend as the first in his extended round of stag parties.

Certainly, by the time the Derry boys are back in their Robinson clubhouse back in Branch Road, our Jess will know that he's been away for the weekend. He will have had enthusiastic support.

Let us consider, just as examples, two rather large men who you will see on the Park this evening. As is usual with Irish teams Derry can look after you virtually from conception to burial. They have among their ranks just about everything from the medical man to, quite literally, the undertaker (the youngest member of the side, incidentally). In between, there's the teacher to look after the education and the solicitor and so on.

But not many teams, even in Ireland, can include a radio disc jockey. John Logue, the huge 6ft 5in lump in the second row, can be heard waxing lyrical on Radio North-West but even his exploits pale into insignificance when compared with his locking colleague, the big-bearded solicitor with the largish tum. Not only can you not miss the shape of Mr. Mark McFeely: you will also hear his voice as he tends to pass comments during the game with vociferous and loud passion. "He is," one of his team-mates tells me with awe, "the only 20-pint man in the side." But then the colleague shakes his head with sympathy. "But Mark is sadly on the wane. He's definitely going backwards at the age of 32 and can't take it like he used to. Why, after 12 or 14 pints he sometimes goes home now at 8 o'clock or half-past."

One of the club's characters who will not be on the pitch tonight but whose presence will undoubtedly be felt in after-match (and, come to think of it, before-match) activities will be lan Crowe, among whose responsibilities as unofficial tour manager, I gather, will be ensure that some of the boys at least arrive back in Derry next week. Ian, who has been responsible basically for organising the trip for the past year, was skipper last season—and, indeed, had been captain on three previous occasions—before breaking a leg in eight places. He plans a return next August.

Following visits to Derry by an international XV for their centenary year in 1981-82 and by at least three of the better-known Cardiff supporters – step forward Paddy, Fitz and the Major: you may have a lot to answer for – lan and the Derry committee were determined that this match would one day be played.

A thousand welcomes this evening, then, to the men in green under their club president, Alex Campbell.

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### Rugby Quiz - No. 24

Seeing as it's international weekend, let's have something with a Welsh flavour in it. It's a bit of fun and hit or miss effort unless you are very informed indeed.

- 1. Jones is the most popular surname to have played for Wales. How many 58, 62 or 65?
- 2. How many Davies's have played 44, 48 or 50?
- 3. Which letters of the alphabet have not been used to commence the surname of all Welsh players?
- 4. Since the Second World War seven players have been chosen with a surname beginning and ending with the same letter. Name them.
- 5. Name a double barrel father and son combination to play for Wales.

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  - 1. C. COLLINS
  - 2. I. GREENSLADE
  - 3. I. EIDMAN
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  - 7. T. CROTHERS
  - 16. D. GIBBON
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- P. McGLINCHEY 12.
- D. CUMMINGS 11.
- J. GREENWOOD 10.
  - G. McCARTER 9.9
  - R. ANTHONY 1.
  - L. McCALLUM 2.
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It was with deep regret that we heard this week of the death of Frank Trott. He made an enormous contribution to the Cardiff Club as both player and administrator. Frank was a Cardiff boy and was educated at Canton High School. He began his rugby career with Penarth when full backs were expected to be good kickers and strong tacklers. Frank certainly qualified for that second requirement and his touch kicking, although never very lengthy was always extremely safe. He joined Cardiff in 1937-38 and in all made 205 appearances. He won his first team cap in 1946-47 and the following year 1947-48, considered by many as one of Cardiff's best ever he played in 38 of the 41 games. He also won eight Welsh caps playing in all the Five Nations Championship games in 1948 and 1949.

Frank was vice-captain to Bleddyn Williams in season 1949-50 and retired at the end of season 1951-52. He went straight on to committee the following season and in 1955-56 he took over as secretary from Brice Jenkins. His meticulous administrative capacity in this job was second to none and his contribution to the negotiations of the development of The Arms Park complex was very substantial. He held the post until 1970 when poor health caused him to relinquish the job. Indeed at the time he was about to take over as General Secretary of The Athletic Club and I'm sure he would have been as highly efficient in that job as he was as an extremely efficient Rugby Secretary.

Yes, Frank Trott's contribution to this Club was immense and his quiet but smooth as silk character will be sorely missed. His term of office as secretary enhanced the already high reputation the Club was held in the rugby world and this in itself was just reward for Frank who's own standards were so high.

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- 1. 58.
- 50.
- 3. X and Z.
- 4. Dewi Bebb, Tommy David, Brian Sparks, Rees Stephens, Ian Stephens, Frank Trott and John Warlow.
- 5. Geoff Windsor-Lewis (1960) succeeded his father who played between 1926 and 1928.



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M. RING	27	15	5	73	134	64	74	435
G. CORDLE	29	18	_	72	102(1)	74		296
A. HADLEY	31	16	-	64	165	101		404
M. RAYER	34	5	- 17	63	65(1)	13	17	107
G. ROBERTS	30	13	-	52	81	27	_	108
D. EVANS	10	1	19	48	35(1)	6	55	145
R. CARDUS	21	10	-	40	21	10		40
C. NORMAN	8(1)	10		40	8(1)	10		40
G. DAVIES	10	7	بالمحال	28	10	7	No.	28
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A. DONOVAN	28	4	11 <del>   </del>	16	123	17	-	68
R. LAKIN	27(1)	4		16	249(3)	59		236
N. O'BRIEN	11(3)	4		16	37(12)	13	91311	52
C. WEBBER	6	1	4	13	90(7)	17	103	334
P. RING	5	3	1-1	12	5	3	1	12
G. PRITCHARD	8(7)	3	-	12	8(7)	3		12
J. SCOTT	18	2	-	8	235(2)	35	/ L	140
H. STONE	13	2	-	8	91(1)	12		48
S. BLACKMORE	22	2	-	8	59	3	-	12
R. NORSTER	21	1		4	232	13	-	52
M. PARRY	24	1		4	24	1	-	4
J. SOUTO	11(3)	1	_ +	4	41(11)	4	_	16
I. EIDMAN	9	1		4	199	3	_	12
K. EDWARDS	11	1	2071	4	150	13	-	52
D. WRIGHT	4	1	CR_TK	4	5(1)	1		4
N. HUMPHREYS	2	1		4	7(1)	4	-	16
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Also played: 6 - T. Charles; 5 - D. Gibbon(+2); 4 - I. Greenslade; 3 - M. Rowley, C. Jones,; 2 - S. Cannon, R. Bilton, M. Hadley(+1); 1 - D. Conway, A. Mogridge, R. Rees, D. Williams, R. Ringwood, B Rees.

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If foul play occurs after a try has been awarded, then the ensuing penalty should be at the halfway line on the restart of

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Wed.	8	Bridgend	A 18-29	Wed.	4	Maesteg	Δ	24-30
Sat.	11	Northampton	H 35-4	Sat.	14	Sale		44-14
Sat.	18	Wasps	A 16-25	Wed.	18	Bristol		18-13
Wed.	22	Pontypool	H 17-13	Sat.	21	Ebbw Vale		10-19
Sat.	25	Harlequins	H 26-19	Sat.	28	Newport (Cup)	H	15-12
Wed.	29	Bath	A 9-28					
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	MBER	Leicester	H 16-10	Fri. Sat.	6			15-27
Sat. Wed.	5	Oxford University	H 35-24	Sat. Wed.	18	Pontypool Penarth		37-24
Sat.	8	Ebbw Vale	A 30-24	Sat.	28	Neath (S.F.Cup) at Swar		
Sat.	15	Treorchy (Cup)	A 14-7	Mon.	30	S. Glam. Institute		34-12
Sat.	22	Llanelli	H 16-16		-	o. diam. monde		04 12
Wed.	26	Newbridge	A 18-15	APRIL				
Sat.	29	Bangor (N.I.)	H 21-14	Fri.	3	City of Derry		
				Sat.	4	Bedford		
	MBER			Sat.	11	Swansea		
Sat.	10	Swansea	A 14-19	Sat. Sat.	18	Barbarians Neath		
Sat.	13	London Welsh	A 12-25	Sat.	25	Neath	п	

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Wed. 3 Glamorgan Wanderers Sat. 6 Kidwelly	H 36-16	Wed. 10 Cardiff & Distriction Sat. 13 Risca Sat. 20 Neath Athletic	H 7-11
Wed. 10 Bristol United Sat. 13 Maesteg Celtic	H 23-27 H 20-16	Sat. 20 Neath Athletic Sat. 27 Bridgend Spo	
Wed. 17 Garndiffaith	A 25-9 A 16-12	1987	
Sat. 20 Coventry Extras Wed. 24 Old Illtydians Sat. 27 Abercynon	H 18-9 H 35-20	JANUARY Sat. 3 Moseley Unite Sat. 10 Blackwood Sat. 24 Bath United	ed A 0-28 A 13-20 H 12-9
OCTOBER	4 40 00	Sat. 31 Pontypool Un	
Sat. 4 Newport United Wed. 8 Bridgend Sports	A 43-30 H 28-29	FEBRUARY	
Sat. 11 Neath Athletic	A 25-31	Sat. 7 Bridgend Ray	
Wed. 15 Resolven Sat. 18 St. Peters	H 70-0 H Post	Wed. 11 Pencoed Sat. 14 Bristol United	H 13-6 A 0-16
Sat. 18 St. Peters Wed. 22 Pontypool Athletic	A 9-37	Sat. 21 Ebbw Vale At	
Sat. 25 Tondu	A 10-23	MARCH	
Wed. 29 Pyle	A 12-23	Wed. 11 Pontypridd A Sat. 14 Pontypool Atl	nletic H 38-16
NOVEMBER Sat. 1 Leicester Extras	A 4-27	Tue. 17 Abercynon	A 19-12
Wed. 5 Newport Saracens	A 8-15	Wed. 25 Maesteg Celt Sat. 28 Newport Unit	
Sat. 8 Ebbw Vale Athletic	H 13-7 A 17-25	APRIL	
Wed. 12 Pontypridd Athletic Sat. 15 Pontypool United	A 32-15	Sat. 4 Caerleon	Н
Wed. 19 Bedwas	H Post.	Wed. 8 Bedwas	Α
Sat. 22 Bridgend Ravens	A 24-21 H Post.	Sat. 11 Swansea Ath Wed. 15 Cardiff H.S.O	
Wed. 26 Berry Hill Sat. 29 Abercarn	H Post. A 19-34	Mon. 20 Blackwood	Н

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