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Cardiff v. Bristol

TUESDAY, 1st MARCH, 1988 KICK-OFF 7.15 p.m.

For the first time since February 26th, 1983 we have to experience life outside the great atmosphere of The Schweppes Cup. And it's now that the atmosphere hots up as preparations for the semi-final get underway with the hopeful anticipation that it will lead to a day out at The National Stadium for the final. But all good things must come to an end so it is said. After that nail biting finish last Saturday Pontypool just, and only just, managed to tear the Cup from our grasp.

What a titanic struggle it was though. Nail biting was the only way to describe those agonising final few minutes when it seemed that the width of a blade of grass was the distance which kept us from the try line. It was some game though, not a classic from an open rugby point of view but what a tempestuous struggle it was up front. All seventeen forwards involved certainly knew they had been in a game and 'Pooler' could not have heard sweeter music for many a long day than the blast of the referee's whistle to put an end to it all.

It's been a great run though and it was Pontypool who last sent us packing to boot. They in turn must take this latest victory as a good omen because they went on to beat Swansea in the final that year. During the sequence though we have seen some cracking games with perhaps the semi final encounter with Pontypool in the 1984-85 competition as the daddy of them all. It certainly was a history making year and all the players concerned and coach Roger Beard can look back on it with a great amount of pride. Let's look forward to starting another great run again next year.

On to this evening now however when it gives us very great pleasure to extend a most warm St. David's Day welcome to our friends from across The Channel, Bristol. Their magnificent city is renowned the world over. It is recognised as the gateway to the New World, birthplace of America, the launch place of the famous Brunel's great iron ships and more recently the assembly place of the majestic Concorde. Yes, Bristol is certainly all of these things but for most of us on this side of The Channel Bristol is synonymous with great open rugby.

Currently Bristol have reached three figures and are celebrating their centenary this season. Bristol as all you historians know has been around for quite some time having its first settlers in early Anglo Saxon times. In terms of rugby seniority however it only ranks 43rd amongst English Clubs. This is some 31 years after Liverpool, England's most senior club, and 23 years after their great West Country rivals, Bath who are in sixth position.

Cardiff have featured very prominently in Bristol's first 100 years. It appears that the Bristol Club as it is known today played its first ever game on Cardiff Arms Park on 6th October 1888. Furthermore a former Cardiff R.F.C. secretary Charlie Arthur gave great assistance in launching the club to A.R. Walbrook who was to become Bristol's first Hon. Secretary. We won that game by the equivalent of today's scoring by 52-0. We next met in season 1891-92 and since that date we have met in an unbroken sequence only interrupted by the two world wars. In all we have met on 163 occasions with the records showing 125 wins to us, 30 to Bristol with 8 games drawn. We have scored a total of 2338 points while Bristol have scored 1072.

Bristol's success rate of approximately one game in just over five have mostly been on their own patch. Indeed the first 18 games in the series went Cardiff's way and Bristol achieved their first success at home in 1901 winning by 3-0. Their first win in Cardiff came in season 1921-22 winning by 12-3. As the West Countrymen had previously won at home that season they also achieved their first double. Victories in Cardiff came again in 1928 and 1930 and 1972. Again they had won at home in 1928 and 1930 so they achieved their second and third doubles but none have come since. Indeed in all previous 163 games they have never managed to achieve more than two consecutive wins and in all they have taken the spoils home from Cardiff on only four occasions.

Further milestones in our association came in 1921 when we played a celebration game

to open Bristol's present Memorial Ground and then again in 1946 to coincide with the Silver Jubilee celebrations. Bristol won the first of those games by 19-3 but we won the latter by 24-0 in a game that marked Haydn Tanner's debut in a Black and Blue jersey. Then there was a delightful five game sequence of floodlit games which took place in the late 1950's and early 1960's. Bristol proved themselves better exponents of the floodlit games in winning three of the five games and drawing another. All in all then we have forged very strong links with the Bristol Club and we were more than delighted when we were able to accommodate them to start their centenary celebrations at their Memorial Ground in the first game of the season. The chivalry ended there however because we won by 20 points to 15.

A rare double is out for their centenary season then, but I'm sure they would be very pleased with themselves if they could achieve a fifth victory in Cardiff. Their form of late has certainly given them some cause for great satisfaction. They are well placed in the First Division League Table and overcame a tough challenge away to Sale last Saturday in the John Player Cup to reach the semi final stage. Bath's surprise exit last Saturday must also have given them a bit of a lift to further their chances of winning The Cup. That would be an

extremely tastful course in the banquet of their centenary celebrations.

Once again then its welcome to Bristol and may their next hundred years bring more of the type of rugby we have seen from them over the past hundred. They have been a great credit to the game and their contribution to the cause of English rugby has been most commendable. May the remainder of your season be roses all the way with the John Player Cup ending up at the Memorial Ground. That would be the real icing on the cake.

Just a reminder now for members not to forget the forum being held on March 9th to

discuss the thorny question of a League structure within the W.R.U.

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To win the £10 voucher, donated by ADsport and to be spent in the Cardiff Rugby Club shop, you have to find the surnames hidden below of 20 players from the Wales-England match of almost exactly a year ago — on March 7th, 1987, when Wales won 19-12. Memories are very short and you may be surprised at some who did play. The names may be spelt backwards, forwards, downwards, upwards or diagonally and the same letters used more than once.

The unused letters, incidentally, spell out the names of three more players from the match but they are no part of the competition.

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HOW TO ENTER

When you have found as many of the names as possible, write them on a postcard and send it to ADsport, 145 Pencisely Road, Llandaff, Cardiff CF5 1DN. Remember to write on it your own name and address. The winner will be the first correct entry (or nearest) to be drawn from a hat on Monday, March 8th and the name published in the programme of Saturday, March 12th



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BERFK STEARS

QUIDNUNC'S COLUMN

HIDDEN AWAY at the back of an airing cupboard in a house in deepest Mid-Glamorgan, there lies a unique Welsh international jersey. Nothing is allowed to go near it; it cannot be touched by towel or pillow case, let alone by human hand. It is unique because it is white at the top (apart from the three feathers) and red at the bottom.

Not that it was manufactured, nor indeed worn, that way: it was the result of a slight mistake made by Mrs. Teresa Giles when washing it for her husband, the redoubtable Raymond, after he had won his first cap in Rumania in 1983. Mrs. Giles has been forgiven —

but she will not be allowed to forget.

It would, of course, have been happier had Quidnunc been able to turn the spotlight on this talented and robust scrum-half with a semi-final place ahead of him (particularly in view of the fact also that our visitors this evening, Bristol, were winning through to the semi-finals of the John Player Cup as we were so narrowly going down to Pontypool). A great shame, yes because Cardiff's revival after a poorish start has coincided with the arrival of Ray at the Arms Park. Nicknamed either Master Blaster (after the midget in a Tina Turner film) or Gilo, Raymond Giles is a tough man whose rugby career had seemed destined to remain with Aberavon, the club he had loved and captained until John Richardson came on the scene as team manager. "He wanted the whole club run his way, trying to make a name for himself and he was not prepared to work alongside me. Now, I'm more than happy at Cardiff," says the former Welsh Youth and Wales B captain, "and regret only that we lost on Saturday."

When he's not weight-training — despite his 5ft 6in height, he does, colleagues assure me, a fair impersonation of The Hulk — he is sales manager for a food company and avoids painting the house while having to put up with the constant talking of his friend and colleague Alan Phillips. Let us then find out a little more about the man who spent the best part of eight

seasons at Aberavon before moving east for his rugby.

RAYMOND GILES

PERSONAL DETAILS

Birthplace: Kenfig Hill.

Birthday: January 15th, errm, say 1963.

Height/Weight: 5ft 6in, a slim 121/2 stone.

School: Pyle Junior, Kenfig Comprehensive.

Previous Clubs: Cornelly Youth, Kenfig Hill (no, Ray, I won't tell the clubhouse story), Aberavon.

Married: To Teresa, with a six month old daughter Hanna and a second child expected in September.

Employment: Food company sales manager.

Car: Maestro.

Superstitions: Undressing in the same order before a match.

Career: Wales Youth Captain to South Africa; captained Wales B v Australia in 1981 and on the B Italian tour in 1986. First cap against Rumania in 1983, followed by Fiji (as a replacement) in 1985 and Canada in last summer's World Cup when Wales won 40-9. Barbarians, Crawshay's.

PERSONAL FAVOURITES

Rugby Players: All Scots, curiously: Roy Laidlaw, John Rutherford and Jim Renwick with Renwick the top choice.

Referee: Clive Norling without a doubt.

Biggest Influence: Pyle junior schoolmaster Derek Marks who converted Ray from soccer at the age of 8. The late John Bevan. Clive Shell.

Other Sport: Weight training.

Film: On the Buses with Reg Varney — "But I don't watch a lot."

Actor: John Wayne.

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always enjoy playing on both of them."

MEMORIES

Best: Scoring a try in the Welsh Youth win over South Africa.

Worst: Saturday against Pontypool. The disaster in Rumania.



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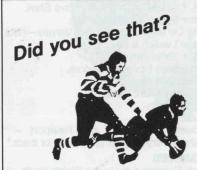
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Rugby Quiz - No. 15

- 1. Who was the post War commentator and writer who had played for Bristol and Cardiff before the War?
- 2. When was the only England v Wales game played at Bristol?
- 3. John Pullin with 42 caps is Bristol's senior International. Has any other player won more than 20 caps?
- 4. Have Bristol ever won the John Player Cup?
- 5. Have they ever been beaten finalists?



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J. Warren Hailes

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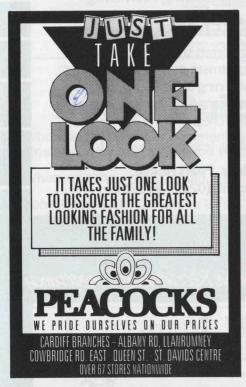
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Cardiff

15. M. RAYER

14. G. CORDLE

13. A. DONOVAN

12. G. JOHN

C. NORMAN

10. M. DACEY

9. R. GILES HUTCHINGS

1. J. WHITEFOOT COLLINS

2. A. PHILLIPS

B. S. BLACKMORE GREEN LADE

4. M. ROWLEY

5. M. PARRY

6. R. LAKIN 8. H. STONE

7. G. ROBERTS

16. C. HUTCHINGS

17. I. GREENSLADE



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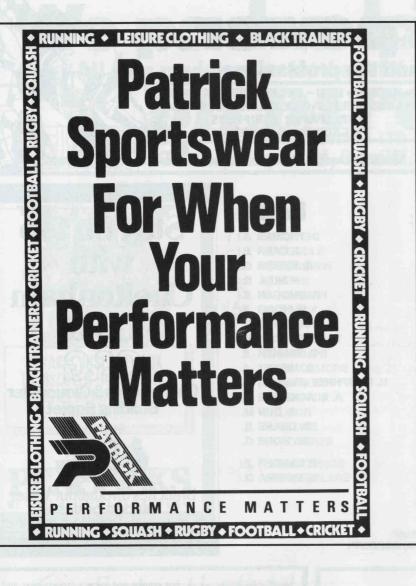
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- 1. G. V. Wynne-Jones.
- 2. 1908.
- 3. Yes, Sam Tucker between 1922 to 1931.
- 4. Yes, 1983.
- 5. Yes, twice 1973 and 1984.

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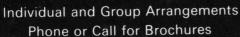
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- ANSWER:— No. They are offside. During the wheel, players behind the ball may leave the scrummage. The law states that a player behind the ball may leave a scrummage provided he retires immediately behind the off-side line. The term 'off side line' means a line parallel to the goal lines through the hindmost foot of the player's team in the scrummage.
- **QUESTION (2)** At a drop out from the 22 metre line the defending player punts the ball instead of drop kicking it. The opposing team do not gain an advantage. What is the correct decision?
- ANSWER:- The kick should be taken again by the correct form of kick.
- **QUESTION (3)** A player taking a penalty kick, holds the ball with both hands, touches it with the foot and passes it out. Is this in order?
- ANSWER:— No. The law states that the kicker, if holding the ball, must propel it out of his hands. The referee should order a scrum with the ball to the non-offending side.

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Wed.	2	Newbridge	H 20-0	Wed		Barry (Centenary)	A
Sat.	5	Swansea	H 17-6	Sat.	30	Nottingham	H
Sat.	12	London Welsh	H 27-21	Jai.	30	Nottingnam	
Sat.	19	Aberavon Quins (Cup)	A 36-0				
Sat.	26	Pontypridd	H 6-6	MAY			
Mon.	28	Bridgend	A 9-25	Sat.	7	W.R.U. Cup Final	

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1987 SEPTEMBE			Sat. 19 Sat. 26	Newport Saracens Rumney	H 26-6 A 7-7
Sat. 5 Wed. 9	Bristol United Glamorgan Wanderers II	H 21-26 H 17-8	1988 JANUARY		
Sat. 12	Kenfig Hill	A 65-4	Sat. 2	Bath United	A 23-16
Wed. 16	Bridgend Sports	A 19-19 H 77-4	Sat. 9	Neath Athletic	H 4-10 H 52-0
Sat. 19 Wed. 23	Coventry Extras	H 10-16	Sat. 16	Ebbw Vale United Llandaff	H 52-0 A Post.
Sat. 26	St. Peters	A 10-25	Sat. 23 Sat. 30	Pontyclun	A 38-3
Tue. 29	Pontypool United	A 10-12	FEBRUARY	, only one	
COTORER			Sat. 6	London Scottish II	A 16-23
OCTOBER Sat. 3	Newport United	H 31-23	Sun. 7	Abbey	A 38-3
Sat. 10	Neath Athletic	A 13-19	Sat. 13	Newport United	A Post. A 40-4
Wed. 14	Pontypool Athletic	H 34-0	Sat. 20 Sat. 27	Old Illtydians Pencoed	A 40-4 A 29-21
Sat. 17	Bridgend Ravens Cardiff & District	A 11-27 H Post.		rencoed	7. 20 2.
Wed. 21 Sat. 24	Abercarn	H 8-13	MARCH Wed. 1	Bristol United	Α
Wed. 28	Garndiffiath	H 44-6	Sat. 5	Maesteg Celtic	A
Sat. 31	Moseley United	A 19-17	Sat. 12	Pontypool Athletic	Α
NOVEMBE	MANAGE OF THE		Wed. 16	Bedwas Risca	H A
Sat. 7	Leicester Extras	H 30-20	Fri. 18 Wed. 23	Pontypool United	H
Wed. 11	Caerphilly	A Canc.	Wed. 30	Cardiff H.S.O.B.	A
Sat. 14	Ebbw Vale Athletic	A 37-0	APRIL		
Sat. 21 Sat. 28	Berry Hill Bridgend Ravens	A 27-9 H 14-18	Mon. 4	Blackwood	A
Sat. 28	Bridgeria Naveris	11 14 10	Sat. 9	Swansea Athletic	H
DECEMBE		Lune Association 110 T.	Tue. 12	Llanharan	H
Sat. 5	Swansea Athletic	A 6-25	Sat. 16 Sat. 23	Bridgend Sports Mumbles	H
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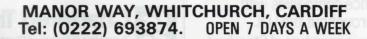
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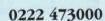
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