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You would expect any team, such as today's visitors, to be challenging for at least one of the major honours in Welsh Rugby. As it is, Cardiff are once again through to the semi-finals of the Schweppes W.R.U. Cup having disposed of Llanharan in last Saturday's postponed quarter-final game. We offer them our congratulations on once again reaching this stage of the cup competition. Cardiff will now meet Neath in the semi-final.

Led by international lock, Robert Norster, Cardiff can also field eight other full internationals when they are all fit. In their back division they have Mark Ring, who is once again recovering from a serious knee injury, the newly capped David Evans and Ray Giles. Roger Bidgood, once selected by Wales whilst a Pontypool player, was cruelly robbed of a cap by the weather.

Gerald Cordle can count himself unlucky not to have been capped and Cardiff have received another boost with the arrival of Andrew Booth from Neath.

The Cardiff pack, which must be one of the strongest in Welsh Rugby, can field an all-international front row of Jeff Whitefoot, Alan Phillips and either David Young or Steve Blackmore. As well as skipper, Norster, there are also two internationals at wing forward in Richie Collins and Gareth Roberts.

Even if Robert Norster decides to take a breather today, before next Saturday's international, Cardiff can still field a strong lock combination, selecting from Howard Stone, Mark Rowley and Michael Parry.

Cardiff will be looking for the season's double today, having beaten Pontypool 17 - 6 when the teams met at the Arms Park in October last year. Last season, Pontypool had the satisfaction of a treble over Cardiff winning 31 - 0 at home and 17 - 16 away in championship games and also that nail-biting 9 - 6 cup win at the Arms Park.

However, back to today's game and as always, we extend a very warm welcome to the Cardiff team, officials and supporters.

Graham Howden

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C. Huish	34	17				68	P. Hayes	8	1				4
A. Carter	21	6	6		2	42	M. Egan	1	1				4
P. Gwatkin	6		3		8	30	M. Davies	3	1				4
A. Glasson	14	7				28	S. Lewis	5	1				4
R. Angel	4		1	1	5	20	A. Evans	9	1				4
M. Kehoe	26	5				20	M. Burridge	11	1				4
A. Llewellyn	3		5	1	1	16	K. Weaver	5	1				4
R. Lewis	12	4				16	A. Peacock	11	1				4
V. Davies	13	3				12	P. Johnson	15	1				4
M. Brown	19	3				12	G. Jenkins	3	1				4
S. Smith	3		2		2	10	Staff Jones	23	1				4
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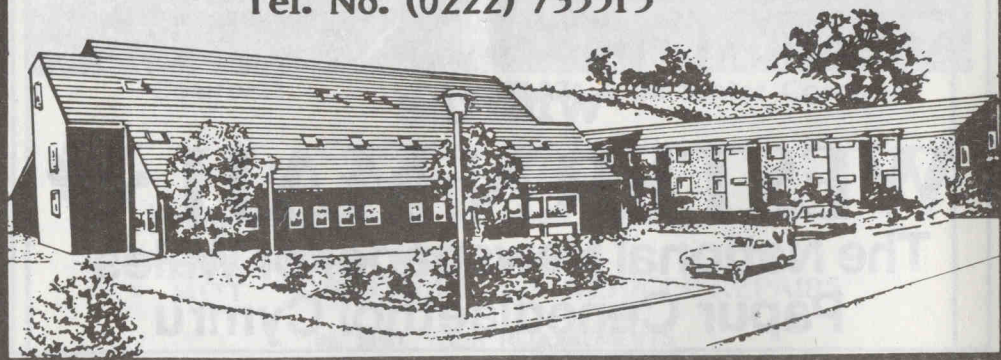
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A LOOK INTO THE PAST by MALCOLM JONES

These were the teams that took the field on Wednesday, 3rd November 1976, which was Cardiff's centenary season.

Pontypool won the game 15 points to 4. Robin Williams kicked 5 penalties for Pooler, with Cardiff scoring the only try of the match by full back, Meurig Owen.

PONTYPOOL

R. Williams

15

15

K. Masters

14

14

I. Taylor

13

13

G. Davies

12

12

M. Shore

11

11

A. Rainbow

10

10

A. Grey

9

9

A. Faulkner

1

1

R. Windsor

2

2

G. Price

3

3

M. Leighton

4

4

R. Floyd

5

5

B. Gregory

6

6

R. Taylor

8

8

T. Cobner (Capt)

7

7

Replacements

G. White

M. Harrington

CARDIFF

M. Owen

T. G. R. Davies (Capt)

P. Bolland

P. Evans

D. Thomas

G. Davies

T. Holmes

D. Llewellyn

M. Watkins

M. Knill

I. Robinson

P. Rawlins

T. Worgan

R. Dudley - Jones

M. John

Replacements

M. McJennett

(sub for T. Worgan)

Referee: D. M. Lloyd (Maesteg)

PONTYPOOL R.F.C. PEN PICTURES. No. 4

Player:	DAVID WRIGHT	Birthplace:	Newport
Birthday:	20:12:64	Height / Weight:	5 ft 10 1/2". 13 st.
Education:	Bedwas Comprehensive		
Previous Clubs:	Cardiff; Newbridge	Married:	No
Employment:	National Account Manager - Boots PLC		
Career:	Wales Schools' U15s, U16s, U18s.		
Nickname:	-	Hobbies:	Current Affairs
Favourite Player:	Terry Holmes	Favourite Other Club:	Cardiff
Favourite Other Sport:	Squash, Golf, Cricket		
Favourite Ground:	Pontypool Park		
Favourite Food:	Indian	Favourite Drink:	Tea
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Pat Hayes 11

Adrian Parry 10
David Wright *TP* 9

Julian Mainwaring 1
Andrew Peacock 2
Peter Macey 3
David Churchill *Sub* 4
Kevin Moseley 5
Chris Huish 6
Alun Carter *T* 8
Mark Brown (Capt) *T* 7

Replacements

Keith Anderson
Steve Jackson

CARDIFF

15 *1000* Mike Rayer *T*

14 *TT* Gerald Cordle

13 *Richard Jones* *Graham Jones*

12 Steve Crandon

11 *T* Steve Ford

10 *T* David Evans

9 Andrew Booth

Andrew Williams

Alan Phillips

David Young

Howard Stone

Robert Norster (Capt)

Garth Roberts

8 *T* Mike Edwards

7 *T* Richie Collins

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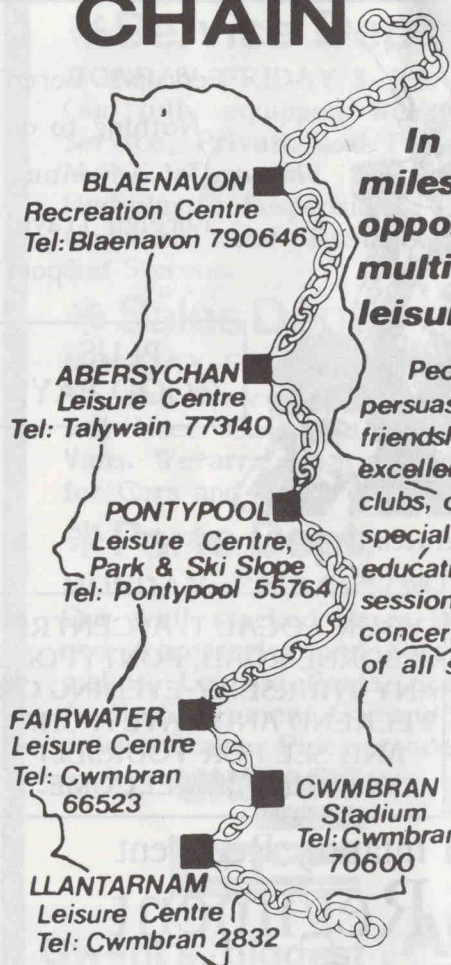
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Although South Wales Police cannot be ranked with the best opposition Pontypool have met this season, the victory over them at Waterton Cross last Saturday showed some encouraging signs for Pontypool.

Hooker, Gareth Jenkins showed that he will be a good acquisition once he has served his period of suspension. He certainly took his try scoring chance well and kept popping up in passing movements. Centre, Darryl Hathaway also continues to show promise whilst Fleur-de-Lys' Mark Egan turned out against South Glamorgan Institute and looked to be a very sound player. We thank his club for allowing him to play for us. Congratulations to Chris Huish whose try in the Police game was Pontypool's 100th of the season.

Two forwards "imported" from over the border, prop, Peter Macey and second row, David Churchill have also shown good qualities in the couple of games they have played.

A new goal-kicker has been unearthed in scrum half, David Wright. He took over the place-kicking duties against Crosskeys and landed two penalty goals to beat them, he then kicked six out of seven conversion attempts against South Glamorgan Institute and also kicked eight points in last Saturday's victory over the Police.

Pontypool's next two games are both away. They are Penarth next Friday, 17th March, kick-off 7.00 pm and Newport on Easter Saturday, 25th March when the kick-off will be 3.00 pm. Our next home game will be against Nuneaton on Easter Monday, 27th March, kick-off 3.00 pm.

Since the 1980/81 season, Pontypool's record against Cardiff is as follows: (Pontypool scores first)

Season	Home	Away
1980-81	52 - 0	15 - 32
1981-82	24 - 15	23 - 36
1982-83	24 - 14 & 13 - 9 (Cup)	16 - 12
1983-84	9 - 10	16 - 11
1984-85	24 - 6	9 - 9 & 3 - 24 (Cup semi-final)
1985-86	13 - 12	19 - 27
1986-87	27 - 15	13 - 17
1987-88	31 - 0	17 - 16 & 9 - 6 (Cup)
1988-89		6 - 17

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