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A big welcome to the All Blacks

ON BEHALF OF CARDIFF RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB, and all Rugby followers here today, I extend the hand of friendship to the Eighth Touring All Blacks, and we bid you a sporting welcome to the capital city of Wales. May you prove to be as fine ambassadors for your native land as Whineray's 'Happy All Blacks'.

It is good to 'renew auld acquaintance' with you on this, the seventh All Blacks Cardiff encounter. Our Club record against you is an illustrious one that goes back to 1905, and is marred only by the ill-fated game of 1972.

Let us hope that today's game reasserts the traditional Cardiff-New Zealand pattern of skilful, sporting and aggressive football; and that moreover it produces some magical moments to warm all Rugby hearts, so that once again the game of Rugby and our sporting rivalry is enhanced, and that posterity may accord it the privilege of comparison with 1905, 1953 and 1963.

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Remember the Characters!

By J. B. G. Thomas

Many are the characters associated with visiting All Blacks to the Arms Park; some leaving their mark by brilliant play and others for various reasons but the real point is that they are remembered! If it all started in 1905, then it was a good thing, although the "aggro" has never really settled and what was a belated thought on the part of the first All Blacks, prompted by a news-hungry pressman, that they had scored against Wales the previous day, has now become legend.

The match against Cardiff, in the same year, was equally exciting and poor Percy Bush, a brilliant player during a long and colourful career, is often remembered for an error in "trying to kick dead, a ball over his own goal line, instead of forcing down". New Zealand saw the ball screw off his foot and raced up to win the touch down. This decided the match and Bush had to live with it for the rest of his life.

Bush was in New Zealand with the Lions in 1904 and was a real character, probably one of the greatest rugby jokers, and in the 1905 All Blacks were some equally interesting players. I met the survivors in 1959, and the one I remember best is W.J. "Billy" Wallace, and also known as "Carbine" because of his accurate place-kicking. He started the 1905 tour in Devon wearing a floppy sun hat to protect his eyes from the sun, and went on to score 23 points on tour, a record number, and was much revered in New Zealand until his death a few years ago.

Dave Gallaher, captain in 1905, was the man they "loved to hate" because he was a new figure in the game as a "rover", a loose forward and extra back who did not scrum down. He put the ball in while the scrum half waited behind for it to emerge, and spent most of the afternoon chasing and pounding the diminutive but tough Dicky Owen.

New Zealand packed 2-3-2 and this was an efficient scrummage until the law was changed after the 1930 Lions tour to demand three men in the front row. It was the end of an era for New Zealand but the 1924-25 side produced brilliant players if not smiling faces. They became the first of dedicated touring sides, remarkably efficient and effective.

Cardiff gave them a good match as Danny Davies will tell you, and he has become a legend in his own life time. Danny played against Mark Nicholls and yet, of the side, the player best remembered in Wales is full back George Nepia, a Maori who at 19 years of age performed as if moulded by the Gods.

In 1935 there were several characters as they appeared to enjoy life, and although they may have suffered from the transformation of 2-3-2 to 3-4-1 as a forward unit, they had fun off the field and met the people. Pat Caughey, now Sir Harcourt Caughey, was a fine centre, Charlie Oliver a superb player and "Brushy" Mitchell a wing of character, all led by Jack Manchester, who was surely sculptured from granite, and the happy flanker Hugh McLean, brother of Terry.

It was Jack Manchester who uttered the memorable words after the Swansea defeat, "don't tell them we were beaten by schoolboys!", referring to Tanner and Davies. Next came Bob Stuart's men and Cardiff achieved their first victory with a team full of characters under Bleddyn Williams. One recalls Bob Scott, Ron Jarden, Laurie Haig, Kevin Skinner (one of the first gum shield props), Tiny White and Bill Clark with the two non-stop jokers, Elsom and Dixon.

When the 1963 All Blacks arrived, Colin Meads was the big fella, but the outstanding personality was the captain, Wilson Whineray, who at the end of the tour was carried shoulder high from the Arms Park. A single honour for a fine sportsman known as "Willie away", who employed the line-out "peel off" for the first time. However, Cardiff, under David Hayward, could have won the match had they kicked their penalty goals in a "cliff-hanger" six points to five result.

In the side was one of the best of back rows to be fielded by New Zealand in modern times in John Graham, Kel Tremayne and Waka Nathan, and they were interchangeable in their positions. This pack developed and dominated the sixties to become the best eight in the country's long and colourful history.

The 1972 match is best forgotten as an unhappy affair, as was so much of the tour. The senior players were not good tourists and made it hard for the younger men, and we were glad that some of them are back with us, to enjoy themselves. Rugby is hard with great rivalry but it is not "war", and it is the happy characters who help to keep it a game to be enjoyed.

If Russ Thomas's team enjoy themselves, then the tour will have been a success. One hopes the Cardiff crowd will give them a "fair go"!



CARDIFF v. ALL BLACKS, 1963: Chris Laidlaw tidies up for the tourists as Elwyn Williams and Cliff Howe close in on him with hooker Billy Thomas swooping in from the right.



CARDIFF v. ALL BLACKS, 1963: New Zealand scrum half Chris Laidlaw looks for a chance to steal past Elwyn Williams.

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26th OCTOBER, 1935

"I WAS THERE" by Les Spence

It was on Saturday afternoon, the 26th October, 1935, when we played New Zealand and lost by 20 points to 5. Viv Osmond scored our only try in the second half which was converted by Ronnie Boon.

The Cardiff pack more than held their own in the first half, but unfortunately the backs failed to live up to their reputation and made some bad mistakes which resulted in the All Blacks scoring 15 points.

If only our backs, Jackie Bowcott (half backs), Horace Edwards, Ronnie Boon (centres), Arthur Bassett and Arthur Jones (wings) had produced the same scintillating football in the first half as they did in the second half, we might well have won the match.

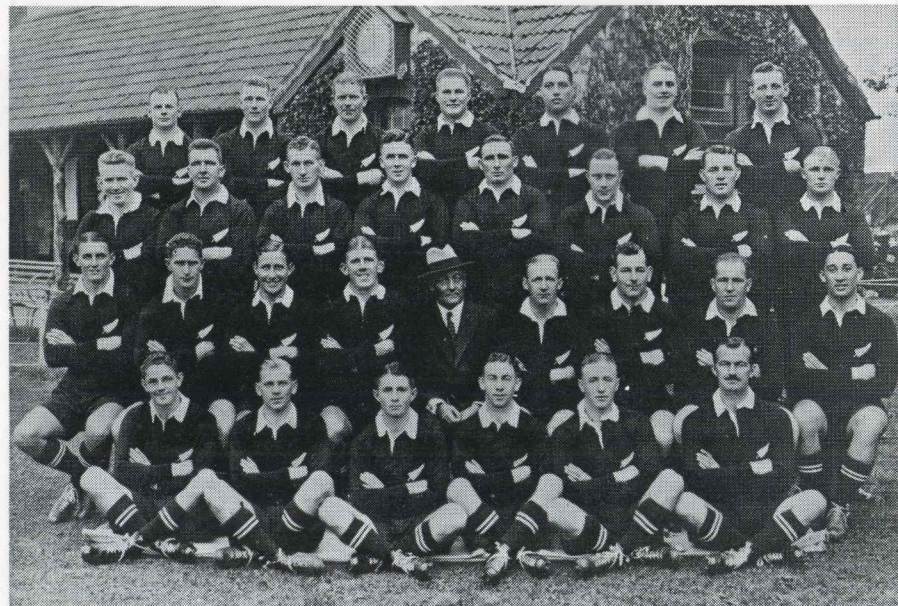
I think that the 'pep' talk given by our captain, Tommy Stone, during the half time interval had a great effect on our play in the second half when we scored our converted goal.

I must say I enjoyed the game which was very hard and fast but clean. I found Jack Manchester, the New Zealand captain, a good forward and a splendid captain. Charlie Oliver, Jack Griffiths, Bill Hadley and Ron King played excellent football for New Zealand. The Cardiff pack excelled themselves and contained the New Zealand pack. The front row was Ray Bale, Jim Regan and Viv Osmond; second row was Harry Rees and Dr. Noel Rees; and the back row was Gwyn Williams, Eddie Watkins and myself.

As far as I can remember, this match was the only game for which we had a special training schedule which included a run twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays, three weeks before the game.

The run was from Cardiff Arms Park in running kit, over Canton Bridge, along Cathedral Road, through Llandaff Fields on to High Street, Llandaff. Those who wanted a rest called in the Butchers Arms and the remainder proceeded back along Cardiff Road and Cathedral Road returning to Cardiff Arms Park for a bath and shower and 'kippers'.

It was all good fun and we really enjoyed ourselves—after all that's what Rugby is all about.



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with us**

E. John

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21st NOVEMBER, 1953

"I WAS THERE" by Bleddyn Williams



THE CARDIFF TEAM THAT BEAT THE 1953 NEW ZEALAND TOURISTS

To play against a touring team, notably New Zealand, whose charisma stands highest among our most welcome visitors from overseas, is the cherished ambition of every aspiring Rugby player. To be on the winning side against the All Blacks is something that, in the main, reflects a pipe dream, far from the realities of life. Yet on occasions dreams do come true and never more so than on that November day in 1953 when, for the first time in the history of this great club, Cardiff at last managed to lower the All Blacks' colours after the fourth time of asking.

The events of that memorable day characterised the tremendous spirit and resolve that prevailed in the club and which climaxed an era that historians will, no doubt, compare with the formative years prior to World War One when the legendary names of E. Gwyn Nicholls, Percy Bush and R. T. (Rhys) Gabe, among others, paraded the Blue and Black colours with pride and so much distinction.

It was a question of whether Cardiff could go one better than in 1951 under Dr. Jack Matthews' captaincy when Basil Kenyon's Springboks, arguably the best touring side to visit these shores since the last war, lost by a 2 points margin in a game in which the Blue and Blacks took most of the honours and but for an unfortunate referee's error in the application of a newly introduced law involving a charged down kick, which denied my good friend of many years and co-centre Jack Matthews a try, would have won the match. A fact generously acknowledged by the South Africans who later presented the club with a Springbok head; a gesture normally reserved for teams who had beaten them.

We had done our homework, having seen Bob Stuart's men in action at Bristol, where the All Blacks took on the Western Counties, and Llanelli where they turned in comfortable victories over formidable opposition. Moreover Rex Willis and I had toured New Zealand with Carl Mullen's 1950 Lions and therefore we approached

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"I WAS THERE" by Bleddyn Williams

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success than that achieved by the Western Counties and Llanelli forwards? Most people, even the ardent home supporters, doubted it, though secret hopes were cherished, and the critics forecast a battle for supremacy between the machine-like New Zealand forwards and Cardiff's international back division.

The events that followed on that sunny November day will never fade from my memory. The plan was that we should take full advantage of the first fifteen minutes or so and before the All Blacks became inured to the nervous tension provoked by the "atmosphere" of the capacity 56,000 crowd. Vital points in the bag were needed during this time and our strategy was planned to fulfil this desire. It worked perfectly but it would not have been accomplished without the magnificent forward effort by the late Sid Judd and his fellow marauders who provided the necessary possession for the Cardiff backs to unleash their talents.

Cliff Morgan was Cardiff's attacking inspiration, a darting, tackle-defying symbol of all that is great in traditional Welsh back play. When Rex Willis set him twinkling away from a scrum on the Cardiff 25 after only six minutes, we realised the first score was on its way. Halfway through a gap of his making Cliff put in a short punt which he gathered on the fall, a pass to Alun Thomas and the All Blacks defence was in disarray. Gwyn Rowlands in support was next to receive the ball and as the All Blacks defence regrouped the Cardiff right wing sent over a peach of a cross kick to the New Zealand posts, with the entire home pack in pursuit. A ruck was formed, the ball came loose on the Cardiff side and in a flash Sid Judd gathered before diving over for a try which Gwyn Rowlands converted.

The score must have shaken the tourists but there was no sign of panic or alarm in their ranks. They had confidence in men like Kevin Skinner, "Tiny" White and the long striding flankers Bill Clark and Des Oliver. What is more our lead was cut back just five minutes later when a Cardiff forward fell offside at a ruck and the late Ron Jarden kicked a magnificent penalty from fully 55 yards.

We must score again! Cliff Morgan nodded and away he went from a Willis dive pass on the Cardiff 10 yard line. Body swinging in the peculiarly deceptive manner of his running, Morgan once again broke through before handing on to me. I punted ahead and to my right for Alun Thomas outside me. A lucky bounce and Thomas was streaking away. Up to that fabulous full back Bob Scott he raced; and then a long pass sent Gwyn Rowlands sprinting to the corner for a try which brought the house down.

Eight points to three—and 60 minutes to play. I can never hope to recapture the excitement of what followed with mere words. One had to play in it or see the game to appreciate the agonising tension as the Cardiff side to a man fought to hold out against an All Black offensive which never let up in its intensity until the final whistle.

I personally have never had a more nerve-wracking experience than the final minutes. I recall the late John Llewellyn's mark on the Cardiff try line that saved a desperate situation, followed almost immediately by our hooker Geoff Beckingham's answer to a prayer by stealing a "tight head", again on our own line, for Cliff Morgan to despatch the ball to touch as "no" side sounded.

In the event those early eight points had proved enough but I wonder if it would have been so had the All Blacks not wasted so much hard won possession by dropping for goal with better chances of a score available to them, or had their captain Bob Stuart—he missed the game suffering from a septic leg—been on hand to direct their destiny in those electrically charged final minutes.

It was a tremendously proud day for the entire Cardiff team and especially for me as their captain. Each year we meet, or those 13 of us who remain, on or near the date of that memorable victory to maintain a friendship that was cemented on a special occasion for the club.

the big season with an infinite knowledge of what was expected of the Cardiff team on the day to gain the ultimate reward.

We assessed the All Blacks strength as being extremely formidable up front but rather less so behind the scrum. Could Cardiff's pack stand the strain with more

Cardiff's pack stand the strain with more



NEW ZEALAND RUGBY TOURING TEAM 1953-54

Back row (left to right): C. J. Loader, A. E. G. Elsom, J. W. Kelly, W. A. McCaw, K. L. Skinner, R. C. Hemi, J. M. Tanner, I. J. Clarke. Second row: C. A. Woods, H. L. White, R. A. White, P. F. H. Jones, K. P. Bagley, R. J. O'Dea, D. O. Oliver, G. N. Dalzell, W. H. Clark. Sitting: R. A. Jarden, J. T. Fitzgerald, D. D. Wilson, R. C. Stuart (Captain), J. N. Millard (Manager), A. E. Marslin (Assistant Manager), L. S. Haig (Vice-captain), R. W. H. Scott, B. P. Eastgate, V. D. Bevan. In front: B. B. J. Fitzpatrick, R. G. Bowers, K. Davis, M. J. Dixon, W. S. S. Freebairn.



CARDIFF v. ALL BLACKS, 1953: The two tries which won this historic match. The first Cardiff try scored by Sid Judd beneath a melee of players and (inset) right winger Gwyn Rowlands dives over to score Cardiff's second try in the right hand corner.



COMBINED CARDIFF/NEW ZEALAND TEAMS

23rd NOVEMBER, 1963

All Blacks v. Cardiff

(but I got 'em working overtime!)

By Dai Hayward

Cardiff against the All Blacks at the Arms Park. What an emotive phrase. It sums up, for thousands of people, what Rugby Football and all its passion, patriotism and poetry is all about. Cardiff of Barry and Gareth, Cliff and Rex, Bleddyn and Jack. Blue and Black wraiths that glide and sidestep through the mists of memory like Welsh ewes dodging the traffic in a Rhigos fog. 'The All Blacks', a stomach-chilling name whether from Llanhilleth, Neath or New Zealand, but especially chilling when the Black covers the chests of such as Brian Williams, Batty, Kirkpatrick, Meads, Going, Scott and Nepia. Then, where else to stage such a contest but at the Arms Park (alright, alright, I know it's the National Stadium, but when Cardiff play the All Blacks it becomes the Arms Park again for the afternoon. It's people like you that drove Dylan Thomas to drink). The Arms Park has seen more triumph and disaster, more tragedy and comedy, more of the dramatic and the athletic than the combined entertainment offered at La Scala, the Old Vic and the coliseum at Rome. Where would you find an opera with sixty thousand voices? Where would you find more ballet and poetry than in the movement of Gerald Davies, Barry John, Phil Bennett and Gareth Davies. More comedy than a Camilleri-Spike Watkins double act and more dramatic acting than a Barry Nelmes injury on the Cardiff line. It never occurred to Nero to have thirty gladiators do their worst, and to come back again next week, same time — or perhaps he didn't understand the offside laws. Then again as sole selector for both sides, a 'thumbs down' saved him the embarrassment of meeting someone in the Clubhouse that he had just dropped from the team. His method also cut down the expenses on after-match beer.

Whenever anyone mentions the Springboks, I get a dull ache in my left shoulder, and various other psychosomatic pains rack me at the mention

of teams against whom I have pulled and bruised muscles from beneath my big toe-nail to the one that wrinkles my forehead when I want to disguise the fact that my hair line is receding. However there is no such pain when the All Blacks are mentioned, other than a thump behind my eye-balls in memory of two monumental hangovers that were more like nervous breakdowns. The first occurred after we had lost to the '63 All Blacks by one point and the second was when the East Wales team outplayed the 1967 All Blacks, but only drew a game that did, however, dent their 100% record.

Take it from me, the boyos from Down Under have more in common with the Welsh than their ability to play Rugby Football and grow lamb chops. After a game they have the same desire as most of the inhabitants of the Principality in trying to cause a mechanical breakdown through overheating of the cask-filling plants of the local brewers. I am reminded (of course, viewing your antics from the safe, civilised and dreadfully dull pastures of leafy Herts.) of a warning given to W. C. Fields by a well-intentioned friend. He advised W. C. that it didn't matter how much money he spent, and how much he drank, the distilleries could always produce more. "I know, I know," replied Fields, "but I got 'em working overtime". It appears that the All Blacks have been working overtime in an effort to create a team that will do more than justice to the glorious traditions of the wearers of the Silver Fern. My secret sources tell me that these All Blacks will be as good as any team since the war. In a process of progressive evolution that has been likened to the first amoeba lying stranded on the edge of a primeval swamp, and growing through stages to become something as beautiful as Sophia Loren, the Rugby men of New Zealand have come slithering from the swamps of their pitches that characterised the last Lions Tour, and by

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progressive evolution have developed into a fine team capable of playing devastating fifteen man Rugby. Which we all agree is a very beautiful thing, if not quite Sophia Loren.

The present Cardiff team is obviously a thing of beauty too. Last season they showed the Rugby world what competitive football, played with flair, imagination and skill is all about. This season, they have scored 300 points in a month, playing a brand of Rugby that must have made every nerve in Gerald Davies' sidestepping muscles twitch to be back out there

amongst them, putting the finishing touches to the team he created. There will be cynics amongst you who might say what about the Wallabies win in New Zealand, and what about Pontypridd and Cardiff the other Wednesday night. To this I would point out that between the amoeba and Sophia we had the Neanderthal Man: he wasn't very pretty either, and proves that even nature hiccoughs from time to time.

So the scene is set for a memorable game. I fervently hope that it lives up to expectations. If it does, then I and thousands of others will be happy to remember the 1978 All Blacks with a thump behind the eyes—and if Cardiff win—well, I reckon that my cronies and I will be happy to say "I know, I know—but I got 'em working overtime".

KNOW THE LAWS

By Fred Croster

Just before the season started the W.R.U. held their annual Coaches Conference and one session was devoted to the sad Australian tour. In the chair was Cliff Jones as chairman of the Coaching Committee. In the hot seat were Clive Rowlands and John Dawes.

In no uncertain terms, Clive placed much of the reason for lack of success on one specific interpretation of the laws which, due to the massive publicity given to the punch-ups and what have you, was not mentioned in the popular press. John fully endorsed Clive's observations which utterly condemned the Wallabies tactics in certain offside situations.

It is well known that players in an offside position are not permitted to remain within 10 metres of an opponent waiting to receive or catch the ball. If they are within that distance they must retire 10 metres WITHOUT DELAY, or be penalised.

Out there, what happened time and again was that, as a deliberate tactic, when for instance J.P.R. was waiting to field a high ball from a kick, Australian players, in an offside position, would actually set up an obstruction wall, on the 10 metres line, to leave him with no option but to kick and thus prevent him running to set up a counter attack.

This was completely new to our players and management and caused considerable concern.

At the Conference, Hermas Evans was brought into the discussion in his capacity as member of the International Board. He later wrote to me as editor of 'Welsh Rugby' magazine and I quote:

"Technically, the Australians were correct, but what concerned me was that the spirit of the law was being broken by this destructive ploy. If it became common practice then I feel certain that the law would be amended. The ploy was deliberate and not in keeping with allowing some latitude to offside players. It was wilfully infringing what was otherwise an accidental infringement. An offside player must do nothing to influence the course of the game."

Since then of course, Australia have toured New Zealand. Will we see it happen, I wonder, today?

CARDIFF v. NEW ZEALAND

4th NOVEMBER, 1972

"I WAS THERE" by Mervyn John

"The New Zealand Maori inhabitants, although they were an intelligent race of people—tall, strong, courageous and resourceful—were addicted to cannibalism and to inter-tribal warfare. At various times, they turned upon the white settlers with fury."

That extract from Waverley's "Book of Knowledge" might not be the ideal reading material before playing against the New Zealand All Blacks, but it was certainly sufficient to set my temperature soaring in anticipation of that great momentous occasion. Would Cardiff and its nucleus of "woolly back mountain dwellers from the valleys" be any match for these "Maori cannibals"?

It was early in October, a telephone call from Cardiff captain Gerry Wallace. He had broken his thumb in a "friendly bout", and I knew that as vice-captain I would lead the "greatest" rugby club in the world against Ian Kirkpatrick's All Blacks. The following three weeks were a frenzy of training nights, coaching meetings, dinners, interviews and culminating two days before the game in a meeting with my opponents at Cardiff Castle. With so many activities, the one occasion I will always remember was a luncheon with the '53 Cardiff team that had beaten the All Blacks—a joyous occasion of reminiscences and friendship with a sincere invitation for my Cardiff team to beat New Zealand and join them at all their future celebrations.

My greatest disappointment in the build-up, and one which may have affected the result of our game, was to be at Stradey Park on the preceding Tuesday to see the Scarlets defeat the might of New Zealand. On any other occasion, I would have been as proud as other Scarlet fans, but on this afternoon I walked away as sad as all New Zealand supporters. A tremendous Llanelli performance, but with that air of invincibility now missing, how difficult it would be to lift my Cardiff team, while it was make or break for New Zealand to restore their tour morale.

Sadly the game itself was a disappointment for all concerned, and my memories of that 80 minutes are few. If we had kicked our goals and capitalised on our first attack, when a 2-1 situation was spoilt with wing John Bevan waiting for the ball, how different the result may have been.

The All Black personality for me was, perhaps understandably, their captain, Ian Kirkpatrick. A man of tremendous stature, character and personality who is respected throughout the world for his commitment, dedication and expertise in one of the most demanding positions. I remember when winning the toss before the match, he decided to "kick off and run at you", and at the after-match dinner, his words "you never beat Welsh teams, you simply score more points".

Six years later, and the charisma that surrounds the All Blacks is with us again. Many of that Cardiff side of '72 are still regulars with the club, and only recently I led a Rags XV in which six of that '72 pack were involved. I wish them, and today's Cardiff XV, every success in their venture into the most lasting memory in any rugby man's lifetime.

Teams for Today's Match



New Zealand

15	B. J. McKECHNIE/C. J. CURRIE
14	B. G. WILLIAMS
13	W. M. OSBORNE
12	B. J. ROBERTSON
11	S. WILSON
10	E. DUNN
9	D. LOVERIDGE/M. DONALDSON
1	B. R. JOHNSTONE
2	A. DALTON
3	G. KNIGHT
4	A. M. HADEN
5	F. J. OLIVER
6	L. RUTLEDGE
8	G. SEEAR
7	G. MOURIE (Captain)

Full Back
Right Wing
Right Centre
Left Centre
Left Wing
Outside Half
Inside Half
Forwards

Cardiff

P. REES	15
D. THOMAS	14
M. MURPHY	13
P. DANIELS	12
C. CAMILLERI	11
W. G. DAVIES	10
T. D. HOLMES	9
B. G. NELMES (Captain)	1
M. WATKINS	2
F. M. D. KNILL	3
R. NORSTER	4
H. De GOEDE	5
R. DUDLEY-JONES	6
J. SCOTT	8
C. SMITH	7

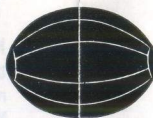
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Replacements

J. DAVIES	16
H. DAVIES	17
A. A. J. FINLAYSON	18
D. LLEWELLYN	19
T. CHARLES	20
L. O'BRIEN	21

Referee:

R. C. QUITTENTON
(R.F.U.)

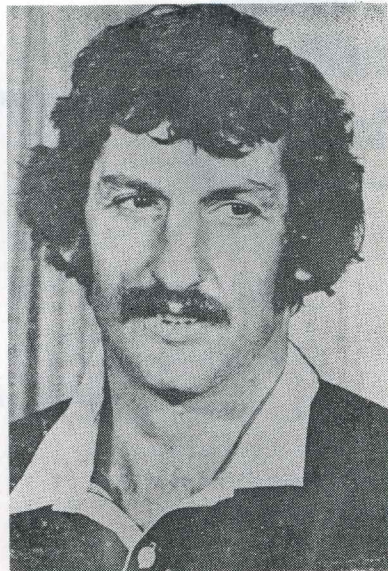


Touch Judges:

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(Cardiff)

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(Rhondda)

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1.	B. G. ASHWORTH	(Auckland)	Flanker
2.	J. E. BLACK	(Canterbury)	Hooker
3.	O. D. BRUCE	(Canterbury)	First Five-Eighth
4.	W. K. BUSH	(Canterbury)	Prop
5.	C. J. CURRIE	(Canterbury)	Full back
6.	A. G. DALTON	(Counties)	Hooker
7.	M. W. DONALDSON	(Manawatu)	Half back
8.	E. DUNN	(North Auckland)	First Five-Eighth
9.	J. M. FLEMING	(Wellington)	Lock
10.	B. R. FORD	(Marlborough)	Winger
11.	W. G. GRAHAM	(Otago)	Flanker
12.	A. M. HADEN	(Auckland)	Lock
13.	J. L. JAFFRAY	(Otago)	Second Five-Eighth
14.	B. R. JOHNSTONE	(Auckland)	Prop
15.	J. ASHWORTH	(Canterbury)	Prop
16.	G. A. KNIGHT	(Manawatu)	Prop
17.	R. KURURANGI	(Counties)	Winger
18.	J. M. LOVEDAY	(Manawatu)	Lock
19.	D. S. LOVERIDGE	(Taranaki)	Half back
20.	A. A. MCGREGOR	(Southland)	No. 8
21.	B. J. McKECHNIE	(Southland)	Utility back
22.	G. N. K. MOURIE (Captain)	(Taranaki)	Flanker
23.	F. J. OLIVER	(Otago)	Lock
24.	W. M. OSBORNE	(Wanganui)	Second Five-Eighth
25.	B. J. ROBERTSON	(Counties)	Centre
26.	L. M. RUTLEDGE	(Southland)	Flanker
27.	G. A. SEAR	(Otago)	No. 8
28.	N. M. TAYLOR	(Bay of Plenty)	Second Five-Eighth
29.	B. G. WILLIAMS	(Auckland)	Winger
30.	S. S. WILSON	(Wellington)	Winger
31.	R. W. THOMAS	Honorary Manager	
32.	J. GLEESON	Honorary Assistant Manager/Coach	

B. G. ASHWORTH (Auckland)

Flanker. 28, self-employed. Married. 1.87m. 94kg. Two games for N.Z., two Tests. Regular member of Auckland team since 1974. All Black trialist 1976-77. North Island rep. 1976. Surprise selection in All Black team this year, playing in first two Tests against Wallabies before injury forced him out of third Test side.

J. E. BLACK (Canterbury)

Hooker. 27, Meatworks assistant manager. Married. 1.82m. 94kg. Eight games for N.Z., one Test, N.Z. Colts 1972. Canterbury debut 1973, but after nine games 1973-74 was not called upon again until last year because of Tane Norton's presence. Junior All Black 1973-74. All Blacks Argentina 1976, France 1977 (one Test) and reserve v. Wallabies 1978.

O. D. BRUCE (Canterbury)

First Five-eighth. 30, School teacher. Married. 1.77m. 75kg. 12 games for N.Z., 10 Tests. Began rep. career with Mid-Canterbury, and mainstay of Canterbury sides since 1970. Has played more than 100 games for Canterbury and scored more than 100 points. Junior All Black 1970. All Black since 1974. Outstanding in South Africa 1976 and France 1977.

W. Kingi Ta Te Pohe BUSH (Canterbury)

Prop. 29, welder and freezing worker. Single. 1.85m. 103kg. 23 games for N.Z., nine Tests. More than 60 games since Canterbury debut in 1971. All Black career began against Australia and Ireland in 1974, and an All Black every year since. Won the Tom French Cup for New Zealand's outstanding Maori player, 1975. Reserve for Tests against Australia.

C. J. CURRIE (Canterbury)

Full back. 22, student teacher. Single. 1.85 m. 87kg. New All Black. Shock selection of the Tour. Played four years senior football in Wellington, making rep. team in three of them, before moving to Christchurch this year. In the shadow of Brian Cederwall in Wellington, he has been third choice behind Richard Wilson and Doug Heffernan in Christchurch but won selection for Canterbury B as centre this season.

A. G. DALTON (Counties)

Hooker. 26, farm adviser. Married. 1.78m. 94kg. Eight games for N.Z., four Tests. Test debut in France 1977. Played in all three Tests against the Wallabies 1978. Regular hooker for Counties since 1975. Played for North Island in 1976-77 and selected again this year.

M. W. DONALDSON (Manawatu)

Half back. 22, Bank clerk. 1.72m. 76kg. Eight games for N.Z., five Tests. 63 first class matches N.Z. Colt 1974. Toured France with All Blacks 1977. Toured Australia with Barbarians 1977.

E. DUNN (North Auckland)

First Five-Eighth. 23, physical education teacher. Married. 1.75m. 73kg. New All Black. Plucked from Dargaville High School 1st XV to play outside Sid Going for North Auckland in 1973. Went to Auckland but never made rep. side 1974-76. Returned to North Auckland side 1977. Again combining with Going, played for North Island and N.Z. Maoris 1977. 34 North Auckland appearances.

J. K. FLEMING (Wellington)

Lock. 25, N. driver. Married. 1.96m. 100kg. New All Black. Played for N.Z. Under-21 side 1973, but did not get national recognition again until 1977 when replacement in All Blacks trials. Strong provincial displays this year gained selection for this Tour.



J.M. Fleming



E. Dunn



M.W. Donaldson



B.G. Ashworth



J.E. Black



O.D. Bruce



W.K. Bush



C.J. Currie



A.G. Dalton



B.R. Ford

B. R. FORD (Marlborough)

Winger. 26, Contractor. Married. 1.82m. 90kg. Eight games for N.Z., two Tests. Began with Canterbury. Played for N.Z. Under-21 side and South Island 1972. Began with Marlborough 1973, scoring 11 tries in 11 matches. Made South Island sides 1975-76 and N.Z. trialist both years. Toured France with All Blacks 1977.

W. G. GRAHAM (Otago)

Flanker. 31, Stock agent. Single. 1.88m. 95kg. New All Black. Otago debut 1975. New Zealand Juniors and N.Z. Universities rep. 1978. Has played his provincial rugby at lock, but because of his height has made the British Tour as a flanker.



W.G. Graham

A. M. HADEN (Auckland)

Lock. 27. Married. 2m. 108kg. 46 games for N.Z., nine Tests. First toured with the All Blacks to Britain and France 1972-73. Toured to the Argentine 1976, playing both internationals which were not considered full Tests by the N.Z. Rugby Union. Played all four Tests against British Lions in N.Z. 1977 and three Tests against Wallabies 1978. Has played year round rugby for the last four years—in France and Italy as well as New Zealand.

J. L. JAFFRAY (Otago)

Second Five-eighth. 28, Lamb buyer. Married. 1.78m. 83kg. 15 games for N.Z., six Tests. Otago debut 1970. All Black debut in second Test against Wallabies 1972. Has been in and out of Test sides, playing against Scotland (1975), Ireland (1976), two against South Africa and one against the Lions.



A.M. Haden

B. R. JOHNSTONE (Auckland)

Prop. 28, Building contractor. Married. 1.85m. 103kg. 17 games for N.Z., five Tests. Long-serving Auckland prop who has captained his provincial team for the past two seasons. Toured Australia with N.Z. Junior Under-23 side 1972 and N.Z. with N.Z. Juniors in 1973. Toured South Africa with 1976 All Blacks, playing in second Test. Played in two Tests against the British Lions and two against France 1977. Missed this year's Test series against the Wallabies because of injury.

G. A. KNIGHT (Manawatu)

Prop. 26, Salesman. 1.88m. 110kg. Eight games for N.Z., five Tests. Powerful player who started first-class career with Horowhenua, playing seven games in 1972. Has played 48 games for Manawatu since 1975, for the North Island and against Australia this year. Won Bronze Medal wrestling 1974 Commonwealth Games.



J.L. Jaffray

R. KURURANGI (Counties)

Winger. 21, Mechanic in N.Z. Army. Single. 1.78m. 83kg. New All Black. Strong and elusive winger who toured Australia with N.Z. Juniors 1978 and earned selection after series of outstanding matches for Counties rep. team last two seasons. Was named one of the five most promising players of 1977 by the Rugby Almanack of New Zealand.

J. M. LOVEDAY (Manawatu)

Lock. 29, Chiropractor. 1.93m. 110kg. New All Black. Played first game for Manawatu 1969 and then spent four years in the United States studying. Has played 60 games for Manawatu, often in the shadow of fellow All Blacks Sam Strahan and John Callesen, and New Zealand trialist in last three seasons. Has improved his line-out play spectacularly this season, and is a powerful scrummager.



B.R. Johnstone

D. S. LOVERIDGE (Taranaki)

Half back. 26, Pig farmer. Married. 1.75m. 75kg. New All Black. First played for Taranaki 1974. N.Z. Juniors internal tour 1975. Reserve half back for Test series against Wallabies 1978.

A. A. MCGREGOR (Southland)

No. 8. 25, Farmer. Married. 1.85m. 97kg. New All Black. Has scored 100 points this season. 33 games for Southland during last three seasons.



G.A. Knight



R. Kururangi



J.M. Loveday



D.S. Loveridge

B. J. McKECHNIE (Southland)

Utility player. 24, Accountant. Single. 1.77m. 78.92kg. Four Tests. Debut for Southland 1976. Has now played 36 games for the province. Played two Tests in France 1977 and two against Australia 1978. 1975 N.Z. World Cup Cricket team and played in two one-day internationals against India 1976.

G. N. K. MOURIE (Taranaki) (Captain)

Flanker. 26, Farmer. Single. 1.84m. 98kg. 17 games for N.Z., four Tests. First played representative rugby for Wellington 1973. Returned to Taranaki 1975 and soon became captain. He captained New Zealand Juniors and New Zealand teams in Argentina and France. Selected to captain New Zealand in Test series against Australia this year, but withdrew because of back injury. In reserves for final Test.

F. J. OLIVER (Otago)

Lock. 29, Forestry contractor. Married. 1.90m. 102kg. 25 games for N.Z. 10 Tests. Came to Otago this year after nine seasons with Southland. Toured South Africa 1976, making Test debut. Played all four Tests against British Lions 1977. Captained All Blacks against Wallabies 1978.

W. M. OSBORNE (Wanganui)

Second Five-eighth. 23, Stock and Station agent. Single. 1.73m. 83.4kg. 27 games for N.Z., nine Tests. Making his fifth overseas tour with the All Blacks, having made debut in 1975 against Scotland. More than 100 first class matches. Also includes tours of South Africa (1976) and France (1977). 49 appearances for Wanganui, eight for New Zealand Maoris, two for New Zealand Barbarians, four for World Fifteens, four for New Zealand Colts and five New Zealand trials.

B. J. ROBERTSON (Counties)

Centre. 26, Sales representative. Married. 1.86m. 83kg. 72 games for N.Z., 23 Tests. Recognised in New Zealand as the greatest centre in the world. Named N.Z. player of the year 1977. Made Test debut against Australia 1972 and has been regular member of N.Z. Test sides since. Toured Britain and France with the All Blacks 1972-73, Australia and Fiji 1974, Ireland in late 1974 and South Africa 1976, where he played in all four Tests. 1977 played in three of four Tests against British Lions, concussion forcing withdrawal from the second Test. Toured France 1977, played in all three Tests against the Wallabies 1978.

L. M. RUTLEDGE (Southland)

Flanker. 25, Freezing worker. Married. 1.83m. 93kg. Three games for N.Z., three Tests. Made rep. debut 1972, and has now played 58 times for Southland. South Island rep. 1976, selected 1977, but had to withdraw through injury.

G. A. SEEAR (Otago)

No. 8. 26, Draughtsman. Married. 1.95m. 102kg. 20 games for N.Z., five Tests. Otago debut 1971. Toured South Africa 1976, Test debut France 1977. Played all three Tests against Wallabies 1978. Has played most of his provincial rugby at lock.

N. M. TAYLOR (Bay of Plenty)

Second Five-eighth. 27, Assurance representative. Married. 1.78m. 80kg. 17 games for N.Z., seven Tests. Two unofficial Tests against the Argentine 1976. Has played 62 games for Bay of Plenty.

B. G. WILLIAMS (Auckland)

Winger. 27, Solicitor. Married. 1.78m. 86kg. 99 games for N.Z., 34 Tests. One of New Zealand's greatest wingers, and an automatic choice, when not injured, since a sensational tour to South Africa 1970. Has made six overseas tours with All Black sides. Severely injured in first Test against France 1977, and it looked as if his rugby career might be over but he has made a remarkable come-back to Test rugby this year playing all three Tests against the Wallabies.

S. S. WILSON (Wellington)

Winger. 23, Sales clerk. Single. 1.83m. 87kg. 16 games for New Zealand, five Tests. Attacking wing or centre who first came to national notice in N.Z. Under-21 side in 1976. Toured Argentina 1976, playing both Tests at centre. Despite missing much of 1977 including the full Lions Tour through injury, was chosen for tour of France, playing both Tests on the wing. Was again on the wing for all three Tests against Australia 1978.



F.J. Oliver



W.M. Osborne



B.J. Robertson



L.M. Rutledge



G.A. Seear



A.A. McGregor



S.S. Wilson



B.G. Williams



N.M. Taylor

A New Zealander Looks at Cardiff

By Terry McLean

(Official correspondent with the Eighth All Blacks)

I am sure Welsh people will understand that there was a time when all New Zealand male children were brought up to believe that the 1905 All Blacks had been robbed of an unbeaten record because Bob Deans was not allowed the try he was said to have scored on the Arms Park. Living as we did, a small nation Way Down Under, we had other causes for feeling that there must be something funny, or peculiar, or both, about the Welsh and the Arms Park. There was, for instance, the ordering off of Cyril Brownlie from Twickenham by a Welsh referee—we nourished a strong feeling of injustice about that. Then there was the beating of the Third All Blacks by Wales because, so it was said, Charlie Oliver, the midfield back, was taken out of the movement, when he was well positioned to defend, by a timely tackle by Claude Davey in the famous rush for the winning try after Wilfrid Wooller had hoisted his gigantic punt.

It was only with the years that we learned to accept that if Mr. Dallas said Deans did not score, why, quite simply, he didn't. Mark Nicholls, shrewdest of tacticians, more than once told me, in person, that Albert Freethy was the finest referee he ever saw—so that disposed of that, too. It was also important that though my brother Hugh played in the match, he never once mentioned to me the Oliver-Davey entanglement. He had no bitterness about the defeat in what

must still rank, surely, as one of the most exciting internationals ever played; and still amusingly recalls that though he as a fast flank-forward—and a very fine one, if I may say so—conscientiously chased Cliff Jones 75 times; he just failed to catch him "just 75 times".

So the time came for me, personally, to visit the Arms Park as the only Press correspondent with Bob Stuart's All Blacks. I suppose some traces of the old prejudices lingered in my mind and I must admit a new one burned sharply when Dr. Peter Cooper failed to penalise poor Sid Judd, not far from the Cardiff goal, though the latter had moved around so fast and so far that he was sitting between the back row and the New Zealand scrum half whilst the ball was still in the scrum. But that marvellous game with the club had not long been going before I discovered that the sour memories, or such as remained, were being dissipated by the glories and excitements of the play. What a game—Cliff Morgan breaking out of his 25; Rowlands rushing down the wing; Bowes playing with celestial fury; Skinner and Evans indulging, as props will, a private party and telling the referee to leave them alone—Evans still has, untouched, Skinner's bloodied nose-stains on his Cardiff jumper. This was rapturous Rugby. There was never any doubt, in our minds, that Cardiff were the better side. As such, they

surely formed a direct link with the great Welsh teams, including Wales, which had played the 1905 All Blacks and, more than once, nearly beaten them.

It has been my luck, and pleasure, many times since that memorable first day to go back to the Arms Park; and I was not spinning a tale when I wrote, in an article on Rugby fields I had seen about the world for the programme, Scotland versus New Zealand, at Auckland in June, 1975 that "At the Arms Park, you feel yourself gripped in an atmosphere unique in Rugby and, I suggest, in world sport, too. Let me, as a New Zealander, put it this way: if Aladdin gave me but one choice, I would rather see the All Blacks play Wales at the Arms Park than any other match, anywhere."

Had it not been for the angelic behaviour of the crowd which watched the 1974 All Blacks play a Welsh XV on the Arms Park—will I be forgiven if I say I find it impossible to call the ground the National Stadium?—I doubt that I could have written such words. I would be the last to defend the conduct of the Seventh All Blacks of 1972-73. They often made me feel, as a New Zealander, deeply ashamed. Yet in the galleries of the All Blacks' games on the Arms Park in that joyless season, there was a hostility and bitterness of extraordinary depth. This was not the Arms Park one could associate with that great gentleman, Rhys Gabe, or with Morgan and Bowes and Hubert Johnson, and the numberless men of character and renown and boundless sportsmanship whom I had had the pleasure to meet. One shivered. Was the immortal pitch under threat from odious, sinister, surely non-Rugby forces?

Happily, the accord established in the game of '74—Aladdin himself could not have performed a more magical feat, no matter how much he rubbed the lamp—abolished, I take leave to say, forever the disastrous unhappiness which had been engendered. Now,

therefore, as the club celebrates its centenary, we New Zealanders take leave to offer, on the old terms of friendship which stood through so many moments of hell, fire and damnation, unqualified congratulations to what most of us Way Down Under, consider to be the greatest of all Rugby clubs. We have our marvellous memories of the Arms Park—of Wallace and Seeling in 1905, Cooke and Nicholls and Nepia in 1924, Caughy and Gilbert in 1935, Smith and Sherratt with the Kiwis, "Tiny" White and Scott in 1953, Whineray and Meads in 1963, Lochore and Steel in 1967, Kirkpatrick and Karam in 1972, Leslie and Batty in 1974. And I myself can see Bleddyn and "Billy the Kick" and Morgan and "Dai Ding Dong" and Bowes and Barry John and . . . Oh, the list could go on, like the brook, forever. But they told me 500 words and 500, give or take a few, it must be.

Immortal Arms Park! From far across the world, Way Down Under, we salute thee, home of great men, home of great games, a home of Rugby. When, with luck, we reach our various valhallas, may there be on call replays of Whineray's try and Bennett's breakback and Cliff Morgan's outside break and Cliff Pritchard's pass; and so on and so on. And could we just have, please, miraculously, Wallace and Deans sneaking up the field and Gabe tackling—with the Teddy Morgan try thrown in? Such a pleasure it would be to turn to our fathers, who would certainly be in the audience, to tell them you must **always** play to the whistle.

As I said, if I had but one choice, I would rather see the All Blacks play Wales at the Arms Park than any other match, anywhere.

CARDIFF v. THE MAORIS

29th DECEMBER, 1888



The Maoris were the first native New Zealand team to tour the U.K., and since they included only four white players, they were appropriately called after the indigenous inhabitants. In four months they played 74 matches, and Cardiff was their last match in Wales, having previously played Llanelli, Wales, Swansea and Newport in the preceding ten days (what a tour!). Incidentally Cardiff had also played on the 15th, 22nd, 26th and of course the 29th. The match was played in glorious weather, but conditions underfoot were very muddy, and consequently the game was played mainly in the forwards, although Norman Biggs scored after a grand run in the first minute. Cardiff scored a joint try between S. H. Nicholls and W. T. Morgan, both falling on the ball simultaneously. It was converted by 'Sawdust' Hughes. The Maoris scored a try through W. Wynyard.

Maori XV:

D. Gage; J. Warbrick (Captain), F. Warbrick, W. Wynyard, E'M'Causland; P. Keogh, W. Elliott; T. Ellison, G. Wynyard, H. Lee, A. Webster, G. Williams, A. Warbrick, W. Karauria, D. Stewart.

Cardiff:

H. Hughes; A. M. Mill, C. S. Arthur, F. N. Jones, Norman Biggs; Rosser Evans, W. E. Jarman; A. F. Hill (Captain), A. F. Bland, Q. D. Kedzlie, D. W. Evans, R. T. Duncan, W. T. Morgan, J. Mahoney, S. Nicholls.

D. W. Evans is missing from the photograph, and is replaced by N. E. O. Williams.

CARDIFF v. NEW ZEALAND

26th DECEMBER, 1905

It was a battle of giants in a period of tremendous Rugby enthusiasm, stimulated by the All Blacks tour, and Cardiff were playing at their brilliant best. Described as an exhilarating game, Cardiff's passing movements were superb, the visitors rugged and stern in defence, as yet unbeaten except by Wales in twenty-seven matches. Cardiff took the lead in the first half when John Brown direct from a line-out threw to Percy Bush, from whom the ball went to Gibbs, to Gabe and then to Gwyn Nicholls who scored a fine try in the corner for Winfield to convert with a splendid kick. New Zealand equalised before half time with a try by "Mons" Thomas and W. J. Wallace converted. In the second half the All Blacks took the lead most fortuitously, when from an injudicious kick ahead by Seeling one of their forwards, from thirty yards out the ball crossed our line but it was well covered by Percy Bush who merely had to touch it down to minor it. Although eyeing Nicholson, a New Zealander forward following up, Bush hesitated, and as the ball canted awkwardly, Nicholson made a spring and touched it down for a try, for Wallace to easily convert and the All Blacks to lead by 10-5. The crowd was shocked, and Bush was shamed but played brilliantly afterwards in an effort to save the game, and towards the end Cardiff scored another great try after a grand passing movement when the ball went from Dicky David the scrum half, to Bush, to Gibbs, to Nicholls who put Ralph Thomas our wing over in the corner. Could Winfield convert and so save the game? Alas his kick, an excellent one, just missed, and New Zealand had won by 10 points to 8. Their captain Dave Gallagher said Cardiff was the best club side the tourists had met, but that was no consolation to Percy Bush whose lapse was to haunt him for the rest of his days.

22nd NOVEMBER, 1924



1924-25 COMBINED CARDIFF v. NEW ZEALAND: Back row (l. to r.): K. S. Svenson, W. Ireson, A. White, F. Stephens, M. J. Brownlie, S. Hinam, O. Donald, R. Masters, I. Richards. Middle row: Dr. W. G. Williams, T. Wallace, A. E. Cooke, W. J. Delahay, H. W. Brown, R. A. Cornish, J. H. Parker, Tom Lewis, J. Mill, P. Rayer, J. Batstone (Committee), S. S. Dean (N.Z. Manager). Seated: W. R. Irvine, C. O'Leary, J. Richardson, W. J. Ould, C. G. Porter (Captain), Tom Johnson (Captain), Geo Nepia, Jim Brown, M.F. Nicholls, Jack Powell. In Front: A. S. Burge (Referee), D. E. Davies, F. W. Lucas.

The match of the season of course was that against New Zealand on 22nd November before a gate of 40,000. These Second All Blacks proved to be invincible and were to win all 32 matches by 838 points to 116, but they were flattered by their win over Cardiff by 16 points to 8 as a try by Porter their captain converted by Mark Nicholls was allowed after a couple of palpable knocks on with some of us hesitating for the referee's whistle to blow; and again our pack—which had a really magnificent day and out-fought the All Blacks in the second half—claimed a push-over try, but referee Captain A. S. Burge of Penarth was of course the sole judge. Our backs somehow lacked penetration, I remember mainly two items of mine, a dropped pass after a most promising heel from the pack; and tackling George Nepia, the famous All Black full back, frontally, as he was charging through to convert defence into an attacking movement, a tackle we both really felt. "Bobbie" Delahay our scrum half scored Cardiff's try and Dr. Tom Wallace converted it and kicked the penalty goal.

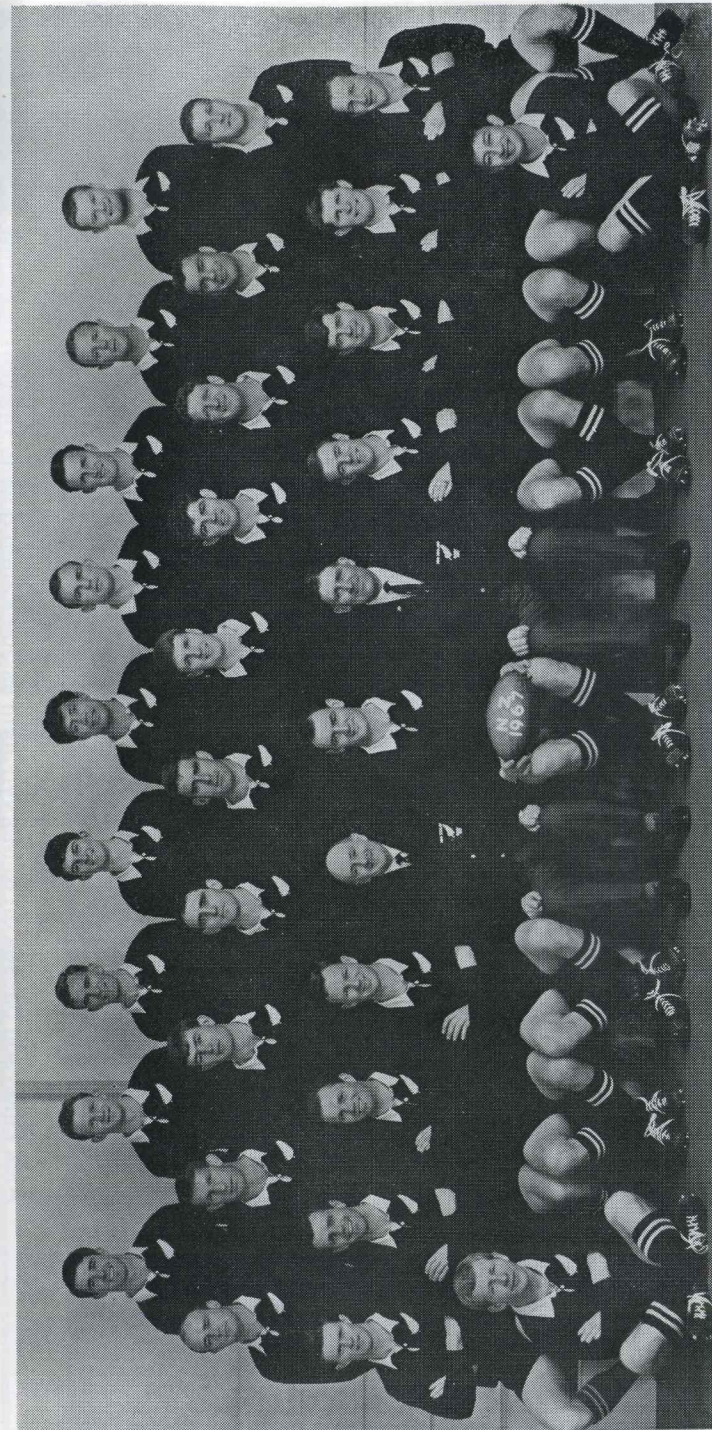
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CARDIFF v. ALL BLACKS, 1963: Keith Rowlands and Cliff Howe tussle for line-out possession.

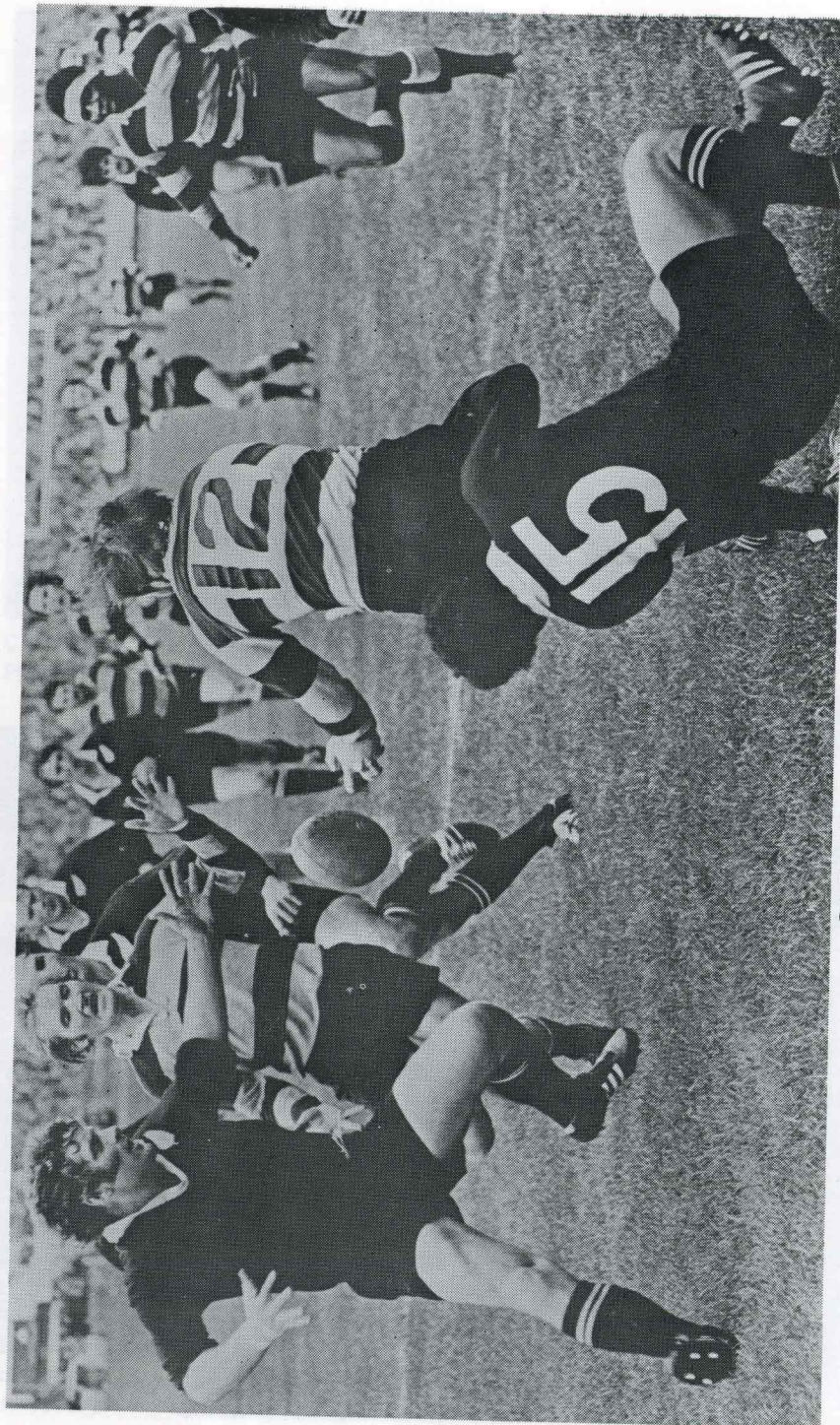


CARDIFF v. ALL BLACKS, 1963: Mac Herewini puts in a probing punt to test the home team's cover.



NEW ZEALAND RUGBY TOURING TEAM 1967

Back row (left to right): P. H. Clarke, W. D. Cottrell, W. M. Birtwistle, G. F. Kember, W. J. Nathan, G. C. Williams, M. C. Wills, B. E. McLeod, A. G. Steel. Second row: E. J. Hazlett, K. R. Tremain, I. A. Kirkpatrick, K. F. Gray, C. E. Meads, S. C. Strahan, A. E. Smith, A. E. Hopkinson, A. G. Jennings, B. L. Muller. Sitting: W. L. Davis, M. J. Dick, S. M. Going, I. R. MacRae (Vice-Captain), C. K. Saxton (Manager), B. J. Lochore (Captain), F. R. Allen (Assistant Manager), G. S. Thorne, E. W. Kirton, J. Major, W. F. McCormick. In front: C. R. Laidlaw, M. A. Herewini.



CARDIFF v. ALL BLACKS, 1972
 Alex Finlayson passes on to Mervyn John as Joe Karam downs the Cardiff centre.



CARDIFF v. ALL BLACKS, 1972: The club's powerful wing, John Bevan, drives the ball through before the New Zealanders can recover.

Previous Cardiff results against the New Zealand Tourists

New Zealand

Season	Date	Venue	Result
1905-06	26th December, 1905	Home	Lost 8-10
1924-25	28th November, 1924	Home	Lost 8-16
1935-36	26th October, 1935	Home	Lost 5-20
1953-54	21st November, 1953	Home	Won 8-3
1963-64	23rd November, 1963	Home	Lost 5-6
1972-73	4th November, 1972	Home	Lost 4-20

Total Played 6 Won 1 Lost 5 Drawn 0 Pts. for 38 Pts. against 75

The Maoris

1888-89	29th December, 1888	Home	Won 8-3
1926-27	6th November, 1926	Home	Lost 8-18
1926-27	28th December, 1926	Home	Lost 3-5

Total Played 3 Won 1 Lost 2 Drawn 0 Pts. for 19 Pts. against 26

New Zealand Army

1918-19	29th March, 1919	Home	Drawn 0-0
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New Zealand Services

1945-46	3rd November, 1945	Home	Won 14-3
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N.Z. Army 'The Kiwis'

1945-46	26th December, 1945	Home	Lost 0-3
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New Zealand Navy XV

1955-56	5th May, 1956	Home	Won 40-10
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Cardiff R.F.C. - First XV Fixtures

1978		
SEPTEMBER		
Fri.	1	
Sat.	2	East District H 38-17
Wed.	6	Glamorgan Wands. H 55-13
Sat.	9	Neath A 13-11
Wed.	13	Bristol A 42-14
Sat.	16	Coventry H 76-9
Wed.	20	Penarth H 62-0
Sat.	23	Aberavon A 14-13
Wed.	27	Pontypridd A 9-23
Sat.	30	Moseley A 9-3
OCTOBER		
Sat.	7	Newport H 7-0
Sat.	14	Northampton A 10-3
Sat.	21	New Zealand (All pay) H.....
Wed.	25	Bridgend A.....
Sat.	28	Harlequins (12a.m.) A.....
NOVEMBER		
Wed.	1	Pontypool H.....
Sat.	4	Maesteg H.....
Sat.	11	Ebbw Vale A.....
Sat.	18	W.R.U. Cup 1st Round
Sat.	25	Llanelli H.....
Wed.	29	Oxford University H.....
DECEMBER		
Sat.	2	Swansea A.....
Sat.	9	London Welsh A.....
Sat.	16	W.R.U. Cup 2nd Round

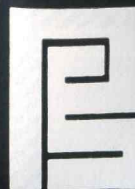
Sat.	23	Bridgend	H.....
Tues.	26	Pontypridd	H.....
Sat.	30	Coventry	A.....
1979			
JANUARY			
Mon.	1	Bath	H.....
Sat.	6	Moseley	H.....
Sat.	13	W.R.U. Cup 3rd Round	
Fri.	19	Heriots F.P.	A.....
Sat.	27	Aberavon	H.....
FEBRUARY			
Sat.	10	Bristol	H.....
Sat.	17		
Sat.	24	W.R.U. Cup 4th Round	
Wed.	28	Llanelli	A.....
MARCH			
Sat.	3	Ebbw Vale	H.....
Sat.	10	Pontypool	A.....
Fri.	16	London Welsh	H.....
Sat.	17		
Sat.	24	Newport	A.....
Sat.	31	Swansea	H.....
APRIL			
Sat.	7	Gloucester	A.....
Sat.	14	Barbarians	H.....
Mon.	16	Harlequins	H.....
Sat.	21	Neath	H.....
Sat.	28		

NEXT HOME FIXTURES

Wed., 1st November:	CARDIFF v. PONTYPOOL	7.15 p.m.
Sat., 4th November:	CARDIFF v. MAESTEG	3 p.m.
Sat., 25th November:	CARDIFF v. LLANELLI	3 p.m.

New Zealand Tour Fixtures 1978

OCTOBER		
18	Cambridge University	(Grange Road)
21	Cardiff	(Cardiff Arms Park National Stadium)
25	West Wales	(St. Helens)
28	London Counties	(Twickenham)
31	Munster	(Limerick)
NOVEMBER		
4	Ireland	(Lansdowne Road)
7	Ulster	(Belfast)
11	Wales	(Cardiff Arms Park National Stadium)
15	South and South West	(Bristol)
18	Midlands	(Leicester)
25	England	(Twickenham)
29	Monmouth	(Newport)
DECEMBER		
2	North	(Birkenhead Park)
5	Scottish North and Midlands	(Aberdeen)
9	Scotland	(Murrayfield)
13	Bridgend	(Brewery Field)
16	Barbarians	(Cardiff Arms Park National Stadium)



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