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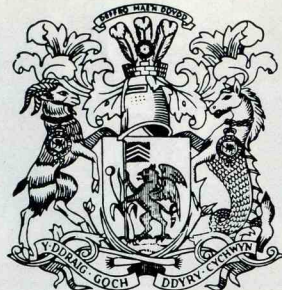


## Cardiff v. New Zealand

The National Stadium, Cardiff Arms Park  
Saturday, 18th October, 1980 — Kick Off 3pm.

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## Welcome to the All Blacks....

Today sees the curtain rise on one of the highlights — if not the highlight — of the Welsh Rugby Union's Centenary season, the visit of the All Blacks.

On behalf of Cardiff Rugby Football Club, and all rugby followers here today, I welcome with great pleasure Ray Harper — Manager, Graham Mourie — Captain, and Eric Watson — Coach, together with the rest of the party including Malcolm Hood — the "Physio".

Not since the visit of the fourth All Blacks in 1953 have Cardiff succeeded in defeating the Tourists — as brave as has been the effort. This year is the 75th Anniversary of matches between Cardiff and New Zealand, but it also marks the 75th Anniversary of Cardiff becoming a "City". What a gift if the Cardiff team could raise their game.

New Zealanders are fully aware of the great traditions and spirit of Cardiff teams — they themselves have similar traditions; so the stage is set once again for a match which we hope will be worthy of the occasion. A match in which high endeavour, skilful football and sportsmanship will predominate.

Welcome to Cardiff, "All Blacks"; may you have a happy and enjoyable tour.

C. D. WILLIAMS  
*Chairman, Cardiff R.F.C.*

# Magnificent All Blacks!

By J. B. G. Thomas

The ALL BLACKS are here again to stir the memory, to think of the great players who have worn the white fern proudly and revealed skill almost beyond compare. Let us think today of all the pleasant things and hope that the long friendship as well as the rivalry continues.

In Wales the eyes of followers light up when there is talk of the All Blacks and from boyhood I have found it ever true. One heard one's father talk of 1905, and fifteen years after the event it was really like a fairy story, listening in wonder at the great deeds of the Men in Black.

Nowadays, one assesses the crowd at the Cardiff Arms Park on that famous day of December 16, 1905 to be something like quarter of a million, at least that is estimated after having spoken to so many down through the years who claimed "they were there"! It must have been Celtic pride that caused many of them to imagine they were there. Or was it because it was the first real major rugby tour and every Welshman wished to be associated with it?

Actually, the first major tour was by a New Zealand "Native" side in 1888-89; one that lasted 14 months and during which 74 matches were played. This is probably the greatest feat of any touring team and when modern players talk of "pressures" what of this tour throughout the British Isles?

The tour started in June, 1888 and finished in August 1889, the longest tour in the history of any sport and in all, 107 matches were played, as this amazing total included 17 in New Zealand and 16 in Australia. Of the total they won 78, drew six and lost 23. The most interesting thing is that they all survived the experience.

Since that tour there have been many great players wearing the "black" and most of the 1905 were outstanding and their names are as familiar in the mouth as household words. Who will forget Dave Gallaher, Billy Wallace, Charlie Seeling, Bob Deans, Bunny Abbot (a marvellous man), J. W. Stead, George Smith, and other forwards like Nicholson, Glasgow, Newton and O'Sullivan. I met several of them in later years and was fascinated by their memories.

In 1924 came the "Invincibles", a team that set the pattern for modern fitness, coaching and team work, in which brilliant individuals blended their skills. Their impact on the rugby world at the time was even greater than that of the 1974 Lions and they were rather good! Led by Cyril Porter they had the famous Brownlie brothers, both superb forwards and one of the really great fullbacks, George Nepia who at 19 years of age, played in all the matches. What a man, what a teenager, surely, in a land that breeds fullbacks, none have been better than this remarkable player who is likely to visit this country again during the tour. A man who has done much for his people — a gentleman.

In 1935 Jack Manchester brought an attractive, running side, although they lost to Swansea at St. Helen's and Wales at Cardiff in memorable matches. Their leading players were Gilbert at full back, Caughey, Oliver and Hart at threequarters, Tindall and Griffiths at five-eighths, and two fine scrum halves in Corner and the diminutive Sadler. In the pack were some splendid forwards in McLean, Hadley, King, Mahoney, Reid and Hore.

The Kiwis of 1945-46 were spectacular, extremely friendly and one of the best of touring teams, which helped to revive the game in these Islands following the ravages of War. One thinks of Saxton, Finlay, Smith, Allen, Scott, Cook and Kearney with Macphail, Arnold, Blake and Simpson at forward.

When R. C. "Bob" Stuart brought his team in 1953, they were popular too and even though losing to Cardiff and Wales, maintained their cheerful path and there were no better players than Scott, Jarden, Dixon, Elsom, Davis, Clarke and Clark, Hemi, Skinner, Tiny White and Snow White and Dalzell. A good side but like that of 1935 not appreciated at home as much as the Invincibles!

In recent times there have been several visits and all sides have survived against Wales and only two were beaten, in 1963 by Newport and 1972 by Llanelli. Others remained unbeaten in Wales and one remembers such powerful players as Colin Meads, Wilson Whinerary, and the back row trio of Tremain, Nathan and Graham.

All have been specialists in their position and blessed with Kiwi tenacity. The players that come today are in the same mould under Graham Mourie, one in the long line of N.Z. back row leaders. Shrewd and able; diplomatic, he should enjoy the tour with his party.





THIS TROPHY ROOM  
DEDICATED TO RUGBY MEN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD  
WAS PRESENTED TO THE CLUB  
BY HUBERT JOHNSON ESQ  
AND WAS OPENED ON SATURDAY 12th APRIL 1969  
BY BRIGADIER H. L. GLYN HUGHES C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.  
THE PRESIDENT OF THE BARBARIAN FOOTBALL CLUB

## *The Hubert Johnson Room*

Depicted on the opposite page is a very fine photograph of what is commonly known as the Cardiff Rugby Club Museum in which we keep our most treasured mementos. It was donated to the Club by one of the great men in our history, Hubert Johnson.

His association with Cardiff began when he joined as a player from Llandaff in 1927. He served from that time as player and administrator until his untimely death on 5th June, 1979 whilst still holding office as President of the Cardiff Athletic Club. During that period he gave his undivided attention to the furtherance of rugby in general and the Cardiff Club in particular.

He became immensely popular and well known throughout the rugby world and this included a host of friends from New Zealand. His charm and dignity were a tremendous advert for the Cardiff Club and by reason of

his abundant generosity we became the possessors of the Trophy Room. Since its opening in April 1969 it has been visited and admired by visitors from all over the world.

When Hubert died, the present administration decided that his great services to the Club should somehow be recognised and his name perpetuated. What better way then was there than to rename the most famous room in a famous club after this famous man.

So with due but simple ceremony on the 16th December, 1979, a life-long friend of Hubert's and another great servant of the Club, Les Spence our current President, officially designated it "The Hubert Johnson Room". Nothing sums up Hubert's philosophy more aptly than the opening sentence of his own presentation address: DEDICATED TO RUGBY MEN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.





# THE CARDIFF TEAM THAT BEAT THE 1953 NEW ZEALAND TOURISTS

Standing:  
Seated:

G. Griffiths, J. Lewellyn, E. Thomas, M. Collins, J. D. Nelson, J. D. Evans.  
C. D. Williams, S. Bowes, W. R. Willis, S. Judd, B. L. Williams (capt.), C. Morgan, A. Thomas, G. Rowlands,  
G. Beekingham.



## 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 8 New Zealand 3

21st November, 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.





CARDIFF R.F.C. CENTENARY TOUR 1977 — CANADA AND AMERICA

Back row: M. Murphy, A. Phillips, T. Holmes, S. Lane, T. Worgan, F. M. D. Knill, G. Wallace, M. Watkins.  
 Second row: J. Evans (Coach), D. Thomas, D. Barry, C. Smith, R. Dudley-Jones, R. Lane, I. Robinson, A. A. J. Finlayson, P. Bolland, T. Holley (Masseur), Dr. J. H. Naysmith (Medical Adviser),  
 Seated: P. Evans, G. O. Edwards, J. E. Davies (Manager), T. G. R. Davies (Captain), L. M. Spence (Chairman, C.R.F.C.), B. Nelmes (Vice-Captain), A. J. Priday (Assistant Manager, Hon. Secretary), C. Camilleri, J. Davies.

## CARDIFF RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

# Internationals + British Lions

The following lists show the names of players who have achieved International status and those who became British Lions whilst playing for Cardiff. In total we can claim 165 international players (1 Scottish, 2 English, 4 Irish and 158 Welsh) and 36 British Lions.

The Internationals list, in chronological order, shows the date that a player received his first cap whilst playing for Cardiff so this does not necessarily indicate his initial cap because he may have joined Cardiff from another club. The figure following the name indicates the total number of caps won.

## Internationals (Figure indicates number of caps)

1880	B. B. MANN	1	1905	P. F. BUSH	8
	W. D. PHILLIPS	5	1906	R. A. GIBBS	16
1881	B. E. GIRLING	1		J. POWELL	1
1882	J. CLARE	1		D. WESTACOTT	1
	W. B. NORTON	6		J. L. WILLIAMS	17
1883	J. A. JONES	1	1907	J. A. BROWN	7
1884	T. M. BARLOW	1		R. J. DAVID	1
	F. E. HANCOCK	4	1910	L. M. DYKE	4
	J. T. HINTON	1		W. L. MORGAN	1
	H. J. SIMPSON	3		J. PUGSLEY	7
	J. S. SMITH	3		W. SPILLER	10
	W. H. STADDEN	7	1912	E. DAVIES	2
1885	A. F. HILL	14		W. JENKINS	4
	L. C. THOMAS	2		J. C. M. LEWIS	11
1886	W. M. DOUGLAS	4		R. F. WILLIAMS	4
	D. H. LEWIS	2	1914-18	WAR YEARS	
	G. A. YOUNG	2	1919	T. J. NICHOLAS	1
1887	A. F. BLAND	8	1920	C. H. BRYANT (I)	2
	O. J. EVANS	4		W. J. POWELL	4
	H. HUGHES	2		T. WALLACE (I)	3
	A. J. HYBART	1	1921	T. JOHNSON	12
	W. E. O. WILLIAMS	5		D. M. JONES	2
1888	C. S. ARTHUR	2		J. PROSSER	1
	Q. D. KEDZLIE	2	1922	J. E. FINLAY (I)	6
1889	N. BIGGS	7	1923	R. A. CORNISH	10
	D. W. EVANS	5		D. G. DAVIES	2
	R. EVANS	1		J. POWELL	2
	S. H. NICHOLLS	3	1924	W. H. DELAHAY	18
1890	H. M. INGLEDEW	3		B. O. MALE	11
1891	T. W. PEARSON	13		W. J. OULD	2
	R. B. SWEET ESCOTT	3		A. RICKARD	1
1894	J. E. ELLIOTT	3	1925	J. BROWN	1
	D. FITZGERALD	2		S. HINAM	5
1895	S. BIGGS	9		I. RICHARDS	3
	W. J. ELSEY	1		B. R. TURNBULL	6
	F. MILLS	13	1926	T. LEWIS	3
1896	W. COPE	1	1927	J. BURNS	2
	W. DAVIES	1		G. RICHARDS	1
	E. GEORGE	3		J. ROBERTS	13
	E. G. NICHOLLS	24	1928	G. DAVIES	3
1897	F. H. CORNISH	4	1929	R. BARRELL	4
1898	T. DOBSON	4		H. M. BOWCOTT	8
	H. V. P. HUSSEY	5		W. ROBERTS	1
	W. JONES	2		F. L. WILLIAMS	14
1899	J. BLAKE	9	1930	R. W. BOON	12
1900	G. DOBSON	1		N. FENDER	6
1902	A. F. HARDING	20		G. JONES	2
	H. B. WINFIELD	15		A. SKYM	20
1903	A. B. TIMMS (S)	14	1933	I. ISAACS	2
1904	A. BRICE	18		A. H. JONES	2
	R. T. GABE	24		L. REES	1
	W. NEILL	11		M. J. TURNBULL	2
				W. WOOLLER	18

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# They don't come like Percy any more

By John Billot (Western Mail)

Welsh rugby is littered with famous deeds, but there is also the Famous Mistake. There can't be too many survivors around who remember it; yet it is part of the folklore of Welsh rugby and specifically Cardiff. Almost everyone with the slightest interest in rugby has heard of or read of the 1905 Great Blunder. Percy Bush was the perpetrator — a great player whose legend as a joker is all the more potent for the joke that rebounded on him.

One of my schoolmasters was Percy's son. To me this mild-mannered man was a complete misfit in the teaching profession. I can't rightly recall that I learned anything of academic value from him; but to me he was exalted above all others because of his dad — and because he taught me one of the greatest lessons in life: that a sense of humour overcomes all.

I remember that day he walked into class, reached up to the blackboard and without batting an eyelid carefully removed the drawing pins that held a banana skin artistically arranged for his benefit. He turned to the grinning denizens of Form 5B. There was no scowl or outraged posture; just a wry smile as he remarked, almost apologetically, "Very pretty."

This was a MAN; son of an imp of mischief who had played in the Welsh XV that defeated the unbeatable New Zealand back in 1905. I learned through fear from one master; but no-one ever had to fear Louis Bush. The man who taught maths through fear ironically also cured me of that fear. We mutually despised each other because I decided that maths were far too complicated.

He also disliked the way I saluted him. As major of the school cadet force, Fourth Battalion, The Welch Regiment, he ensured that I remained a miserable private in C Company by always failing personally my gradings on exercise. When I reckoned I deserved the V.C. for wiping out a Bren-gun post, the major almost foamed at the mouth and spat out that I had led my platoon to annihilation. I used to get my own back in a small way by cleaning the same rifle repeatedly and taking it out for his inspection.

Once, after approving a couple of cleanings he turned the next inspection down! I think that story, told all around the school, got back to him.

Anyway, he swiftly had me on the detention book on a "civil" matter and I waited meekly alongside his desk for 20 minutes while he flexed his cane and attended to the long queue of his own form pupils, cringingly presenting their detention work for his acceptance, or otherwise. When he had finished, he wrapped his gown about him, sinister as one of Tolkien's Black Riders, and without a glance at me strode out of the room.

Fear dropped off me in that instant. I ripped my detention work into four pieces and placed them on his desk. There was no summons later in the day to attend his presence. In fact, after a long cold stare on our next meeting, he never again gave me any hassle.

The lesson is that you stand up to people who try to walk all over you. Which is how the Welsh and Cardiff teams of 1905 looked at opponents who had "caned" everyone they had come up against in England, Scotland and Ireland; some by margins as wide as 63-0, 55-4, 47-0 and 44-0.

But the All Blacks' first match in Wales brought that sensational 3-0 defeat and Cardiff would have won but for Bush's blunder. The cheeky-chappie tempted New Zealand forward George Nicholson to expend his stamina on a long chase for a ball rolling over the club's goal-line. Our Percy hovered about the ball, more intent on viewing Nicholson's approach than on touching down.

When Percy reckoned it was time to put an end to Nicholson's torment and stooped to minor, an unexpected bounce of the still rolling ball carried it from his fingers. Desperately he attempted to kick the ball dead, but missed and there was this hurtling All Black figure crashing in for a shock try. So Cardiff went down to defeat 10-8 on Boxing Day, the only defeat they suffered that season and the saddest moment in the life of their captain, Percy Bush.

But he recovered his bouyant

sense of humour and it remained with him throughout his life. He led his team on to the Arms Park against the 1908 Wallabies brandishing a wooden sword and shield and was a whimsical character throughout a long life; an absorbing narrator of tales at many a sports forum. Some may not know that he scored 54 points in one match, playing for Nantes against Le Havre in 1910, with 10 tries, eight conversions and two of those audacious dropped goals that were his speciality.

There has never been another Percy Bush. Players with plenty of audacity in their play: Barry John would run with the ball behind his back on occasions; and there have been dummies by the dozens. None of them a Bush — and none of them ever made such an appalling blunder as the master joker.

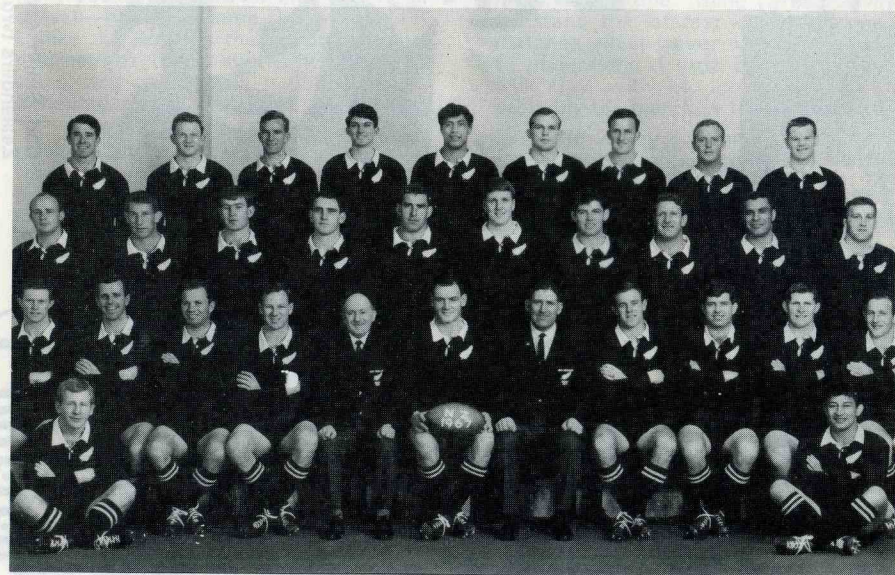
Doubtless he would have treated

that banana skin on the schoolroom blackboard slightly differently from his son. Percy probably would have pointed to it dramatically and called, "The next lesson is the peel-off." And if there are those who wish to point out that the peel-off had not been invented in Percy's days, then so be it. They will only spoil a good pay-off line.

It would not be the sort of remark Louis Bush would make. But then he was a GENTLEMAN among the morons in mortar boards (there were some good guys, too) and I salute you Son of Percy. You and the Mad Major for teaching a schoolboy two of the most important lessons in life: to smile, even when it hurts, and look any man in the eye without fear. That is the way Cardiff and New Zealand will take the field today.

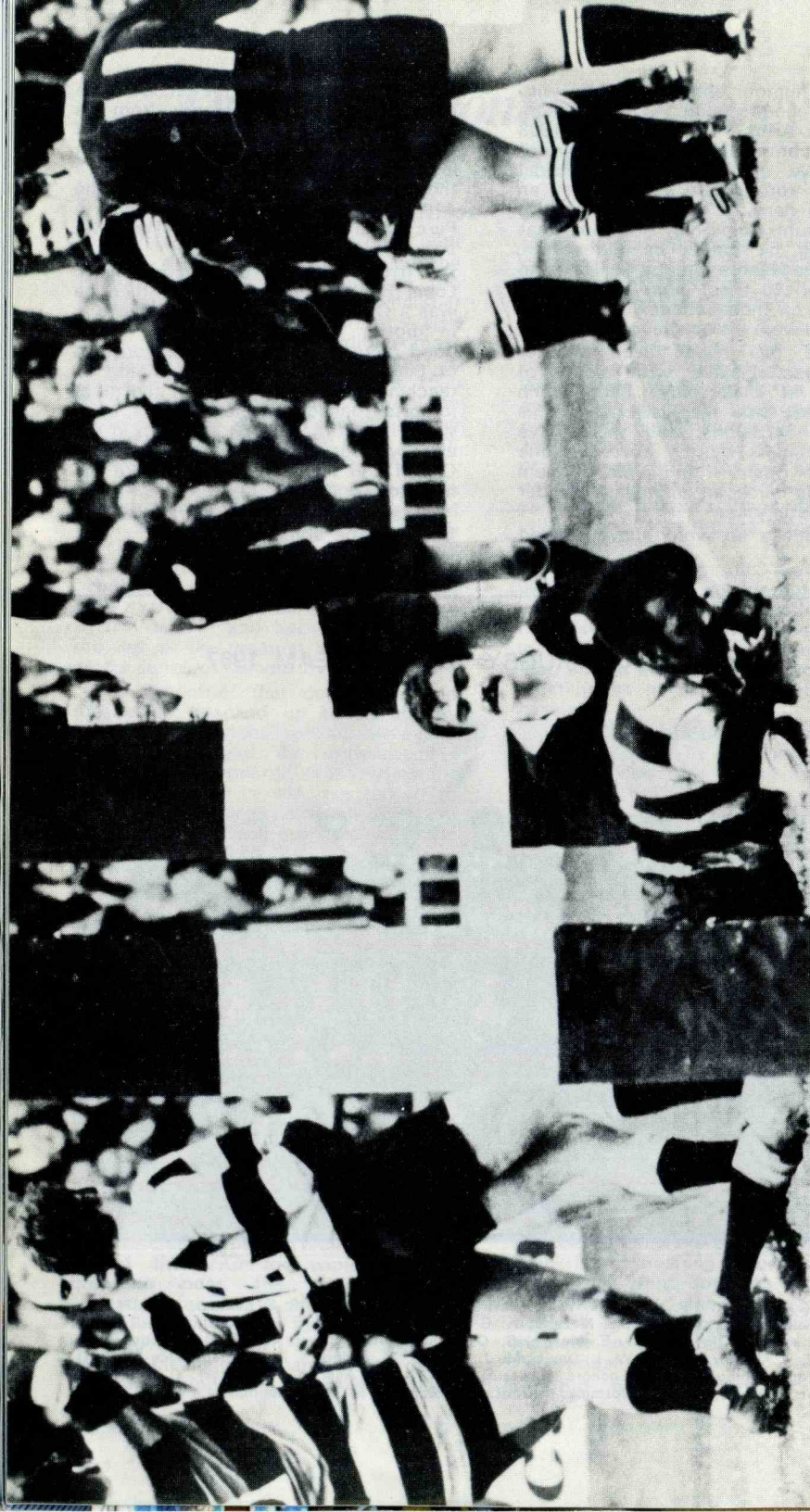
Let us all hope the spirit of Percy Bush will be abroad.

## 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. Willis, B. E. McLeod, A. G. Steel. Second row: E. J. Hazlett, K. R. Tremaine, 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.





Carl Smith scores Cardiff's only try during the last game against the New Zealanders two years ago at Cardiff Arms Park.

## Cardiff 7 New Zealand 17

Saturday, 21st October, 1978

# 1905 will live forever!

By Gareth Edwards

History had never been one of my strongest or favourite subjects at school, I cannot honestly say that I had much interest in what happened in 55BC, 1066 or 1666. However, 1905 has become such a part of our upbringing, in controversy, debate and interest that it captured my imagination more than any other date in history.

The touring All Blacks of that era probably arrived on these shores in very much the same way the Romans did, prepared for battle — to conquer the Scots, Saxons and especially the Celts, to show us that they ruled the rugby empire. Their success was on the same scale as those legions from ancient Rome as they swept through these Isles with only minimal resistance.

History reveals that at Cardiff in 1905 the black shirted invaders met their match, albeit in controversy (but have you ever heard of any victory or defeat—battle or game that wasn't!!!) Unlike the Romans the All Blacks have returned to these shores many times since, and as a rugby nation we have benefited from their visits.

In latter years I have had the privilege of being involved in some of those encounters that have become a part of rugby folklore. There have been many battles in recent years, some more famous than others, some more controversial than others, but exchanges with the All Blacks have always demanded discipline and preparation of the highest order. Perhaps that is why they have been more victorious than us in recent years.

I vividly remember Cardiff playing the All Blacks in 1963, when as a schoolboy I stood on the West Terrace and watched the Blue and Blacks give Whineray's touring side a run for their money, and wondered if I would ever get an opportunity to challenge their supremacy. Little did I realise the time was very near, four years later I was a part of the great Cardiff set up.

The All Blacks were in Britain throwing down the gauntlet again. I was going to see at first hand whether or not they were nine feet tall, could they be tackled, did they bleed!! Un-

fortunately due to the shortness of the tour, Cardiff did not play them as a club, but in the East Wales team which opposed them that day, were many from that talented team, Keri Jones, Gerald Davies, Maurice Richards', Barry John, Franky Wilson, Lyn Baxter, John Hickey and John O'Shea.

I was not only chosen for the encounter but had been given the honour of leading the side. A game worthy of the great tradition ensued and the result ended in a draw 3-3. We felt that we had done enough to win, and many of the All Blacks agreed; that did not matter, we had challenged the All Blacks.

I did not know then, but for me this was just the beginning. Over the next decade my challenges were to be many. A decade full of drama, victories, defeats, excitement and disappointment, but one thing was always constant, the interest kindled by these matches which never wavered. I began to understand a little better why 1905 will stay with us forever (and now probably the match in 1978!)

After every encounter win or lose, preparation for the next was always thorough, new teams to build, and new strategies. Victory over the All Blacks has always been the high point and ambition of all rugby players, (Stan Bowes is proof enough!)

Now that I will not be in a position to challenge them any more, I can reflect and say that taking the field against the All Blacks was the ultimate challenge. I have been fortunate to have been involved many times with Club, Country and Lions against these illustrious opponents.

During my rugby career I have played against all the leading rugby countries, and I can't think of a better way in which to celebrate our centenary than to challenge Graham Mourie's All Blacks.

I am sure that today's game will be approached by both sides knowing that only the best effort will be rewarded. I wish both sides good luck and hope that today's match will also become a part of rugby history.



# A Whingeing Welshman writes!

By Dai Hayward

The renowned Marshal Foch, at a crucial point in one of his most important battles, sent back to his Commander-in-Chief a communique which stated "My centre is giving way, my right is in retreat. Situation excellent. I shall attack!" The Cardiff captain, should it be John Scott who was elected, or any one of the original fifteen who may have survived the opening months of the season, must be feeling like sending a similar report to the Cardiff Committee as a blueprint of the tactics for today's game.

I saw the recent match against Bridgend, and whilst I have not the slightest wish to diminish a superlative team performance from them — surely the absence of four International players and several 'B' representatives must have affected the score — if not the result.

Their absence certainly affected the Cardiff team-work, which is the basis of the success of Bridgend and is always a feature of the All Blacks game. May the days that have dawned since then, seen much re-locating of dislocations, much unstitching of stitching, much tying of torn tissues and much annealing of neuroses, the moment there are enough wrinkles on the brows of the Club hierarchy to provide sufficient corrugations to re-roof Sowerth.

Whilst I have written the foregoing purely as a sympathetic commentary on the parlous performances of the Cardiff team this season — as any understanding Welshman will appreciate, any New Zealander worth his lamb-chops will immediately recognise it as an attempt to excuse a possible Cardiff defeat and diminish the value of a possible All Black victory. Which of course it is.

In the classical tradition of 'Whingeing (what a ghastly antipodean word) Welshman', I am seeking excuses against the possibility of disaster, instead of praising the prowess of the preparations of the

Apocalypse. This is an ancient and honourable tradition of the Welsh. We have never really recovered from Julius Caesar pinching Londinium from us. Apart from Boadicea, good old Llewellyn and Owain Glyndwr, all we've done is sit back and whinge.

When Offa built his Dyke, all we did was sit around, sing and steal his cattle. Even the Irish pinched our sea. However, we found out eventually that we could play Rugby Football, and we avenged many of these insults at Twickenham, Murrayfield and Landsdowne Road. We didn't invent the game, but we acted as though we did.

And therein lies the real origin of this whingeing episode. The New Zealanders started beating us. Not only that, but they started teaching us about the game. You can forget about the hysteria that accompanied Mr. Johnson's refusal to allow J.P.R. Williams' try in 197(?), or that last minute penalty in 197(?). What we really couldn't take was that they were innovators and their thinking and methods were successful.

When we had great backs they invented rucking and our backs never got the ball. So we learned to ruck. When we thought we had them up front — they started running the ball and invented flying line-out forwards. Never mind if some of these things were of dubious legality — what mattered most was that we didn't think of it first, and that is what really bugged us.

However, we must suppress these petty minded tongues and feelings and show our bigger and nicer side. We know, and they know, that we love to have them amongst us and that the All Blacks have always been, and always will be something very special to Welsh rugby.

I can think of many things they have taught us from rucking, and pressure rugby to the spin pass. All these features are now a part of our

game. The great Wales and New Zealand rivalry goes back to the controversial 1905 match, over which I am told there has arisen a fresh outbreak of discussion in New Zealand. 1905 is a hell of a long time ago and they are

still arguing about it—perhaps because New Zealand lost.

Now that is something else they have to teach us — the difference between arguing and whingeing.

D.J.H.

## KNOW THE LAWS

By Fred Croster

For this very special programme I am going back to the recent International Conference for Coaches and Referees which was such a success and such a successful mammoth task of organisation for John Dawes and his team of enthusiasts.

One most interesting session was 'Problem Areas', dealt with by Denzil Lloyd who was the referees' W.R.U. representative and is now vice-president. New Zealand were well represented by Bill Freeman, J. J. Stewart, John Pring and Tom Doocey who, together with the other 45 countries' representatives were ever ready to voice their opinions. I'll quote just some of the points made:

"Checking of studs. When should this be done? If too soon what's to stop players from changing same?" A general answer was that if the referee did check them as much as an hour before kick off — and some do — then the touch judges might check again immediately before the game started.

"Intentional knock-on." There is pressure that in all cases a penalty try could well be the decision. Our own Gerald Davies who was present spoke strongly on this, indicating in no uncertain terms that every such instance should be considered according to circumstance and such a decision would often be unwarranted. What

was agreed was that, as mentioned in these notes previously, a two handed attempt to catch the ball would NOT be an intentional knock-on, one handed could.

"Offside in a Maul" — that's clearly defined. "If a rolling Maul, what then?" The point made was that very often, a rolling Maul is not a true Maul. The offside ruling would then be as in general play.

"Line-out! Does it end when it moves into the 5 metre area?" Nothing in the book on this. Another talking point.

"Short two man line. Stepping back to extend the line." Wrong. It should be penalised.

"Tossing up." When should this be? When should the toss winner decide what they are going to do?" Some countries, apparently always toss half an hour before kick off. Deciding then could be unfair. The answer to this was that such a decision can always be left until they are on the field.

And, these could go on and on. To finish: "Touch judges. Why should they change sides? If they stay on the same side of the field they might then be able to judge various incidents more fairly." Makes you think.

Did I hear someone say a referee's job is easy? What do you think.

### NEXT HOME FIXTURES . . . .

Wed., 5th Nov: CARDIFF v. OXFORD UNIVERSITY 7.15 p.m.

Sat., 22nd Nov: CARDIFF v. LLANELLI 3 p.m.

Wed., 3rd Dec: CARDIFF v. PONTYPOOL 7.15 p.m.



# Teams for Today's Match



## New Zealand

15. Brett CODLIN *P.C.*
14. Fred WOODMAN *T.*
13. Bruce ROBERTSON
12. Bill OSBORNE
11. Bernie FRASER *T.*
10. Nick ALLEN *D*
9. Dave LOVERIDGE
1. John ASHWORTH
2. Andy DALTON
3. Gary KNIGHT
4. Andy HADEN
5. Graeme HIGGINSON
6. Mark SHAW
8. Murray MEXTED
7. Graham MOURIE (Captain)

16. Doug ROLLERSON
17. Mark DONALDSON
18. Stuart WILSON
19. John SPIERS
20. Hika REID
21. Geoff HINDS

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

### Replacements

## Cardiff

- Glyn DAVIES 15.
- Derrick PREECE 14.
- David BURCHER 13.
- ~~Paul ELLIOTT~~ 12. *17*
- Pat DANIELS 11.
- D.G.P.* Gareth DAVIES 10.
- Terry HOLMES 9.
- Jeff WHITEFOOT 1.
- Mike WATKINS 2.
- Ian EIDMAN 3.
- Tony MOGRIDGE 4.
- Robert NORSTER *5.R.*
- Owen GOLDING 6.
- John SCOTT (Captain) 8.
- Rhodri LEWIS 7.

- R. Williams* David BARRY 16.
- R. Williams* Neil HUTCHINGS 17.
- Gwynfor WILLIAMS 18.
- Alan PHILLIPS 19.
- Peter SOUTO 20. *+*
- Robert LAKIN 21.

Referee:

Mr. F. PALMADE  
(France)



Touch Judges:

J. C. YCHE  
(France)

M. CHEVRIER  
(France)



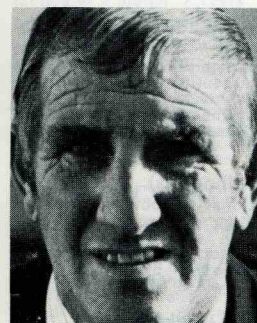
# Introducing the New Zealand Touring Team to Wales and North America (October/November 1980)



B. W. CODLIN	(Counties)	Full back
D. L. ROLLERSON	(Manawatu)	Full back
S. S. WILSON	(Wellington)	Winger
B. G. FRASER	(Wellington)	Winger
F. WOODMAN	(North Auckland)	Winger
B. J. ROBERTSON	(Counties)	Centre
W. M. OSBORNE	(Wanganui)	Centre
M. B. TAYLOR	(Waikato)	Fly half
N. H. ALLEN	(Counties)	Fly half
M. W. DONALDSON	(Manawatu)	Half back
D. S. LOVERIDGE	(Taranaki)	Half back
M. G. MEXTED	(Wellington)	No. 8
G. H. OLD		No. 8
G. N. K. MOURIE (Captain)	(Taranaki)	Flanker
M. W. SHAW	(Manawatu)	Flanker
G. R. HINES	(Waikato)	Flanker
A. M. HADEN	(Auckland)	Lock
F. J. OLIVER	(Manawatu)	Lock
G. HIGGINSON	(Canterbury)	Lock
J. C. ASHWORTH	(Canterbury)	Prop
J. E. SPIERS	(Counties)	Prop
G. A. KNIGHT	(Manawatu)	Prop
R. C. KETELS	(Counties)	Prop
H. R. REID	(Bay of Plenty)	Hooker
A. G. DALTON	(Counties)	Hooker
R. A. HARPER	Manager	
E. A. WATSON	Assistant Manager	
M. W. HOOD	Honorary Registered Physiotherapist	

## RAY HARPER (Manager)

A South Island representative on the N.Z. Rugby Football Union Council since 1974 and has a good working relationship with coach Eric Watson. The pair were Manager and Assistant-Manager of the N.Z. Juniors team which toured Australia in 1978 and toured Australia again in the same positions with the All Black side earlier this year. Last year Mr. Harper also managed the All Black team in its two match series against Argentina in New Zealand. He was a coach and selector of the Southland side from 1962 to 1967 and brings a wealth of rugby experience to the managerial position. Owns and manages a building business in his home town of Invercargill.

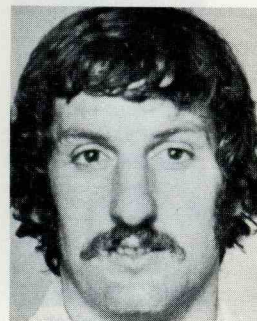
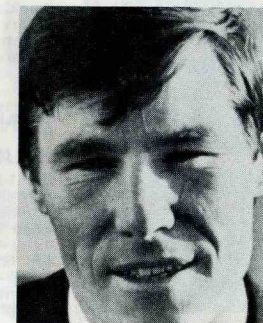


## ERIC WATSON (Assistant Manager)

Mr. Watson took over as All Black coach for the squared two-match home series against Jean-Pierre Rives' French side last year. The Welsh Centenary Tour represents his fourth overseas tour as an All Black coach. Fought off a strong challenge to retain the coaching position following indifferent performances by the All Blacks during the tour of Australia earlier this year. As a player he played senior rugby for his Zingari-Richmond club from 1946-1955 in the Dun-Din competition and played two games for his Otago Province during this period. He coached Otago from 1962-71 and followed this up with a highly successful six-year association with N.Z. Junior teams. Signwriter by occupation.

## MALCOLM HOOD (Hon. Registered Physiotherapist)

Took over the job as All Black physiotherapist from Canterbury's Brian McKenzie for the tour of Australia and Fiji earlier this year. Mr. Hood approaches the physiotherapist's position with a great deal of enthusiasm and was a popular member of the All Black touring party in Australia. A very fit man himself, he played a very active part in the team's warm up exercises during the tour of Australia and Fiji.



## GRAHAM MOURIE (Opunake, Taranaki) Captain

27, 1.82m, 88.8kg. His sixth overseas tour as an All Black captain. Mourie's greatest success was undoubtedly leading the 1978 N.Z. side during its "Grand-Slam" tour of the British Isles — the first time an All Black team had beaten all four Home Unions during the one tour. He first played for N. Z. during the 1976 tour of Argentina and has stamped himself as an intelligent quick loose forward off the back of the line-out and an astute tactical on-field leader. The All Blacks missed Mourie's presence during the tour of Australia and Fiji earlier this year. Farmer. 13 Tests.





B.W. Codlin

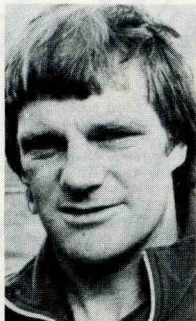
## FULL BACKS

### BRETT CODLIN (Ardmore Club, Counties)

23, 1.85m, 87kg. After a few first class appearances for Canterbury and Counties last year Codlin gained his All Black jersey for the tour of Australia and Fiji earlier this year. He showed considerable ability on the burst in the early tour matches against mediocre opposition and was further elevated to the Test side for the three match series against Wallabies. Never quite managed to produce his best form in the tests but generally a steady player. A better than average goal-kicker. 3 Tests.

### DOUG ROLLERSON (Massey University, Manawatu)

27, 1.75m, 82.5kg. Rollerson first represented his country during the 1976 All Black tour of Argentina but despite consistent performances since for his Province has had to struggle to regain international status. A versatile player equally at home as a midfield back who could well finish the tour as the number one points scorer and goal kicker. No Tests.



D.L. Rollerson

## WINGERS

### STU WILSON (Wellington College Old Boys, Wellington)

25, 1.82m, 82.5kg. With about 50 games for N.Z. to his credit Wilson has deservedly gained the reputation for being an outstanding competitor. He first played for N.Z. during the 1976 tour of Argentina and has been a regular Test player since 1977. He was rested just twice during last year's tour of the British Isles indicating his immense value to the side. His tour of Australia and Fiji earlier this year was hampered by a broken bone in his right hand. Salesman. 15 Tests.

### BERNIE FRASER (Marist Hutt Valley, Wellington)

24, 1.77m, 79.3kg. Fraser first gained international honours in the two match home series against Hugo Porta's Argentine side and was one of 14 players from the side selected to tour the British Isles at the end of last season. A recurring ankle problem meant he did not have the happiest of tours to Australia and Fiji earlier this year. A powerful player he has an ability to score tries when least expected. Owner-driver. 3 Tests.



S.S. Wilson

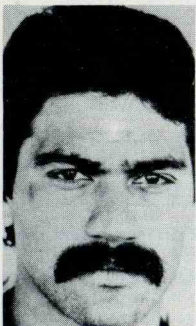
### FRED WOODMAN (Ohaeawai Club, North Auckland)

22, 5' 11", 11st. 10lb. The Northlander has emerged as an All Black with prospect following a highly successful domestic season for North Auckland, the N.Z. Maoris and the N.Z. XV. Woodman played on the left wing against Fiji at Eden Park, Auckland on September 13. A strong penetrating runner. One of four brothers, two of whom play rugby. Electrician.

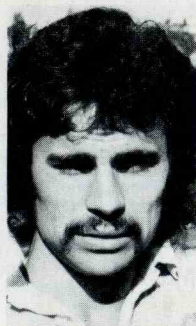
## CENTRES

### BRUCE ROBERTSON (Ardmore College, Counties)

28, 1.85m, 82.5kg. The most experienced player in the side with about 90 games for N.Z. to his credit. He made his international debut back in 1972 against the Wallabies. During the course of his distinguished career he has been labelled "The world's best centre" by many rugby critics. It came as a real surprise when he was dropped for the tour of Australia and Fiji earlier this year but when he belatedly joined the team he proved his class by making the initial break which led to the match-winning try against the Wallabies in the Second Test at Ballymore Oval Brisbane. A complete footballer. 31 Tests.



B.G. Fraser



F. Woodman



B.J. Robertson

### BILL OSBORNE (Kaierau, Wanganui)

25, 1.77m, 82.5kg. Made his All Black debut against Scotland in the "Water-Polo" Test at Eden Park in 1975 and a regular member of N.Z. sides since. He has played in 38 games for N.Z. but injury has kept him out of All Black teams for the past two years. A non-compromising midfield player who was sorely missed during the recent tour of Australia and Fiji. 13 Tests.

## FLY HALVES

### MURRAY TAYLOR (Fraser Technical, Waikato)

25, 1.77m, 77.09kg. Taylor has had about 100 first class appearances and first represented the All Blacks during the 1976 tour of Argentina. His career was interrupted the following season when he suffered a badly broken leg. He was used at both fly half and second five-eight on last year's tour of England and Scotland after being fly half in the two earlier Tests against France. Did not have the happiest of tours of Australia and Fiji earlier this year and was dropped for the Third Test against the Wallabies. Nevertheless an experienced player who proved in the Test against England at Twickenham last year he has the ability to dictate tactics in a match. 7 Tests.

### NICKY ALLEN (Counties)

22, 1.80m, 77kg. Allen burst into prominence earlier this year when he was called into the All Black team as a replacement for the injured Canterbury player Wayne Smith. His form in Australia was of such a high standard that he displaced the experienced Taylor in the Third Test against the Wallabies at the Sydney Cricket Ground. A confident player who also had an outstanding performance for the All Blacks against Fiji at the National Stadium in Suva in July. 1 Test.

## HALF BACKS

### MARK DONALDSON (High School Old Boys, Manawatu)

24, 1.75m, 73.01kg. Donaldson made his All Black debut during the 1977 tour of France. Following that tour he was number one incumbent in the half back position for his country but was relegated to the understudy role during the tour of England and Scotland last year by his arch rival David Loveridge. Possesses a competitive instinct and was unfortunate to suffer a broken jaw early in this year's tour of Australia and Fiji. Sports Store manager. 11 Tests.

### DAVID LOVERIDGE (Inglewood, Taranaki)

27, 1.75m, 76.19kg. Loveridge captained the All Blacks during this year's tour of Australia and Fiji in the absence of his provincial team-mate and flanker Graham Mourie. He also led the N.Z. XV which defeated Hugo Porta's Argentine side 2-0 in the home series last year. During the tour of Scotland and England last year Loveridge stamped himself as the number one half back but his form in Australia this year lapsed a little. 6 Tests.

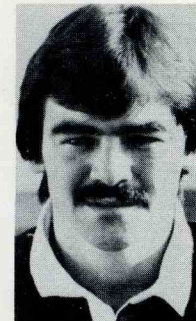
## NUMBER EIGHTS

### MURRAY MEXTED (Wellington Club, Wellington)

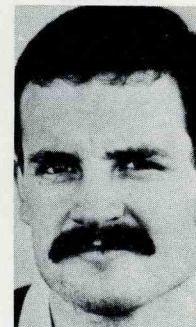
25, 1.93m, 95.2kg. A player with all round attacking and covering skills. After playing for the N.Z. XV in the two internationals against Argentina last year Mexted had an outstanding tour of England and Scotland. His try against Scotland ranks as one of the all-time great individualist All Black tries. His height makes him a valuable source of back of the lineout possession. He struggled somewhat to find his best form during the tour of Australia and Fiji earlier this year however. Garage manager. 5 Tests.



M.G. Mexted



D.S. Loveridge



M.W. Donaldson



W.M. Osborne



M.B. Taylor



N.H. Allen

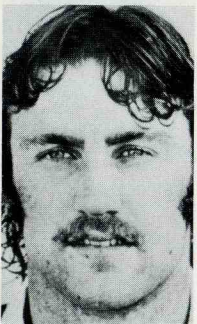




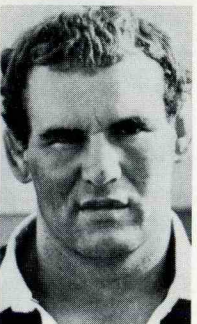
G.H. Old



M.W. Shaw



G.R. Hines



A.M. Haden

## GEOFF OLD

24, 1.87m, 92.51kg. Has played one game for a N.Z. XV against Fiji at Auckland this year. An outstanding performer during the N.Z. Juniors 1978 tour of Queensland, with over 50 games for Manawatu to his credit. Old possesses an unusual attribute for a forward — a better than average ability to kick goals which could be called upon in Wales. Policeman. No Tests.

## FLANKERS

### MARK SHAW (Kia Toa, Manawatu)

24, 1.83m, 95.2kg. A former N.Z. Colt and N.Z. Junior Shaw can play equally well as a flanker or No. 8. He was one of the few successes during the tour of Australia and Fiji earlier this year with his physical hardness and mature appreciation of the requirements of international rugby. He first played provincial rugby for Horowhenua from 1975-76 when he played 17 games for the province. A non-compromising player Shaw has been a regular member of the powerful Manawatu side since 1978. Freezing worker. 3 Tests.

### GEOFF HINES (Tokoroa, Waikato)

19, 1.90m, 92.06kg. The youngest forward ever selected to play for N.Z. Hines burst onto the rugby scene with an outstanding All Black trial at Hamilton on May 3 this year. He was subsequently selected for the tour of Australia and Fiji and was never really able to produce the top quality rugby on tour he displayed during the trial fixture. Last year he represented the N.Z. Colts and had an outstanding game for his province against France. An incorrigible young man Hines could become a truly outstanding forward if his back of the lineout play becomes more constructive. Bushman. 1 Test.

## LOCKS

### ANDY HADEN (Ponsonby, Auckland)

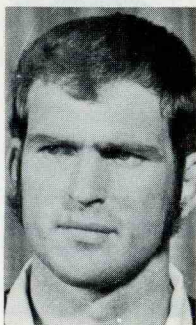
29, 2.00m, 107.93kg. With over 80 games for N.Z. to his credit in an international career which has spanned nine seasons Haden is easily the most experienced forward in the team. His ball winning ability in the middle of the lineout and all round tight forward play makes him a valuable member of the side. Along with Frank Oliver he has been the heart of many N.Z. scrums in recent seasons and there were times during the recent Test series in Australia when one could have been forgiven for believing Haden was the one All Black giving his all. Property Officer. 21 Tests.

### FRANK OLIVER (Marist, Manawatu)

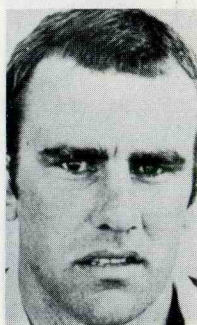
31, 1.92m, 101.58kg. A tough no-nonsense type of forward who has perhaps surprisingly dropped following the Second Test defeat of N.Z. by France last year. Oliver first played for N.Z. during the 1976 tour of South Africa and was a key member of the 1978 "Grand-Slam" All Black side in the British Isles. Many considered he was unfortunate to miss selection for last year's tours of Australia, England and Scotland and the tour of Australia and Fiji earlier this year. He has a point to prove to the All Black selectors on this tour and should be a key figure in the tough fixtures in Wales. Foreman. 16 Tests.

### GRAEME HIGGINSON (Culveden Club, Canterbury)

25, 1.93m, 101.27kg. One of the newcomers to All Black rugby during the tour of Australia and Fiji earlier this year and he passed his initiation well. Although he never played a Test in Australia he stamped himself as a better than average mid-week side tight forward. Higginson first came into prominence with his 1978 selection to represent the South Island and was an All Black trialist in 1979 and again this year. The tougher the play the better this man, who has more than 50 games for Canterbury to his credit, likes it. Farmer. No Tests.



F.J. Oliver



G. Higginson

## PROPS

### JOHN ASHWORTH (Kaiapoi, Canterbury)

29, 1.85m, 100.68kg. Besides his scrummaging ability Ashworth is a very competent front of the lineout specialist. He first played for N.Z. during the 1977 tour of France and played in the three Test home series against the Wallabies the following year. Earlier this year he was in outstanding form for the All Blacks during the 16-match tour of Australia and Fiji and consequently his selection for the current tour was inevitable. Ashworth is not everybody's favourite player on account of the "Bridgend incident" during the 1978 "Grand-Slam" tour of the British Isles but there can be no doubting his ability as a tight forward and loose head scrummager. Farmer. 6 Tests.

### JOHN SPIERS (Pukekohe, Counties)

32, 1.85m, 104.30kg. Spiers is deservedly regarded as one of the strongest maulers of the ball and tight-head scrummagers in N.Z. rugby. He is a versatile player and is equally at home in the lock position. First represented N.Z. during the 1976 tour of Argentina and emerged as one of the big successes of last year's tour of England and Scotland. He played an outstanding game for the All Blacks against Fiji at Suva in July this year even though he did not get a Test in the three match series against the Wallabies. A very popular tourist. Wool Classifier. 2 Tests.

### GARY KNIGHT (High School Old Boys, Manawatu)

28, 1.87m, 106.12kg. One of the strong men of the N.Z. pack in recent years who was badly missed when unavailable to tour the British Isles last year. Did not have the happiest of tours of Australia and Fiji. He was one of the All Blacks to be badly affected by food poisoning before the Third Test against the Wallabies and was quite badly injured during the crowd riot at Lautoka in the first match in Fiji against Nadroga. Nevertheless made a big contribution to the tour. This former Commonwealth Games wrestling bronze medallist made his All Black debut in 1977. Farmer. 12 Tests.

### ROD KETELS (Pukekohe, Counties)

25, 1.82m, 99.77kg. Ketels was first selected for the All Blacks in 1978 but was forced to withdraw from the "Grand-Slam" tour of the British Isles because of injury. He was selected for the N.Z. side for the tour of England and Scotland last year however. A former N.Z. Colt and Junior representative Ketels has developed well as a forward and should enhance his career further in Wales. He first played for Counties in 1974. No Tests.

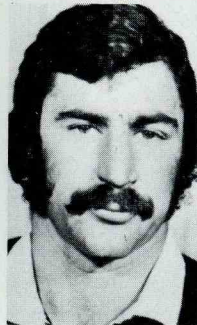
## HOOKERS

### HIKA REID (Ngongotaha Club, Bay of Plenty)

21, 1.72m, 91.60kg. The outstanding success story on the All Blacks tour of Australia earlier this year. Many regarded Reid as lucky to be selected for the tour but he quickly established himself as number one incumbent in the position with his competent striking, physical strength and powerful driving in broken play. It was Reid who scored the match-winning Second Test try against the Wallabies at Brisbane. He also began the outstanding 80-metre team movement which resulted in the try. Unfortunately for the All Blacks he broke a leg playing out of position on the side of the scrum four days before the final Test in Australia. One of the more exciting players to emerge in N.Z. in recent years. Insurance Inspector. 2 Tests.

### ANDY DALTON (Bombay, Counties)

28, 1.77m, 90.70kg. Regular All Black hooker since the retirement of Tane Norton in 1977. Dalton will have his work cut out on this tour to regain the number one position. He was unavailable because of business commitments for the tour of Australia and Fiji earlier this year and Reid took his chance positively. Dalton was a highly successful member of the 1978 "Grand-Slam" All Black side in the British Isles and along with No. 8 Murray Mexted is a second generation international. His father Ray played 20 matches for the All Blacks from 1947-49. Farmer. 11 Tests.



J.C. Ashworth



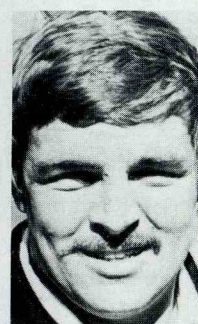
J.E. Spiers



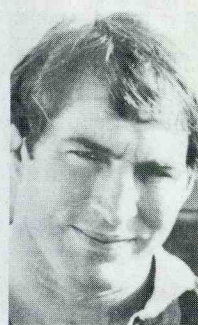
A.G. Dalton



H.R. Reid



R.C. Ketels



G.A. Knight



## C.R.F.C. Internationals

1935	E. WATKINS	8
1937	H. REES	5
1938	A. BASSETT	6
	C. W. JONES	13
1939	W. E. N. DAVIES	3
1940-45	WAR YEARS	
1947	W. B. CLEAVER	14
	C. DAVIES	16
	G. EVANS	12
	D. M. JAMES	5
	C. MANFIELD	7
	J. MATTHEWS	17
	H. TANNER	25
	W. E. TAMPLIN	7
	B. L. WILLIAMS	22
	L. WILLIAMS	7
1948	R. F. TROTT	8
1949	T. COOK	2
1950	W. R. WILLIS	21
1951	C. I. MORGAN	29
	H. MORRIS	11
	D. J. O'BRIEN (I)	20
1952	A. THOMAS	13
1953	G. BECKINGHAM	3
	G. GRIFFITHS	12
	S. JUDD	10
	G. ROWLANDS	4
1955	G. T. WELLS	7
	C. D. WILLIAMS	2
1956	C. L. DAVIES	3
1957	L. H. WILLIAMS	13

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1958	J. D. EVANS	2
	W. R. EVANS	13
	H. NICHOLLS	1
	A. J. PRIDAY	2
1960	C. H. A. DAVIES	7
	D. J. E. HARRIS	8
	K. D. JONES	10
	H. M. ROBERTS	8
1961	W. J. THOMAS	2
1962	K. A. ROWLANDS	5
1963	D. J. HAYWARD	6
	C. H. NORRIS	2
1965	D. K. JONES	14
1966	T. G. R. DAVIES	46
1967	W. K. JONES	5
	G. O. EDWARDS	53
	W. G. HULLIN	1
	B. JOHN	25
	J. P. O'SHEA	5
1968	M. C. R. RICHARDS	9
1970	J. C. BEVAN	10
	S. J. WATKINS	26
1974	A. A. J. FINLAYSON	3
	I. R. ROBINSON	2
1975	B. NELMES (E)	6
	F. M. D. KNILL	1
1978	W. G. DAVIES	10
	T. D. HOLMES	10
	S. LANE	5
	J. P. SCOTT (E)	14
1979	A. PHILLIPS	5

## British Lions

1888	AUSTRALIA and NEW ZEALAND
	A. J. STUART
1899	AUSTRALIA
	E. G. NICHOLLS
1904	AUSTRALIA and NEW ZEALAND
	P. F. BUSH
	R. T. GABE
1908	AUSTRALIA and NEW ZEALAND
	J. C. M. DYKE
	R. A. GIBBS
	J. L. WILLIAMS
1924	SOUTH AFRICA
	D. MARSDEN-JONES
1930	AUSTRALIA and NEW ZEALAND
	H. M. BOWCOTT
	H. POOLE
1938	SOUTH AFRICA
	I. WILLIAMS
1950	AUSTRALIA and NEW ZEALAND
	W. B. CLEAVER
	C. DAVIES
	J. MATTHEWS
	B. L. WILLIAMS
	W. R. WILLIS
1955	SOUTH AFRICA
	G. M. GRIFFITHS
	C. I. MORGAN
	H. T. MORRIS

1959	AUSTRALIA and NEW ZEALAND
	W. R. EVANS
1962	SOUTH AFRICA
	K. D. JONES
	K. A. ROWLANDS
1966	AUSTRALIA and NEW ZEALAND
	D. K. JONES
	C. H. NORRIS
1968	SOUTH AFRICA
	T. G. R. DAVIES
	G. O. EDWARDS
	B. JOHN
	K. JONES
	J. P. O'SHEA
	M. C. RICHARDS
1971	AUSTRALIA and NEW ZEALAND
	J. C. BEVAN
	G. O. EDWARDS
	B. JOHN
1974	SOUTH AFRICA
	G. O. EDWARDS
1977	NEW ZEALAND
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	S. LANE
	A. PHILLIPS



CARDIFF R.F.C. SOUTH AFRICA TOUR 1979

Back row:  
Standing:  
Seated:

P. Daniels, A. Yeandle, J. Davies, Glyn Davies, S. Lane, J. Dixon, B. Williams, P. Elliott, N. Ward.  
A. Phillips, D. Llewellyn, T. Charles, R. Lakin, G. Meehan, R. Norster, P. Rawlins, B. Nelmes, D. Church, H. Davies.  
M. Murphy, J. Ryan (Coach), J. Scott (Vice-Captain), B. Mark (Manager), Gareth Davies (Captain), L. Williams (Assistant Manager), M. Watkins, T. Holley (Trainer), T. Holmes.



# A formidable challenge for Cardiff

By Barry John

Injuries as every player will know, come and go; but I must confess that I was very fortunate throughout my career. The odd strain or bruise is par for the course, but, to this day, I curse one injury more than any other.

A couple of cracked ribs whilst playing for the Barbarians in Oxford University Centenary Year denied me a place in Cardiff's team against Dawie de Villier's '70 Springboks, a game I dearly wanted to play in.

Whether you've played for Wales or the British Lions, to play for your club against a major touring team is something different and indeed special.

Those playing in Blue and Black today are of a very special breed, a part of the elite which continually build Cardiff's already wonderful and captivating history.

Make no mistake about it, John Scott and his boys face a formidable challenge; the equal to any previous Cardiff team who have come face to face with the All Blacks.

Graham Mourie, a player I admire greatly, leads a fine, well balanced team, whose style of rugby is not totally based on the traditional All Black forward power, but backed up by exceptionally gifted three-quarters in Bruce Robertson, Bill Osborne and Stu Wilson.

Cardiff, and indeed Welsh supporters, must not deceive themselves that because the All Blacks lost a recent series 2-1 to Australia, the All Blacks standards have dropped alarmingly.

The current Wallabies are an exceptional team and will prove a major attraction next season, but many senior All Blacks, including the influential Mourie, were not available — so the whole affair must be put into its proper perspective and taken with a pinch of salt.

Anyway, I have never seen a poor All Blacks team — and the '80 All Blacks are no exception.

Since the mid 70's, the All Blacks

have wisely developed a more open 15 man game, as other major nations were quickly catching up in forward technique with the advent of coaching.

In fairness, they've always had excellent backs in Dick, Thorne, Herewini, Bryan Williams, Bob Burgess, Kirtin, McCormack etc. but they were always overshadowed by the likes of Meads, Lochore, Tremain, Nathan, Graham etc. and of course those two brilliant but different scrum halves Chris Laidlaw and Sid Going, who fed like vultures off the endless supply of ball that inevitably came their way.

Indeed, it's no coincidence that the '80 All Blacks possess 2 scrum halves, also out of the top drawer, in Dave Loveridge and Mark Donaldson, and whoever is on duty today will leave a marked impression on all of us and a warning for November 1st.

Cardiff have a magnificent record against the All Blacks, but on my travels throughout New Zealand, it was the bond that existed between Cardiff Rugby Football Club and just about every Kiwi in the street that amazed me.

They wanted to know everything about the club and particularly what was it like to play most of your games at Cardiff Arms Park.

So many stories and anecdotes had been passed down the years, and it was a Kiwi who asked me whether Stan Bowes was real, and had he been an exceptional goal kicker!!! — I said "Yes" and put it all down to "Snow" White ('53 Vintage).

New Zealand Rugby followers talk of Bleddyn and Jack, Cliff and Rex with the same reverence as for Colin, Wilson, Ken and Kel — its simply a mark of respect, regardless of who came out on top.

My only hope today is that we will have a fine game of rugby; worthy of the obvious love and appreciation that, as far as I can see, exists everywhere between New Zealand and Cardiff R.F.C.

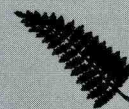
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26th August, 1980.

The Secretary,  
Cardiff Rugby Club,  
Cardiff,  
WALES.

Dear Sir,

I would like to take this opportunity of wishing you a most enjoyable and entertaining festival of Rugby during your Centennial games later this year, against the 1980 All Blacks.

It doesn't seem 56 years ago to me that I had the wonderful privilege of playing for New Zealand in Wales and I shall never forget the wonderful reception your fellow countrymen gave me. As you can imagine the tour was an amazing experience for a 19 year old boy who had barely been out of his district before. What wonderful memories that tour gave me. How can I not be thinking about you all when so much attention is being centred on the coming games between our two countries.

Cardiff I will never forget. The large crowd who welcomed us at the Railway Station. The Lord Mayors Reception at City Hall. Being shown the flag Captain Scott took to the South Pole with him...and the jersey Bob Deans wore in the great disputed try game against Wales in 1905. And of course the game itself against Cardiff. Not much back play...nearly all forward struggle. Our Captain Cliff Porter rated the Cardiff pack as strong as any we met on tour. We turned 11-Nil in our favour at halftime...and even got 16 to Nil in front...but from then on we struggled all the time to hold the game...while your lads came back to 16-8 before the game ended. Are there any 1924 Cardiff players still about...do please give them my most affectionate regards. At 75 I am still spry...and hope they are the same.

Another group I would like to be remembered to are those 200 Welshmen who came to New Zealand in 1977 to follow the Lions. Their Liaison Officer down here was John Sinclair and I was greatly honoured to be voted the All Black your supporters most wished to meet. So I flew up to Auckland for the last Test...and to meet them all. Again it was a wonderful experience for me.

May I trouble you to place this letter on your Club Notice Board...or in some way could my cordial best wishes be passed on to any Club members who made that trip Down Under three years ago, and who might remember me.

I will be following all the games on TV and thinking back down the years of the many great historic games we have played between our two countries.

Long may it continue.

Wishing you all a great season of Centennial Rugby.

KIA ORA KATOA and CYMRU AM BYTH

Sincerely,

George Hopia,  
(Immediate Past President  
Rugby Museum Society.)

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Saturday, 21st October, 1978

(Above) Terry Holmes waits anxiously during a fierce tussle for possession at a line-out.





## Cardiff R.F.C. First XV fixtures

1980

### SEPTEMBER

Wed. 3	Glamorgan Wands.	H	25-15
Sat. 6	Nice	H	68-25
Wed. 10	Bristol	A	8-28
Sat. 13	Neath	A	14-20
Wed. 17	Penarth	H	34-0
Fri. 19	Coventry	H	35-9
Wed. 24	Maesteg	H	22-3
Sat. 27	Aberavon	A	0-18

### OCTOBER

Wed. 1	Bridgend	A	12-18
Sat. 4	Newport	H	21-19
Wed. 8	Pontypridd	A	3-11
Sat. 11	Northampton	A	13-7
Sat. 18	N. Zealand (All Pay)	H	.....
Sat. 25	Harlequins	A	.....

### NOVEMBER

Wed. 5	Oxford University	H	.....
Sat. 8	Ebbw Vale	A	.....
Sat. 15	Schweppes Cup 1st Round		
Sat. 22	Llanelli	H	.....
Fri. 28	Moseley	A	.....

### DECEMBER

Wed. 3	Pontypool	H	.....
Sat. 6	Swansea	A	.....
Sat. 13	London Welsh	A	.....
Sat. 20	Schweppes Cup 2nd Round		

Fri. 26	Pontypridd	H	.....
Sat. 27	Newbridge	H	.....

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### JANUARY

Thurs. 1	Bridgend	H	.....
Sat. 3	Moseley	H	.....
Sat. 10	Schweppes Cup 3rd Round		
Fri. 16	London Welsh	H	.....
Sat. 24	Aberavon	H	.....
Sat. 31	Llanelli	A	.....

### FEBRUARY

Fri. 6	Heriots F.P.	A	.....
Wed. 11	Neath	H	.....
Sat. 14	Bristol	H	.....
Sat. 28	Schweppes Cup 4th Round		

### MARCH

Sat. 14	Pontypool	A	.....
Sat. 21	Ebbw Vale	H	.....
Sat. 28	Newport	A	.....
	(Schweppes Cup Semi-final)		

### APRIL

Sat. 4	Bedford	H	.....
Tues. 7	Bath	A	.....
Sat. 11	Schweppes Cup Final		
Wed. 15	Swansea	H	.....
Sat. 18	Barbarians	H	.....
Mon. 20	Harlequins	H	.....

## 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
1978-79	21st October, 1978	Home	Lost	7-17

Total Played 7 Won 1 Lost 6 Drawn 0 Pts. for 45 Pts. against 92

### 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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Picture previous page: An aerial view of Central Cardiff and the Cardiff Arms Park rugby complex. On left is the Cardiff R.F.C. ground, and to the right is the National Stadium.

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