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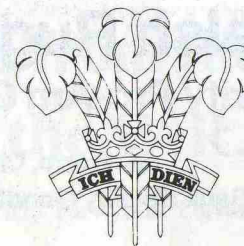
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A Message from the President of the W.R.U.

Mr. Eirwyn B. Davies

In 1971 after many discussions and meetings over a long period, the Welsh Rugby Union Challenge Cup Competition was firmly established. It is now firmly fixed in the W.R.U. calendar. In 1976 we were delighted that sponsorship was negotiated with the "you know who" company and the competition was re-named the "Schweppes/W.R.U. Cup".

As far ago as 1877 there was a South Wales Challenge Cup, a competition which was dominated by Newport who won the cup five times in the first ten years. Swansea and Llanelli were victors on two occasions and Cardiff on one occasion. In 1897 the competition was discontinued.

Since 1971 the Cup has been won by Llanelli, four times, Cardiff and Bridgend twice, Neath, Newport, Swansea and Pontypool once. It would be a very brave and foolish "neutral" rugby man who would forecast the result of this final. It is a Cup final and the result can depend on many factors, although supporters of both clubs will know the cup is "in the bag".

There is a special excitement and fever about cup rugby, which creates an atmosphere for players and supporters, that cannot be found in other rugby matches. From Pembrokeshire to Monmouthshire to North Wales there are dozens of local cup competitions, and each one creates great interest, especially for

the finalists. Support will come from all sections of the community, cup fever has taken a grip on the imagination. Such is the flavour of Cup Rugby!

Today the All Blacks hope to repeat their success of 1972 - the first ever winners of the Cup. Cardiff winners in 1981 and 1982 are hoping to add 1984 to that list. To Elgan, John and all the players I wish you good luck. May you enjoy your match this afternoon, and may it be a memorable one played in the true spirit and traditions of rugby football.

I must express sincere appreciation to George Morgan, Chairman, Myrddin Jones, Vice Chairman and all members of the Competition Committee. They have freely given of their leisure hours to ensure the success of the Cup Competition.

To Schweppes - we are most appreciative of their financial support and interest. The presence of their representative at the initial rounds is also appreciated. May this partnership last for a very long time!

Hoffwn ddymino'n dda i John ag Elgan a'u timoedd. Mae'r ddwy ochr yn fedrus iawn, a gobeithio y gwelwn ni'r gwylwyr, gêm fendigedig, gyda'r na'll ochr a'r llall yn dangos eu doniau ar hyd a lled y maes.

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Cardiff . . . three times in final in Four Years

By J. B. G. Thomas

Cardiff will take the field today led by John Scott for the third time in four years as finalists which is quite an achievement and the new England tour captain would like to see his club side regain the magnificent trophy as his final act in the four year saga as Club captain. He feels it would be a pleasant source of satisfaction for an Englishman who has been adopted by Wales.

The four leading clubs through the season have been Pontypool, Cardiff, Bridgend and Newbridge, in that order, and of these only Cardiff have been able to battle through to the final, and they are pleased not only for the financial rewards enjoyed but for their loyal members and supporters. Every season is a hard one for Cardiff and the absence of Terry Holmes and Robert Norster for long periods following injuries on the 1983 Lions tour did not help.

Thus to finish in second place in the Western Mail Championship, after being ninth in 1983, and to reach the Cup final, suggests that the Club has spirit and a playing strength in depth. Fortunately, Norster recovered well before Holmes and both were in the side for the latter and more important matches of the Cup competition.

The Club's success highlights sound team work with an attractive style of play. The forwards ably marshalled by Scott and the backs spearheaded by Gareth Davies, who again beat his own club points scoring record prior to his leg injury, linked together to deserve the accolade of possibly the most exciting side of the season in Wales.

It was unusual that they should win at Pontypool and the Gwent club do so at Cardiff, while Pontypool have moved on to win the "Western Mail" title by a comfortable margin.

As a well-balanced side, Cardiff can field a strong, ball-winning front five of Jeff Whitefoot, Alan Phillips, Ian Eidman, Robert Norster and

Kevin Edwards with three of these capped players. On either side of Scott at No. 8 are flankers of pace, skill and experience in Robert Lakin and Owen Golding. These eight form a strong pack which faces a major challenge from the Neath eight.

Terry Holmes is back at scrum-half although his able deputy, Steve Cannon, has played a special part in the season's success. Behind Davies at three quarter is the experienced Alun Donovan, formerly of Swansea, and three young men of promise in Adrian Hadley, Mark Ring and Gerald Cordle, the first two having been capped. Behind them is the attacking full-back Paul Rees and he will pose a threat to the Neath cover with its excellent back row.

Cardiff, who won the Cup in 1981 and 1982 by defeating Bridgend, who had won it in 1979 and 1980, started the present season's competition with a comfortable win at Senghenydd and then won a rumbustious match at Treorchy where four players were given "marching orders" by today's referee, Clive Norling.

In the third round they met Swansea at the Arms Park and deservedly overcame a somewhat disappointing West Wales side. For the fourth round match Holmes returned and dominated it for a 29-9 win over Newbridge before the semi-final found them facing the formidable Scarlets who had won the Cup four times in succession in the 1970's.

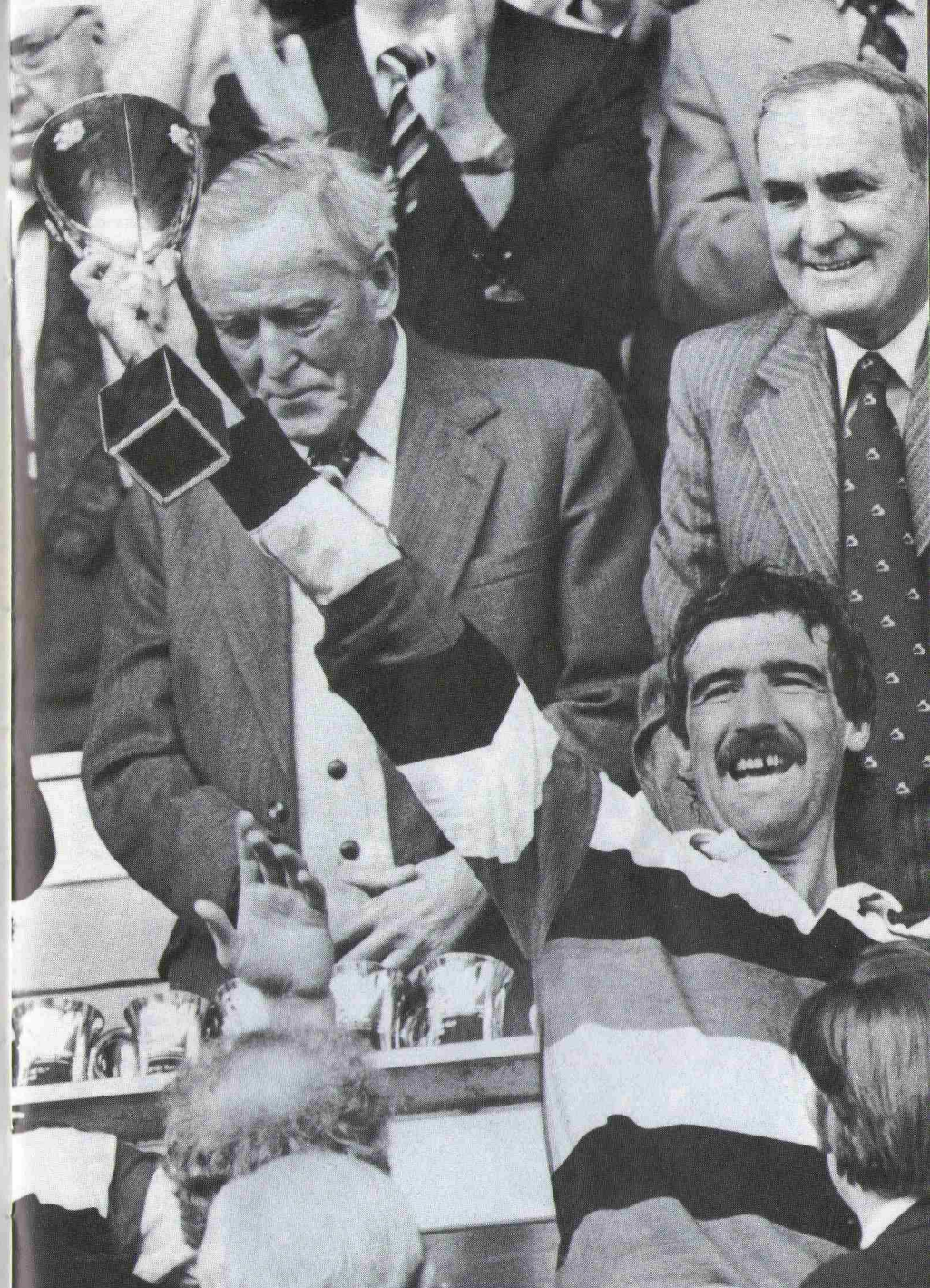
After a stern first half, Cardiff won comfortably and Llanelli could not raise their game to match the wonderful efforts of the 1970's. For today's Final, the pundits suggest that Cardiff are firm favourites but John Scott insists, "The final is something different and I feel both sides will start level". That's true as everything depends on how well each side performs on the day!



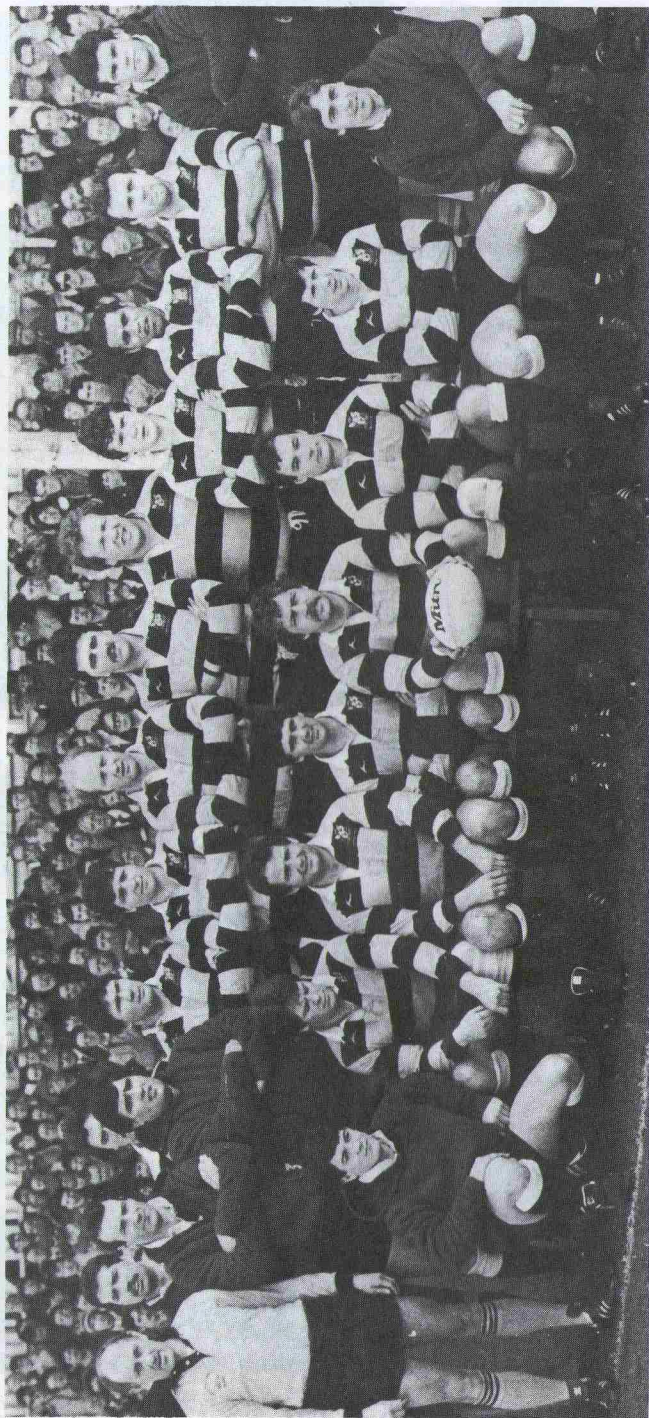
The Cardiff front row prepares for another scrum. (left to right): Ian Eidman (tight head prop), Alan Phillips (hooker) and Jeff Whitefoot (loose head prop).



Wales' number one scrum-half, Terry Holmes of Cardiff, dives over for yet another try, watched by his forwards.



1983: Jeff Squire, the captain of the successful Pontypool team, showing the Schweppes Cup to excited supporters after receiving it from the President of the W.R.U., Mr. Hermas Evans. (right)



The semi final squad at Swansea on 24 March.

Standing (left to right): A. Richards (referee), J. Souto (R), B. McAloon (R), P. Rees, C. Collins (R), I. Eidman, M. Ring, R. Lakin, R. Norster, K. Edwards, A. Hadley, G. Cordle, J. Whitefoot, T. Crothers (R).

In front: (left to right): N. O'Brien (R), O. Golding, A. J. Phillips, W. G. Davies (vice-captain), J. P. Scott (captain), T. D. Holmes, A. Donovan, S. Cannon (R).

The Cardiff Team Squad

John Scott. No. 8. Age 29. 6ft. 4in. 15st. 2lb. Sales Executive. Captain of the side and led Cardiff to two Cup triumphs and a Western Mail Championship in four seasons, and hopes to win today. Outstanding No. 8 who has made 33 appearances for England.

Gareth Davies. Outside-half. Age 27. 5ft. 9in. 11st. 10lb. Building Society Manager. Brilliant pivot who has been anchor man of back division and leading points scorer now nearing 400. British Lion 1980 and has won eighteen caps.

Paul Rees. Full-back. Age 27. 6ft. 2in. 15st. Window Installer. An attacking full-back who has scored several excellent tries for Cardiff this season. Return from injury revealed him as enthusiastic as ever.

Gerald Cordle. Wing. Age 23. 6ft. 1in. 13st. 2lb. Manual Worker. One of the most promising wings in Wales and scorer of spectacular tries. Former Youth player who has made his place in side secure.

Mark Ring. Centre/outside-half. Age 21. 6ft. 13st. Civil Servant. Former Youth Player who made a dramatic rise to fame last season by being capped against England. Elusive runner and excellent kicker, is regarded as Cardiff's most promising back.

Alun Donovan. Centre. Age 28. 5ft. 8in. 12st. 7lb. Representative. Achieved fame with Swansea before joining Cardiff this season as experienced international with five caps. Has fitted well into Cardiff midfield.

Adrian Hadley. Wing. Age 21. 6ft. 1in. 13st. 10lb. Civil Servant. Another strong running member of Cardiff's exciting back division. Did so well at start of season after youth rugby that he won Welsh team place and appeared in all internationals.

Terry Holmes. Inside-half. Age 27. 6ft. 13st. 7lb. Company Director. Brilliant world class player in his position. Twice toured with Lions and returned to Cardiff side against Newbridge in Cup after injury in NZ last June. Twenty caps.

Brendon McAloon. Full-back. Age 25. 5ft. 11in. 12st. 12lb. Electrician. Fine attacking full-back who has proved excellent deputy for Paul Rees. Started with Penarth and played for Newbridge before joining Cardiff.

Paul Aden. Wing. Age 19. 5ft. 9in. 11st. 7lb. Trade Account Assistant. Joined Cardiff this season after splendid run with Welsh Secondary Schools and made immediate impact with his clever running.

Steve Cannon. Scrum-half. Age 25. 5ft. 7in. 11st. 7lb. Physiotherapist. Has done a splendid job this season standing in for injured Holmes and formed effective partnership with Gareth Davies. Formerly with Pontypool.

Neil O'Brien. Utility player. Age 21. 5ft. 6in. 11st. 7lb. Electrician. Normally a scrum-half but can play anywhere and has given valuable service as replacement in many matches.

Jeff Whitefoot. Prop. Age 28. 6ft. 15st. 5lb. Mining Electrician. Powerful prop at loose head. Played important part in side's scrummaging success. Good in the loose.

Alan Phillips. Hooker. Age 29. 5ft. 9in. 13st. 12lb. In family business. Expert hooker and outstanding in loose, scoring record number of tries for his position. Played 15 times for Wales and Lions tour 1980.

Ian Eidman. Prop. Age 26. 6ft. 16st. 4lb. Sales Representative. Powerful tight head prop who replaced Graham Price in Welsh pack last season. Effective member of front row and cornerstone of scrum. Four caps.

Robert Norster. Lock. Age 26. 6ft. 5in. 16st. 7lb. Sales Executive. Outstanding lineout jumper and mobile lock. Has won nine caps and Lions tour 1983. Injured then but returned to dominate lineout for Wales and Cardiff.

Kevin Edwards. Lock. Age 25. 6ft. 4in. 18st. 2lb. Sales Representative. A strong powerful lock who is dangerous on the charge and forms sound partnership with Norster. Heaviest player in today's match.

Howard Stone. Lock/No.8. Age 22. 6ft. 2in. 14st. 7lb. Electrician. An enthusiastic forward ready to play in any position. An able member of the Cardiff squad.

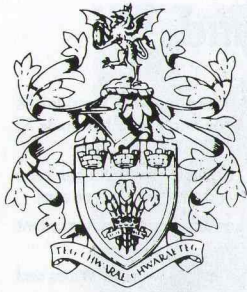
Robert Lakin. Flanker/No.8. Age 25. 6ft. 3in. 14st. 10lb. Farmer. Cardiff's most consistent forward and an ideal back row man and try scorer. Strong and mobile with good hands. Has played for Wales "B".

Owen Golding. Flanker. Age 25. 5ft. 11in. 14st. Personnel Officer. Third member of back row that excels in attack and defence. Sure hands and pace in support work. Former schools cap.

Tim Crothers. Flanker. Age 23. 6ft. 1in. 14st. 7lb. Gas Fitter. Is deputy flanker to Lakin and Golding and has played many splendid matches for 1st XV this season. Represents Cardiff's strength in depth.

Chris Collins. Prop. Age 25. 5ft. 10in. 15st. 10lb. School Teacher. Good hard working prop who is able deputy for front row men.

Jose Souto. Hooker. Age 22. 6ft. 14st. Self Employed. Followed his brother into Cardiff side and is able deputy for Alan Phillips. Reveals fire in the loose.



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Elgan Rees, the Neath captain.

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- Right wing (Asgell dde)**
- Right centre (Canolwr)**
- Left centre (Canolwr)**
- Left wing (Asgell chwith)**
- Stand-off (Maswr)**
- Scrum-half (Mewnwr)**
- Loose-head prop (Y rheng flaen)**
- Hooker (Bachwr)**
- Tight-head prop (Y rheng flaen)**
- Lock (Yr ail reng)**
- Lock (Yr ail reng)**
- Left flanker (Blaenasgell)**
- No. 8 (Y rheng ol)**
- Right flanker (Blaenasgell)**
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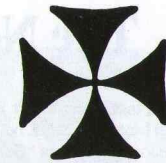


Cardiff

Touch Judge: A. Richards (W.R.U.)
Cambridge Blue & Black

- 15 P. Rees**
- 14 G. Cordle**
- 13 A. Donovan**
- 12 M. Ring**
- 11 A. Hadley**
- 10 W.G. Davies**
- 9 T.D. Holmes**
- 1 J. Whitefoot**
- 2 A. Phillips**
- 3 I. Eidman**
- 4 K. Edwards**
- 5 R. Norster**
- 6 O. Golding**
- 8 J.P. Scott (captain)**
- 7 R. Lakin**

- Replacements
- 16 D. Barry
 - 17 N. Humphreys
 - 18 S. Cannon
 - 19 C. Collins
 - 20 J. Souto
 - 21 T. Crothers



Neath

Touch Judge: W. Jones (W.R.U.)
Black Jerseys, Black Shorts

- 15 N. Harris**
- 14 E.H. Rees (captain)**
- 13 D. Jacob**
- 12 K. Jones**
- 11 C. Bridgewater**
- 10 J. Davies**
- 9 G. Jones**
- 1 B. Williams**
- 2 M. Richards**
- 3 P. Langford**
- 4 H. Richards**
- 5 S. Dando**
- 6 G. Jones**
- 8 D. Morgan**
- 7 L. Jones**

- Replacements
- 16 C. Gnojek
 - 17 B. Childs
 - 18 S. Powell
 - 19 P. Hitchings
 - 20 P. Pugh
 - 21 A. Hopkins

The Neath Team Squad

Elgan Rees. Wing. (Captain). Age 30. 5ft. 8in. 12st. 7lb. Sales Executive. A popular leader with a fine record of service to the game. Played in Lions test in NZ before winning first of thirteen caps for Wales. Strong elusive runner who won Welsh Schools and record number of "B" caps.

Mike Richards. Hooker. (Vice Captain). Age 27. 5ft. 11in. 13st. 7lb. Storekeeper. Long serving and popular clubman who led side in 1980/81. A "B" cap and not only quick striker but lively forward in the loose.

Neil Harris. Full-back. Age 21. 5ft. 8in. 12st. NCB Employee. Club record points scorer and brave attacking full-back. Has kicked side to victory regularly and landed four penalties in semi-final. Key man in side.

Carl Bridgewater. Wing. 5ft. 10in. 12st. 2lb. Mechanic. Lively try scorer and deputy place kicker. A fitness fanatic he has developed since joining the club.

David Jacob. Centre. Age 26. 5ft. 11in. 14st. 12lb. Civil Engineer. Powerful runner and hard tackling midfield player with considerable experience. Former Welsh Youth player.

Keeron Jones. Centre. Age 21. 6ft. 1in. 14st. 4lb. NCB Employee. Former Youth player who has settled in well. Formed good partnership with Jacob and strong runner in.

Ben Childs. Wing. Age 19. 5ft. 10in. 12st. Promising young runner from the Welsh Youth side, one of several graduating to the club from the far west. Promising golfer as well as rugby player.

Steve Powell. Centre. 5ft. 10in. 13st. 4lb. Milkman. Sound centre who was the Club's Player of the Year last season. All round sportsman and good cricketer.

Jonathan Davies. Outside-half. Age 21. 5ft. 9in. 11st. 2lb. Painter and Decorator. A most promising pivot who should go far in the game. Played well since return from long injury. All round sportsman and athlete in summer.

Carl Gnojek. Scrum-half. Age 26. 5ft. 4in. 10st. 7lb. Machine Operator. One of most popular players in side. Tough, pocket battleship type of scrum-half. A Welsh youth player who has served club well for many seasons.

Gareth Jones. Scrum-half. Age 20. 5ft. 8in. 10st. 7lb. NCB Employee. Keen rival of Gnojek for place and did well in semi-final. Former Youth player in first season with club.

Paul Hitchings. Hooker. Age 21. 6ft. 1in. 13st. Painting Contractor. Promising hooker as deputy to Richards. Played in West Wales RU and lively in the loose.

Bryan Williams. Prop. Age 21. 6ft. 13st. 7lb. Farmer. Most promising player who did well in semi-final. Young and enthusiastic. A Pembroke County man.

Phil Langford. Prop. Age 28. Civil Servant. One of the most experienced forwards in the club. Expert in position and all-round worker. Recently played for Crawshays XV. Regular Glamorgan player.

Jonathan Willis. Lock. Age 21. 6ft. 4½in. 15st. Student. Another young player of promise at lock. Had played for British Polytechnic side.

Andrew Vaughan. Lock. Age 23. 6ft. 4in. 15st. 7lb. Teacher. Useful member of squad developing into sound clubman. Welsh Secondary Schools cap.

Steve Dando. Lock. Age 28. 6ft. 3in. 15st. 10lb. Farmer. Very experienced, strong lock and faithful club servant. Played for Glamorgan and is popular clubman who works hard in tight and loose.

Huw Richards. Lock. Age 22. 6ft. 4in. 16st. Forestry Worker. Useful young lock who made good impression in semi-final. Played rugby in New Zealand and for Brecon County.

Robert Hughes. Lock. Age 28. 6ft. 4in. 16st. 7lb. Teacher. Long serving club man with over 200 games for club, since 1970. Welsh Secondary Schools cap and Glamorgan County player.

Phillip Pugh. Lock. Age 25. 6ft. 4in. 16st. 12lb. NCB Employee. Strong lock who graduated from Welsh Youth. One of five locks in Club squad.

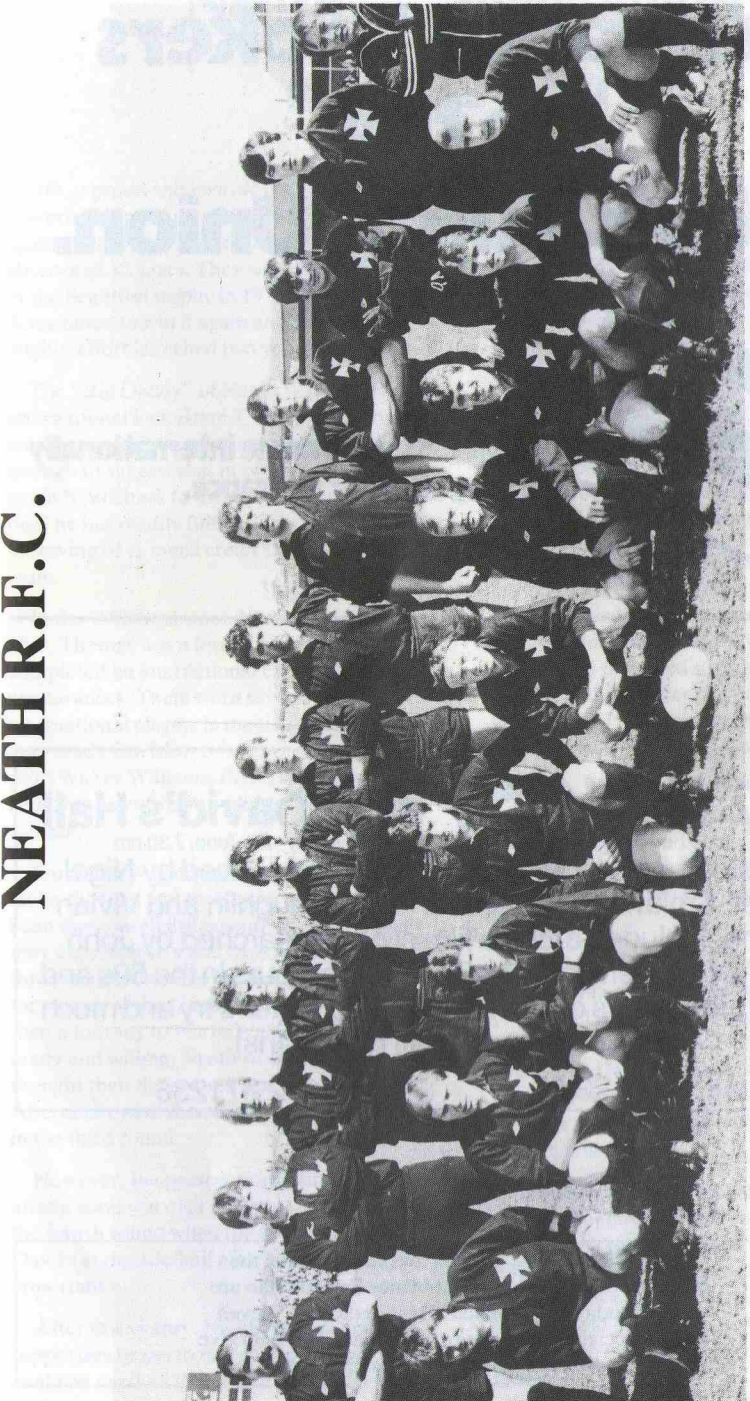
Alun Hopkins. Flanker. Aged 20. 6ft. 2½in. 15st. Laboratory Inspector. Former member of Welsh Youth squad challenging strongly. Played for Welsh Boys Club.

Gareth Jones. Flanker/No. 8. Age 26. 6ft. 3in. 15st. Agricultural Contractor. Powerful and swift flanker and member of expert and lively back row. Played for West Wales v. Australia and Crawshays XV.

David Morgan. No. 8. Age 27. 6ft. 3in. 15st. 7lb. NCB Employee. Excellent No. 8. forward who enjoys running with the ball. Played in West Wales RU previously but now established as one of club's best loose forwards.

Lyn Jones. Flanker. Age 19½. 5ft. 11in. 13st. 9lb. Apprentice Boiler Maker. Son of former player and shows considerable promise after captaining Welsh Youth. All round sportsman.

NEATH R.F.C.



The semi-final squad at Bridgend on March 24.

Standing (left to right): P. Langford, A. Hopkins, P. Pugh, G. Jones, D. Morgan, K. Jones, S. Dando, H. Richards, B. Williams, S. Powell, P. Hitchings, C. Gnojek. Kneeling (left to right): B. Childs, C. Bridgewater, J. Davies, D. Jacob, E. H. Rees (captain), M. Richards, N. Harris, G. Jones, L. Jones.

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Neath . . . back again after 12 years

By J. B. G. Thomas

Neath, a proud and historic club renowned for powerful forward play over 100 years, are back again at the Arms Park in the Cup final after an absence of 12 years. They were the first winners of the beautiful trophy in 1972 and are determined to win it again and complete a mighty effort launched two years ago.

The "Big Daddy" of Neath rugby, former international lock Brian Thomas, took over as team manager two years ago and was bold enough to suggest that in two years he would guide Neath back to the top. By reaching today's final he has readily fulfilled that promise and is deserving of as much credit for this as his lively team.

In the 1972 final when Neath beat Llanelli 15-9, Thomas was a forceful lock who had completed an international career of 21 appearances. There were several fine international players in the side with him like the ever ready Dai Morris (a magnificent flanker), prop Walter Williams, flanker Wilson Lauder and prop Glyn Shaw, with Martyn Davies as captain.

From that year onwards Neath could not make the final and their success this season has been due to well drilled enthusiasm although they experienced some hard matches in the first three rounds. Vardre United made them work for victory at the Gnoll in the first round and then a journey to North Wales found Wrexham ready and willing. Neath won 18-7 but few thought then they would make the final and Abertillery gave them a real fright at the Gnoll in the third round.

However, the prospects appeared brighter after a good win over Newport at the Gnoll in the fourth round when the return of Jonathan Davies at outside-half after a long lay-off was important.

After this victory, Neath officials and supporters began to feel confident that the final could be reached if they had a good draw in the

semi-final, and when it was announced that Aberavon would be their opponents, they were cheered. They felt they could win and unfortunately Aberavon failed to do themselves justice, or was it that Neath did not allow them to do so?

The match was hard without being exciting for Neath took control in the second half and won by four penalty goals to one. They were back again in the final and richer by over £12,000. Brian Thomas was delighted and admitted his side was ready to meet Cardiff as Neath invariably do well at the Arms Park.

In the semi-final full-back Neil Harris played a key role as full-back and match-winning place kicker, while the three-quarter line of Carl Bridgewater, David Jacob, Keeron Jones and Elgan Rees defended strongly. Rees the Neath captain and a popular player, is the only international in the side with thirteen caps and was a Lions test wing before appearing for Wales.

The two young halves against Aberavon, Jonathan Davies and Gareth Jones, played extremely well in support of their lively pack, to suggest they will enjoy a happy future with the club.

Yet the real strength is in the pack. The front row contains two vastly experienced players in prop Phil Langford and hooker Mike Richards, while there are five good locks to select from with Steve Dando the most experienced. In the back row there is a splendid No. 8 in David Morgan and lively flankers in the two Jones, Gareth and Lyn.

In recent weeks there have been many defeats and injuries have not helped in any way, but still Neath are a proud club and will make a special effort today. They may not be favourites but they are not worried by reputations and even if Cardiff field nine internationals, it is what happens on the day that matters to the Men from Neath!

ABERAVON v NEATH at Bridgend, March 24



Gareth Jones, the clever Neath inside-half, clears under pressure as Aberavon attempt to charge down the kick. The scoreboard behind indicates the score which remained until the final whistle.



Adrian Owen, the Aberavon captain (centre with headband) firmly held by Neath opponents after taking the ball at a lineout.

CARDIFF v LLANELLI at Swansea, March 24



Terry Holmes the powerful Cardiff scrum-half breaks away in the loose watched by his captain John Scott and pursued by Llanelli defenders.



Gerald Cordle the promising young Cardiff wing in full flight at St. Helen's against Llanelli to score his try in the semi-final.

SCHWEPPE'S CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION RULE 12

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Winners of the games in each tie will be:

- (a) The team which has scored the greater number of points at the end of games.
- (b) In the event of an equal number of points being scored by each team at the end of the game, winners will be declared in the following priority:
 - (1) The team which has scored the greater number of tries
 - (2) The team which has scored the greater number of goals (converted tries)
 - (3) If after (1) and (2) have been applied no clear winner has emerged, extra time of 20 minutes (ten minutes each way), will be played and the winners declared in accordance with (a) or (b), (1) and (2).
 - (4) If the result is still a tie then the team playing away from home will be declared the winner, except in the case of the Semi Finals where the winners will be decided on the toss of a coin and in the Final where the result shall be declared a draw and the Challenge Cup held by each Club for six months.

WELSH RUGBY UNION

Principal Fixtures - 1984/85

1984			Venue
Sept.	8th	1st Preliminary Round - Schweppes WRU Cup	
Oct.	13th	2nd Preliminary Round - Schweppes WRU Cup	
Oct.	24th (Wed.)	Cardiff v Australia	Cardiff Arms Park
Oct.	30th (Tues.)	Swansea v Australia	St. Helen's
Nov.	3rd	Belgium v Welsh Districts Union	Brussels
Nov.	10th	Wales "B" v France "B"	Rodney Parade, Newport
Nov.	17th	1st Round Proper, Schweppes WRU Cup	
Nov.	20th (Tues.)	Llanelli v Australia	Stradey Park
Nov.	24th	WALES v AUSTRALIA	Cardiff Arms Park
Dec.	8th	2nd Round - Schweppes WRU Cup	
Dec.	12th (Wed.)	Pontypool v Australia	Pontypool Park
Dec.	15th	BARBARIANS v AUSTRALIA	Cardiff Arms Park
1985			
Jan.	19th	FRANCE v WALES	Paris
Jan.	26th	3rd Round - Schweppes WRU Cup	
Feb.	16th	WALES v ENGLAND	Cardiff Arms Park
Feb.	22nd	Welsh Youth v Welsh Colleges	T.B.A.
Feb.	23rd	4th Round - Schweppes WRU Cup	
Mar.	2nd	SCOTLAND v WALES	Murrayfield
Mar.	9th	Welsh Youth v French Youth	Abertillery
Mar.	16th	WALES v IRELAND	Cardiff Arms Park
Mar.	23rd	Semi Finals - Schweppes WRU Cup	
Apr.	6th	Easter Saturday	
Apr.	27th	Schweppes WRU Cup Final	Cardiff Arms Park

HOW THE TWO TEAMS REACHED THE FINAL

	CARDIFF		NEATH	
1st ROUND	SENGHENYDD CARDIFF	3 43	NEATH VADRE UNITED	15 9
2nd ROUND	TREORCHY CARDIFF	4 31	WREXHAM NEATH	7 18
3rd ROUND	CARDIFF SWANSEA	12 7	NEATH ABERTILLERY	10 6
4th ROUND	NEWBRIDGE CARDIFF	9 29	NEATH NEWPORT	25 11
Semi-Final	CARDIFF LLANELLI	26 6	NEATH ABERAVON	12 3
FINAL	CARDIFF		NEATH	
<i>Previous Winners:</i>				
1972	NEATH	15	LLANELLI	9
1973	LLANELLI	30	CARDIFF	7
1974	LLANELLI	12	ABERAVON	10
1975	LLANELLI	15	ABERAVON	6
1976	LLANELLI	16	SWANSEA	4
1977	NEWPORT	16	CARDIFF	15
1978	SWANSEA	13	NEWPORT	9
1979	BRIDGEND	18	PONTYPRIDD	12
1980	BRIDGEND	15	SWANSEA	9
1981	CARDIFF	14	BRIDGEND	6
1982	*CARDIFF	12	BRIDGEND	12
1983	PONTYPOOL	16	SWANSEA	6

(*Cardiff retained cup by scoring a try)

THE D.C. THOMAS CUP FINAL

(Welsh Schools Rugby Union Junior Group)

This special Cup final will be played for the fifth time as a curtain raiser to the Schweppes Cup Final

SWANSEA

Touch Judge: Keith Day

Colours: All White

- 15 Michael Clarke
- 14 Gareth Roberts
- 13 Wayne Edwards
- 12 Johnathan Greenslade
- 11 Christopher Rees
- 10 David Walters
- 9 Anthony Devouite
- 1 Richard Vennals
- 2 Mark Morris
- 3 Anthony Piper
- 4 Stephen Seeward
- 5 Phillip Davies
- 6 Timothy Bowen
- 7 Anton Geelen
- 8 Mark Williams

Replacements

- 16 Martin Jones
- 17 Nicholas Hansaard
- 18 Keith Evans
- 19 Richard Williams
- 20 Steven Ireland
- 21 Stuart Howell

KICK-OFF 1.45pm

Referee Jeff Davies (Llwchwr)

CARDIFF

Touch Judge: David Watkins

Colours: Cambridge Blue and Black

- 15 David Callaghan
- 14 Guy Edwards
- 13 Sean McConkey
- 12 Owen Thomas
- 11 Martyn Payne
- 10 Martin Maddem
- 9 Huw Harries
- 1 Andrew Gowan
- 2 Brett James
- 3 Paul Deen
- 4 Adrian Wainwright
- 5 Richard Fenton
- 6 Adam Ali
- 7 James Brett
- 8 Jason Stone

Replacements

- 16 Johnathan Hubbarde
- 17 Simon Moore
- 18 Jeremy Cordle
- 19 James Savastano
- 20 Nicholas Stork
- 21 Robert Elliot

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1984			
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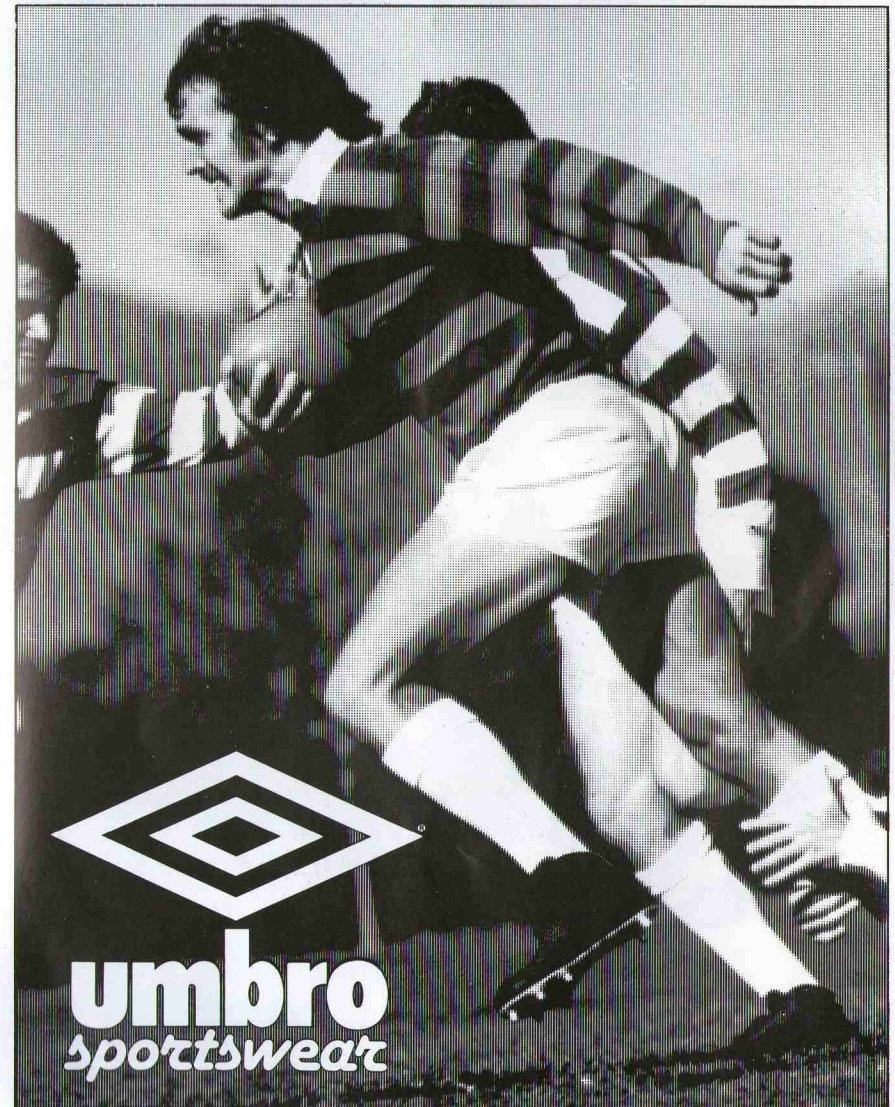
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