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## Cardiff v. Pontypool

Pontypool is the farthest east of the Senior Welsh Rugby Clubs. The town itself lies in the Eastern Valley, which divides industrial from agricultural Monmouthshire, and like the county itself is a Jekyll and Hyde of a town. As well as the inevitable relics of an industrial past, it has the beautiful Pontypool Park, which must be the most delectable of Rugby Headquarters in the land.

It is good to see Pontypool recovering from some recent lean years, and challenging us here today as Monmouthshire's leading side. It is also good to see Ray Prosser in full harness with them once more. Ray was playing in the last Pontypool side to win at the Arms Park, so was Benny Jones. It seems a long time ago to me, but Benny who I regarded as a fly half with all the gifts, still retains the skills even if he has lost a yard or two in speed and gained an inch or two on his waist, as he demonstrated so capably against the Rags for Pontypool United a couple of weeks ago. I also played in that game and I remember it well because I finished it with two black eyes. One was fairly common, but I won a pair in a tussle with Ray Prosser and Noel Tucker. I had the ball and they wanted it. It was either that, or they had knowledge of the fact that I thought Benny, who I had known from Schooldays, was the natural successor to Cliff Morgan in the Welsh and Cardiff teams. That game was in 1958, and still represents Pontypools only win since World War II.

We have today what must represent almost the strongest team we can field. It is good to have back our 'B' team players and John Bevan. In the absence of the stars the 1st XV did well to win 36-10 at Cambridge, and even more remarkable was the fact that the Rags took Senghenydd's unbeaten record in a splendid team performance by 28 pts. - 14 pts.

It is just as well we have our best side today because Pontypool will be eager to get that elusive second win and our players will get much needed match practice together in preparation for the All Blacks next Saturday. They need to go flat out to win today and get the edge we need to feel confident of putting up a show against the New Zealanders. We will all be watching the forwards closely to see if they can regain the drive in the mauls and rucks that has been sadly lacking in recent weeks. With that and more and accuracy behind we shall certainly give the All Blacks a run for their money.

The overall record against Pontypool goes back to 1877 when we entertained Peglers Pontypool XV and won 13 pts - 0. Since then we have played them 113 times, winning 83 and losing 23.

Welcome to Pontypool.

D.J.H.

## Know the Laws

by FRED CROSTER

It's getting nearer and nearer — they will be here just one bare week hence. Refereeing and interpretation of Laws always plays such an important part in overseas tours. It was so when our Lions' were there. It will certainly be now that they are here.

One supremely important difference! For some years we have adopted the policy of neutral officials for all tour matches. We all know, I trust, that 'Down Under' this is not so. It must be one day. That is one of my eternal pleas. There are no valid reasons for this not being so!

One of the biggest problems the Lions had to encounter was the All Blacks line-out work. Jumping in, across and so on. What does the Law say?

Law 23, Section 'B' (1) states, and I quote, "A clear space must be left between the two lines of players until the ball leaves the hands of the player throwing it in."

This is where the trouble began and still often is. The International Board, last March directed that all Unions form sub-committees to experiment and do something to tidy this up.

At the Coaching Course held at Aberystwyth in August the W.R.U. did just this. They came up with one simple answer.

"That this distance — a shoulder width — MUST be maintained. It was felt and I must agree that if this be rigidly adhered to then everything else quietly falls into place.

We shall see what happens next Saturday!

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Date	Opponents	Venue	Results
1972			
Sept. 2	La Rochelle ..	H	26-20
6	Ebbw Vale ..	A	12-10
9	Blackheath ..	A	20-6
13	Bristol ..	H	13-7
16	Coventry ..	H	18-19
20	Pontypool ..	A	19-7
23	Neath ..	H	6-14
27	Bridgend ..	A	6-6
30	Aberavon ..	A	16-3
Oct. 4	Penarth ..	A	26-4
7	Newport ..	A	18-14
11	Cdf. Col/Education	H	32-12
14	Northampton ..	A	4-15
18	Ebbw Vale ..	H	.....
21	Cambridge Univ.	A	36-10
28	Pontypool ..	H	.....
Nov. 4	New Zealand ..	H	.....
8	Newport ..	H	.....
11	Clermont Ferrand	A	.....
18	Wasps ..	H	.....
22	Oxford ..	H	.....
25	Llanelli ..	H	.....

Dec. 2	Swansea ..	A	.....
6	Gloucester ..	H	.....
9	Harlequins ..	A	.....
16	London Welsh ..	A	.....
23	Maesteg ..	H	.....
26	Pontypool ..	H	.....
27	Watsonians ..	H	.....
30	Leicester ..	A	.....
Jan. 13	Coventry ..	A	.....
19	London Welsh ..	H	.....
26	Aberavon ..	H	.....
Feb. 9	Bristol ..	A	.....
17	Newport ..	H	.....
23	Llanelli ..	A	.....
Mar. 3	Newport ..	A	.....
9	Bective Rangers ..	H	.....
17	Swansea ..	H	.....
28	Bridgend ..	H	.....
31	Newbridge ..	A	.....
Apr. 7	Gloucester ..	A	.....
14	Neath ..	A	.....
21	Barbarians ..	H	.....
23	Harlequins ..	H	.....
28	Snelling Sevens ..	.....	.....
29	La Rochelle ..	A	.....
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