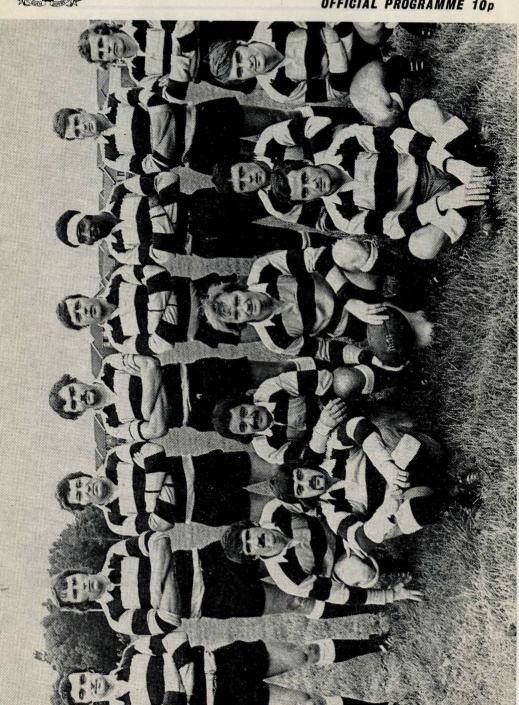


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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p



Cardiff v. Barbarians

SATURDAY, 29th MARCH, 1975

K.O. 3 p.m.

It doesn't matter what the calendar says, the first day of spring starts officially when Cardiff play the Barbarians. It isn't until that game has been lost or won that I recover from my winter hibernation and realise that there are other things in life apart from Rugby Football. We might have had a mild winter, and a fair ration of recent sun, but it is the anticipation of another Barbarian Tour that causes my sap to rise and buds to burst. It is the warmth generated by the quality of the play that eases out my creaking joints, and reminds me that I haven't yet dug the garden or cut the grass.

At the end of a season during which we have been as consistent as a woman faced with choosing a night out with Paul Newman or Telly Savalas, after all the promises have been made and broken, and we are left with no interest in the W.R.U. Cup and little in the Championship, it is heartwarming to think that we have this game to look forward to. This series of games has an unbroken sequence that goes right back to 1890-91. Incidentally a game that Cardiff won by 7 pts. to 3 pts. It is worth quoting from the official Barbarians History.* "One can only repeat that the matches with Cardiff, each a notable struggle, continued unbroken through the years except by war. As if to emphasise the close and friendly relations existing between the Barbarians and Cardiff, even when Cardiff Arms Park stood for mud and misery, so far as the International sides were concerned, the weather also did its share in keeping the sequence unbroken. Altogether a remarkable and unique state of affairs."

Of course we no longer play on the pitch to which Mr. Wemys refers, but it is an appropriate time to comment that both the National Stadium and the Cardiff Arms Park now have pitches with a playing surface that cannot be bettered in their respective spheres anywhere in this country. After taking a look at the worn and grassless mud heaps that most rugby pitches are at this time of the year, it must be said that our pitch reflects with credit on the ground staff and the Ground Committee, both of whom have worked with intelligent diligence to achieve this state of affairs. To the gentleman who said that both the players and the grass are lush and green, and he'd prefer a little less turf and a few more tries, go to the back of the stand and hang your head in shame. Where else can you suffer in such comfort - if you can't stand the rugby look at the daffodils. And the rugby is not bad at all since the boys have decided to run with the ball. The games against Bristol, Heriots and Newport have contained some vintage stuff. Let us hope that they play today in that style. The Barbarians have to, because they are committed to it by their charter. When W. P. Carpmall hit on the idea of forming the Barbarians one of the unalterable reasons for its being was that it would become "A powerful band of players drawn from anywhere in the British Isles, and capable of PLAYING RUGBY AS IT SHOULD BE PLAYED". Bold words and fine sentiments and apart from the odd occasion when they felt that beating Cardiff was more important than the manner of its achievement, they have stuck to their ideas. They certainly must have played that way in 1957 when they hammered a

Barbarian F.C. (A. Wemys, Playfair Press Ltd.)

weakened Cardiff side by 40 pts to 0. We did much to ease the pain of that defeat, when it was our turn to beat them by 43 pts to 10 pts. in April 1972. There was a period when it seemed as if the Barbarians had lost their way, and were being placed in a much diminished role by the changes in the frequency of overseas tours, and by the difficulty all scratch sides were experiencing in matching well coached club sides. However their win against the '73 All Blacks at the National Stadium, in that classic encounter, restored their image and charisma overnight. May they continue to earn and embelish their image by many more such performances.

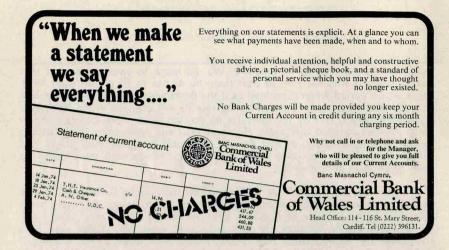
If you are wondering how they came by their name Barbarians, it was decided way back in 1890 that this band of happy wanderers would have a name "dignified by the victory of Arminius over Varus and his legions". Don't ask me for more details because I haven't got a clue what season that was. I do know that the touring party was to be chosen from players "not lacking in manners or sportsmanship", and after writing so much about these lofty ideals and realising that I was never invited to join them, I am beginning to suffer from nagging doubts about my character deficencies. So I'll finish here. Manners and Sportsmanship indeed, I don't even pick my nose when I'm driving.

D.J.H.

We won last year's match by 11 pts to 9 pts., with a Keith James penalty in the last minute, seconds after he had missed a conversion in front of the posts. To find the last Barbarian win we need only go back to the season before when they triumphed 16 pts. to 6 pts.

In all we have played them 90 times, winning 57 and losing 29 games. A great Easter Egg of a welcome to the Barbarians.

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The Rags

John Hickey is rounding off a campaign with the Rags that looks like gaining him the accolade of captaining the best Rags side ever. So far they have P. 30 W. 29 losing only one game to Pontypool United 3 pts. - 4 pts. They looked all set for a place in the Silver Ball Final, and were romping away with the Truman Cup, when tragedy struck. Because of an administrative error, they were denied the credit of a tremendous victory over Bristol United, which included six tries that would have clinched things for them. Now they have to sit tight and hope that the sides who are in the running don't overtake them. It seems harsh that John and his players have been penalised for something that had nothing to do with them. Let's hope that their achievements are suitably rewarded in the end. They still have a couple of home games to play so why don't you do yourself a favour and make a point of coming along to see this great side making history. The remaining games are Chepstow H on March 29th and Gloucester United (H) on Saturday the 5th April. They are also away to Swansea 12th April and Ebbw Vale on the 19th April. There are hopes that they will wind up this magnificent season with a West Wales Tour. Congratulations John Hickey and all those players who have helped him this season.

	ATH	ILETIC XV FIXT	URE	S		1975				
Date		Opponents V	enue	Result	THE RESE					
1974						Jan.	4	Aberaman Coventry Ext.1st	A	28-4
Sept.	4	Llanharan	H	40-15				XV	H	31-6
	7	Maesteg Celtic	. A	14-9						
	11	Bristol Utd	H	20-14		Feb.	1	Maesteg Celtic	H	64-6
	18	Pencoed	. A	31-9			8	Bristol Utd	A	34-10
	21	Coventry Ex. 1st X	VA	16-8			15	London Welsh		
	25	Pontypool Utd	. A	3-4				Druids	H	34-9
	28	Cardiff H.S.O.B.	Н	14-4			22	Llanelli Wdrs	H	94-0
Oct.	2	Barry	н	56-10		Mar.	8	Abercynon	A	15-9
	4						15	Cilfynydd	H	C
	5	Newport Utd		13-3	-154		22	Newport	H	21-14
	10	Welsh Guards		86-0			29	Chepstow	H.	
	12	Quins Wanderers		42-12						
	19	St. Pauls Chelt				Apr.	5	Gloucester Utd.	H.	
	26	Bridgend Sports				WHAT VIEW	12	Swansea Ath	A.	
	30	Treherbert	. A	18-9			19	Ebbw Vale Ath.	A.	
Nov.	2	Newport H.S.O.B	. A	26-3						
	9	Taibach	. H	62-6						
	16	Llandaff North .	. A	27-0						
	23	Llanelli Wands	. A	36-3						
	30	Senghenydd	. A	4-3						
Dec.	7	Swansea Athletic		31-4						
	14	Llantwit Major	. A	36-10						
	21	Neath Athletic	. н	21-6						

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At the moment it appears that despite their handicap the Rags have won the Truman Cup. In order to be beaten Taffs Well have to score 14 tries in their next Silver Ball fixture. The situation regarding the Silver Ball is still confused and will not be resolved for a while. The Rags record at the moment reads Played 30, Won 29, Points For 972, Points Against 199.

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The Youth

The Youth have had another successful season under the enthusiastic guidance of Peter Goodfellow, Weldon Davies, Les Jones and Peter Nyhan.

They have so far played 17, Won 15, and Lost 2. Pts. For 434, Against 122. We have gained four Youth caps in Terry Holmes, scrum half and captain of the Welsh Youth, Wayne Peckham (Flanker) Club captain, Paul Rees (Full back) and Nick James (Centre). Nick James has the remarkable distinction of playing for the Welsh Schools and the Welsh Secondary Schools.

Twelve of the Cardiff & District side that beat Bridgend & District 16-0 in the Hornimans Cup were from our Youth. Coincidentally the Cardiff & District XV have the same opponents in the final of the Crawshay Cup at the Arms Park on Tuesday 22nd April.

As a result of the raffles and draws conducted by the Youth XV members, so generously donated to by the members, they will now be touring the East Riding of Yorkshire 18th — 19th April. The Committee and players wish to thank all who have contributed.

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St. Davids	H Won	29-0	Swansea		Α	Won	30-6
Pontypridd	H Lost	0-32	Llandaff		Α	Won	64-3
Weston Colts	A Won	16-6	Mountain Ash		Н	Won	52-4
Cardiff & District	H Won	38-3	Cheltenham		Н	Won	16-1
Rhymney	A Won	18-13	Bath		A	Won	16-6
Bridgend	H Lost	9-10	Llanelli		Α	Won	3-0
Cheltenham	A Won	23-12	British Army		A	Won	18-6
R. T. B	H Won	28-0	Mountain Ash		Α	Won	18-9
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Know the Laws

By FRED CROSTER

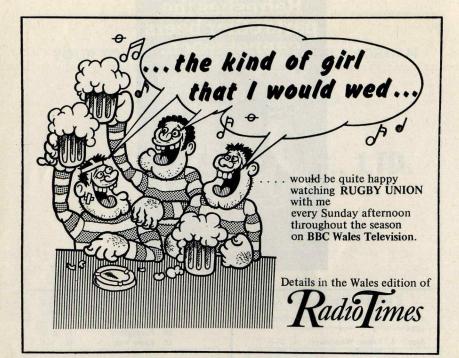
Yes, it's holiday time again and that means quiz time for the two Easter programmes. As usual, the questions today, Saturday, and the answers on Monday. Don't forget to claim that pint in the clubhouse if you have them all correct. Here we go.

- 1. Two phases in our game which have become more and more important are Maul and Ruck. What is a Maul?
- 2. What is a Ruck?
- 3. We see more penalties for 'Offside' in Mauls and Rucks than hitherto with the directive to referees that they must strictly apply the ruling. Where is the 'Offside' line in a Maul?
- 4. Where is the 'Offside' line in a Ruck?
- 5. In-goal! Defending side pass the ball back to a player in-goal. This player kicks to touch. The ball is touched down for a minor by a defender. What should the decision be?
- 6. The grading system for referees is now established in Wales. Do you know what part the clubs take in this grading system?
- 7. To what level of matches does this apply?
- 8. History was made this year when the clubs called for a special meeting of the W.R.U. concerning a point of law. Do you know what it was?
- 9. A try is scored, the conversion taken and then the game re-started from halfway by a penalty kick. Why?
- 10. In an international match the referee is injured and cannot carry on. Who takes over from him?

Thats the lot. Have a go. Not too difficult are they?

NOTICE TO PLAYERS DURING THE 1948-1953 ERA

The R.F.C. Committee are now "decorating" the new Players' Dining Room and intend placing Athletic XV photographs on the walls. The following dates are missing and they would be pleased if any old player would like to present their photograph to the Club. 1948/49, 1949/50, 1950/51 and 1952/53.



After the match, call to see John Price at the

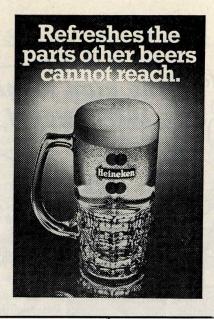
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	14	Blackheath	A	25-17			11		A	13-21
	18	Pontypool	Н	9-15	Maria Company		25		Н	6-7
	21	Coventry	H	32-6		Feb.	1		A	9-9
	25	Pontypridd	A	18-6	with the same		8		 H	24-12
	28	Aberavon	A	9-13			12		H	38-3
							15	London Welsh	H	13-12
Oct.	2	Newport	H	9-3			22	Saracens	A	10-12
	5	Univ. Coll. Cork	A	17-12			28		A	13-7
	12	Northampton	A	6-9						
	16	Devon	H	24-16		Mar.	5	Llanelli	 A	13-37
	19	Cambridge Univ.	A	16-16			8	Newport	 H	27-3
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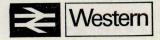
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