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WEDNESDAY, 31st MARCH, 1971

KICK OFF 7.15 P.M.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

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Cardiff v. Bridgend

Once again we have our neighbours from the near West as our guests at the Arms Park, and once again they are chasing for the Welsh unofficial Championship. They have a remarkably consistent record in this competition, which despite its obvious anomalies remains the only form of competitive league we have in Wales. That is if we ignore the Sunday Telegraph league table for matches between English and Welsh clubs for which only matches between clubs in the table count. (We are second in this). I feel that the latter Table has more to recommend it, but that is another story, and Bridgend have their sights firmly on the local version. A victory for them today would go a long way to realising their ambition, and of course they want revenge for the set back they received at our hands in the last game at Bridgend.

Over the years Bridgend have been something of a boggy side to Cardiff and they have achieved their wins playing adventurous Rugby. They have shed much of their sparkle this season but still play a very effective form of team football based on a mobile pack that rucks and runs with rare efficiency. If one judges a team by the number of current Internationals it contains, then Bridgend is a team with few stars — apart from being a poor criteria by which to judge any side I am sure this suits them fine. They realise that high quality team work wins matches consistently, and anyway, the appearance of established stars in any side is of necessity restricted by representative matches.

The statistics of Bridgend's record in the Championship Table is a tribute to their consistency. They won it in 1964, 1966, 1970 and were runners up in 1953, 1961, 1963 and 1965.

In case a Cardiff fan is sulking let me add at once that we have won it 5 times. In 1948, 1949, 1953, 1955 and 1958. I know 1958 is a long time ago, but we were runners up in 1951, 1954, 1956, 1957, 1966, 1969 and 1970. And for measure we were third in 1967 and 1968. So there! If and when we ever do win it again my God we will have earned it. Without in any way denying Bridgend their well earned battle honours I think it might be slightly easier for them. That is not sour grapes, that is sheer envy at the number of free dinners they get from Welsh Brewers. For the record:

We have played Bridgend 84 times. We have won 48 and lost 27.

Congratulations Bridgend on another fine season and CROESO PENYBONT.

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10th APRIL, Kick off 3 p.m.

CARDIFF v. HARLEQUINS 12th APRIL Kick off 3 p.m.

Know the Laws

by FRED CROSTER

Firstly let me clear up a little ambiguity which I may have aroused in the last programme. Remember I dealt with the incorrect kick-off in the Ireland match. The point was, 'What if the Welsh team had taken the advantage of the kick and maybe gone on and scored?' As I said: 'There are six occasions when advantage CANNOT be taken. The kick-off is one', hence they should not have been allowed to go on if the situation had arisen.

I must thank Lloyd Williams for bringing it to my notice. During the same chat, in the same company we were talking about 'Tackle' It was after the Swansea game and some supporters may recall that John Bevan was twice concerned with 'Tackle' decisions.

As I have said before, the simplest way of all to solve what should be all the problems re 'Tackle' is to remember the definition. It is quite simple and then all that pertains is self explanatory; i.e. Can the player play the ball? Does he have to get up? etc."

The definition is, and I quote Law 18.

"A tackle occurs when a player carrying the ball in the field of play is held by one or more opponents so that while he is so held —

the ball touches the ground, or

if he is on his feet he is unable to free himself without delay and he cannot play the ball except by releasing it.

A maul ends a tackle."

If the above does not take place the player concerned can carry on quite within the terms of the Law.

Fair enough?

During Easter we shall have out two 'Big' games — the Baa Baa's and the Harlequins. As they follow so closely I hope to include a Quiz as has been the case on such previous occasions. The questions on the Saturday and the answers on the Monday. Have a go at them and if you so desire I shall be happy to receive your answers via the post.

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6. M. JOHN
8. R. LANE
7. J. HICKEY (Capt.)

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

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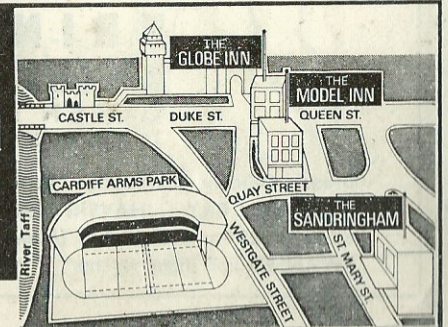
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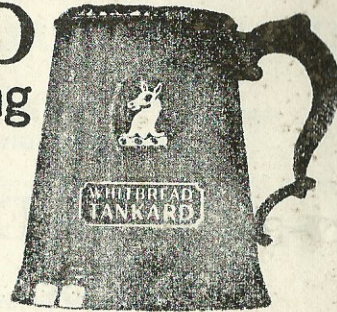
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Sept. 5	S. W. Constabulary	H	21-10
9	Bristol	H	6-5
12	London Welsh	H	8-3
16	Ebbw Vale	H	11-19
19	Coventry	H	14-12
23	Pontypool	H	26-3
26	Aberavon	A	12-11
Oct. 3	Newport	H	6-6
7	Penarth	A	36-12
10	Northampton	A	3-14
14	Pontypool	A	6-6
17	Cambridge Univ.	A	6-22
24	Newbridge	H	33-6
28	Maesteg	A	9-16
31	President W.R.U. XV	H	17-8
Nov. 4	Penygraig (F/L)	A	14-3
7	Oxford Univ.	H	3-3
11	Clermont Ferrand	A	6-41
14	Newport	A	3-6
21	Wasps	H	37-10
28	Llanelli	H	12-9

Dec. 5	Swansea	A	5-13
12	Harlequins	A	21-14
19	St. Lukes College	H	30-8
26	Liverpool	H	18-3
28	Bath	H	26-11
1971			
Jan. 9	Coventry	A	20-15
15	Leicester	H	9-8
23	Bridgend	A	13-3
30	Aberavon	H	P
Feb. 13	Bristol	A	6-13
20	Newport	H	17-9
27	Llanelli	A	6-6
Mar. 6	Newport	A	13-8
12	Bective Rangers	H	22-0
17	Pontypridd	H	6-0
20	Swansea	H
31	Bridgend	H
April 3	Gloucester	A
10	Barbarians	H
12	Harlequins	H
17	Penzance/Newlyn	A
19	Penrhyn	A
20	St. Ives	A
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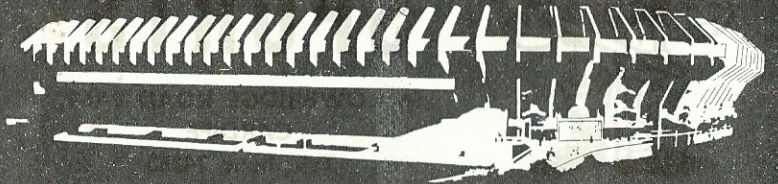
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