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Schweppes Cup Final

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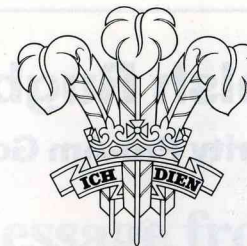
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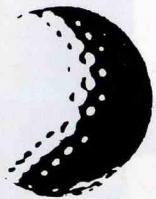
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# A Message from the President of the W.R.U.

*Mr Kenneth K. Gwilym*



The year 1970 seems a long time ago, but I still recall the A.G.M. of that year when, as the Chairman of the newly elected Competition Sub Committee, I asked the clubs to support us in a proposed National Cup Competition. The result of that meeting is now history.

When the clubs agreed to take part, then my troubles started! There were no fixed dates, which certainly caused a few problems, and to solve some of them did not make me too popular with some clubs, but with the help of a

Committee who were determined to make a success of the "Cup", we eventually overcame the problems that arose by having fixed dates, and seeding the twelve most successful clubs.

After five years as Chairman I handed over to George Morgan, who still has some of the original members with him and who will now argue with the fact that the "Cup" has proved a great fillip to the game in Wales.

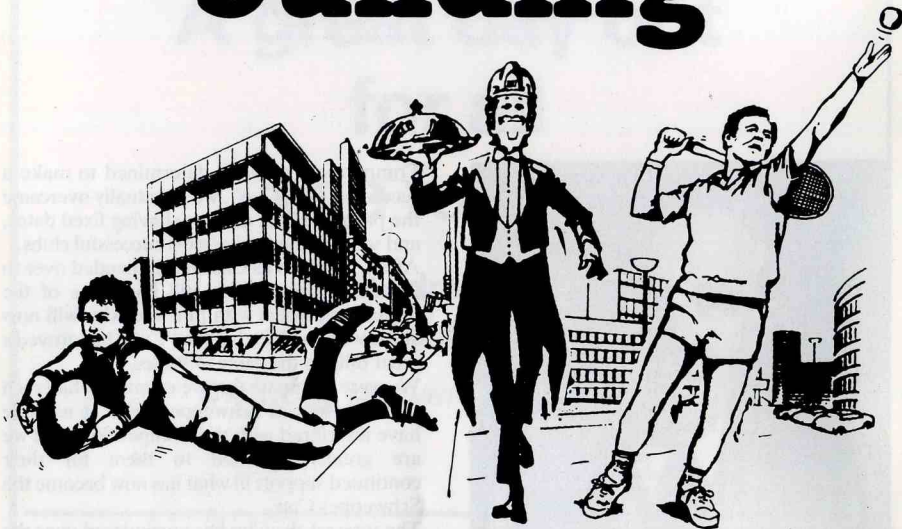
We were fortunate that we eventually had such fine sponsors as Schweppes, who at no time have interfered with the Competition, and we are greatly indebted to them for their continued support in what has now become the Schweppes Cup.

The interest the Cup has engendered over the years has been tremendous. One only has to go to a village where one of the top teams are the visitors, and you see the whole village alight with enthusiasm, with everyone feeling a part of their team, and some of the smaller clubs have certainly made their presence felt by toppling some of the bigger teams.

Some finals have promised so much in the way of entertainment, but one must remember that the object of the game is to win, which means playing to your strength. I only hope that today's final will prove as good as last year's, when Cardiff and Neath gave spectators a great game.

With two clubs such as Llanelli and Cardiff in opposition, we may well have a classic, but whoever I present the Cup to, Phil or Terry, I feel sure that they will be proud winners of the Schweppes Cup, and I shall be a very proud man when making the presentation of the Cup which I helped to promote in 1970.

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	CARDIFF		LLANELLI	
1st ROUND	TONYREFAIL	9	NEWPORT SARACENS	9
Nov 17th	CARDIFF	22	LLANELLI	19
2nd ROUND	BRYNCOCH	0	RISCA	12
Dec 19th	CARDIFF	21	LLANELLI	52
3rd ROUND	NEWBRIDGE	6	LLANDOVERY	4
Jan 26th	CARDIFF	24	LLANELLI	42
4th ROUND	CARDIFF	21	LLANELLI	23
Feb 23rd	NEATH	12	SOUTH WALES POLICE	13
SEMI-FINALS	CARDIFF	24	LLANELLI	24
March 23rd	PONTYPOOL	3	BRIDGEND	10
FINAL	CARDIFF		LLANELLI	
April 27th				

### PREVIOUS WINNERS OF THE SCHWEPPE'S CUP

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
1984	CARDIFF	24	NEATH	19

(\*Cardiff retained cup by scoring a try)

### SCHWEPPE'S CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION RULE 12

#### 12. Declaration of Winners

Winners of the games in each tie will be:

- (a) The team which has scored the greater number of points at the end of the 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.

# Cardiff Seek to Equal Record

By J. B. G. Thomas

It is a special day for the Cardiff Club, unbeaten at home this season, and they take the field on the adjoining National Ground which was once their home, seeking their fourth Cup victory. They are regarded as favourites but this will be hotly disputed during the match by the scarlet runners from Llanelli, themselves in excellent form in recent months.

Since 1972 there have been thirteen finals at the National Ground, which has continued to grow each year and is now a complete rugby arena, and the two finalists have met before in 1973 and then Llanelli, starting a long period of success in the competition, routed Cardiff by thirty points to seven. They are equally determined today to achieve a similar result and re-establish themselves as the kings of cup rugby.

The two clubs have been sporting rivals for over 100 years and played their first match in Llanelli on March 12, 1881 and Cardiff hold a comfortable lead in victories after 200 matches. The clubs have always produced attractive football by running with the ball against each other with each enjoying periods of dominance. There is always a touch of panache in their approach, although the odd match has been enlivened with extra vigour, but only rarely, and both clubs today intend to make it a day to remember while going flat out to win. Cardiff seek to retain the Cup they won last year and Llanelli to capture it and take it back to the West where they believe it should stand every year!

After the quarter final round had been completed this season, followers of the non-committed clubs hoped that there would be an East-West final and preferably one between Cardiff and Llanelli, as they were certain to run the ball and entertain. Tickets have sold well and this is a tribute to the clubs and their play in the competition since it was launched in 1971-72.

Llanelli have won the trophy on four occasions, in successive years from 1973 to 1977, and Cardiff seek their fourth win to match their rivals. They have enjoyed a splendid season

and preserved a ground record at their Arms Park ground, never an easy task these days, and last achieved by the club 37 years ago under the leadership of the former maestro of scrum half play, Haydn Tanner.

It is a happy coincidence that Wales' leading scrum half, Terry Holmes, is captain of Cardiff this season and also captain of Wales as Tanner was in 1948. Tanner's team was full of splendid players and eleven of them were capped in the season, including ten in one match to create a Welsh record. Eight members of this season's team have been capped and in most of their matches Cardiff have been able to field ten internationals.

Their path to the final was not an easy one with the first three matches away from home while the smaller clubs always fight hard against the senior ones. Tonyrefail were beaten 22-9 and Bryncoch 21-0 in the first two rounds. Then followed Newbridge away in the third round as in the fourth round last season, and a 24-6 victory set them up for the quarter final.

They were drawn to meet Neath at the Arms Park and followers anticipated a repeat of last season's final. Neath were full of enthusiasm and played well before Cardiff won 21-12. However, the match was not won until the closing ten minutes and it was Terry Holmes who produced the winning touch and inspired his more experienced side, and a 15,000 crowd with a host of Neath supporters appeared to enjoy it.

The semi-final draw is the vital one of the competition and three of the four clubs, Bridgend, Cardiff and Llanelli were not keen to be drawn against the powerful Pontypool club. When the draw was made Cardiff had to face Pontypool at Newport, and Bridgend played Llanelli at Swansea. Immediately the critics forecast a Llanelli v. Pontypool final as it was not anticipated that Cardiff would overcome the mighty Pooler!

They did so through careful preparation and a determined forward effort guided by shrewd tactical play at half back. It was a classical example of tackling opponents where they

were strongest. Two weeks previously Cardiff had lost heavily at Pontypool in a normal club match through trying to play away from the Pontypool pack and the plan failed.

In the semi-final Cardiff took Pontypool on in front, and turned them as Holmes and Davies kept their pack moving forward. The win was more than comfortable at 24-3 and Pontypool's popular and successful coach Ray Prosser had no hesitation in stating his side was well-beaten. It revealed Cardiff as the leading Welsh club of the season although Pontypool are ahead of them in the Western Mail Club championship and will win it as well as the Merit Table.

So remains for them today, the final hurdle in a fascinating season, but their officials and captain are far from complacent, realising that the young, fast moving Llanelli side is capable of rising to the occasion under the inspiring leadership of Phil May.

The factor that makes the match interesting, and possibly a close-run thing, is the fact that both sides rose to the occasion and defeated the Australian tourists this season, which was something no international side could achieve. It was spirit and determination inspired by the long tradition of success against touring teams that produced the two worthy results.

Although 48 players have worn the Cardiff club's first team colours this season, the team has been chosen, in the main, from 18 players who have revealed consistent form and a fascinating appreciation of each other's play. Both successful coaches, Roger Beard and Gary Samuel, who have done a notable job, agree that the team spirit is excellent with every player playing for the other. "The support play has been magnificent once the ball has been won, and while Gareth Davies has kicked so many goals, all the side have wanted to score tries, from Alun Phillips as hooker to Paul Rees as full back."

Rees, christened Pablo by his team-mates, is a strong, attacking full back, and the three wings, Adrian Hadley, Mike Carrington and Gerald Cordle are big fellows and strong runners-in. In the centre Mark Ring (sadly injured two weeks ago and out of today's match) and Alun Donovan (formerly of Swansea) have formed an ideal partnership.

Gareth Davies and Terry Holmes have dominated at half-back, doing their own thing and dictating the tactical play, while scoring points themselves. Their influence has been considerable, probably more so in the semi-final than in many other fine victories. Davies has scored 359 points before today which is not far short of his club record of 383 achieved last season, and

his full tally for the club in ten seasons has passed the 2,500 mark. A prolific and consistent scorer, as indeed were Andy Hill (362) and Phil Bennett for Llanelli during their remarkable Cup run in the 1970's.

Opposing Davies today as the Llanelli outside half, is another international, Gareth Pearce, formerly of Bridgend, but a native of Haverfordwest, and he is nearing the 300 mark in points this season. Like Davies he is a dropped goal expert and while play today may be open with much running it could still happen that goal-kicks will decide the fate of the trophy!

Again although the Cardiff backs have produced spectacular rugby this season and played their part in the three previous Cup triumphs of 1981, 1982 and last year, it is the Cardiff pack that has laid the foundations of the club's continued success. Starting with Alun Phillips, as hooker, still in outstanding form and keen to break the club record as a try scorer today, for he is now level with Tom 'Codger' Johnson with 129.

The two props, Jeff Whitefoot and Ian Eidman join Phillips in an all international front row. Robert Norster is the high leaper at the lineout and Kevin Edwards the charger in the loose, making an admirable pair of locks. Behind them is John Scott, quite the best No. 8 still, in England and Wales but retired from international rugby. On the flanks three players share the honours in Robert Lakin, Owen Golding and this season's newcomer from Swansea, Gareth Roberts who received a full cap last Saturday.

Obviously, Cardiff will put a lot of effort into set piece possession today while Llanelli's highly mobile pack will seek to dominate in the loose play. Their captain, Phil May, is an expert front of the line jumper and an experienced all-round forward. He will be supported by hooker Kerry Townley and a hard mobile prop in Lawrence Delaney. With May at lock is a tall rangy, lively forward, Russell Cornelius, and there are a host of good back row forwards from which to select their trio. No. 8 Phil Davies was capped last Saturday and Alun Davies earlier in the season, while David Pickering is now an experienced international and the Welsh pack leader.

Thus the main tactical battle today will be at forward and then, depending upon the possession received, at half-back, where Gary Pearce and Jonathan Griffiths are certain to make an impression upon the play. At threequarter Llanelli have Peter Morgan, Nigel Davies, Ieuan Evans and Phil Lewis, all with clever pace. What a prospect to consider with rare anticipation!

CARDIFF 24 pts v PONTYPOOL 3 pts at Newport, March 23rd



*Terry Holmes, the Cardiff captain, prepares to pass inside when challenged by Graham Price and Steve Jones of Pontypool.*



*Referee Clive Norling awards a penalty at a scrum.*



*Robert Norster, the Cardiff lock, jumps high to make a two handed catch at a lineout.*

# The Cardiff Squad

## T.D.HOLMES (Captain)

Scrum half. Aged 28. 6ft 1in. 13st 2lb. Company director. The Captain of Cardiff was also captain of the Welsh XV this season and it is his ambition to emulate former club captain, John Scott of England, to achieve a cup triumph. Extremely popular but modest and undemonstrative on the field. Terence Holmes leads by example and forms a match-winning combination at half-back with Gareth Davies. His match against England last Saturday was his 24th appearance for Wales and he was a Cardiff Club youth playing for the Welsh Youth XV between 1974 and 1976. His first class career has been interrupted by serious injuries and he had to return from two Lions tours in 1980 and 1983. Is regarded as the outstanding British scrum-half of his era. Scored 17 tries for club this season.



## P. REES

Full back: Aged 28. 6ft 2in. 15st. Window Installer. Known to his team mates as Pablo. Paul Rees is a rare humorist who plays with enthusiasm and determination as a strong attacking full back, particularly safe under the high ball. He has scored several tries for his club and works in close relationship with Ring and Davies in midfield with special moves. He has suffered several injuries through his committed play and could have been considered as an international player.



## G. CORDLE

Wing. Aged 24. 6ft 1in. 13st 2lb. Manual Worker. Developed by the club's youth team and played for Welsh Youth. A tall strong runner-in who has notched 15 tries this season, helping to finish off Cardiff's clever midfield movements. Never easy to stop he has held his place despite a strong challenge of rivals in the club. Gerald Cordle will prove a challenge for Llanelli today.



## A. HADLEY

Wing. Aged 22. 6ft 1in. 13st 10lb. Civil Servant. Played for St. Joseph's Youth and then the Welsh Youth XV in 1981 before joining Cardiff as a strong-running wing, at the start of 1982-83 season. He scored 26 tries in his first season with the club and won a place in the national squad. Toured Spain in 1983 and first played for Wales against Japan and then won a full cap against Romainia. Replaced Mark Tittley in Welsh XV this season. Seven caps. Scored 20 tries for club this season.



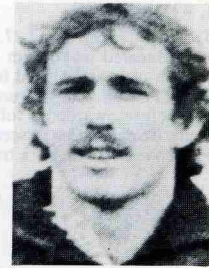
## A. J. DONOVAN

Centre. Aged 29. 5ft 8in. 12st 7lb. Company representative. Joined Cardiff at the start of last season following a successful career with Swansea from where he was capped on the Australian tour of 1978 and injured in the test. Regained a Welsh place in 1981 and played again in 1982. With Cardiff he has proved a most astute centre and has played an important part in the Club's highly successful season. Safe hands and speed on the burst, he has fitted well in the speedy threequarter line. Swansea's loss was Cardiff's gain. Made 28 appearances this season and scored 17 tries.



## M. CARRINGTON

Wing. Aged 22. 6ft 3in. 14st 7lb. Carpenter. Joined Cardiff last season and is a big, strong, determined wing. Came from the Pyle Club and immediately settled down scoring several spectacular tries. This season he suffered injury after 20 appearances and 15 tries and lost his place to Cordle and although he is now a replacement, cannot get his place back. Has a good future ahead of him.



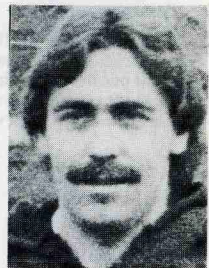
## W. G. DAVIES

Outside half. Aged 28. 5ft 9in. 11st 10lbs. Business Manager. Tactical brain of the Cardiff side, Gareth Davies was born in the Gwendraeth Valley from where have come many fine players. A Welsh Secondary Schools cap before going to UWIST and then Oxford University where he won a blue. Played for Wales B in 1976 and then won first cap in Australia in 1978. Toured SA with Lions in 1980 but suffered injuries and returned home to lead Wales in 1981-82. Made scapegoat of Scottish defeat in 1982 and did not play again for Wales until this season. Has won 21 caps and always played extremely well for Cardiff as well as being the club's record points scorer. Played important part in semi-final victory over Pontypool with 20 points. Now retired from international rugby. Scored over 2500 points for club in 10 seasons.



## S. CANNON

Inside half: Aged 26. 5ft 7in. 11st 7lb. Physiotherapist. Had proved a most able reserve to Terry Holmes and figured prominently in several important victories. Strong and reliable, Steve Cannon was formerly with Pontypool and during long periods of Holmes injuries, played smoothly with Gareth Davies. Last season he was a most effective deputy and does basics well.



## J. WHITEFOOT

Loose head prop. Aged 29. 6ft 16st. 2lb. N.C.B. Electrician. One of the strong men in the Cardiff side who forms a formidable front row with Phillips and Eidman. Learned the game with Monmouthshire Youth and Bedwas before joining Cardiff in 1978 where he developed and won B caps in 1982-83-84. Entered the national squad in 1983 and won his first cap this season against Australia when he was a replacement for Ian Stephens. Won five caps and appeared in Cardiff's Cup-winning side last season.



## A. J. PHILLIPS

Hooker. Aged 29. 5ft 9in. 13st 12lbs. In family business. Still regarded by many judges as the best hooker-forward in the British-Isles. Sound scrummager, fast in the loose with good hands, expert thrower in from touch, and prolific try scorer, holding record as hooker. First capped for Welsh Youth in 1972 followed by Welsh B caps and then full cap in 1979 when Bobby Windsor was injured. Played 15 matches in succession for Wales before being dropped after Scottish match 1982. However Alun Phillips has maintained high standard for Cardiff and unlucky not to receive further caps. Scored 13 tries this season.



### I. EIDMAN

Tighthead prop. Aged 27. 6ft. 16st 4lbs. Sales representative. Cardiff born but educated at Penarth Grammar School and UWIST. Won secondary schools caps and played for Dinas Powys and UAU before joining Cardiff Club. Proved strong scrummager in expert front row. Ian Eidman won a B cap before awarded a full cap in 1983 when Graham Price was dropped. Toured Spain and won second cap against Romania. Had to withdraw before French match with back trouble and missed England match.



### R. L. NORSTER

Lock. Aged 27. 6ft 5in. 16st 5lbs. Sales Executive. Regarded as one of the outstanding lineout jumpers in these Islands, Robert Leonard Norster played for Abertillery before joining Cardiff in 1977. A product of South Glamorgan Institute he first played for Wales against Romania in 1979 but no caps were awarded. Then appeared in B side in 1979 and 1980. Toured North America with Wales in 1980 and won first full cap in 1982. Has now won 14 caps and played an important part in Cardiff cup successes as a hard-working lock forward. Toured with Lions in 1983 and suffered injury this season, had his jaw broken but recovered during bad weather.



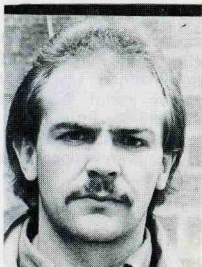
### K. EDWARDS

Lock. Aged 26. 6ft 4in. 18st 12lb. Sales representative. The heaviest man in the Cardiff side and a powerful lock forward, expert on the charge. Formed excellent partnership with Norster at lock, working in the short line. Unlucky not to win B cap but may well do so next season. Was out of rugby some time last season but now back with enthusiasm and key man in Cardiff scrum.



### G.J. ROBERTS

Flanker. Aged 26. 6ft 2in. 14st 7lb. Pharmacist. Joined Cardiff this season from Swansea and took his chance to make the back row where the club had already three experts. A graduate from Swansea University he played well enough to attract attention from the selectors this season for Wales, and was a replacement until taking the field at the end of French match, Gareth Roberts received his full cap against England last Saturday, after Schools under 19 cap and B cap. Enthusiastic, fast flanker who searches for the ball and supports well.



### J.P. SCOTT

No. 8. Aged 30. 6ft 4½in. 16st 5lb. Sales Executive. The most experienced forward in the Cardiff side and successful former captain who led Cardiff to three Cup triumphs and Western Mail Club Championship in four years. An outstanding England No. 8 who retired from international rugby this season with 35 caps. Has also played lock but is still the best No. 8 in Wales and leader of a most effective back row where he excels at the back of the lineout. Born in Exeter, John Scott has almost become a Welshman and was a most popular captain, always considering his players and club members and supporters. Plays in fourth Cup Final today. 30 appearances this season.



### O. GOLDING

Flanker. Aged 26. 5ft 11in. 11st. Personnel Officer. Owen Golding was a successful Welsh Secondary Schools player from Penarth and after playing for the Dinas Powys Club he moved to Cardiff where he soon became prominent. Possesses excellent positional sense, good hands and pace. Plays well in Cardiff's back row and is an opportunist try scorer and support player. Unlucky not to achieve higher honours as player in the John Taylor mould.



### R. LAKIN

Flanker or No 8. Aged 26. 6ft 3in. 14st 10lb. Farmer. The most loyal and consistent of the Cardiff forwards who has given invaluable service to the club. Strong, mobile and as good in the tight play as the loose. A ready try-scorer and hard working line out jumper. Won B cap in 1981 and a shade unlucky not to win a full cap. Member of last season's cup-winning side.



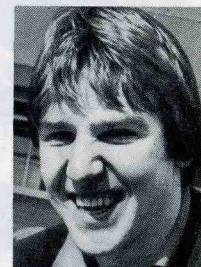
### D. EVANS

Outside half/centre. Aged 20. 5ft 10in. 11st 7lb. Student. Joined Cardiff club at start of the season. David Evans is Aberdare born and was successful Secondary Schools cap last season. A good kicker and runner he has deputised most ably for Gareth Davies when required.



### C. WEBBER

Utility Back. Aged 29 years. 6ft. 1in. 14st. Schoolmaster born at Mountain Ash, Chris Webber formerly played for Newport and joined Cardiff in 1979 after appearing in two cup finals with Newport. A loyal utility back he toured North America with Wales in 1980 when he suffered a serious shoulder injury. Replacement for the National side in 1980 season.



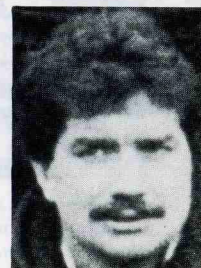
### C. COLLINS

Prop. Aged 26. 5ft 10in. 15st 10lb. School teacher. A reliable reserve prop, Chris Collins plays well when called upon to deputise for internationals Whitefoot and Eidman. Lively in the loose.

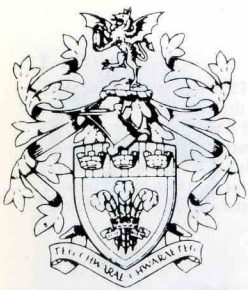


### J. SOUTO

Hooker. Aged 23. 6ft. 14st. Self employed. John Souto followed his brother into the Cardiff side and became deputy to Alun Phillips. A good strong forward who strikes well and works hard in the loose.







# Undeb Rygbi Cymru Welsh Rugby Union



John Scott, last season's successful Cardiff captain, holds aloft the Schweppes Cup after its presentation at the National Ground, Cardiff, following the defeat of Neath.

## Match Officials

Referee:  
W.D. Bevan (Swansea)  
Touch Judges:  
C. Norling (Swansea)  
W. Jones (Ammanford)

**Full Back  
(Cefnwr)**

**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)**

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(Yr ail reng)**

**Left flanker  
(Blaenasgell)**

**No. 8  
(Y rheng ol)**

**Right flanker  
(Blaenasgell)**

Kick-Off 3.00pm

† International



## Cardiff

Cambridge Blue and Black

15 P. Rees

14 G. Cordle

13 A.J. Donovan †

12 D. Evans

11 A.M. Hadley †

10 W.G. Davies †

9 T.D. Holmes (Captain) †

1 J. Whitefoot †

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19 C. Collins  
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15 M. Gravelle

14 P.I. Lewis †

13 N. Davies

12 P. Morgan †

11 I. Evans

10 G. Pearce †

9 J. Griffiths

1 L. Delaney

2 D. Fox

3 A. Buchanan

4 P. May (Captain)

5 R. Cornelius

6 A. Davies †

8 P.T. Davies †

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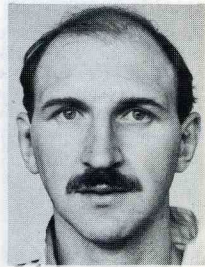
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## The Llanelli Squad

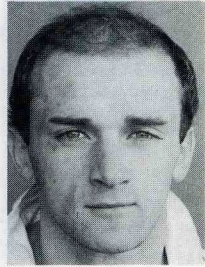
### PHIL MAY (Captain)

Age; 28; a schoolteacher. Played for Welsh Universities and British Universities and made his first appearance for Llanelli against London Welsh (away) in 1974-75. One of the outstanding line-out forwards in Welsh rugby over the last decade, he is captaining the club for a third successive season. During his term of captaincy, the Scarlets have achieved victories over the Maoris and the Wallabies. Number of games for the club: 345. Tries: 52.



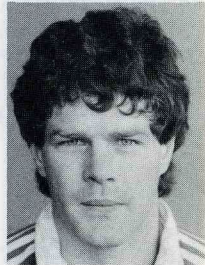
### PETER MORGAN (Vice Captain)

Age, 26; a builder. Capped by Wales Youth, he made his first appearance for Llanelli against Pontypridd (home) in 1978-79. He played for Wales "B" in 1978, for Wales against Romania in 1979, and was capped against Scotland, Ireland and New Zealand in 1980 and against Ireland in 1981. He also played for Wales against an Overseas XV in 1980 and went on the British Lions' tour in South Africa in 1980. Number of games: 229. Tries: 79.



### MARTIN GRAVELLE

Age, 26; a pharmacist. Played college rugby for UWIST and made his first appearance for Llanelli against Cross Keys (away) in 1978-79. He was a member of Llanelli's Snelling Sevens winning team, 1979. Toured with Llanelli in South Africa in 1979 and with Welsh Academicals in 1981. Wales "B", 1981. Has played cricket for Glamorgan Colts and Glamorgan Seconds. Number of games: 229. Points: 1317 (including 94 tries).



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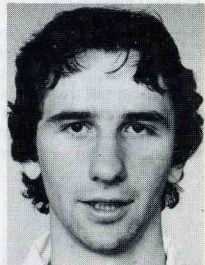
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### PHIL LEWIS

Age, 24; a trainee police officer. Played for Wales Schools and while a student at Alsager College, Cheshire - English Colleges. Made his first appearance for Llanelli against Penarth (away) at the end of the 1979-80 season. Played for Wales "B" in 1983 and has played in all Wales's international matches this season, scoring a try against Ireland. The club's leading try scorer. Number of games: 97. Tries: 85.



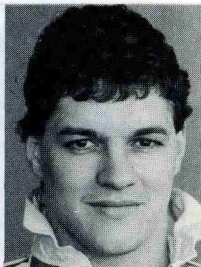
### IEUAN EVANS

Age, 21; a second year student at Salford University. Played for Welsh Students against English Students earlier this month. Made his first appearance for Llanelli against New Dock Stars at the start of this season and has played for the club on the wing, at centre and at full back. He was a member of the Crawshay team in the Hong Kong sevens last month. Number of games: 16. Tries: 10.



### DAVID PICKERING

Age, 24; a company secretary. A Wales Schools' international, he played for UWIST and Welsh Universities and made his first appearance for Llanelli against Ebbw Vale (away) in 1978-79. Has fourteen full international appearances to his credit and has led the Welsh pack this season. A Barbarian, he toured with UWIST in the U.S.A., with Llanelli and Canada, and with the Penguins in Kenya and Brazil. Number of games: 155. Tries: 33.



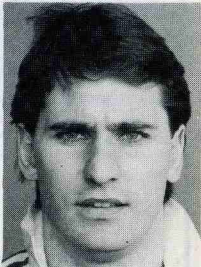
### NIGEL DAVIES

Age, 20; a first year student at the Polytechnic of Wales. Outside-half in the Wales Youth team last season, he made his first appearance for the club against Bynea (away) at the end of the season. He was converted by Llanelli into a centre and played for Welsh Students in that position. Number of games: 29 Tries: 7.



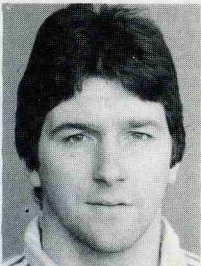
### PETER HOPKINS

Age, 22; a sales representative. Played for Wales Schoolboys and Wales Youth, whom he captained. Toured in South Africa with Wales Youth. First played for Llanelli against Waunarlwydd (home) in 1980-81. Member of the Welsh-squad, 1981-82 and 1982-83. Wales "B", 1982. Toured with Wales in Spain, 1983. Number of games: 125. Tries: 71.



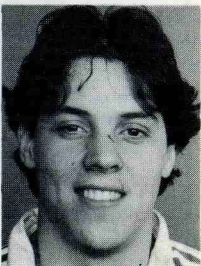
### GARY PEARCE

Age, 24; a company director. First played for Llanelli against Harlequins (away) in 1978-79. Played for Bridgend for four seasons before returning to Stradey for the 1983-84 season. A former Schools and Youth international, he was capped by Wales against Ireland and France in 1981 and Ireland in 1982. Toured with Wales in Canada and U.S.A., with Bridgend in Zimbabwe and with Llanelli in Canada. A Barbarian, he is the club's leading points scorer. Number of games: 82 Points: 642 (including 17 tries).



### JONATHAN GRIFFITHS

Age, 20; a fireman. Learned his rugby on the Isle of Wight and played for the Sandown-Shanklin Club when he was fourteen. Moved to Carmarthen and was capped by Wales Youth. Made his first appearance for Llanelli against Pontypridd (home) at the start of last season. Selected for Wales "B" squad this season. Plays cricket for Llanelli and has been capped by Wales Colts. Number of games: 51. Tries: 14.



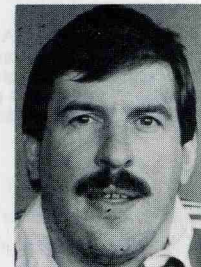
### PAUL FLEMING

Age, 20; an organiser with the Welsh Sports Council. Captained Wales Schoolboys (under 15s) and was an England Schools trialist while at Millfield School. Also captained Somerset Schools. Played his first match for Llanelli against South Glamorgan Institute (home) at the end of last season. He was on stand-by reserve for Crawshay's for the Hong Kong sevens. Number of games: 29. Tries: 4.



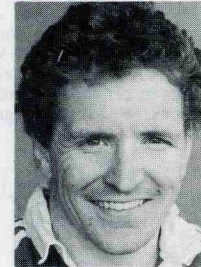
### KERRY TOWNLEY

Age, 28; a schoolteacher. A Wales Schools cap, he played for Cardiff College of Education, Welsh Colleges and British Colleges. Played for Bridgend for four seasons before making his first appearance for Llanelli against Swansea (home) in 1981-82. Toured with Wales in Spain, 1983 and was a reserve for Wales in championship matches the same year. A Barbarian. Toured with Llanelli in Canada. Number of games: 127. Tries: 12.



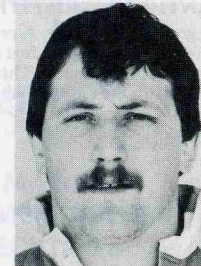
### DAVID FOX

Age, 25; unemployed. Toured in New Zealand with Swansea Schoolboys and was a reserve for Wales Schools. Joined Llanelli from Bonymaen making his first appearance against Pontypridd (home) last season. A mobile hooker, he shared duties with Kerry Townley. Number of games: 44. Tries: 4.



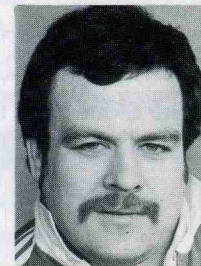
### ANTHONY BUCHANAN

Age, 28; a miner. A former goalkeeper with Cwm Wanderers in the Neath and District soccer league, he started playing rugby as a No. 8 with Ystradgynlais and played for the club against Llanelli in a W.R.U. Cup second-round tie in 1978 when the teams drew six-all. First played for Llanelli against Abertillery (home) in 1981-82. Has now established himself as a member of the front row. Number of games: 79. Tries: 11.



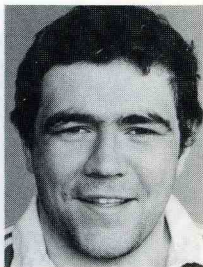
### LAWRENCE DELANEY

Age, 28; a welder. A Wales Youth international, he first played for Llanelli against Northampton (away) in 1977-78. He toured with Llanelli in South Africa (1979) and Canada (1983). Has made more than 200 appearances in the front row for the club and is one of the most experienced members of the Llanelli pack. Number of games: 278. Tries: 14.



#### RUSSELL CORNELIUS

Age, 28; an industrial chemist. Made his first appearance for the club against Moseley (away) in 1978-79. Played for Maesteg for one season before joining Llanelli and left the club to join Bridgend for one year before transferring back to the Scarlets at the start of this season. He toured in Canada with the Porthcawl club, and early in his career made occasional appearances for Swansea, Neath and Aberavon. Number of games: 129. Tries: 1.



#### RHYS THOMAS

Age, 24; a steelworker. A product of Neath grammar school, he made two appearances for Aberavon before joining Llanelli at the start of last season. Has developed well and given the club extra power and weight in the second row. Played a prominent part in the club's forward effort against Australia this season. Number of games: 51. Tries: None.



#### ALUN DAVIES

Age, 29; a surveyor. A Wales Schools' cap, he first played for Llanelli against Ebbw Vale (away) on the Wednesday after Llanelli's last cup-final appearance in 1976. A Wales "B" international in 1979, he toured with Llanelli in South Africa in 1979 and in Canada, 1983. A member of the Welsh squad for two seasons, he was capped against Australia this season. Number of games: 286. Tries: 34.



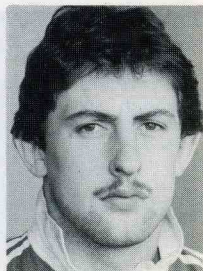
#### ANTHONY GRIFFITHS

Age, 23; a salesman. A product of the Felinfoel club, which he captained in 1983-84, he made his first appearance for Llanelli against Maesteg (away) at the end of last season. Three years ago, he spent a season in South Africa and played for the Pirates Club in Johannesburg. Number of games: 34. Tries: 13.



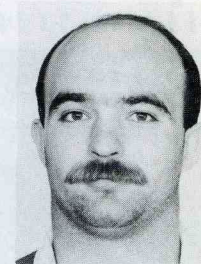
#### PHIL DAVIES

Age, 21; a company representative. Played for Wales Schoolboys (under 15's) and joined Llanelli from Seven Sisters, making his first appearance against Penarth (home) in 1980-81. Left the club to join South Wales Police in November, 1983, but returned to Stradey midway through this season. Toured in Canada with Llanelli in 1983. Named in the Wales squad this season, he gained his first cap against England last week. Played with Crawshay's in the Hong Kong Sevens. Number of games 56. Tries: 9.



#### JEREMY COOPER

Age, 24; a teacher. Played for South Glamorgan Institute, Welsh Colleges and British Colleges, and captained the Institute team which won the National Sevens in 1982. Made occasional appearances for Neath, Bridgend and Swansea while in college and first played for Llanelli against Pontardawe (away) at the end of the 1981-82 season. Number of games: 48. Tries: 13.



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*Peter Morgan and Gary Pearce race away in the loose for Llanelli.*



*Gary Pearce gets the ball away to No. 8 Phil Davies in support, when tackled by a Bridgend defender.*



*Phil Lewis, the Llanelli wing, kicks the ball past a Bridgend defender.*

# A Case of Downright Skulduggery

(and Cardiff, of course, were the villains)

by Gareth Hughes

(Swansea Sound rugby correspondent)

It goes without saying that Llanelli will do their best to restrict Cardiff's ambitions as far as try-scoring feats are concerned this afternoon. But perhaps what they ought to guard against most is any disposition on the part of Cardiff players or supporters - whether out of exuberance, exultation or sheer baseness - to carry off a try-scorer shoulder high. History points to results that could be disastrous to Llanelli's cause.

"Tut-tut", I hear you say, sniffing out a touch of hysteria blowing in on the breeze from the West. But surely, I answer firmly, you can't have forgotten what occurred when Cardiff and Llanelli first met on Saturday the 12th March, 1881. Yes, Saturday, the 12th of . . .

What, you were never told? Unpardonable. Inexcusable. But - let's reflect - understandable, in the dire circumstances of the case.

Cardiffians, it might be said, have enough skeletons rattling in their cupboard without our shaking up a few more from a hundred and four years past. Carwyn James may have spoken lightly about Barry, Gerald, 'D.K.' and the rest as "delightful defectors from the West", but some of us take a different view.

The Cup Final of 1881 was played at the Gnull Ground, Neath - not a ground where, as you know, skulduggery normally occurs. It was the day on which representatives of eleven clubs met at the Castle Hotel in that town to establish the Welsh Rugby Union. All very laudable in its modest way. But look what happened afterwards . . .

Llanelli, through to the final after overthrowing the challenge of Llandeilo, Bridgend (after no fewer than three replays), and Swansea (naturally), met Cardiff in a mood of confidence and high expectations. No contest for the South Wales Challenge Cup, inaugurated three years before, had excited such interest.

When time was called, the result was a draw, Cardiff having touched down twice in self-defence to Llanelli's once. A long consultation took place about whether or not the game should be continued. The Llanelli captain, Fred Margrave, was not keen to do so, but

several of his men were - and so the captain, always conciliatory, gave in. An extension of time, ten minutes each way, was agreed to. Only four minutes of the second ten had elapsed when J.K. Heard, the Cardiff half-back, pursued closely by his opposite number, Buckley Roderick, touched down for what was declared a try.

Supporters of Cardiff flocked in over the boundary by the hundred, shouldered Heard, and carried him to the extreme end of the ground, thus preventing any further effective progress in the game - to the great and, I submit, understandable annoyance of the Llanelli men. Although there were six minutes of time remaining, the Cardiff team then left the ground, leaving the, no doubt, seething and protesting Llanelli players behind.

The Llanelli club promptly lodged an appeal against the result, urging the Cup committee to order Cardiff to play again, but the ruling body decided that Cardiff should be confirmed as the Cup winners - on the extraordinary (not to say dubious) grounds that, in the circumstances, it would have taken all of the six minutes remaining to get the game restarted. Nonetheless, they marked as "most unjustifiable" the act of the Cardiff players in shouldering off one of their team before the expiration of time.

The bizarre end of the match was the culmination of an afternoon of many awful provocations for the Llanelli team. It was a matter of general complaint that the Cardiff 'umpire' - a prototype of the modern touch-judge - very often interfered in the game, to the annoyance of the Llanelli team and of spectators in the field.

According to a Press report, he was several times right in the way of the players, often pushing them about and hindering the play.

A correspondent in the "Llanelli and County Guardian" disclosed that the offending umpire was a schoolmaster and offered the opinion that such should always be objected to as an umpire as his profession "naturally induces him to be dogmatic and crotchety, and irritable at contradiction, because he is not used to it,

holding in his school undisputable sway."

There, surely, is an admirable starting-point for discussion at a future N.U.T. conference!

Apparently, the reception at home for the Llanelli team was not as enthusiastic as it was thought it might have been and, indeed, offered a marked contrast to the scenes on their return from the semi-final, against Swansea, also played at Neath, three weeks earlier.

Then, on arrival back at Llanelli railway station, the captain was shouldered and carried to a brake with the rest of the team in it. "The brake, unhorsed, was drawn through the town by hundreds; torches were elevated high from omnibuses and brakes; all the handbells and trumpets of the town were called into requisition, and a triumphant procession of some thousands marched through the town and as far as the Thomas Arms Hotel, where Captain Margrave and other members of the team were made special marks for applause."

The day of the semi-final was the date on which Wales played her first international match, against England, at Blackheath, England winning by what might be regarded as a reasonably substantial score - seven goals, one dropped goal and six tries to nil.

Three Cardiff players - W.D. Phillips, B.E. Girling and B.B. Mann - were in the hapless Welsh side, but the Llanelli players escaped the ignominy, in one case by a hair's breadth.

Buckley Roderick, the Llanelli threequarter, was invited to play for Wales but "inasmuch as he is anxious to be with the home team at Neath on the same day, he has respectfully declined the honour."

The semi-final against Swansea was a hard-fought one, the only try being scored by the popular Llanelli captain. 'Margrave caught the ball on the hop, ran out at a very fast pace, and notwithstanding the splendid backs of Swansea, he eluded the whole of his pursuers like a hare, covering two-thirds of the ground, and touching down amidst the plaudits of the whole field.'

Those were exciting days for Llanelli, who had only the previous season played their first games at Stradey. Previously, the club had played its home matches at People's Park, where the Town Hall now stands, - a state of affairs which evidently left room for some dissatisfaction because at the start of the 1879-80 season it was decided that the club would make endeavours 'to get a better place for playing on'.

In that aim the club was quickly, and remarkably, successful for on the 18th of September, 1879, it was announced that future practices

and matches would be played on the Stradey cricket ground and that Mr. C.W. Mansel Lewis, the squire of Stradey, had consented to become president of the club.

In the season that followed, Swansea became the Challenge Cup holders, and there was the keenest expectation when a match was arranged against the Cup winners, to be played at Stradey on the 13th of March. In the event, Swansea did not turn up - a fact pungently commented on - and a game was hastily arranged between two scratch sides, labelled "B.T.W." and "Jenkinites", in reference to Mr. B.T. Williams and Mr. J.J. Jenkins, who were at the time the candidates in the local Parliamentary election.

Of Swansea's non-appearance, the "Llanelli Guardian" commented acidly, 'The Cup holders were a little too careful of their reputations.'

Two years later, Llanelli won the Cup for the first time, defeating Newport in the final, at Neath, and then, on Easter Monday, the 12th of April, 1884, they made history by taking the field for the first time in their famous scarlet colours.

The occasion was a visit by the Irish international team, who stopped at Llanelli on their way home after meeting Wales in Cardiff on the Saturday. "Llanelli were the first on the ground, making their first public appearance in full colours, their scarlet, gold-faced caps adding much to their bright appearance."

The Irish were perhaps unsettled by their experience on their way to the ground when their brake overturned "while coming round Greenfield Chapel at a canter." The vice-president of the Irish Rugby Union, Mr. H. L. Robinson, broke an arm, and several of the visitors received minor injuries. But "they bore their misfortune very gallantly", and the game ended as a draw.

Accepting misfortune gallantly in, of course, admirable, but Llanelli supporters, as enthusiastic and partisan as ever, will be hoping that that is not to be their lot today. They reckon that 'justice' demands an outcome comprehensively in their favour after the dire controversies of 1881!

Whatever the result, one thing is certain to be different today, Llanelli's renowned battle hymn, "Sospas Fach", will, of course, resound about the National Ground. It was not so at Neath in 1881. Then, the war-cry of the team was "Marching Through Georgia".

Come to think of it, that, too, would make a stirring chorus as the Llanelli players leave the field this afternoon - carried shoulder high, of course.

## What's In A Name?

Once upon a time, as all good fairy stories begin, there were rather more Football League sides in Wales than there are at present. One of them departed from the scene somewhat abruptly, having conceded a very substantial number of goals. It may be apocryphal but I am reliably informed that their centre-half rejoiced in the nickname of Oggy because his name appeared on the scorelists each weekend as 'Jones o.g.' Indeed, rumour has it that he put through his own goal so frequently that his own full-backs used to mark him at corner-kicks.

I mention this not because I have mixed up the sports but because Quidnunc this afternoon plans briefly to explore just a few of the nicknames of those participating in the day's symposium.

And for those new to the column, it should perhaps be explained that Quidnunc - who, as every schoolboy who has had to suffer Latin will of course know, was 'a person who is curious to know everything that is going on: a self-important news monger and gossip' - has been writing in the Cardiff programme this season about the personal whims and habits of the home players and personalities.

There were no shortage of finks prepared to supply information about and to spill the beans generally on their colleagues so long as strict anonymity was guaranteed as to sources. Now, it may be that the good people of West Wales are less inclined to gossip. It could be, as one informer suggested, that nicknames are not so common in the Chapel areas. It could even be, as another suggested, that 'we don't get up to the same tricks as the big city players' though that must surely be taken with a large pinch of salt or pint of Buckley's.

Either way, behind-the-scenes activities and jokes at Stradey Park were not easy to come by.

Cardiff, well, they have nicknames aplenty and for a variety of reasons. Gareth 'Majid' Davies, for example, because of his resemblance to a certain international cricketer of that name; Ming, for Gareth Roberts, relating to science-fiction film lookalike, Ming the Terrible or 'Orrible'; then there are Messrs Whitefoot and Eidman, known as Bill and Ben though without the endearing gentle qualities of those television characters of yesteryear. And there's Adolf - Adrian Hadley, whose parents could not have considered his nickname when he was

christened A.H.

By the side of these, the Llanelli dressing-room is tame in its imagination. Martin Gravelle, it is true, has a sweet-sounding alternative when he is addressed as 'Smarties' and there is quite definite sarcasm among those who refer to 'Mini' May because of Phil's size - not recommended for strangers to try any more than it is to suggest that Bobby Norster leaves behind the long arms which win so much line-out ball when it comes to delving in his extremely deep pockets for the next round of drinks.

Nor do I intend to make any jokes at the expense of Russell Cornelius: he's too big and he is known simply as Russell, anyhow. David Pickering is simply 'Dai', Alun Davies just plain Alun and Peter Morgan lives with the familiar 'Mogs' associated with so many of his surname.

Dai Pickering's international colleague of this season, Phil Lewis, who scored his first try for Wales against Ireland, has, however, been known as 'Sticks' since schooldays - because, I am told, of his matchstick-like legs. It makes you wonder what they called those other famous alumnae of the Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Carmarthen - Gerald Davies, Ray Gravelle and Roy Bergiers.

Up front again, Lawrence Delaney takes a certain pride in being known as Ollie - not, as unthinking people from East Wales might assume, after Oliver Hardy but after another film star, Oliver Reid. There may be likenesses facially but even Lawrence's off-field activities cannot match the flamboyant actor.

The others live simply with their given names - with the exception of Gary Pearce who has to put up with a considerable amount of leg-pulling on account of what is variously described as his 'low centre of gravity,' his 'excessive bulk ratio between upper and lower body,' and his 'ability to behave like one of those toys who always bounce back when knocked down.' No matter: Cardiff are likely to watch carefully the Pearce boot today. Gary has Cup Final scores to settle . . .

But when Mini and Omber (Omber? Probably from Clint Eastwood and Hombre: but that's what you will sometimes hear Terry Holmes called) lead out their respective teams today, the team spirit that nurtures such nicknames and leg-pulling will ensure that in that way at least the sides will start equal.

## Welsh Schools Rugby Union Junior Group

### South Wales Echo/D.C. Thomas Cup Final Swansea v Bridgend or Pontypridd

The Bridgend/Pontypridd semi-final was a no score draw and therefore your match programme has two teams as opponents for the Swansea Schools team. The Welsh Schools are not intending this as a new ploy and only one match will take place!

Swansea have appeared in eight finals and Bridgend in nine. Both are previous winners of the competition since 1970, Swansea in the first year and again in 1983. Bridgend in 1975-76-77-78.

Pontypridd had the misfortune to draw Bridgend and Cardiff in the early rounds of the Cup and have registered one win in 1974. It is a fine tribute to the three districts that their success has continued for so many years among the 27 teams in the competition.

Sponsorship has become essential to maintain standards and to finance the many aspects of schools rugby. The W.S.R.U. Junior Group has been extremely fortunate that during the last eight years the "South Wales Echo" has sponsored their mini rugby, and in recent years the East v West Wales D.C. Thomas Plate Competition, as well as the awards for the teams and after match function of teams and officials today.

We offer our thanks to the Echo and to the W.R.U. for allowing the curtain raiser for the D.C. Thomas Cup to be played which has now become a feature of Welsh Cup Final day. We also wish to thank the W.R.U. coaching organisers, ground staff and schools officials. We hope that both finals will be exciting.

John Rees, Hon sec. W.S.R.U. Junior Group.

#### Teams in today's final.

##### SWANSEA

(White)

1. Scott Hurford.
2. John Morse.
3. Anthony Piper.
4. Steven Mallalieu
5. Chris Morgan
6. Marcus Thomas (capt.)
7. Karl Banbury
8. Anton Geelan
9. Anthony Devulgt
10. Matthew Smith
11. Chris James
12. Chris Atkinson
13. Gareth James
14. Nicholas Hansard
15. Nigel Jenkins

Replacements

Martin Hill  
Tim Brown  
Jason Lee  
Simon Hill  
Justin Evans  
Mark Stock

Touch Judges: Keith Day.  
Referee: Tony Lloyd (Cardiff)

##### BRIDGEND

(Blue and White)

1. Simon Staton.
2. Matthew Harry (capt.)
3. Hayden Owen
4. Roger Collins
5. Evan Bevan
6. Mark Hopkins
7. Tom Longhurst
8. Robert Thomas
9. James Griffiths
10. Lyndon Griffiths
11. Meic Thomas
12. Dan Archard
13. Ceri Thomas
14. Stuart James
15. Stuart Underhill

Replacements

Kevin Warren  
Michael Phillips  
Anthony Jones  
Richard Davis  
Richard Jones  
James Wyatt

Colin Evans.

##### PONTYPRIDD

(Black and White)

1. Chris Young
2. Ian Tompkinson
3. Chris Johnson
4. Paul Beard
5. Geraint Lewis
6. Jarrod Arnold
7. Gerwyn Davies
8. Gareth Williams
9. Darren Perris
10. Tom Davis (capt.)
11. Daniel Swain
12. Nicholas Baylis
13. Stephen John
14. Gareth Clarke
15. Owain Thomas

Replacements

Jeff Lloyd  
Julian Evans  
Gareth Wakefield  
Daniel Bevan  
Lee Thompson  
Simon Bridle

Gareth Evans.  
Kick-off 1.30 p.m.



## Today's Referee Mr. DEREK BEVAN

Mr. Derek Bevan of Clydach, Swansea, the referee in charge of today's match. He is a member of the Welsh International panel and his touch judges will be the other two panel members, Messers Clive Norling and Winston Jones.

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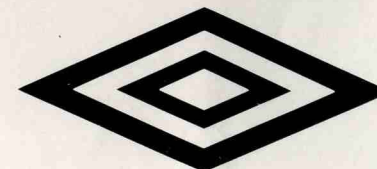


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