

WELSH RUGBY UNION



CUP FINAL

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THE GREAT CHALLENGE

by J. B. G. Thomas

(Sports Editor, Western Mail)

Since the K.O. Cup competition was launched, W.R.U. members and officials, and especially the Competition sub-committee, have hoped for an East-West final to make it a celebration day at the Cardiff Arms Park. Naturally, they welcome any two finalists but the anticipation of an East-West final conjures in the mind a match of near international enthusiasm and skill. The Union has not had to wait long for such a happening and today, Llanelli and Cardiff, honoured clubs in the game and outstanding sporting rivals, clash in what could prove to be an epic struggle.

Last season's final was deservedly won by Neath in their Centenary year and Llanelli offered no excuses for their defeat but it has made them try all the harder this season to reach the final for the second successive year. No mean achievement, and they, like Neath, would like to win the Cup in their colourful Centenary Year.

Victory over the All Blacks in October was a tremendous triumph, and the effect of this emotional but convincing victory is still stirring the foundations of New Zealand rugby. Llanelli cannot win the Club championship now but are determined to win the Cup and return to West Wales with flags flying in readiness for their special rugby "bean feast" beneath a spacious marquee at Stradey Park in May!

Llanelli do not do things by halves; they are a big club and they think big with an eye to the great occasion. Their opponents today, Cardiff, are a proud club and although no special honours have come their way since 1958, when they last won the club championship, they feel they can capture the Cup, beneath the shadow of the giant North Stand on the national ground which was once their home.

Cardiff have battled hard in an attempt to win the Club championship but for them the Cup is a "must!" On the way to the final, they have beaten the South Wales Police, Mountain Ash, Ebbw Vale (following a tremendous struggle), Blaina, and Swansea in the semi-final. The Blaina Club did them proud and sent a cheque of £300 as Cardiff's share of the "gate" which highlighted what the Cup competition is all about—the successful mixing of the larger and smaller clubs in exciting competition. Blaina went further and sent a telegram wishing Cardiff good luck in the semi-final. Such is the spirit and sportsmanship of the smaller clubs who are proud to play against the illustrious ones.

Llanelli met and defeated Crynant, Pembroke Dock Quins, Rhymney and Bridgend in the semi-final but, for them, the final cannot prove a harder and more exciting match than that against Rhymney, beneath the floodlights at War Memorial Park at the top of the classic slopes of the Rhymney Valley! When it is suggested that the smaller clubs should not win their places among the sixteen top seeds, one should remember the efforts of Blaina and Rhymney.

The cash benefits from the competition have been considerable, and the standard of play good. Only one player ordered from the field, and this due to over eagerness on his part rather than any malicious approach. Today's match will produce a bumper gate, and Llanelli and Cardiff will benefit considerably, as will the Union and the "pool" for the clubs in the competition.

It could be a cracking game of rugby football, and although Llanelli rarely do themselves justice at the Arms Park, winning only once there in fourteen years, they are determined to carry off the Cup today. They will not want for support, and the thought of the enthusiasm of the crowd and the efforts of the two teams suggests a special afternoon for Welsh rugby. One hopes it will prove a victory for rugby, the Union and all its clubs.

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FINGS AINT WOT THEY USED TO BE—OR ARE THEY?

by David Hayward

I don't like over-use of clichés, but history, like most of my bills, really does have a habit of repeating itself. For example, the last time Cardiff played in the Final of the Welsh Cup their opponents were Llanelli. Of course, times were very different then in 1881. This is the age of hard porn and the soft option, when justice seems indifferent to violence and hooliganism. Then, Queen Victoria was on the throne, Gladstone was Prime Minister, and the British Empire was at its zenith. It was the age when every man knew his place and morality; law and order prevailed. Or did it? Information given to me by Danny Davies from his History of Cardiff Rugby Football Club, soon to be published, suggests differently. The Final of the South Wales Challenge Cup was played that year on a neutral ground, at Neath (neutral?). The Cardiff skipper that day, one P. K. Heard, scored a try, but the conversion was never taken because the crowd erupted, stormed the pitch, took the ball, and that was the end of the game. Cardiff were awarded the match by the Welsh Rugby Union.

Nothing like that is likely to happen today. For a start, we have more than one ball, and West Walian are much more sophisticated than they used to be. They are much more likely to care about the G-Plan in Pughs or the Three Piece Window than the X-Plan Carwyn James devised to win today's match. Even the die-hards in the lounge of the 'Ash' are more likely to get excited over the temperature of their hock than the heat of the mauls. Perhaps affluence has brought them all nearer Renée Gwilym than John Gwilliam. Apparently, the only business to suffer from the affluent society was Our Boys' Hairdressers. If he hadn't been talented enough to take in his stride the transition from short-back-and-sides to back-combing and blow-waves he would have gone under. Mind you, it's the same in Cardiff. There was a serious proposition at the last players' meeting that we should dispense with the awarding of caps and give Blue and Black headscarves instead.

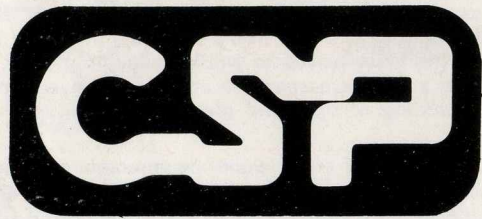
This is, of course, Llanelli's Centenary Year and it would be appropriate, perhaps, if they won the Cup this year—as Neath did last year. Whilst we wish them Penblwydd Hapus lawn, we feel it would be too generous a gesture. Since we celebrate our Centenary in 1976, perhaps it would be better if we retained it until then and they can play us for it again in that year.

There will be many Llanelli supporters in the crowd today who feel that their side are suffering a slight handicap by playing in Cardiff. Being aware of this, we willingly changed dressing rooms to allow Llanelli to use the 'Home' showers. The fact that we 'bugged' them is not really relevant because we know that Llanelli always have their team talk on the bus. Anyway, when one considers the star-spangled Llanelli side, full as it is of International players, I'll wager that they have more total appearances on the National Stadium than Cardiff have. Despite that, so that there should be no element of doubt about our determination to be scrupulously fair, we have arranged for our players to meet for lunch at Ross-on-Wye and travel by coach to Cardiff, which is the same distance as Llanelli will travel. We have also told half our supporters to shout for the opposition and we are trying to get permission to put two saucepans on one set of goal-posts. The score-board was difficult; We can't follow the custom that prevails at Stradey of showing the Welsh names for various clubs because no one in Cardiff knew the Welsh name for Llanelli.

Anyway, when all is said and done, let us look forward to a great game of Rugby—the fact that a great deal is at stake will not, I am sure, deter the players of both sides from playing the game as it should be played. Let the winner in this game be Rugby Football, and then our great common love will be a unifying factor for Wales instead of a division between East and West.

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MONMOUTHSHIRE J.R.U.

v.

ABERAVON & DISTRICT J.R.U.

The Howells Challenge Cup was presented to the Welsh Junior Rugby Union by the late Lt. Col. Percy Howells in 1954, when he was then President of the Welsh Rugby Union. Each year the Cup is competed for on a knock-out basis by the constituent member Districts of the Welsh Junior Rugby Union.

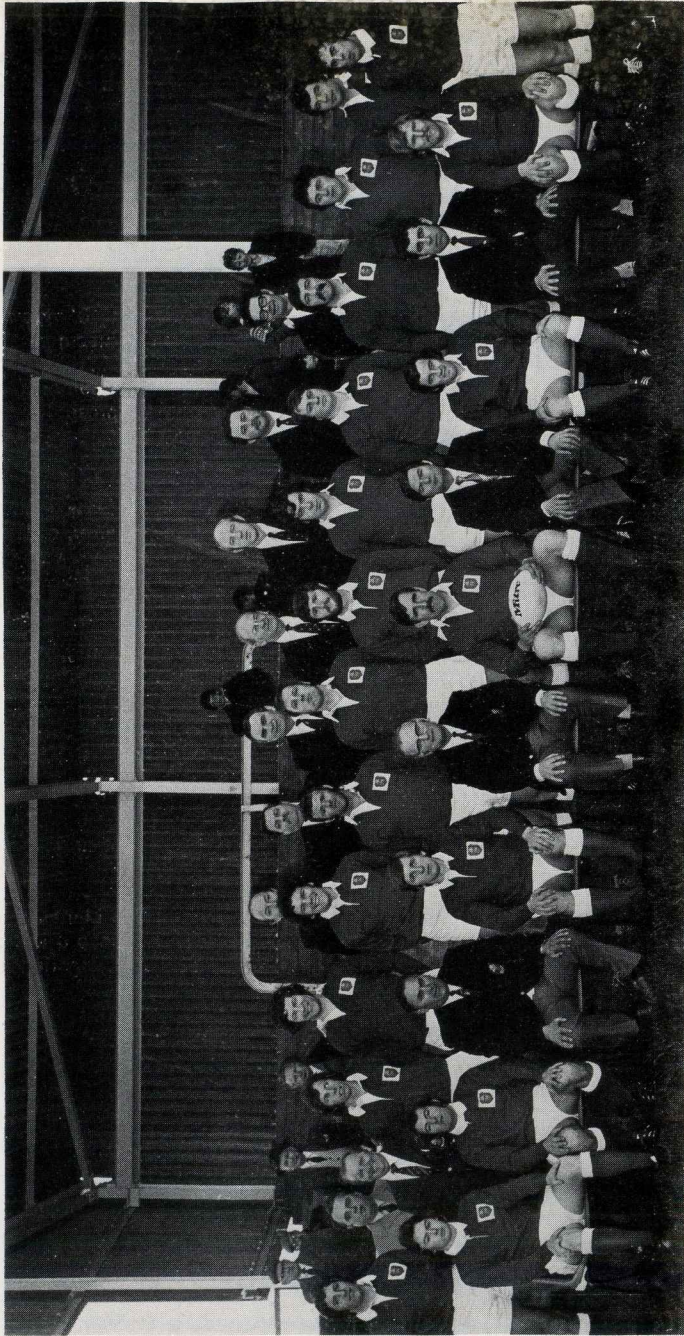
Monmouthshire J.R.U.
(Claret & Light Blue)

Aberavon & District J.R.U.
(Red & Black)

David Hardacre (Deri)	15	Full Back	15	Ray Davies (Pontrhydyfen)
Mel Takel (Heckett's)	14	Right Wing	14	John Hopkins (Pontrhydyfen)
John Harris (Nantyglo)	13	Right Centre	13	David Wilkins (Pontrhydyfen)
Mike Woodward (Abercarn II)	12	Left Centre	12	Terry Morgan (Baglan)
Russell Davies (Nantyglo)	11	Left Wing	11	John Gravelle (Tonmawr)
Les Browne (Aberbeeg)	10	Stand Off	10	Sammy Dunne (Baglan)
John Ellis (Aberbeeg) <i>or</i> David Thomas (Hollybush)	9	Scrum Half	9	John Wyleo (S.C.O.W. II)
Dennis Dwyer (Tredegar Ironsides)	1	Prop	1	Jim Owen (Baglan)
Graham Jones (Ynysddu II)	2	Hooker	2	Gareth Jarvis (Pontrhydyfen)
Colin Williams (Deri)	3	Prop	3	Bernard Williams (Baglan)
Derek Evans (Aberbeeg)	4	Lock	4	Clive Livingstone (Tonmawr)
Terry Hayward (Abercarn II)	5	Lock	5	Barrie Williams (Tonmawr)
Barry Curtis (Pontllanfraith)	6	Flanker	6	Anthony Williams (Bryn Wanderers)
Winston O'Brien (R.T.B. Ebbw Vale)	8	No. 8	8	Keith Thomas (Capt.) (Aberavon Green Stars)
Colin Jones (Tredegar Ironsides)	7	Flanker	7	Peter Southwell (Pontrhydyfen)
Reserves: Mike Gray (Cross Keys Utd.)				Peter Pearson (Bryn Wanderers)
Brian Price (Tredegar Ironsides)				Bryan Curtis (S.C.O.W. II)
Bill Woodyat (Dunlop Semtex)				Ivor Parry (Bryn Wanderers)
Ian Price (Tredegar Ironsides)				David Williams (Bryn Wanderers)
				Alan Rees (S.C.O.W. II)

Referee: Mr. A. Hodge (Pontypool J.R.U.)

Touch Judges: M. Parry (Mid. Glam. J.R.U.), J. Groves (Rhondda & E. Glam. J.R.U.)



LLANELLI R.F.C.

Left to Right.

Back Row: Mr. G. Humphreys, Mr. A. Roberts, Mr. K. Jones (Sec.), Mr. E. Ambrose, Mr. G. Hughes, Mr. M. Morgan, Mr. H. Thomas (Committee).

Middle Row: S. Williams, Dr. Jones (Medical Officer), Mr. B. Peel (Trainer), J. Williams, A. James, G. Jenkins, R. Thomas, C. Charles, R. Gravelle, H. Jenkins, A. Evans, T. David, M. Davies, T. Crocker, R. Davies.

Seated: B. Thomas, A. Hill, Mr. G. Tucker, R. Bergiers, Mr. H. Gravelle (Chairman), D. Thomas (Capt.), Mr. C. James (Coach), P. Bennett, Mr. N. Gale, D. Quinnell.

LLANELLI RFC

Roger Davies. Full-back. Born 19.11.48. 5 ft. 9 in. 12 st. Enjoys coming into the line and has scored many tries. Formerly with Swansea R.F.C. Student.

Andy Hill. Wing Three-quarter. Born 7.1.45. 5 ft. 10 in. 12 st. 3 lb. Club's record points scorer. Welsh Triallist, Barbarian and County player. Prolific goal-kicker. Draughtsman.

Roy Bergiers. Centre-threequarter. Born 11.11.50. 6 ft. 1 in. 13 st. 8 lb. Made his debut for Wales at Twickenham in 1972 as successor to John Dawes and has played eight consecutive games. Scored only try in Llanelli's great 9-3 win over New Zealand in October last. Physical Educational teacher.

Ray Gravelle. Centre Three-quarter. 5 ft. 11 in. 13 st. Played for Wales 'B' against France 'B' last October. Youth Cap. Strong devastating tackler. Electricity Linesman.

J. J. Williams. Wing Three-quarter. Born 1.4.48. 5 ft. 9½ in. 11 st. 2 lb. Gained first Welsh Cap as replacement for Arthur Lewis against France last month and represented his country in the World Seven-a-side Competition in Edinburgh recently. Has also played for Wales 'B' and County. Physical Educational Teacher.

Phil Bennett. Outside Half. Born 24.10.48. 5 ft. 7 in. 11 st. 2 lb. Holds the distinction of having figured in four different positions for Wales—centre, wing three-quarter, outside half and full-back—before succeeding Barry John at the beginning of this season. Member of the Llanelli and Barbarian teams which beat New Zealand during recent tour. Ten Caps. Steelworker.

Barry Llewelyn. Prop. Born 1.6.48. 6 ft. 2½ in. 16 st. 4 lb. Injury has kept him out of Welsh Team this season. Twelve previous Caps. Very highly rated as an outstanding forward in New Zealand in 1969. Schoolmaster.

Roy Thomas. Hooker. Born 21.8.45. 5 ft. 11 in. 14 st. Has had several Welsh Trials and has been official reserve on a number of occasions. Played for Wales 'B' against France 'B'. Steelworker.

Chris Charles. Prop. Born 5.3.49. 6 ft. 2 in. 16 st. Llanelli Youth product and Welsh Triallist. Welsh Squad member 1971/72. Boilermaker plater.

W. Delme Thomas. Lock. Born 12.9.42. 6 ft. 3 in. 16 st. 5 lb. Captained Llanelli and Wales in their matches against New Zealand during the recent tour. Three times a British Lion tourist and twenty-five Welsh Caps make him one of the World's most experienced forwards. Electricity Linesman.

Derek Quinnell. Lock. Born 22.5.49. 6 ft. 3 in. 16 st. First appearance for Wales was as replacement for Mervyn Davies against France in March 1972. Played for British Lions in Test Match against New Zealand in 1971, thus emulating feat of Delme Thomas who was also a Test player before winning a Cap. Has played in every position in the pack except hooker. Four Caps. Sales Representative.

Tom David. Flanker. Born 2.4.48. 6 ft. 15 st. 12 lb. Played for Pontypridd before moving to Llanelli at the beginning of this season, and was a member of the team which beat New Zealand. Captained Wales 'B' against France 'B' last October and was several times a Reserve for Wales before gaining his Cap against France last month. Fitter.

Gareth Jenkins. Flanker. Born 11.9.51. 6 ft. 1 in. 13 st. 10 lb. Captained Llanelli and Welsh Youth Teams. Natural ball-player and has great potential. Boilermaker.

Hefin Jenkins. No. 8. Born 4.3.50. 6 ft. 4 in. 16 st. Capped for Welsh Schools, Welsh Secondary Schools and Welsh Youth. Played for Wales 'B' against France 'B' in March 1971 and has been a Welsh Triallist and Reserve. Trainee Valuer.

Meirion Davies. Hooker. Born 12.6.45. 5 ft. 11 in. 13 st. 9 lb. Has played for Cardiff College of Education, London Welsh and captained Cardiff. Expert at Sevens and was hooker with Cardiff when victorious in Harlequins, Snellings and Welsh Sevens. Schoolmaster.

John Vaughan. Lock. Born 31.8.48. 6 ft. 3½ in. 15 st. A Schools' International, captained St. Luke's College. Powerful forward, excels in line-out. Played County Rugby for Berkshire. Schoolmaster.

Tony Crocker. Prop. Born 1.6.42. 6 ft. 15 st. 7 lb. Played an outstanding part in his Club's defeat of New Zealand and could be considered unlucky not to have gained a Welsh Trial on this showing. Extremely popular clubman. Engineer.

Alan James. Flanker. Born 20.3.44. 6 ft. 2 in. 14 st. 10 lb. A product of Youth Rugby, and is a full Welsh Triallist. Press Operator.

Gareth Thomas. Scrum Half. Born 22.10.45. 5 ft. 6 in. 11 st. 7 lb. Capped for Wales at Schoolboy and Youth level, also Welsh Senior Triallist. Carpenter.

WELSH CHAMPIONS — 1927-28
1930-31
1932-33
1967-68

WELSH RUGBY UNION CUP — FINALIST — 1971-72
(TODAY) FINALIST — 1972-73

WELSH FLOODLIGHT ALLIANCE CHAMPIONS
1967-68 — 68-69 — 69-70 — 70-71 — 71-72 — 72-73 Finalist Play Swansea 30/4/73

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100 YEARS OF WONDERFUL RUGBY 1872-1972

The Llanelli Rugby Club can be traced back to 1872, the same year as Newport Rugby Club came into being. **The club was first established by Mr. John D. Rogers, a young industrialist who had learned the arts of the game at its birthplace— Rugby School.**

He was assisted by Mr. C. Hilton as honorary secretary and he gathered around him a band of young athletes to form the first club. For lack of opposition and then the limitations of transport, no other town club was within challenge until in season 1875-76 when neighbouring Swansea appeared on the scene.

Rogers, joined by such stalwarts as Fred L. Margrave and Buckley Roderick, both of whom played for Wales in season 1884, quickly broke down local prejudices against a game which was feared to be 'ruffianly'. As the club advanced and expanded its beneficent influences among the youth in the area, so the game slowly but gradually spread to the west coast under the encouragement and example of the 'parent' club at Llanelli who were still the only first class club in Wales with the exception of Neath who celebrated their centenary last season.

On 11th November, 1875, A. Buchanan became captain and almost immediately the club began to thrive. The club's second captain was Fred L. Margrave. Other enthusiasts were A. Cattell, who was in Oxford University and later became headmaster of Pentip School, D. H. Bowen, J. H. Judson, John Howells who was headmaster of Park Street School, the Roderick Brothers, the Buckley's, the Nevill's, the John's and the Mitchells'— Fred and Samuel, E. J. Roberts, J. Lewis, Harry Watkins and George Watkeys.

FIRST MATCH

During this time, People's Park was used for practice games. The Llanelli colours were dark blue with high collared jerseys and tight trousers reaching well below the knee. **They also had caps on their heads. These were a sort of tam-o-shanter, but very high and with a tassel coming down over the ear.** They also wore heavy boots, some had nails in them. The game lasted the usual time but there was no goal posts on the field. All they had were some coats on the ground, and the pitch stretched from the top of the park to the bottom.

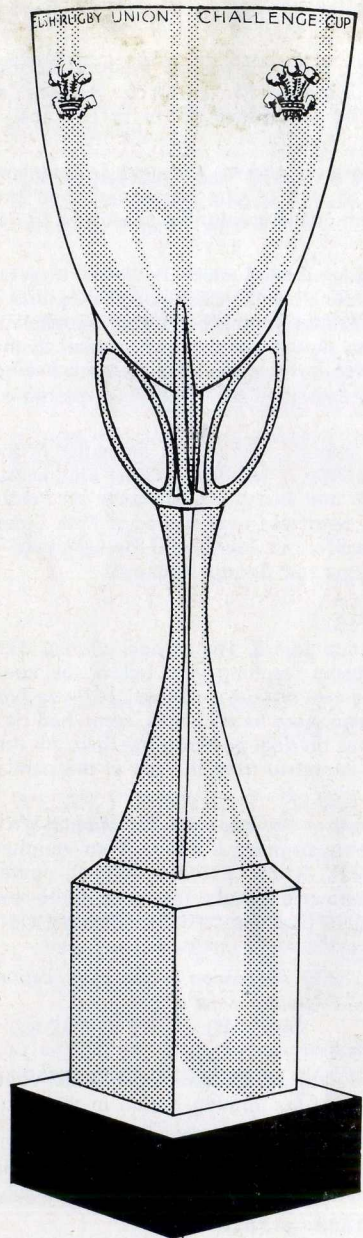
However, the first real match was against Swansea at Swansea on 7th March, 1876. The Llanelli team for this game was Ben Arthur, Henry Samuel, J. Bailey, Tom Vaughan, D. Samuel, F. L. Margrave, A. Buchanan (captain), W. Y. Nevill, G. Jones, John C. Howell, James H. R. Thomas, J. Jones, A. Ingram Harries. There was a slight difference in the team composition during this game with Llanelli having two backs and two threequarters and Swansea one back and three threequarters.

The club suffered a setback at the end of the 1875-76 season when their captain Arthur Buchanan was accidentally shot dead when wild-fowling west of the town.

FIRST NURSERY

The club went into mourning for six months, during which time one of its young members, W. Y. Nevill of Felinfoel, kept the game alive by forming a club in the village and so establishing one of Llanelli's most prolific nurseries.

DEFEATED TOURISTS — MAORIS (2) — 1888 — 1926
AUSTRALIA (2) — 1908 — 1967
NEW ZEALAND — 1972



Kick-off 3 p.m.



LLANELLI

(Scarlet Jerseys)



CARDIFF

(Black and Blue Jerseys)

Full Backs (CEFNWR)	15	Roger Davies	15	Leighton Davies
Right Wing (Asgell dde)	14	Andy Hill	14	Wayne Lewis
Right Centre (Canolwr)	13	Roy Bergiers	13	Neil Williams
Left Centre (Canolwr)	12	Ray Gravelle	12	Alex Finlayson
Left Wing (Asgell chwith)	11	John J. Williams	11	P. L. Jones
Stand off (Maswr)	10	Phil Bennett	10	Keith James
Scrum-half (Mewnwr)	9	Selwyn Williams	9	Gareth Edwards
Prop (Y rheng flaen)	1	Tony Crocker	1	R. Beard
Hooker (Bachwr)	2	Roy Thomas	2	Gary Davies
Prop (Y rheng flaen)	3	Chris Charles	3	Gerry Wallace (Capt.)
Lock (Yr ail reng)	4	W. Delme Thomas (Capt.)	4	Ian Robinson
Lock (Yr ail reng)	5	Derek Quinnell	5	Lyn Baxter
Flanker (Blaenasgell)	6	Tom David	6	Roger Lane
No. 8 (Y rheng ol)	8	Hefin Jenkins	8	Carl Smith
Flanker (Blaenasgell)	7	Gareth Jenkins	7	Mervyn John

Referee: **Mr. J. C Kelleher** (Llantwit Major); Touch Judges: **Merion Joseph** (Swansea) and **Ron Lewis** (Llangynwyd)

CARDIFF RFC

FULL BACKS

John Davies. Born Lampeter, Cards. 23 years of age. 5 ft. 11 in. 12 st. Has played for the Army, and after Service in Northern Ireland, joined Cardiff R.F.C. where he soon established himself as a high-class footballer with beautiful hands and a deceptive turn of speed. Holds the individual record for highest number of points scored.

Leighton Davies. Born Llanelli 1953. 5 ft. 8 in. 11 st. 7 lb. Recognising a good thing when he saw one, moved to Cardiff where he played for the Welsh Secondary Schools and the Welsh Youth. Moved into Senior Rugby this season and is one of the few players to take the move in his stride. Equally adept at Wing, Fly-half or Full Back. A fine prospect for the future. Works for a firm of Insurance Brokers.

WINGS

Alex J. Finlayson. Born in Cardiff. 6 ft. 2 in. 14 st. Age 24. A student of St. Illtyds College. Alex has moved through the Youth to the 1st XV. Was Vice-Captain to John James and has played with distinction on the Wing and the Centre. Has been Welsh Reserve and played for the Welsh "B" XV. Mobile Police.

John Wayne Lewis. 5 ft. 9 in. 11 st. 7 lb. Age 25. Born Llandybie, Carms. Lecturer in Liberal Studies, Llandaff College of Education, after qualifying at Bristol University. A Millfield product, Wayne has played for the Welsh Secondary Schools, and played in the final Welsh Rugby Union Trial. An exciting, adventurous wing, was voted "Player of the Year" by the Supporters last year.

P. L. Jones. 5 ft. 10 in. 14 st. 7 lb. Age 25. Born Pencoed. A devastating runner who has bettered the best Wings in Britain with his uncompromising physical approach to wing play. Faster and more elusive than he gives the impression, Lyn has scored six tries in a game several times. Product of Cardiff Youth, and the "Rags", one of the leading social lights in the Club. The Welsh Selectors have recognised his abilities and is a regular member of the Glamorgan XV.

CENTRES

Neil Williams. 6 ft. 1 in. 14 st. Born Pontyclun 1950. Educated Cardiff College of Education, now a Representative, after giving up teaching to make the Cardiff Tour of Rhodesia. He went back to Rhodesia for an extended holiday but returned to take his place in the Cardiff side versus the All Blacks. A strong runner and a crash tackling centre, with enough football to make a mark at International level soon.

Ken Poole. 5 ft. 11 in. 12 st. 4 lb. Born Cardiff 1954. A product of Bishop Mostyn and St. Illtyds, he is now a Student at U.W.I.S.T. studying Planning. A member of the victorious Cardiff Schools XV of 1968, he has played for the W.S.S.R.U. and Welsh Universities. Came into the side this season and impressed as an excellent handler and a good all round centre who needs only experience to rank with the best.

John Regan. 5 ft. 10 in. 11 st. 7 lb. Born Cardiff. Age 27. Educated at St. Illtyds, Durham University and Loughborough Colleges, John now teaches in Cardiff. Whilst at Durham he qualified with a degree in Psychology then proceeded to gain extra qualifications at Loughborough. He was a prominent member of the U.A.U. at this time and was rated as one of the best centres in England. He Captained the Colleges winning Seven at the Middlesex Sevens, and is the accepted Captain of the Cardiff Seven, which he has led to several successes. An elusive runner and a shrewd tactician, John has had an unlucky season regarding injuries, but his return will add flair to our threequarters.

FLY-HALF

Keith Martin James. 5 ft. 6 in. 11 st. 8 lb. Born Newbridge 4.9.52. An Electrical Technician at Llanwern Steelworks, Keith is another member of the side who only requires the inevitable Senior Cap to clinch the classical trio of caps. He has played for the Welsh Schools, Welsh Youth, and the Welsh "B", in which game he played brilliantly.

SCRUM-HALVES

Gareth Edwards. 5 ft. 8 in. 12 st. 7 lb. Born 12.7.47 Gwaun Cae Gurwen. Educated Millfield and Cardiff College of Education. Has so many records and honours that there is little left for him to achieve. One little-known record he holds is for the Under 19 All England Low Hurdles, and one honour that is still left is a Cup Winner's Tankard, which he hopes to rectify today. Acknowledged the World's greatest Scrum-half, he has all the gifts and qualities, including the ability to inspire his team mates.

Gareth Samuel. 5 ft. 7 in. 11 st. 8 lb. Age 27. Born Rhiwfawr, educated at Ystalyfera Grammar School and Cardiff College of Education. A gifted and talented Scrum-half who motivates his team mates by deft passes and changes of direction. Gareth played for the W.S.S.R.U., but his lack of real size and pace couldn't make up for his abundant skill at Senior level. A valued member of the Club for whom he has played many outstanding games. Gareth is the accepted Choir Master of the Team and, under his guidance, the Club would have had no serious challengers for the Unofficial Choral Championship of Welsh Rugby.

PROPS

Gerald Bruce Wallace. 6 ft. 1 in. 15 st. 10 lb. Born Mountain Ash 23.5.45. Educated Mountain Ash Grammar School and Cardiff College of Education. Appointed Captain of the Club this year, Gerald has played Rugby in France whilst working in Cognac, and is now employed by manufacturers of a famous dark beer. Long been considered the best loose-head in Wales. Gerald's Scottish qualifications were negated by an invitation to tour Canada with Wales this year. Before turning to serious Rugby, Gerald was a Welsh Champion Discus thrower. His uncle was another famous Mountain Ash Prop—John Thorley.

Michael Knill. 6 ft. 17 st. 7 lb. Born in Pembrokeshire 1944. This quiet speaking Detective is the corner-stone of the Cardiff scrum and, purely as a scrummager, has no peer in Wales. He has played for Pembrokeshire, Glamorgan and the British Police, and was included in the National Squad this Season. Apart from his strength in the scrum, Mike has an amazing turn of speed in the loose and is a more than useful goal kicker. This he demonstrated when scoring all the points for Pembroke against Llangwm, when they won the Pembrokeshire K.O. Cup in 1962.

Roger Beard. 6 ft. 2 in. 16 st. 7 lb. Born Pontypridd 23.4.45. Educated Pontypridd Grammar School and Cardiff College of Education. A redoubtable prop-forward with more than average line-out ability. Roger was a Welsh A.A.A.'s Champion at Hammer and Discus throwing. He was also a member of an expedition to Iceland on a John Hunt Scholarship. Apart from coaching a highly successful School side, he is a keen Yachtsman. An injury kept him out of the side for along spell this season, but with the established Welsh XV breaking up and needing replacements, Roger is the sort of newcomer to make an impression beyond the confines of the National XV.

HOOKERS

Gary Davies. 6 ft. 12 st. 10 lb. Born Treherbert, Rhondda 1.4.43. Gary, the middle-man of the formidable Cardiff Front Row has had surprisingly few honours. An exceptionally knowledgeable hooker whose clean technique and intelligent application of modern principles has earned him the respect of colleagues and opponents. Out of the scrum his dogged application and surprising speed has earned him some outstanding tries. Gary has played in several winning Cardiff Sevens.

2nd ROW

Ian Robinson. 6 ft. 5½ in. 16 st. 6 lb. Born in Cardiff 21.2.47, Ian has steadily improved each season since joining Cardiff from the Cardiff Youth XV. A dogged, unflagging forward who revels in the graft of the maul, scrum and ruck, the improvement in his line-out technique has been rewarded by selection for the Barbarians and the Welsh "B" XV this season.

Lyn David Baxter. 6 ft. 4½ in. 15 st. 4 lb. Born Tonypanyd, Rhondda 1.3.44. Lyn joined Cardiff from Tonypanyd Grammar School and now teaches in Cardiff, after having qualified at Glamorgan College of Education. He has played for Wales v. Argentina and Canada, but failed to make the full Welsh Team. He tragically dislocated his shoulder whilst scoring a try in a Final Welsh Trial, when a storming display had virtually made selection a formality. Lyn's mobility and safe hands have made him a regular member of the successful Cardiff Sevens squads over recent seasons and is another of the Club's Barbarians.

FLANKERS

Mervyn John. 6 ft. 13 st. 9 lb. Born Senghenydd 1947. Mervyn was educated at Caerphilly Grammar School and Cardiff University where he read history. After qualifying, he taught for a while before joining a Finance Company for whom he now manages a branch in Bridgend. He follows the long-standing Cardiff tradition of producing highly intelligent, mobile, tireless and creative flank forwards. His integrity and loyalty were rewarded this season when he was appointed Vice-Captain. He has made many appearances for Glamorgan and his consistent excellence will eventually force recognition in higher quarters.

Roger Lane. 6 ft. 2 in. 15 st. 8 lb. Born Tredegar. Age 24. Yet another product of the Cardiff College of Education, which he entered from Tredegar Grammar School. Whilst in school, he played for the Welsh Schools and the Welsh Secondary Schools, and needs only to maintain his consistent form in Welsh Trials to clinch the hat trick of Caps. This explosive and clever runner has broken and improved the Club Record of tries for a forward. He has played for the Barbarians and the Irish Wolfhounds, and is an expert Sevens Player.

No. 8

Carl Smith. 6 ft. 1 in. 14 st. 10 lb. Age 20. A Welsh Youth Cap. Carl came to Cardiff R.F.C. from the famous Cardiff Internationals Club. A young and quickly improving player of impressive physique, Carl is a fine line-out forward. His leap, which is of record proportions, has caused disbelieving referees to penalise him on suspicion of being lifted. An extremely strong runner with good hands. Carl is a devastating, if somewhat unorthodox, tackler close to the scrum. A Carpenter by trade.

John Hywel Harries James. 6 ft. 1 in. 14 st. Age 29. John was born in Carmarthen, but hails from Laugharne in Pembrokeshire. Educated at Llandovery College and Cambridge University he practices as a Veterinary Surgeon in the Vale of Glamorgan. He obtained Blues in 1962/3/4, and Captained Cardiff last year. He ended a disastrous personal season, during which he missed many games because of a serious hand injury, on a very high note by returning to Captain and play in the memorable Rhodesian Tour. An intelligent, hard grafting No. 8, he rarely makes a mistake and creates many opportunities by sensible smuggling and distribution.



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Middle Row: G. Treharne, W. Lewis, P. L. Jones, R. Beard, L. Baxter, I. Robinson, P. Kallonas, N. Williams, M. John, M. Pengilly, S. McCann.

Front Row: M. Knill, G. Davies, A. Finlayson, C. T. Howe (Chairman), J. James (Captain), W. H. Wilkins (Hon. Secretary), G. Wallace, R. Lane, J. Regan.

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	LLANELLI 64	MOUNTAIN ASH 0
3rd Round	RHYMNEY 9	CARDIFF 11
	LLANELLI 12	EBBW VALE 7
4th Round	LLANELLI 30	BLAINA 3
	BRIDGEND 3	CARDIFF 24
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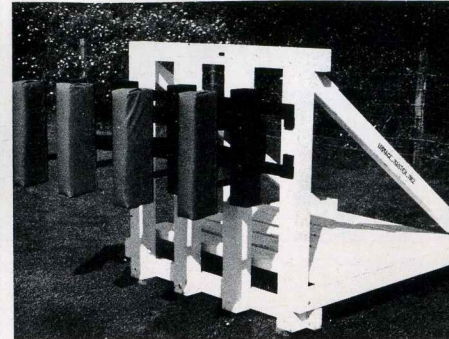


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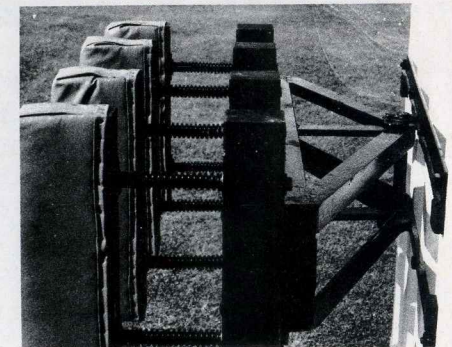
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