

CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB CENTENARY YEAR



CARDIFF v BARBARIANS

SATURDAY, 9th APRIL, 1977

KICK OFF 3 p.m.

Official Programme 15p

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K.O. 3 p.m.

It doesn't really matter what the calendar says: farmers can show me all the unmistakeable signs in the countryside and Greenwich Observatory may prove it to me to the thousandth of a second, but as far as I and many like me are concerned, Spring starts on the day that Cardiff play the Barbarians at the Arms Park. It has been thus since 1896 when we first started playing them on Easter Saturday. For many years, right up to 1920, we also played the Barbarians on a Boxing Day as well, but that was obviously too much of a good thing, but explains why, when the gaps caused by two world wars are taken into consideration, we have played them on 92 occasions, winning 59 games and losing 29.

Today should also see the inauguration of the new score-board which has been presented to the Club in its Centenary Year by the Thomas family of Peters Savoury Products. Peter and Stan are both ex-Club players, and form with Stan Senior a triumverate of great Cardiff supporters. The Club is indebted to them for their generosity and long may they continue to enjoy Rugby at the Arms Park as much as I enjoy eating their steak and kidney pies. With Hubert Johnson conifers growing a couple of feet per year after surviving the depredations of Riversiders who wanted them for Christmas trees, and the remaining daffodils in bloom, the Taff Bank is losing its bleak and untidy look. With some Virginia Creeper around the grandstands and a twist of wisteria around the goal posts, a potted plant or two on the touch line, we can double John Crouch's membership for improving his prospect. Incidentally, when the conifers obliterate the Bed and Breakfast sign painted on one of the houses across the river, Hubert Johnson is committed to buying drinks all round. So unless he lops off the top of the appropriate tree, those who are in need of a free jar should keep an eye on that end in the coming season.

Since we last saw the team playing at home against Munster some four weeks ago, they have done very well for themselves and must be congratulated on reaching the Final of the Welsh Cup, and for beating Gloucester away with a team that had a very unusual look about it. It looks very much now that Gerald Davies will achieve what he set out to do this season. First he wanted to bring back the adventure to the play of the first XV: this he has achieved in no uncertain manner and we have seen some splendid Rugby this season. Secondly, he wanted to win the Welsh Cup. Well, they are only one step away from that, and if they win it after beating Llanelli, Pontypool, Aberavon and Newport en route, then they will have deserved it.

Today we hope that the Barbarians will try to emulate the Cardiff team in their endeavours to play running, adventurous Rugby. If there

is one team that has the reputation for doing just that it must be the Barbarians. Although, for the sake of my blood pressure, I hope we won't give them a 24 points start today as we did last year. Still, as long as the game lives up to expectations and we win in the end what does it matter. A great welcome to our oldest friends from the Barbarian Club.

D.J.H.

KNOW THE LAWS

By FRED CROSTER

Easter time, quiz time! Seems no time since the last time. Here they are. Ten questions today and the answers on Monday with a deserved pint for the first to come up to me in the club with all correct answers.

1. The Cup. Will it be ours in this great year? Wouldn't it be just great. In the event of a draw at the end of full time, there are FIVE procedures, in order, to decide the winner. Name them. We'll call this three questions.
4. The definition of a 'tackle' always seems to cause problems. What are the two main factors which have to apply to a player carrying the ball and held for them to become operative?
5. A player going forward, carrying the ball, touches a member of his own side in front of him. What is the referee's decision?
6. An offside player is unavoidably within 10 metres of an opponent waiting to play the ball. What must he do in order NOT to be penalised?
7. Offside in 'Rucks' cause probably more penalty awards these days than anything else. Where is the offside line in a 'Ruck'?
8. How does a 'Ruck' differ from a 'Maul'?
9. A player is blatantly held back on his way to a certain try, but then shakes off the defence and goes on to touch down. Where would the conversion be taken from?
10. Law changes are in the news. Not for the Lions 'Down Under' but in time for our next season. Who makes these law changes? Who are the Welsh representatives concerned?

The Cardiff Rugby Football Club, on behalf of its Committee, players and supporters, would like to extend a very warm welcome to **Mr. Colin Wilson** who referees today's curtain raisers between Cardiff and Llandaff youth teams. Colin is the President of the New Zealand Referees' Society and hails from Canterbury. He is in Cardiff to attend a referees seminar convened by the Llandaff club as part of their own centenary celebrations. We sincerely hope he enjoys his stay, particularly his visit to Cardiff Arms Park.

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XV Best post war XV competition

The XV, as selected by a panel of sports journalists, is as follows:

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| Full back | 15 | Alun Priday |
| Right Wing | 14 | T.G.R. Davies |
| Right Centre | 13 | Bleddyn Williams |
| Left Centre | 12 | Jack Matthews |
| Left Wing | 11 | Maurice Richards |
| Outside Half | 10 | Cliff Morgan |
| Scrum Half | 9 | Gareth Edwards |
| Forwards | 1 | Cliff Davies |
| Front | 2 | Maldwyn James |
| Row | 3 | J.D. Evans |
| Second | 4 | Keith Rowlands |
| Row | 5 | W.E. Tamplin |
| Back | 6 | Sid Judd |
| Row | 8 | Les Manfield |
| | 7 | David Hayward |

Unbelievably, no-one selected the correct team, but we did have four people who came within three players of the jackpot. They are as follows:

From **A.P. Skamp, 11 Woodland Place, Penarth, S. Glam:**

W.B. Cleaver; Gerald Davies, J. Matthews, B. Williams, Maurice Richards; Cliff Morgan, G. Edwards; Cliff Davies, M. James, H. Norris, K. Rowlands, W.R. Evans, D. Hayward, L. Manfield, P. Judd.

Subs: B. John, J.P. O'Shea.

From **Michael D. Howells, 51 Gwenfo Drive, Wenvoe, Nr. Cardiff:**

A.J. Priday; T.G.R. Davies, Jack Matthews, Bleddyn Williams (Capt.), Maurice Richards; Cliff Morgan, G.O. Edwards; Kingsley Jones, Geoff Beckingham, Cliff Davies, W.E. Tamplin, Keith Rowlands, Gwyn Evans, Sid Judd, D.J. Hayward.

From **L. Upcott, Membership 348:**

Frank Trott; Maurice Richards, Gerald Davies, Bleddyn Williams, Jack Matthews; Cliff Morgan, Gareth Edwards; Cliff Davies, Maldwyn James, Howard Norris, W.E. Tamplin, Keith Rowlands, Gwyn Evans, Sid Judd, Dai Hayward.

Subs: W.B. Cleaver, W. (Roddy) Evans.

From **K.G. Osment, 14 Loncae Porth, Rhiwbina, Cardiff:**

Alan Priday; Gerald Davies, Jack Matthews (Capt.), Bleddyn Williams, Maurice Richards; Barry John, Gareth Edwards; Cliff Davies, Geoff Beckingham, Howard Norris, Bill Tamplin (Pack leader), Keith Rowlands, Dai Hayward, Les Manfield, Sid Judd.

Since we had to have an outright winner we balloted, and the name of **Mr. K.G. Osment, of 14 Loncae Porth, Rhiwbina** was drawn. He was lucky he picked me or he wouldn't have gone into the ballot. Mr. Osment is the winner of a Centenary Dinner ticket.

This decision is final, and irrevocable. Apologies to the guy who had them all right except me.

D.J.H.

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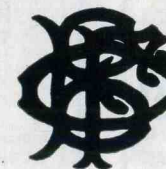
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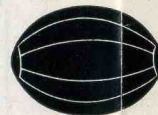
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| 15. J. DAVIES | Full Back |
| 14. D. THOMAS | Right Wing |
| 13. P. BOLLAND | Right Centre |
| 12. Gerald DAVIES (Captain) | Left Centre |
| 11. C. CAMILLERI | Left Wing |
| 10. P. EVANS | Outside Half |
| 9. G. EDWARDS | Inside Half |
| 1. B. NELMES | Forwards |
| 2. A. PHILLIPS | |
| 3. M. KNILL | |
| 4. I. ROBINSON | |
| 5. C. SMITH | |
| 6. T. WORGAN | |
| 8. R. LANE | |
| 7. B. DUDLEY-JONES | |
| B. WILLIAMS | |
| T. CHARLES | |



Replacements

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Referee: C. G. P. THOMAS (Tonteg)

Barbarians

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| W. H. HARE (Leicester) |
| J. P. R. WILLIAMS (Bridgend) |
| W.B.B. GAMMELL (Edinburgh Wands.) |
| D. J. McKAY (Rosslyn Park) |
| E. REES (Neath) |
| T. J. SQUIRES (Harrogate) |
| A. N. BOND (Broughton Park) |
| D. J. CORLESS (Moseley) |
| N. R. FRENCH (Wasps) |
| R. W. R. GRAVELL (Llanelli) |
| M. J. COOPER (Moseley) |
| D. RICHARDS (Swansea) |
| M. YOUNG (Gosport) |
| R. J. COWLING (Leicester) |
| P. ORR (Ireland) |
| W. H. GREAVES (Moseley) |
| D. B. LLEWELLYN (Llanelli) |
| M. HOWELLS (Aberavon) |
| D. F. MADSEN (Gosport) |
| W. B. BOWMONT (Fyle) |
| N. D. MANTELL (Rosslyn Park) |
| C. W. RALSTON (Richmond) |
| M. WILKINSON (Bedford) |
| T. P. DAVID (Pontypridd) |
| J. P. RIVES (Toulouse) |
| J. C. SKRELA (Toulouse) |
| J. A. WATKINS (Gloucester) |
| A. G. RIPLEY (Rosslyn Park) |
| R. M. UTLEY (Gosport) |

We apologise for not having a selected team as it has not been finalised. It will be announced over the tannoy.

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Mark McJennett notches a try during the Centenary Sevens at the Arms Park last September (left). Too late with his tackle is Ulster's S. Blake-Knox. Newport were the final victors in the tournament

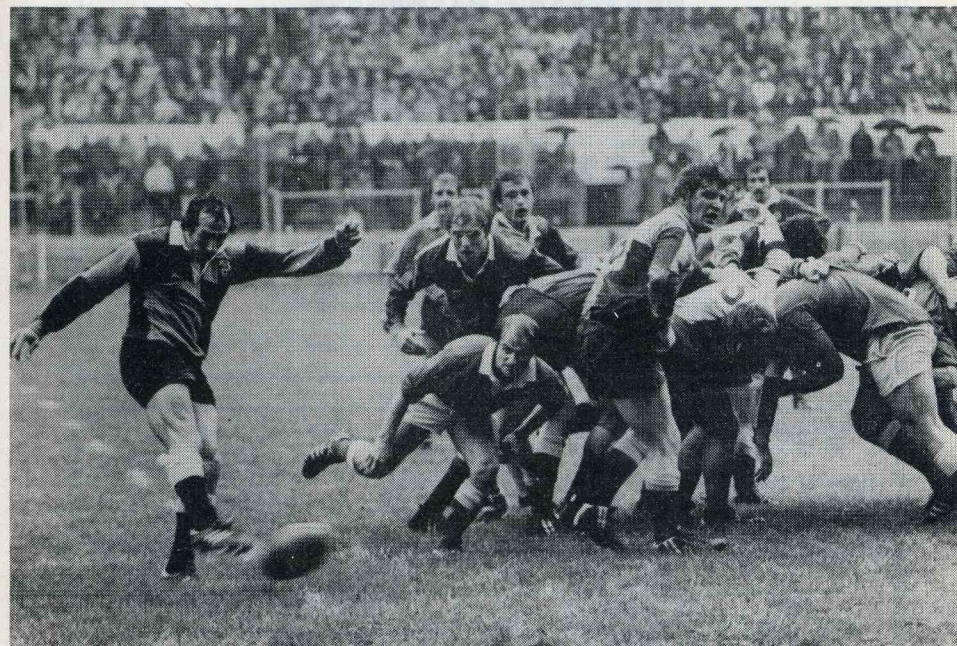
Cardiff full back John Davies is robbed of a try (right) by Wolfhound wing J. Brady



The Cardiff team (below) that beat the Overseas International XV at the National Stadium on 25th September



season at the Arms Park



Gareth Edwards grub kicks (above) from a scrum during the Overseas International XV game.

Brynmor Williams sends Aberaman on the retreat (right) in the Cup game at the Arms Park last November that set Cardiff on the road to the Final



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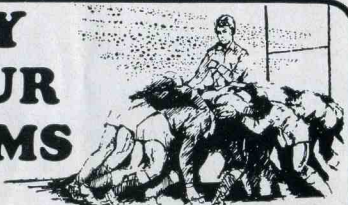


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| 1976 | | | |
| SEPTEMBER | | | |
| Wed. 1 | Llandaff | H 40-3 | |
| Sat. 4 | Sevens Tournament | H..... | |
| Wed. 8 | Bristol | A 24-3 | |
| Sat. 11 | Wolfhounds XV | H 9-20 | |
| Wed. 15 | Penarth | H 62-15 | |
| Sat. 18 | Coventry | H 25-12 | |
| Wed. 22 | | | |
| Sat. 25 | Overseas | | |
| | International XV* | H 24-13 | |
| Wed. 29 | Aberavon | A 10-14 | |
| OCTOBER | | | |
| Sat. 2 | Argentina | H 25-29 | |
| Sat. 9 | Northampton | A 20-16 | |
| Wed. 13 | Bristol | H 26-0 | |
| Sat. 16 | Cambridge Un. (am) | H 15-6 | |
| Wed. 20 | Bridgend | A 21-7 | |
| Sat. 23 | Harlequins | A 29-11 | |
| Wed. 27 | Neath | A 13-19 | |
| Sat. 30 | Italy* | H 54-22 | |
| NOVEMBER | | | |
| Wed. 3 | Pontypool | A 4-15 | |
| Sat. 6 | Oxford University | H 50-16 | |
| Sat. 13 | Ebbw Vale | H 25-7 | |
| Sat. 20 | Aberaman (Cup) | H 54-3 | |
| Sat. 27 | Llanelli | H 4-17 | |
| DECEMBER | | | |
| Sat. 4 | Swansea | A 28-13 | |
| Wed. 8 | Newport | H 14-12 | |
| Sat. 11 | Moseley | H 24-18 | |
| Sat. 18 | Cardiff Coll. (Cup) | H 42-16 | |
| Mon. 27 | Crawshays XV | H 40-16 | |
| 1977 | | | |
| JANUARY | | | |
| Mon. 3 | Pontypool | H P | |
| Sat. 8 | Llanelli (Cup) | H 25-15 | |
| Sat. 22 | Neath | H 18-9 | |
| Sat. 29 | Aberavon | H 28-10 | |
| FEBRUARY | | | |
| Sat. 5 | Coventry | A 22-17 | |
| Sat. 12 | Pontypridd | H 9-12 | |
| Wed. 16 | Llanelli | A 19-24 | |
| Sat. 19 | Ebbw Vale | A 0-28 | |
| Sat. 26 | Pontypool (Cup) | A 10-10 | |
| MARCH | | | |
| Fri. 4 | London Welsh | H..... | |
| Sat. 12 | Munster | H..... | |
| Wed. 23 | Bridgend | H..... | |
| Sat. 26 | Newport | A..... | |
| APRIL | | | |
| Sat. 2 | Gloucester | A..... | |
| Sat. 9 | Barbarians | H..... | |
| Mon. 11 | Harlequins | H..... | |
| Sat. 16 | | | |
| Wed. 20 | Swansea | H..... | |
| Sat. 23 | Sydney* | H..... | |
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