

CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB



CARDIFF v BARBARIANS

SATURDAY, 25th MARCH, 1978

KICK OFF 3 p.m.

Official Programme 10p

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Today affords us the opportunity of enjoying one of the highlights of the season in welcoming the Barbarians on this their annual Easter visit to Cardiff Arms Park. Our association with the famous nomads is a very unique one inasmuch as we first played them in their foundation season in 1890 and, apart from the periods of the two world wars, we have played them every season since. During this sequence 93 games have been played of which Cardiff have won 59 and lost 30, with 4 games drawn. The points for total 1250 with 762 against. It is interesting to note that during the period between 1899-1900 to 1920-21, two games were played each season, one being on Boxing Day with the other on Easter Saturday. The Baa Baas, of course, have no official home, but perhaps the nearest they ever came to it was the Esplanade in Penarth. This hotel was used as their headquarters on their South Wales tour for many years until it was sold several years ago. The stories that old Mrs. King could tell and the ones she didn't know about are legion and "The Esp" must figure high on the memory list when old Baa Baas meet and reminisce.

The Baa Baas, of course, are renowned for their open, attractive, attacking Rugby and in 1948 they were invited to play an extra fixture with the touring Australian side. The game turned out to be a classic and it became the fore-runner to regular fixtures with visiting tourists to the British Isles. It is pleasing to note that Cardiff were well represented in the Barbarian side in that game in the persons of Frank Trott, Bleddyn Williams, Billy Cleaver, Rex Willis and Haydn Tanner, who was also honoured with the captaincy. The game was won by the Baa Baas by nine points to six after some marvellous Rugby from both sides. At the end of the game both sides and the 40,000 crowd joined in singing "Now is the Hour" as a farewell to the tourists. This tradition has lasted and when their match is played at Cardiff the singing of this farewell song to the departing tourists is quite an emotional affair. Perhaps the best ever game in this series, however, was the never-to-be-forgotten encounter with the 1972-73 All Blacks. This game was a marvellous spectacle and is considered by many students of the game to be one of the classics of all time. The Cardiff representatives were Gareth Edwards and wing John Bevan. Both scored memorable tries in the Barbarian victory with Gareth's try being a particularly spectacular effort.

This year for their South Wales tour the Baa Baas have selected 34 players: 17 English, 8 Welsh, 5 Scottish and 4 Irish. This ensures a strong Anglo-Welsh flavour for most of the four matches. It looks as if a very good pack can be fielded from the selected party so let's hope the weather improves to give us a good firm surface for the match to be played on. The atmosphere at Cardiff after last week's Grand Slam is still pulsating and people have been looking forward to our meeting with the Baa Baas as our own form on the Arms Park this season has been very impressive. The matches played over the past few seasons have been very good spectacles. Last year with the "dynamic duo" of Frenchmen Rives and Skrela to help them the Baa Baas won the match by 26 points to 13. This was in reply to the previous year when victory went to Cardiff by 29 points to 28. This sounds quite an exciting score but on analysis, when one considers that at one stage Cardiff were 24 points to nil down, it puts the score in its right context and shows what a tremendous comeback was made by Cardiff that day and the great Rugby they played in achieving the victory. Let's hope for something similar from today's game.

On the home front it's congratulations all round to the Grand Slam Welsh side and particularly to our own Gareth Edwards. His contribution last Saturday, and indeed in the three previous games, has been immense and fully justifies his number one rating in the world. A word of praise, too, for young Pat Daniels. He was one of the replacements last Saturday and an unfortunate injury to a three-quarter could have filled Pat's cup of joy to overflowing by taking the field and thus gaining a cap. It was commiserations to Gerald Davies, however, on not being fit in time and thus missing his chance of beating Ken Jones' record. It's an ill wind, however, and it is now to be hoped

that Gerald will be fit to lead the side against Swansea in our quest for the WRU Cup.

Another cracking match was played on the eve of the big game, Wales v. France, when the "Rags" beat Abercynon by 37 points to 6. It was a really entertaining game and a great win by the second side — well done boys.

Finally did you hear about the guy who, when told that Cardiff were playing the Barbarians, wanted to know where Barbaria was?

P.N.

KNOW THE LAWS

By FRED CROSTER

It's Quiz time again. As usual when we have two matches in close succession, ten questions today with the answers on Monday.

Don't forget, all you increasing numbers of experts on the laws, it's a pint in the clubhouse for the first member to come up to me with all correct answers, or, if you are not a member, look for me at the club entrance and a couple of current copies of 'Welsh Rugby' magazine will be gladly given. Ask the doorman if need be.

Here we go then. They're not too difficult.

1. The referee blows his whistle to stop the game. When is the notable exception to this statement?
 2. In most matches there are stoppages for injuries and so forth. When is the extra time allowed? Give the reason for your answer.
 3. There is a maximum time allowed for stoppages. State what this time is and also the only occasion in which this time may be exceeded.
 4. In close games, many anxious supporters, officials as well, look closely at their watches, waiting for the referee to blow the final whistle. Often, even when there have been no stoppages, play may go on for quite a time. What is the reason for this?
 5. A kick at goal is taken; it is high and handsome, seemingly directly over the top of the upright. What criterion would decide whether or not the goal is allowed?
 6. Intentional knock-ons seem to be much in the news. To simplify interpretation thereof referees have agreed upon a means of clarification. It has been mentioned in these notes. What is it?
 7. A tackled player is lying on the ground. What must he do in order NOT to be penalised?
 8. Many scrum halves, Gareth very often, wait quite some time before putting the ball into the scrummage. Although the law does say that the ball must be put in without delay, there is a factor which allows him to wait. What is it?
 9. Mauls and rucks are an essential part of our game. What is the fundamental difference between them?
 10. The offside line is the same for both. State where this line is.
- Have a go over the weekend. See you on Monday.

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1. B. NELMES
2. M. WATKINS
3. D. LLEWELLYN/M. KNILL
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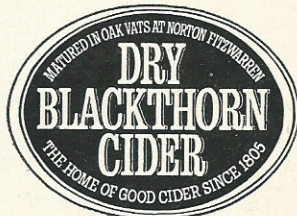
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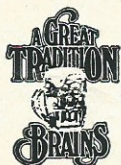
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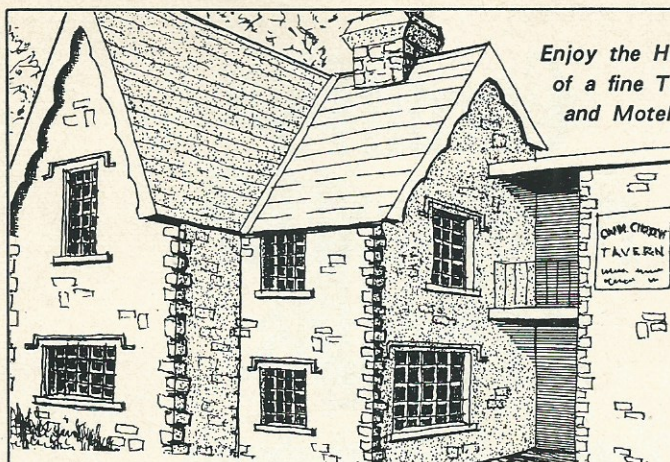
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1977 SEPTEMBER

Sat.	3	Maesteg	H	35-9
Wed.	7	Glamorgan Wands.	H	35-9
Fri.	9	Neath	H	18-9
Wed.	14	Bristol	H	25-12
Sat.	17	Coventry	A	17-9
Wed.	21	Pontypool	A	12-6
Sat.	24	Aberavon	H	28-13

OCTOBER

Sat.	1	Newport	A	10-27
Wed.	5	Pontypridd	A	11-24
Sat.	8	Northampton	H	50-6
Wed.	12			
Sat.	15	Cambridge Univ.	A	46-9
Wed.	19	Penarth	H	21-12
Sat.	22	Harlequins	A	22-16
Sat.	29	Moseley	A	9-18

NOVEMBER

Sat.	5	Oxford University	A	29-9
Sat.	12	Ebbw Vale	H	28-0
Sat.	19	Garndiffaith (Cup)	A	9-0
Sat.	26	Llanelli	A	20-10

DECEMBER

Sat.	3	Swansea	H	10-6
Wed.	7	Pontypool	H	7-7
Sat.	10	London Welsh	H	52-17
Sat.	17	Cwmavon (Cup)	H	27-6
Sat.	24	Bridgend	A	18-6

Mon.	26	Pontypridd	H	9-13
Sat.	31	Coventry	H	22-20

1978 JANUARY

Mon.	2	London Scottish	H	31-21
Sat.	7	Bedford	A	15-7
Sat.	14	Pontypool (Cup)	A	16-11
Sat.	21	Ebbw Vale	A	P
Sat.	28	Aberavon	A	16-13

FEBRUARY

Sat.	4	London Welsh	A	23-4
Wed.	8	Llanelli	H	22-3
Sat.	11	Bristol	A	P
Fri.	17	Heriots F.P.	H	C
Sat.	25	Ebbw Vale (Cup)	A	29-10

MARCH

Wed.	1	Newport	A	12-3
Wed.	8	Bridgend	H	6-7
Sat.	11	Orrell	H	30-22
Sat.	25	Barbarians	H
Mon.	27	Harlequins	H

APRIL

Sat.	1	Gloucester	H
Wed.	5	Newport	H
Sat.	8	Swansea	A
Sat.	15	Camborne	A
Mon.	17	St. Ives	A
Sat.	22	Neath	A
Sat.	29	W.R.U. Cup Final		

NEXT HOME FIXTURES

Mon., 27th March: CARDIFF v. HARLEQUINS

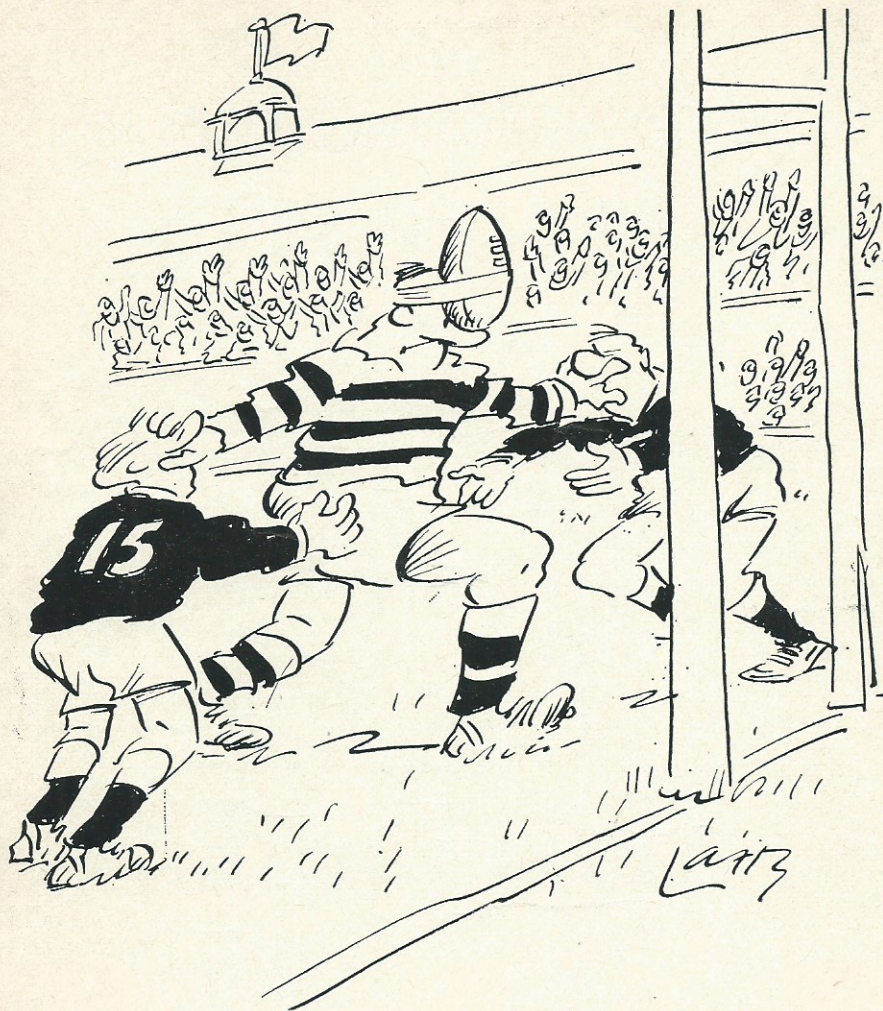
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Wed., 5th April: CARDIFF v. NEWPORT

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