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**Rugby Club**  
**v. HARLEQUINS**  
Saturday, 25th October, 1986, 3.00 p.m.  
**Official Programme 30p**

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## Cardiff v. Harlequins

SATURDAY, 25th OCTOBER, 1986

KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m.

There's no doubt that you have all observed the changes being carried out to the basic structure of the place during the last few weeks. This is an obligatory operation on our part in order to bring the ground up to the standard required by the Safety of Sports Grounds Act which is now law. We were designated under the Act last August as we have a declared capacity of more than 10,000 spectators. It compels us therefore to bring our complex up to the prescribed standards of the Act as soon as is practicable or we may have to limit our gates.

This has involved very hefty expenditure on widening vomitories (that's a horrible word isn't it, but it's not mine, it's mentioned in the Act), resurfacing roadways, but most of all on emergency lighting. In future, in the event of failure of the public supply our new emergency system will illuminate all egress points as far as the public highway. From there on you cease to become our responsibility so if you fall over a raised flag stone in the inky darkness of Westgate Street don't blame us, it's the local authority's pigeon. It does pose an interesting question however seeing that ours is a comparatively modern ground. How on earth are some of the older type wooden structured grounds going to fare. We are also looking into ways and means of paying for these necessary alterations and as soon as any details are available, we will be making them known to you as quickly as possible.

One thing is for sure, the stands are structurally extra sound. That was proved very demonstratively last Wednesday when Adrian Hadley got his winning try to thwart Pontypool. I don't think I've ever seen so many jumping up and down in response to such a breathtaking finish seen to a game for many a long day. What a try it was though, copybook stuff right from its inception. Alun Donovan and Richard Cardus (on his very impressive debut) played their parts to perfection for Adrian to hammer home that final nail into the Pontypool coffin.

Back to this afternoon now, though, it gives us great delight to extend a very warm welcome to the famous aristocratic Harlequins. Their exotic colours of light blue, magenta, chocolate, French grey, black and light green gives them that little touch of aristocracy but their Harlequin motif suggests differently. The dictionary definition describes it as a clown or buffoon. It further qualifies it as being amorous yet faithful, clever but credulous and gets out of trouble by means of his wit and feline physical grace. That seems a more realistic reason for calling themselves by such a name. I'm sure current chairman John Currie eluded many a tackle in his playing days by the employment of the last feature of that dictionary definition.

The 'Quins, who were formed in 1866, play the 116th in the series today. The record of the previous 115 shows 84 wins to us and 21 to them with the remaining 10 drawn. In all we have scored 1955 points to their 924. The popular London team were our very welcomed visitors every Easter Monday from 1911 until we finally called a halt to that date in 1984 during which 62 games were played. It had become quite a tradition in the Club and it was a great wrench when we had to call it a day. Victory for the Londoners came on 11 of the 62 occasions and of those 11, success was achieved on the last two Easter Mondays visits. Indeed the penultimate game saw the Quins win by a record margin of 34-6. Since 1984-85 however, we have begun a one game a year pattern alternately home and away. Both those games have gone to us in high scoring affairs 25-15 at home and 38-16 away.

In looking over the history of the series there was one game which was unique. It was played on December 20th, 1947. It was scheduled for Twickenham but the R.F.U. collared the ground for a final trial and a switch to the Arms Park wasn't on as Wales were playing Australia. Hurried rearrangements however resulted in the game being played on the Penarth ground and we won by 29-8. Wales (with nine Cardiff players in the side) also

won 6-0.

What of the present 'Quins however. Well, last season it was written of them that they absolutely exasperated their supporters with the sheer inconsistency of their performance. After a great start during which they annihilated Gloucester (who eventually finished the season by winning the Merit Table A championship) by 43 points to 6, they then blew hot and cold for the rest of the season and finished up winning 20 of their 34 games. As they had started with a bang they also managed to finish in a similar manner and they took the Middlesex Sevens by storm and won that coveted trophy for the first time since 1978. That was rather a sweet and significant victory for the 'Quins as it put them joint top with the Richmond club with nine wins each in that particular competition since its inauguration in 1926.

This season it looks as if the 'Quins have put their act well and truly together and have won nine of their ten outings so far. Their only reverse has been against Swansea at Twickenham but they have chalked up some very good wins against the likes of Llanelli, Leicester and Gloucester. The excellent Dave Cooke is their captain again this year but after the disappointment of losing his England squad place, this very good flanker will be calling it a day at the end of the season. Two of his team are in the current England squad however, Marcus Rose, and Jamie Salmon. It appears therefore, that Dave Cooke has got that measure of consistency going in his side that was so lacking last season. As a huge bonus too the latest of their New Zealand recruits following such players as Earl Kirton and Andy Haden is none other than the great Dave Loveridge. With 24 caps to his credit his immense talent has already ranked him amongst the greatest scrum halves of all times. He has had a couple of outings with the second side and we were desperately hoping that he would have been playing here today. That's not to be however but nevertheless we wish all other Harlequins a warm welcome to The Arms Park.

Finally today we would like to thank British Gas Wales/Cymru for their generous sponsorship of today's game.

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## MATCHES RECALLED

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### *Bleddyn Promised Greatness*

December 15, 1945: Twickenham: HARLEQUINS 3pts CARDIFF 23pts

THIS WAS the first match I was privileged to report after the War for the 'Western Mail', and I travelled from my ship in Harwich to sit in the Twickers committee box in my uniform. Cardiff were rated as a brilliant side and I looked forward to the match with anticipation. After hearing of their exploits, I was not to be disappointed.

They were unbeaten after 15 matches under the captaincy of Dr. Jack Matthews, and although he was not playing in this match, vice-captain and prop Ray Bale led a strong and youthful side that contained a few pre-war stalwarts. The Harlequins were led by the robust lock Ken Chapman and had Mickey Steele-Bodger on the flank and A. G. Butler on the wing. All three were destined on retirement to become worthy administrators and Presidents of the R.F.U.

During a comparatively quiet first half, the Harlequins held their own. There were many stoppages for minor injuries but the match exploded into life in the second half. Bleddyn Williams in the centre was outstanding and fully justified the claim of the old-timers that he would follow in the wake of such outstanding Cardiff centres as Gwyn Nicholls, Rhys Gabe, Arthur Cornish and Wilfred Wooler.

There was W. B. 'Billy' Cleaver at outside-half, a far more effective and shrewd player than is generally realised, since he was an elusive runner and much more than an accurate kicker. Big Bill Tamplin was in the pack and he would have won many more caps but for the War with his shrewd line-out work, strong mauling and long-distance place-kicking.

There was a young player in the centre in Graham Hale. He was deputising for Dr. Jack who was to prove himself an inspiring and modest leader and a Triple Crown centre whose defensive work was even more effective than his powerful short bursts.

There was St. John Rees at fullback, Hubert Jones on the flank and in the front row, the inimitable Cliff Davies, one of the most popular props ever to play for Cardiff and who became a Welsh cap and a British Lion before his sad and premature death. Others were Maldwyn James (to be capped later), George Tomkins, Gerry Blackmore and the already capped Les Manfield.

Two weeks before this match, Wilfred Wooler, a returning P.O.W. from Japan, played his last mach for Cardiff against a combined Blackheath-Richmond side at the Arms Park. With him went memories of great matches and he believed the young men would carry the blue and black flag high. They did so with skill and enthusiasm.

In this match, the Harlequins scored first after five minutes through a try by Steele-Bodger following up a Butler cross kick. Cardiff drew level with a try by Graham Hale and near the interval went into the lead with a Bleddyn Williams try which Tamplin converted.

Leading 8-3 Cardiff raced into top gear and through running the ball regularly put the Harlequins under pressure. It appeared now that the lighter Cardiff forwards were fitter than their heavier opponents and they joined in the handling.

After ten minutes Williams revealed his class by cutting through superbly and touching down at the posts for James to convert. Then Billy Darch, a lively scrum half, broke cleverly and put Cleaver over for a try which Tamplin converted for an 18-3 lead.

The Harlequins tackled bravely but Cardiff kept at them. Finally, Williams broke away again with elusive speed and found Hubert Jones on hand to score the try. Tamplin kicked a fine conversion.

However, there was still time for another brilliant 70-yard run by Williams which almost brought Cardiff a sixth try after an exhibition that promised so much for the future. The old-timers were to be proved right as Williams became a centre of world class and formed a magical partnership with Dr. Jack. They were champions!

*Did you see that?*



*If not – see me!*

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## QUIDNUNC'S COLUMN

THOSE OF YOU who noticed on Wednesday evening the refined, cultured, dulcet and undoubtedly Oxford accent of Peter Nyhan coming over the public address system – there's nobody who can say Mairrk (as in Ring) like P.N. – may just have wondered in passing about the whereabouts of the more usual voice. It does, after all, take something important to keep away from Cardiff Arms Park the omnipresent Mr. Alun Priday, honorary secretary since 1973 and one-time player as we shall see.

Indeed, it takes something even more important to take him off the Cardiff Club golf course.

What is more, he won't be here again this afternoon because, while we were all trying to avoid getting soaked by Cardiff's rain and surprised by Mr. Bevan's decisions on Wednesday evening, Mr. Priday had been soaking up the sun on Aphrodite's romantic isle of Cyprus. It's all right for some but, as a true gossip and retailer of rumour, Quidnunc generally finds it safer to talk behind people's backs.

And yet in a way it is a pity that he will not be manning the microphone today – nor putting in his voice just the correct amount of triumph as did P.N. in announcing that spectacular closing-stage match-winning try by Adrian Hadley against what's-their-name on Wednesday. For Alun 'Pencil' Priday made his home debut for Cardiff against today's opponents, the Harlequins, all those years ago on Easter Monday, 1953 (when, incidentally, Colin Howe also played his first home game) and launched out on a rugby career that saw him make 410 first-team appearances in a span of 14 seasons, a record surpassed at the time only by his frequent team-mate Howard Norris. In eight successive seasons from 1956 to 1964, Pencil Priday scored more than 100 points.

Strange, perhaps, that he collected only two caps – though he will never fail to remind you that he was unbeaten in his international career – and both of them against Ireland (at Lansdowne Road in 1958 and in Cardiff in 1961). A Welsh team colleague recalls that "Prid was unlucky to be around at the same time as Llanelli's T. J. Davies or he would certainly have been capped more often."

He was a Barbarian and played successful rugby as a National Serviceman in the Royal Air Force, where his active service took him to such far-flung outposts of the Empire as Rhoose and, later, St. Athan. In the R.A.F. team, he played alongside such luminaries as our own Lloyd Williams (who was also in the Welsh side when Prid gained that first cap), and England's Peter Yarranton and Bob Stirling. He was also, reports another would-be friend, an actor of considerable promise though the only evidence given to Quidnunc of this was an Oscar-winning performance which left referee Gwynne Walters totally unmoved as our hero feigned terrible injury as Cardiff were going down to the Springboks in 1960. (Out-half Tommy McCarthy was already off the field with a collar-bone injury and Dai Hayward was a virtual passenger). It was not, as Danny Davies reports laconically in his history of Cardiff, a popular victory.

But I digress again. We were discussing the career of our man at the mike, Alun Priday. And if there's one game that will give him nightmares, it was against another touring team – the New Zealanders in 1963. Cardiff were beaten by one point despite scoring the only try and poor Alun missed two or three kickable penalties. He had, however, won plenty of games for Cardiff and, the previous season, had broken the Club's scoring record with 176 points. Historically, too, there was sad reason to remember the occasion: the night before the match, John F. Kennedy was assassinated.

Alun's successes were not confined to the rugby pitch – and, despite further allegations from his colleagues, I do not refer to evenings in Penzance, Neath, Paris nor other happy touring sessions. No, Prid was no mean cricketer, a former captain of Cardiff, and is a highly competitive golfer – "the sort who demands that his partner plays to his handicap." With the reputation of being "a little bit of a loner," he is a serious-minded person who has given many years to the game and the Club on and off the pitch.

Which brings us back to his absence this week. You will recall that I said it must be important and that he was sunning himself in Cyprus. Quidnunc hopes sincerely that it's a happy holiday.

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## Rugby Quiz – No. 7

Let's have a look at some world records today. All questions refer to member nations of the International Board.

1. Mike Gibson is the most capped player ever. He won 69 caps for Ireland and 12 for the British Lions. In how many positions did he play in each side?
2. Who is the top accumulative scorer in international rugby?
3. Who holds the record for most points in one international?
4. Who holds the record for most appearances as captain of his country?
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2. A. PHILLIPS
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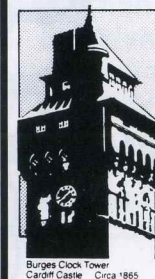
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Furthermore, they made a bit of club history off the field when Tony became chairman a few years ago. In following Lloyd, they became the first set of brothers to become chairman of the Club. What a family.

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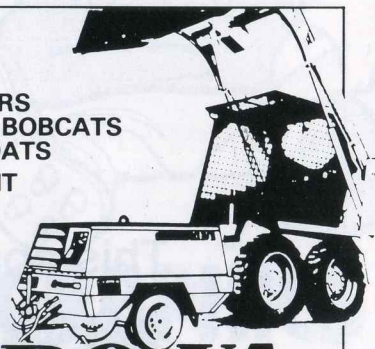
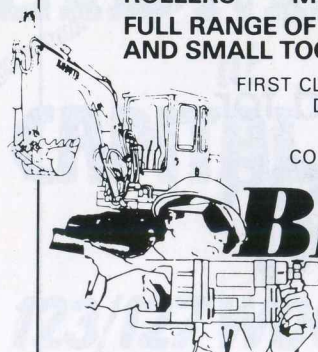
1. For Ireland he played 40 times as centre, 25 as outside half and 4 as a wing. For the Lions he played 8 as centre and 4 as outside half.
2. Andy Irvine (1972-1982), 289 points in 50 games for Scotland and 9 for the British Lions.
3. A. R. Hewson for New Zealand against Australia at Auckland in 1982, 26 points.
4. Jointly held by J-P Rives, France (1979-84) and Wilson Whinneray, New Zealand (1958-65), 30 times each.
5. Steve Fenwick and Ray Gravel (Wales), 17 appearances together.

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Wed. 3	Glamorgan Wanderers	H 22-13	Fri. 26	Pontypridd	H .....
Sat. 6	East District	H 30-9	Sat. 27	Bridgend	H .....
Wed. 10	Bristol	A 14-27	<b>JANUARY</b>		
Sat. 13	Neath	A 7-24	Thur. 1	Bath	H .....
Sat. 20	Coventry	H 22-4	Sat. 3	Moseley	H .....
Wed. 24	Pontypridd	A 39-12	Sat. 10	Aberavon	H .....
Sat. 27	Aberavon	A 22-26	Fri. 16	City of Derry	H .....
<b>OCTOBER</b>					
Sat. 4	Newport	H 28-21	Sat. 24	W.R.U. Cup 3rd Round	A .....
Wed. 8	Bridgend	A 29-18	Sat. 31	Llanelli	A .....
Sat. 11	Northampton	H 35-4	<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
Sat. 18	Wasps	A 16-25	Fri. 6	Maesteg	A .....
Wed. 22	Pontypool	H 17-11	Sat. 14	Bristol	H .....
Sat. 25	Harlequins	H .....	Sat. 21	Ebbw Vale	H .....
Wed. 29	Bath	A .....	Sat. 28	W.R.U. Cup 4th Round	A .....
<b>NOVEMBER</b>					
Sat. 1	Leicester	H .....	<b>MARCH</b>		
Wed. 5	Oxford University	H .....	Fri. 6	London Welsh	H .....
Sat. 8	Ebbw Vale	A .....	Sat. 14	Pontypool	A .....
Sat. 15	W.R.U. Cup 1st Round	A .....	Wed. 18	Penarth	H .....
Sat. 22	Llanelli	H .....	Sat. 28	Newport (S.F. W.R.U. Cup)	A .....
Wed. 26	Newbridge	A .....	<b>APRIL</b>		
Sat. 29	Bangor (N.I.)	H .....	Wed. 1	S. Glam. Institute	H .....
<b>DECEMBER</b>					
Sat. 6	Swansea	A .....	Sat. 4	Bedford	A .....
Sat. 13	London Welsh	A .....	Sat. 11	Swansea	H .....
			Sat. 18	Barbarians	H .....
			Sat. 25	Neath	H .....

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<b>SEPTEMBER</b>					
Wed. 3	Glamorgan Wanderers II	A 35-20	<b>DECEMBER</b>		
Sat. 6	Kidwelly	H 36-16	Sat. 6	Swansea Athletic	H .....
Wed. 10	Bristol United	H 23-27	Wed. 10	Cardiff & District	H .....
Sat. 13	Maesteg Celtic	H 20-16	Sat. 13	Risca	H .....
Wed. 17	Gardiffaith	A 25-9	Sat. 20	Neath Athletic	H .....
Sat. 20	Coventry Extras	A 16-12	Sat. 27	Bridgend Sports	A .....
Wed. 24	Old Illydians	H 18-9	<b>JANUARY</b>		
Sat. 27	Abercynon	H 35-20	Sat. 3	Moseley United	A .....
<b>OCTOBER</b>					
Sat. 4	Newport United	A 43-30	Sat. 10	Llanharan	A .....
Wed. 8	Bridgend Sports	H 28-29	Sat. 24	Bath United	H .....
Sat. 11	Neath Athletic	A 25-31	Sat. 31	Pontypool United	H .....
Wed. 15	Resolven	H 70-0	<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
Sat. 18	St. Peters	H Post.	Sat. 7	Bridgend Ravens	H .....
Wed. 22	Pontypool Athletic	A 9-37	Wed. 11	Pencoed	H .....
Sat. 25	Tondu	A .....	Sat. 14	Bristol United	A .....
Wed. 29	Pyle	A .....	Sat. 21	Ebbw Vale Athletic	A .....
<b>NOVEMBER</b>					
Sat. 1	Leicester Extras	A .....	<b>MARCH</b>		
Wed. 5	Newport Saracens	A .....	Wed. 11	Pontypridd Athletic	H .....
Sat. 8	Ebbw Vale Athletic	H .....	Sat. 14	Pontypool Athletic	H .....
Wed. 12	Pontypridd Athletic	A .....	Tue. 17	Abercynon	A .....
Sat. 15	Pontypool United	A .....	Wed. 25	Maesteg Celtic	A .....
Wed. 19	Bedwas	H .....	Sat. 28	Newport United	H .....
Sat. 22	Bridgend Ravens	A .....	<b>APRIL</b>		
Wed. 26	Berry Hill	H .....	Sat. 4	Caerleon	H .....
Sat. 29	Abercam	A .....	Wed. 8	Bedwas	A .....
			Sat. 11	Swansea Athletic	A .....
			Wed. 15	Cardiff H.S.O.B.	H .....
			Mon. 20	Blackwood	H .....

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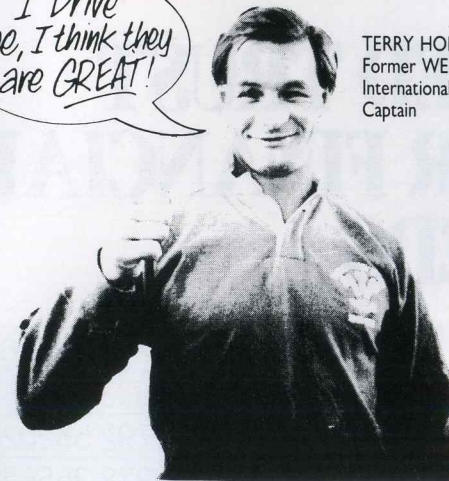
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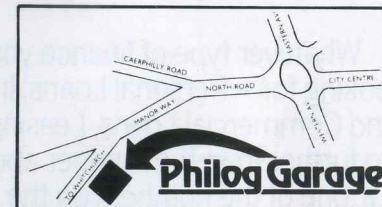
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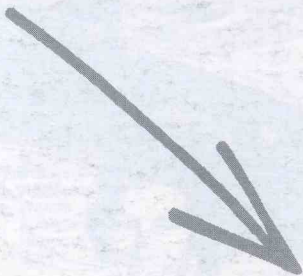
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