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## Cardiff Rugby Club v. BATH

CARDIFF ARMS PARK, CARDIFF THURSDAY, 1st JANUARY, 1987 KICK OFF 3p.m.



#### CARDIFF RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB CARDIFF ARMS PARK, CARDIFF

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Well I don't have to tell you what day it is today so let's begin this brand new year with a quote from the most famous Caledonian bard Robert Burns. "The best laid schemes o' mice an' men Gang aft a-gley—" Can there be any words more apt to manifestly describe the situation in which we find ourselves today. The mighty Bath side with three successive John Player Cup wins under their belt, rightly described as the best club side in England and currently playing at an all time zenith in their history were coming to Cardiff looking for a first ever win on the Arms Park.

Our visit to Bath earlier this season saw the home side comprehensive winners 28 points to 9. They had also won the corresponding away game last season and fully expected to achieve that first ever Arms Park victory last New Year's Day. That ambition was again thwarted when we won a magnificent game by 30 points to 12 however. Bath captain Richard Hill admitted that that defeat had really hurt them. So after their very good win early this season he made some very unequivocal statements concerning today's game. He stated that Bath would win, not maybe, but would definitely win. Now such statements can act as a two edge sword and there could have been no better motivation for the Cardiff players to defend that proud record.

Things were all go then for a really prestigious occasion. An extremely generous sponsorship by British Gas/Wales and British Gas/South West meant the Help The Aged in the Cardiff and Bath districts would receive a mini bus each from the sponsorship of this wonderful club occasion. But as Robert Burns said things have "Gang aft a-gley". The England selectors after a somewhat disappointing Divisional Championship have decided to hold an extra trial match at Twickenham on January 3rd and in so doing have

selected no more than ten Bath players for the trial. Now because of the World Cup next May, great importance is being placed on the forthcoming Home Championship and of course players do not want to jeopardise their positions in their national team so they can't antagonise the selectors by going against their wishes. Hence the absence of Bath's ten trialists today has taken the gilt off the ginger bread somewhat. Still the Bath club and players are very unhappy about the situation but there is nothing they can do about it. British Gas also will be very disappointed but the continuance of the sponsorship speaks highly of their generosity.

So on with the game and what a scalp for the Bath side if they can pull off a first ever win on The Arms Park. Today's game will be the 36th in the series between us. Of the 35 previous games we have won 26 to Bath's 8 with the remaining game drawn. This will be their fifteenth visit to The Arms Park and the nearest they have come to that elusive win came on two occasions in January 1937 and January 1948 when we scraped home by a try to nil in each game. No victories in Cardiff have also meant that they have failed to score two consecutive wins over us. Sadly too, today will also be the last opportunity, for the time being anyway, of recording the double over us. They have not been too happy about coming to Cardiff every New Year's Day, and who can blame them for that. With the policy of pruning the fixture list from next year on, we will play each other on the first Saturday in January home one year and away the next. So there are some real bonuses for the Bath side today and even though they are very depleted I'm sure they will be going flat out to get that very coveted victory. To Bath then we bid you a festive welcome but we hope you don't get the impression that we are going to underestimate you even though you have been shorn of your most talented players.

1986 is now a thing of the past and perhaps it's a year that will not exactly hold too high in our esteem. The regaining of the Schweppes Cup was the most memorative occasion. We seemed to be managing quite well at home and during 1986 we only lost at home to The BaaBaas in March and then to Pontypridd on Boxing Day. Our away record however is cause for concern as we lost five away fixtures at the back end of 1985-86 and the first half of this current season has been as bad as any season for quite some time. In all we have lost eight of our fourteen away games. Our present record stands at: played 27, won 16, lost 9, and drawn 2 with 557 points for to 461 against. 1986 also saw the defection of Terry Holmes and the retirement of Gareth Davies and this created a very rare situation in the Cardiff Club. I would venture to say that it's many a long day since we have been unable to field an international at either inside or outside half. That certainly breaks guite a long tradition in this club so let's hope the situation will be put to rights sooner than later. 1987 may hold better prospects for us we hope. That goes most sincerely to you all however and on behalf of the players and committee we wish you all the very best for 1987.

Finally in conjunction with the Bath Club we would like to earnestly thank British Gas/Wales and British Gas/South West for their magnificent contribution and sponsorship of today's game.

P.N.

#### **Gareth's Final Game for Cardiff**



Back Row: Mark Ring, Robert Lakin, Ceri Jones, Owen Golding.

Second Row: Alan Donovan, Mike Parry, Howard Stone, Tim Crothers.

Third Row: Gerald Cordle, David Wright, Matthew Hadley, Chris Collins, Mike Rayer.

Front Row: Roger Beard (Coach), Peter, Nyhan (Asst. Manager), Gareth Davies (Captain), David Hayward (Manager), Steven Blackmore, Ron Ayres

(Physio.)

Now here's a nice little keepsake photograph, Why you may ask? Well it's rather unique because it's the last game that Gareth Davies played for Cardiff before his much lamented retirement. The game was against The Province of Alberta on last summer's tour to Canada. Gareth was made captain on the day in order to celebrate the occasion and mark the fantastic service he gave the club over twelve remarkable seasons. During that period in some 360 games he became something of a points scoring machine in collecting a magnificent total of over 3,000 points. His record of 383 points, set in season 1983-84 still stands.

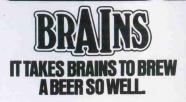


CARDIFF R.F.C. TOUR TO CANADA MAY 1986

Back Row:

more, M. Rayer, W.G. Davies.

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#### **MATCHES RECALLED**

J.B.G. THOMAS does not have to go far in his wander down Memory Lane to recall a spectacular match between today's two teams . . . .

#### **New Year Mudlarks**

January 1, 1986: CARDIFF 30pts BATH 12pts

TODAY'S VISITORS from Bath have never won on The Arms Park, and according to their captain and scrum half Richard Hill, they will do so today. Riding high as probably the leading club side in England, they mean business and Cardiff are well prepared for the challenge.

The same situation occured last New Year's Day when Bath arrived at The Arms Park determined to win a match played in extremely difficult conditions but in the end they failed through a

remarkable second-half Cardiff recovery.

The clubs first met in 1924 and have played 34 matches with 27 won by Cardiff and 6 by Bath with 1 drawn. All six Cardiff defeats have been away at Bath. The drawn match was in the second meeting in 1926. Four matches have been cancelled owing to bad weather.

The New Year's Day fixture is a comparatively recent affair but last season's outstanding match was watched by a large holiday crowd who braved the weather, many travelling from Bath to cheer for

their side.

Bath set off with a bang and were in the lead after three minutes when outside-half Stuart Barnes cut through and Travaskis skated over for a try that Barnes converted. This was the start they wanted and soon they were 12 points in the lead. Back row forward Roger Spurrell dashed over from a wheeled set scrum. Again Barnes converted and it looked as if they would kill off The Arms Park bodev.

Cardiff steadied and got used to the slippery, wet, muddy turf. They found their paddling legs and Adrian Hadley scored a try after holding a long pass from Gareth Davies. It was not converted but then Alan Glasson on the right wing scored the first of his three tries through following up smartly a kick to the goal line, and Gareth Davies converted. At the interval it was 12-10 to Bath and Cardiff supporters breathed more easily.

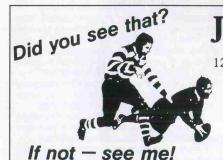
The second half was a revelation — even better than the first which had been hard and exciting. Bath were not to score again but Cardiff collected another 20 points and Gareth Davies proved the supreme controller as Alan Phillips got his pack to produce a mighty effort against a very strong and experienced Bath eight. It was hard, very hard but still sporting and a credit to both sides.

In the second half, Gareth Davies kicked a penalty goal for Cardiff to take the lead and then another penalty for 16-12. Now Cardiff were racing to victory. Glasson got a second try followed by one from scrum half Terry Lee and it was 24-12.

Try as they did Bath had little chance as Cardiff held a firm grip on the proceedings through the pack and Gareth Davies. Finally, Glasson ran 50 yards for his third and Davies converted superbly from the touch line.

The match ended with warm applause for both sides and for referee Clive Norling. It had been a special victory. Cardiff had fielded ten internationals and there were eight in the Bath side; little wonder there was an atmosphere similar to that when Wales play England on the National Ground.

Bath have played superb match winning rugby since then and although they lost recently to Gloucester and Neath they cannot be underestimated, even on their bogey ground today. If the match is even half as enjoyable as last New Year's Day, it will be worth watching.



J. Warren Hailes

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#### **QUIDNUNC'S COLUMN**

#### A NAPPY NEW YEAR

 $\dots TO AT LEAST three of the Cardiff squad-and a Happy New Year to the other regular readers$ of the column, Rob and Sid. Quidnunc starts with a nappy pun on the basis that Messrs Scott, Webber and Blackmore will in the not too distant future become Daddies and are, therefore, likely to be awoken at all hours regretting that somebody in the family had not kept strictly to last year's

And because there may be one or two thickish heads in the crowd today, if not on the field where the poor lads appear to be doing nothing this Christmas other than play rugby football, we'll keep the subject light and consider just a few of the resolutions the boys ought to be making for 1987 as well as wondering what they may have got up to last night.

I mention that because they were having a fancy dress party and, in advance at least, there were

various thoughts as to who might go as what.

Captain Phillips, for example, was being cast in the role of an Italian dictator. I will not go into the reasons, for fear of a firing squad, why he is known affectionately (?) now as Benito Mussolini - but the thought of his propping down with Private Doberman, alias Chris Collins, of Bilko fame is an appealing one.

Neil O'Brien and David Evans were believed to have been going as Pinky and Perky, or the Cheeky Brothers while Roger Beard was going as he is and was still expected to be among the prize-

winners as a Mister Man - either Mister Angry or Mister Nasty.

Scottie and Oonagh are now qualified either as a sheikh and whatever a Sheikh's wife is known as or, indeed, the Gnome and Gnomess (with gnomessing about) of Zurich, after his TSB experiences. Sheikh Yermoney, perhaps. They will, between them produce in 1987 a junior Scott (mind-boggling in itself) qualified for England, Ireland and Wales.

Messrs Eidman and Whitefoot, alias Bill and Ben, were going, I was reliably informed, carrying steel rod between them as a pair of Dumb-belles while Gerald Cordle was to be dressed as a snowman in Blackburn (and if he'd take off one of his pairs of Christmas earphones, I'd tell him so

Richard Cardus, contrary to earlier reports that he would be joining Lonnie Donovan and others as a back division of Grouch Marxes, was going as St. David, thereby confirming that he's the biggest centre in Wales (think about it). Clint Eastwood was attending as Bobby Norster - or was it the other way round - as the slowest drawer in the west, and the chairman, Dai Hayward, as a gypsy embankment.

More seriously, though, what about the New Year resolutions?

Mike Rayer has resolved not to change his hairstyle for every game, Owen Golding has promised to find some clothes that match and Wally Blackmore will, in 1987, not only become a father but will also spend less on his apparel.

Jose Souto has promised that not only will be continue to tell his acquaintances about certain 7-1 winners but will also in 1987 get the time of the race right so that they can take advantage of it. He

will sing Viva Espana without being driven to it by Roger Beard.

There were also two other motoring resolutions. Mark Ring has resolved to drive - a car and not Mr. Beard so mad. And Matthew Hadley has determined to persuade as many people as possible to

move to Dinas Powis so that he can get regular lifts home.

Bobby Lakin will in 1987 acquire a tan. Not for nothing is he known occasionally as the invisible man. Rumour has it that he was once approached to join Swansea but refused on the grounds that, wearing an all-White strip, he would disappear altogether. Whoever heard of a farmer who worked only in the rain and kept out of the sun?

I have promised not to mention Gerald Cordle's decision to get a new pair of hands, nor to mention Pat Daniels's resolution to have an injury-free year (basically by staying off the field).

The 38 year-old insurance agent (sorry, that should be 28 year-old and it's an in-joke) with a company in Cathedral Road has also resolved not to have lunch in more than three restaurants in the same day. Unless one of them involves Nouvelle Cuisine.

John Scott has resolved that he will talk to committee men - but only during June and July and. preferably, committee men from French clubs, Italian clubs, night clubs and organisations arranging matches in Arabia, Australia and Asia. And the whole squad have promised Mr. Beard and the club accountant that they will do well in

the Cup and behave themselves in Benidorm.

All of which is later in the year. In the meantime, to everyone might I hope that the best that happened to you in 1986 turns out to have been the least of the good for 1987.

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By J. E. MALCOLM THOMAS

#### A TIME FOR CHANGE

BLWYDDYN NEWYDD DDA - A Happy New Year to players supporters and especially

During the Christmas holiday, I have had the pleasure to read two books on rugby. Most readers know Bill Samuel as the discoverer, coach and mentor of Gareth Edwards and I recommend you to read "Rugby - Body and Soul" It's perceptive and very funny.

Barry John and Clem Thomas have edited "Rugby Wales' 87". Among the shrewd observations is a chapter written by a highly respected colleague, international referee Clive Norling, who incidentally is in charge of this afternoon's match. I recommend you to read this well illustrated book.

In his article. Clive argues that it is now time to evolve the process of law changes for the style and pace of the game has changed drastically over the last 15 years. Clive suggests several changes to current laws but one which Welsh referees certainly support is the change in the offside law governing general and open play.

At present, in general or open play, a player can stand wherever he desires when the opponents have possession of the ball. If an opponent passes the ball back to this player then he can catch the ball and do whatever he wishes without incurring a penalty.

Now most players and all spectators will immediately cry 'offside' against the player, but under our current existing laws he is in fact still on-side. As everyone believes that he is offside why not change the law to accommodate and acknowledge that very fact, so that players who do not retire to their own side of the ball will in effect be out of the game and cannot interfere with play.

In other words the ball would be the actual off-side line when it is in a player's possession. Clive sensibly suggests that the change to the offside law should read as follows - "a player is offside in general play when he is behind an opponent who last played the ball."

This is certainly 'food for thought' for our Lawmakers.

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#### Rugby Quiz - No. 14

With Bath being the current holders, let's see what we know about The John Player Cup.

- 1. When was the Cup introduced?
- 2. Who were the first winners?
- 3. Gloucester, Coventry, Gosforth, Leicester and Bath have won the Cup more than once. Name the two teams who only won it outright once?
- 4. What was unusual about the 1982 final?
- **5.** Bath beat Wasps in last year's final to make it three in a row. Who did they beat in the two previous finals?

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- 12. A. DONOVAN
- 11. A. HADLEY
- 10. G. JOHN
- 9. G. PRITCHARD
- 1. S. BLACKMORE
- 2. A. PHILLIPS (Capt.)
- 3. J. WHITEFOOT
- 4. M. PARRY
- 5. R. NORSTER
- 6. G. ROBERTS
- 8. J. SCOTT
- 6. J. SCUTT
- 7. O. GOLDING
- 16. N. O'BRIEN
- 17. J. SOUTO

Full Back Right Wing Right Centre Left Centre

Left Wing
Outside Half

Inside Half

Forwards



Replacements

#### Bath

C. R. MARTIN 16.

A. H. SWIFT 15.

J. A. PALMER (Capt.) 14. A. BUZZA 12.

P. BLACKETT 11.

P. CUE 10.

S. KNIGHT 9.

C. LILLEY 1.

G. DESS 2.

C. FOLLAND 3.

C. BLAKE 4.

D. CRONIN 5.

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#### Rugby Quiz No. 14 - Answers

- 1. Same as the W.R.U. 1972.
- 2. Gloucester beat Moseley 17-6.
- 3. Bedford 1975 and Bristol 1983.
- **4.** Gloucester & Moseley drew 12-12. As the scores were made up in exactly the same pattern, they held the cup for six months each.
- 5. 1985 London Welsh 24-15 and 1984 Bristol 10-9.



#### STATISTICAL CARDIFF

	By PAUL REES							
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G. JOHN	13					59	72	409
M. RING	15	10	3	47	122			376
A. HADLEY	17	9	-	36	149	94	-	
G. CORDLE	11	9		36	84(1)	65		260
M. RAYER	16	1	11	34	47(1)	9	11	66
D. EVANS	5	1	12	32	30(1)	6	48	139
G. DAVIES	9	7		28	9	7		28
G. ROBERTS	15	6		24	65	20	·-	80
T. CROTHERS	15	5		20	87(1)	23		92
A. DONOVAN	17	3		12	112	16		64
N. O'BRIEN	6	3		12	32(9)	12		48
C. NORMAN	2	3		12	2	3	_	12
C. WEBBER	3	_	4	9	87(7)	17	103	330
P. RING	3	2		8	3	2	_	8
A. PHILLIPS	8	2	-	8	368	139	_	556
R. CARDUS	6	2	11-11	8	6	2	-	8
R. NORSTER	9	1		4	220	13		52
J. SOUTO	8(1)	1	- <u>-</u>	4	38(9)	4	_	16
M. PARRY	9	1	_	4	9	1	_	4
I. EIDMAN	9	1	144	4	199	3	_	12
K. EDWARDS	11	1	_	4	150	13		52
J. SCOTT	9	1		4	226(2)	34		132
G. PRITCHARD	5(3)	- 1		4	5(3)	1		4
D. WRIGHT	4	1	-11	4	5(1)	1		4
R. LAKIN	11(1)	1		4	233(3)	56		224
J. HOWELLS	1		2	4	4(2)	3	2	16
J. WHITEFOOT	14			_	222	7		28
C. COLLINS	12	OV_		4_5	59(2)	1		4
P. CRANE	6	_		_	11	_		
H. STONE	5	_	77	_	83(1)	10		40
S. BLACKMORE	4				41	1		4
O. GOLDING	1				139(2)	47	1	188

**Also played:** 4 - I. Greenslade; 3 - C. Jones, M. Rowley, D. Gibbon(+2); 2 - S. Cannon. 1 - T. Charles, D. Conway, N. Humphreys, M. Hadley(+1), A. Mogridge, R. Rees.

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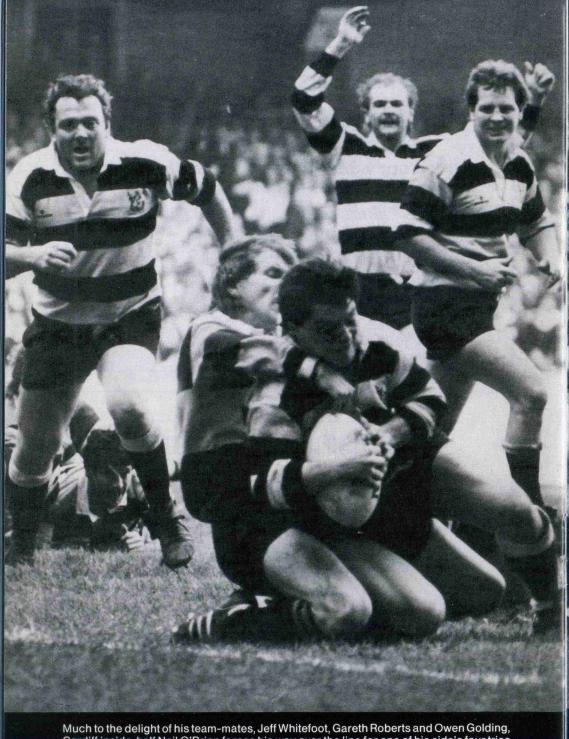
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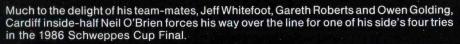


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Gerald Cordle sings the joyful praises of fellow wingman Adrian Hadley who has just scored one of his record making hat-tricks in the 1986 Schweppes Cup Final.

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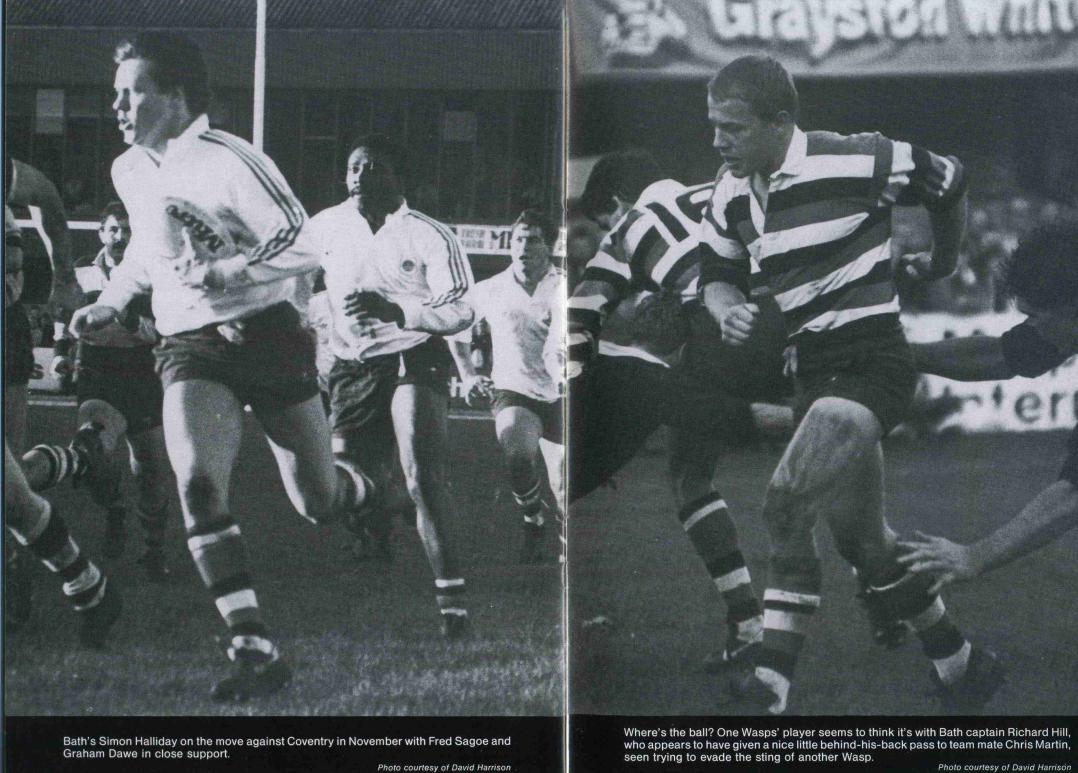
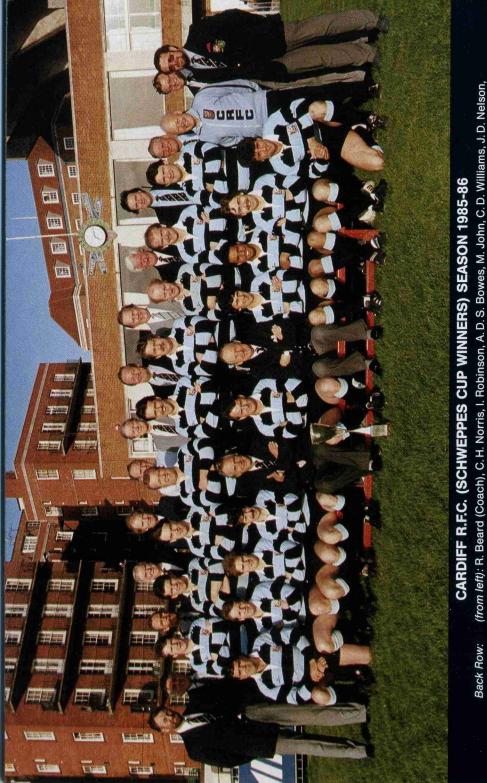


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(from left): R. Beard (Coach), C. H. Norris, I. Robinson, A. D. S. Bowes, M. John, C. D. Williams, J. D. Nelson, Lloyd Williams, J. E. Davies, W. H. Wilkins, G. Davies, P. Goodfellow, P. Nyhan.

(from left): A. Hadley, T. Crothers, H. Stone, K. Edwards, R. Norster, J. Scott, R. Lakin, G. Roberts, I. Eidman, R. Ayres (Physio.), G. Samuel (Coach). Middle Row:

(from left): C. Collins, O. Golding, M. Rayer, A. Donovan (Vice-Captain), D.J. Hayward (Chairman), A.J. Phillips (Captain), A.J. Priday (Hon. Secretary), W.G. Davies, G. Cordle, S. Cannon, M. Ring. Front Row:



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The Bath squad which equalled Leicester's record of three consecutive John Player Cup Final wins at Twickenham in April 1986.

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#### **FIRST XV FIXTURES**

1986 SEPTEMBEI	3		Sat. 20 Fri. 26	Cross Keys Pontypridd	A 19-6 H 21-28
Mon. 1	St. Peters	A 27-12	Sat. 27	Bridgend	H 9-9
Wed. 3	Glamorgan Wanderers	H 22-13			
Sat. 6	East District	H 30-9	1987		
Wed. 10	Bristol	A 14-27	JANUARY		
Sat. 13	Neath	A 7-24	Thur. 1	Bath	H
Sat. 20	Coventry	H 22-4	Sat. 3	Moseley	Н
Wed. 24	Pontypridd	A 39-12	Sat. 10	Aberavon	H
Sat. 27	Aberavon	A 22-26	Fri. 16	City of Derry	H
OCTOBER			Sat. 24	W.R.U. Cup 3rd Round	
Sat. 4	Newport	H 28-21	Sat. 31	Llanelli	Α
Wed. 8	Bridgend	A 18-29			
Sat. 11	Northampton	H 35-4	FEBRUARY		
Sat. 18	Wasps	A 16-25	Fri. 6	Maesteg	A
Wed. 22	Pontypool	H 17-11	Sat. 14	Bristol	H
Sat. 25	Harlequins	H 26-19	Sat. 21 Sat. 28	Ebbw Vale	H
Wed. 29	Bath	A 9-28	3al. 20	W.R.U. Cup 4th Round	
NOVEMBER			MARCH		
Sat. 1	Leicester	H 16-10	Fri. 6	London Welsh	H
Wed. 5	Oxford University	H 35-24	Sat. 14	Pontypool	Α
Sat. 8	Ebbw Vale	A 30-24	Wed. 18	Penarth	H
Sat. 15	Treorchy (Cup)	A 14-7	Sat. 28	Newport (S.F. W.R.U. Cup	) A
Sat. 22	Llanelli	H 16-16			
Wed. 26	Newbridge	A 18-15	APRIL		
Sat. 29	Bangor (N.I.)	H 21-14	Wed. 1	S. Glam. Institute	H
			Sat. 4	Bedford	Α
DECEMBER			Sat. 11	Swansea	H
Sat. 10	Swansea	A 14-19	Sat. 18	Barbarians	H
Sat. 13	London Welsh	A 12-25	Sat. 25	Neath	H

#### **ATHLETIC XV FIXTURES**

1986		and the second		DECEMBER		11.00.11
	EMBER			Sat. 6	Swansea Athletic	H 20-11
Wed.	3	Glamorgan Wanderers II	A 35-20	Wed. 10	Cardiff & District	H 22-7
Sat.	6	Kidwelly	H 36-16	Sat. 13	Risca	H 7-11
Wed.	10	Bristol United	H 23-27	Sat. 20	Neath Athletic	H 10-25
Sat.	13	Maesteg Celtic	H 20-16	Sat. 27	Bridgend Sports	A 12-17
Wed.	17	Garndiffaith	A 25-9	1987		
Sat.	20	Coventry Extras	A 16-12	JANUARY		
Wed.	24	Old Illtydians	H 18-9	Sat. 3	Moseley United	Α
Sat.	27	Abercynon	H 35-20	Sat. 10	Llanharan	A
				Sat. 24	Bath United	Ĥ
OCTO	BER			Sat. 31	Pontypool United	H
Sat.	4	Newport United	A 43-30		Politypool offited	Hammer
Wed.	8	Bridgend Sports	H 28-29	FEBRUARY		
Sat.	11	Neath Athletic	A 25-31	Sat. 7	Bridgend Ravens	Н
Wed.	15	Resolven	H 70-0	Wed. 11	Pencoed	Н
Sat.	18	St. Peters	H Post.	Sat. 14	Bristol United	Α
Wed.	22	Pontypool Athletic	A 9-37	Sat. 21	Ebbw Vale Athletic	Α
Sat.	25	Tondu	A 10-23	MARCH		
Wed.	29	Pyle	A 12-23	Wed. 11	Pontunridd Athletic	Н
				Sat. 14	Pontypridd Athletic Pontypool Athletic	H
NOVE	MBER			Tue. 17	Abercynon	Α
Sat.	1	Leicester Extras	A 4-27	Wed. 25		Α
Wed.	5	Newport Saracens	A 8-15		Maesteg Celtic	
Sat.	8	Ebbw Vale Athletic	H 13-7	Sat. 28	Newport United	H
Wed.	12	Pontypridd Athletic	A 17-25	APRIL		
Sat.	15	Pontypool United	A 32-15	Sat. 4	Caerleon	H
Wed.	19	Bedwas	H Post.	Wed. 8	Bedwas	Α
Sat.	22	Bridgend Ravens	A 24-21	Sat. 11	Swansea Athletic	Α
Wed.	26	Berry Hill	H Post.	Wed. 15	Cardiff H.S.O.B.	H
Sat.	29	Abercarn	A 19-34	Mon. 20	Blackwood	H

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