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Cardiff v. Newport

SATURDAY, 28th FEBRUARY, 1987

KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m.

Did you see that epic Alastair Maclean film 'Where Eagles Dare' on television during the week. As one of the all time greats in adventure, it certainly had its share of blood and thunder, excitement, tension and suspense. Also there was many a twist in the plot to keep you guessing too. Well I reckon that what's going to begin here at 3 o'clock this very afternoon will put 'Where Eagles Dare' into the category of a vicar's tea party. Perhaps a change of name of the film to 'Where Forecaster's Dare' would aptly set the scene at The Arms Park today.

Who would dare indeed to forecast the outcome of this intriguing Fourth Round Tie. On the one hand, our oldest adversaries have come on song at exactly the right time. They have few worries regarding selection now that it looks as if Paul Turner will be fit to play and the established pattern of rugby they are now playing has served them very well. They are at present on the best winning sequence for many a long year and have not been beaten since taking a bit of a bashing at Llanelli on the last Saturday of November which was only their eighth defeat of the season. Since then, things have gone from good to better and their pack is now being extolled as the best in Wales. Perhaps this pattern that they have now established was well demonstrated last Saturday when they comprehensively hammered Cross Keys by 41-3. During that game, although they enjoyed an abundance of possession, they confined their attacking to their power pack and relied very little on the backs. Can you blame them for that?

Added to the might of their forwards, Paul Turner looks certain to play and his skilful presence really hones this mighty sword into a fearsome weapon indeed. The outside half, although not enjoying the best of injury free seasons, is the leading points scorer in the country with 282. He needs just 24 more to overhaul his club's record holder, Laurie Daniel, who recorded 305 in season 1971-72. So with everything turning up trumps for the Black & Ambers you may think that their unbeaten sequence could well be extended this afternoon.

Hang on a minute however, let's have a look at the other side of the coin. To start off with, we have had a very big stroke of luck by coming out of that bag first which gives us home advantage. This gives us a crucial advantage and as you all know, the semi finals are on neutral grounds. Now the Arms Park has become a bit of a bogey ground for the boys from Rodney Parade because they have to go back eleven years to their last win on our own patch on 27th March 1976. On that day they won by 17 points to 15. It has to be said however, that they did beat us in the Cup Final of April 1977 but more of that later. In the ensuing 17 games that have taken place since then (excluding last year's final) we have recorded thirteen wins to Newport's three with one drawn.

On the face of things it appears that the present bogey status we have achieved is therefore well justified. As I've said home advantage is so crucial at this stage of the cup that it can be the difference between life and death. Our last home outing however, against Ebbw Vale, was far from impressive and there is no way we can allow a repeat performance of being fifteen points down in the first half hour.

Again on our side is the very commendable cup reputation we have built up over the last seven years. During this period, up to today in the 40 possible ties we have appeared in 38. This includes five appearances in the last six finals resulting in four wins and one defeat. Our side selected for today's game is also a very experienced one and know only too well about the competitiveness required at this stage of the tournament. So balancing out the pros and the cons of both sides it's a case of what I've already said, 'Where Forecaster's Dare'. I'll reserve my opinion until around half past four this afternoon.

For the record, we have only met Newport twice in the previous fifteen years of the competition. Strangely too, both those games were finals. Firstly came April 1977 when we really thought the icing was about to be put on our centenary year cake, but the Black & Ambers as underdogs came good on the day and won 16-15. This was in spite of being without their top centres David Burcher and Gareth Evans who had been selected for the then forthcoming tour to New Zealand by The British Lions. That game will perhaps be best remembered, or worse from our point of view, for Keith Poole's try saving tackle on Gareth Edwards in the dying seconds. The second encounter came far more recently, last April when we won by 28 points to 21. Many fancied the Newport pack would have been able to do enough to win that game too, but this was not the case. After match post mortems wondered however why Newport, after a late, but futile scoring spree, had not given the ball more air earlier on in the game. Will they do so today?

To Newport then we offer you a very hospitable welcome and the only thing we can be really sure about today is that our next scheduled clash on March 28th will not take place as one or the other of us will be engaged in the semi-final on that day.
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MATCHES RECALLED

J.B.G. THOMAS, as ever during the course of the season, looks back at a game between today's old rivals, conjures up a match worthy both of the occasion and the two great clubs involved, and recalls

A Fitting Finale

April 26, 1986: **CARDIFF 28 points NEWPORT 21 points**

There have been many outstanding matches – and some poor ones – in the long history of rivalry between Cardiff and Newport which was launched in December 1876; and the best of recent years was last season's magnificent Cup final.

Several previous finals had promised much only to yield little, but this one promised little and yielded so much entertainment and skill. It was believed that the two clubs, whose rivalry has always been intense and in the old days something akin to unarmed combat, would hammer away at each other at forward.

There were hopes and doubts on both sides, and of course, one side had to win. On the day it was Cardiff – yet Newport could feel equally proud, having shared in such an occasion. The weather was perfect and the day heralded the coming of summer. More than 30,000 spectators gave voice to the occasion and from the kick-off Cardiff were quickly into their stride and form.

Adrian Hadley was the striker with a hat trick of tries but the controllers were John Scott at No. 8 and Gareth Davies at outside half. Scott had been suffering from sciatica and should not have played but he was a hero, a key figure. Davies was masterly in all he did, punting, place-kicking and running; he looked the perfect pivot.

It was his last appearance for Cardiff on the Arms Park before retiring and he was keen to do well and to help Cardiff to another Cup victory. He celebrated by converting three tries and kicking two penalty goals in what was for him an afternoon to remember.

Soon after the interval Cardiff who had played superbly, were roaring home 22-6 in the lead and then with twelve minutes to go they were safe and sound at 28-9. Or so they thought! It was then that Mike Watkins as hooker and leader rolled up his sleeves and decided that something should be done.

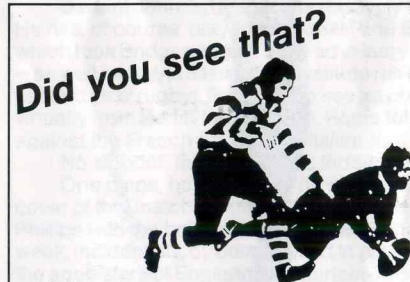
His men had been caught cold in the first half, failed to challenge as they should have done, and the honour of the club was at stake. Surely, they could not allow Cardiff to romp home? Paul Turner at outside half led an audacious fight back which, if it did not frighten their team, caused the Cardiff followers some concern.

The last twelve minutes were all Newport as Cardiff held on, waiting for the final whistle to give them the victory they deserved. Twelve points were scored in those final twelve minutes and Newport emerged from the match beaten but far from disgraced, with the final score at 28-21.

In addition to Hadley's three tries, scrum half Neil O'Brien got the fourth for Cardiff. For Newport Pitt, Turner and Collins scored tries with Turner kicking three conversions and a penalty goal. Turner's try was a clever individual effort and the match ended with Hadley getting the Man of the Match Award.

He did well but the real heroes of the day were Scott and Davies. It was Cardiff's fourth victory in six finals and today the clubs meet again, much earlier in the competition – a fact they probably regret – but if the match is anywhere as good as last season's final, they will have done a noble job for the game in Wales.

Last season's final lifted the competition, as it was easily the best of the finals to date. It proved that two great clubs, so steeped in traditional rivalry, can, when they try, make rugby look a beautiful game both to play and to watch.



Did you see that?

If not – see me!

J. Warren Hailes

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QUIDNUNC'S COLUMN

THEY SEEK him here, they seek him there . . . that demmed elusive Pimpernel. And because the subject of today's dissection and character assassination is such a difficult individual to pin down, I would like to take the opportunity to pass on to him two important messages:

1. You are well overdue with the rent of the house you share with those other rugby reprobates. And,

2. Your father wants his car back.

And if Tom Cruise — otherwise known as Grunty — does not recognise himself either from the cartoon opposite by Derek Stears or from the above SOS's, then he is even more the elusive Scarlet Pimpernel that I am told his housemates call him. "Believe me," one of them has been heard to complain as they attempt to collect the rent money, "he's far more difficult to pin down off the field than on it" — a reflection not only on his out-half play (and there may, as we will see, be more sinister reasons for the comment) or on his father's car (get a new one, Grunty, your own is falling to bits) but also on his apparent side-stepping of Quidnunc when in search of scandalous information for this column.

There are, perhaps, some unanswered questions forming in the readers' mind about the details above. Let us attempt to solve at least some of them.

Geraint John is known in certain circles as Tom Cruise because someone once told him that he somewhat resembles the most recent heart-throb of the silver screen. The result of this unwarranted flattery was that our hero went on three consecutive weeks to have his hair styled in the fashion of the film star. And he shares a house with Bridgend flanker John Morgan and — this is where we come to the sinister bit from where reports might have become exaggerated — a certain Mark Batten.

Now, if you look down the team list of this afternoon's opponents, you might find that name. And, if it does ring a further bell, yes, Mr Batten had the misfortune to be facing Adrian Hadley when he ran in that hat-trick of tries in last year's cup final.

Now, Marc, I do not wish to labour the point but if you do happen to read this chat about your elusive lodger, I have to treat you as a hostile witness. Your allegations, which have been freely passed on to me from sources within the game, will be regarded as inevitably biased and made only to upset our potential match-winner. Witness your constant snipping, I am told, across the breakfast table ever since the cup draw was made. No wonder Grunty (arguably more a corruption of Geraint — or Geriant, as he has been named in this programme on more than one occasion — than a reflection of any lack of loquaciousness either in Welsh or English) makes himself scarce on occasions.

Mind you, it is possible that any unwillingness to socialise with the aforementioned and revenge-seeking Marc Batten is also the result of a young lady called Jane. Certainly, my finks tell me that one of Geraint's post-match party-pieces is to sing 'Down by the Riverside' — you know, the trad jazz evergreen which includes "I met my pretty little black-eyed girl . . . down by the Riverside." Now, I do not know the colour of Jane's eyes but there is a splendid Chinese restaurant with the name of the Riverside and one of Mr John's weaknesses is Chinese food.

None of which, of course, has anything remotely to do with today's activities other than to tell you that at least some Cardiff and Newport players — if not supporters and committee men — do on occasions exchange pleasantries off the pitch.

Geraint John is, despite his relatively tender years, one of rugby's peripatetic personalities. He has, of course, played for Llanelli and Bridgend — indeed, he actually scored the nine points which took Bridgend into a 9-0 lead in last year's semi-final at Swansea before Cardiff took control — as well as South Glamorgan Institute (he now teaches at Barry Boys Comprehensive and takes second year rugby). But trying to keep a check on where he has played abroad requires an atlas: virtually from Berlin to Benidorm, Rome to Ontario, and well beyond. 'B' caps have been earned against the French and on the Italian tour last summer.

No wonder, then, that he is indeed difficult to gin (sorry, pin) down.

One place, however, that he has been cornered during the course of this season is on the cover of that match programme. Geraint is the one with the Barbarian jersey. And that's Thumper Phillips with the ball. And Pat Daniels — who has received a severe blow to his youthful pride this week, incidentally, by being invited to play for the Welsh Golden Oldies (sic — or, is it sick?) against the aged stars of England as a curtain-raiser next Friday to the international — reckons he knows the identity of the one-legged third person on the photograph.

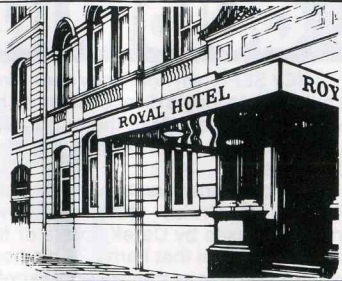
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Rugby Quiz – No. 21

It's all about Cardiff v Newport today.

1. A reputed record crowd for a club game, 48,500 saw Cardiff play Newport. When was that game?
2. When did the four games a season finish?
3. In all we have played 351 games. What's the highest run of consecutive wins of each side?
4. What is Cardiff's highest ever score against Newport?
5. What is Newport's highest?

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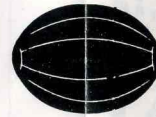
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14. G. CORDLE
13. M. RING *T*
12. R. CARDUS *T*
11. A. HADLEY
10. G. JOHN *C.P.*
9. C. HUTCHINGS *C.P.*
1. J. WHITEFOOT
2. A. J. PHILLIPS (Captain)
3. S. BLACKMORE
4. H. STONE
5. R. NORSTER
6. R. LAKIN
8. J. P. SCOTT
7. G. ROBERTS
16. N. O'BRIEN
17. M. PARRY
18. C. COLLINS
19. P. CRANE
20. A. DONOVAN
21. I. GREENSLADE

Full Back
Right Wing
Right Centre
Left Centre
Left Wing
Outside Half
Inside Half
Forwards



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- P. REES 15.
- M. BATTEN 14.
- C. MANLEY 13.
- J. HOWELLS 12.
- J. WHITE 11.
- P. TURNER 10.
- T. COOMBS 9.
- F. HILLMAN 1.
- J. WATKINS (Captain) 2.
- R. MORGAN 3.
- J. WIDICOMBE 4.
- D. WATERS 5.
- G. GEORGE 6.
- W. RENDLE 8.
- R. POWELL 7.
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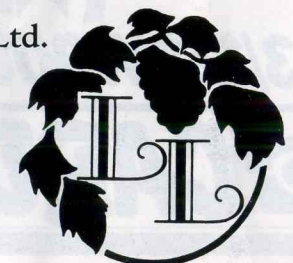
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15. J. DAVIES	Full Back		L. DAVIES	15.	
14. Gerald DAVIES P. BOLAND	Right Wing		K. DAVIES	14.	
13. P. EVANS	Right Centre		D. BURCHER	13.	
12. A. FINLAYSON D. Barry	Left Centre		G. EVANS	12.	
11. C. CAMILLERI	Left Wing		J. MARTIN	11.	
10. Gareth DAVIES	Outside Half		D. ROGERS	10.	
9. B. WILLIAMS	Inside Half		A. EVANS	9.	
1. D. NELMES G. WALLACE	Forwards		C. SMART (Capt.)	1.	
2. A. PHILLIPS			P. WILLIAMS	2.	
3. M. KNILL			R. MORGAN	3.	
4. P. RAWLINS			J. WATKINS	4.	
5. I. ROBINSON			L. JONES	5.	
6. T. WORGAN			B. REES	6.	
8. R. DUDLEY-JONES			J. SQUIRE	8.	
7. M. JOHN			G. EVANS	7.	



The teams who played when Newport last won on The Arms Park. It says a lot for the longevity of the careers of Alan Phillips and also Rhys Morgan who was selected to play but had to pull out on the day.

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Rugby Quiz No. 21 – Answers

- 17th February 1951, Newport won at Cardiff 8-3.
- Season 1977-78.
- Cardiff 8, Newport 5.
- 7th November 1973 at Cardiff. Cardiff 38 Newport 14.
- 1st October 1983 at Newport. Newport 32 Cardiff 21.

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By PAUL REES

	Season				Career			
	App.	Tr.	Goals	Pts.	App.	Tr.	Goals	Pts.
G. JOHN	24	3	66	175	43	5	94	254
G. CORDLE	24	17	—	68	97(1)	73	—	292
M. RING	22	13	5	65	129	62	74	427
A. HADLEY	28	15	—	60	162	100	—	400
M. RAYER	30	4	17	59	61(1)	12	17	91
D. EVANS	9	1	16	41	33(1)	6	52	148
G. ROBERTS	24	10	—	40	75	24	—	96
G. DAVIES	10	7	—	28	10	7	—	28
R. CARDUS	18	7	—	28	18	7	—	28
C. NORMAN	5(1)	7	—	28	5(1)	7	—	28
T. CROTHERS	18	5	—	20	90(1)	23	—	92
A. DONOVAN	25	4	—	16	120	17	—	68
A. PHILLIPS	20	4	—	16	380	141	—	564
R. LAKIN	23	4	—	16	245(3)	59	—	236
N. O'BRIEN	11(3)	4	—	16	37(12)	12	—	48
C. WEBBER	6	1	4	13	90(7)	17	103	334
P. RING	5	3	—	12	5	3	—	12
J. SCOTT	14	2	—	8	231(2)	35	—	140
G. PRITCHARD	9(5)	2	—	8	9(5)	2	—	8
R. NORSTER	19	1	—	4	230	13	—	52
J. SOUTO	11(2)	1	—	4	41(10)	4	—	16
M. PARRY	20	1	—	4	20	1	—	4
I. EIDMAN	9	1	—	4	199	3	—	12
K. EDWARDS	11	1	—	4	150	13	—	52
D. WRIGHT	4	1	—	4	5(1)	1	—	4
H. STONE	9	1	—	4	87(1)	11	—	44
S. BLACKMORE	19	1	—	4	56	2	—	8
N. HUMPHREYS	2	1	—	4	7(1)	4	—	16
J. BURNELL	2	1	—	4	2	1	—	4
J. HOWELLS	1	—	2	4	4(2)	3	2	16
J. WHITEFOOT	23	—	—	—	231	7	—	28
C. COLLINS	16	—	—	—	63(2)	1	—	4
P. CRANE	8	—	—	—	13	—	—	—
O. GOLDING	8	—	—	—	145(2)	47	—	168
D. GIBBON	6(2)	—	—	—	7(3)	—	—	—

Also played: 5 - T. Charles; 4 - I. Greenslade; 3 - M. Rowley, C. Jones, C. Hutchings;
2 - S. Cannon, R. Bilton, M. Hadley(+1); 1 - D. Conway, A. Mogridge, R. Rees, D. Williams.

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Is the No. 8 binding as required or is the ball out of the scrummage and either scrum half may play it?

The Welsh Rugby Union Laws Committee have advised that an International Board ruling now covers this question.

The ruling is that the No. 8 is no longer bound. **Law 20 (6)(d) on binding** states that "all players in a scrummage, other than those in a front row, must bind with at least one arm and hand around the body of another player of the same team."

Therefore, since **binding constitutes a hand and arm around and in contact with a player**, the No. 8 in question is no longer bound, and so the scrum is over. The situation is now **open play** and therefore team B is allowed to challenge for the ball.

A further interesting point of law is that the seven forwards of TEAM A are now in an offside position and, therefore, should any of them infringe the law by playing the ball or obstructing an opponent — then a penalty kick must be awarded.

What happens if the No. 8 rebinds fully? If he rebinds he should be penalised for returning the ball to the scrummage for the law states clearly that "a player must not return the ball into the scrummage".

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Fri. 6 Feb. Maesteg £2.50	Sat. 4 April Bedford £6.00

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FIRST XV FIXTURES

1986			Sat. 20	Cross Keys (Cup)	A 19-6
SEPTEMBER			Fri. 26	Pontypridd	H 21-28
Mon. 1	St. Peters	A 27-12	Sat. 27	Bridgend	H 9-9
Wed. 3	Glamorgan Wanderers	H 22-13	1987		
Sat. 6	East District	H 30-9	JANUARY		
Wed. 10	Bristol	A 14-27	Thur. 1	Bath	H 32-21
Sat. 13	Neath	A 7-24	Sat. 3	Moseley	H 38-13
Sat. 20	Coventry	H 22-4	Sat. 10	Aberavon	H 20-12
Wed. 24	Pontypridd	A 39-12	Fri. 16	City of Derry	H Post.
Sat. 27	Aberavon	A 22-26	Sat. 24	Llanharan (Cup)	H 18-14
OCTOBER			Sat. 31	Llanelli	A Post.
Sat. 4	Newport	H 28-19	FEBRUARY		
Wed. 8	Bridgend	A 18-29	Wed. 4	Maesteg	A 24-30
Sat. 11	Northampton	H 35-4	Sat. 14	Sale	H 44-14
Sat. 18	Wasps	A 16-25	Wed. 18	Bristol	H 18-13
Wed. 22	Pontypool	H 17-11	Sat. 21	Ebbw Vale	H 10-19
Sat. 25	Harlequins	H 26-19	Sat. 28	Newport (Cup)	H
Wed. 29	Bath	A 9-28	MARCH		
NOVEMBER			Fri. 6	London Welsh	H
Sat. 1	Leicester	H 16-10	Sat. 14	Pontypool	A
Wed. 5	Oxford University	H 35-24	Wed. 18	Penarth	H
Sat. 8	Ebbw Vale	A 30-24	Sat. 28	Newport (S.F. W.R.U. Cup)	A
Sat. 15	Treorchy (Cup)	A 14-7	APRIL		
Sat. 22	Llanelli	H 16-16	Wed. 1	S. Glam. Institute	H
Wed. 26	Newbridge	A 18-15	Sat. 4	Bedford	A
Sat. 29	Bangor (N.I.)	H 21-14	Sat. 11	Swansea	H
DECEMBER			Sat. 18	Barbarians	H
Sat. 10	Swansea	A 14-19	Sat. 25	Neath	H
Sat. 13	London Welsh	A 12-25			

ATHLETIC XV FIXTURES

1986			DECEMBER		
SEPTEMBER			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 17-12
Wed. 17	Gardiffaith	A 25-9	1987		
Sat. 20	Coventry Extras	A 16-12	JANUARY		
Wed. 24	Old Illtydians	H 18-9	Sat. 3	Moseley United	A 0-28
Sat. 27	Abercynon	H 35-20	Sat. 10	Blackwood	A 13-20
OCTOBER			Sat. 24	Bath United	H 12-9
Sat. 4	Newport United	A 43-30	Sat. 31	Pontypool United	H Post.
Wed. 8	Bridgend Sports	H 28-29	FEBRUARY		
Sat. 11	Neath Athletic	A 25-31	Sat. 7	Bridgend Ravens	H 4-23
Wed. 15	Resolven	H 70-0	Wed. 11	Pencoed	H 13-6
Sat. 18	St. Peters	H Post.	Sat. 14	Bristol United	A 0-16
Wed. 22	Pontypool Athletic	A 9-37	Sat. 21	Ebbw Vale Athletic	H 15-12
Sat. 25	Tondu	A 10-23	MARCH		
Wed. 29	Pyle	A 12-23	Wed. 11	Pontypridd Athletic	H
NOVEMBER			Sat. 14	Pontypool Athletic	H
Sat. 1	Leicester Extras	A 4-27	Tue. 17	Abercynon	A
Wed. 5	Newport Saracens	A 8-15	Wed. 25	Maesteg Celtic	A
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	A
Sat. 22	Bridgend Ravens	A 24-21	Sat. 11	Swansea Athletic	A
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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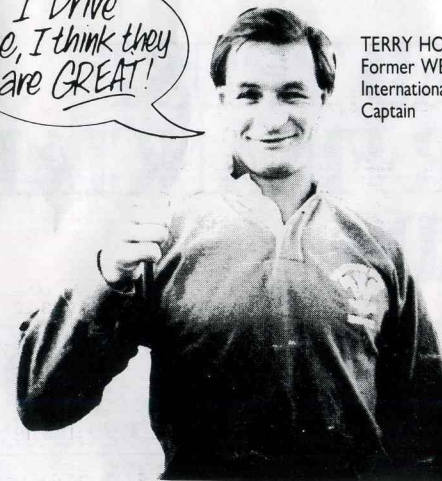
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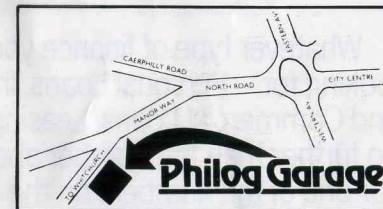


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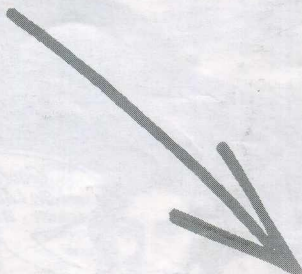
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