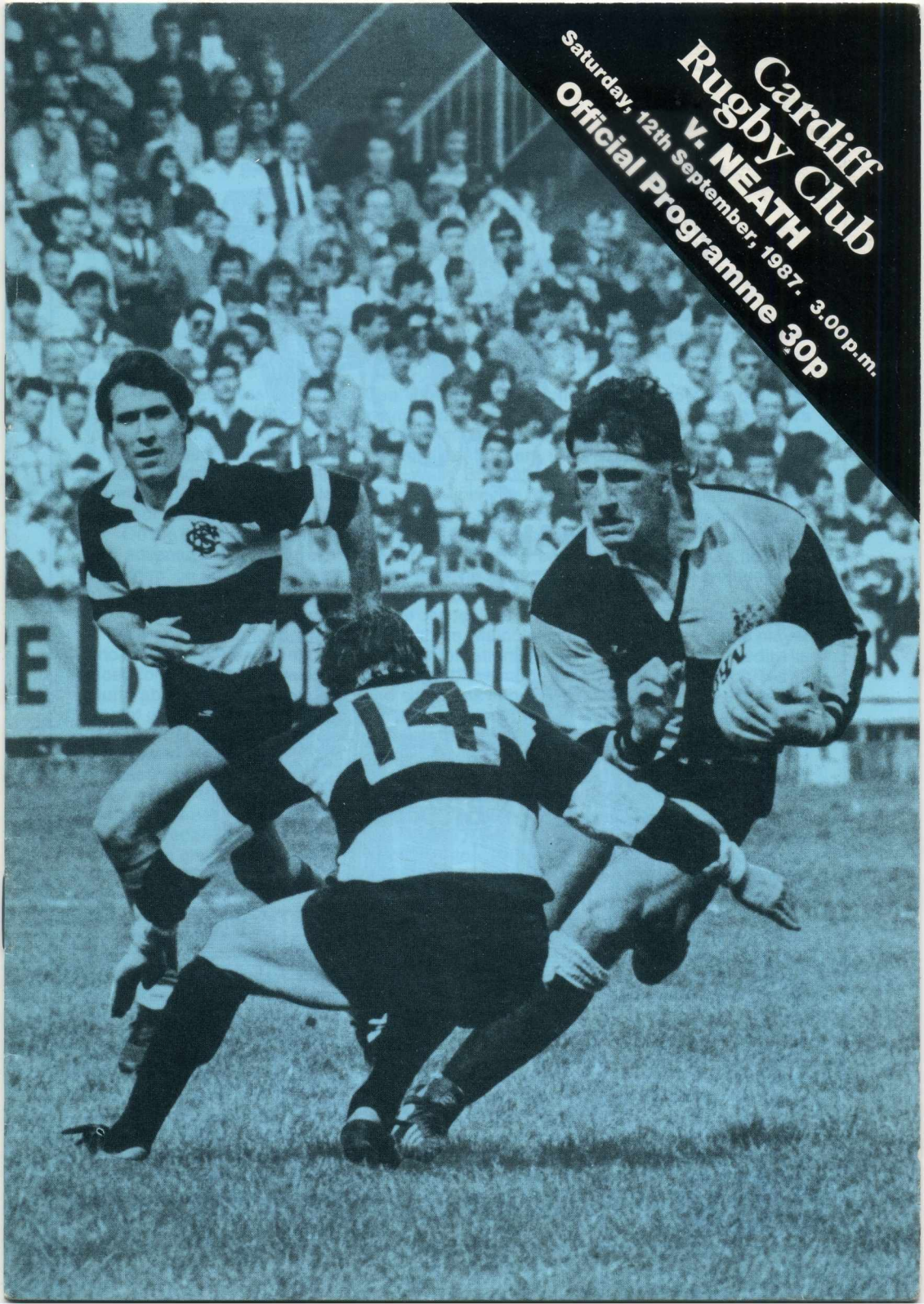


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SATURDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER, 1987

KICK-OFF 3.00p.m.

Here we go again so it's a welcome, albeit somewhat belated, to season 1987-88. The great Robert Burns certainly knew his onions when he wrote "Nae man can tether time or tide." Even so the speed at which time seems to pass gets progressively faster and faster. It seems but a few weekends ago that Alan Phillips was holding that Schweppes Cup aloft yet again to signify another year's tenure at the Cardiff Club. Incredibly however it was four months ago and what a stupendous four months it has been.

Firstly there was the World Cup with all its implications as to how the old, well established and traditional laws on amateurism will survive the call from some quarters for change. More important at this point in time however is the marvellous contribution to the Welsh cause made by Cardiff's 'Magnificent Seven'. Let's pay tribute to the splendid efforts of Adrian Hadley, Mark Ring, Wally Blackmore, Jeff Whitefoot, Bob Norster, Gareth Roberts and finally Alan Phillips who rose like the mythological phoenix from the ashes of wilderness to put himself right back in contention, just where he belongs.

On the debit side of things however, is Mark Ring's departure. Mark's flair, ingenuity and adventure will be sorely missed and it's sad to see someone who has been so prominent on the Cardiff rugby scene as a schoolboy, youth and senior player leave for fresh fields. Nevertheless we wish Mark good luck in his new venture.

On the credit side of the formula we can feel very happy about the fact that Malcolm Dacey has decided to throw in his lot with us. Malcolm is an extremely versatile player who is very experienced at both club and international level with 15 caps to his credit. His reception and distribution of a fast moving ball is a model for schoolboys to watch. His all round ability and experience to read situations should be invaluable to the expansive type of game we all like to see so much. So it's welcome to Mark Dacey and also all the other new players who hope to establish themselves for the season.

Now to the other changes that have taken place since last season. After two very successful seasons, Alan Phillips has stepped down as captain and the reins have been taken over by Bob Norster. Alan did a great job and the relish and enthusiasm with which Bob accepted the job signalled his intention to carry on in the same manner. He certainly has the credentials for the job. Currently the most senior Welsh international, a British Lion and a great technician in his lock position. Primarily Bob's hopes are to continue our superb cup run but also add a little more consistency to our form outside the cup games. On this score we wish Bob all good luck for a happy and successful period of office.

The Rags have also had a change of captain with Chris Webber taking over from Matthew Hadley. Chris is a very experienced and versatile player and can play anywhere behind the scrum. This is a useful attribute for the Rags captain and will help Chris in his job of keeping the Rags players primed up and knocking on the first team's door. We wish him well for a happy and enjoyable season also.

On the admin side of things Mervyn John continues as Chairman. A change of selection sees John Evans take over from Garry Davies and joins C.D. Williams and John Nelson in the onerous task of getting the teams on the field every week. Another change sees Terry Charles come on to committee now that he has hung up his boots after many years of very dedicated service. He replaces David Hayward.

A very disappointing feature and sad break with tradition will be the absence this season, for all but four big games, of St. Albans Band. This is due to the unavailability of musicians on Saturday afternoons. Hopefully it is only a temporary situation and next season they will be back with their pre-match entertainment since their first appearance

in season 1919-20. More of that in a future programme though.

Now on to today's business. It's a rather belated but nonetheless very warm welcome to The Welsh All Blacks — Neath, who are certainly in the headlines these days. After all the ballyhoo of the Jonathan Davies defection come the rumour and counter-rumour concerning Stuart Evans. By the time these notes are read we should know one way or the other regarding the latter. If Stuart does decide to depart it would be a hammer blow to Neath even more so than the loss of Jonathan Davies. Neath's drawing power however is quite tremendous and acknowledgement of the fact that 15 man rugby is their constant aim. Testimony of this is confirmed by the fact that all their stand seats had been sold prior to the start of the season. This is an unprecedented situation as stated by Neath's long standing secretary Allan Benjamin. The Neath style is also appealing to players and no fewer than four of the recent under-19 squad to New Zealand have already trained at The Gnoll.

In all we have met on 182 occasions with 110 wins to us and 55 to Neath with 17 drawn games. Points wise we have scored 1,969 to the All Blacks 1,199. No doubt manager Brian Thomas will be urging his boys on today because besides being the rock on which they have floundered in the cup on three occasions in the 1980's, they have to go back to September 1972 to enjoy the taste of victory at The Arms Park. A win here today would certainly put them in good spirits for the long hard season to come. To Neath then we bid a warm welcome, we hope you all enjoy your day.

Now a happy note to savour. David Hayward that extremely erudite and literary scribe is not completely lost to us. He will be contributing to these notes from time to time which will spare you the labour of reading my scratchings.

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## QUIDNUNC'S COLUMN

WHAT WITH THE ABERAERON and Cwmtawe Sevens and all, and that other minor event that took place down under, there does not seem to have been a close season this alleged summer. Here we go again, then, with Quidnunc's Diary recording the alternative side of Cardiff Rugby Football Club. As ever, no turn will remain unstoned and no-one, not even Roger Beard, will escape the ever-watchful eye of your columnist.

In order to catch up with those affairs that have gone unreported since we last met in those halcyon cup-winning days of last Spring, let us start in sunny Spain, in salubrious Benidorm where many of our heroes and assorted unworthies took part in the club tour.

Why, I can here you asking, did Alun Donovan, elevated to skipper when Mr. A. 'Thumper' Phillips was summoned from his bed to play for Wales instead, fall foul of the Spanish police?

Why was Timmy Crothers to be found one morning doing PT with the blue-rinse pensioners at the team hotel? Why was Sian Armstong, last year's youth team out-half and male model extraordinary, missing for a day, claiming he was mugged and yet without a single blemish on his mail-order, male-order face? Why did Gerry Cordle nearly miss the plane home, having to catch a taxi — no, he didn't even fumble it, let alone drop it — to the airport? And was Malcolm Poole really still concussed when he met in hospital that rather gorgeous travel agency representative? If not, what is his excuse?

Let us answer the questions in order. Lonnie Donnegan was found innocent of all but time-wasting by the Civil Guard. Firmly under the impression that he had been robbed, raped, pillaged and sundry other exciting crimes committed against him, he reported the theft of all his travellers cheques to the value of £150. With the whole of Benidorm under suspicion and with Interpol scouring Europe for the successors to the Great Train Robbery, the missing cheques were found: in the same old sock where Mr. Donovan had hidden them for safety in the first place.

Timmy Crothers' session with the hotel's Green Goddess was the result of a minor discretion which brought him before Lord Chief in Justice Roger Beard and the touring team court; his sentence did not fit the crime.

The case of our male model, whose arrival in any bar, disco or restaurant brought sighs of ecstasy from the female population, is more difficult: there is evidence of the mugging while recurring rumours suggest that Mr. Armstong might well have been enjoying himself during his 24-hour absence.

Gerry Cordle's attempt to extend his private tour was the result of leaving his family presents back at the hotel, requiring the last-minute dash to the line, and only the unfortunate Mr. Poole seemed to have genuine problems: certainly he had been concussed, was in hospital (and, indeed, had to stay behind for treatment) when the lovely lady came to help.

What else on tour? While committee men Lloyd Williams and Ian Robinson officially tried to keep some semblance of order, three other actual or potential reprobates were on the loose. Messrs Howard Norris, Stan Bowes and John Davies liked to consider themselves as the Three Musketeers until they were given short shrift by a beauty from Birmingham. "Three Musketeers?" she sneered, "More like the Three Stooges." Their memories of the tour seem to consist of finding draught San Miguel in the Red Dragon Bar, run by a former Llantwit Major club steward, not finding the Cardiff Arms pub in Calpe and generally behaving like peseta artists.

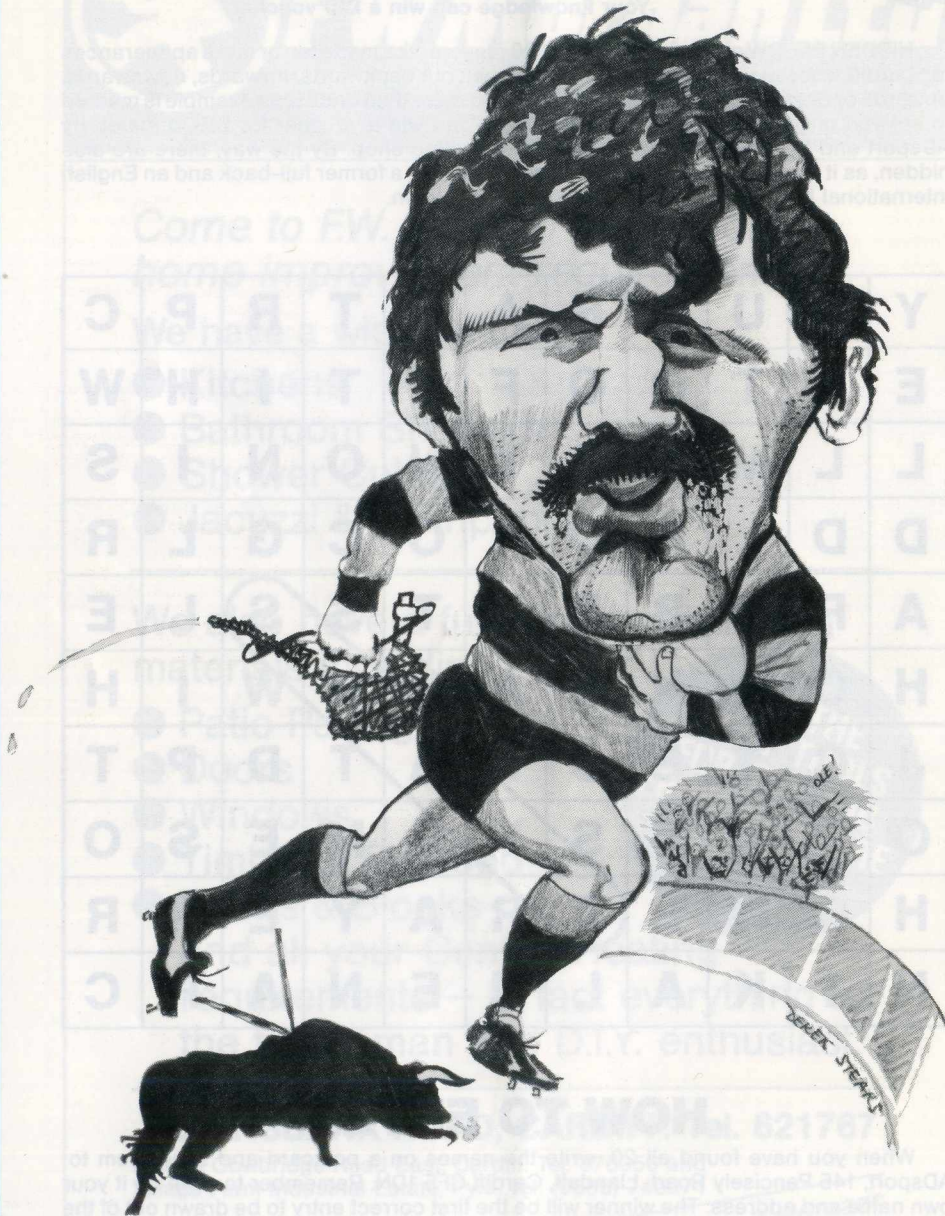
And talking of Bowes, my sympathy goes out to him for eating all those mussels and, now, for being compulsorily off the Guinness for the past three weeks. It is always sad to find a Rear-Admiral in dry dock.

Finally from Spain, I do not know why Peter Crane was hit by a pool cue nor why our former full-back Pablo Rees was mugged in Majorca — though I detect little sympathy at the Arms Park for some reason or other for people who go to play at Pontypool. I wonder why?

What else of the summer? New arrivals in this world include Liam John Scott (qualified to be sure of England, Scotland and Wales), Kendal Blackmore (who with a name like that will surely one day be a leading authoress) and Hannah Louise Webber (who will be beautiful so long as she does not look like her father). I believe also there is a young Kevin Edwards.

Having been elected to the committee, Terry Charles is immediately trying to come out of retirement by making himself available, Howard Stone committed the heinous offence of getting married on match day (last Saturday) — the advertisement for PER in this programme is not a fine meted out to his wife Beth who is employed by them — and Bobby Norster is complaining that he always has facial damage when team picture time comes round. It was taken on Monday: and while others claim Bob always has facial damage, he nevertheless did collect a splendid black eye when sprinting over for a try at Bristol.

His name — and many others — incidentally may be found in a new home-match competition which starts elsewhere in today's programme. His name will also appear in next Wednesday's when we try to find out what our World Cup Worthies got up to down under.





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## Rugby Quiz – No. 1

In tribute to Bob Norster being elected captain let's see what you know about him.

1. Which club did he play for prior to joining Cardiff?
2. When did he make his Cardiff debut?
3. How many games has he played for Cardiff?
4. When did he make his international debut?
5. How many appearances has he made for Wales?

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| 14. GERALD CORDLE           | Right Wing   |
| 13. ALUN DONOVAN            | Right Centre |
| 12. RICHARD CARDUS          | Left Centre  |
| 11. ADRIAN HADLEY           | Left Wing    |
| 10. GERAINT JOHN            | Outside Half |
| 9. CHRIS HUTCHINS           | Inside Half  |
| 1. JEFF WHITEFOOT           | Forwards     |
| 2. ALAN PHILLIPS            |              |
| 3. STEVE BLACKMORE          |              |
| 4. MIKE PARRY               |              |
| 5. ROBERT NORSTER (Captain) |              |
| 6. TIM CROTHERS             |              |
| 8. ROBERT LAKIN             |              |
| 7. PETER CRANE              |              |
| 16. GRAHAM PRITCHARD        |              |
| 17. HUW WILLIAMS            |              |



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| E. REES               | 14. |
| C. LAITY              | 13. |
| R. GRIFFITHS          | 12. |
| A. EDMONDS            | 11. |
| P. WILLIAMS           | 10. |
| A. BOOTH              | 9.  |
| D. JOSEPH             | 1.  |
| K. PHILLIPS           | 2.  |
| J. PUGH               | 3.  |
| M. RICHARDS           | 4.  |
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2. 1st September, 1978 against East District.
3. 256 (up to and including last Wednesday).
4. At Cardiff against Scotland in 1982.
5. 25.

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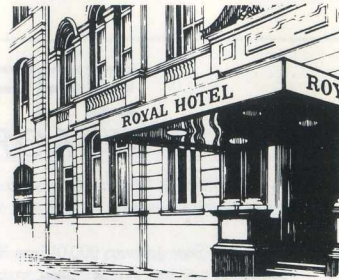


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M. RAYER	2	2	—	8	71(1)	15	19	120
G. CORDLE	2	1	—	4	109(1)	84	1	338
R. CARDUS	2	1	—	4	27	14	—	56
R. NORSTER	2	1	—	4	236	14	—	56
A. DONOVAN	2	—	—	—	130	18	—	72
C. HUTCHINGS	2	—	—	—	15	1	—	4
A. PHILLIPS	2	—	—	—	393	143	—	572
S. BLACKMORE	2	—	—	—	62	3	—	12
M. PARRY	2	—	—	—	30	1	—	4
T. CROTHERS	2	—	—	—	97(1)	23	—	92
R. LAKIN	2	—	—	—	254(3)	59	—	236
C. COLLINS	1	—	—	—	72(2)	2	—	8
O. GOLDING	1	—	—	—	148(2)	49	—	196
R. BILTON	1	—	—	—	3	—	—	—
P. CRANE	1	—	—	—	20	1	—	4

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## A LOOK INTO THE PAST ....

These are the teams who took the field on 21st September, 1946 at The Gnoll to register Neath's first win after the second World War. Both games the previous season were won by Cardiff but Neath took the spoils on this occasion by 14-8. I wonder how much it is to join their supporters club now.

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Sat. 19	Coventry A.....	FEBRUARY	
Wed. 23	Pontypridd A.....	Sat. 6	London Welsh A.....
Sat. 26	Aberavon H.....	Sat. 13	Newport H.....
OCTOBER		Sat. 27	W.R.U. Cup 4th Round
Sat. 3	Newport A.....	MARCH	
Wed. 7	Bridgend H.....	Wed. 1	Bristol H.....
Sat. 10	Northampton A.....	Sat. 12	Pontypridd H.....
Wed. 14	Pontypool A.....	Wed. 16	Penarth A.....
Sat. 17	Cambridge University A.....	Sat. 26	W.R.U. Cup Semi Final
Wed. 21	Caerphilly (Centenary) A.....	Mon. 28	Newport A.....
Sat. 24	Harlequins A.....	APRIL	
Sat. 31	Moseley H.....	Sat. 2	Barbarians H.....
NOVEMBER		Tue. 5	Llanelli A.....
Sat. 7	Leicester A.....	Sat. 9	Swansea A.....
Wed. 11	Oxford H.....	Sat. 16	Neath A.....
Sat. 14	Ebbw Vale H.....	Sat. 23	Wasps H.....
Sat. 21	W.R.U. Cup 1st Round	Wed. 27	Barry (Centenary) A.....
Sat. 28	Llanelli A.....	Sat. 30	Nottingham H.....
DECEMBER		MAY	
Wed. 2	Newbridge H.....	Sat. 7	W.R.U. Cup Final
Sat. 5	Swansea H.....		
Sat. 12	London Welsh H.....		
Sat. 19	W.R.U. Cup 2nd Round		
Sat. 26	Pontypridd H.....		
Mon. 28	Bridgend A.....		

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1987		1988	
SEPTEMBER		JANUARY	
Sat. 5	Bristol United H 21-26	Sat. 2	Bath United A.....
Wed. 9	Glamorgan Wanderers II H 17-8	Sat. 9	Neath Athletic H.....
Sat. 12	Kenfig Hill A.....	Sat. 16	Ebbw Vale United H.....
Wed. 16	Bridgend Sports A.....	Sat. 23	Llandaff A.....
Sat. 19	Coventry Extras H.....	Sat. 30	Pontyclun A.....
Wed. 23	Llandaff H.....	FEBRUARY	
Sat. 26	St. Peters A.....	Sat. 6	Reading A.....
Tue. 29	Pontypool United A.....	Sun. 7	Abbey A.....
OCTOBER		Sat. 13	Newport United A.....
Sat. 3	Newport United H.....	Sat. 27	Pencoed A.....
Sat. 10	Neath Athletic A.....	MARCH	
Wed. 14	Pontypool Athletic H.....	Wed. 1	Bristol United A.....
Sat. 17	Bridgend Ravens A.....	Sat. 5	Maesteg Celtic A.....
Wed. 21	Cardiff & District H.....	Sat. 12	Pontypool Athletic A.....
Sat. 24	Abercarn H.....	Wed. 16	Bedwas H.....
Wed. 28	Garndiffaith H.....	Fri. 18	Risca A.....
Sat. 31	Moseley United A.....	Wed. 23	Pontypool United H.....
NOVEMBER		Wed. 30	Cardiff H.S.O.B. A.....
Sat. 7	Leicester Extras H.....	APRIL	
Wed. 11	Caerphilly A.....	Mon. 4	Blackwood A.....
Sat. 14	Ebbw Vale Athletic A.....	Sat. 9	Swansea Athletic H.....
Sat. 21	Berry Hill A.....	Tue. 12	Llanharan H.....
Sat. 28	Bridgend Ravens H.....	Sat. 16	Bridgend Sports H.....
DECEMBER		Sat. 23	Mumbles A.....
Sat. 5	Swansea Athletic A.....		
Sat. 12	Llanharan A.....		



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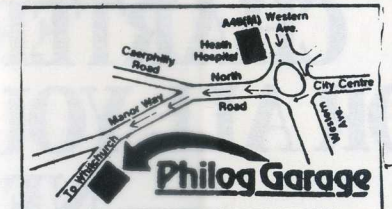
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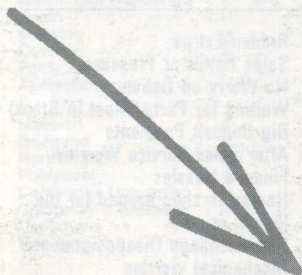
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