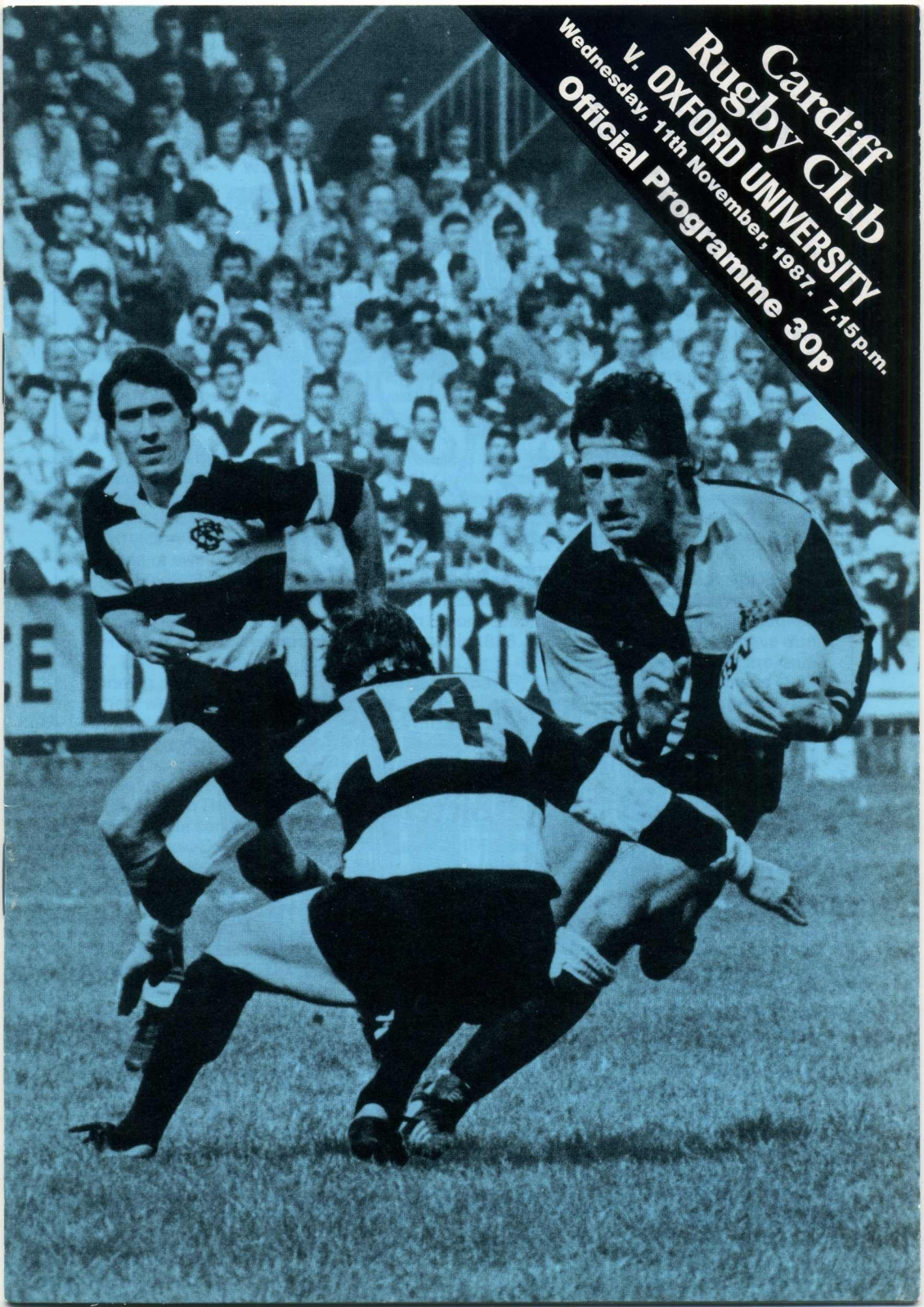


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WEDNESDAY, 11th NOVEMBER, 1987

KICK-OFF 7.15 p.m.

The season of mists and mellow fruitfulness is now certainly with us, so let's hope for a continuance of the lovely autumn weather we enjoyed last week and is so conducive to good rugby. The last weekend was indeed a busy one, with two Welsh sides having taken the field. The national selectors will have plenty to mull over in preparing for the forthcoming Five Nations Championship. And if that in itself is not hard enough in this day and age they also have to start thinking about the trip to New Zealand at the end of the season. This is going to be a real tough one with six provincial matches and two tests to play, nothing but the best and fittest will suffice. Not that we don't already know it but the 100 points plus hammering handed out to Japan was positive proof of their awesome power.

It was a busy weekend for ourselves also. That away game against Leicester once again emphasised the power of the boot. On this occasion it was on the foot of full back Dusty Hare and it accounted for 23 points of their 27-19 victory although we outscored them in tries 2 to 1. Conversely, however, the mighty boot gave our youth side an 18 points to 10 victory over a lively Worcester side when all our points came from six penalties. So it's a case of swings and roundabouts I guess.

Tonight though it's welcome to Oxford University. The game just about signals the demise of the mid-week matches for 1987. With only one more to come against Newbridge on December 2nd, it will be next March before evening games start again. Tonight the series becomes 54 games old since it began in 1888. Of the previous games we have won 37, lost 13 and drawn 3, scoring 806 points for to 412 against. At present we are on a winning sequence of ten consecutive games having last tasted defeat at home in 1974 when we went under by 21 points to 8. Unlike their Light Blue counterparts from Cambridge, Oxford have been regulars on the Cardiff fixture list and of their 13 victories, 6 of them have been achieved in Cardiff. These occurred in 1974, 1962, 1959, 1955, 1933 and 1932. Our present ten win sequence equals the first ten games played between the two sides which were won by Cardiff. Oxford's first win came in the eleventh game of the series in 1900 when The Dark Blues won on their ground by 12 points to 9. The highest number of points in the series is also held by us when we achieved a 50 points to 16 victory in 1976. For their part Oxford's highest score came in 1983 when they put 25 points on the board. That was to no avail however, because we scored 47. Their best ever win came in 1959 when they won by 22 points to nil.

Oxford come tonight looking for a bit of a moral booster after defeats at Northampton and Bedford. Whether they had the best sides available for these games is not known. At full strength however, they have such names as David Kirk, Bill Calcraft and Brendan Mullin to select from, which could make them a very strong combination indeed. They will no doubt have noted that their arch enemies Cambridge have already visited us and suffered a 48 points to 9 defeat. Whatever happens tonight however, it would be unwise to use it as a form pointer for the forthcoming Varsity match on Tuesday, December 8th. The battle of the Blues at Twickenham on that day makes or breaks the season for the respective winners and losers. The opposing captains would give their eye teeth to get their hands on that Bowring Bowl which is now presented to the winning side. Oxford on that day will be looking for a third successive win which has helped to reverse the stranglehold that Cambridge has held with 11 wins in their 13 games between 1972 and 1984. A win for Oxford will put them on 46 wins in the 105 match series only one behind The Light Blues' 47. The remaining 13 games were drawn.

In pursuit of that object then, a win in Cardiff here tonight would put them in fine fettle



for the big day. It appears that interest in the game seems to be increasing. Last season's crowd of 40,000 was the biggest for many years and the occasion appears to be well and truly back on the rugby calendar. We bid Oxford a fair welcome this evening and we wish them well for the big day at Twickenham.

The Rags have been performing well since a very disappointing game against Abercarn a few weeks ago when we lost in a most depressing fashion by 13 points to 8. Since then however, three very competent victories have been achieved over Garndiffaith home 44-6, Moseley Extras away 19-17 (which also relieved them of their ground record) and last Saturday another fine scalp in the form of Leicester Extras at Sophia Gardens 30 points to 20. They will have to stay on their toes over the next few weeks however, with tough games against Caerphilly, Ebbw Vale Athletic and Berry Hill all away.

On to other points now, and wasn't it absolutely characteristic of Terry Holmes in the way his Rugby League career finished. As an expensive import from Welsh Rugby he shouldn't have been the most popular of people in his new code. In just about 18 months, however, he had endeared himself to his new community in a manner he is similarly held in this neck of the woods. The tributes paid to him on his enforced retirement were genuine and sincere and typifies the qualities and personality of the great man both on and off the field of play. Well done Terry — we all wish you the very best of luck in your future.

And now to sponsorship and again many thanks to 'The Eight' for the series of games in which they have donated the match ball. We would also like to thank The Cardiff Market Tenants' Association who have generously donated the supply of the life saving oranges that are dispensed at half time. That we readily accepted rather on a basis of 'suck it and see'.

Finally, I wish I hadn't said anything about the lovely autumn weather we have enjoyed. When I start to pen the notes it was beautiful but now it's absolutely throwing it down.

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**RESULT of Competition No. 6:** As we said, the entries come from far and wide and the first all-correct entry drawn was that of J. Madeley, of 24 Taylor Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham, who makes it clear on his postcard that he is a Moseley supporter! The Welsh players hidden with 20 caps or more were: Edwards, Stephens, Morgan, Williams, Price, Watkins, Morris, Pask, Davies, Taylor, Holmes, Travers, Jones, Thomas, Martin, Gale, Meredith, Norster and John.





## QUIDNUNC'S COLUMN

OXFORD UNIVERSITY being the visitors tonight, it seemed appropriate that we might discuss for our thesis one of the more intellectually inclined inhabitants of the Arms Park scene. More especially as he owes his nickname, Fred, to the winner, you may recall, a few years ago of television's Mastermind title. Mr. Fred Housego was a former postman. Tonight's subject is a former postman. He is, I must add, the first to admit that the likeness ends there and that his pretensions towards academe are minimal. Mind you, I should perhaps state that Quidnunc was educated at Oxford: only when pushed will I admit with humility that it was merely at school before I took up scribing.

Fred makes limited appearances for our First XV but this in no way reduces his enthusiasm or his popularity with colleagues. True, it leads to further altercations with Mr. Tim Crothers, with whom he is always arguing about something: indeed, he argues with TC as frequently as he gives up smoking (which is every Saturday morning, only for the decision to be overturned with the first pint every Saturday evening). Colleagues remember with bated breath the winning try he scored for Cardiff in the second 'Test' against Zimbabwe in that 1981 tour and are still awaiting Beard's revenge for an incident during Gareth Davies's farewell appearance with the club in Canada. (Fred somehow reserves all his spectacular performances for a few thousand miles away). To set the scene, he has played in the blue-and-black shirt for Rags or Firsts in every position barring outside-half, inside-half and full-back. Oh yes, versatile is our Fred. So when he is asked to hook in Canada, he does so willingly until Mr. Beard tells him that Chris Collins will, however, do the throwing-in. For once Fred is adamant: no throw-ins, no hooking. Mr. Beard gave way—or was our man simply being wound up?

Finally, if you ever have the opportunity to hear Fred, Howard Stone and Terry Charles as the backing group to lead singer Crothers, don't take it.

And who is Fred (just in case you don't recognise the illustration of our Rags' cornerstones)? None other than ....

### MATTHEW HADLEY

#### PERSONAL DETAILS

**Birthplace:** Papplewick. Where? You know, near Nottingham. No I didn't know. Ah, but we moved to Wales when I was very young.

**Birthday:** January 25, 1960.

**Height/Weght:** 5ft 10 or 11, 15 stone 2 or thereabouts.

**Education:** St. Cyres, Penarth.

**Previous Club:** Cardiff Youth, Dinas Powis.

**Employment:** Former postman, now process operator.

**Superstitions:** No — adamantly. Voice in background: "getting married".

**Career:** Started hooking in the sixth form. Played for Cardiff Schools and East District Schools. Player of the Year when with Cardiff Youth. Former Cardiff Rags Captain.

**Club Nickname:** Fred (see above).

**Hobbies:** Don't have the time.

#### PERSONAL FAVOURITES

**Rugby Player:** Terry Holmes. Tim Crothers.

**Referee:** No one. But Clive Norling has to be the best.

**Biggest Influence:** John Huw Williams and Peter Manning in the earlier days. Roger Beard.

**Other Sport:** Cricket.

**Other Sportsman:** Ian Botham.

**Film:** Lethal Weapon.

**Actor:** Whatsisname .... (consultation with female voice off) .... Clint Eastwood.

**Actress:** Silence. (More consultation with her indoors). No one really.

**Comedian:** The Monty Python team.

**Pop Group:** U-2. Simple Minds. (More consultation with Herself). Simple Minds .... yes, very apt. See also nickname and above.

**Holiday Resort:** Canada.

**Food:** Steak. Always steak. And more steak.

**Drinks:** Tennants Extra — but not in the club where it is not served.

**Politician:** No one. Not even John Scott? Not at the moment ....

**Rugby Ground:** The Gnoll. Very Gnollegeable.

#### MEMORIES

**Best:** Player of the Year with the Youth. Captain of the Rags when we won the President's Cup. Winning the Usher's Trophy. Any time I have played with the First XV.

**Worst:** Any season when Tim Crothers "scores more tries than I do."

#### AMBITIONS

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2. What is the highest score we have recorded?
3. What were our worst years in the competition?
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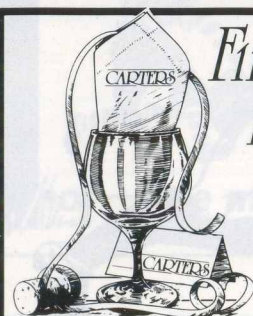
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2. *70-6 against Gowerton away second round 1982-83.*
3. *1974-75, 1975-76 and 1979-80 when we were knocked out in the third round.*
4. *Eleven in all, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1977, 1978, 1981, 1982 1984, 1985 and 1986.*
5. *Eight in all, 1973, 1977, 1981, 1982, 1984, 1985 1986 and 1987.*

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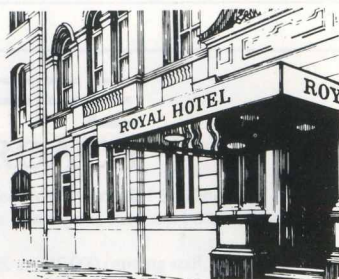


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C. WEBBER	6	1	8	22	99(7)	18	113	360
M. RAYER	13	4	2	22	82(1)	17	21	134
G. CORDLE	16	5	—	20	125(1)	87	1	350
A. HADLEY	13	5	—	20	179	106	—	424
R. CARDUS	10	5	—	20	35	18	—	72
D. EVANS	7	—	7	20	45(1)	10	73	205
M. EDWARDS	7	2	—	8	7	2	—	8
A. GLASSON	7	2	—	8	26	12	—	48
R. NORSTER	13	2	—	8	247	15	—	60
R. JONES	4	2	—	8	4	2	—	8
C. HUTCHINGS	9	1	—	4	22	2	—	8
M. PARRY	10	1	—	4	38	2	—	8
A. PHILLIPS	9	1	—	4	400	144	—	576
M. ROWLEY	6	1	—	4	27	3	—	12
H. STONE	6	1	—	4	103(1)	15	—	60
J. BURNELL	4	1	—	4	7	2	—	8
T. CROTHERS	9	1	—	4	104(1)	24	—	96
N. O'BRIEN	4(1)	1	—	4	42(14)	16	—	64
J. WHITEFOOT	10	—	—	—	243	7	—	28
A. DONOVAN	8	—	—	—	136	18	—	72
S. BLACKMORE	8	—	—	—	68	3	—	12
I. EIDMAN	7	—	—	—	208	3	—	12
O. GOLDING	6	—	—	—	153(2)	49	—	196
J. SCOTT	6	—	—	—	244(2)	35	—	140
R. BILTON	6	—	—	—	8	—	—	—
G. ROBERTS	5	—	—	—	88	27	—	108
I. GREENSLADE	5	—	—	—	10(3)	—	—	—
M. KNOWLES	5	—	—	—	5	—	—	—
R. LAKIN	4	—	—	—	256(3)	59	—	236

\* Total includes one penalty try.

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1 — C. Collins, D. Gibbon (+1), G. Pritchard (+2), C. Millar, A. Carter, M. Dacey. Sub: R. Williams (1).

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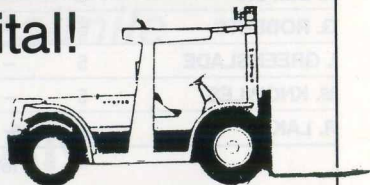
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## KNOW THE LAWS — By J. E. MALCOLM THOMAS

The abuse of referees has become progressively worse over the years and could become a major threat to our game. Verbal abuse and threats could certainly drive referees away from the game.

Referees societies are desperately trying to recruit new members and abuse certainly does not help the recruitment drive. Very few former players are taking to the whistle and this is a big loss to the game.

Nearly all the abuse arises out of total ignorance of the laws of the game. When a game does not live up to expectations, or a supporter's team is not playing well, the referee becomes the scapegoat. A player can have a bad game but he has other players around him. If a referee has an off day he is all on his own and is an open target.

This abuse also is symptomatic of the general malaise in society where all authority — including that of the referee is questioned, undermined and abused.

The tendency these days is to blame the referee if the game fails to please. The referee cannot be held responsible for the low level of skills shown by the player.

What can be done constructively to tackle and solve the problem?

- (1) The laws are far too complicated and need rewriting and simplifying.
- (2) All rugby clubs have a duty to recruit referees and to educate their supporters.
- (3) Points of law could be explained to supporters in match programmes, or on club notice boards.
- (4) The press and media also have a duty and responsibility to the game. Very rarely do the press reporters in Wales compliment a referee's performance, but are ever so quick to criticise. The press is in a privileged and powerful position and adverse criticism has a wide audience. Criticism and praise should be part of fair and balanced reporting.
- (5) The W.R.U. should nominate or allocate referees to rugby clubs so that they can train with them and work more closely with players and coaches.
- (6) Clubs or their supporters should organise a forum, quiz or open evening and invite referees and coaches to take part.
- (7) Coaches should be invited to attend referees society meetings periodically. The press media would, I am sure, be most welcomed too.
- (8) The Welsh Society of Referees should continue to aim for consistency in applying the laws — control and flow should be the main criteria.

These are merely personal suggestions, but, if applied, I am convinced they would lead to a better and closer understanding and appreciation of that much abused official — the referee.

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## FIRST XV FIXTURES

1987

SEPTEMBER		
Wed. 2	Taffs Well (Centenary)	A 28-4
Sat. 5	Bristol (Centenary)	A 20-15
Wed. 9	Glamorgan Wanderers	A 6-6
Sat. 12	Neath	H 6-35
Wed. 16	Maesteg	H 9-9
Sat. 19	Coventry	A 14-21
Wed. 23	Pontypridd	A 18-16
Sat. 26	Aberavon	H 12-15

OCTOBER

Sat. 3	Newport	A 9-16
Wed. 7	Bridgend	H 6-7
Sat. 10	Northampton	A 14-7
Wed. 14	Pontypool	A 0-31
Sat. 17	Cambridge University	H 48-9
Wed. 21	Caerphilly (Centenary)	A 19-12
Sat. 24	Harlequins	A 20-12
Sat. 31	Moseley	H 10-14

NOVEMBER

Sat. 7	Leicester	A 19-27
Wed. 11	Oxford	H .....
Sat. 14	Ebbw Vale	H .....
Sat. 21	W.R.U. Cup 1st Round	
Sat. 28	Llanelli	A .....

DECEMBER

Wed. 2	Newbridge	H .....
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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JANUARY		
Sat. 2	Bath	H .....
Sat. 9	Aberavon	A .....
Sat. 16	Ebbw Vale	A .....
Sat. 23	W.R.U. Cup 3rd Round	
Sat. 30	Llanelli	H .....

FEBRUARY

Sat. 6	London Welsh	A .....
Sat. 13	Newport	H .....
Sat. 27	W.R.U. Cup 4th Round	

MARCH

Wed. 1	Bristol	H .....
Sat. 12	Pontypool	H .....
Wed. 16	Penarth	A .....
Sat. 26	W.R.U. Cup Semi Final	
Mon. 28	Newport	A .....

APRIL

Sat. 2	Barbarians	H .....
Tue. 5	Llanelli	A .....
Sat. 9	Swansea	A .....
Sat. 16	Neath	A .....
Sat. 23	Wasps	H .....
Wed. 27	Barry (Centenary)	A .....
Sat. 30	Nottingham	H .....

MAY

Sat. 7	W.R.U. Cup Final	
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## ATHLETIC XV FIXTURES

1987

SEPTEMBER		
Sat. 5	Bristol United	H 21-26
Wed. 9	Glamorgan Wanderers II	H 17-8
Sat. 12	Kenfig Hill	A 65-4
Wed. 16	Bridgend Sports	A 19-19
Sat. 19	Coventry Extras	H 77-4
Wed. 23	Llandaff	H 10-16
Sat. 26	St. Peters	A 10-25
Tue. 29	Pontypool United	A 10-12

OCTOBER

Sat. 3	Newport United	H 31-23
Sat. 10	Neath Athletic	A 13-19
Wed. 14	Pontypool Athletic	H 34-0
Sat. 17	Bridgend Ravens	A 11-27
Wed. 21	Cardiff & District	H Post
Sat. 24	Abercarn	H 8-13
Wed. 28	Garndiffiath	H 44-6
Sat. 31	Moseley United	A 19-17

NOVEMBER

Sat. 7	Leicester Extras	H 30-20
Wed. 11	Caerphilly	A .....
Sat. 14	Ebbw Vale Athletic	A .....
Sat. 21	Berry Hill	A .....
Sat. 28	Bridgend Ravens	H .....

DECEMBER

Sat. 5	Swansea Athletic	A .....
Sat. 12	Llanharan	A .....

Sat. 19	Newport Saracens	H .....
Sat. 26	Rumney	A .....

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JANUARY		
Sat. 2	Bath United	A .....
Sat. 9	Neath Athletic	H .....
Sat. 16	Ebbw Vale United	H .....
Sat. 23	Llandaff	A .....
Sat. 30	Pontyclun	A .....

FEBRUARY

Sat. 6	Reading	A .....
Sun. 7	Abbey	A .....
Sat. 13	Newport United	A .....
Sat. 27	Pencoed	A .....

MARCH

Wed. 1	Bristol United	A .....
Sat. 5	Maesteg Celtic	A .....
Sat. 12	Pontypool Athletic	A .....
Wed. 16	Bedwas	H .....
Fri. 18	Risca	H .....
Wed. 23	Pontypool United	A .....
Wed. 30	Cardiff H.S.O.B.	A .....

APRIL

Mon. 4	Blackwood	A .....
Sat. 9	Swansea Athletic	H .....
Tue. 12	Llanharan	H .....
Sat. 16	Bridgend Sports	H .....
Sat. 23	Mumbles	A .....



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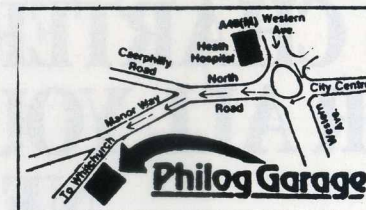
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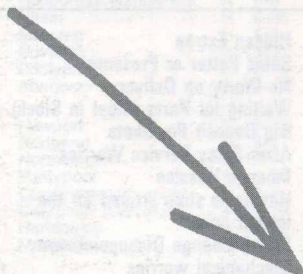
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