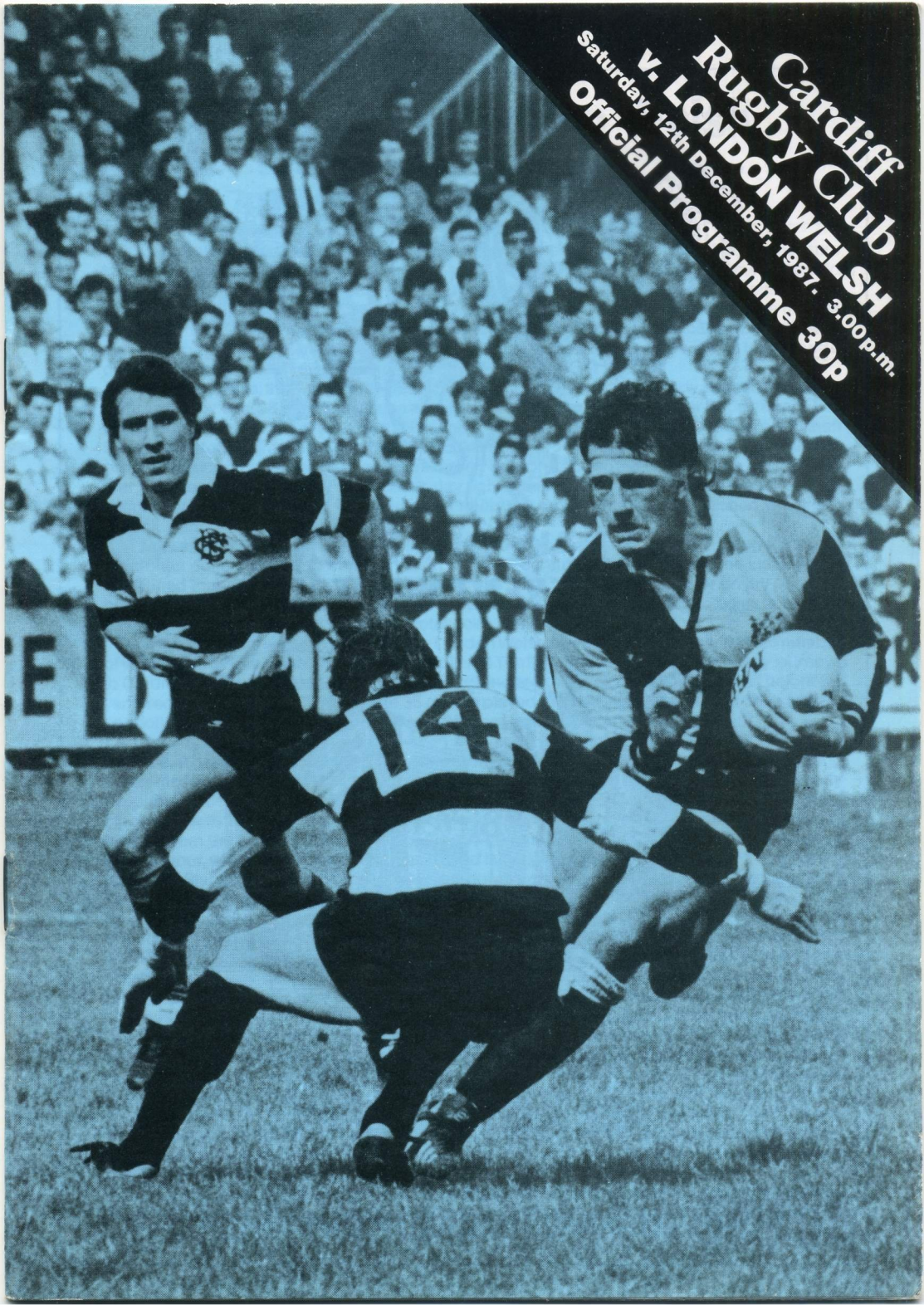
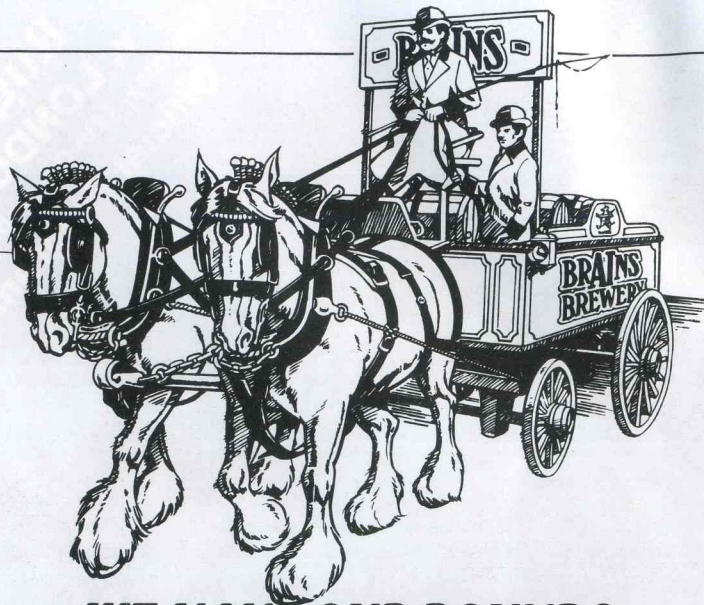


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Cardiff and London Welsh have always been on the best of terms and it's always a pleasure to have them as visitors. Today, however, it gives us extra special delight to welcome our exiled brethren from The Great Metropolis yet again. Why extra special today, well it so happens that this afternoon will see the series become 100 games old since the first encounter took place on 30th December 1885 during the legendary Frank Hancock's season as Cardiff's captain. Cardiff won that game by 2 tries to nil and also another 82 to give an overall record of 83 wins, 13 losses and 2 drawn games. Points wise we have amassed 1759 for, with 634 against.

Now, I suppose, the mental arithmetically alert amongst you have already spotted that those statistics show only 98 previous games and you will be saying "Ah Ah another P.N. clanger". The missing one came on 12th December 1981 when delays at London due to a bomb scare and then frozen points on the Intercity 125 meant The Exiles didn't arrive at Cardiff until nearly an hour after scheduled kick off time. The day was an extremely cold one and so after starting at a quarter past four the ground froze rapidly as soon as day light faded and it was abandoned after sixteen minutes of play which would have been just about the time it should have finished with the 3 o'clock start.

Now anyone with a compendious enough mind will be aware of a real P.N. clanger though, which has done injustice to London Welsh. In the programme for the 99th game last March I mentioned that our points for total in the series was 2014. That was a bad error on my part as a previous addition mistake credited us with 300 points more than actual. So apologies to London Welsh and confirmation that our points total does stand at 1759.

In the 102 years we have been playing London Welsh there is a great variation in the number of visits made by each club. Of the 99 games played The Exiles have made twice as many journeys to Cardiff, 66, as we have made the other way, 33. Indeed they made 10 trips to Cardiff before we ventured to London in 1906 and of the 35 games played up to World War I only 5 of them were in London. Since then however, they have been more equally distributed.

Their success rate in Cardiff has been nothing to write home about however. Of their 13 victories, 6 have been recorded at The Arms Park. The last of these being in March 1977 during our centenary season. Their most glorious years however, were in the the late Sixties and early Seventies under the captaincy of John Dawes. During that period they put a new dimension into club rugby with their sparkling style of play. This was manifestly proven when no fewer than seven players from the Club were members of the 1971 Lions tour to The Antipodes. And that was a glorious tour, winning 22 of the 24 games played including a first ever test series win against the mighty All Blacks. Even during that golden era however, victory in Cardiff eluded them and they had to be content with just two wins at their ground in 1971 and the following year 1972.

The current state of affairs at Old Deer Park is not looking very bright however. After a season of inconsistency last year things looked far better at the beginning of the present campaign. Along with Paul Turner and Nathan Humphries as very welcomed acquisitions, The Exiles got off to a great start with victories over the likes of Plymouth, Saracens, and Leicester. The last of those three at Leicester was a very palatable victory indeed because in the corresponding game the previous year the Midlands side were responsible for inflicting a record defeat on The Exiles.

Things started to go wrong for the Welsh from then on in however. They suffered defeat against fellow Division II side Rosslyn Park by 26-22 but soon bounced back the following week to win at Bridgend. This was a most creditable performance because the Brewery Field boys were undefeated until then with a string of nine victories behind them. The Exiles weren't given much of a chance but on the day Paul Turner's boot propelled them to a well earned win. The following week however, The Exiles went down to Llanelli at Old Deer Park and that commenced a current run of eight consecutive defeats suffered at the hands of Neath and Harlequins at home, Coventry and Moseley away then Bristol, Newport and finally Aberavon all at home.

As if that wasn't bad enough Paul Turner decided to return to Wales and his home club, Newbridge. Then again the injury problem reared its ugly head to put a further stranglehold on

them. Their backs are quite a useful unit but lack of ball saw them go four successive games without scoring a try. That draught happily came to an end last Saturday when Steve Pill scored their first try since the 31st October. So that must give them some confidence for today and hope they can repeat their performance at Bridgend and claim victory in Cardiff for the first time since 1977. To The Exiles then we again bid you a fond welcome.

To do just that will be quite a tall order for The Exiles if we can repeat the form we showed against Swansea last Saturday. It certainly was a refreshing sight to see our forwards in such good form and Gerald Cordle's first try was an absolute gem. Ray Giles must have certainly enjoyed himself on the day in his enthralling duel with Robert Jones. It makes one wonder how Aberavon could afford to part company with such a positive and versatile player. Let's hope we can keep up this form then, particularly with a tough cup round to get over next week against Aberavon Quins.

A great shot in the arm for us this week came in the form of the announcement of The Welsh Schools Senior Group side to play Scotland Schools at Swansea on January 4th next. The side includes Matthew Lloyd as flanker and Matthew Demaid as replacement inside half. Matthew Lloyd is a superb competitor and his non-stop dynamic style of play has also been rewarded as he has been nominated captain of the side. Matthew Demaid, another great talent, was very unlucky not to clinch the No.9 shirt because he had a very good trial and many thought he deserved his place rather than being a replacement. Both players are current students at St. David's Sixth Form College and are ex-pupils of Lady Mary High School. The two Matthews are members of our Youth Team squad and when college commitments allow, make a very hefty contribution to the side. Their selection for Wales following on that of Andrew Moore's last season augurs well for the future.

With next week's game being away, Christmas will be behind us by the time we play again on The Arms Park. This being the case it only remains to wish you all a very Happy Christmas on behalf of all the players and committee.

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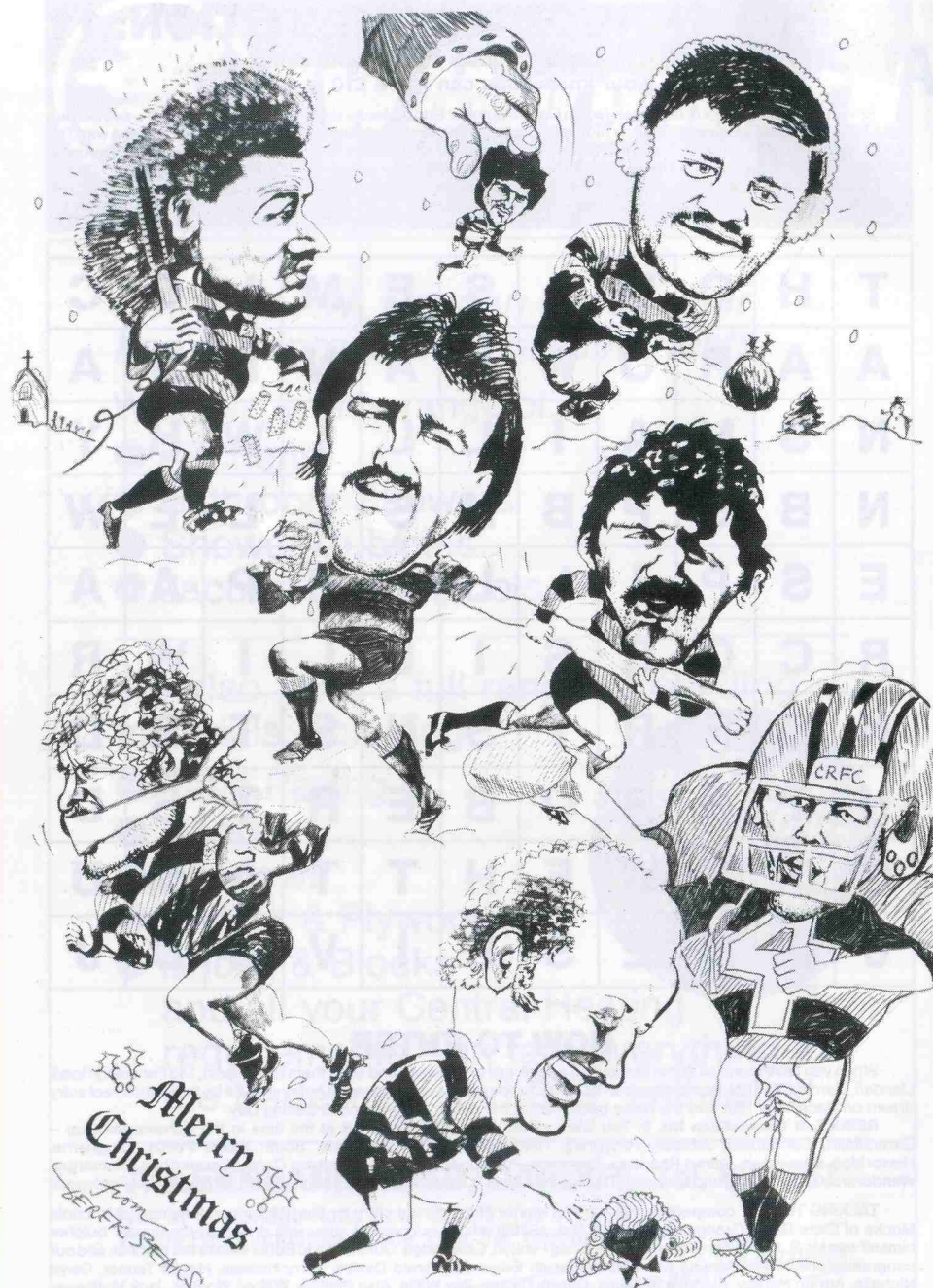
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RESULT of Competition No. 9: You were asked to find 18 teams left at the time in the Schweppes Cup — Garndiffaith, Carmarthen Athletic, Penygraig, Neath Athletic, Pontarddulais, South Wales Police, Laugharne, Newbridge, Bonymaen, Ystrad Rhondda, Swansea, Pontypool, Newport, Aberavon Quins, Carmarthen, Glamorgan Wanderers, Gilfach Goch and Maesteg. The winner? Miss B. Vaughan, of 57 Greenhill Road, Griffithstown, Pontypool.

TALKING TURKEY competition No. 10: The winner of the record entry for the 12lb turkey donated by Mr. Eddie Monks of Clare Road, Grangetown, Cardiff (Tel: 45469) whose successful entry was drawn by the master butcher himself was Mr. S.J. Robling, of Cae Rhedyn, Craig Penllyn, Cowbridge. Our thanks to Eddie Monks the butcher, and our congratulations to Mr. Robling for naming Gareth Edwards, Gerald Davies, Terry Holmes, Haydn Tanner, Gwyn Nicholls, Adrian Hadley, Bledwyn Williams, Gareth Davies, Rex Willis, Alan Phillips, Wilfred Wooller, Jack Matthews, Gareth Griffiths, Roddy Evans, Billy Cleaver, Cliff Davies, Robert Norster and Cliff Morgan.



QUIDNUNC'S COLUMN

AS THIS is our final gathering before the festivities get under way — and as you are rarely able to read those jottings through the haze which traditionally appears with Pontypridd on Boxing Day — I thought we might join in the seasonal spirit this afternoon and seek the type of presents which our heroes might do well to find under their Christmas tree.

As I make inquiries among the players about their thoughts on suitable gifts for the others, most, alas, are libellous, indecent, physically embarrassing or, at the extreme, totally impossible for Santa Bowes to bring down their chimney.

Nevertheless and notwithstanding, there are a number of items which seem to meet with general approval. Starting at the very back, for example, there is considerable concern expressed throughout about the declining standard of Mike Rayer's perms. A set of curlers with matching accessories, then, is recommended. Indeed, a whip-round of the team could raise the necessary cash if only the Three Scrooges — Messrs Norster, Donovan and Roberts — could be found when it comes to the collection. There is, in fact, unanimous approval that those three should be given trousers with much shallower pockets, along with extending arms and wallets that can actually be opened, in order not only to facilitate the removal of cash for buying drinks but also to provide Mark Rowley and Mike Edwards with a couple of bottles of Guinness and a steak to add extra weight to the pack.

And, talking of the pack and in addition to a second present in the shape of shoulder pads for Mr. Rowley, it is suggested that John Scott should receive an even bigger and tighter gag to shut him up on the field as well as off it. Speaking purely personally, I am seeking sponsorship for a packet of cigarettes to be presented to Mr. Scott at the blowing of every final whistle to see him through that first hour after the match. Whose cigarettes does he smoke when I'm elsewhere, I ask myself: presumably the same person whose fruit machine he plays when he's not trying to crack the club jackpot.

But I digress. Staying up front, a toupee is recommended for Bobby Lakin now that he has finally outgrown his hair. The problem would be one of colour match and a novel suggestion from deep in the scrum is that he might as well shave the remainder off and start from scratch.

Normally speaking at this stage I leave the front row well alone lest I might bump into any one of them on a dark night. I think, though, that they would be touched by the genuine fondness by which they are held by their colleagues. It has been determined that Messrs Phillips, Whitefoot, Eidman and Blackmore should receive from the Welsh Rugby Union at least one more cap each.

Alan Phillips, in return, should give to Ray Giles a pair of ear-plugs or ear-muffs so that he does not have to listen the whole time to what Thumper says on that interminable, shared journey from Porthcawl twice or three times a week. Meantime, Ian Greenslade, known previously as Compo but more recently as Baldrick for one-knows-not what unfortunate reason, may well receive a 'Keep Wales Tidy' leaflet.

Going back again, would someone please give Steve Crandon a brand new golfball for him to pass on in turn to Terry Holmes to stop him complaining about the one Steve did or did not steal? Adrian Hadley, I'm told, will receive an invitation to join the players' wine club — which he will reject on the basis that little other than beer passes his lips — from the chairman, secretary, committee and founder and sole member Chris Webber, who in turn is seeking a house with a bigger cellar.

After last Saturday's display, no one is suggesting that Gerry Cordle needs new adhesive for those gloves: instead, a smaller gag than John Scott is suggested to prevent him passing the time of day with flag-waving committee men, especially when TV cameras are around.

Outside the team, it is more difficult. A suggestion that Terry Charles should be given a talking weighing-machine was rejected on the grounds that no one talks to committee men anyhow, as was the thought that the chairman, C.D. Williams, should be given an extension to his opening hours.

And talking of opening hours, may Quidnunc wish sincerely a Happy Christmas to all connected with the club, whether it be committee, players, back-room staff (Alf, Anne, Jacquie et Al), finks or supporters. See you on Boxing Day with a few Resolutions for 1988.



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Rugby Quiz – No. 10

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2. How many drop goals have we recorded?
3. Have we conceded any penalty tries?
4. Six players have recorded both penalty goals and conversions. Who are they?
5. On how many occasions have we kept our line intact?

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| 14. G. CORDLE | Right Wing |
| 13. S. CRANDON | Right Centre |
| 12. R. CARDUS | Left Centre |
| 11. A. HADLEY | Left Wing |
| 10. A. DONOVAN (Captain) | Outside Half |
| 9. R. GILES | Inside Half |
| 1. J. WHITEFOOT | Forwards |
| 2. A.J. PHILLIPS | |
| 3. S. BLACKMORE | |
| 4. H. STONE | |
| 5. M. ROWLEY | |
| 6. R. LAKIN | |
| 8. J.P. SCOTT | |
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| 16. C. HITCHIN | |
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| M. WILLIAMS | 12. |
| S. PILL | 11. |
| P. ROBLIN | 10. |
| M. DOUGLAS (Captain) | 9. |
| A. EDWARDS | 1. |
| K. DAVIES | 2. |
| J. DAVIES | 3. |
| M. HALL | 4. |
| J. COLLINS | 5. |
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Rugby Quiz No. 10 – Answers

1. Yes, against Pontypool away.
2. Two, both by Geraint John against Leicester away.
3. No.
4. Geraint John, David Evans, Mike Rayer, Chris Webber, David Williams and Adrian Hadley.
5. Once against Newbridge at home.

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G. JOHN	18	1	32	87	68	8	154	418
G. CORDLE	22	13	—	52	131(1)	95	1	382
A. HADLEY	16	7	2	33	182	108	2	437
C. WEBBER	9	2	8	26	102(7)	19	113	364
D. EVANS	9	—	9	25	47(1)	10	75	210
M. RAYER	20	4	3	24	89(1)	17	22	136
R. CARDUS	13	6	—	24	38	19	—	76
M. EDWARDS	13	3	—	12	13	3	—	12
A. GLASSON	9	3	—	12	28	13	—	52
R. NORSTER	16	2	—	8	250	15	—	60
G. ROBERTS	11	2	—	8	94	29	—	116
R. JONES	4	2	—	8	4	2	—	8
C. HUTCHINGS	11	2	—	8	24(1)	3	—	12
T. CROTHERS	12	2	—	8	107(2)	25	—	100
N. O'BRIEN	5(1)	2	—	8	43(14)	17	—	68
D. WILLIAMS	2	—	3	8	6	2	3	16
H. STONE	11	2	—	8	108(1)	16	—	64
M. PARRY	10	1	—	4	38	2	—	8
A. PHILLIPS	11	1	—	4	402	144	—	576
M. RAWLEY	10	1	—	4	31	3	—	12
J. BURNELL	4	1	—	4	7	2	—	8
P. CRANE	4	1	—	4	23	2	—	8
S. CRANDON	7	1	—	4	7	1	—	4
J. WHITEFOOT	15	—	—	—	248	7	—	28
S. BLACKMORE	11	—	—	—	71	3	—	12
I. GREENSLADE	10	—	—	—	15(3)	—	—	—
I. EIDMAN	10	—	—	—	211	3	—	12
A. DONOVAN	10	—	—	—	138	18	—	72
J. SCOTT	9	—	—	—	247(2)	35	—	140
R. BILTON	8	—	—	—	10	—	—	—

* Total includes one penalty try.

Also played: 7 — O. Golding. 6 — R. Lakin. 5 — M. Knowles. 4 — R. Giles. 3 — C. Greedy (+3), V. Evans. 2 — A. Moore, C. Conway. 1 — C. Collins, D. Gibbon (+1), G. Pritchard (+3), M. Hadley (+1), C. Miller, A. Carter, M. Dacey. Subs; R. Williams (1), M. Poole (1).

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QUESTION

What options have the opposing team if the ball pitches **DIRECTLY** over the dead-ball line from the kick off?

Many supporters would quote **two options**, i.e.

- (1) the opposing team may have the ball kicked off again or,
- (2) have a scrummage formed at the centre.

However, there is in law, a **third option**, understandably, rarely taken and that is —

- (3) the opposing team may accept the kick.

N.B. The **same three options** apply if the ball pitches **directly** into touch or touch-in-goal.

QUESTION

Must a player bring downward pressure on the ball with his hand in order to score a try?

NO. Whilst it is true that **while the ball is on the ground in in-goal** a try is awarded if the attacking player places his hand or arm on it with downward pressure — it is **also a try if the attacking player falls upon it and the ball is anywhere under the front of his body from waist to neck inclusive.**

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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
Mon. 9	Welsh XV	H	17-13
Wed. 11	Oxford University	H	22-27
Sat. 14	Ebbw Vale	H	35-9
Sat. 21	Ystradgynlais (Cup)	A	12-9
Sat. 28	Llanelli	A	6-41

DECEMBER

Wed. 2	Newbridge	H	20-0
Sat. 5	Swansea	H	17-0
Sat. 12	London Welsh	H	.....
Sat. 19	W.R.U. Cup 2nd Round	H	.....
Sat. 26	Pontypridd	A	.....
Mon. 28	Bridgend	A	.....

1988
JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

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

MARCH

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

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Sat. 7	W.R.U. Cup Final	H
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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	Garniffiath	H	44-6
Sat. 31	Moseley United	A	19-17

NOVEMBER

Sat. 7	Leicester Extras	H	30-20
Wed. 11	Caerphilly	A	Canc.
Sat. 14	Ebbw Vale Athletic	A	37-0
Sat. 21	Berry Hill	A	27-9
Sat. 28	Bridgend Ravens	H	14-18

DECEMBER

Sat. 5	Swansea Athletic	A	6-25
Sat. 12	Llanharan	A	.....

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

1988
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	A	.....
Wed. 23	Pontypool United	H	.....
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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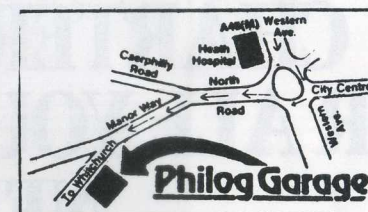
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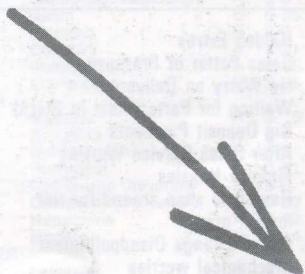
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