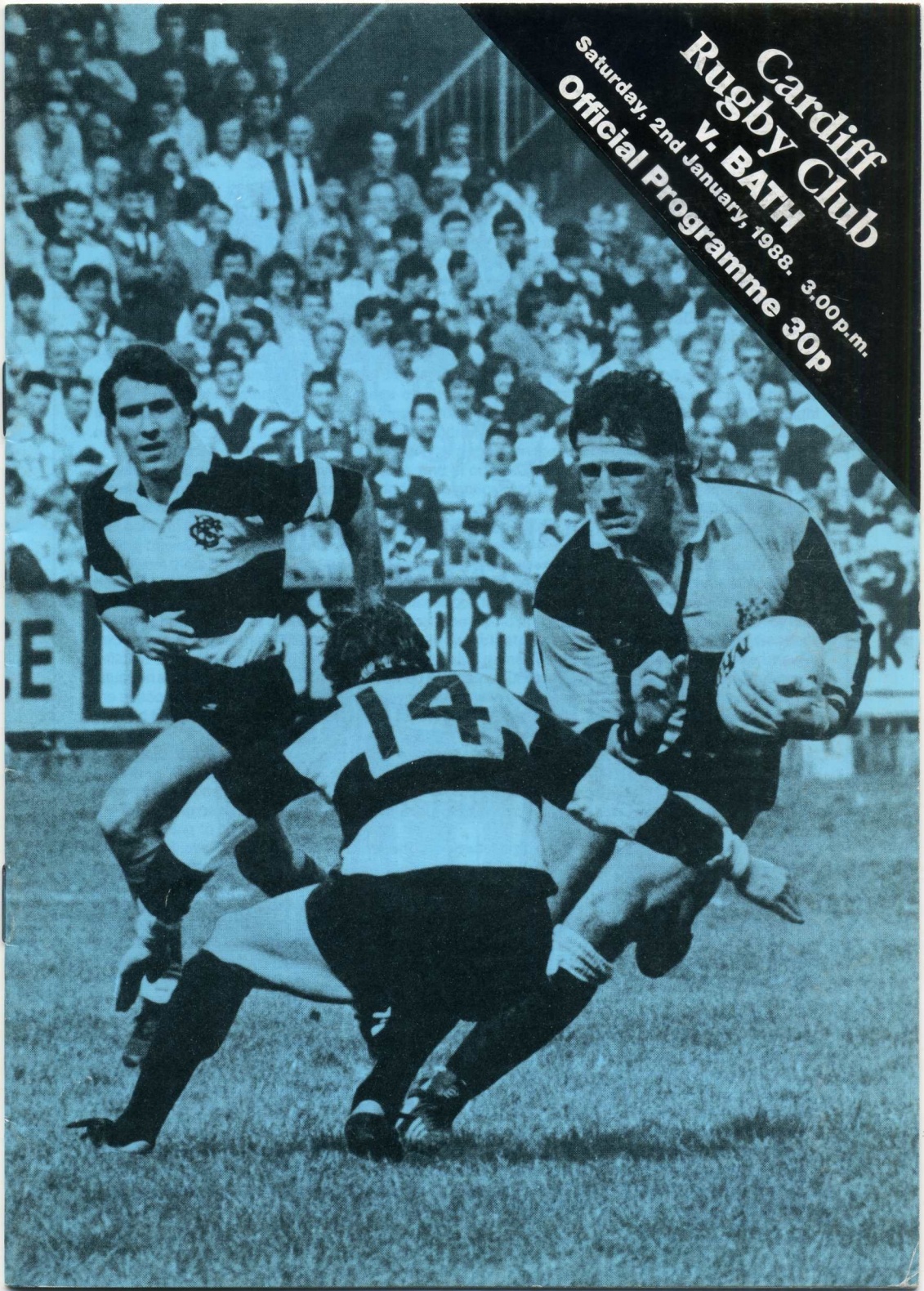
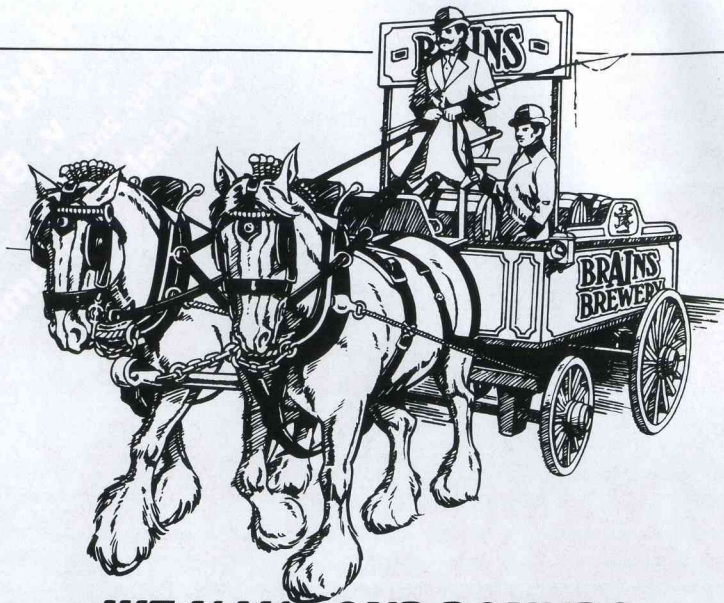


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KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m.

Well, I hope you have all survived the surfeit of over indulgence that appears the norm at the dawn of a brand new year. Again let's hope you are all bright eyed and bushy tailed after your merry-making to see in the infant 1988. Not like a player once told me that upon awaking on New Year's Day he really felt like the hard game that was coming up in the afternoon. After lying back for a few moments however, the feeling soon passed off. By centuries of tradition though, now is the hour to look back in reflection and forward in resolution and anticipation. On reflection of the past we have the gift of hindsight but speculation as to our future is an entirely different ball game.

Looking at the reflection angle first we can say that 1987 was quite an up and down year. We had rather a frustrating start when the mega clash with our visitors today Bath was shorn of its real magnetism by England's decision to call an extra trial on the day. This meant that Bath were without eight of their regulars but still acquitted themselves extremely well in a game which we won by 32-21.

That success, albeit slightly devalued, set the pattern on the rest of season 1986-87. Of 19 games played only 3 were lost, all away from home, and of course more importantly we kept our grip on the coveted Schweppes Cup. This confounded some critics and included wins over the strength of such sides as Newport, Neath and Swansea. Llanharan was the heart stopper however and all I can say about that game is thank goodness for the odd injustice now and again. All's well that end's well goes the old saying however, and that Cup for the fifth time in seven years was nectar indeed.

From there on in however 1987 will be far more remembered for the debit state of affairs rather than the credit. It became Bob Norster's ill luck to take over the captaincy when departures, unavailability and injury combined to give us our worst start to a season for many a long day. Mark Ring's desire to seek pastures Pontypool was a massive blow. Ironically he would probably be wearing the No.10 shirt by now had he stayed. The nadir came though at Stradey Park at the end of November when the Scarlet's inflicted a humiliating 41-6 defeat on us. The following game against Swansea became a sink or swim situation and much to the relief of all concerned it became our most skilful and proudest performance of the season so far. The Cup win over Aberavon Quins was achieved with some style particularly so the second half performance and augurs well for the first time we will be able to put our strongest team on the field.

As for the future!! Who knows? What we do know is that we have some tough away opposition in the form of Aberavon and Ebbw Vale and then the away Cup clash with Newport. It's always tough to be drawn away from home and this will now be the fourth time we have clashed in the Cup with three of the games having been contested over the past three seasons. If it's a nail biter like last season's quarter final it's going to be well worth watching.

Right that's the past and the future seen to so now let's get down to the present. Firstly on that score we extend to Bath a very warm hospitable and seasonal welcome. Also may their year, from tomorrow onwards, be filled with the enormous success to which they have become accustomed over the past several seasons. Although both clubs are well over a hundred years old and the distance between us is not that great, our association has been confined to only 36 previous games. It also appears that we must like going to Bath because we have made the journey on 21 occasions. This situation arose from the fact that we paid five visits during the early 1950s on the day of the final Welsh trial with no reciprocal visit by the West Countrymen. Of those 36 games Cardiff have won 27 to Bath's 8 with the remaining game drawn. Points wise we have recorded 522 to their 300.

The Bath of the past several seasons has been a mighty force in English Rugby and success has been the name of their game. True testimony of this is the fact that they have won The John Player Cup for the past four seasons and last year finished atop of Merit Table A. Their forceful forward play with the quality and speed of their backs combine to make them a very impressive side indeed. It has become an achievement of excellence to beat them on their Recreation Ground where they have become very firm favourites with their regular supporters. Over the last three seasons only seven defeats in each campaign were registered and these invariably came when top players were engaged elsewhere. In four trips to Bath during the 1980s we have yet to come home with the spoils. Bath on the other hand were regularly taking home the bacon having crossed the bridge to compete against Welsh clubs.

The Bath of the present however appear to be something of sleeping giant quality. As you will

probably know a League system has been introduced into the England club game and Bath, obviously are in Division One. Their season got off to a most uncharacteristic start when they suffered defeats from the hands of Welsh clubs Pontypool at home then Llanelli and Aberavon away. Worse however, were the League defeats suffered at Leicester, Nottingham and Wasps all away. The giant certainly awoke itself to meet the big match occasion at Gloucester recently where Bath ran out close but glorious victors in a magnificent game that had 10,000 spectators on their toes throughout. It certainly put a smile on the face of the pro-League lobby. A further defeat was suffered a fortnight ago against Waterloo however, which puts their current position at played 8, won 3, lost 4 and drawn 1. That looks like leaving them no chance for championship honours so no doubt they will be gearing themselves up to make the Cup their top priority. So take heed all other English Clubs.

Unfortunately Bath suffer again this year due to an English trial and lose the nucleus of their side in Haliday, Redmond, Dawe, Chilcott, Egerton and Robinson. Scotland have also called up Cronin and with serious injuries to Barnes, Hall and Martin the damper is once more put on Bath's effort to fully flee the considerable muscle at The Arms Park.

Today's game also heralds a new era in our association. Due to Leagues, County and Division Championships it has become impossible to play each other twice a season on Saturday's. So from here on we will be playing on the first Saturday in January on a home one season away the next basis. Incidentally in speaking of the Divisional Championship it's amazing that The South and South West with a power base consisting of the Bath, Bristol and Gloucester clubs still can't clinch that particular competition, it's quite amazing.

To Bath this afternoon then we again extend a warm welcome. All in Cardiff are well aware of your tremendous success over the past several years and we know of your burning desire to record that first ever victory in Cardiff. The resolve here is as equally desirous to prevent it however. So let battle commence.

Today we would like to thank Chartered Trust for their very generous sponsorship of this afternoon's game. We hope you and your guests have an enjoyable day. It's thanks also to The Central Market Traders for their donation of the very necessary half-time oranges.

Finally on behalf of the players and committee, we would like to wish you all a very happy and prosperous 1988. Our special thoughts go out to Les Spence and Lyn Williams, two great Cardiff stalwarts. Les is now in Glanely Hospital while Lyn is at home recovering from hopefully the last of a series of operations for a hip replacement.

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QUIDNUNC'S COLUMN

Was it all worth it then? As you emerged into the cold light of dawn (or, indeed, the dubious light of afternoon depending on your activities on Thursday night), did you not wish that you had taken it more easily? There you are: Christmas and New Year gone and a time to remember to write 1988 on cheques, letters and other missives.

As we peer through the last of the festive cigar smoke this afternoon, how many of us, in short, have already broken those resolutions we should have kept for at least a week? I ask the rhetorical question because we were discussing in this spot last Saturday, you may recall, some of those resolutions that those fellows out there in the middle ought to have made and that this week would see Chapter 2 of the enthralling series.

Once more, there has been no shortage of people willing to volunteer suggestions on behalf of others.

Mr. Alan Phillips, it is said, should resolve this season, and for the first time in ten years, to tell the truth about his age. It is claimed that he is now two years younger than John Scott who has himself remained at 29 for three seasons now.

Tim Crothers must resolve to stop talking about getting fit and actually do something about it. On not dissimilar lines, Roger Beard should stop talking about doing it, whatever it may be, and do it.

Gerald Cordle should resolve from now on to wear his walkman on the pitch as well as off it in order to avoid extraneous conversations with friendly touch judges and/or hostile spectators – and also to relax his grip occasionally on certain articles on the field of play.

There is, would you believe, some discussion about the hairstyle of Mr. Chris Hutchings. Now, this may well puzzle you because, after all, there is not all that much of it to discuss.

Mr. Hutchings suffers, apparently, from tonsorial constipation: he can't pass a hairdressing shop. The result is that he seems to have the odd hair trimmed twice a week. Resolve to let it grow, Chris, that's the advice of your colleagues, give it a chance.

Another urgent resolution is for Gareth Roberts to familiarise himself finally with decimilisation: while the rest of us have just about achieved fluency with the new coinage, Ming still has difficulty in assessing which coins pay for which drinks.

There is a request for Ian Eidman to let the boys know how things are going – and for Howard Stone to resolve not to go missing three times or so per year.

Howard figures also in a resolution which might be made by Alun Donovan if he continues with his enforced captaincy in the unfortunate absence of Bob Norster.

He must change the kickers. The forwards have had enough of the new Bill and Ben (Messrs Hadley and Rayer) and want their share of the kicking action. In view of several recently televised examples of the genre, Gareth Roberts should be the touch kicker and Howard Stone – "he is after all to rugby football what Daley Thompson is to athletics: a man of real versatility," says one colleague – made responsible for conversions and penalties. "The Stone boot could be worth 300 points a season to Cardiff," says another team-mate.

After his activities as a replacement at Aberavon Quins – and didn't Quidnunc tell you that it was about time you figured in the team again, Chris? – Chris Collins must surely resolve not to take on the whole of an opposition pack in the future. Leastways, not when his alleged friends, colleagues and acquaintances are not prepared to come to his assistance.

Something similar could be suggested also for Steve Crandon. It is virtually impossible to gain instant television recognition when you are permanently submerged by some dozen other people.

What else have we as suggestions in brief? That Bobby Newman should resolve to lose weight . . . that Mark Ring should return to Cardiff to play at full-back . . . and that Mike Rayer should play anywhere . . . and that Ray Giles, known for some as yet unaccountable reason to Gerald Cordle as the 'dancing monkey', should resolve to win a cup-winner's medal.

There we have it: all this advice accumulated from some of the deepest drinkers in rugby football (sorry, that should read "deepest thinkers in rugby football") is offered free of charge, no correspondence will be entered into and Messrs Sue, Grabbit and Runn, solicitors, will as always, deal with any queries.

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Rugby Quiz – No. 12

Let's see what we know about Bath today.

1. Bath have won the John Player Cup in the last four seasons. Had they ever contested a previous final?
2. Who did they beat to clinch these four wins?
3. Are Bath younger or older than ourselves?
4. What is the name of their ground?
5. What is unusual about their kit?

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| 13. R. CARDUS | | Right Centre |
| 12. S. CRANDON | | Left Centre |
| 11. A. HADLEY | | Left Wing |
| 10. A. DONOVAN (Captain) | T | Outside Half |
| 9. R. GILES | | Inside Half |
| 1. J. WHITEFOOT | | Forwards |
| 2. I. GREENSLADE | | |
| 3. T. O'DONNELL | | |
| 4. H. STONE | | |
| 5. M. ROWLEY | | |
| 6. R. LAKIN | | |
| 8. J.P. SCOTT | T | |
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4. *The Recreation Ground.*
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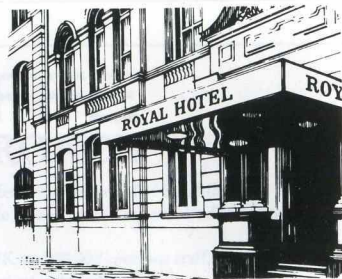
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M. RAYER	24	4	12	46	93(1)	17	30	158
R. CARDUS	14	9	—	36	39	22	—	88
A. HADLEY	20	7	3	35	186	108	3	439
D. EVANS	11	—	11	31	49(1)	10	77	216
C. WEBBER	9	2	8	26	102(7)	19	113	364
A. GLASSON	9	3	—	12	28	13	—	52
M. EDWARDS	15	3	—	12	15	3	—	12
H. STONE	15	3	—	12	112(1)	17	—	68
R. NORSTER	16	2	—	8	250	15	—	60
R. JONES	4	2	—	8	4	2	—	8
C. HUTCHINGS	12	2	—	8	25(1)	3	—	12
T. CROTHERS	12	2	—	8	107(2)	25	—	100
N. O'BRIEN	5(1)	2	—	8	43(14)	17	—	68
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M. ROWLEY	14	2	—	8	35	4	—	16
G. ROBERTS	13	2	—	8	96	29	—	116
D. WILLIAMS	2	—	3	8	6	2	3	16
S. CRANDON	11	1	—	4	11	1	—	4
R. GILES	7	1	—	4	7	1	—	4
M. PARRY	10(1)	1	—	4	38(1)	2	—	8
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P. CRANE	4	1	—	4	23	2	—	8
I. GREENSLADE	11	1	—	4	16(3)	1	—	4
J. WHITEFOOT	17	—	—	—	250	7	—	28
S. BLACKMORE	15	—	—	—	75	3	—	12
A. DONOVAN	13	—	—	—	141	18	—	72
J. SCOTT	11	—	—	—	249(2)	35	—	140
I. EIDMAN	10	—	—	—	211	3	—	12
R. BILTON	10	—	—	—	12	—	—	—
R. LAKIN	9	—	—	—	261(3)	59	—	236

* Total includes one penalty try.

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

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[up to and including match v. Bridgend, December 28th]

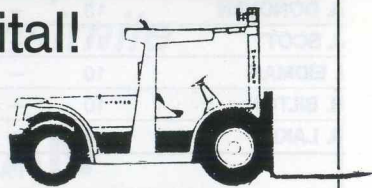
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BLWYDDYN NEWYDD DDA — A HAPPY NEW YEAR to all rugby supporters. I hope you had a lovely Christmas and that you managed to answer the **ten questions on law** which I set you in the Boxing Day match programme.

Here are the correct answers:

1. A line-out is formed by **at least two players from each team** lining up in single line parallel to the line-of-touch in readiness for the ball to be thrown in.
2. **The team throwing in the ball** shall determine the maximum number of players from either team who so line up.
3. **The line-out stretches from 5 metres** from the touch line from which the ball is being thrown in to a position **15 metres** from that touch line.
 - (a) a clear space of **500mm** must be left between the two lines of players.
 - (b) until the ball is thrown in, each player in the line-out must stand **at least one metre** from the next player of his team in the line-out and avoid physical contact with any other player.
5. 15 players is the maximum in each team; **6 players is the minimum** (i.e. a minimum of five players from each team shall be required to form a scrummage, plus one player to take the role of scrum half).
6. (a) **The referee shall allow a mark** if a player catches the ball cleanly from a throw forward by one of his opponents and shouts "Mark".
(b) **A fair catch is allowed** if the ball rebounds from a goalpost to the full back who shouts "Mark".
7. **A player taking a free kick may not bounce the ball on his knee.** The kick must be made with the foot or lower leg.
8. Once the kicker makes any movement to kick, **the opponents may charge**, therefore, the opposition is allowed to charge a free kick.
9. A player **can be offside** in his own in-goal.
10. **It is a try** if the ball is lying in in-goal near the corner post and an attacker dives 'through' the post knocking it over and touches the ball down. The law states that a try may be scored by a player who is in touch or in touch-in-goal provided he is not carrying the ball.
If you had them all right, and if you are fit and active and under-45 — then please take up refereeing.

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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 27-21
Sat. 19	Aberavon Quins (Cup)	A 36-0
Sat. 26	Pontypridd	H 6-6
Mon. 28	Bridgend	A 9-25

1988		
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	

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 9-15

Sat. 19	Newport Saracens	H 26-6
Sat. 26	Rumney	A 7-7

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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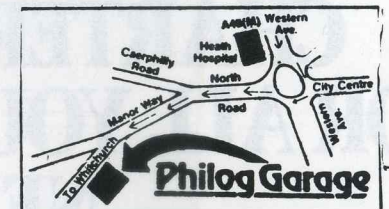
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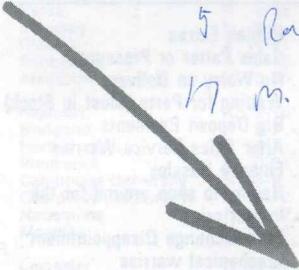
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