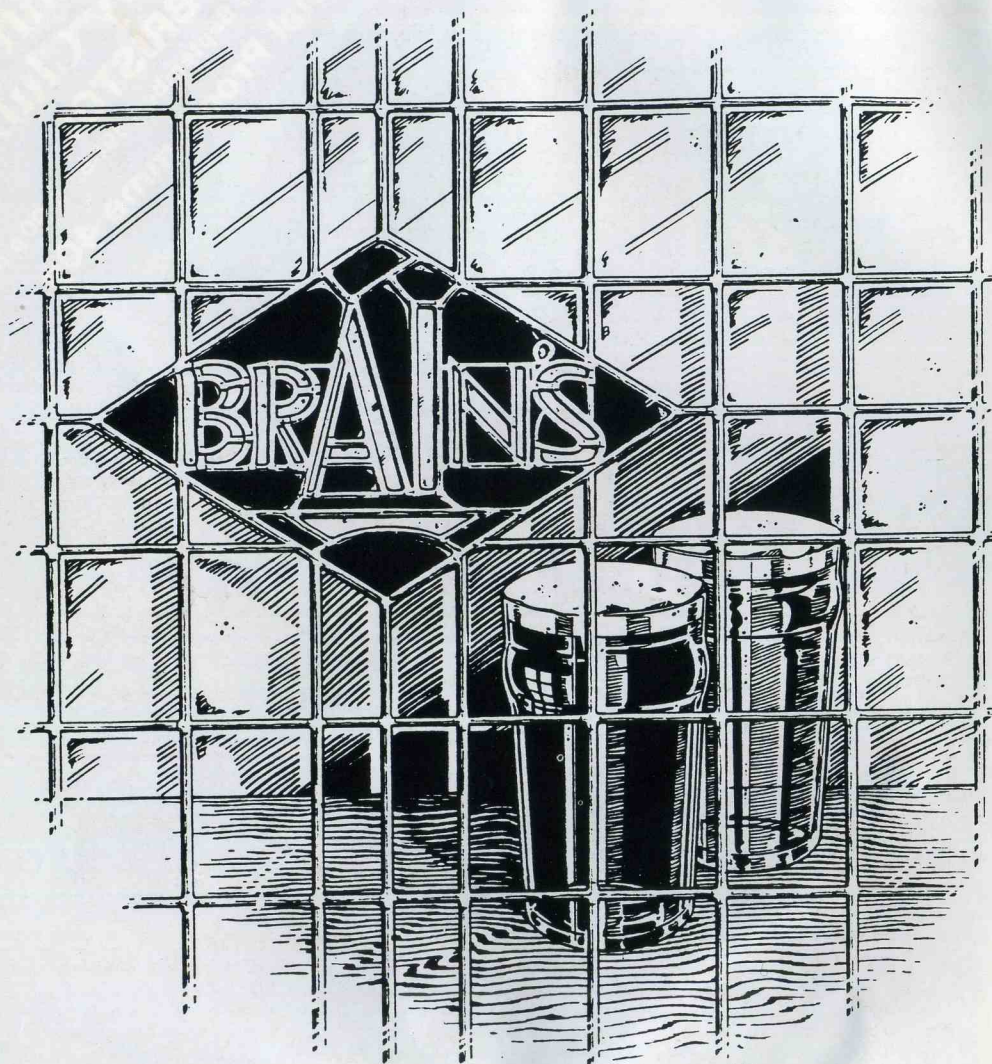


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## **Cardiff v. Bristol**

**SATURDAY, 3rd SEPTEMBER, 1988**

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Welcome to season 1988-89 and all that it may hold for us. The summer break has by no means broken any sunshine records but as far as rugby in general is concerned it's certainly been a long, hot and steamy close season. From the traumas of The Welsh Tour in New Zealand, the thorny question of league structuring, the to-ing and fro-ing of players between clubs and the supposed administration changes that many are advocating in order to take Welsh Rugby into the 21st century have certainly kept tongues wagging.

From our own point of view we can take great satisfaction from our tour to New Zealand. This turned out to be a resounding success. Two excellent wins and a narrow but honourable defeat against invitation sides heavily laced with ex-All Black players brought much praise from both the New Zealand press and public. So to acting captain Alan Donovan, tour manager Mervyn John, coach Roger Beard and indeed every single player, we say well done lads, you did the Cardiff Club proud.

Alan Donovan decided to call it a day on the field of play after that tour so we hoped he would become part of our coaching set up. He mulled the situation over but finally made up his mind to throw his lot in with Swansea as it cut down his travelling considerably. Alan has been a great ambassador of both the Swansea and Cardiff clubs during his career and has always been very popular with his fellow players. I'm sure his classic style of play would have earned him more than the six caps that he won had it not been for the bad knee injury he suffered. So it's good luck to Alan in his coaching career and thanks for the scores of happy memories he has left in Cardiff for us to reflect on and enjoy.

Roger Beard is another also experiencing a change of job. His last task as coach was the New Zealand tour. The success of that tour was in no small measure due to the very hard and dedicated work that he has put in since becoming coach in season 1981-82. In his seven seasons in charge he has taken us to five cup finals with four of them bringing us the most coveted trophy in Welsh Rugby. What better testimony could there be of Rogers' track record. It's one that any coach would be justifiably proud of and I'm sure he deserves the very generous of praise from us all. Roger has now handed the coaching reins over to Gwilym Treharne whilst he himself takes on the important position of First Team chief selector. We hope both enjoy themselves in these roles.

To finalize to administrative set-up Gary Davies has taken over the Chairmanship. Gary has now become a very seasoned administrator after a very long and successful playing career as a hooker. He captained the club in 1973-74, a season he thoroughly enjoyed and is now looking forward to his stint as chairman. Others new to committee this year are recently retired Chris Webber and coaching assistant Bob Newman. Leaving office however are Haydn Williams and Lloyd Williams two men of vast knowledge and experience. Their presence in the committee room will be very much missed but we certainly hope that will not be the case around the club.

Next to the to-ings and fro-ings. Well what can we express on that score except sheer delight. The return of Mark Ring gives us much elation as his departure gave depression. Mark's flair, ingenuity and unpredictability put him in the top bracket as a rugby entertainer and it will be a very acceptable sight to see him in the Blue and Black again. Roger Bidgood's decision to join The Arms Park set up contributes enormously to the strength and the very powerful back line we can now field. We welcome Roger and hope his change of club finally brings that first cap which was so tantalisingly snatched from his grasp a few seasons ago. The third of the outstanding trio of recruits is David Young. And what better can be said of David than even the mighty All Blacks wished he was of New Zealand nationality — what a recommendation. So it's welcome to David and we hope he enjoys his rugby with Cardiff.

So much for the import side of things but the export news is not very good at all. Sadly we seem to have seen the last of John Scott and also the appointed vice captain Adrian Hadley. There will be more about these great players in next Wednesday's programme.

It's on with the season then and the brand new start means that all clubs will be starting with a clean sheet with the most fervent of aspirations to keep it that way. A glance at your fixture list will reveal that the number of mid week games in September and October is being steadily reduced



and soon such games could become the exception rather than the rule. This appears to be in keeping with players wishes who far prefer to play rugby on Saturday afternoons.

What better way then, for the first Saturday afternoon of the season, could there be than entertaining the great West Country club, Bristol. This season sees them enter their second century as they celebrated their 100 years of existence during 1987-88. Oddly enough we were also their first game of that campaign and we were very ingracious visitors on the day as we won the game by 20-15. That was quite a disappointment for their centenary launch but they were as pleased as punch when their turn came to make a visit to Cardiff. The game was played on the evening of St. David's Day and Bristol won by 12-10 to record only their fifth win on the Arms Park since the very first game in 1888. Mind we nearly snatched the game in the dying seconds when a brilliant break by Geraint John was finally halted very close to the the Bristol line. This all added to the excitement of the game which is inevitably par for the course of a Cardiff/Bristol game. We really have seen some corkers over the years so let's hope this will continue throughout Bristol's second century.

Last season their centenary year was celebrated in grand fashion. It culminated in a visit to Twickenham for the John Player Cup. They failed to put the icing on the cake that day however and were beaten by Harlequins by 28-22. It was a good game and as usual Bristol gave the ball plenty of air. On the day however the Quins put up a great show and were delighted to become the first London club to win the Cup. Bristol had an opportunity to put things right in the Middlesex Sevens when they again met the Quins in the final of that competition. Alas, however, some silverware to grace the centenary was not forthcoming as the Quins came out on top once again. In the Division 1 Championship table Bristol were placed in 9th position. Uncharacteristically they lost five and drew one of the ten games they played in the league so no doubt they will be looking to improve that this season.

Today's game will be the 165th game in the series which stands at 125 wins to ourselves, 31 to Bristol and 8 drawn games. Before last season their last win in Cardiff came in 1972 and the three prior to that in 1931, 1928 and their first ever in 1922. They will be very keen today to chalk up another win to make it two in a row, a feat they have done on only four occasions. To Bristol then we extend sincere greetings and say you are most welcomed visitors.

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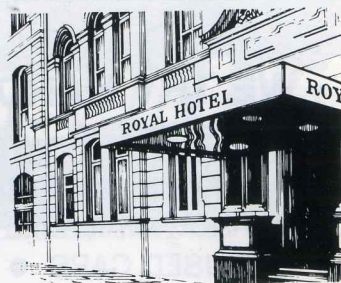
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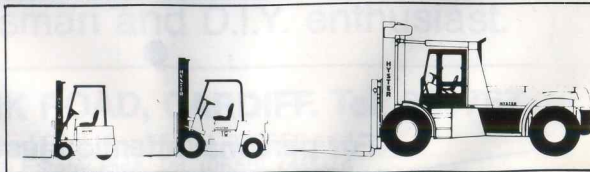
## Rugby Quiz – No. 1

Let's see what you can remember of last season, 1987-88.

1. What was the best winning sequence?
2. What was our worst losing sequence?
3. Including the New Zealand tour who was the top scorer?
4. Gerald Cordle scored a total of 34 tries. Who came next?
5. Who was the top try scoring forward?

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There are no specific offences that it should be applied to. **The Sin Bin must not be a substitute for the ordering off of a player.** If the offence warrants the player being ordered off then he must be ordered off.

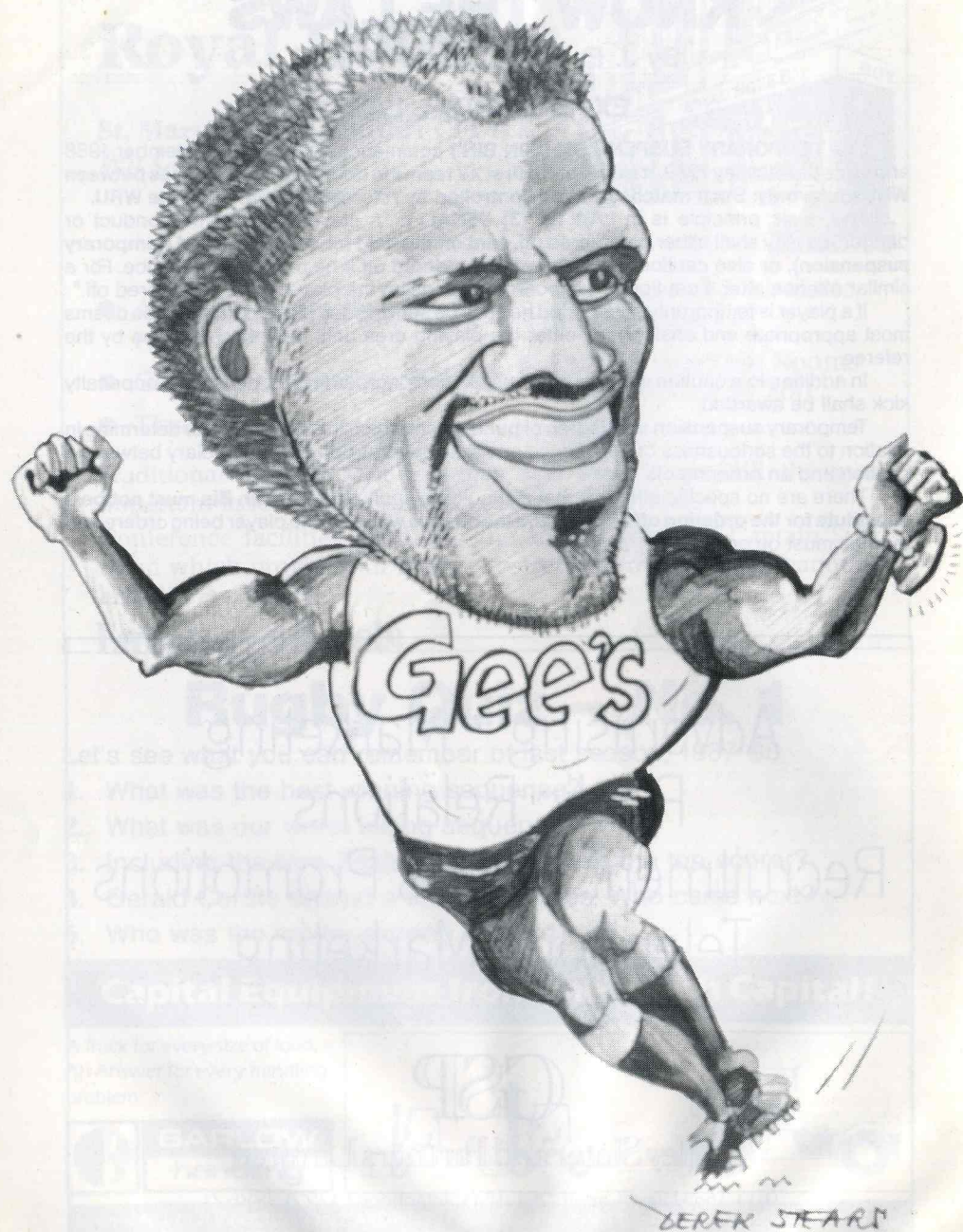
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The late Mr. Wilton might well therefore appreciate the rugby season proper starting on September 3rd — the day that war did indeed break out 49 years ago. In short, here we go again: whatever happened to the summer? Well, Quidnunc, as ever in pursuit of the behind-the-scenes details of our intrepid heroes, has been scouring the land to discover what the lads have been up to and it seemed appropriate to let you know some of the things that really happened during that highly-successful (both on and off the field) tour to New Zealand. While the Welsh team were suffering all types of untold difficulties, Cardiff were frankly enjoying themselves and, in turn, being such fine ambassadors for Wales and the game that a hotel at which they stayed in Rotorua, having demanded a 500-dollar bond to offset the types of extravagant behaviour previously associated with visiting (All Black) teams, said they would be welcomed back any time — and without up-front cash for potential damage.

Some of this reputation, say the players, was the result of the firm but friendly 'managership' of Mervyn John and Tony 'E.T.' Williams. They in turn say the players themselves were magnificent — which is why today's cartoon by Derek Stears is of Gerald Cordle besporting a rather special tee-shirt bearing his new nickname. Long gone is 'Teflon' — Gerry is now simply 'Gee's' and the tee-shirt was specially struck in Hawaii on the return journey to commemorate his being elected personality of the tour — along with a watch from four sponsors Rizla. Gerry was in fact slightly late in travelling out to New Zealand — he was awaiting the birth of a baby daughter: congratulations, Gerry. Then, on the field he scored seven tries in three matches and, off it, was a major part of a very jovial scene.

Nor was G's the only one to be late arriving somewhere — though he had an excuse. 'E.T.' Williams had no such answer. He managed to leave his passport in a Hawaiian bank — allegedly with a young lady whose surname had also been Williams and who therefore was interested in all things Williams.

'E.T.' — known also as Bobby Charlton because of his quaint hairstyle or alternatively being told to take off his bathing cap by Alan 'The Mouth' Phillips — duly arrived at Waikiki airport without passport and was not allowed on the plane. In fairness, there was nothing sinister in the episode. A quick dash by a travel agent to the bank (by now open) brought forth the missing document — but the players and the plane were by then just a diminishing speck on the horizon. Mr. Williams, in fact, caught the next plane out half an hour later. The inevitable cry "Come home, E.T." was heeded.

Skipper on tour, of course, was Alun Donovan — a figure, a face and a personality who will be sadly missed by many around these parts — and a right diplomatic job he made of it, too. But even Lonnie could not prevent the high spirits breaking out behind close doors where the team court would sit in judgement under the baleful eye of Mr. Lord Chief Justice Beard. Now, if you have Phillips the Mouth prosecuting for minor misdemeanours and Timmy Crothers as defence (he was fired but re-emerged in a better role singing duets with Michael Parry) you stand little chance of being found not guilty. Before Crothers lost his briefs — at least that's what I think they say in legal circles — Boss Mervyn John found himself having problems with a lady (or was she) with a rose in her mouth, Andy Martin received a heavy penalty for the present he bought in New Zealand for his parents (it was clearly marked Made in Hong Kong), and they even tried to stop Wilf 'Chip-pan head' Dacey putting gell on his hair. Gell Boy wouldn't have it.

And Gareth Roberts was depth-charged. Now, a depth-charge is apparently a creme-de-menthe in a pint of lager (it retains its colour, would you believe?) and, the punishment not fitting the crime, our worthy, thrifty flanker was required to take half-a-dozen of these things. I will not tell you what happened but, sufficient to say, Mr. Roberts and Mark Rowley are still not talking to each other. Which reminds me, Mark, have you paid for the 57 Michael Jackson tickets yet?

Mr. Roberts, incidentally, also cost Andy Martin \$15 — a bet he had with A. Phillips that he would not join the Welsh team (a decision which cost Mr. Phillips a lot of sleep as Gareth attempted to make up his mind at the invitation).

And what other scurrilous gossip of the tour? Wally Blackmore and Rags skipper Chris Collins have come back known as Fat Boy 1 and Fat Boy 2 — though Chris doesn't consider himself in the same league since watching Tim Crothers — allegedly weight-conscious — go back four times to the serve-yourself counter at the Holiday Inn.

Anybody on tour who misplaced anything — i.e. lost it — would find it safely and inevitably in the mess (I use the word advisedly) shared by Ian Compo Baldrick Greenslade and Justin Burnell — and wild horses won't drag from me what his team-mates gave Justin for his 21st birthday which was celebrated on tour — I didn't catch her name anyhow.

It was a good tour, a happy tour — and, from the outside, a team spirit has been forged which will surely show up well this coming season.



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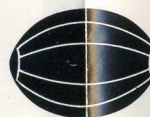
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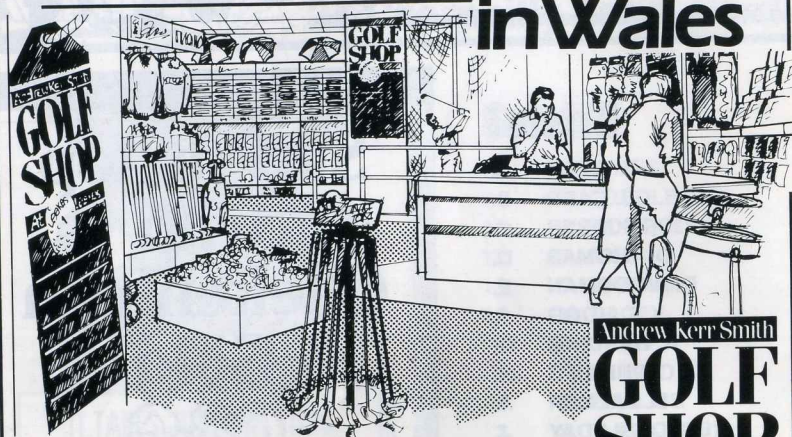
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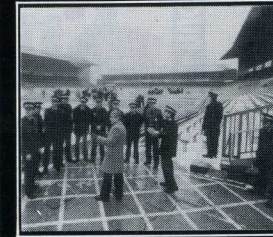
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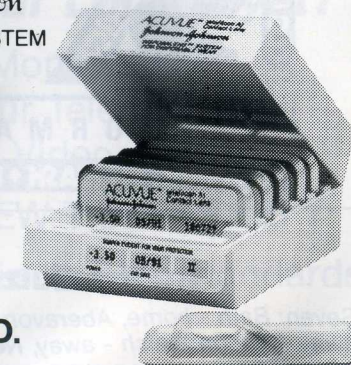


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## Rugby Quiz No. 1 – Answers

1. Seven: Bath - home, Aberavon - away, Ebbw Vale - away, Newport (Cup) - away, London Welsh - away, Newport - home, S.W. Police - H.
2. Three on two occasions, Aberavon - home, Newport - away, Bridgend - home and Pontypool (Cup) - home, Bristol - home, Pontypool - H.
3. Mike Rayer - 173, 10 tries, 25 pens and 29 cons.
4. Richard Cardus - 15.
5. Alan Phillips - 9.

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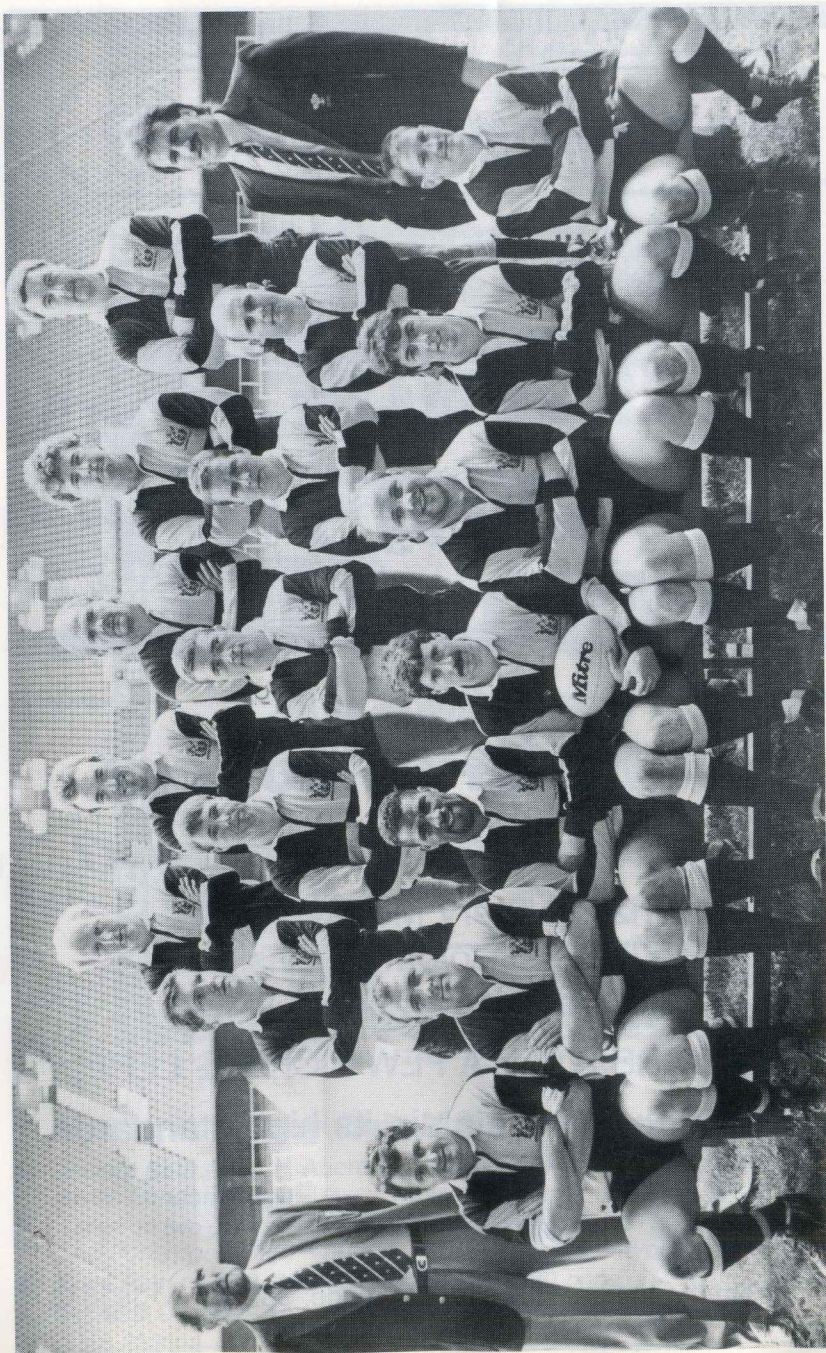
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10th SEPTEMBER 1988

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# Cardiff Rugby Club 1988-89

## FIRST XV FIXTURES

1988  
SEPTEMBER

Thur. 1	East District	H	.....
Sat. 3	Bristol	H	.....
Wed. 7	Glamorgan Wanderers	H	.....
Sat. 10	Neath	A	.....
Tue. 13	B. Columbia	H	.....
Sat. 17	Coventry	H	.....
Sat. 24	Aberavon	A	.....

OCTOBER

Sat. 1	Newport	H	.....
Wed. 5	Bridgend	A	.....
Sat. 8	Pontypool	H	.....
Sat. 15	Harlequins	H	.....
Sat. 22	Cambridge University	A	.....
Wed. 26	Pontypridd	A	.....
Sat. 29	Moseley	A	.....

NOVEMBER

Sat. 5	Leicester	H	.....
Wed. 9	Oxford University	H	.....
Sat. 12	Ebbw Vale	A	.....
Sat. 19	W.R.U. Cup 3rd Round		.....
Tue. 29	Llanelli	H	.....

DECEMBER

Sat. 3	Swansea	A	.....
Sat. 10	London Welsh	A	.....
Sat. 17	W.R.U. Cup 4th Round		.....
Sat. 24	Bridgend	H	.....
Mon. 26	Pontypridd	H	.....
Sat. 31	Maesteg	H	.....

1989  
JANUARY

Sat. 7	Bath	A	.....
Sat. 14	Aberavon	H	.....
Tue. 17	Maesteg	A	.....
Sat. 28	W.R.U. Cup 5th Round		.....

FEBRUARY

Sat. 11	Newport	A	.....
Wed. 15	Penarth	H	.....
Sat. 25	W.R.U. Cup 6th Round		.....
Tue. 28	Bristol	A	.....

MARCH

Sat. 4	Ebbw Vale	H	.....
Sat. 11	Pontypool	A	.....
Fri. 17	London Welsh	H	.....
Sat. 25	Barbarians	H	.....

APRIL

Sat. 1	Nottingham	A	.....
Sat. 8	Swansea	H	.....
	(W.R.U. Cup Semi-Final)		.....
Sat. 15	Neath	H	.....
Sat. 22	Newbridge	A	.....
Wed. 26	Pencoed	A	.....
Sat. 29	Llanelli	A	.....

MAY

Sat. 6	W.R.U. Cup Final		.....
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## ATHLETIC XV FIXTURES

1988  
SEPTEMBER

Sat. 3	Bristol United	A	.....
Wed. 7	Glamorgan Wanderers II	A	.....
Wed. 14	Garndiffaith	A	.....
Sat. 17	Coventry Extras	A	.....
Wed. 21	Llandaff North	H	.....
Sat. 24	Sengenhydd	H	.....
Wed. 28	Kenfig Hill	H	.....

OCTOBER

Sat. 1	Newport United	A	.....
Wed. 5	Newport Saracens	A	.....
Sat. 8	Pontypool Athletic	A	.....
Wed. 12	Barry	H	.....
Wed. 19	Bridgend Ravens	A	.....
Sat. 22	Abercarn	A	.....
Wed. 26	Pontypridd Athletic	H	.....
Sat. 29	Moseley United	H	.....

NOVEMBER

Sat. 5	Leicester Extras	A	.....
Sat. 12	Ebbw Vale Athletic	H	.....
Sat. 19	Blackwood	A	.....

DECEMBER

Sat. 3	Swansea Athletic	H	.....
Sat. 10	Old Illydians	H	.....
Sat. 17	St. Peters	H	.....
Sat. 24	Bridgend Ravens	A	.....
Sat. 31	Bridgend Sports	A	.....

1989  
JANUARY

Sat. 7	Bath United	H	.....
Sat. 14	Neath Athletic	A	.....
Sat. 28	Newport Saracens	A	.....

FEBRUARY

Fri. 3	Llangennech	A	.....
Sat. 11	Newport United	H	.....
Fri. 17	Pontypool United	A	.....
Sat. 25	Llandaff	H	.....
Tue. 28	Bristol United	H	.....

MARCH

Sat. 4	Ebbw Vale	A	.....
Sat. 11	Pontypool Athletic	H	.....
Wed. 15	Pontypool United	H	.....
Wed. 22	Cardiff HSOB	H	.....
Wed. 29	Llanharan	H	.....

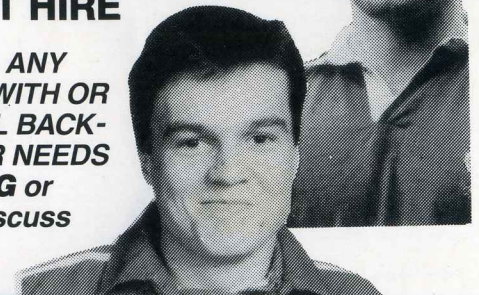
APRIL

Sat. 1	Rumney	H	.....
Wed. 5	Pontypridd Athletic	A	.....
Sat. 8	Swansea Athletic	A	.....
Wed. 11	Llandaff North	A	.....
Sat. 15	Llanharan	A	.....
Sat. 22	Bridgend Sports	H	.....
Wed. 26	Bedwas	A	.....
Sat. 29	Neath Athletic	H	.....

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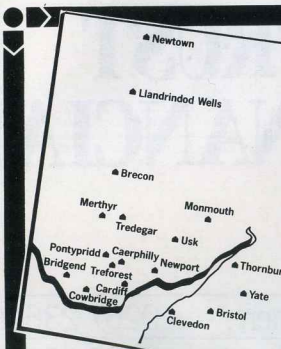
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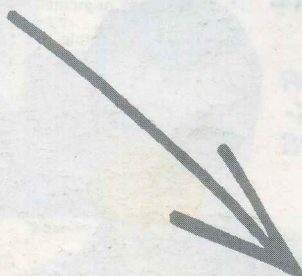
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