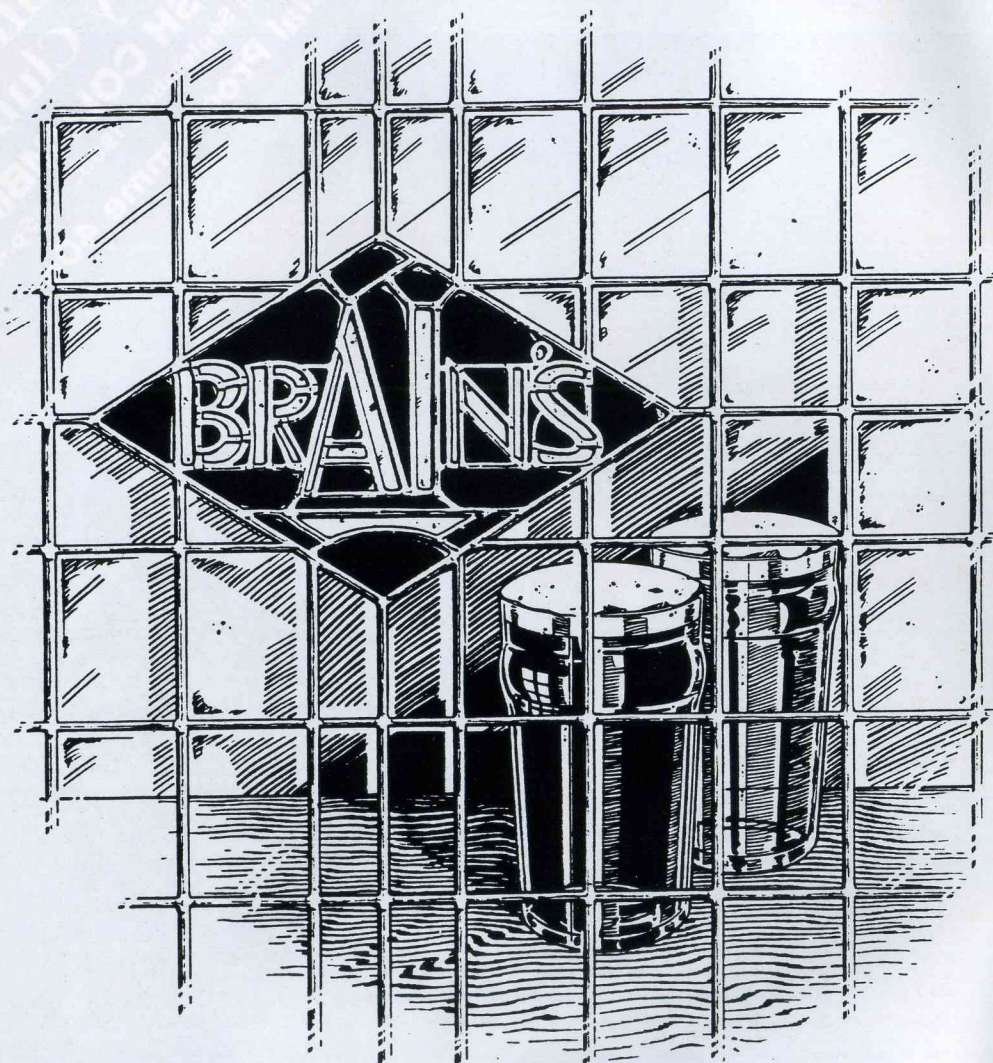


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## **Cardiff v. British Columbia**

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This evening we in Cardiff are more than delighted to welcome as friends and visitors, the touring British Columbia side. It gives us the opportunity to repay the hospitality we have received in Canada on our tours in 1977 and 1986, and also to renew our acquaintances with the land of the Maple Leaf which alas are all too infrequent.

Perhaps their visit is very appropriate at this point in time because as you well know, as a city Cardiff is conducting a very vigorous campaign to stage the 1994 Commonwealth Games. The beautiful capital city of British Columbia, Victoria, is also making a bold bid to stage the Games. So let's hope only one of us will be disappointed with the event going to either Canada or Wales rather than elsewhere.

As I've already said our association with Canadian rugby is far too infrequent but it all began as far back as January 1903. In "Danny's" book is the fact that we played a Canadian touring team and won the game by 29 points to 3. It was the twelfth match of that tour and the visitors had won 5, lost 5 and drawn one of the previous 11 games. It was their first ever visit to Wales and in their own words they said they had "come to learn".

Our paths next crossed in September 1979 in what turned out to be a bit of a unique occasion. It was the first time that a Welsh club side could stage a game against the national side of a country outside the International Board and advertise it as such. Prior to that game instead of Cardiff v. Canada it would have had to be advertised as Cardiff v. A Canadian XV.

It appears that rugby in Canada was introduced by British Army and Navy personnel serving in the country in the mid 1800's. The original written account of games first saw the light of day in the 1860's with the first recorded Canadian game being that played in 1865 between a team of officers from English regiments and a team made up mostly from McGill University. The pioneer rugby club was Montreal Football Club which was founded in 1868. Interprovincial rugby was introduced in 1874 when a match between sides from Ontario and Quebec took to the field. The game spread across the country very quickly and the first games were reported in British Columbia in 1876 (that rings a bell, or it should as it was the year of our foundation) between sides from the Royal Navy and Land & Civilian forces on Vancouver Island. The British Columbia Rugby Union then came into being in 1889.

The Rugby Union of Canada came some time after this when it was eventually founded in 1929 when representatives from 6 provinces met in Winnipeg, Manitoba. In 1932 a Canadian team toured Japan where 5 of 7 games were won. The two defeats were at the hands of the all-Japan side. The Union disbanded during the war years and was reformed in 1965 but in the interim incoming tours by such famous sides as Australia, The Baa Baas, The British Lions, New Zealand, Scotland, Wales and Fiji. A really historic occasion came about in September 1966 when Canada played the British Lions. It was the first time that a national representative team had been fielded in Canada against a touring team. The Lions won that game 19-8. That result gave them a certain amount of face because in their previous game they had been beaten by British Columbia to the tune of 8 points to 3. This no doubt is the best result that has ever been recorded by the province and one they can feel very proud of.

British Columbia has constantly supplied the bulk of the national side over the whole history of Canadian Rugby. Proof of this fact shows that of this World Cup Squad of 26, no fewer than 21 came from British Columbia. Then again against America in the Can-Am series last November only 1 player from outside B.C. got into the Canadian side. Incidentally Canada won that game by 20 points to 12 to give them 9 wins in the 12 match series.

Cardiff's knowledge of Canadian rugby has been gleaned from two tours to that magnificent country. The first took place in June 1977 at the end of our centenary season. We obviously underestimated their strength initially because we lost the first of 6 games to Crimson Tide by 29 points to 17. The remaining 5 games resulted in comfortable wins to us. The second tour came in May 1986 when we won 3 of the 4 games played with the remaining one drawn. We opened that tour against Crimson Tide who are a selection of the clubs playing in Vancouver Island but this time we managed a near exact reversal of the previous defeat when we won by 28 points to 19. The following game against James Bay was a very vigorous affair and after being 18 points down we finally pulled back to earn a draw. In that game Gareth Davies kicked 4 penalties and converted a penalty try. The following game was against British Columbia, the first time we had played them as a province. We won the game by 24 points to 16 despite losing Alan Donovan with a bad mouth injury. The final game against neighbouring province



Alberta resulted in a 29-9 victory.

For those of us who were fortunate enough to have been participants on those tours it was an eye opener to realise the magnificent vastness of the country. The glorious scenery of Vancouver Island and the Rockies is really breathtaking. Then again there were other magnificent events such as the helicopter trip up Grouse Mountain in Vancouver, the visits to Lake Louise and the Banff Springs Hotel — all very happy memories indeed.

The current tour by B.C. takes in 5 games. The first game against Sussex RFC resulted in a 22 points to 7 victory for the tourists. The second game was a bit tighter: an 18-15 win against Northumberland RU. The third game, their toughest test yet, resulted in a very creditable draw 18-18 against Galashiels. After their game tonight they go on to play Middlesex County RFC on Thursday before flying home on Friday. The current party of 23 players consists of 15 internationals 11 of whom were in their World Cup Squad. Their overall strength has been somewhat depleted by the retirement of our good old friend Hans De Goede and the very experienced Spence McTavish. These players have been great servants of the game in Canada in general and B.C. in particular and will be sorely missed on the field of play. The party is managed by Ken Yates and also accompanying them will be Michael Hutchinson Q.C. Chairman of Selection, Peter Clarke Director of Tours and a Cardiff born but now naturalised Canadian Len Madley as luggage man.

To British Columbia then on this our second meeting we extend to you a most hospitable welcome to Cardiff. We hope you thoroughly enjoy your visit to the capital city of Wales and you take away as many happy memories as we have brought from your country.

In earlier programmes this season I have omitted to inform you of an important appointment that has taken place within the club. The captain of The Rags for the season is Chris Collins. Chris has taken over from Chris Webber and is really looking forward to the job. It appears that the Rags will be quite a young side this year with a good crop of youth and school players becoming available. At this point they have won 3 of their 4 games. Their defeat at Bristol at the hands of their 2nd XV was the result of two push over tries which amplified the point of Bristol's extra size. You are always assured of a good game when the Rags play on The Park and they are well worthy of your support. So good luck for an enjoyable season to Chris and his merry men.

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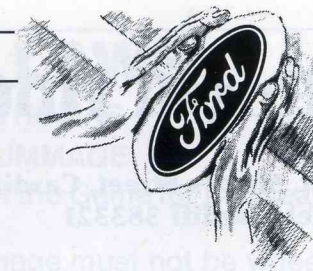
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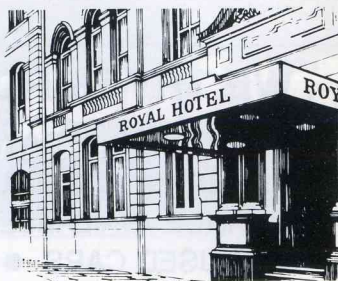
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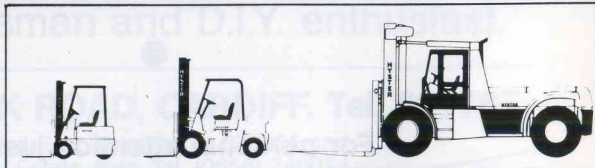
## Rugby Quiz – No. 3

Let's see what you can remember of "Scottie" now that he has finally gone.

1. What year did he join Cardiff?
2. From which club did he earn his first cap?
3. How many caps did he finally get?
4. Where does this put him in the list of English cap winners?
5. How many of his caps were at No. 8?

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THERE'S A SAD irony in the fact that the Cardiff committee man in charge of the team at Neath on Saturday left his seat at the Gnoll with Cardiff level at six points each and looking thoroughly capable of creating a surprise. Ray Giles was being treated for his eye injury and John Evans came down from the grandstand to see just how serious was the injury. By the time he had realised the extent of the problem — "he's very much a realist," says one colleague of Evans, and "he's a serious man who takes his committee duties very firmly," says another — Mike Rayer was being assisted off with a "sprung" shoulder.

John Evans accompanied both players to the Neath hospital. It was only as he returned to the ground by taxi that he asked the driver the latest score. "Cardiff lost 49-10," was the reply and John could not believe his ears.

I mention this not because of any reason other than to point out that the topic of this evening's cartoon and short essay — like every other committee man I know — is not merely there to collect, as it were, his international ticket and large gin and tonic. There are the joiners and the alickadoos, true, but for most there is responsibility and trouble, heartbreak as well as happiness.

John Evans has seen all of these in abundance. As player, coach and selection committee man with Cardiff (injury kept his appearances down to 35) he has seen it all from the inside. And more. As a young pole-vaulter under the eagle eye of Ron Pickering, he saw his athletics and rugby career halted by a sprung shoulder when the pole broke, the most serious of several injuries which interfered drastically with his progress in all sport but in no way diminished the interest. Indeed, today he is employed as facilities manager at the National Sports Centre, is the Welsh pole-vaulting coach and so enthused with the affairs of Cardiff rugby that he makes an 80-mile round trip most home games to watch the matches (from his hideaway retreat near the Dan-yr-Ogof caves where he retains an interest in farming).

Mind you, some things have changed since those days in the '60s when he was playing either full-back or out-half for the Cardiff Training College side which included such worthies as former coaches John Lloyd and Tony Gray, Welsh Under 18 coach and close friend John Huw Williams, England under 16 coach John Davies, Dewi Bebb, winger Robert Morgan, Meirion Davies who hooked for Cardiff, Ben Davies of Llanelli and the late John Davies of Neath: some side.

John does not eat so much — nor drink so much — for a start. He had quite an awesome reputation as a trencherman in those days when the Caroline Street restaurants served twice as much with half the danger (spam fritters at the college canteen never being enough for growing lads). A dozen of the boys would then withdraw to the the Rose and Crown. John was a bit of a fitness freak then and now (the student's landlady used to find cracks in her ceiling where he and John Huw Williams had dropped their weights in the room above). Today, he is almost vegetarian with only some white meat eaten and his drinking tastes are much more inclined towards Italian wines (he likes to spend time near Milan in Noceto where he used to coach) — though I hear whispers that he was led somewhat astray on the way back from Neath on Saturday evening.

Just as he had been a few years ago when his love of music (he is a not unaccomplished organist) led him to "borrow" a cello after a game at Bristol University. True, guilt feelings the following day prompted a phone call to the Bristol people telling them it was in a left luggage office at Temple Meads station but it bears out John Evans' admission that, serious minded as he is and totally dedicated to the idea of fitness for all, he also "likes to act the goat occasionally."

Then there was Noswith Namgu (Grandma's night). John, brother Gwyn and John Huw Williams for one reason or another dared not go home one evening while at Swansea University and spent the night in the home of grandparents in Cwmwrch. Nothing wrong in that, you may think — except that the house had not been lived in for nine months with the result that their breakfast next day of the two eggs they found in the kitchen was not the best of hangover cures.

John and his wife, Non, a teacher at Barry Comprehensive, have no children but the family rugby connections may well continue through their nephews: Lee skipped Swansea University last season and won two awards at a recent rugby gathering at Aberystwyth while younger Luc is the Llandovery College full-back.

The Evans family without sport is impossible to think of. Whether it be pole-vaulting or horse-riding ("despite problems with my back, I would love to be an accomplished rider but I ain't gotta horse!"), in back-room work (he was an administrator for the Commonwealth Games in Scotland) or taking "Nelson" Giles (for thus he became known instantly on Saturday with his required eye-patch) to hospital, John will always wish to be involved.



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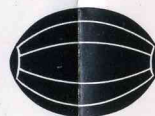
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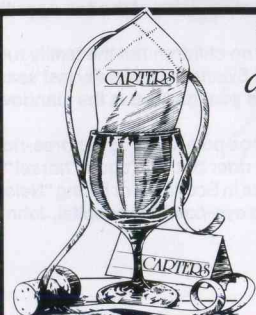
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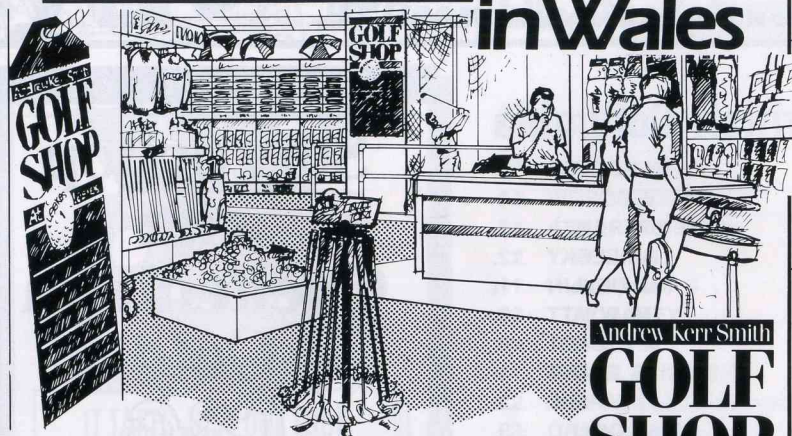
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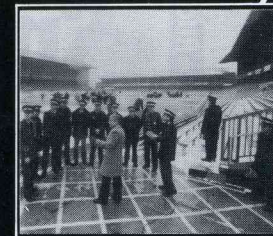
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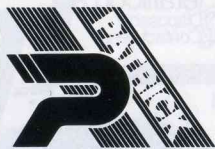
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## Rugby Quiz No. 3 – Answers

1. 1978-79.
2. Rosslyn Park. Against France 1978.
3. 34.
4. Joint 4th. Beaten by A. Neary 43, J. Pullin 42, P. Wheeler 41 and D. Duckham 36.
5. 31. The other 3 were in the 2nd row.

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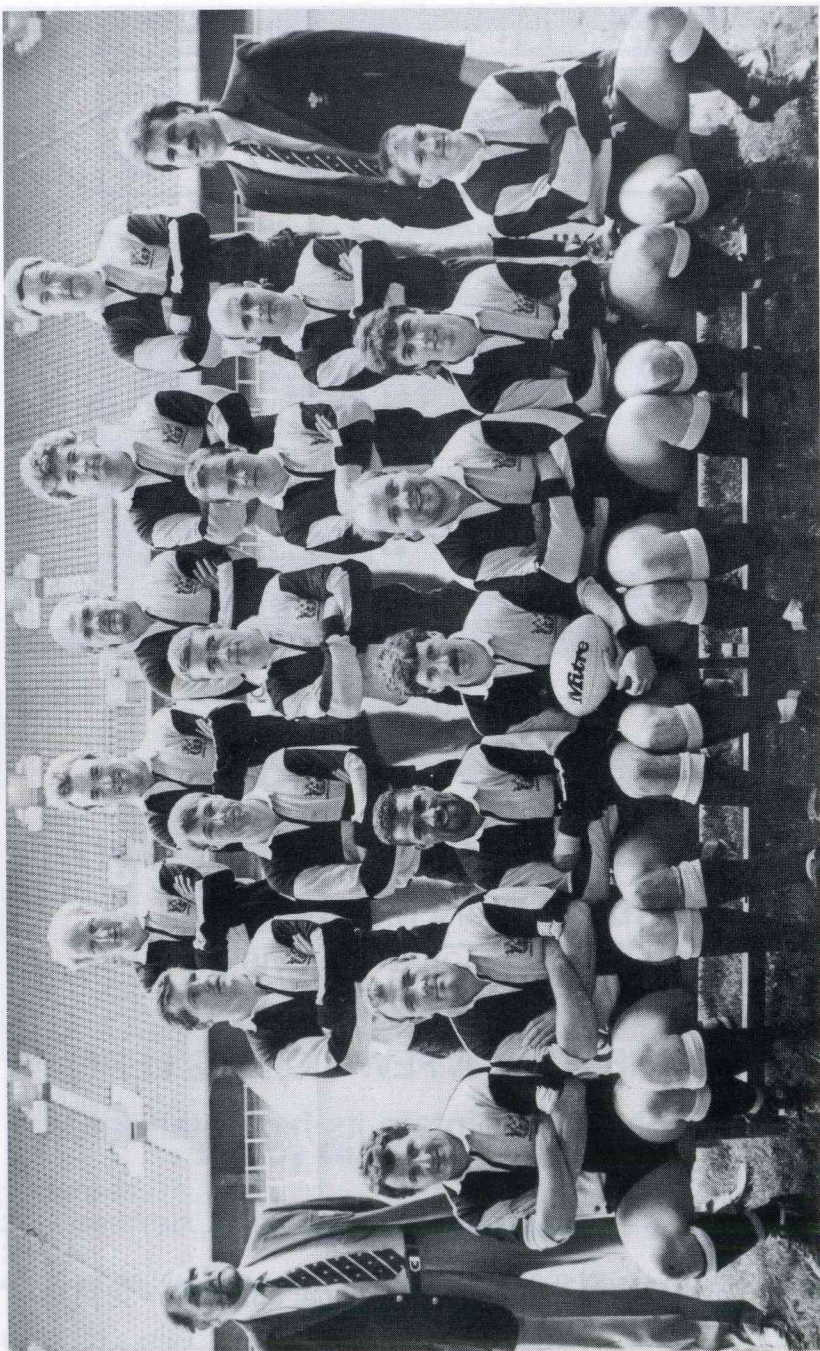
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<b>1988</b>			<b>1989</b>		
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			<b>JANUARY</b>		
Thur. 1	East District	H 48-17	Sat. 7	Bath	A.....
Sat. 3	Bristol	H 17-23	Sat. 14	Aberavon	H.....
Wed. 7	Glamorgan Wanderers	H 36-18	Tue. 17	Maesteg	A.....
Sat. 10	Neath	A 10-49	Sat. 28	W.R.U. Cup 5th Round	.....
Tue. 13	B. Columbia	H.....			
Sat. 17	Coventry	H.....			
Sat. 24	Aberavon	A.....			
<b>OCTOBER</b>			<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
Sat. 1	Newport	H.....	Sat. 11	Newport	A.....
Wed. 5	Bridgend	A.....	Wed. 15	Penarth	H.....
Sat. 8	Pontypool	H.....	Sat. 25	W.R.U. Cup 6th Round	.....
Sat. 15	Harlequins	H.....	Tue. 28	Bristol	A.....
Sat. 22	Cambridge University	A.....			
Wed. 26	Pontypridd	A.....			
Sat. 29	Moseley	A.....			
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			<b>MARCH</b>		
Sat. 5	Leicester	H.....	Sat. 4	Ebbw Vale	H.....
Wed. 9	Oxford University	H.....	Sat. 11	Pontypool	A.....
Sat. 12	Ebbw Vale	A.....	Fri. 17	London Welsh	H.....
Sat. 19	W.R.U. Cup 3rd Round	.....	Sat. 25	Barbarians	H.....
Tue. 29	Llanelli	H.....			
<b>DECEMBER</b>			<b>APRIL</b>		
Sat. 3	Swansea	A.....	Sat. 1	Nottingham	A.....
Sat. 10	London Welsh	A.....	Sat. 8	Swansea	H.....
Sat. 17	W.R.U. Cup 4th Round	.....		(W.R.U. Cup Semi-Final)	.....
Sat. 24	Bridgend	H.....	Sat. 15	Neath	H.....
Mon. 26	Pontypridd	H.....	Sat. 22	Newbridge	A.....
Sat. 31	Maesteg	H.....	Wed. 26	Pencoed	A.....
			Sat. 29	Llanelli	A.....
			<b>MAY</b>		
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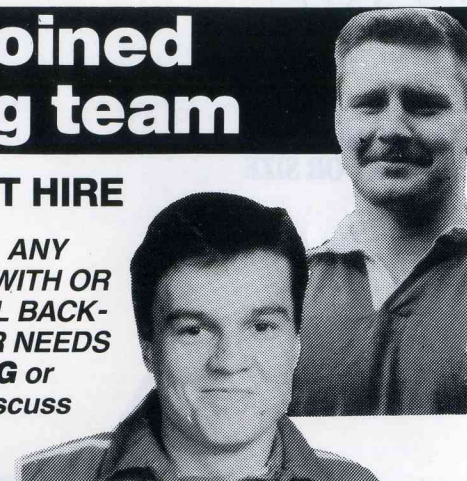
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Sat. 10	Mountain Ash	H.....			
Wed. 14	Garndiffaith	A.....			
Sat. 17	Coventry Extras	A.....			
Wed. 21	Llandaff North	H.....			
Sat. 24	Sengennydd	H.....			
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Sat. 8	Pontypool Athletic	A.....	Fri. 17	Pontypool United	A.....
Wed. 12	Barry	H.....	Sat. 25	Llandaff	A.....
Wed. 19	Bridgend Ravens	H.....	Tue. 28	Bristol United	H.....
Sat. 22	Abercarn	A.....			
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Sat. 5	Leicester Extras	A.....	Sat. 4	Ebbw Vale	A.....
Sat. 12	Ebbw Vale Athletic	H.....	Sat. 11	Pontypool Athletic	H.....
Sat. 19	Blackwood	A.....	Wed. 15	Pontypool United	H.....
<b>DECEMBER</b>			Wed. 22	Cardiff HSOB	H.....
Sat. 3	Swansea Athletic	H.....	Wed. 29	Llanharan	H.....
Sat. 10	Old Illydians	H.....			
Sat. 17	St. Peters	H.....			
Sat. 24	Bridgend Ravens	A.....			
Sat. 31	Bridgend Sports	A.....			
			<b>APRIL</b>		
			Sat. 1	Rumney	H.....
			Wed. 5	Pontypridd Athletic	A.....
			Sat. 8	Swansea Athletic	A.....
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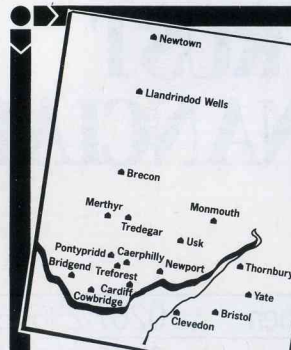
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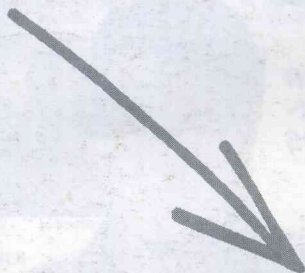
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