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NOVEMBER the Fifth, Guy Fawkes' Day... it would be so easy to fall into a cliché-ridden programme, talking about crackers and bangers and/or damp squibs.

Resisting such temptations, there has nevertheless been a sparkle in the atmosphere and conversation about the Arms Park with return to Rugby Union of Jonathan Davies, who talks to Cardiff supporters on page 6 while, at the same time, disappointment that Mike Hall has made the first moves to play for Wasps.

Fascinating times, indeed — which explain also why today we find ourselves kicking off on 4 p.m. on a Sunday afternoon. The opportunity to show the match to a wider audience through BBC Wales television, explained Cardiff Athletic Club Chief Executive Gareth Davies, had such potential that, with the appearance of Jonathan Davies, Aberavon were immediately contacted to negotiate a suitable time to fit in with TV schedules.

All of which tends possibly to obscure the fact that, at its most mundane, two league points and the possible leadership of the Heineken League are at stake this bonfire afternoon. Aberavon promoted last season and with a few former Cardiff favourites in their squad including Colin Laity who coaches the backs, are improving all the time and will be determined to add to the day's entertainment.

Their officials, players and supporters are welcome to the Arms Park — as are, particularly, the officials of match sponsors Jewson, for whom Jonathan Davies will be working.

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talks about
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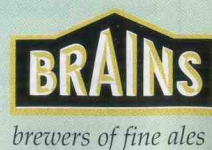
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MISCELLANY... reporting on news

CARDIFF programme editor DUNCAN GARDINER finds JONATHAN DAVIES M.B.E. in buoyant and yet modest mood as he asks supporters:

GIVE ME TIME, PLEASE

DG On behalf of all Cardiff's followers, Jonathan, welcome.

But why did you choose Cardiff for your return to rugby union?

JD I was first interested some time ago when Gareth Davies made an initial approach at a time when there did not seem to be any immediate chance. We kept in touch and then, suddenly, everything changed, the rules were relaxed so quickly for us to apply to move. I wanted to come back to Wales and Cardiff had shown all the interest.

DG But will you make your home here?

JD I will settle in Cardiff, yes.

DG What dealings have you had with Alec Evans?

JD I have met him once or twice to talk about the move and then I had the first training session with the team on Thursday evening.

DG In which position do you see yourself playing?

JD I used to play mainly at stand-off, of course, but I am more than happy to play for Cardiff in any position, stand-off, centre or full-back, even wing, as the situation requires.

DG What do you think you will find as the main differences between Rugby League and today's Rugby Union?

JD Positional play and the different angles of running will be the clear differences and it will take time for me to accustom myself to the laws again. I will gradually work my way back and rely on the team to lead me to a large degree but, after a couple of weeks, I would hope to have found my feet again.

DAVIES – THE FACTS

Born, Trimsaran, 24-10-62. 5' 8". 13 stone. 27 caps for Wales Rugby Union, 13 Great Britain caps Rugby League. Played for Neath and Llanelli at R.U., Widnes, Warrington and Canterbury-Bankstown R.L. Twice named R.L. Player of The Year. 2,111 points in Rugby League after going North in 1989. Awarded M.B.E. in New Year's Honours List 1995.

DG Do you expect to find the 15-man game much tighter for you?

JD There is bound to be a large difference but, as I say, I hope that the other members of the team will help me to adjust after seven years in Rugby League.

DG What are your ambitions with Cardiff?

JD I just want to make a successful comeback to Rugby Union in Wales. Cardiff are a good team and I am sure that they will help to lead me in the right direction.

DG Have you any message for Cardiff's supporters?

JD Yes. I would ask them please to be patient. I do not expect to come back with an immediate impact. It will take time and, hopefully, they will understand that. I can only say that I am looking forward greatly to returning to South Wales, to Rugby Union, and, in particular, to play for Cardiff.

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Tongue-in-cheek? Not at all as Jonathan Davies meets Adrian Davies and says: "I'll play wherever the selectors want me to."

Pic: Huw Evans

MIKE HALL MAY BE ON THE MOVE...

JONATHAN DAVIES's clearance for Cardiff came just before the deadline for registration of squads with the WRU on October 31.

But Cardiff were somewhat shaken by the news that last year's skipper Mike Hall had "signed" forms with the London club, the Wasps, even though he could not play in league rugby for 120 days.

He may still change his mind.

"I very much regret that Mike has provisionally signed for the Wasps," says Alec Evans. "It would be absolutely tragic for the Cardiff club if he were lost as he has been so responsible for the success of the club over the past three years.

His leadership both on and off the field has been of the highest quality and he has been so responsible for the family atmosphere that we have developed within the team.

At this point I don't think that he has made up his mind finally one way or the other. He has just set up a possibility – and you cannot blame a man for thinking of the future.

Perhaps if supporters, players and spectators made him aware that he was needed here Mike could change his mind.

He is one of the best centres in the world and, with Cardiff in something of a transitional stage, his presence is very important to the players. But if he believes that the Wasps can offer him a better life, the club would not stand in his way."

...AND WILL MARK GO NORTH TO WESTS?

MARK RING has likewise been in the news with a reported £40,000 offer from West Hartlepool for a playing and coaching job to look after West's backs in a similar way to how his friend Paul Turner "commands" Sale.

"Wests" currently sit at the foot of the Courage League Division One and clearly need an injection of talent – both to avoid relegation and counter the attractions of the big spenders Newcastle, under Rob Andrew and just a little up the North-East coast.

Mark, whose more hidden talents are revealed by Quidnunc later in the programme, is in at least two minds about a move.

"They have made me a very solid offer and I have signed temporary forms," he reports, "but to leave Cardiff now would be very difficult, a huge break. My wife Hayley and I are very settled in Whitchurch and things are good at the club.

I did agree terms with Wigan once but finally did not go – but there have also been times when I have made the wrong decisions in life. I don't want this to be another one. I will have to decide before the end of the month."

Mark, incidentally, has been banned from soccer by the South Wales FA after being sent off while playing for Alloy Wheels International in the Lazarou Sunday League.

CARDIFF v. ABERAVON: THE FACTS

CARDIFF have won all four of the Heineken League matches played so far between the two clubs – by

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15-6 and 17-3 away and 46-12 and 59-3 at home. Most recently, Cardiff beat Aberavon 72-3 in a SWALEC Cup quarter-final last season.

Overall, since the first meeting, the teams have met on 124 occasions with Cardiff winning 76, Aberavon 41 and with seven draws. Cardiff have scored 1849 points and Aberavon 1100.

IRISH TIMES

THE IRISH have moved off to a good start in the Heineken Cup, the new European Rugby championship these past few days with Munster beating Swansea 17-13 and Leinster winning 24-21 in Milan. One of the French sides and favourites in the tournament, Toulouse, have comfortably seen off the Roumanian side, Farul Constanta, in the first match in Pool A.

Munster's strength — or Swansea's weakness — will be further illustrated next Wednesday in Pool D when they travel to Castres in France.

Cardiff, of course, do not kick off in Pool B until November 21 with the visit to Begles-Bordeaux.

Then Ulster come to the Arms Park on November 28. For details of tickets, see the advertisement on page 26.

BUSY WEEK

ON TUESDAY, attractive visitors to the Arms Park are Griqualand West from South Africa, under their manager Leon Vogel, who played for the Springboks against Willie John McBride's all-conquering British Lions of 1974.

Then on Friday night, on the eve of the Wales-Fiji match, Cambridge University are the visitors in what promises to be a week of attractive attacking rugby.

OUTWEIGHED as was the Cardiff pack, they nevertheless caused all sorts of problems for the Fijians last Saturday. They were instrumental in providing ANDY MOORE, who is somewhere under that mass of sprawling bodies, with the try that helped to win the match and met here with Scottish referee Eddie Murray's approval...



...and it was skipper and packer leader JON HUMPHREYS, who received the Man-of-the-Match award of a bottle of Laurent-Perrier Champagne from Mr. NICK CHANDLER of match sponsors STRADFORM.

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MISCELLANY... reporting on news



ANDREA CLARKE

WHEN ANDREA BLEW THE WHISTLE, WAS SHE A FIRST?

WHEN ANDREA CLARKE, a 23 year-old environmental health officer with Torfaen Borough Council, blew the whistle to start last Saturday's curtain-raiser, before the Cardiff v. Fiji match, between Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan Under 11s, was she the first female to officiate at the Arms Park.

Andrea, a former Archbishop Mostyn, St. David's College and South Glamorgan Institute Student, became engrossed with rugby only when she was 18, started to look after the Under 8s at the Llandaff club - she lives in Cardiff - and took the refereeing course at the Welsh Institute of Sport.

"I generally referee games between 3rd and 4th teams in the Cardiff and District area but I would hope one day to rise to Heineken League level and then..." she says. But was Andrea another Arms Park first?

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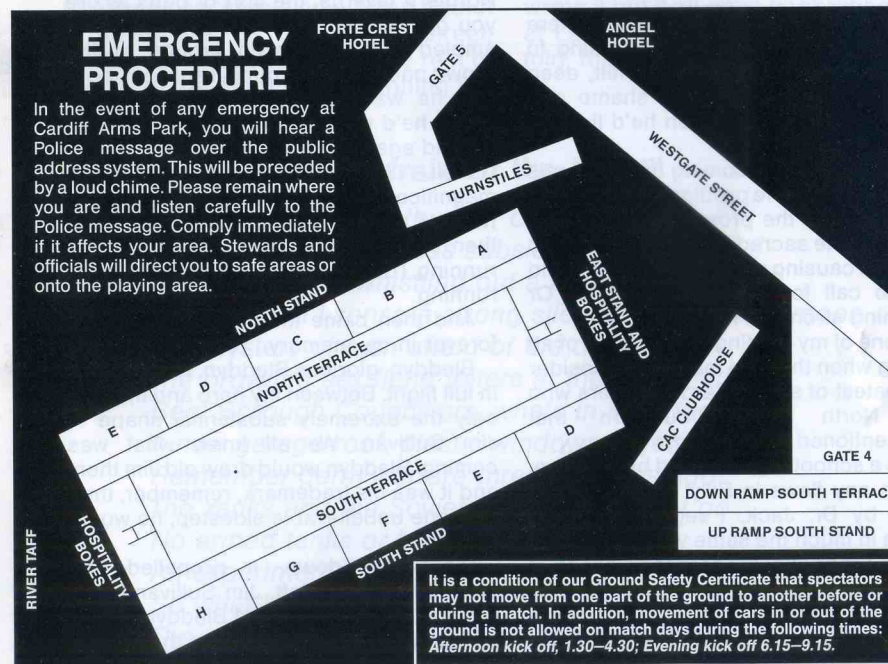
And so it was for Mr. BRYN DAVIES, seen here receiving his car before the Fiji game from Mr. John Evans, Chairman of Cardiff R.F.C., after winning the club's October draw. You, too, can win a



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GUEST APPEARANCE

DAN O'NEILL, of the South Wales Echo and the City Arms, recalls another who went professional and whose "belly offered vivid testimony to heroic feats in Sundry Northern Taverns..." but was

SIMPLY THE GREATEST

WHEN MY UNCLE Tom went North (as they used to say) to Oldham round about 1924 the dark satanic figure who tempted him off the straight and narrow placed fifty quid upon the table. He was a boilermaker at Cardiff Docks, a centre built like a prop, and he'd never seen so much loot in his life. So off he went. His father, my grandfather, responded in much the same way as fathers did in those days when an unmarried daughter confessed that there would soon be an addition to the family.

"Give 'em back their filthy lucre," he said, using far more brutal terms. In fact he told his son to tell them where to put their money.

But Uncle Tom went off to Oldham where he later ran a pub before emigrating to Canada. In his eighties he still felt, deep down, that he had brought shame and scandal to the family. I wish he'd lived to see us now.

For now we're welcoming the prodigals back to the fold, one prodigal, of course, in particular. And the prospect of Jonathan playing on the sacred turf of the Park is no doubt still causing some of our crustier old boys to call for the smelling salts. Or something stronger. They're too late.

For one of my abiding memories is of an evening when the man many still consider the greatest of all the Cardiff players who went North trotted out on that aforementioned sacred turf.

I was a schoolboy, besotted by Bleddyn, blind to any flaws in Billy Cleaver, made joyous by Dr. Jack. I regarded Rugby League in much the same way an Elder of the Wee Frees might regard the College of Cardinals.

Until my father said; "Go over to the Arms Park tonight and you will see the greatest rugby player who ever lived. You will never get the chance again." He even

gave me the ticket money, saving me adopting the usual method of entry, which was to climb over the bits and pieces left by the bombing of the North Stand, thus sneaking in at the River End.

Nose pressed against the railings fringing the dog track, I watched my heroes trot out — I think it was Cardiff versus a Select XV or something along those lines — stared in disbelief at the "Greatest Rugby Player Who Ever Lived."

He looked, to me, about 50 years old. And that was ancient indeed, to such a sprog as myself. His belly offered vivid testimony to heroic feats in sundry Northern taverns, the sort of pubs where you gave up your seat to a whippet. He ambled out and gazed around at the crowd packing the ground. I suspect, now, that he was relishing the moment. No doubt he'd never expected to be on this ground again.

Well, Jim Sullivan kicked some magnificent goals that night, no run up, no twisting and turning, just two steps back then... *thump*. He didn't do too much running. I don't suppose he *could* do much running.

And then came the moment imprinted forever in my memory.

Bleddyn, glorious Bleddyn, took the ball in full flight. Between my hero and the line, only the extremely substantial shape of Jim Sullivan. We all knew what was coming. Bleddyn would draw old Jim then, and it was his trademark, remember, then with one unbelievable sidestep, he would be free.

Right foot down. It propelled him effortlessly to the left. Jim Sullivan stuck out a mammoth arm. And Bleddyn ended up on the dog track. It was then that I realised that gods don't all look like Tony

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QUIDNUNC meets the PLAYER'S POET

ALWAYS SEEKING to give Cardiff followers an exclusive scoop about our heroes, Quidnunc has this week come across a remarkable piece of work from what you may consider to be an unlikely source.

Step forward Mr. Mark Gerard Ring, amongst whose many attributes, instincts and inclinations Quidnunc had not, I must confess, included the Arts.

Yet there we were, talking musically about Vaughan Williams and Benjamin Britten, about Sibelius and Bach and Beethoven, and most of all about Edward Elgar whose Sea Pictures he finds particularly moving.

Yes, there is the other side of the coin, too, which makes Mark (and Quidnunc, incidentally) a Soap addict — he circles off Coronation Street, Eastenders, Brookside and the rest of the TV of the Echo when planning the

evening's entertainment.

But, and remember where you read it first, Mark is also a poet, to the astonishment of teammates to whom he read an example of his work recently.

You will recall that we recently had National Poet's Week when Kipling's "If" came top of the country's popularity list. Mark decided that he would make his own contribution to the occasion and, moved considerably with the troubles in the world, came up with the poem shown below.

As I say, remember where you read first the unpublished poetry of Mark Gerard Ring. There may well be more to come over the years.

"Some of the boys wouldn't believe I wrote it but it all goes back when I was at Lady Mary High School and I was told that I had potential talent as a

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"Afraid of the Light"

*When the clouds of thunder collide
And the venomous seas subside
The wind keeps whistling out a tune
And it's then I sense a strong silence beneath the moon
The mystery of man afraid of the dark
The prowling sex fiend loiters at the local park
Bent Borough Councillors, whats in it for them
A new garage roof, plastic windows a gem
Remember germ warfare three decades ago
The Yanks and the Soviets just wouldn't let go
No armed tanks or bombing air-raids
An experimental virus now known as aids
So what happens next when the ozone breaks down?
The sun once our friend is the terror in town?
A sobering thought, are we afraid of the light?
One way to survive, seek solace at night*

QUIDNUNC – continued

creative writer,” he says.

“I was very affected by some of the things happening in the world: tragedies, the Ozone layer and so on.”

So, you see, even unstill waters run very deep.

Mind you, that does not mean he has given up all his other interests – though he is now merely advising other teammates about horses, tips received from Cardiff's notorious Galloping Major – and claims to be only £10 down on the season so far on the many and far-ranging bets with Chris John who will also gamble on flies or raindrops on windows.

It was a betting incident that brought Mr. Ring embarrassment only last week. At a business lunch with Glenn Webbe, Mark had to go out to have some photo-copying done. Not unnaturally, he then called in at Jack

Brown the bookie's to see how a horse had progressed.

He put down his personal belongings, checked the horse, turned round and found his mobile phone was missing.

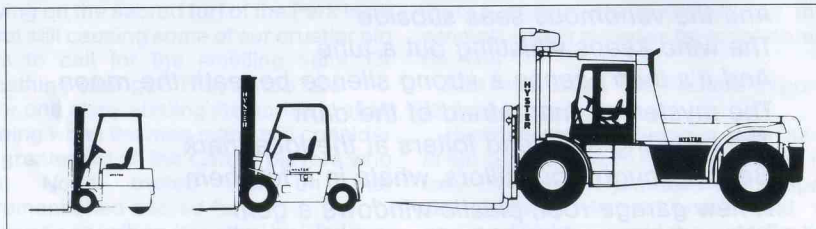
Mr. Ring was not amused. He raved. He shouted. He screamed. Finally, he locked the door and accused everyone present of stealing the machine. And more: he threatened to take all 10 inoffensive gamblers in the shop outside one by one to uncover the villain.

Finally, in a moment of sheer inspiration, he found a sure remedy. He persuaded the betting shop manager to ring the mobile phone after giving everyone one last chance to own up.

The number was dialled. The phone was finally answered.

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Retiring players will not be penalised if their failure to retire ten metres is due to the rapidity with which the kick has been taken, but **they may not stop retiring and enter the game until an opponent carrying the ball has run FIVE METRES.**

Any infringement by the opposing team results in either⁽¹⁾ a second penalty kick or⁽²⁾ a second free kick awarded ten metres in front of the mark for the first penalty or first free kick. This mark must not be within five metres of the goal line. Any player may take the kick.

2. "Delay in taking the penalty kick"

One has seen many examples of this already this season. **What does the law say? The kicker is bound to kick without delay.**

A player should not be permitted to be unreasonably slow in taking any kick at goal, be it⁽¹⁾ a penalty kick or⁽²⁾ a kick at goal after a try. A period of **one minute** between the indication of intention to kick at goal and the actual kick is **well inside the zone of "undue delay"**.

A player who is unreasonably slow should be warned that if he persists in delay, penalties will be applied.

Even without a caution, if the delay is clearly a breach of law, the kick should be disallowed. When⁽¹⁾ a penalty kick is disallowed a scrummage should be awarded, and when⁽²⁾ a kick at goal after a try is disallowed, a kick off ordered.

The referee must always make up time lost by any delay in taking the kick at goal. This applies whether or not the referee considers the delay to be "undue delay" on the part of the kicker. **Playing time lost should begin from 40 seconds after the player has indicated his intention to kick at goal.**

3. What is a "High Tackle?"

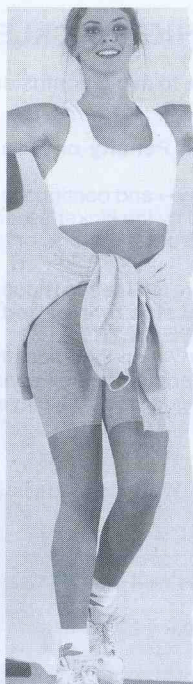
It is **DANGEROUS PLAY**. A player must not tackle, or try to tackle, an opponent **above the line of his shoulders**. A tackle around the opponent's neck or head is dangerous play, and any player who commits this must be punished. A player who **intentionally** commits this type of foul must be sent off. Advantage may be played but if the offence prevents a probable try, a penalty try must be awarded. Having played advantage, the referee **must** deal with the culprit.

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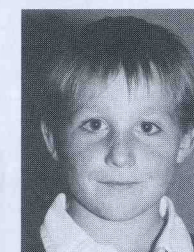
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- ◆ Cardiff v. Pontypridd (Boxing Day): BRING A FRIEND
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First Division

	P	W	D	L	B	T	Pt
Pontypridd	8	7	0	1	10	33	24
Cardiff	8	7	0	1	10	33	24
Llanelli	7	5	0	2	11	32	21
Swansea	7	4	0	3	9	35	17
Bridgend	8	4	0	4	9	27	17
Neath	7	4	1	2	5	19	14
Newport	8	5	1	2	2	13	13
Newbridge	8	4	0	4	3	15	11
Ebbw Vale	8	3	0	5	0	12	6
Aberavon	8	1	0	7	3	15	5
Treorchy	7	0	0	7	2	12	2
Abertillery	8	1	0	7	0	8	2

Second Division

	P	W	D	L	B	T	Pt
Dunvant	8	7	0	1	8	27	22
Pontypool	8	7	0	1	7	27	21
Caerphilly	8	5	0	3	3	14	13
Llandovery	8	6	0	2	1	12	13
Cr. Keys	8	4	0	4	4	19	12
Abercynon	8	5	0	3	2	14	12
Maesteg	8	3	0	5	2	14	8
Tenby	8	3	0	5	2	13	8
Bonymaen	8	3	0	5	2	12	8
SW Police	8	2	0	6	3	15	7
Llanharan	8	2	0	6	2	13	6
Ystrad'lais	8	1	0	7	2	13	4

STATISTICS FROM Baytrack for VOLVO

FIRST DIVISION RESULTS 1995-96



	ABERAVON	ABERTILLERY	BRIDGEND	CARDIFF	EBBW VALE	LLANELLI	NEATH	NEWBRIDGE	NEWPORT	PONTYPRIDD	SWANSEA	TREORCHY
ABERAVON	H		16-31	11-18	16-39	10-20			9-30	25-70	5-66	39-28
ABERTILLERY	H		3-56	19-60	9-16		10-15		12-31	17-55		24-21
BRIDGEND	H	31-16		32-19			7-34		12-27	12-17	31-16	
CARDIFF	H		60-19	19-32	16-10	16-12	11-8			36-31	50-13	67-3
EBBW VALE	H			10-16		15-60	6-17			18-35	20-53	29-20
LLANELLI	H		40-5	12-16				17-9				52-7
NEATH	H	39-16		34-7	8-11			42-12		8-21		
NEWBRIDGE	H	20-10			17-6				10-10	5-22		
NEWPORT	H		15-10	29-23		9-17	12-42			12-16	9-14	15-10
PONTYPRIDD	H	30-9	31-12	27-12		21-8	10-10			16-12	3-38	6-78
SWANSEA	H	70-25	55-17		35-18		22-5	38-3				
TREORCHY	H		17-12	31-36			14-9		78-6			16-12

Third Division

	P	W	D	L	B	T	Pt
Blackwood	9	7	1	1	11	34	26
Pyle	9	7	1	1	6	24	21
Penarth	9	6	1	2	4	20	17
Mt. Ash	9	6	1	2	3	16	16
Tondu	8	4	0	4	6	21	14
Cardiff Inst.	9	4	1	4	5	19	14
Blaina	9	5	0	4	3	15	13
Kentig Hill	9	3	0	6	3	19	9
Tredegarr	9	3	0	6	3	19	9
Builth Wells	9	3	1	5	2	14	9
Narberth	8	2	0	6	1	10	5
Glam. Wand.	9	0	0	9	2	12	2

Fourth Division

	P	W	D	L	B	T	Pt
Merthyr	9	7	0	2	10	30	24
Carm'then Q.	9	8	0	1	8	27	24
Rumney	9	6	0	3	9	29	21
Llantrisant	9	6	0	3	6	24	18
Glynneath	9	6	0	3	5	18	17
Whitland	9	4	0	5	7	22	15
Tumble	9	6	0	3	3	13	15
Vardre	9	4	1	4	4	20	13
Rhymney	9	3	0	6	3	19	9
St. Peter's	9	2	0	7	3	16	7
Aberavon Q.	9	1	1	7	1	11	4
Pontypool U.	9	0	0	9	0	6	0

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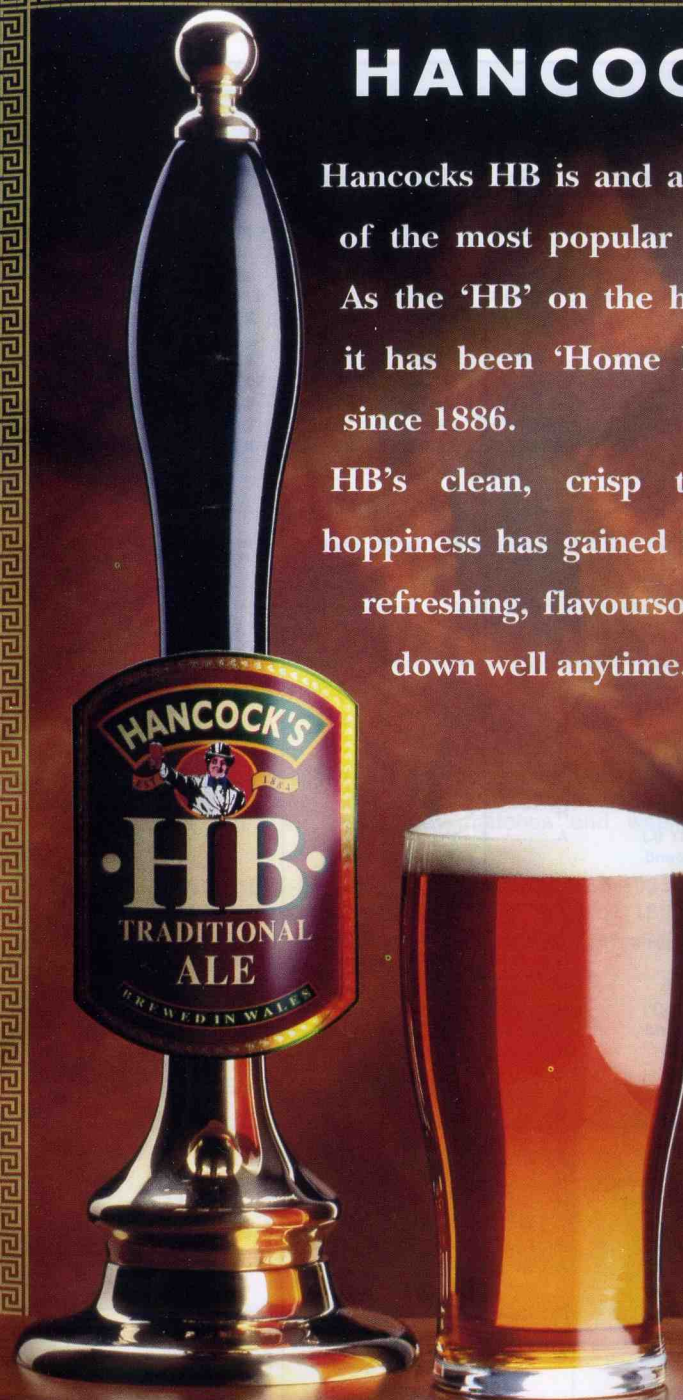
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DATE	OPPONENTS	F-A	15	14	13	12	11
SEPTEMBER 1995							
Sat. 2	Bridgend (F)	A 36-28	C. JOHN (3C)	S. FORD (1T) (P. WATLES)	S. JOHN (1T)	M. RING (S. DAVIES)	O. THOMAS (1T)
Sat. 9	PONTYPRIDDD (L)	H 36-31	C. JOHN (4P,2C)	S. FORD (3T)	S. HILL	M. RING (S. DAVIES)	O. THOMAS
Sat. 16	NEATH (L)	A 11-8	C. JOHN (2P)	S. FORD	M. HALL (S. DAVIES)	M. RING	S. HILL
Sat. 23	SWANSEA (L)	H 50-13	C. JOHN (1C) (S. DAVIES 1T)	S. FORD (2T)	M. HALL (1T)	M. RING (1T)	S. HILL (1T)
Sat. 30	LLANELLI (L)	A 16-12	S. DAVIES	S. FORD	M. HALL	M. RING	S. HILL
OCTOBER							
Wed. 4	BRIDGEND (L)	A 19-32	S. DAVIES	S. FORD	S. JOHN	S. HILL	O. THOMAS
Sat. 7	TREORCHY (L)	H 67-3	S. DAVIES (M. RAYNER)	S. FORD (2T)	S. JOHN (1T)	M. RING	S. HILL (2T)
Sat. 14	EBBW VALE (L)	A 16-10	S. DAVIES (1T)	S. FORD	S. JOHN	M. RING	S. HILL
Sat. 21	ABERTILLERY (L)	A 60-19	M. RAYER	S. FORD (1T) (S. DAVIES)	S. JOHN	M. RING	S. HILL
Sat. 28	Fiji (all pay)	H 22-21	M. RAYER	S. FORD	M. RING	C. JOHN	S. HILL
NOVEMBER							
Sat. 4	ABERAVON (L)	H					
Tue. 7	Griqualand West	H					
Fri. 10	Cambridge University	H					
Sat. 18	NEWBRIDGE (L)	A					
Tue. 21	Bègles (Eurocup)	A					
Sat. 25	NEWPORT (L)	H					
Tue. 28	Ulster (Eurocup)	H					
DECEMBER							
Sat. 2	BRIDGEND (L)	H					
Sat. 9	PONTYPRIDDD (L)	A					
Sat. 16	Cup 4th round						
Sat. 23	NEATH (L)	H					
Tue. 26	Pontypridd (F)	H					
Sat. 30	SWANSEA (L)	A					
JANUARY 1996							
Sat. 6	LLANELLI (L)	H					
Sat. 13	TREORCHY (L)	A					
Sat. 20	Cup 5th round						
Sat. 27	Newport (F)	H					
Tue. 30	Bath (F)	A					
FEBRUARY							
Sat. 3	London Welsh (F)	A					
Wed. 7	Neath (F)	H					
Sat. 13	Swansea (F)	H					
Fri. 16	Watsonians (F)	H					
Sat. 24	Cup 6th round						
Tue. 27	Bridgend (F)	H					
MARCH							
Fri. 1	Richmond (F)	H					
Sat. 9	EBBW VALE (L)	H					
Tue. 12	Bristol (F)	A					
Fri. 15	Gloucester (F)	A					
Sat. 23	Cup Q.F./Leicester	H					
Sat. 30	ABERTILLERY (L)	H					
APRIL							
Sat. 6	Barbarians	H					
Mon. 8	ABERAVON (L)	A					
Sat. 13	Cup semi-final						
Sat. 20	NEWBRIDGE (L)	H					
Wed. 24	Pontypool (F)	H					
Sat. 27	NEWPORT (L)	A					
MAY							
Sat. 4	Cup Final						

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1995 SEPTEMBER

Sat. 2	Pembroke	A 50-0
Sat. 9	Dunvant	A 14-3
Mon. 11	Bohemians	H 32-8
Sat. 16	Coventry	H 62-3
Wed. 20	Bedwas	A 38-13
Sat. 23	Worcester	H 55-11
Sat. 30	Leicester	A 17-26

OCTOBER

Sat. 7	Caldicot	A 39-6
Wed. 18	Bridgend	H 39-5
Sat. 21	Cardiff	A 19-17

NOVEMBER

Sat. 4	Welsh Cup	
Wed. 15	Newport	H.....
Sat. 18	Pontypool	A.....
Sat. 25	Llanharan	H.....

DECEMBER

Sat. 2	Bristol	A.....
Sat. 9	Llanelli	H.....
Sat. 16	Brecon	H.....
Tue. 26	Llandaff/Windsor George	A.....
Sat. 30	Swansea	H.....

Saturday Kick Off — 2.30p.m.

1996 JANUARY

Sat. 6	Llandaff North	A.....
Wed. 10	Lydney	H.....
Sat. 13	Bath	H.....
Sat. 20	Cheltenham	A.....
Sat. 27	Welsh Cup	
Wed. 31	Bedwas	H.....

FEBRUARY

Sat. 10	Llanelli	H.....
Wed. 21	Cornelly	H.....
Sat. 24	Neath Colts	A.....

MARCH

Wed. 6	Old Iltydians	H.....
Sat. 9	Llanharan	A.....
Tue. 19	Bridgend	A.....
Sat. 23	Pontypridd	H.....
Wed. 27	Newport	A.....
Fri. 29	Vale of Dune	H.....

APRIL

Sat. 6	Crawshays	H.....
Sat. 20	Swansea	A.....
Sat. 27	Pontypool	H.....

Mid Week Kick Off — 7.15p.m.

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I phoned one of the most dinosaurian opponents of the Other Code. What, I asked this gent, a former international who is still among us, what do you think Rugby

Union should do to stop the poaching?

"I think," said this revered icon of amateurism, "that we should put a machine gun post at our end of the Severn Bridge. And shoot the buggers as soon as they appear."

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They'd never believe it, would they? Never believe that someone my old chum in favour of machine guns would regard as a treacherous renegade, would be welcomed back to emotions that might seem over the top if the Second Coming was announced.

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