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GLAMORGAN WANDERERS v CARDIFF

ON WEDNESDAY, 2nd SEPTEMBER, 1981

KICK OFF 7.15 p.m.

Yesterday saw the start of a new season, and tonight we see the first fixture of the season at The Memorial Ground, and what is more fitting than a visit from our near neighbours Cardiff, to whom we extend the warmest of welcomes.

As each new season dawns so an air of expectancy blows through each club in the land. Will we win the cup, can we win the Merit Table, will Wales top the championship, these and many other thoughts stimulate supporters and players interests. Last season in the Welsh Rugby Union's Centenary Season, we saw the visit of the All Blacks who showed us some magnificent rugby. This season we have the visit of the Australian touring team, and they will arrive on these shores with their reputation high. They bring with them a number of young players who have already made a name for themselves, and the style of the Australians will give British rugby food for thought. Over the years they have always been good and speedy passers of the ball—an art which seems to have fallen by the wayside in this country.

Cardiff, who are the current holders of the Schweppes Cup, are captained this season, by No. 8, John Scott for the second season. He is, however, likely to miss the start of the season with an injury which may require surgery—which will be a disappointment to both the player and the club. The club is therefore fortunate to have such a talented and experienced vice captain in Gareth Davies to take on this responsibility.

Fixtures between the Wanderers and Cardiff have usually provided some very entertaining rugby, and nothing would suit the spectators here this evening more than to start a new season in a similar fashion.

The Wanderers are captained this season by Hooker, Phil Adamson, for a second successive term, and his third stint as Club Captain. Last season Phil led the club by example and had a particularly successful year. He starts this season in the knowledge that all those players who served under him last year are all available and have the same enthusiasm. The trials this year have brought a record number of young and talented players who will soon be making their presence felt. This will give tonight's team an added edge to retain their places in the weeks ahead.

This season there is plenty of activity off the field of play at the Memorial Ground, as proposals for development on the club house and spectator facilities near completion. Planning Permission has been granted and the availability of finances has been sorted out and all that is now needed is the formal approval of members at a special A.G.M. which will be held later this month.

Once this has been formalised, the provision of another storey on the club house will get under way. It is hoped to start this at the end of September with completion being effected early in the new year. This will provide increased space in the Foxhunter Bar, and there will be administrative offices, committee room, players' bar and dining facilities on the first floor.

The second part of the development is the building of terracing which will help to provide improved facilities for the increasing support which the Wanderers have been receiving during the past eighteen months.

This month sees its usual hectic start to the season, and after tonight's match the Wanderers travel to Aberavon on Saturday for their first Whitbread Merit Table match. Later this month two other Merit Table matches are played, when Pontypridd and Neath are the opponents, both away. On the 12th September, the Wanderers start their cup challenge when they meet Rhiwbina, home.

Supporters may wish to note that the kick off for 1st XV matches will be 3.00 p.m. for Saturday, and 7.15 p.m. for evening games.

For the record, the Wanderers statistics for last season was:—

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	%
44	25	0	19	795	501	56.81

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| 14 ANDY MARTIN | Right Wing |
| 13 NICK WARD | Right Centre |
| 12 SEAN BARRY | Left Centre |
| 11 MATTHEW STORK | Left Wing |
| 10 GEOFF WYATT | Outside Half |
| 9 COLIN THEAKER | Scrum Half |
| | |
| 1 PAUL PRICKETT | Forwards |
| 2 PHIL ADAMSON (Capt.) | |
| 3 STUART HAINES | |
| 4 TONY HORNE | |
| 5 MIKE THOMAS | |
| 6 GARY NEIL | |
| 7 GARY DIAMOND | |
| 8 JOHN GRIFFITHS | |

Replacements :

- JOHN CAMPBELL
 BOB ALEXANDRA

CARDIFF

- | | |
|------------------------|----|
| CHRIS WEBBER | 15 |
| KARL SWAIN | 14 |
| DAVID BARRY | 13 |
| NEIL HUTCHINS | 12 |
| STEVE EVANS | 11 |
| MARK RING | 10 |
| TERRY LEE | 9 |
| | |
| IAN EIDMAN | 1 |
| ALLAN PHILLIPS (Capt.) | 2 |
| GEOFF WHITEFOOT | 3 |
| ROBERT NORSTER | 4 |
| KEVIN EDWARDS | 5 |
| BRIAN LEASE | 6 |
| ROBERT LAKIN | 7 |
| TERRY CHARLES | 8 |

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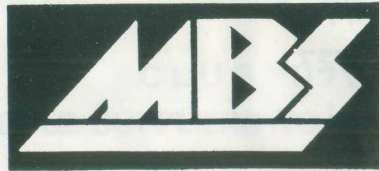


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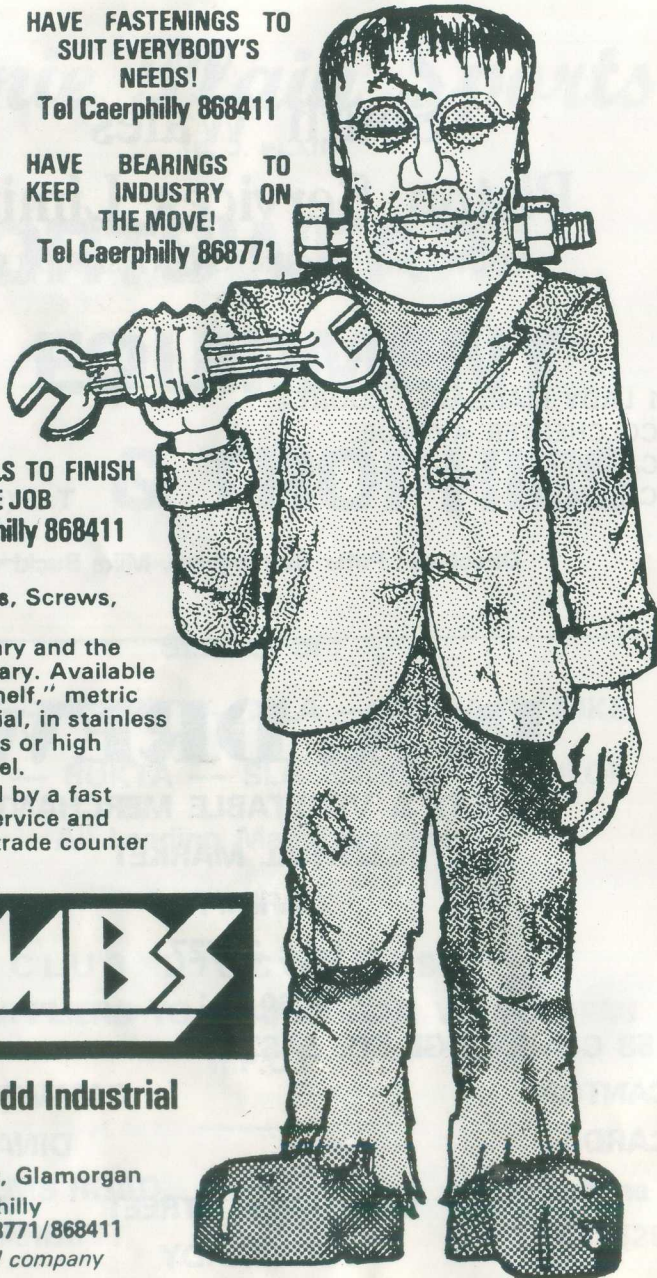
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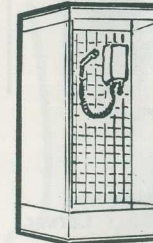


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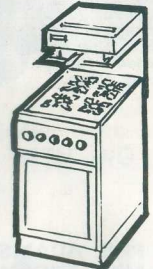
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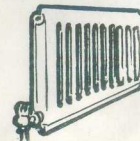
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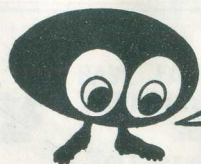


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GLAMORGAN WANDERERS R.F.C.
1st XV FIXTURES 1981/82

Date	Club	Points		Result	Date	Club	Points		Result
		For	Against				For	Against	
September									
2	Cardiff (Wed.)	HOME			2	S. W. Police (Sat.)	Away		
5	Aberavon (Sat.)	Away			9	W.R.U. Cup (Sat.)			
12	W.R.U. Cup (Sat.)				16	Ireland/Wales (Sat.)			
	Rhiwbina	HOME			23	Torquay (Sat.)	Away		
16	Pontypridd (Wed.)	Away			27	Bridgend (Wed.)	HOME		
19	Taunton (Sat.)	HOME			30	Tredegar (Sat.)	HOME		
26	Exeter (Sat.)	HOME			February				
29	Neath (Tues.)	Away			6	Weston (Sat a.m.)	HOME		
October									
5	Clifton (Mon.)	HOME				Wales/France			
10	W.R.U. Cup (Sat.)				13	Clifton (Sat.)	Away		
17	Abertillery (Sat.)	Away			17	Lydney (Wed.)	Away		
24	Maesteg (Sat.)	HOME			20	Pontypool (Sat.)	HOME		
31	Newbridge (Sat.)	Away			27	S.W. Police (Sat.)	HOME		
November									
4	C. C. of E. (Wed.)	HOME			March				
7	Penarth (Sat.)	Away			6	England/Wales			
11	Swansea (Wed.)	HOME			8	Maesteg (Mon.)	Away		
14	Nuneaton (Sat.)	Away			13	Ebbw Vale (Sat.)	Away		
21	C. C. of E. (Sat.)	Away			17	Llanelli (Wed.)	Away		
	or W.R.U. Cup				20	Nuneaton (a.m.)	HOME		
25	Weston (Wed.)	Away			24	Ebbw Vale (Wed.)	HOME		
28	Cross Keys (Sat.)	HOME			27	Plymouth (Sat.)	HOME		
December									
5	Pontypool (Sat.)	Away			31	Bridgend (Wed.)	Away		
12	Abertillery (Sat.)	HOME			April				
19	W.R.U. Cup (Sat.)				3	Exeter (Sat.)	Away		
26	Swansea (Sat.)	Away			10	Cross Keys (Sat.)	Away		
28	Lydney (Mon.)	HOME			17	Penarth (Sat.)	HOME		
					20	Pontypridd (Tues.)	HOME		
					24	Tredegar (Sat.)	Away		
					30	Newbridge (Fri.)	HOME		

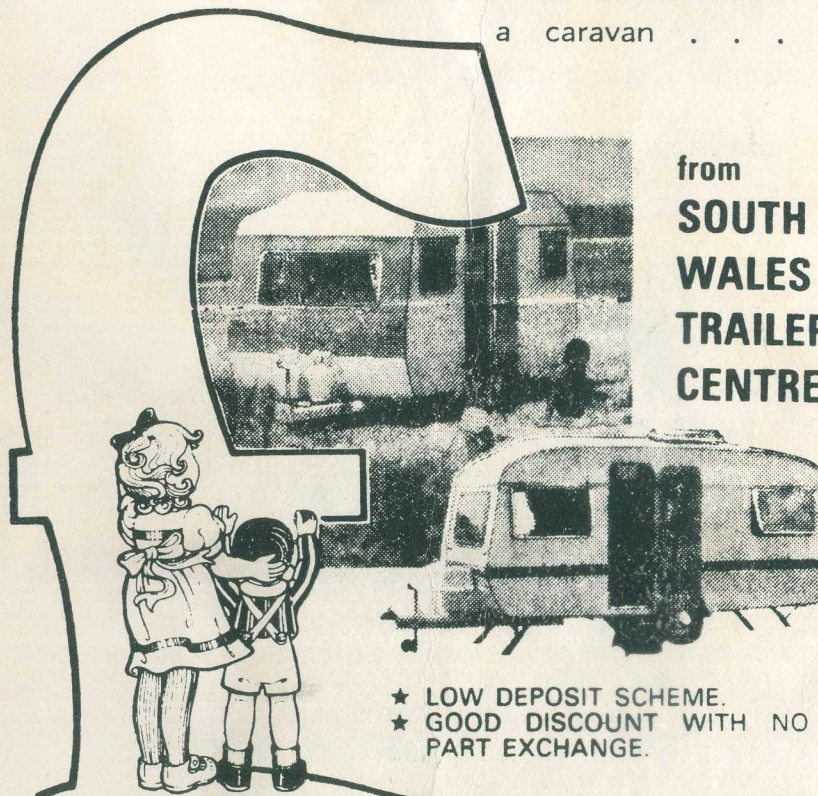
LEADING APPEARANCES

	Appearances		Points Scored	
	Season	Career	Season	Career
PHIL ADAMSON	—	...	334	...
MIKE THOMAS	—	...	304	...
JOHN GRIFFITHS	—	...	220	...
STUART HAINES	—	...	183	...
MAURICE O'BRIEN	—	...	157	...
MARC HENRY	—	...	140	...
JOHN DAVIES	—	...	125	...
BILLY JAMES	—	...	121	...
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DAVID MULLINS	—	...	91	...

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