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Well that's the first of our home internationals behind us and once again it did all those rather faint at heart no good at all. At 13-6 it looked as if the Wallabies were going to leave our National side for dead. Not to be, however, and back they came with a bang to slap a few hammer blows on the Aussies to wreck their ambitions of a grand slam. The game itself was rather special from both the Cardiff and Swansea points of view because for us the selection of Pat Daniels brought our list of internationals up to 160. On this score we say rather belated but nonetheless heartiest congratulations to Pat and what a great pity he couldn't have managed to make the try line after that marvellous break he made. The explosive type of running he is now producing is marvellous to watch and makes him one of the most dangerous centres in the country. It was also a special day for Gareth Davies who reached the pinnacle of his career in captaining his country for the first time. He certainly played a captain's part and his slide rule drop goal was a positive match winner. So to him and Terry and Alan for their efforts further congratulations. Swansea can also be very proud of their contribution because in fact they had two debutants in Richard Moriarty and Mark Davies and with Geoff Wheel and Alan Donovan brought their total to 4. So it's congratulations to them also, particularly the new caps. Indeed Richard Moriarty will long remember his first game for Wales and he was well rewarded by adding his name to the score list. And now on to the Home Championship.

One of the disadvantageous spin offs of last Saturday's game, of course, was the fact that this evening's game was originally scheduled for that particular day. As you may well know we always play Swansea on the first Saturday of December but major tours always play havoc with our fixture list and try as they might the poor hard worked fixture secretaries are extremely hard pushed to arrange alternatives, so we have to grin and bear it and get on with it. But what a great match it could be to get on with. The Swansea "Jacks" are bang in the middle of a great run but it must have been a source of tremendous disappointment to them when they failed to overcome the Aussies a week last Saturday. They had a great run up to the game but were dealt a double, savage blow when both captain David Richards and speed merchant Tony Swift were declared unfit to play. As these two great players are such vital cogs in the All White attacking machine, their game was bound to be affected. Mind you we can't complain about the Australian victory because after our very good away win over Llanelli on our last time out and this Swansea defeat it mean't that with only 2 defeats and 1 draw, we took over from Swansea, with 3 defeats, as the club with the best record in Wales. This has come about by stringing together 10 consecutive victories and a similar or better sequence has not occurred since season 1975-76 when between 29th November and 6th February we chalked up 11 consecutive wins. If we manage a win tonight to bring the present sequence to 11 we really have to delve into ancient history to find when we had a better run than that. It was, in fact, way back in season 1963-64 and the side was captained by present day committee man David Hayward, when between January 11th and April 11th we won all 16 games played.

Tonight sees the 242 occasion that the sides have met and at this stage in their history the All Whites can claim to have a side capable of matching some of their glorious forbears who did so much to earn the tradition now enjoyed by them as one of the best sides in British rugby. Their strength in depth is true testimony of this fact and when there are no injury problems to assist in their deliberations, the Swansea selectors must have a lot of difficulty in choosing what they consider to be their best team. Cardiff has not been a very happy hunting ground for them since the war, however, so they were very pleased to win here last season to add to their very sparse total since fixtures restarted in 1946. That particular game gave them some recompense for the defeat we had inflicted on them some 3 weeks earlier in the semi-final

of the Cup. Having then gone on to win the Cup, if Swansea had to win one match we were all rather glad that it was that one and not the Cup semi-final. Swansea are one of our oldest adversaries and second most played opponents. Over a hundred year plus period a great spirit of rivalry and the closest links of friendship have arisen and from our point of view long may this situation remain. From a statistical point of view the 241 previous encounters that have taken place shows the record reading 125 wins to us, 88 to Swansea and 28 drawn games. It is also interesting to note that of the 10 years the Welsh Cup has been in existence we have met the All Whites no fewer than 4 times and 3 of these were at the semi-final stage. So to Swansea then we bid a warm welcome, particularly so perhaps to an old Arms Park favourite Brynmor Williams if he plays this evening.

Finally the Cardiff Rugby Football Club offers its sincere thanks to Office Cleaning Services (Wales) Ltd., for their generous sponsorship of this evening's match.

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KNOW THE LAWS

By FRED CROSTER

For our last match the official Guidelines on Advantage, as sent out to all referees, were included. Remember I emphasised that a 'second bite of the cherry' was definitely OUT.

Another directive has gone out from the Coaching and Refereeing Department of the Union, under John Dawes and Malcolm Lewis, with questions and answers to help to solve the so called 'grey areas' on the significant law changes introduced this season. I'll quote the first three for this programme and the remainder next Saturday.

Q. Is a player who is held in a maul by an opponent and then brought to the ground and still held regarded as tackled?

A. No. If a player with the ball in his possession IN A MAUL goes the ground (i.e. on his knee(s), sitting or lying), he must conform to Law 19 and immediately pass or release the ball — there must be no 'dummying'.

A maul cannot develop into a tackle even if the player with the ball in the maul goes to ground and is held.

If in going to ground the ball becomes unplayable then a scrummage should be awarded.

A maul is a maul; a tackle is a tackle!

Q. If a player tackles an opponent, can a third player arriving at the tackle situation go to ground and play the ball?

A. Yes, provided he does not contravene Law 19(3) or Law 18(2) he must play the ball in accordance with Law 19.

Q. Can a player who is tackled near the goal-line stretch over to score a try?

A. This has generally been understood and accepted when a player slides over the line, Law 18(4). The question presumably now refers to a player being tackled to his knee or knees and then attempting the fall over the line.

A player can score a try in this situation providing the action of falling over the line is simultaneous with his being brought to ground. However, if he has to make a second movement to stretch over the line he should be penalised.

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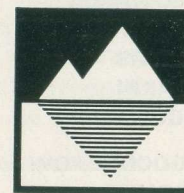
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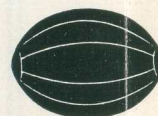
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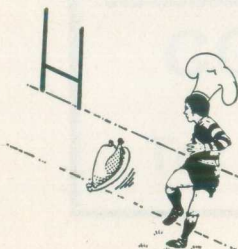
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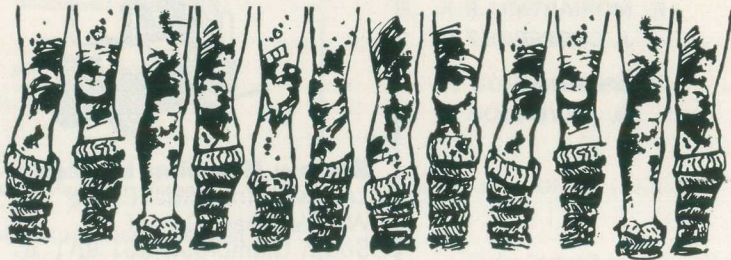
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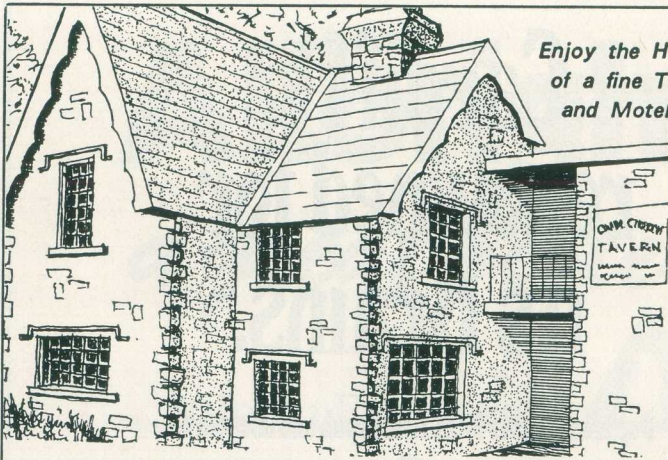
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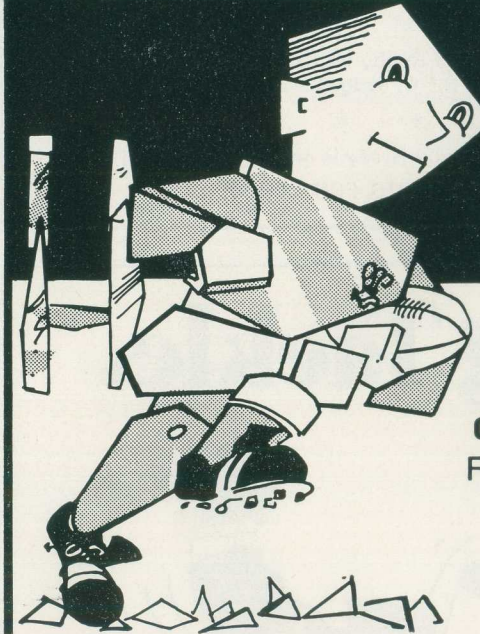
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Wed. 9	Bristol	H 37-17
Sat. 12	Neath	H 25-8
Wed. 16	Penarth	A 23-7
Sat. 19	Coventry	A 12-12
Sat. 26	Aberavon	H 11-25
Wed. 30	Pontypridd	A 10-3
OCTOBER		
Sat. 3	Newport	A 15-6
Wed. 7	Bridgend	H 18-14
Sat. 10	Northampton	H 26-22
Wed. 14	Pontypool	A 15-24
Sat. 17	Bath	H 32-3
Wed. 21	Newbridge	A 15-12
Sat. 24	Harlequins	A 47-17
Tues. 27	Maesteg	A 25-11
Sat. 31	Moseley	A 26-24
NOVEMBER		
Sat. 7	Munster	H 16-10
Wed. 11	Oxford University	H 38-9
Sat. 14	Ebbw Vale	H 33-4
Sat. 21	W. Barry (Cup)	A 45-6
Fri. 27	Llanelli	A 15-7
DECEMBER		
Wed. 9	Swansea	H.....
Sat. 12	London Welsh	H.....
Sat. 19	W.R.U. Cup 2nd Round	H.....
Sat. 26	Pontypridd	H.....
Mon. 28	Bridgend	A.....
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JANUARY		
Sat. 2	Moseley	H.....
Wed. 6	Aberavon	A.....
Fri. 15	Bective Rangers	A.....
Sat. 23	W.R.U. Cup 3rd Round	H.....
Sat. 30	Llanelli	H.....
FEBRUARY		
Sat. 13	Bristol	A.....
Sat. 20	Ebbw Vale	A.....
Sat. 27	W.R.U. Cup 4th Round	H.....
MARCH		
Sat. 6	London Welsh	A.....
Sat. 13	Pontypool	H.....
Fri. 19	Heriots F.P.	H.....
Sat. 27	Newport (Cup S.F.)	H.....
Wed. 31	Swansea	A.....
APRIL		
Sat. 3	Bedford	A.....
Sat. 10	Barbarians	H.....
Mon. 12	Harlequins	H.....
Sat. 17	Neath	A.....
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