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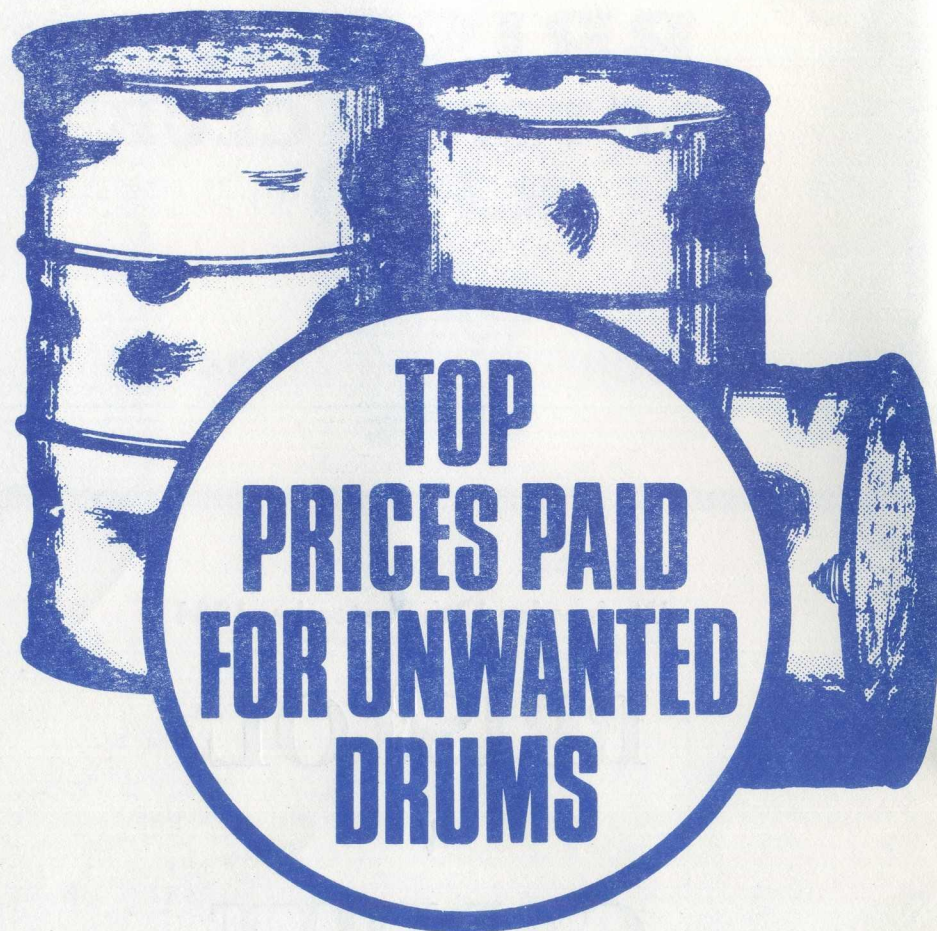
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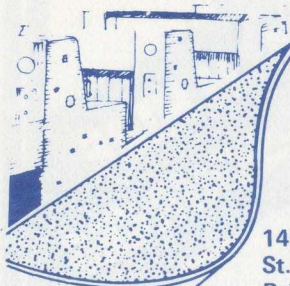
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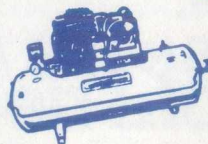
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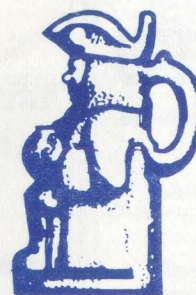
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CLUB NOTES: If you have not already done so we suggest you join the supporters club now. There are many advantages of membership including cheap travel to away matches. Dennis Kinnersley or any Committee member will be glad to take your 50p subscription from season ticket holders, or you can become an Associate Member for £2.00 see Bob Gregory behind the bar. The Supporters Club will be glad to renew old acquaintances from the Cardiff club - perhaps we can have a good sing-song after the game.

Coach Trips Coach Trips are again being organised by Derek Hall and assisted by Richard Cecil, and possible dates are as follows

October 13 WASPS. November 3 BRIDGEND. December 8 MOSELEY,
December 29th LLANELLI Further details on cost etc. to follow.

Club Shop Don't forget the Club Shop now situated in the Bristol room for your ties, sweaters etc. well worth a visit.

Skittles The supporters have a skittles match in the club house on Monday 24th Sept. All welcome.

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CLUB NOTES

Tonight we welcome our old opposition from over the border Cardiff who like ourselves have not arrived at this match invincible having lost to Neath last Saturday 13 - 12.

We are sorry so many of our supporters were not able to complete their journeys to Newport last Saturday due to difficulties on the Severn Bridge — their vocal support was sadly missed. However despite the lack of possession and unfavourable bounces of the ball on a bone hard ground the Memorial Ground looks like a Cricket test wicket in comparison we still managed to get within six points.

Anyway tonight we look forward to a good clean open game of rugby which will also give us an opportunity to assess the strength of the Welsh opposition in the Internationals later in the season.

Tonight we are indebted to Courage Limited Wessex Region for their financial support for this game.

Next home fixture Saturday 15th when we again entertain a team from the Principality in Swansea, Kick off 3.15 p.m. we would suggest stand members take their seats early.

First XV matches from this ground are covered by the Bristol Hospital Broadcasting Service by arrangement with HILL HOUSE insurance Brokers Ltd.

ENGLAND V AUSTRALIA

TWICKENHAM 3rd NOVEMBER 1984

Members wishing to purchase tickets for the above match should contact the Membership Secretary Jock Wilson either in writing or by telephone not later than Saturday 22nd September with your requirements

Prices	Ground	£3.00
	Enclosure	£5.00
	Ringside	£6.00
	Stands	£8.00 - £14.00

TEAMS

BRISTOL

Colours — Blue & White

A	Phil Cue	<i>Full Back</i>
B	Alan Morley X	<i>Right Wing</i>
C	John Watson	<i>Right Centre</i>
D	Simon Hogg	<i>Left Centre</i>
E	John Carr	<i>Left Wing</i>
F	Stuart Barnes	<i>Fly Half</i>
G	Richard Harding	<i>Scrum Half</i>
H	John Doubleday	<i>Forwards</i>
I	David Palmer	
J	Austin Sheppard X	
K	Nigel Pomphrey	
L	Peter Stiff	
M	Peter Polledri Capt.	
N	Bob Hesford X	
O	Wayne Hone	

Replacements:

P	Graham Cox
Q	John Edgar

CARDIFF

Colours — Blue & Black

Paul Rees	15
Mike Carrington	14
Mark Ring	13
Alan Donouan	12
Adrian Hadley X	11
Gareth Davis X	10
Terry Holmes Capt. X	9
Bob Hewman	1
Alun Phillips X	2
Ian Eldman X	3
Kevin Edwards	4
Terry Shew	5
Bob Lakin	6
John Scott X	8
Owen Golding	7

Replacements:

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BRISTOL'S RECORD AGAINST CARDIFF

HIGHLIGHTS

	HOME		AWAY	
	Score	Date	Score	Date
Highest points for	28	10-9-80	28	13-9-30
Highest points against	42	13-9-78	49	22-2-13
Highest margin win	28-8	10-9-80	28-14	13-9-30
Highest margin defeat	0-33	9-10-1897	3-49	22-2-13

ANALYSIS

	P	W	L	D	Pts For	Points Against
Up to 1914	48	3	45	—	106	700
1919 - 1939	40	16	20	4	274	331
1945 - 1976	74	11	59	4	599	1168
TOTAL	162	30	124	8	979	2199

Dear Fellow Rugby Nutters,

Long ago in the second month of Bristol Football Club's existence they took on Cardiff on the 6th October 1888. 48 matches later they had won three times 3 - 0, 3 - 0 and 9 - 3, very slender margins indeed. In the next 40 matches they did a lot better winning 16 times and drawing 4, almost equalling Cardiff's points tally. However, post war experience has resulted in 59 defeats in 74 games.

Why then does Old Cabot reckon Bristol are due for a win tonight? Well look at the evidence, slender though it may be. Bristol won 28 - 8 in September 1980 then lost the next three. In September 1982 Bristol won 22 - 9 and then lost the next three. Here we are now in September 1984 ready to repeat the sequence. Clutching at straws? Any club playing Cardiff seems to have precious little else to clutch at — but remember this. Determination, not odds, wins games and let's wish Bristol success on that score.

Looking Back.

Bristol 9 Cardiff 10

9th February 1973

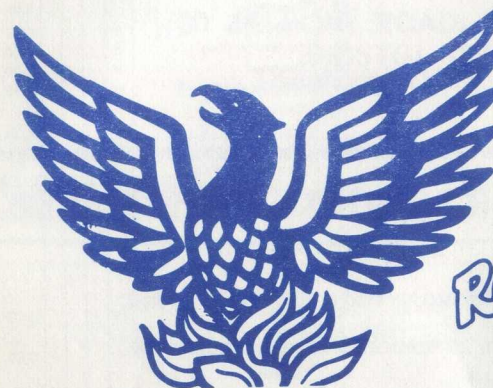
When Bristol ran on to the field that night they had won only twice in the past ten years. Moreover, an injury crisis had left Bristol not only without a fly half but had deprived the club of their captain. Jon Gabitass then teaching at Clifton College came in at outside half for the injured Tony Nicholls and John White took over the captaincy.

After 13 minutes from the kick off Cardiff were 7 points up and the familiar old picture seemed to be emerging. However, Bristol showed the guts and will to fight back that can transform underdogs to potential winners. By half time they were leading 9 - 7 and the crowd, excited by Bristol's great back row (Rollitt, Speed & Hannaford) fairly buzzed at the possibility of a win. Coming back from the blow of a Cardiff try after only 30 seconds from the kick off Bristol had every right to feel proud of leading at the interval.

Unfortunately, dreams are easier than real life. Heroically though Bristol defended — and what is more took the attack at times to Cardiff — the inherent superiority of the opponents took its toll. It needed desperate defence to retain their lead but in the 55th minute Cardiff kicked a second penalty to lead by one point. That was, however, the only score in the second half. For the next 25 minutes Bristol held on.

In the end to lose by one point might be seen as disappointing. But rugby is about striving like hell to acquit yourselves as well as you can and not necessarily about winning. That night Bristol did percisely that — and tonight can we really ask for more?

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BRISTOL FOOTBALL CLUB (R.F.U.) FIXTURES 1984/85

1984	1st XV	V	R	F	A	K.O.
Sept. 1	Northampton	H				3.00
5	Cheltenham (Wed)	H				7.15
8	Newport	A				
12	Cardiff (Wed)	H				7.15
15	Swansea	H				3.00
22	Gloucester	A				
29	Nottingham	H				3.00
Oct. 3	Newbridge (Wed)	A				
6	London Irish	H				3.00
10	Met. Police (Wed)	H				7.15
13	Wasps	A				
17	Clifton (Wed)	H				7.15
23	Bath (Tues)	H				7.15
27	Saracens	A				
Nov. 3	Bridgend	A				
7	Abertillery (Wed)	A				
10	Stroud	H				3.00
13	Weston-s-Mare (Tues)	A				
17	London Welsh	H				3.00
23	S. W. Police (Fri)	A				
Dec. 1	Newport	H				3.00
8	Moseley	A				
15	Leicester	H				3.00
22	Glamorgan Wanderers	A				
26	Newbridge (Wed)	H				3.00
29	Llanelli	A				

1985	1st XV	V	R	F	A	K.O.
Jan. 1	Clifton (Tues)	A				
5	Bedford	H				3.00
12	Coventry	H				3.00
18	Exeter (Fri)	A				
20	Camborne (Sun)	H				3.00
26	Gosforth	H				3.00
Feb. 1	Gloucester (Fri)	H				7.15
9	Cardiff	A				
15	Richmond (Fri)	H				7.15
23	Sale	A				
Mar. 1	Pontypridd (Fri)	A				
6	Llanelli (Wed)	H				7.15
9	London Scottish	H				3.00
16	Plymouth	A				
17	Redruth (Sun)	A				
23	Rosslyn Park	A				
27	Aberavon (Wed)	A				
30	Harlequins	H				3.00
April. 6	Bath	A				
8	Abertillery (Mon)	H				3.00
13	Leicester	A				
17	Exeter (Wed)	H				7.15
20	Maesteg	H				3.00
27	Coventry	A				

Date	UNITED XV	V	R	F	A	K.O.
1984						
Sept. 1	Nelson	A				
8	Newport United	A				3.00
12	Cardiff Athletic (Wed)	A				
15	Bridgend Sports	A				
22	Gloucester United	H				3.00
29	Blaina	A				
Oct. 6	Barnstaple	A				
13	Wasp Vandals	H				3.00
20	Bath United	A				
24	Bristol University (Wed)	H				7.15
27	Wimborne	H				3.00
Nov. 7	St. Pauls Coll. Cheltenham	H				3.00
10	Comb. Cup Winners (Avmth)	H				7.15
17	R.M.C. Shrivenham	A				
24	London Welsh Druids	A				
Dec. 1	Plymouth Extra 1st	A				
8	Newport United	H				3.00
15	Moseley United	A				
22	Bournemouth	A				3.00
29	Glamorgan Wanderers	H				
1985						
Jan. 5	Paignton	A				
12	Berry Hill	A				
19	Salisbury	H				3.00
26						
Feb. 2	Gloucester United	A				
9	Cardiff Athletic	H				3.00
16	Richmond Vikings	A				
23	Abercynon	H				3.00
Mar. 2	Moseley United	A				
9	Harlequins Wanderers	A				
12	Combination (Tues)	H				7.15
16	Bridgwater	H				3.00
20	Caldicot	A				
23	Plymouth Extra 1st	H				3.00
30	Abergavenny	A				
April. 6	Bath United	H				3.00
13	Leicester 'A'	H				3.00
20	Mountain Ash	A				
27	Coventry 'A'	A				

Date	COLTS	V	R	F	A	K.O.
1984						
Sept. 1	Northampton	H				
8	Pencoed	H				
15	Pontypridd	H				
22	Harlow	H				
29	Winchester	A				
Oct. 6						
13	Garneddfaith	H				
20	Bridgend	H				
27	Neath	A				
Nov. 3	Cardiff	H				
10	Llanelli	A				
17	Rosslyn Park	A				
24	Moseley	A				
Dec. 1	Bedwas	H				
8	Bath	A				
15	Harlequins	A				
22	Worcester	A				
29	Clifton	H				
1985						
Jan. 5	Llanelli	H				
12	Taunton	H				
19	Moseley	H				
26	Harlow	A				
Feb. 2	Garneddfaith	A				
9	Cardiff	A				
16	Pontypridd	A				
23						
Mar. 2	Bedwas	A				
9	Pencoed	A				
16	R.A.F.	H				
23	Nuneaton	A				
30	Bridgend	A				
April. 6	Rosslyn Park	H				
13	Leicester	H				
20	Bath	H				
27	Neath	H				

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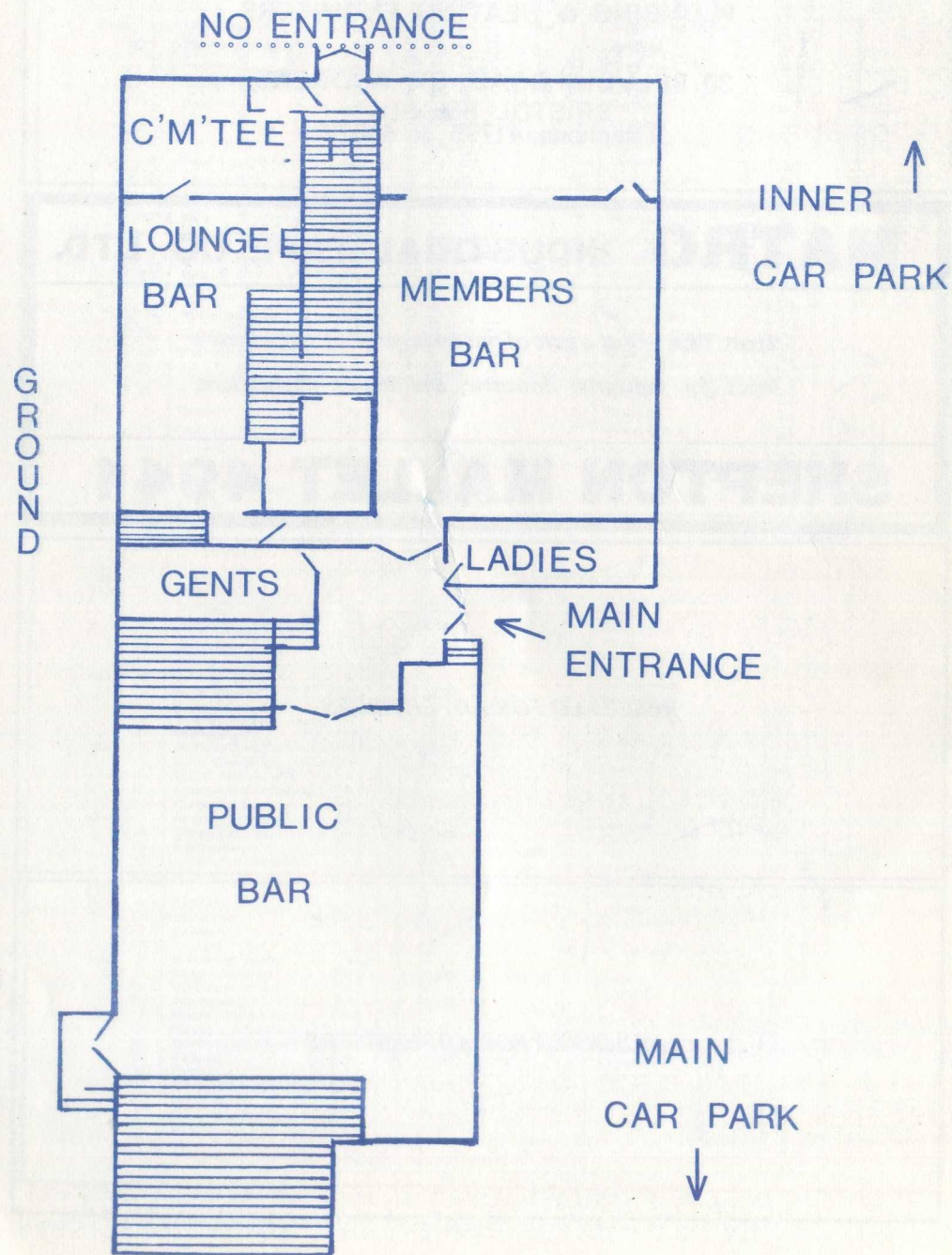
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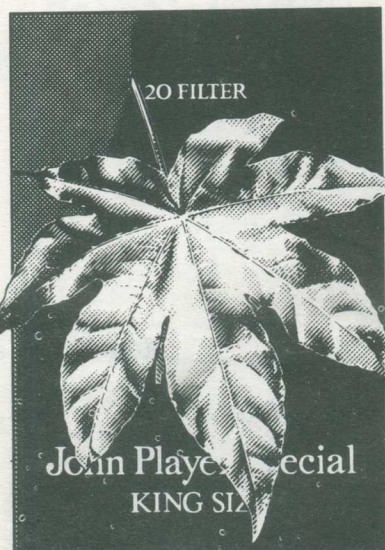
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