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Rugby Club
v. SWANSEA**
Saturday, 5th December, 1987. 3.00 p.m.
Official Programme 30p





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Cardiff v. Swansea

SATURDAY, 5th DECEMBER, 1987

KICK-OFF 3.00p.m.

The ladies in all our lives do not seem to be exactly showering their charms in the direction of The Arms Park these days. Firstly, Mother Nature has seen fit to blow an extremely chilling wind on us very early on into the winter. Still that's bearable as long as she keeps the snow and ice away. Then again Lady Luck has bestowed only the nasty side of her nature on us in the cruel form of the injuries suffered by Bob Norster and now Geraint John. As if poor old Bob hasn't got enough on his plate without this happening to him when he was really in tip-top form. Be assured too, that Bob alongside everyone else, are bending over backwards to reverse the bad patch we are experiencing at present. There are some who think that complacency exists within our set up. This couldn't be further from the truth and it hurts to the point of numbness to have to suffer defeats as heavily as that of last Saturday. Let's hope for a speedy return to fitness for Bob and all his injured players, particularly those in vital positions and then perhaps we will be far better equipped to get back to normality. What's normality? Perhaps that's best summed up after the win against Ebbw Vale, who themselves had lost only four games, when one of their players said "If this is a poor Cardiff team, I'm glad we didn't have to play against a good one."

It's on to today now though, and the luxuriant thought for players and selectors alike is the fact that there are no more evening games until next spring. Players will be content to perform on Saturday afternoons (just where rugby belongs) and selectors will be happy with the thought that there will be no more furtive meetings in distant boiler houses or rub-a-dub rooms which certainly have been the case in the past. They can now enjoy the calmer atmosphere of a once a week meeting for their discussion and deliberations. And good luck to them because theirs is a very difficult job.

And so on to this afternoon then when it becomes our supreme pleasure to welcome the great Swansea Club to Cardiff Arms Park yet again. This will be their third visit to the capital city during 1987. We played a normal domestic game last April prior to our cup final encounter in the National Stadium. As you are probably well aware we won both those games so The All Whites will be here today looking for a third time lucky situation. That cup final of last April also took Swansea into joint top place in our most played cup opponents. It was the sixth time we had met in the competition and this puts Swansea on a par with Pontypool's six. Ironically too, our record against both clubs is exactly the same because in each of the six game series we have beaten both sides five times and lost the remaining one.

The Swansea of this season has, like ourselves, been dogged with injuries. On several occasions they have had to wait until the last minute to finalise their side. The up and down scenario for which they are now well known has also continued to rear its ugly head again this season. They have plumbed the depths with defeat at Dunvant but then again they have scaled the heights with such creditable victories over Leicester away, Moseley away, Bristol and Llanelli twice, the former of those being a 43-9 thrashing for the Scarlets at St. Helens.

Much of this yo-yo form however can be attributed to their bad injury problems and the glut of mid-week games for which we in Wales are so notable. Swansea coach, Jeff Herdman, is a great advocate of the one game a week syndrome and it now appears that most clubs in Wales, including ourselves, will be looking along those lines in the very near future. A fully available Swansea squad however, can be an awesome prospect for any opposition. Beside the Moriarty brothers with so much experience behind them they have such magnificent up and coming young forwards as David Young and Richard Webster, who recently won caps during the World Cup. Behind the scrum they also have immense talent and Tony Clement is the latest of their stars to put himself in the record book with his two tries on his international debut as a replacement against The American Eagles.

The jewel in their crown however, is Robert Jones. It is only two days short of exactly two years ago that I wrote in those notes a eulogy on the demise of the Rugby Union career of our great Terry Holmes. At the end of that appreciation I mentioned that the No.9 Welsh jersey was up for grabs. Now as a great disciple of the expression "Comes the hour, comes the man" was there ever a situation that fills the bill in the way that Robert Jones has taken his chance. In the intervening two years he has earned himself 17 caps as the automatic choice for his country. Furthermore his emergence from the World Cup as the European Player of the Tournament was just reward for his magnificent performance amongst the world's greatest.

This afternoon sees the Cardiff/Swansea series reach the 256 game mark. Of the previous 255 we have won 133 to their 93 with 29 drawn games. Points wise we have scored 2155 to Swansea's 1797.

Cardiff is not a very happy hunting ground for Swansea and their last success here was in April 1981 when they won by 20-11. It was the Wednesday after our first Cup Final victory over Bridgend so we were still in rather a celebratory mood. We had won the corresponding game at St. Helen's in that season, so Swansea were denied the double. In fact they have won only four times at Cardiff since the War; in October 1949, March 1961, December 1965 and that April 1981 game. The games at St. Helen's in 1961 and 1965 resulted in victory for Cardiff so Swansea have to go back as far as Season 1949-50 to recall the last time that they achieved a double over us.

It will be great to renew our friendship today and it gives us much pleasure to welcome the All Whites to Cardiff yet again.

Now to things more domestic. Due to a culmination of misinformation, injury and other things a milestone in Cardiff Rugby Club has slipped by somewhat un-noticed. That is the fact that Alan Phillips has overtaken Howard Norris as the top appearance holder for Cardiff. Howard made 413 appearances but Alan's total now stands at a massive 420 which includes overseas tours. It speaks volumes for Alan's durability and loyalty that he has survived for so long. His enthusiasm and commitment are as bouyant as ever and he was justly rewarded by his recall to the Welsh side for The World Cup Tournament. This was a great tribute to his attitude and fitness. Added to his remarkable appearance record is the fact that he is also in fourth place in the try scorers record. He has touched down on 144 occasions and another 7 will see him climb into second position and only bettered by Bleddyn Williams with 185. It's a fantastic achievement on both counts with durability being the name of the game because Alan is now in his 15th season with the Club having joined in the 1973-74 campaign. Congratulations and well done Alan.

Speaking of personalities it's a belated welcome to Ray Giles who will be playing in his second home game this afternoon. It's good to have your aboard Ray.

And now to the very important aspect of sponsorship. Today we extend our grateful thanks to **ALLIED DUNBAR** for their very generous sponsorship of this afternoon's game. We trust that they and their guests will enjoy the occasion. Also today, prior to the game a magnificent sponsorship in the form of an estate car will be presented to the Club by **W.H. BAKER (Contract Hire) Ltd.** An appreciation of this wonderful gesture can be found elsewhere in this programme. Then last but not least it's thanks to the **Cardiff Market Traders** for the life saving half-time oranges. Aren't we a lucky outfit.

Finally it has been suggested that a reunion dance should be held for all those supporters who sat in the stand at Ystradgynlais recently. This being so the first dance will be a 'Blackbottom' P.N.

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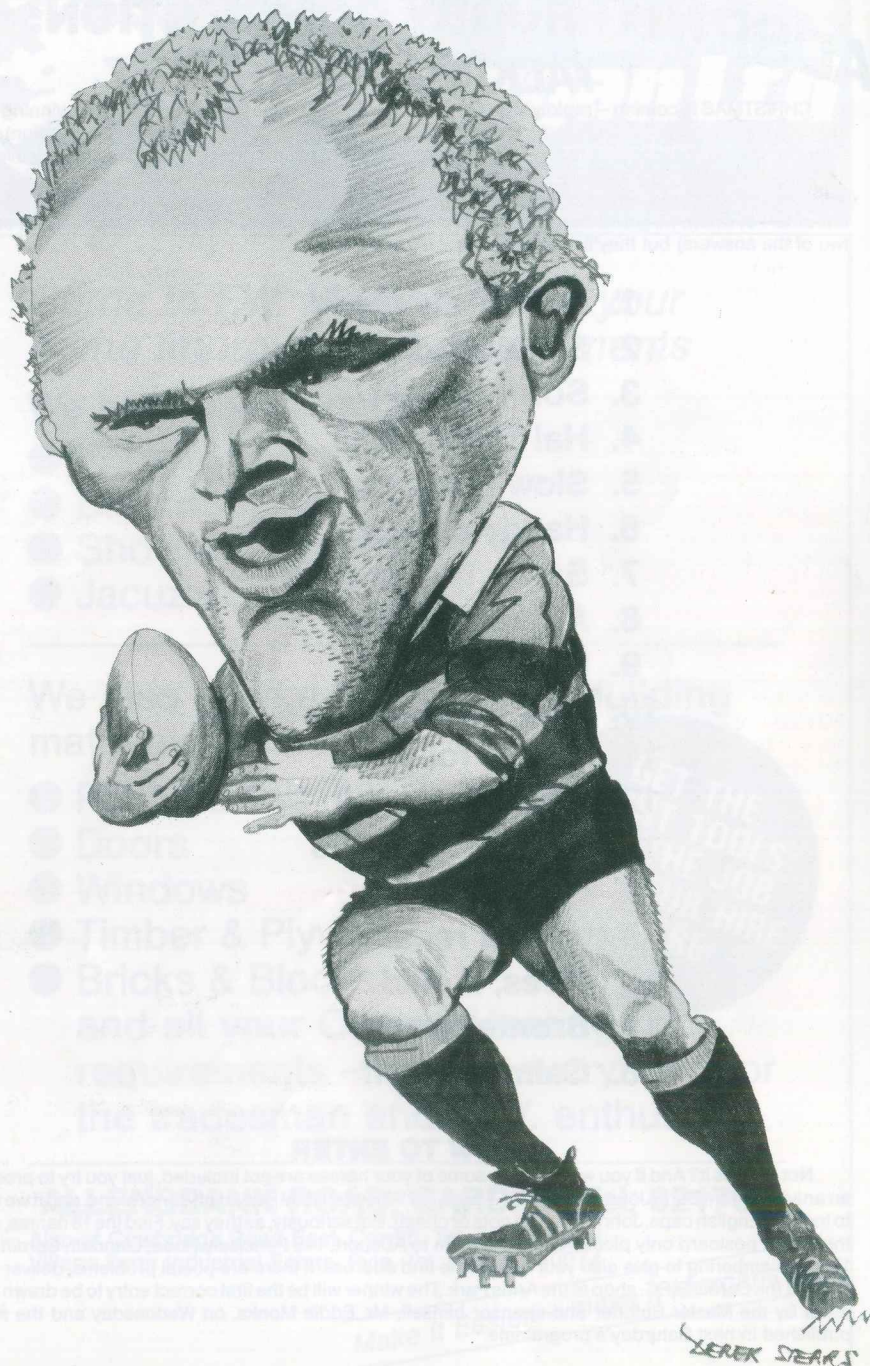
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CHRISTMAS is coming — rapidly. And here's the chance to be the toast of the family by winning your turkey — by courtesy of Eddie Monks, the butcher of Grangetown (if he'll forgive the expression). Yes, Eddie is offering the winner of today's anagrammatical extravaganza the bird: which goes to prove that the supporters can get it as well as the players.... So, compers, here we go with the names in jumbled order of 18 Cardiff players who have over the years won more than twelve caps for Wales. Younger entrants — of whom we gather there are many — may have to consult dads and even grandads (for one or two of the answers) but they'll all be popular if it's a winner.

1. Dad threw rages
2. Save dead girl
3. Sorry helmet
4. Ha! Trendy Ann
5. Slow lynching
6. Handy air lead
7. Sadly, be windmill
8. A tiger, shaved
9. Sixer will
10. Pisa hill plan
11. Wilder follower
12. Watch jet mask
13. Right gaffer, this
14. Sad, dry oven
15. By evil recall
16. Fives, if clad
17. Bronte terrors
18. Calm, ring off

HOW TO ENTER

Not easy, is it? And if you wonder why some of your heroes are not included, just you try to produce an anagram from Barry John (Yon BR Raj + h) or Jeff Whitefoot (Oh! Few jet off it!), let alone, and if we were to include English caps, John Scott (Tie cots or cheat). But seriously, as they say. Find the 18 names, write them on a postcard only please and send them to ADsport, 145 Pencisely Road, Llandaff, Cardiff CF5 1DN, remembering to give also your own name and address. If there are postal problems, deliver your entry to the Cardiff R.F.C. shop at the Arms Park. The winner will be the first correct entry to be drawn from a hat by the Master Butcher and sponsor himself, Mr. Eddie Monks, on Wednesday and the name published in next Saturday's programme.



QUIDNUNC'S COLUMN

"JUST PROMISE me I've got more hair in the cartoon than Wally Blackmore has," said the subject of today's essay into the further personality delights of Cardiff Arms Park. My reassurance was greeted with dubious relief because by then he had quite wrongly gained the impression that I had been told more about him than he knew about himself — just because he is known to the club's office staff as 'Crane the Pain', and to the players as 'Chimp', and because I knew he had a habit of missing the team bus (or just catching it at the last moment). As for that incident with the pool cue on tour in Spain, if you believe that he genuinely thought he had handed over a 2,000-peseta note (as opposed to a 200) to pay a losing debt, well, you believe anything.

The Cranes are everywhere in South Wales rugby. Careful scrutiny brought the apparent revelation that Abertillery leading scorer Roddy Crane is a cousin, as is former Penarth skipper Viv: brother Steve does play for Bedwas as does David, who was the one who played at some stage for Penarth, Newport and Neath. I think. There are other Cranes in the air. There's one at Llanelli and another possibly at Pontypool. But they don't appear to be relatives. Not of our man, anyhow.

No, he's the one who thinks he sings The Streets of London badly — a comment with which his teammates agree — and who blames the so-called Sprinter trains for his late arrivals. Since Steve Crandon arrived at the club, however, he has no excuse for getting home late to bride-of-six-months Alison: that is, until he discovered the Horse and Groom, along with Simon Crothers. That, then, is the background: so what else can we tell you about

PETER JOHN CRANE

PERSONAL DETAILS

Birthplace: Trethomas.

Birthday: November 22, 1961.

Height/Weight: 5ft 11in, 14 stone 3lb.

Education: Junior school at Trethomas, then Bedwas Comprehensive, then Ystrad Mynach College of Further Education.

Employment: Fitter and turner at Kroton Engineering, Caerphilly.

Married: To Alison since July.

Car: Datsun Cherry used primarily by Alison, a social worker.

Superstitions: Only touching wood. "Certainly not going on the pitch last: there's usually too big a queue for that position."

Club Nickname: Chimp (by the players), Crane the Pain (by the office staff because he never knows where he's playing or when and is always on the phone).

Hobbies: A bit of running — but he's now discovered beer.

PERSONAL FAVOURITES

Rugby Players: Phil Bennett because he was so good, so sharp, so brilliant: Terry Cobner because he always gave his all.

Referee: "Anyone who does not penalise me."

Biggest Influence: His late father John, who used to hook and prop for Bedwas and who

was always available to take Peter to matches whether at school or at Abertillery.

Other Sports: Athletics.

Sportsman: Steve Cram.

Film: None, really — comedy westerns, perhaps.

Actor: Clint Eastwood.

Actress: None.

Comedian: Frankie Starr.

Pop Group: None. Easy-going, broad in taste except heavy rock.

Holiday Resort: Tenby and Saundersfoot.

Food: Steak.

Drink: Bitter.

Politician: Haven't got one.

Rugby Ground: Abertillery Park.

MEMORIES

Best: Two really. Beating Cardiff 9-3 with Abertillery during their centenary year — and playing against Japan, although losing 13-17, the same season.

Worst: Being hammered by Neath with Cardiff earlier this season.

AMBITION

Merely to play every match, with whatever team, to the best of my ability.

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| 14. G. CORDLE | Right Wing |
| 13. S. CRANDON | Right Centre |
| 12. R. CARDUS | Left Centre |
| 11. A. HADLEY | Left Wing |
| 10. A. DONOVAN (Captain) | Outside Half |
| 9. R. GILES | Inside Half |
| 1. J. WHITEFOOT | Forwards |
| 2. A.J. PHILLIPS | |
| 3. S. BLACKMORE | |
| 4. H. STONE | |
| 5. M. ROWLEY | |
| 6. R. LAKIN | |
| 8. J.P. SCOTT | |
| 7. G. ROBERTS | |
| 16. M. HADLEY | |
| 17. D. GIBBON | |



Replacements

Referee: Mr. WINSTON JONES

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| MARK TITLEY | 14. |
| TIM MICHAEL | 13. |
| STUART PARFITT | 12. |
| BLEDDYN TAYLOR | 11. |
| TONY CLEMENTS | 10. |
| ROBERT JONES | 9. |
| KEITH COLCLOUGH | 1. |
| PAUL HITCHINS | 2. |
| DAVID YOUNG | 3. |
| JOHN WILLIAMS | 4. |
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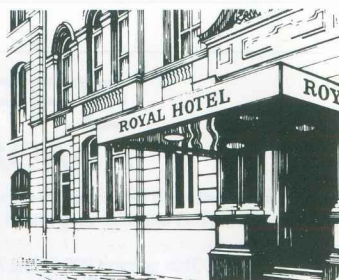
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	Season				Career			
	App.	Tr.	Goals	Pts.	App.	Tr.	Goals	Pts.
G. JOHN	18	1	32	87	68	8	154	418
G. CORDLE	21	11	—	40	130(1)	93	1	374
A. HADLEY	15	7	—	28	181	108	—	432
C. WEBBER	9	2	8	26	102(7)	19	—	364
D. EVANS	9	—	9	25	47(1)	10	75	210
M. RAYER	19	4	3	24	88(1)	17	22	136
R. CARDUS	12	6	—	20	37	19	—	76
M. EDWARDS	13	3	—	12	13	3	—	12
A. GLASSON	9	3	—	12	28	13	—	52
R. NORSTER	16	2	—	8	250	15	—	60
G. ROBERTS	10	2	—	8	93	29	—	116
R. JONES	4	2	—	8	4	2	—	8
C. HUTCHINGS	11	2	—	8	24(1)	3	—	12
T. CROTHERS	12	2	—	8	107(2)	25	—	100
N. O'BRIEN	5(1)	2	—	8	43(14)	17	—	68
D. WILLIAMS	2	—	3	8	6	2	3	16
M. PARRY	10	1	—	4	38	2	—	8
A. PHILLIPS	10	1	—	4	401	144	—	576
M. ROWLEY	9	1	—	4	30	3	—	12
H. STONE	10	1	—	4	107(1)	15	—	60
J. BURNELL	4	1	—	4	7	2	—	8
P. CRANE	4	1	—	4	23	2	—	8
S. CRANDON	6	1	—	4	6	1	—	4
J. WHITEFOOT	14	—	—	—	247	7	—	28
I. GREENSLADE	10	—	—	—	15(3)	—	—	—
S. BLACKMORE	10	—	—	—	70	3	—	12
I. EIDMAN	10	—	—	—	211	3	—	12
J. SCOTT	8	—	—	—	246(2)	35	—	140
A. DONOVAN	9	—	—	—	137	18	—	72
R. BILTON	8	—	—	—	8	—	—	—

* Total includes one penalty try.

Also played: 7 — O. Golding. 5 — R. Lakin, M. Knowles. 3 — C. Greedy (+3), R. Giles, V. Evans, 2 — A. Moore, C. Conway. 1 — C. Collins, D. Gibbon (+1), G. Pritchard (+3), C. Miller, A. Carter, M. Dacey, M. Hadley. Subs; R. Williams (1), M. Poole (1).

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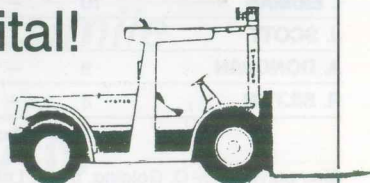
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QUESTION

A player is tackled and he and the tackler comply with the law by releasing the ball and player respectively. **A third player is standing over the ball and is about to pick it up when he is driven off by an opponent.**

What action, if any, should the referee take?

ANSWER

The referee must decide:—

- (a) whether this opponent is forming a ruck by grasping the opponent and driving him off the ball, **or**,
- (b) whether he is guilty of an early tackle, **or** a dangerous tackle, **or** an illegal charge, **or** an obstruction,
or
- (c) whether he is guilty of "playing the man without the ball."

The events are equally appropriate if no tackle occurs and the ball is merely loose on the ground.

It is for the referee to decide what constitutes a dangerous tackle, having regard to the circumstances, e.g. the apparent intentions of the tackler, or the nature of the tackle, or the defenceless position of the player being tackled or knocked over, which may be the cause of serious injury.

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Sat. 5	Bristol (Centenary)	A 20-15	Sat. 9	Aberavon	A
Wed. 9	Glamorgan Wanderers	A 6-6	Sat. 16	Ebbw Vale	A
Sat. 12	Neath	H 6-35	Sat. 23	W.R.U. Cup 3rd Round	
Wed. 16	Maesteg	H 9-9	Sat. 30	Llanelli	H
Sat. 19	Coventry	A 14-21	FEBRUARY		
Wed. 23	Pontypridd	A 18-16	Sat. 6	London Welsh	A
Sat. 26	Aberavon	H 12-15	Sat. 13	Newport	H
OCTOBER			Sat. 27	W.R.U. Cup 4th Round	
Sat. 3	Newport	A 9-16	MARCH		
Wed. 7	Bridgend	H 6-7	Wed. 1	Bristol	H
Sat. 10	Northampton	A 14-7	Sat. 12	Pontypool	H
Wed. 14	Pontypool	A 0-31	Wed. 16	Penarth	A
Sat. 17	Cambridge University	H 48-9	Sat. 26	W.R.U. Cup Semi Final	
Wed. 21	Caerphilly (Centenary)	A 19-12	Mon. 28	Newport	A
Sat. 24	Harlequins	A 20-12	APRIL		
Sat. 31	Moseley	H 10-14	Sat. 2	Barbarians	H
NOVEMBER			Tue. 5	Llanelli	A
Sat. 7	Leicester	A 19-27	Sat. 9	Swansea	A
Mon. 9	Welsh XV	H 17-13	Sat. 16	Neath	A
Wed. 11	Oxford University	H 22-27	Sat. 23	Wasps	H
Sat. 14	Ebbw Vale	H 35-9	Wed. 27	Barry (Centenary)	A
Sat. 21	Ystradgynlais (Cup)	A 12-9	Sat. 30	Nottingham	H
Sat. 28	Llanelli	A 6-41	MAY		
DECEMBER			Sat. 7	W.R.U. Cup Final	
Wed. 2	Newbridge	H 20-0			
Sat. 5	Swansea	H			
Sat. 12	London Welsh	H			
Sat. 19	W.R.U. Cup 2nd Round				
Sat. 26	Pontypridd	H			
Mon. 28	Bridgend	A			

ATHLETIC XV FIXTURES

1987			Sat. 19		
SEPTEMBER			Newport Saracens		
Sat. 5	Bristol United	H 21-26	Sat. 26	Rumney	A
Wed. 9	Glamorgan Wanderers II	H 17-8	1988		
Sat. 12	Kenfig Hill	A 65-4	JANUARY		
Wed. 16	Bridgend Sports	A 19-19	Sat. 2	Bath United	A
Sat. 19	Coventry Extras	H 77-4	Sat. 9	Neath Athletic	H
Wed. 23	Llandaff	H 10-16	Sat. 16	Ebbw Vale United	H
Sat. 26	St. Peters	A 10-25	Sat. 23	Llandaff	A
Tue. 29	Pontypool United	A 10-12	Sat. 30	Pontyclun	A
OCTOBER			FEBRUARY		
Sat. 3	Newport United	H 31-23	Sat. 6	Reading	A
Sat. 10	Neath Athletic	A 13-19	Sun. 7	Abbey	A
Wed. 14	Pontypool Athletic	H 34-0	Sat. 13	Newport United	A
Sat. 17	Bridgend Ravens	A 11-27	Sat. 27	Pencoed	A
Wed. 21	Cardiff & District	H Post.	MARCH		
Sat. 24	Abercarn	H 8-13	Wed. 1	Bristol United	A
Wed. 28	Garndiffiath	H 44-6	Sat. 5	Maesteg Celtic	A
Sat. 31	Moseley United	A 19-17	Sat. 12	Pontypool Athletic	A
NOVEMBER			Wed. 16	Bedwas	H
Sat. 7	Leicester Extras	H 30-20	Fri. 18	Risca	A
Wed. 11	Caerphilly	A Canc.	Wed. 23	Pontypool United	A
Sat. 14	Ebbw Vale Athletic	A 37-0	Wed. 30	Cardiff H.S.O.B.	H
Sat. 21	Berry Hill	A 27-9	APRIL		
Sat. 28	Bridgend Ravens	H 14-18	Mon. 4	Blackwood	A
DECEMBER			Sat. 9	Swansea Athletic	H
Sat. 5	Swansea Athletic	A	Tue. 12	Llanharan	H
Sat. 12	Llanharan	A	Sat. 16	Bridgend Sports	H
			Sat. 23	Mumbles	A



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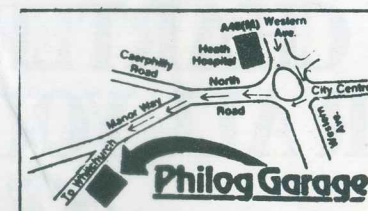
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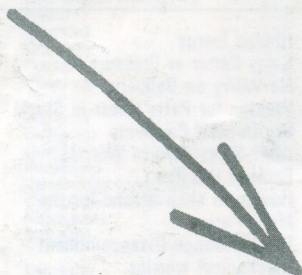


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