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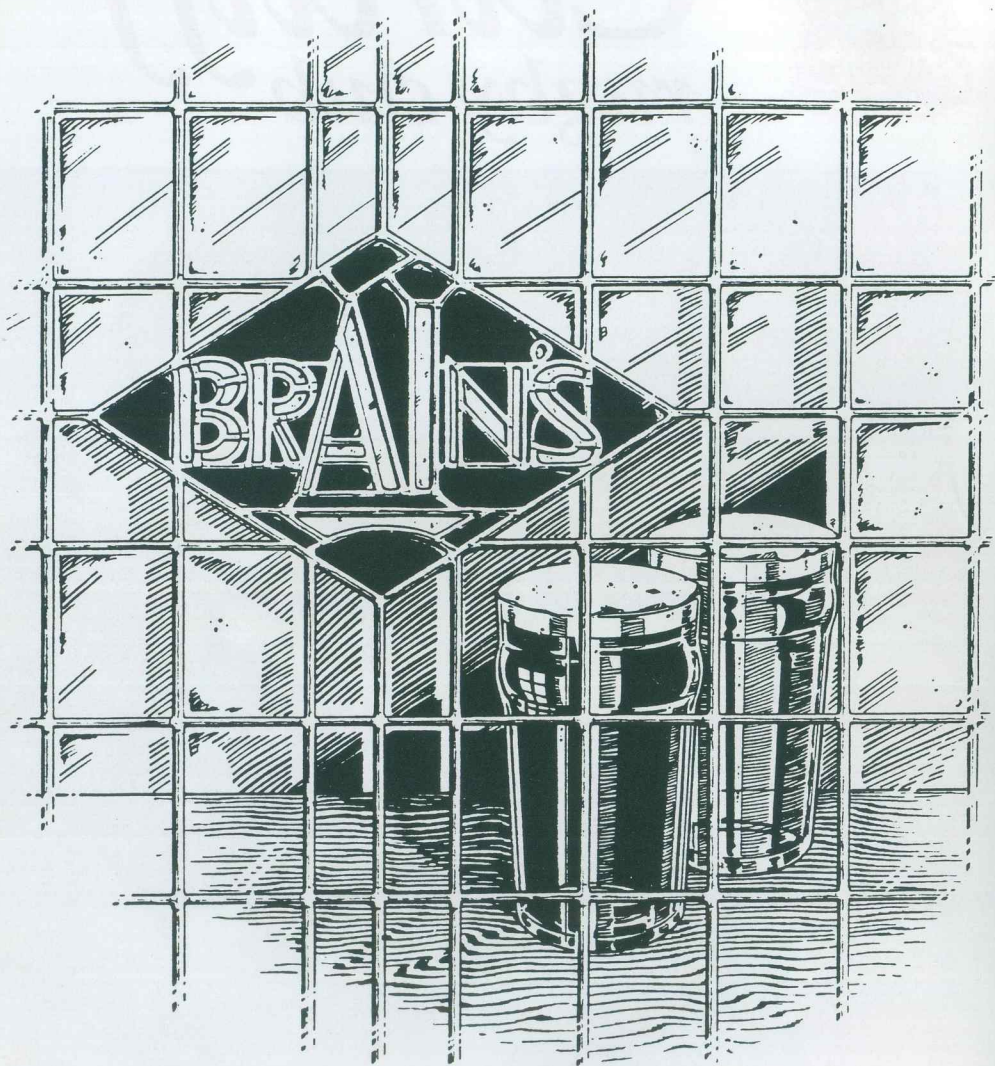
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Wednesday, 21st March, 1990

Kick-Off 7.15 p.m.

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Cardiff v. Bristol

WEDNESDAY 21st MARCH, 1990

KICK-OFF 7.15p.m.

Thursday March 15th 1990 will certainly be remembered as a red letter day in the history of The Cardiff Rugby Club. It was the day that our sponsorship by The Brent Walker Group was finally announced. The package which has now been so well publicised even warranted the subject of a Gren cartoon – fame indeed. It will benefit both ourselves and the sponsor and hopefully it heralds the start of a long and successful association. The public presentation last Thursday was an occasion of real style and the gathering included many famous personalities of both the rugby and business worlds.

The late, but very great, Hubert Johnson was a man of enormous style himself and his earnest belief was that the Cardiff club should always be associated with such a commodity in dealing with its everyday business. Had Hubert been around today he would have had great cause for rejoicing in the way in which Albert Francis and his Promotion Sub Committee have brought the magnificent deal to fruition. Well done gentlemen, the Club are indebted to you for your foresight and power of deliberation. We also sincerely hope that Brent Walker will achieve all they hope from the deal and again thank them for their very generous support.

Latest on the field activities saw a cracking performance from Scotland put a real damper on England's effort to finish their season in style. There were not many who stuck their necks out and predicted a win for The Caledonians but The Flower of Scotland bloomed magnificently on the day when so much was up for grabs. Just think what you could have got if you had doubled Scotland up with Gold Cup winner Norton's Coin. England's next game in The Five Nations Championship comes next season when they play guess who on 19th January – yes, it's Wales at Cardiff.

Wales' agony of waiting to know if we are going to be whitewashed should have been over by now because originally next Saturday's game in Dublin was scheduled for last Saturday along with the Scotland/England match on the third Saturday of March. It happened to fall on the 17th however which of course is St. Patrick's Day and the Irish of course are well known for celebrating the great day, hence the postponement.

It also put a bit of a spanner in our works because originally we had arranged to play Bristol next Saturday before the international was put back for a week. Hence again the reason for Bristol's visit tonight. It's an ill wind however so we will now be playing Bective Rangers in Dublin on Friday prior to the big game the following day. This trip has been made possible by the part sponsorship so generously donated by **STELRAD** in order to defray the total cost of the weekend. This gesture is thankfully acknowledged.

On to this evening then when we have great pleasure in welcoming our friends from across The Channel – Bristol. It will be our last Wednesday fixture at home so you can see how fast the end of the season is approaching. Incidentally you may not have heard about the arrangements which have been agreed for our game against Nottingham on April 7th. Neath and Swansea will lock horns in the semi-final of the cup in The National Stadium that day and they will kick off at 1.00p.m. Our kick off will be an hour later than usual namely 4.00p.m.

Bristol have had rather a disappointing season as far as their place in the First Division of their League is concerned. At the moment they have won only three of their nine games played leaving them with only six points in the table. Moseley and Bedford are floundering around in much deeper trouble below them however so Bristol shouldn't be in any sort of relegation trouble. Ironically however Moseley were responsible for the West Countryman's departure from the Pilkington Cup when the Midlanders won 15-13 at home. That would be almost unthinkable wouldn't it. Their next League games come on 31st March away to Wasps and then finally away to Bedford on April 28th. These are far enough away to ensure that they needn't have to rest players tonight, so we will probably see their best available team out tonight.

Their Leagues operate on a different method to our proposed system for next year because they only play each other side in the League on one occasion which gives them a total of eleven Saturday's in the season set aside for League games. Our system will be based on a home and away fixture which will take up eighteen Saturday's in total. Eleven of these come before Christmas and seven after so with cup and international commitments it's certainly going to be tough on the top players.

Bristol's record in Cardiff has taken a turn for the better of late and in fact they have won on the last four occasions that we have met, twice at Bristol and twice in Cardiff. This is their best ever run in the series because prior to this they have only managed two consecutive wins on four occasions in 102 years. Those four wins also meant their fourth and fifth double which they have waited some sixty years to achieve because their first three came in 1921-22, 1927-28 and 1930-31.

So they have certainly laid their Cardiff bogey good and proper. No doubt they will be out for another fifth record breaking win tonight. The occasion will again see us without the services of our internationals so we are going to be up against it. In speaking of the international it's heartiest congratulations to Steve Ford on his first selection for Wales. His saga was one of great persistence and fortitude and this ultimate honour has seen his determination reap rich dividends. Well done Steve we hope you, Mark, David and Richie have great games.

In all, tonight's game brings the series up to 168 games. The record of the previous 167 reads: 125 wins to Cardiff, 34 to Bristol and 8 drawn. Our points tally is 2389 to Bristol's 1150. Of Bristol's 34 wins only 6 have come in Cardiff with 2 of these of course on their last 2 visits.

To Bristol then we say welcome once again to Cardiff Arms Park. We sincerely hope you enjoy your visit.

Hopefully our players involved in the international on Saturday will escape injury free. It would be very encouraging if we have them all available for the final month of the season. We have quite a tough last month ahead of us and their presence is vital. Indeed Mark Ring and Richie Collins showed great loyalty when they played against Swansea last Saturday when both of them could have easily cried off. That game itself proved another points bonanza and was as close as Swansea's 29-27 victory when they visited us last December. The aggregate score for the both games was a massive 117 points with eight tries to Cardiff and ten to Swansea. Two of their efforts were penalty tries one in each game which are the only two such scores we have conceded this season.

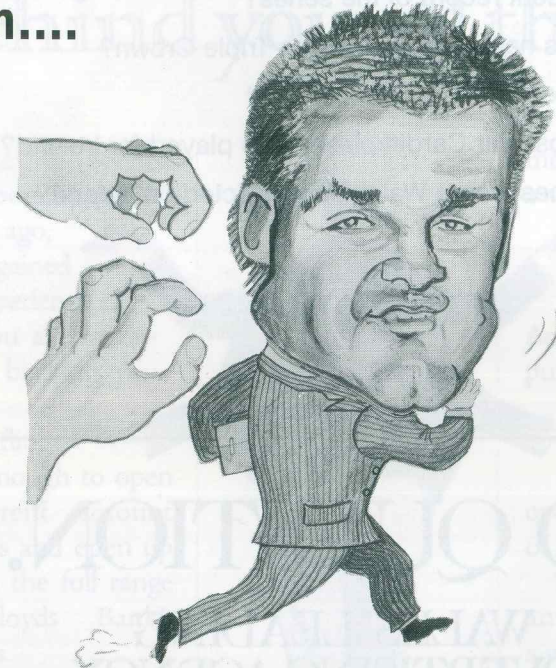
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Rugby Quiz – No. 17

With the Ireland v Wales match very much in mind let's have a look at the record of that series.

1. What is the present record of the series?
2. How many times have Ireland won the Triple Crown?
3. Have Ireland ever won The Grand Slam?
4. Who was the post war Cardiff player who played for Ireland?
5. What is the highest score Wales have inflicted on Ireland?



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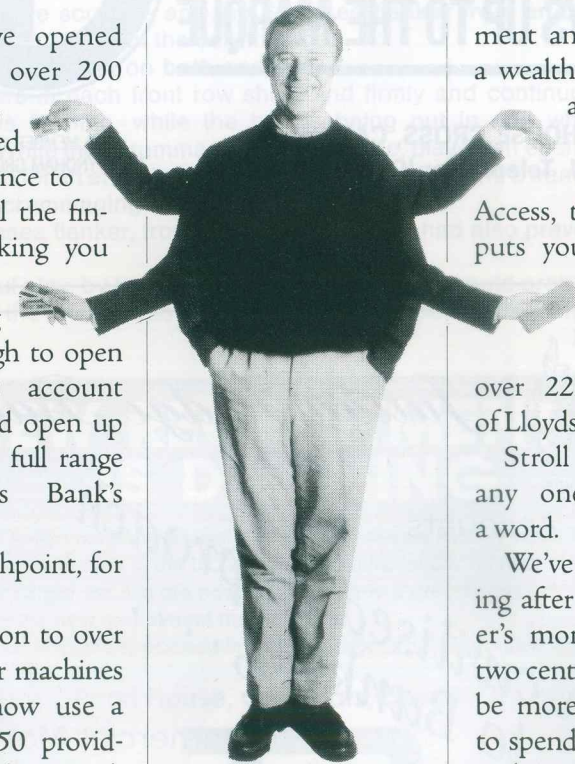
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A PENALTY TRY

Spectators and viewers were recently intrigued to see referee Clive Norling award Neath a penalty try in their match against Swansea. Neath had the put in to a scrummage five metres from the Swansea goal-line directly in front of the posts.

Neath won the ball, held it at the No.8's feet then went for the drive and the push over try. Near the goal-line, **with a try looking probable**, Swansea tried to counter the move by:-

1. the Swansea **hooker standing up in the scrummage** a ploy to prevent the drive forward;
2. wheeling the scrum – and the Swansea **flanker from an offside position** kicking the ball out of the scrummage.

Mr. Norling was correct on **both** accounts.

The players in each front row shall bind firmly and continuously while the scrummage is forming, while the ball is being put in **and** while it is in the scrummage. While the scrummage is taking place, players in each front row must be in a position for an effective forward shove. Therefore, the Swansea hooker had broken **two** scrummaging laws.

The Swansea flanker, from an offside position, had also prevented a certain try.

But for foul play, by both hooker and flanker, a try would probably have been scored – and the referee was correct in awarding a penalty try between the posts.

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If any Cardiff side is suddenly in need of players, they simply have to phone a certain number in Penylan and, with luck, they'll find five people at home who would not disgrace themselves. And, if you don't believe me, it did happen recently: among those present were Matthew Lloyd and scrum-half Paul John who is the subject for this evening's dissertation.

As so often happens when Quidnunc decides to dig into the life of one of our players, he is immediately injured: Paul was not available for selection for the Bristol match not because of an injury received at Swansea on Saturday but because he strained his back training with the Wales Under-21 squad on Sunday. It's all go for the up-and-coming player.

Paul John has had several rugby injuries during his 20 years. Yet he regards the broken arm at the age of 16 and the dislocated shoulder at 18 with something approaching affection. "If I hadn't had those knocks," he says, "I might not have collected the right grades in A Level Maths, Economics and Physics to take me to the South Glamorgan Institute."

He's in his second year at the college reading human movements – a college which will next season face a problem with the likes of Paul and his housemates Matthew Lloyd, Adam Rosser and John Humphreys.

SGIHE are likely to be in the fourth division of the new Welsh League next year: but will these four – and others – opt to play for their clubs in the League as no one, of course, will be able to play for two separate sides? Many will clearly opt for the club, the Institute may lose some of their senior club fixtures with the result that the young stars of the future could gain less experience.

School and college rugby has done well for Paul John. Born "the son of Denis" (former Pontypridd, Pontypool and Penarth scrum-half of considerable note and fame) in Church Village in January 1970, and educated at Bryncelwynog School, he played mini and youth rugby at Llantwit Fardre and youth also at Pontypridd. Captain of the Welsh Under-15s, his various injuries kept him from the Under-16 - 18 sides but he was back for an Under-19 Cap in Canada last year and a Welsh Students Cap against France this year.

Paul, known as Johnsey or Shine (because he has inherited his father's small bald patch) or even Eddie the Eagle because of the likeness with the notorious skier when he's wearing his studious spectacles, remembers particularly his Under-15 captaincy – and with embarrassment.

He speaks fast at the best of times and, covered with nerves, he gabbled through his captain's after-match speech in Italy with the result that nobody understood a word. This, unfortunately, included the interpreter who was supposed to translate into Italian and who clearly thought Paul was speaking in Welsh anyhow.

Rugby at these various levels has ensured plenty of travel. Already, Australia, Fiji, Canada, America, France, Ireland, Spain, Holland, Italy and Jersey have been on the John itinerary.

His girlfriend and fellow Institute student is Helen Davies (Hi, Helen: remember me? Last time we met across a crowded lecture room it was you who had your arm in plaster from an injury playing in the centre for the college ladies' team). They meet when Paul's not watching those Rocky films (his mum works in a video shop which seems to ensure no shortage of films for the intrepid five house sharers) which fire him up even more than Alan Phillips.

Paul has a curious, if pleasant, superstition. On a Friday night before a match he must have two pints of Guinness in the Claude – and arguably a few more on a Saturday after the game before a curry at the Himalayan. He's likely at this stage to burst out into a Rocky song – The Eye of the Tiger – and go home to watch Rocky, Clint Eastwood, Harrison Ford, Robin Williams or Steve Martin.

He is 5ft 10, 12 stone 10 and plans to qualify as a teacher before deciding what finally to do in life. The rugby moment he remembers most was the Llanelli cup-tie earlier this year (when, of course, it was his spontaneous break from defence which brought that extraordinary last-minute try) and his ambition is to stay playing for Cardiff as they rise to the heights once more.



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9. G. EDWARDS*
1. G. WALLACE
2. G. DAVIES
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4. I. ROBINSON §
5. A. PIKE
6. R. LANE § †
8. J. JAMES (Capt.) †
7. M. JOHN §

- Full Back
- Right Wing
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Bristol

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- D. G. TYLER† B.
- C. T. WILLIAMS § C.
- T. R. GABITASS† D.
- A. J. MORLEY § E.
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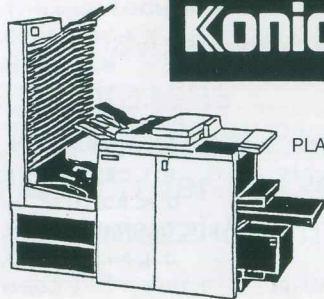
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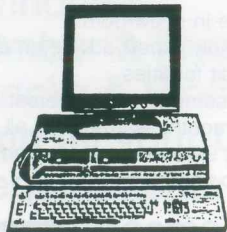
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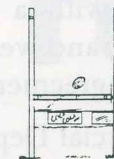
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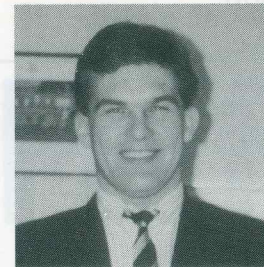
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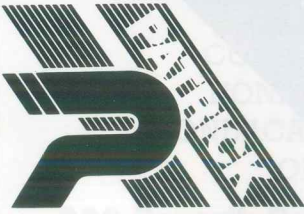
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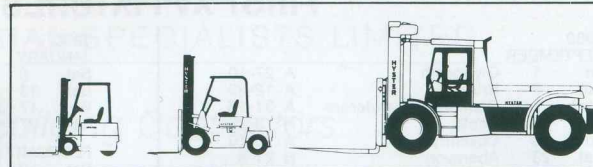
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Rugby Quiz No. 17 – Answers

1. *Played 92, Wales 56 wins, Ireland 31, 5 drawn.*
2. *Six times – 1894, 1899, 1948, 1949, 1982 and 1985.*
3. *Yes, once in 1948.*
4. *Des O'Brien.*
5. *34 points to 9 in Dublin 1976.*



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Sat. 9	London Welsh	H 60-14	Sat. 14	Barbarians	H.....
Sat. 16	Bridgend Athletic (Cup)	H 38-16	Mon. 16	South Glam. Institute	H.....
Sat. 23	Bridgend	A 10-21	Sat. 21	Neath	A.....
Tue. 26	Pontypridd	H 27-6	Sat. 28	Newbridge	H.....
Sat. 30	Harlequins	A 31-43	MAY		
			Sat. 5	W.R.U. Cup Final	

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1989			1990		
SEPTEMBER			JANUARY		
Sat. 2	Bristol United	H 20-39	Sat. 6	Bath United	A 20-4
Wed. 6	Glamorgan Wanderers II	H 4-21	Sat. 13	Neath Athletic	H 43-3
Sat. 9	Senghenydd	A 16-19	Wed. 17	Bridgend Ravens	A Post.
Sat. 16	Coventry Extras	H 36-24	FEBRUARY		
Wed. 20	Llandaff North	H 39-9	Sat. 3	Ebbw Vale Athletic	H 60-0
Sat. 23	Canton	A 14-10	Sat. 10	Newport United	H 20-12
Wed. 27	Pontypridd Athletic	H 12-19	Sat. 17	Maidenhead	A 26-19
Sat. 30	Moseley United	A 10-16	Sun. 18	Bracknell	A 82-0
OCTOBER			MARCH		
Sat. 7	Pontypool Athletic	H 36-12	Fri. 2	Pontypool United	H.....
Wed. 11	Croesyceiliog	A 9-13	Sat. 10	Pontypool Athletic	A 30-12
Sat. 14	Abercarn	H Post.	Wed. 14	Pontypridd Athletic	A 24-27
Wed. 25	Pontypool Athletic	H 22-11	Sat. 17	Newport HSOB	H 47-3
Sat. 28	Cross Keys United	H 42-12	Sat. 24	Bristol United	A.....
NOVEMBER			Sat. 31	Mountain Ash	A.....
Wed. 1	Kenfig Hill	A 7-21	APRIL		
Fri. 3	London New Zealand	H 18-6	Sat. 7	Llanharan	A.....
Sat. 11	Ebbw Vale Athletic	A 34-7	Wed. 18	Old Penarthians	H.....
Sat. 18	Bridgend Sports	H 18-14	Sat. 21	Garndiffaith	H.....
Wed. 22	Cardiff & District	H 31-13	Sat. 28	Blackwood	H.....
Sat. 25	Swansea University	H 10-26	Mon. 30	Llanharan	H.....
DECEMBER					
Sat. 2	Swansea Athletic	A Canc.			
Sat. 9	Neath Athletic	A 7-33			
Sat. 16	Pontypool United	A 11-6			
Sat. 23	Bridgend Ravens	H 12-13			
Sat. 30	Rumney	A 12-13			

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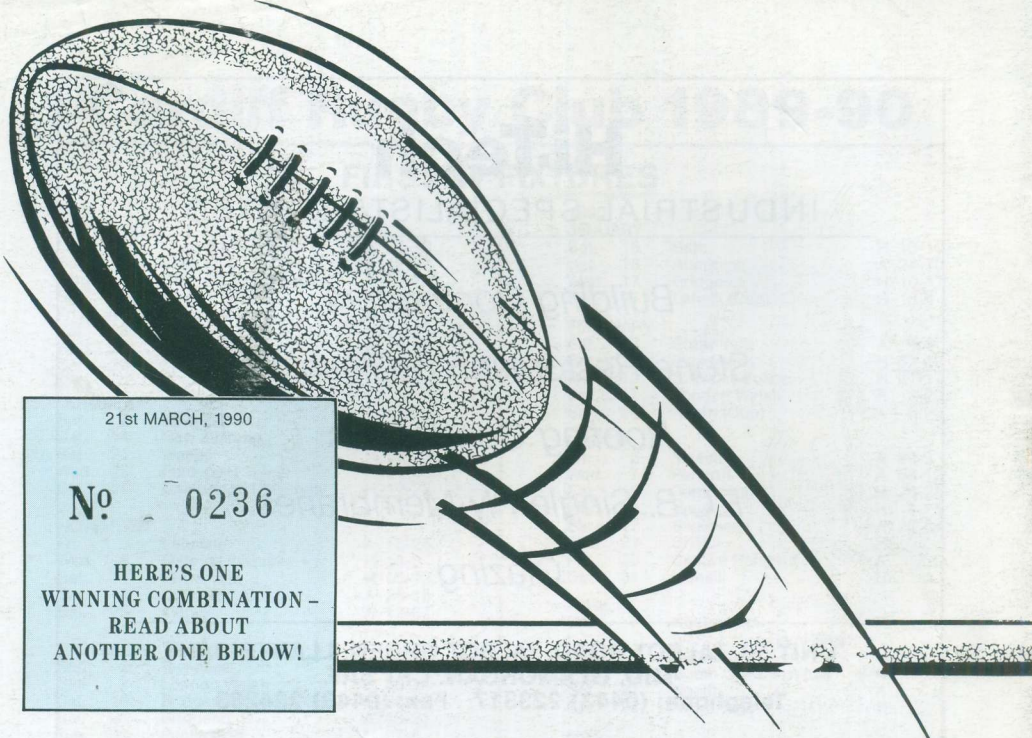
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