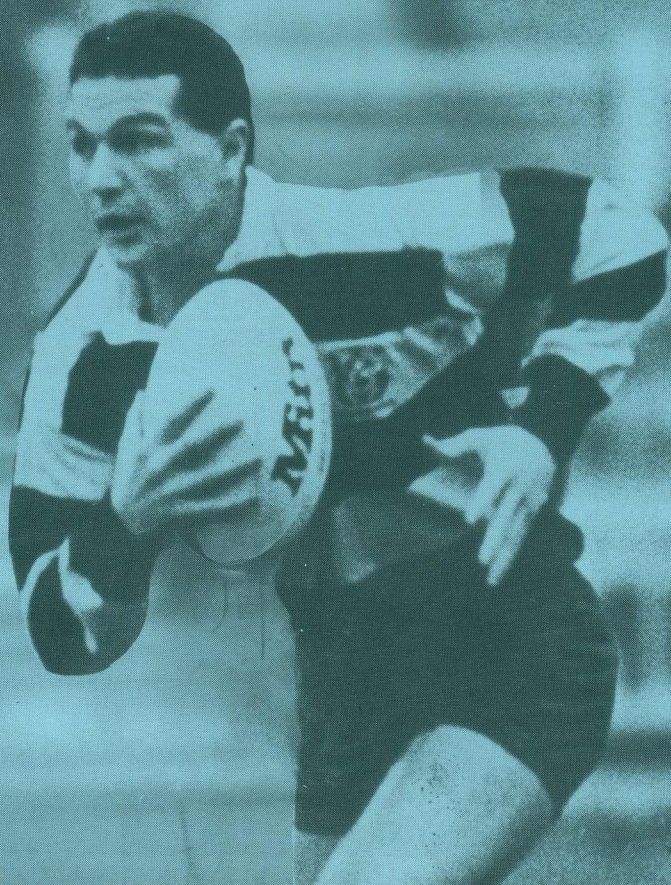




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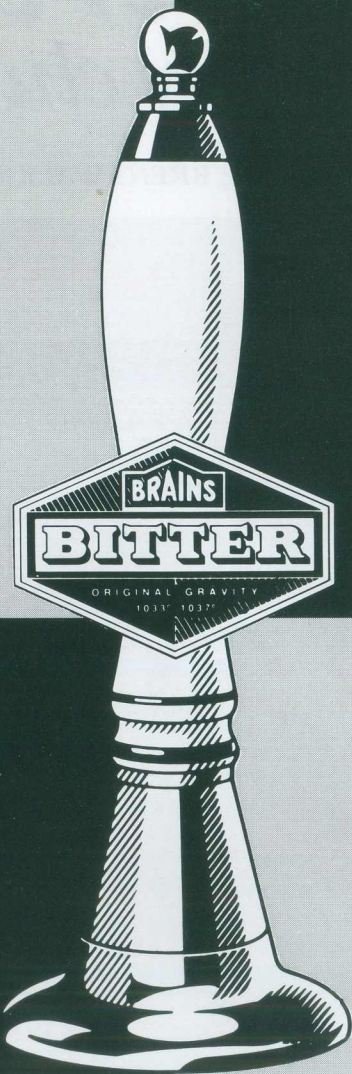
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All the goings on that make up the Welsh Rugby scenario these days still only appears to be adding further turmoil to the already very troubled waters. The trek to pastures north looks to be getting more congested daily and last Saturday's dog's dinner of a game against the Baa Baas didn't exactly exude confidence for the forthcoming Five Nations Championship. If their captain on the day Nick Farr Jones is right in his comments, all England will be in elation come 4 o'clock on January 19th next. Its still a funny old game however as it proved two years ago when England came on the same mission but failed yet again in their attempt. It didn't materialise on that occasion so lets hope for more of the same again when the Championship opens.

By the time these notes see the light of day, hopefully the International Board will also have made a statement concerning changes in the Declaration of Amateurism section of the Laws of the Game. Such changes will be awaited with baited breath even though it will perhaps only be beneficial to those in the top bracket of the game. I can't see the likes of Pop and Ponty of Aberflyarff making a bomb out of it. Having said that however, I suppose I should be more aware of creator Gren's ingenuity. I'm sure he will come up with something so his beloved duo can cash in on any such changes.

In speaking of changes, we extend our commiserations to John Davies and Malcolm Lewis who have now departed the scene. We wish them well for the future whilst remembering their contribution to the game in the past. John was a master at reading a game and always appeared a move or two in front of his most formidable opponent. The influence he imparted on the three great sides he captained: London Welsh, Wales and the British Lions, was true testimony of his superb skills.

Its back to this afternoon now however when we carry on in what has now become a highly competitive Premier Division of the Heineken League. We have already experienced the ecstasy and the agony of the league in our excellent win over Swansea followed by a rather dismal defeat at Newbridge. That latter defeat has highlighted the fact that success in the league will very much depend on winning games away from home and it has become patently obvious that this is going to become increasingly difficult. As yet after only two league Saturdays only Neath and Bridgend have managed to take the spoils from away games and consequently jointly occupy the top of the table. We can now certainly say we know the score only too well regarding league rugby and it's a matter of fasten your safety belts because it's going to be a rough old ride from here on on in.

Spectator interest also appears to have been rekindled because the league games throughout all the divisions have reported far better crowds than normal. Our home game against Swansea proved this point with attendance more than treble that of the Leicester and Bristol games.

It's on we go then this afternoon when it gives us great pleasure to welcome Bridgend to the Arms Park yet again. The Brewery Field outfit have had a good start to their league programme by defeating Glamorgan Wanderers away by 12-10 and then a home victory over Pontypool by 14-9. Both games have been hard fought and fairly equal but both have produced two points for them which is of paramount importance in the long run. The type of squad available to them is such that they are capable of adapting to any situation the game throws up. Their pack is able to match most others they come up against while their back have plenty of pace and power.

In the programme of our home game last year I made a statement which appeared to upset some members of the Bridgend Club. This was in no way



intended and, in fact, in my own unsuccinct way I thought I was paying them a compliment. I referred to the fact that I was amazed that Bridgend had no players in the national squad. Well that situation still persists and I am still amazed that the situation has repeated itself again this season. I'm sure there are players in their squad who are equal to or better than those in the Welsh squad and as such Bridgend can justly feel rather peeved that the likes of Aled Williams and Glen Webb to name but a few are overlooked for the National squad.

After a mediocre campaign last year, things began to go right for them towards the end of the season when they ran Neath all the way in a very competitive Cup Final before the All Blacks triumphed by 16-10. Running last season too, Arwel Parry broke the club's scoring record by amassing a staggering 451 points beating Howell Davies' previous best of 422 in season 1983-84. Arwel Parry's 451 points is only bettered in Welsh Rugby's top teams by Robin Williams of Pontypool who achieved 517 in season 1974-75. I'm sure skipper for his second season John Apsee is glad to have such a points scoring machine at his disposal because it looks as if the boot is going to be as important as ever as far as league rugby is concerned.

Another milestone in the history of Bridgend also came last season when after 42 years in the post of secretary Durbar Lawrie finally relinquished the job in favour of a younger man. Now that must be a record which will certainly take a bit of beating. Well done Durbar, we wish you many more happy seasons with Bridgend.

Today's game brings the series up to 128 meetings and of the previous 127 we have won 61 games to their 53 with the remaining 13 games drawn. Points wise we have scored 1255 to Bridgend's 1100.

To Bridgend then we say welcome again to Cardiff Arms Park, we hope you enjoy your visit.

From our own point of view our defeat at Newport was a rather chastening affair but thank goodness it was a league fixture. As I've previously said to win our home league games is absolutely essential so make no mistake we are going to have a tough job on our hands this afternoon. Fortunately Mark Ring and Mike Griffiths have shaken off the bumps they received last Saturday and should be fit to play.

On the injury front Matthew Lloyd and Justin Burnell are coming along nicely, Richard Jones has had surgery on a groin injury and Tony Orrell should soon be fit again after spending some time in plaster.

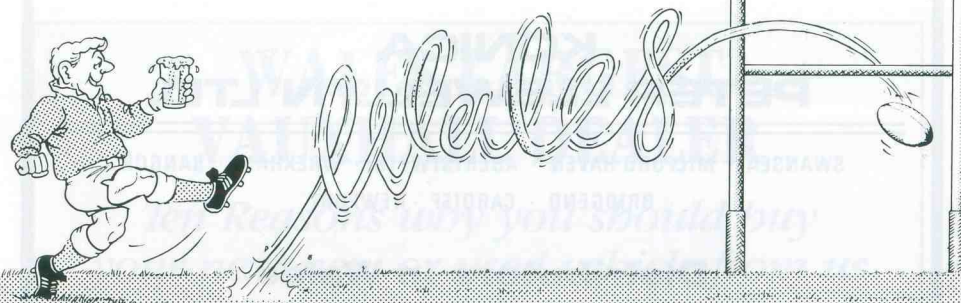
Bob Lakin's Rags side have certainly got their show on the road lately, with three excellent wins over Loughborough College, Moseley Utd. and Newport Utd. They will be well tested today at Bridgend and their game next Wednesday night will be played at Sophia Gardens under lights: K.O. 7.15 p.m. This is due to the fact that Wales will be playing soccer on the National Stadium which prevents us from using our ground. The Rags invariably serve up entertaining rugby and their games are always well worth a visit.

The Youth Team captained by centre Martin Walsh are in tip top form. They have won all 6 games played with excellent wins over their Newport and Llanelli counterparts. Indeed their trip to Stradey saw them hammer the young Scarlets by over 40 points. Coaches Jack Lewis and Gareth Jones are doing a great job with their squad and team manager Jim O'Donnell has also got a very satisfying smile on his face — rightly so. Jim has been associated with Cardiff Youth for many a long day and he reckons that although the present side is a very young outfit it is certainly one of the most talented he can remember. Now that's a very encouraging observation and one which augurs well for the future.

The £50 for the winning programme number was claimed at the Swansea match by Mr. H. James.

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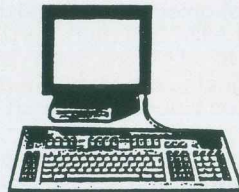
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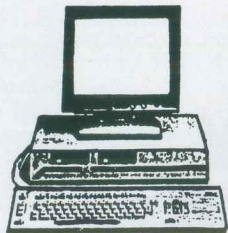


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## KNOW THE LAWS

By J. E. MALCOLM THOMAS

Two important amendments to the Laws this season relate to **firstly**, the Wheeling of the Scrummage and, **secondly**, offsides.

It was decided to retain the limitation on wheeling a scrummage beyond 90 degrees but "**when the scrum is reformed it is to be at the site of the stoppage with the ball to be put in by the side that has gained possession**".

This means that in future no side will profit from losing the ball against the head and then using the ploy of wheeling the scrum more than 90 degrees to cancel the advantage and gain another put-in. Instead the put-in will now go to the other side.

The off-side provisions for a player leaving a scrummage have been made similar to those for a ruck or maul. This means that "**a player may leave a scrummage provided he retires immediately behind the off-side line**".

This, in practice, now allows the flankers to break from scrums in front of the ball in cases where it is being held at the feet of the No.8. In effect the flanker can become an extra scrum-half and can increase the attacking options of the back row.

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## QUIDNUNC'S COLUMN

AS A FRONT-ROW FORWARD, Michael Griffiths is used to head-on, eyeball-to-eyeball confrontations. But even he decided that discretion was the better part of valour a few days ago when, during a training spin on his mountain bike on a farm track up the Rhondda, he came face to face with... a bull. Our hero was wearing a vivid red windcheater at the time and the bull was clearly intrigued by this proverbial red rag. The stare-out did not continue long. 'Griff', basically a quiet man of peace, picked up his bike as the bull started to stamp, made his apologies and left.

Quiet man? Well, for the most part anyhow. One of the most gruesome, even horrific, sounds you will ever hear in the Cardiff dressing-room is the noise of Griff inserting his gum-shield: a cross between his friend the bull when frustrated and any other jungle animal in distress. He's not so quiet also, reports Ian 'Desperate Dan' Watkins, his roommate on tour with both Wales and Cardiff and therefore an expert on the subject, in the middle of the night – though Quidnunc shirks from revealing the sleep-interrupting details. Others will tell you that an even worse habit is the amount of grease he puts on his arms before a game: "it adds enormously to the laundry bill – especially now that Tony Orrell is copying it".

But the fact that this member of the Lucozade-drinking big-eating club sings the romantic "Tie a ribbon in your hair," when pressed suggests that he is a placid character. Indeed, coach Alan Phillips has far more trouble with Griff's brother-in-law Emrys. So forthright and piercing are Emrys's views that Thumper has nicknamed him the Guru.

Finally, and to put the record straight, Michael Griffiths is not 69 years old as might have been inferred from some copies of Saturday's Wales-Barbarians programme. This was corrected – but all the true facts are:

### PERSONAL DETAILS

**Birthplace:** Tonypandy

**Birthday:** March 18, 1962

**Height/Weight:** 6ft/16st. 3lbs

**School:** Blaenclydach Secondary

**Married:** Yes, to Anne

**Children:** Joel and Luke (Dai Young was godfather at a memorable Christening a few weeks ago)

**Superstitions:** Keeps same stocking tie-ups as long as possible (current pair about 12 months old and rotting), puts everything on the left foot first (socks, boots etc) and always follows the hooker on to the field.

**Career:** Ystrad (Rhondda) Youth, Ystrad Seniors, Bridgend, Crawshays, Wales B (v. France, 1988), Cardiff, Wales (12th cap on Saturday), British Lions (Australia 1989)

**Nickname:** Griff

**Hobbies:** Cycling, mountain biking

### PERSONAL FAVOURITES

**Rugby Players:** Jeff Probyn, Dai Young, Paul Edwards.

**Referee:** None, really

**Film:** All comedies

**Actor:** Robin Williams

**Actress:** None

**Comedians:** Tommy Cooper, Monty Python team

**Food:** Pasta, all Italian foods

**Drinks:** Dry Cider, Guinness, wine and a couple of whiskies, but only on Saturday evenings.

**Ground:** National Stadium, Parc des Princes, Brewery Field.

**Biggest influences:** Meredydd James and Ike Stephens at Bridgend. Father.

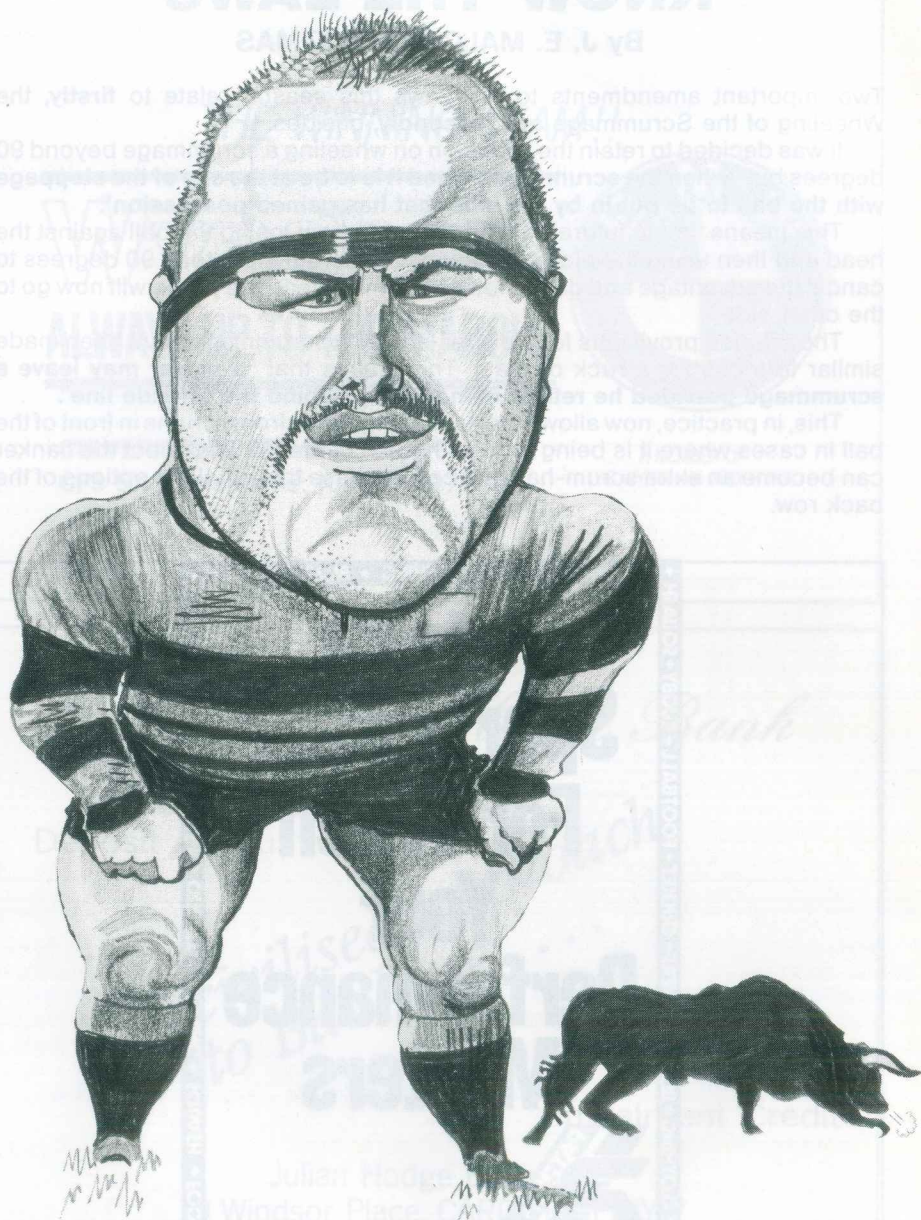
### MEMORIES

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**Worst:** Being dropped for the Scottish match last year

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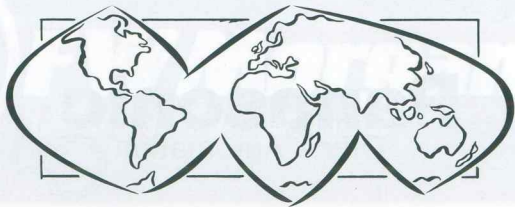
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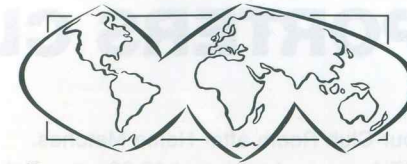
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Newbridge	2	1	1	0	25	17	5	2
Cardiff	2	1	1	0	28	24	3	2
Pontypool	2	1	1	0	26	28	3	2
Abertillery	2	1	1	0	21	23	1	2
Llanelli	2	0	1	1	17	22	2	1
Swansea	2	0	2	0	27	51	4	0
G. Wands.	2	0	2	0	19	29	1	0

### First Division

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pt
Ebbw Vale	1	1	0	0	31	7	2
Newport	1	1	0	0	28	10	2
S W Police	1	1	0	0	32	16	2
Aberavon	1	1	0	0	18	3	2
Tredegar	1	0	0	1	3	18	0
Cross Keys	1	0	0	1	16	32	0
Maesteg	1	0	0	1	10	28	0
Penarth	1	0	0	1	7	31	0

### Second Division

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pt
Llanharan	2	2	0	0	74	25	14
Mount. Ash	2	2	0	0	54	7	9
Dunvant	2	2	0	0	43	10	5
Treorchy	2	2	0	0	47	27	4
Narberth	2	1	1	0	38	28	4
Blaina	2	1	1	0	24	33	3
Bonymaen	2	0	2	0	20	42	3
Aber'von Q	2	0	2	0	30	71	2
Wrexham	2	0	2	0	10	67	1
Rumney	2	0	2	0	4	34	1

### Third Division

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pt
Tumble	2	2	0	0	47	3	8
Cliffynydd	2	2	0	0	29	19	3
Llandovery	2	1	1	0	48	25	8
Tenby Utd	2	1	1	0	38	23	4
Pontyp'1 U.	2	1	1	0	26	35	3
Kenfig Hill	2	1	1	0	24	25	3
Kidwelly	2	1	1	0	13	19	2
St. Peter's	2	1	1	0	22	23	1
Blackwood	2	0	0	2	19	30	2
Ruthin	2	0	0	2	12	76	1

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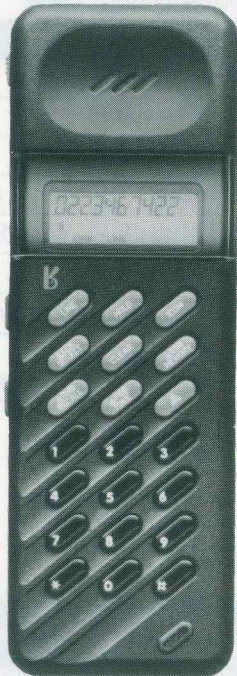
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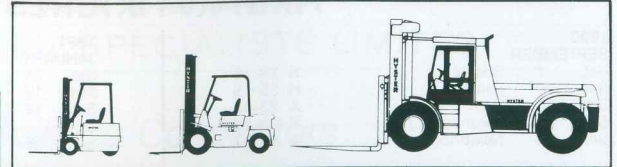


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## Rugby Quiz No. 4 – Answers

1. 5 times. 3rd round 1973/74; 3rd round 1974/75; final 1980/81; final 1981/82 and semi-final 1985/86.
2. We won 4 and lost the 3rd round game of 1974/75.
3. Due to the outbreak of the war, it was the only official first class game played in season 1939/40.
4. Yes, 3 times. 1972 won 15-4; 1975 lost 32-12 and 1978 lost 38-16.
5. It was the only final which ended in a draw 12-12 but we won on the more tries ruling.



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## FIRST XV FIXTURES

1990 SEPTEMBER			1991 JANUARY		
Sat. 1	Bristol	H 28-15	Sat. 5	Ebbw Vale	A.....
Sat. 8	Leicester	H 35-9	Sat. 12	Bridgend (L)	A.....
Sat. 15	Bath	A 23-45	Sat. 19	London Welsh (a.m.) (at Sophia Gardens)	H.....
Sat. 22	Swansea (L)	H 28-13	Sat. 26	W.R.U. Cup 5th Round	
Sat. 29	Newbridge (L)	A 0-11			
OCTOBER			FEBRUARY		
Tue. 2	Penarth	H 48-21	Fri. 1	Ayr	A.....
Fri. 5	Newport	A 9-34	Sat. 9	Pontypridd (L)	H.....
Sat. 13	Bridgend (L)	H.....	Fri. 15	Bective Rangers	H.....
Sat. 20	Pontypridd (L)	A.....	Sat. 23	W.R.U. Cup 6th Round	
Sat. 27	Abertillery (L)	H.....			
NOVEMBER			MARCH		
Sat. 3	Llanelli (L)	A.....	Sat. 9	Abertillery (L)	A.....
Wed. 7	Oxford University	H.....	Sat. 16	W.R.U. Cup Quarter Final	
Sat. 10	Glam. Wanderers (L)	H.....	Sat. 23	Llanelli (L)	H.....
Fri. 16	Newport	H.....	Sat. 30	Barbarians	H.....
Sat. 24	Pontypool (L)	A.....			
DECEMBER			APRIL		
Sat. 1	Aberavon	H.....	Sat. 6	W.R.U. Cup Semi-Final	
Sat. 8	Neath (L)	H.....	Sat. 13	Glam. Wanderers (L)	A.....
Sat. 15	Swansea (L)	A.....	Sat. 20	Pontypool (L)	H.....
Sat. 22	Newbridge (L)	H.....	Sat. 27	Neath (L)	A.....
Wed. 26	Pontypridd	H.....			
Sat. 29	Harlequins	H.....	MAY		
			Sat. 4	W.R.U. Cup Final	

(L) denotes League game

## ATHLETIC XV FIXTURES

1990 SEPTEMBER			1991 JANUARY		
Sat. 1	Bristol United	A 13-18	Sat. 5	Ebbw Vale Athletic	H.....
Wed. 5	Aberaman	A 13-19	Sat. 12	Bridgend Ravens	H.....
Sat. 8	Leicester Extras	A 21-28	Sat. 26	Pontypool United	H.....
Wed. 12	Cwmtwrch	A 65-0			
Sat. 15	Bath United	H 12-24	FEBRUARY		
Wed. 19	Garndiffaith	A 18-13	Sat. 9	Pontypridd Athletic	A.....
Sat. 22	Loughborough	H 18-15	Wed. 20	Mountain Ash	H.....
Sat. 29	Moseley United	H 23-19	Sat. 23	Bedwas	A.....
			Tue. 26	Pontypool United	A.....
OCTOBER			MARCH		
Wed. 3	Glam. Wanderers II	H Post.	Sat. 2	Rumney	H.....
Fri. 5	Newport United	H 40-4	Sat. 9	Neath Athletic	H.....
Sat. 13	Bridgend Ravens	A.....	Sat. 16	Blackwood	A.....
Wed. 17	Cardiff Medicals	H.....	Fri. 29	Bridgend Sports	A.....
Sat. 20	Pontypridd Athletic	H.....			
Sat. 27	Wasps Vandals	A.....	APRIL		
NOVEMBER			Sat. 6	Croesyceiliog	H.....
Sat. 3	Senghenydd	H.....	Sat. 13	Llanharan	H.....
Wed. 7	Barry Plastics	A.....	Wed. 17	Llandaff North	A.....
Sat. 10	Glam. Wanderers II	A.....	Sat. 20	Pontypool Athletic	A.....
Fri. 16	Newport United	A.....	Sat. 27	Blackwood	H.....
Sat. 24	Pontypool Athletic	H.....			
DECEMBER					
Sat. 8	Gloucester United	A.....			
Sat. 15	Abercarn	H.....			
Sat. 22	Neath Athletic	A.....			
Sat. 29	Cardiff H.S.O.B.	A.....			

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