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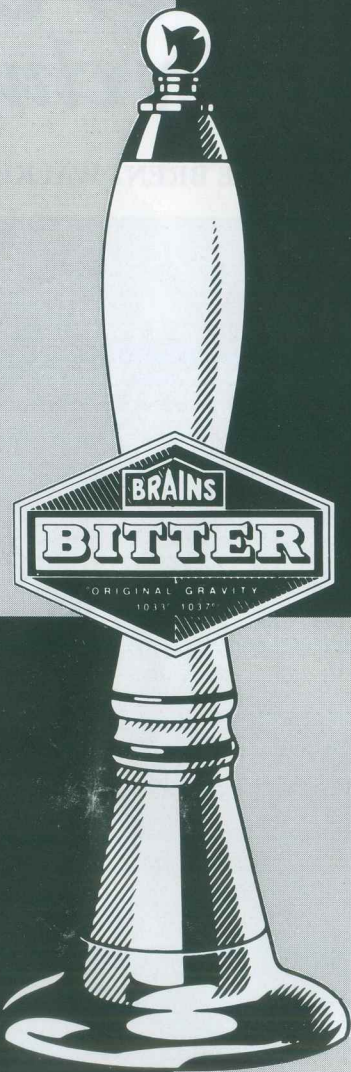
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I read the other day that a sleeping giant of Welsh Rugby has well and truly aroused itself and is now stalking the Principality in menacing fashion. The ogre in question is none other than our most welcome visitors tonight, Newport. I can well imagine the rampant giant crying out in ominous fashion, in the time honoured tradition of all such creatures, Fe Fi Fo Fum, I smell the blood of Premier "Divizhn".

Our great rivals from up the M4 can certainly take great satisfaction for their season to date. After several depressing seasons they have really come into their own again and are now firing on all cylinders. There is no doubt about them being a giant in tradition as history will readily recall. Over the past few seasons though they may not have had much success on the field but the workmanlike and dignified manner in which they have strived to get the club back in the top bracket is much to be admired.

These efforts have certainly paid splendid dividends at this point in the season. Five wins in five league outings has put them in firm favourite position in the First Division. They have accounted for Maesteg away 28-10, Penarth home 56-0, Ebbw Vale away 40-11, Cross Keys home 26-0, and finally a 39-15 win over their closest rivals Aberavon at Rodney Parade last Saturday. Besides those league wins they have also beaten Coventry home 51-14, Pontypool away 30-9, Richmond home 8-6, Gloucester home 15-10, London Welsh away 28-19, ourselves at Newport 34-9, and Nottingham at home 32-13. Their only two defeats have come at Blackheath away 30-3 and Pontypridd at home 19-9.

The real icing on the cake came however when the Baa-Baas paid the Black-and-Ambers their annual visit last month. The famous touring side were sent packing with a massive flea in their ear. After some of the defeats Newport have suffered over the years in this game, this was manna indeed for the club and its supporters.

Then their 22-10 victory over Swansea in the week means they have beaten three of the four Premier Division clubs they have played this season. With the league as good as sewn up, they must really fancy their chances in this year's cup competition.

The Cardiff-Newport association is one of gigantic proportions because tonight it reaches a massive 362 games. The record of the 361 games played shows 173 wins to us, 131 to Newport and 57 drawn. Newport records show that more games than this have been played though. A search of early records however shows that Newport were established before Cardiff and games played against the two clubs in Cardiff – Glamorgan Football Club and Cardiff Wanderers – were recorded as Cardiff.

In fact these Cardiff sides amalgamated on Friday 22nd September 1876 at the Swiss Hall in Queen Street and thus was born the Cardiff Rugby Club as we know it today.

Several trials and scratch games were arranged but the first competitive game was played on December 2nd, 1876 against guess who – Newport. The game was played in a downpour of rain on Newport Marshes. Notwithstanding a crowd of 200 paid sixpence each to see the game which Newport won by 2 tries and 13 touchdowns to 2 touchdowns. And so started a love hate relationship which has now been ongoing for some 114 years. Apart from the period of World War I the

sides have met every single year since. Even Hitler couldn't stop it from 1939 to 1944 because although the games were considered unofficial the sides continued to do battle throughout the duration of the war.

The massive 361 game series is by far and away the biggest among all the clubs we play with Swansea coming in second some 100 games behind with 261.

No doubt the Black-and-Ambers will arrive tonight with firm intentions of another win to make it the double for this season after their very comprehensive win at Rodney Parade earlier on. It would also give them three wins on the trot for the first time since season 1968/69. Skipper Glen George is in fine fettle these days and his selection as captain of Wales B is a just reward for his efforts in leading his club so well. With the like of Paul Turner, David Waters and newcomer dynamic David Llewellyn at his disposal it's no wonder his side is doing so well.

To Newport then we say welcome yet again to Cardiff Arms Park, we hope you enjoy your visit. We also hope that these Friday night games are but a one-off hiccup and next season we will meet on Saturdays in the Premier Division, a place where you rightly belong.

In speaking of Wales B its congratulations to Paul John and Steve Ford on their selection to play in Holland. It was also very good news to see Simon Hill included amongst the replacements. Simon has been showing very good forceful form since the beginning of the season and his recognition at B level augurs well for his future.

Further congratulations go out tonight to Bob Lakin who will be making his 300th appearance for the 1st team. Bob has been a great servant to the club at Youth, Rags and 1st team level and the total number of games he has played for the club in all categories is quite formidable. He made his 1st team debut in season 1978/79 but has still been doing valiant work in the back row this season even though he is the current captain of the Rags. Well done and congratulations again Bob, we hope you enjoy yourself tonight.

Tonight also you will be able to spot the stars of the past from both the Cardiff and Newport clubs. The Cardiff Former Players Association will be entertaining their Newport counterparts before the game so have a peep into the stand tonight to see if you can spot some of those erstwhile stars.

In speaking of erstwhile stars the Rags had to call on quite a few of them last week when they went to play at Barry Plastics. It was a celebration game and due to the fact that most of the Rags played against Oxford University we were very pushed to get a team out. In the end with the help of two British Lions and eight internationals a very worthwhile celebration resulted and the host side were highly delighted with the whole night.

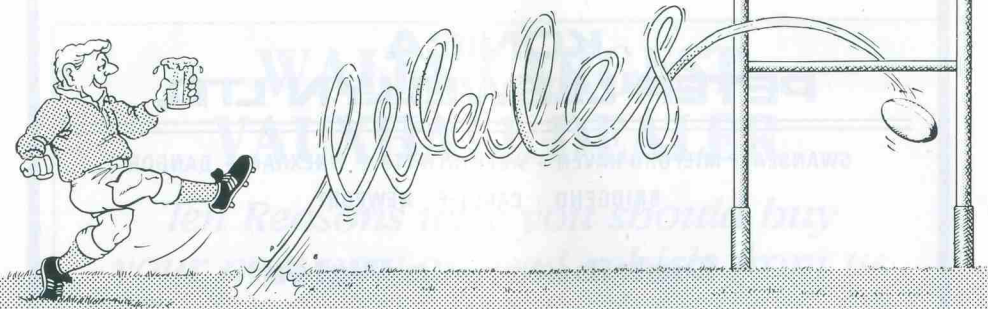
The Youth team are still marching on unbeaten and their latest effort saw them overpower Pembroke Youth by 50pts. to 3 in The Esso Youth Cup. Well done yet again lads, keep up the good work.

It seems we have also some very loyal supporters who are now getting on in years. I have heard of Mr. William Ernest Lages who is now 86 years of age and is still a regular attender on the popular bank. He was born in 1904 and saw his first Cardiff game when they played a New Zealand Forces side in 1915. He has been a staunch supporter since. Good for you Mr. Lages may your support continue for many a year.

The £50 lucky programme winner at the Swansea game was won by Mr. Ivor Williams and Glamorgan Wanderers by Mr. Murphy. Don't forget to buy a programme then, it could be you next time.

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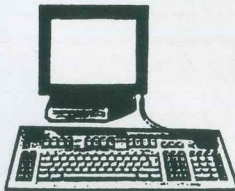
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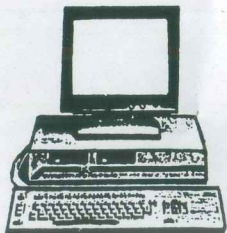


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3. How many times have Cardiff beaten Newport four times in a season?
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5. What is the biggest ever crowd for a Cardiff-Newport game at Rodney Parade?



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By J. E. MALCOLM THOMAS

QUESTION 1:

A free kick is awarded and the ball is kicked "up-and-under" before it is caught by the original kicker. He then drops it, "successfully", for a goal. What is the correct decision?

ANSWER:

Play on. The ball must first be played by **another** player before a goal can be awarded.

QUESTION 2:

At a kick-off, if the ball travels directly into touch, may the non-offending side accept the kick-off and take a quick throw-in?

ANSWER:

Yes, it should take place at the half-way line.

QUESTION 3:

A player losing possession of the ball in a forward direction juggles with it and knocks it backwards to a team-mate. What should be the referee's decision?

ANSWER:

Knock-on. The ball has not been recovered by the original player before it has touched the ground or another player.

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QUIDNUNC'S COLUMN

BOBBY LAKIN, despite what you may think, is not a veteran. Quite apart from the fact that he is currently running around like a three-year-old, he is in fact 31 and growing younger each year with every disappearing piece of hair.

I mention this, and the choice of this evening's illustration, for two reasons. Firstly, and by far the most important of the two, is that according to Cardiff's statisticians, Mr. Robert Lakin, if he does take the field tonight in any capacity before half-time, will be making his 300th appearance for the club. The internal rules by which Cardiff operate state that an appearance – for cap purposes, for example – counts if you take the field as an original selection, or take part as a replacement before half-time. Come from the bench in the second-half and you are given half an appearance.

But Bob's figures now add up to 300 complete appearances: a very happy anniversary therefore to one of the nicest guys in the game – off the field! Bob, currently official captain of the Rags, has done just about everything for Cardiff. Three (winning) cup-final appearances, three times on the bench for cup-finals, a Wales "B" cap in France. His best moment, he feels, was scoring a try in that 1981 final against Bridgend.

This season, he was happily acting as the good shepherd for the youngsters in the Athletic team when, inevitably perhaps, the call came from above – and Bob was back in the big time. "The Rags have improved enormously ever since," he says.

The second reason for talking about our farming hero is that Christmas is coming and his turkeys are getting fat. Each year round about now I make reference to this fact because they are for sale and Quidnunc reckons that free advertising warrants a free sample. Alas for such fond hopes...

Bob is nowhere near the veteran class, indeed, when you consider some of those who have been masquerading in the Rags team this season. Well, in one particular match, anyhow.

Last week, the Athletic played Barry Plastics to help celebrate that club's 25th anniversary. It had been thought that a team of Cardiff Veterans, who hope to play regularly, would have this fixture and that was the way it turned out to the delight of the Barry side.

Jeff Whitefoot, Ian Eidman, John Scott and the two Lanes, Roger and Stuart, were among the pack at kick-off. Steve Cannon and Chris Webber were at half-back while Richard Cardus and Pat Daniels played centre inside Stevie Ford and Wayne Lewis. John Davies, no less, was at full-back.

And there's more. Among the replacements were Brendan McAloon, Tony Moggeridge and Les O'Brien. "It was," says Bob Newman, perpetrator of these veterans' matches, "a superb evening's entertainment for everyone." Particularly for him. He was able to take very full advantage of the substantial social side of the evening but was allegedly unfit as the result of an injury while playing, would you believe, rugby league.

In fact, Cardiff's veterans had played a game earlier in the season at Porth in aid of a children's charity against an invitation side including the likes of Ike Stephens, Hywel Davies and Gary Jones. There had been, I'm told, an idea to have such games as curtain-raisers for the golden – and silver and copper – oldies before first-class matches. Whether or not it is true that the idea was abandoned through fear of spectators leaving before the "main" entertainment, I do not know.

What is true, however, is that there is being planned for December 28 next year a veterans' game with the Welsh Golden Oldies. The work of our long-suffering fixtures secretary Brian Mark is a true nightmare through having to arrange next season's League and Cup matches after the World Cup and through the Home Internationals. Such a game would be an attractive addition without over-exerting the senior squad.

Mind you, when you read as we have this week about the strength and physical aspects of the teams currently playing in the Bermuda World Rugby Classics for vets – including Alan "Thumper" Phillips – I am reminded of the words of one player who had come out of retirement for the fifth time to play at Barry. "I must be mad," he said simply.

This man is not exactly senile. Veteran status now begins, I gather at 32. Like policemen and airline pilots, they grow younger every year. And also like Bobby Lakin, which is where I came in.



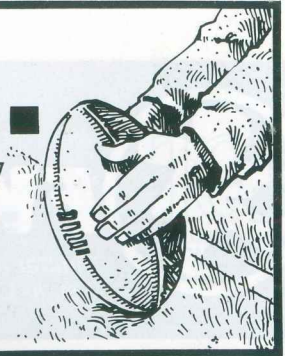


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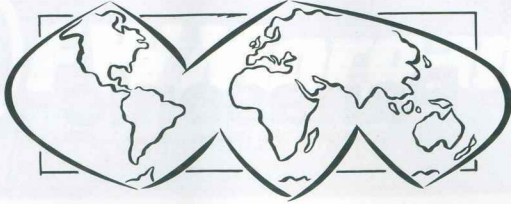
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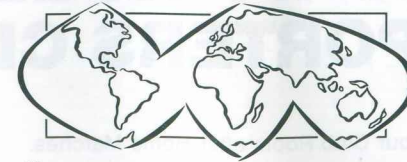
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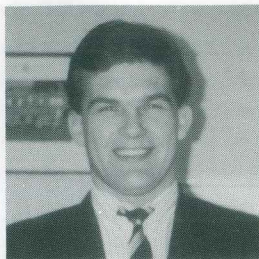
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Wrexham	6	2	0	4	6	4
Rumney	6	1	1	4	9	3
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Pontyp'U.	6	2	0	4	13	4
Blackwood	6	2	0	4	7	4
Kidwelly	6	2	0	4	7	4
Kenfig Hill	6	1	1	4	12	3
Ruthin	6	0	0	6	1	0

	ABERTILLERY	BRIDGEND	CARDIFF	GLAM WANDS.	LLANELLI	NEATH	NEWBRIDGE	PONTYPOOL	PONTYPRIDD	SWANSEA
ABERTILLERY	H A		12-55	10-16	12-7	9-16	6-55	3-30		9-23
BRIDGEND	H A		10-9	12-10		16-22	18-12	14-9	16-14	21-22
CARDIFF	H A	55-12	9-10	27-13		16-22		0-11		28-13
GLAM WANDS.	H A	16-10	10-12	13-27	9-55	9-26		10-33		9-17
LLANELLI	H A	7-12		22-16	55-9	12-21		19-10	10-10	16-12
NEATH	H A	16-9	22-16		26-9	21-12	19-7		24-13	23-14
NEWBRIDGE	H A	55-6	12-18	11-0		7-19		14-17	10-23	3-22
PONTYPOOL	H A		9-14		10-19	13-24	17-14		19-11	
PONTYPRIDD	H A		14-16	20-21	17-9		23-10		11-19	18-21
SWANSEA	H A	23-9	22-21	13-28		12-16	14-23	22-3		21-18

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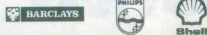


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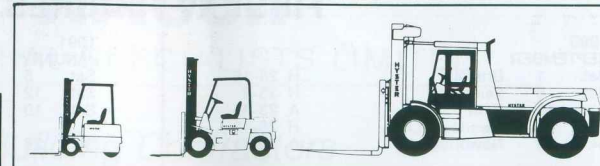


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- 4 – 1976/77 Final lost 16-15, 1985/86 Final won 28-21, 1986/87 4th round home won 15-12, 1987/88 3rd round away won 26-13.
- 6 – 1955 won 8-3, 1966 won 23-20, 1967 lost 21-15, 1976 won 18-8, 1977 won 24-16, and 1984 won 30-12.
- 4 – 1897/98, 1905/06, 1947/48 and 1951/52.
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1990			1991		
SEPTEMBER			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 9-10	Fri. 15	Bective Rangers	H.....
Sat. 20	Pontypridd (L)	A 21-20	Sat. 23	W.R.U. Cup 6th Round	
Sat. 27	Abertillery (L)	H 55-12			
NOVEMBER			MARCH		
Sat. 3	Llanelli (L)	A 16-22	Sat. 9	Abertillery (L)	A.....
Wed. 7	Oxford University	H 16-11	Sat. 16	W.R.U. Cup Quarter Final	
Sat. 10	Glam. Wanderers (L)	H 27-13	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			1991		
SEPTEMBER			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 20-13	Sat. 16	Blackwood	A.....
Wed. 17	Cardiff Medicals	H 24-3	Fri. 29	Bridgend Sports	A.....
Sat. 20	Pontypridd Athletic	H 44-7			
Sat. 27	Wasps Vandals	A Canc.	APRIL		
NOVEMBER			Sat. 6	Croesyceiliog	H.....
Sat. 3	Senghenydd	H 32-4	Sat. 13	Llanharan	H.....
Wed. 7	Barry Plastics	A 18-12	Wed. 17	Llandaff North	A.....
Sat. 10	Glam. Wanderers II	A 26-4	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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