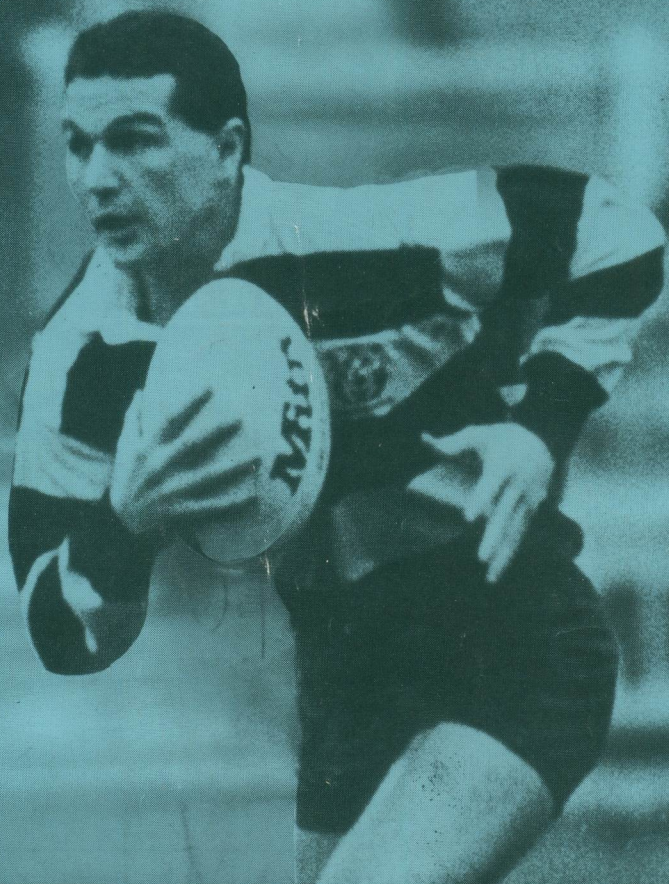




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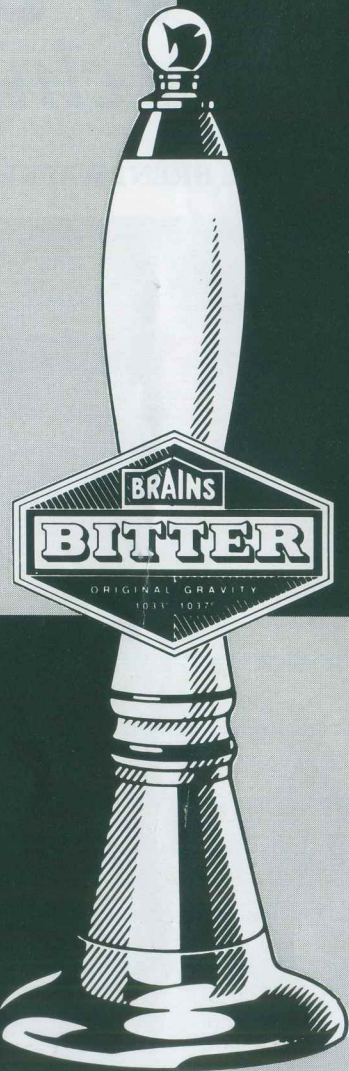
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At times not so long ago Christmas and the New Year were regarded as quite separate holidays, with a few days of normality in between. Lo and behold in these modern days of far more leisure time however both celebrations have seemed to have jelled into one long thrash. So here we are wallowing in the post Christmas lull and charging our batteries to welcome the new infant 1991 into being. And what an era of significance this new palindromic year will hold for Welsh Rugby.

Not long after the New Year bell ringing has faded into the mists of time we will have England on their biennial pilgrimage in a further attempt to lay the Cardiff bogey. Any Welsh rugby fan worthy of his salt knows that 1963 was the last time England managed to win. It will be the opening game for Wales in the Five Nations Championship which will lead into a tour of Australia in the summer and then straight into the World Cup which commences on Sunday 29th September, 1991, with the opening ceremony at Twickenham. At this stage in 1991 I wonder how the rest of the world will be viewing Welsh Rugby. Well if 1991 goes as quickly as did 1990, it won't be long before its all fact and not speculation.

England for their part should come better prepared than ever and they are as anxious as the rest to make a good showing in the Championship with the World Cup very much in mind. The English of course are well geared to run the rule over contenders for their national team by virtue of the Divisional Championship. London stormed to further success this year and the regular failure of the South West with such strong clubs as Bath and Gloucester at their disposal continues to astound.

There's no doubt that the Harlequins will have their fair share of players in the squad that is to soon be announced for their Lanzarote training camp work out. It also seems reasonable to expect Will Carling to be in charge yet again although he has been in the news lately more for his off-the-field activities. Such is the life of the high profile players of the game these days.

It's back to this afternoon now however, when it gives us great pleasure to welcome Harlequins to Cardiff Arms Park once again. Many sides are more commonly known by the colour of their strip such as the Scarlets, the Black and Ambers and our own Blue and Blacks. The Harlequins however, the aristocrats of rugby football are affectionately known as just "Quinns". This must be very obvious by just looking at their official colours. After all not many of us would like to wrap our tongues around "Come on the Light Blues, Magenta, Chocolate, French Grey, Black and Light Greens" would we?

Today's game will be our 121st against Quinns and the record of the previous 120 reads 87 wins to us, 23 to them with the remaining 10 drawn. Points wise, we have recorded 2070 for to 1021 against. We first played Quinns in 1882 when we were just six years old. The Londoners were our senior by some 10 years having been founded in 1866 and stand in 7th place in the pecking order of seniority amongst English clubs.

Most of us will associate the Quinns-Cardiff series with Easter Monday. This was the day they visited us from as far back as 1913 until the fixture was finally abandoned in 1984. We saw some greatly entertaining games during those holiday times and a win for Quinns was a rare commodity. They had the last laugh however because they won the last two Easter Monday games of the series.

Holiday travel and League Rugby put an end to this Easter Monday jaunt however. It was difficult to fit in many of the splendid traditional games we have had with English clubs over the years, but with our own league system now in being it is rapidly becoming an impossible task to such clubs even on a home one year away next basis.

Last season the Quinns finished in 7th position of Division 1 of the Courage League Championship with 6 wins and 5 defeats from their 11 scheduled games. This year however they have been having a far more successful time of it. Of their seven league games to date they have won five and lost two. They have accounted for Nottingham away 19-6, Rosslyn Park home 18-6, Saracens away 39-7, Liverpool/St. Helens home 41-12 and Northampton home 21-6. Their defeats came at the hands of Wasps home 18-12 and Bath away 23-3. This has put them in second place of the Division 1 table. As you may know English clubs play only one game against the other teams in their Division on a home one year and away the next basis. With 13 sides in their Division it means 12 games in all. Their remaining five games are away to Orrell, home to Bristol, home to Moseley and two more aways to Gloucester and Leicester. This puts them in good heart for the second half struggle in the Championship and they are confident of finishing higher up the table than last year.

It appears that their big guns will be missing from this afternoon's game but time and time again we have seen the strength in depth that Quinns always seem to have at their disposal so complacency would be fatal from our point of view. To Harlequins then we say welcome to Cardiff Arms Park yet again, we hope you enjoy your visit.

On a sad note for Quinns it was with much regret that we heard of the recent death of John Currie. John was a great worker for Quinns as a player and administrator and his early death at only 58 years of age must have come as a great shock to his many friends in the game. Such a man will be sorely missed and we in Cardiff offer our sincere condolences to his family and his club which he thought so much of.

It's not nice when you have to mention bad news at times when we should be really feeling pleased with ourselves. But bad news it is and it's all summed up in one word – Newbridge. After the experience of two league defeats in a row we were expecting to win at home to the Gwent men. On the day however even when we were six points to the good there were all sorts of warning bells ringing. At 12-9 down I was praying for injustice to prevail by scoring a try to perhaps win 13-12. It was not to be however even though our backs looked more than capable of doing something if we could have got a bit of decent ball. The visiting pack completely eclipsed our eight however in a very depressing spectacle. It's obvious that we can't afford many performances like that one. Newbridge were, of course, delighted with their double and while admitting it wasn't the classiest of exhibitions it was a very effective two points in the bag.

The Boxing Day outing against Pontypridd was very much more a "steel in the belly" effort and on the day and under the atrocious conditions our 14-6 victory over a very confident Ponty was well deserved. Both our tries would have done credit to grounds in the very best of conditions. The game will have set a feeling of keen anticipation for our league clash next February 9th.

The Rags carried on in their winning ways last Saturday and earned a 19-15 win over a very efficient Neath Athletic side. This means they have now won all 9 of their Silver Ball games, and only have one more to go against Cardiff HSOB today. A ten out of ten record would then put us in great stead for the play-off situation for the top four teams. The Rags are also well out in front with tries scored so that trophy could also well come their way.

The Schweppes Cup will soon be with us again and we have been favoured with a home draw against South Wales Police. They are going well in Division 1 with 12 points and joint second place with Aberavon. Their pack are in fine form these days so it's going to be a very hard tie for us and we can be thankful that we drawn home advantage.

I hope you have noticed that our next home game, against London Welsh, will have to be played at Sophia Gardens. This is due to the fact that hospitality marquees will be erected in the in-goal area of our pitch at the Arms Park which will obviously debar us playing there.

Finally as this is the last game of 1990 on behalf of the players and committee we wish you all the very best of luck for 1991.

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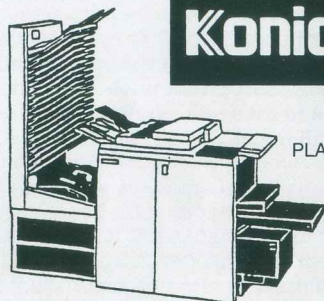
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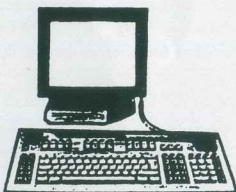
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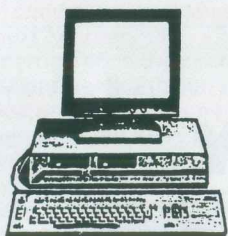


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It's all about the Quinns today.

1. Besides playing at Twickenham, what is the other ground?
2. Who is their most capped player?
3. On October 12th 1954, we played a floodlit game against Quinns. Where was the game played?
4. In all we played a series of 6 floodlit games between 1954 and 1959. What was the record of those games.
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By J. E. MALCOLM THOMAS

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Advantage can be (a) **either territorial**, i.e., a gain of ground or (b) **tactical**, i.e., a good attacking opportunity.

Referees are advised, when they see an infringement, to delay blowing their whistle for a few seconds in order to allow an advantage to be taken by the non-offending side. If an advantage is not taken within these few seconds, the referee should blow up.

There are a **few occasions** in the game when the referee should blow immediately and not play advantage, e.g.—

- (1) Serious misconduct;
- (2) When a player uses the referee as an obstruction;
- (3) for an infringement by the attacking side on or near the defending side's goal-line.
- (4) When the ball emerges from either end of the tunnel at a scrummage and not having been played.
- (5) When a player is "accidentally offside".

If the non-offending team is allowed an advantage **but subsequently spoils it** by dropping the ball or knocking it forward etc, then there **should not** be a return to give the first infringement. Then there should be **no** going back to give it a "second bite of the cherry". The Referee is the sole judge of whether an Advantage has been gained.

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A Happy New Year



## QUIDNUNC'S COLUMN

EVER ONE to drop names, as you will be aware, Quidnunc reports that he was delighted as usual to receive his annual Christmas card from the splendid and charming South Wales Echo cartoonist, Gren. It shows a captain attempting to wind up his team with the words "And you can forget about all this Peace and Goodwill to all men bit, UNLESS THE REF'S LOOKING".

Now I am not suggesting for one moment that our skipper David Evans should for one moment forget what are clearly his natural, sporting instincts. But several of those who last Friday evening happily joined in the excellent carol singing after the club lottery and Christmas draw may well have reflected ruefully the following day that at least some of the seasonal spirit was being given the following day by our heroes in excessive amounts or, alternatively, quite literally.

A little bit of New Year's Resolution — let alone the traditional New Year resolutions — might not come amiss, it was being proposed around the downstairs bar after Newbridge had been given their present of a double. Forget the peace and goodwill to all men, the comfort and joy and let us instead have glad tidings for Cardiff.

When, therefore, we show the cartoon today of David Evans along with a quite genuine wish for a Happy New Year to all our readers and supporters including the visiting Harlequins, the reason is twofold. Quite apart from the fact that today's sponsors are David's employers — Chartered Trust, about whom more can be seen on the back page along with others of their staff connected with the club: Chartered Trust support Cardiff in many, many ways that never make the headlines — it may be an idea for all players, committee men, coaches, managers, supporters and others to pull in the same direction during 1991.

Nineteen-ninety was not, in short, the greatest year in the club's history and, when Quidnunc trawled around for suggested humorous resolutions that our heroes might make for 1991, many of the suggestions were not exactly based on any spirit of goodwill.

Nonetheless, and not withstanding the relatively serious introduction to this afternoon's essay into the life and times of our heroes, there were attempts to raise smiles — smiles which at the least could not be raised by Mr. Mike Watkins (he of Pontypridd) after Boxing Day's rainswept and wind-powered victory.

It was suggested before Christmas, for example, that skipper Dai should be presented by Chartered Trust with a new team (and not the one referred to on the afore-mentioned back page) as a Christmas present and that he should resolve authoritatively to confirm his position in the Welsh side to beat England — oh, yes, and to win the Schweppes Cup now that the Heineken League title seems out of reach.

And what other less serious New Year's Resolutions were suggested by those in the club for their colleagues? That Robert Peter Pan Lakin should resolve to be 28 again — and again and again; that Paul John should resolve to use his right foot on the match pitch as he does on the practice pitch; that committee men Bobby Newman should move at last into his third childhood and Ian Robinson should acquire some decent shirts as well as a computer to use when counting his strokes on the golf course.

That coach Thumper Phillips should at last field a full team who are neither Cardiff-born nor University graduates: and that his right hand man Peter Manning should resolve to acquire a full set of Welsh-speaking backs who are also Cardiganshire farmers.

Quidnunc in turn has resolved during this coming year not to mention: (a) How many cigarettes he is now owed by John Scott; (b) the quite remarkable depth of David Evans's voice when he becomes excited; (c) the difficulty of getting in touch with committee man Garry Davies; (d) Mike Rayer's hair style; (e) the extraordinary horses chosen by Mark Ring on which to recommend his client's cash now he is a financial consultant; (f) the need for Steve Ford to leave a forwarding telephone number; (g) Bobby Lakin's turkeys because he never does give me one; (h) the need for Albert Francis to find a sponsor willing to pay £10,000 a year to have his name on the corner flag in the bottom left hand corner of the ground where the best players are so often the South Glamorgan Youth Orchestra.

Like all New Year's resolutions these will no doubt be broken within a fortnight. Either way, Quidnunc can hope only that players, committee, officials, supporters and friends have a year memorable for all the right reasons, and at the least that 1991 should be better in every possible way than 1990. See you next year.

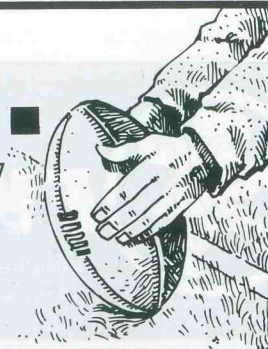


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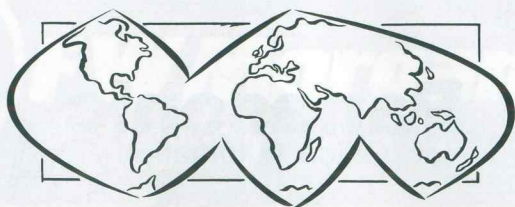
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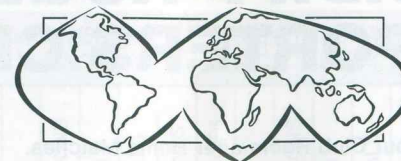
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Mike RAYER	11	5	–	1	–	23	18	9	5	6	–	64	182½	42	113	98	2	694
Mark BENNETT	8	–	–	–	–	–	13	1	–	–	–	4	15	1	–	–	–	4
Steve BLACKMORE	7	–	–	–	–	–	11	2	–	–	–	8	163½	11	–	–	–	44
Richie COLLINS	9	1	–	–	–	4	14	1	–	–	–	4	59½	8	–	–	–	32
Matthew De MAID	–	–	–	–	–	–	3½	–	–	–	–	–	13½	3	–	–	–	12
Mark EDWARDS	11	–	–	–	–	–	20	–	–	–	–	–	100½	19	–	–	–	76
Paul EDWARDS	2	–	–	–	–	–	6	–	–	–	–	–	6	–	–	–	–	–
Steve FORD	9	3	–	–	–	12	13	6	–	–	–	24	70	45	–	–	–	180
Ian GREENSLADE	7½	–	–	–	–	–	11	–	–	–	–	–	76	12	–	–	–	48
Mike GRIFFITHS	4	–	–	–	–	–	7	–	–	–	–	–	20	–	–	–	–	–
Mike HALL	3	–	–	–	–	–	6	1	–	–	–	–	11	5	–	–	–	20
Simon HILL	4½	2	–	–	–	8	9½	5	–	–	–	–	11	6	–	–	–	24
Jonathan HUMPHREYS	2	–	–	–	–	–	5½	–	–	–	–	–	10½	3	–	–	–	12
Geraint JOHN	7	–	3	3	–	15	12	–	5	3	1	22	133	23	120	79	11	602
Paul JOHN	11	5	–	–	–	20	15	6	–	–	–	24	39	8	8	–	–	48
Robert LAKIN	8	2	–	–	–	8	10	4	–	–	–	6	304	67	–	–	–	268
Kevin MORGAN	½	–	–	–	–	–	3½	1	–	–	–	4	19½	4	–	–	–	16
Stuart NUNNERLEY	3	–	–	–	–	–	8	–	–	–	–	–	32	4	–	–	–	16
Tony ORRELL	3	–	–	–	–	–	5	–	–	–	–	–	26	–	–	–	–	–
Mark RING	10	2	–	–	–	8	14	2	–	–	–	8	207	81	64	45	9	614
Stuart ROY	10	1	–	–	–	4	16	2	–	–	–	8	51½	3	–	–	–	12
Howard STONE	6½	–	–	–	–	–	8½	–	–	–	–	–	182	29	–	–	–	116
Greg SWAIN	5	–	–	–	–	–	8	–	–	–	–	–	18	–	–	–	–	–
Ceri THOMAS	9	2	–	–	–	8	14½	7	–	–	–	28	50½	18	–	1	–	75
Ian WATKINS	3	1	–	–	–	4	6	3	–	–	–	12	32	12	–	–	–	48
Anthony DONOVAN	2	4	–	–	–	12	5	6	–	–	–	24	28	18	–	–	–	72
Tim CROTHERS	1	–	–	–	–	–	3	1	–	–	–	4	178	45	–	–	–	180

\*Includes the tour to America and pre-season tournament in Holland, matches which for the possible purposes of qualification for a Cap, are counted in Season 1990-91.

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**Premier Division**

	P	W	D	L	T	Pt
Neath .....	10	10	0	0	27	20
Bridgend ..	11	8	1	2	20	17
Llanelli ....	10	6	1	3	35	13
Swansea ...	11	6	0	5	31	12
Cardiff .....	11	5	0	6	26	10
Pontypridd	10	4	1	5	31	9
Newbridge	10	4	0	6	29	8
Pontypool .	10	4	0	6	22	8
G. Wands. .	11	2	0	9	10	4
Abertillery .	10	1	1	8	6	3

**First Division**

	P	W	D	L	T	Pt
Newport .....	7	7	0	0	41	14
Aberavon .....	8	6	0	2	27	12
S. W. Police ..	8	6	0	2	19	12
Maesteg .....	6	4	0	2	18	8
Cross Keys ...	8	2	0	6	12	4
Ebbw Vale .....	5	2	0	3	10	4
Tredegar .....	7	1	0	6	6	2
Penarth .....	7	0	0	7	5	0

**Second Division**

	P	W	D	L	T	Pt
Mt. Ash ....	10	8	1	1	31	17
Llanharan	10	8	0	2	30	16
Dunvant ...	8	7	0	1	16	14
Blaina .....	9	5	1	3	21	11
Treorchy ...	9	4	1	4	19	9
Rumney ...	9	3	2	4	15	8
Narberth ..	10	3	1	6	18	7
Bonymaen	10	3	0	7	12	6
Wrexham ...	9	2	0	7	10	4
Aber'von Q	10	1	0	9	13	2

**Third Division**

	P	W	D	L	T	Pt
Llandovery	10	8	1	1	28	17
Cilfynydd ...	10	7	1	2	23	15
Tenby Utd.	10	7	0	3	23	14
Tumble .....	10	6	0	4	24	12
St. Peters	9	4	1	4	24	9
Kidwelly	10	4	0	6	19	8
Blackwood	9	4	0	5	15	8
Kenfig Hill	9	3	1	5	18	7
P'pool Utd.	9	3	0	6	17	6
Ruthin .....	10	0	0	10	2	0

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ABERTILLERY	H A	9-9	12-55	10-16	12-7	9-16	6-55	3-30	3-30	9-23	
BRIDGEND	H A	9-9	10-9	12-10	14-3	18-12	16-22	18-12	14-9	16-14	21-22
CARDIFF	H A	55-12	9-10	27-13	16-22	3-24	9-18	22-12	21-20	15-23	
GLAM WANDS.	H A	16-10	10-12	13-27	9-55	9-26	6-40	10-33	13-32	6-3	
LLANELLI	H A	68-9	7-12	22-16	55-9	12-21	19-11	19-10	10-10	16-12	
NEATH	H A	16-9	22-16	24-3	26-9	21-12	19-7	24-13	28-27	12-0	
NEWBRIDGE	H A	55-6	12-18	11-0	40-6	11-19	7-19	14-17	10-23	3-22	
PONTYPOOL	H A	11-15	12-22	33-10	10-19	13-24	17-14	19-11	6-63		
PONTYPRIDD	H A	30-3	9-14	20-21	17-9	32-13	10-10	27-28	11-19	18-21	
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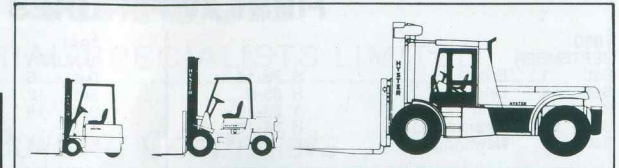


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1. *The Stoop Memorial Ground.*
2. *Sir W. W. Wakefield, 31 caps.*
3. *The White City, London.*
4. *We won 2, lost 3 and drew 1.*
5. *Yes, in their only Final appearance in 1988 when they beat Bristol 28-22.*



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## FIRST XV FIXTURES

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 17-3	Sat. 30	Barbarians	H .....
Sat. 24	Pontypool (L)	A 22-12			
DECEMBER			APRIL		
Sat. 1	Aberavon	H 30-12	Sat. 6	W.R.U. Cup Semi-Final	
Sat. 8	Neath (L)	H 3-24	Sat. 13	Glam. Wanderers (L)	A .....
Sat. 15	Swansea (L)	A 15-23	Sat. 20	Pontypool (L)	H .....
Sat. 22	Newbridge (L)	H 9-18	Sat. 27	Neath (L)	A .....
Wed. 26	Pontypridd	H 14-6			
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 .....
OCTOBER			Tue. 26	Pontypool United	A .....
Wed. 3	Glam. Wanderers II	H Post.			
Fri. 5	Newport United	H 40-4	MARCH		
Sat. 13	Bridgend Ravens	A 20-13	Sat. 2	Rumney	H .....
Wed. 17	Cardiff Medicals	H 24-3	Sat. 9	Neath Athletic	H .....
Sat. 20	Pontypridd Athletic	H 44-7	Sat. 16	Blackwood	A .....
Sat. 27	Wasps Vandals	A Canc.	Fri. 29	Bridgend Sports	A .....
NOVEMBER			APRIL		
Sat. 3	Senghenydd	H 32-4	Sat. 6	Croesyceiliog	H .....
Wed. 7	Barry Plastics	A 18-12	Sat. 13	Llanharan	H .....
Sat. 10	Glam. Wanderers II	A 26-4	Wed. 17	Llandaff North	A .....
Fri. 16	Newport United	A 14-13	Sat. 20	Pontypool Athletic	A .....
Sat. 24	Pontypool Athletic	H 40-0	Sat. 27	Blackwood	H .....
DECEMBER					
Sat. 1	Hirwaun	A 36-7			
Mon. 3	Glam. Wanderers II	H 59-6			
Sat. 8	Gloucester United	A Canc.			
Sat. 15	Garndiffaith	H 34-13			
Sat. 22	Neath Athletic	A 19-15			
Sat. 29	Cardiff H.S.O.B.	A .....			

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