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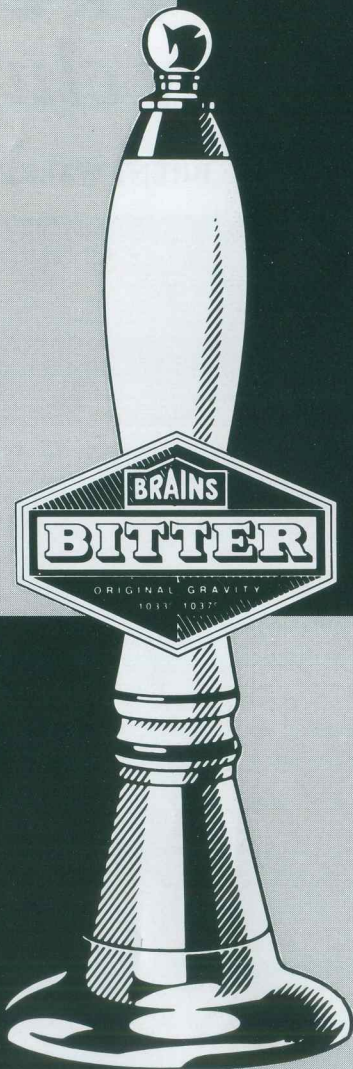
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We have certainly been through some traumatic times in Welsh Rugby over the last few years but the goings on of the last seven days have been rather mind boggling. First came the very predictable defeat on the National Stadium at the hands of the old enemy, England, as if this was bad news enough in itself it was quickly followed by the very unsavoury drugs affair.

The game last Saturday was one of great disappointment in terms of quality performance. There is no doubt that England came to do a job and wind their way back over the bridge with a victory tucked under their belt. This they duly did but the manner in which they won was more unlike their fantastic performance at Twickenham last season as it possibly could have been. Gone was the flair their backs certainly possess and it was back to the blackboard basics of domination up front and penalties will ensue in kickable positions. Perhaps it was the fact that the old Arms Park bogey affected them more than they anticipated. It was reasonably typical of the present day international scene however and highlights why we were so euphoric over the style of the Welsh victories of the late 1970's.

Then came their after the game strategy which was manna indeed for the press and generated more publicity than the game itself. It certainly ruffled the wings of some of their staid establishment who were highly agitated with the whole affair. It certainly detracted from their victory. But then again when you think of some of the great English players who have never tasted victory in Cardiff, perhaps some of the present squad are lucky to be playing when our national side is at such a low ebb.

Perhaps their muted after game action was a good thing. At least we could cry into our beer in silence without the saga of comment upon comment of the English players and management for that matter. It all serves to show what happens when success is expected to be financially rewarded. Many of the former international players that I have spoken to of late are glad, in terms of enjoying the game, that they played their rugby when they did and not at present when enjoyment seems to have gone out of the game at the top level.

Luckily following on the match and its aftermath came the very saddening drugs affair. This really rocked us to the foundation and there is some innuendo afloat to suggest that the individual caught is by no means one isolated case within the family of Welsh Clubs. Let's hope that if there are such players in our game, the positive and prompt action taken by the W.R.U. will be a very salutary lesson to them in the folly of continuance.

Its very unfair to their parent club too who probably have no idea of a miscreant's actions. I'm sure South Wales Police were more astonished than most when the affair landed smack on their doorstep. It is of great credit to them that they have unequivocally accepted W.R.U. action in an uncomplaining and dignified manner.

Right having said all that let's get on with today's proceedings by firstly extending a very warm welcome to South Wales Police. We also offer them our commiserations on the adverse publicity the drugs affair has caused them although completely blameless in the whole episode.

Outside the cup the Police are in a favourable position in Division I of the Heineken League. At present they are lying joint second with Aberavon with 12

points a piece after 9 games played. This could have been even better had they not lost at Tredegar on their last league outing on January 12th. The Boys in Blue were in fine form going to Tredegar because they had been nominated the Division I team of the month for December. Tredegar had won only 1 of their previous 7 games in the League so the Police were probably justified in thinking another win was a reasonable outcome. This didn't prove to be the case however as a 16-14 defeat ensued. On the day to rub salt into injury Aberavon lost at Maesteg so had the Police managed a win at Tredegar they would have jumped ahead of Aberavon by 2 clear points. Such is the way of rugby.

On their day with a full squad to select from the Police can field a very formidable pack indeed. Experience abounds with internationals Messrs Williams, Jones, Sutton and Wakefield to the fore they have caused many an upset to most of their opponents. Injury and illness have taken a heavy toll on their performance and was very instrumental in their defeat at Tredegar. It was so bad last weekend that they had no option but to postpone their scheduled home game against Pontypool.

Their top priority for the rest of this season is to consolidate their position in their division and gain promotion to the Premier Division. Hopefully by the time their next league game comes along on February 9th the sick and walking wounded will be at a far more reasonable level. In saying that we would like to wish them every success in their remaining league games which could result in promotion.

Although promotion is their ultimate goal I'm sure they will put those thoughts behind them just for today and they will be firing on all cylinders this afternoon. Thankfully we have home advantage because a visit to Waterton Cross would have proved all that harder. It won't be our first meeting in the cup either as we have met on one previous occasion. This came about in season 1972-73 when we met in a first round tie. It was played on the Arms Park and we won by 18 points to 10. That proved to be a very good Police performance because those were the days of Barry John and Gareth Edwards etc and we went on to beat Mountain Ash, Ebbw Vale, Blaina and Swansea before falling in the final to Llanelli.

In all we have played South Wales Police on 7 occasions. We first played at Waterton Cross in October 1969 and lost by 21 points to 12. All other 6 games have been played on the Arms Park, including the above cup encounter, and we have won all 6. Last season however we were glad to hear the final whistle in a close fought game which resulted in a 21-17 victory for us.

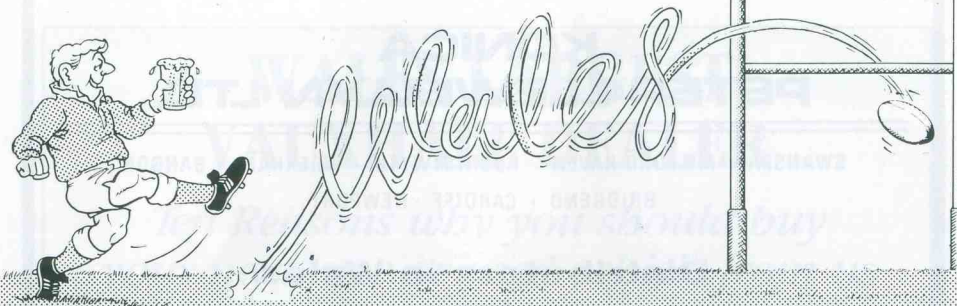
To South Wales Police then we say welcome to the Arms Park once again, we hope you enjoy your visit.

Over to the 'Rags' who have now played all their 10 Silver Ball games and have come out tops in all 10. Their latest victory over Bridgend Ravens saw them chalk up the 18th win on the trot. Their game today has been switched to Pontypool and the return game on Tuesday 26th February will be played in Cardiff. Remember that date because you can always be assured of a cracking game from the present 'Rags' side.

Next Saturday we are off to play Ayr in Scotland and see the international. The whole trip is being sponsored by ex player and now ardent supporter Peter Thomas. This is a magnificent gesture by Peter for which we are extremely grateful. We are really looking forward to the weekend and hopefully realisation will prove as enjoyable as anticipation. Thank you Peter.

Finally today my apologies to the gentleman who pointed out the mistake in the quiz in the Pontypridd programme. Of course you are right sir, 'The Club' is Blackheath and not Richmond which was my error.

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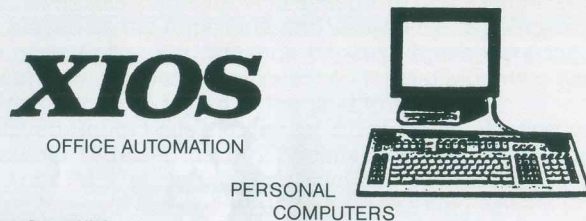


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1. Up to the end of last season 114 rounds proper had been played in the Cup. How many rounds did we play? 85, 89, 93, 96 or 101.
2. How many of the 19 Finals have we contested? 6, 8, 9, or 10.
3. How many finals have we won? 4, 5, 6 or 7.
4. In all 114 rounds how many times have we failed to score? Never, once, twice or three times.
5. What was our longest winning sequence?



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KNOW THE LAWS

By J. E. MALCOLM THOMAS

QUESTION 1:

The ball is kicked ahead by the attacking team and an opponent with one foot in the field of play and the other in In-Goal catches the ball and minors it. What is the correct decision?

ANSWER:

If the **ball** had not crossed the line before being caught, a scrumage 5 metres out, attacking side ball. If it had, a drop out 22.

QUESTION 2:

At a static scrumage the ball is at the flanker's feet. He is in front of the No. 8 and the scrumage has not wheeled. He unbinds from the scrumage and picks up the ball. is this legal?

ANSWER:

No. "He may not play the ball as it emerges... If he is in front of the offside line". He may unbind but must retire to the offside line. The ball may then be out of the scrumage and he may play it. This season the offside provisions for a player leaving a scrumage have been made similar to those for a ruck or maul. This is that a player may leave a scrumage provided he retires **immediately** behind the offside line.

QUESTION 3:

What **amendment** is there, this season, to the Law governing the **wheeling of the scrumage**?

ANSWER:

When the scrum is re-formed 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 law will be reviewed again next year.

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QUIDNUNC'S COLUMN

AS I WRITE, no player has sought from Quidnunc a cheque for £5,000 in order to grant an interview of any kind. The usual pint or two, yes, but that is a normal courtesy I extend to regular finks. It is true — well, almost — that some have offered sums to keep out of this mischievous column but no one has yet negotiated a figure satisfactory enough to involve censorship.

Today's opposition, besides, also have knowledge of the law in which case it seemed logical to have a closer look at one who is untainted by thoughts of financial gain and/or personal aggrandisement; he wants merely to make his way further in the game of rugby football. And in this area he has in recent weeks been making a substantial impression among the connoisseurs following consistently sound performances with the Rags.

Simon James Crothers (or, possibly, Simon John: his mother calls him the one, his father the other and he is not sure which is on his birth certificate) also has a further reputation among the Rags. It is their custom to fine a player £2 for being late — for the bus, for example. Simon has already contributed so much to the kitty that he reckons he personally will be paying for any end-of-season party. He thought he got away with it on one trip to Hirwaun by roping in brother Tim to give him a lift. The ruse rebounded when Tim charged him a fiver.

Despite standing 6ft 5in high in the proverbial stockinged feet and weighing in now at 16½ stone (he has, would you believe, lost a couple of stones already this season through dedicated training, Alan Phillips please note, notwithstanding the necessity of his disappearance from the squad session early on Tuesday evening), Simon has always lived in Tim's shadow.

(As a digression, I would say that there is also a third Crothers brother, Stuart. Now, if the pop group Bros is a shortened form of Brothers, are our Cardiff family the Cros Bros?)

Where was I? Oh, yes, Simon in the shadow of Tim. Tim, of course, blazed a trail of glory through all the schoolboy and youth cap grades until he became captain of Cardiff last season. Simon, who was born on May 29, 1964, and who is therefore five years younger than Tim (who will almost certainly deny that much difference) has a very different rugby career. For some time, indeed, he was more notoriously associated with such worthy rugby establishments as the Old Cantonians and the Old Taunts (who, from Quidnunc's personal experience, tend to drink more before a game than most manage afterwards). But there were serious moments with Llandaff Youth and Cardiff Youth before he was in effect taken in hand by Malcolm Charles at Cardiff Rags, a man to whom Simon gives most credit for his relatively late emergence on to the scene.

He loves the camaraderie of the successful Rags team. "And there are some very good players coming through from here and from the Youth," he says. "With the first team improving, Cardiff will be great again one day soon".

When he's not leaving scrummage training early through conjunctivitis or pressing previous appointments, Simon is married to Maureen (who has to put up with his tendency to being a bad patient when it comes to colds, rugby injuries and Sunday morning headaches as well as looking after their children, Amy, who is three-and-a-half, and seven-months-old Jonathan.)

He's a self-employed plasterer (no jokes, please), eats copious amounts of chips (and roast meats whenever possible), drinks lager, cider and Murphy's (except, ironically, when he's on holiday in Maureen's native County Kerry when he drinks the other black stuff), watches Only Fools and Horses and A Question of Sport (though that, honestly, is not the reason he leaves Tuesday evening training sessions early), laughs at Russ Abbott, enjoys films with John Wayne (in any Western especially) and Maureen O'Hara, and has a dreadful singing voice.

Brother Tim is watching his progress with deep interest. "I do not mind which," he said recently, "so long as there is a Crothers in the Cardiff team".

In which case, he'd better appoint a minder for his huge little brother on tour. Simon is accident prone. In one Amsterdam Sevens tournament, he got himself knocked down by a car. And when Cardiff were on tour in Spain a year or two ago, another car actually ran over one of his feet.

Simon Crothers admits he still has much to learn, he admits that he is yet to be much more than a spoiler in the line-out and that there could be a case for more iron-pumping. But I have a suspicion that he may be around for a while. Car accidents permitting, that is.

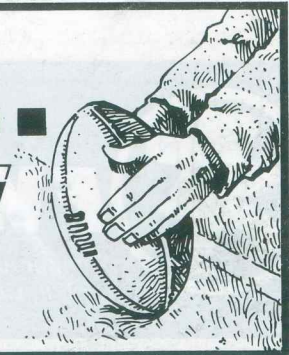


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Forwards



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- Keeron JONES 13.
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- withdrawn* Anthony JONES 9.
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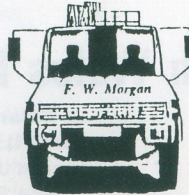
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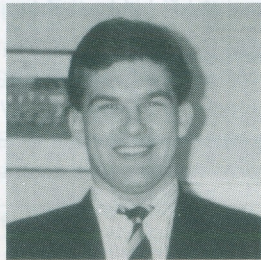


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Geraint JOHN	7	-	3	3	-	15	12	-	5	3	1	22	133	23	120	79	11	602
Paul JOHN	11	5	-	-	-	20	16½	6	-	-	-	24	40½	8	8	-	-	48
Robert LAKIN	9	2	-	-	-	8	12	4	-	-	-	6	306	67	-	-	-	268
Kevin MORGAN	1½	-	-	-	-	-	5½	4	-	-	-	4	21½	7	-	-	-	28
Stuart NUNNERLEY	3	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	32	4	-	-	-	16
Tony ORRELL	3	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	28	-	-	-	-	-
Mark RING	10	2	-	-	-	8	16	2	-	-	-	8	209	81	64	45	9	614
Stuart ROY	11	1	-	-	-	4	18	2	-	-	-	8	53½	3	-	-	-	12
Howard STONE	6½	-	-	-	-	-	8½	-	-	-	-	-	182	29	-	-	-	116
Greg SWAIN	5	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	18	-	-	-	-	-
Ceri THOMAS	9	2	-	-	-	8	15½	7	-	-	-	28	51½	18	-	1	-	75
Ian WATKINS	3	1	-	-	-	4	6	3	-	-	-	12	32	12	-	-	-	48
Anthony DONOVAN	3	4	-	-	-	12	9	10	-	-	-	24	32	22	-	-	-	88
Tim CROTHERS	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	-	-	4	179	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 RESULTS



(up to and including
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Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	T	Pt
Neath	11	10	0	1	27	20
Bridgend ..	12	8	2	2	21	18
Llanelli	11	7	1	3	37	15
Swansea ...	12	6	0	6	31	12
Cardiff	12	5	1	6	27	11
Newbridge	11	5	0	6	35	10
Pontypridd	10	4	1	5	31	9
Pontypool .	10	4	0	6	22	8
G. Wands. .	12	3	0	9	12	6
Abertillery .	11	1	1	9	6	3

First Division

	P	W	D	L	T	Pt
Newport	8	8	0	0	57	16
Aberavon	9	6	0	3	28	12
S. W. Police ..	9	6	0	3	21	12
Maesteg	7	5	0	2	21	10
Cross Keys ..	9	3	0	6	15	6
Ebbw Vale	6	2	0	4	12	4
Tredegar	7	2	0	5	9	4
Penarth	8	0	0	8	5	0

Second Division

	P	W	D	L	T	Pt
Llanharan .	12	10	0	2	41	20
Mt. Ash .	13	9	1	3	35	19
Dunvant ...	11	9	0	2	25	18
Blaina	12	7	2	3	31	16
Narberth ..	12	4	2	6	19	10
Treorchy ...	10	4	1	5	19	9
Rumney ...	10	3	2	5	15	8
Wrexham ..	12	3	0	9	15	6
Bonymaen	12	3	0	9	14	6
Aber'von Q	12	2	0	10	14	4

Third Division

	P	W	D	L	T	Pt
Llandovery	13	11	1	1	37	23
Tenby Utd.	12	9	0	3	29	18
Cilfynydd ...	12	8	1	3	26	17
Tumble	13	8	0	5	27	16
Blackwood	12	6	0	6	30	12
St. Peter's	11	4	1	6	27	9
Kenfig Hill	11	4	1	6	22	9
P'pool Utd.	11	4	0	7	20	8
Kidwelly ...	12	4	0	8	19	8
Ruthin	13	0	0	13	3	0

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

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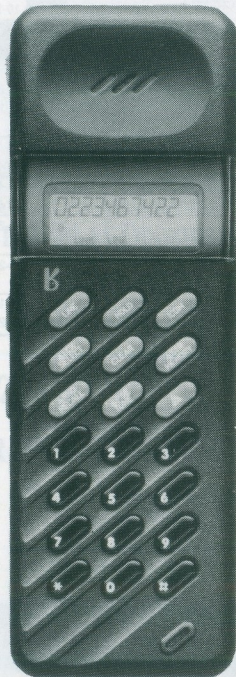
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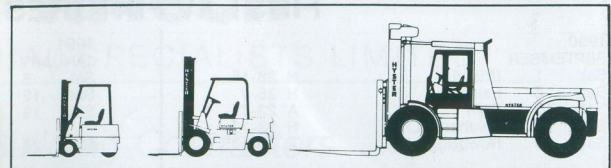


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FIRST XV FIXTURES

1990			1991		
SEPTEMBER			JANUARY		
Sat. 1	Bristol	H 28-15	Sat. 5	Ebbw Vale	A 19-7
Sat. 8	Leicester	H 35-9	Sat. 12	Bridgend (L)	A 15-15
Sat. 15	Bath	A 23-45	Sat. 19	London Welsh (a.m.) (at Sophia Gardens)	H 36-3
Sat. 22	Swansea (L)	H 28-13			
Sat. 29	Newbridge (L)	A 0-11	Sat. 26	W.R.U. Cup 5th Round	
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	MARCH		
NOVEMBER			Sat. 9	Abertillery (L)	A.....
Sat. 3	Llanelli (L)	A 16-22	Sat. 16	W.R.U. Cup Quarter Final	
Wed. 7	Oxford University	H 16-11	Sat. 23	Llanelli (L)	H.....
Sat. 10	Glam. Wanderers (L)	H 27-13	Sat. 30	Barbarians	H.....
Fri. 16	Newport	H 17-3	APRIL		
Sat. 24	Pontypool (L)	A 22-12	Sat. 6	W.R.U. Cup Semi-Final	
DECEMBER			Sat. 13	Glam. Wanderers (L)	A.....
Sat. 1	Aberavon	H 30-12	Sat. 20	Pontypool (L)	H.....
Sat. 8	Neath (L)	H 3-24	Sat. 27	Neath (L)	A.....
Sat. 15	Swansea (L)	A 15-23	MAY		
Sat. 22	Newbridge (L)	H 9-18	Sat. 4	W.R.U. Cup Final	
Wed. 26	Pontypridd	H 14-6	(L) denotes League game		
Sat. 29	Harlequins	H 9-0			

ATHLETIC XV FIXTURES

1990			1991		
SEPTEMBER			JANUARY		
Sat. 1	Bristol United	A 13-18	Sat. 5	Ebbw Vale Athletic	H Post.
Wed. 5	Aberaman	A 13-19	Sat. 12	Bridgend Ravens	H 24-14
Sat. 8	Leicester Extras	A 21-28	Sat. 26	Pontypool United	H.....
Wed. 12	Cwmtwrch	A 65-0	FEBRUARY		
Sat. 15	Bath United	H 12-24	Sat. 9	Pontypridd Athletic	A.....
Wed. 19	Garndiffaith	A 18-13	Wed. 20	Mountain Ash	H.....
Sat. 22	Loughborough	H 18-15	Sat. 23	Bedwas	A.....
Sat. 29	Moseley United	H 23-19	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	APRIL		
Sat. 27	Wasps Vandals	A Canc.	Sat. 6	Croesyceiliog	H.....
NOVEMBER			Sat. 13	Llanharan	H.....
Sat. 3	Senghenydd	H 32-4	Wed. 17	Llandaff North	A.....
Wed. 7	Barry Plastics	A 18-12	Sat. 20	Pontypool Athletic	A.....
Sat. 10	Glam. Wanderers II	A 26-4	Sat. 27	Blackwood	H.....
Fri. 16	Newport United	A 14-13	DECEMBER		
Sat. 24	Pontypool Athletic	H 40-0	Sat. 1	Hirwaun	A 36-7
DECEMBER			Mon. 3	Glam. Wanderers II	H 59-6
Sat. 1	Hirwaun	A 36-7	Sat. 8	Gloucester United	A Canc.
Mon. 3	Glam. Wanderers II	H 59-6	Sat. 15	Garndiffaith	H 34-13
Sat. 8	Gloucester United	A Canc.	Sat. 22	Neath Athletic	A 19-15
Sat. 15	Garndiffaith	H 34-13	Sat. 29	Cardiff H.S.O.B.	A 34-0
Sat. 22	Neath Athletic	A 19-15			
Sat. 29	Cardiff H.S.O.B.	A 34-0			

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