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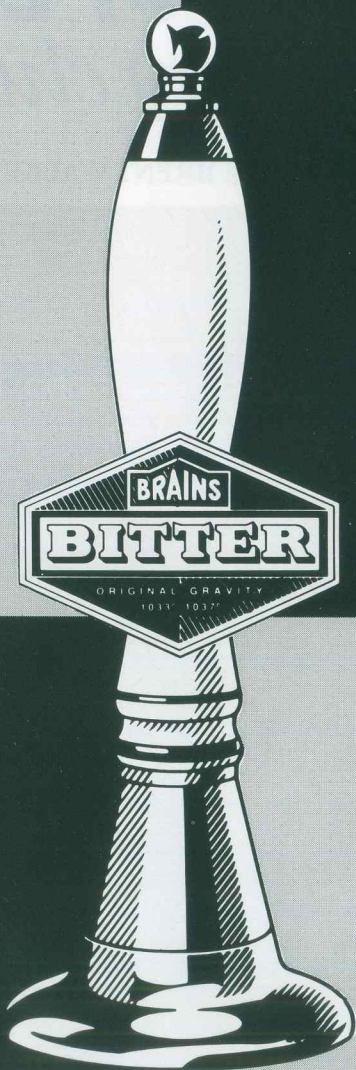
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Cor, if this World Cup has done nothing else it has certainly provided enough fodder to keep the conversational corridors filling for many a long day. Will our game ever be the same after what we have experienced over these last three weeks. Every emotion from utter elation to the depths of despair have been the lot of one country or another whilst we have also seen some very volatile situations indeed. Those who were present at the France-England game at Parc des Princes in Paris were surprised that the place didn't explode with the overwhelmingly charged atmosphere of that particular game.

Give England, the old enemy, their due they stuck to their guns and came out much more decisive winners than most of us had unduly predicted. It wasn't very pretty to watch but at the end of the day England got what they wanted – a win – and consequent passage to the semi-finals. Mind you it is quite amazing to see how after the boot has been used throughout the whole series as a method putting pressure on opposing sides. It makes you wonder what would happen to the game if kicking the ball outside your own 22 metre line was banned. I'm sure a lot of people playing the game these days would be well nigh redundant.

The game that really had the heart heat up to cardiac danger levels however had to be the Ireland Australia saga. Talk about excitement – it was a real cliff hanger from its very explosive start to the last gasp Aussie try in the final seconds to dash the cup of success from the already celebrating Irish lips. It certainly was some game and furthermore wasn't it just great that the game was finally decided on tries rather than the almighty boot. Irish try scorer Gordon Hamilton has already become as much as an Irish folk lore hero as the most famous of their renowned leprechauns. The Aussies however must be given all credit for their immediate response to impending doom and their typical long haul try just inched them into the semis by the very narrowest of margins. What a game, though, for sheer raw excitement it is going to take some beating.

And now to the semi finals this weekend. All the 'hype' is now just about over and we will soon know who graces Twickenham in the final game on Saturday week. Its going to be a brave man who names his sides to feature in that grand finale on November 2nd. It would be marvellous if either England or Scotland came through triumphant and more than a shock for rugby down under. Time will very shortly tell.

Enough has been written of our demise in the competition and the gap between us and the other ten nations has now really come to the fore. Its going to be a right royal job of work to put us back amongst the best. Comes the hour comes the man as the saying goes. Lets hope that such a man emerges from the proliferation of talks and ideas that are now being bandied about.

Enough of things national, let's get down to our own domestic scene. As yet the World Cup had made a bit of a pig's ear out of our season. It's an ill wind however and the early Welsh demise means that at least our squad players will be well integrated by the time we begin our Heineken League programme. That won't be long coming around and once it starts its going to be a right old slog right through to the already extended end of season. Once the League does start it will be a case for going from the sublime to the Gor Blimey. To date the

games we have played so far have been of little significance and because of our commitment to the Welsh squad the teams we have fielded have been well under half strength.

From here on in however we should be starting to have our squad players available with the exception of Mark Ring and Richie Collins who are shaking off a few niggling injuries. With all good intentions last Saturday's game at Cambridge should have seen our strongest side this season take the field. Last minute snags however meant captain David Evans withdrawing which upset the apple cart a bit. It still wasn't a bad side however so all credit to Cambridge on their win. They are doing well this season and their results to date must give them great encouragement for the forthcoming varsity game. Our own Matthew de Maid has settled well into the side and is playing a significant part in their success.

Regardless of the minor significance that pre-league games are being treated, hopefully tonight with the majority of our squad available and perhaps a strong Wasps side we could be in for a bit of a treat. The Wasps are truly one of the great clubs that form the RFU and are 9th in seniority within that body having been founded in 1867. They have made a great contribution to English Rugby throughout their history and appropriately enough one of their most famous sons, Peter Yarrington, is the current President of the RFU in this World Cup year. Rob Andrew their current outside half has also done yeoman service for the English cause during their last few highly successful seasons.

Perhaps we in Cardiff remember Wasps best of all for the series of 16 Boxing Day games we played between 1946 and 1962. Those games certainly used to provide us with some festive entertainment and when you come to think that there was no M4 in those days, it was quite a journey the Londoners embarked on over the Christmas period.

They have become a much more streamlined outfit since those days however. Since the introduction of their league system in season 1987-88 they have been there or thereabouts in the honours market. They came second to Leicester in the inaugural year, then third to Bath and Gloucester the following year 1988-89. Season 1989-90 saw them triumphantly taking the top spot and last year they were again runners up to Bath. Now that's quite an impressive record is it not? They haven't yet managed the same sort of success in their national cup competition and the nearest they have come to winning that trophy occurred in consecutive seasons 1985-86 and 1986-87 when they were losing finalists to Bath on both occasions. Over the last several seasons then the Wasps have certainly earned the accolade of one of the top clubs of English Rugby.

Tonight will be our 51st encounter in the series which, rather oddly, seeing that they are such an old club, only began in season 1945-46. Of the previous 50 games the record shows that we have won 42 to Wasps 6 with the remaining 2 games drawn. Points wise we have registered 834 to their 322. Overall, victory seems a rare commodity for the Londoners but in actual fact they have enjoyed the taste of success in our last 3 encounters having won in London in seasons 1986-87 and 1990-91 and in Cardiff in 1989-90. No doubt this sequence of aims will give them good heart in which to continue their success tonight. Hopefully with the majority of our members available we will be able to field probably our best team to date – so let battle commence.

To the Wasps then we say you are very welcome visitors indeed and we certainly hope you enjoy your evening.

More news on the home front sees Tim Crothers officially appointed as captain of the Rags. I will give you more detail of that and the up to date news of our splendid youth side in our next home programme.

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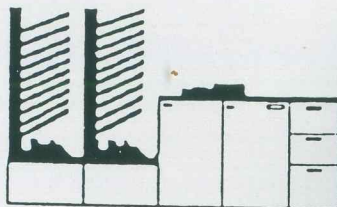
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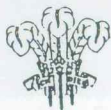
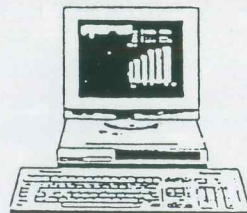
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2. Who is the top point scorer.
3. Who is the top try scorer?
4. How many drop goals have been registered for and against?
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QUIDNUNC'S COLUMN

UNDER NORMAL circumstances, and not wishing in any way to open up old sores, Quidnunc would hesitate to mention the World Cup in any shape or form.

And nor would I have done so this evening had our guests not been from England who tomorrow of course seek that coveted place in the final, a spot which most Welshmen – judging at least by the rather baffling support for the French when Mr Carling and his henchmen were striving to subdue Monsieur Blanco at the Parc des Princes last Saturday – would rather see occupied by those fellow Celts, the Scottish.

But the fact is that the World Cup is reality, it is being talked about, and there are beginning to surface little anecdotes which bring at least the glimmer of a smile to the face.

What on earth, I ask myself for example was David Evans up to when he drove a golf buggy into a lake at the posh golf club of St. Pierre?

A golf ball being driven into water I can well understand and, indeed, associate with insofar as I have been known to be similarly afflicted myself. But a buggy?

Rumour has it that afore-mentioned Mr Evans, normally an inoffensive gentleman, was hell-bent on inflicting grievous bodily harm on our own Mike Hall at the time. Mr Hall, fortunately for himself and us if not for the well-being of the buggy, displayed a scintillating sidestep hitherto unrevealed, going off first with his left foot and then his right, sold a couple of dummies and watched in amusement as the missile found the water.

Results on the field may not have been totally satisfactory but this did not prevent our lads, in short, from enjoying some of the more social aspects of being closeted together during the competition.

I do not plan to delve too deeply into Arthur Emyr's numeracy on the same golf course; but it would be remiss of me not to query, along with his playing partners, how he came to claim that he was on the edge of the first green in three. Maybe he merely lost count.

Even away from the golf course, the impish David Evans – and veteran readers of this column may recall that he has been suspected of many curious activities in the past: hands up those who remember the Phantom Fish Filleter – was generally where there was a minor problem.

Although I have not seen it myself, there is apparently in existence a quite splendid team photograph: splendid, that is, apart from the appearances of Messrs Evans and Mikie Rayer (well done on your first cap, incidentally, Mike: that was at least one good thing which came from the early rounds).

The fact that the Cardiff pair were actually kneeling in the photograph might have gone unnoticed had they not been next to Paul Arnold. Instead of being only two feet or so smaller, they appeared in the prints at least four feet shorter than the big lad from Swansea.

Quite what Mark Ring was doing in a lady's bathing suit in a separate incident is another matter. Ringo, you may recall, had to receive treatment for his injured knee in a hydrotherapy pool for which he was persuaded that female swimming gear was required. There were a few ribald comments from teammates who had assembled to study the Ring form.

The Ring form was also studied, inevitably, at the racetrack where his certainties, as usual, came regularly to grief – with the exception of one successful day at Bath where several of the boys placed their faith in a young Welsh jockey.

Others were not so lucky – among them Bobby Norster, acting in his capacity of mother hen. Any rumours you may have heard about Bob going hairless as the result of his responsibilities can be discounted.

That bald appearance, which made him look like Phil May's twin, was in fact a plastic wig.

I searched in vain for stories about our further members of the squad – about Andy "Fletch" Booth, for example: Fletch? Something to do with a television programme, I understand – but failed to come up with anything improper about Richie Collins, about Steve Ford (if anyone can find him) or, indeed, about Mike Griffiths – though the last named is said to have acquitted his duties as the team "court" usher and bouncer with some credit.

But further stories about them and the new boys will no doubt surface as the season progresses. There are, as I started by saying, some smiles still around.





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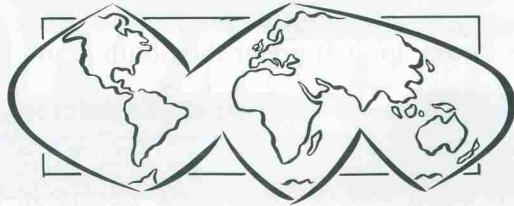
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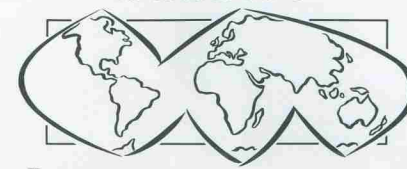
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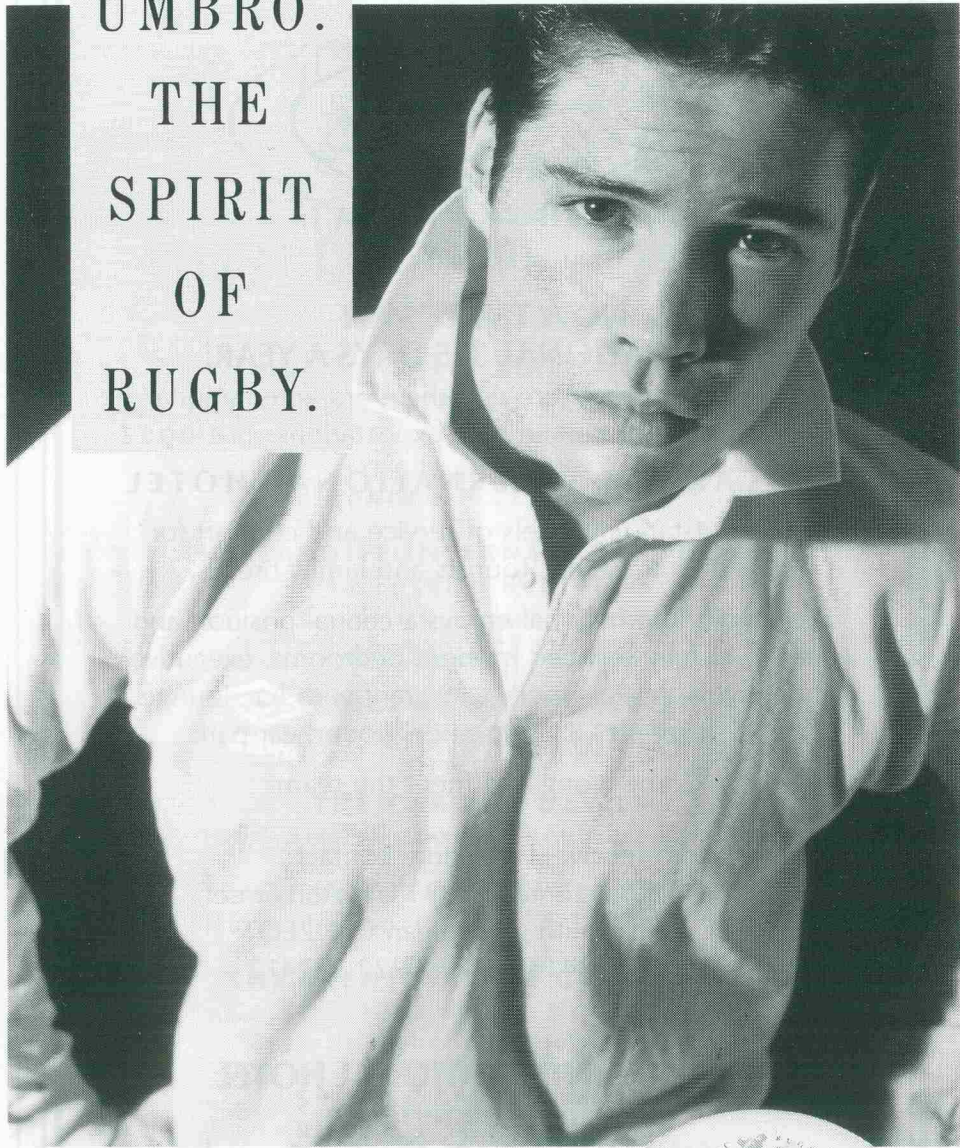
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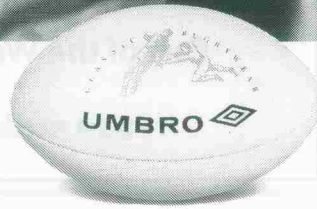


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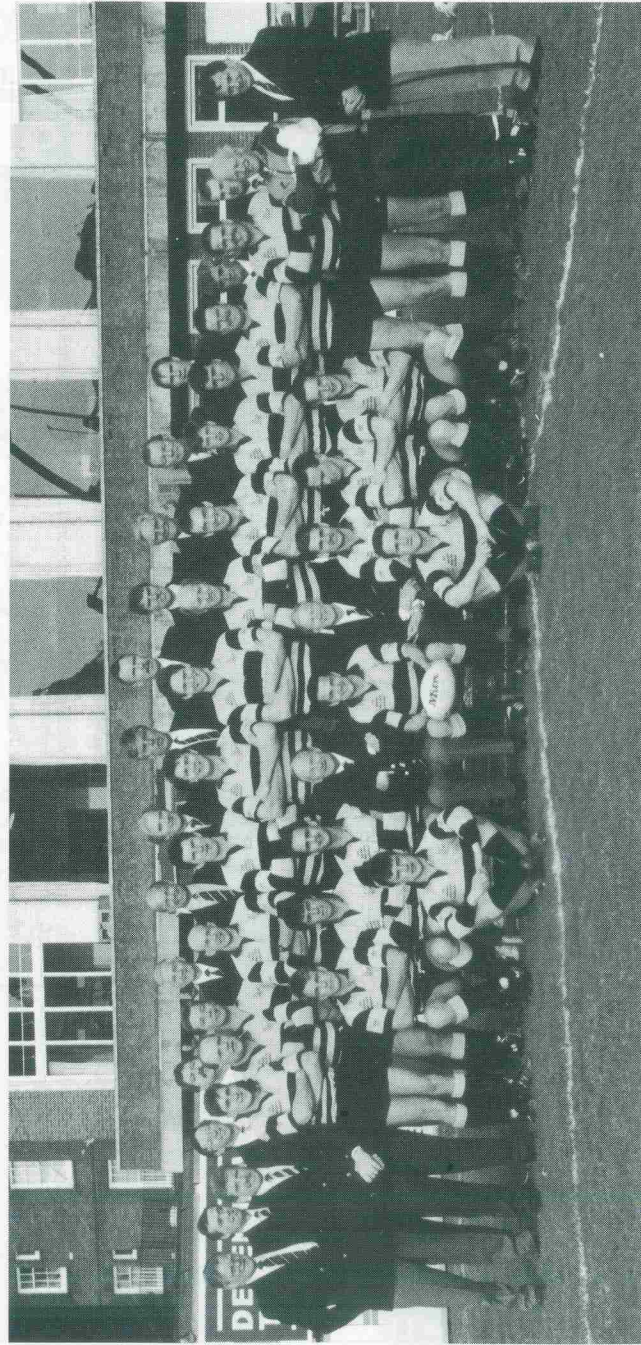


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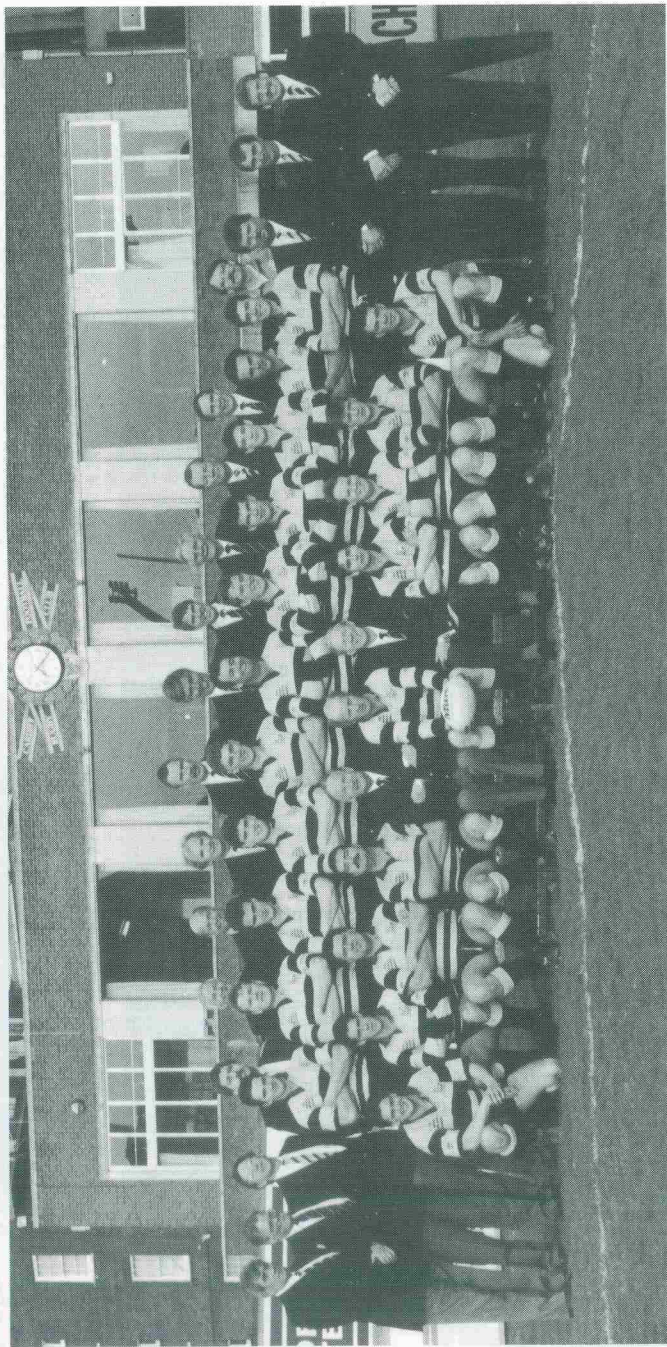
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Pontypool	9	1	8	56	19
Newbridge	9	0	9	59	18
Swansea	9	0	9	53	18
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Aberavon	8	0	6	45	16
Cross Keys	7	0	7	35	14
Ebbw Vale	4	0	10	29	8
Tredegar	4	0	10	19	8
Penarth	0	0	14	9	0

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Narberth	5	3	10	23	13
Treorchy	5	1	11	29	11
Bonymaen	5	1	12	23	11
Wrexham	5	0	13	23	10
Aberavon Q.	4	1	13	25	9

Third Division

	W	D	L	T	Pt
Llandovery	14	2	2	45	30
Tenby Utd.	13	2	3	48	28
Tumble	12	0	6	42	24
Cilfynydd	11	2	5	35	24
St. Peter's	9	1	8	51	19
Blackwood	8	0	10	45	16
Kidwelly	7	0	11	38	14
Kenfig Hill	6	1	11	39	13
Pontypool Utd.	6	0	12	26	12
Ruthin	0	0	18	4	0

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Division Three: 9-4 Mountain Ash, 5-2 Llandovery, 4-1 Blaina, 5-1 Tenby United, 6-1 Rumney, 10-1 Treorchy, 12-1 Bonymaen, 16-1 Narberth, 25-1 Wrexham, 33-1 Aberavon Quins.

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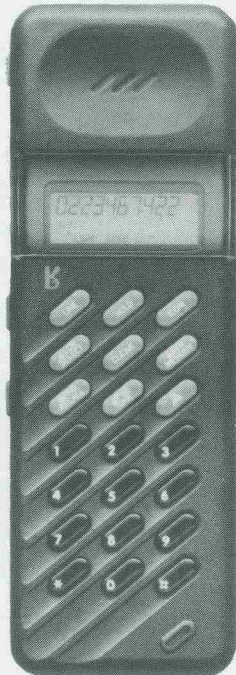
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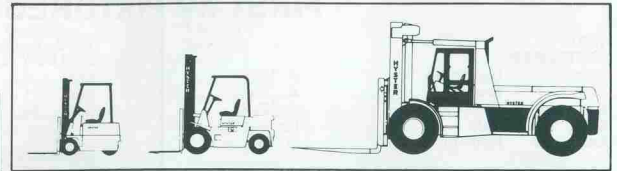


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2. Mike Thomas 49pts. (2 tries, 4 cons. 11 pens.).
3. Richard Lewis with 3.
4. Nil for and nil against.
5. It was the first time they had ever won on Cardiff Arms Park.

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FIRST XV FIXTURES

1991			1992		
SEPTEMBER			JANUARY		
Mon. 2	Llanharan	A 10-14	Sat. 4	Pontypool (L)	H.....
Sat. 7	Bristol	A 9-7	Sat. 11	Neath (L)	A.....
Sat. 14	Leicester	A 18-23	Sat. 25	W.R.U. Cup 5th Round	
Sat. 21	Bath	H 9-10	FEBRUARY		
Sat. 28	Nottingham	H 28-4	Sat. 8	Swansea (L)	H.....
OCTOBER			Sat. 15	Newbridge (L)	A.....
Sat. 5	Aberavon	A 13-13	Sat. 22	W.R.U. Cup 6th Round	
Tue. 8	Penarth	A 19-4	Sat. 29	Bridgend (L)	H.....
Fri. 11	Glamorgan Wanderers	H 6-16	MARCH		
Sat. 19	Cambridge University	A 19-26	Sat. 7	London Welsh	A.....
Fri. 25	Wasps	H.....	Sat. 14	Pontypridd (L)	A.....
NOVEMBER			Fri. 20	Ayr	H.....
Fri. 1	Gloucester	H.....	Sat. 28	Maesteg (L)	H.....
Sat. 9	Swansea (L)	A.....	APRIL		
Sat. 16	Newbridge (L)	H.....	Sat. 4	W.R.U. Cup Quarter Final	
Sat. 23	Bridgend (L)	A.....	Sat. 11	Llanelli (L)	A.....
Sat. 30	Pontypridd (L)	H.....	Wed. 15	Newport (L)	H.....
DECEMBER			Sat. 18	Barbarians	H.....
Sat. 7	Maesteg (L)	A.....	Sat. 25	Pontypool (L)	A.....
Sat. 14	Llanelli (L)	H.....	MAY		
Sat. 21	Newport (L)	A.....	Sat. 2	W.R.U. Cup Semi-Final	
Thurs. 26	Pontypridd	H.....		Ebbw Vale	H.....
Sat. 28	Welsh Academicals	H.....	Sat. 9	Neath (L)	H.....
			Sat. 16	W.R.U. Cup Final	

(L) denotes League game

ATHLETIC XV FIXTURES

1991			1992		
SEPTEMBER			JANUARY		
Thurs. 5	Pencoed	H 35-14	Sat. 4	Pontypool Athletic	A.....
Sat. 7	Bristol United	H 23-12	Sat. 11	Ebbw Vale Athletic	H.....
Tue. 10	Llandaff	H Canc.	Fri. 17	Garndiffaith	H.....
Sat. 14	Leicester Extras	H 26-15	Sat. 25	Old Illydians	A.....
Tue. 17	Bedwas	A 22-16	FEBRUARY		
Sat. 21	Bath United	A 24-27	Sat. 8	Glamorgan Wanderers II	A.....
Sat. 28	Llanhilleth	A 22-0	Sat. 15	Abercarn	H.....
OCTOBER			Sat. 22	Bedwas	H.....
Wed. 2	Glynneath	A 19-10	Sat. 29	Bridgend Ravens	A.....
Sat. 5	Hirwaun	H 36-3	MARCH		
Fri. 11	Mountain Ash	A Canc.	Sun. 8	Maidenhead	A.....
Wed. 16	Senghenydd	A Canc.	Sat. 14	Pontypridd Ath.	H.....
Sat. 19	Blackwood	H 24-9	Wed. 18	Pontypool United	H.....
Fri. 25	Pontypool United	A.....	APRIL		
Tue. 29	Rumney	H.....	Sat. 4	Croesyceiliog	A.....
NOVEMBER			Wed. 8	Cardiff H.S.O.B.	H.....
Fri. 1	Gloucester United	A.....	Sat. 11	Neath Athletic	H.....
Sat. 9	Roslyn Park	H.....	Wed. 15	Newport United	A.....
Sat. 16	W.R.U. Pool	A Canc.	Wed. 22	Bridgend Sports	H.....
Wed. 20	Cardiff Medicals	H.....	Sat. 25	Pontypool Athletic	H.....
Sat. 23	Bridgend Ravens	H.....	MAY		
Sat. 30	Pontypridd Athletic	A.....	Sat. 2	Ebbw Vale Athletic	A.....
DECEMBER			Sat. 9	Rumney	A.....
Sat. 7	Glamorgan Wanderers II	H.....	Saturday Kick Off - 2.30 p.m.		
Sat. 14	Neath Athletic	A.....	Mid Week Kick Off - 7.15 p.m.		
Sat. 21	Newport United	H.....			
Sat. 28	Caerphilly	A.....			

Saturday Kick Off - 2.30 p.m.

Mid Week Kick Off - 7.15 p.m.

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WORLD CUP MATCHES

Date	Fixture	Venue	Pool	Result
OCT. 1991				
Thu. 3	England v. N.Z.	Twickenham	1
Fri. 4	Australia v. Argentina	Llanelli	3	.....
	France v. Romania	Beziers	4	.....
Sat. 5	Italy v. U.S.A.	Otley	1	.....
	Scotland v. Japan	Murrayfield	2	.....
	Fiji v. Canada	Bayonne	4	.....
Sun. 6	Wales v. W. Samoa	Cdf. Arms Park	3	.....
	Ireland v. Zimbabwe	Lansdowne R.	2	.....
Tue. 8	New Zealand v. U.S.A.	Gloucester	1	.....
	England v. Italy	Twickenham	1	.....
	France v. Fiji	Grenoble	4	.....
Wed. 9	Australia v. W. Samoa	Pontypool	3	.....
	Ireland v. Japan	Lansdowne R.	2	.....
	Scotland v. Zimbabwe	Murrayfield	2	.....
	Wales v. Argentina	Cdf. Arms Park	3	.....
	Canada v. Romania	Toulouse	4	.....
Fri. 11	England v. U.S.A.	Twickenham	1	.....
Sat. 12	Scotland v. Ireland	Murrayfield	2	.....
	Wales v. Australia	Cdf. Arms Park	3	.....
	Fiji v. Romania	Brive	4	.....
Sun. 13	Argentina v. W. Samoa	Pontypridd	3	.....
	New Zealand v. Italy	Leicester	1	.....
	France v. Canada	Agen	4	.....
Mon. 14	Zimbabwe v. Japan	Belfast	2	.....
Sat. 19	Winner Pool 2 v. RU Pool 3	Murrayfield	C	.....
	Winner Pool 4 v. RU Pool 1	Parc des Princes	B	.....
Sun. 20	Winner Pool 3 v. RU Pool 2	Lansdowne R.	D	.....
	Winner Pool 1 v. RU Pool 4	Lille	A	.....
Sat. 26	B v. C - Semi Final	Murrayfield		.....
Sun. 27	A v. D - Semi Final	Lansdowne R.	
Wed 30	The Play Off	Cdf. Arms Park	
NOV.				
Sat. 2	The Final	Twickenham	

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