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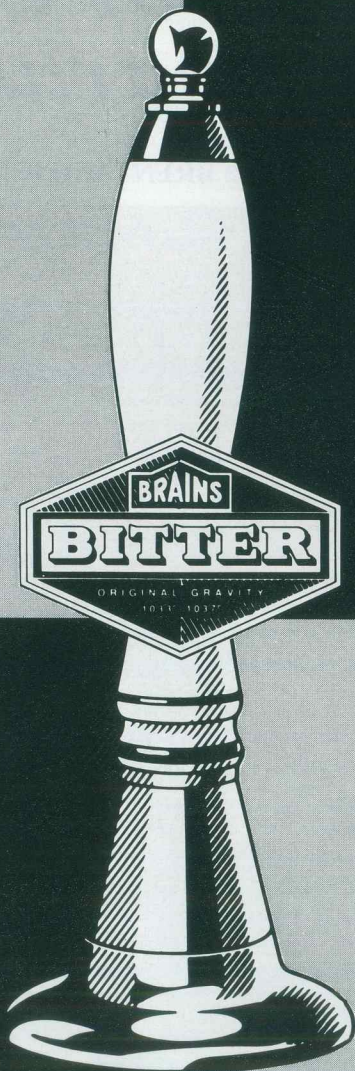
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By the time these notes come to be perused Christmas Day 1991 will be a thing of the past. The turkey that looked so crispy brown, warm and inviting yesterday will be reduced to a mass of bones with just the odd sliver of meat attached to them. Mind even then picking them with pickled onions on the menu as well is as traditional as the holiday itself.

Speaking of holidays, the printers like to have time off like the rest of us humans, so these notes had to be compiled before last weekend and of course our most important game against Newport. Hence I hope you will bear with us for the lack of any up to date news particularly so concerning the selected teams.

Hopefully you will all be here today then taking your first breath of fresh air since Christmas Eve. It will give you a chance to get away from the multitude and complexity of the toys lavished on children these days. I find it infuriating trying to understand the complex nature of instructions on how to work videos, computer games and the like. It took me ages to work out one particular computer game, and just when I thought I had cracked it, up came its new and proud owner (my 5 year old grandson) and with a few deft pushes of the odd button here and there he had the thing running as smooth as silk. Complete inadequacy just about summed up my feelings — mind if someone had made him a present of a whip and top (or the like) I bet I could have shown him a thing or two even now. Oh for the joys of Snakes and Ladders.

In talking of presents there are a few clubs in Wales now who could find some benefactor to donate them with new kit in order to comply with the latest WRU ruling whereby we should be adhering to the IB instruction of jersey design. Scotland have certainly put the cat amongst the pigeons with this one and Pontypool for one could have quite a headache over the issue.

On to today then when it gives us great pleasure to welcome our old friends from Pontypridd to yet another Arms Park visit. Until two years ago this used to be one of the highlights of our season and was high on the list of most in attendance. Boxing Day has seen some really entertaining rugby in the past with the likes of visits from The Wasps formerly and then Liverpool before Ponty began their stint in season 1972/73 and this will be their 19th visit since then only missing out during our centenary year on Boxing Day 1976. Of the 18 games already played we have won 14 of them to Ponty's 3 with the remaining game drawn. Ponty's wins came in 1977 by 13-9, 1986 by 28-21 and then the best ever performance on the Arms Park came in 1988 when they played us out of sight to the tune of 41 pts to 6.

Prior to Ponty's Boxing Day visits the games with Wasps and Liverpool always took on a bit of a carnival atmosphere. On 16 consecutive visits made by the Wasps from 1946 on, their best achievement was a 3 all drawn in 1959. Of Liverpool's 6 visits on the trot from 1964 onwards they fared even worse and lost all 8 games of the series. Strangely enough with Wasps, Liverpool and finally Pontypridd providing the vast majority of our Boxing Day games since the war, two of them played on the same day many many years prior to that immediate post war period. Liverpool played on The Arms Park on Boxing Day in both 1885 and 1887. Pontypridd however preceded "The Scousers" when they played in Cardiff on Boxing Day 1883. So Ponty can claim to be the oldest of our regular Boxing Day opponents and also the one with the best record.

How long can the present series go on however. With the league system now up

and running we and Ponty are in the same division so we automatically play each other home and away. A winning result of league matches has become of paramount importance. Games outside the league structure have taken a bit of a back seat so the edge has been taken off the occasion somewhat. Ponty would like to keep the fixture going but with us going to Sardis Road every other year. Traditionally however we have always had a home game on Boxing Day and obviously we want to keep it that way. Ponty have readily agreed however to come on a shared gate basis and with their season ticket holders enjoying the same facilities as our own.

Boxing Day next year has been under consideration as a league Saturday. This is still being debated however but if the original arrangements are adhered to, there will be many in today's crowd very happy about it. Then again others will be rather sad. You can't please all the people all the time, a very wise saying.

In all we have played Pontypridd on 68 occasions. Of these we have won 48 to their 16 with the remaining 4 drawn. Our points total is 1058 and theirs 557. There has been quite a bit of to-ing and fro-ing of players between us during the past couple of seasons. This season for instance we gained Ceri Jones but lost Paul John to put the balance right. It has now swung in Ponty's favour because Justin Burnell has decided to throw in his lot with the Sardis Road outfit. Justin has been dogged by injury over the last couple of seasons and hasn't been able to display his undoubted talent. We hope a fresh start with Ponty will be the turning of the corner for him and we wish him well.

He may well be in opposition to us today of course because not being a league match he is eligible to play. No doubt if he is he could well have a blinder and then we will hear the cry, "Why did Cardiff let a player like that go". When he was selected however and didn't play as well as he was capable of the same people would be at it again crying "Why did they pick him instead of so and so". (The poor old selectors — they just can't win can they.)

Ponty will come today no doubt looking to reverse the result of the last league encounter visit. They came with high hopes on that day because we had yet to notch our first league win. With Ponty 12-6 up just after half time, we at last got to grips with the game and finally ran out 19-12 winners with a 3 tries to nil count. Since then they have suffered another league defeat and are now bottom but one with only one league victory. They have a game in hand after last Saturday's arctic weather and they will be only too pleased to rearrange that for a Wednesday evening when they appear to get better gates than Saturdays.

To Pontypridd then we say welcome to Cardiff Arms Park yet again, we hope you enjoy your visit. Your gesture in travelling on Boxing Day once again is appreciated and may we wish you the compliments, of what remains, of the season.

On the home front the defeat against visiting Llanelli was quite a disappointment given the sort of form we had begun to show at Maesteg. Hindsight as we all know is a science but had we played the whole of the game as we performed in the last 20 minutes, things may well have been different. It was too late then because we had given away some sucker punch tries so we paid the consequences.

Another great disappointment in the continued absence of skipper David Evans and Mark Ring. Hopefully both these match winners will be back with us soon and at long last we may be able to get our strongest side on the field for the first time this season.

At the Llanelli game, the lucky programme winner was Mr M. Williams, a Cardiff supporter. At least we haven't lost many of the £50 prizes to away supporters.

Don't forget The Welsh Accies game next Saturday. It should be worth a visit because Dai Hayward is doing the programme notes.

Finally today on behalf of the players and committee we hope you enjoy the rest of the holiday and good fortune in the future.

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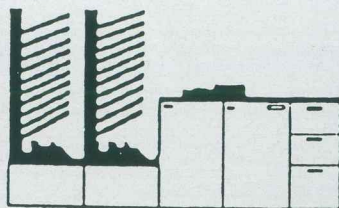
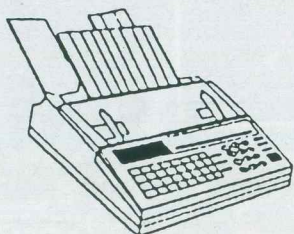
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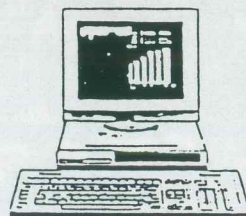
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2. He showed his courage amidst The Lions but only had one Welsh cap in 1970.
3. His game was electric 1954/57 7 caps.
4. He played his rugby when the ball was made of leather 1935/49 25 caps.
5. Although he was only one of a pair, his name didn't suggest so, 1956/61 9 caps.



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By J. E. MALCOLM THOMAS

Question 1 A player about to take a free-kick is prevented from kicking the ball by the opponents charging prematurely. What action should the referee take?

Answer The referee should award a **FREE kick, ten metres in front of the original mark.**

Question 2 A player makes a **fair-catch**, i.e., a **mark**, in his own **In-goal**. In so doing he is **injured** and does not recover within the maximum time allowed for injury. What should the referee do?

Answer Award a scrum 5 metres from the goal line opposite the mark and the **defending team** should put the ball in.

Question 3 A player **wilfully** throws the ball into touch from the field of play. What is the correct decision?

Answer The referee should award a **penalty at the place of infringement.**

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The completion of the project now enables the Club to put into operation its theme of 'The Caring Club'.

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GLAD TIDINGS OF comfort and joy . . . I was hoping to bring you this festive day when you all try to escape from the washing-up and the television repeats of such major attractions as Superman II and Big Foot and the Hendersons (though Mozart's Violin Concerto on Channel 4 did have some appeal).

No glad tidings, alas — certainly not from the rugby-playing wailers, sorry, that should be wassailers though I'm not so sure on second thoughts — for the voices of our heroes were not very tuneful as they warmed up for Christmas with a karaoke evening and, a couple of days later, with the players' carol singalong.

The only decent Carol around was in fact Timmy Crothers' wife who, along with Howard Stone's wife Sian and Mike Parry's wife Joanna, did perform a quite splendid version of the Greatest Love of All at the karaoke evening. Joanna Parry even fell from the stage with style.

Of the fellers, we pay pictorial tribute today to Messrs. Evans and Rayer despite the fact that their rendering of the Green Green Grass of Home was scarcely guaranteed to make Tom Jones go back on to the circuit to boost his own version. "Tom Jones", said one witness, "was certainly a better rugby player than they will ever be singers."

Which might just be a little unfair on Mikey Rayer. He and his wife Debbie took the top award of the evening with "Endless Love", enthusiastically welcomed by a very large crowd.

More mind-boggling was the choice of that brawny hulk, Ian Hembrow. Quidnunc was not present at the occasion but the thought of Mr Hembrow singing "Itsy Bitsy, Teeny Weeney, Yellow, polka-dot bikini" can only belie his on-field belligerence. More appropriate, possibly, was the choice of a promising duet, Craig Miller and Simon Crothers. "Big Spender", however, was to become even more apt after the carol evening.

A certain group of players, committee man and other assorted gentry betook themselves to Les Croupiers. The song was over but the melody lingered on . . .

It would be unfair to mention names and figures but I am reliably informed by one who was present that the owner of this particular casino could well have acquired a new Rolls-Royce in his Christmas stocking yesterday.

To call the event a carol evening is perhaps a misnomer but, but from all accounts, Timmy Crothers was a model Master of Ceremonies, given the constant barracking and throwing of missiles ranging from the mince-pies to Christmas crackers at various performers who incurred the displeasure of the performers.

The waitresses certainly enjoyed it — and most especially the sight of Mike Rayer — clearly a glutton for punishment in front of a microphone — managing a striptease as he sang his favourite "Rhinestone Cowboy". Fortunately he stopped short of a guaranteed appearance as a Playboy (or is it Playgirl) centrefold.

Unfortunately, committee man Bob Newman known now for some reason as Dick Emery did not stop short when he was cajoled, nay frog-marched, into taking the stage and singing two verses of "Sixteen Tons". Two verses, indeed: the problem was that they were both the same.

I have been asked at this juncture to make a special mention of the quiet behaviour of the "Wally" Blackmore table. They may have been responsible for some of the 2,000,000 missiles hurled at the unfortunate Bob Newman or they may not: certainly, for the most part, I am told, they appear to have modelled their performance on the chimpanzees tea-party at Bristol Zoo.

The redoubtable Tim Crothers somehow got them through the evening, with much help from comedian Reg Bennett, and was even able to conclude the production with his own inimitable rendering of "The Boxer".

Earlier, he had been the backing group with Wally Blackmore for Howard Stone, who excelled with his Gary Glitter strutting while allegedly singing "I'm the Leader of the Gang".

Howard is another who generally allows himself to be steered to a microphone, as we will see in Saturday's programme for the visit of the Welsh Academicals.

But in the meantime, Quidnunc once more wished everyone the compliments of the season and a safe journey home after today's sparring with our friends from up the road.



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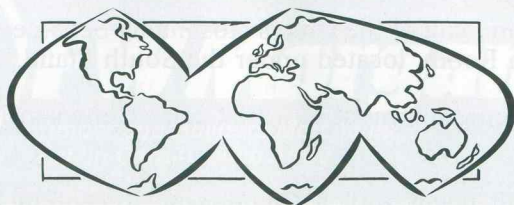
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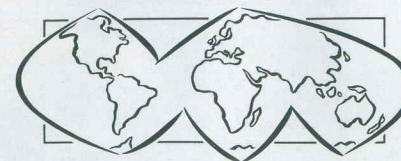
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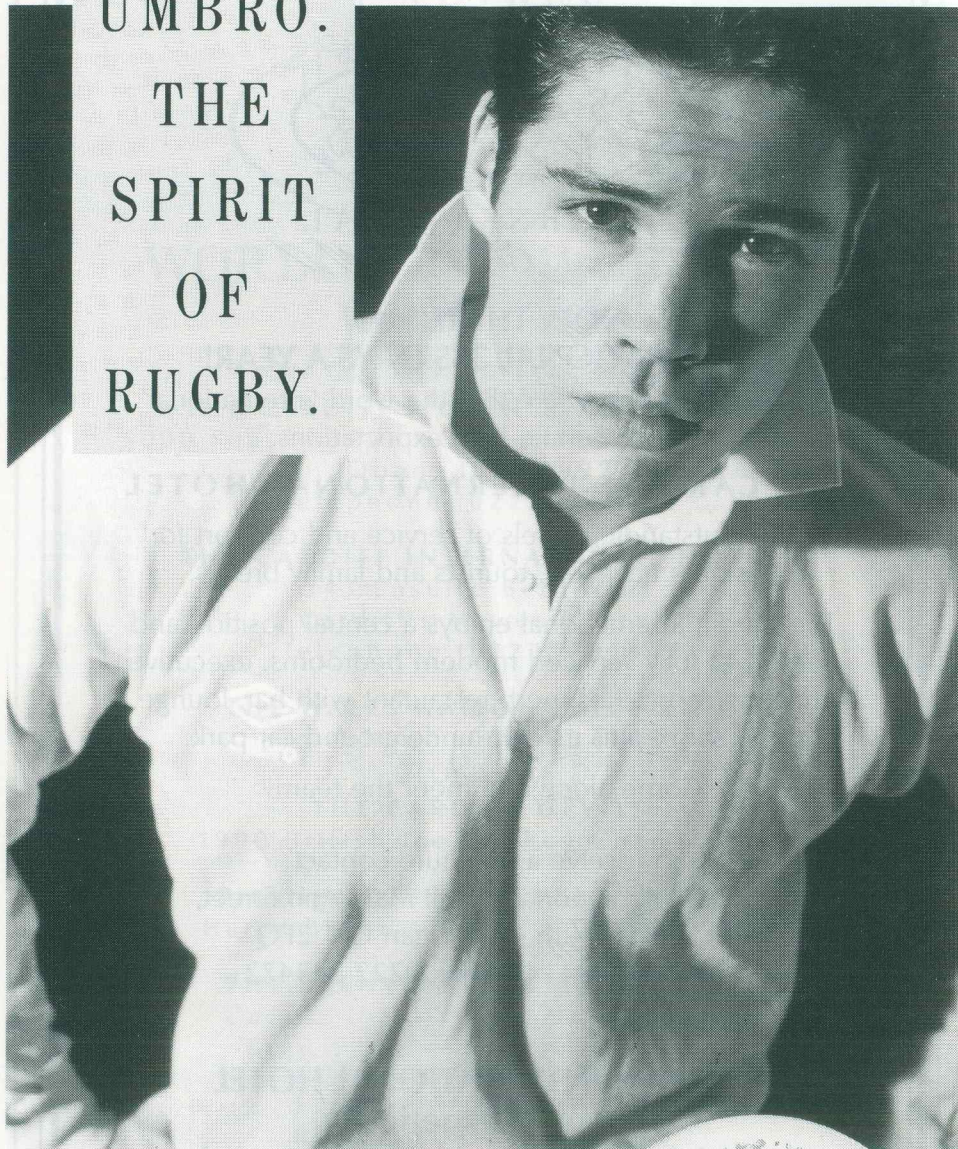
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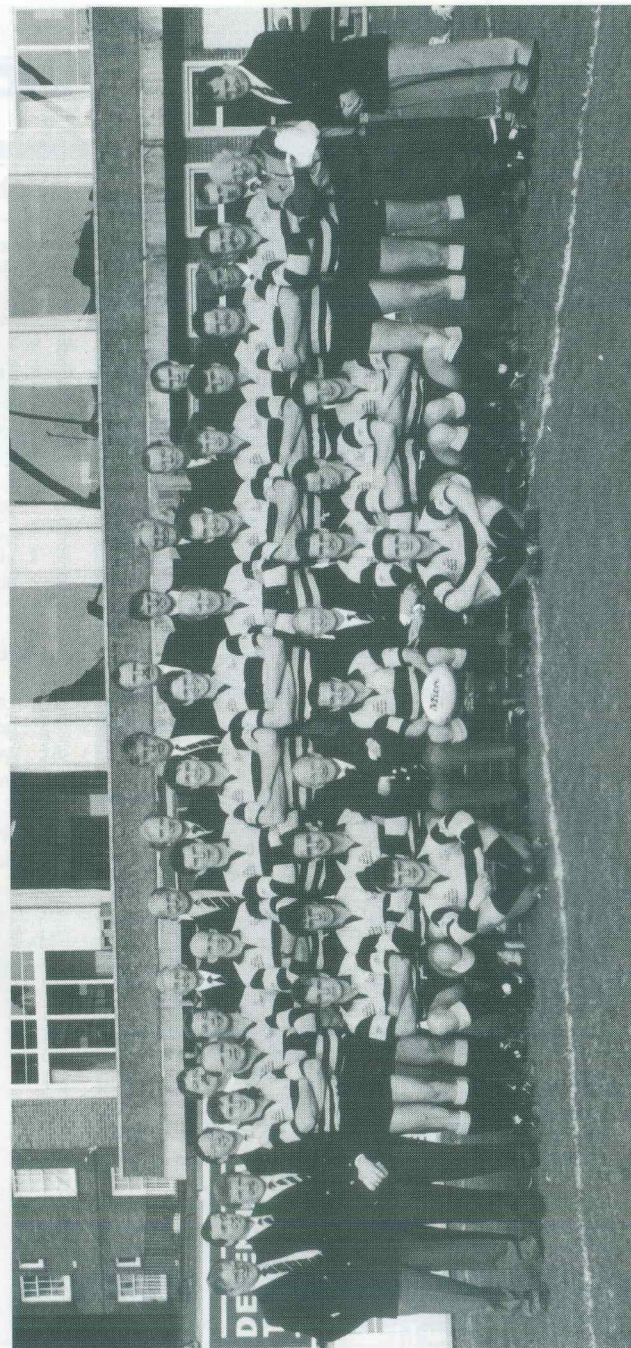
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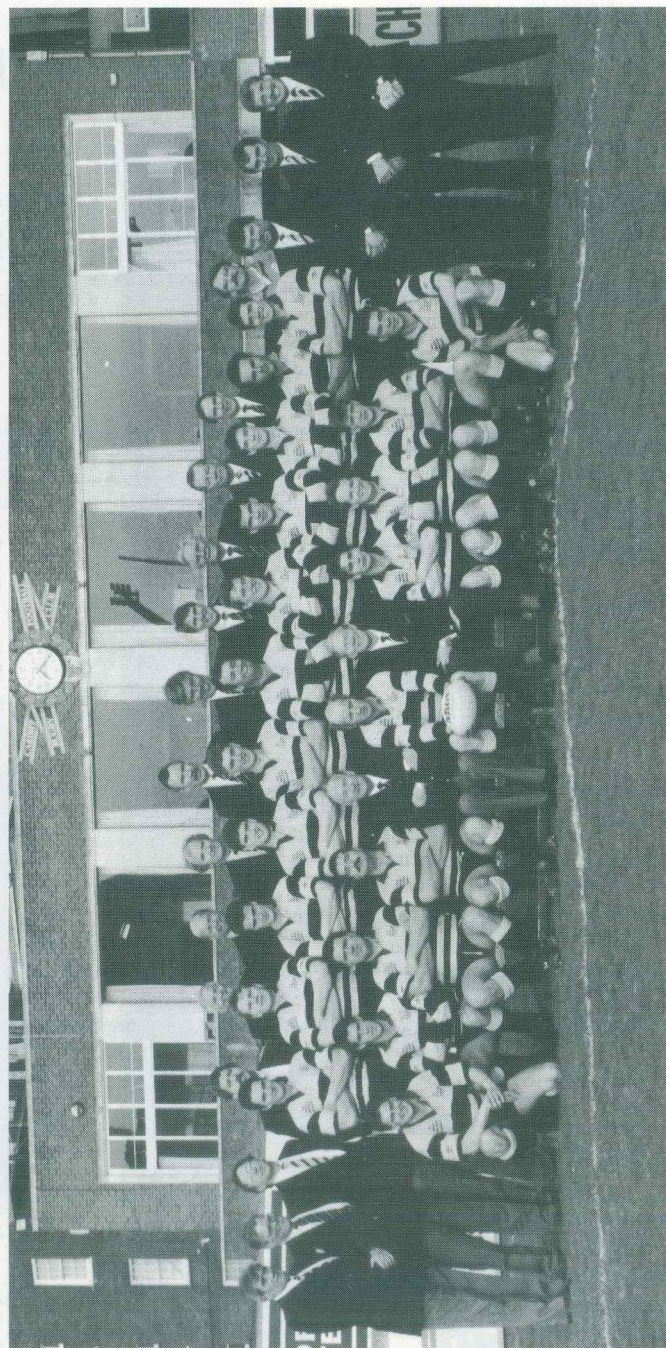
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P'pool	5	3	1	1	11	7
Newport	5	3	0	2	11	6
Neath	5	3	0	2	10	6
Newbridge	5	3	0	2	7	6
Cardiff	6	2	0	4	12	4
Bridgend	5	2	0	3	6	4
Pontypridd	5	1	0	4	4	2
Maesteg	6	0	0	6	2	0

Second Division

	P	W	D	L	T	Pt
Aberavon	7	5	1	1	21	11
SW Police	6	5	0	1	18	10
Cross Keys	6	4	1	1	12	9
Llanharan	6	4	0	2	14	8
Dunvant	6	3	0	3	13	6
Abertillery	6	3	0	3	12	6
Glam. Wands	6	2	0	4	10	4
Penarth	7	1	0	6	8	2
Ebbw Vale	5	1	0	4	6	2
Tredegar	5	1	0	4	6	0

(Tredegar deducted two points)

	H	A	28-9			0-25	12-7		9-16		6-38
BRIDGEND	H	A									
CARDIFF	H	A	9-28		22-28		3-6			19-12	9-23
LLANELLI	H	A		28-22		34-15		23-13	9-19	21-21	
MAESTEG	H	A		6-32		15-34		10-31	6-21	0-28	6-47
NEATH	H	A			13-23			31-10		18-7	22-6
NEWBRIDGE	H	A					9-3				
NEWPORT	H	A	25-0	6-3						9-21	9-22
PONTYPOOL	H	A				19-9		21-6	7-18		13-6
PONTYPRIDD	H	A	7-12					28-0			
SWANSEA	H	A	16-9			21-21		21-9			3-16
	H	A				16-22				16-3	9-27
	H	A	38-6	23-9				47-6	6-13		
								6-22	22-9		27-9

Third Division

	P	W	D	L	T	Pt
Blaina	7	6	0	1	24	12
Tenby Utd	8	6	0	2	17	12
Llandoverly	8	6	0	2	13	12
Narberth	8	5	0	3	15	10
Treorchy	7	4	1	2	15	9
Wrexham	8	3	0	5	16	6
M'tain Ash	8	3	0	5	11	6
Rumney	7	2	1	4	6	5
Bonymaen	8	1	0	7	12	2
A'von Qns	7	1	0	6	8	2

Fourth Division

	P	W	D	L	T	Pt
Tumble	8	7	0	1	29	14
St Peter's	7	5	2	0	20	12
Kenfig Hill	8	4	1	3	16	9
Y'gynlais	7	4	0	3	12	8
Cilfynydd	8	3	1	4	20	7
P'pool U	7	3	1	3	9	7
Kidwelly	7	3	0	4	8	6
Blackwood	7	2	1	4	10	5
Abercynon	7	1	2	4	7	4
Ruthin	8	1	0	7	8	2

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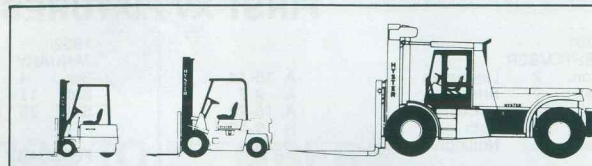
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FIRST XV FIXTURES

1991
SEPTEMBER

Mon. 2	Llanharan	A 10-14
Sat. 7	Bristol	A 9-7
Sat. 14	Leicester	A 18-23
Sat. 21	Bath	H 9-10
Sat. 28	Nottingham	H 28-4

OCTOBER

Sat. 5	Aberavon	A 13-13
Tue. 8	Penarth	A 19-4
Fri. 11	Glamorgan Wanderers	H 6-16
Sat. 19	Cambridge University	A 19-26
Fri. 25	Wasps	H 38-8

NOVEMBER

Fri. 1	Gloucester	H 6-11
Sat. 9	Swansea (L)	A 9-23
Sat. 16	Newbridge (L)	H 3-6
Sat. 23	Bridgend (L)	A 9-28
Sat. 30	Pontypridd (L)	H 19-12

DECEMBER

Sat. 7	Maesteg (L)	A 32-6
Sat. 14	Llanelli (L)	H 22-28
Sat. 21	Newport (L)	A.....
Thurs. 26	Pontypridd	H.....
Sat. 28	Welsh Academicals	H.....

1992
JANUARY

Sat. 4	Pontypool (L)	H.....
Sat. 11	Neath (L)	A.....
Sat. 25	W.R.U. Cup 5th Round	

FEBRUARY

Sat. 8	Swansea (L)	H.....
Sat. 15	Newbridge (L)	A.....
Sat. 22	W.R.U. Cup 6th Round	
Sat. 29	Bridgend (L)	H.....

MARCH

Sat. 7	London Welsh	A.....
Sat. 14	Pontypridd (L)	A.....
Fri. 20	Ayr	H.....
Sat. 28	Maesteg (L)	H.....

APRIL

Sat. 4	W.R.U. Cup Quarter Final	
Sat. 11	Llanelli (L)	A.....
Wed. 15	Newport (L)	H.....
Sat. 18	Barbarians	H.....
Sat. 25	Pontypool (L)	A.....

MAY

Sat. 2	W.R.U. Cup Semi-Final	
	Ebbw Vale	H.....
Sat. 9	Neath (L)	H.....
Sat. 16	W.R.U. Cup Final	

(L) denotes League game

ATHLETIC XV FIXTURES

1991
SEPTEMBER

Thurs. 5	Pencoed	H 35-14
Sat. 7	Bristol United	H 23-12
Tue. 10	Llandaff	H Canc.
Sat. 14	Leicester Extras	H 26-15
Tue. 17	Bedwas	A 22-16
Sat. 21	Bath United	A 24-27
Sat. 28	Llanhilleth	A 22-0

OCTOBER

Wed. 2	Glynneath	A 19-10
Sat. 5	Hirwaun	H 36-3
Fri. 11	Mountain Ash	A Canc.
Wed. 16	Senghenydd	A Canc.
Sat. 19	Blackwood	H 24-9
Fri. 25	Pontypool United	A 15-7
Tue. 29	Rumney	H 7-3

NOVEMBER

Fri. 1	Gloucester United	A 3-39
Sat. 9	Rossllyn Park II	H 16-10
Sat. 16	Cardiff Inst.H.E.	A 21-14
Wed. 20	Cardiff Medicals	H 66-0
Sat. 23	Bridgend Ravens	H 48-12
Sat. 30	Pontypridd Athletic	A 38-13

DECEMBER

Sat. 7	Glamorgan Wanderers II	H 38-4
Sat. 14	Builth Wells	A Canc.
Sat. 14	Senghenydd	A.....
Sat. 21	Newport United	H.....
Sat. 28	Caerphilly	A.....

Saturday Kick Off - 2.30 p.m.

1992
JANUARY

Sat. 4	Pontypool Athletic	A.....
Sat. 11	Ebbw Vale Athletic	H.....
Fri. 17	Garndiffaith	H.....
Sat. 25	Old Iltydians	A.....

FEBRUARY

Sat. 8	Glamorgan Wanderers II	A.....
Sat. 15	Abercarn	H.....
Sat. 22	Bedwas	H.....
Sat. 29	Bridgend Ravens	A.....

MARCH

Sun. 8	Maidenhead	A.....
Sat. 14	Pontypridd Ath.	H.....
Wed. 18	Pontypool United	H.....

APRIL

Sat. 4	Croesyceiliog	A.....
Wed. 8	Cardiff H.S.O.B.	H.....
Sat. 11	Neath Athletic	H.....
Wed. 15	Newport United	A.....
Wed. 22	Bridgend Sports	H.....
Sat. 25	Pontypool Athletic	H.....

MAY

Sat. 2	Ebbw Vale Athletic	A.....
Sat. 9	Rumney	A.....

Mid Week Kick Off - 7.15 p.m.



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