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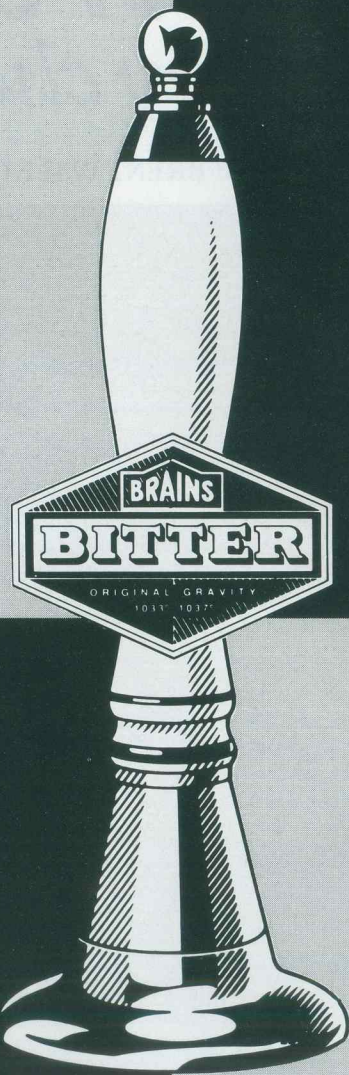
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We hope that Christmas has been good for all of you. That you didn't suffer Roy Nobles' Twelve Rows of Christmas – well not all of them anyway, and that you didn't quarrel over mothers-in-law or the choice of television programmes. We also hope that all your presents were of the unexpected variety – although I'll wager next month's pay that my sister will buy me another jar of Old Spice After Shave. Why should she change the habits of the last three decades? – anyway I'll be buying her the same twenty Woodbines and a Mars Bar, that she always expects. Although I know she would like something slightly more sophisticated such as a Hermes Scarf or a Chanel No. 5, there's always the nagging thought that they might be cheap imitations. Somehow you don't get that feeling about Woodbines or Mars Bars. Never mind, it's the thought that counts. In these hard times, I also wish you a more prosperous New Year in 1992. That goes for our team results as well. We have been in a mild recession of late but the talent available is bound to blossom shortly and come the daffodils, we should be smiling in the spring sun, with them.

As we kick off today, we will be repeating a quarter of an hour late, what we did on the same day, a Thursday, and the same date – Boxing Day, against the same team, the Welsh Accies, as we did on December 26th 1963. That was an auspicious date, because it was our first game against The Welsh Academicals, a team founded basically by Jimmy Austin from the Old Boys of Mountain Ash County School, that has spread its wings to encompass, with rare exceptions, all the great names of Welsh Rugby over the last fifty years. If you want to know them all, ask Dai Owen of Aberdare. It is said that he played in their first game in 1927 and has watched all the rest.

It would be interesting – and by taking up space, save me a hell of a lot of writing, to print the teams that played on that historic occasion.

CARDIFF R.F.C. v. WELSH ACADEMICALS R.F.C. December 26th 1963. K.O. 2.15.

Cardiff: Alan Drew: Steve Hughes, Mike Horgan, Maurice Richards, Glyn Williams: Cliff Ashton, Lloyd Williams: Howard Norris, Gary Davies, John O'Shea: Keith Rowlands, Jim Mills: Chris Jones, Cliff Howe, Dai Hayward (Capt.)

Welsh Academicals: Prosser Harries: Wynn Oliver, Fred Mitchell, David Rosser, Colin Gibbon: Lyn Thomas, B. (Shrimp) Williams, Alan Foster, Brian Rees, D. Watkins, Andy Quinn, David Pask, Ken Roberts, Paul Holland, John James.


It was a pretty formidable Cardiff pack with Welsh Internationals and British Lions in Howard Norris, John O'Shea and Keith Rowlands and goodness knows what Big Jim might have achieved had he resisted the tinkle of the gold pieces. We have had very few better pairings than Cliff Ashton and Lloyd Williams at half-back and plenty of running in the backs, with Maurice Richards, probably the most clinical of finishers we have seen. Incidentally Cardiff won that game 24pts-3, and we have succeeded in winning all the subsequent games. In 1967, 16-0, 1968 17-3, 1969 by 30-0.


So we look forward to a game played without the pressures of League Rugby, and an opportunity to run free, to show all the skills, and enter into the spirit of the Festive Season. We know that the Accies will – it is a large part of their 'raison d'etre'. (If you had gone to Mountain Ash Grammar School in 1920 you would know what that meant. I don't – I went to Newbridge Grammar School in 1950). I only hope that our boys will respond and that they haven't forgotten the finer skills in which we all revel. So let's all join the revelries on and off the field, pass your hip flasks around, lob out the Havanas, tackle the mince pies, kick the blues, and finally say a fond farewell to 1991. Not the best of years – when you think about it.

D.J.H.

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1	A. DRFW	<i>Full Back</i>		A. PROSSER-HARRIES	1		
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3	M. HORGAN	<i>Right Centre</i>	<i>Right Centre</i>	F. MITCHELL	3		
4	M. RICHARDS	<i>Left Centre</i>	<i>Left Centre</i>	D. ROSSER	4		
5	GLYN WILLIAMS	<i>Left Wing</i>	<i>Left Wing</i>	C. GIBBON	5		
6	CLIFF ASHTON	<i>Outside Half</i>		L. THOMAS	6		
7	LL. WILLIAMS	<i>Inside Half</i>		B. WILLIAMS	7		
8	H. NORRIS	<i>Forwards</i>		A. FOSTER	8		
9	GARRY DAVIES			B. I. REES	9		
10	J. OSHEA			J. YOUNG <i>D. WATKINS</i>	10		
11	K. A. ROWLANDS			A. CHINN	11		
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13	CHRIS JONES			J. H. H. JAMES	13		
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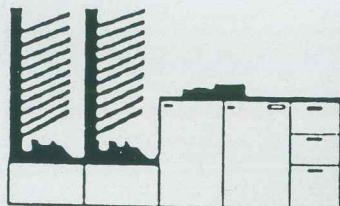
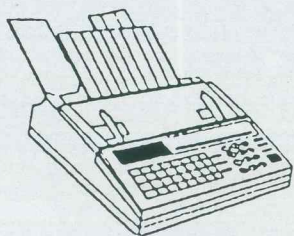
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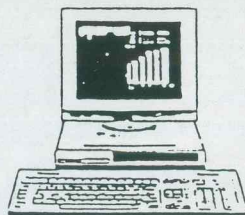
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1. Despite his name an old player recalled to the cause? 1968-72, 23 caps.
2. Did his giant killing sting get him in the side?. 1973-76, 4 caps.
3. His name sounds as if it could be a shining example to the miners in his team. 1930-38, 23 caps.
4. A paladin of Pontypridd 1990-91, 5 caps.
5. They were arch enemies although in the same team. 1978-85, 25 caps and 1981-87, 22 caps.



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By J. E. MALCOLM THOMAS

Question 1 An attacking player with the ball in his possession crosses the goal-line near the touch-line and whilst running to get nearer the posts **he brushes against the referee** and continues his run eventually grounding the ball near the goal posts.

What is the correct decision?

Answer A try should be awarded where the player touched the referee.

Question 2 An attacking player close to the touch line kicks the ball ahead into his opponents' in-goal area. He follows up the kick by running into touch. He grounds the ball in the in-goal area but when he does so his feet are in touch-in-goal.

What should the referee award?

Answer A try should be given for the law states that 'a try may be scored by a player who is in touch or in touch-in-goal provided he is not carrying the ball!'

Question 3 An attacking player with the ball in his possession in his opponents' in-goal area is so held that he cannot ground the ball.

What action should the referee take?

Answer Award a **scrum 5 metres from the goal line** opposite the place where he was held, with the **attacking side** to have the 'put in' into the scrummage.

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You will see the new hospitality complex at the Westgate Street end of the ground which was opened on Saturday 21st September 1991.

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

Apart from the 11 hospitality suites the new seating area beneath provides an additional 400 seats, made up of a Family Enclosure, with a private family room for refreshments, Schoolboy Enclosure, which will be sponsored so that the Club can invite local schools to attend matches free of charge, a disabled area which will cater for 6 wheelchairs and the Enclosed Stand with private bar facilities. We are very keen to introduce two new schemes for season 1992/1993, **Enclosed Stand Membership** and **Family Membership**.

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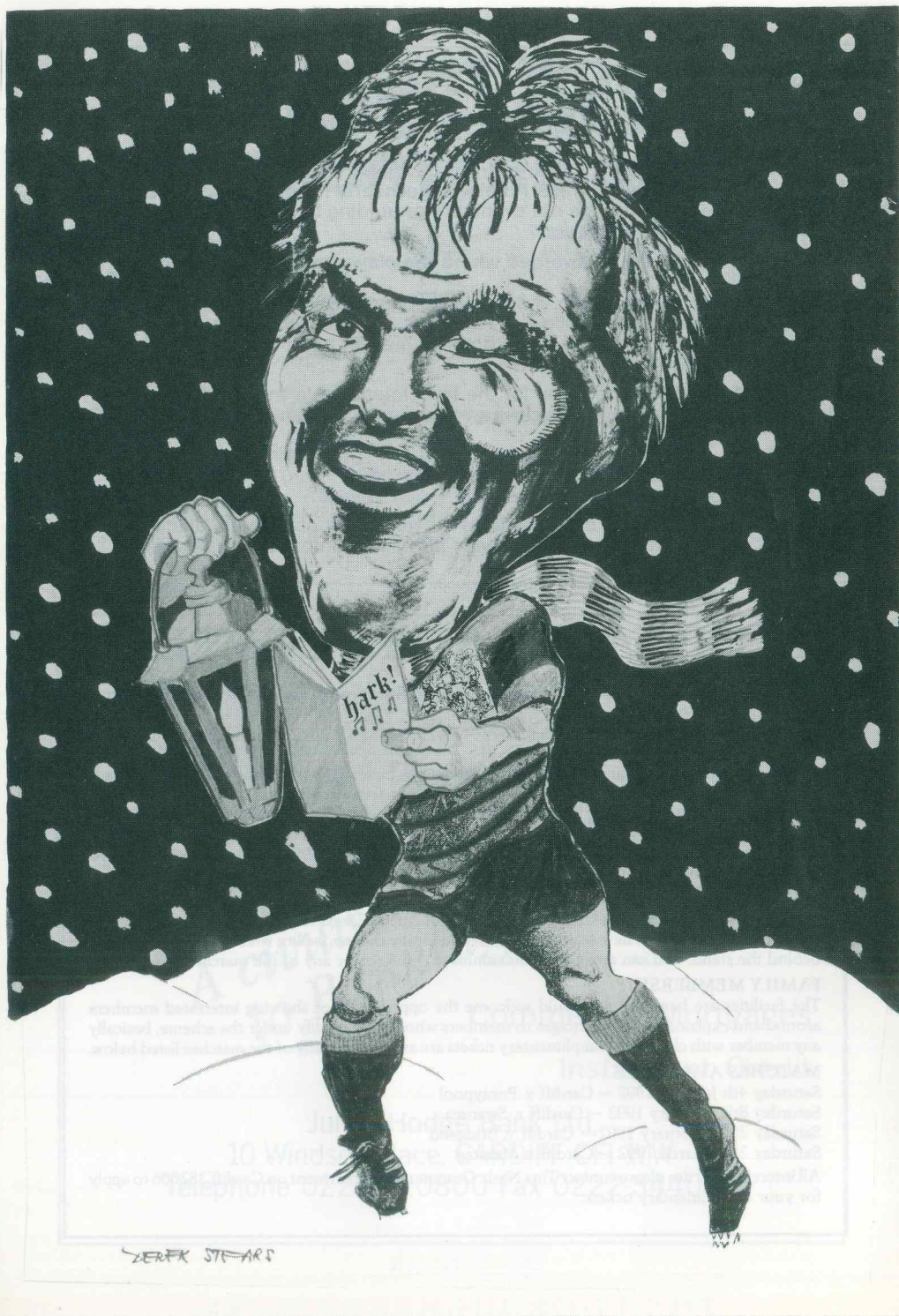
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MATCHES AVAILABLE

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Saturday 28th March 1992 — Cardiff v. Maesteg

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QUIDNUNC'S COLUMN

CHRISTMAS DAY being on a Wednesday, with the resultant difficulties of being bang up-to-date about the affairs of state and matters of the moment concerning our heroes, Quidnunc is unable to bring you the crucial details of Boxing night's fancy dress party, a traditionally humorous evening for the Cardiff players.

Pity – because somewhere among the outfits there must surely have been an example worthy of illustration to take us into 1992.

Instead, and because he performed with enthusiasm at both the karaoke and carol evenings in the club house these past festive days, we felt that Howard Stone, as loyal a man as ever wore the black and blue, should be the last footer of 1991 and take us, as it were, through a chorus of Auld Lang Syne.

(I digress at this stage to wonder how many of you, and especially those rejoicing in the name of Academicals, know the translation of that phrase – with the exception of our Scottish General Secretary Alf Heffell? It means simply Old long since, a disappointment on a par with my discovery many moons ago that in joining in enthusiastically to a chorus of Sospan Fach I was in fact singing about unromantic saucepans.)

To return to Mr Stone, he qualified for the role in view of his interpretation of Groovy Kind of Love and impersonation of Gary Glitter as "The Leader of the Gang". Backed by the Glitter Band of Steve "Wally" Blackmore and Timmy Crothers, Howard strutted with authentic conviction.

Not exactly Christmas numbers but there you go, you can't have everything. Or can you? Once upon a time, as all good fairy stories begin, Quidnunc could write a Christmas column about carols as if they had been written especially for the players.

"Hark the Gerald Cordle sings . . ." or even "Mark the Gerald etc. etc." Or "Ring-dong Merrily on High". More recently, we could have tried "While Shephard watched his flocks by night".

On the pantomime front, Ian Robinson Crusoe would have been accompanied by the faithful Man Priday, the children might have enjoyed Snow Whitefoot and the Seven Dwarfs.

In vain do I scan today's squad for equally corny possibilities. It's not easy to make jokes about names like Kawulok, Sedgemore, Hembrow or Emyr.

Nor, this year, have there been a glut of suggestions about New Year Resolutions.

Watching the final 10 minutes or so of the Llanelli match a fortnight ago, and with the crowd finally giving substantial voice in support of Cardiff, a wistful comment was made to the effect that similar backing consistently would give Cardiff a 10-point advantage at every home match, just as the enthusiasm for the Welsh national side ensured that the country was points ahead even before they took to the park.

So that might be a suitable resolution for all of you out there: to get behind the team, starting with Pontypool next Saturday.

Another suggestion was that the splendid fixture secretary Brian Mark should receive a new computer to work out how to arrange some of the more traditional matches in a season which will, from the autumn of 1992, include 22 League Saturdays with the growth of the Heineken first division to 12 clubs.

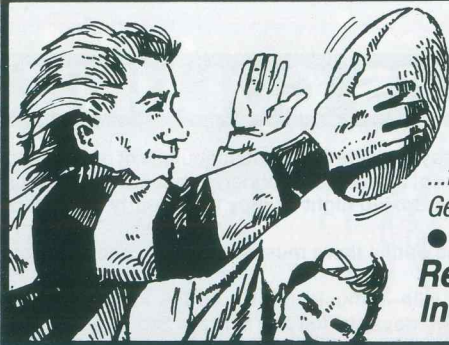
When you add to those international match Saturdays and cup dates, there is not a great deal left. Yet Brian somehow manages to retain his gentle smile.

More raucous laughter tends to follow Peter Nyhan around with his bumper fun book. Mr Nyhan is one of those people to whom jokes seem to come first. He should resolve in the New Year, one suggestion had it, to allow someone else to tell a tale for the first time.

I will refrain from commenting further on the cigarette shortages from 1982-1991 of John Scott and David Hayward but they could both constructively resolve to help the taxpayers' burden by acquiring some of their own.

Nineteen-ninety-one does not seem to have been a happy year in a myriad ways: the economic climate, the disappointments for rugby followers at both international and club level have been considerable.

But these problems have been overcome in the past. There are at least some signs that they will be overcome again. Quidnunc does therefore have a little confidence in wishing all connected with the club a prosperous New Year.



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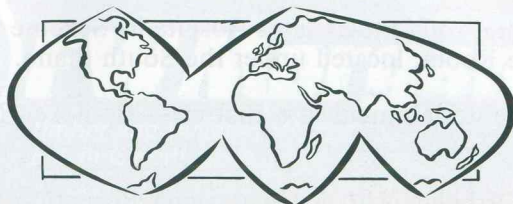
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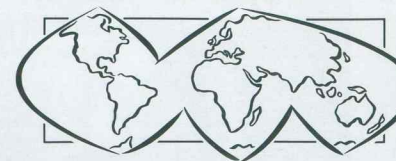
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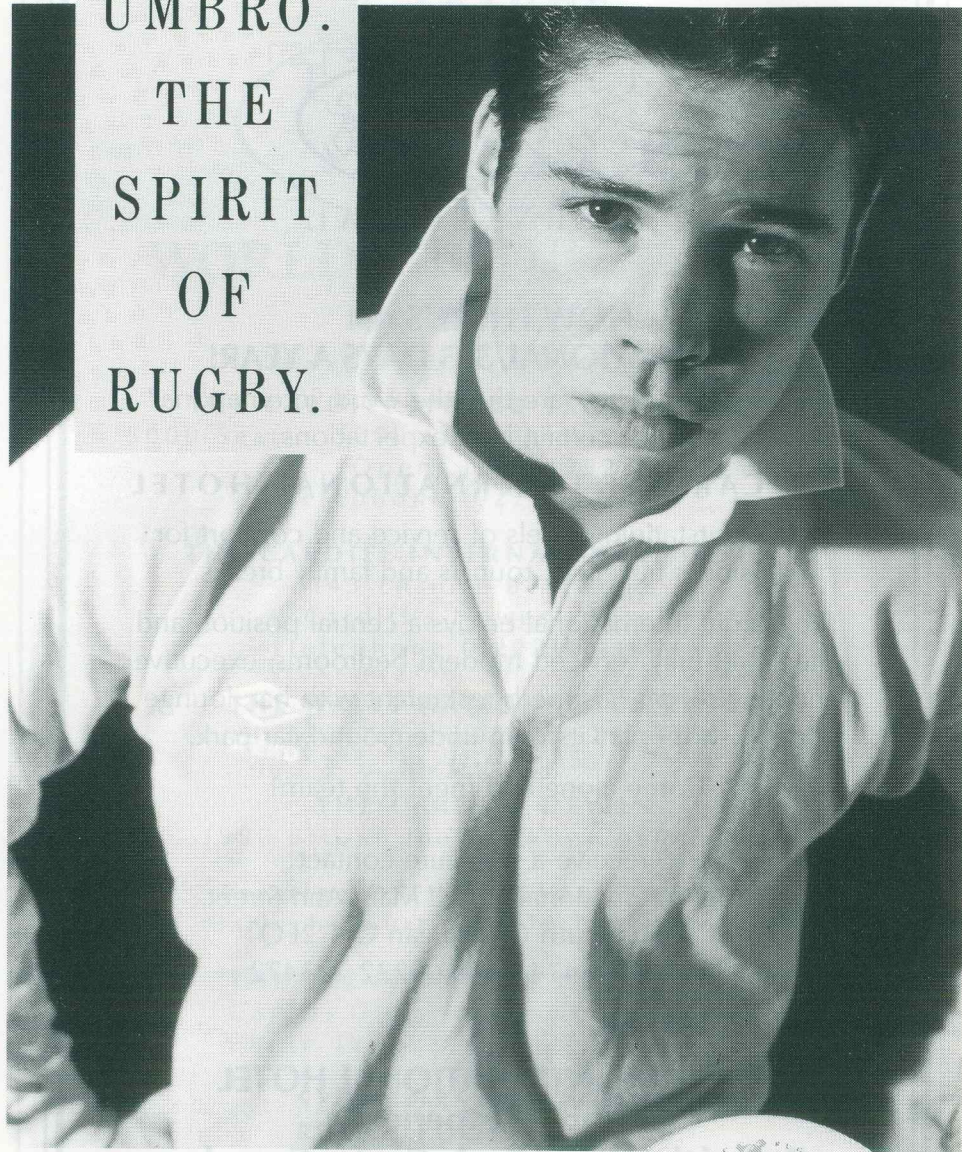
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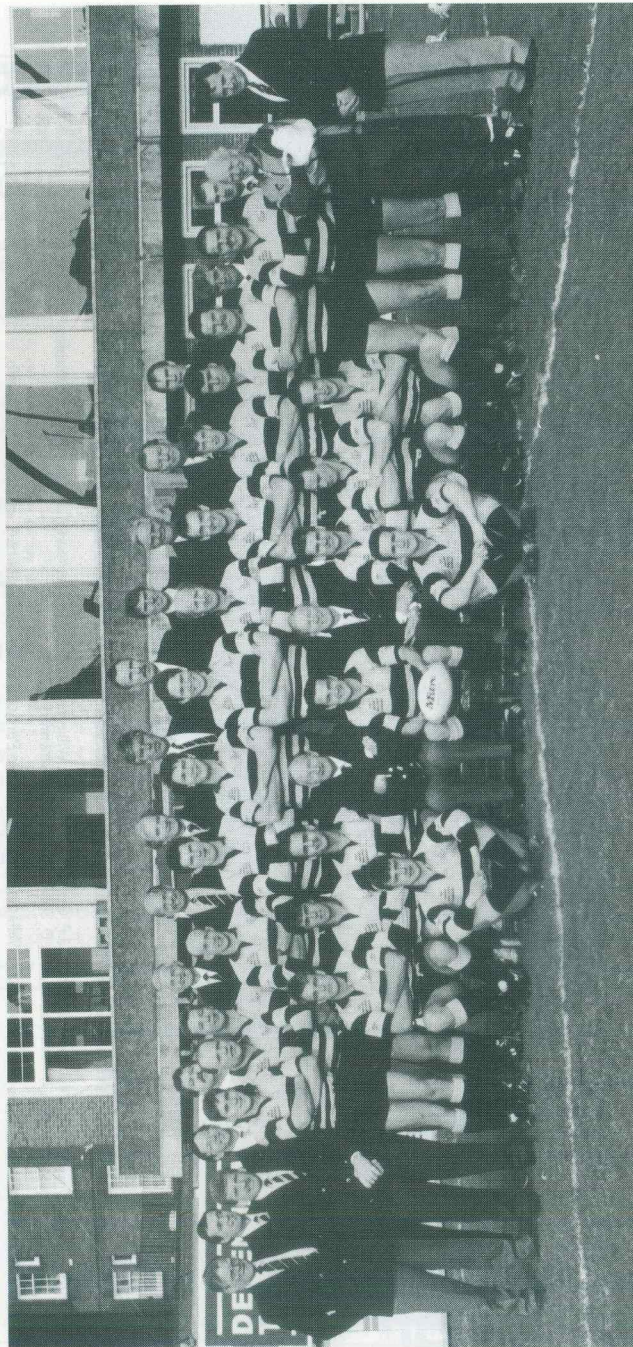
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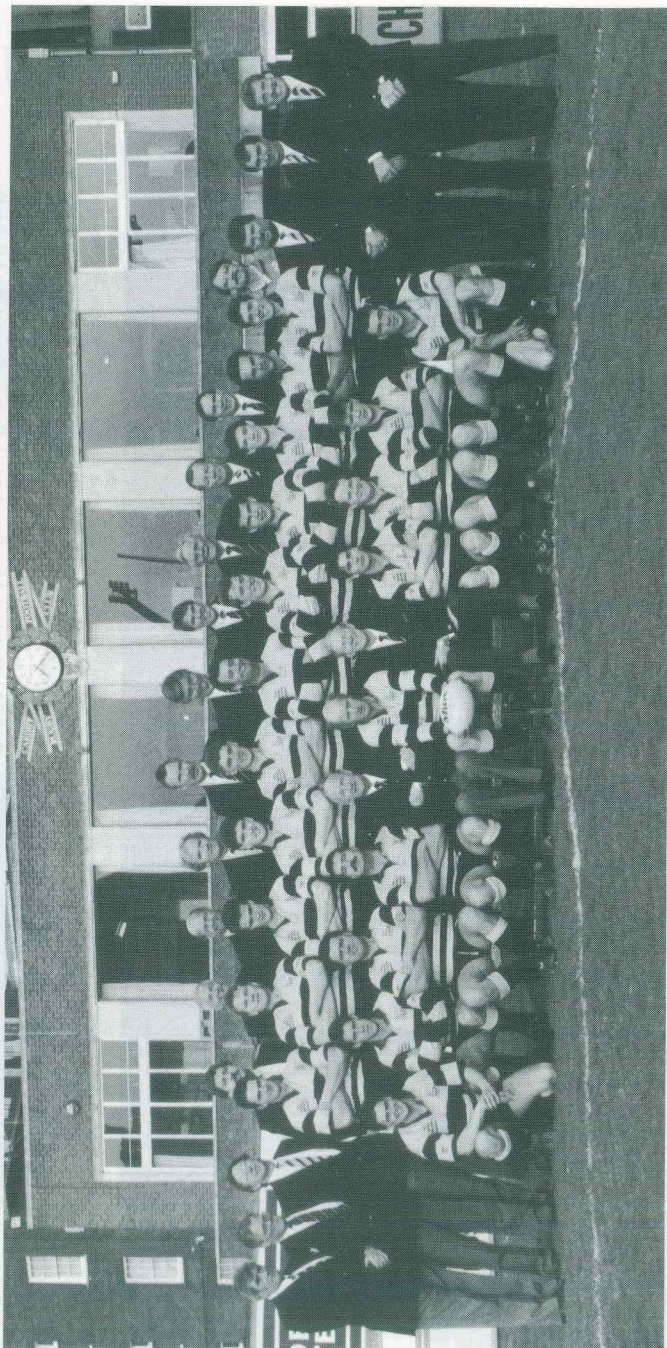
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Swansea ..	6	5	0	1	24	10
Llanelli	6	4	1	1	15	9
P'pool	5	3	1	1	11	7
Newport ...	5	3	0	2	11	6
Neath	5	3	0	2	10	6
Newbridge	5	3	0	2	7	6
Cardiff	6	2	0	4	12	4
Bridgend ..	5	2	0	3	6	4
Pontypridd	5	1	0	4	4	2
Maesteg ...	6	0	0	6	2	0

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)

Third Division

	P	W	D	L	T	Pt
Blaina	7	6	0	1	24	12
Tenby Utd	8	6	0	2	17	12
Llandovery ..	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'avon 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

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

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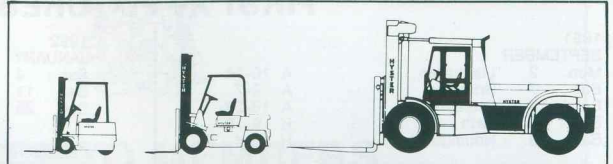
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FIRST XV FIXTURES

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 38-8	Sat. 14	Pontypridd (L)	A.....
NOVEMBER			Fri. 20	Ayr	H.....
Fri. 1	Gloucester	H 6-11	Sat. 28	Maesteg (L)	H.....
Sat. 9	Swansea (L)	A 9-23	APRIL		
Sat. 16	Newbridge (L)	H 3-6	Sat. 4	W.R.U. Cup Quarter Final	
Sat. 23	Bridgend (L)	A 9-28	Sat. 11	Llanelli (L)	A.....
Sat. 30	Pontypridd (L)	H 19-12	Wed. 15	Newport (L)	H.....
DECEMBER			Sat. 18	Barbarians	H.....
Sat. 7	Maesteg (L)	A 32-6	Sat. 25	Pontypool (L)	A.....
Sat. 14	Llanelli (L)	H 22-28	MAY		
Sat. 21	Newport (L)	A.....	Sat. 2	W.R.U. Cup Semi-Final	
Thurs. 26	Pontypridd	H.....	Sat. 9	Ebbw Vale	H.....
Sat. 28	Welsh Academicals	H.....	Sat. 16	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 15-7	APRIL		
Tue. 29	Rumney	H 7-3	Sat. 4	Croesyceiliog	A.....
NOVEMBER			Wed. 8	Cardiff H.S.O.B.	H.....
Fri. 1	Gloucester United	A 3-39	Sat. 11	Neath Athletic	H.....
Sat. 9	Roslyn Park II	H 16-10	Wed. 15	Newport United	A.....
Sat. 16	Cardiff Inst.H.E.	A 21-14	Wed. 22	Bridgend Sports	H.....
Wed. 20	Cardiff Medicals	H 66-0	Sat. 25	Pontypool Athletic	H.....
Sat. 23	Bridgend Ravens	H 48-12	MAY		
Sat. 30	Pontypridd Athletic	A 38-13	Sat. 2	Ebbw Vale Athletic	A.....
DECEMBER			Sat. 9	Rumney	A.....
Sat. 7	Glamorgan Wanderers II	H 38-4	Saturday Kick Off - 2.30p.m.		
Sat. 14	Builth Wells	A Canc.	Mid Week Kick Off - 7.15p.m.		
Sat. 14	Senghenydd	A.....			
Sat. 21	Newport United	H.....			
Sat. 28	Caerphilly	A.....			

Saturday Kick Off - 2.30p.m.

Mid Week Kick Off - 7.15p.m.



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