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# CARDIFF

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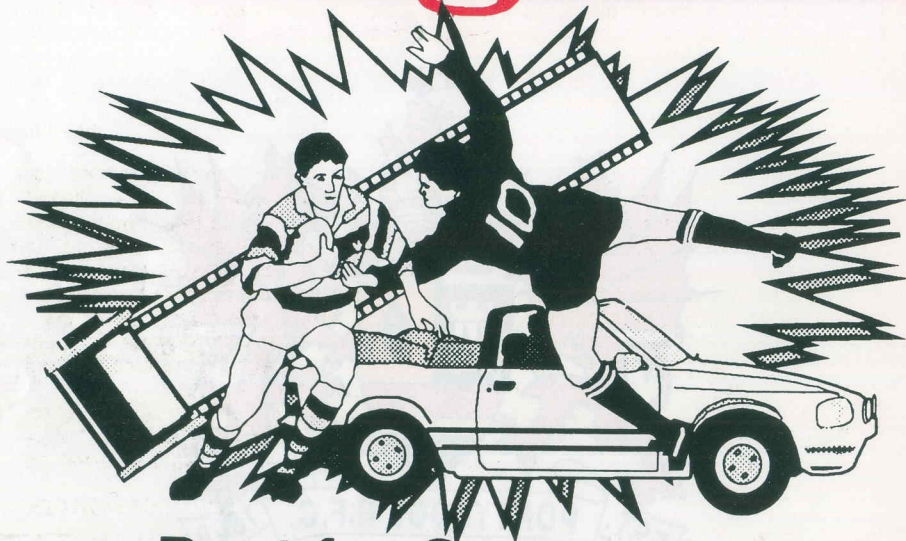


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## **WELCOME TO PONTYPOOL PARK**

Today's visitors, Cardiff, can safely say that they are the most improved side in the Heineken League.

The appointment of Alex Evans and Terry Holmes, backed by Tony Faulkner, as coaching team, is beginning to pay dividends for Cardiff RFC. They look to be playing with the confidence that they displayed in their glory days of winning the Schweppes Cup. There appears to be more team-work these days.

Very often in their recent history, Cardiff have had gifted individuals like full back Mike Rayer, who played well and scored a superb try in the recent Wales B versus England-North game. Centres Mark Ring and Mike Hall, this season's Cardiff captain, are others who have displayed their skills. Added to these have been outside half Adrian Davies, who has already topped a century of points for the season, and the speed merchant, Nigel Walker, on the wing.

A new back row of Mike Budd and Owain Williams, recruited from Bridgend, and Hemi Taylor, another summer signing from Newbridge, have been profiting from the good work of a strong ball-winning front five.

After a narrow defeat, their first of the season, at Stradey Park, Cardiff bounced back last Saturday when they defeated Neath 31-20 at the Arms Park.

Cardiff are level on 12 points with Llanelli in the league, but the Scarlets' superior try count keeps them in second place.

Pontypool gained their third league win of the season with their well-earned victory against Aberavon at the Talbot Athletic Ground last Saturday. To coin the cliched phrase . . . "It was a game of two halves". Pontypool struggled to put their game together when playing with the wind at their backs in the first half, and were behind 3-6 at the interval. In the second half, however, they moved up a couple of gears and two well-worked tries, scored by Shaun White, gave Pontypool the cushion they needed. Further tries from Frank Jacas and replacement Martin Jones sealed the victory.

The versatile Sean Hanson reached a milestone recently when he made his 100th appearance for the first team. Congratulations, Sean. Congratulations, also, to Nigel Meek on his fine performance for Wales B against England-North.

Pontypool's next league game is against Newbridge at the Welfare Ground on Saturday next, kick-off 2.30pm. The next home game is against Gloucester on Saturday, November 7, while the next home league game is that against Maesteg on Saturday, November 28, kick-off 2.30pm.

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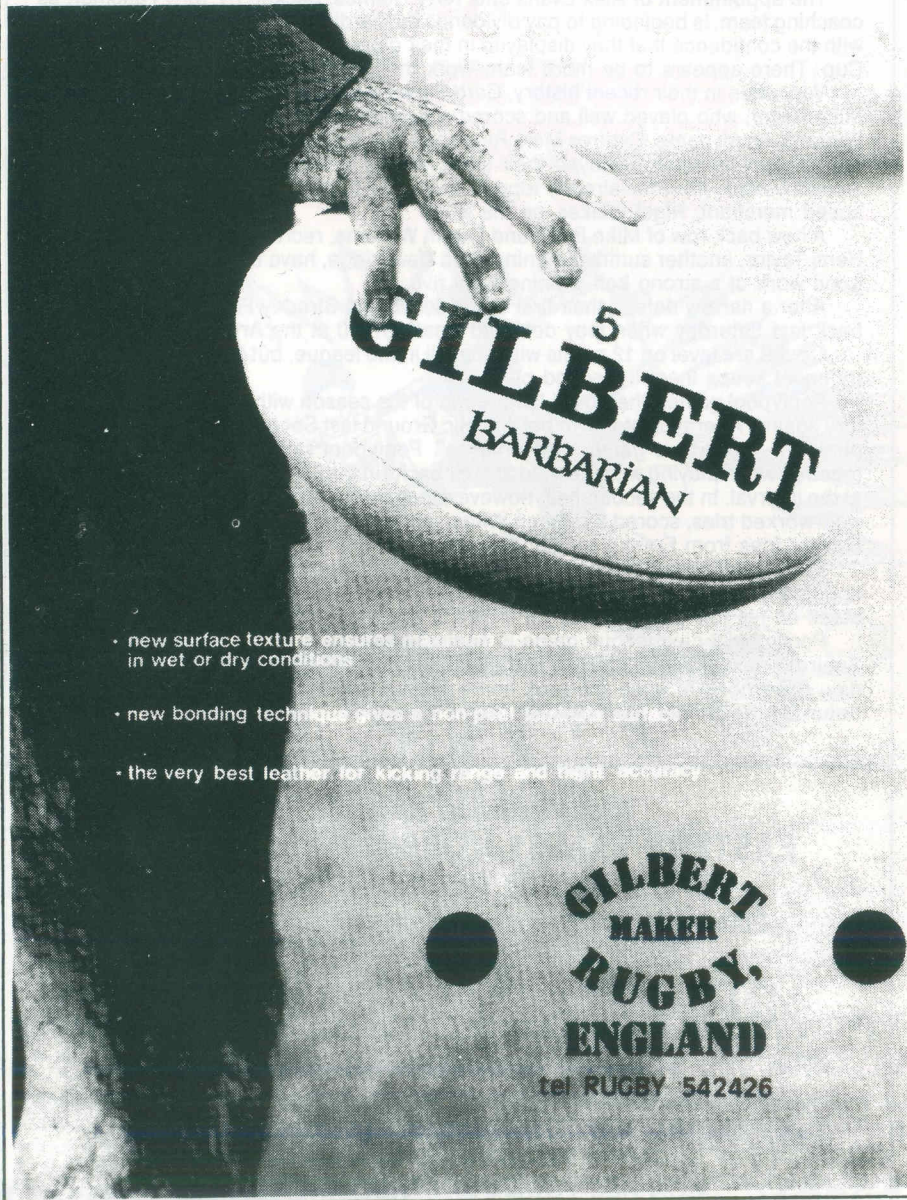
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Pontypool Rugby Supporters Club would like to extend a warm welcome to Cardiff R.F.C., players, committee and supporters. Cardiff are in a better position in the league this season. The light at the end of the tunnel has been turned on for them! It seems certain that they have made the right move in obtaining the services of Alex Evans and Terry Holmes, as well as Charlie Faulkner, to guide them.

David Phillips, who left us a few weeks ago to play for his home side, Caerphilly, has written me a letter. In it he has asked me to thank the supporters for their friendship and support when he was playing for 'The Pooler'.

Don't forget, it's only about eight weeks to Christmas. Come along to the Supporters Hut and have a look for presents — we have a good selection in stock.

P.R.S.C. are running a bus to Newbridge next Saturday, 31st October. Tickets are £2.50 each and can be obtained from Ann Nelmes, 0495 78394. Coach leaving Kwik-Save, Cwmbran at 12.45 pm and the Clubhouse at 1.15 pm. The coach will return at 6.00 pm.

*The Youth and Colts are having a coaching session with Bobby Windsor. Any new players and their parents are welcome tomorrow morning (Sunday, 25th October) at 10.00 am.*

ANN NELMES

### TODAY'S MATCH MASCOT...

Pontypool Rugby Club's Mascot for today is 10-year-old **RHODRI JONES**. A pupil of Cwmffrwdroer Primary School, Rhodri plays outside half for the Pontypool and District Under-11s Schools. Rhodri is also the son of Pontypool committee member Malcolm Jones.

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# HEINEKEN LEAGUE TABLES

FIRST DIVISION							SECOND DIVISION						
	P	W	D	L	T	Pts		P	W	D	L	T	Pts
Swansea	7	7	0	0	32	14	Dunvant	6	6	0	0	19	12
Llanelli	7	6	0	1	39	12	Narberth	7	6	0	1	11	12
Cardiff	7	6	0	1	26	12	Glam Wands	7	5	0	2	19	10
Neath	7	5	0	2	25	10	Cross Keys	5	4	0	1	11	8
Newport	7	4	0	3	22	8	Llanharan	7	4	0	3	10	8
Pontypridd	7	3	1	3	12	7	Ebbw Vale	7	4	0	3	4	8
Pontypool	7	3	0	4	15	6	Abertillery	7	3	0	4	11	6
Aberavon	7	2	0	5	10	4	Llandoverly	7	2	0	5	12	4
Newbridge	7	2	0	5	8	4	Blaina	7	2	0	5	10	4
Bridgend	7	1	1	5	13	3	Tenby Utd	6	2	0	4	5	4
Maesteg	7	1	1	5	8	3	Tredegar	7	1	0	6	3	2
S W Police	7	0	1	6	5	1	Penarth	7	1	0	6	3	2

THIRD DIVISION							FOURTH DIVISION						
	P	W	D	L	T	Pts		P	W	D	L	T	Pts
Mountain Ash	7	6	1	0	12	13	Builth Wells	7	7	0	0	18	14
Treorchy	7	5	2	0	15	12	Tondu	7	6	0	1	27	12
Pontypool Utd	7	5	0	2	12	10	Y'gynlais	7	6	0	1	17	12
Tumble	7	4	0	3	17	8	Cardiff Quins	7	5	0	2	29	10
Kenfig Hill	7	4	0	3	16	8	Carmarthen	7	5	0	2	16	10
Abercynon	7	4	0	3	14	8	Kidwelly	7	4	0	3	7	8
Blackwood	7	3	0	4	18	6	Cilfynydd	7	3	0	4	15	6
St Peter's	7	3	0	4	14	6	Vardre	7	2	0	5	15	4
Bonymaen	7	2	1	4	17	5	Garndiffaith	7	2	0	5	8	4
Rumney	7	2	0	5	6	4	Cardigan	7	2	0	5	2	4
Aberavon Qns	7	1	0	6	8	2	Ruthin	7	0	0	7	8	0
Wrexham	7	1	0	6	4	2	Colwyn Bay	7	0	0	7	2	0

## FIXTURES . . . SATURDAY, 24th OCTOBER 1992

### FIRST DIVISION:

BRIDGEND	ABERAVON
LLANELLI	MAESTEG
NEATH	NEWBRIDGE
NEWPORT	SWANSEA
PONTYPOOL	CARDIFF
PONTYPRIDD	SOUTH WALES POLICE

## WELCOME, CARDIFF

Today we welcome to Pontypool a Cardiff side that has been rejuvenated under the new coaching team of ALEC EVANS, TERRY HOLMES and CHARLIE FAULKNER, and who, but for an unlucky defeat at Stradey Park, would have today been defending a one hundred per cent Heineken League record.

As long as I have been associated with Pontypool RFC, Cardiff has always been "the" club that players have "bust a gut" to play against. A victory against Cardiff had more value than a victory against any other team in Wales, and the most memorable game that I ever played in was a midweek club match at the Arms Park. In September 1974, Pontypool hadn't beaten Cardiff at Cardiff for 19 years, and therefore a 15-19 win in my first visit to the Arms Park, as a skinny, raw 18-year-old, gave me a feeling of elation I have experienced only very occasionally in my rugby career.

The match itself was dominated by Pontypool scrum half Dennis John, and it was typical that Dennis himself scored the try which secured victory. Playing toward the clubhouse, and from a lineout on the halfway line, Dennis hoisted one up to Cardiff full back John Davies, later of South Wales Police. I feel sorry for John now in retrospect since, although he was a brave player, Dennis' kick was in the air long enough to sing three choruses of "God Save The Queen", and when he finally received the ball, he received with it Ivor Taylor, who was known to enjoy the odd bit of tackling. BASH! - John Davies flattened, the ball spills into Dennis' hands for a try under the sticks. Conversions were never any trouble to "Big Bertha", Robin Williams, who also back-heeled three penalties over to lay the Arms Park bogey that had dogged us for nearly twenty years.

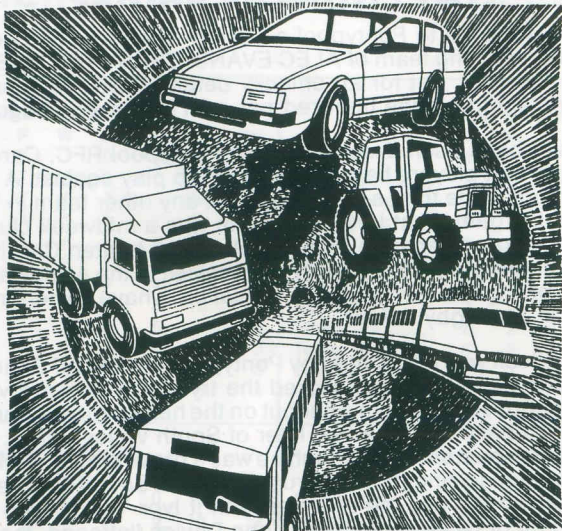
Mind you, one Cardiff bogey over, another was about to begin - Cardiff in the Cup. There were some heartbreaking cup defeats at the hands of Cardiff before we were able to lay that little bogey - the year we actually won the Cup, 1983. Who will forget the match that we absolutely dominated, only for GERALD DAVIES to leave his mark on the game with four scorching tries.

Cardiff's resurgence as a force in Welsh Rugby can only be good for the game in Wales. Their style, although influenced by brilliant backs such as GERALD DAVIES, BARRY JOHN and GARETH EDWARDS, has always been based upon the good solid forward play of players like MIKE KNILL, ALAN PHILLIPS and IAN ROBINSON. Their current upsurge in fortunes appears to be based upon the same principles. The good work up front of the likes of MIKE GRIFFITHS, PAUL KAWULOK and STUART ROY been capitalised upon by the very impressive MIKE RAYER, former Pontypool favourite MARK RING, and the rest of a very talented back division.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the players, officials and supporters of Cardiff RFC to Pontypool this afternoon, and if this match lives up to previous Pontypool v Cardiff encounters, then we are in for a good afternoon.

Our victory at Aberavon last Saturday was a tale of two halves. At half-time no-one would have put his shirt on a Pontypool win, since we seemed to struggle to come to terms with the Wizards' pack in the first half. The second half was a different story, however, with Pontypool turning in their best display for some time to score four good second half tries. NEIL JONES won a lot of good ball at the front of the lineout and young FRANK JACAS cleaned up at the tail. With this improved source of possession, PAUL YOUNG played well, and generally, if we can sustain the level at which we played in the second half, then we have much upon which to build.

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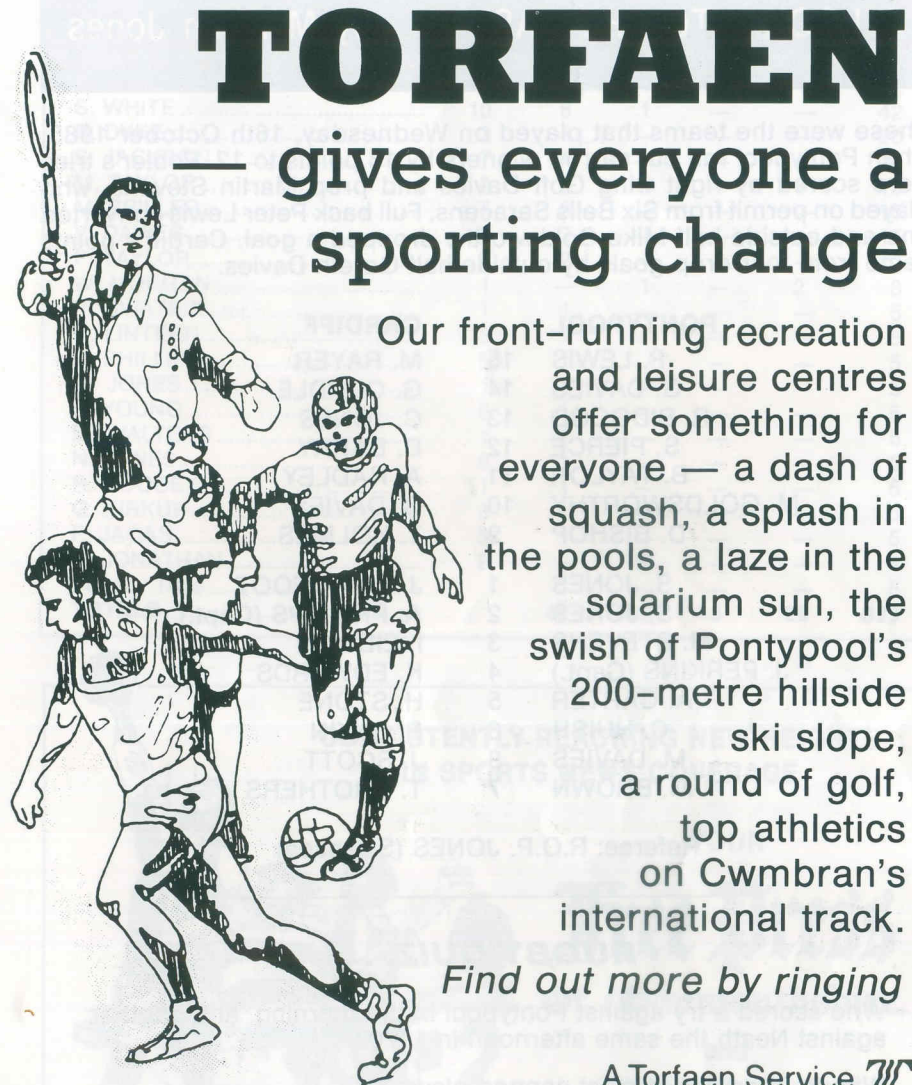
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## A LOOK INTO THE PAST . . . by Malcolm Jones

These were the teams that played on Wednesday, 16th October 1985, when Pontypool ran out narrow winners by 13 points to 12. Pooler's tries were scored by right wing Goff Davies and prop Martin Stevens, who played on permit from Six Bells Saracens. Full back Peter Lewis converted one and outside half Mike Goldsworthy dropped a goal. Cardiff's points came from four drop goals by outside half Gareth Davies.

PONTYPOOL		CARDIFF	
P. LEWIS	15	M. RAYER	
G. DAVIES	14	G. CORDLE	
R. BIDGOOD	13	C. JONES	
S. PIERCE	12	D. BARRY	
B. TAYLOR	11	A. HADLEY	
M. GOLDSWORTHY	10	G. DAVIES	
D. BISHOP	9	T. HOLMES	
S. JONES	1	J. WHITEFOOT	
S. JONES	2	A. PHILLIPS (Capt.)	
M. STEVENS	3	I. EIDMAN	
J. PERKINS (Capt.)	4	K. EDWARDS	
A. CARTER	5	H. STONE	
C. HUISH	6	R. LAKIN	
M. DAVIES	8	J. SCOTT	
M. BROWN	7	T. CROTHERS	

Referee: R.O.P. JONES (Swansea)

### RUGBY QUIZ . . .

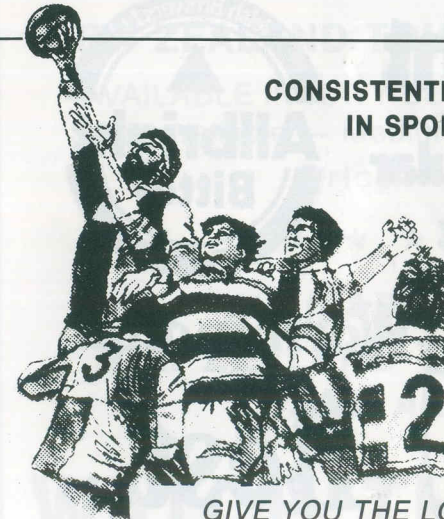
- Who scored a try against Pontypool in the morning, and another against Neath the same afternoon in 1970?
- Who is Abertillery's most capped player?
- Which English Club plays at Blundellsands?
- Who are the two former internationals currently playing for Glamorgan Wanderers?
- What is the name of the World Cup?

### ANSWERS . . .

1—IAN HALL, playing for S.W. Police in a morning match and for Aberavon in the afternoon of 30/3/70;  
2—HAYDN MORGAN (27 Caps); 3—WATERLOO  
4—ALUN EDMUNDS & STEVE BLACKMORE; 5—THE WEBB ELLIS CUP

### SCORERS TO DATE . . . Graham Howden

Name	App.	Tries	Con's	D.G.'s	P.G.'s	Pts
A. CARR	8	2	16	—	17	93
S. HANSON	8	2	1	3	7	42
S. WHITE	10	8	1	—	—	42
R. DYKE	3	4	—	—	—	20
S. JACKSON	7	4	—	—	—	20
M. TAYLOR	9	3	—	—	—	15
M. SPILLER	7	3	—	—	—	15
V. DAVIES	6	3	—	—	—	15
P. TAYLOR	7	2	—	—	—	10
W. MORGAN	1	—	1	—	2	8
P. GWATKIN	1	1	—	—	—	5
G. LINTERN	3	1	—	—	—	5
D. PHILLIPS	5	1	—	—	—	5
M. JONES	1	1	—	—	—	5
P. YOUNG	6	1	—	—	—	5
M. WALTERS	1	1	—	—	—	5
N. JONES	8	1	—	—	—	5
R. GOODEY	11	1	—	—	—	5
G. KIRKUP	3	1	—	—	—	5
F. JACAS	5	1	—	—	—	5
C. JONATHAN	2	—	2	—	—	4
Penalty Tries		1	—	—	—	5
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>42</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>339</b>



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Paul YOUNG .....	9

Andrew DIBBLE .....	1
Terry ROGERS .....	2
Lyndon MUSTOE .....	3
Neil JONES .....	4
Chris CRANE .....	5
Steve JACKSON .....	6
Richard GOODEY (Capt.) ...	8
Mark SPILLER .....	7

Frank JACAS .....	Subs:
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Paul GWATKIN .....	

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.....Mike HALL (Capt.)
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.....Nigel WALKER
.....Adrian DAVIES
.....Andy BOOTH

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.....Ian GREENSLADE
.....Phil SEDGEMORE
.....Tony REES
.....Stuart ROY
.....Hemi TAYLOR
.....Owain WILLIAMS
.....Mike BUDD

.....Simon HILL
.....Andy MOORE
.....Mark EDWARDS
.....Paul KAWULOK
.....G. SWAINE/K. MATTHEWS
.....Jonathan HUMPHREYS

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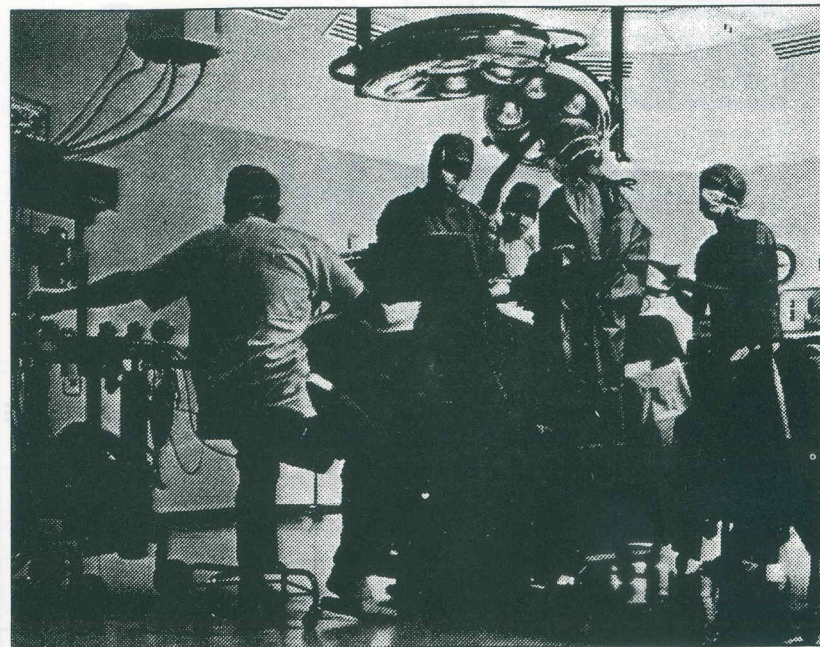
Date	Team	Venue	F	A
<b>SEPTEMBER 1992</b>				
Tue. 1	New Panteg	Home	74	0
Sat. 5	Llanelli (L)	Home	20	44
Tue. 8	Cwmbran	Away	31	12
Sat. 12	Neath (L)	Away	16	37
Wed. 16	Ontario Province	Home	45	16
Sat. 19	Pontypridd (L)	Home	29	24
Sat. 26	Bridgend (L)	Home	24	13
Wed. 30	Munster	Home		
<b>OCTOBER</b>				
Sat. 3	Newport (L)	Away		
Sat. 10	Swansea (L)	Home		
Tue. 13	Monmouthshire R.U.	Home		
Sat. 17	Aberavon (L)	Away		
Wed. 21	Blaenavon	Away		
Sat. 24	Cardiff (L)	Home		
Sat. 31	Newbridge (L)	Away		
<b>NOVEMBER</b>				
Tue. 3	Glam. Wanderers	Away		
Sat. 7	Gloucester	Home		
Tue. 10	Ebbw Vale	Home		
Sat. 14	Cross Keys	Away		
Fri. 20	Abertillery	Away		
Sat. 21	WALES v AUSTRALIA			
Sat. 28	Maesteg (L)	Home		
<b>DECEMBER</b>				
Sat. 5	S. Wales Police (L)	Away		
Sat. 12	Llanelli (L)	Away		
Sat. 19	CUP ROUND			
Sat. 26	Tredegarr	Home		
Mon. 28	Cross Keys	Home		

Date	Team	Venue	F	A
<b>JANUARY 1993</b>				
Sat. 2	Neath (L)	Home		
Sat. 9	Pontypridd (L)	Away		
Sat. 16	Bridgend (L)	Away		
Sat. 23	CUP ROUND			
Sat. 30	Newport (L)	Home		
<b>FEBRUARY</b>				
Sat. 6	WALES v ENGLAND			
Sat. 13	Swansea (L)	Away		
Tue. 16	Glam. Wanderers	Home		
Fri. 19	Ebbw Vale	Away		
Sat. 20	SCOTLAND v WALES			
Sat. 27	CUP ROUND			
<b>MARCH</b>				
Tue. 2	Penarth	Home		
Fri. 5	Cheltenham	Away		
Sat. 6	WALES v IRELAND			
Tue. 9	Berry Hill	Away		
Sat. 13	Aberavon (L)	Home		
Tue. 16	Tredegarr	Away		
Fri. 19	Bath	Home		
Sat. 20	FRANCE v WALES			
Tue. 23	Penarth	Away		
Sat. 27	Abertillery	Home		
Sat. 27	CUP ROUND			
<b>APRIL</b>				
Sat. 3	Cardiff (L)	Away		
Tue. 6	Talywain	Away		
Sat. 10	Newbridge (L)	Home		
Mon. 12	Nuneaton	Home		
Sat. 27	Waterloo	Away		
Sat. 17	CUP SEMI FINAL			
Sat. 24	Maesteg (L)	Away		
<b>MAY</b>				
Sat. 1	S. Wales Police (L)	Home		

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Date	Team	Venue	F	A
<b>SEPTEMBER 1992</b>				
Sat. 5	Bath United	Away	0	63
Sat. 12	Glam. Wanderers	Home	31	3
Sat. 19	Pontypridd Athletic	Away	14	24
Sat. 26	Bridgend Ravens	Away		
<b>OCTOBER</b>				
Sat. 3	Newport United	Home		
Sat. 10	Ebbw Vale Athletic	Away		
Sat. 17	Berry Hill	Home		
Sat. 24	Cardiff Athletic	Away		
Sat. 31	Newbridge United	Home		
<b>NOVEMBER</b>				
Sat. 7	Gloucester United	Away		
Sat. 14	Cross Keys United	Home		
Sat. 21	WALES v AUSTRALIA			
Mon. 23	Dowlais	Home		
Sat. 28	Nantyglo	Away		
<b>DECEMBER</b>				
Sat. 5	Ebbw Vale Athletic	Home		
Sat. 12	Hartridge H.S.O.B.	Home		
Sat. 19	Blaenavon	Home		
Sat. 19	CUP ROUND			
Mon. 28	Cross Keys United	Away		

Date	Team	Venue	F	A
<b>JANUARY 1993</b>				
Sat. 2	Cwmbran Village	Away		
Sat. 9	Pontypridd Athletic	Home		
Sat. 16	Bridgend Ravens	Home		
Sat. 23	Glam. Wanderers	Away		
Sat. 23	CUP ROUND			
Sat. 30	Newport United	Away		
<b>FEBRUARY</b>				
Fri. 5	Gloucester United	Home		
Sat. 6	WALES v ENGLAND			
Sat. 13	Usk	Home		
Sat. 20	SCOTLAND v WALES			
Tue. 23	Talywain	Home		
Sat. 27	Hartridge H.S.O.B.	Away		
Sat. 27	CUP ROUND			
<b>MARCH</b>				
Sat. 6	WALES v IRELAND			
Mon. 8	Cwmbran Village	Home		
Sat. 13	Cinderford	Away		
Sat. 20	FRANCE v WALES			
Mon. 22	Nantyglo	Home		
Sat. 27	Dowlais	Away		
Sat. 27	CUP ROUND			
<b>APRIL</b>				
Sat. 3	Cardiff Athletic	Home		
Sat. 10	Newbridge United	Away		
Sat. 17	Old Penarthians	Away		
Sat. 24	Cwmbran	Home		
<b>MAY</b>				
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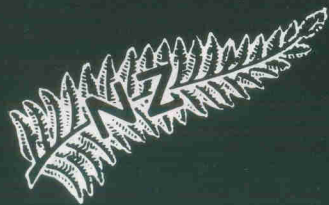


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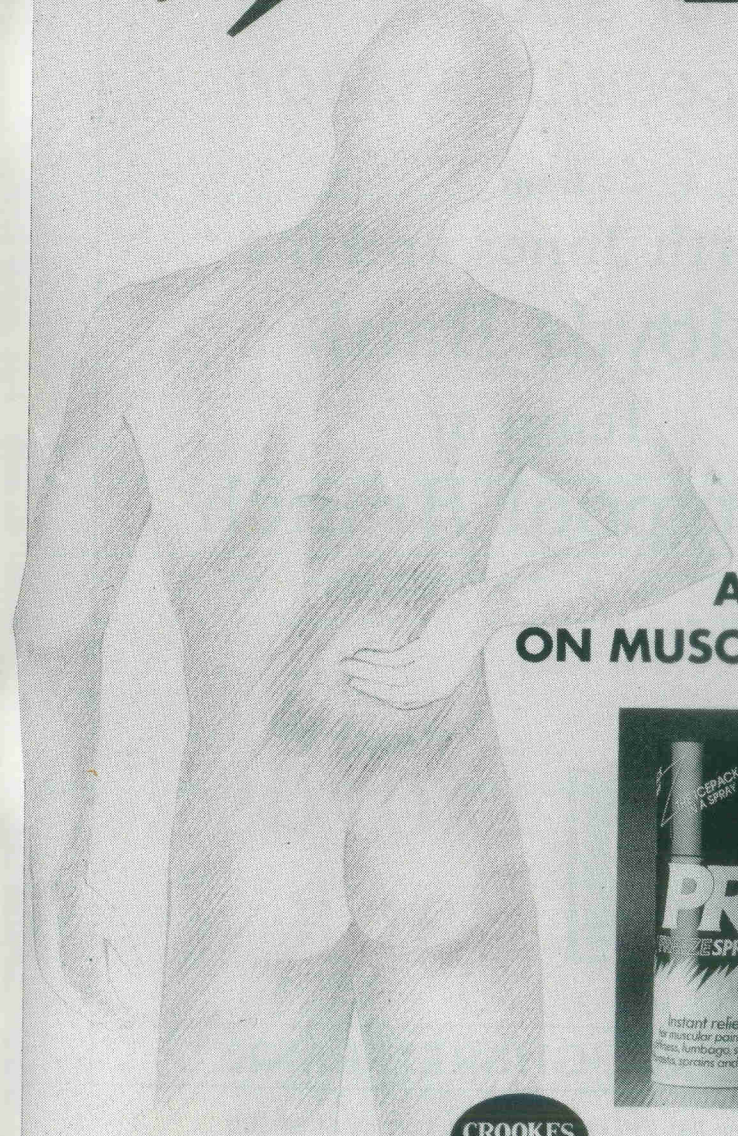
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