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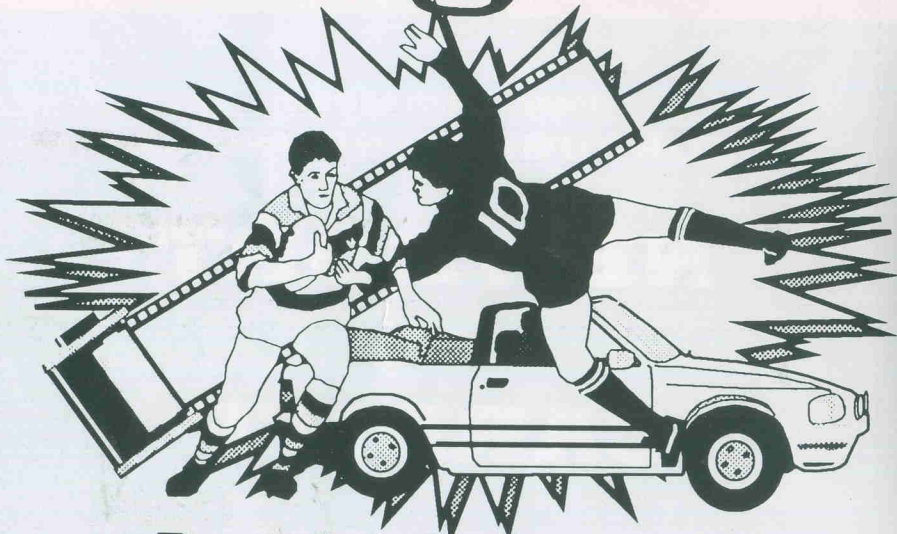
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## RODNEY COMMENTARY

### PLAYERS NOT FORGOTTEN!

Today's match with Cardiff is Newport's last Heineken League fixture at Rodney Parade until the New Year. On December 5 they will be away to their close neighbours and keen rivals, Newbridge, and the following Saturday they will travel to Maesteg. Both these clubs are in the lower half of the first division, but Newport cannot expect to have an easy passage, particularly at Newbridge where Pontypool recently became one of the Western Valley club's victims.

Newport supporters will also have to put their feet up during Christmas, for Newport's only yuletide game will be against Bristol at the Memorial Ground on Boxing Day. The clubs have agreed to reserve this day for their Christmas festivities, and on the 1993 Boxing Day Bristol will visit Rodney Parade, where they have always been popular opponents.

January, however, will see Newport playing three matches at home — South Wales Police and Neath in league encounters, and Penarth in a club match. Incidentally, it was with great regret that Newport supporters heard of the death not long before the approach of Christmas of Bernard Templeman at the age of 57. "Slogger" Templeman, as he was affectionately called, was one of Penarth's greatest players. A wily scrum half he was an amazing dropped goal expert, as Newport often found to their cost!

Although Newport did not have a representative in the Wales team who played the Australians last week, Newport can gain some satisfaction from the fact that many of their players were originally selected for the Welsh and Monmouthshire squads. Roger Bidgood would undoubtedly have kept his place in the Wales team had he not been injured playing for his country against the Italians.

As many as a dozen Newport players were provisionally chosen for the Monmouthshire squad, and Glenn George, Jonathan Westwood, Keith Orrell, David Llewellyn, Andrew Peacock and Mike Voyle were eventually selected to play for the county against the Wallabies at Ebbw Vale. Another Newport forward, Mark Davis, was one of the Monmouthshire replacements, and another, Kevin Withey, was on standby duty.

Justin Redrup, Newport's young centre, also gained selection for the Wales under-21 team who played against Ireland, and Gavin Pugh was called upon by Crawshays. I wonder what the New Year will bring for these players — and perhaps other wearers of the black and amber jersey!

One player who is hoping it will be lucky for him is Nigel Callard, the club's long-serving scrum half. He is due to go into hospital for an operation on his knee a few days before Christmas. He has been troubled by the injury for some time, but after the operation he expects to resume his rugby activities.

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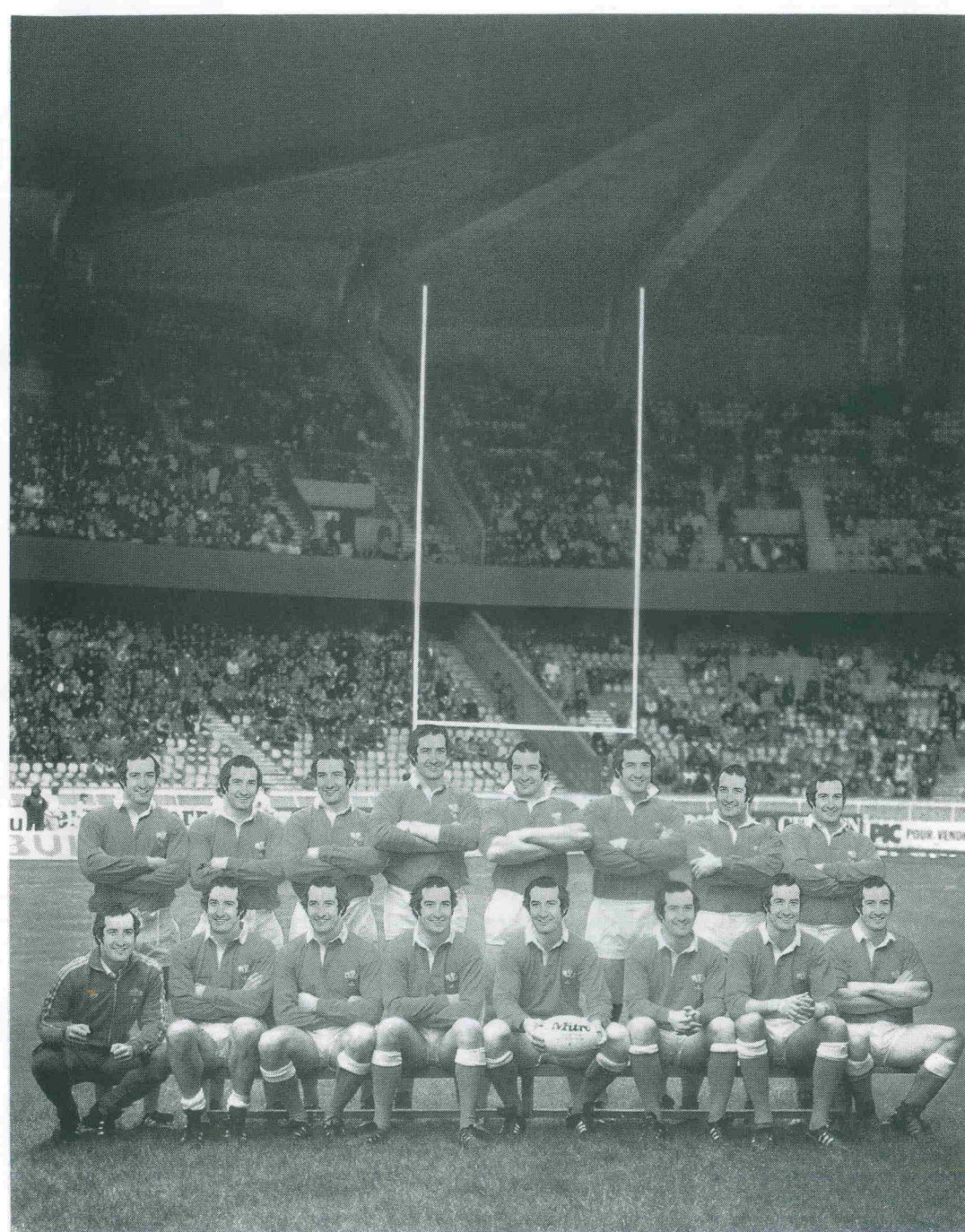
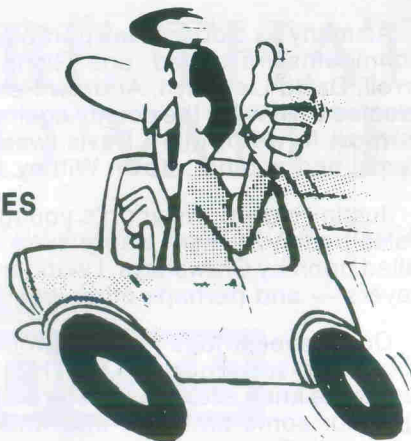
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## TODAY'S VISITORS . . .

### WELCOME AGAIN, CARDIFF!

Last season Cardiff struck one of those lean patches which more often than not confronts all great rugby clubs. Indeed, they were always struggling unsuccessfully to move away from the lower reaches of the first division of the Heineken League. Fortunately for them, relegation was not operating in that division, otherwise they would have found themselves in the second division this season, for only Maesteg were below them when the league campaign ended.

But what a difference this season! Cardiff are rightly back where they belong, almost on the very top of the first division ladder, with victories over Neath, Pontypool, Bridgend, Newbridge (two), Aberavon, Maesteg, Pontypridd and South Wales Police to their credit. Their only league defeat was sustained at Stradey Park, where they lost by the slender margin of 20-16 to Llanelli, and in other matches only Bath, the England club champions, defeated them.

Throughout the century Cardiff have supplied Wales with a constant flow of outstanding players for their senior and B teams, and already this season prop forward Mike Griffiths, holder of 24 caps, Mike Hall, their captain, and full back Mike Rayer have played against Australia. Hall, who has made 22 international appearances, and Griffiths also played against Italy, and Hall, Rayer and Stuart Roy played for Wales B against the Australians.

Cardiff, of course, have other senior internationals in their squad, among them Mark Ring, Adrian Davies and Steve Ford, and one player who is waiting to find favour with the Welsh selectors is Cardiff's new "discovery", Nigel Walker, the Olympic Games hurdler. He has certainly made a big impact in his first season of first-class rugby and is becoming quite a box office attraction at Arms Park. Fleet-footed Walker is proving a quick learner, which his try scoring record emphasises.

Another newcomer is Colin Laity, the Cornwall county centre, who joined Cardiff from Neath. Although a pure-blooded Englishman, he has been capped by Wales at B international level, and not so very long ago was in their senior international squad.

The arrival at Arms Park of the Australian Alec Evans as their coaching organiser has certainly had a beneficial effect on Cardiff. He was the Wallabies' assistant coach for four years, and has a string of successes to his credit, including helping the Australians to international victories in Britain.

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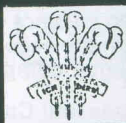
### THE SCORE CHART . . .

Name	Tries	Con's.	P.G.'s.	D.G.'s	Pts.
J. WESTWOOD	2	22	11	—	87
A. LEWIS	12	1	—	—	62
R. BIDGOOD	5	—	—	—	25
S. McCRACKEN	4	—	—	—	20
R. JONES	3	1	—	—	17
M. YENDLE	2	—	—	2	16
A. CARTER	3	—	—	—	15
K. WITHEY	2	—	—	—	10
G. GEORGE	2	—	—	—	10
D. LLEWELLYN	2	—	—	—	10
B. WATKINS	1	—	—	—	5
K. LEE	1	—	—	—	5
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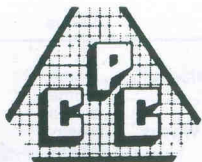
Date	Team	Venue	Date	Team	Venue
<b>SEPTEMBER 1992</b>			<b>JANUARY 1993</b>		
Tue. 1	Hereford	Home 55 0	Sat. 2	South Wales Police (L)	Home
Sat. 5	Maesteg (L)	Home 37 13	Sat. 9	Penarth	Home
Sat. 12	South Wales Police (L)	Away 42 0	Sat. 16	Neath (L)	Home
Sat. 19	Llanelli (L)	Home 10 79	Sat. 23	Welsh Cup * or Wasps	Away
Sat. 26	Neath (L)	Away 10 32	Sat. 30	Pontypool (L)	Away
<b>OCTOBER</b>			<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
Sat. 3	Pontypool (L)	Home 20 9	Tue. 2	Cross Keys	Away
Sat. 10	Bridgend (L)	Away 24 5	Fri. 5	Gloucester	Away
Sat. 17	Pontypridd (L)	Home 10 17	Sat. 13	Bridgend (L)	Home
Sat. 24	Swansea (L)	Home 20 44	Wed. 17	Abertillery	Away
Sat. 31	Aberavon (L)	Away 42 20	Sat. 27	Welsh Cup * / Richmond	Home
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			<b>MARCH</b>		
Tue. 3	Barbarians *	Home 23 48	Tue. 2	Gloucester	Home
Sat. 7	London Scottish	Home 22 14	Sat. 13	Pontypridd (L)	Away
Wed. 11	Newport & District	Home 40 19	Wed. 17	Ebbw Vale	Home
Tue. 17	Monm'thshire v Australia	E. Vale 0 21	Sat. 27	Swansea (L)	Away
Mon. 23	Transvaal *	Home	<b>APRIL</b>		
Sat. 28	Cardiff (L)	Home	Sat. 3	Welsh Cup Quarter Final/ Glam Wanderers	Away
<b>DECEMBER</b>			Sat. 10	Aberavon (L)	Home
Sat. 5	Newbridge (L)	Away	Mon. 12	London Welsh	Home
Sat. 12	Maesteg (L)	Away	Sat. 17	Cardiff	Away
Sat. 19	Welsh Cup *		Sat. 24	Welsh Cup Semi Final*	
Sat. 26	Bristol	Away	<b>MAY</b>		
* All Pay L = League			Sat. 1	Newbridge (L)	Home
			Sat. 8	Welsh Cup Final *	Cardiff
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## UNDER-21 TEAM FIXTURES, 1992/93

Date	Team	Venue	Date	Team	Venue
<b>NOVEMBER 1992</b>			<b>DECEMBER</b>		
Wed. 4	Cardiff Institute	Home	Sat. 5	Dunvant Athletic	Home
Wed. 11	Mountain Ash	Away	Sat. 12	London Welsh	Home
Sat. 14	Gloucester United	Away	Wed. 23	Cardiff H.S.O.B.	Home
Wed. 18	Dunvant	Away	Sat. 26	Worcester U21	Home
Fri. 20	Gwent & Dist. U.21	Home	<b>JANUARY 1993</b>		
Tue. 24	Gloucester U.21	Worcester (Midland Electricity Cup)	Mon. 4	Pueyrrebon (Argentina)	Home
			<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
			Mon. 8	Natal University	Home

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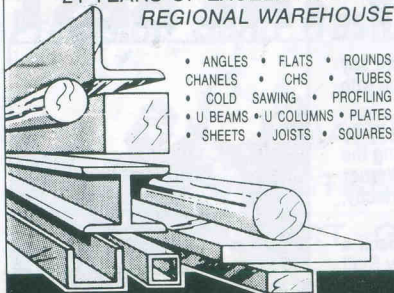
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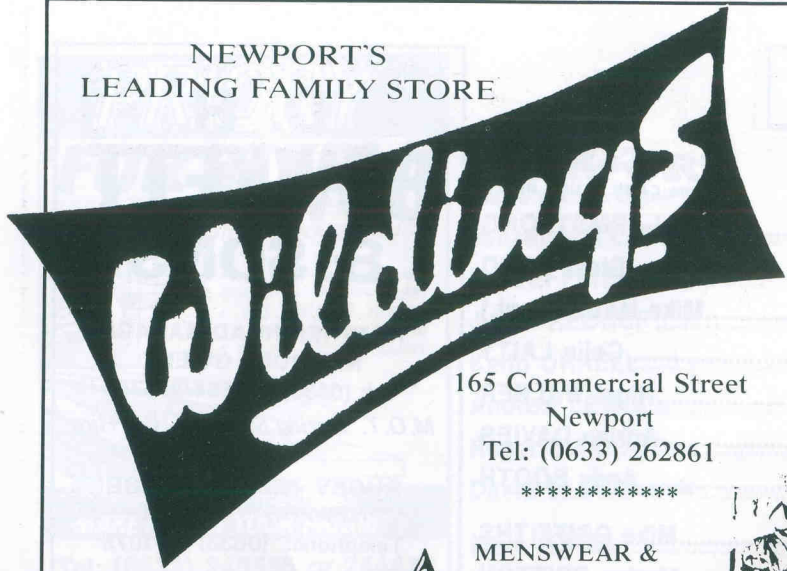
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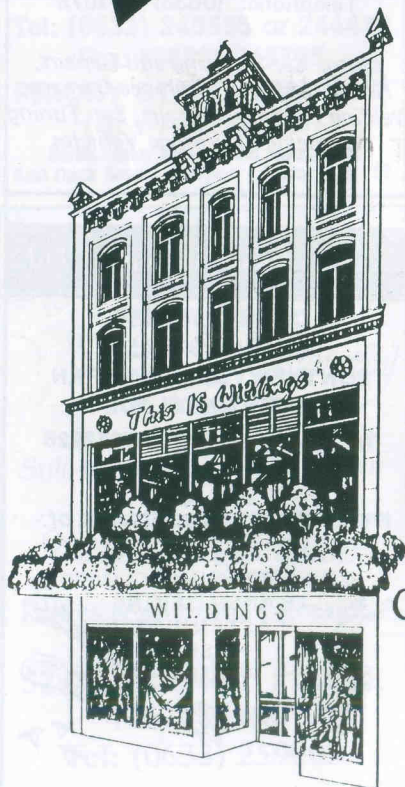
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### No. 10: DAVID LLEWELLYN

Scrum half David Llewellyn joined Newport from Ebbw Vale in 1990 and immediately made an exciting impact with his shrewd and audacious thrusts. Indeed, he marked his first team debut by scoring two tries against his new club's oldest and greatest rivals, Cardiff, and he went on to score another 13 tries that season.

Last season, and again at the start of the present campaign, his rugby activities were restricted by injuries which included a dislocated shoulder, an injured ankle and a severe hand injury. Fortunately he has now shaken off the effects of all those mishaps, and he is hoping to help Newport move up the league ladder and also collect some more representative honours.

Llewellyn, who played for Trevil Youth before he was snapped up by Ebbw Vale, was selected for the Monmouthshire County XV who played the Australians at Ebbw Vale a fortnight ago. He was also among the try scorers for the county in their game against the British Police XV.

So far, he has played for the Welsh under-20 team, figured in the 1990-1 Welsh squad, and acted as a Barbarians replacement for the match against Argentina at Cardiff. A further distinction went his way during his second summer spell in New Zealand. There he played for the New Zealand Barbarians for whom he scored two tries and made seven conversions in one match. Newport should be able to profit from his all-round ability!

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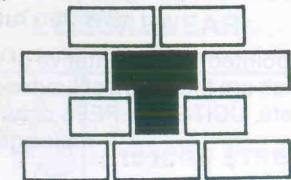
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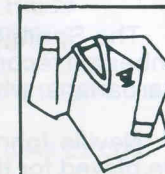
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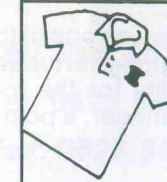
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Newport certainly deserved that praise. The South Africans had carried everything before them when they arrived at Rodney Parade. Among their victims were England, Wales and Ireland, but against all odds the Newport forwards, among them Brian Cresswell and Glyn Davidge, succeeded in humbling the mightiest Springbok pack of all times.

Neville Johnson and his front row partners, Bryn Meredith and Des Greenslade, performed heroically. They were one of the best front rows Newport had ever had, and repeatedly they outscrummaged their heavier opponents. The Spingboks certainly showed signs of great relief as they trooped the field narrow and lucky winners by three points to nil.

The Springboks, led by that great forward Avril Malan, retained their unbeaten record until the very last match of their tour, then they lost it to the Barbarians, who defeated them by two tries to one at Cardiff.

Neville Johnson was one of Newport's most loyal and resolute forwards. He played for them from 1960 until 1968 when a back injury forced him to retire after he had made more than 200 first team appearances. That total would have been considerably higher had it not been for injuries, one of which caused him to miss a Welsh trial, and probably a Welsh cap.

Before he joined Newport he had been capped by the Welsh Secondary Schools from Bassaleg Grammar School, had toured South Africa with the 1956 Welsh Dragons, and played for the Royal Air Force, London Welsh, St. Luke's College, Exeter, Devonshire, Pontypridd and Cardiff College.









Three seasons ago he was one of the ex-Newport players who helped to revitalise Newport's flagging fortunes. He was one of their two coaches, with special responsibility for the forwards, and he later took over the appointment of team manager, a post he relinquished last year because of business reasons.

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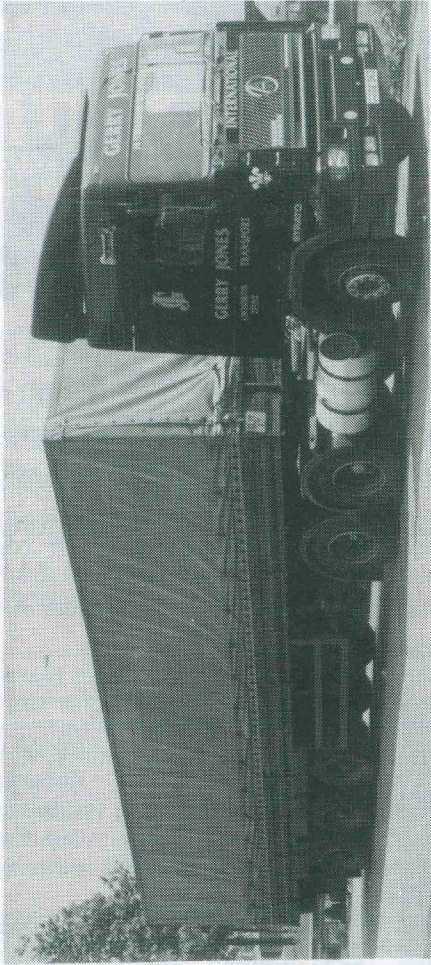
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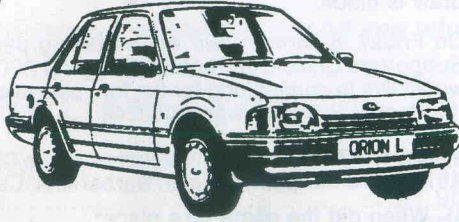
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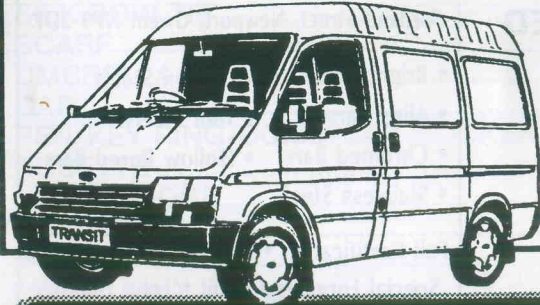
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Dec. 26	BRISTOL .....	12.30pm	6.00pm	£5.00

Bookings, accompanied by the full fare, will be taken by Mal Stone and Paul Davies in the Rodney Hall after today's game. You can also book by ringing Mal Stone on Newport 859846 (before 9.00 pm, please) up to the Wednesday before the game. Please note that if you try to book by this method, you are not guaranteed a place. Details of coaches for our Cup match will be announced, if needed, when the draw is made.

On Friday, 8 January, we will be taking part in the Association of Welsh Rugby Supporters Clubs Quiz Night at Bridgend RFC. If you would like to be in our team, or would like to come along for the fun, please see Jeff Wright in the Rodney Hall after the game, or ring Newport 869748.

**PRIZE QUIZ:** For a £10 Gift Voucher at the Club Shop - the last visitors from South Africa were the South African Barbarians. Can you answer these three questions:-

- 1) When did the game take place?
- 2) What was the result?
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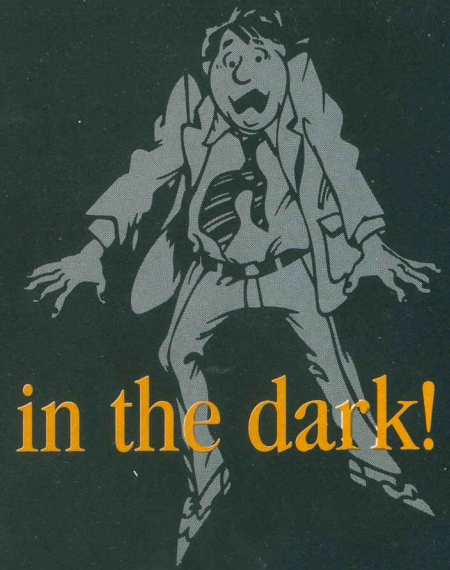
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