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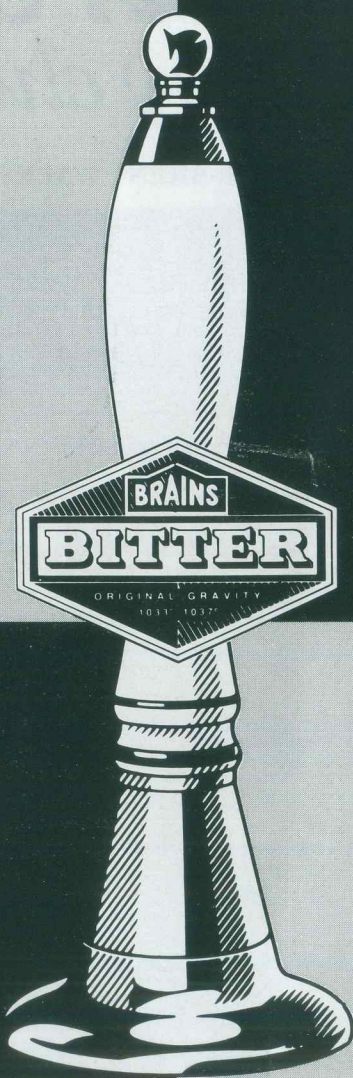
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With the dust slowly settling on last Saturday's international, club Rugby in Wales now has a month of high profile cup and league commitment. Today should have seen one of our biggest attractions of the season with the coming of The All Whites. Their cup game against Oakdale took precedence hence their visit last Wednesday.

And what a visit it turned out to be. We had looked forward to the home debut of the highly talented Adrian Davies but injury prevented this. On the night however once a full strength Swansea got the bit between their teeth it was curtains for us. At only 10-7 down at a point just after half time Swansea decided to get the ball to their lightning quick back line as a means of progressing the score. And what a job they made of it in scoring 6 tries. The majority of these came from their own 22 metre territory, were quite spectacular in execution and it was no wonder that their supporters were in raptures. I wonder what Welsh coach Alan Davies thought of it all.

It was the biggest score that Swansea have ever achieved against us in 264 games since 1876. Their victory put them back on top of Division I with the same points total as Pontypool but with a better try total. It heralds the fact that the race for Division I Championship is really hotting up with 4 or 5 clubs in with a real shout.

The result was obviously a great disappointment to us and we now have quite a fight on our hands in order to finish in a better spot than bottom but one.

Perhaps the cup can give us a chance to salvage some respectability from our season but then again that's going to be an extremely hard game against The Black & Ambers. These are poised waiting at the heels of many of the top teams that may slip up in the league so thank goodness we drew them at home at least.

An old saying however states that every cloud has a silver lining, so it's with great pleasure that we welcome the famous London Club, Saracens to Cardiff today. Our association in the past has been the briefest possible inasmuch as we have only met on one previous occasion. That came in season 1974'75 when due to an early exit in the cup competition we had a free Saturday, so we made the trip to their Bramley Sports Ground, Southgate, London. The game resulted in a 12-10 victory for the home side. Their record against us is therefore 100% and there are not many clubs who can say that.

Saracens who are the exact same age as ourselves having been founded in 1876 have a very distinctive playing strip which has never seen the light of Cardiff Arms Park. Their black jerseys are decorated with a red star and crescent with black shorts and red stockings. There, now you'll know, which side is which this afternoon won't you.

Saracens are a very friendly family type club and are proud of the way they recruit and develop from their own catchment area. They enjoy their rugby and indeed a near neighbour of mine who played for them as a young man working in London told me that on tour with "The Sarries" was quite an experience.

At present they play in Division I of their league structure having earned promotion in season 1988'89. When leagues were introduced in season 1987'88 they were allocated to Division II. They finished that season in 3rd place and were just pipped for promotion. The following season 1988'89 was a glory year for them however and they won the Division II Championship in magnificent style winning 11

out of 11 league games. Their 100% record that season is the only one that has been recorded in the National Divisions since the competition began in 1987'88. The 22 points they acquired were a street in front of second placed Bedford who could only manage 14 points.

In their 1st year in Division I, season 1989'90, they came a very creditable 4th behind Wasps, Gloucester and Bath. They slipped a bit last season to 10th place and are struggling a bit again this season. They have beaten Bristol and Rugby, lost marginally to Leicester and Northampton but were well beaten by Orrell. Their home game against Gloucester saw the visitors get away with a very lucky draw from a most controversial last minute penalty.

Player loyalty has always been a strong feature of the club and past skipper Lloyd Steadman was a great example of this. After many faithful years playing service he captained his club when they won promotion and appropriately during the initial year in Division I. Since his retirement he has joined the coaching set up of the club.

The club is currently captained by England B cap John Buckton a centre and he has fellow B cap flanker Justin Cassell as part of what they consider the fastest back row in English Rugby.

To Saracens then we say welcome on your first visit to Cardiff Arms Park and thank you for coming at such short notice. We hope you all enjoy your visit.

As an afterthought can you think of any of the names of the Cardiff side who played against Saracens on 22nd February 1975. Well here it is, John Davies, P. L. Jones, David Barry, Paul Evans, Alan Rose, Leighton Davies, Brynmor Williams, Mike Knill, Alun Phillips, Gerry Wallace, Phil Kallonas, Peter Rawlings, Stuart Lane, Mark McJennett, Roger Lane. Now how many of those did you guess?

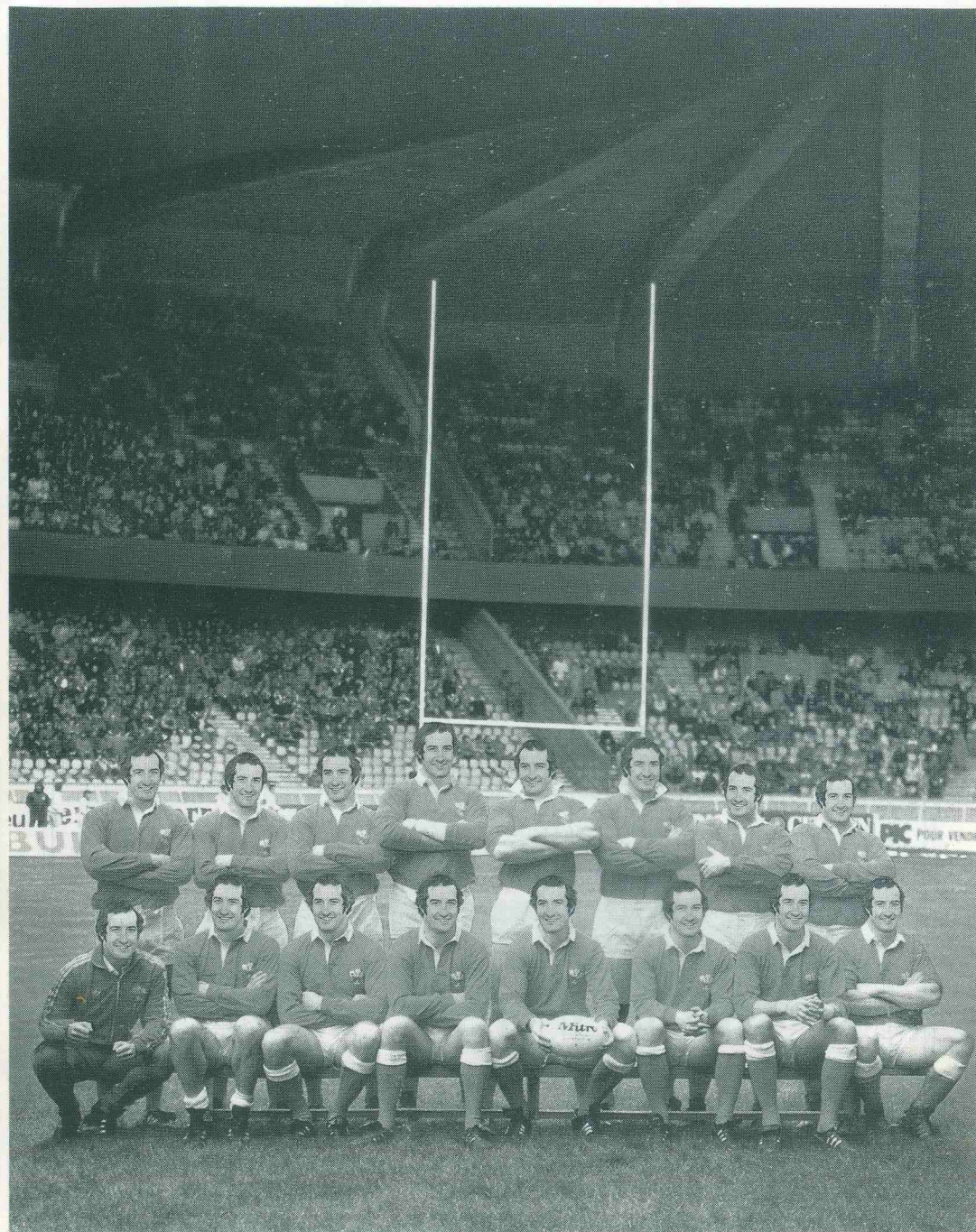
On the home front the Rags are still chalking up the points. Their six games in January brought them another six victories which you can see on the results list at the end part of this programme. Those 6 victories brought 44 tries for to only 7 against. They have been overrunning most opposition but last week they had a tough game against Heineken Division 3 pace setters St. Peter's. It gave them far more of a test than most opposition but they still won by 22 points to 13. Uncharacteristically this score included 4 penalty goals in contrast to only 19 in all previous 25 games. At present they have scored 144 tries, 68 conversions, 23 penalties and 1 drop goal giving them 784 points for. Points against are 262 consisting of 37 tries, 21 conversions, 23 penalties and 1 drop goal. Not a bad record eh, and as I keep saying the Rags are well worth a visit when they play at home. Speaking of fixtures some U21 games have been arranged for a little later this season. On 3rd March a U21 side will play on The Park against Norwich University USA. This will be followed on March 10th again at home against Llanelli Under 21 with the return at Llanelli on March 31st.

The Youth are also on a high note and to date have only lost 3 games against their counterparts from Leicester, Wasps and Pontypridd. On each occasion the squad was depleted due to calls to trials for representative games. They had a full side out in the last round of the cup though and made amends for the earlier Pontypridd defeat by beating The Sardis Road lads by 32 points to 12. They now face Carmarthen Athletic in the quarter final of the competition.

On the representative scene, Jason Hewlett was adjudged man of the match in the recent Wales v Scotland Schools game. Also Chris John, outside half, and prop Andrew Lewis, have been selected for the Welsh Youth's forthcoming game against the Welsh Schools. Well done lads good luck to you all. Martin Madden is another who would have more than likely been selected for the Youth side but injury has ruled him out.

Finally we would like to wish club captain David Evans a speedy return to action after his cartilage operation last Monday.

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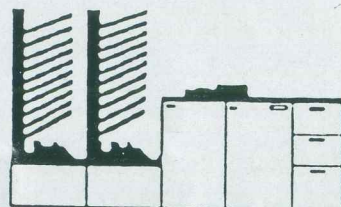
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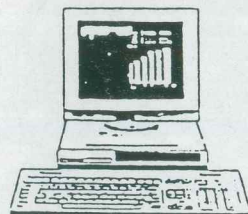
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1. How many of their 18 games did champions Neath lose.
2. How did Newport gain promotion yet stay as they were on paper.
3. Did any side fail to get any points at all.
4. What position did we finish in our Division.
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By J. E. MALCOLM THOMAS

Question 1. The ball is kicked ahead by the attacking team and an opponent with one foot in the field of play and the other in In-Goal catches and minors it. What is the correct decision?

Answer: If the ball had not crossed the line before being caught, a scrumage 5 metres out with the ball being put in by the attacking side. If it had, then the referee should award a drop out on the 22 metre line.

Question 2. A player who has been ankle tapped and brought to ground but not held, releases the ball. May he tackle a player who picks up the ball?

Answer: Yes, he has not been tackled. If he releases the ball he must get to his feet before he again plays it.

Question 3. Should play be stopped **either** for a penalty **or** a rescrumage if one front row of the scrumage stands up without breaking their binding?

Answer: **Yes.** One side standing up means that the binding has broken. If a side does this deliberately, then it should be penalised.

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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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QUIDNUNC'S COLUMN

WHEN DEWI MORRIS crossed the Irish line for an English try last Saturday at Twickenham, and generally appeared to add a further dimension to a fairly formidable side, it was inevitable that the Welsh would pull English legs.

Nor, of course, is Morris the only "Welshman" in the English squad. Simon Halliday was born in Haverfordwest and John Redman here in Cardiff. But as you are well aware, the traffic is not all one-way: the "Made in England" stamped on Tony Copsey's buttocks is well documented and Mr Rupert St John Moon was at one stage as English as his name suggests.

Quidnunc brings up the subject this afternoon partly because we have English visitors to the Arms Park but also to report on the progress and times of another Welshman who is trying very hard to live down the fact that he was born in Ely.

Ely, Cambridgeshire, that is, and not Ely, Cardiff. "Dr Spock" — or "Dr Dolittle" depending on who is speaking of him — is Stuart Roy, born in England of an RAF family but brought almost immediately to North Wales where his father was stationed at RAF Valley in Anglesey. The inevitable "Gog" nickname imposed on those from that part of the world, and more especially so if they are brought up to speak Welsh like Stuart, has now been dropped as his medical career moves on apace.

Does that potential career not interfere with his advancement into the Welsh squad and of necessity the time involved? And, indeed, vice versa: could rugby football hamper his medical prospects?

"Fortunately, the two different 'lives' are not presenting a problem this year," he says. "I passed my written finals last August and this summer have my clinical finals only before being qualified. If all goes well I start at the Heath Hospital in Cardiff next August."

He is training at Bristol Royal Infirmary, currently grappling with the problems of geriatrics and psychiatry — a combination which, after Wednesday evening's in many ways astonishing match with Swansea could be of help in the home dressing-room. The pack, including Stuart Roy, won plenty of ball but, as one cynic put it, "Swansea looked dangerous every time Cardiff got the ball."

All being well, however, and returning to the subject at hand, the 23-year-old Stuart Roy — he was born on Christmas Day in 1968 — will eventually specialise in orthopaedics.

"I was fortunate to spend three months with Mr John Fairclough" — a highly-respected Cardiff surgeon close to club and Welsh Rugby Union — "and would quite like the idea of concentrating one day on sports medicine and orthopaedics."

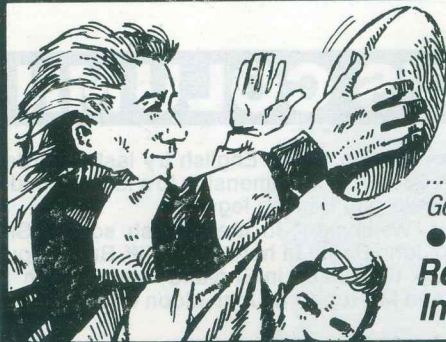
"In the theatre with him, I was able to see what he had done to my knee by watching him operate on others. It was a bit frightening — but, with that type of specialisation, perhaps I could spend my life travelling the world to major sporting events... But seriously..."

I am not clear whether his medical background explains his pre-match feeding habits which consists of a meal of pasta and four bananas about three hours before kick-off — though on non-match days, all kinds of seafood and spicy food are favourites along with the pasta.

The future for Stuart Roy looks good, both on and off the pitch — particularly as he is enjoying his rugby and, as Richard Moriarty for one became aware on Wednesday, growing more streetwise with every appearance and, no doubt with the assistance of Bob Norster, Welsh squad session.

"There is a great feeling in the Welsh squad now," he says, "with everyone working for each other. It's a new attitude which will certainly be reflected on the field and in results."

It is, then, a learning curve in both rugby and medicine. Lock forwards and line-out men do not appear to reach their full powers until the fairly late Twenties and, with his medical ambitions pointing also to sport, Stuart Roy could make an impact on rugby for many years to come.



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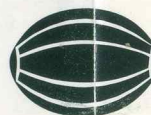
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Left Wing
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Forwards



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Tony Lloyd

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- Paul BUTLER 14.
- John BUCKTON (Captain) 13.
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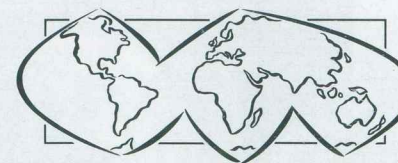
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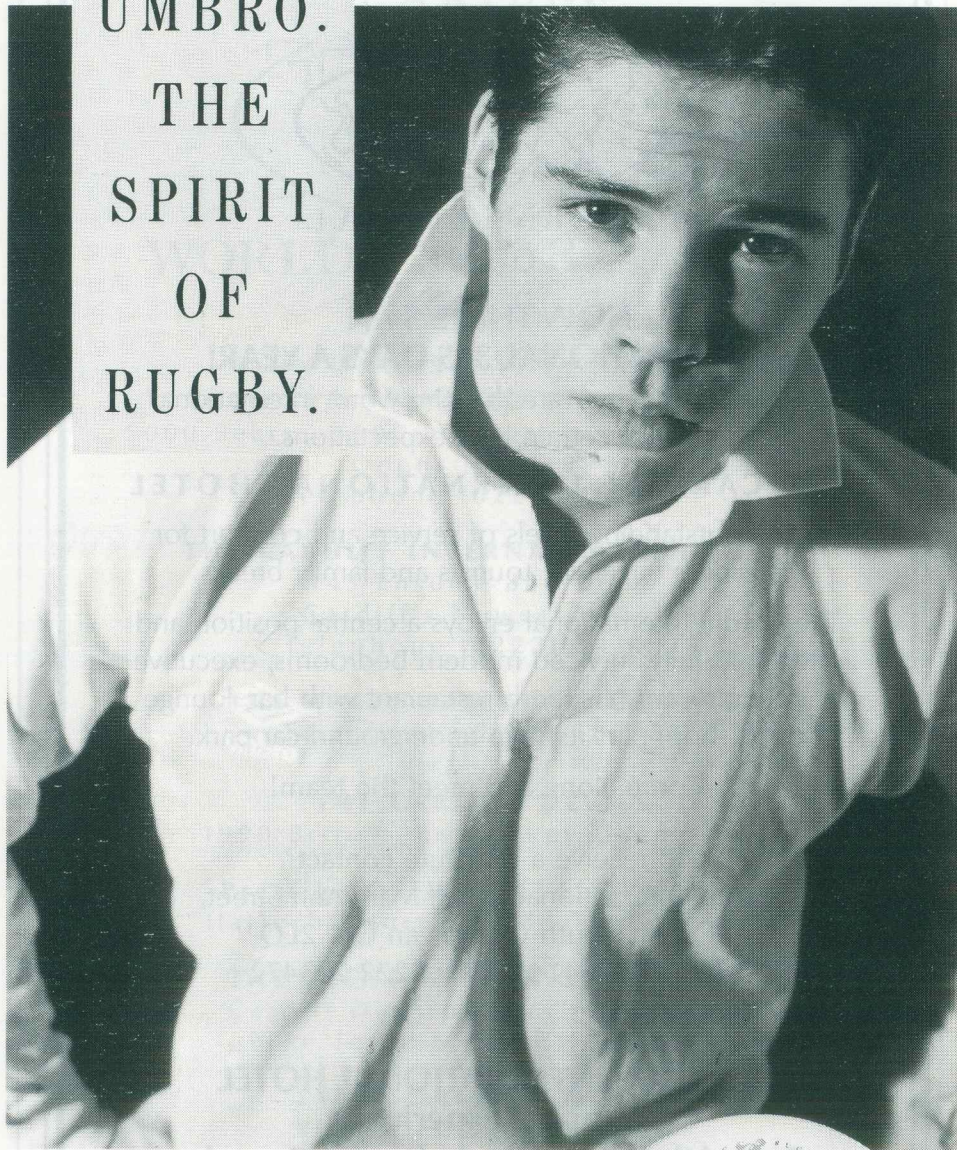
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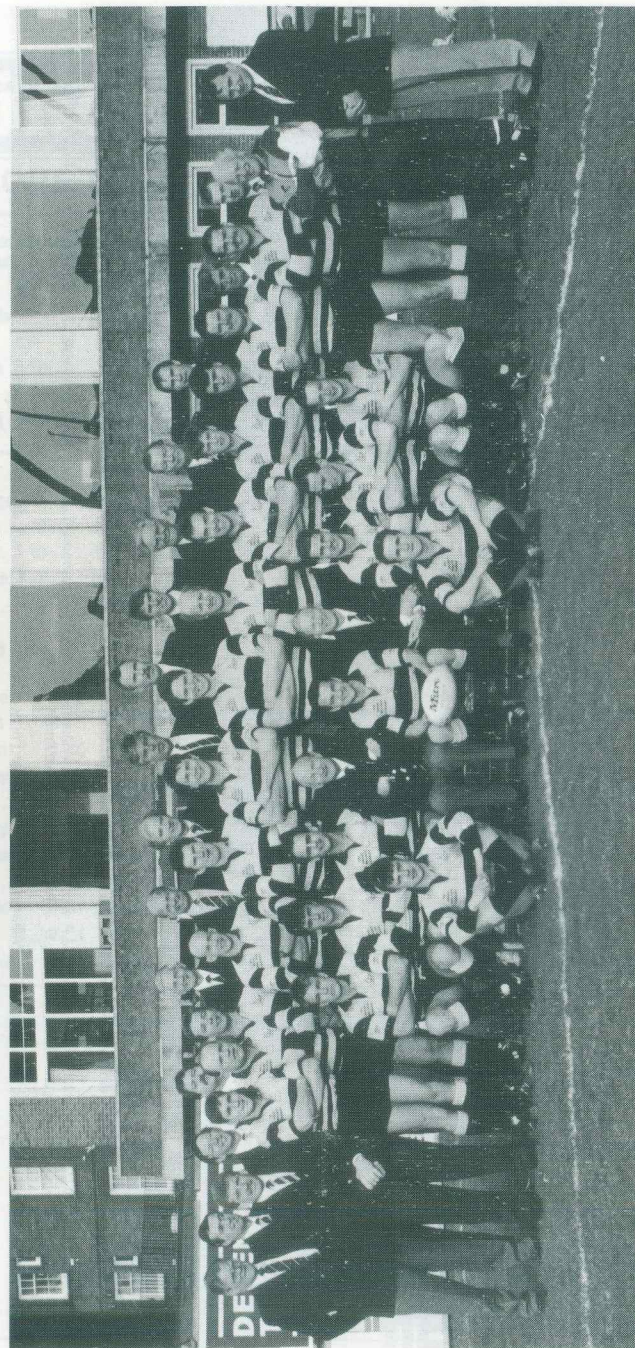
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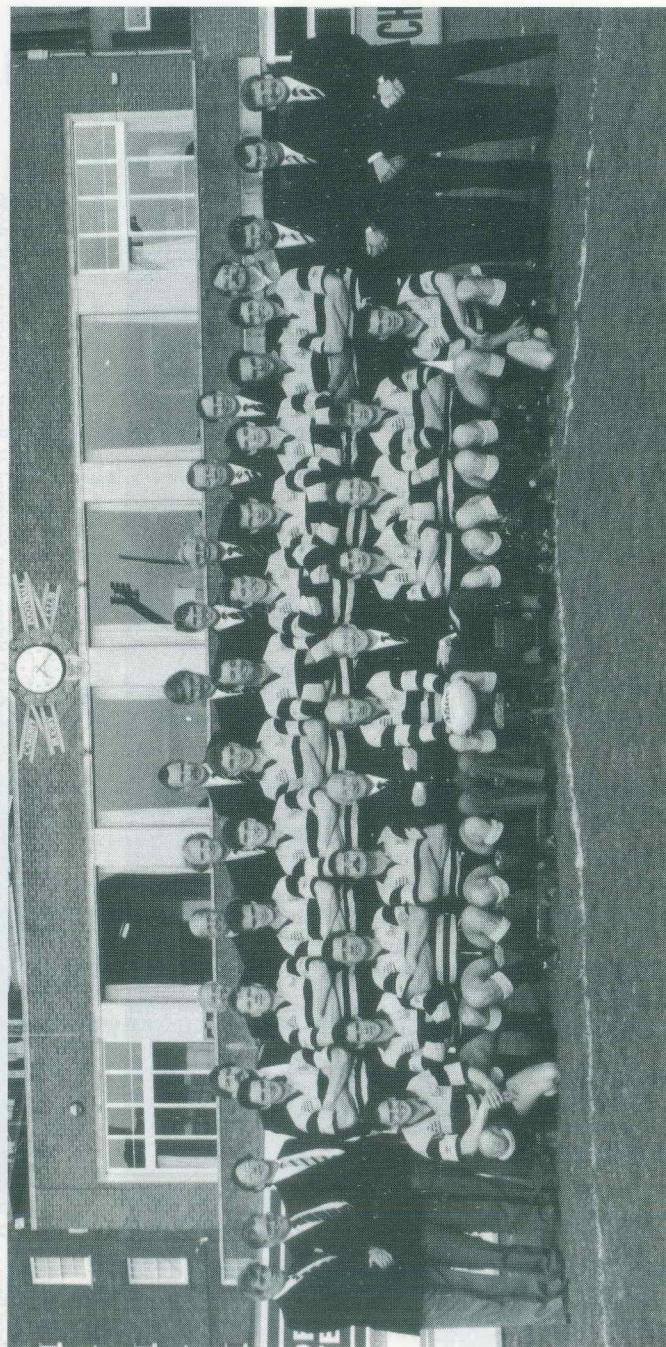
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Bridgend	9	6	0	3	16	12
Llanelli	9	5	1	3	19	11
Newport	9	5	1	3	15	11
Newbridge	8	5	0	3	19	10
Neath	9	3	1	5	12	7
Cardiff	10	2	1	7	15	5
Pontypridd	7	2	0	5	6	4
Maesteg	8	0	0	8	4	0

Second Division

	P	W	D	L	T	Pt
SW Police	8	6	1	1	25	13
Aberavon	8	5	2	1	22	12
Llanharan	8	6	0	2	18	12
Cross Keys	8	5	1	2	18	11
Dunvant	7	4	0	3	16	8
Abertillery	7	3	0	4	13	6
Glam. Wands	7	3	0	4	13	6
Penarth	9	1	0	8	10	2
Ebbw Vale	6	1	0	5	6	2
Tredegar	6	1	0	5	7	0

(Tredegar deducted two points)

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FIRST DIVISION RESULTS

	BRIDGEND	CARDIFF	LLANELLI	MAESTEG	NEATH	NEWBRIDGE	NEWPORT	PONTYPOOL	PONTYPRIDD	SWANSEA
BRIDGEND	H	28-9	17-12	24-7	8-0	0-25	12-7	9-16	11-4	6-38
CARDIFF	A	9-28	22-28	32-6	3-3	3-6	6-12	10-24	19-12	14-36
LLANELLI	H	12-17	28-22	34-15	23-13	9-13	9-19	21-21	22-16	11-6
MAESTEG	H	6-32	6-32	10-31	9-50	6-21	0-28	6-47		
NEATH	A	0-8	3-3	13-23	31-10	3-9	18-7	10-13	6-18	22-6
NEWBRIDGE	H	25-0	6-3	13-9	50-9	9-3	4-20	9-21		9-22
NEWPORT	A	7-12	12-6	19-9	21-6	7-18	20-4	7-7	13-6	0-14
PONTYPOOL	H	16-9	24-10	21-21	28-0	13-10	21-9	7-7	3-16	27-4
PONTYPRIDD	H	4-11	12-19	16-22	18-6		6-13	16-3		9-27
SWANSEA	A	38-6	23-9	34-16	6-11	47-6	6-22	22-9	4-27	27-9

Third Division

	P	W	D	L	T	Pt
Tenby Utd	11	9	0	2	28	18
Blaina	9	7	0	2	28	14
Narberth	11	7	0	4	18	14
Llandovery	10	7	0	3	14	14
M'tain Ash	11	6	0	5	22	12
Treorchy	10	5	2	3	20	12
Wrexham	11	3	1	7	21	7
Rumney	10	2	2	6	10	6
Bonymaen	11	2	1	8	16	5
A'von Qns	10	1	0	9	11	2

Fourth Division

	P	W	D	L	T	Pt
Tumble	10	9	0	1	35	18
Kenfig Hill	11	7	1	3	23	15
St. Peter's	10	6	2	2	22	14
Y'gynlais	10	5	1	4	18	11
Abercynon	10	4	2	4	14	10
Kidwelly	10	5	0	5	14	10
Cilfynydd	9	3	2	4	23	8
P'Pool Utd	10	3	1	6	13	7
Blackwood	9	2	1	6	12	5
Ruthin	11	1	0	10	13	2

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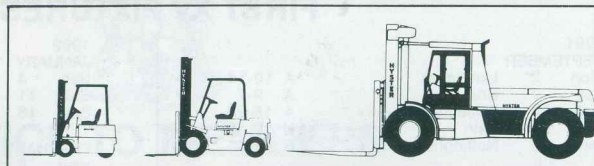
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Rugby Quiz No. 12 – Answers

1. 4. Cardiff home, Llanelli home, Newbridge away and Pontypridd away.
2. By winning Division I they were promoted to The Premier Division. In the close season however the title Premier was changed to Division I, Division I to Division II etc. Therefore Newport went from Division I to Division I.
3. Yes Penarth in then Division I and Ruthin in then Division 3.
4. 4th position.
5. Dunvant 31 points, 15 wins, 1 draw and 2 defeats.

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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	6-12
Thurs. 26	Pontypridd	H	10-27
Sat. 28	Welsh Academicals	H	55-14
1992			
JANUARY			
Sat. 4	Pontypool (L)	H	10-24
Sat. 11	Neath (L)	A	3-3
Sat. 18	Pencoed (Cup)	A	58-10
FEBRUARY			
Wed. 5	Swansea (L)	H	14-36
Sat. 8	Saracens	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	Rosslyn 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	41-6
Sat. 21	Newport United	H	23-0
Sat. 28	Caerphilly	A	Canc.
1992			
JANUARY			
Sat. 4	Pontypool Athletic	A	54-17
Sat. 11	Ebbw Vale Athletic	H	48-12
Tues. 14	Caldicot	A	34-0
Fri. 17	Garndiffaith	H	54-6
Sat. 25	Old Iltydians	A	23-0
Thur. 30	St. Peter's	H	22-13
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

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