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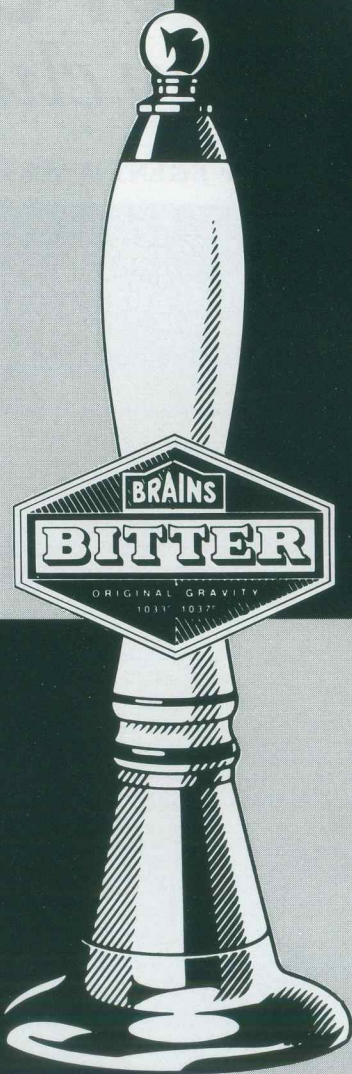
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I think I once told you before that I know a man who professed to have seen a photograph of Lord Lucan riding Shergar. Now that's a statement you certainly have to take with a block of salt rather than a pinch. It could be possible but its many light years away from reality and would cause immense surprise if such a photograph was produced. I think it's reasonable to say that immense surprise would be on the agenda if Wales come away from Twickenham next month with a win and put themselves in contention for a share in the Five Nations Championship with a home win over Scotland.

Rugby can be a very unpredictable game however, (who would have put a bent penny on Llanharan beating Swansea at St. Helen's in the week) but for Wales to thwart England's last hurdle in their Grand Slam double attempt would be the biggest ever upset of the form book in the history of the competition. It now becomes our turn to sit back and see England revel in their glorious success as we so often did in the 1970s with the superb team we fielded in those days which now seem so long gone.

England success has been well deserved however. Having learned how, and got accustomed to winning, they are now doing it with a bit of style with the number of tries they are piling up. Their latest win will be remembered mostly for all the bad things that happened and no doubt they will want to put on a bit of a show come next March 7th for their home fans at HQ.

Last Saturday was certainly a black day for France however and it appears that they also have a lot of problems to sort out both on and off the field. To talk of pulling out of the Five Nations Championship is drastic indeed but do we want them in their present frame of mind. The cameras told all before the game when the shots went from a very pristine looking English team singing their anthem with some pride to the French line up which looked more like an exercise period in Alcatraz. Let's hope they get their act together again because French rugby at it's best can be the nectar of the gods.

On the Heineken front last Saturday's results caused another shuffle in the Division I table for many except ourselves and we are now firmly rooted in that bottom but one position. The defeat at Newbridge was a bitter enough pill to swallow without the added fact that we failed again for the 5th time in 11 league matches to score a try. We certainly won enough possession in the game but it appears that the harder our players try to retain the ball, the easier it seems to fritter away.

Last Saturday's results have really kept the pot well on the boil and although Swansea are looking good at the moment it will be a brave man who predicts the final winners if its not to be the All Whites.

As interesting as the League Competition is however it all goes on hold today as the Schweppes Cup 6th round games rightly occupy centre stage. And what an important day for us if we are going to get a sliver of respectability from our current poor season. Lady Luck smiled at us in being drawn out of the hat first to give us home advantage but the smile became somewhat of a frown when Newport were announced as our opponents. There were several other teams we would have been far happier with I can tell you. Still let's be thankful for the home draw and get on with it.

Well for starters the occasion will certainly not be one of uniqueness because in all we have played our Black and Amber friends from up the M4 on 363 previous occasions. Then again the situation will be unique because I often wonder if any

other two sides playing rugby have met each other so frequently. In overall terms of those 363 games played we have won 174, lost 132 and drawn 57. Points-wise we have amassed 3104 for to 2363 against. These are figures of massive proportions and if all those many games were added in line it would constitute something like 3 solid weeks of non stop rugby.

All Cardiff and Newport games have, by tradition, generated great rivalry and the record number of games played is due to the fact that for many many years the sides met on 4 occasions every season. That situation came to an end in season 1975-76 but that great rivalry has never diminished. I say never but last season's 2 games sadly became rather meaningless because it was the inaugural year of league rugby and the Black & Ambers were in the division below ourselves so the games became what would be euphamistically called 'friendlies'. Newport won at home by 34 points to 9 and in the game at Cardiff we won 17-3. On both occasions the visiting sides were well under strength and the results were virtually foregone conclusions.

Things are certainly different this year however and Newport are now proudly back in the top division after several seasons in the coldrums. They romped away with their division last year losing only 1 out of their 14 league games. They are still in with a bit of a chance for the top league status this current season but last Saturday's defeat at Pontypridd must have been a bit of a body blow for them.

Today's cup tie will see us clash for the 5th time in the competition. The first meeting came in April 77 in the 1976-77 final. It was our centenary season and we were favourites to pick up the trophy as the icing on our centenary celebration cake. It wasn't to be however and Keith Poole's last minute try gave Newport a 16-15 victory. Our next meeting came in the 1985-86 season's final and in a ding dong thriller we won a very entertaining game by 28 points to 21. The 49 points scored that day remain an aggregate points record for all 20 finals played to date.

Our next meeting came the following season 1986-87 when we met in Cardiff in the 4th round. The Black & Ambers hadn't won at the Arms Park for some 11 years prior to that meeting but were strongly fancied to end that run. We finally won by 15 points to 12 after trailing for most of the game which ended with Newport claiming they should have been awarded a last minute penalty try for a collapsed scrum on our line. The referee thought differently however (thank goodness) so our cup record stands as played 4, won 3, lost 1.

Not that previous form counts for anything in the cup, and whether Pontypridd did us a favour or a disservice in beating them in last week's league encounter remains a debatable point. Victory at Sardis Road would have given them second place in the league and a massive boost in confidence. Defeat however means there will be no complacency in their approach and will be well geared up to get back to winning ways.

For our part, victory is so very important but we had already received a savage blow with the news that injury still keeps Adrian Davies on the sideline. Nevertheless our players have resolved to salvage something out of the season and a couple of good cup wins would do us the world of good.

So let battle commence but regardless of all else we welcome Newport yet again to Cardiff Arms Park.

On the domestic scene, the Rags winning jaunt came to an end last Saturday when they suffered only their 3rd defeat of the season at home to Abercarn. The Youth kept the flag flying in their cup game against Carmarthen Athletic when they won their game in extra time to go on to the semi-final. Well done lads, you are well on the way to retaining that cup.

Winning programme at the Saracen's game was Mr. Gordon Thomas and the Swansea game was Mr. John Orrell, father of Tony who recently left us to play for South Wales Police.

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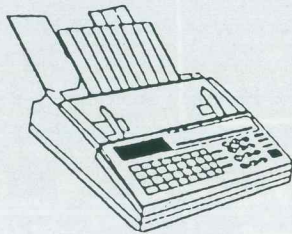
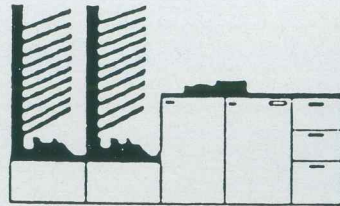
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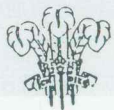
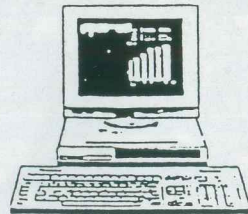
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1. What was the gate at the Arms Park on 17th February 1951?
2. What unusual event occurred during that game?
3. Who made his Cardiff debut against Cardiff College of Education in October 1971 after joining us from Newport?
4. Which side has the best winning sequence?
5. Which side holds the best non losing sequence?



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By J. E. MALCOLM THOMAS

Question

A scrum half receives the ball from a line-out and is held by an opponent. A player from his own side retiring from the line-out and **in front of the ball carrier**, takes the ball from him.

Is this player offside?

- if the scrum half is standing?
- if the scrum half is brought to ground and releases?
- if the scrum half knocks the ball forward.

Answer

- Yes.** The referee should award a penalty kick or scrummage on the spot.
- Yes.** The receiver should retire behind the scrum half and then come forward to play the ball.
- Yes.** The proximity of opposition lineout forwards means they have been **deprived of advantage** from the knock on.

The note to **LAW 24A** on **offside in General Play** states that:

“when a player knocks on and an off-side player of the same team next plays the ball, a penalty for off-side should not be awarded **unless the off-side deprives the non-offending team of an advantage**”.

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QUIDNUNC'S COLUMN

ALTHOUGH we did not really need it to remind us, the international in Paris last Saturday illustrated yet again the crucial importance of the front row in modern rugby football. Three points in particular showed fully the dangers, the difficulties and the desperate problems facing the ill-equipped or the inexperienced.

French front row failure brought the first try for England. French front-row indiscipline and frustration led undoubtedly to the loss of control and the sendings-off. And, thirdly, the 'elevation' of unpracticed players to that strange and twilit world at the front of the scrummage produced a shambles which gave England their final try.

Indeed, in the Southern Hemisphere it is questionable whether that scrum would have been allowed to take place because of the inherent dangers involved in a position where sheer courage and determination can in no way match technique and street wisdom.

All of which is a slightly pompous way to introduce the subject of Mr. Philip John Sedgemore as the illustrated personality for this afternoon's Schweppes Cup tie, a somewhat crucial event for both sides as they seek to salvage something from an indifferent season.

There will undoubtedly be better known players on the park today because 'The Sedge' is scarcely a man who has over the past 26 years sought the headlines: talk nevertheless to other top props and here is a man who has emerged almost from nowhere to gain their respect.

As the influential Western Mail reported on Monday following our defeat at Newbridge, "Phil Sedgemore is making a major impact as a tight head for Cardiff and his enthusiastic drives set a rousing example".

Phil's close colleagues will tell you that he is surprised by this recognition. "It was only a fortnight ago," says one, "that he was persuaded to give up his Hirwaun blazer".

Hirwaun? Phil Sedgemore is not a man of many clubs. A product of Aberdare Boys Comprehensive, where he started life as a flanker and centre, he progressed to Hirwaun Youth and then up through the club structure until, one day last season, he played against the Cardiff Rags. That shrewd and highly observant watcher of the rugby scene, Bob Newman, cast an eye at the 17½ stone, 5ft 10in miner who was born (he thinks) in Mountain Ash, and said "He's for us". And so he was. "Although I was in the squad for the Welsh Under 20s and Under 21st, I was never capped," says Phil, "and as a result I am delighted to have come through with a club like Cardiff. Obviously I'd like to go further, play for Wales, but that's a long way ahead".

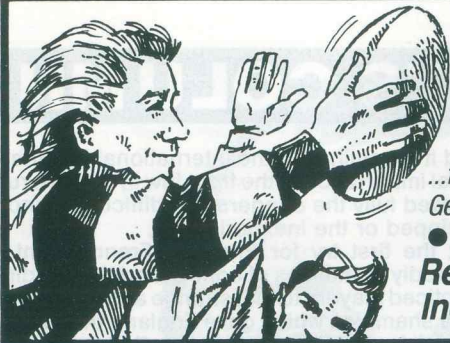
Although his teammates regard him as quite a character, Phil is a somewhat laconic individual to the outsider, though quick to laugh. Stature-wise, it's not difficult to imagine him, as some close colleagues claim, balancing a pint of bitter on his substantial chest, nor as someone whose neck is too large for him to be able to knot his own tie satisfactorily.

He cheerfully denies the first allegation, acknowledges the second, admits, amid a rumble of laughter, 'eating just about everything and anything, particularly Indian, and drinking, amid a rumble-rumble of laughter, drinking absolutely anything at all.

Apart from his work as a supply man at Tower Colliery and working at the weights, he has few interests outside rugby "which has always been a part of my life". When pressed, he does however admit to liking the music of Simply Red.

And he does like to watch Spender on television. And that seems just about right, somehow. Spender, as you are no doubt aware, tends to be single-minded, quiet, laconic, reticent and had, while acknowledging the assistance of some experienced colleagues. "You can't play alongside the men like Dan (Ian Watkins) and Mike (Griffiths)," says Phil, "without some of their knowledge rubbing off". And their knowledge could be a vital aspect of the game today if Cardiff are to progress further in the Cup.





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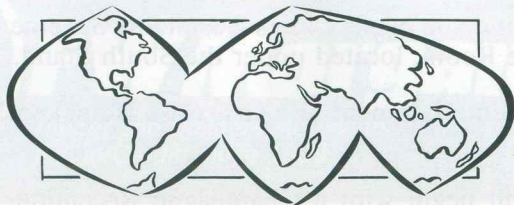
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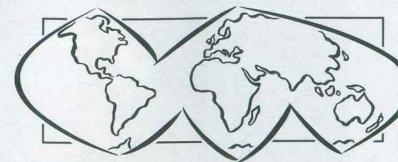
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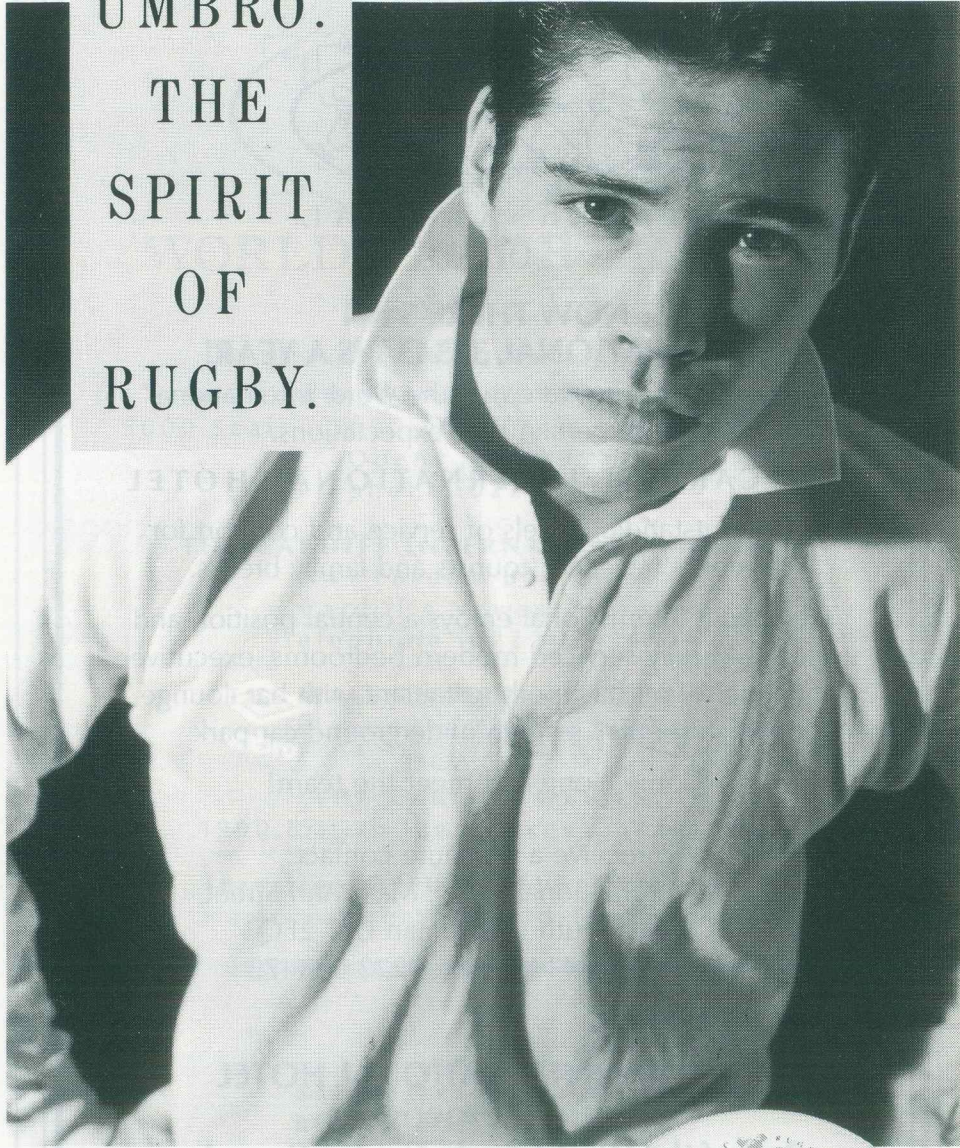
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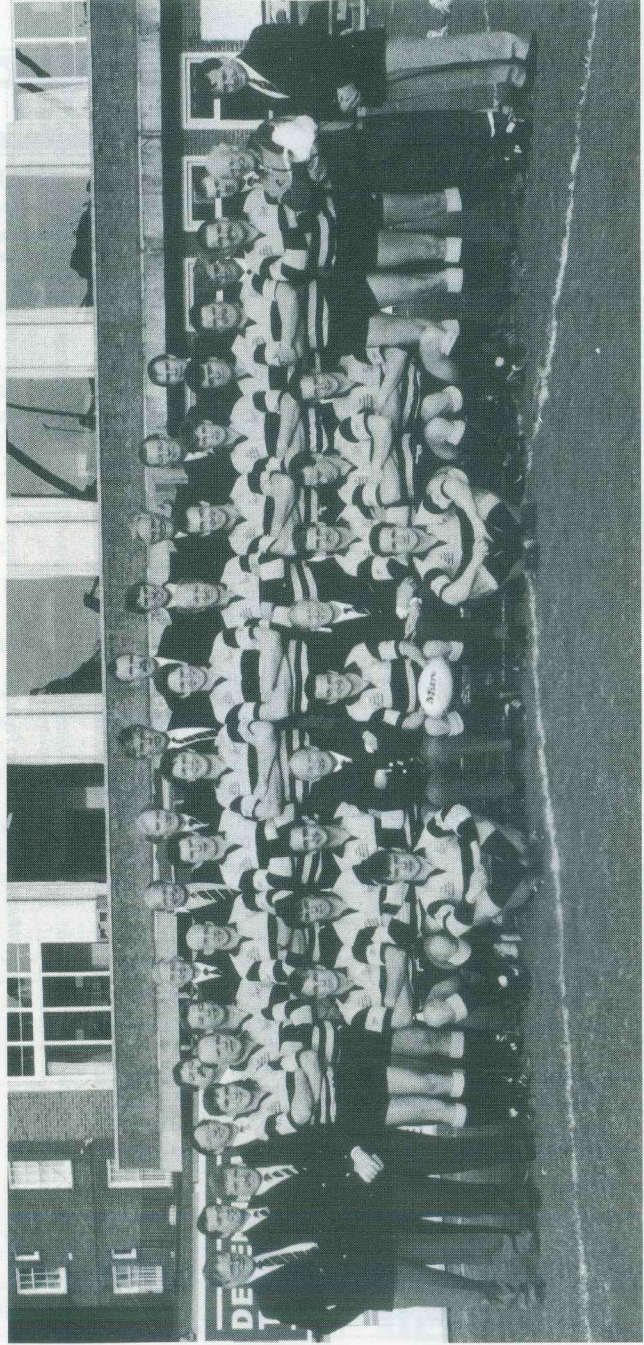


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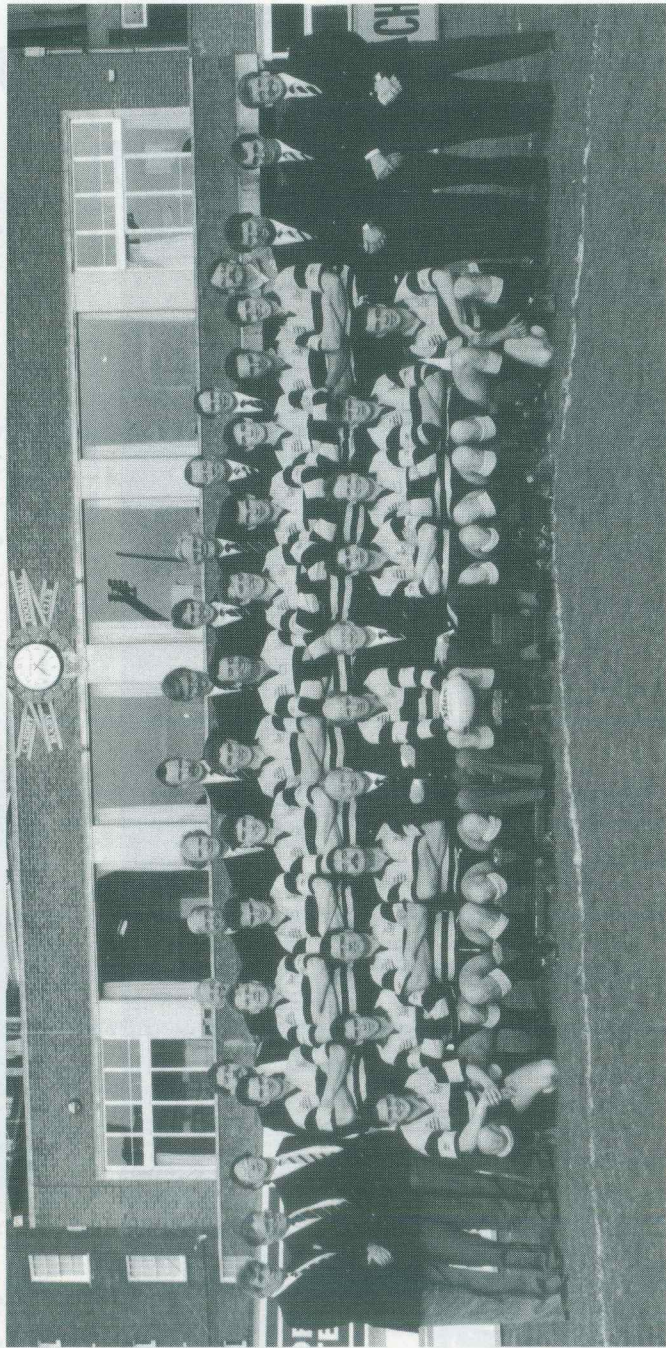
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LEAGUE TABLES

(up to and including February 15, 1992)

First Division

	P	W	D	L	T	Pt
Swansea	11	8	0	3	36	16
Newbridge	10	7	0	3	25	14
Pontypool	11	6	2	3	24	14
Bridgend	11	7	0	4	19	14
Llanelli	11	6	1	4	27	13
Newport	11	6	1	4	18	13
Neath	11	3	2	6	17	8
Pontypridd	9	4	0	5	9	8
Cardiff	11	2	1	8	15	5
Maesteg	10	0	1	9	7	1

Second Division

	P	W	D	L	T	Pt
SW Police	10	7	1	2	29	15
Cross Keys	10	6	2	2	25	14
Aberavon	10	6	2	2	24	14
Llanharan	10	7	0	3	20	14
Dunvant	9	5	0	4	22	10
Abertillery	9	4	1	4	16	9
Glam. Wands	9	4	0	5	19	8
Ebbw Vale	8	3	0	5	14	6
Penarth	11	1	0	10	12	2
Tredegar	8	1	0	7	10	0

(Tredegar deducted two points)

STATISTICS FROM Baytrack for VOLVO

FIRST DIVISION RESULTS

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

Third Division

	P	W	D	L	T	Pt
Tenby Utd	13	10	0	3	34	20
Blaina	11	9	0	2	36	18
Llandoverly	12	9	0	3	16	18
Narberth	13	8	0	5	23	16
M'tain Ash	13	7	0	6	23	14
Treorchy	12	5	3	4	20	13
Wrexham	13	3	2	8	21	8
Rumney	12	3	2	7	11	8
Bonymaen	13	3	1	9	19	7
A'avon Qns	12	1	0	11	12	2

Fourth Division

	P	W	D	L	T	Pt
Tumble	12	10	0	2	41	20
Kenfig Hill	13	8	1	4	26	17
St. Peter's	12	7	2	3	25	16
Abercynon	12	6	2	4	23	14
Kidwelly	12	6	0	6	16	12
Y'gynlais	12	5	1	6	19	11
P'pool Utd	12	5	1	6	18	11
Blackwood	11	4	1	6	21	9
Clifnydd	11	3	2	6	24	8
Ruthin	13	1	0	12	15	2

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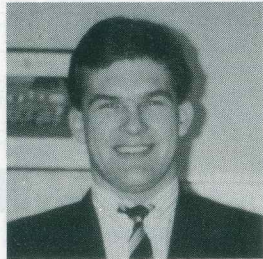
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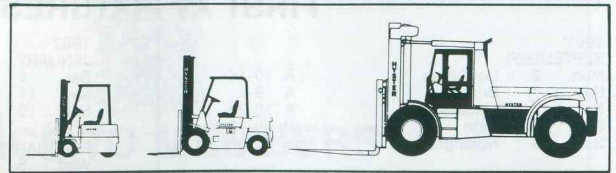
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Rugby Quiz No. 13 – Answers

1. 48,500, still a record for a regular club game.
2. The referee called a temporary halt to the game while a very heavy hailstorm abated.
3. Keith James.
4. Cardiff with 8, Newport's best is 5.
5. Newport with 11 games, D, D, W, W, W, W, D, W, W, D, W.

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Cardiff Rugby Club 1991-92

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	22-12
Sat. 15	Newbridge (L)	A	6-16
Sat. 22	Newport (W.R.U. Cup 6th)	H	.....
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	Roslyn 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.

Saturday Kick Off - 2.30 p.m.

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	19-8
Sat. 15	Abercarn	H	14-15
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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