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A breath of fresh Ayr

With Rugby Football at every level from Junior Union to the World Club, being played, in a highly competitive atmosphere, whether it be league or Cup competitions, how nice tonight to play host to newcomers to the Arms Park in a game that can only be described as a 'friendly'.

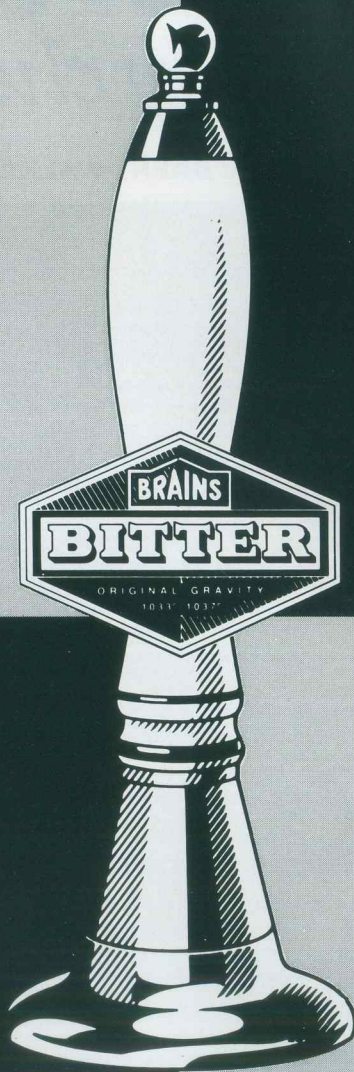
Is it only two years ago, that we shackled ourselves to league Rugby? For better or for worse we have to live with it, and I am sure that in the end it will be for the best. In a land where formerly we played our Welsh 'friendlies' with a ferocity, that left little room within the Paws for extra motivation, it is nice to be able to relax occasionally and play against a Club we have never met before tonight at home, in a game with no external pressures. Surely tonight both teams can play with an added touch of risk, flair and even abandon. Well, perhaps not quite, abandon, but slightly more lighthearted shall we say.

Our visitors hail from the West Coast of Scotland opposite the Isle of Arran, up a bit from Tumberry, and down a bit from Troon, best known to Welshmen as the home of 'Broon of Troon'. With apologies to Rabbie, and thanks to the Scottish Rugby magazine.

Take a gentle stroll, as thousands do every year from the birthplace of Scotland's national bard, to the Auld Brig of Doon, immortalised in Tom O'Shanter and you will find Millbrae, as picturesque a Rugby ground as you could wish for, and the name of Ayr Rugby Club.

Auld Ayr whom ne'er a Club surpasses. For glaekit kicks and droppit passes last year Cardiff Rugby Club visited Ayr for the first time, and experienced a few 'glaekit kicks and droppit passes of their own', as well as some monumental hospitality. I was'na fou but just had plenty', nevertheless they still managed to win in order to justify their presence at a memorable party.

The Ayr Club was formed in 1896, by former pupils of the Ayr Academy, and whilst the Club was always an 'open' club the school has been the main source of recruitment over the years. Two legendary figures of Ayr Academy — J. Douglas Cairns and P. E. master T. B. Watson whilst ensuring a constant flow of talent to the Club, also created a school team that included future English Cricket Captain in Mike Denness, a Scottish Soccer captain in Ian Ure, and a Scottish Rugby Captain in Ian McGlaughlan. It was also Douglas Cairns, who was responsible for our other tenuous line with Ayr, in so much that he recruited Ronnie Boon whilst he was teaching at Marr College in nearby Troon. Ronnie captained Ayr in



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1937-38, after playing some ten seasons for Cardiff and winning 12 caps for Wales. I am pleased to say that Ronnie is still very much alive and kicking, but cannot attend today's match, apparently he's playing squash in a big tournament in Barry.

The recent Ayr connection was created some 25 years ago in the Pickwick Bar at Magaloo, when Peter Thomas and Ray Cheney chanced upon George McGie, and a party of Ayr Rugby men who were engaged in some pre-season training. Both Peter and Ray were fitness fanatics and they got so fit that night that they decided to continue the sessions annually. This led to the fixture in Scotland last year and Ayr's first visit to Cardiff tonight. May the connection endure – but without wishing in any way to restrain the men of Ayr from the weekend festivities, shall I quote the Bard.

*"While we sit bousing at the nappy,
And getting fou and unco happy,
We think na on the long Scottish miles,
The mosses, waters, staps and styles,
That lie between us and our hame,
Where sits our sulky, sullen dame,
Gathering her brows, like gathering storm
Nursing her wrath to keep it warm."
I am sure, that we all prefer
'Freedom and whisky gang thegither'.*

We cannot let another game go by without noting that Howard Stone played his 200th game for the Club in our recent fixture at Newbridge. This includes 119 games for the Rags, which is indicative of his loyalty to the Club, in an era when the word loyalty is losing its value. Howard is a multi-talented sportsman, whose rugby abilities should have earned him more honours than he gained, but we are glad that he is a Cardiff man and offer a big vote of thanks for the services of Big 'H'.

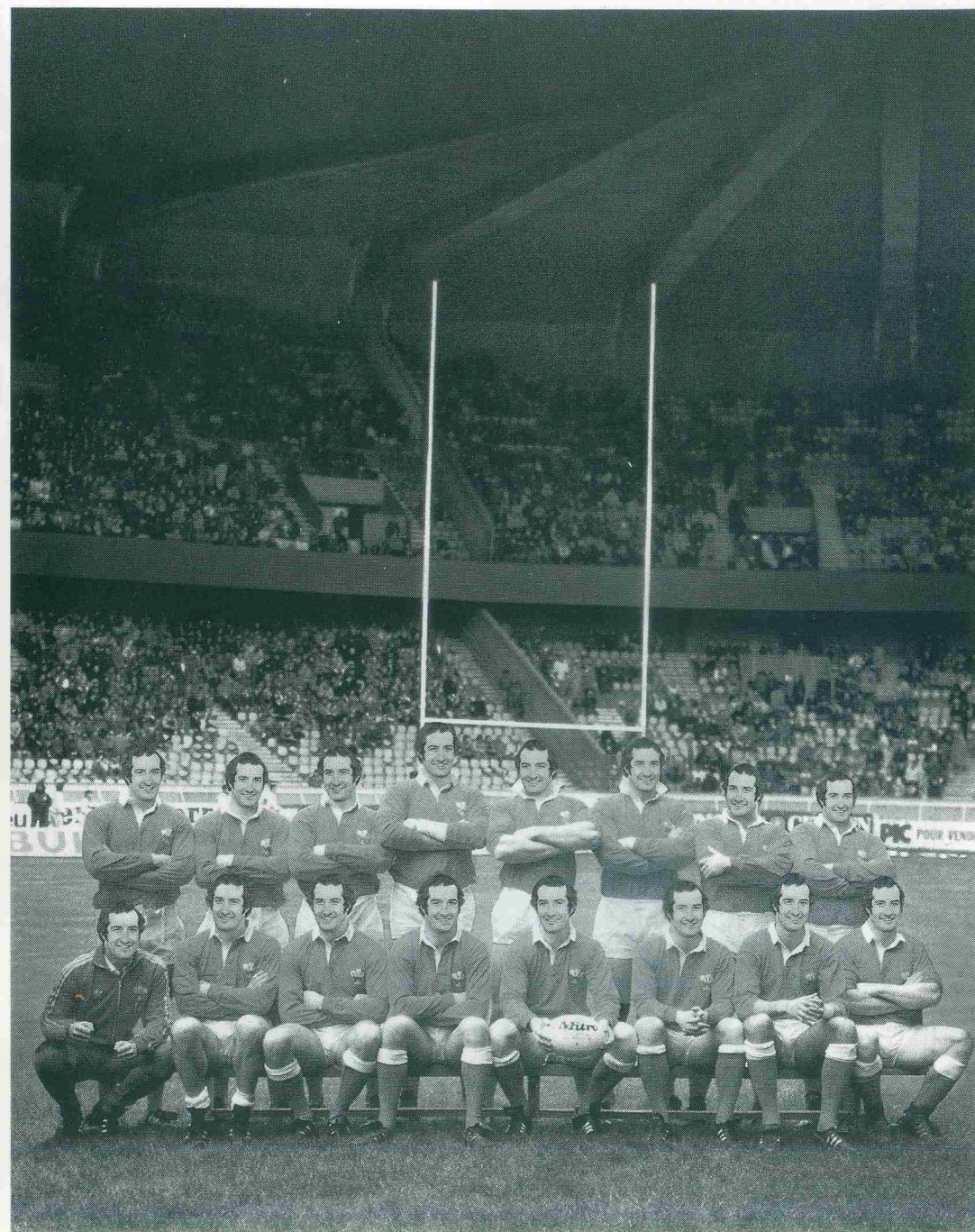
It is pleasing to note that Dai Evans has made a rapid recovery from his injury and will soon be training. Anthony Donovan, has at last received successful treatment on the torn ligaments in his knee, but will not play again this season. Adrian Davies is heavily immersed in examinations at Cambridge, and Arthur Emyr is still nursing a damaged calf muscle. Mike Rayer (twisted ankle), and Mike Griffiths (suspected perforated ear drum) are both fit for tomorrow's International match.

Should you be wandering through Merthyr with nothing to do next Sunday, and pray, what could you do if you were in Merthyr next Sunday, then I suggest you make tracks to Merthyr RFC where Cardiff Youth play Pontypool Youth in the Semi-Final of the Esso Cup. K.O. 3p.m. On second thoughts you should make the effort to go to Merthyr anyway. The Youth are playing well.

Also the lottery draw takes place tonight in the top lounge at 8p.m. prompt. There is also a game on tomorrow at the National Stadium. So the simple thing to do is attend the lottery, sleep on the floor, and get up bright and early for the match against Scotland, and then go to Merthyr.

Awa the Noo.

D.J.H.



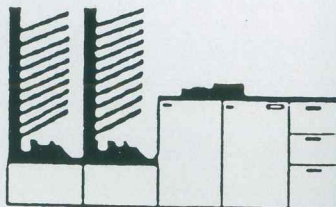
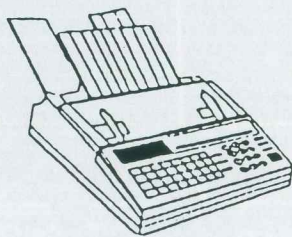
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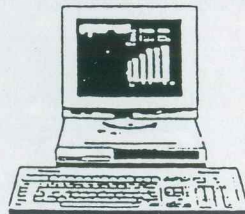
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1. When was League Rugby introduced in Scotland.
2. Who are the current Division I champions having won it last season.
3. Which Division do our visitors this evening play in?
4. Scotland's game against France a fortnight ago was the 63rd game in the series. What is the record of this series?
5. Of the 95 games Scotland have already played against Wales, how many times have the games ended in a draw, 2, 5, 8 or 11.



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By J. E. MALCOLM THOMAS

“Was it a goal?”

In last season's Ireland v. France international, one of the French penalty kicks at goal caused a great deal of discussion in the media. The **kick at goal passed right over the top of the goal post**, where Clive Norling, as touch judge, was standing, and, therefore, correctly under Law 11, Method of Scoring, was not a goal.

GOAL: A goal is scored by kicking the ball over the opponents' crossbar and between the goalposts from the field of play by any place kick or drop kick. **Obviously over the top is clearly not between.** No goal.

Both Norling and Peard were also criticised because, as touch judges, they did not wave their flags to indicate no goal.

But Law 6(7) states: “When a kick at goal from a try or penalty kick is being taken both judges must assist the referee by signalling the result of the kick. The touch judge shall stand at or behind each of the goal posts and shall **raise** his flag if the ball goes **over** the cross bar”.

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Yes, of course, some of the numbers do provide legitimate services such as sports scores, competitions and the like — but all at a price.

I mention the subject this evening because I had cause to try to telephone one of our Cardiff heroes at home this week. He was not in. After the first ring or two, Quidnunc was regaled first of all with a piece of music. "What have we here?" I thought, fearing for a moment I was paying the afore-mentioned excessive rate, a feeling which was enhanced when a sexy voice came on over the music to inform me that this was "Andy Booth's Bachelor Pad."

But never fear, Mr. Booth had not discovered a method of having his telephone bills paid for him; it was after all a genuine answerphone, with the music merely reflecting one of your man's interests.

It was in fact the signature or theme tune from Cheers, the television programme (Mr. Booth was later to admit that he is a Channel Four buff).

None of which has much to do with the evening's lecture other than to introduce Mr. Booth further to the rugby cognoscenti gathered together for the visit of Ayr.

Andy was being sought by this column in order to discover more about his kicking emergence: you will recall that at Pontypridd last Saturday, he converted Steve Ford's try and also kicked a couple of penalties with aplomb, thus almost equalling the tally of Neil Jenkins.

Seeking him out at training was not easy: he had suffered a dead leg at Sardis Road and took only a brief part. He had also like several other players been "Danned" — a term now used to show that Ian Desperate Dan Watkins had passed that way bearing and selling expensive Rugby League jerseys.

Further and closer looks at the training — as I'm digressing anyhow — suggested that Gareth Davies would not appear out of place wearing the No.10 shirt, so fit and fleet is he still, and that Timmy Crothers is still determined to bring life to a fading season.

But we were talking about Andy Booth's kicking. After a couple more renderings of Cheers and further revelations about Andy Booth's Bachelor Pad in deepest Cardiff suburbia, downtown Danescourt to be precise, he confided that he kicked for Welsh Schools and, believe it or not, also kicked for Neath for a couple of seasons in any absence of Paul Thorburn. Memories are short: I've actually seen him do it, judging from my programme collection.

Andy, you will also remember, went on from the Welsh Schools team to play for Swansea University, then Cambridge University and Wales B and was on the replacements bench for the senior side. He has still not given up hopes of wearing the (albeit new) red jersey one day.

But the life of a Cardiff scrum-half has not been easy this season. A quick flip through the records shows that in 18 appearances, he has had six different out-halves and played behind four different No. 8's — not the most settled of partnerships. The season indeed might have been very different had he, for example, played frequently with either his old Cambridge partner, Adrian Davies, or with David Evans.

Back in Suburbia, Andy admits that he has matured in recent times — as can be seen from the fact that he cooks for himself frequently (though has a liking for Italian food outside, and especially at the Fontana de Trevi) and even washes and irons his own shirts. That's what happens when you take seriously a life in insurance broking.

Quidnunc also tried this week to discover some of the bizarre incidents which must surely have happened during the Twickenham weekend. Facts are hard to come by. There are recurrent rumours that Malcolm Childs might have lost a shilling or two at cards and that Ian Hembrow might have fallen asleep during one meal. And there are varying rumours about a sensitive referee during a match played by Cardiff at Maidenhead on the Sunday morning.

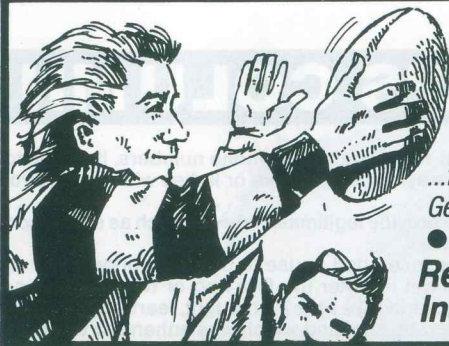
Both sensitive and sympathetic. He appreciated fully the need for frequent stoppages for players to take on water when in a badly dehydrated state.

But Twickenham is now history and tomorrow it's the Scots and the hope that a new dawn for Welsh rugby will see the sun break through.

Back at Andy Booth's he feels that Wales may well win this one — but, curiously, he hopes that Stuart Davies, the powerful Swansea No.8, does not repeat his feat of the Irish victory by scoring the winning try.

It turns out that Stuart is married to Andy's sister Lorna. "And if my brother-in-law scores again, he'll never let us hear the last of it." Most of us would settle for a repeat story.





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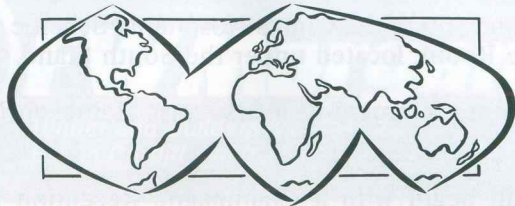
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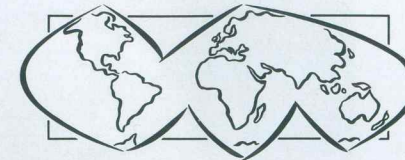
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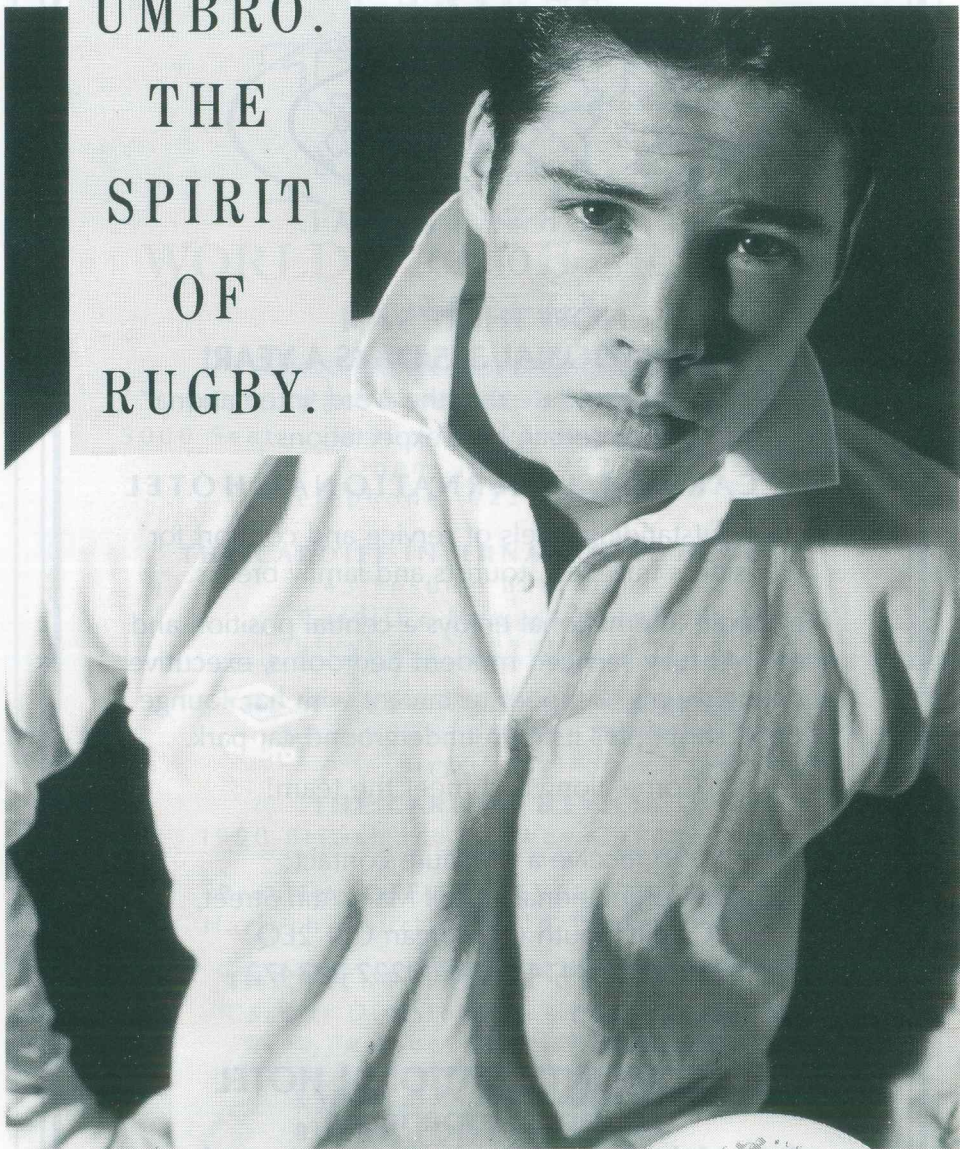
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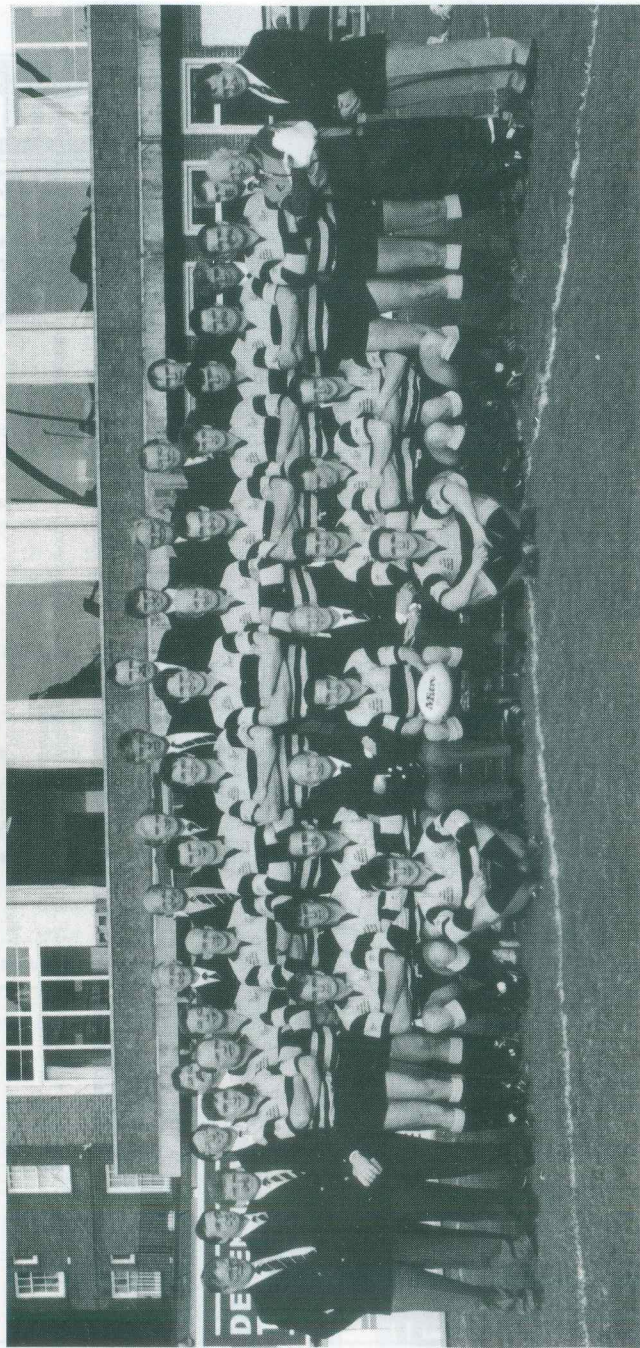


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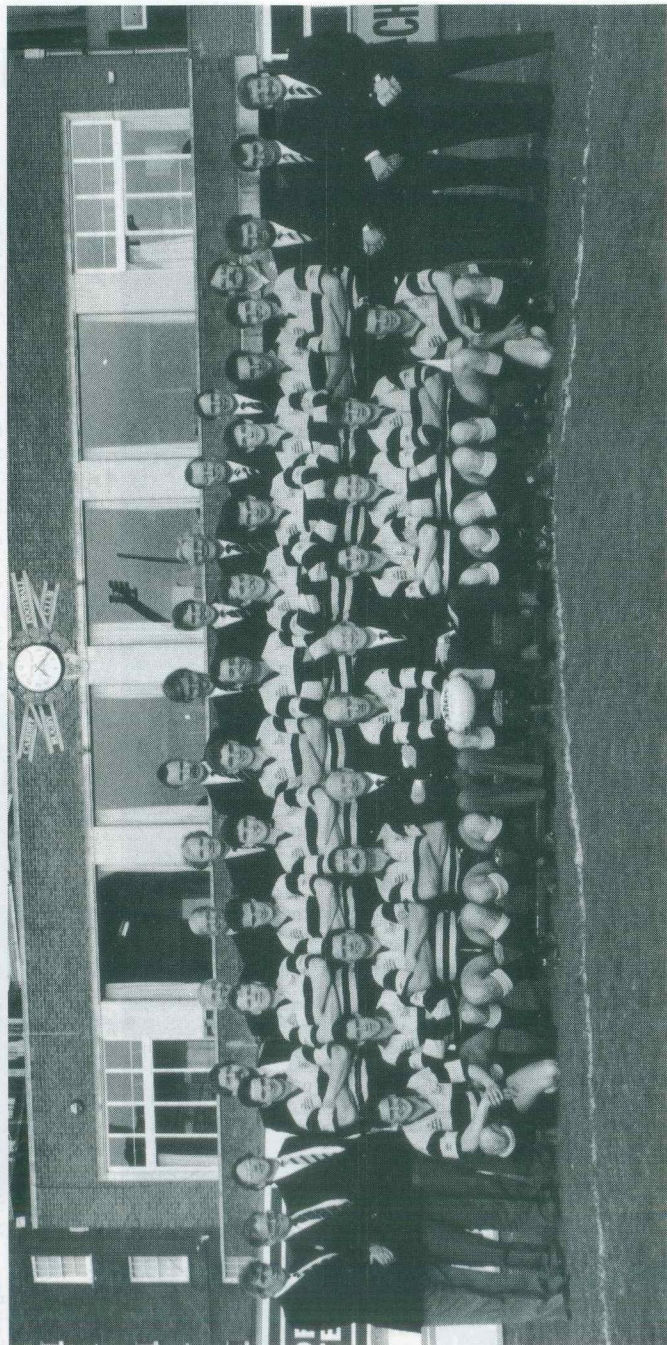
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Pontypool .	13	7	2	4	29	16
Newport ...	13	7	1	5	29	15
Newbridge	13	7	0	6	27	14
Pontypridd	12	7	0	5	14	14
Neath	13	4	2	7	23	10
Cardiff	13	2	1	10	18	5
Maesteg ...	12	0	1	11	9	1

Second Division

	P	W	D	L	T	Pt
Llanharan	12	9	0	3	22	18
SW Police	12	8	1	3	21	17
Cross Keys ...	12	6	3	3	27	15
Aberavon	12	6	2	4	25	14
Dunvant	11	6	0	5	25	12
Ebbw Vale	11	6	0	5	24	12
Glam. Wands .	12	5	1	6	21	11
Abertillery	12	5	1	6	20	11
Tredegar*	11	3	0	8	15	4
Penarth	13	1	0	12	13	2

(*Deducted two points)

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

Third Division

	P	W	D	L	T	Pt
Blaina	14	12	0	2	41	24
Tenby Utd. .	15	12	0	3	40	24
Narberth ..	15	10	0	5	26	20
Llandovery	14	10	0	4	19	20
Treorchy ..	15	6	3	6	22	15
Mt. Ash	15	7	0	8	24	14
Wrexham ...	15	4	2	9	23	10
Rumney ...	15	4	2	9	16	10
Bonymaen	15	3	1	11	23	7
A'von Qns	15	2	0	13	18	4

Fourth Division

	P	W	D	L	T	Pt
Tumble	14	11	0	3	42	22
Kenfig Hill .	15	10	1	4	33	21
St. Peter's .	15	9	2	4	31	20
Abercynon	15	8	2	5	34	18
P'pool Utd	15	7	1	7	30	15
Blackwood	13	6	1	6	26	13
Y'gynlais ..	15	6	1	8	21	13
Kidwelly	14	6	0	8	18	12
Cilfynydd	13	3	2	8	27	8
Ruthin	15	1	0	14	19	2

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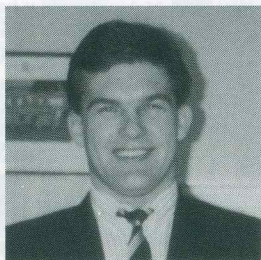
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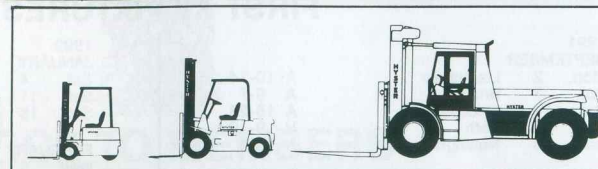
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3. Division II.
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5. Only 2, Glasgow 1885 and Inverleith 1922.

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FIRST XV FIXTURES

1991			1992		
SEPTEMBER			JANUARY		
Mon. 2	Llanharan	A 10-14	Sat. 4	Pontypool (L)	H 10-24
Sat. 7	Bristol	A 9-7	Sat. 11	Neath (L)	A 3-3
Sat. 14	Leicester	A 18-23	Sat. 18	Pencoed (Cup)	A 58-10
Sat. 21	Bath	H 9-10	FEBRUARY		
Sat. 28	Nottingham	H 28-4	Wed. 5	Swansea (L)	H 14-36
OCTOBER			Sat. 8	Saracens	H 22-12
Sat. 5	Aberavon	A 13-13	Sat. 15	Newbridge (L)	A 6-16
Tue. 8	Penarth	A 19-4	Sat. 22	Newport (W.R.U. Cup 6th)	H 4-12
Fri. 11	Glamorgan Wanderers	H 6-16	Sat. 29	Bridgend (L)	H 14-18
Sat. 19	Cambridge University	A 19-26	MARCH		
Fri. 25	Wasps	H 38-8	Sat. 7	London Welsh	A 29-25
NOVEMBER			Sat. 14	Pontypridd (L)	A 12-17
Fri. 1	Gloucester	H 6-11	Fri. 20	Ayr	H.....
Sat. 9	Swansea (L)	A 9-23	Sat. 28	Maesteg (L)	H.....
Sat. 16	Newbridge (L)	H 3-6	APRIL		
Sat. 23	Bridgend (L)	A 9-28	Sat. 4	W.R.U. Cup Quarter Final	
Sat. 30	Pontypridd (L)	H 19-12	Sat. 11	Llanelli (L)	A.....
DECEMBER			Wed. 15	Newport (L)	H.....
Sat. 7	Maesteg (L)	A 32-6	Sat. 18	Barbarians	H.....
Sat. 14	Llanelli (L)	H 22-28	Sat. 25	Pontypool (L)	A.....
Sat. 21	Newport (L)	A 6-12	MAY		
Thurs. 26	Pontypridd	H 10-27	Sat. 2	W.R.U. Cup Semi-Final	
Sat. 28	Welsh Academicals	H 55-14	Sat. 9	Ebbw Vale	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 54-17
Sat. 7	Bristol United	H 23-12	Sat. 11	Ebbw Vale Athletic	H 48-12
Tue. 10	Llandaff	H Canc.	Tues. 14	Caldicot	A 34-0
Sat. 14	Leicester Extras	H 26-15	Fri. 17	Garndiffaith	H 54-6
Tue. 17	Bedwas	A 22-16	Sat. 25	Old Illydians	A 23-0
Sat. 21	Bath United	A 24-27	Thur. 30	St. Peter's	H 22-13
Sat. 28	Llanhilleth	A 22-0	FEBRUARY		
OCTOBER			Sat. 8	Glamorgan Wanderers II	A 19-8
Wed. 2	Glynneath	A 19-10	Sat. 15	Abercarn	H 14-15
Sat. 5	Hirwaun	H 36-3	Sat. 22	Bedwas	H 28-11
Fri. 11	Mountain Ash	A Canc.	Sat. 29	Bridgend Ravens	A 16-17
Wed. 16	Senghenydd	A Canc.	MARCH		
Sat. 19	Blackwood	H 24-9	Sun. 8	Maidenhead	A.....
Fri. 25	Pontypool United	A 15-7	Sat. 14	Pontypridd Ath.	H 31-12
Tue. 29	Rumney	H 7-3	Wed. 18	Pontypool United	H.....
NOVEMBER			APRIL		
Fri. 1	Gloucester United	A 3-39	Sat. 4	Croesyceiliog	A.....
Sat. 9	Rossllyn Park II	H 16-10	Wed. 8	Cardiff H.S.O.B.	H.....
Sat. 16	Cardiff Inst.H.E.	A 21-14	Sat. 11	Neath Athletic	H.....
Wed. 20	Cardiff Medicals	H 66-0	Wed. 15	Newport United	A.....
Sat. 23	Bridgend Ravens	H 48-12	Wed. 22	Bridgend Sports	H.....
Sat. 30	Pontypridd Athletic	A 38-13	Sat. 25	Pontypool Athletic	H.....
DECEMBER			MAY		
Sat. 7	Glamorgan Wanderers II	H 38-4	Sat. 2	Ebbw Vale Athletic	A.....
Sat. 14	Builth Wells	A Canc.	Sat. 9	Rumney	A.....
Sat. 14	Senghenydd	A 41-6			
Sat. 21	Newport United	H 23-0			
Sat. 28	Caerphilly	A Canc.			

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