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Cardiff v. Maesteg

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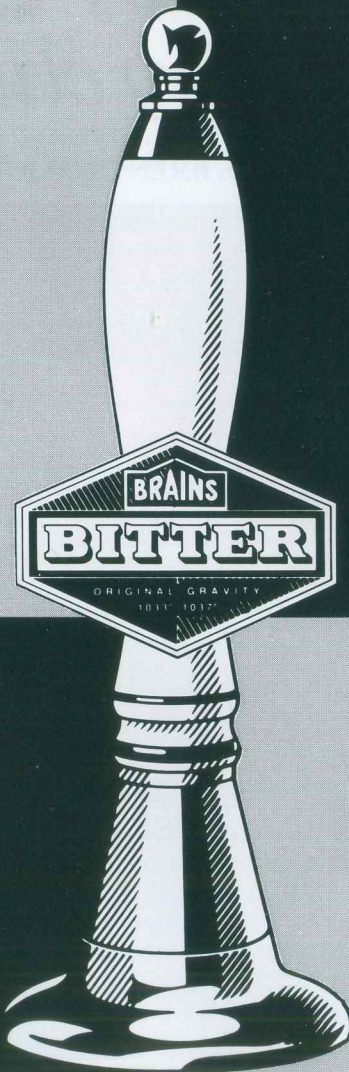
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Of all the current First Division Clubs, and those generally accepted as being first Class Clubs, in the old parlance, our connections with Maesteg have been the most tenuous. We first started playing them as far back as 1920, but for various reasons not accounted for in various reference books that come to hand, there have been several lapses in the continuity of fixtures. Perhaps our urbanised and anglicised fixture secretaries, couldn't pronounce, or even find their way to the Llynfi Valley. Whatever the reason, we have only played them on thirty occasions. The record to date stands as:

P: 30, W: 17, L: 9, D: 4.

For: 529 points, Against: 345 points.

During the eighties there were a series of high scoring games with Maesteg. In 1983-84, there was a surprising 26 points all draw at Cardiff. The year before Maesteg had their highest scoring win against Cardiff when they beat us 31-24 on their own ground, and they last beat us at Maesteg in 1986-87, by 30 points to 24 points. Purely for historical and factual reasons, nothing to do with pettiness or one-upmanship, it must be stated that we beat Maesteg in 1973 by 77 points to 9 points which was our highest score against any Club. Ever since, Maesteg have worn four sevens on their Club Crest, to give their players a double reminder of that terrible result. Forget what you might have heard about a stone-mason who couldn't cut the curves necessary to carve a number 28 on a grave-stone in Llangynwyd Churchyard. That is just another legend to go with the many others that abound in that area of the beautiful Llynfi Valley. At the moment neither side are capable of scoring so many points in one match, and are languishing together at the bottom of the Heineken League's First Division. What other Clubs don't realise is that this is a deliberate



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tactic of both teams, who, well aware that there is no relegation this season, have decided to take a breather, sink to the bottom of the league and gather strength, before bounding up to the top of Division 1 next year, surprising those Clubs who have wasted this year being all serious about leagues and things, tiring themselves out in the process, to no advantage whatsoever. Anyway that's the theory behind our deep psychological thinking. It is working, and the boys are enjoying their rest, but we have to report an alarming increase in the suicide rate amongst the committee and supporters.

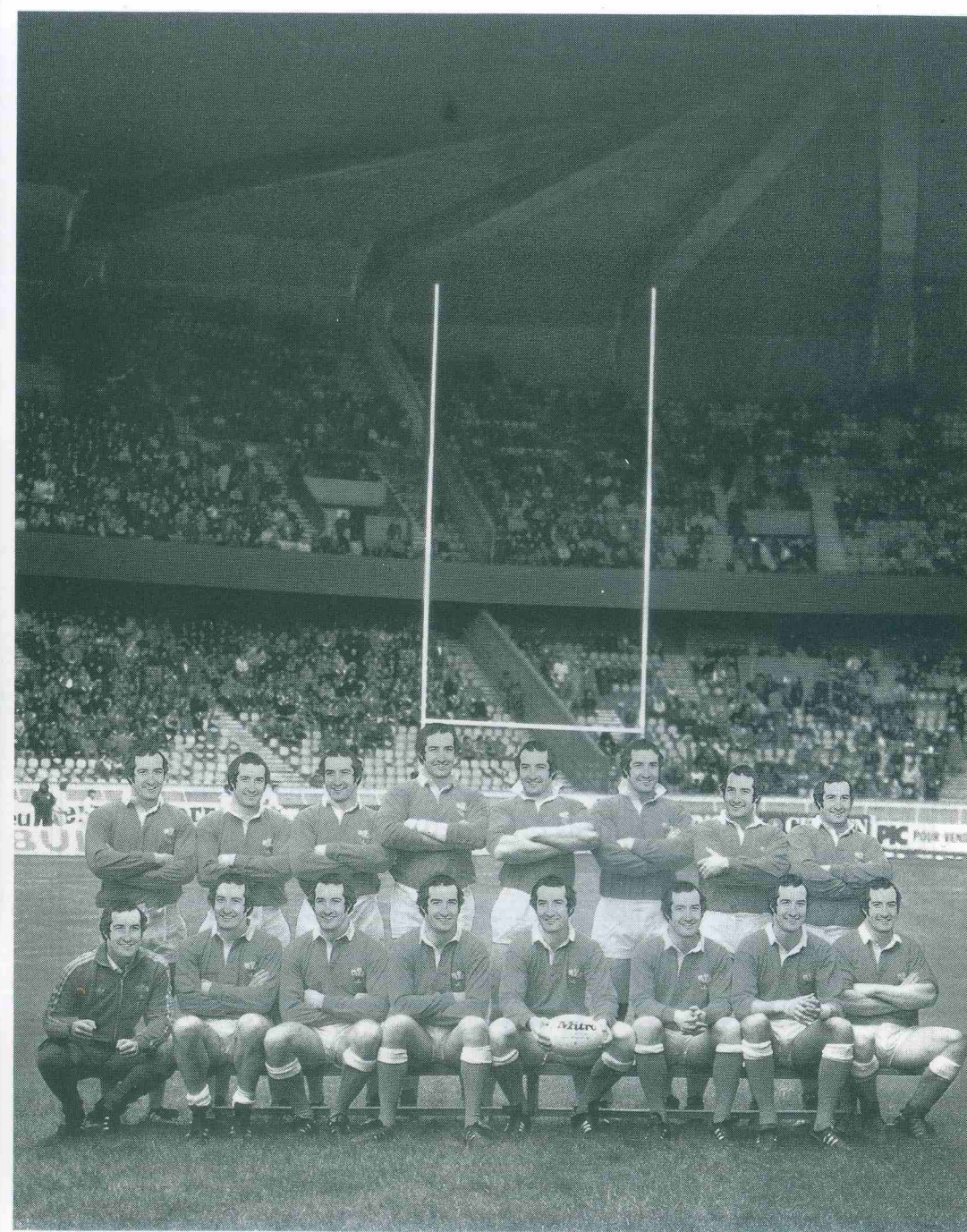
In order to make Maesteg Supporters feel better I will recall the glorious days of 1949-50, when Maesteg went through the entire season without defeat in their official matches, and as far as I know, are the only Welsh Club since the war to achieve an invincible season. In that year, their record read:

P: 43, W: 37, D: 6, L: 0

They achieved a 93.2% record of success and won the Western Mail Unofficial Championship by a mile. This team was captained by Trefor Lloyd, a Wales and British Lion scrum half. Other names that readily spring to mind are Windsor Major (wing), Viv Carlow (outside half), W. D. Williams (centre), Les White (prop), Sedley Davies (prop), Dai Swain (2nd row), Tudor Davies (Blindside) and a list of others from a remarkably good side. Inevitably, Maesteg formerly a prosperous market and industrial town, boasting five collieries, has suffered from the decline in heavy industry. Try as they might they don't seem to get the same type of rugged prop-forward from Revlon as they had from St. John Colliery, Cwmdy. Mind you, they smell a lot better.

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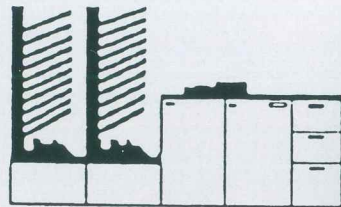
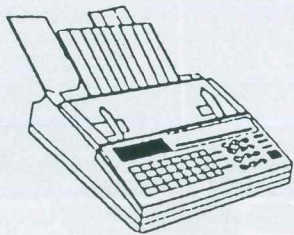
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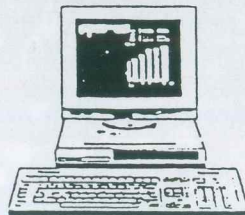
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2. On Saturday 22nd September 1951 we played a special game to celebrate our 75th anniversary. Who did we play?
3. During our centenary year 1976-77 which game highlighted our celebrations?
4. When was the last time we won the unofficial Welch Club Championship?
5. Who is Cardiff's record points scorer for a season.



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By J. E. MALCOLM THOMAS

IN-GOAL

Question 1

A defending player in the field of play passes the ball back to a player of his own side standing in-goal. This player runs along the in-goal area where he is tackled by an opponent and the ball is made 'dead'. What is the correct decision?

Answer

1) If the ball is made 'dead' by the defender grounding it, then it is a 5 metre scrummage opposite the place where the ball crossed the line.

2) However if the ball is made 'dead' by the referee blowing his whistle because the ball carrier cannot ground the ball, then it is a 5 metre scrummage opposite the place where he is held.

In **both** cases the attacking side shall put in the ball.

Question 2

A defending player in the field of play kicks the ball which then strikes an attacking player **who does not intentionally** play the ball. The ball rebounds into in-goal where it is grounded by a defender. What should the referee do?

Answer

The referee should award a drop-out.

Question 3

A player has been awarded a **mark in goal**. The kick is taken and the ball strikes an upright and rebounds over the dead ball line. What is the correct decision?

Answer

A scrummage to the attacking side 5 metres out on a line through the mark.

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QUIDNUNC'S COLUMN

SURPRISING, isn't it, how urban he-men can be reduced to mere mortals when faced with what rural folk accept as the norm. Quidnunc himself can be squeamish on occasions with the result that he is not entirely without sympathy for an unsettling moment in the life of this afternoon's subject for discussion.

Mr. Ian Lee Hembrow is 6ft 3in tall and weighs in at a handy 17 stone 4 lbs. I am not therefore levelling any accusation of weakness at him when I report that he was reduced to ashen-faced trembling when he watched, first, a calf being born and, secondly, animals being slaughtered.

But that's the price of travel. Quidnunc has mentioned on a number of occasions in this column that rugby players really get around a bit nowadays. Ian Hembrow, born in Maesteg which is as good a reason as any for choosing this match to look a little more deeply into his life and times, spent the summer of 1988, for example, playing in New Zealand and Australia. When not playing rugby for Hauraki, in NZ, he worked on a farm and it was here that he came across first-hand knowledge on some of the more visually unappealing aspects of everyday country life. "It was the calving season," he explains, "and I was not used to that sort of thing. It certainly turned my stomach over a bit".

That is not the reason, however, why he has decided almost certainly to turn down a further offer to spend this summer down under. "I seem to have had five seasons on the trot doing nothing other than play rugby, winter and summer, and I have perhaps grown a little stale. A break will do me good, I believe."

One of those summers was spent coaching in Arizona. As a Welsh Youth International in 1987 Ian, who was born in June 1969, travelled to coach at the University of Arizona and to play with the Old Pueblo Lions in Tucson. "It was a marvellous couple of months or more and I would very much like to go back to the United States one day — though on holiday and not to play rugby."

He started his rugby at Cwmfelin Primary School before moving on to Maesteg Comprehensive, starting as a prop and gradually working his way backwards through the scrum until we have today's back-row man.

His form with Maesteg Celtic Youth drew the attention of the selectors and he won his Welsh Youth Cap against Italy in 1987, with further appearances on the bench against the French and English.

It was inevitable that the Maesteg club would take a look and, indeed, he played a couple of games for them — and another with Aberavon — before Cardiff moved in.

"And I certainly do not regret the move. I have probably been playing the worst rugby of my career in some ways in the past weeks," he admits honestly, "and I have not been able to string performances together, rather like the team as a whole.

"But I believe seriously that Cardiff can quickly become a power again. Obviously, everyone is waiting for news of the announcement of a new coach. Whoever it is, we'll certainly be trying hard enough."

Off the field, when he's not out on the rounds as a gas board service engineer — and, no, he has no stories to tell on the lines of the Confessions of a Window Cleaner — you may well find Ian doing a crossword: it appears that he sorts out every day the Western Mail, Mirror and Star.

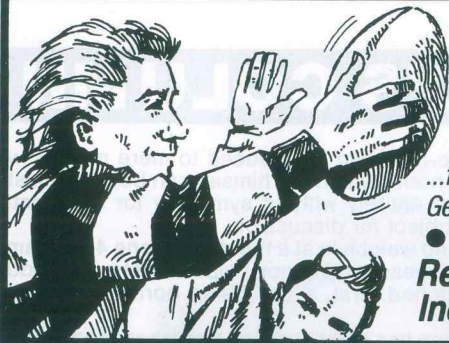
It is true that he did on one occasion have his van stolen while he was working inside one home and there was once as an apprentice an embarrassing moment when he dumped all the gear in the wrong house. Generally speaking, however, correcting gas appliances is comfortable in comparison with watching young calves being born.

A gigantic pasta eater — a pound and a half of mince with spaghetti, three or more times a week — he has to watch his weight though his teammates — and he admits it — claim that he is not the world's best trainer.

He'll sing "Ruby" for you when pressed to take part in after-match activities and thoroughly enjoys batting No.4 for Maesteg Celtic Seconds on the cricket field.

But Quidnunc can't help wondering whether his decision not to return to New Zealand this summer has nothing to do with any desire to score runs. Far more likely is the fact that he is engaged to the delightful Sian and is saving to get married.





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- 7. Richie COLLINS

To be selected

- Full Back
- Right Wing
- Right Centre
- Left Centre
- Left Wing
- Outside Half
- Inside Half
- Forwards



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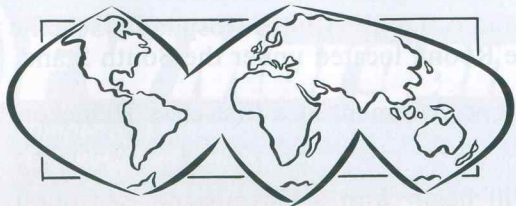
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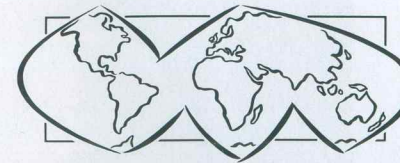
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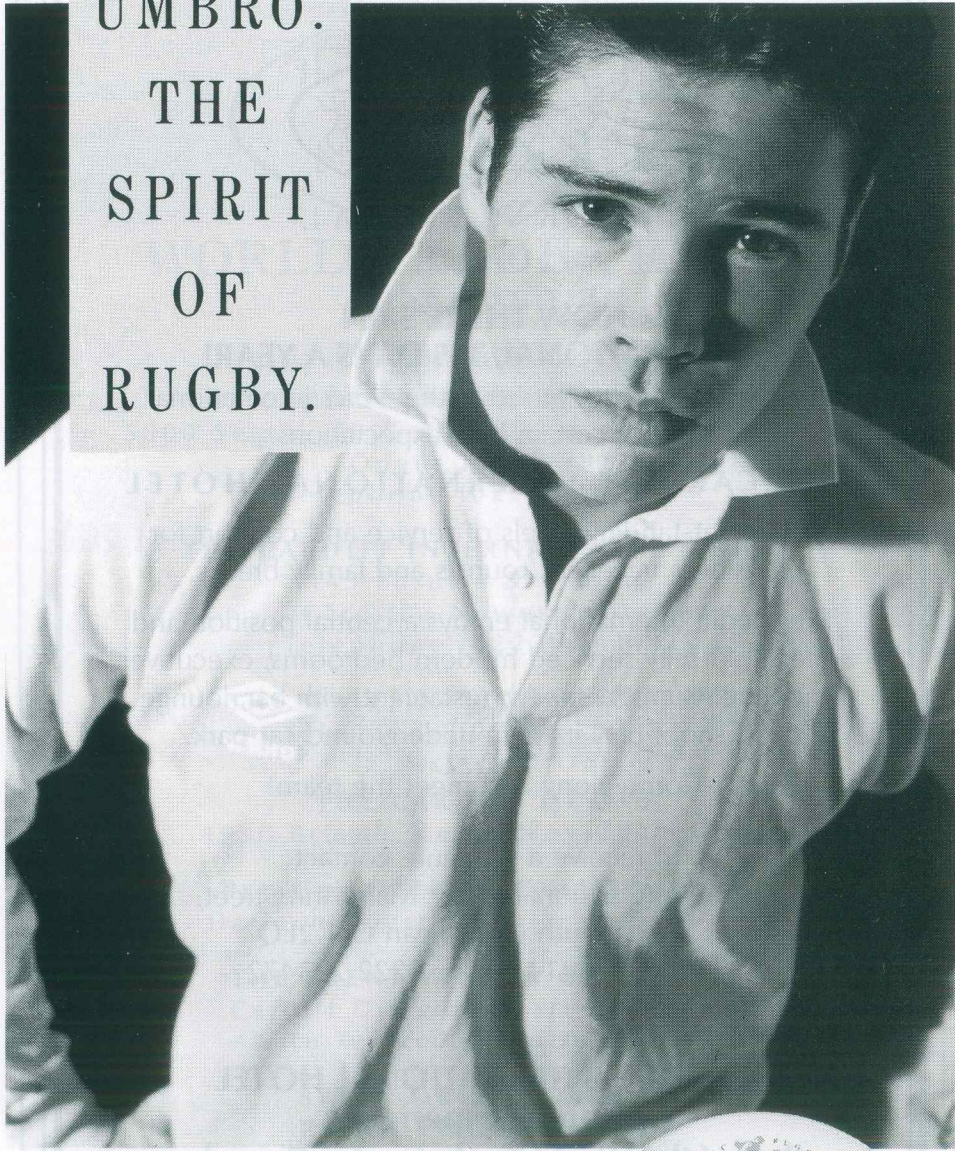
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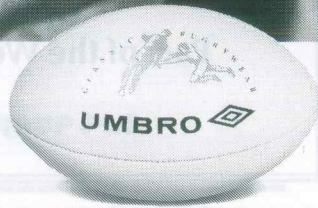


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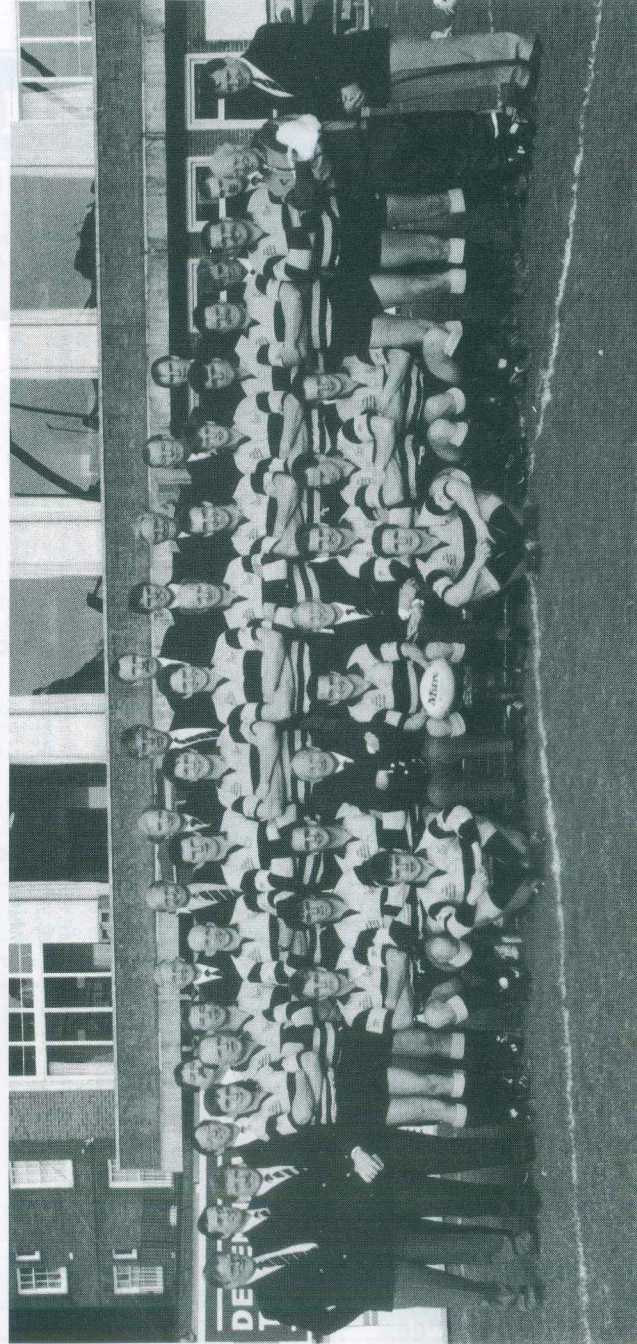


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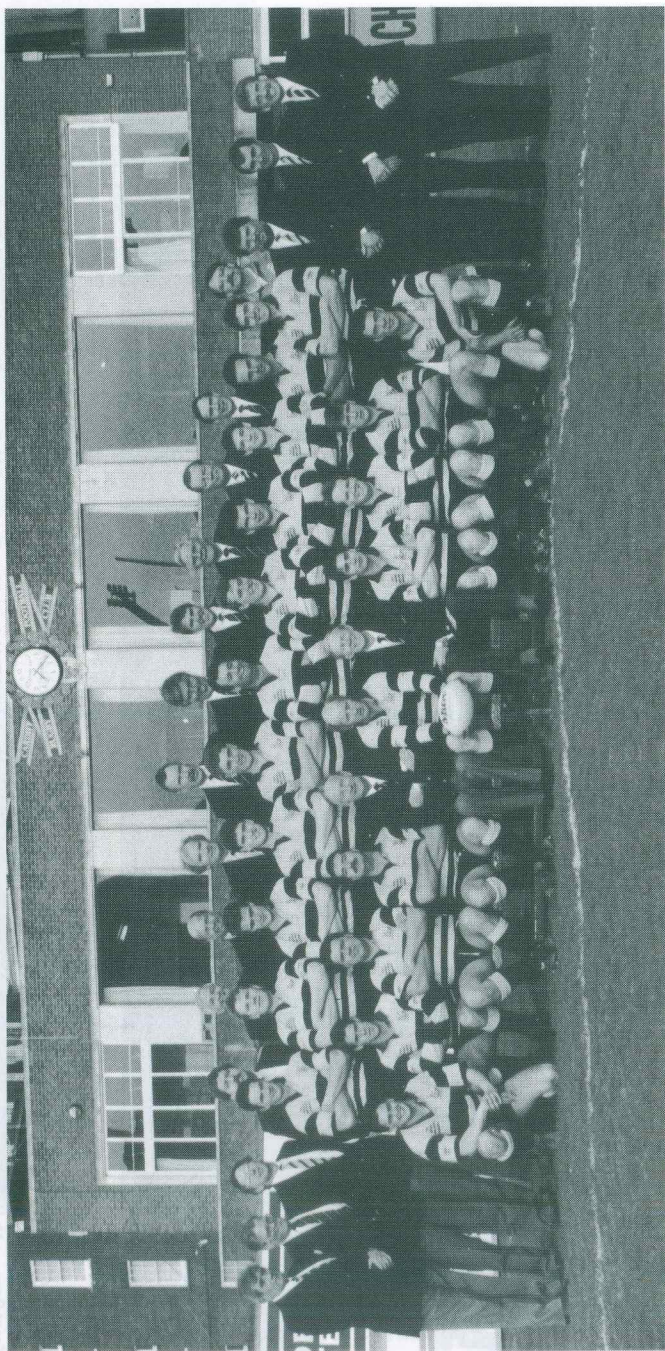
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First Division

	P	W	D	L	T	Pt
Swansea ..	13	9	0	4	40	18
Bridgend ..	13	9	0	4	23	18
Llanelli	13	8	1	4	36	17
Pontypool ..	13	7	2	4	29	16
Pontypridd ..	13	8	0	5	21	16
Newport	13	7	1	5	29	15
Newbridge ..	13	7	0	6	27	14
Neath	13	4	2	7	23	10
Cardiff	13	2	1	10	18	5
Maesteg	13	0	1	12	10	1

Second Division

	P	W	D	L	T	Pt
SW Police	13	9	1	3	34	19
Llanharan	12	9	0	3	22	18
Cross Keys ...	12	6	3	3	27	15
Dunvant	12	7	0	5	26	14
Aberavon	12	6	2	4	25	14
Ebbw Vale	12	7	0	5	25	14
Glam. Wands ..	12	5	1	6	21	11
Aberillery	13	5	1	7	21	11
Tredegar*	12	3	0	10	17	4
Penarth	13	1	0	12	13	2

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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'avon 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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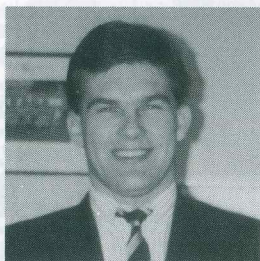
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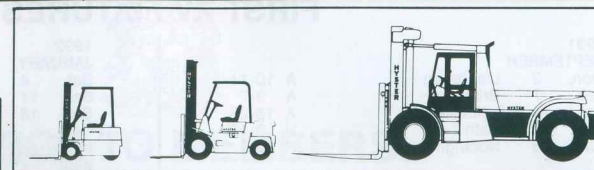
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Rugby Quiz No. 16 – Answers

1. *The WRU President's XV to officially open our present ground. We won 17-8.*
2. *A British Lions XV composed of the tourists who had visited the Antipodes in 1950. We lost 14-12.*
3. *An Overseas International XV. We won 24-15.*
4. *Season 1981-82. We also won the cup that season.*
5. *Gareth Davies, 383 points season 1983-84.*

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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	22-12
Sat. 15	Newbridge (L)	A	6-16
Sat. 22	Newport (W.R.U. Cup 6th)	H	4-12
Sat. 29	Bridgend (L)	H	14-18

MARCH			
Sat. 7	London Welsh	A	29-25
Sat. 14	Pontypridd (L)	A	12-17
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 - 2.30p.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	Garniffaith	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	26-11
Sat. 29	Bridgend Ravens	A	16-17

MARCH			
Sun. 8	Maidenhead	A	.....
Sat. 14	Pontypridd Ath.	H	31-12
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 - 7.15p.m.



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