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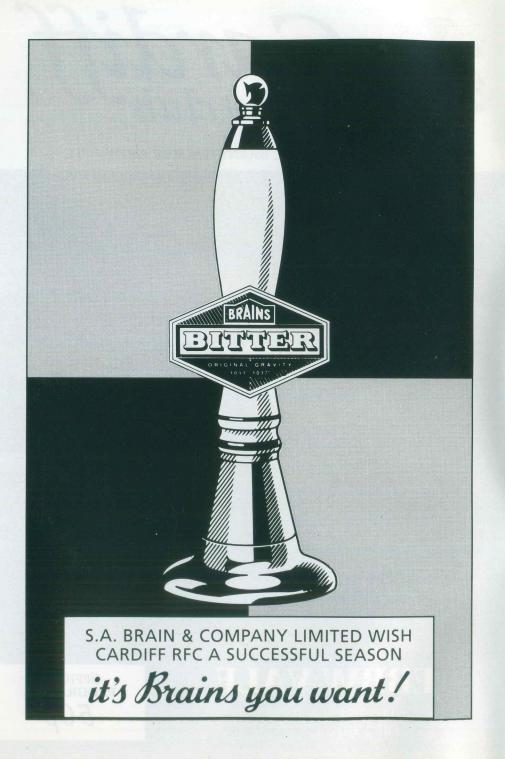
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Saturday, 2nd May, 1992 Kick-Off 2.30 p.m. official programme 50p





## Cardiff v. Ebbw Vale

SATURDAY 2nd MAY, 1992 KICK-OFF 2.30 p.m.

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Hello there, all you jovial supporters of the Blue and Blacks, who only a fortnight ago were on the edge of mass suicide, insurrection or resignation. It's amazing what a win or two does to lift the morale, and send a shaft of sunlit optimism through the murky gloom of a joyless season.

A win over Newport is always enjoyable, and to follow that with rare and remarkable victory at Pontypool Park within the week gives added pleasure to what are too often fruitless sojourns into the Gwent valleys.

It is purely coincidental that our guests today are also from the heartlands of Gwent. Ebbw Vale recently had their vision of a quick return to the top levels of welsh Rugby dashed by their near neighbours Cross Keys (they don't play their rugby on sentimental principles up there in the Gwent valleys — a local derby is a local derby, and the only consequence is immediate result, not the long term consequences).

Nevertheless, we find ourselves playing Ebbw Vale today because both sides are no longer distracted by their involvement in the Schweppes Cup. Which of course is much preferred by us, as an alternative to playing them in the Second Division next season.

Over the years we have established a strong relationship with Ebbw Vale, ever since we first started playing them shortly after World War II. The Ebbw Vale club emerged from the turmoil of the war with an exceptionally strong and talented team. Their jumbo sized pack containing names like Len Dimmock, Len Coldrick, Des Winters, Eric Finney, Ben Edwards, Francis Matthews is readily called to mind. Roy Hughes, the Tovey boys, Wilf Hunt, Dennis Evans were skilful and formidable backs that immediately spring to mind from a list too long to print, and too long to remember. These were days when the furnaces at Ebbw Vale burned bright, and their glow created a false sunrise onto the northern horizons of the Gwent valleys. They burn no more, and change is inevitable.

Somehow I feel that Ebbw Vale RFC would prefer to have the steelworks and the hard men that went with them to the environmentally sound and culturally superior, but invariably gentler and softer regime of the Garden Festival. I knew lots of prop

forwards who worked in the strip mills, I don't know any that planted daffodils.

In all this is the record of games played against Ebbw Vale: P.67 W.39 L.23 D.5 For 1,094 Against 623

Ebbw Vale will be attempting to achieve their seventh win at Cardiff today. Included in the previous record were two Schweppes Cup matches, both played at Ebbw Vale which Cardiff won 29-10 and 22-9. Our captain today, lan Watkins, is of course a former Ebbw Vale player and I am sure he will be preparing a warm reception for Ebbw Vale, both on and off the pitch.

CROESO GLYN EBWY.

D.J.H.

#### **CARDIFF YOUTH**

The whole of the club must congratulate our youth team on their victory in the Esso Cup against Maesteg. They have since followed that success by winning the East District Cup against Cardiff Harlequins at the Glamorgan Wanderers ground.

#### THE RAGS

The Rags are finishing off a more than satisfying season. They have scored 219 tries in their 40 games. Their record to date reads:

P.40 W.35 L.5 For 1,193 Against 441

#### THE UNDER 21's

The Under 21's, a team that contains masses of brilliant talent for the future, are the only unbeaten team in the club. By definition they also have a ground record, but on this occasion they also have a ground record because they have only played away. They beat Llanelli Under 21's at Stradey 20-18.

Their record to date:

P.1 W.1 L.0 D.0 For 20 Against 18

Under the guidance of Peter Manning they will be defending this record against Llanelli at Cardiff on the 6th May, kick off 7.15p.m. For the connoisseur with an eye to the future this is the team to watch.

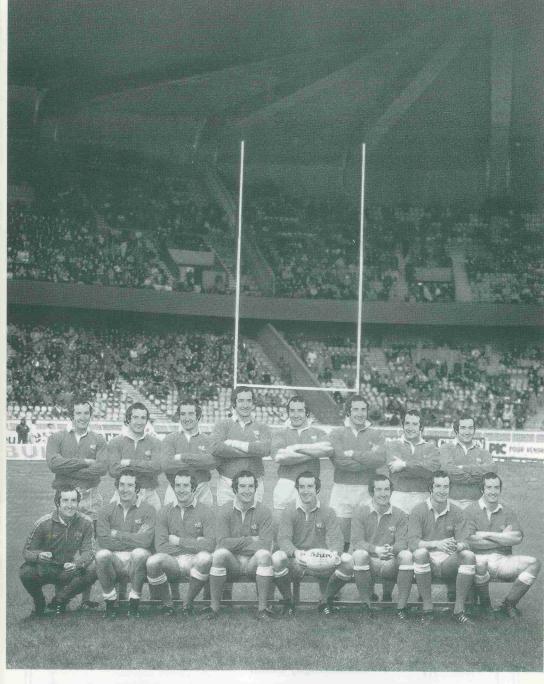
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I am reminded to inform you that the Supporters Club A.G.M. will be held in the Athletic Club on 20th May.

#### THE LOTTERY

Sir Albert Francis wishes it to be known that the Lottery will take place on the 21st May. His star attraction is the new sensation from The Vale 'The Singing Farmer' from Llantwit Major. Not to be missed I am told.

D.J.H.



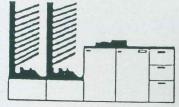
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## Rugby Quiz - No. 19

With the season coming to a close, let's have a look at our club's current records.

- 1. Who is the season's highest scorer?
- 2. Who has scored most tries?
- 3. Who has played most first team games?
- 4. How many times have we failed to score in a game?
- 5. Who is the Rags top scorer?



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#### **RUGBY'S RULE CHANGES**

On April 16th, the International Rugby Football Board, meeting in Wellington, New Zealand, announced 16 Law changes and 4 Experimental variations with the aim, hopefully, of creating a faster, more entertaining game. I will outline some of the changes in this programme against Ebbw Vale and the others in the programme for the last home League game of the season against Neath.

- Scoring values change to make a try worth five points. Ebbw Vale will surely welcome this, for their game last Saturday against Llanharan ended in a 12 all draw. yet Ebbw Vale scored three tries to none. Penalties and drop goals still worth three points, but teams awarded a free kick may not score a dropped goal until after the ball next becomes dead.
- After a tackle any other player (not involved in the tackle) must be on his feet when he plays the ball.
- In general play, offside players may not advance towards a player waiting to play the ball until they have been put onside.
- At a quick throw the ball may be thrown in from any point along the touch line nearer to the defending team's goal line, provided the player uses the same ball and retrieves it himself.
- When a player receives the ball outside his 22 and runs behind the 22 to kick for touch, he may not gain ground from the kick.
- When a penalty is kicked directly into touch the same team will have the throw in.

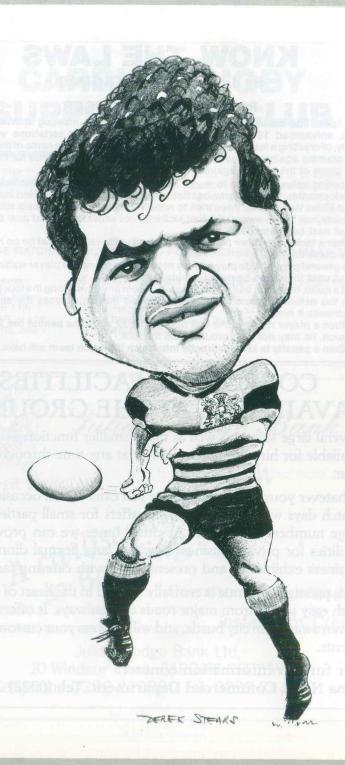
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TWO SWALLOWS don't make a summer, nor even a spring, but there's no doubt that two Heineken League victories have caused a bit of a buzz around the place — and not only among Cardiff players and supporters.

As he goes quietly about his business Quidnunc comes across rugby people outside the capital who believe that the men in blue and black are poised once more to make an impact.

Clearly, the arrival, albeit temporarily for the moment, of the new coaching supremo Alec Evans and the appointments of his impressive henchmen have also been major talking points as the old season fades.

One of the things that has struck me as I seek information for the Quidnunc column is the cheerful spirit of the majority of the players, confident and optimistic for the future and somewhat puzzled about the lack of success on the park.

"We're not all that far from being a decent side," is the often repeated theme. "One day we'll put it all together ...."

Because of this, I went in search of one of our senior men whose individualistic flair has given such frequent pleasure. It was only a couple of months ago that we read that Mark Ring was due to hang up his boots and retire yet again.

Those who know Ringo well are aware that some of his statements — particularly with regard to racehorses — should be taken with a substantial pinch of salt; he is not above a little leg-pulling.

So what, I thought, does the future hold for Mark? Six telephone calls and a desultory conversation with his answering machine failed to provide any answer.

With his new business in roofing — Mark took the Thatcher-style advice to go out on your own, or at least with the assistance of the redoubtable Martin Daly — he was clearly deeply committed.

So with the Derek Stears cartoon and the presses ready to roll I had to admit defeat over an interview.

Perhaps we will see Mark enthusiastically making the most of his comeback, while he continues also his successful relationship with St. Albans. Perhaps we will see him fitting comfortably into the Alec Evans-Terry Holmes scheme of things. Perhaps that flair which can so easily win a match, or which can upset certain opposition with the impishness which makes him attempt to backheel a conversion, will be even more free- ranging.

Who knows? What is clear is that he was delighted to have been a part of that win against his old club at Pontypool Park last weekend.

Let's hope that Ringo can remain injury-free and that business, both on the roof and on the pitch, will be very much as usual next season.

Today's visitors, Ebbw Vale, are still usefully placed to win promotion to join us next year in the First Division. What with garden festivals and all, these are interesting times also at Ebbw Vale, a club which is one of the answers to a rugby question which came my way recently and which you can contemplate as you wait for the start today. How many WRU-affiliated clubs can you think of which start and end with the same letter? There are several — if you think hard enough.



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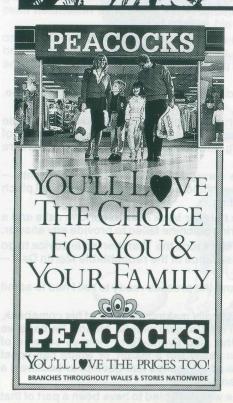
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- 10. Craig MILLER
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- Phil SEDGEMORE
- Paul KAWULOK
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- 6. Phil THOMAS 8. Howard STONE
- 7. Matthew LLOYD
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- 17. Jonathan HUMPHREYS
- 18. Paul EDWARDS

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



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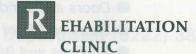
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- **Darrel MEREDITH 15.** Gavin THOMAS 14.
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- Andrew JEWITT 12.
- Geraint BOWDEN 11.
  - Stewart McKIE 10.
  - John HODGES 9.
- Alan PHILLIPS
- **Keirion GREGORY** 
  - Neil HITCHMAN 3.
  - Mike BOYCOTT 4.
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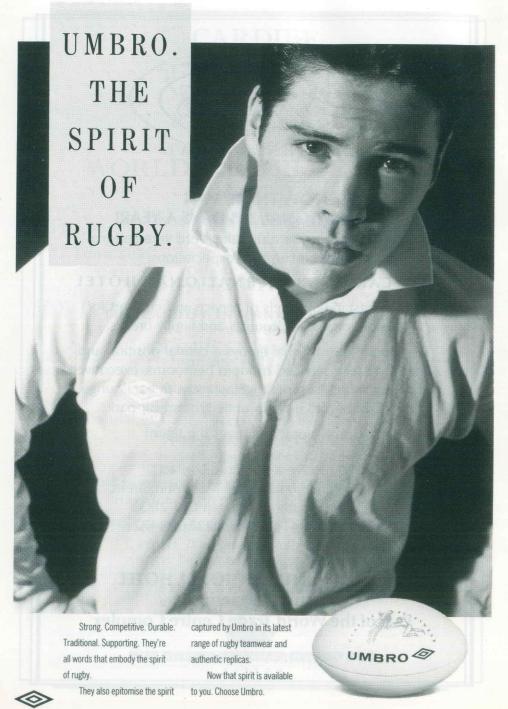
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#### **First Division**

	P	W	D	L	T	Pt
Swansea	17	13	0	4	56	26
Llanelli	17	11	1	5	55	23
Newbridge	18	10	0	8	36	20
Pontypridd	17	10	0	7	31	20
Neath	17	8	2	7	41	18
Bridgend	17	9	0	8	30	18
Pontypool .	17	7	3	7	35	17
Newport	18	7	2	9	36	16
Cardiff	17	5	1	11	26	11
Maesteg	17	1	1	15	16	3

#### **Second Division**

	Р	W	D	L	Т	Pt
SW Police	17	11	2	4	42	24
Aberavon	17	10	3	4	49	23
Ebbw Vale	16	10	1	5	35	21
Cross Keys	16	8	3	5	35	19
Llanharan	16	9	1	6	26	19
Abertillery	17	8	1	8	34	17
Glam Wands	17	8	1	8	27	17
Dunvant	16	8	0	8	31	16
Tredegar*	17	4	0	13	28	6
Penarth	17	1	0	16	17	2

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landovery	18	13	0	5	30	26	Kenfig Hill .
laina	18	12	0	6	43	24	Abercynon
arberth	18	12	0	6	30	24	St. Peter's .
reorchy	18	9	3	6	27	21	Blackwood
lt. Ash	18	7	0	11	25	14	P'pool Utd
umney	18	6	2	10	22	14	Y'gynlais
rexham	18	4	2	12	23	10	Kidwelly
onymaen	18	4	1	13	31	9	Cilfynydd
avon Qns	18	4	0	14	22	8	Ruthin

Fourth Di	visi	on				
	P	W	D	L	T	Pt
Tumble	17	14	0	3	54	28
Kenfig Hill .	18	11	1	6	38	23
Abercynon	18	10	2	6	39	22
St. Peter's .	18	10	2	6	36	22
Blackwood	18	9	1	8	36	19
P'pool Utd	18	8	1	9	38	17
Y'gynlais	18	8	1	9	25	17
Kidwelly	18	7	0	11	27	14
Cilfynydd	17	5	2	10	34	12
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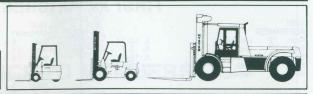
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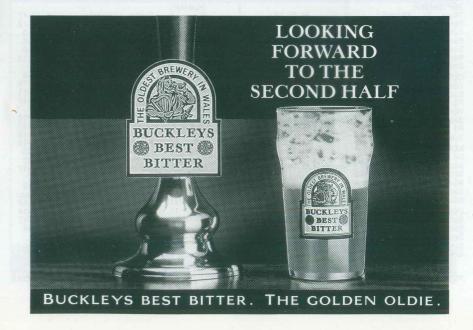




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## Rugby Quiz No. 19 - Answers

- 1. Mike Rayer, 113 points from 3 tries, 19 conversions and 21 penalties.
- 2. Steve Ford, 14.
- 3. Paul Kawulok, 33 (including all 17 league games).
- 4. None, we have managed some score in all 37 games played.
- **5.** Craig Miller with 150 points from 4 tries, 40 conversions, 17 penalties and 1 drop goal.

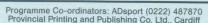


## Cardiff Rugby Club 1991-92

	FIRST XV FI	XTURES
1991 SEPTEMBER Mon. 2 Llanharan Sat. 7 Bristol Sat. 14 Leicester Sat. 21 Bath Sat. 28 Nottingham	A 10-14 A 9-7 A 18-23 H 9-10 H 28-4	1992 JANUARY Sat. 4 Pontypool (L) H 10-24 Sat. 11 Neath (L) A 3-3 Sat. 18 Pencoed (Cup) A 58-10 FEBRUARY
OCTOBER Sat. 5 Aberavon Tue. 8 Penarth Fri. 11 Calmorgan War Sat. 19 Cambridge Univ Fri. 25 Wasps		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
NOVEMBER Fri. 1 Gloucester Sat. 9 Swansea (L) Sat. 16 Newbridge (L) Sat. 23 Bridgend (L) Sat. 30 Pontypridd (L)	H 6-11 A 9-23 H 3-6 A 9-28 H 19-12	Sat. 14 Pontypridd (L) A 12-17 Fri. 20 Ayr H 27-12 Sat. 28 Maesteg (L) H 22-9  APRIL Sat. 4 Wasps A 14-12 Sat. 11 Llanelli (L) A 6-22 Sat. 18 Barbarians H 25-26 Tues. 21 Newport (L) H 18-13
DECEMBER Sat. 7 Maesteg (L) Sat. 14 Llanelli (L) Sat. 21 Newport (L) Thurs. 26 Pontypridd Sat. 28 Welsh Academic	A 32-6 H 22-28 A 6-12 H 10-27 H 55-14	Sat. 25 Pontypool (L) A 23-10  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**

Thurs Sat. Tue. Sat. Tue. Sat. Sat. Sat.	7 10 14 17 21 28	Pencoed Bristol United Llandaff Leicester Extras Bedwas Bath United Llanhilleth	H 35-14 H 23-12 H Canc. H 26-15 A 22-16 A 24-27 A 22-0		JANUARY Sat. 4 Sat. 11 Tues. 14 Fri. 17 Sat. 25 Thur. 30 FEBRUARY	Pontypool Athletic Ebbw Vale Athletic Caldicot Garndiffaith Old Illtydians St. Peter's	A 54-17 H 48-12 A 34-0 H 54-6 A 23-0 H 22-13
OCTO Wed. Sat. Fri. Wed.	5 11 16	Glynneath Hirwaun Mountain Ash Senghenydd	A 19-10 H 36-3 A Canc. A Canc.		Sat. 8 Sat. 15 Sat. 22 Sat. 29 MARCH	Glamorgan Wanderers II Abercarn Bedwas Bridgend Ravens	A 19-8 H 14-15 H 26-11 A 16-17
Sat. Fri. Tue. NOVE	19 25 29 MBER	Blackwood Pontypool United Rumney	H 24-9 A 15-7 H 7-3		Sat. 7 Sun. 8 Wed. 11 Sat. 14	London Scottish Maidenhead Llanelli U21's Pontypridd Ath.	A 45-15 A 47-13 20-18 H 31-12
Fri. Sat. Sat. Wed.	1 9 16 20	Gloucester United Rosslyn Park II Cardiff Inst.H.E. Cardiff Medicals	A 3-39 H 16-10 A 21-14 H 66-0	,	Wed. 18 Sat. 28 APRIL	Pontypool United Osaka University U21's Cwmcarn	H 13-8 26-6 A 13-17
Sat. Sat. DECEI Sat.	23 30 MBER 7	Bridgend Ravens Pontypridd Athletic Glamorgan Wanderers II	H 48-12 A 38-13 H 38-4	3	Sat. 4 Wed. 8 Sat. 11 Wed. 15	Croesyceiliog Cardiff H.S.O.B. Neath Athletic Newport United	A 61-9 H Canc. H 34-18 A 20-14
Sat. Sat. Sat. Sat.	14 14 21 28	Builth Wells Senghenydd Newport United Caerphilly	A Canc. A 41-6 H 23-0 A Canc.	, i	Ned. 22 Sat. 25 MAY Sat. 2 Sat. 9	Bridgend Sports Pontypool Athletic Ebbw Vale Athletic Rumney	H 42-17 H 28-4
		Saturday Kick Off -	2.30 p.m.			ick Off – 7.15 p.m.	





#### NOTICE TO MEMBERS

The Committee of Cardiff Athletic Club wish to bring to the attention of all members that the bar is now open from 12 noon — 11 p.m. every day with the exception of Sundays, when normal hours prevail.

Your new Steward, Jeff Ellerman, and his wife Betty, are serving lunches from their new menu between  $12-2\,\mathrm{p.m.}$ 

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