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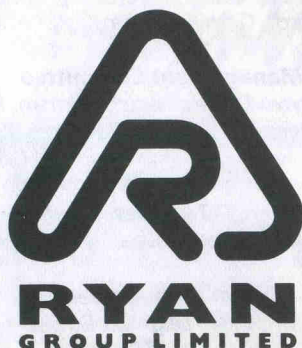
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### A Dilemma For The All Blacks ? asks Rod Rees

*If Neath succeed against Cardiff today then what it means is that the All Blacks will have done a favour for Swansea and Llanelli in terms of the Heineken First Division Championship. Everybody of course is aware of the warm affection the Courage Gnoll men have for their Stradey and St. Helen's counterparts. That is the All Blacks dilemma!*

*On the contrary it is the day when Neath will be determined to put on one of those vintage performances of which every one of their supporters know they are capable. Led again today by Gareth Llewellyn, the home side will relish the challenge offered by their visitors.*

*Cardiff's play this season has been an exciting revelation and it has to be said that in the main the turn around in Arms Park fortunes is down to one man. How relieved everyone in the Cardiff club must be that Alex Evans has decided to stay on as club coach. It is an exciting prospect for Cardiff and a real challenge for the rest of Welsh rugby.*

*Mike Hall leads the side today and I hope that we will be congratulating him retaining his place in the Welsh side for Paris and that in a short time we shall be expressing our pleasure at his selection for the Lions.*

*We also congratulate Nigel Walker on earning his first Cap against Ireland and hope he will be given a further opportunity by the selectors to display his obvious talent. At the same time we will be hoping those talents are not too apparent today.*

*All we can do because of printing schedules is wish all those in contention for a trip to Paris the best of luck and congratulate*

*those whose names will appear in the final selection.*

*Many of us at Neath will be hoping that former Gnoll player Adrian Davies will be named at outside half for Wales. His abilities are still admired at the Gnoll even though he has forsaken the Maltese cross. He returns to Neath today as the leading scorer in the First Division with 206 points.*

*Colin Laity also appears in the Cardiff side as does former Neath forward Kevin Matthews. Good luck to both and the rest of the Cardiff team as we look forward to an open and sporting game of rugby.*

*Now to more domestic matters and a reminder that Neath's SWALEC Cup quarter final match against Cross Keys has been rearranged for Saturday 3rd April and is in fact our next home game. The original date 27th March sees the All Blacks travel to Newbridge in the Heineken League.*

*Chairman and Fixture Secretary, Berwyn Davies has asked me to confirm that the SWALEC Cup semi final is to be played on 24th April and that on Easter Monday it is hoped Neath will play their previously postponed league match away at Pontypool. That should make an interesting change to an otherwise dull Bank Holiday!*

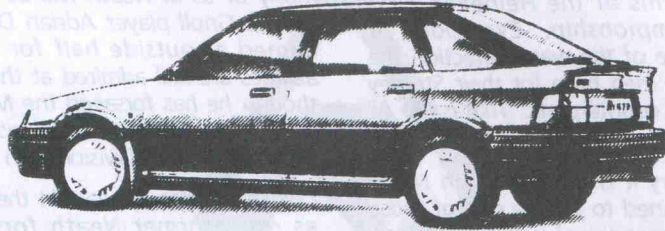
*Next Tuesday evening Neath will be playing a match at Skewen. It should be quite an evening for our President, Martin Thomas, because he is President of both Clubs.*

*Finally congratulations to Martyn Davies on his success as coach of the Welsh Youth XV especially for that definite win over Italy. This afternoon Martyn's charges take on France at Swansea and we wish them luck.*





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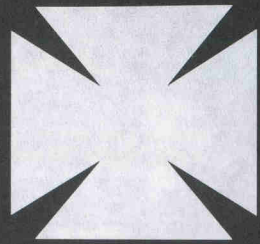
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Neath v Talywain



All Black Ian Boobyer makes a break during the SWALEC Cup match against Talywain.



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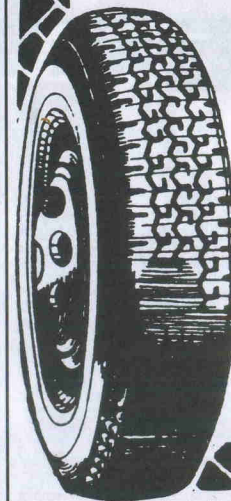
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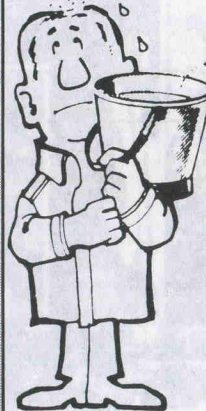
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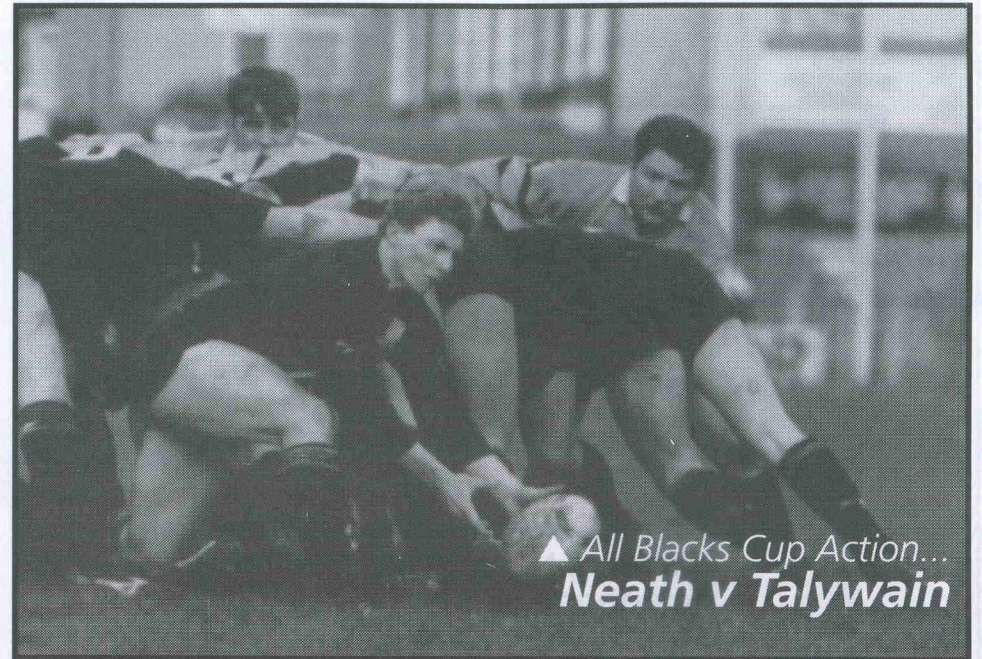
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Steven Barclay	Colin Laity	Paul Thorburn	Carwyn Young
John Davies	Gareth Llewellyn	Andrew Thomas	Matthew Singer
Tony Bumford	Glyn Llewellyn		



▲ All Blacks Cup Action...  
**Neath v Talywain**

▲ A solid scrum from the All Blacks allows Rhodri Jones to feed the backs.

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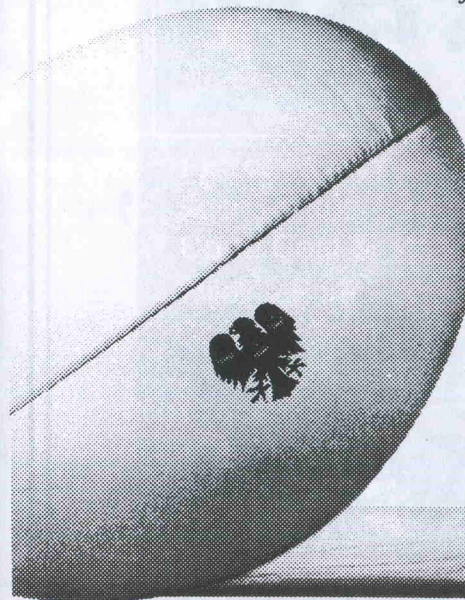
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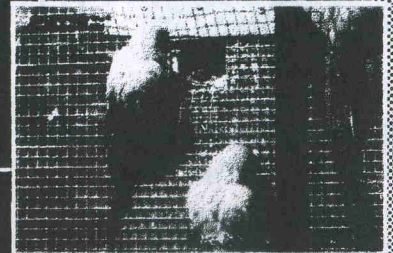
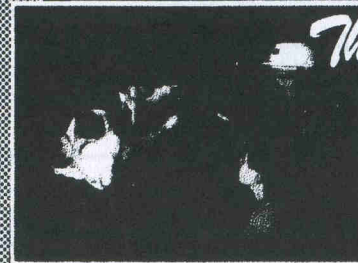
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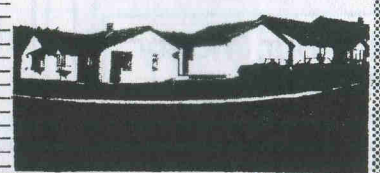
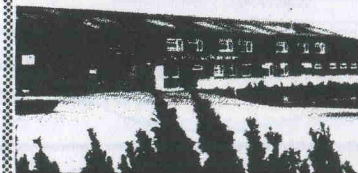
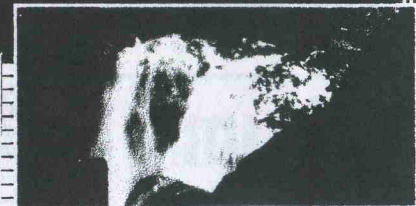
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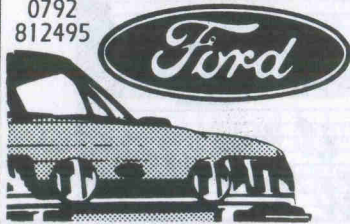
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<b>13</b> Huw Woodland	Right Centre (Canolwr)	Mike Hall † (Capt) <b>13</b>
<b>12</b> Anthony Donovan	Left Centre (Canolwr)	Colin Laity * <b>12</b>
<b>11</b> Steve Bowling	Left Wing (Asgell chwith)	Nigel Walker † <b>11</b>
<b>10</b> Matthew McCarthy	Stand Off (Maswr)	Adrian Davies † <b>10</b>
<b>9</b> Rhodri Jones	Scrum Half (Mewnwr)	Andy Moore <b>9</b>
<b>1</b> Brian Williams †	Loose Head Prop (Y rheng flaen)	Kevin Matthews <b>1</b>
<b>2</b> Andrew Thomas *	Hooker (Bachwr)	Jonathan Humphries <b>2</b>
<b>3</b> John Davies †	Tight Head Prop (Y rheng flaen)	Phil Sedgemore <b>3</b>
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<b>6</b> Ian Boobyer	Left Flanker (Blaenasgell)	Howard Stone * <b>6</b>
<b>8</b> Steve Williams	No.8 (Y rheng ol)	Hemi Taylor <b>8</b>
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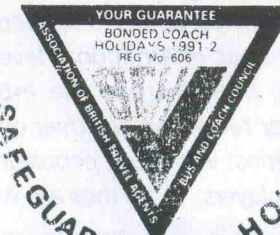
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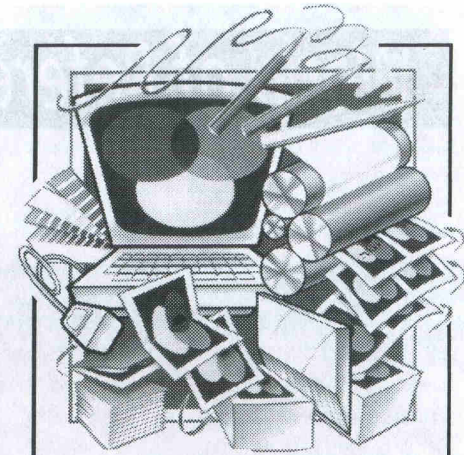
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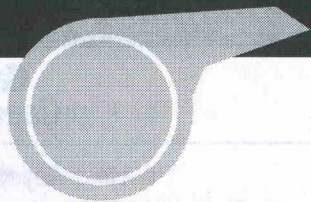
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Let me qualify this by quoting from law. It states that "If a tackle occurs in such a position that the tackled player whilst complying with the law is able to place the ball on or over the line, the try should be awarded".

Dewi Morris met all the criteria laid down in this law, and in my opinion, was unlucky not to have been awarded a try.

To describe the line-out as a lottery in the International matches I've seen during this championship, would be an understatement. It seems to me that, providing the ball comes out, anything goes. That this hasn't lead to more hostile confrontation is a credit to the

discipline of the players involved at these phases.

By  
**David Herbert**

The comment has been made that our players are not "street-wise" and should adopt the same tactics as their opponents. I honestly feel, that in Wales, our referees genuinely try to control this area of the game.

If they didn't, they know that pretty soon they'd have open warfare on their hands.

Referees at all levels have a responsibility to referee the game within the laws. One former International referee has been heard to say that in ordinary matches you referee the "Laws" but at International level, you referee the "Rules".

This more than suggests to me that at the highest level of the game, referees think that they have a license to opt-out of applying the laws correctly. This theory has been confirmed by recent events at International level. Perhaps they believe that the International factor far outweighs their obligations to the most important people in the game, the players. If so, they are wrong.

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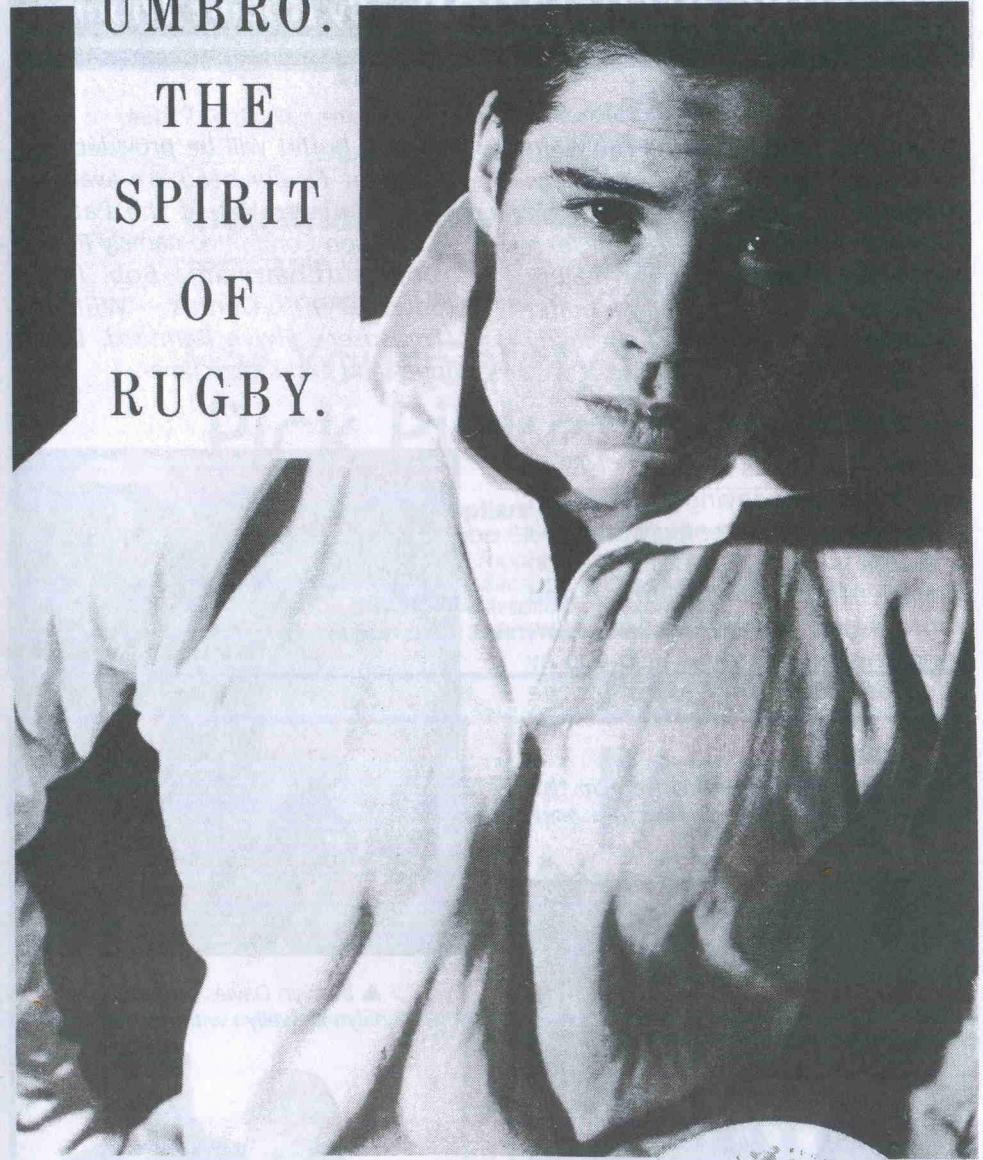
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# Patrons Association *By Robert Thomas*

The buffet following the Talywain game was a great success and was attended by some 80 Patrons. The Committee has resolved that such buffets will become a regular feature of each Season and hopefully a buffet will be provided at one of the early matches next Season.

The "Man of the Match" of the Swansea game was Anthony Clement and the accompanying photograph shows him being presented with a pair of cut glass brandy glasses by Patron Mrs. Cynthia Besley. Our second photograph shows Glyn Llewellyn being presented with his Club Cap by Chairman Berwyn Davies in the Patrons Lounge.

Tickets are now available for the Sports Forum to be held on the 29th



▲ Mrs Cynthia Besley presenting Anthony Clement with Man-of-The-Match Neath v Swansea

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▲ Berwyn Davies presenting Glyn Llewellyn with his Cap.



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# Supporters Club News

By **Alwyn Williams**

Richard Thomas, in his column "In Touch" in last Saturday's "The Sporting" criticised this club and myself for errors which appeared in the programme for the Cup game against Talywain. We were accused of saying that the tie was the 11th round and also that we referred to the SWALIC Cup when it should have been SWALEC Cup. These were obviously printing errors, something that should not happen but frequently does, even in "The Sporting". Perhaps Mr. Thomas should refer to Page 2 of the same issue of that newspaper. In the report of the Wales v Ireland match, the referee was named as "A. R. MacNeil (Scotland)", in my copy of the official match programme he was named as "A. R. MacNeill (Australia)". Two errors one of spelling and one of location. One might ask who wrote the report for "The Sporting", none other than Richard Thomas. Did I hear someone say "People who live in glasshouses . . ."

On Saturday March 27th we are away to Newbridge in a Heineken League match. Transport arrangements are in hand, tickets can be obtained from the Club shop.

May I remind members of the Race Night to be held in the Clubhouse on Friday 16th April. This promises to be a highly successful and not to be missed. It is hoped that each race will be sponsored, and anyone interested in becoming a sponsor please see either Paul Mallett or myself as soon as possible so that we can have race cards printed.

**Transport**  
**Newbridge v Neath**  
**Saturday 27th March, 1993**

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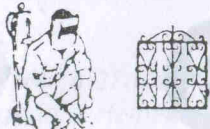
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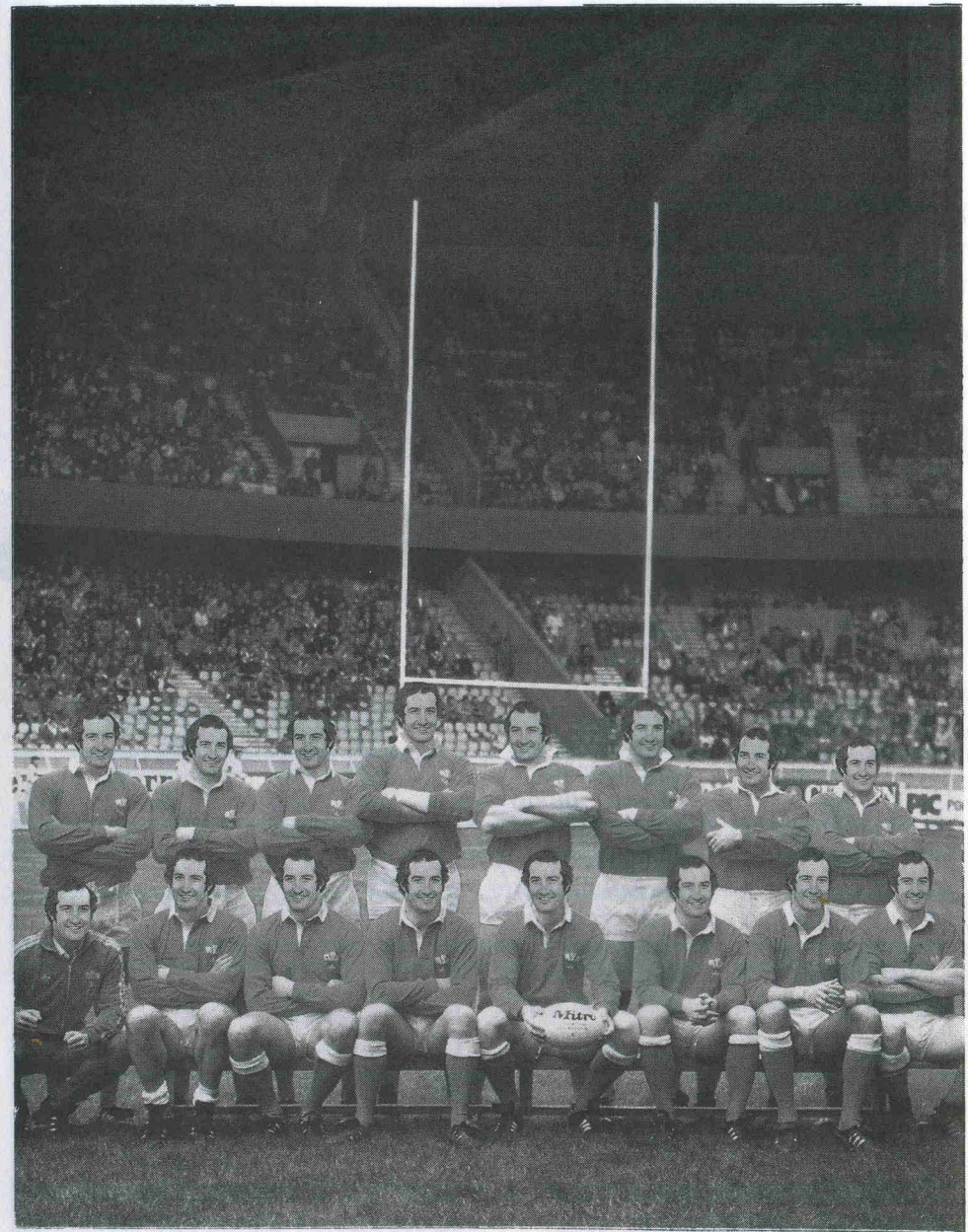


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## Social Scene ...

Today let's offer a warm welcome to players, officials and supporters of the Cardiff Club. Please come and join us in the Clubhouse, where as well as a Cardiff Steward, you'll find a wide range of drinks and snacks.

Although another disappointment for Wales last week it was still a great afternoon in the Clubhouse, the faggots and peas were enjoyed if not the game. Why not join us next week for France v Wales live on big screen TV.

There's a number of events on at the Club next month that are well worth taking note of. On Good Friday April 9th there's a group called Sixties-R-Us for those who can recall the sixties, you may remember them as the Blackjacks who had a number of chart hits. They come highly recommended, tickets are £2.50 and available at the bar. On the following Friday April 10 as well as a bit of bingo we've the duo Carl and Tina. This is an absolutely a fabulous show which you may know better as the Banjo Man, we've been inundated with requests for them to come back to the Club after such a success at Christmas.

Friday 16th April, sees our Race Night. This is Big Screen Horse Racing with all the trappings of the big track. Whether a horse racing fan or not this is a terrific evening, which incidentally a number of us have experienced at the Cardiff Clubhouse where it's a regular event.

Thanks to the Patrons Association there's also a Sports Forum on the 29th.

Any enquiries, booking your wedding, parties and special occasions, Sunday lunches etc. etc. see me, Keith the Steward or phone 644240 (evenings)

By  
**Paul Mallett**



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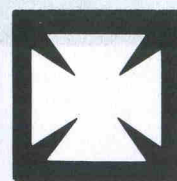
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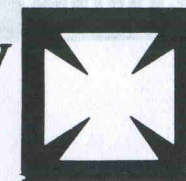
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● Drinks at Club  
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# Fixtures

## September 92

1 Blaenau (Centenary)	(Away) W	62-0
5 Pontypridd (L)	(Away) W	9-11
7 Bryncoch (6.15 p.m.)	(Away) W	0-84
12 Pontypool (L)	(Home) W	37-16
19 Bridgend (L)	(Away) W	20-24
26 Newport (L)	(Home) W	32-10

## October 92

3 Swansea (L)	(Away) L	29-12
10 Aberavon (L)	(Home) W	38-16
17 Cardiff (L)	(Away) L	20-31
24 Newbridge (L)	(Home) W	21-14
29 Oxford University	(Away) W	13-32
31 Maesteg (L)	(Away) W	21-31

## November 92

4 Abertillery	(Home) W	24- 5
7 North Shields	W	3-107
11 Australia	(Home) L	8- 16
20 Bridgend (L)	(Home) W	12- 6
21 Wales v Australia		
28 South Wales Police (L)	(Home) W	27-15

## December 92

5 Llanelli (L)	(Away) L	24-16
12 Pontypridd (L)	(Home) W	28-15
19 Cup Aberavon Quinns	(Away) W	31- 5
22 Gloucester	(Home) W	22-14
26 Aberavon	(Away) L	25-14

## January 93

2 Pontypool (L)	(Away) Postponed	
5 Berry Hill	(Home) W	0-50
9 Llandovery	(Home) W	40-13
16 Newport (L)	(Away) L	0-17
23 Cup Pyle	(Away) W	20-10
30 Swansea (L)	(Home) L	8-18

## February 93

2 Bath	(Away) Postponed	
6 Wales v England		
13 Aberavon (L)	(Away) L	13-12
20 Scotland v Wales		
27 Cup Talywain	(Home) W	30- 7

## March 93

6 Wales v Ireland		
13 Cardiff (L)	(Home)	
16 Skewen	(Away)	
20 France v Wales		
27 Cup		

## April 93

3 Newbridge (L)	(Away)	
10 Maesteg (L)	(Home)	
17 Cup		
24 South Wales Police (L)	(Away)	

## May 93

1 Llanelli (L)	(Home)	
8 Cup Final		

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