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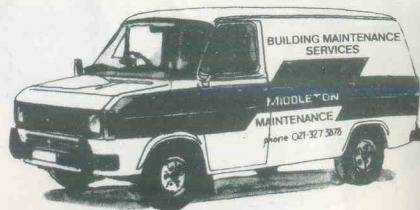


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MOSELEY NEWS

• OUR VISITORS TODAY...

We are very pleased to start the New Year at The Reddings by welcoming those always popular visitors, Cardiff, a great club by any standards.

Much has been written of their great feats in the past so on this occasion just a few names to stir the memory. Billy Cleaver and Bladdyn Williams, those great centres of the late forties, the immortal Wilfred Wooller who was capped eighteen times and captain of Wales in 1938-39. While still at Cambridge he played on the wing in the Welsh team that beat the All Blacks 13-12 in 1935. He played cricket for Glamorgan, captain in their 1948 championship year, squash rackets for Wales and soccer for Cardiff City. Lock Eddie Watkins who also played in the 1935 match and of course Gareth Edwards winner of fifty-three Welsh caps and Gerald Davies forty-six.

Last season high standards were maintained under the captaincy of Terry Holmes now of course with Bradford Northern. Cardiff won thirty-two games, drew two and lost only six scoring 1,058 points with 478 against.

They were unbeaten at home including a victory over the touring Australians 16-12 and reached the final of the Schweppes Challenge Cup only to lose to Llanelli by one point 14-15, a dropped goal by Gary Pearce in injury time deciding the issue. On that day Cardiff fielded ten internationals. They came second in the Welsh Cup Championship behind Pontypool drawing with them at home 9-9, losing comprehensively at Pontypool but gaining revenge in the Semi Final of the Cup beating them 24-3 at their own ten man rugby game.

Gareth Davies scoring twenty points. He scored 365 points in all in the season and international winger Adrian Hadley scored twenty tries and Terry Holmes seventeen.

This season to date Cardiff have won twenty-four games and lost four. They have beaten Neath 30-27 and Fiji 31-15 but lost at home to Bridgend, and Bath are the only English team to beat them.

Hadley, Ackerman who has recently moved from London Welsh, and the two props, Whitefoot and Eidman are in the current Welsh international squad.

At the time of writing, the teams have not definitely been selected as Cardiff have the chance to avenge their defeat by Bath and Moseley play at Gloucester on New Year's Day.

The provisional Cardiff side includes nine internationals totalling some 130 caps between them amongst whom is John Scott, thirty-four caps for England, and Bob Ackerman and Gareth Davies twenty-one caps each for Wales. The captain is hooker

Alan Phillips (fifteen caps) one of a very formidable front row.

Moseley hope to see the return of Steve Boyle but are likely to lack the services of Carl Arntzen who has not recovered from the hamstring injury suffered against Headingley. It is hoped that Steve Cookson who has not played for the first team this season will be on the bench—with superstar Julian Swain.

An interesting game is in prospect which will also be entertaining and hopefully close—just the fare to get down to the realities of the New Year.

• PREVIOUS MATCHES...

In 1965-66 Cardiff were our guests at the 'turning on' of our floodlights and won 13-0. Fixtures began on a regular basis in the 1973-74 season since then Moseley have won four matches and Cardiff twelve. Last season's game at Cardiff was frozen off, Moseley last beat Cardiff 11-7 in the 1980-81 season..

• SUNDAY TELEGRAPH ENGLISH WELSH TABLE...

Teams	P	W	D	L	%
Pontypool	10	9	0	1	90
Cardiff	15	11	0	4	73.33
Bath	12	8	1	3	70.83
Leicester	12	8	0	4	66.67
Swansea	14	8	1	5	60.71
Neath	10	6	0	4	60
Newport	12	6	2	4	58.33
MOSELEY	11	6	0	5	54.55
Llanelli	14	7	1	6	53.57
Coventry	10	5	0	5	50
Harlequins	8	4	0	4	50
Nottingham	4	2	0	2	50
Bristol	12	5	0	7	41.67
Newbridge	10	4	0	6	40
Gloucester	11	4	0	7	36.36
Bridgend	10	3	0	7	30
Wasps	4	1	0	3	25
London Welsh	11	1	1	9	13.64
Northampton	8	1	0	7	12.50
S.W. Police	6	0	0	6	—

Up to and including Sunday 29th December 1985

In the Sunday Telegraph Welsh Club Table, Cardiff are lying second to Pontypool having won fourteen out of seventeen matches. Pontypool have won eighteen games and have lost only to Neath.

In the English Club Table Moseley are lying ninth out of nineteen with six matches won and five lost. Leicester are top having won eleven games and lost three which includes Moseley's 7-6 win in that memorable game in November.

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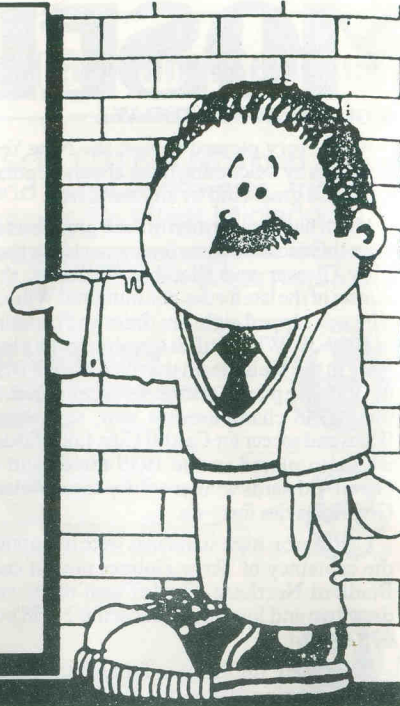
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CLUB SPOTLIGHT...

Instead of our usual feature about a Moseley player the Spotlight is on the First and United XV's, with statistics up 31st December 1985.

● **MOSELEY FIRST XV... Played: 21, Won: 13, Lost: 8, Points For: 387, Points Against: 292.**

Player	Tries	Cons.	Pen.Gls.	Points	Player	Tries	Cons.	Pen.Gls.	Points
I. Metcalfe	3	19	31	143	T. Exeter	3	—	—	12
J. Goodwin	13	—	—	52	N. Jeavons	2	—	—	8
D. Payne	8	—	—	32	C. Smith	2	—	—	8
S. Robson	6	—	—	24	S. Masters	2	—	—	8
M. Colwell	4	—	—	16	A. Parsons	2	—	—	8
G. Smith	4	—	—	16	One try (4 points): P. Hobbs, P. Gisbourne, I. Day, G. Cox,				
C. Arntzen	2	2	—	12	P. Goodwin, R. Tuckwood, C. Meanwell, P. Daniell. Plus				
P. Shillingford	3	—	—	12	one penalty try				

Total... Tries: 63, Conversions: 21, Penalty Goals: 31, Points: 387

● **MOSELEY UNITED... Played: 18, Won: 13, Lost: 5, Points For: 397, Points Against: 198.**

Player	Tries	Cons.	Pen.Gls.	Points	Player	Tries	Cons.	Pen.Gls.	Points
S. Davies	1	13	7	51	A. Thomas	3	—	—	12
P. Goodwin	—	7	11	47	P. Daniell	3	—	—	12
S. Robson	7	2	1	35	A. James	2	—	—	8
D. Jenkins	8	—	—	32	I. McMillan	2	—	—	8
C. Meanwell	—	3	6	24	M. Crees	2	—	—	8
N. Parr	—	2	6	22	A. Williamson	2	—	—	8
P. Hobbs	5	—	—	20	M. Drane	—	—	2	6
P. Shillingford	5	—	—	20	One Try (4 points): G. Swain, P. Humphries, A. Williams,				
I. Day	5	—	—	20	J. Gatehouse, D. Bloomfield, A. Lamb, R. Tuckwood, P.				
P. Sidaway	4	—	—	16	Gisbourne, A. Kitching, A. Parsons, P. Lockyer, C. Barbor.				

Total... Tries: 61, Conversions: 27, Penalty Goals: 33, Points: 397.

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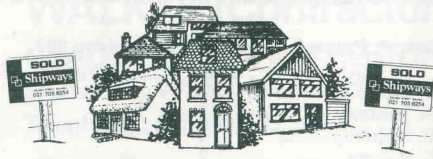
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Date	OPPONENTS	Ven	Result
Sep 1	West Hartlepool	H	W 15-9
7	Nottingham (●★)	A	L 12-17
11	Rugby (★)	A	W 19-9
14	Swansea	H	L 10-25
17	Stourbridge	A	W 19-6
21	Bath (●)	A	L 10-50
28	Northampton (★)	H	W 38-13
Oct 5	Sale (●)	A	L 16-21
12	Pontypridd	H	W 16-12
19	Aberavon	A	L 9-13
26	Coventry (★)	H	W 14-13
Nov 2	Newport	H	W 18-0
9	London Welsh	H	W 36-13
16	Roslyn Park	A	W 10-6
23	Leicester (●★)	H	W 7-6
27	Fylde	H	W 37-7
30	Newbridge	A	L 14-18
Dec 7	Headingley (●)	H	W 36-10
14	Bristol (●)	A	L 6-22
21	Bedford (★)	H	W 42-3
26	Coventry	A	L 3-19
28	Waterloo	H	Cancelled

Date	OPPONENTS	Ven	Result
Jan 1	Gloucester (●)	A	
4	Cardiff	H	
11	Neath	A	
17	Saracens	H	
25	West Hartlepool (S)	A	
31	Wasps (●)	H	
Feb 5	Loughborough Students	H	
8	Northampton (S)	A	
15	Gosforth (●)	A	
22	Abertillery (S)	A	
26	Birmingham (★)	H	
Mar 2	Blackheath	H	
5	Nuneaton (★)	A	
8	Liverpool	H	
15	Richmond	A	
22	London Scottish (● S)	H	
26	C.O.B.S.	H	
29	Newport	A	
31	Llanelli	H	
Apr 5	Gloucester	H	
12	London Irish	A	
19	Bridgend	H	
26	Leicester (S)	A	

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INSIDE MOSELEY

● MOSELEY 42, BEDFORD 3...

Moseley won their Midland Merit Table match against a very young Bedford side comfortably. Bedford fought gallantly and held Moseley to 14-3 at half-time. Robson scored the first of the nine tries with a typical break followed by a pushover try by Shillingford. Adrian Parsons playing instead of John Goodwin scored the third after the ball went across the line and Metcalfe kicked one conversion. Finnie kicked a penalty for Bedford.

After the interval came the avalanche. In the first quarter of an hour, Masters scored after a break by Jeavons, Parsons finished off a move in confident style and Graham Smith's prodigious dummy and fifteen metre run to score near the posts was much enjoyed. Then Metcalfe ran thirty metres through a bewildered defence to score the seventh try and Tim Exeter who had made several good beaks and had a good game rounded off with two tries in the closing minutes. Metcalfe converted two.

● COVENTRY 19, MOSELEY 3...

It was not a good Boxing Day for the West Midlands as Moseley joined the big form soccer clubs in defeat. Invited to kick down wind in the first half pressure was put on them to build up a useful lead but Metcalfe converted only one of the five penalties awarded to them and Steve Thomas's two penalties for Coventry gave them a 6-3 lead.

Even then one thought Moseley still had a chance as they got a fair amount of ball and it seemed only a matter of time before the ball would get to the wings where they would prove dangerous.

But with the second half only minutes old Steve Thomas kicked another penalty and Moseley's scrum began to look suspect. The Coventry pack put on the pressure and Graham Robbins scored his twenty-third try of the season after Moseley had lost their own put in close to the line. Thomas converted.

Moseley then tried to run the ball as much as possible—but it was just not their day. After stretching the Coventry defence the ball would go to ground and the move broke down. Four minutes from time Steve Thomas broke through the middle of a maul and sent over Paul Thomas in the corner. John Goodwin went close in the last minute but kicked the ball too far with the line at his mercy, which more or less summed things up. There was too much whistle, the game never flowed and it was altogether a big disappointment for the large following from Moseley. Coventry, as usual, did the simple things well and played to their strength.

● BEDFORD WANDERERS 6 MOSELEY UNITED 39...

The United celebrated their Christmas early with an emphatic display of controlled rugby. The pack dominated throughout and after leading 11-nil at half-time Moseley 'turned the screws' and five more tries were scored. Bedford had a man sent off and Skimsley scored a try converted by McKay after fifty-two minutes.

Tries for United were scored by Mark Crees, Phil Lockyer, Adam Williamson, Ian Day, Chris Barber and Paul Daniell and Simon Davies scored a try and kicked four conversions and a penalty.

● MOSELEY KNIGHTS 15, LICHFIELD 9...

The resurrection of the Moseley Knights team was very

successful as the John Player Cup 'giant-killers', Lichfield found in an entertaining game. Fielding a side of mainly United players and a guest, Bob Dixon of Old Yardleians, the Knights dominated the first-half in muddy conditions to build up a lead of 12-0. Simon Davies kicked two penalties in the first six minutes and Adrian Parsons scored a well executed try converted by Davies after thirty-seven minutes. Lichfield came more into their own in the second half and the game brightened up no end. Tony Bartlett reduced the lead with a range penalty and after Davies had kicked his third penalty for Moseley, Lichfield ended the game on a high note, Bartlett scoring and converting a try with three minutes left for play.

The team was: S. Davies, D. Jenkins, A. Kitching, I. McMillan, A. Parsons, J. Gatehouse, A. Williamson, S. McGee, C. Barbor, R. Dixon, C. Burgess, M. Crees, I. Day, P. Daniell, R. Barr (captain). Replacements (not used) D. Rose, D. Kingscott.

● CITY OFFICIALS 13 MOSELEY VANDALS 3...

Once again late cry-offs left the Vandals with a weakened team. David Bucknall made his debut this season and won the front row match by 3-0 against the head—in spite of the front row's total age of 130!! (experience counts!). At the other end of the age and fitness scale Matthew Stansfield also in his first match kicked a penalty to give the Vandals a chance at 6-3 down. A fine sporting match was marred only when one of the opposition was so incensed by the smiles of Bucknall and Stansfield R. that he refused to drink in the Bar.

● MOSELEY VANDALS 8 BROMSGROVE IV 6...

The Vandals finished '85 in rousing style with tries from Phil (Blanco) Hall and Simon (Porche) Cooper ensuring a fine win. The highlight and winning tackle of the match was by our previously unnamed winger, Patrick Lee. (Appologies to the Editor ref Match Programme 21-12-85, David Connolly is suffering from a severe infection brought on by contact with a parrot!)

The Editor was very pleased to receive the following report from by far the youngest contributor to the Moseley F.C. programme, Jimmy Thorp, captain of the Moseley Mini Under-11 team.

● MOSELEY UNDER-11's 14 BARKERS BUTTS 0...

Played on Sunday, 15th December, 1985

This was a good game with both sides tackling hard and well but Moseley had the edge running in three tries but only converting one. The tries were scored by Barnaby Sheridan (two) and Ben Hughes (one). The conversion was kicked by Jimmy Thorp.

Barkers Butts played a good game but were not as well organised as Moseley.

Team: Full back—Lee McDonagh, Wing—Barnaby Sheridan, Centre—Jonathan Smart, Stand off—John Proctor, Scrum half—Ben Hughes, Flanker—Daniel Malin, No. 8—Stuart Mills, Prop—Matt Howard, Hooker—Jimmy Thorp (Captain).

(Editor: Many thanks—how about some more reports from the Mini Section).

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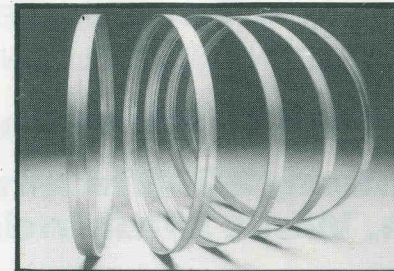
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14 J. GOODWIN

Right-Wing

13 C. SMITH

Right-Centre

12 I. McMILLAN

Left-Centre

11 D. PAYNE

Left-Wing

10 T. EXETER

Fly-Half

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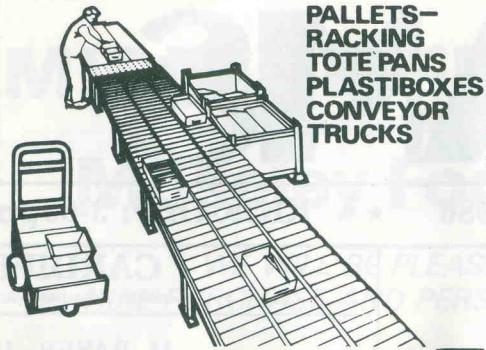
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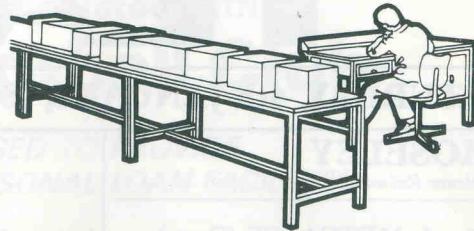
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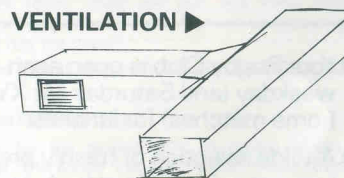
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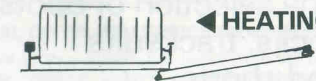
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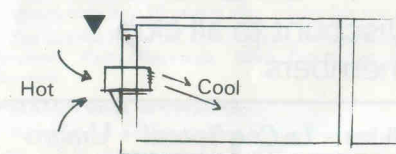
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● TODAY'S MATCH SPONSORS...

NAPP LABORATORIES, Cambridge Science Park, Milton Road, Cambridge. Once again we welcome John Richards—yes, the REAL J.R. and your guests to pre-match hospitality in the Centenary Bar and a reserved section of the main East Stand. Your Company kindly Sponsored the John Player Cup, Coventry fixture here last February and whilst a different result is required today we look forward to an interesting contest with Cardiff. J.R. is the Hon. Social Affairs Officer at Moseley FC and organiser last year of the Veterans Tour to BOSTON, U.S.A. He was described in the Official tour programme as "Profession: Pill Salesman, recently capped by the Netherlands, well-known for his pre-match warm-up speeches which cover his profession in a wide and expansive manner—rather like John himself." As a member of that party the Editor was speechless or unconscious most of the time and your pills did HIM no b...dy good.

As they say—'Have a good day, You're Welcome.'

However (latest news) to Heather and John Richards, a beautiful bouncing daughter, Elizabeth weighed in at 9lb. on Christmas Eve. Congratulations from all your pals at the Club! What, another prop forward for the Ladies' Team.

● OH! NO JOHN, NO!

We made the announcement in our last programme, 21st December, and HE DIDN'T TURN UP! So we will repeat 'The Editor has been requested not to announce a forthcoming half-century for Middlesex supporter John Morgan.' So, John I will again ask Peerless Press to make NO MENTION of your FIFTY-FIFTY-FIFTY YEARS celebrated 2nd January.

● BUT WELCOME LOMBARD NORTH CENTRAL...

And that youthful John Morgan, ex-Cricketer, ex-Rugby player, ex-Marathon Runner and your guests to one of our Hospitality Boxes. We thank you for your continued support at The Reddings—have a look around the ground LOMBARD, read the programme (page 10) LOMBARD and with a bit of luck YOU TOO COULD BE ON THEIR MAILING LIST. Welcome also to your guests, hopefully Peter Robbins will be here today, must nail him and West Midlands Cleaning Services Ltd, for some form of Sponsorship this Season, he has the dates!

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● IMI COMPONENTS LTD...

Welcome Mr J. T. Richmond, Director and Secretary, Mr B. K. Jones, Director and your guests to the Presidents Committee Room for pre- and post-match hospitality. This is your first visit to one of our facilities you have certainly selected one of our busiest days in the season. We hope you enjoy a good luncheon and a tippie of cognac during the game. Post-match we shall provide a pot of tea and sandwiches and the continuance of a private bar. Thank you for your support, our Club Captain and couple of Players are sure to visit you for a pint afterwards.

● BRMB 24 HOUR RADIO...

Thanks once again to George Gavin at the Sports Desk for supporting us with a Match Ball Sponsorship. We appreciate all you do for the club—so members just tune to BRMB for your 24 Hour Radio.

● MIDLAND FINANCE LTD...

Thanks to our most ardent Club members Peter Kirk and Mike Sanders for all your support during the season. Lovely Barbara can pop into the changing rooms AFTER the match and get your balls autographed. Why not, you HAVE donated a couple this year—you need something to stand up on the mantelpiece!

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● JOHN PLAYER CUP—25th January 1986...

Supporters, Supporters—yes, enjoy a day out with coach travel organised by the newly-formed Members Sub-Committee. Coaches depart The Reddings about 8.45am and return from West Hartlepool departing 6.30pm. Coach seats (deposit £1) bookable today in the Members Bar, balance payable now or by 17th January. Adults: £6. Juniors: £3. TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!

Two Executive Coaches—with beer-booze-bar aboard also available. Buffet Lunch at The Grand Hotel, Hartlepool and Stand tickets included. Bookings accepted NOW (and a few seats only remain) at £17, per person. See Bernard Malin, Peter Woodroffe, Nigel Morris or Greville Edwards with your cheque payable to Moseley FC.

● Strong Contingent!

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Leicester	7	6	0	1	192	62	85.7
Moseley	6	5	0	1	132	61	83.3
Coventry.....	8	6	0	2	234	99	75
Nottingham ..	6	4	0	2	152	58	66.6
Northampton	7	2	0	5	112	140	28.6
Bedford	7	2	0	5	82	234	28.6
Nuneaton	5	1	0	4	55	125	20
Rugby	5	1	0	4	58	159	20
Birmingham .	3	0	0	3	18	97	—

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● THORN E.M.I. DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS...

We congratulate the Midlands Division on defeating the three other teams in the championship. The side was able to combine teamwork with the guest of individuals to win international caps. It will be interesting to see how much their commitment is rewarded. Will the selectors choose a pack of talented individuals or take into account the obvious blend of the Midland pack which dominated their opponents in all the games?

Our own John Goodwin, though not getting a lot of opportunity, came through the games with credit. He

took his try well against the North and who will forget his great cover tackle of Mark Bailey against the London Division. We wish him well in his attempt to get back into the England squad.

● NEXT SATURDAY AT THE REDDINGS...

Midland Schools 18 Group versus Australia Schools. Kick-off: 3-00pm. Admission: £1.00, Children and Senior Citizens: 50p.

This will be a very entertaining match. The Australian Schoolboys play like their elders did in the 1984 tour. They 'snap up trifles' and run and pass with enthusiasm and flare as was seen on Rugby Special when they beat Scotland Schools on 14th December. If you are not going to Neath... come and watch the International players of the future. The Ella brothers come to the fore at this level.

● FORTHCOMING MATCHES...

Saturday 11th January Neath versus Moseley at The Gnull, Saturday 11th January Midland Schools 18 Group versus Australia Schools at The Reddings, kick-off: 3-00pm

Friday 17th January Moseley versus Saracens at The Reddings, kick-off: 3-00pm, an important game as Saracens are near the top of the John Smith's Merit Table 'B'. Saturday 25th January West Hartlepool, John Player Cup Third Round.



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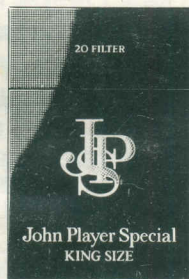
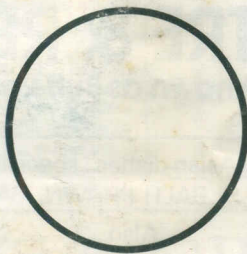
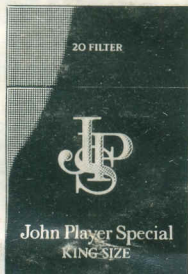
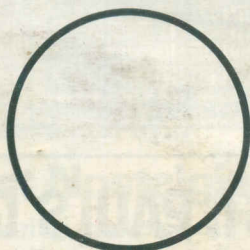
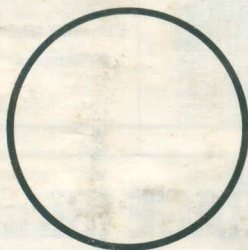
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