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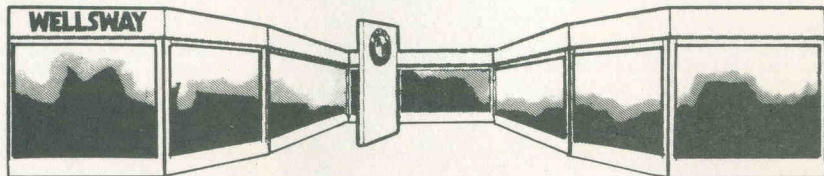
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Few things in rugby will more readily bring throngs to the turnstiles than the news that Cardiff are in town.

Recall that night of nights three seasons back on The Rec? Well, our Boys captured a treasured victory and to witness it all was a crowd of nine thousand!

How nice therefore to welcome again this prince of Clubs to Bath. Interesting, too, that it was a son of Somerset—one Frank Hancock—who actually inspired this same Club in their formative days back in the 1880's. Hancock was Wiveliscombe born and bred, one of some six brothers whose mark upon the game was—putting it mildly—remarkable. His 6' 6" brother Frouden would commute weekly by train to London, there to play for Blackheath and subsequently England. Frank it was who headed for Cardiff, there to expand the family brewing business and there to join up with the Cardiff side.

While in Cardiff ranks he inspired the 'four-three-quarter' formation in the Club's back division. And Boyo . . . it worked! Goodbye to ten-man packs and five men outside. Now it was hello to eight-man packs and seven men outside. And it was another hello to successive generations of magical Welsh running backs . . . just ask England.

Yet what is there to say of fortunes over in the Principality at this very moment. A season of puzzlement no less; a time of unexpected and disappointing results; perhaps even moments of self-doubt. And in Wales?

Yet consider this: prior to Christmas and Llanelli did much mischief to an albeit weakened Bristol, Newport clinched victory last weekend against 1st division Nottingham, and recently we at Bath had to pull out all the stops to get the result at Newbridge. In other words Welsh fortunes may have just bottomed out and a new era of talent may be waiting to move up onto the starting grid. After fifteen years at the top of the tree the Welsh game may have temporarily suffered from the unavoidable 'tiredness' factor (remember the strain at Bath of four successive cup final wins?) and perhaps a time for re-charging the batteries was needed. It is only a thought.

Of course, we must not (nor could we) forget our own deeds of recent weeks. We have, as you may have noted, found three new budding captains in our ranks, and 'Barnsie' would be the first to revel in the fact. First Paul Simmo' led the Boys to success at London Scottish; then Gareth Chilcott inspired our 'reserves' to that marvellous 21 - 21 result at Newport; and what an excellent job our Jon Hall made of things last Saturday against Northampton. Yes, captains of men appearing from everywhere and Club results attained during the Divisional month which showed so clearly the superb character and spirit among our players and coaching staff.

At a wider level the Australians found a new England, while the Varsity match revealed two teams re-born, doubtless encouragement for those commentators who maintain that our great game is capable of setting standards which few other sports can match. May we take those beliefs with us into the year that is 1989.

And finally we return to our visitors today, and in so doing say to Cardiff—the Club of legend—that we delight once again in your visit to Bath.

Harry W. Barstow

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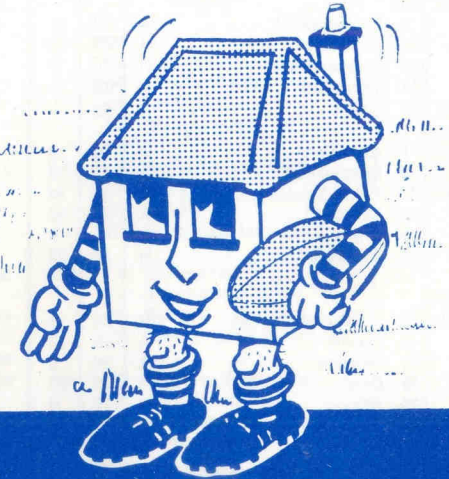
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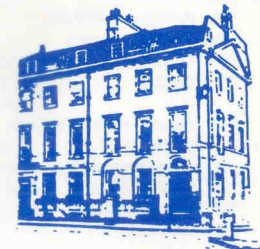
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FIRST XV FIXTURES AND RESULTS

Date	Opponents	Venue	Points	Date	Opponents	Venue	Points
Sept. 1988				Jan. 1989			
3	Pontypool	A	50 9	Wed 4	Cheltenham	A	31 6
10	Harlequins	*A	26 9	7	Cardiff	H	
17	London Welsh	H	40 3	14	Liverpool St Helens	*A	
24	Gloucester	*H	19 9	Fri 20	Metropolitan Police	A	
Wed 28	Clifton	A	22 6	28	Oxford (All Pay)	†H	
Oct.				Feb.			
1	Aberavon	H	24 13	Fri 3	Llanelli	A	
8	Rosslyn Park	*A	19 6	11	Sale	†H	
Wed 12	Public School Wanderers	H	54 44	18	Gloucester	A	
15	Bedford	A	16 10	25	Exeter	†H	
22	Bristol	*H	16 9	Mar.			
29	Toulouse	H	24 24	4	Swansea	H	
Nov.				11	Nottingham	*H	
Wed 2	Combined Services	H	20 3	Fri 17	Ebbw Vale	H	
5	Llanelli	A	25 12	25	Bristol	†A	
12	Moseley	*A	38 0	Mon 27	Richmond	H	
19	Orrell	*H	36 12	Wed 29	Plymouth	A	
26	Wasps	*H	16 6	Apr.			
Wed 30	Exeter University	H	30 4	1	Bridgend	A	
Dec.				Wed 5	Newport	H	
3	London Scottish	**A	27 19	8	Waterloo	*H	
10	Newport	**A	21 21	Wed 12	S.W. Police	A	
17	Saracens	**H	24 6	15	Llanelli	H	
Fri 23	Newbridge	A	22 18	22	Leicester	*A	
Mon 26	Clifton	H	57 6	29	London Irish	†A	
31	Northampton	H	58 3				

*Courage Clubs Championship
 †Pilkington Cup Round
 **Divisional Championship Dates

SPARTANS XV FIXTURES AND RESULTS

Date	Opponents	Venue	Points	Date	Opponents	Venue	Points
Sept. 1988				Jan. 1989			
3	Combe Down	A	9 14	7	Midsomer Norton 1st	A	
10	Cheltenham United	A	15 19	14	London Welsh	A	
17	Moseley	A	Cancelled	21	Cleve 2nd	H	
24	Bedwas	A	10 10	28	Old Edwardians 1st	H	
Oct.				Feb.			
1	Saracens U.21's	H	12 13	4	Old Culverhaysians 1st	A	
8	Cheltenham North	A	22 15	11			
15	Melksham	H	26 22	18	Dursley 1st	A	
20				25	Hucclecote 1st	H	
22	Loughborough Students	A		Mar.			
29	Swindon	A	40 0	4	Devizes 1st	H	
Nov.				11	Blackheath U.21's	A	
5	Gloucester Old Boys	H	31 13	18	Bedwas	H	
12	Moseley	H	19 16	25	Cheltenham Saracens 1st	A	
19	Plymouth	H	Cancelled	Apr.			
26	Clifton Wanderers	A	7 10	1	Chipping Sodbury 1st	A	
Dec.				8	Taunton United	A	
3	Stroud Nomads	A	3 28	15	Swindon 2nd	H	
10	North Dorset	A	Cancelled	22	Salisbury 2nd	A	
17	Romsey	A	17 13	29	Walcot 1st	A	
24	Chippenham 1st	A					
31	Exmouth	H	30 6				

UNITED XV FIXTURES AND RESULTS

Date	Opponents	Venue	Points	Date	Opponents	Venue	Points
Sept. 1988				Jan. 1989			
3	Pontypool Athletic	H	40 3	7	Cardiff Athletic	A	
10	Bridgend Sports	H	50 9	14	London Welsh Druids	A	
17	Moseley United	A	19 10	Fri 20	Cilfynydd	H	
24	Bedwas	A	28 18	28			
Oct.				Feb.			
1	Rosslyn Park XXX Club	A	18 26	Fri 3	Cwmbran	H	
Wed 5	Caldicot	A	36 10	11	Ebbw Vale Athletic	H	
8	Coventry United	H	46 11	18	Gloucester United	H	
15	Bristol United	A	6 37	25	Wasps Vandals	A	
22	Newport United	A	19 25	Mar.			
29	Cilfynydd	A	7 19	4	Bargoed	A	
Nov.				11	Abercarn	A	
5	Plymouth United	H	75 0	18	Bedwas	A	
12	Gloucester United	A	18 30	E.S. 25	Bristol United	H	
19	Coventry United	A	36 3	Apr.			
26	Bridgend Sports	A	22 19	1	London Irish	A	
Dec.				8	Newport United	H	
3	Harlequin Wanderers	H	0 10	15	Mountain Ash	⊖H	
10	Abercarn	H	9 15	22	Caldicot	H	
17	Abergavenny	⊖H	33 6	29	Cwmbran	A	
24	Cinderford	H	32 6				
31	Blackwood	A	Cancelled				

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YOUTH XV FIXTURES AND RESULTS

Date	Opponents	Venue	Points	Date	Opponents	Venue	Points
Sept. 1988				Jan. 1989			
3	Plymouth	A	16 12	7	Cleve	A	Cancelled
10	Lydney	H	Cancelled	14	Ivybridge	H	
17	Moseley	H	31 6	21	Llanelli	A	
24	Rosslyn Park	A	0 19	28	Barnstaple	H	
Oct.				Feb.			
1	Leicester	H	9 7	4	Lydney	A	
Wed 5	Gloucester	H	3 16	11	Newport	H	
9	Newport	A	Cancelled	18	Cinderford	H	
15	Cheltenham	A	6 7	25	Cardiff H.S.	H	
Tues. 18	Millfield	H	13 10	Mar.			
22	Cinderford	A	25 3	4	Cardiff	A	
29	Barnstaple	A	25 10	Wed 8	Gloucester	A	
Nov.				11	Havant	A	
5	Cinderford	H	3 19	Wed 15	Pontypool	A	
12	Thornbury	A	36 8	18	Taunton	A	
19	Moseley	A	Cancelled	25	Bournemouth	A	
26	Bristol	H	Cancelled	Apr.			
Dec.				1	Llanelli	H	
3	Wasps	H	3 18	8	Swanage	A	
10	Weston-super-Mare	H	Cancelled	15	Bristol	A	
17	Clevedon	H	17 4	22	Newbury	A	
Fri 23	Havant	H	12 18	29	Nottingham	H	
31	Winchester	H	19 15				

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<i>Right Wing</i>	15	TONY SWIFT*
<i>Right Centre</i>	14	JOHN PALMER*
<i>Left Centre</i>	12	JEREMY GUSCOTT
<i>Left Wing</i>	11	FRED SAGOE
<i>Outside Half</i>	10	STUART BARNES* (Captain)
<i>Scrum Half</i>	9	RICHARD HILL*
<i>Forwards</i>	1	STEVE KIPLING
	2	GRAHAM DAWES*
	3	RICHARD LEE
	4	JOHN MORRISON
	5	NIGEL REDMAN*
	6	KEVIN WITHEY
	7	JOHN HALL*
	8	PAUL SIMPSON*
<i>Replacements</i>	17	MARK WESTCOTT
	18	MARK CRANE

CARDIFF

Colours: Cambridge Blue & Black

<i>Full Back</i>	15	CERI THOMAS
<i>Right Wing</i>	14	GERALD CORDLE
<i>Right Centre</i>	13	STEVE CRANDON
<i>Left Centre</i>	12	RICHARD SHEPPARD
<i>Left Wing</i>	11	RICHARD JONES
<i>Outside Half</i>	10	CRAIG MILLER
<i>Scrum Half</i>	9	RAY GILES*
<i>Forwards</i>	1	STEPHEN BLACKMORE*
	2	ALAN PHILLIPS*
	3	ANDREW WILLIAMS
	4	TIM CROTHERS
	5	MIKE PARRY
	6	GARETH ROBERTS*
	7	RITCHIE COLLINS*
	8	MARK EDWARDS
<i>Replacements</i>	16	IAN GREENSHIELDS
	17	PAUL JOHNS

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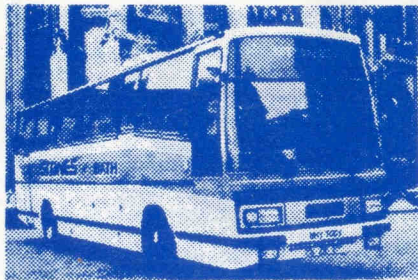
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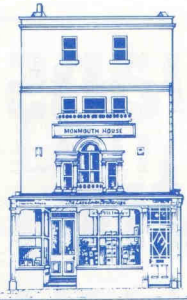
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Although the fixture with Metropolitan Police (away) is shown as being played on Friday, January 20th, it could be that the date will be brought forward to Wednesday, January 18th. If anyone is planning to travel to this game, please watch the local Press for details.

I would also like to take this opportunity of confirming that the United XV home games with Cilfynydd and Cwmbran will both be played on the Friday evenings of January 20th and February 3rd respectively.

The Courage League programme is resumed next Saturday, January 14th, when we travel to Liverpool St. Helens (Kick-off 2.30 p.m.). The players have been overwhelmed by your support this season and no more so than at Newbridge on December 23rd when we came from behind for a great win. The demand for seats on Supporters' Coaches to Liverpool St. Helens has been very encouraging so far. Peter Hall is arranging these and bookings can either be made today or by telephoning him on Bath 63264. Coaches will leave Pulteney Street at 9.15 a.m. **SHARP.**

The Bath Branch of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council will hold a collection at half-time today to which the Club hopes you will give your generous support. The Council will use the money collected for research into the causes and treatment of Arthritis and Rheumatism.

The star prize in today's Raffle will be a ball autographed by the players taking part in the Public School Wanderers game on October 12th last.

David Gay tells me that he has now received notification of the Club's allocation of tickets for the home International games against Scotland and France. As usual demand for these will far exceed supply and many applicants will regrettably be disappointed. The tickets will be distributed as soon as they are received.

Whilst on the subject of tickets, Colin Malcolm or Jim Cope will be in attendance at the Clubhouse on Monday and Wednesday evenings between 7.30 and 9.00 p.m. from Monday next, for the sale of tickets for the Pilkington Cup game here on January 28th. Don't forget that this is an "All Pay" game.

Clive Howard

LEADING SCORERS TO DATE:

	Games	Tries	Conversions	Penalties	Drop Goals	Total
S. BARNES	14	3	37	26	2	170
P. CUE	7	1	12	11	1	64
J. GUSCOTT	14	12	5	—	—	58
J. P. HALL	13	9	—	—	—	36
A. LUMSDEN	16	7	—	—	—	28
D. W. EGERTON	12	6	—	—	—	24
P. D. SIMPSON	10	6	—	—	—	24
A. H. SWIFT	8	6	—	—	—	24
D. M. TRICK	9	4	1	2	—	24

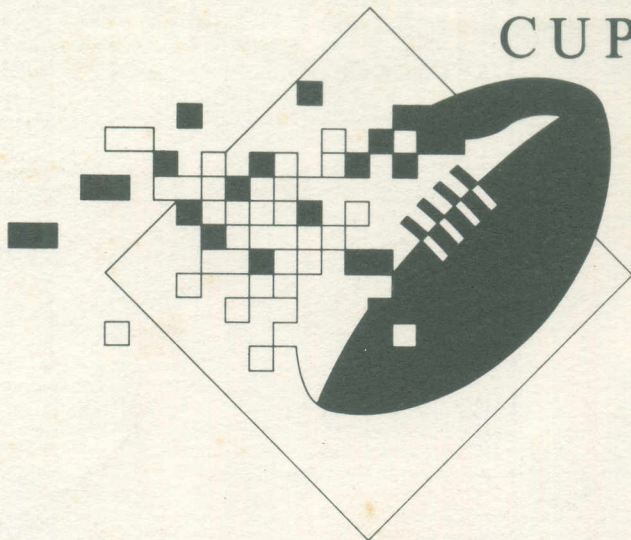
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