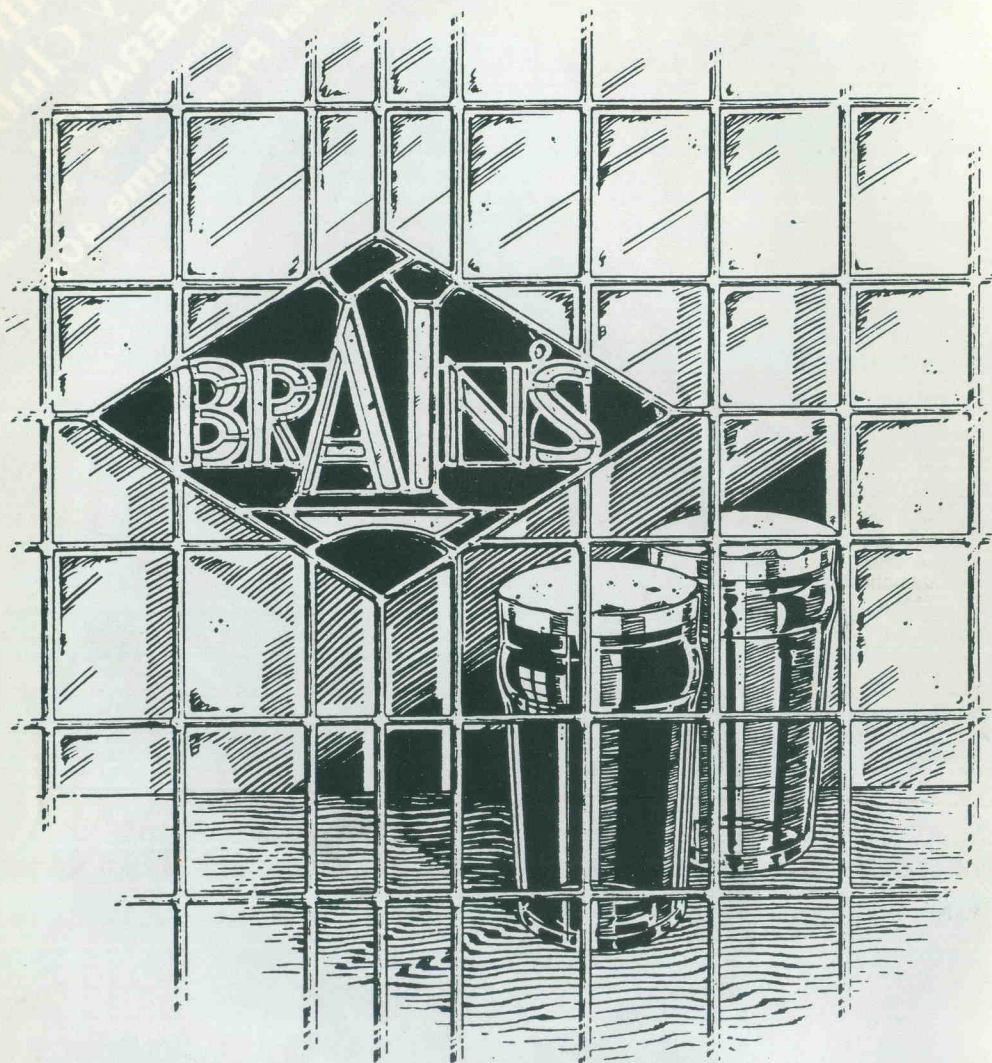


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And so the simmering cauldron that is Welsh Rugby these days goes bubbling on and on. The recent announcement of the National side to visit Murrayfield next Saturday will certainly stimulate plenty of debate as to the choice that the selectors have come up with. From our point of view it's very sad to see our captain, Bob Norster, not being considered because of the injury sustained in that Australia-BaaBaas game at the end of November. Bob has been very unlucky with niggling sort of injuries over the last few years and but for these he would have certainly overtaken Alan Martin's record of 34 appearances as a lock for his country. Bob has 31 to his credit at the moment and hopefully he will be playing today and again in the forthcoming cup match. With this extra match fitness he should again become an automatic choice for the second row.

This certainly was the case but two short weeks ago when only Bob, Jonathan Davies and Ieuan Evans appeared to be the only players certain of a place. Now Bob is not considered match fit enough, Jonathan has finally bent the knee to the Almighty Dollar so that only leaves Ieuan, who only just made it again because of injury. Fate does play strange tricks does it not. Anyway we wish the national side the very best of luck next Saturday particularly so to our sole representative David Young.

In speaking of international rugby, those of you who happen to read these notes will know that in the Bridgend game programme I said that Cardiff had provided the four three quarters to a Welsh side on four occasions. I had taken my information for such a statement from no greater authority than the eminently erudite J.B.G. Thomas. We were wrong however as pointed out by that staunchest of Cardiff supporters Mr. C.R.G. Harris. He stated that this particular feat had been achieved by Cardiff on no less than six occasions and not four. So if you ever start quoting Cardiff statistics they had better be right because you know who will descend on any transgressors. Incidentally Mr. Harris has written a book on Cardiff results and statistics and for a couple of quid you can enjoy the fascinating contents of the marvellous record.

On to today now then and let's hope the weather keeps going on its best behavioural pattern and the snow and ice stays well away. So may it be all sunshine then to welcome 'The Wizards' of Aberavon for their annual visit to Cardiff Arms Park.

Now if any club could do with sunshine its certainly got to be Aberavon. Their plight this year is common knowledge and they are fighting the adversity of this season in the highest commendable manner. Mind if adversity was the subject of a degree, Aberavon would qualify with honours. Right from their inception in 1876, the same birthday as ourselves, they have known what it is like to have their back to the wall. In those early days their administration was in one long conflict to endeavour to establish a permanent ground. After being shunted from one place to another they finally settled in their present ground just before the First World War.

After that particular conflict The Wizards really settled down and the 1920s saw what was their hey-day. During that decade the defeats per season could be counted on the fingers of one hand. Indeed during the era they won four consecutive unofficial championships something only Swansea has matched. Since those palmy days they have been able to repeat such success only once in 1960-61. Then again they were the defeated finalists in both cup finals of 1974 and 1975. Since then however the honours have been very thin on the ground.

Indeed last season was one of much discontent and players left the club in their droves. Also because of a poor discipline record they were suspended for the first two weeks of the season. They felt rather agrieved about this situation because some of those dismissals seemed very harsh indeed. This again is not new to The Wizards however because I once read of a particular Aberavon player of the 1920s being sent off for biting the arm of an English opponent. The referee was left with a dozen eggs on his face however when it was disclosed that the player he had dismissed was completely toothless and left his false teeth in the dressing room when he played. There's nothing new in Aberavon.

So after all last season's defections new manager Neville Walsh took over the reins when their season finally got underway. He obviously realised that the season would be one of rebuilding in an effort to lift the club to a place amongst the best at the top. Aided by such great

Wizard stalwarts as Richie Davies, Les Keen and Alan Martin they have tackled the present day adversities with the inbuilt tenacity of their forebears in the club. Theirs has not been an easy task and obviously their most disappointing result must have been the demoralising defeat in the cup by second class neighbours Aberavon Quins. That was a bitter pill for them, as such good cup fighters to swallow. Disappointments however are no strangers to The Wizards and last Saturday they bounced back to record a good win over Swansea at St. Helens.

Today will see the Cardiff-Aberavon series become 115 games old. Of the previous 114 we have won 67 to their 41 with the remaining 6 games drawn. We have scored 1531 points to The Wizards 1022. During the series which began in 1892 Aberavon's best winning run came in the early 1920s when they won seven games on the trot. This confirms the fact that the 1920s was a golden decade for The Wizards. We have managed one game better than that when we recorded eight wins between 1982 and 1986. Of their 41 wins, 13 have come on the Arms Park. The last three of these victories came as much as a surprise to Aberavon as to ourselves. The last one in September 1987 saw them come back from the dead to win by 15-12. Prior to that in September 1981 they came with a wing and a prayer side but still won 25-11 in a game we couldn't have won if we were still playing it now. Before that was the last ditch win they achieved in the Third Round cup tie of the 1975-76 season by 16-12. We were happy to be sitting on their line with a 2 points lead and waiting for the final whistle. Before it came however The Wizards lived up to their name and scored a breakaway try which was also converted to leave us wondering what had happened. So the moral of the story is never think you've got them beat until that final whistle sounds. Perhaps our team today should remember that.

To Aberavon then we say welcome to Cardiff Arms Park once again, we hope you enjoy your day and after today may all your results be in your favour.

On the home front The Rags have accounted for another two good scalps, Bridgend Sports and Bath United were their latest victims with the latter of those being a very good win indeed. They have an extra fixture on The Park next Tuesday evening when Cardiff and District will provide the opposition.

Finally today we would like to extend our most sincere thanks to J.R. Freeman for their generous sponsorship of this afternoon's game. We hope they and their guests have a very enjoyable time.

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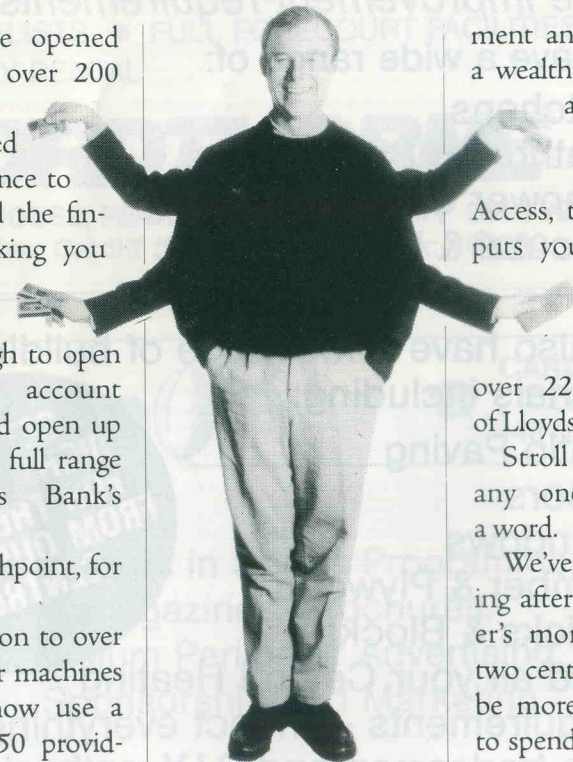
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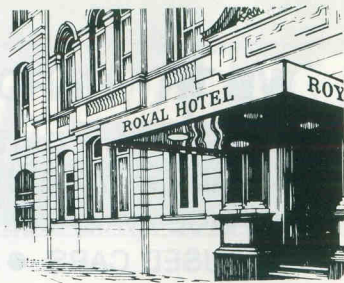
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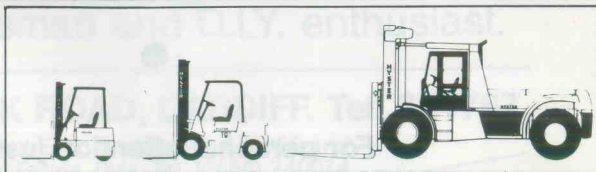
Rugby Quiz – No. 15

With the Lions tour now looming let's see what records Welshmen hold.

1. Who is the most capped Welsh Lion?
2. Only three players have ever kicked two drop goals in international matches. Who are they?
3. Only six players have ever scored two tries in a match. Four of them are Welsh, who are they?
4. Phil Bennett is top scorer in international games. In his eight appearances how many points did he score?
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LAW 20 (17) HALF BACKS KICKING THE BALL WHILE IN THE SCRUMMAGE

The player putting in the ball and his immediate opponent must not kick the ball while it is in the scrumage.

For the above infringement, **the penalty, this season, will be a FREE KICK** and not a penalty kick as previously provided.

LAW 21 (2)(a) RETURNING THE BALL INTO THE RUCK

A **ruck**, which can take place only in the field of play, is formed when the ball is on the ground and one or more players from each team are on their feet and in physical contact, closing around the ball between them.

A player, **must not** return the ball into the Ruck. Last season, if he did this, the penalty was a penalty kick. **This season the penalty is a FREE KICK.**

LAW 20 (16)(a) DELIBERATELY RETURNING THE BALL INTO THE SCRUMMAGE

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QUIDNUNC'S COLUMN

ONE OF LIFE'S rugby pleasures is to watch Cardiff Athletic in action. Some, if not all, of our yesterdays blend with many of our tomorrows and the result can be sheer entertainment. Quidnunc mentions this because, only partly in search of a suitable subject for dissection and partly because his other Saturday afternoon duties had been temporarily curtailed, he happens to have seen two or three rousing Rags matches in recent times, including last Saturday's quite splendid performance against Bath United. The Rags skipper is Mr Christopher Liam Collins, an affable, popular prop who, as the result of two of his younger colleagues counting the number of swear words in his pre-match harangue for a bet, has resolved that there will not be any bad language in his dressing-room exhortations.

Now, I know quite a bit about Chris Collins. Or so I thought. But his (relatively) new job as a representative on the orthopaedic side of a famous medical company, Johnson and Johnson, has revealed new areas of character. He enjoys, for example, being in the operating theatre during hip and knee replacements. This, I am assured, has nothing to do with the fact that his next course during his training for expertise takes him shortly to Gleneagles in Scotland for a week which culminates coincidentally with Wales's match at Murrayfield.

I last dealt with Chris in this column way back in September 1986 when he was known as Sumo as the result of certain activities on board a fishing boat during Cardiff's tour of Thailand, when he was approaching 28 years of age, approaching six foot in height and approaching sixteen stone. He is, story has it, still approaching 28, still approaching six foot and still approaching sixteen stone.

And he is now married to Cathie, which is where I start to digress. Over the Christmas holidays, our heroes held a fancy dress evening where the theme was The Americas. Cathie entered fully into the spirit of the occasion and dressed (and coloured) herself as Flo-Jo, complete with long fingernails et al. Husband Chris went as Chief Sitting Bull**** but had no need to colour himself - which was just as well. Wherever Flo-Joe Cathie went, there were black stains and fingermarks. Nor was that all: long after everyone else had passed out, gone to bed and generally disappeared, our dutiful husband was still scrubbing away at his wife: perhaps it's just as well that he didn't carry out his original threat of going as Mike Tyson.

So who else was there? Well, Tim Crothers and Howard Stone arrived as Mississippi gamblers, Owen Golding and Gareth Roberts turned up in lounge suit and Ronald Reagan masks (the US budget deficit would be safe in their hands) and Terry Charles and Mike Rayer were colourful as ice-hockey players though unkind observers noted that they needed no padding on their backsides.

Alan Phillips was Kermit the frog, though a throat infection made what croaking he could manage even more effective: a quiet thumper indeed. Former chairman Mervyn John and his wife made an excellent Indian chief and squaw, Geraint Grunt John a fine Davy Crockett, Bob Norster an impressive Mountie ("again," howl his critics, "he hasn't got his man yet").

Two of the more spectacular outfits of the evening were those of Mr and Mrs Bob Newman dressed as Tweedledum and Tweedledee - though how that fitted into the Americas theme is still to be explained. And talking about Mr Newman - we did start by discussing the Cardiff Rags, remember - one further point of fun in watching the Rags from the terrace is that one can chat to him as he runs the line: when he's not coaching from the touchline quite illegally, that is, or telling the referee his business.

Back at the fancy-dress ball, there were a number of wives, fiancées and other young ladies dressed as Western saloon girls, including Stephanie of the office staff resplendent in garter and suspenders. The queue of players collecting their expenses seems to have grown longer ever since . . .

Dai Young, as an earless cheerleader, also presented a memorable sight in miniskirt and pom-poms as he went through a Bananarama routine while Steve Crandon's Dark Veder was a great improvement on his normal self, and Jose Souto was appropriately a cowboy. The winner, incidentally, was Richard Jones, impeccable as an American footballer.

None of which has much to do with the start of the column - except to show that there's still plenty of good humour around on and off the pitch.



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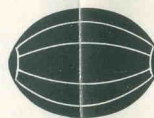
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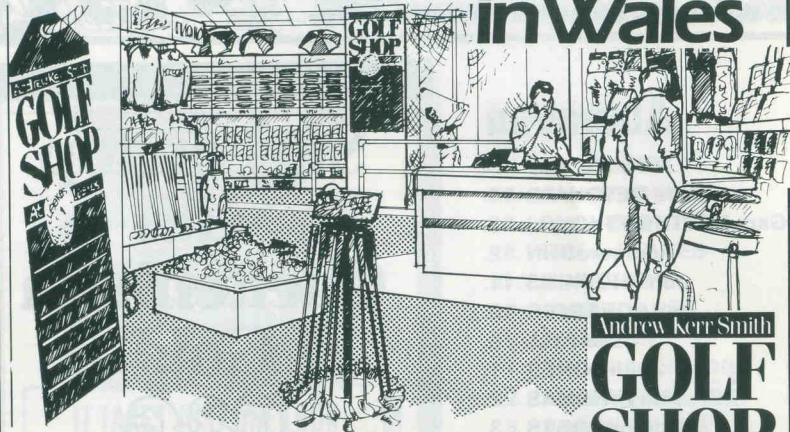
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No. 11 (match v Amman United) Joseph Taylor, of Lon-y-Dail, Rhiwbina, Cardiff.

No. 12 (match v Bridgend) looks like a youngster's writing here as the winner is David Phelps, of Manor Way, Whitchurch, Cardiff.

No. 13 (match v Pontypridd) Huge entry for the Christmas drinks wordsquare with the first out being Mr. D. Murray, of Mallory Close, St. Athan. By request – particularly from Mrs. Susan Owen of Roath – here's the list of 24 drinks: Champagne, rum, whisky, beer, gin, vermouth, vodka, cinzano, Beaujolais, Chianti, sangria, brandy, port, sherry, Cognac, lager, Burgundy, Hock, Macon, Medoc, Rioja, sack, cider and ale (the remaining letters spell out 'turkey')

No. 14 (match v Maesteg) Hidden Welsh squad members were found by Mr. R. MacMillan, of Chestnut Close, New Inn, Pontypool.

It may have been the Christmas spirit around but there was a plethora of answers (some correct) without names and addresses. Remember to write on the postcard your own identity!

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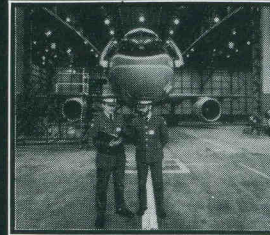
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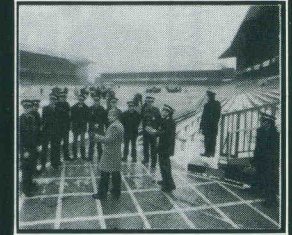
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Rugby Quiz No. 15 – Answers

1. Graham Price – 12.
2. David Watkins (six games); Barry John (five games) and Phil Bennett (eight games).
3. Malcolm Price twice, Ken Jones, Gerald Davies and J.J. Williams twice.
4. 44.
5. J.J. Williams on the 1974 tour to South Africa against South West Districts.

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This game was played on 8th January 1927, 62 years ago. It was during Aberavon's golden era of the 1920's. Of the 19 games played in that decade Aberavon won 11 of them, drew 2 and lost 6. This particular game ended in a 3-all draw. I wonder if there are any Aberavon survivors of that game around today.

ABERAVON			
Full Back : D. Williams (Capt.)			
Right Wing : Cyril Griffiths	Right Centre : H. Hayes	Left Centre : W. C. Thomas	Left Wing : H. J. Anderson
Inside Half : T. Harris		Outside Half : W. J. Hopkins	
Forwards : J. Sullivan	I. Morris	E. Jenkins	C. Pugh
	M. McGrath	Rev. H. Jones	S. James
Reserves : G. Davies (Wing) ; W. Owen and H. Davies (Forwards).			
Referee : Mr. M. MOSES, W.R.U. Newport.		Kick-off 2.45 p.m.	
Forwards : Idris Richards (H)	Trevor Arnott (K)	J. Burns (L)	F. Lee (M)
W. Watkins (N)	K. P. Turnbull (O)	R. Barrell (P)	P. Bunce (T)
Inside Half : W. J. Delahay, Capt. (F)		Outside Half : Gwyn Richards (G)	
Left Wing : Llew Williams (B)	Left Centre : D. E. Davies (C)	Right Centre : H. M. Bowcott (D)	Right Wing : R. A. Cornish (E)
Full Back : A. Williams (A)			
Corresponding result last season : Cardiff - 3 tries ; Aberavon - 1 try.		CARDIFF	

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FIRST XV FIXTURES

1988		
SEPTEMBER		
Thur. 1	East District	H 48-17
Sat. 3	Bristol	H 17-23
Wed. 7	Glamorgan Wanderers	H 36-18
Sat. 10	Neath	A 10-49
Tue. 13	B. Columbia	H 25-25
Sat. 17	Coventry	H 17-10
Sat. 24	Aberavon	A 20-9
OCTOBER		
Sat. 1	Newport	H 36-10
Wed. 5	Bridgend	A 6-28
Sat. 8	Pontypool	H 17-6
Sat. 15	Harlequins	H 38-20
Sat. 22	Cambridge University	A 11-28
Wed. 26	Pontypridd	A 27-27
Sat. 29	Moseley	A 20-20
NOVEMBER		
Sat. 5	Leicester	H 26-24
Wed. 9	Oxford University	H 6-20
Sat. 12	Ebbw Vale	A 19-24
Sat. 19	Pyle (Cup)	25-9
Tue. 29	Llanelli	H 12-26
DECEMBER		
Sat. 3	Swansea (abandoned)	A 0-9
Sat. 10	London Welsh	A 28-14
Sat. 17	Amman Utd (Cup)	H 54-0
Sat. 24	Bridgend	H 14-4
Mon. 26	Pontypridd	H 6-41
Sat. 31	Maesteg	H 10-10

1989		
JANUARY		
Sat. 7	Bath	A 4-35
Sat. 14	Aberavon	H.....
Tue. 17	Maesteg	A.....
Sat. 28	Aberavon Quins (Cup)	H.....
FEBRUARY		
Sat. 11	Newport	A.....
Wed. 15	Penarth	H.....
Sat. 25	W.R.U. Cup 6th Round
Tue. 28	Bristol	A.....
MARCH		
Sat. 4	Ebbw Vale	H.....
Sat. 11	Pontypool	A.....
Fri. 17	London Welsh	H.....
Sat. 25	Barbarians	H.....
APRIL		
Sat. 1	Nottingham	A.....
Sat. 8	Swansea (W.R.U. Cup Semi-Final)	H.....
Sat. 15	Neath	H.....
Sat. 22	Newbridge	A.....
Wed. 26	Pencoed	A.....
Sat. 29	Llanelli	A.....
MAY		
Sat. 6	W.R.U. Cup Final

ATHLETIC XV FIXTURES

1988		
SEPTEMBER		
Thur. 1	Llantwit Fardre	A 18-8
Sat. 3	Bristol United	A 22-25
Wed. 7	Glamorgan Wanderers II	A 30-9
Sat. 10	Mountain Ash	H 19-4
Wed. 14	Garndiffaith	A 49-13
Sat. 17	Coventry Extras	A 31-25
Wed. 21	Llandaff North	H 19-15
Sat. 24	Sengennydd	H 39-4
Wed. 28	Kenfig Hill	H 11-7
OCTOBER		
Sat. 1	Newport United	A 24-10
Wed. 5	Newport Saracens	H 30-13
Sat. 8	Pontypool Athletic	A 32-13
Wed. 12	Barry	H 38-3
Wed. 19	Bridgend Ravens	H 27-9
Sat. 22	Abercarn	A 13-13
Wed. 26	Pontypridd Athletic	H 42-7
Sat. 29	Moseley United	H 76-20
NOVEMBER		
Sat. 5	Leicester Extras	A 4-50
Sat. 12	Ebbw Vale Athletic	H 38-26
Sat. 19	St. Josephs	A 30-15
DECEMBER		
Sat. 3	Swansea Athletic	H 3-17
Fri. 9	Old Illydians	H 48-16
Sat. 17	Barry	A 46-3
Sat. 24	Bridgend Ravens	A 20-14
Sat. 31	Bridgend Sports	A 37-21

1989		
JANUARY		
Sat. 7	Bath United	H 20-16
Sat. 14	Neath Athletic	A.....
Sat. 28	Newport Saracens	A.....
FEBRUARY		
Fri. 3	Llangennech	A.....
Sat. 11	Newport United	H.....
Fri. 17	Pontypool United	A.....
Sat. 25	Llandaff	A.....
Tue. 28	Bristol United	H.....
MARCH		
Sat. 4	Ebbw Vale	A.....
Sat. 11	Pontypool Athletic	H.....
Wed. 15	Pontypool United	H.....
Wed. 22	Cardiff HSOB	H.....
Wed. 29	Llanharan	H.....
APRIL		
Sat. 1	Rumney	H.....
Wed. 5	Pontypridd Athletic	A.....
Sat. 8	Swansea Athletic	A.....
Wed. 11	Llandaff North	A.....
Sat. 15	Llanharan	A.....
Sat. 22	Bridgend Sports	H.....
Wed. 26	Bedwas	A.....
Sat. 29	Neath Athletic	H.....

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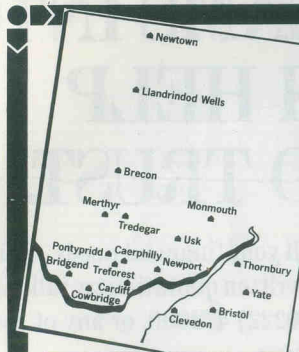


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