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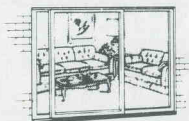
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We also thank Mr. Wayne Gill of GILLS OF MAESTEG for donating tonight's match ball.

Tonight we have the pleasure to extend a very warm valley welcome to Cardiff. In the 106 years since Maesteg was first formed, we have only played Cardiff on 27 occasions. We hope that now with Cardiff's entry into the Merit Table we will have the honour of fixtures every season at the Arms Park and the Old Parish.

Our last meeting on New Year's Eve was a closely fought game with the honours ending even at ten points all; although many Maesteg followers were rather surprised that referee Clive Norling allowed one of the Cardiff tries. Once again we were unable to win at Cardiff, a result which we have only achieved once, on 23rd October, 1926. Not only did we win, but took Cardiff's ground record. The press report following the game described Maesteg's Edgar Thomas as "positively outstanding" and Jackie Reynolds as "the find of the season". The score was Maesteg 14, Cardiff 0. The scorers for Maesteg were centre Tommy Loveland and Edgar Thomas tries, one being converted by Evan Davies (full back) and a penalty by outside half D. H. Davies.

Of the twenty-seven meetings, Cardiff have won fourteen, including their largest ever win against any team, 77 points to 9 in 1972, Maesteg nine, with four games drawn.

Both teams will want to win this evening. A win for Maesteg means a move up the Whitbread Merit Table to sixth place, while a Cardiff win will see them move into joint seventh with Swansea.

Since New Year's Day, Maesteg showed a big improvement against Neath with the score of 35 points to 6 not being a true reflection of Maesteg's performance. However, although winning the next two games against Tredegar and Ebbw Vale, the performances were not of a high standard. The better the opposition, the better Maesteg seem to play; we can therefore look forward to a great game this evening, which we hope will be enjoyable to both players and spectators.

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14 Gerald Cordle	<i>Right Wing</i>
13 Steve Crandon	<i>Right Centre</i>
12 Richard Jones	<i>Left Centre</i>
11 Steve Ford	<i>Left Wing</i>
10 David Evans	<i>Outside Half</i>
9 Ray Giles	<i>Inside Half</i>
1 Jeff Whitefoot	<i>Prop</i>
2 Alan Phillips	<i>Hooker</i>
3 Steve Blackmore	<i>Prop</i>
4 Mike Parry	<i>Lock</i>
5 Mark Rowley	<i>Lock</i>
6 Gareth Roberts	<i>Flanker</i>
8 Mark Edwards	<i>No. 8</i>
7 Richie Collins	<i>Flanker</i>
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Maesteg

15 Martin Wilkshire	
14 Aled Richards	
13 Andrew Jones	
12 Gary Davies	
11 Peter Jones	
10 Jeff Bird	
9 Huw Lewis	
1 Richard Doble	
2 Chris Davey (Capt.)	
3 Peter Francis	
4 Paul Lyons	
5 Paul Scott	
6 Paul Buckle	
8 David Moore	
7 Adam Downes	
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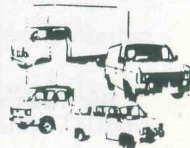
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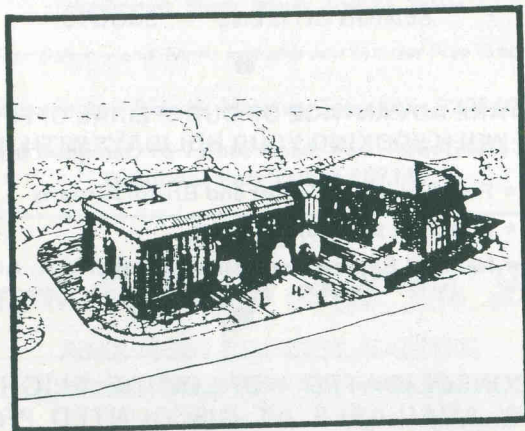
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1. Cardiff last won at Maesteg in October, 1981; what was the final score ?
2. Who holds the Cardiff record for most individual tries in a season ?
3. Cardiff won the final of the Schweppes/WRU Cup in 1982. What was the final score ?
4. Gareth Edwards played 53 times for Wales. How many times did he play for the British Lions against international teams ?

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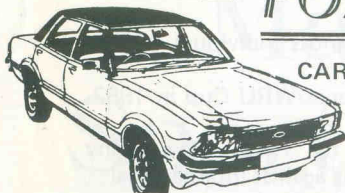
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QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Maesteg 11, Cardiff 25.
2. Bleddyn Williams, 41 tries. 1947-48.
3. Cardiff 12, Bridgend 12; this being the only draw in the cup final. Cardiff were declared winners having scored the only try by Ian Eidman.
4. Ten.

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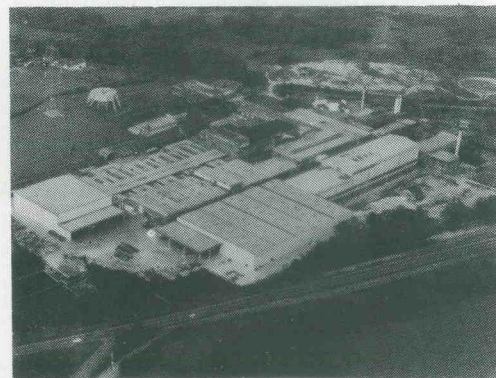
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