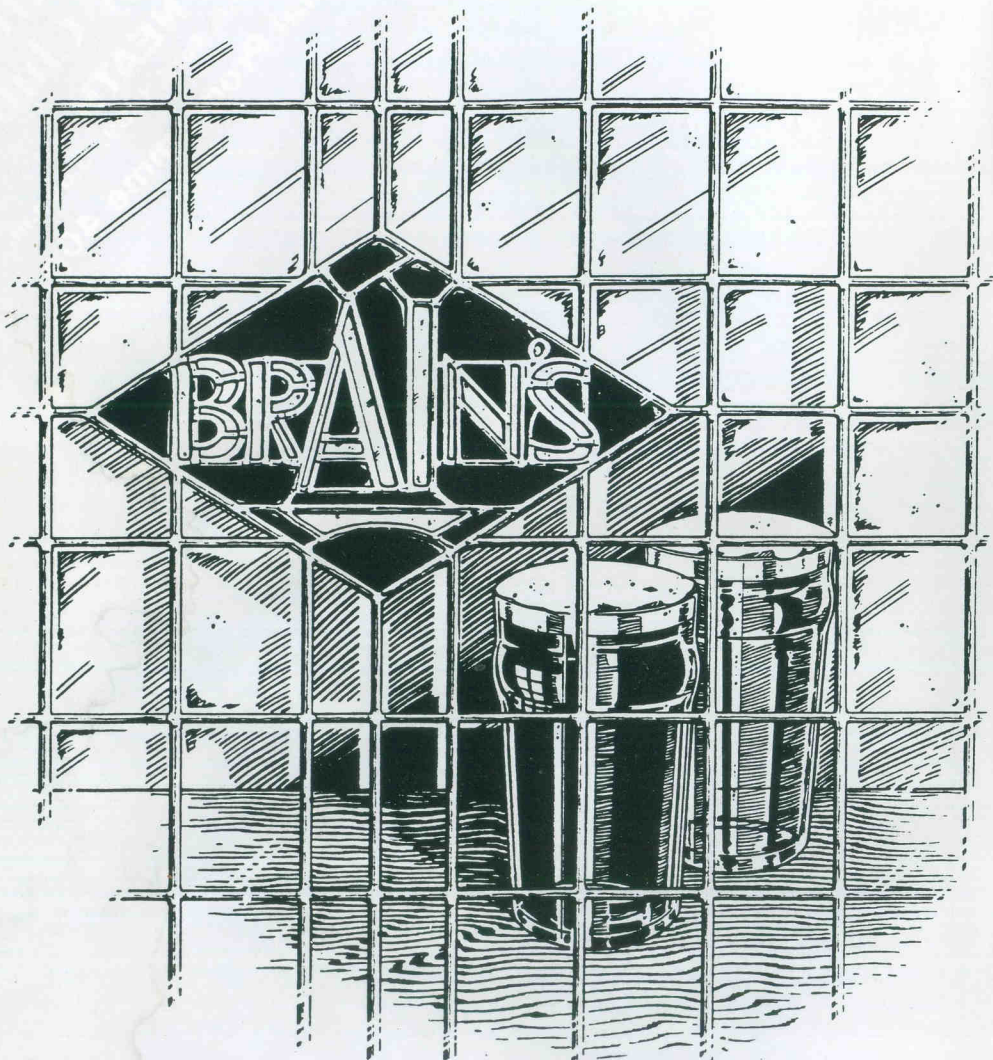




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**v. NEATH**  
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## **Cardiff v. Neath**

**SATURDAY, 15th APRIL, 1989**

**KICK-OFF 3p.m.**

Well it was not to be. Ideally, we would have loved to have competed in the last of this decade's cup finals. It would have really put the icing on the cake of success of the 1980's. It would have been our seventh appearance out of a possible 10 finals with 5 outright wins already under our belt. Added to this were 7 semi-final appearances out of the 10 which all in all contributed to a magnificent decade of competition in this very prestigious tournament.

Overall, Llanelli have the best record in the competition with 6 wins from 7 finals (with another possible coming up) and 12 semi-finals. Ours stands at 5 wins from 7 finals and 12 semi-finals also. Let's hope we can repeat this sought of consistant form during the forthcoming 1990's.

Our latest defeat at St. Helens last Saturday proved to be a very tough encounter. Despite some marvellous tackling to stem the now renown All Black forward surges, we just couldn't get enough usable ball to set up our attacking platform. No complaints though because on the day Neath were the better side and just about deserved their win. The final should now be a sell-out and no doubt the talking point in all the rugby waterholes throughout Wales will be the respective merits of the sides involved and who will get the ultimate accolade.

Rugby life goes on however and we certainly have a tall order on the books in completing our remaining fixtures. Starting today with Neath, we then go to the other semi-finalists Newbridge for what will no doubt be recognised as a play-off for third and fourth places in the cup competition. The last game of our season then takes us up to Stradey for our third encounter of the season with the other finalists, Llanelli. Now you couldn't ask for a tougher finale to our season could you. Because of this very arduous couple of weeks it appears that the home games we lost against Ebbw Vale and Swansea will prove extremely difficult to rearrange and consequently could well be written off. That would be a great shame because we invariably see a good open game when both those sides play at The Arms Park.

On to this afternoon then and it gives us the greatest of pleasure to welcome Neath to Cardiff once again. In so doing we also congratulate them on their record breaking season during which they have achieved points and try pinnacles that may never be beaten again.

Today's game will be the 187th of the series which began in 1879. Of the previous 186 games, including 5 cup encounters, we have won 110 to Neath's 59 with the remaining 17 drawn. Points wise we have scored 2009 while Neath have accumulated 1343. The Welsh All Blacks have certainly had us in a strangle hold over the past couple of seasons. Prior to last season they had only won on The Arms Park on twelve occasions with 1972 being the last. In the 182 games played Neath had scored 30 points or more on only 1 occasion, 20 or more on 9, 10 or more on 34, single figures on 89. In the remaining 49 they failed to get on the score sheet at all. The pendulum has certainly swung their way over the last four games however because since they recorded their thirteenth victory here at the beginning of last season by 35 points to 6 they have recorded a further two wins at The Gnoll by 41-12 and earlier this season, 49-10.

A win for them today would extend their winning sequence to five games which is approaching their best ever of seven between December 1961 and January 1965. No doubt it will be their intention to keep that strangle hold grip on our throats and carry on where they left off last week. Their present attitude is highly charged with success. Having tasted defeat on only a minimal of occasions, winning is part of their make up which they will want to maintain. We for our part will be all out to upset them, Newbridge and Llanelli which would wouldn't be a bad note to end our season on.

To Neath then we say welcome to The Arms Park once again we hope you enjoy your visit.

Chris Collins' Rags side have still been producing the goods and have kept the scoreboard ticking over merrily. A big win over Pontyclun by 64-4 was followed by a good win over Gwent side Croesyceiliog by 25-4. Last week they suffered a narrow defeat away to their Pontypridd counterparts by an unfortunate 15-12. It was an appalling night but the rugby served up by both sides did all 30 players great credit. They will be put to the test this afternoon at Llanharan who will no doubt be more than anxious to reverse the cup score. Chris and his merry men will have other ideas about that however. Their record now reads: Played 42, Won 34, Lost 7, Drawn 1, Points for 1216, Points against 561.

And now a word of praise for some players who are in superb form week after week. I refer of course to The South Glamorgan Youth Brass Band who have taken over from St. Albans in the matter of pre-match entertainment. Their repertoire and presentation is magnificent and only matched by the marvellous enthusiasm of their performances, well done boys and girls. They are shortly to present a concert with some very famous artists, details of which can be found elsewhere in this programme.

In case this afternoon does turn out to be our last home game on behalf of the players and committee we wish you all a happy summer and look forward to your continued support next season. Things will be radically changed then with our brand new suite of hospitality boxes all ready at the river end of the ground.

Such splendid inauguration could well help us to fill the chasm that will exist in the club because, by then the great Alan Phillips will have ridden into the sunset of his magnificent playing career. With Ebbw Vale and Swansea unlikely to come, today could see Alan playing his last home game. All things are reputed to come to an end but to say that Alan's career with Cardiff was just a good thing would be a classic understatement. It was phenomenal.

You name it and he's done it. Here he is as frisky as ever in his 16th season, his record 465 games is head and shoulders above the next at 413 and his unbelievable 166 tries are only better by Bleddyn Williams highest ever 185. He has also captained the club twice. Add his 15 Welsh caps, his British Lions tour and you begin to get the full measure of the man's ability.

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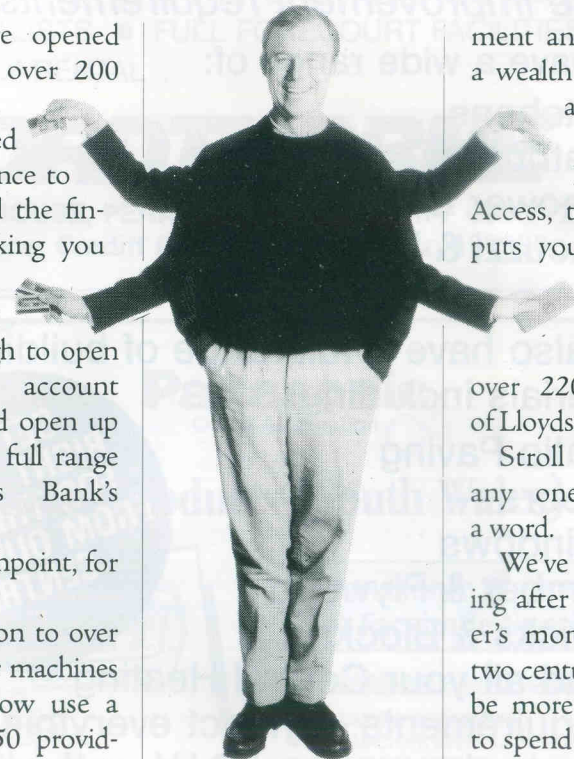
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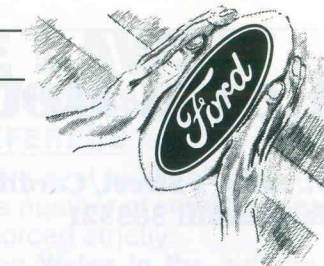
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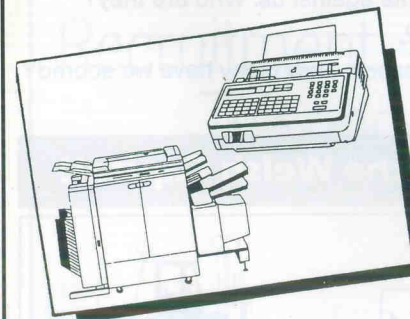
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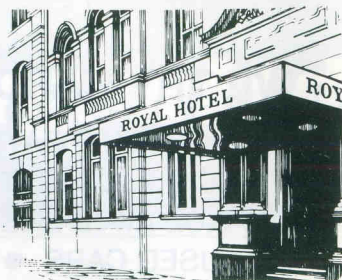
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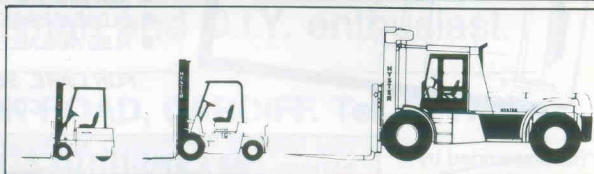
## Rugby Quiz – No. 20

Today we will have a look at our record for the season so far.

1. How many times have we scored over 40 points?
2. Two sides have scored more than 40 points against us. Who are they?
3. How many games have ended in a draw?
4. Drop goals have been very scarce this season. How many have we scored?
5. Who is the highest try scoring forward?

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By J. E. MALCOLM THOMAS  
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I recently received a copy of a directive sent to all referees in **New Zealand** where they are concerned that a number of critical aspects of the Laws of the Game are not being enforced strictly.

Therefore, with the **All Blacks visiting Wales in the autumn**, the directive has some relevance to British Referees. For example, **“CORRECT BINDING IN RUCKS AND MAULS.”**

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## QUIDNUNC'S COLUMN

A SAD DAY, then, insofar as we will witness this afternoon the final appearance in the Cardiff first team jersey (which you can win, incidentally, if you enter the competition elsewhere in the programme) of Mr. Alan John Phillips. For once, therefore, Quidnunc has decided to be somewhat serious and in a totally inadequate way attempt to express just some of the gratitude felt by Cardiff followers for a man who has given virtually everything for the club.

First of all, though, we have Alan's assurance that he will not be lost to Cardiff completely. "I will this summer be paying my subscription fees to Cardiff Athletic Club as usual," he told me this week, "and I hope to be staying with the club in some capacity for the future. I want to help to put Cardiff right back on top again, as I know they can and will be."

Yet Alan Phillips was so nearly lost to Cardiff. He was playing for Cornelly Youth (he was in fact captain of the Welsh Youth team in 1972) when he was spotted by the current chairman of the club Garry Davies, himself a hooker, and Roy Bish. They invited him to join Cardiff, which he did but felt at first that he was not having real opportunities. "I nearly packed my bags as it were and went back to Kenfig Hill," he recalls. Happily, he was persuaded to stay on, won his Rags cap in season 1973-74 and, of course, has gone on since to break just about every record: number of appearances (though the exact figure is not quite known insofar as statistics do not necessarily reflect accurately which matches were played under the title of a Cardiff XV) and number of tries scored by a forward.

You could, incidentally, probably win a few bob in bets if you were to ask in what position 'Thumper' Phillips made his first appearance. It was as a replacement wing three-quarter down in Paignton in that season of 1974 — and, yes, he scored a try.

Eighteen Welsh caps, the Cardiff captaincy and cup-winners medals were to follow — and there are not many people around who feel that he should not have had more caps. He himself is now phlegmatic on the subject. "Yes, I felt I had been hard done by at one time. Perhaps the selectors should have told me to shut up or advised me about why I was upsetting them but then I was called into the World Cup side and that overcame any bitterness I might have had. Now that I am older and wiser I realise that perhaps I might have played the matter differently but I have no regrets — certainly not about my time with Cardiff.

"And things have improved so much in the last five or six years at the club in so many ways. Off the pitch, that is — and people, the youngsters, are going to be proud to play for Cardiff again. We will have the best facilities, the best opportunities. We have not had the best playing record this past season or two but I do not believe in defeatism. Soon, the playing will reflect the changes that are taking place."

Does he, therefore, view the likely arrival of leagues with optimism? "It will of course make rugby more competitive and it will hopefully shorten the fixture list — perhaps even shorten the season with matches starting a month later than now. But you will still need other serious matches in order to blood the youngsters, for them to learn."

Crucially — and Quidnunc can't resist the odd bit of humour — Alan Phillips now has a car. Another reason why he might have left Cardiff in those early days was that he had no way of travelling from Cornelly for training. "I was literally having to thumb lifts home," he recalls, "and was ready to jack it in. Then my family rallied round and they all chipped in to buy a cheap car. Mind you, I finished up paying for it myself . . ."

Nor will there be any opposition from his long-suffering wife Cerry if he does continue to spend much time at the club. "She wouldn't want me around the place all the time."

He reflects for a moment. "Anyhow, I want to give something back to the club. It has marvellous traditions which are a great part of the club and those traditions must be maintained. There are exciting times ahead for Cardiff Rugby Club — and I want to be a part of them."

Alan's activities on the pitch are of course well documented but his enthusiasm off the pitch is not perhaps so well known. Just ask any of the club's sponsors or followers about his ready presence at events, just ask his fellow players about his efforts on their behalf on a variety of subjects — like tour fund-raising.

No, you can rest assured that when Alan walks from the Park today, it will not be a final curtain. Merely the end of an act.

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| 13. Geraint JOHN             | Right Centre |
| 12. *Mark RING/Richard JONES | Left Centre  |
| 11. Steve FORD               | Left Wing    |
| 10. *David EVANS             | Outside Half |
| 9. *Ray GILES                | Inside Half  |
| 1. Andy WILLIAMS             | Forwards     |
| 2. *Alan PHILLIPS            |              |
| 3. *Steve BLACKMORE          |              |
| 4. Tim CROTHERS              |              |
| 5. Mark ROWLEY               |              |
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| 8. Mark EDWARDS              |              |
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| Colin LAITY           | 12. |
| Alan EDMUNDS          | 11. |
| Adrian DAVIES         | 10. |
| Gary WILLIAMS         | 9.  |
| David JOSEPH          | 7.  |
| Lloyd ISAAC           | 2.  |
| John DAVIES           | 3.  |
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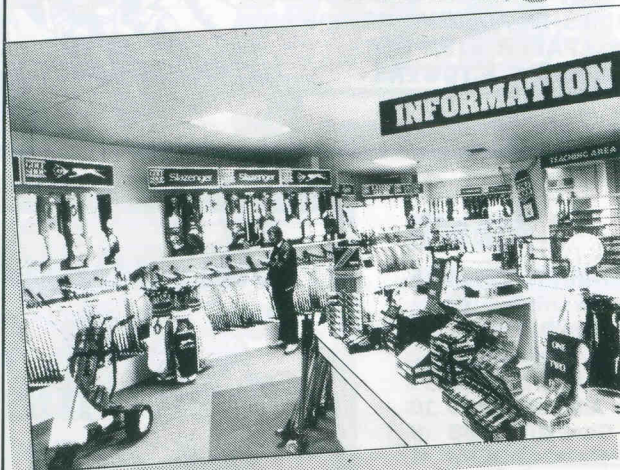


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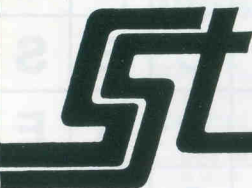


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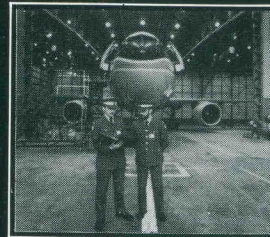
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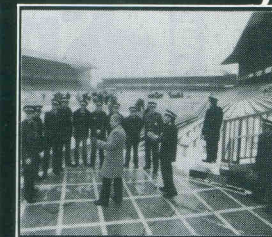
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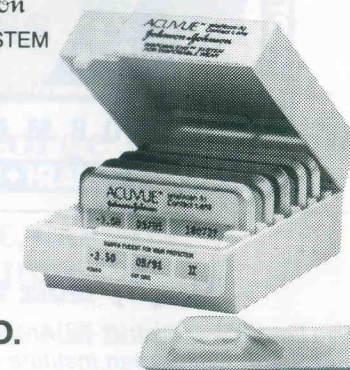
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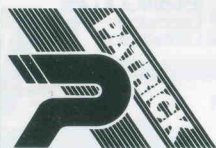
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## Rugby Quiz No. 20 – Answers

1. Five times: East District 48, Aman United 54, Pontypool 42, London Welsh 42 and South Glamorgan Institute 53.
2. Neath 49 and Pontypridd 41.
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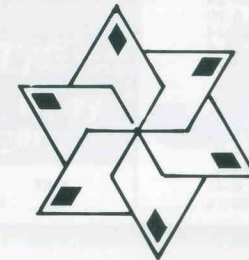
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## FIRST XV FIXTURES

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	21-7
Tue. 17	Maesteg	A	25-9
Sat. 28	Aberavon Quins (Cup)	H	24-15

FEBRUARY

Sat. 11	Newport	A	31-15
Wed. 15	Penarth	H	34-7
Sat. 25	Llanharan (Cup)	A	Post.
Tue. 28	Bristol	A	Post

MARCH

Sat. 4	Llanharan (Cup)	A	25-13
Sat. 11	Pontypool	A	42-15
Fri. 17	London Welsh	H	42-6
Tue. 21	Bristol	A	12-20
Sat. 25	Barbarians	H	24-21
Mon. 27	South Glam. Inst.	H	53-22

APRIL

Sat. 1	Nottingham	A	12-18
Sat. 8	Neath (Cup S.F.)	A	12-19
Sat. 15	Neath	H	.....
Sat. 22	Newbridge	A	.....
Wed. 26	Pencoed	A	.....
Sat. 29	Llanelli	A	.....

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Sat. 6	W.R.U. Cup Final		
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## 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	Senghenydd	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	4-14
Tues. 17	Cardiff & District	H	39-3
Sat. 28	Newport Saracens	A	4-15

FEBRUARY

Fri. 3	Llangennech	A	66-3
Sat. 11	Newport United	H	41-18
Thur. 16	Pontypool United	A	23-14
Sat. 25	Llandaff	A	Post.
Tue. 28	Bristol United	H	8-9

MARCH

Sat. 4	Ebbw Vale Athletic	A	33-13
Sat. 11	Pontypool Athletic	H	29-10
Wed. 15	Pontypool United	H	Post.
Fri. 17	Exeter Uni.	A	22-10
Sun. 19	Jersey	A	32-6
Wed. 22	Cardiff HSOB	H	Post.
Wed. 29	Pontyclun	H	62-10

APRIL

Sat. 1	Croesyceiliog	H	25-4
Wed. 5	Pontypridd Athletic	A	12-15
Sat. 8	Swansea Athletic	A	Post.
Wed. 11	Llandaff North	A	26-14
Sat. 15	Llanharan	A	.....
Sat. 22	Bridgend Sports	H	.....
Wed. 26	Bedwas	A	.....
Sat. 29	Neath Athletic	H	.....

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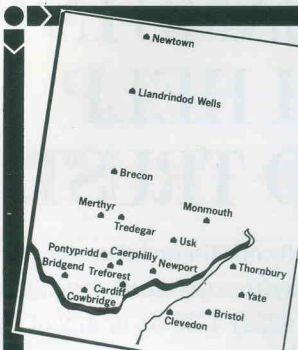


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