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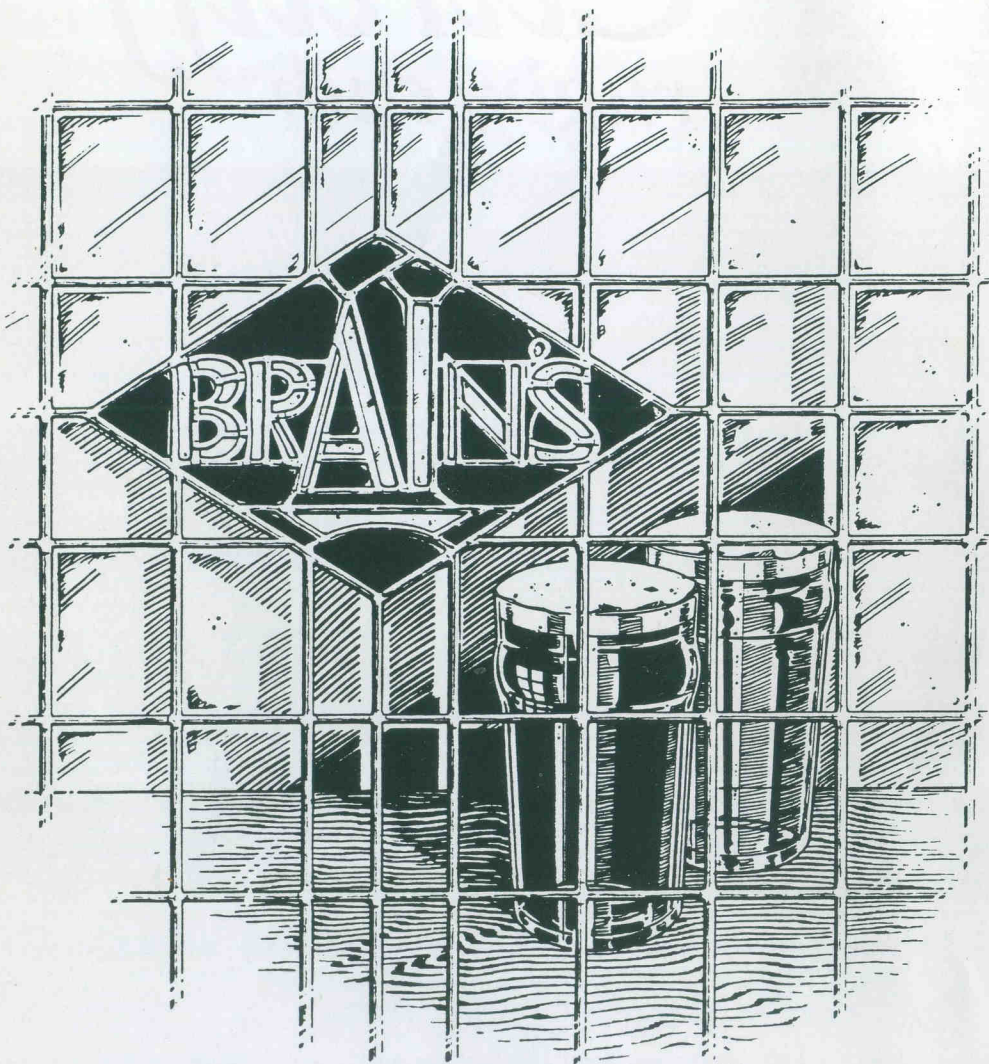
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PONTYPRIDD

Tuesday, 26th December, 1989

Kick-Off 3.00 p.m.

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Cardiff v. Pontypridd

TUESDAY, 26th DECEMBER, 1989

KICK-OFF 3.00p.m.

It's hard to believe but by the time these notes see the light of day another Christmas will be here and gone. Who ever coined the phrase 'Tempus Fugit' certainly knew his stuff. Having gone however it brings us to Boxing Day and the annual visit of our great friends from Sardis Road. So without further ado we extend to all Pontypridd players, administrators and supporters a very warm and festive welcome.

This day's particular fixture has now by tradition become one of the highlights of our season. The festive spirit is certainly very evident amongst those of us on this side of the touch line who are invariably full of the usual Christmas cheer. And there are plenty of us too because the fixture has now become so popular that after the Barbarian game the occasion draws one of the season's best crowd.

We have also been treated to some right royal rugby too. It never ceases to amaze me how the players come up year after year to perform to such a high state of fitness and skill. Obviously they must take it a little bit easy on the celebrating so we should be duly thankful to them.

This Boxing Day fixture becomes number 17 since the series began on a regular basis in 1972. It has been continuous since then apart from our centenary year when we played a Crawshay's XV. Of the 16 games already played in the era we have won on 12 occasions to Ponty's 3 with one drawn. Ponty's wins came in 1977, 1986 and 1988. In 1977 they won by 13-9, in 1986 by 28-21 but last year they really took us apart to the tune of 41-6. The Sardis Road men took great pleasure from this win because only 2 days earlier we had achieved a very good home victory against our bogey team, Bridgend, by 14-4. We had no answer to Ponty's hundred miles an hour display two days later and their victory was a record score for them since we played our first game back in 1878.

The situation is going to be very similar again this season because we will have played at Bridgend by the time you get to read these notes. It would have been a tough enough game at home but with the goings on of this last week perhaps Bridgend would not have been in a very festive spirit towards us. One thing is for sure and that is the fact that by tonight our players will certainly know that they have been involved in two extremely hard games. For Ponty's part their run up to today's game appears not so exacting as they were not scheduled to play last Saturday so once again they will be coming to us fresh as daisies. We had better be on our guard this year if we have learned the lessons of last year.

At this point in time Ponty are really getting their act together. Injuries and coaching problems were present earlier on in the season but now all these points have been resolved they are really firing on all four cylinders. With star players and captain Ceri Jones back on the scene along with Jonathan Mason they have now put together a very impressive run since their last

defeat by Bridgend at the beginning of November. Their current record reads: Played 23, Won 16, Lost 7, Points For 623, Against 331. In their 'Points For' total their 110 tries put them in 3rd place behind Neath and Pontypool in this particular statistic.

Earlier on this season we suffered defeat at Sardis Road by 27-15 and of the last 6 games played between us we have managed to win only one of them. Of the other 5, 3 have gone Ponty's way and 2 drawn. This no doubt has given Ponty great satisfaction because prior to those 6 games we had won 8 on the trot, 4 at home and 4 away.

Our overall record against Ponty shows we have played 63 games. We have won 43 of them to their 16 with the remaining 4 finishing even. Points-wise we have collected 952 to Ponty's 506.

Ponty's cup game last Saturday week turned out to be a lot tougher than they expected. The game Llandeilo team put up a very brave showing and had they managed a score in the last few minutes when they were camped on the Ponty line the final 8 point margin would have been very much diminished. Still a one point victory in the cup is enough and the draw has now given them another challenging away encounter against an ever improving Newport side.

Our own cup game against Bridgend Athletic saw us run out comfortable enough winners but the draw has certainly given us an extremely tough encounter against Llanelli. Fortunately we were the first out of the hat so it means that we get home advantage. Mind this seems par for the course because we have met them on 5 previous occasions and none of them have been played at Stradey Park. Two finals have been played on the National Stadium, one semi-final at Swansea and the other two were at the Arms Park. The record stands at 3 wins for us and 2 to the Scarlets. It's certainly going to generate massive interest and no doubt it will be a case of a full house on the day. All this of course assumes that the Scarlets win their re-arranged game at Senghenydd which was washed out on the original date. With the greatest respect to Senghenydd it would be the upset of the century if the result was anything but a Llanelli victory.

On the home front we have great cause for satisfaction by the high skill standards of players wishing to make themselves part and parcel of the Arms Park setup. Stuart Nunnerley's transfer from Abertillery is now completed so we officially welcome him to the club. We hope he enjoys the success that his fellow Abertillierian Bob Norster has achieved whilst wearing the Blue and Black. Hopefully another 2 transfers will be achieved speedily and without any animosity which will give our playing strength a massive boost. It's also congratulations to our players who made the Welsh Squad and commiserations to Mark Ring on his omission.

The Rags are still missing injured captain Robert Lakin but they nevertheless notched up a very good away win last week against Pontypool United. These days they are a very young side and there are some very promising players amongst them. It will be good to see the captain back again though with all the skill and guidance he has to offer.

Finally as this is our last home appearance before the new decade on behalf of all the players and committee we wish you all the very best for a very happy new year.

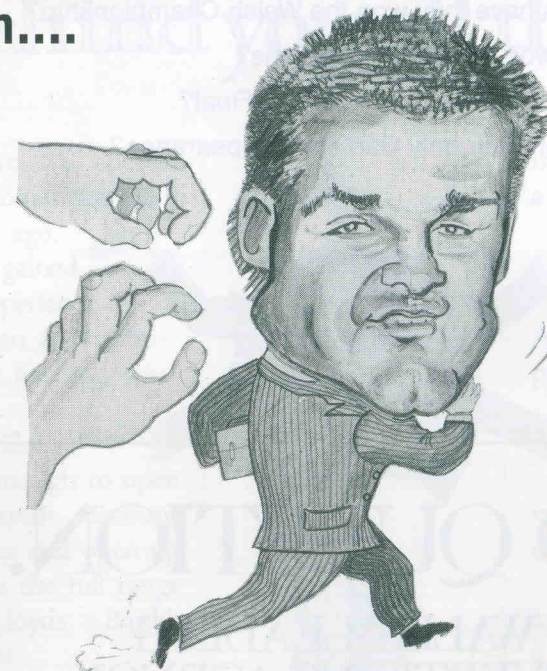
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Rugby Quiz – No. 11

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2. How many times have they won the Welsh Championship?
3. Have they ever won the Snelling Sevens?
4. Have they ever appeared in a Snellings Final?
5. Who beat them in their only Cup Final appearance?



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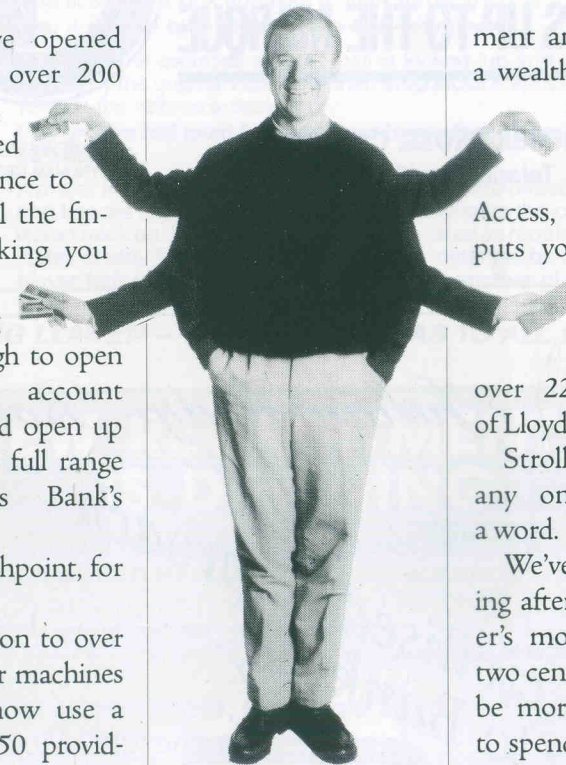
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By J. E. MALCOLM THOMAS

THE UNUSUAL

Question 1. A player in attempting to convert a try **decides to back heel the ball**. If the ball goes over the bar between the uprights should the conversion be allowed?

Answer: **No.** A kick is made by propelling the ball with any part of the leg or foot – **except the heel** – from knee to toe inclusive.

In the recent Cardiff v London Welsh match, I am sure that the referee, Robert Davies, would have disallowed the score if Mark Ring had managed to 'convert' the try.

Question 2. At a kick-off, **if the ball travels directly into touch**, may the non-offending side accept the kick and take a quick throw in?

Answer: **Yes. It should take place at the half-way line.**

Question 3. A **free kick** is awarded and the ball is kicked 'up and under' before it is caught by the original kicker. He then **drop kicks** it 'successfully' for a goal. What is the referee's decision?

Answer: Play on. **The ball must first be played by another player before a goal can be awarded.**

Question 4. A player losing possession of the ball in a forward direction, juggles with it and knocks it **backwards** to a team mate. What is the correct decision?

Answer: **It is a knock on.** The ball has not been recovered as required in Law. The law states clearly that **the ball should, in this instance, be recovered by that player before it has touched the ground or another player.**

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AND THE compliments of the season to one and all. One way and another it has been a busy few days, has it not? You will all no doubt be welcoming the opportunity to get a breath of fresh air after the excesses of the weekend. If so, spare a thought for the poor fellows out in the middle this afternoon: not too much over-celebrating for them until tonight's festivities when all will be donning dinner jackets and party dresses (the girls, that is) as opposed to the usual fancy dress, at the club's annual Christmas party.

I mention this for the benefit of Steve Ford: don't feel overdressed tonight, Steve, by wearing your jeans again and putting the others to shame.

As I was saying, though, the players have scarcely been able to relax so far and, while Quidnunc does not normally deal with newcomers to the scene until we have learned more about them, I have to single out Mike Hall as the recipient of a particularly gruelling welcome. The international centre and wing has a good voice. Indeed, while singing on tour in France with David and Simon Bryant, they made such a hit in a Dax club that they were invited back for a repeat performance. But Mike was not so happy with the repeat performances he had to give in training with Cardiff for the first time last Monday evening.

Kevin Edwards kept him so hard at work pumping iron that the boys were contemplating a whip-round to buy him a set of weights for his Christmas stocking yesterday. And by the way, Mike, the boys want to know how you have acquired all that Cardiff gear already. It took David Evans, for example, over a year to receive a Cardiff wet suit — and he is one of the great kit acquirers in the game.

What else might our heroes have received for Christmas? I am sure that David Young will have received a large bear. Now that he is lumbered with the nickname of Big Ted, he is also asking that Playschool should return at peak viewing time (today's story, Dai, comes through the round window). Desperate Dan, alias Ian Watkins, was due to receive some outsize mud pies instead of cow pies, while Steve Ford and Mark Edwards were due to be paid for work done on David Evans' House. In the case of the carpet-bagging — sorry, carpet-fitting — Mr Ford, deductions were being made for damage done to a boiler on which Steve cut his head to leave himself, literally, and Dai Evans, figuratively, in stitches.

Returning to last week's training session for a moment, Alan Phillips was as usual chasing everyone into harder action, to such an extent that he may well have received yesterday a book on the methods employed by Attila the Hun. One of his favourite targets appeared to be Damion Griffiths: so hard was he pushed to improve his body physique that his father — employer of Damion and Mark Jones and Paul Thorburn — is said to be considering a change in his company's name from Excell to Flexcell.

And so the old year — the old decade, indeed — is a-dying. Quidnunc's personal resolution is to uncover the identity of the phantom fish filleter, that joker in the pack (or three-quarters) whose practical sense of humour may well re-appear this evening. Is it Dai Evans? Is it his Oxford mate Andy Williams (whose imitations of Bill McLaren, incidentally, have to be heard to be believed), or is it fitness coach Gwyn Griffiths? Is it another name for the turkey filleter, Bob Lakin, or of Mike Rayer, or of Mark 'Three-Ring' circus?

Which reminds me finally. Put that five you owe me, Mark, on Cardiff for the cup. Llanelli or not, a Schweppes victory would give us all a Happy New Year and a satisfactory start to the Nineties.

Hopefully today the weather will have permitted our curtain raiser to have been played. The Cardiff and Pontypridd Schools Under-11 sides will have competed for the Les Spence Trophy. This will be a wonderful way to commemorate a man who did so much for our club and was always keenly interested in School Rugby.

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| 12. A.N. OTHER/Geraint JOHN | Left Centre |
| 11. Damion GRIFFITHS | Left Wing |
| 10. David EVANS/Craig MILLER | Outside Half |
| 9. Andrew BOOTH | Inside Half |
| 1. Mike GRIFFITHS | Forwards |
| 2. Ian WATKINS | |
| 3. David YOUNG | |
| 4. Stuart NUNNERLEY | |
| 5. Stuart ROY | |
| 6. Tim CROTHERS (Capt.) | |
| 8. Howard STONE/Mark EDWARDS | |
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Pontypridd

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| Ceri JONES (Capt.) | 12. |
| Chris NORMAN | 11. |
| Andy PHILLIPS | 10. |
| Keith LEE | 9. |
| Neil EYNON | 1. |
| Phil JOHN | 2. |
| Paul KNIGHT | 3. |
| Adrian OWEN | 4. |
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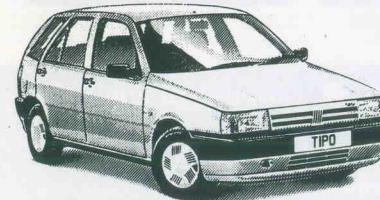
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14. T. G. R. DAVIES (Captain)	Right Wing	A. BARWOOD 14.
13. P. EVANS	Right Centre	A. THOMAS 13.
12. A. FINLAYSON	Left Centre	J. HAZZARD/S. FLYNN 12.
11. C. CAMILLERI	Left Wing	K. SWAIN 11.
10. J. DAVIES	Outside Half	S. LEWIS 10.
9. B. WILLIAMS	Inside Half	R. MORGIN 9.
1. G. WALLACE	Forwards	P. DAVIES 1.
2. M. WATKINS		M. ALEXANDER 2.
3. B. NELMES		J. NEWLANDS 3.
4. I. ROBINSON		B. PENBERTHY (Captain) 4.
5. G. SMITH P. RAWLINS.		H. EVANS 5.
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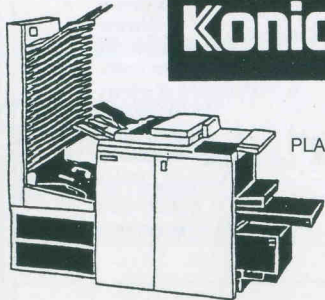
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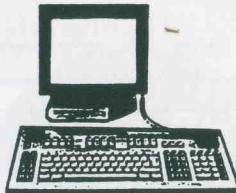
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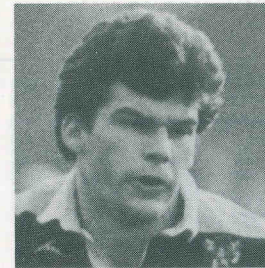
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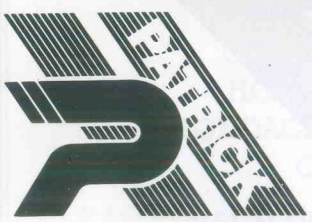
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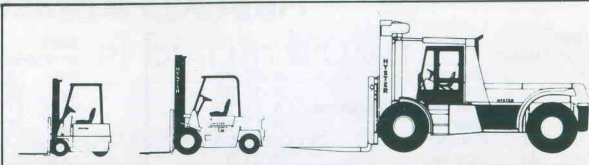
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Rugby Quiz No. 11 – Answers

1. *Russel Robins* – 13.
2. *4 times* – 1962/63, 1975/76, 1977/78 and 1978/79.
3. *No.*
4. *No.*
5. *Bridgend by 18 points to 12 in 1979.*



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Sat. 2	Bristol	A 12-23	Sat. 13	Aberavon	A.....
Wed. 6	Glamorgan Wanderers	A 31-10	Wed. 17	Bridgend	H.....
Sat. 9	Neath	H 13-36	Sat. 27	W.R.U. Cup 5th Round
Fri. 15	Coventry	A 16-10	FEBRUARY		
Sat. 23	Aberavon	H 21-9	Sat. 3	Ebbw Vale	A.....
Wed. 27	Pontypridd	A 15-27	Sat. 10	Newport	H.....
Sat. 30	Moseley	H 28-3	Sat. 17	London Welsh	A.....
OCTOBER			Sat. 24	W.R.U. Cup 6th Round
Sat. 7	Newport	A 29-16	MARCH		
Sat. 14	New Zealand	H 15-25	Fri. 2	Maesteg	A.....
Sat. 21	Wasps	H 22-25	Wed. 7	Penarth	A.....
Wed. 25	Pontypool	A 21-13	Sat. 10	Pontypool	H.....
Sat. 28	Cambridge University	H 17-28	Sat. 17	Swansea	A.....
NOVEMBER			Wed. 21	Bristol	H.....
Fri. 3	Leicester	A 15-28	Fri. 23	Bective Rangers	A.....
Wed. 8	Oxford University	H 18-3	Sat. 31	Llanelli	H.....
Sat. 11	Ebbw Vale	H 56-13	APRIL		
Sat. 18	Cilfynydd (Cup)	A 26-13	Sat. 7	Nottingham	H.....
Sat. 25	Llanelli	A 12-37	(W.R.U. Cup Semi-Final)		
DECEMBER			Sat. 14	Barbarians	H.....
Sat. 2	Swansea	H 27-29	Mon. 16	South Glam. Institute	H.....
Sat. 9	London Welsh	H 60-14	Sat. 21	Neath	A.....
Sat. 16	Bridgend Athletic (Cup)	H 38-16	Sat. 28	Newbridge	H.....
Sat. 23	Bridgend	A.....	MAY		
Tue. 26	Pontypridd	H.....	Sat. 5	W.R.U. Cup Final
Sat. 30	Harlequins	A.....			

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SEPTEMBER			JANUARY		
Sat. 2	Bristol United	H 20-39	Sat. 6	Bath United	A.....
Wed. 6	Glamorgan Wanderers II	H 4-21	Sat. 13	Neath Athletic	H.....
Sat. 9	Senghenydd	A 16-19	Wed. 17	Bridgend Ravens	A.....
Sat. 16	Coventry Extras	H 36-24	FEBRUARY		
Wed. 20	Llandaff North	H 39-9	Sat. 3	Ebbw Vale Athletic	H.....
Sat. 23	Canton	A 14-10	Sat. 10	Newport United	A.....
Wed. 27	Pontypridd Athletic	H 12-19	Sat. 24	Bedwas	H.....
Sat. 30	Moseley United	A 10-16	MARCH		
OCTOBER			Fri. 2	Pontypool United	H.....
Sat. 7	Pontypool Athletic	H 36-12	Sat. 10	Pontypool Athletic	A.....
Wed. 11	Croesyceiliog	A 9-13	Wed. 14	Pontypridd Athletic	A.....
Sat. 14	Abercarn	H Post.	Sat. 17	Swansea Athletic	H.....
Wed. 25	Pontypool Athletic	H 22-11	Sat. 24	Bristol United	A.....
Sat. 28	Cross Keys United	H 42-12	Sat. 31	Mountain Ash	A.....
NOVEMBER			APRIL		
Wed. 1	Kenfig Hill	A 7-21	Sat. 7	Llanharan	A.....
Fri. 3	London New Zealand	H 18-6	Wed. 18	Old Penarthians	H.....
Sat. 11	Ebbw Vale Athletic	A 34-7	Sat. 21	Garndiffaith	H.....
Sat. 18	Bridgend Sports	H 18-14	Sat. 28	Blackwood	H.....
Wed. 22	Cardiff & District	H 31-13	Mon. 30	Llanharan	H.....
Sat. 25	Swansea University	H 10-26			
DECEMBER					
Sat. 2	Swansea Athletic	A Canc.			
Sat. 9	Neath Athletic	A 7-33			
Sat. 16	Pontypool United	A 11-6			
Sat. 23	Bridgend Ravens	H.....			
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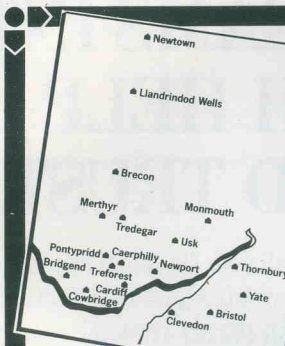
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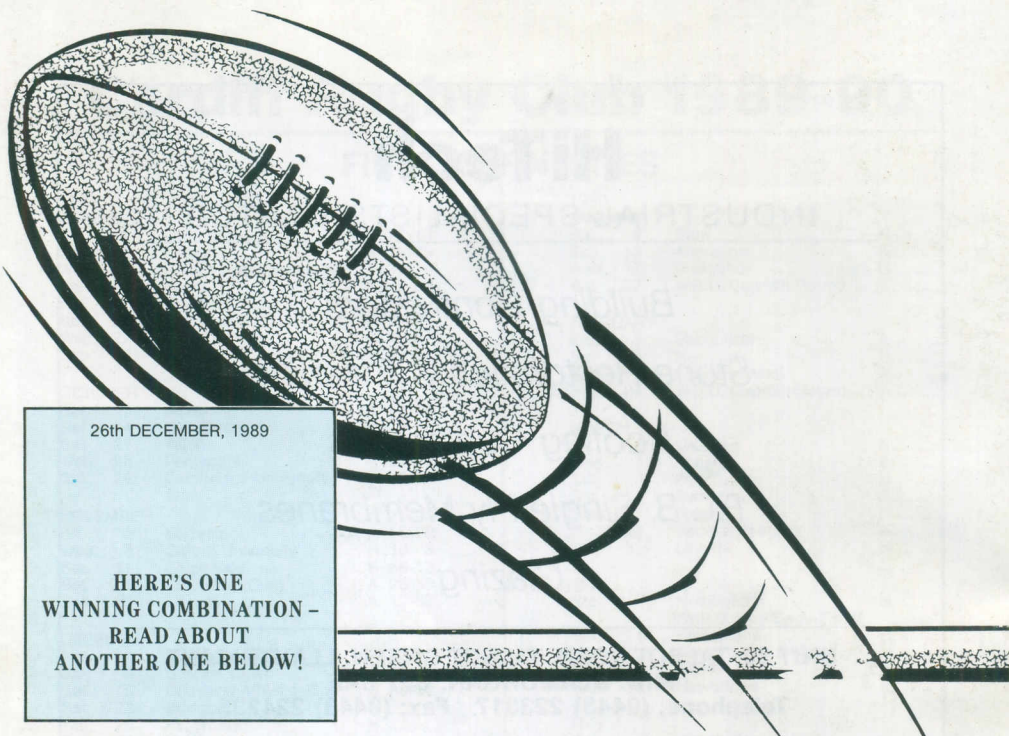
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