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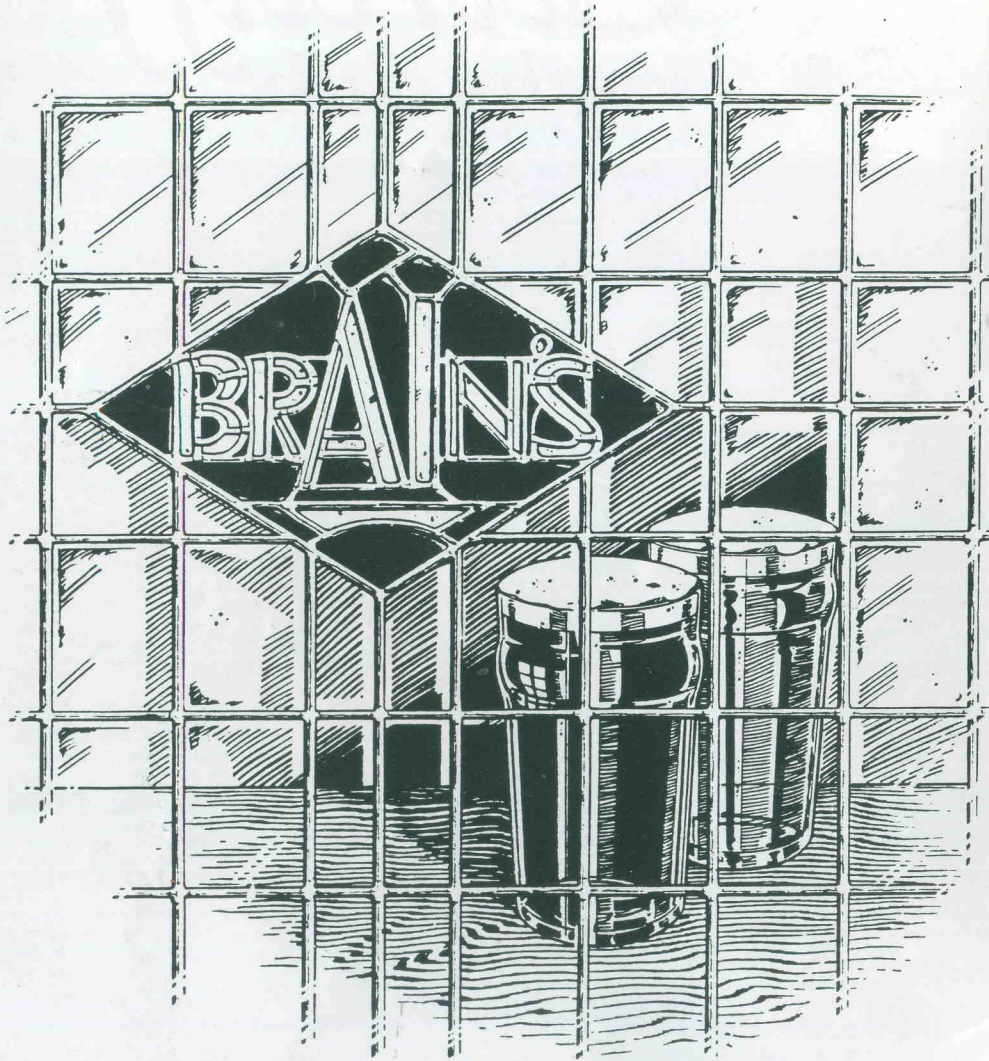
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Saturday, 27th January, 1990

Kick-Off 2.30 p.m.

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SCHWEPPE'S CUP 5th ROUND

Cardiff v. Llanelli

SATURDAY 27th JANUARY, 1990

KICK-OFF 2.30p.m.

Regardless of everything that is going on in Welsh Rugby at the moment, albeit on the field or in the corridors of power, it will all be forgotten here this afternoon. Hopefully we will be graced with decent weather because all other factors point to a cracking afternoon. The place will be bursting at the seams with the hospitality suites adding their own extra atmosphere to the ground. This is all assured of course because the powerful Llanelli side are our visitors. And it's no ordinary visit as it happens to be a do or die contest in the great and prestigious Schweppes Cup Competition.

The competition is now in its 19th season since it began in the form we know it today in 1971-72. It goes from strength to strength in stature and is a very coveted prize by all clubs in Wales. It is considered an achievement of excellence to carry off the cup for proud exhibition in a club's trophy room.

When the draw was made for this round we were very happy to come out of the hat first to give us home advantage. There were some raised eyebrows when the Scarlets came out as our opponents but if you want to win the cup you have to beat the best so we are more than thankful for home advantage. Pity we could not have met in this season's final though as a start to the 1990's. It would have been very appropriate because Llanelli were certainly the team of the 1970's while we dominated the 1980's.

Llanelli's early form in the competition was consistency personified. They featured in every one of the first 33 ties losing only 2 of them. They lost to Neath in the inaugural final and then we put an end to that record run by winning the 3rd round tie at The Arms Park in 1976-77 season. During that space they also registered a record breaking 27 consecutive wins. Included in that sequence were four consecutive final victories which is another record. Those wins plus two others put the Scarlets on top of the list as trophy holders. Another first is the fact that they have appeared in 92 of the possible 110 ties to date. A formidable record indeed, they truly were the team of the 1970's.

All our success came in the 1980's with our longest sequence of consecutive ties being 28. On two occasions we have managed 15 wins on the trot and in all we have competed in 91 ties of the possible 110, just one behind Llanelli. Like the Scarlets, we have also played in 8 finals, 5 of which we won. Of the 3 we lost, 2 of them were against Llanelli. One of those games resurrects a nightmare for all Cardiff supporters of the Gary Pearce last second drop goal in the 1985 final. It gave the Scarlets a 15-14 win. I often have illusions of that drop goal going wide but then I wake up. Just think if it had drifted wide it would now be six finals to us and five to Llanelli instead of the other way round. That drop goal gets worse and worse every time I think about it.

In all our paths in the cup have crossed five times. The first of those came in the 1973 final with a comprehensive victory to the Scarlets, 30 points to 7. That turned out to be the first of their four consecutive wins in the final. We next met in 1977 when our home victory by 25 points to 15 ended Llanelli's phenomenal run. We were then paired again in Cardiff in 1982 which resulted in a 12 points to 3 victory to us. Meeting number four came at the semi final stage at Swansea in 1984 when we ran out conclusive winners 26 points to 6. We then met in the final in the following year 1985. The Scarlets squeezed home by 15-14 thanks to that Gary Pearce drop goal with but seconds to go (Pardon my paranoia about that particular kick).

All in all however the 1980's were certainly glory years as far as the cup was concerned with 5 wins from 6 appearances and some very happy memories of some fantastic games.

That's all history now however as we go into the 1990's, and what a way to start it. With the talent that will be on show this afternoon a stranger to Welsh Rugby could well wonder why our game is not as healthy at national level. Unfortunately both sides will not be up to full strength due to one circumstance or another. It all points to be a thriller however with so much at stake for the ultimate winners.

To Llanelli then welcome once again to The Arms Park. While being hesitant to wish you good luck we certainly wish you no ill fortune.

P.N.

Cardiff R.F.C. Committee views on the proposed league structure

For the benefit of our Club Members and Supporters, the Cardiff Rugby Football Club Committee is issuing this statement in order to clarify some of the misconceptions prevailing regarding the proposed league structure for season 1990-91.

Proposals were presented by our Fixture Secretary to the Merit Table Clubs Meeting of Fixture Secretaries in July 1989 and were then followed up by a letter dated 3rd August, 1989 to the Secretary of the Merit Table Clubs. Excerpts from that letter can be summarised as follows.

FIXTURES

The time-table regarding fixtures has become critical as major changes at relatively short notice for September 1990 could create chaos. Hence, it is suggested that if a league system is to be introduced then it should be planned over a two year period, with no promotion or relegation at the end of the first season. This would apply to all four divisions and could easily be implemented by taking the playing record during the first two seasons for all clubs. A suggested pattern of actual league dates was enclosed, which in effect meant that initially the league competition would be over two seasons rather than pressurised into one.

The nine fixed dates suggested would obviously give advantage to the home side in season 1990-91 and hence there would be return games at reverse venues in the following season 1991-92. Promotion and relegation would then take place after the second season. Thereafter, it will take place at the end of each season. The Rugby Football Union found this method more satisfactory in England as it allowed the league structure with all its fixture problems, to emerge more gradually. It was also deemed imperative that there should be discussions between the W.R.U. and R.F.U. with the objective of achieving an agreed formula of dates which were identical for both league and cup fixtures.

To try and introduce a league structure on a home and away basis involving eighteen Saturdays is a recipe for disaster as far as fixtures are concerned. It will make Welsh rugby too parochial and inward-looking. Furthermore, the pressure on leading players would be even more unreasonable than it is at the present time. This is certainly true when considering the addition of cup games and internationals. It will be further complicated during the World Cup Season of 1991-92 as it will be impossible to arrange eighteen Saturday league matches. This adds strength to the proposal for a lot fewer league games initially.

PLAYING RECORD FOR ENTRY TO LEAGUES

Our proposal was that this should be based on the average of the results of the previous three seasons, including performances in the Cup.

The present system based on this season's results is farcical as, in effect, a league table has been introduced, in which not all the teams play each other. For example, Cardiff does not play Abertillery, Cross Keys, South Wales Police or Tredegar. Furthermore, fixtures were made long before the proposals to base entry into leagues on this season's results. Hence, it is clear that our two fixtures with Bridgend and Maesteg would not have been arranged for these dates on which our international players could not be involved, if such matches were to be crucial to entry to next year's leagues. Representations have already been made officially by the Cardiff Club to the W.R.U. regarding these anomalies.

Club members may not be aware that the Merit Table Clubs are unanimously opposed to the proposals that this season's results should count for entry into the leagues. Hence, it should not prove insurmountable for the W.R.U. and the Merit Table Clubs to compromise on an agreed formula, which would fairly reflect the playing records of all eighteen Merit Table Clubs in deciding the entry into Premier and First Divisions.

Cardiff R.F.C. will be pressing strongly for such decisions to be made immediately, rather than wait until the end of April, which is much too late for all clubs. There are a number of other matters, which require negotiation, but given a greater sense of urgency, we believe that, with goodwill and some compromise by all concerned, it is feasible to find solutions to the existing problems.

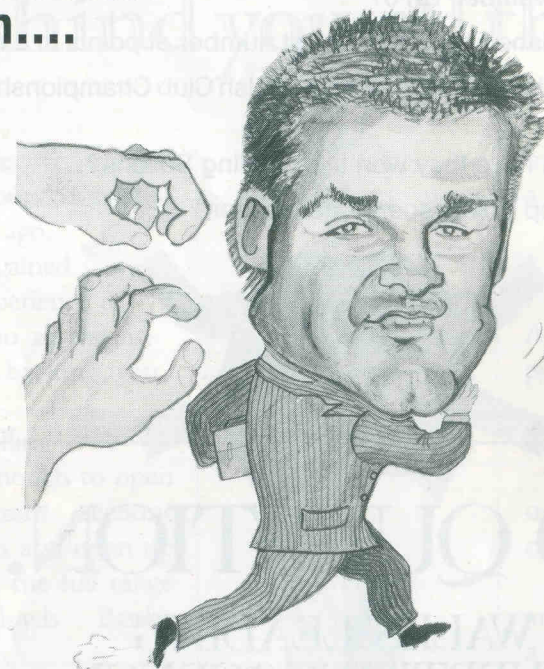
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Rugby Quiz – No. 14

Let's have a look at the Scarlets today.

1. What was the unusual feature of the Cardiff/Llanelli game on The Arms Park on 28th November 1970?
2. Who holds the Llanelli record for most number of points in a season?
3. How many times have Llanelli won the Welsh Club Championship since 1946-47?
4. How many times have they won the Snelling Sevens?
5. Who was their top points scorer last season?



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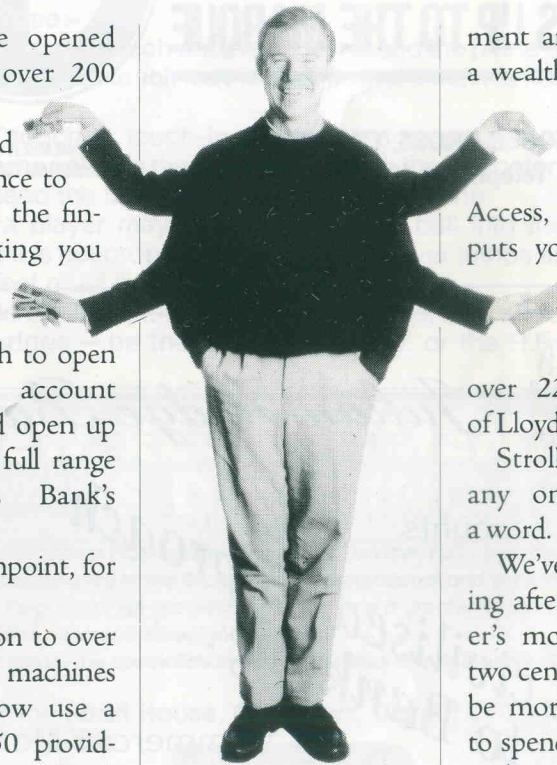
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KNOW THE LAWS

By J. E. MALCOLM THOMAS

Question:- When is the ball in touch?

A fair question to ask when one thinks of the recent Wales v France international.

Answer:- The ball is in touch —

- when **it** is not being carried by a player and **it** touches a touch line, or the ground or a person or object on or beyond it, or
- when **it** is being carried by a player and **it** or the player carrying it touches a touch line or the ground beyond it.

Please note also:-

- If the ball is not in touch and has not crossed the plane of the touchline, **a player who is in touch** may kick or propel it with his hand but **not** hold it.
- It is **NOT** touch or touch-in-goal when a player with both feet in the playing area catches the ball, even though the ball before being caught has crossed the touch line or touch-in-goal line.

Such a player may deflect or tap the ball into the playing area provided it is not propelled forward. If a player jumps and catches the ball his feet must land in the playing area.

I hope this explains this important law clearly to all rugby followers and touch judges — be they from the W.R.U. or the R.F.U.

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A WEEK AGO today, Quidnunc spent an hour or two in the company of Monsieur Serge Blanco, the charismatic and charming French full-back. Quite apart from being a reasonable name to drop — and gossips are naturally prone to scattering famous people round their columns — I was delighted to note that he smoked as many cigarettes as I did and drank as many pints. There are, it is true, marked differences in our respective sporting prowesses and general physique but it was reassuring that at least some of our vices matched.

None of which has a great deal to do with the subject of this afternoon's meanderings except for that crucial word 'cigarettes'. Mr Stephen Paul Ford was at one time notoriously jealous of soccer players who leave the field at half-time on the basis that they could have a sneaky drag; now, as the result of a bet with oversize committee man Ian Robbo Robinson, Steve has not smoked a cigarette in 1990. Likewise Robbo himself, for the £20 bet works both ways. Winger Steve is now smoking cigars while Mrs Robinson is keeping an eye on her husband's smoking habits. If, however, anyone spots either of these characters having a quick draw, then please let me know.

Steve Ford is almost as elusive off the field as he is on it but, when you do track him down in his self-employed carpet-laying business, you will find a man of modesty usually dressed in designer jeans (designed by himself, that is, with holes in the knees) even at events where his teammates are in dinner jackets.

Born in St. David's Hospital, Cardiff, on August 15, 1965, 6ft tall and 12½ stone in weight (well, no, he wasn't born that way: that's what he is now), and educated at Llanrumney High, his first foray into rugby was at the age of 10 with Rumney. An abiding regret is that he failed to win a youth cap there and, at 19, joined Glamorgan Wanderers where he had a few matches with the firsts before moving on to Cardiff.

He made his debut against the Police, followed this with two tries against Oxford University in November 1985 and was then banned. As you may recall, Mr Ford had received a telephone call from Leeds Rugby League Club where brother Philip was installed. The long and short of it was that he had four matches with them though he never signed forms. Steve was banned nevertheless and was committed to the other code. Within a year he was at Salford, had a dozen or so games with them before wishing to become 'legitimate' again.

This followed in the summer of 1988, Steve scored a try on his re-appearance against Aberavon and went on to score 27 times that season in 29 matches. This season, he has crossed five times in 18 games and has asked that he should have a settled position on the right wing.

The steak-eating speedman — known in some places as Charlie because he allegedly walks like Mr Chaplin — is also known of course for another try-scoring feat; on the Wales B tour to Canada he ran in seven tries against Saskatchewan, a record in a Welsh representative game.

When he's not causing chaos in the Cardiff club offices — whatever you do, never let him near a box of elastic bands because they will be flicked round the place like a Lethal Weapon (Eddie Murphy is, after all, his favourite actor) — Steve helps Jayne bring up their young son Luke (only two and built like a prop) as a more fastidious dresser. He'll drink the odd lager at a weekend, rarely misses Coronation Street, names Alan Phillips as his favourite comedian, chases Albert Francis for anything he can lay his hands on, lists Gerry Cordle as his favourite player, Goldie Hawn as his favourite actress and would go back to Nova Scotia for a holiday at the drop of a hat.

The chances are that he'll be late in arriving though his determination to win a Welsh Cap should ensure that Llanelli would be ill-advised today to equate lateness with slowness. The man who came back from the north would also dearly love a cup-winner's medal.

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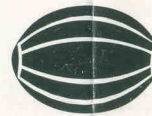
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| 14. Steve FORD | Right Wing |
| 13. Geraint JOHN | Right Centre |
| 12. Mark RING (Captain) | Left Centre |
| 11. Damion GRIFFITHS | Left Wing |
| 10. David EVANS | Outside Half |
| 9. Paul JOHN | Inside Half |
| 1. Tony ORRELL | Forwards |
| 2. Ian GREENSLADE | |
| 3. David YOUNG | |
| 4. Stuart NUNNERLEY | |
| 5. Stuart ROY | |
| 6. Matthew LLOYD | |
| 8. Howard STONE | |
| 7. Richard COLLINS | |



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| 16. Andrew BOOTH | Replacements |
| 17. Craig MILLER | |
| 18. Ceri THOMAS | |
| 19. Tim CROTHERS | |
| 20. Greg SWAINE | |
| 21. John HUMPHRIES | |

Referee: Mr. V.D. BEVAN

Touch Judges:
Mr. B. WALLIS; Mr. B.W. DAVIES

Llanelli

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| Jeff BIRD | 15. |
| Steve BOWLING | 14. |
| Nigel DAVIES | 13. |
| Simon DAVIES | 12. |
| Carwyn DAVIES | 11. |
| Mike LEWIS | 10. |
| Mike GRIFFITHS | 9. |
| Ricky EVANS | 1. |
| Andrew LAMERTON | 2. |
| Laurence DELANEY | 3. |
| Emyr LEWIS | 4. |
| Phil DAVIES (Capt.) | 5. |
| Mark PEREGO | 6. |
| Julian WILLIAMS | 8. |
| Iwan JONES | 7. |

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| Chris HILL | 16. |
| Andrew MORGAN | 17. |
| Gareth ROBERTS | 18. |
| Sean GALE | 19. |
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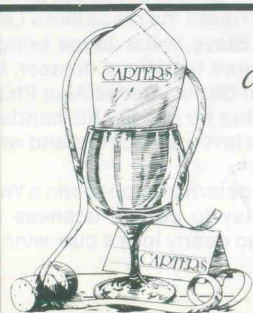
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A Look Into The Past

These were the teams who played in the semi final at Swansea on 24th March 1984, a game we won by a convincing 26 points to 6 margin. There are two survivors who will be in Blue and Black today although on that day Swansea's Geraint John was in Scarlet. At the time of going to press Llanelli's team for today is not known, so whether the tried and trusted props Anthony Buchanan and Lawrence Delaney make it remains to be seen.

CARDIFF

Colours: Blue & Black

- 15 PAUL REES
- 14 GERALD CORDLE
- 13 MARK RING*
- 12 ALUN DONOVAN*
- 11 ADRIAN HADLEY*
- 10 GARETH DAVIES*
- 9 TERRY HOLMES*
- 1 JEFF WHITEFOOT
- 2 ALAN PHILLIPS*
- 3 IAN EIDMAN*
- 4 KEVIN EDWARDS
- 5 ROBERT NORSTER*
- 6 ROB LAKIN
- 8 JOHN SCOTT (Capt.)*
- 7 OWEN GOLDING

Replacements: CHRIS COLLINS, JOSE SOUTO, TIM CROTHERS, BRENDAN MCALDON, STEVE CANNON, NEIL O'BRIEN

Referee:
Mr. A. RICHARDS

* denotes Internationals

- Cefnwr Full Back
- Asgell Dde Right Wing
- Canolwr De Right Centre
- Canolwr Chwith Left Centre
- Asgell Chwith Left Wing
- Maswr Outside Half
- Mewnwr Inside Half
- Y Rheng Flaen Prop
- Bachwr Hooker
- Y Rheng Flaen Prop
- Clo Lock
- Clo Lock
- Blaenasgell Flanker
- Wythwr No.8
- Blaenasgell Flanker

Touch Judges: K. C. PARFITT (Replacement Referee), D. O. HUGHES, C. BURNE (Replacement Touch Judge)

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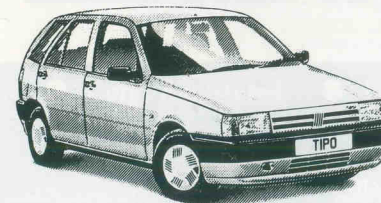
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Colours: Scarlet

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- 14 PHIL LEWIS
- 13 GERAINT JOHN
- 12 PETER MORGAN*
- 11 DAVID NICHOLAS
- 10 GARY PEARCE*
- 9 JONATHAN GRIFFITHS
- 1 ANTHONY BUCHANAN
- 2 KEITH TOWNLEY
- 3 LAWRENCE DELANEY
- 4 PHIL MAY (Capt.)
- 5 RHYS THOMAS
- 6 ALUN DAVIES
- 8 MARK LYNCH
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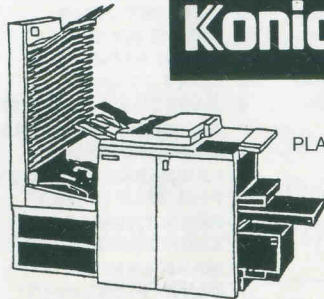
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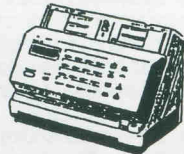
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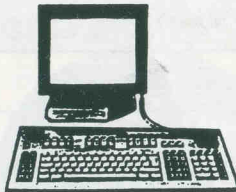
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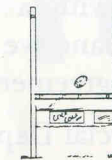
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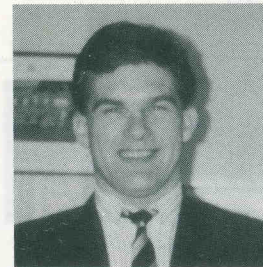
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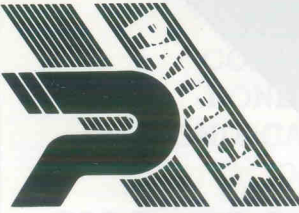
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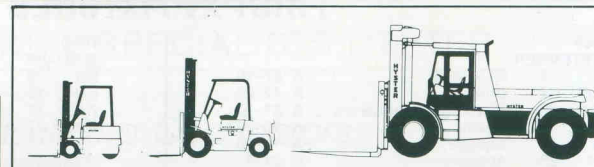
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2. Gary Pearce – 420 points 1985-86.
3. Three times – 1967-68, 1973-74 and 1976-77.
4. Five times – 1960, 1971, 1973, 1979 and 1988.
5. Colin Stephens – 216 points.



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Sat.	2	Bristol	A	12-23	Sat.	13	Aberavon	A	24-10
Wed.	6	Glamorgan Wanderers	A	31-10	Wed.	17	Bridgend	H	10-17
Sat.	9	Neath	H	13-36	Sat.	27	Llanelli (Cup)		.....
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				MARCH					
Sat.	7	Newport	A	29-16	Fri.	2	Maesteg	A	.....
Sat.	14	New Zealand	H	15-25	Wed.	7	Penarth	A	.....
Sat.	21	Wasps	H	22-25	Sat.	10	Pontypool	H	.....
Wed.	25	Pontypool	A	21-13	Sat.	17	Swansea	A	.....
Sat.	28	Cambridge University	H	17-28	Wed.	21	Bristol	H	.....
NOVEMBER				APRIL					
Fri.	3	Leicester	A	15-28	Sat.	7	Nottingham	H	.....
Wed.	8	Oxford University	H	18-3	(W.R.U. Cup Semi-Final)				
Sat.	11	Ebbw Vale	H	56-13	Sat.	14	Barbarians	H	.....
Sat.	18	Cilfynydd (Cup)	A	26-13	Mon.	16	South Glam. Institute	A	.....
Sat.	25	Llanelli	A	12-37	Sat.	21	Neath	A	.....
DECEMBER				MAY					
Sat.	2	Swansea	H	27-29	Sat.	5	W.R.U. Cup Final		.....
Sat.	9	London Welsh	H	60-14					
Sat.	16	Bridgend Athletic (Cup)	H	38-16					
Sat.	23	Bridgend	A	10-21					
Tue.	26	Pontypridd	H	27-6					
Sat.	30	Harlequins	A	31-43					

ATHLETIC XV FIXTURES

1989				1990					
SEPTEMBER				JANUARY					
Sat.	2	Bristol United	H	20-39	Sat.	6	Bath United	A	20-4
Wed.	6	Glamorgan Wanderers II	H	4-21	Sat.	13	Neath Athletic	H	43-3
Sat.	9	Senghenydd	A	16-19	Wed.	17	Bridgend Ravens	A	Post.
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				APRIL					
Sat.	7	Pontypool Athletic	H	36-12	Fri.	2	Pontypool United	H	.....
Wed.	11	Croesyceiliog	A	9-13	Sat.	10	Pontypool Athletic	A	.....
Sat.	14	Abercarn	H	Post.	Wed.	14	Pontypridd Athletic	A	.....
Wed.	25	Pontypool Athletic	H	22-11	Sat.	17	Swansea Athletic	H	.....
Sat.	28	Cross Keys United	H	42-12	Sat.	24	Bristol United	A	.....
NOVEMBER				MAY					
Wed.	1	Kenfig Hill	A	7-21	Sat.	31	Mountain Ash	A	.....
Fri.	3	London New Zealand	H	18-6					
Sat.	11	Ebbw Vale Athletic	A	34-7					
Sat.	18	Bridgend Sports	H	18-14					
Wed.	22	Cardiff & District	H	31-13					
Sat.	25	Swansea University	H	10-26					
DECEMBER				MAY					
Sat.	2	Swansea Athletic	A	Canc.	Sat.	7	Llanharan	A	.....
Sat.	9	Neath Athletic	A	7-33	Wed.	18	Old Penarthians	H	.....
Sat.	16	Pontypool United	A	11-6	Sat.	21	Garniffaith	H	.....
Sat.	23	Bridgend Ravens	H	12-13	Sat.	28	Blackwood	H
Sat.	30	Rumney	A	12-13	Mon.	30	Llanharan	H

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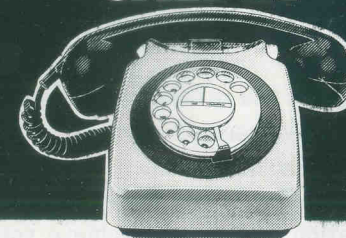
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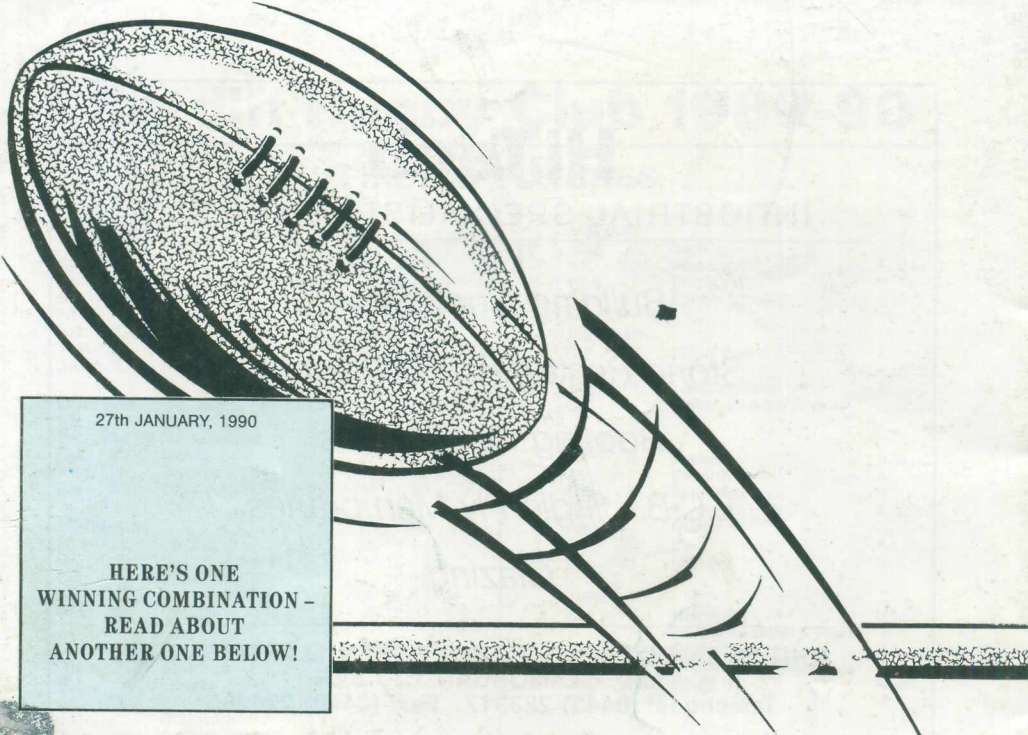
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