

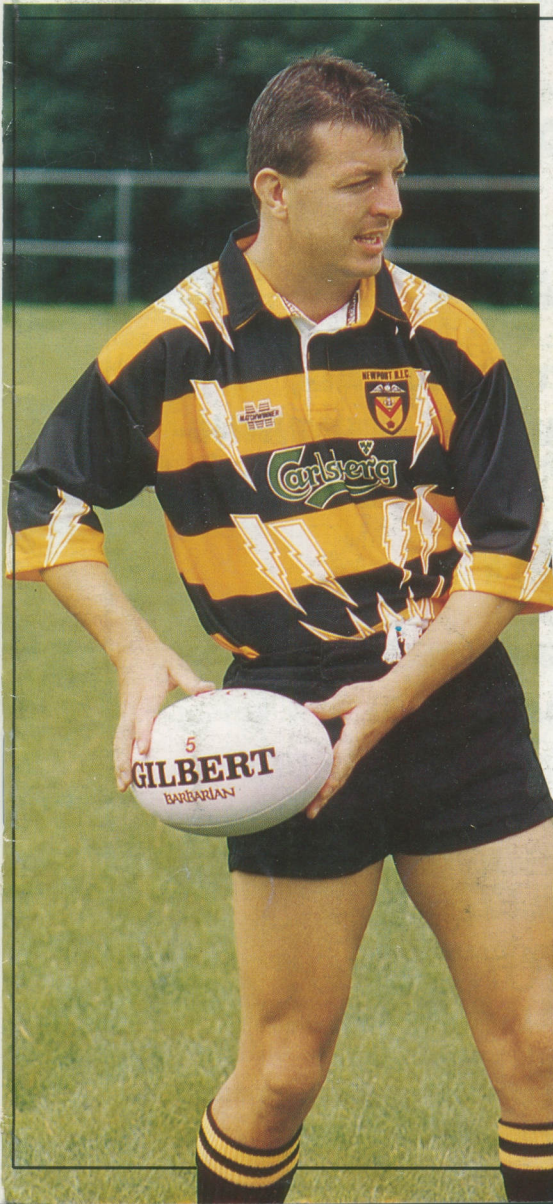
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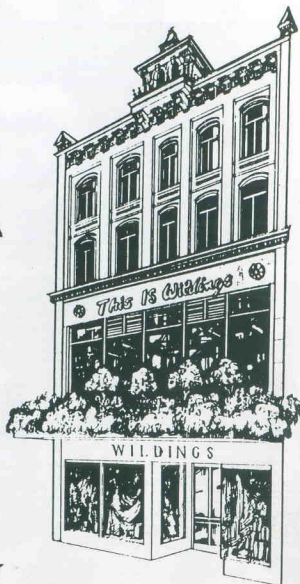




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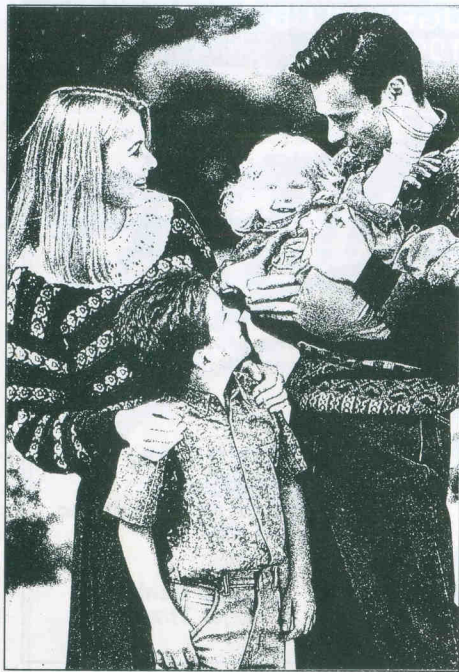
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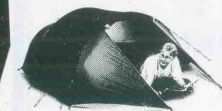
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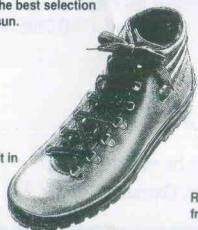
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# Rodney Review

by Willis Huntley

## Not a Great Season!

Newport's match with Cardiff this afternoon brings to an end their home programme, and next Saturday's game at neighbouring Newbridge will see the final curtain fall on their 1993-4 season. Fortunately, they will go into these matches free of relegation worries, for their victory at Aberavon made certain that they would again be operating in the first division of the Heineken League next season.

Nevertheless, there is no point in cloaking the fact that this season has been most disappointing — if not depressing — for their supporters. Not only was their team knocked out of the SWALEC Cup at only their second hurdle by village club Ystradgynlais, but for the second successive season they watched anxiously as Newport struggled to stay clear of the relegation zone.

Newport's highlights have, indeed been few and far between. The principal ones were victories over Llanelli and the Barbarians, and their stirring performance against Swansea, with whom they would have drawn if the forward pass which enables the champions to register the winning try had been spotted by the referee!

To offset these few successes there were some humiliating defeats, notably at Stradey Park, St. Helen's and Cardiff Arms Park. Things, of course, might well have been vastly different if Canada's World Cup outside half Gareth Rees had been able to join Newport at a much earlier stage of the campaign!

Rees certainly proved the match-winner in that vital fixture at Aberavon, and although he will soon be concentrating on his studies at Oxford University, Newport are hoping that he will be able to turn out for them fairly frequently next season — and beyond 1994-5.

Next season Newport will be losing their old friends Cross Keys, at least in the league, but happily the indications are that Pontypool, who are home to Dunvant today, will manage to avoid the drop into the second division. Another welcome fact for Gwent is that Abertillery now seem certain to figure in the first division next season.

Newport and Abertillery have, of course, maintained club fixtures with each other but a new team to visit Rodney Parade will be Treorchy, the second division champions. Treorchy strengthened their playing resources very considerably during the summer, and among their signings was former Newport centre Keith Orrell.

And now, as usual, we look forward to a new campaign with a moderate quota of hope, though one or two more newcomers of the calibre of Gareth Rees will be needed if Newport are to make a more substantial impact in the Heineken League. If they cannot be found in Gwent, perhaps another trip across the Severn Bridge might prove profitable for the club's selectors!



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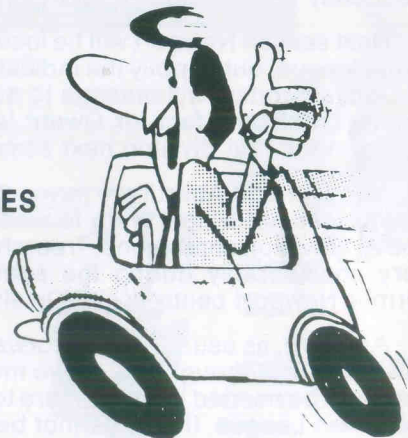
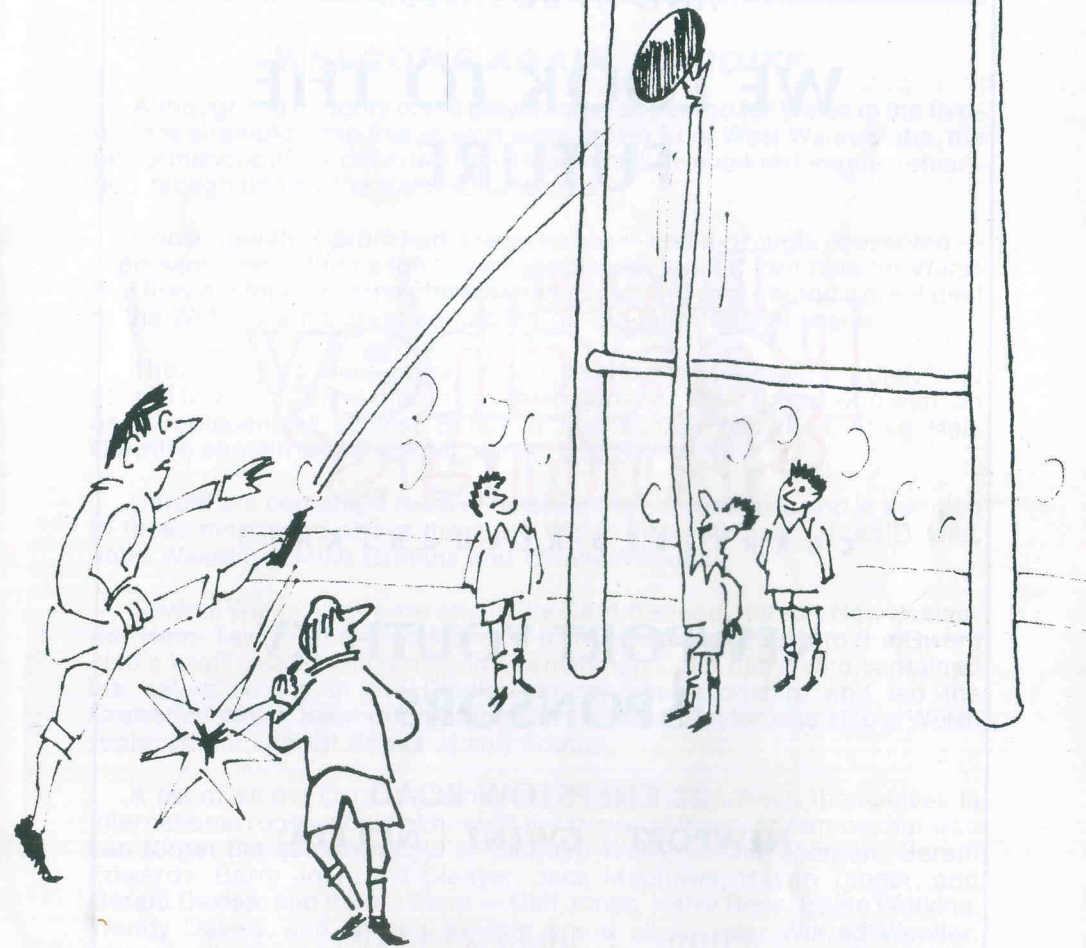


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### WELCOME AGAIN, CARDIFF

Although the majority of the players who appeared for Wales in the five-nations championship this season were drawn from West Wales clubs, the performances of Cardiff in the first division of the Heineken League demanded recognition by the national selectors.

Consequently, Cardiff had a reasonable — and thoroughly deserved — representation in the national team, and it was indeed fortunate for Wales that they did for four of the players from Arms Park contributed a great deal to the Welsh team's great comeback on the international scene.

Those players were Nigel Walker, the former Olympic hurdler, who scored two scintillating tries in the championship, Mike Rayer, who went on as a replacement against Scotland and scored two tries, Mike Hall, Cardiff's captain and thrustful centre, and Simon Hill.

Cardiff are certainly a team of outstanding personalities and in addition to those mentioned above there are Welsh internationals Adrian Davies, John Wakeford, Mike Griffiths and Owain Williams.

Several Wales A caps are also in the Cardiff squad, notably New Zealander Hemi Taylor, who joined Cardiff from Newbridge much to the Gwent club's keen disappointment, and Cornishman Colin Laity, who captained his native county in the English county championship, and led the Crawshay Welsh team during their Cornish tour. Taylor was also a Welsh replacement against Scotland and France.

A list of all the Cardiff players who have distinguished themselves in international rugby would almost fill the pages of this programme, but who can forget the achievements of Bleddyn Williams, Cliff Morgan, Gareth Edwards, Barry John, Bill Cleaver, Jack Matthews, Haydn Tanner, and Gerald Davies, and before them — Cliff Jones, Harry Rees, Eddie Watkins, Wendy Davies, and, of course, that grand all-rounder Wilfred Wooller, whose brilliant rugby career was cut short by the second world war. Still, Wooller gained just as much admiration for his cricket deeds for Glamorgan, who he captained to the county championships in 1948.

Cardiff, who finished runners-up in the first division last season made a determined effort to go one better this season, and until late in the campaign it looked as though they might succeed in doing so, but they unexpectedly dropped a few points and were left behind by Swansea. Their history, however, is full of outstanding achievements, and they have always been one of the most admired and respected rugby clubs far beyond the shores of Britain. And their prestige will again soar if they succeed in carrying off the Welsh Cup!

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## FIRST TEAM

Date	Team	Venue	Date	Team	Venue
<b>SEPTEMBER 1993</b>			<b>JANUARY 1994</b>		
Sat. 4	Dunvant (L)	Away 7-12	Mon. 3	Watsonians	Home 25-11
Wed. 8	Cross Keys(L)	Home 23-20	Sat. 8	Pontypool (L)	Home 5-14
Sat. 11	Llanelli (L)	Away 8-44	Fri. 14	Glasgow High/Kelvinside	Home 13-17
Sat. 18	Neath (L)	Home 16-19	Sat. 22	Ystradgynlais (Cup)	Away 9-10
Sat. 25	Pontypool (L)	Away 35-21	Sat. 29	Bridgend (L)	Away 14-17
<b>OCTOBER</b>			<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
Sat. 2	Bridgend (L)	Home 11-24	Sat. 12	Maesteg	Home 41-10
Tue. 5	Barbarians*	Home 35-19	Fri. 18	Gloucester	Away P
Sat. 9	Richmond	Home 29-21	Tue. 22	Ebbw Vale	Home 48- 3
Tue. 12	Maesteg	Away 21-23	Sat. 26	Berry Hill	Home C
Fri. 15	Glam. Wanderers	Home 67-23	<b>MARCH</b>		
Sat. 23	Pontypridd (L)	Away 14-31	Sat. 5	Pontypridd (L)	Home 30-32
Mon. 25	South African Barbarians*	Home 31-58	Tue. 8	Newport & District	Home 56- 3
Sat. 30	Swansea (L)	Away 3-30	Sat. 12	Glam. Wanderers	Away 18-10
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			Tue. 15	Abertillery	Home 34- 3
Sat. 6	Aberavon (L)	Home 30- 6	Sat. 26	Swansea (L)	Home 22-27
Sat. 13	Cardiff (L)	Away 3-52	<b>APRIL</b>		
Sat. 20	Newbridge (L)	Home 17-17	Sat. 2	Coventry/	Home 22-15
Sat. 27	Dunvant (L)	Home 13- 9	Mon. 4	London Welsh	Away 24-32
<b>DECEMBER</b>			Sat. 9	Aberavon (L)	Away 21-13
Wed. 1	Cross Keys (L)	Away 13- 7	Sat. 16	Torquay	Away C
Sat. 4	Llanelli (L)	Home 22-14	Sat. 23	Cardiff (L)	Home
Sat. 11	Neath (L)	Away 17-28	Sat. 30	Newbridge (L)	Away
Sat. 18	Fairwater (Cup)	Away 23-14	<b>MAY</b>		
Wed. 22	Gloucester	Home 36-14	Sat. 7	CUP FINAL	Cardiff
Mon. 27	Bristol	Home 53- 7			

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## UNDER-21 or COMBINED UNITED TEAM

Date	Team	Venue	Date	Team	Venue
<b>SEPTEMBER 1993</b>			<b>JANUARY 1994</b>		
Sat. 4	Dunvant-U21	Home 21-13	Sat. 8	Llanelli U21	Home 0-50
Sat. 11	Coventry-U21	Home 22-10	Sat. 15	Cardiff U21	Away C
Sat. 18	Exeter-U21	Away 5-11	Sat. 22	Dunvant U21	Away 22-19
Sat. 25	Maesteg-U21	Home 45-12	Sat. 29	Wasps U21	Home 6-14
<b>OCTOBER</b>			<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
Sat. 2	Moseley-U21	Away 22-13	Wed. 8	Newport HSOB	Home 29- 6
Sat. 9	Bristol University	Away 10-46	Sat. 12	Coventry-U21	Away 14-18
Sat. 16		Away C	Sat. 19	Exeter-U21	Home 39- 3
Sat. 23	Llanelli-U21	Home 5-18	Sat. 26	Bristol University	Home 51-19
Sat. 30	Gloucester O.B.Com.	Home 10-11	<b>MARCH</b>		
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			Tue. 1	Cheltenham	Away 16-58
Wed. 3	Cardiff-U21	Home 16-12	Sat. 5	Cardiff Medics-U21	Away 75- 3
Sat. 6		Away P	Sat. 12	St. Julians HSOB	Home 15-10
Sat. 13		Home P	Sun. 20	Harlequins-U21	Away 17- 8
Sat. 20	Gloucester-U21	Away 5-42	<b>APRIL</b>		
Sat. 27	Swansea U21	Away 17-38	Sat. 2	Maesteg-U21	Away
<b>DECEMBER</b>			Sat. 9	Tenby-U21	Home
Sat. 4	Llanelli-U21	Away C	Sat. 16	Treorchy (combined)	Away
Sat. 11	Harlequins-U21	Home 14-20	Sat. 23	Cardiff-U21	Away
Sat. 18	Swansea-U21	Home C	Sat. 30	Moseley-U21	Home
Thu. 30	Treorchy (combined)	Home C			





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It is not surprising that he likes to return to Rodney Parade, for it was on this ground that he accomplished many outstanding achievements and also experienced what he still considers was his proudest rugby moment.

*"That moment came when I captained Newport against the 1969 South African rugby team, and I had the great satisfaction of leading Newport to victory. It was certainly a great moment for me."* he explained.

When his business activities caused him to leave Newport — he now lives in Solihull — he turned out for Solihull rugby team and in one match he scored 39 points.

*"I was then 38 years old"* he pointed out with mingled pride and a little amusement. Anthony also played for North Midlands in the English county championship, but it was his career with Newport Rugby Club that he will always be remembered in the sporting world.

Nevertheless, he won a Cambridge University blue against Oxford University in 1967, and played for Monmouthshire, Crawshays and the Welsh Universities.

Anthony succeeded Welsh International Brian Price as captain of Newport for the 1969-70 season, and besides the victory over the Springboks he steered Newport to triumphs over Bath, Wasps, Bristol, Harlequins, Llanelli, Pontypool and Gloucester, and during that season he saw Newport set up a points record for a season with a total of 720.

Anthony's contribution to that total amounted to 165 points and included eleven tries. He had previously topped the century mark when he joined Newport in 1965-6, and when he left the club at the end of the 1971-2 season he had registered nearly 400 points for them.

But to return to the match with South Africa: Anthony converted a try by David Cornwall and then clinched victory with a penalty goal. Yet before that match, which Newport won 11-6, Anthony had been a doubtful starter because of injury, but he made light of it and gave such a stirring performance that his colleagues carried him off the field in triumph!

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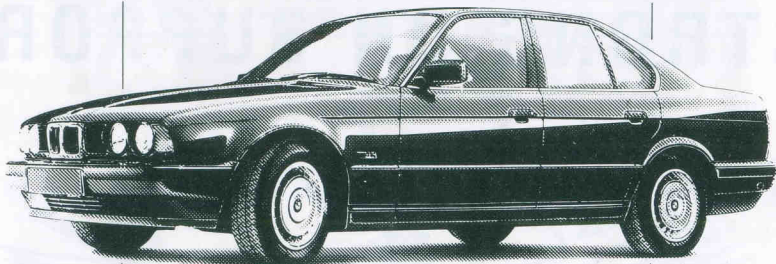
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David REES	7	37	29	1	199
Gareth REES	4	16	16	—	100
Jason WILLIAMS	3	7	11	—	62
Chris WYATT	10	—	—	—	50
Duncan HUGHES	6	5	3	—	49
David LLEWELLYN	9	—	—	—	45
Mark YENDLE	6	—	—	—	30
Ian JONES	5	—	—	—	25
James ALVIS	5	—	—	—	25
John GOODCHILD	5	—	—	—	25
Andrew LEWIS	4	1	—	—	22
Richard GOODEY	4	—	—	—	20
Alun CARTER	4	—	—	—	20
Ben ATKINS	3	—	—	—	15
Andrew DIBBLE	3	—	—	—	15
Ben WATKINS	3	—	—	—	15
Ian JEFFREYS	3	—	—	—	15
Roger BIDGOOD	3	—	—	—	15
Keith LEE	3	—	—	—	15
David WATERS	3	—	—	—	15
Jonathan WESTWOOD	—	1	3	—	11
Mark RODERICK	2	—	—	—	10
Neil JONES	2	—	—	—	10
Matthew EVANS	2	—	—	—	10
Simon McCRACKEN	2	—	—	—	10

The following each scored one try:-

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Newport and Cardiff have since figured in many remarkable matches, but perhaps the most amazing one was the 1951 clash between the pair at Arms Park. A crowd of 48,500 passed through the turnstiles to set up a world record for the biggest attendance at a club rugby match.

At half-time Cardiff led through a penalty goal kicked by their captain Ewart Tamplin, a policeman who had previously played for Pontypool. After the interval Newport, who had previously beaten Cardiff twice that season, scored tries through Tom Sterry and John Lane, the last of which Ben Edwards converted.

The teams on that memorable occasion were:

**Cardiff:** F. Trott, D.C. Murphy, J. Matthews, B.L. Williams, H. Morris, C. Morgan, R. Willis, G. Jenkins, J.R. Phillips, C. Davies, W.E. Tamplin (captain), P. Goodfellow, D.J. O'Brien, C.D. Williams, J.D. Nelson.

**Newport:** R. Hughes, J.J. Jones (captain), R.D. Owen, Bryn Williams, J. Lane, R. Burnett, W.A. Williams, G. Hirst, L. Davies, T. Sterry, L.E.T. Jones, B. Edwards, P.J. Davies, D.A.G. Ackerman, R.T. Evans.

Referee: Ivor David (Neath)

W.H.

## Leaving Rodney Parade

Vacating Newport Athletic Club's position of commercial and general manager a few days after today's match between Newport and Cardiff is Brian Jones, who has been a familiar figure at Rodney Parade since he took up the appointment four years ago.

A former Cwmbran and Croesyceiliog rugby player, he was previously employed by Gwent County Council and Torfaen Borough Council, and for seven years before he joined Newport he was the manager of Cwmbran Sports Stadium. Brian now plans to devote his energies to commercial freelancing.

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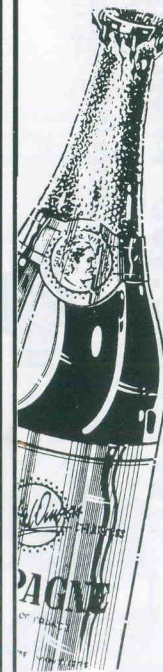
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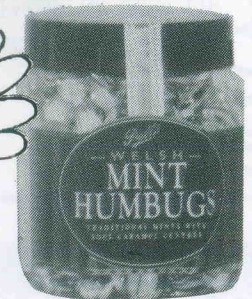
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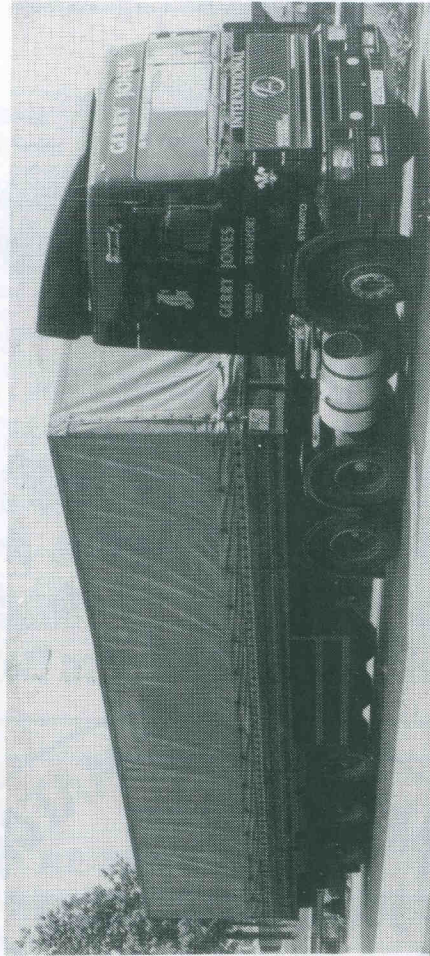
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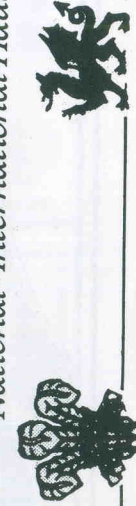
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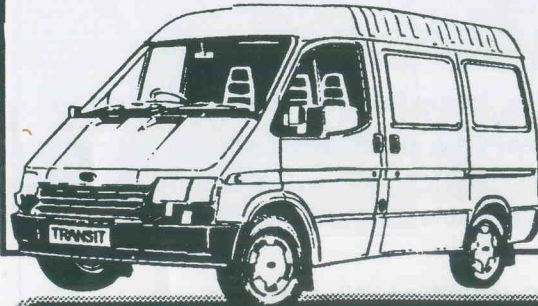
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Our last game of the season is at our neighbours, Newbridge. As usual we will be running a coach, subject to demand, and you can book your seats, in the Rodney Hall, after the game. It promises to be an all-round good day out, so leave your car at home and join us for an end-of-season blow-out. There won't be any more domestic rugby for FOUR months.

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We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the other Newport RFC teams on a fine season, especially the under-19s who have so far been invincible and won the Vale of Lune Rugby Festival Cups — a real hope for the future.

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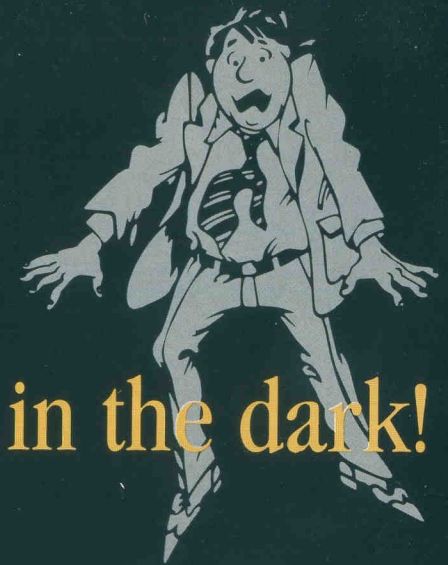
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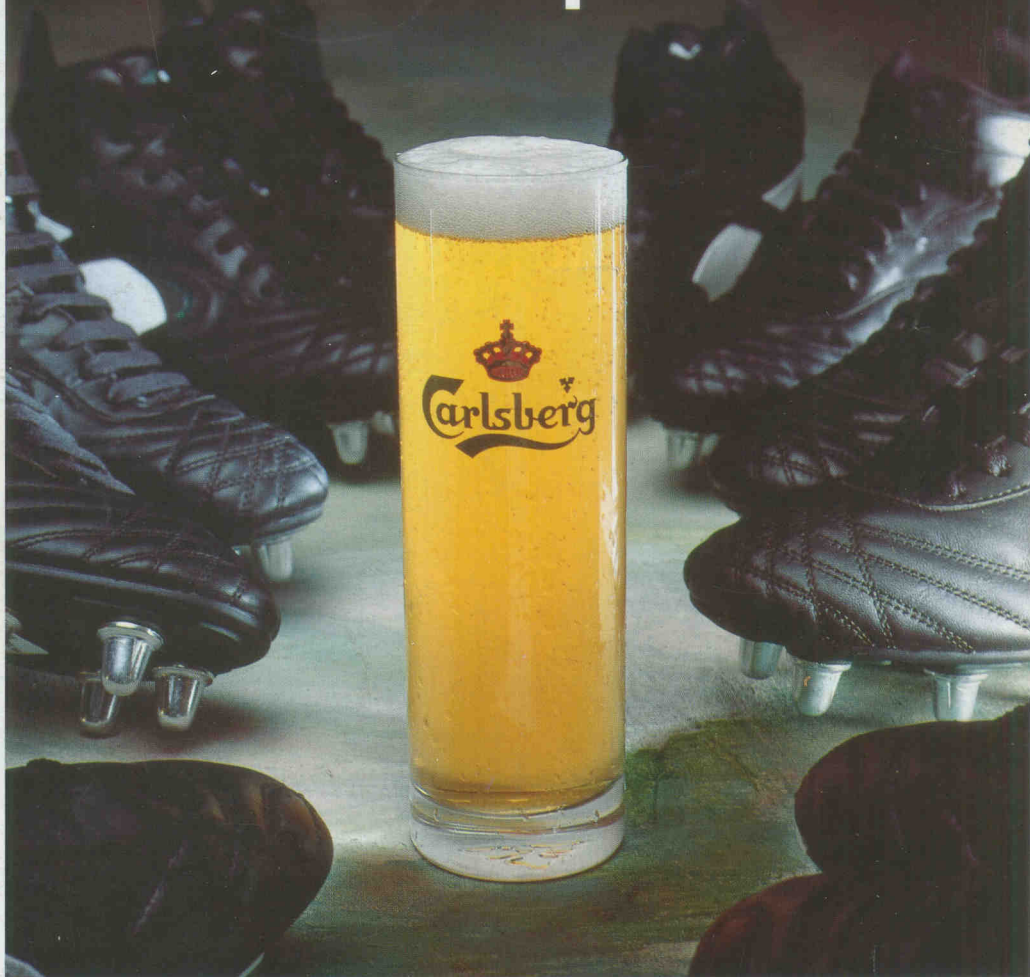
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