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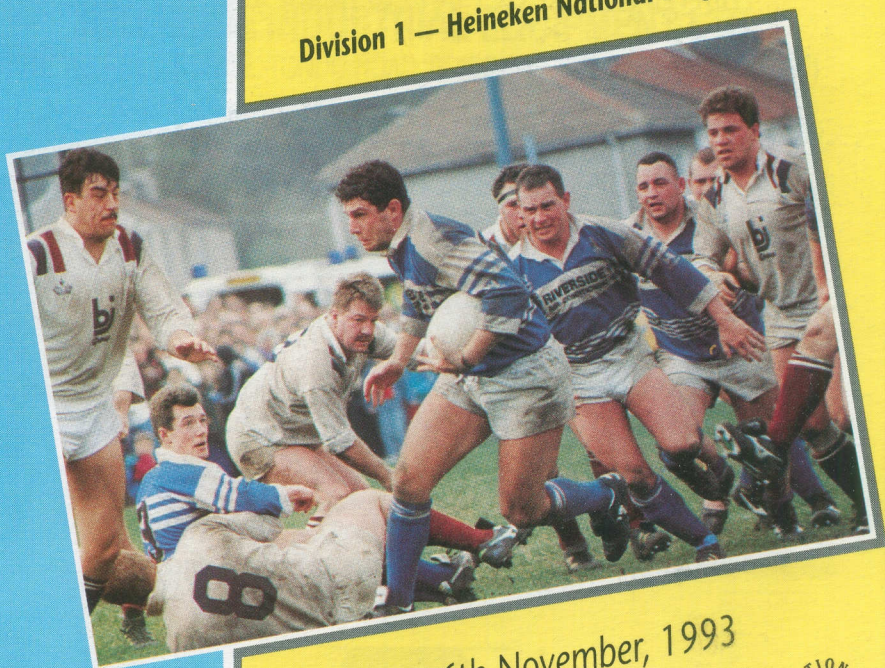
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## Bridgend v Cardiff

**Saturday, 6th November, 1993**

**Kick-off 2.30 p.m.**

On behalf of Bridgend R.F.C.'s Players, Committee and Supporters, may I extend a warm welcome to our long standing friends and rivals from Cardiff R.F.C. to the Brewery Field this afternoon. The battles between the two sides have always been "memorable" to say the least, and I'm sure we're all looking forward to another historic encounter today. It is also, of course, the ideal opportunity to renew "old" acquaintances, and on a personal note—I wonder if Colin Howe will actually take his hand out of his pocket this year!? In all seriousness, welcome Cardiff to the Brewery Field, and may we have a great day together.

Croeso i ffrindiau hen a newydd o Gaerdydd i Gae'r Bragdy prynhawn 'ma, ac rwy'n siwr y cawn ddiwrnod arbennig gyda'n gilydd.

**Huw Ceredig,  
Cadeirydd/Chairman**

Cardiff come to the Brewery Field on the back of a record win against Pontypool last Saturday where local boy Adrian Davies scored a record 28 points; Cardiff are also the leading try scorers in the competition with 43 to date.

After a very hectic week in the Club's history when the whole structure has been re-organised it was very pleasing to see the mar-

vellous performance by the players against Swansea. A special mention should go to MARK RIDLEY who after meeting the other players three days before the game played very well.

After a very disappointing performance against Aberavon we hope for a return to form against Cardiff today.

CONGRATULATIONS go to Graham and Cathy Davies on the birth of their baby daughter Katy Hanna from all at Bridgend R.F.C.

We also congratulate JASON LEWIS and DAVID GRIFFITHS on their league debut's against Aberavon.

On the injury front there is news that Tom Morgan and Paul Jones have had operations on their knees and hope to be back in training within 6 weeks. The big plus is the return to fitness of Club Captain David Bryant who played for one of the Bridgend Sports sides last Saturday.

We also welcome to the Club Jeff Daley and Ian Spender. Last weekend was very successful for the younger players in the Club with the Youth beating Llanelli on Saturday and the Under 16's beating Cardiff on Sunday in one of the best games seen at the Brewery Field for a long time. Full reports on both games appear in the Youth section of today's programme.

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# FIXTURES AND STATISTICS

DATE	OPPONENTS	F-A	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
<b>SEPTEMBER 1993</b>																		
Wed. 1	<b>LLANHARAN</b>	H	34-17	C. Bradshaw	M. Lewis (1C)	M. Jones	C. Yardley (1T) (T.Morgan/G. Matthews)	G. Davies (1T)	D. Griffiths (PT)	N. Flay (1T)	D. Austin	I. Greenslade	S. Gale	N. Spender	A. Gwilym (1T)	S. Bryant	O. Lloyd (1T)	D. Jones
Sat. 4	Cross Keys (L)	A	17-16	D. Davies (1T)	G. Webbe (C. Bradshaw/C. Yardley)	P. Wintle	M. Jones	G. Wilkins (1T)	M. Lewis	R. Howley (1T)	D. Rees	I. Greenslade	S. Gale	S. Jenkins	A. Gwilym	J. Derrick (1T)	G. Evans	N. Spender
Tues. 7	<b>LLANELLI (L)</b>	H	11-18	D. Davies	G. Davies	P. Wintle	C. Yardley	G. Wilkins (1T)	M. Lewis (1DG)	R. Howley	D. Rees	I. Greenslade	S. Gale	S. Jenkins	A. Gwilym	O. Lloyd	G. Evans	N. Spender
Sat. 11	Neath (L)	A	11-33	G. Wilkins (2PG)	G. Davies (1T)	P. Wintle	C. Yardley	M. Jones	M. Lewis	N. Flay	D. Francis	P. Morgan	T. Bumford	S. Jenkins (O. Lloyd)	P. Matthews	J. Derrick	D. Jones	N. Spender
Sat. 18	<b>PONTYPOOL (L)</b>	H	74-20	D. Davies	G. Webbe (1T)	L. Davies	P. Wintle (1T)	G. Wilkins (1T)	M. Lewis (1T, 1DG)	R. Howley (2T)	D. Rees	I. Greenslade	S. Gale	S. Jenkins	N. Spender (2T)	O. Lloyd	G. Evans (2T)	S. Bryant
Sat. 25	Pontypridd (L)	A	14-24	D. Davies	G. Webbe	L. Davies	M. Jones	G. Wilkins (1T)	M. Lewis	R. Howley	D. Rees	I. Greenslade	S. Gale (1T)	S. Jenkins	N. Spender	O. Lloyd	G. Evans	S. Bryant
<b>OCTOBER 1993</b>																		
Sat. 2	Newport (L)	A	24-11	C. Bradshaw	G. Webbe (1T)	P. Wintle (1T)	M. Jones	G. Wilkins (1T)	M. Lewis	R. Howley	D. Francis	I. Greenslade	S. Gale	S. Jenkins	N. Spender	J. Derrick	G. Evans	S. Bryant
Sat. 9	<b>ROSSLYN PARK</b>	H	15-37	C. Bradshaw (1T)	G. Webbe	P. Wintle	C. Yardley (1T)	D. Davies (1T) G. Davies	D. Griffiths	J. Lewis	D. Francis	P. Morgan	T. Bumford	S. Jenkins	N. Jones	J. Derrick	G. Evans	O. Lloyd
Fri. 15	South Wales Police	A	19-24	D. Davies (1T)	C. Bradshaw	P. Wintle	M. Jones	G. Wilkins (2C)	D. Griffiths	J. Lewis (1T)	K. Townley	I. Greenslade	S. Gale (1T)	S. Jenkins	I. Spender	O. Lloyd	G. Evans	N. Jones
Sat. 23	<b>SWANSEA (L)</b>	H	16-20	D. Davies (3PG, 1C)	G. Webbe (1T)	C. Bradshaw	P. Wintle	G. Davies (D. Griffiths) G. Davies	M. Lewis	M. Ridley	D. Francis	I. Greenslade	S. Gale	S. Jenkins	N. Spender	J. Derrick	G. Evans	O. Lloyd
Sat. 30	Aberavon (L)	A	12-12	D. Davies (4PG)	G. Webbe	M. Jones	P. Wintle	G. Davies	M. Lewis	J. Lewis	D. Rees	P. Morgan	S. Gale	S. Jenkins	N. Spender	J. Derrick	G. Evans	O. Lloyd
<b>NOVEMBER 1993</b>																		
Sat. 6	<b>CARDIFF (L)</b>	H																
Sat. 13	Newbridge (L)	A																
Sat. 20	<b>DUNVANT (L)</b>	H																
Sat. 27	<b>CROSS KEYS (L)</b>	H																
Tues. 30	Llanelli (L)	A																
<b>DECEMBER 1993</b>																		
Mon. 6	<b>NEATH (L)</b>	H																
Sat. 11	Pontypool (L)	A																
Sat. 18	4th Round Cup																	
Mon. 27	Maesteg	A																
<b>JANUARY 1994</b>																		
Mon. 3	<b>PONTYPRIDD (L)</b>	H																
Sat. 8	<b>S. WALES POLICE</b>	H																
Tues. 11	Glamorgan Wanderers	A																
Fri. 14	<b>STIRLING COUNTY</b>	H																
Sat. 22	5th Round Cup																	
Sat. 29	<b>NEWPORT (L)</b>	H																
<b>FEBRUARY 1994</b>																		
Fri. 4	<b>BRISTOL</b>	H																
Wed. 9	<b>MAESTEG</b>	H																
Sat. 12	Llanharan	A																
Tues. 15	Abertillery	A																
Sat. 26	6th Round Cup																	
<b>MARCH 1994</b>																		
Mon. 5	Swansea (L)	A																
Wed. 9	<b>ABERTILLERY</b>	H																
Sat. 12																		
Fri. 18	<b>GLOUCESTER</b>	H																
Sat. 26	<b>ABERAVON (L)</b>	H																
<b>APRIL 1994</b>																		
Sat. 2	Q. Finals Cup / Bristol	A																
Sat. 9	Cardiff (L)	A																
Sat. 16	Semi Finals Cup																	
Sat. 23	<b>NEWBRIDGE (L)</b>	H																
Sat. 30	Dunvant (L)	A																
<b>MAY 1994</b>																		
Sat. 7	Cup Final																	

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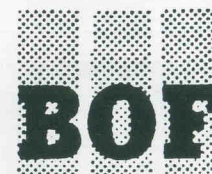
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JEFF DALEY

**Outside Half:**

MATTHEW LEWIS DAVID GRIFFITHS

**Inside Half:**

JASON LEWIS

**Props:**

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**Hookers:**

IAN GREENSLADE PAUL MORGAN

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PAUL MATTHEWS IAN SPENDER

**Flankers:**

DAVID BRYANT GRAHAM EVANS OWAIN LLOYD  
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**No. 8:**

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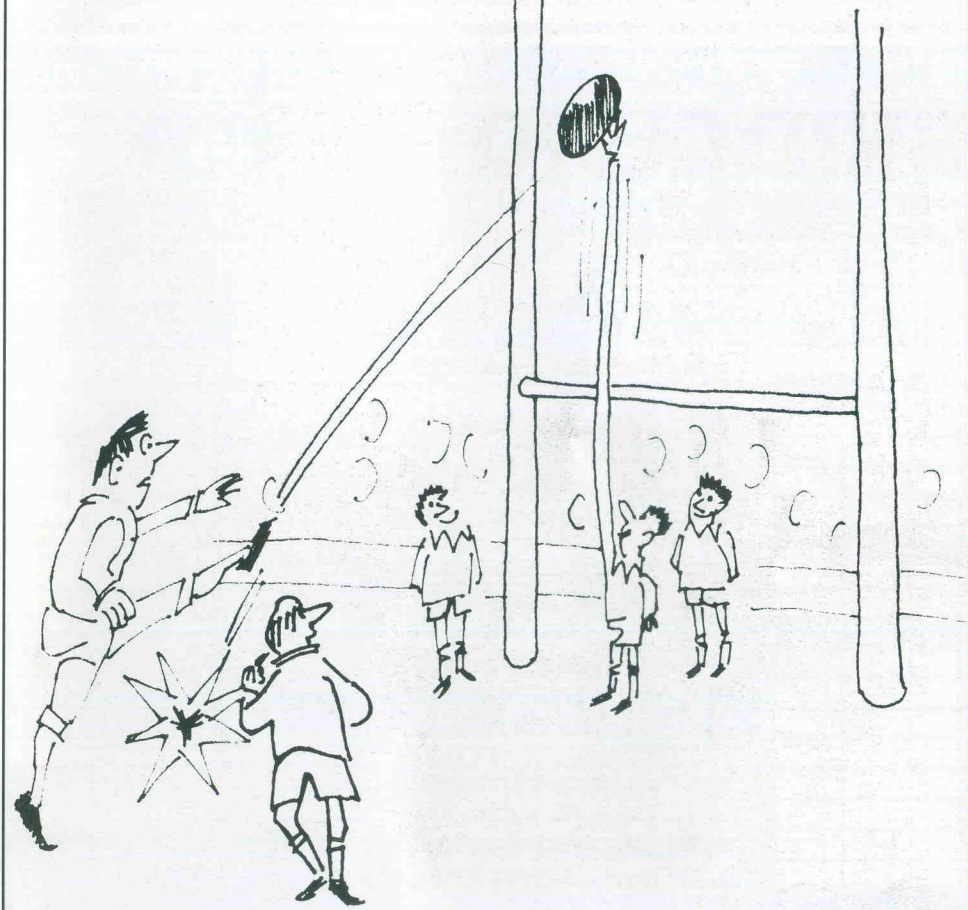


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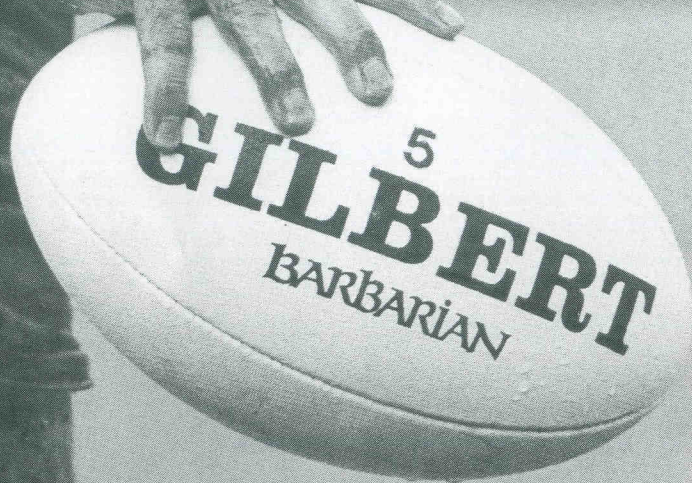
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## The Local Scene

by Tony Poole (*Glamorgan Gazette*)

WHILE Bridgend and Cardiff lock horns at the Brewery Field, Maesteg will be desperately seeking to get their promotion challenge back on the rails against unbeaten Treorchy at Llynfi Road. Maesteg lost 15-10 to Police at Waterton Cross last Saturday with Justin Price kicking all 15 points for the Police. Maesteg will have to be at their best today to tame the Zebras who have gone 18 league games without defeat since losing at St. Peter's, 15-13 on January 30. (Without rubbing salt into the wounds of Cardiff supporters that victory by St. Peter's over Treorchy came the week after the Rocks sensationally beat Cardiff 16-14 in round five of the SWALEC Cup). Kenfig Hill, who have signed former Maesteg captain Gary Davies, raised a few eyebrows with an amazing 49-15 victory over Tredegar. Flying policeman Richard James returned from a premature retirement to cross for two tries and advance his overall total onto 19. Tondy, who had lost in successive games to both Ystradgynlais and leaders Abercynon, relieved Bonymaen of their unbeaten record. Hooker David Staples was another player to come out of retirement and make an impact. Staples was supposed to have bowed out when Tondy beat Tonmawr at the Brewery Field last year in the Silver Ball final—it appears he could not resist a 443rd appearance for Tondy. Staples was included to lend experience to the Tondy pack. In that case I wonder why JPR was not chosen at flanker! In what proved a superb day for Ogwr clubs in the Heineken League lower divisions, Pyle easily beat Vardre United—32-17. Pyle are certainly ringing the changes and a couple of new faces have been included in the back division in recent weeks. Andrew Phillips, son of former Maesteg and Wales 'B' centre Phil (Pancho) has transferred from Pont-rhydyfen and Mark Dixon has been included at full back. Dixon is a Welsh 200m sprinter, opening bowler for Maudlam Cricket Club and adept in adding pace to the backs.

And it is not only at Llynfi Road that a vital promotion battle will be fought out in the Llynfi Valley today. At Garth Park, the two top teams in the Wistech League—Maesteg Celtic and Bridgend Sports—clash in an early season showdown. Sports, who have drawn two of

their four opening league matches, remain unbeaten. Having lost on the opening day of the season to British Steel 11-10, Celtic have peeled off three straight wins over Nantymoel, Tonmawr and Cefn Cribwr. Scrum half Ian Herbert is showing the form that interested Aberavon three seasons ago and has scored five tries in his last four outings for Celtic. Bridgend Athletic, with former Aberavon, Bridgend and Maesteg flanker Paul Yardley in their ranks, defeated Nantyffyllon 34-8 to make their title intentions clear. Athletic, with a game in hand, lie two points behind the joint leaders. In the SA Brain East District League, Pencoed beat Rhiwbina 24-10 with fly half Lyndon Griffiths kicking seven penalties to move onto 115 points for the season. Griffiths, capped on three occasions by Welsh Youth last winter, appeared for Swansea in a 39-17 midweek win over Maesteg at the Old Parish last week. Pencoed and Old Penarthians still hold 100 per cent records from four games—Cardiff Institute have won three and drawn one. All eyes will be on the clash between Pencoed and Cardiff Institute a week today.

Ogwr interest in the third round of the SWALEC Cup on November 20 revolves around nine clubs. Tondy, unbeaten in the cup at Pandy Park since Treherbert triumphed there 12-9 in 1989/90, host Cardiff University while Pyle travel to Wistech league division two strugglers, Briton Ferry. Of the three Heineken League clubs Kenfig Hill face the stiffest task. The Mules travel to unbeaten Mid District division one leaders Llantrisant who have opened their campaign with five straight wins including a 12-0 win over arch rivals Beddau. In an Ogwr derby tie, Pontycymer entertain Maesteg Celtic while Nantymoel will be hoping for better fortune at Aman Utd.—Nanty lost on the ground, 25-12 in 1990/91. Bridgend Sports, making their 11th appearance in round three, will have to be at their best to defeat Max Boyce's village club, Glynneath. Pencoed host former Heineken League club Cardigan while Porthcawl will be bidding to reach round four for the first time since losing 22-0 at Ebbw Vale in 1989/90 at the expense of Gwent League division three club, Crumlin.

## Recollections Of W. A. D. Lawrie

It hardly seems possible that 47 years have passed by since Dr. Jack Matthews brought a Welsh XV to the Brewery Field on Wednesday 4th April 1946—"To help the Club get back on its feet after the War years".

The Select XV which played on that date brings back many memories:— R. F. Trott, Les Williams, H. Loveluck, St. John Rees, Selwyn Evans, W. B. Cleaver, W. Darch. From:— Les Manfield, W. E. Tamplin, H. E. Jones, Selby Davies, Cliff Davies, Len Evans, W. G. Jones, Maldwyn James, G. Tomlin.

Bridgend:— H. Thomas, D. Hopkins, T. J. Jones, J. John, J. Thomas, W. John, Ivor Davies. From:— J. Mogford, R. Lloyd, P. Pantoll, M. Hughes, W. Lewis, H. Williams (capt.), E. Hughes, R. Thomas, T. Tucker.

Touch judges:—Dr. Jack Matthews, Alwyn Jones.

We couldn't have won, otherwise I would have recorded it!

On the 2nd May 1949, Dr. Jack again brought a team to the Brewery Field to play the last game there before moving to the "Bandstand" field. Bridgend won 8-3 against a team which contained 11 internationals, including Haydn Tanner.

The Bridgend team was Doug Jones (R), Gordon Westcott, Harry Jennings, Graham Richards, Tom Farmer, Norman Thomas, V. Smith (R), Fred Roberts, H. Thomas (R), Mel Davies (R), W. D. (Billy) Williams, Maldwyn Jenkins, Phil James, Gwyn Llewellyn (capt.), Verdun Eddy, Ivor John, Lec Stangham, Howell Greenslade, George Milton. Trainer:— Jack Richmond.

They were indeed crisis days for the Club, and although a lot of water has flown under, and, occasionally over the old stone Bridge, we survived, and the Club records and achievements bear testimony to the tremendous efforts which were made during those difficult days. We had no money but that didn't seem to matter as we had lots of other things going for us.

But now, and I suppose it must be accepted, although it's legality still awaits approval at the highest levels of administration, "Big Bucks" have moved in and loyalty and team spirit have moved out. Players now say, while studying the market, "what's in it for me" not "what can I put into the Club". In the event of legislation, players would follow the money, and with little doubt that many would be tempted to cross the Severn Bridge.

Today's match will be something on the lines of a "home" week-end and reunion for several of the current Cardiff squad who started their senior careers here. Mike Budd played 241 games here, Mike Griffiths (183), Paul Kawulok (153), Owain Williams (141), Mike Hall (39, after a long spell with Maesteg), and now Robert Howley (85).

Finally, the W.R.U. General Purposes Committee will devote the whole of its next meeting to the issue of transfers and the number of players Clubs have in their squad. The Robert Howley case has prompted the review of the transfer system. But nothing will be decided without full discussion with the Clubs first. All will be discussed as a matter of urgency.

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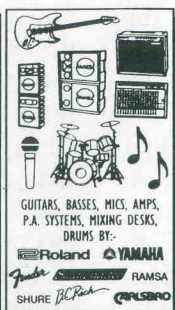
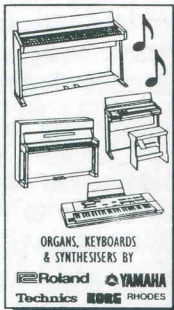
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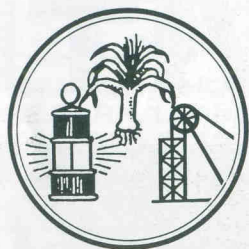


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## Bridgend R.F.C. Youth News

*by Brinley George*

### PUTTING A FACE TO THE NAME . . .



It's not really a pretty face, and we do apologise to those with a nervous disposition if we've frightened you, but pictured above is Steve Grabham, coach of the Bridgend Youth Squad. Steve was appointed coach in season 1990/91, and his coaching brilliance has resulted in the tremendous success the youth have enjoyed during this period. Steve's rugby playing days, especially with Bridgend, were equally as brilliant, and I think we were all disappointed when he retired well before he should have. His loss to the senior side however was the youth's gain, and we are all extremely pleased with the results. We are grateful to the South Wales Police for the loan of the photo.

### BRIDGEND YOUTH 36 LLANELLI YOUTH 19

This was a tremendously hard fought game which resulted in a convincing win for Bridgend. It was a game of forward power which at times was awesome to

watch. The Bridgend side is now back to full strength after being plagued by injuries since the start of the season—and it showed. A strong Llanelli side came to the Brewery Field with seven wins out of seven games, and without a try being scored against them all season. Bridgend soon spoilt this statistic by scoring a total of six tries, three from the forwards and three from the backs, with three conversions from Matthew Pearce, who was on form once again with his line kicking. As coach Steve Grabham said of the game "It was a wonderful climax after a frustrating period of injuries, and it is nice to be back at full squad strength again."

### BRIDGEND U-16 35 CARDIFF U-16 31

What a game!! To be 31 points to 15 down at half time, and to come back and win 35 points to 31, shows true character and guts for any team. But this wasn't just any team. This is what the Bridgend Under-16 team accomplished last Sunday at the Brewery Field in what proved to be their toughest game to date. Not to be outdone, and like the Youth team the day before, they too scored six tries with one penalty and one conversion. The game was an exciting display of 15 man rugby from both sides and was a joy to watch.

The Bridgend Under-16 side have now won all four games to date resulting in a massive 214 points for, with 39 points against.

The results so far are:- Bridgend 60 v Llanharan 0; Bridgend 74 v Gloucester 0; Bridgend 45 v Kenfig Hill 8; Bridgend 35 v Cardiff 31.

The next Under-16 game at the Brewery Field is against Newport on Sunday 21st November, kick off at 10.30 a.m.



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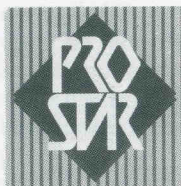
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**Llanelli, on Tuesday, 30th November.** Coach leaves the Brewery Field at 5.15 p.m. and leaves Llanelli at 9.30 p.m.

Bookings for both games are being taken today at the Supporters Club Shop, or by telephoning our transport secretary Mrs. Val Sawyer on Aberkenfig 0656 724781.

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## Words From The Physio Team

Two months into the season, the medical team is running business as usual. Moving on from the ankle and calf injuries so often encountered on the hard ground at the start of the season, we're now coping with the dead legs, bruised ribs and shoulder injuries as expected from the heavy contact of the intensive pre-Christmas League programme.

Although the general pattern of injuries is as previous years we've been pleased to note a drop in the number of muscle strains seen in training. Perhaps the extra commitment to the fitness programme under Huw Wilshire along with more education about dreaded stretching has eased our workload in this area.

As well as hands on work our role also involves rehabilitation following the more serious or long term problems. Players whose injuries cause long breaks from training and playing are given programmes to maintain a level of fitness without causing further damage. They are also given exercises to strengthen and compensate for their injury. The circuits often prove a shock to the system but the blanket races provide the evening's entertainment for any bystanders!

With every squad member keen to prove himself we have a constant battle against time to get them back into training and onto the field. Even when fit to play they still keep us busy; patching up old niggly injuries and helping in their pre-match warm up preparation. Once on the field Richard Evans, the club trainer, is kept busy every Saturday providing First Aid on the pitch. Our club doctor Phil Williams deals with any of the more serious problems.

In more recent seasons you will probably have noticed the physiotherapists doubling up to help Richard provide drinks during the match. This is not just pampering as many might think! With the ever increasing pace of first class rugby the extra fluid intake has proved to be vital in maintaining performance throughout the 90 minutes.

Having had a busy start to the season; three of the players have had knee operations already; we're hoping not to be too busy for the rest of the year. We're also happy to see the captain back to full fitness after his troublesome knee injury.

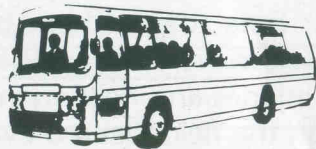
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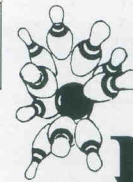
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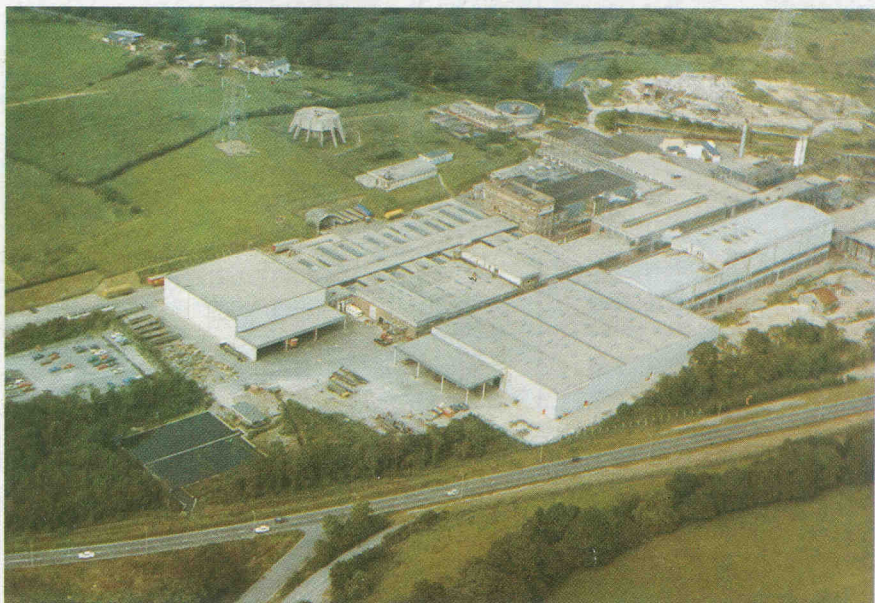


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