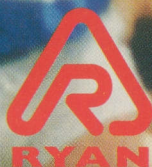


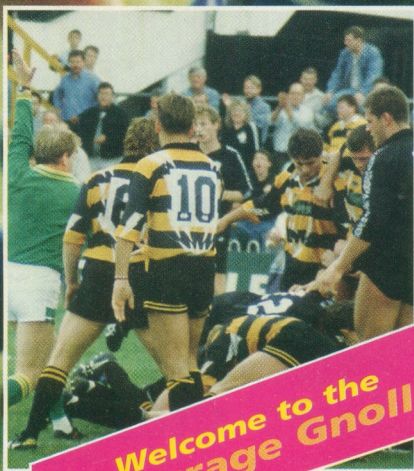
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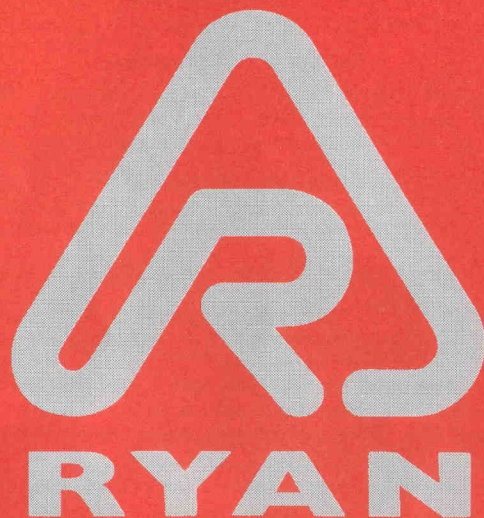
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## WELCOME TO THE COURAGE GNOLL

### ANOTHER BIG OCCASION

Writes Chairman Norman Rees

After that brilliant home win over Swansea every single Neath supporter will be eagerly awaiting today's match. Within a few short weeks we have another big occasion at the Gnoll and an even bigger question waiting to be answered – will the All Blacks retain their unbeaten Heineken League status?

That hiccup at Abertillery will be seen as just that although the Gwent side must be given credit for a fair and square win.

Any match against Cardiff is always keenly anticipated. That certainly was the case in my own playing days and, in fact, one of my earliest games for the All Blacks, if not the first, was up at the Arms Park. That was quite a contest and resulted in a Neath forward, not me, being given his marching orders so we'll say no more about that game.

It is a great pleasure to welcome Cardiff to the Gnoll today especially in these very special circumstances where Neath lead the table with Cardiff obviously anxious to regain the lead. With ourselves equally determined to stay where we belong there's quite an afternoon ahead.

For some Neath players today it is another milestone in their careers. Pride of place goes to Paul Thorburn who has reached his 250th game for the All Blacks. His career at the Gnoll has been strewn with honours both at club and international level and many are the club records which have tumbled to his talent. Apart from his skills we owe Paul Thorburn a particular debt for the tremendous loyalty he has shown us since he first arrived.

Skipper Gareth Llewellyn celebrates 150 games for the club as does scrum half



Chris Bridges. It is the end of a perfect fortnight for Gareth, capped against Japan last Saturday in that record breaking win and named as SWALEC Cup Final Man of the Match just a week before. That was a particularly well deserved honour given the way that result went against us.

Hooker Andrew Thomas will also be in a celebratory mood having qualified for his Neath cap having played in 100 games for the club. For James Reynolds and Rhodri Jones it is the 60 match mark which qualifies them for the All Black blazer whilst for Matthew Singer, Tim Michael, Huw Woodland, Anthony Donovan it is the award of a club tie.

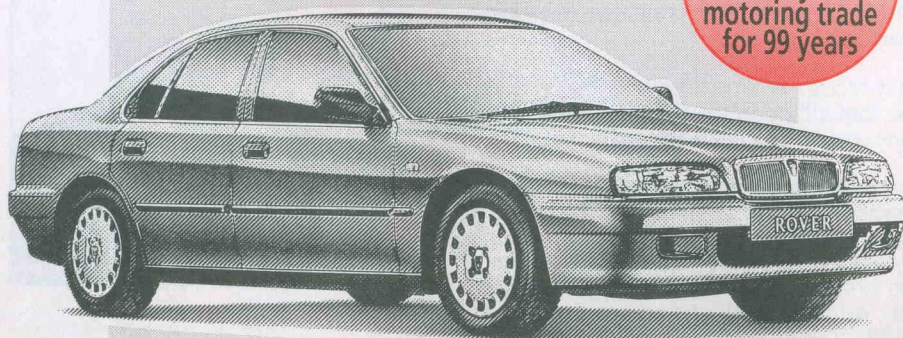
So then all that remains this afternoon is the match itself and a final word of thanks to today's match sponsors, Neath Borough Council and Neath Cargo Terminal. It has to be said that we in Neath are fortunate in the support that sport in general is given by the Borough Council.



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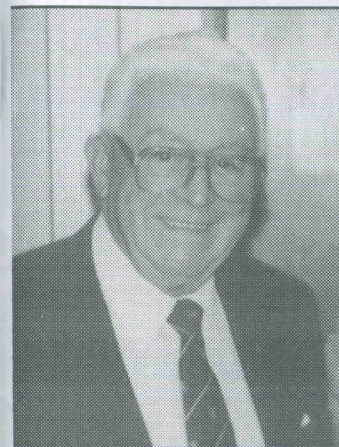
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## CLUB SCENE

### ONE MAN'S RUGBY - HAROLD'S EIGHTY ! BY ROD REES

"The first match I played in was in 1928", said Harold Powell. "I played for the Boys Brigade against the Boy Scouts. I was picked in the second row and I didn't like it very much. So I picked up the ball, ran the length of the field and scored a try. I was immediately transferred to the backs!"



And that's where Harold who celebrated his eightieth birthday this week stayed, playing during three decades, the thirties, forties and fifties. He moved up to the man's game with Neath "Shoppo" who played on Thursday afternoons, the

traditional early closing day for the retail trade.

Then, at the age of 18 was given a trial by Neath and began deputising for the fine Neath Wings Dan Jones and Hickman. Harold was finding it difficult getting a job in the Neath area. Guess who offered the promising young player a job? Right first time, Swansea! Some things never change.

He came back to Neath for a while but spent

most of those pre-war years playing for the Whites. To this day Harold Powell, a Neath man, holds a proud Swansea record. In 1935 he became that club's record try scorer with 35 in the season including 6 in one match and a run of three matches where 11 tries were scored by the flying wing.

Harold served with the Royal Air Force throughout the second World War and played some exciting top class rugby in between doing his bit to thwart Adolf Hitler's match winning ambitions. During those years he played his rugby with some of the greats of those days and was numbered amongst the talented few.

When the War ended, Harold threw in his lost with Briton Ferry. Initially it was meant to be as a coach but he was soon back as a player and keep on playing he did until he was 40 years of age.

In 1953 Harold Powell became part of the administration at Neath. Some say, that he is now part of the furniture. Wherever you go with the All Blacks or in rugby circles someone is sure to know Harold.

Over the years he has been treasurer of the Social Club, a committee man and chairman of Neath Rugby Football Club on two occasions. Now he sits on the committee, and attends more regularly than most, as a Trustee.

For Harold Powell so far it has been a lifetime in rugby. Long may it continue. Happy Birthday, Harold!

In reply to Mr P. Curnow . . .

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Scorers: H. Woodland (3), M. Singer (2), N. Lewis (2), Robing Jones (2), S. Crandon, Rhodri Jones, D. Morris, S. Marting, A. Varney, B. Williams. J. Bird conv. (8)

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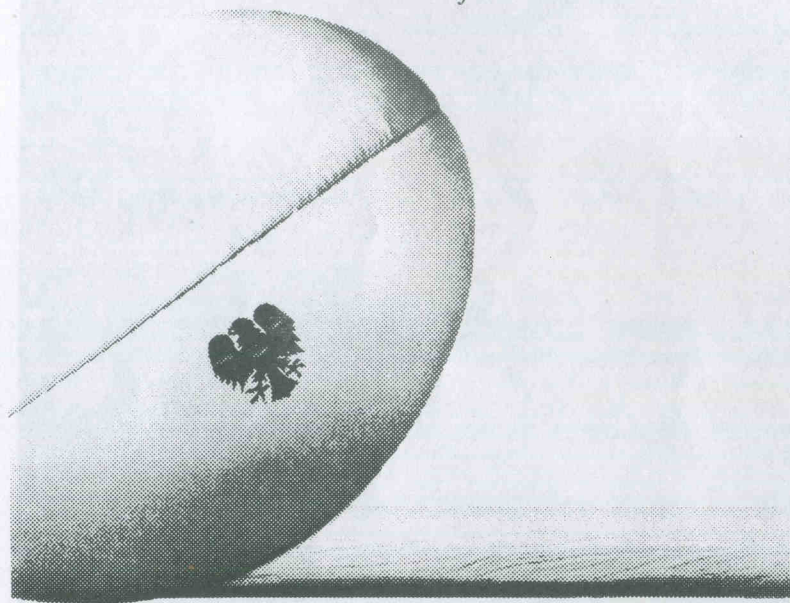
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▲ Brian Williams, man of the match against Swansea has the support of Gareth Llewellyn, SWALEC Cup man of the match.



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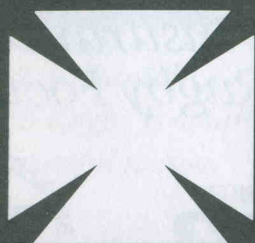
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BY BERWYN DAVIES

A home defeat at the hands of Llanelli in their past league game saw Cardiff lose their unbeaten record and drop to second place in the Table whilst the All Blacks win at Aberavon took them to the top of the league.

Last Season Cardiff finished runners up to Llanelli with a league record of Played 22 Won 18 Lost 4. Points For 636 Against 260 Cardiff scored 79 tries.

Leading Try Scorers: Nigel Walker 14, Adrian Davies 10, Simon Hill 8.

Leading Points Scorer: Adrian Davies 264, (10 tries 41 Con 37 Pen 7DG)

The total of 264 made Adrian Davies the 1st Division leading Points scorer.

League Appearances 1992/93  
Michael Rayer 21, Adrian Davies 21  
Hemi Taylor 20 + 1R Paul Kauwlok 19+ 2R.

This season Adrian Davies has scored 56 points, Mike Rayer 44 pts. Cardiff have scored 32 tries (Highest try scorers in the league to date)

Previous League Results.

1990/91  
Cardiff 3 Neath 24, Neath 4 Cardiff 18  
1991/92 Neath 3 Cardiff 3, Cardiff 12 Neath 23

1992/93 Cardiff 31 Neath 20, Neath 11 Cardiff 6

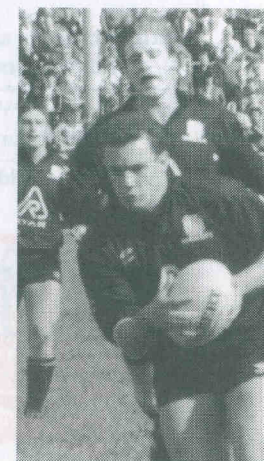
Newcomer Prop Lyndon Mustoe formally Pontypool Paul Thorburn is the Division leading Points Scorer to date with 77pts.

On Monday November 8th, Neath will play at Briton Ferry K. O. 7.15, to celebrate the switching on of Briton Ferry New Floodlights.

On behalf of the players a thank you to all the Supporters who travelled to Redruth. I'm sure that everyone who travelled enjoyed an excellent weekend.

### Division 1

	P	W	D	L	T	Pts
<b>Neath</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>
Cardiff	6	5	0	1	32	10
Llanelli	6	5	0	1	18	10
Swansea	6	5	0	1	17	10
Pontypridd	5	3	1	1	14	7
Bridgend	6	3	0	3	16	6
Newport	6	2	0	4	10	4
Aberavon	2	0	4	1	11	4
Newbridge	6	2	0	4	3	4
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Pontypool	6	0	0	6	11	0
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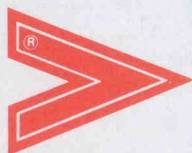
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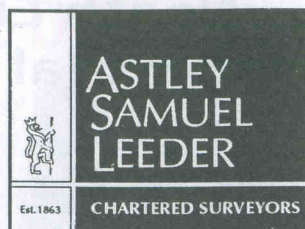
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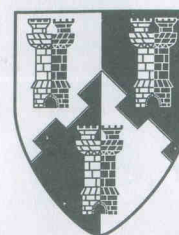
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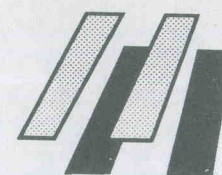


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Mike Rayer † **15**

**14** Matthew Singer

Right Wing (Asgell dde)

Simon Hill † **14**

**13** Steve Crandon

Right Centre (Canolwr)

Mike Hall (Capt) † **13**

**12** Adrian Shaw

Left Centre (Canolwr)

Colin Laity \* **12**

**11** Tim Michael

Left Wing (Asgell chwith)

Steve Ford † **11**

**10** Matthew McCarthy

Stand Off (Maswr)

Adrian Davies † **10**

**9** Chris Bridges †

Scrum Half (Mewnwr)

Andrew Booth \* **9**

**1** Brian Williams †

Loose Head Prop (Y rheng flaen)

Mike Griffiths † **1**

**2** Barrie Williams

Hooker (Bachwr)

Jonathan Humphries **2**

**3** John Davies †

Tight Head Prop (Y rheng flaen)

Lyndon Mustoe \* **3**

**4** Glyn Llewellyn †

Lock (Yr ail reng)

Paul Kawulok \* **4**

**5** Gareth Llewellyn † (Capt)

Lock (Yr ail reng)

Derwyn Jones \* **5**

**6** Ian Boobyer

Left Flanker (Blaenasgell)

Howard Stone \* **6**

**8** Steve Williams \*

No.8 (Y rheng ol)

Owain Williams † **8**

**7** Adrian Varney

Right Flanker (Blaenasgell)

Hemi Taylor \* **7**

### Replacements

Rhodri Jones, Alan Bevan,  
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Neville Lewis, Andrew Thomas

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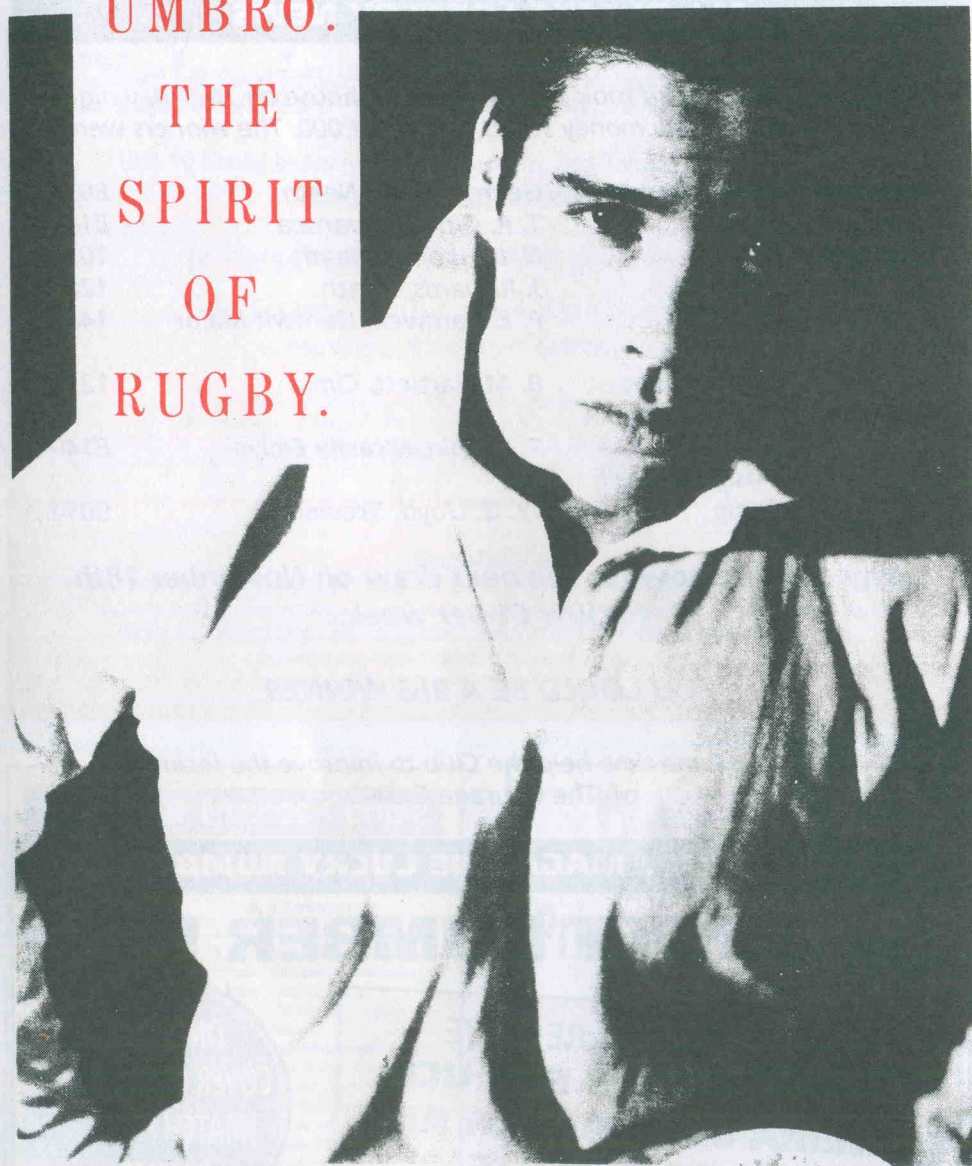




▲ Adrian Varney shows the Whites back row a clean pair of heels

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2nd Prize	£500	T. R. Glover, Swansea	8144
3rd Prize	£200	N. L. Hooper, Neath	1030
4th Prize	£100	J. Richards, Neath	1287
5th Prize	£50	P. E. Cardwell, Llantwit Major	1488
6th Prize	Mascot/ Cardiff Game	B. M. Bartlett, Cimla	1258
7th Prize	Mascot/Cross Keys Game	T. Philpin, N'castle Emlyn	8140
8th Prize	Mascot/ Llanelli Game	W. G. Lloyd, Skewen	9054

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	7.30pm	Aerobics
Wed	1.30pm	Step Workout - Intermediate
	6.15pm	Step Workout - Intermediate
	7.30pm	Workout - Beginners
Thursday	6.15pm	Step Workout - Beginners
	7.30pm	Introduction to Step
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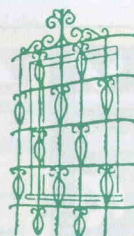


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▲ Clean and away, wing Neville Lewis pulls away from Robert Jones to cross for his fine try against Swansea.

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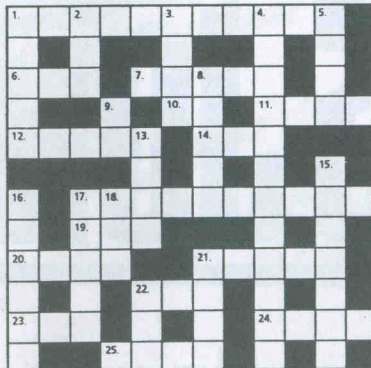
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## ALL BLACKS CROSSWORD

### Across

1. Ex-Cardiff and Wales Scrum Half who went North (5, 6)
6. It's not old!
7. Alberto Tomba or Jean Claud Killy for example (5)
10. Initials of that versatile player, Mr Other (2)
11. Underwood Minor
12. Former Swansea, Cardiff and Wales Prop who went North (5)
14. It's 24 Hours (3)
17. Recent Bath and England Hooker (6, 4)
19. Lions Outside Half (3)
20. Former Nottingham Forest player (4)
21. Life Member of Neath R.F.C. (5)
22. Number of Caps won by Dennis Evans (3)
23. Rodent called Roland? (3)
24. All Square (4)
25. Formula One Driver with Williams (4)



### Down

1. Heineken Division 2 Side (5)
2. Front, Second or back, for example (3)
3. All Blacks Routine (4)
4. Neath's new 'backs' coach (6, 6)
5. West Wales Coach against Japan (4)
8. You'd expect this Country to compete for the Calcutta Cup! (5)
9. It's not off (3)
13. Seize (4)
15. Welsh All Whites (7)
16. Christian name of former Bridgend Treasurer, now at WRU (6)
17. Was he a 'Batty' All Black (5)
18. Neath Rugby Manager (3)
21. Former Liverpool and England Full Back (4)
22. Wasps and England Left Wing - Again! (3)

Compiled by Stephen Maddock

Answers to Swansea Match Crossword: **Across** 1. Scrum 3. Carwyn 6. In 7. Dale 8. Sound 9. Town 10. IRB 13. Referee 16. Fail 18. Nosome 21. Leg 22. One 23. Ago 24. Aberavon 27. Brewery Field **Down** 1. Swift 2. Union 3. Cardiff 4. Rod 5. Yell 8. Swansea 11. Real 12. Red 13. Red 14. Elgan 15. Snow 17. Stoned 19. On 20. Error 25. Bow 26. Oti

Answers in the Match Programme against Llanelli

## SOCIAL SCENE

BY PAUL MALLETT

The usual warm welcome is extended to players, officials and supporters of Cardiff RFC for match of the day. Please come to the Clubhouse before and after the game where you'll find not only our hospitality but snacks and a wide range of drinks including your very own Brains Dark, a large crowd is anticipated but we normally cope very well, there's the usual bottle bar on the stage in the main hall for the Newcastle Brown and, bottled bitter drinkers.

Last Saturday Wales v Japan on the Big Screen TV was a great success with the usual big crowd, big atmosphere and a big dish of faggots and peas going down very well. All the major Rugby matches, including league and other sports including satellite transmissions are screened at the club, everyone is welcome. Neath Rugby matches are replayed and reviewed on Sundays at noon and Thursday evenings, why not combine the big match replay with a Sunday Lunch. Book at the bar or phone 644420.

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of your match day magazine, no-one competes on quality or price.

On Friday, October the 29th, that's next Friday, it's Race Night. Don't miss out, tickets are still available in the Supporters shop and at the Bar, this is an excellent evening of fun and entertainment for just £1. This is the first of 2 such evenings planned by the Supporters Club this season after a great success on last years trial event.

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## SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES

By ALWYN WILLIAMS

Today's match between the two top teams in the 1st Division of the Heineken league should prove a big attraction and we welcome to the Gnoll the Cardiff Club and their supporters. Games between our two clubs are usually hard fought and we expect the same today, as Neath Supporters we hope for a repeat of the form shown against Swansea.

I'd like to remind supporters that the Club Shop is open on Thursdays between 7pm and 8pm and also before and after home games.

### Race Night

As previously announced a Race Night will be held in the Clubhouse on Friday next. Admission is by ticket at £1 and the first race will be at 8pm. We are grateful to the following who have kindly sponsored all eight races:

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## PATRONS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

By ROBERT THOMAS

Members of the Patrons Association will by now have received notice of the Annual Meeting to be held on 9th November. Most of you will also have hopefully noticed the deliberate mistake, the 9th November is a Tuesday and not a Thursday as shown in the Notice. Please make every effort to attend.

The Association will be laying on a free buffet in the Patrons lounge following the League fixture against Cross Keys on 6th November. All Patrons are welcome to attend.

The accompanying photograph shows Brian Williams being presented with the "Man of the Match" award by Patron



Graham Hale after the Swansea game.

Finally, I understand that former Patrons Association Chairman Ken Chapple is at present in hospital and I am sure you would all join with me in wishing Ken a speedy return to his place in the Stand.

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## NEATH RFC FIXTURES 1993/94



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### September 1993

1 St. David's	(Away)	W 91-0
4 Pontypridd	(L)	(Home) D 22-22
8 Pontypool	(L)	(Away) W 43-20
11 Bridgend	(L)	(Home) W 33-11
18 Newport	(L)	(Away) W 16-19
25 Swansea	(L)	(Home) W 40-18

### October 1993

2 Aberavon	(L)	(Away) W 0-10
5 Mid District XV	...	(Home)
9 Redruth	...	(Away) W 0-30
12 Llanharan	...	(Home) W 16-5
15 Abertillery	...	(Away) L 19-10
16 WALES v JAPAN		
23 Cardiff	(L)	(Home)
26 Oxford University	...	(Home)
30 Newbridge	(L)	(Away)

### November 1993

6 Dunvant	(L)	(Home)
13 Cross Keys	(L)	(Away)
20 Llanelli	(L)	(Home)
27 Pontypridd	(L)	(Away)
30 Pontypool	(L)	(Home)

### December 1993

6 Bridgend	(L)	(Away)
11 Newport	(L)	(Home)
18 CUP		
27 Aberavon	...	(Home)

### RESULTS

### January 1994

3 Swansea	(L)	(Away)
8 Llandoverly	...	(Away)
15 WALES v SCOTLAND		
22 CUP		
29 Aberavon	(L)	(Home)

### February 1994

5 IRELAND v WALES		
8 Narberth	...	(Home)
12 South Wales Police	...	(Home)
15 OG Davies XV	...	(Home)
19 WALES v FRANCE		
26 CUP		

### March 1994

5 Cardiff	(L)	(Away)
8 Maesteg	...	(Away)
12 Abertillery	...	(Home)
19 ENGLAND v WALES		
26 Newbridge	(L)	(Home)

### April 1994

2 CUP		
9 Dunvant	(L)	(Away)
16 CUP SEMI FINAL		
23 Cross Keys	(L)	(Home)
30 Llanelli	(L)	(Away)

### May 1994

7 CUP FINAL		
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