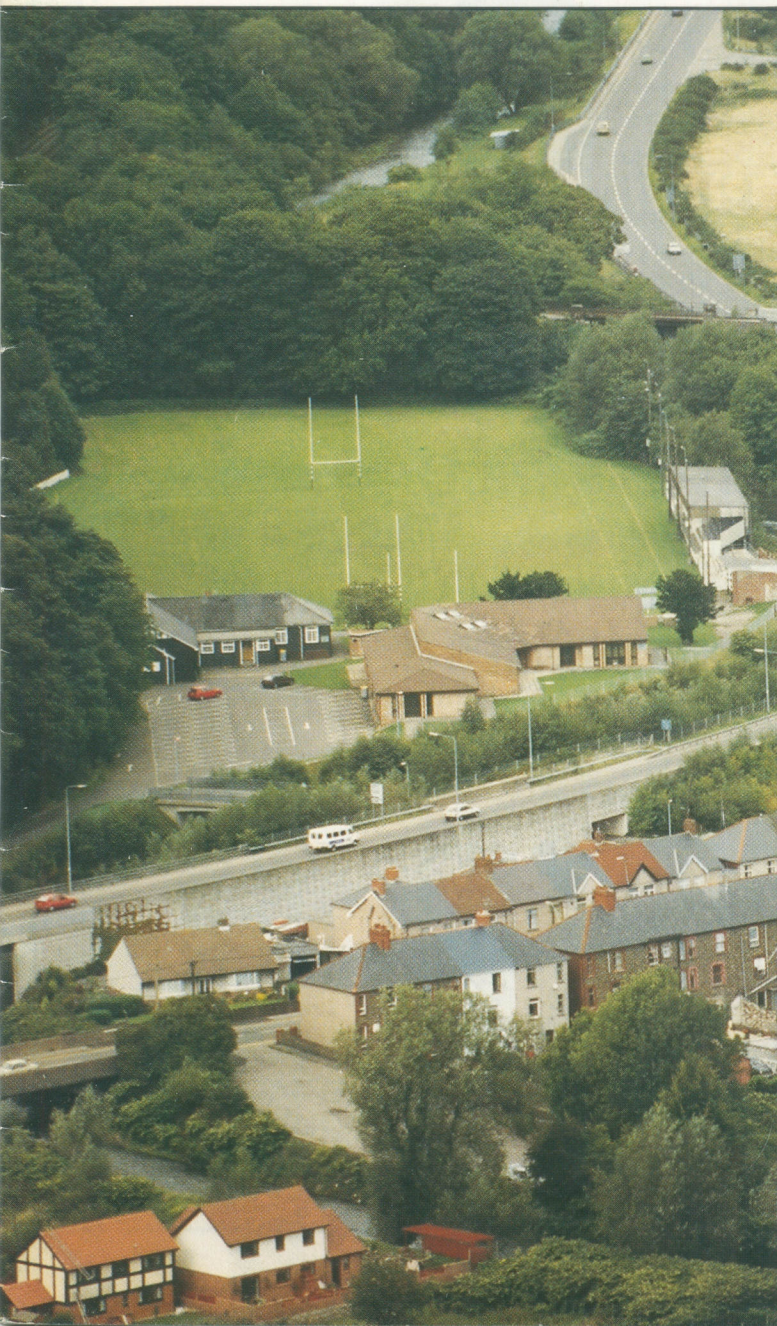


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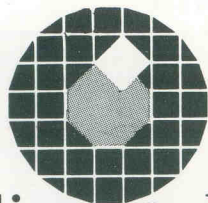
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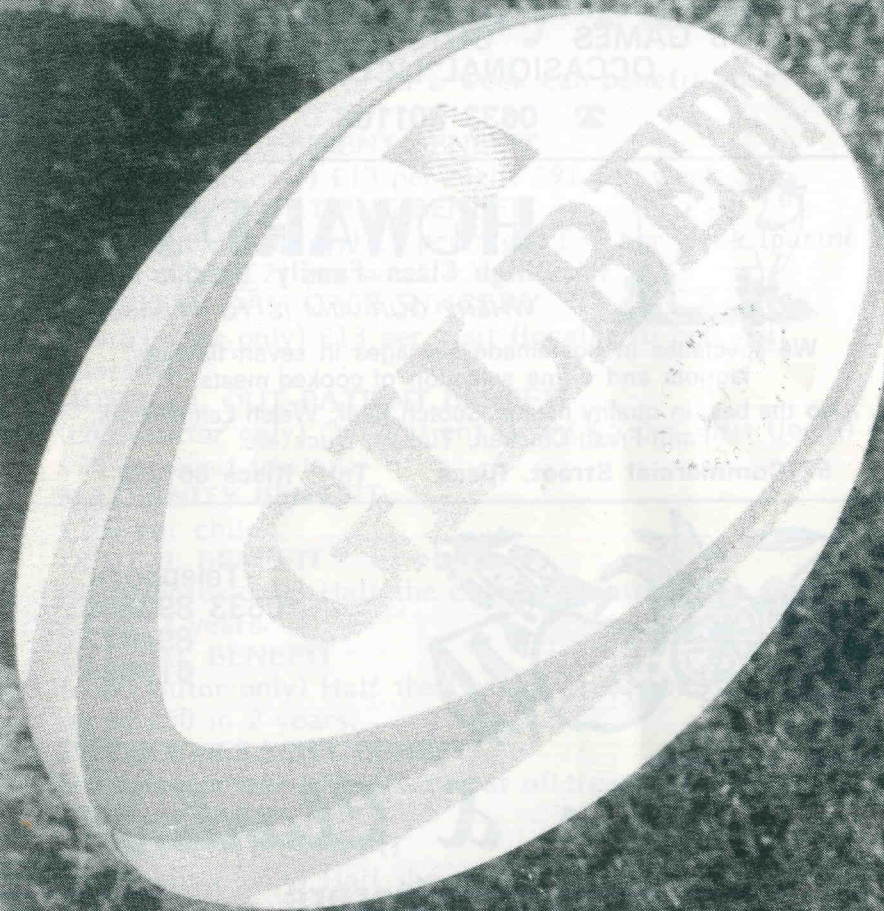
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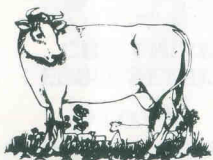
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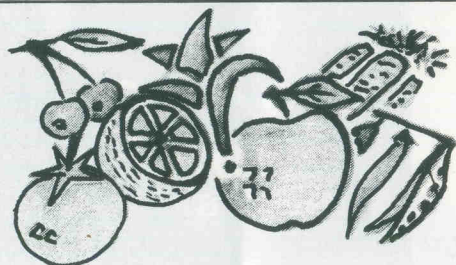
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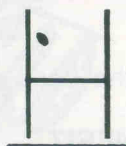
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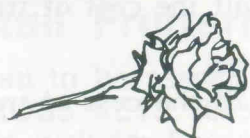
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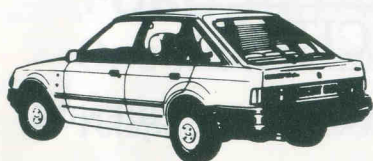
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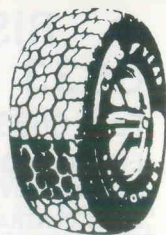
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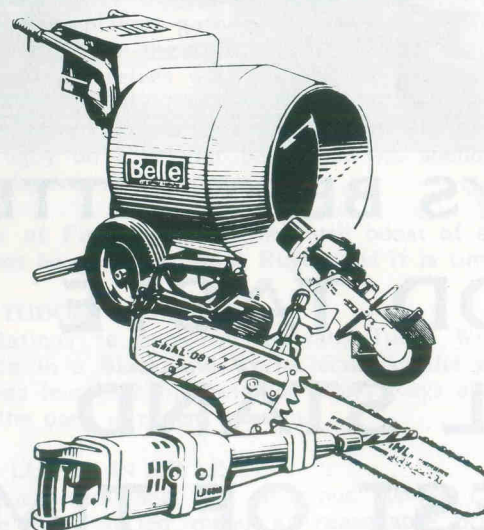
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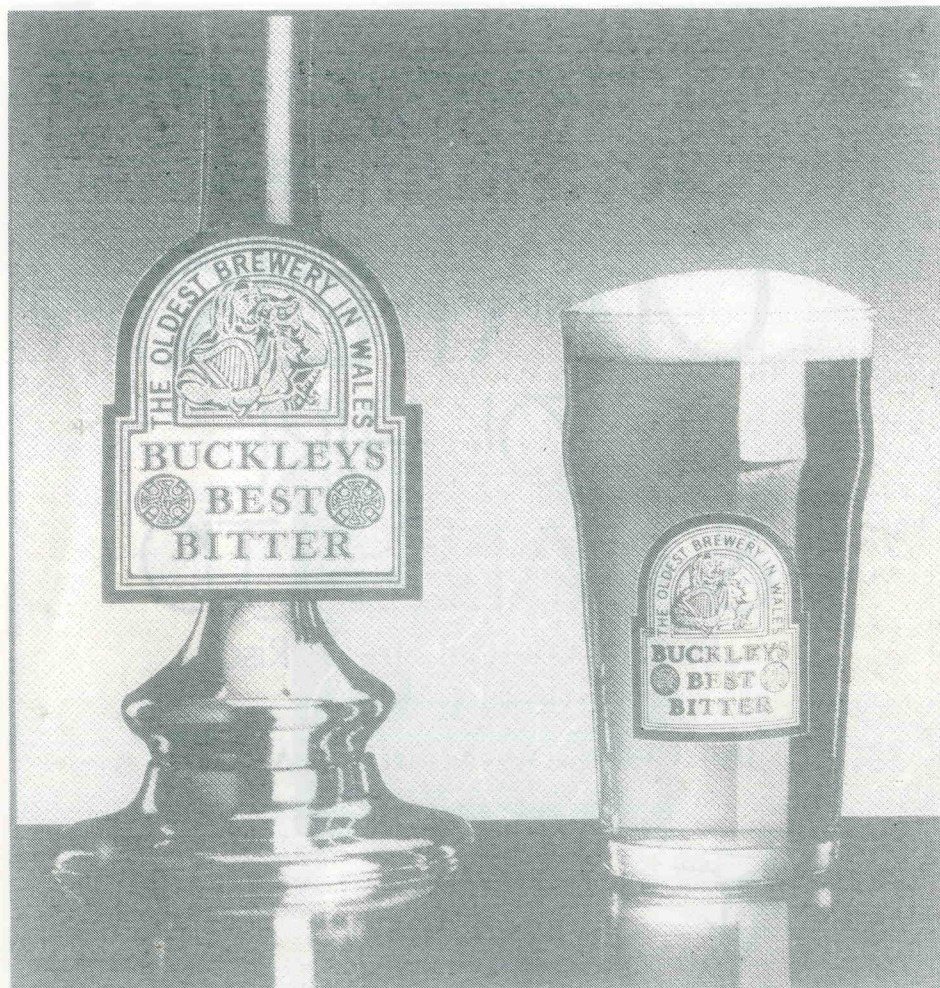
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The arrival of Australian, Alex Evans as coaching Organiser when Cardiff were a very ordinary team marked the start of a gradual revival with the help of his coaching team Alan Donovan and former Cross Keys player Tony Faulkner he was able to guide the 'Black and Blues' to runner-up spot in the First Division last season, amassing 79 tries. Our clubs last met at Pandy Park on 21st December 1986 in a Welsh Challenge Cup game. On that occasion Cardiff won a thoroughly entertaining match by 19 points to 6. Centre Simon Hopkins scored the Cross Keys try which was converted by David Carter.

Lady luck has not smiled very much on the Keys this season, but although losing our first four games we have stuck to the expansive style of play which won us promotion last season. Morale is high amongst the playing squad and hopes are strong that our fortunes will soon take a change for the better.

Supporters are reminded that Cross Keys make the short journey to New-bridge next Saturday in what should be an exciting Heineken League local derby (k.o. 2.30pm). Your support would be greatly appreciated. The next game at Pandy Park will be on Saturday, 9th October when the opposition will be Gwent Districts XV (k.o. 2.30pm).

#### TRANSFER MERRY-GO-ROUND

The transfer of players gathered momentum during the close season, whizzing around right up to the deadline. It is sad that some clubs seem bent on over-loading themselves with players for various positions which are already more than adequately covered. This is not in the best interests of the clubs or players. Many players will be doomed to disappointment if they expect to play rugby on a regular basis and not spend a large part of the season on the replacements bench.

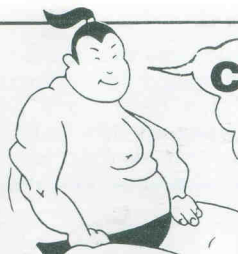
A number of First Division clubs still boast of squads of over forty players. This cannot be good for Welsh Rugby and it is time the Union acted.

#### TON-UP TUDOR

Congratulations to back-row forward Tudor Williams who made his 100th appearance in a Black and White jersey in the game against Swansea. Tudor never gives less than his best for Cross Keys and has been one of the mainstays of the pack in recent seasons.

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14 Andrew Thomas

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11 Gwyn Gittings


10 Phil Withers (C)

9 John Reid


1 Ian Reynolds

2 Kerion Gregory

3 Richie Donovan

4 Russell Hibbs

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13 Jason Hewlett

12 Colin Laity

11 Owain Thomas


10 Chris John

9 Andrew Booth


1 Mike Griffiths

2 Huw Bevan

3 Paul Sedgemore

4 Paul Kawulock

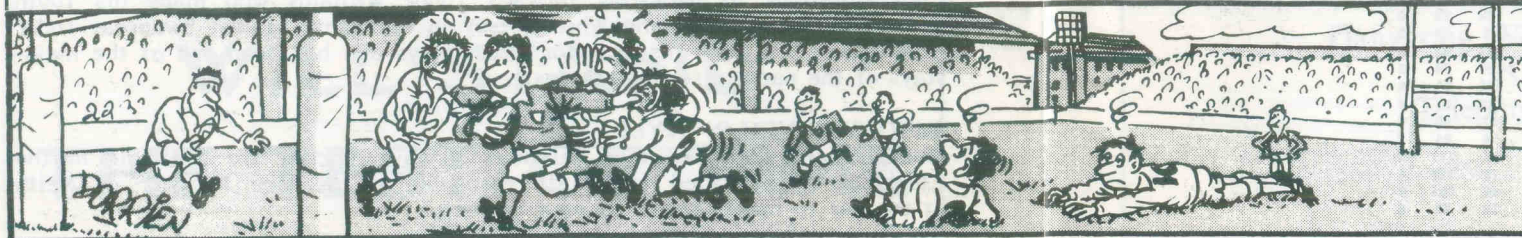
5 Derwyn Jones

6 Howard Stone

7 Mike Budd

8 Owain Williams


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## COMMENTS FROM THE PIG PEN LADS

We were distraught after last weeks defeat at Aberavon (difficult to talk to). Hopefully Cardiff will feel the backlash today.

It has been suggested that Wayne should carry the Pig to future games to inspire both players and fans.

The Pen would like to see more support on away game busses and would like one of their number co-opted onto the committee so that they could have a voice where it mattered.

The prayer life of the Pig Pen Boys is now devoted towards a bigger pack especially in the Powerhouse ! We believe that selection now needs to be stabilised and we would like to be assured that an adequate Scouting Scheme is in operation. We also feel that the Souvenir Shop be upgraded with more articles on sale.

We are however still very optimistic for the remainder of the season and hope to start a Man of the Match Award shortly.

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Swansea	4	4	0	0	15	93	37	8
Neath	4	3	1	0	11	117	69	7
Llanelli	4	3	0	1	12	105	58	6
Pontypridd	4	2	1	1	12	111	81	5
Bridgend	4	2	0	2	15	113	87	4
Aberavon	3	2	0	1	8	63	86	4
Newport	4	1	0	3	4	54	95	2
Dunvant	4	1	0	3	1	38	117	2
Pontypool	4	0	0	4	8	75	199	0
Cross Keys	4	0	0	4	6	54	101	0
Newbridge	3	0	0	3	2	28	72	0

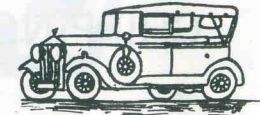
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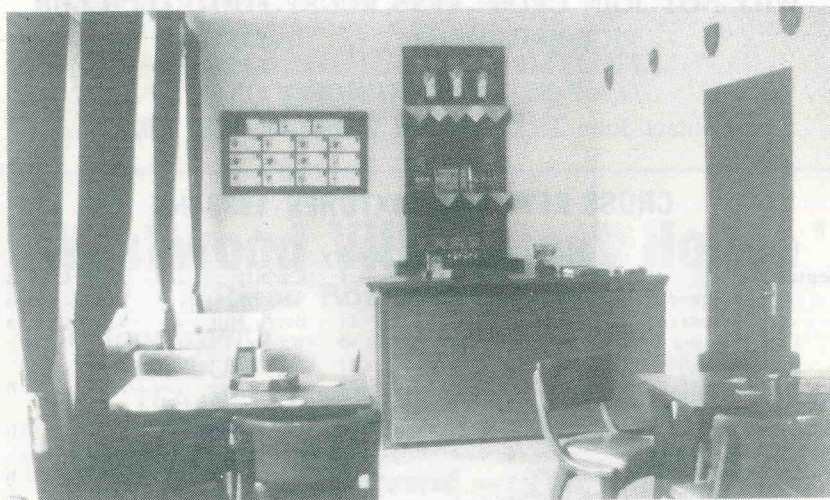
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4	Bridgend	. .	L h	3	Cardiff	. .	L a
8	Newport	. .	L a	8	Abertillery	. .	h
11	Swansea	. .	L h	11	Berry Hill	. .	a
18	Aberavon	. .	L a	15	Wales v. Scotland		
25	Cardiff	. .	L h	22	W.R.U. Cup	. .	
				29	Newbridge	. .	L h
October				February			
2	Newbridge	. .	L a	4	South Wales Police	. .	h
9	Gwent D.R.U. XV	. .	h	5	Ireland v. Wales		
15	Penarth	. .	a	11	Islwyn Mayor's XV	. .	h
16	Wales v. Japan			18	Brynmawr	. .	h
23	Dunvant	. .	L h	19	Wales v. France		
30	Pontypridd	. .	L h	26	W.R.U. Cup / Blaina	. .	h
November				March			
6	Llanelli	. .	L a	1	Tredegar	. .	h
13	Neath	. .	L h	5	Dunvant	. .	L a
20	Pontypool	. .	L a	12	Penarth	. .	h
27	Bridgend	. .	L a	18	Abertillery	. .	a
December				19	England v. Wales		
1	Newport	. .	L h	26	Pontypridd	. .	L a
4	Swansea	. .	L a	April			
11	Aberavon	. .	L h	2	W.R.U. Cup / Ebbw Vale	. .	h
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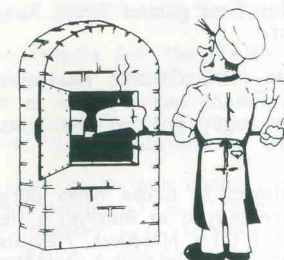


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Although the Cross Keys club as we know it today first gained Welsh Rugby Union status in 1900, they are much older than that.

The archives of pioneer clubs such as Mountain Ash, Cardiff Harlequins, Abergavenny and others proved that a Cross Keys team was a power in the land in the 1870's. So one thing is certain, when rugby got off the ground in Wales, Cross Keys were there.

It is generally accepted that rugby was first played in Cross Keys during 1876, the side being called Newtown. Games were played in Moseley's field a parcel of land behind the Tredegar Arms Hotel (The Monkey). Newtown played such opposition in 1876 as Mountain Ash, Cardiff Harlequins and Abergavenny. All this was four years before the formation of the Welsh Rugby Union.

In 1900 Cross Keys became a members of the Welsh Rugby Union and for the first time officially known as Cross Keys R.F.C. Home fixtures were played at George Hoare's field, a piece of farmland soon to be changed to Pandy Park; the ground was situated below Pandy Mill. The road serving the area was known as Pandy Lane, now Gladstone Street; but the Park retains its identity as Pandy Park.

The ground was later purchased by the local Welfare Association and much work was put in on the ground by local miners.

Between the two World Wars, Cross Keys won many friends and admirers in high places and many honours in sweeping to the top of Welsh Rugby, probably much quicker than any other club in the history of the game.

Cross Keys were asked to leave the Monmouthshire League for the 1919-20 season as their fixture list contained many top teams and their standard of play to high for the league.

In 1919 a New Zealand Army team toured the United Kingdom and France winning games against Wales 6-3 and France 16-10 in fact they lost only two of their 38 games. 4,000 spectators crowded Pandy Park to see Cross Keys down 6-0 in a thrilling encounter. The powerful Maori star Tureia brought the crowd to their feet with a brilliant try late in the game to settle the issue. Risca Council held a Civic Reception for the visitors after the match.

Cross Keys were therefore looked upon as first-class for the 1919-20 season and the team lived up to their new rating by finishing the season in the high echelon of Welsh Rugby losing only seven of their 44 games. The following season they did even better and indeed led the race for the Championship until the final run in when Pontypool pushed the Pandy Park outfit into second place.

1921-22 however saw Cross Keys reach the pinnacle of Welsh Rugby when their record read P44 W34 D4 L6 For 381 Against 171. Keys played the cream of Welsh Rugby that season as well as a missionary mission to Paris when they played Olympique and journey's into England to play Bridgewater, Bath, Coventry, Gloucester, Otley, Rugby and Torquay.

It was during these head'y years that Cross Keys players forced themselves into the National team. J. A. Bacon was selected by Wales in the 1918-19 season for a non-cap game, but Steve Morris was not to be denied and started a steady stream of caps for Cross Keys players when he played against England at Swansea in the 1919-20 season. Scrum-half Fred Reeves joined him in two of that years internationals, followed by Stan Windmill and B. O. Male in 1920-21, and Joe Thompson in 1922-23.

Steve Morris led the Welsh team in 1924-25 and Ron Herrera scored the first try at Murryfield in an international in 1926. Fred Bowdler won the first of his 15 caps in 1927-28, Bill Ward got two caps in 1933-34 and Con Murphy and Trevor Williams made the international scene the following season, A. R. Taylor played for Wales in seasons 1936-37, 1937-38 and 1938-39.

The last great war ended a period that had seen Steve Morris win 19 caps, F. A. Bowdler 15, R. C. Herrera 8, T. Williams 8, S. Windmill 4, A. R. Taylor 3, F. Reeves 3, C. Murphy 3, W. Ward 2, B. O. Male 1, J. Thompson 1, and J. C. Bacon 1 non cap game.

Fred Dorning won a place in the Welsh team of 1940 but caps were not awarded for these games as the side often included rugby league players. Rex Richards did get one however when he starred against France in 1956.

Roger Beese got a Under 23 cap against Canada in 1962 but honours were few and far between, Bobby Windsor proved it was possible when he was selected for the Welsh Squad in the 1971-72 season. Bobby won a B cap from Cross Keys and represented Wales on their Canada Tour in 1972.

Cross Keys however have got back on the record trail during the last decade. Rod Crane set a points record of 298 in 1985-86, Nick Parkes set a try record for a forward with 14 in 1987-89 a feat he equalled in 1988-89 and 1990-91. Wayne Taylor set a record for a full-back with 9 tries in 1990-91 and Phil Withers with 14 tries from the fly-half position in 1990-91.

#### THE CLASS OF 1992-93

Early in the season Bill Cambray said "This team will take our club back where we belong" (Bill you see was always one to think top class) and my respect for the man would not allow me to think any other.

Well what about Ian Reynolds team ? Their achievement I believe stands unique in the Club's history. It would be very wrong to think of the marvellous Cross Keys players of the past and try to draw comparisons because the 1992-93 outfit had something more than individual achievement.

There was great credit to the Cross Keys Club for big sponsors are rare at Pandy Park. So no Fairy Godfather was in evidence and the club had to work out its own salvation in fear and trembling as far as rugby football was concerned, there existed a players Co-operative, albeit developed over a few seasons but it came to fruition last season and produced something the club has not seen in many years.

Statistically it was the best season since the club won the Welsh Championship in 1935-36. The record reads P43 W28 D4 L11 For 1036 Ag. 647 69.76%. The club topped the 1000 points for the first time in its history.

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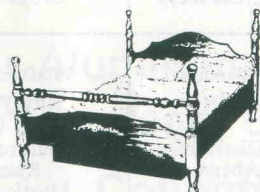
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