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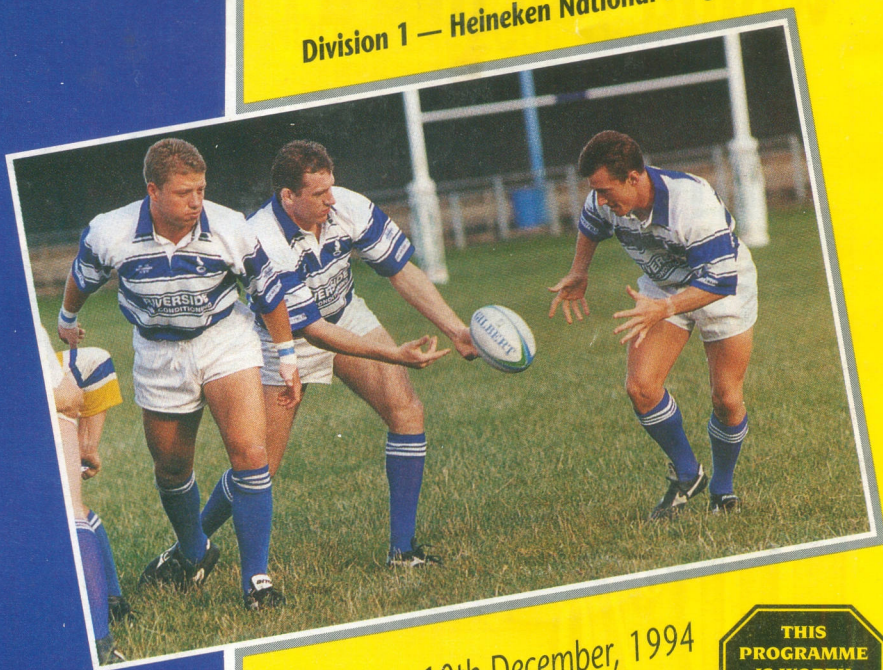
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v

CARDIFF

Division 1 — Heineken National League



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Kick-Off 2.30 p.m.



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Bridgend v Cardiff

Saturday, 10th December, 1994

Kick-off 2.30 p.m.

Today we welcome the league leaders Cardiff to the Brewery Field, for what is a very important game for both clubs.

Cardiff are at the head of the league at the start of today's game having played 11, won 10, and lost 1 and also lead the try scoring list with 43 tries, and with Bridgend in 3rd place it is all set for the match of the day in Welsh rugby.

For Bridgend we come into today's game on the back of last week's 72 point win over Pontypool, who must be very disappointed to lose by 70 points plus in their last two visits to the Brewery Field. On last week's performance it is hard to pick out players who really shone, but I think that special mention should be made to Anthony Jones, Simon Thomas and Man of the Match Emyr Williams who between them totally dominated the lineout allowing Pontypool to win only 2 line outs in the whole game, and built the platform for this great win.

SO LET'S ALL GET BEHIND OUR TEAM TODAY FOR THIS BIG GAME.

TODAY'S MASCOT: SIMON BEVINGTON

Simon is 10 years old and attends Litchard Junior School where he plays prop. Simon also plays for Bridgend Athletic, and is also a keen swimmer. His favourite player is Bridgend and Wales wing Glen Webbe.

QUIZ

1. Who scored Cardiff's first try against Bridgend in the 1981 Schweppes Cup Final?
2. Who were the hookers for both teams in the above game?
3. Two Cardiff players appeared for the Barbarians in their game against New Zealand at the Arms Park in December 1993. Nigel Walker was one who was the other?
4. Which Bridgend forward won his only cap for Wales against Namibia?
5. Which Cardiff player was voted Welsh Player of the Year in 1988?
6. Two Bridgend forwards made their debuts for Wales against Western Samoa in November 1988 at Cardiff. Who were they?
7. Which Bridgend wing played his first game on home soil in the same game?
8. Which International captained Cardiff during the 1990/91 season?
9. Who captained Cardiff the first time they won the Schweppes Cup?
10. Who captained Bridgend the first time they won the Welsh Cup?

See answers on Ticket Sales page.

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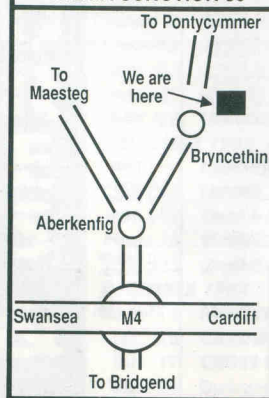
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AUGUST 1994																	
Sat. 27	Cardiff (L)	A 20-50	(J. Lewis) M. Back (1T,1DG)	G. Webbe	G. Jones	G. Thomas	(P. Jones) G. Wilkins	M. Lewis (1PG,2C)	R. Howley	D. Francis	I. Greenslade	S. Gale	S. Jenkins	(S. Thomas) R. Jones	J. Purnell	N. Jones	A. Williams (1T)
SEPTEMBER 1994																	
Sat. 3	DUNVANT (L)	H 34-28	C. Bradshaw (1T)	G. Webbe (1T)	G. Jones (1T)	G. Thomas	P. Jones	M. Lewis (2C)	R. Howley (1PG,1C)	D. Rees	A. Jones	S. Gale	S. Jenkins	E. Williams	S. Bryant (1T)	(N. Spender) N. Baxter	A. Williams
Wed. 7	Newbridge (L)	A 16-14	M. Back	G. Thomas	G. Jones	J. Ball	P. Jones (N. Forrester) P. Jones	M. Lewis (3PG,1C)	R. Howley	D. Rees	I. Greenslade	S. Gale	R. Jones	S. Thomas (S. Thomas) E. Williams	S. Bryant	N. Thomas (1T)	A. Williams
Sat. 10	S. WALES POLICE	H 23-10	M. Back (2T,1C)	G. Webbe	G. Thomas	J. Ball	G. Thomas (1T)	A. Howells (2PG)	J. Lewis	L. Manning	A. Jones	S. Price	S. Jenkins	N. Jones (1T)	J. Purnell	A. Williams	
Tues. 13	Abercarn	A 58-14	(A. Durston) N. Forrester (1T)	C. Bradshaw (1T)	(R. Howley) G. Jones (1T)	J. Ball (3C)	G. Thomas (1T)	A. Howells (M. Lewis) A. Howells	J. Lewis (1T)	D. Francis	I. Greenslade (2T,1C)	(D. Rees) S. Price	S. Thomas	E. Williams	J. Purnell	N. Baxter (1T)	N. Spender (2T)
Sat. 17	Llanharan	A 18-13	C. Bradshaw (1T)	G. Thomas	G. Jones	J. Ball (2PG,1C)	M. Garfield	(M. Lewis) A. Howells	(R. Howley) J. Lewis	D. Francis	A. Jones	L. Manning (1T)	S. Thomas	R. Jones	N. Jones	A. Williams (A. Williams) J. Purnell (1T)	N. Spender
Sat. 24	NEWPORT (L)	H 51-7	M. Back	G. Webbe (1T)	G. Jones	J. Ball (1PG,3C)	G. Thomas (1T)	C. Bradshaw (1T) M. Lewis (1T,1PG,2C)	R. Howley	D. Rees	I. Greenslade (1T)	S. Gale	S. Jenkins	E. Williams	S. Bryant (1T)		N. Spender
OCTOBER 1994																	
Sat. 1	Abertillery (L)	A 19-17	C. Bradshaw (1T)	G. Webbe	(M. Back) G. Jones	J. Ball (1PG)	G. Thomas	A. Howells (3PG,1C)	R. Howley	L. Manning	A. Jones	S. Gale	S. Thomas	R. Jones	S. Bryant (N. Thomas) S. Bryant	J. Purnell	(N. Spender) A. Williams
Wed. 5	Swansea (L)	A 15-45	M. Back	C. Bradshaw	G. Jones	J. Ball (1PG,1C)	G. Thomas	M. Lewis	R. Howley	D. Rees	I. Greenslade	S. Gale	S. Jenkins	E. Williams	J. Purnell (1T)	A. Williams (1T)	
Sat. 8	ABERCYNON	H 52-7	C. Bradshaw (1T)	G. Thomas (3T)	G. Jones (1T)	(B. Davies (1C)) N. Forrester	G. Webbe	A. Howells (3C)	(I. Greenslade (1C)) J. Lewis (1T)	L. Manning	A. Jones	(D. Francis) S. Price	S. Jenkins	S. Thomas	(D. Rees) J. Purnell (S. Bryant) J. Purnell	A. Williams (2T,1C)	N. Jones
Sat. 15	Pontypridd (L)	A 6-22	M. Back	G. Webbe	G. Thomas	G. Jones	C. Bradshaw	M. Lewis (2PG)	(J. Lewis) R. Howley (J. Lewis)	D. Rees	I. Greenslade	S. Gale	S. Jenkins	E. Williams	A. Williams	N. Spender	
Fri. 21	NEATH (L)	H 20-20	M. Back	G. Thomas	G. Jones	J. Ball	G. Webbe (1T)	M. Lewis (2PG,2C)	R. Howley (1T)	L. Manning	A. Jones	S. Gale	S. Thomas	E. Williams	(N. Jones) S. Bryant J. Purnell	J. Forster	A. Williams
Fri. 28	FAR NORTH TRANVAAL	H 23-15	C. Bradshaw	G. Webbe	G. Jones	G. Thomas (1T)	N. Lewis (1T)	A. Howells (1PG,1C,DG)	J. Lewis (1T)	D. Rees	(S. Gale) A. Jones	D. Francis	S. Jenkins	(E. Williams) R. Jones	A. Williams	N. Jones	
NOVEMBER 1994																	
Fri. 4	CANTERBURY (All Pay)	H 13-54	M. Back	G. Webbe	G. Thomas (1T)	J. Ball	(C. Bradshaw) N. Lewis	M. Lewis (2PG,1C)	(J. Lewis) R. Howley	L. Manning	(I. Greenslade) A. Jones	S. Gale	S. Jenkins	S. Thomas	N. Jones	J. Forster (S. Bryant) J. Forster	N. Spender
Sat. 12	LLANELLI (L)	H 16-3	M. Back	N. Walsh	G. Jones	G. Thomas (1T)	G. Wilkins	M. Lewis (3PG,1C)	R. Howley	D. Rees	I. Greenslade	S. Gale	S. Thomas	E. Williams	J. Purnell	A. Williams	
Sat. 19	Treorchy (L)	A 12-8	M. Back	N. Walsh	G. Jones	(J. Ball (1C)) G. Thomas (1T)	G. Wilkins	M. Lewis	R. Howley	D. Rees	I. Greenslade (1T)	S. Gale	S. Thomas	E. Williams	S. Bryant	J. Forster	N. Jones
Tues. 22	SWANSEA	H 34-0	A. Durston	(M. Garfield (1T)) G. Webbe (1T)	J. Ball (1T,1PG)	(A. Williams) M. Lewis (1T)	N. Walsh	A. Howells (3C)	J. Lewis (1T)	D. Rees	A. Jones	D. Francis	S. Jenkins	R. Jones	C. Roberts	J. Purnell (J. Purnell) N. Thomas	N. Spender
Fri. 25	Gloucester	A 0-45	(M. Lewis) A. Durston	N. Lewis	J. Ball	G. Wilkins	N. Walsh	A. Howells	J. Lewis	D. Rees	I. Greenslade	S. Gale	S. Jenkins	R. Jones	C. Roberts		N. Jones
DECEMBER 1994																	
Sat. 3	PONTYPOOL (L)	H 72-14	C. Bradshaw (1T)	G. Thomas (4T)	(M. Back) J. Ball	G. Jones (2T)	G. Wilkins (1T)	A. Lewis (1T,1PG,7C)	R. Howley	D. Rees	A. Jones	D. Francis	(S. Jenkins) S. Thomas	E. Williams	J. Purnell	J. Forster (2T)	A. Williams
Sat. 10	CARDIFF (L)	H															
Sat. 17	CROSS KEYS (Cup)	H															
Sat. 24	Dunvant (L)	A															
Mon. 26	MAESTEG	H															
JANUARY 1995																	
Mon. 2	NEWBRIDGE (L)	H															
Sat. 7	Newport (L)	A															
Sat. 14	S. Wales Police	A															
Fri. 20	LLANHARAN	H															
Sat. 28	5th Round Cup																
FEBRUARY 1995																	
Sat. 4	ABERTILLERY (L)	H															
Wed. 8	PONTYPRIDD (L)	H															
Sat. 11	Aberavon	A															
Tues. 14	Abercynon	A															
Fri. 17	MOSELEY	H															
Sat. 25	Neath (L)	A															
MARCH 1995																	
Fri. 3	Stirling County	A															
Sat. 11	SWANSEA (L)	H															
Tues. 14	TONDU	H															
Sun. 19	Rosslyn Park	A															
Sat. 25	6th Cup / ABERAVON	H															
APRIL 1995																	
Sat. 1	Llanelli (L)	A															
Sat. 8	Quarter Final Cup																
Sat. 15	TREORCHY (L)	H															
Mon. 17	Maesteg	A															
Sat. 22	S.F.Cup / CROSS KEYS	H															
Sat. 29	Pontypool (L)	A															
MAY 1995																	
Sat. 6	Cup Final																

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Chairman's Notes

by Derrick King

At a meeting of the Blue and White Club held last Saturday, it was resolved that they be dissolved with immediate effect. This was done in order for them to give their full support to the Patrons Society which is about to be formed in the Club.

The aim of the new society will be to create a greater social atmosphere within the Club and generate funds from a series of activities such as Dinners, Golf Days and Away Days to sporting events. Knowing the calibre of the people who will be responsible for the Patrons Society, I am sure it will prove to be very successful.

I am extremely grateful to the Committee of the Blue and White Club for the wonderful support they have given to our Club. They have raised funds in order that projects have been able to be achieved for the benefit of the Club and have always been eager to assist when a request for help has been put to them. There is no doubt, we will see many of them supporting the Patrons Society.

A letter will be sent to all members in the near future with full details of the new Society.

The decision to sell season tickets at half price to cover the remaining

matches this season is proving popular with supporters and the Committee has decided to extend this offer to the sale of Patron tickets.

A patron ticket for two seasons is normally £185.00 but are now on sale for £145.00. They can be obtained from the Club from 9.30am to 3.30pm on weekdays and on match days.

On the players' side, it has been gratifying to receive letters of congratulations this week on the manner in which the team achieved victory over Pontypool last Saturday.

After the match, whilst they were obviously very disappointed at losing, John Perkins, Ray Prosser and Bobby Windsor, three great players from past years, entertained us with stories from their playing days. John Perkins, who is Chairman of Pontypool, is known as one of the most outspoken men on Welsh Rugby matters, and whilst he may have been known as a hard man in his playing days, he is most approachable and amenable as many of our supporters who spoke to him on Saturday found.

Enjoy today's game. I'm sure the result will be a vast improvement on the last time we played our old friends from Cardiff.

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Available at the Club between 9.30am and 3.30pm during the week and on match days.

Quiz answers:

1. Bob Lakin. 2. Alan Philips and Kerry Townley. 3. Robert Howley, who came on as a substitute. 4. Owain Williams. 5. Robert Norster. 6. Mike Griffiths and Wayne Hall. 7. Mike Hall. 8. David Evans. 9. John Scott. 10. J.P.R. Williams.

Quiz compiled by Mr. Paul Hurford

Player Profile

ROBERT HOWLEY



Stan is the 23 year old club captain and is one of the Club's development officers. He is 5' 10" tall and weighs 121/2 stone. Robert has always been Bridgend through and through (even in exile at Cardiff), his honours include representing Wales at School Under 20's and Under 21's level before graduating to the Wales 'A' team and the Barbarians. Rob is also an expert at the sevens game and has toured the World with the Welshmen and Crawshays to name a few.

Best Rugby Moment: Winning his first 'A' Cap.

Worst Rugby Moment: Being sent to Cardiff on a spying mission.

Favourite Band: Phil Collins.

Favourite Actress: Demi Moore.

Favourite Actor: Rupert Moon.

Favourite Food: World expert on Burger Master's menu.

Favourite Drink: Guinness.

Biggest Influence: Keith Crockett.

Most Admired Player: Robert Jones.

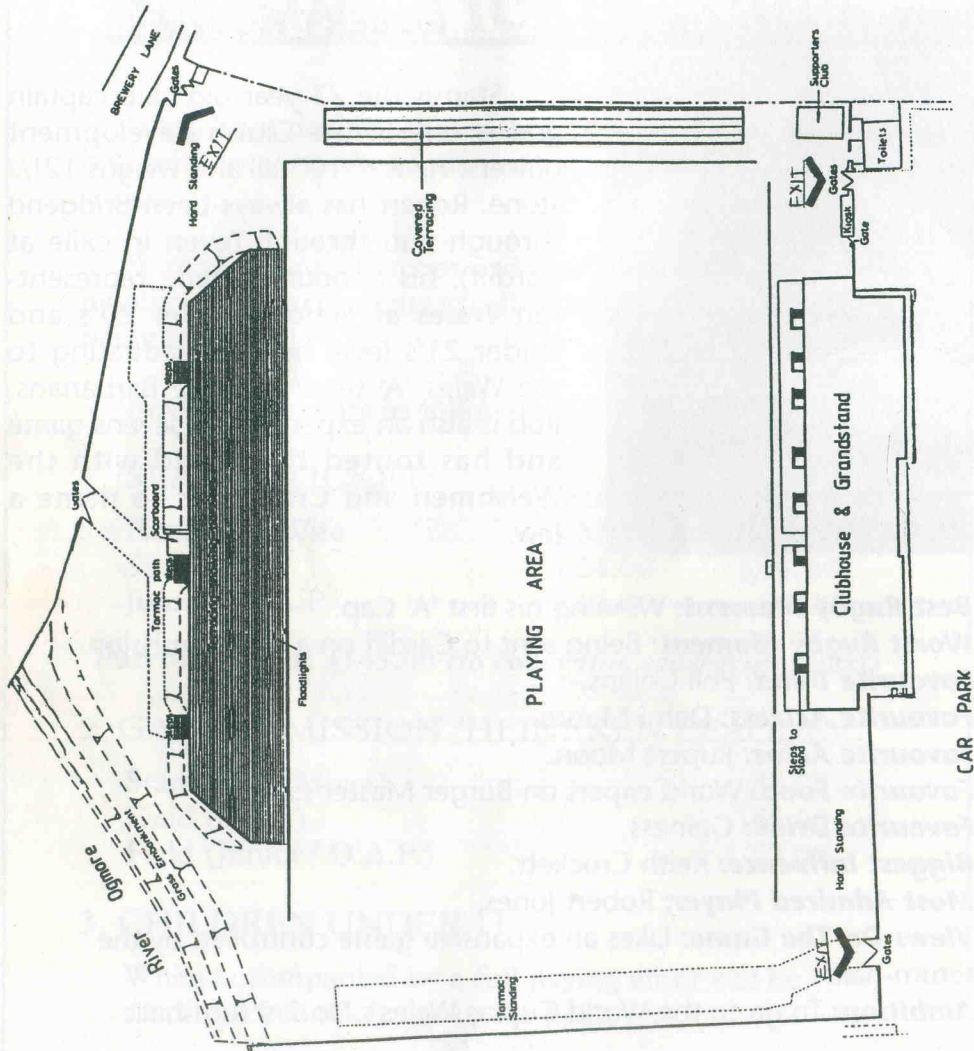
Views On The Game: Likes an expansive game controlled by the scrum-half.

Ambition: To go to the World Cup as Wales's No.1 scrum-half.

FACTS FROM THE INSIDER

Stan has always got his passport ready and will travel anywhere in the world to play, he is known throughout Wales as the only player with a Rover Air ticket. Robert likes nothing better than warming up with the son on his back. Can either be found in William Hills or at Carl Yardley's house. His ambition is to become a T.V. Presenter like Rupert Moon, only the presenter of Police 5.

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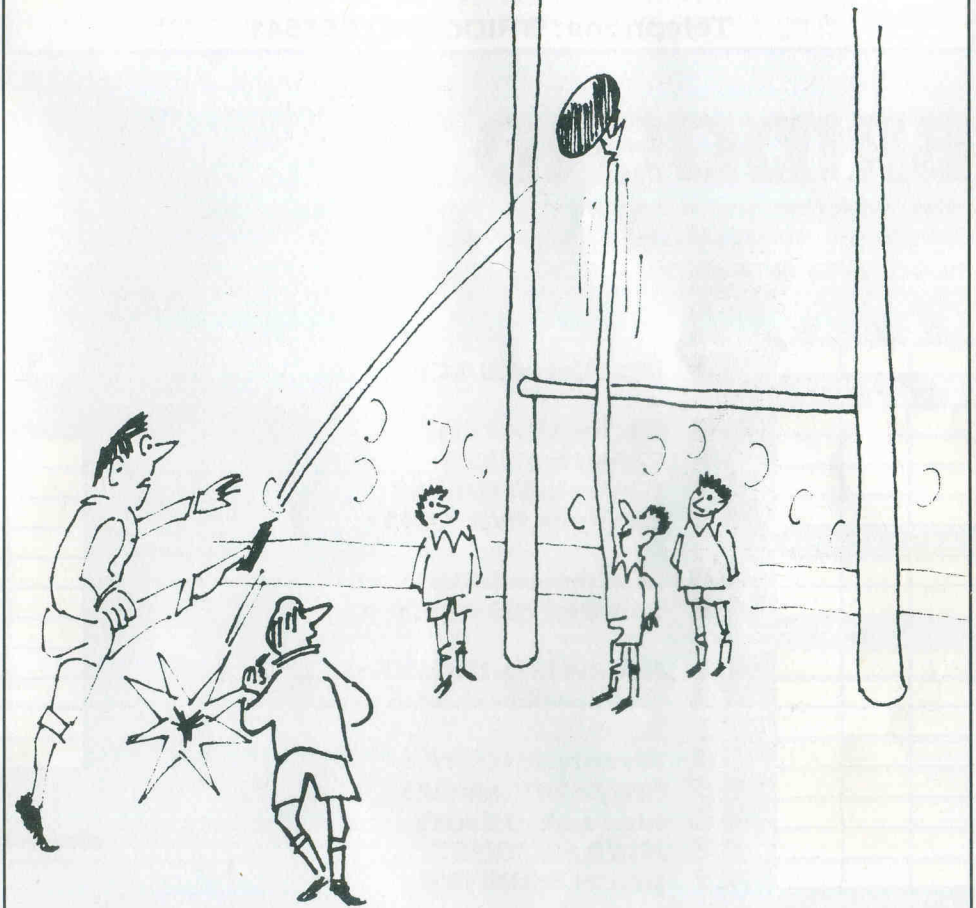
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14 Nicky WALSH
13 Gareth JONES
12 Gareth THOMAS
11 Gwilym WILKINS.

10 Matthew LEWIS
9 Robert HOWLEY (Capt.)

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- 1 Lee MANNING
- 2 Ian GREENSLADE
- 3 Sean GALE
- 4 Simon THOMAS
- 5 Emyr WILLIAMS
- 6 Simon BRYANT
- 8 Nathan JONES
- 7 Jason FORSTER

H/T		

Replacements: Jason Ball Jason Lewis
 Anthony Jones David Rees
 John Purnell Nigel Spender

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No. 2 Robert A. Owen (Aberdare)

- *Internationals*

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 (Capt.) •Michael HALL 13
 Colin LAITY 12
 •Simon HILL 11

• **Adrian DAVIES** 10
Andy MOORE 9

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•Michael GRIFFITHS	1
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Phil SEDGEMORE	3
Stuart ROY	4
•Derwyn JONES	5
•Hemi TAYLOR	6
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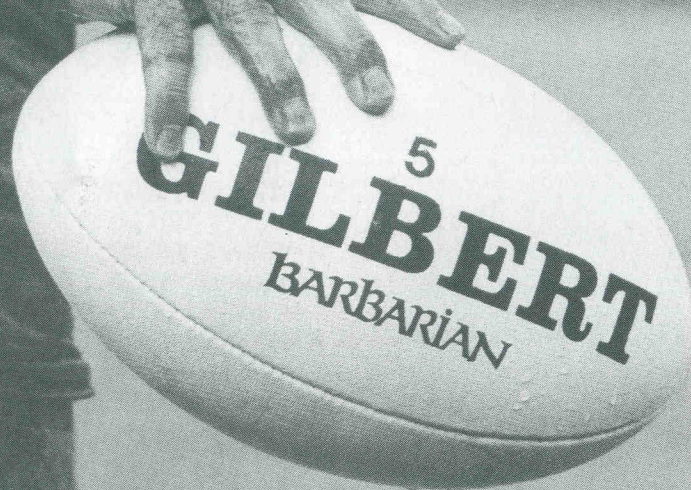
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Super League Possible For Next Season

by Gareth Lewis

According to a press report last Saturday, top clubs in England, France and Wales have recently been holding secret meetings to discuss the possibility of setting up a European Super League next season. This would undoubtedly cause major changes in the way rugby union is run and raises questions about the future of the game in Wales.

There appear to be two main reasons for setting up a super-league. Firstly, it is claimed that it would develop playing standards and keep pace with rugby in the southern-hemisphere. Secondly, the league would be set up to counter the threat posed by Jacques Fouroux, who threatened to buy rugby union players for his new rugby league competition. Cynics may argue that because of the inevitably huge sponsorship deals which a league would generate, a third reason is money.

The reactions to the plan have differed. The clubs involved in the discussions are obviously in favour of the plan. Dudley Wood, secretary of the RFU was said to be disturbed by the discussions taking place with Welsh Clubs. Today's visitors Cardiff, are reportedly "a powerful advocate of a European League".

If the league came into effect, the top four clubs in each league, in each country at the end of this season would form a twelve club league. Only eleven games would be played per season, with venues alternating each year. The question over promotion and demotion to and from the league, after the first season, has been left unanswered, however. Assuming a domestic Welsh league would still exist, would the champions

gain promotion to the super league? Who would drop out if they did?

If the top four Welsh league positions remain as they are now until the end of the season, then Llanelli and Neath would presumably not take part in the league. Ironically, both these clubs, according to the report, have given their support to the plan. Their attitude might change if they failed to make the grade.

What would happen to Bridgend and Pontypridd, two unfashionable clubs if the media are to be believed. Assuming they finish in the top four, would they be promoted into the elite at the expense of teams like Neath and Llanelli? This doesn't appear to have been given much thought.

For the members of an elite super league, the financial benefits would probably be immense. Unfortunately, the domestic leagues and clubs would probably lose out through lack of interest. Would that really be progress?

Although playing standards probably would improve in a super-league, do the European nations need to feel left behind by the southern hemisphere? Wales have just proved that they can compete with the likes of South Africa, England beat New Zealand last year and France are being billed as one of the favourites for the World Cup.

Perhaps it is money rather than a desire to boost playing abilities which has led to the super league idea being thought up. Either way, if the league does come into effect, next season is going to be entirely different from this one and rugby will have changed beyond recognition in Europe.

Today's Collection

Bridgend and District Schools have once again started their season in fine form. A squad of forty boys have been chosen to represent Bridgend and to date they have had good wins over Llanelli 29-0, Pontypool 28-0, Swansea 17-0 and most recently defeating the previously unbeaten Cardiff 10-5 at Cardiff.

The team is beginning to take charge with the speed behind the scrum becoming a crucial factor. This was the case in the D. C. Thomas Cup match at home to Pembroke. In this victory, Simon Prosser from Oldcastle School used his exceptional pace to score two tries from some distance while the try of the game came in the second half from Rees Williams, son of J. J. Williams, who scored a remarkable individual try from the half way line.

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Some Facts and Reflections

from W. A. D. Lawrie

There have been dramatic changes in the past few weeks in Division One of the Heineken League—Cardiff still holding a comfortable 4-point lead in poll position (43 tries); Pontypridd the strongest challenge with 16 points and a game in hand; ourselves—15 points and a second-best 34 tries, with holders—Swansea in a tenuous 4th position with 12 points and fighting to turn around 5 defeats to date.

To date in the League Cardiff have played 11, won 10, lost 1. Points for 350, against 112. points 20. Leading league try scorers: STEVE FORD 8, SIMON HILL 7, with ADRIAN DAVIES scoring 80 points to date. The overall record stands at played 18, won 15, lost 3. Points for 613, against 229. Steve Ford 13 tries. Joining the Club this season have been EMYR LEWIS (from Llanelli) and JONATHAN WESTWOOD from Neath (ex-Newport).

The Club is captained by MIKE HALL (29 years), capped 37 times, British Lions, Barbarians (in win against South Africa on Saturday last); Cambridge Blue (87/88)—Chartered Surveyor. Vice-Captain HEMI TAKATOO TAYLOR, 30 on Saturday next was born in Morrinsville, New Zealand—9 Welsh caps. Now Rugby Development Officer for Cardiff R.F.C. among the schools. Recently married, he played over 100 games for Newbridge before joining Cardiff in 1992.

Scrum-half ANDY MOORE was named Man of the Match in last season's S.W.A.L.E.C. Cup Final v Llanelli, while centre COLIN LAITY was voted as Player of the Year for last season by the Cardiff Supporters Club.

It is a sad blow for his Club and Country that MIKE RAYER will now miss the World Cup as well as the home internationals as a result of his severe injury in the league game at Treorchy, we wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

FOR THE RECORD

Some interesting facts emerge from the records of both Clubs. In 8 years from 1985 to 1993 Cardiff could not win at Bridgend,

and managed just 3 victories in 17 meetings. Overall—of the 137 games played to date Cardiff have won 66, Bridgend 57 and 14 drawn. Cardiff points for 1,474, Bridgend points for 1,249. In club matches at Cardiff Arms Park, from 25 games between 1968/69 and 1992/94, Bridgend lost only 6 times.

Since the inauguration of the Heineken League in 1990/91 no less than 14 players moved from Bridgend to Cardiff—Mike Budd, Paul Edwards, Rob Howley (returned), Paul Kawulok, Owain Williams, Jeff Jenkins, Huw Bevan, Andy Moore, Geraint John, Mike Griffiths, Mike Hall, Richard Wintle, Anthony Donovan and Ian Greenslade (returned) and of these—6 still remain in the Cardiff squad.

The Club's leading officials are HAYDN WILKINS (President Cardiff Athletic Club), MERVYN JOHN (Chairman), JOHN D. NELSON (Secretary), JOHN EVANS (Fixture Secretary), ALEX EVANS (Coaching Organiser), CHARLIE FAULKNER and ALUN DONOVAN (Coaches) and GARETH DAVIES (Chief Executive).

I am sure today's game will be worthy of the occasion and a credit to the reputation of both Clubs.

FIJANS TO RETURN TO BREWERY FIELD?

An added incentive for Bridgend to finish in the top 4 of the 1st Division of the Heineken League Table for 1994/95 is the guarantee of a fixture against Fiji, who travel to Wales for the first time in 12 years next autumn. They will also play Wales and Wales 'A', and the leading try scorers in a 3-week period. I am sure many of you will remember that glorious day—12th September 1964 when Fiji won 23-12 against a Combined Bridgend/Maesteg XV.

I am again indebted to my good friend DUNCAN GARDINER (the Club's Press Officer) for his assistance in the completion of today's notes.

Bridgend R.F.C. Youth News

by Steve Chinnock

MATCH REPORT

Rumney Youth 3 v Bridgend 24

Bridgend maintained their unbeaten record at Rumney with their 13th consecutive victory of the season. And their hero turned out to be former Welsh Schools flanker Nathan Thomas who crossed for a hat-trick of tries. Equally impressive was prop Matthew Hamer with another long range try that is fast becoming his forte. Adrian Durston converted two of the tries to complement excellent performances in the pack by flanker Matthew Williams and No.8 Paul Morgan. Earlier in the week, Bridgend relieved Llanharan of their unbeaten record, courtesy of a 48-0 victory at the Brewery Field. Welsh Schools wing Morgan Garfield and centre Steve Quinn both crossed for two tries with single touchdowns secured by Steve Ward, Gareth Edwards, Nathan Thomas and Adrian Durston. Durston goaled four, and now only requires four points to reach 200 for the season.

Bridgend Youth . . . The Story So Far:

Played: 13	Won: 13	Drawn: 0	Lost: 0
Points For: 606	Points Against: 86		

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Bridgend Under-16's v Rumney Under-16's on Sunday, 11th December (home).

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Adrian Evans, Secretary

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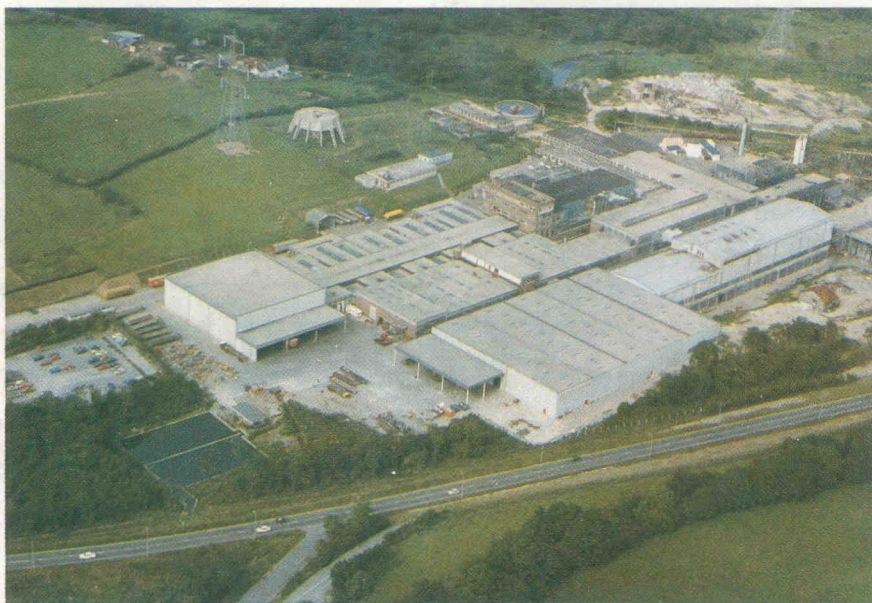
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