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MAESTEG

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14th, 1995

KICK-OFF 2.30p.m.

OFFICIAL MATCH PROGRAMME — 30p

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AND SO the chase for the Heineken League title will now surely go the whole distance.

Unless there is a truly dramatic change of form and fortune — and there's likely to be more surprises in store before the season's end — the Pontypridd victory at Stradey Park on Thursday evening ensured a continuation of the nail-biting for Cardiff, Ponty and Neath supporters.

The Pontypridd success — achieved without the kicking power of Neil Jenkins who is responsible for such a large proportion of their points — means that the pressure is back on Cardiff to follow in their footsteps by winning at Llanelli in the next league game on February 4.

Defeat would not necessarily mean handing the title to Pontypridd, of course; they have difficult matches ahead also.

On the day Cardiff visit Stradey, Pontypridd are at home to Newport but they face a tricky match during the following week when they travel to Bridgend as Cardiff meet Treorchy at home.

Ponty then have Abertillery, Neath and Llanelli to meet at Sardis Road with visits to Swansea and, on the last day of the season, to Treorchy.

Cardiff, during that time, have to travel to Pontypool, Abertillery and Newbridge, with home matches against Dunvant and Newport.

There's still an awful long way to go.

For the time being, however, there's a lull in the league business as the international season gets under way next Saturday followed by a visit by Cardiff to Pyle in defence of the SWALEC Cup (a supporters' club coach has been arranged for this match, incidentally).

Today, though, on a more relaxed note, we welcome the players, officials and supporters of Maesteg to the Arms Park. Details of previous matches between the clubs can be found on page 6.

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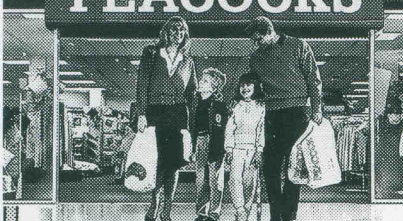
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- 20. Dai JOSEPH
- 21. Brett WAKEFIELD

Full Back
Right Wing
Right Centre
Left Centre
Left Wing
Outside Half
Inside Half
Forwards



Replacements

Today's Referee:
Michael Cox

Touch Judge: Steve Pugh

Today's GILBERT Ball Sponsor:
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Maesteg

- Brett DAVEY 15.
- Richard GREGORY 14.
- Carl YARDLEY 13.
- Matthew BROWN 12.
- Jonathan HOPKINS 11.
- Matthew PEARCE 10.
- Lloyd PAGET 9.
- Mike SHERRY 1.
- Gary DAVIES 2.
- Phil PINCHER 3.
- Noel THOMAS 4.
- Chris STEPHENS 5.
- Paul BUCKLE (Capt.) 6.
- Mark WILLIAMS 8.
- Paul THOMAS 7.
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- David BERRY 19.
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- Matthew WAREHAM 21.

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WHEN MAESTEG WON 14-0 AT THE ARMS PARK...

MAESTEG travel up from the Old Parish today seeking only a second win ever at the Arms Park.

The two clubs have, over the years, met on 35 occasions with Cardiff winning 22 times, Maesteg nine and with four matches drawn.

But you have to go back to October 1926, almost 70 years, to uncover that sole Maesteg "away" victory - by 14-0 - and that at a time when Cardiff were experimenting with two first XV's.

The idea, largely based on the request from club treasurers - including Cardiff - that the famous name should be seen as frequently and as far afield as possible, was scarcely a howling success although it lasted from season 1926-27 to season 1930-31.

On that same day when we were being beaten by Maesteg, for example, Cardiff were also losing at Blackheath. Later, when we were losing 22-7 at Maesteg on March 12, Llanelli were beating us 8-7 at the Arms Park.

Other Saturdays that season saw us being beaten by Abertillery and Llanelli, Northampton and Ebbw Vale and Swansea and Pill Harriers.

The whole scheme was scrapped when worthy but by no means world-class sides like Cinderford, Edgware, Briton Ferry, Skewen, Stroud and Blaina were proudly recording victories over Cardiff.

FICKLE FORTUNE

FOR MAESTEG in more recent years, the fickle finger of fortune has beckoned fitfully towards fame, without quite producing the final success.

Last season, for example, when they won at Crumlin by a hard-earned 17-6 in an anonymous SWALEC Cup Fourth Round tie, they could scarcely have anticipated a semi-final appearance.

But successes against Glamorgan Wanderers, Bonymaen and then, most notably, at Tenby, saw them meet the mighty Llanelli for a place in the final - and what a shock they gave the Scarlets.

Although the scoreline shows that the big boys won 23-7, that was not the full story as Llanelli, behind for a long spell, had to score two tries in as many minutes late in the match.

Two defeats in the final three weeks of the Heineken League also ensured that Maesteg would remain in the Second Division for another season.



TODAY'S MATCH MASCOT...

... is nine year-old DANIEL EDWARDS, from Lyric Way, Thornhill, Cardiff, who plays scrum-half for his school, St. Joseph's, and for Cardiff Schools Under 11s and who captains Llandaff Under 10s.

Daniel's favourite player, apart from his father, is Mike Rayer.

With a young side, they have struggled on occasions this time out but an impressive 12-6 win over Cross Keys last Saturday, with winger Martin Morgans scoring two tries, has made their league position that much safer.

Overall, in those 35 matches, Cardiff have scored 722 points and Maesteg 374.

BRISTOL FASHION

BRISTOL come to Cardiff next Friday evening for the next home friendly on the eve of the Welsh international in Paris and, no matter what strength of teams will be turned out because of the international demands - England are in Dublin that Saturday - there will surely be highly entertaining rugby as some of the younger players stake their claims.

The week after that, Cardiff travel to up-and-coming Pyle, currently at the top of Division Four, in the Fifth Round of the SWALEC Cup.

STATISTICS FROM **Baytrack for VOLVO**

FIRST DIVISION RESULTS 1994-95

up to & including Thursday, January 12



First Division

	P	W	D	L	T	Pt
Cardiff	15	12	0	3	47	24
Pontypridd	15	12	0	3	39	24
Neath	15	9	2	4	18	20
Bridgend	15	9	1	5	39	19
Swansea	14	8	0	6	31	16
Llanelli*	15	7	0	8	36	14
Treorchy	14	6	0	8	24	12
Newbridge	15	6	0	9	21	12
Dunvant	14	5	1	8	20	11
Pontypool	15	4	0	11	24	8
Abertillery	15	4	0	11	21	8
Newport	14	4	0	10	12	8

*Two points deducted.

Second Division

	P	W	D	L	T	Pt
Aberavon	14	12	0	2	40	24
Abercynon	14	10	0	4	28	20
Ebbw Vale	14	9	1	4	30	19
Bonymaen	13	8	1	4	24	17
Tenby Utd.	13	8	0	5	17	16
SW Police	13	7	1	5	29	15
Cross Keys	13	6	0	7	14	12
Maesteg	13	4	1	8	18	9
Narberth	15	3	2	10	21	8
Llandoverly	12	4	0	8	16	8
Llanharan	12	3	0	9	19	6
Penarth	14	3	0	11	15	6

Third Division

	P	W	D	L	T	Pt
Ygynlais	14	12	0	2	25	24
Caerphilly	13	10	1	2	26	21
Mt. Ash	13	8	1	4	37	17
Blackwood	14	7	2	5	17	16
Tredegar	13	7	0	6	23	14
Kenfig Hill	14	7	0	7	21	14
Glam. W.	14	7	0	7	17	14
Blaina	14	6	2	6	14	14
Builth W.	14	5	0	9	15	10
Aberavon Q.	14	4	2	8	6	10
Tondu	13	3	1	9	12	7
Pontypool U.	14	1	1	12	16	3

Fourth Division

	P	W	D	L	T	Pt
Pyle	14	10	1	3	34	21
Cardiff Ins.	13	10	0	3	30	20
Whitland	13	10	0	3	29	20
Turner	14	7	1	6	26	15
St. Peter's	13	7	0	6	28	14
Rhymney	12	7	0	5	16	14
Carm' then Q	11	6	0	5	23	12
Glynneath	12	5	1	6	15	11
Vardre	14	5	0	9	9	10
Oakdale	13	4	1	8	11	9
Llantrisant	14	3	0	11	8	6
Kidwelly	13	2	0	11	15	4

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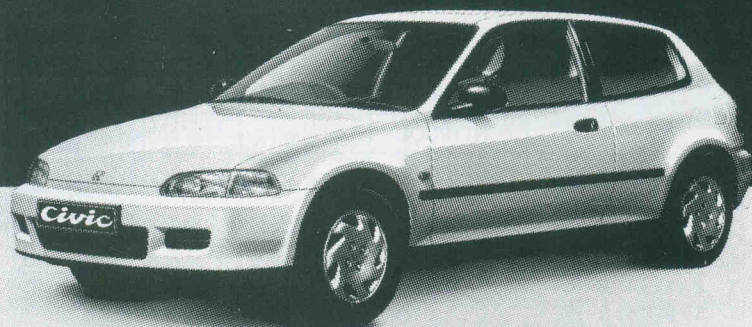
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