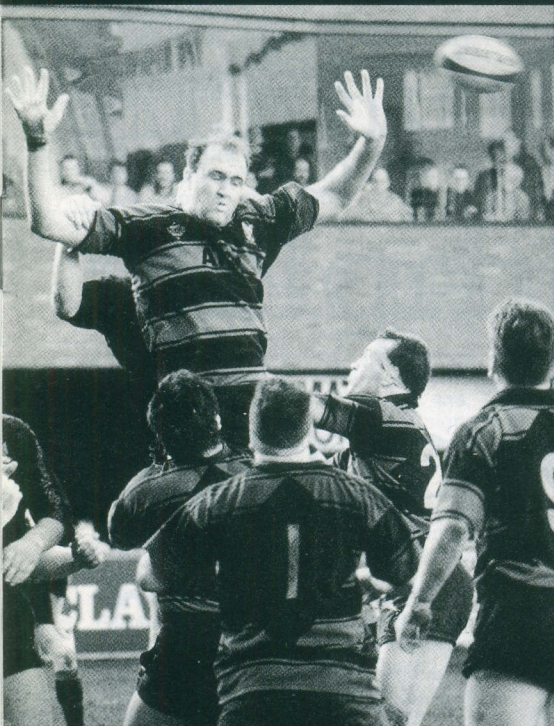




# CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB



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AT THE CARDIFF ARMS PARK THIS EVENING...

## LONDON WELSH

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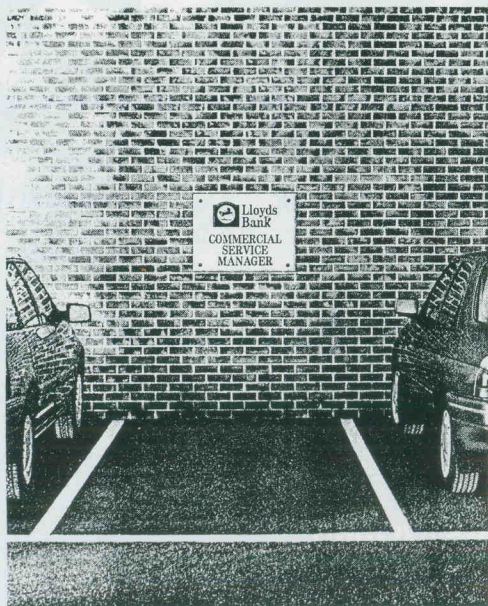
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## Cardiff v. London Welsh

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WHILE THE first course cannot be expected to satisfy to the extent of a main dish, there is good cause this evening to believe that London Welsh and Cardiff will provide an aperitif that whets the taste for a weekend of filling and memorable rugby.

The main course tomorrow promises to be heavy, fit for those with appetites of substance; this evening the fare may be more delicate, experimental, the taster for the undoubtedly red-blooded meat to follow.

Not that Cardiff-London Welsh matches are non-competitive. While the Exiles have been going through some sad and lean years which have seen them vanish from the major divisions of the Courage Clubs Championship, there are clear signs of a revival and, indeed, the possibility still of promotion back from the National 5 South league into the "nationwide" Fourth Division.

We wish them well: history shows that Wales nationally benefits from a strong London Welsh — though the advent of strong League Rugby in Wales and, for one reason or another, the greater willingness of players to travel back from London and the Home Counties to train regularly with their clubs has made a clear impact on the playing strength at Old Deer Park.

It will not then only be Cardiff club physiotherapist Jane Parker who welcomes back her old patients — Jane came back to Cardiff after a spell with the Exiles — to the Arms Park.

The club's officials and players will be very warmly received on this 110th meeting between the clubs, representing an almost unbroken annual fixture since the first meeting in December 1885. (see Miscellany).

As we have said, there is now a curious lack of first team matches at the Arms Park until April, with only the friendly with Bath on St Patrick's Day, the eve of the Irish international, breaking up the away match pattern until the visit of Duvant in the Heineken League on April 1.

Before then, of course, vastly important league games will have been played at Pontypool next Saturday and at Abertillery (March 11): two teams struggling to retain first division status and therefore potentially dangerous opposition indeed.

Then, on March 25, a sixth round SWALEC Cup-tie takes us on the short journey to meet the Old Penarthians whose tentative thoughts on "transferring" the match to Cardiff quickly and understandably disappeared. Naturally enough, they would prefer the atmosphere which will undoubtedly be generated at their own home. It's a long, long season...

D.G.

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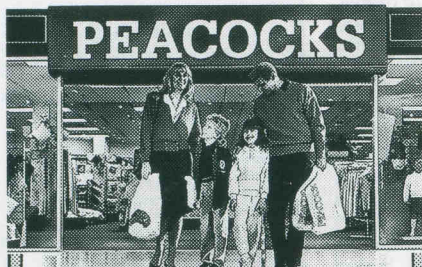


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10. Adrian DAVIES
9. Andy MOORE
1. Dai JOSEPH
2. Huw BEVAN
3. Phil SEDGEMORE
4. John WAKEFORD
5. Stuart ROY
6. Vince DAVIES
8. Owain WILLIAMS
7. Mike BUDD
16. Colin LAITY/Geraint JOHN
17. Gareth BABER
18. Phil AGER
19. Howard STONE
20. Andrew LEWIS/Aled JONES
21. Brett WAKEFIELD

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



Replacements

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Touch Judge No.1: **Geraint Morgan**  
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- Rhodri PHILLIPS 15.
- David LUBLINER 14.
- Nick CEDERWELL 13.
- Ian RICHARDS 12.
- Tim PIKE 11.
- Michael DAWES 10.
- Richard NICHOLAS 9.
- Mark HERBERT 1.
- Andy TUCKER 2.
- Richard THOMAS 3.
- Graham PEACOCK 4.
- Neil THOMAS 5.
- Paul ENOCH 6.
- Colin CHARVIS 8.
- Andy NEWCOMBE (Capt.) 7.
- Huw ROBERTS 16.
- Mark HUMPHREYS-EVANS 17.
- Lee THOMAS 18.
- Richard JONES 19.
- Owen DAVIES 20.

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## MISCELLANY... reporting on news

### CARDIFF v LONDON WELSH – the facts

SINCE THE first meeting on December 30, 1885, Cardiff and London Welsh have met at least once in nearly every season. Overall, Cardiff have won 92 of the 109 matches played with the Welsh winning on 14 occasions and with two drawn games (the other was abandoned after 15 minutes or so with the result not counting in Cardiff records). Cardiff have scored 2124 points and London Welsh 771.

Of the 14 London Welsh successes, six have been in Cardiff but the most recent at the Arms Park was the 14-9 win in March 1977.

### MIKE'S ALIVE – AND VERY MUCH KICKING

REFERENCE IN the programme notes for the Treorchy match to Mike Rayer's 'tragic' accident brought a joking protest from the 'victim' himself.

"Tragic," he felt, "suggests that I'm dead at least whereas, believe me, I'm very much alive and kicking.

"In fact, and if anything, I am slightly ahead of schedule in terms of recovery and I have been able to take some light exercise."

This next week will be testing for Mike when the pin, helping to heal the third of the breaks in the leg suffered at Treorchy last October, will be removed.

"That is, if the X-rays show it has come together as well as the other two. When the pin is removed, it will of course weaken the leg to a degree and I will have to take it very lightly again but, if all goes well, I would then hope to be back in full training by July."

Tomorrow you may see Mike with Steve Rider on BBC's Grandstand programme from the Arms Park – but the novelty of commentating and commenting is wearing thin.

"Watching is very frustrating and much more nerve-wracking than playing," he says. "When Cardiff were at Llanelli the other day, I couldn't even bear to listen to the radio in the last 15 minutes – but didn't they do well..."

The injury has meant that Mike has at least been able to spend plenty of time learning his job as a garage manager. "That's going well though I did not expect at first that I would settle in so well."

And so it's fingers crossed for these next X-rays. "I really do have to thank the surgeons, consultants, physios and all the medical people for what they have done! I'll be back..."

### DIARY DATES

A REMINDER that there are two "social" evenings in the Cardiff clubhouse next week.

On Tuesday, there is the monthly Cardiff lottery draw and entertainment while, on Friday, the Supporters Club have a Country and Western evening.

### VETERAN VITALITY...

WEATHER, ground conditions and

## and views from CARDIFF ARMS PARK

(un)willing limbs permitting, Cardiff's dynamic Veterans are due to play a team of Transvaal veterans as a curtain-raiser to this evening's match with London Welsh.

Such intrepid luminaries as Roger and Stuart Lane, Steve Cannon, Bob Lakin, Terry Charles, Paul 'Pablo' Rees, Barry Nelmes, Tony Moggeridge, Gareth Davies and that doyen of veteran veterans, John Harding (who, if your programme editor's records are correct played for the club between 1966 and 1972) will be among those expected as we go to press to don the blue and the black.

Bobby Newman, who will also turn out, boasts that the Vets have been unbeaten for four years – against fellow veterans, that is.

"Yes, we have lost a game or two to youngsters like Christ's College, Brecon, and Cardiff Police, but we have not lost any of the other 20-odd games," he says.

Tonight's opposition? Well, Gareth Davies reports that they claim to have no stars. "But, like any South African team," he feels, "they will be difficult to beat. They contacted us and seemed very keen."

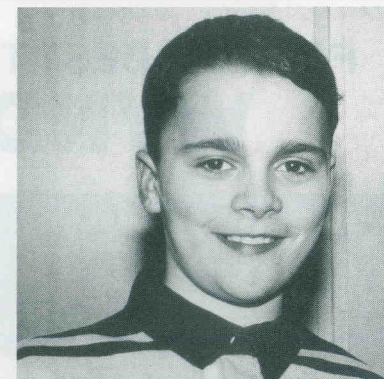
### ....AND YOUTHFUL AMBITIONS

AT THE OTHER end of the club's age groups, the Youth team's Welsh Youth Cup semi-final against Aberystwyth last Saturday was postponed due to the weather.

No alternative date has yet been fixed but it is hoped to be arranged as soon as possible.



### TODAY'S MATCH MASCOT...



...is 10 year-old BEN PHILLIPS, of Waterloo Gardens, Penylan, who goes to the Cathedral School, Llandaff, where he plays for the Under 10s. His favourite Cardiff player is Mike Rayer.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 1 (Dunvant): Sports Forum

APRIL 15 (Barbarians): JBB Awards Ceremony

APRIL 29 (Newport): End-of-Season treasure hunt





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