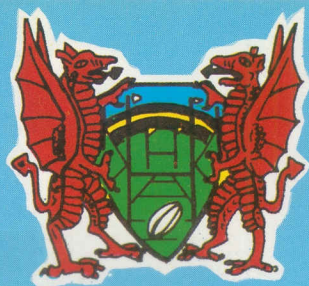


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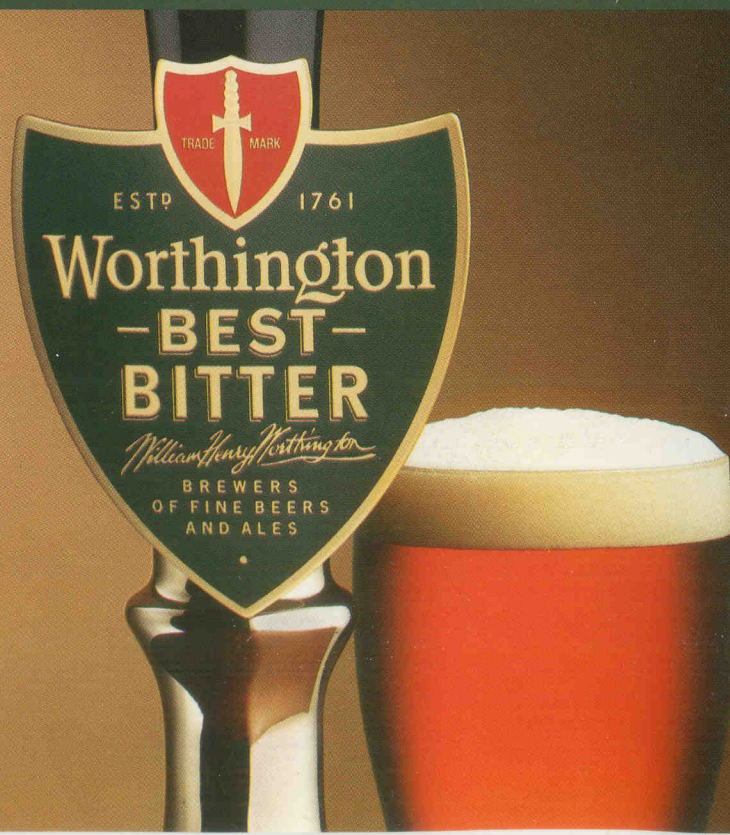
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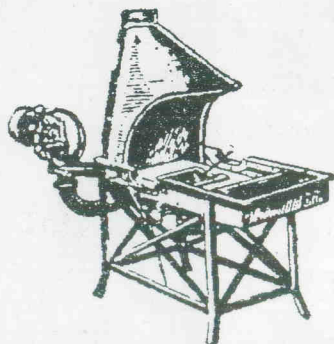
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## CLUB NEWS

*By Robert Beale & David Hussey, coaches*

Our recent victory at Pontypool in the Heineken First Division virtually secured First Division status again next season. (One scenario of results with the clubs below us could require us to win at Dunvant on the 29th.)

We believe, as coaches, we should never have been in this position. When you look back over the season, people kept reminding us of all the injuries we've had. Fair comment to a certain degree.

But we cannot afford to lose home games, such as Abertillery, Bridgend, Neath and also Treorchy by the odd point. Eight points gone; which would have put the team on 24 points -- up with the likes of Swansea and Neath! We are not happy just to survive, we have got to strive to compete with the best. This we aim to do. Our present squad, if fit, is quite strong, with a good spirit amongst the boys. But, we also are aware we need strengthening in certain areas. This we will try to do.

Congratulations to Andrew Gibbs on his international debut against Ireland. What a boost for Newbridge (and Gwent) rugby in general. You deserve it Andrew and maybe the first of many, as, I am sure, it will be. Peter Crane deserves a special mention for his leadership. I don't think there is a better, or more fit, openside flanker in Welsh rugby. A fine example to the younger members of our squad.

We'd like to thank you, the supporters, for your continued support, week in, week out. Like Bonker said, he hadn't heard vocal support like it at the Swansea home League game for many, many years. Thank you -- the players need and appreciate it.

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There are views expressed on other pages in this Programme which hope to deny Cardiff RFC their 'just desserts', namely the Heineken League Championship for this season. A win this evening would appear to deny Pontypridd an opportunity to pip Cardiff at the post, having in mind the remaining fixtures and Ponty's need to score 'a bundle' of tries.

Therefore, The Welfare Ground welcomes Cardiff players, committee and supporters for their (maybe) night of glory -- with even 'a double' on the horizon. Certainly, looking at the League table their record this season is impressive. And could this be attributed to their coach Alex Evans?

Alex joined Cardiff after their disastrous 1991/92 season (when the Club only remained in the 1st Division, because that season there was NO relegation!). In his first season as coach he took Cardiff into second place by the end of the 1992/93 and the Club hasn't looked back since, bringing on (and on-board) class players (even our Hemi!). As you will read below Newbridge's run of victories came to a halt at the same time.

Now Cardiff's maestro has been called to rejuvenate the Wales XV, with a brand of rugby the club sides have seen Cardiff successfully adopt. Club rivalry apart, Wales wish you, Alex, every success in your additional responsibilities.

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Writing this article through the season has been rather like producing a casualty list from match to match. This seemingly endless list of injuries came to a head on Saturday last when a much depleted Newbridge side took on the reigning Heineken League Champions -- Swansea. The good thing that came out of that game was the spirit and determination of the Newbridge XV to ignore the form book and only narrowly miss a place in the SWALEC Cup semi-finals.

Last Saturday was all about determination, commitment and team spirit. No matter how good your team looks on paper you are doomed to fail without these qualities.

This evening is an ideal opportunity for us to improve even further by ensuring Cardiff have to wait a couple of weeks longer to collect their Championship crown. And we have a 'night to remember'.

Don't forget Easter Monday -- Newbridge Past v. Newbridge Present KO 3.30pm. A feast of running rugby is promised, all in aid of the Steve Fealey Appeal. On this family day, when those of us with families can bring them along, be grateful for what we have as we try to support Steve's bereaved family. Many former players will be present and playing, and no doubt, a multitude of happy memories will be recalled on the day.

We look forward to seeing you at The Welfare Ground.

Paul Bartley

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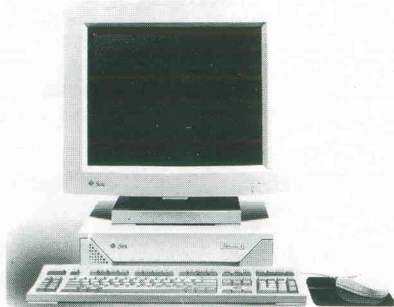
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Pride of place tonight must go out to newly won u11's East Wales caps, Nicky Hiscott, Robbie Johnson and Mike Haines of Newbridge RFC., and Ryan Hodges of Ynysddu and Islwyn District Schools. Others from Islwyn District u11's squad to gain County caps are Lee Jones, Chris Mills, Andrew Williams, Gareth Slocombe and Luke Davies. In addition Islwyn Schools District caps were won by all the above plus, John Watson, Jason McIlwee, Ross Davies, Matthew Cornish, Gavin Davies and Gavin West. Owen Miller has also won his Pontypool Schools cap. Congratulations and well done boys! Thanks for all of this must go to Mr. Jeff Davies, Mr Dave Lewis and Ms. Sharon Phillips, Teachers in charge of the local W.S.R.U. district.

The good news continues with Newbridge Youths' fine achievement in reaching the Final of the South Mon. Youth Cup, date and venue to be arranged, Good Luck, lads!

This season's end sees the "Coming of age" of one of our oldest established teams our u8's of 1986-87, This season's u16's now go on to become part of Newbridge Youth for season 95-96. We are very proud of this team and we wish them every success in their youth rugby. Some of the squad have opted to play elsewhere and we thank them for their efforts through the years and wish them well, they will always be welcome back at Newbridge.

Credit for bringing this team through the past 8 years must go to our longest serving coach Barrie Kendall. Thanks also to Gus Moses, Terry Payne, David Matthews and Lyn Griffiths, Sundays will never be the same again!

Talking of gratitude, as this is the seasons last programme, now is the time to thank everyone who has helped the u19's section this season and seasons past, we wish you a long hot summer and hope to have your support again next season.

### Mascot.

Tonights special little lad is u8's player Greg Preen. Greg lives in Abercarn with Mum and Dad Judith and John and little sister Laura. He attends Abercarn Primary school and enjoys Rugby and football. Greg "graduates" to the u9's next season after playing for the u8's for 3 years! Enjoy your evening Greg! and a big smile for the Cameras!

Gwyn Williams



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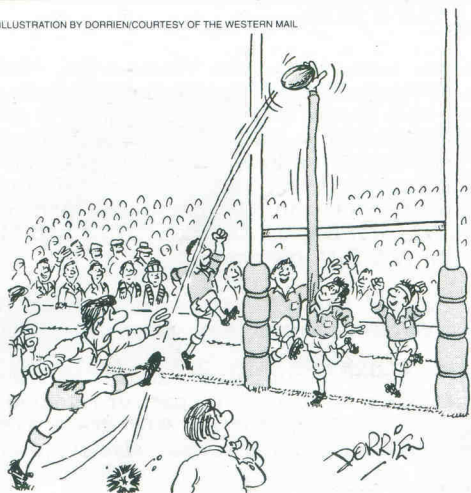
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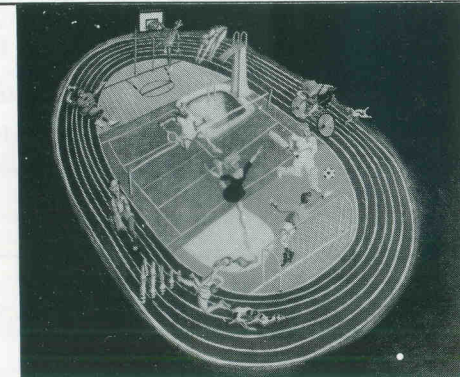
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Well what about last Saturday, an excellent team display almost took us into the semi-finals of the SWALEC Cup, even with a depleted pack.

I don't usually pick out individuals for praise but Wayne Taylors performance at No8 must remain in our memories for nay seasons.

Our last league game at Dunvant on Saturday 29th April, transport will be arranged leaving clubhouse at 12.30pm this game could very well play an important part in who is relegated (it's nice to know we are not in the frame)

This is probably my last notes this season so I would like to thank the great support we had home and away, the players for their efforts, our supporters Committee for their hard work, and in particular Jayne Howells and Liz Hawkins for their efforts in the snack shop

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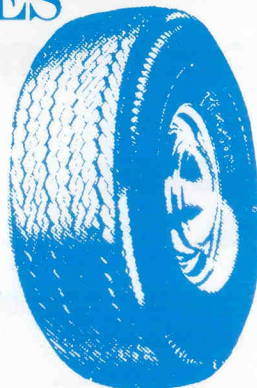
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1. When Newbridge lost to Cardiff in the Cup Semi-final of 81-82, which Newbridge forward crashed over for a try after first putting his foot in touch?
2. Which current Cardiff player scored for Newbridge in the first League encounter between the two Clubs?
3. In the two 91-92 League encounters, which player scored all Newbridge's points?
4. Who capitalised on a wayward David Rees drop goal attempt in the 1992 match at Cardiff and then went on to complete a hat-trick of tries?
5. The two teams met in cup ties at the Welfare Ground in 83-84 & 84-85. Cardiff won both matches, 17 - 9 & 24 -
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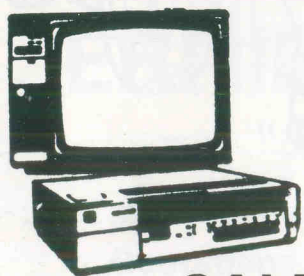
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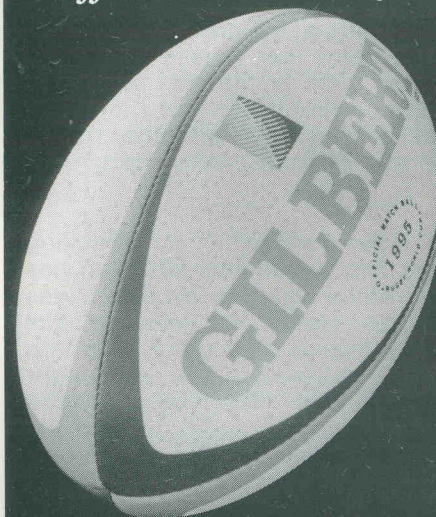
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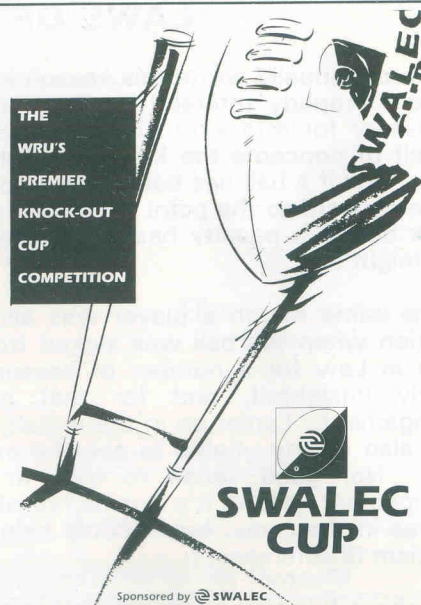


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## LAWS OF THE GAME

I have continually wrote this season about offside and the effect it has on the game. Properly refereed it allows the game to flow by creating a space necessary for attacking rugby. The particular point that I have to remind myself of concerns the kick from behind. It has been acceptable to let the game flow if a ball has been kicked to touch and players in front of the kicker move forward to the point of touch. It has taken from last September to last week before a penalty has been awarded for this offence. Why start now, you might say.

In the same match a player was allowed to move forward in an attacking position when the ball was kicked from behind him, when this situation has been in Law for a number of seasons. The referee on this occasion was clearly unsighted, and for that he takes no blame for missing the infringement. Earlier on in the match, however, he gave a knock-on when he was also clearly unable to see the infringement. A good guess, you might say! No; good sense to look at the touch judge who indicated the infringement. Now, it's not technically correct for a touch judge to help the referee in that way, but it could help the game break away from its current criticism of referees.

It is about this time of the year that the Laws Committee of the International Board meet to discuss proposals and changes in Law to help the game for the following season(s). There has been a number of changes in Law over the last few seasons and I see no reason why this year should be any different.

These Laws and Amendments have effectively quickened the pace of the game. More demands have been put on ALL players to be more fit and more professional in their outlook towards the game. I should say it is now the time to assist the referee; give the touch judges (who in the Heineken League are all WRU qualified referees) more authority in the running of the game. They are, at present, sorely under-used.

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S.H.M.

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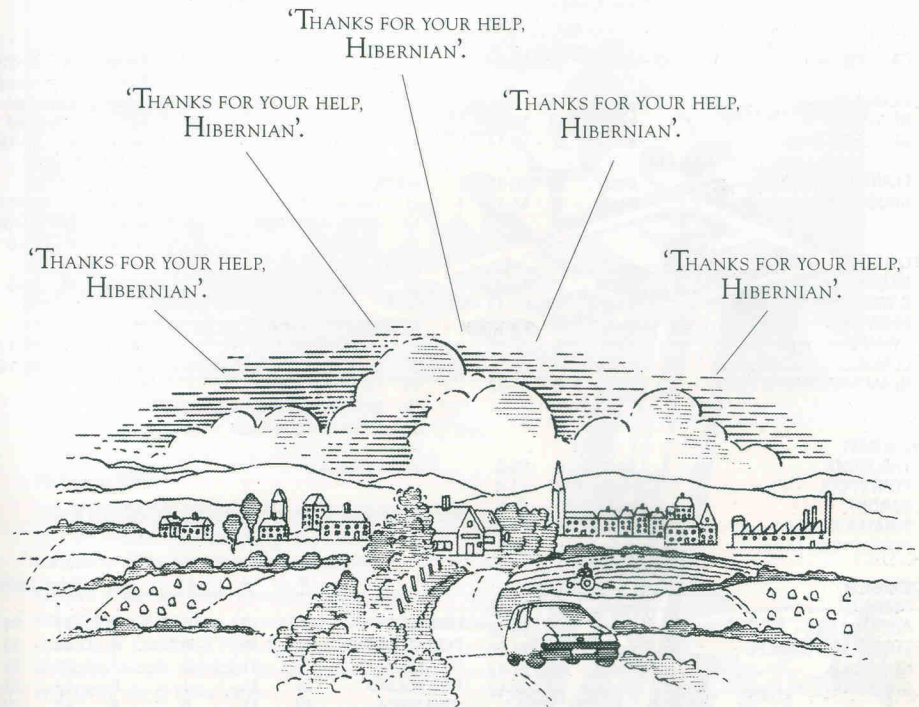
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### AUGUST

27	ABERTILLERY	away	W	17-13
30	CALDICOT	away	W	54-0

### SEPTEMBER

3	NEWPORT	away	W	15-6
7	BRIDGEND (wed)	home	L	16-14
10				
13	LLANHILLETH (Tues)	away	W	58-12
17	CROSSKEYS	home	D	13-13
24				

### OCTOBER

1	NEATH	home	L	10-8
4	S.WALES POLICE (Tues)	away	W	25-13
8	EBBW VALE	away	W	19-11
15	SWANSEA	away	L	32-13
22	LLANELLI	home	L	29-3
25	GLAM WANDERERS (Tues)	away	W	19-13
29				

### NOVEMBER

5	TREORCHY	away	L	13-6
12	PONTYPOOL	home	W	13-8
19	CARDIFF	away	L	45-8
25	PIRATES XV (S.A.)	home	W	42-31
29	PONTYPRIDD (Tues)	away	L	30-6

### DECEMBER

3	DUNVANT	home	W	16-15
10	ABERTILLERY	home	L	16-15
17	TREORCHY - SWALEC	home	W	25-20
21	NEWPORT	home	W	23-12
27	CRAWSHAYS XV (Tues)	home	W	83-52

### JANUARY

2	BRIDGEND (Mon)	away	L	15-12
7	PONTYPRIDD	home	W	13-9
10	ABERAVON (Tues)	home	W	34-5
14	CROSSKEYS	away	W	20-13
17	MAESTEG (Tues)	away	L	36-15
28	NELSON SWALEC	away	W	20-0

### FEBRUARY

4	NEATH	away	L	27-15
8	SWANSEA (Wed)	home	W	27-22
11	EBBW VALE	home	postponed	
14	ABERAVON (Tues)	away	cancelled	
17	PENARTH (Fri)	home	cancelled	
25	LLANELLI	away	L	37-19

### MARCH

11	TREORCHY	home	L	20-17
14	ABERGARN (Tues)	away	W	20-10
20	TRINANT	home	W	70-0
21				
25	BLACKWOOD SWALEC	away	W	14-6

### APRIL

1	PONTYPOOL	away	W	24-13
8	SWANSEA SWALEC	home	L	11-19
13	CARDIFF (Thurs)	home		
17	NEWBRIDGE PAST v. PRESENT			
22	SWALEC Semi finals			
25				
29	DUNVANT	away		

### HEINEKEN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	Tries	Points
CARDIFF	20	17	0	3	77	34
PONTYPRIDD	20	16	0	4	56	32
NEATH	20	11	2	7	25	24
BRIDGEND	20	11	1	8	53	23
SWANSEA	19	11	0	8	47	22
TREORCHY	19	10	0	9	42	20
LLANELLI	20	10	0	10	59	18
NEWBRIDGE	20	8	0	12	35	16
DUNVANT	19	6	1	12	28	13
ABERTILLERY	20	6	0	14	24	12
NEWPORT	19	6	0	13	21	12
PONTYPOOL	20	4	0	16	27	8

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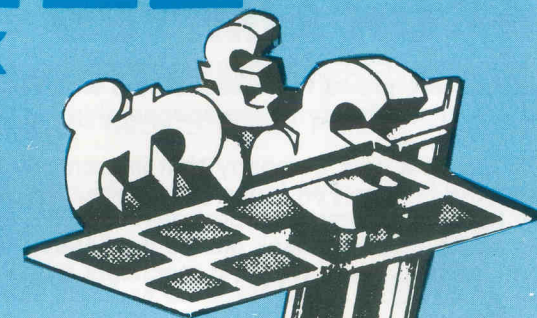
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