

THE STATISTICAL HISTORY OF
CARDIFF R.F.C. 1846-1990
INCLUDING MANY RECORD
BREAKING POINTS SCORES.
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BOOK 1, 1846-1984. BOOK 2, 1984-
1990.

ALBUM NO 19.
1989-1990 TOUR TO
UNITED STATES (SCORES)

THE STATISTICAL HISTORY OF CARDIFF R.F.C. CONTINUED

By C.R.G. HARRIS At 86 YEARS OF AGE. 1984-8 ONWARDS.

PART I & PART 2, 1846-1984 → COMPLETED & PRINTED:
FIRST BOOK
SPECIAL NOTE: 1984-5 TO 1986-7 INCLUDED IN MY PART 2 BY HAND.
SECOND BOOK 1984-8 TO

PLAYED 50: WON 29: LOST 18: DRAWN 3: 1029-765 FOR - AGAINST

SEASON 1987-1988. CAPTAIN R.L. NORSTER
WALES, BARBARIANS &
BRITISH LIONS.

SPECIAL NOTE:

THIS SEASON CARDIFF R.F.C., HAD ONE OF THE WORST STARTS IN ITS LONG HISTORY, HAVING 8 DEFEATS & 2 DRAWS UP TO 7 NOVEMBER 1987, HAVING PLAYED 17 FIXTURES UP TO THIS DATE, & AS CAN BE SEEN FROM SOME OF THE SCORES OVERLEAF, IT WAS TOO MANY MATCHES EVEN FOR THIS GREAT CLUB. IN THIS PERIOD 3 CENTENARY MATCHES WERE PLAYED, WHICH INCLUDED TAFF'S WELL R.F.C., BRISTOL R.F.C. AND CAERPHILLY R.F.C., IN THAT ORDER & ONE CAN JUDGE WHAT THAT DID TO THE FITNESS OF THE PLAYERS. FOR THOSE RUGBY STATISTICIANS WHO ARE INTERESTED, I HAVE MADE SOME COMPARISONS ON PAGES 3 & 4 ON HIGHEST SCORES BETWEEN SOME OF THE CLUBS WHO HAVE SCORED SOME HIGH SCORES AGAINST "THE TAFFSIDERS", TO SAVE TURNING OVER A LOT OF PAGES. ON PAGE 3 OF ALBUM 10/13 CAN BE SEEN THE "FRANK HANCOCK" PROGRAMME. I WAS HONOURED WITH AN INVITATION TO THE CEREMONY & TO THE CELEBRATIONS AFTERWARDS, WHERE I WAS INTRODUCED TO THE BROTHER OF THIS FAMOUS MAN, WHO WAS A PRIEST. SEE PAGES 44, 5 & 6 IN "BOOK 2" THE STATISTICAL HISTORY OF CARDIFF R.F.C. THE MATCH WITH THE "REST OF WALES" XV TOOK PLACE 9 NOVEMBER 1988. SEE ALSO PAGE 4 ABOUT THIS REMARKABLE CARDIFF CAPTAIN. ONE OF CARDIFF R.F.C.'S FINEST FRONT ROW FORWARDS PASSED AWAY AGED 71. HE HAD THE GREAT HONOUR OF HAVING BEEN IN THE 1953 CARDIFF R.F.C. XV WHICH DEFEATED THE NEW ZEALAND XV WHICH TOURS GREAT BRITAIN THAT YEAR. HE SERVED IN THE ROYAL NAVY IN THE LAST WORLD WAR & ALSO DURING THIS PERIOD PLAYED FOR DEVONPORT SERVICES. HE WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED AS CAPTAIN OF THE ATHLETIC XV & CHAIRMAN OF THE CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB, & ALSO AS A POPULAR TOUCH JUDGE, WHO FOR MANY YEARS RAN THE LINK ALWAYS WEARING A "SHERLOCK HOLMES" HAT. HE ALWAYS LIKED A GOOD SING-SONG, AND WAS A VERY UN-LUCKY MAN NOT TO GET A CAP FOR WALES DUE TO THE WAR. HIS NAME STAN BOWEN. SEE ALBUMS 13, 14 & 15 FOR A LOT OF TRIBUTES TO THIS GREAT CHARACTER.

CAPTAIN R.L. NORSTER

SEASON 1987-1988: FIRST XV RESULTS: WARRIORS BARBARIANS & LIONS

MATCH	MONTH & 1987		VENUE	RESULT	OPPONENTS	POINTS FOR				POINTS AGAINST				TOTAL		
	DAY	DATE				G.	TR.	PER. G.	DR. G.	TOTAL POINTS	G.	TR.	PER. G.		DR. G.	POINTS
1	WED.	SEP	2	AWAY	WON	3	1	2	-	28	-	1	-	-	4	
2	SAT.	-	5	AWAY	WON	2	2	-	-	20	-	3	1	-	15	
3	WED.	-	9	AWAY	DRAW	1	-	-	-	6	-	-	2	-	6	
4	SAT.	-	12	HOMER	LOST	1	-	-	-	6	3	2	3	-	35	
5	WED.	-	16	HOMER	DRAW	1	-	1	-	9	-	-	3	-	9	
6	SAT.	-	19	AWAY	LOST	1	2	-	-	14	1	3	1	-	21	
7	WED.	-	23	AWAY	WON	-	3	2	-	18	-	1	4	-	16	
8	SAT.	-	26	HOMER	WON	-	-	4	-	12	2	-	1	-	15	
9	SAT.	OCT.	3	AWAY	LOST	1	-	1	-	9	-	1	3	1	16	
10	WED.	-	7	HOMER	LOST	-	-	2	-	6	-	1	1	-	7	
11	SAT.	-	10	AWAY	WON	-	2	2	-	14	-	1	1	-	7	
12	WED.	-	14	AWAY	LOST	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	3	-	31	
13	SAT.	-	17	HOMER	WON	6	3	-	-	48	1	-	1	-	9	
14	WED.	-	21	AWAY	WON	2	1	1	-	19	1	-	2	-	12	
15	SAT.	-	24	AWAY	WON	2	2	-	-	20	1	-	2	-	12	
16	SAT.	-	31	HOMER	LOST	-	1	2	-	10	-	2	2	-	14	
17	SAT.	Nov	7	AWAY	LOST	1	1	1	2	19	1	-	6	1	27	
18	Mon	-	9	HOMER	WON	1	2	1	-	17	1	1	-	1	13	
19	WED.	-	11	HOMER	LOST	2	1	2	-	22	3	-	3	-	27	
20	SAT.	-	14	HOMER	WON	4	2	1	-	35	1	-	-	1	9	
21	SAT.	-	21	AWAY	WON	-	3	-	-	12	1	-	1	-	9	
22	SAT.	-	28	AWAY	LOST	1	-	-	-	6	2	5	3	4	41	
23	WED	DEC	2	HOMER	WON	1	2	2	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	
24	SAT	-	5	HOMER	WON	1	2	1	-	17	-	-	2	-	6	
25	SAT	-	12	HOMER	WON	2	3	1	-	24	1	3	-	1	21	
26	SAT.	-	19	AWAY	WON	3	3	2	-	36	-	-	-	-	-	
27	SAT	-	26	HOMER	DRAW	-	-	1	1	6	-	-	2	-	6	
28	Mon	-	28	AWAY	LOST	1	-	1	-	9	3	1	1	-	25	
1988						37	36	30	3	465	23	29	45	8	413	
29	SAT.	JAN	2	HOMER	WON	4	2	2	-	38	1	-	1	-	9	
30	SAT.	-	9	AWAY	WON	2	1	-	-	16	X	1	1	-	10	
31	SAT.	-	16	AWAY	WON	1	5	2	-	32	1	1	-	-	10	
-	SAT.	-	23	AWAY	WON	GROUND WATER (LO 35 KD)										-
32	SAT.	-	30	AWAY	WON	2	2	2	-	26	1	1	1	-	13	
CARRIED FORWARD						46	46	36	3	577	26	32	48	9	455	
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1987-1988 FIRST XV RESULTS: CAPTAIN R.L. NORSTER

MATCH	DAY	DATE	VENUE	RESULT	OPPONENTS	POINTS FOR.				TOTAL	POINTS FOR.				TOTAL	
						G.	TR.	PEN. G.	DR. G.		POINTS	G.	TR.	PEN. G.		DR. G.
		1988				46	46	36	3	577	26	32	48	9	456	
33	SAT.	FEB	6	AWAY	WON	LONDON WARRIORS	2	5	2	-	38	-	1	1	-	7
34	SAT.	-	13	HOME	WON	NEWPORT	1	3	1	-	21	1	-	1	-	9
35	FRI.	-	19	HOME	WON	SOUTH WALES	4	2	2	-	38	-	-	2	-	6
36	SAT.	-	27	HOME	LOST	W.R.U. CUP FOURTH ROUND PONTYPOOL	-	-	2	-	6	-	-	2	1	9
37	TUE	MARCH	1	HOME	LOST	BRISTOL	1	1	-	-	10	1	-	-	2	12
38	SAT.	-	12	HOME	LOST	PONTYPOOL	1	1	1	1	16	-	2	1	2	17
39	WED.	-	16	AWAY	WON	PENARTH	4	7	1	-	55	1	1	2	1	19
40	SAT.	-	26	AWAY	LOST	NOTTINGHAM	2	-	1	-	15	1	1	2	-	16
41	MON.	-	28	AWAY	LOST	NEWPORT	1	1	3	-	19	2	2	2	-	26
42	SAT.	APRIL	3	HOME	WON	BARBARIANS	3	2	1	1	32	4	-	1	-	27
43	SAT.	-	9	AWAY	WON	SWANSEA	-	3	-	2	18	-	1	3	-	13
44	SAT.	-	16	AWAY	LOST	NEATH	2	-	-	-	12	3	5	1	-	41
45	SAT.	-	23	HOME	WON	ROSSLYN PARK	5	2	-	-	38	3	1	-	-	22
46	WED.	-	27	AWAY	WON	BARRY CENTURIONS	2	2	1	-	23	-	-	-	-	-
47	SAT.	-	30	HOME	WON	NOTTINGHAM	2	2	1	-	23	1	-	2	-	12
						76	77	52	7	941	43	46	68	15	691	
MAY NEW ZEALAND TOUR MAY 1988																
48	SUN.	-	22	AUCKLAND	WON	BIRKENHEAD STREET	-	4	1	-	19	-	1	2	-	10
49	WED	-	25	ROTORUA	LOST	WASPS	4	1	-	-	28	4	2	-	-	32
50	SUN	-	29	WELLINGTON	WON	CENTURIONS	3	2	4	1	41	3	2	2	-	32
						83	84	57	8	1,029	50	51	72	15	765	

PLAYED 50: WON 29: LOST 18: DRAWN 3. FOR 1,029 AGAINST 765

SPECIAL NOTE: HIGHEST POINTS AGAINST OF 765 IN THE CLUBS HISTORY. PREVIOUS HIGHEST POINTS AGAINST WAS IN 1986-7 WHEN 754 POINTS WERE SCORED AGAINST THEM IN 69 MATCHES.

HIGHEST DEFEAT BY NEATH AT CARDIFF ARMS PARK. 6-35: 12 SEPTEMBER 1987 IN 1986-1987 CARDIFF ARMS PARK. SCORED 10 TRIES FOR ONLY 20 POINTS WHEN THE TRY WAS ONLY ONE POINT & A GOAL ONLY WORTH 3 POINTS.

HIGHEST POINTS BY OXFORD UNIVERSITY AT CARDIFF ARMS PARK IN THE CLUBS HISTORY, ON 11 Nov 1984

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SPECIAL NOTE V LEICESTER. ¹¹⁹⁻²⁴ HIGHEST POINTS AGAINST
CARDIFF R.F.C. ON 7 NOVEMBER 1984, BY LEICESTER R.F.C.,
HAVE THE LEICESTER FULL BACK KICKED 23 POINTS FOR
LEICESTER R.F.C., AT LEICESTER, SINCE THE HIGHEST
AT LEICESTER BY 24-29 ON 5 NOVEMBER 1983.

SPECIAL NOTE V PONTYPOOL 14 OCTOBER 1987, AWAY,
31 POINTS BY PONTYPOOL. A REMARKABLE COINCIDENCE IS THAT
ALL THE POINTS WERE SCORED BY FORMER CARDIFF R.F.C. PLAYERS
NAMELY FRANK JACAS, MARK KING, PAUL REES & DAVID BISHOP,
SEE PAGE 12 IN SCRAP BOOK NO 13.

SPECIAL NOTE V REST OF WALES XV. THIS WAS A SPECIAL
MATCH IN AID OF THE W.R.U. CHARITABLE FUNDS IN CONNECTION
WITH THE MEMORY OF FRANK HANCOCK, A FORMER CAPTAIN
OF CARDIFF R.F.C. WHO IN THE SEASON 1885-1886 HAD THE
GREAT HONOUR OF LEADING THE CLUB IN A SEASON IN
WHICH NO WELSH CLUB SCORED A POINT AGAINST THE TAFFSIDERS
& ALSO WON EVERY MATCH UNTIL THE LAST ONE AGAINST
MOSKERY R.F.C. ON 14 APRIL 1885. A REMARKABLE RECORD,
WHICH INCLUDED 4 DEFEATS OVER SWANSEA, TWO DEFEATS
OVER NEWPORT, TWO DEFEATS OVER LLANELLY AS THEY
WERE THEN CALLED & TWO DEFEATS OVER GLOUCESTER,
& ONE OVER NEATH BY 8 TRIES. IN ONE OF THE MATCHES ON
14 NOVEMBER 1885, CARDIFF R.F.C. SCORED 10 TRIES AGAINST
LLANELLY. IN ALL OF THESE MATCHES UNTIL THE LAST ONE
NOT A POINT WAS RECORDED BY ANY CLUB EXCEPTING GLOUCESTER R.F.C.

SPECIAL NOTE ON 11 NOVEMBER 1984 OXFORD UNIVERSITY R.F.C.
SCORED ITS HIGHEST WIN IN THE SERIES BY 24 POINTS TO 22
IN WHICH BOTH SIDES SCORED 3 TRIES A PIECE. CARDIFF R.F.C.'S
HIGHEST WIN IN THE SERIES WAS BY 50 POINTS TO 16 ON 6 NOVEMBER
1946.

SPECIAL NOTE LLANELLY R.F.C. DEFEATED CARDIFF R.F.C.
BY 41 POINTS TO 6 ON THE 28 NOVEMBER 1984. THIS WAS THE
HIGHEST POINTS BY LLANELLY R.F.C. IN 106 YEARS.
ON THE 29 APRIL 1989, CARDIFF R.F.C. DEFEATED LLANELLY R.F.C.

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AT STRADY PARK BY 46 POINTS TO 31 WHICH IS THE HIGHEST
POINTS FOR RECORDED BY CARDIFF R.F.C. IN THE SERIES OF
MATCHES SO FAR, BUT NOT THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF TRIES
SCORED AGAINST LLANELLY. THIS WAS 6 GOALS & 4 TRIES TO
NIL ON THE 14 NOVEMBER 1885, WHICH WAS ALSO AT LLANELLY
AS IT WAS THEN CALLED, BUT IN THE RETURN MATCH AT C.A.P.,
CARDIFF R.F.C., ONLY WON BY 1 TRY TO NIL. THIS WAS IN THE
SEASON WHEN NO WELSH CLUB SCORED A POINT AGAINST CARDIFF R.F.C.
AT HOME OR AWAY.

SPECIAL NOTE ON THE 2 JANUARY 1988 CARDIFF R.F.C.
SCORED 38 POINTS TO 9 AGAINST BATH R.F.C. AT C.A.P.,
WHICH IS THE HIGHEST POINTS FOR AGAINST BATH R.F.C.
THE HIGHEST POINTS BY BATH R.F.C., AGAINST CARDIFF
R.F.C. WAS AT BATH ON THE 29 OCTOBER 1986.

BRISTOL R.F.C. WON AT C.A.P. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN
SIXTEEN YEARS ON ST. DAVID'S DAY BY 12 POINTS TO 10.
THEY HAVE BEEN PLAYING CARDIFF R.F.C. FOR JUST
OVER 100 YEARS & PLAY FINE OPEN RUGBY FOOTBALL.

THE FULL ACCOUNTS OF THE NEW ZEALAND TOUR MATCHES CAN BE SEEN
IN ALBUM NO 15 & MAKE VERY INTERESTING READING.
DESPITE THE HEAVY DEFEAT OF WALES BY THE FAMOUS ALL BLACKS
IN 1905 KEITH ROWLANDS A FORMER CARDIFF R.F.C. CAPTAIN, WHO WAS
CAPPED FOR WALES 5 TIMES & PLAYED FOR THE BRITISH LIONS
3 TIMES IN SOUTH AFRICA, WAS ELECTED SECRETARY TO THE
INTERNATIONAL RUGBY FOOTBALL BOARD. HE LIVES IN RHINWYDIA
CARDIFF, BUT HIS LONDON OFFICE IS AT 180 WHITTON ROAD, ONE OF
TUCKERHAM'S TIED COTTAGES, WHICH SERVES AS THE I.R.B.'S OFFICE.
HE WILL BE THE FIRST FULL-TIME PROFESSIONAL SECRETARY
FOR THE INTERNATIONAL RUGBY FOOTBALL BOARD. A GREAT HONOUR
TO ANOTHER CARDIFF R.F.C. PLAYER, WITH WHOM I HAVE HAD MANY
CHATS ON THE GREATEST OF ALL TEAM GAMES. HE CAPTAINED
THE CARDIFF XV ON THE 5 NOVEMBER 1966 WHICH
DEFEATED AUSTRALIA BY 14 POINTS TO 8 AT CARDIFF ARMS
PARK. HE CAPTAINED CARDIFF R.F.C. TWICE IN 1965-1966 &
1966-1967, AND WAS IN THE WALES TRIPLER CROWN XV OF 1964-1965.

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SEASON 1988-1989: FIRST XV RESULTS: WALKS, BARBARIANS & BR. LIONS

MATCH NO.	MONTH & DAY	1988 DATE	VENUE	RESULT	OPPONENTS	POINTS FOR					POINTS AGAINST					TOTAL POINTS
						G.	TR.	PEN.	DR.	TOTAL	G.	TR.	PEN.	DR.	TOTAL	
1	THURSDAY	SEPT 1	Home	Won	EAST DISTRICT	6	3	-	-	48	1	2	1	-	-	17
2	SATURDAY	-	3	Home	Lost	BRISTOL	-	2	3	-	17	2	2	1	-	23
3	WEDNESDAY	-	10	Home	Won	GLAMORGAN WANDERERS	2	6	-	36	3	-	-	-	-	18
4	SATURDAY	-	10	Away	Lost	NEATH	1	1	-	10	2	1	1	-	-	29
5	TUESDAY	-	13	Home	Draw	BRITISH CAN. COLUMBIAS	1	4	1	-	25	2	1	3	-	25
6	SATURDAY	-	14	Home	Won	COVENTRY	1	2	1	-	17	1	1	-	-	10
7	SATURDAY	-	24	Away	Won	ABERAVON	1	2	1	20	1	-	1	-	(15)	9
8	SATURDAY	OCT 1	Home	Won	NEWPORT 3/5	4	3	-	-	36	1	1	-	-	-	10
9	WEDNESDAY	-	5	Away	Lost	BRIDGEND	-	-	2	-	6	1	4	2	-	28
10	SATURDAY	-	8	Home	Won	PONTYPOOL	1	2	1	-	17	1	-	-	-	6
11	SATURDAY	-	15	Home	Won	HARLEQUINS	3	5	-	-	38	2	2	-	-	20
12	SATURDAY	-	22	Away	Lost	CAMBRIDGE UN.	-	2	1	-	11	3	1	2	-	28
13	WEDNESDAY	-	26	Away	Draw	PONTYPRIDD	3	-	3	-	27	3	-	3	-	27
14	SATURDAY	-	29	Away	Draw	MOSELEY	1	2	2	-	20	2	2	-	-	20
15	SATURDAY	NOV 5	Home	Won	LEICESTER	3	2	-	-	26	3	-	2	-	-	24
16	WEDNESDAY	-	9	Home	Lost	OXFORD UNIV	-	-	2	-	6	1	2	2	-	20
17	SATURDAY	-	12	Away	Lost	EBBW VALE	2	1	1	-	19	3	-	2	-	24
18	TUESDAY	-	19	Won	W.R.U. CUP	1	1	4	1	25	-	-	3	-	-	9
19	SATURDAY	-	29	Home	Lost	LLANELLI	-	-	4	-	12	2	2	1	1	26
20	SATURDAY	DEC 3	Away	Lost	SWANSEA	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	9
21	SATURDAY	-	10	Away	Won	LONDON WELSH	1	4	2	-	28	-	2	2	-	14
22	SATURDAY	-	14	Home	Won	W.R.U. CUP AMMAN UNITED	7	3	-	-	54	-	-	-	-	-
23	MONDAY	-	24	Home	Won	BRIDGEND	-	2	2	-	14	-	1	-	-	44
24	SATURDAY	HIGHEST DEFEND	30	Home	Lost	PONTYPRIDD	-	-	1	1	6	4	2	3	-	41
25	WEDNESDAY	-	31	Home	Draw	MAESTEG	1	1	-	-	10	-	1	-	2	10
1989	1989				HIGHEST POINTS FOR BARBARIANS	39	48	31	3	528	43	27	31	4	-	441
26	SATURDAY	JAN 7	Away	Lost	BATH	5	-	1	-	4	4	2	1	-	-	35
27	SATURDAY	-	14	Home	Won	ABERAVON	1	3	1	-	21	-	1	1	-	9
28	TUESDAY	-	17	Away	Won	MAESTEG	1	4	1	-	25	-	3	-	-	9
29	SATURDAY	AWAY	28	Home	Won	ABERAVON 3 HARLEQUINS	1	3	2	-	24	1	-	3	-	15
30	SATURDAY	FEB 11	Away	Won	NEWPORT	4	1	1	-	31	1	-	3	-	-	15
31	WEDNESDAY	-	15	Home	Won	PENARTH	3	4	-	-	34	-	1	-	1	7
32	SATURDAY	MAR 14	Away	Won	LLANHARAN	3	1	1	-	25	1	1	1	-	-	13
					CARRIED FORWARD	52	65	37	3	692	50	32	43	5	-	572

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SEASON 1988-1989: FIRST XV RESULTS: WALKS, BARBARIANS & BR. LIONS

MATCH NO.	MONTH & DAY	DATE	VENUE	RESULT	OPPONENTS	POINTS FOR					POINTS AGAINST					TOTAL POINTS
						G.	TR.	PEN.	DR.	TOTAL	G.	TR.	PEN.	DR.	TOTAL	
					BROUGHT FORWARD	52	65	37	3	692	50	32	43	5	-	572
33	SATURDAY	MARCH 11	Away	Won	PONTYPOOL	3	6	-	-	42	-	3	1	-	-	15
34	FRIDAY	-	17	Home	Won	LONDON WELSH	5	3	-	-	42	-	-	2	-	6
35	TUESDAY	-	21	Away	Lost	BRISTOL	-	3	-	-	12	2	2	-	-	20
36	SATURDAY	-	25	Home	Won	BARBARIANS	2	3	-	-	24	3	-	1	-	21
37	EASTER MONDAY	-	27	Home	Won	SOUTH GERM. INSTITUTE	5	5	-	1	53	3	1	-	-	22
38	SATURDAY	APRIL 1	Away	Lost	NOTTINGHAM	1	-	2	-	12	-	-	5	1	-	18
39	SATURDAY	-	8	Away	Lost	NEATH WRUGG	-	-	3	1	12	1	1	3	-	19
40	SATURDAY	-	15	Home	Won	NEATH	1	2	1	1	20	1	-	1	1	12
41	SATURDAY	-	22	Away	Lost	NEWBROOK	1	1	1	-	13	4	1	1	-	31
42	WEDNESDAY	-	26	Away	Won	PENCOED	1	8	-	1	41	-	-	1	-	3
43	SATURDAY	-	29	Away	Won	LLANGLYFEL	6	1	2	-	46	4	1	1	-	31
44	SATURDAY	AUGUST 26	Away	Won	NANTYR (FRANCE)	4	3	2	-	42	-	-	-	-	-	-

PLAYED 44: WON 24: LOST 15: DRAWN 5: POINTS FOR 1051: POINTS AGAINST 770

SPECIAL NOTE: HIGHEST POINTS AGAINST OF 440 IN THE CLUB'S HISTORY PREVIOUS HIGHEST POINTS AGAINST WAS IN 1984-1988 WHEN THE TOTAL WAS 765.

SPECIAL NOTE: NEATH R.F.C. INCREASED LAST SEASONS HIGHEST AWAY POINTS AGAINST CARDIFF R.F.C. FROM 41-12 TO 49-10 ON 10 SEPTEMBER 1988, BUT THEY DID NOT REACH THE TRY TRY RECORD OF CARDIFF R.F.C. SCORED BY THEM ON THE 20 NOVEMBER 1886. IN THIS PERIOD CARDIFF R.F.C. DEFEATED NEATH IN TEN CONSECUTIVE MATCHES WITHOUT ONE POINT BEING SCORED AGAINST CARDIFF R.F.C. THIS IS AN AMAZING RECORD.

SPECIAL NOTE: CARDIFF R.F.C. SCORED ITS HIGHEST POINTS IN THE SERIES AT PONTYPOOL ON THE 11 MARCH 1989, BUT PONTYPOOL R.F.C. SCORED 52 POINTS AGAINST CARDIFF R.F.C. ON 28 APRIL 1987, WHICH IS THE HIGHEST POINTS AGAINST CARDIFF R.F.C. IN THE SERIES SO FAR, SO THE RECORD ARE GETTING BROKEN CONTINUALLY, SO THEY MUST BE RECORDED FOR POSTERITY.

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SEASON 1989 CONTINUED.

FIXTURES BETWEEN CARDIFF R.F.C. & OUR GREATEST RIVALS THIS SEASON NUMBER 376: OUR GREATEST RIVALS AS ALL CARDIFF RUGBY FANS KNOW ARE OUR NEAR NEIGHBOURS NEWPORT R.F.C.: IN MY TWO BOOKS COMPILED BY HAND CAN BE SEEN MANY UNRECORDED STATISTICS, BETWEEN THESE 2 GREAT CLUBS PONTYPRIDD R.F.C. THE HIGHEST POINTS SCORED BY PONTYPRIDD R.F.C. AT CARDIFF ARMS PARK WERE 41-6 SCORED ON THE 26 DECEMBER 1988. THE HIGHEST POINTS BY CARDIFF R.F.C. AGAINST PONTYPRIDD R.F.C. WERE SCORED ON THE 24 DECEMBER 1982, WHEN THE SCORE WAS 6 GOALS & STRIKES 56 POINTS TO 1 PENALTY GOAL 3 POINTS. WAS RECORDED: MOST TRIES WERE SCORED BY CARDIFF R.F.C. ON 13/1/1883 WHEN THEY SCORED 13 TRIES, BUT IN THIS ERA NO POINTS WERE ALLOWED AS ALL MATCHES WERE DECIDED BY GOALS. THE HIGHEST POINTS SCORED AT PONTYPRIDD WERE 39-12 BY CARDIFF R.F.C. & THE HIGHEST POINTS BY PONTYPRIDD R.F.C. WERE 25-9 ON THE 27 SEPTEMBER 1976.

THIS SEASON SAW THE END OF THE WONDERFUL CAREER OF THE CAPTAIN R. L. NORSTER. HE WAS ONE OF THE GREATEST LINE OUT JUMPERS THAT CARDIFF R.F.C., EVER HAD, & IT WAS A PLEASURE TO WATCH THE LIASON BETWEEN HIM & ANOTHER GREAT FORWARD A FORMER CARDIFF CAPTAIN KNOWN AS THE "PRACHER," ALAN PHILLIPS. "BOB" NORSTER CAPTAINED CARDIFF R.F.C. IN 1984-85 & WAS A VERY POPULAR PLAYER. HE PLAYED FOR WALES, BARBARIANS & THE BRITISH LIONS, & WAS SELECTED 34 TIMES FOR WALES TO EQUAL THE RECORD FOR A SECOND ROW FORWARD, CREATED BY A. J. MARTIN OF ABERAVON IN 1980-81. INJURY ROBBED BOB NORSTER OF BEATING THE RECORD SET BY A. J. MARTIN AT THE END OF HIS WONDERFUL CAREER. HE HAD THE HONOUR OF PLAYING IN THE SIXTH CARDIFF SIDE TO DEFEAT AUSTRALIA IN 1984.

SEASON 1988-1989 CONTINUED.

BRITISH COLUMBIA ONE OF THE STRONGEST RUGBY SIDES IN CANADA PLAYED ITS FIRST GAME AGAINST CARDIFF R.F.C. AT CARDIFF ARMS PARK ON TUESDAY 13, SEPTEMBER 1988, THE MATCH ENDING IN A HIGH SCORING DRAW OF 25-25.

LESLIE MAGNUS SPENCE M.B.E. PASSED AWAY THIS YEAR & A MEMORIAL SERVICE WAS HELD IN CONWAY ROAD METHODIST CHURCH, IN OCTOBER. A WONDERFUL ACCOUNT OF THE SERVICE (QUITE UNIQUE) CAN BE SEEN IN MY ALBUM NO 16 ON PAGE 15. HE WAS AN UN-LUCKY PERSON NOT TO HAVE BEEN CAPPED FOR WALES, A GREAT TACKLER & A VERY FAST FORWARD. DURING THE LAST WAR HE WAS A PRISONER OF WAR & HELD BY THE RUTHLESS 'JAPS'. HIS GREAT FRIEND WILFRED WOOLLEIR WAS ALSO HELD PRISONER OF WAR WITH HIM & OF COURSE CARDIFF R.F.C. & WALES LOST THE SERVICES OF BOTH GREAT PLAYERS FOR SIX YEARS.

ONE OF THE HIGHEST SCORING DRAWS WAS PLAYED ON 26 OCT, 1988 IN THE SERIES BETWEEN PONTYPRIDD R.F.C. & CARDIFF R.F.C. AT STARDIS ROAD, PONTYPRIDD, WHEN THE SCORE WAS 24-24, WHICH MAKES THE RECORD WIN BY 41-6 AT C.A.P. ON THE 26 DECEMBER 1988 ALL THE MORE REMARKABLE, AFTER SUCH A RECORD BREAKING, DRAWN MATCH AT C.A.P.

THIS SEASON CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY RECORDED ITS HIGHEST POINTS AGAINST CARDIFF R.F.C., ON THE 22 OCTOBER 1988, WHEN THE SCORE 28-11 IN FAVOUR OF CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY WAS RECORDED AT GRANGE ROAD, CAMBRIDGE. CARDIFF R.F.C.'S HIGHEST SCORE AGAINST CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY WAS 48-9 ON THE 14 OCTOBER 1984. 27 MARCH 1989 HIGHEST POINTS BY CARDIFF R.F.C. ON EASTER MONDAY AGAINST SOUTH GLAMORGAN INSTITUTE 53-22 AT C.A.P. HIGHEST POINTS AWAY AGAINST NEWBRIDGE R.F.C. ON 22 APRIL 1989 BY 31-13 BY CARDIFF R.F.C. ON 29 APRIL 1989 HIGHEST POINTS AWAY AGAINST LLANELLI R.F.C. BY CARDIFF R.F.C. 46-31. THE HIGHEST NO. OF TRIES AGAINST LLANELLI R.F.C. WAS TEN ON 14 NOVEMBER 1886 WHEN NO POINTS WERE ALLOWED (9) IN THE LAWS OF THE GAME

TUESDAY 29 MAY 1990 - V WASHINGTON
AT BOSTON RUGBY FESTIVAL AT BOSTON
MATCH No 4

Cardiff's US triumph

Another dazzling display brought Cardiff a 23-12 victory over Washington in the final of the Boston Rugby Festival.

"Though we had to use our three replacements before half time, it did not upset our rhythm and the whole team responded to the challenge magnificently," said tour manager Gary Davies.

He will be bringing home two trophies because Cardiff were also voted the best team of the tournament. There was a personal suc-

By JOHN BILLOT

cess, too, for wing forward Denver Thompson, who won the prize as the best forward.

"The tour has been a triumph for our youngsters, who have committed themselves selflessly," reports Davies.

"Unfortunately, four of them - Michael Thomas, John Humphreys, Kevin Morgan and Geraint Lewis - have had to return because of examinations and we will miss them for the fi-

nal match against the New York Mets."

Cardiff swept into the lead within two minutes of the kick-off through a try by Craig Miller. After Howard Stone had replaced Tim Crothers, who had a bump on the ear, Cardiff went further in front with a Geraint John penalty goal.

Tony Orrell went on to replace Ryan Buckley at prop and John Powell took over when centre Kevin Morgan was injured.

A sizzling break by Paul John paved the way for a try

by Anthony Donovan, and the wing crossed again after a John Powell interception.

Geraint John converted before Howard Stone charged to set up a try for Jonathan Westwood and Geraint John added the goal points.

Bonymaen's first team lost 20-16 against Vancouver ex-Brits, while the Welsh club's second team won 16-15. This gives Bonymaen a record of five victories from seven games on their Canadian tour so far.

WASHINGTON 1 GOAL & 2 PEN G. = 12 POINTS.

CARDIFF R.F.C. 2 GOALS 2 TRIES & 1 PEN. G. = 23 POINTS

MATCH No 4 CONTINUED.

CARDIFF R.F.C. SCORERS. GERIAINT JOHN = 1 PEN G & 2 CONVS = 9 POINTS
CRAIG MILLER = 1 TRY = 4 POINTS. ANTHONY DONOVAN = 2 TRIES = 8 POINTS
JONATHAN WESTWOOD = 1 TRY = 4 POINTS = 23 POINTS TOTAL.

OFFICIAL TOTAL FOR U.S.A. TOUR CAN BE SEEN ON PAGE 11. POINTS FOR = 145. POINTS AGAINST = 49.

PLAYED 5. WON 5. POINTS FOR 145. AGAINST 49

A LARGE NUMBER OF THE YOUNGER PLAYERS WERE USED ON THIS TOUR WHICH CLASHED WITH THE WALES TOUR OF NAMIBIA W. AFRICA.

MATCH No 5

WEDNESDAY 30 MAY 1990
V NEW YORK METS, IN NEW YORK.

Cardiff's nap hand

Cardiff completed their five-match tour of the United States with a 22-6 victory over New York Mets to make it a clean sweep of successes. Anthony Donovan, Ceri Thomas, John Powell, and hooker Ian Greenslade, were the try-scorers and Geraint John converted three.

NEW YORK METS

6 POINTS

CARDIFF R.F.C. 3 GOALS & 1 TRY = 22 POINTS

CARDIFF R.F.C. SCORERS. GERIAINT JOHN 3 CONVS = 6 PTS
OVR TRY APPEL TO ANTHONY DONOVAN, CERI THOMAS (12) JOHN POWELL & IAN GREENSLADE = 3 TOTAL 22 POINTS

U.S.A &
SEASON 1989-1990 CANADA TOUR MAY-JUNE

MATCH No 1

CARDIFF R.F.C.

SCORERS.

M. THOMAS. P.S.
3 PEN G & 1 CONV = 11
JOHN HUMPHRIES TRY = 4 PTS.

DENVER THOMPSON

1 TRY = 4 PTS.

TOTAL = 19 POINTS.

TUESDAY 22 MAY 1990. ATLANTA EASTERN R.U.

EASTERN R.U. 1 TRY & 3 PEN G. = 13 POINTS

CARDIFF R.F.C. 1 GOAL, 1 TRY & 3 PEN GOALS 19 POINTS.

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Thompson in

EASTERN R.U. 13 POINTS.

1 GOAL 1 TRY & 3 PEN G. = 10 PTS

CARDIFF flanker Denver Thompson was sin-binned in the club's opening tour match against Canada's Eastern RU in Atlanta.

Thompson had scored his side's only two tries before being singled out after a mass punch-up as Cardiff won 19-13.

Full back Mike Thomas kicked three long penalty goals and converted one of Thompson's tries. Half backs Geraint John and Paul John controlled the game.

MATCH No 2

CARDIFF R.F.C. SCORERS

MIKE THOMAS = 3 PEN G = 9 POINTS

GERIAINT JOHN = 2 CONVS = 4 POINTS

JOHN HUMPHRIES = 1 TRY = 4 PTS

MARK EDWARDS = 1 TRY = 4

TOTAL = 21 POINTS

Mike Thomas produced another impressive performance for Cardiff as they beat the Washington side Potomac RFU 21-12 at Maryland University.

Cardiff made it two out of two against a well organised and powerful pack, courtesy of second half tries from No 8 Mark Edwards and hooker John Humphries.

Thomas, who kicked three first half penalties, converted both tries.

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REPORT.

WEDNESDAY 23 MAY 1990. V POTOMAC R.F.U. WASHINGTON

AT MARYLAND UNIVERSITY

POTOMAC R.F.C.

1 GOAL & 2 PEN G. = 12 POINTS

CARDIFF R.F.C. 2 GOALS & 3 PENALTY GOALS = 21 POINTS.

MATCH SATURDAY 26 MAY 1990 V BOSTON R.U. AT BOSTON.

BOSTON R.U. AT BOSTON. = 6 POINTS.

CARDIFF R.F.C.

CARDIFF R.F.C. 8 GOALS & 3 TRIES = 60 POINTS

CARDIFF R.F.C. SCORERS. M. THOMAS 8 CONVS & 1 TRY, ALSO 1 TRY APPEL TO GERIAINT JOHN. ANTHONY DONOVAN, GERIAINT JOHN, JOHN HUMPHRIES, & ALSO 2 TRIES APPEL TO CRAIG MILLER (2) DENVER THOMPSON (2) & MARK EDWARDS (2) = 60 POINTS TOTAL.

Western Mail cash boost for Leagues

THE Western Mail will present a cash bonanza to the top try-scoring club in next winter's Heineken National League.

And, at £10 a try, the team with the biggest haul from their League fixtures could cash in with a bumper bonus as the leading entertainers from the 38 competing clubs.

The "Score with the Western Mail" competition, which is being run with the approval of the WRU, is designed to reward open play.

And so that you can keep in touch with how your club is doing a tries table will be published each Monday following League fixtures, the new venture kicking off on September 22.

Those opening exchanges include four clubs meeting again for the first time since fixtures were broken off following disputes — Llanelli home to Pontypriidd and Pontypool entertaining Newbridge.

But while all four divisions open their campaigns on that third Saturday in September, they have a staggered finish.

The Third Division title will be wrapped up on April 13; the Second Division on April 20 and the First and Premier honours on April 27 — just a week before the Schweppes Cup final. The full season's League fixtures are as follows:

Giant-killers get Cup seeding lift

MAESTEG Celtic are the only team outside the WRU International Heineken League seeded through to the third round of the Schweppes Cup next season.

They reached the last 16 last season, putting out South Wales Police and Abertillery before falling to the ultimate winners Neath, and have been rewarded for their endeavours.

Thirty-one teams receive first round byes.

FIRST ROUND (to be played on September 15): Cardiff Medicals v Bedwas; Croesyceiliog v Colwyn Bay; Hendy v Bridgend Sports Club; Bangor Normal College v UC Cardiff; St Alban's v Ystradgynlais; New Dock Stars v Fleur de Lys; RB Barmouth v Glyn Ceirw; C&N Bangor v Llандаffi; Aberaman v Mumbles; Barry Plastics v Tonmawr; Rhwlfaia v Portcawl; Nantfyllion v Tŷmalyll; Abergavenny v Penclisland; Brynallt v Ystradgynlais; Ystradgynlais v Llanelli Wanderers; Boddaw v Waunarydd; Trimsaran v St Joseph's; Cwmgorioes v Caerphilly; Pentrechr v Ammanford; Gwent v Newport; Gwynedd v Neftwtown v Neyland; Gwynedd v Neftwtown; Ammanford v Gwynedd; Carmarthen v Gorseware; Y Abercarnv; Carmarthen v Gorseware; Pontardawe v Skewen v Gmgnore Vale; Blaengarw v Gowerton; Resolven v Nelson; Bunkle v Dinas Powys; Nelson v Bunkle; Dinas Powys v Green Stars v Abercynon; Nantymoel v Green Stars; Hollybush v Brynamfan; Bangor v

Treherbert, Nyysybwl v Abercraf; Glais
 v Old Ponarthians; Llanillidh v New-
 castle Emlyn; Usk v Crumlin; Heol-y-Cyff
 v Llandello; Risca v Llangeenoch; Tawe
 Well v Llandudno; Llantwit Major v Yn-
 rudd Rhondra; Llandaff North v Mon-
 mouth; Talbach v South Glam Istituts
 Maesteg Quins v Burry Port; Gwent Col-
 lege v Pefinloft; Tonna v Alltwen;
 Hirwaun v Blaenavon; Old Illydians v
 Bryncoch; Senghenydd v Pentygraig;
 British Steel (Port Talbot) v Bynes;
 Seven Sisters v Morriston; Dolgelau v
 Llantwit Fardre; Machen;
 Pontyclun; Cardiff City; Cardiff v
 Hartridge HSOB (Newport); Rhymney v
 Pentygroes; Haverfordwest v Brecon;
 Carmarthen Ath v Barry; Cefn Codi v
 Nantglyn; Trebanos v Gardriffoith;
 Wansae Uplands v Cardiff HSOB;
 Brynmawr v Cardigan; Cwmbran v
 Briton Ferry; Vardre v Oakdale;
 Llangwm v UCW Aberystwyth; Ponty-
 bereon v Pembroke; Pontardulais
 Newport HSOB; Laugharne v Pill He-
 ber; Fyle v Crynant; Bargoed v Glyn-
 cegeirion; Llanidloes v Rhydyfelen.
 BYES: Carmarthen College, Lamp-
 Town, Pwllheli, Celtic Crisis, Gwent,
 Gwent, Merthyr, Giffach Goch, Cald-
 rhyll and District, Trinant, Tonyre
 Pencedd, Lampeter College, St Dav-
 Llandybille, BP Llandarcy, Mold,
 wren, Bridgend Athletic, Flahg
 Newport Saracens, Cowbridge,
 avon, Llantrisant, Llanabhai, Ta'
 Aberystwyth, Pembroke Dock
 Farnace, Milford Haven, Tre
 onside.

SECOND DIVISION	FIRST DIVISION
September 22: Neath v Aberllydy, Llanelli v Pontypridd; Glam Wands v Bridgend; Pontypool v Newbridge; Cardiff v Swansea.	September 22: Tredegar v Aberavon; Maesteg v Newport; Penarth v Ebbw Vale; Cross Keys v SW Police.
September 29: Aberllydy v Llanelli; Swansea v Neath; Newbridge v Cardiff; Bridgend v Pontypool; Pontypridd v Glam Wands.	October 13: Ebbw Vale v Cross Keys; Newport v Maesteg; Aberavon v Maesteg; SW Police v Tredegar.
October 13: Swansea v Newbridge; Llanelli v Neath; Glam Wands v Aberllydy; Pontypool v Pontypridd; Cardiff v Bridgend.	October 20: Ebbw Vale v Newport; Maesteg v SW Police; Penarth v Aberavon; Cross Keys v Tredegar.
October 20: Neath v Newbridge; Aberllydy v Pontypool; Llanelli v Glam Wands; Bridgend v Pontypool; Cardiff v Bridgend.	October 27: Tredegar v Maesteg; Newport v Cross Keys; Aberavon v Ebbw Vale; SW Police v Penarth.
October 27: Swansea v Pontypridd; Newbridge v Bridgend; Glam Wands v Neath; Pontypool v Llanelli; Cardiff v Aberllydy.	November 10: Ebbw Vale v SW Police; Newport v Aberavon; Maesteg v Cross Keys; Penarth v Tredegar.
November 3: Neath v Bridgend; Aberllydy v Swansea; Llanelli v Cardiff; Glam Wands v Pontypool; Pontypridd v Newbridge.	November 24: Tredegar v Ebbw Vale; Maesteg v Penarth; SW Police v Newport; Cross Keys v Aberavon.
November 10: Swansea v Llanelli; Newbridge v Aberllydy; Bridgend v Pontypridd; Pontypool v Neath; Cardiff v Glam Wands.	December 8: Ebbw Vale v Maesteg; Newport v Tredegar; Aberavon v SW Police; Penarth v Cross Keys.

September 23: Tredgead v Aberavon; Maesteg v Newport; Penarth v Ebbw Vale; Cross Keys v SW Police.

October 13: Ebbw Vale v Cross Keys; Newport v Penarth; Aberavon v Maesteg; SW Police v Tredgead.

October 20: Ebbw Vale v Newport; Maesteg v SW Police; Penarth v Aberavon; Cross Keys v Tredgead.

October 27: Tredgead v Maesteg; Newport v Cross Keys; Aberavon v Ebbw Vale; SW Police v Penarth.

November 10: Ebbw Vale v SW Police; Newport v Aberavon; Maesteg v Cross Keys; Penarth v Tredgead.

November 24: Tredgead v Ebbw Vale; Maesteg v Penarth; SW Police v Newport; Cross Keys v Aberavon.

December 8: Ebbw Vale v Maesteg; Newport v Tredgead; Aberavon v SW Police; Penarth v Cross Keys.

September 22: Duvinant v Rumney; Mountain Ash v Wrexham; Llanharan v Aberavon Quins; Treorchy v Narberth; Blaiva v Bonymann.

September 29: Rumney v Mountain Ash; Bonymann v Duvinant; Narberth v Blaiva; Aberavon Quins v Treorchy; Wrexham v Llanharan.

October 12: Bonymann v Narberth; Mountain Ash v Duvinant; Llanharan v Rumney; Treorchy v Wrexham; Blaiva v Aberavon Quins.

October 27: Duvinant v Narberth; Treorchy v Mountain Ash v Llanharan; Aberavon Quins v Bonymann; Wrexham v Blaiva.

November 3: Bonymann v Wrexham; Narberth v Aberavon Quins; Llanharan v Duvinant; Treorchy v Mountain Ash; Blaiva v Rumney.

November 10: Duvinant v Aberavon Quins; Rumney v Bonymann; Mountain Ash v Blaiva; Llanharan v Treorchy; Wrexham v Narberth.

November 24: Bonymann v Mountain Ash; Narberth v Rumney; Aberavon Quins v Wrexham; Treorchy v Duvinant; Blaiva v Llanharan.

December 1: Duvinant v Wrexham; Rumney v Aberavon Quins; Mountain Ash v Narberth; Treorchy v Bonymann; Treorchy v Blaiva.

December 8: Bonymann v Treorchy; Narberth v Llanharan; Aberavon Quins v Mountain Ash; Wrexham v Rumney; Blaiva v Duvinant.

December 22: Rumney v Duvinant; Bonymann v Blaiva; Narberth v Treorchy; Aberavon Quins v Llanharan; Wrexham v Mountain Ash.

THIRD DIVISION
September 22: Kenyiff Hill v St Peters; Tenby Utd v Pontypool Utd; Kenyiff Hill v Blackwood; Cilfynydd v Llandovery; Ruthin v Tumble.
September 29: St Peters v Tenby Utd; Tumble v Kidwelly; Llandovery v Ruthin; Blackwood v Cilfynydd; Pontypool Utd v Kenyiff Hill.
October 13: Tumble v Llandovery; Tenby Utd v Kidwelly; Kenyiff Hill v St Peters; Cilfynydd v Pontypool Utd; Ruthin v Blackwood.
October 27: Kidwelly v Blackwood; St Peters v Cilfynydd; Tenby Utd v Kenyiff Hill; Blackwood v Tumble; Pontypool Utd v Ruthin.
November 3: Tumble v Pontypool Utd; Llandovery v Blackwood; Kenyiff Hill v Kidwelly; Cilfynydd v Tenby Utd; Ruthin v St Peters.
Monday 10: Kidwelly v Blackwood; St Peters v Tumble; Ruthin v Ruthin; Kenyiff Hill v Cilfynydd; Pontypool Utd v Llandovery.
November 24: Tumble v Tenby Utd; Llandovery v St Peters; Blackwood v Pontypool Utd; Cilfynydd v Kidwelly; Ruthin v Kenyiff Hill.
December 1: Kidwelly v Pontypool Utd; St Peters v Blackwood; Tenby Utd v Llandovery; Kenyiff Hill v Tumble; Cilfynydd v Ruthin.
December 8: Cilfynydd v Llandovery; Kenyiff Hill; Blackwood v Tenby Utd; Pontypool United v St Peters; Ruthin v Tumble.
December 22: St Peters v Kidwelly; Tumble v Ruthin; Llandovery v Cilfynydd; Blackwood v Kenyiff Hill; Pontypool Utd v Tenby Utd.
December 29: Kidwelly v Tumble; Tenby Utd v St Peters; Kenyiff Hill v Pontypool Utd; Cilfynydd v Blackwood; Ruthin v Llandovery.
January 5: Kidwelly v Tenby Utd; St Peters v Kenyiff Hill; Llandovery v Tumble; Blackwood v Ruthin; Pontypool Utd v Cilfynydd.
January 12: Tumble v Blackwood; Llandovery v Kidwelly; Kenyiff Hill v Tenby Utd; Cilfynydd v St Peters; Ruthin v Pontypool Utd.
February 9: Kidwelly v Kenyiff Hill; St Peters v Ruthin; Tenby Utd v Cilfynydd; Blackwood v Llandovery; Pontypool Utd v Tumble.
March 9: Tumble v St Peters; Llandovery v Pontypool Utd; Blackwood v Kidwelly; Cilfynydd v Kenyiff Hill; Ruthin v Tenby Utd.
March 23: Kidwelly v Cilfynydd; St Peters v Llandovery; Tenby Utd v Tumble; Kenyiff Hill v Ruthin; Pontypool Utd v Blackwood.
April 6: Tumble v Kenyiff Hill; Llandovery v Tenby Utd; Blackwood v St Peters; Pontypool Utd v Kidwelly; Ruthin v Cilfynydd.
April 13: St Peters v Tenby Utd; Pontypool Utd; Tenby Utd v Blackwood; Kenyiff Hill v Llandovery; Cilfynydd v Tumble.



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CARDIFF RFC AMERICAN TOUR MAY 90.

① EASTERN DISTRICT R.U. AT ATLANTA 20/5/90
NON 19-13

CARDIFF			OPPONENTS		
MIKE THOMAS	3P	1C	18		
JOHN HUMPHRIES	1T		4		
DENVER THOMPSON	1T		4	1T	3P
			19		13
					13.

② POTOMAC R.U. AT WASHINGTON 23/5/90
NON 21-12

CARDIFF			OPPONENTS		
MIKE THOMAS	3P		9		
GERAINT JOHN	2C		4		
JOHN HUMPHRIES	1T		4		
MARK EDWARDS	1T		4.	1T, 1C, 2P.	12
			21		12.

③ BOSTON R.U. AT BOSTON 26/5/90
NON 60-6

8 GOALS & 3 TRIES

CARDIFF			OPPONENTS		
MIKE THOMAS	1T	8C	20		
CRAIG MILLER	2T		8		
GERAINT LEWIS	1T		4		
ANTHONY DONOVAN	1T		4		
GERAINT JOHN	1T		4		
JOHN HUMPHRIES	1T		4		
DENVER THOMPSON	2T		8		
MARK EDWARDS	2T		8	2P	6
			60		6.

④ WASHINGTON AT BOSTON 28/5/90
NON 23-12

CARDIFF			OPPONENTS		
GERAINT JOHN	1P	2C	7		
CRAIG MILLER	1T		4		
ANTHONY DONOVAN	2T		8		
JONATHAN WESTWOOD	1T		4.	2P, 1T 1C	12
			23		12

⑤ NEW YORK METS AT NEW YORK 30/5/90
NON 22-6

CARDIFF			OPPONENTS		
ANTHONY DONOVAN	1T		4		
CERI THOMAS	1T		4		
JOHN POWELL	1T		4		
IAN GREENSLADE	1T		4		
GERAINT JOHN	3C		6	1T 1C	6.
			22		6.

TOUR "STATS" SUPPLIED BY MR PETER NYHAN
OFFICIAL STATISTICIAN TO CARDIFF R.F.C.
THE WESTERN MAIL & ECHO REPORTS
FOR THIS TOUR WERE VERY PUNY
AND I AM THEREFORE VERY GRATEFUL
TO THIS HARD WORKING MEMBER OF
THE CARDIFF R.F.C. COMMITTEE.
FOR HIS GREAT KINDNESS IN SUPPLYING THESE "STATS"
OF THE TOUR TO THE U.S.A. WHICH WAS A BIG SUCCESS:

SPORTS EDITOR RETIRES



FINAL PASS: Former Wales captain Gareth Davies hands over a signed commemorative rugby ball to John Billot at a surprise party to mark his retirement as *Western Mail* Sports Editor. With Mr Billot is his granddaughter Laura

By JOHN KENNEDY

Memories are made of this

WALES beating the 1953 All Blacks — that's the most cherished sporting memory John Billot took into his early retirement yesterday. Mr Billot joined the *Western Mail* in 1946 and spent a remarkable 44 years with the newspaper, the last eight of them as Sports Editor and chief rugby and cricket writer.

Seeing Bloddyn Williams's team beat New Zealand was probably the highlight," he said. "Closely followed by Tony Lewis leading Glamorgan to the County Championship in 1969.

"Overall, it has been tremendously exciting, as well as demanding, writing about Welsh sport.

"At the same time, it has been hugely satisfying because the *Western Mail* projects sport so comprehensively and gives writers the scope to develop ideas as well as dispensing praise and criticism.

"They have been a great 44 years, much of it spent with such a charismatic character as JBG Thomas, a legend in his own lifetime."

To mark his retirement, his colleagues bade him a final farewell with a surprise party at Cardiff Athletic Club on Saturday night, attended by friends from all spheres of the Welsh sporting scene.

Former Wales captain Gareth Davies who attended said, "All the players respected his views. He was regarded as a gentleman by everyone."

THE GREATEST STATISTICIAN FOR "THE GREATEST"

Kennedy is new sports editor

THE *Western Mail* has a new sports editor. John Kennedy takes over the key post officially today, succeeding John Billot who has retired after 44 years service with the company, the last eight as sports editor.

Kennedy, aged 42, is only the fourth *Western Mail* Sports Editor in 44 years.

He came to Wales in 1974 to launch into a career of sports journalism

with the *South Wales Argus*. He joined the *South Wales Echo* in 1980 to become their chief rugby correspondent. He had played



JOHN KENNEDY

at scrum half for Rhodesia in 1968 and quickly integrated his family into the Welsh way of life. "It was just a natural and happy transformation for me," he says.

Kennedy switched to the *Western Mail* rugby writing team in 1987 to further his fast-growing reputation as a perceptive and popular writer.

The new sports editor has a wife, Susannah, and two children.

BILLOT BOWS OUT
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JOHN BILLOT RETIRES.

HE WAS ONE OF THE FINEST

STATISTICIANS ON RUGBY

I EVER MET & ONE OF

MY GREATEST FRIENDS IN

THE RUGBY GAME.

HE HELPED ME CONSIDERABLY

WITH SOME OF MY MOST

DIFFICULT STATISTICS

R. G. Harris

A FAMOUS PROFESSIONAL STATISTICIAN RETIRES

THE GREATEST STATISTICIAN FOR "THE GREATEST"



Redvers lets his rugby records

Spin to a close

BY STEVE JONES

WELSH rugby has attracted some devoted followers, but few can have approached the intense level of dedication reached by a Cardiff man.

Redvers Harris has been involved with rugby for 70 years — first as a player, then as an organiser of supporters' trips to international matches and latterly as an historian-statistician par excellence.

During that time he has faithfully recorded all the great — and indeed not so great — comings and goings of the Welsh game through an extensive collection of press cuttings, photographs, books and assorted rugby memorabilia.

Enjoyed

It is one man's record of the national sport covering most of the century — a labour of love involving many hours of painstaking research combined with an acute eye for detail.

But the effort of maintaining such a record has become too much for Mr Harris, aged 86, of Cefn Nant, Rhwngfa, has decided to call a halt in order to devote more time to the two other great

loves of his life — his family and his garden.

"I just felt now was the right time to stop," he said. "I've enjoyed doing it for all these years, but there are other things in life I'm interested in and I want to pay more attention to those."

Mr Harris began his playing career in 1920 and appeared for Cardiff 18 times during 1925-26, scoring 10 tries in one match against Swansea. He then played a few games for Cardiff's first team the following season, before eventually settling down with the Cardiff and District side.

Lot of work

"For many years I co-operated with Bill Clement and Ray Williams in preparing various facts and figures on Welsh rugby. I also did a lot of work helping to revise the WRU's handbook. "The first handbook I worked on had something like 200 errors. By the time I finished several years later we'd got that figure down to the odd one here and there."

His enthusiasm for all things related to Cardiff's even greater than that for Wales.

Oval stand delayed

SURREY have been told by the architects that the new stand at the Recreation Ground will not be ready in time for the official opening due to be performed by The Queen on August 1.

The company, Eve Construction, say that the delay is due to unforeseeable problems beyond their control.

The troubles should not affect the opening of the stand, which includes changing-rooms and executive boxes. It is hoped these will be available for the Test against India on August 23.

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Watkins stars

CARDIFF RUGBY Club put up a tremendous performance to beat off the challenge of Steau Bucharest 17-14 to win the Leidsse DIOK tournament in Holland.

For Cardiff, Ian Watkins got two tries and David Evans kicked three penalties. Bucharest replied with two tries and two penalties.

Jim Fleming, the Scottish referee, sent off the Bucharest centre Yasle after 26 minutes of the second half, having warned him earlier.

Cardiff had won the opening game of the tournament, 73-3 over the home club.

Outstanding was new captain Evans, the new captain who was successful with 12 out of 13 kicks at goal (one penalty and 11 conversions). Ian McKim and Ioan Bebb got three tries each.

Steau Bucharest beat Wanderers (Dublin) 20-15, to meet Cardiff in the decider.

STEAV BUCHAREST T.
2 TRIES & 2 PEN. G = 14 PNTS

CARDIFF R.F.C. = 14 PNTS
2 TRIES & 3 PEN G

FRIDAY 17 AUGUST 1990.

11 GOALS, 1 TRY, 1 PEN. G = 43

SCORERS

TRIES	BEBB	3
M. KIM		3
M. HARRIS		2
M. RING		1
A. GLASSON		1
I. WATKINS		1
S. HILL		1 = 48

D. EVANS { CONVERSIONS = 11 = 22
1 PENALTY GOAL = 3 = 3
TOTAL = 43

Best wishes to my successor.
Yours very sincerely
B.R.G. Harris.

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AT 86 YEARS. B.R.G. Harris