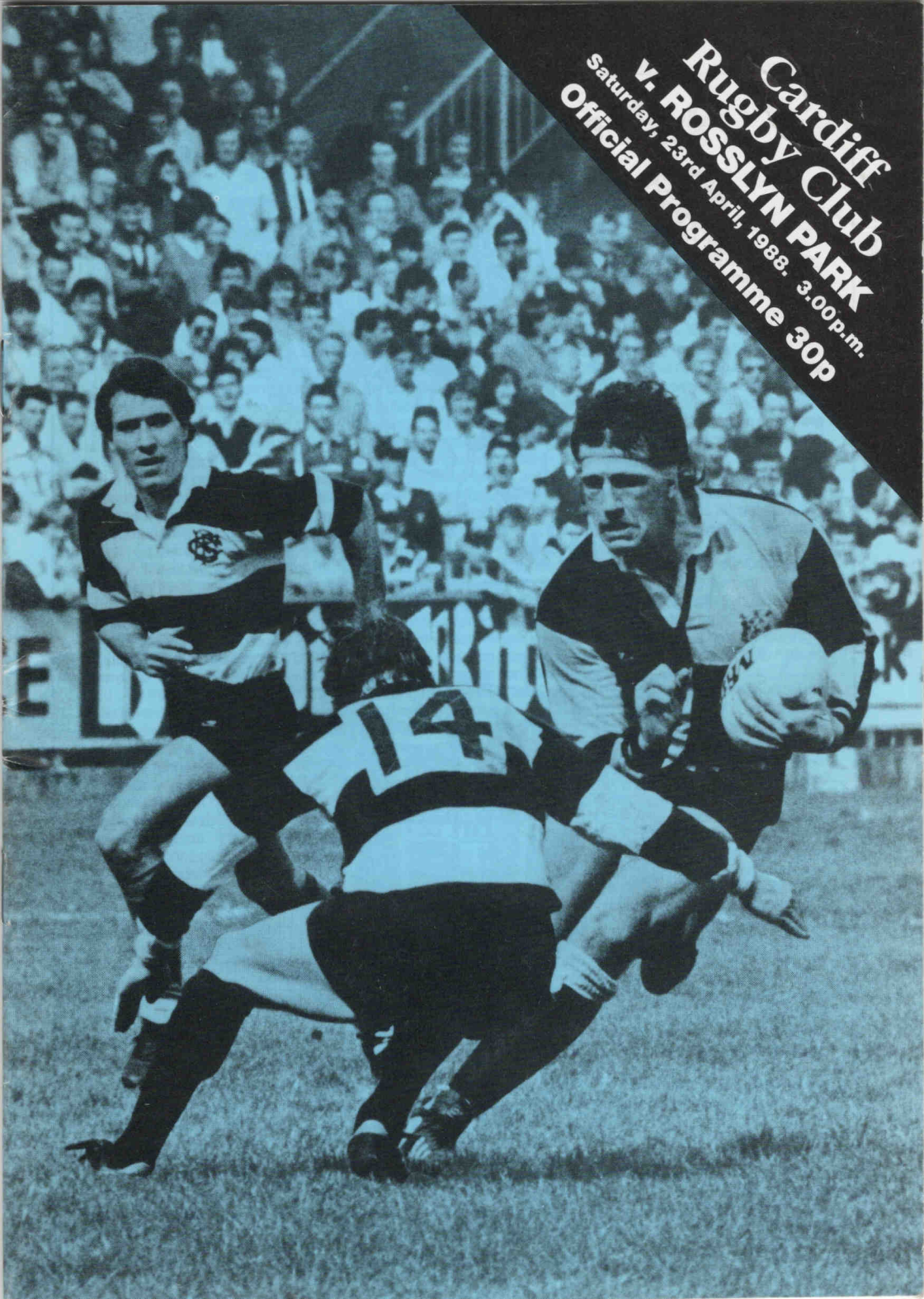
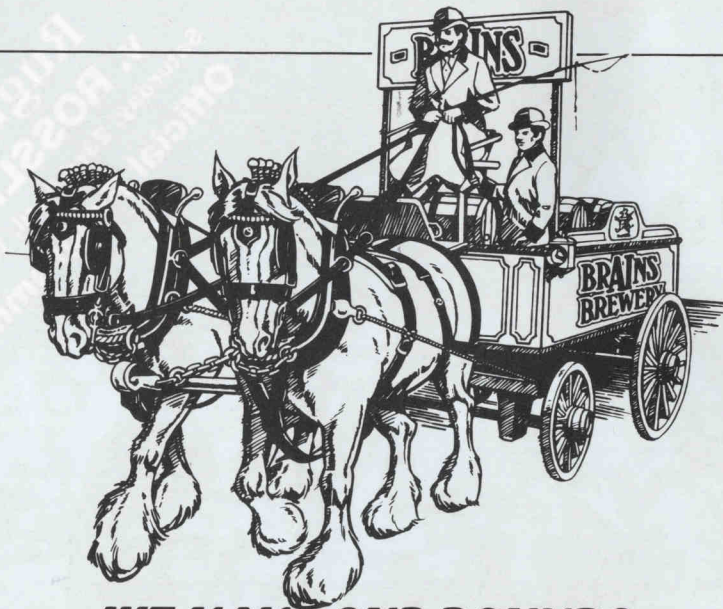


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**SATURDAY, 23rd APRIL, 1988**

**KICK-OFF 3.00p.m.**

Well here we are quite incredibly coming to the end of season 1987-88. Thankfully we will be putting the current campaign to rest at The Arms Park with today's game the first of two remaining home fixtures. As we all so sadly realize, the season will be remembered only for all the wrong reasons. The 17 defeats registered to date make it the poorest season results wise since the 18 suffered in 1982-83 and prior to that 1935-36. Now this has inevitably lead to the query as to what was Cardiff's worst ever season. Well that occurred in the 1927-28 campaign when 20 of the 43 games played ended in defeat.

Now any Cardiff supporter worthy of his salt is very conscious of the current situation and is obviously most concerned about it. Our commiserations go out to Bob Norster whose own form and efforts during the season have been magnificent. With Bob in charge again next season the resolve right throughout the club is 100% geared to getting right back on top again just where we belong. In speaking of supporters, the players are always well aware and appreciative of the backing they receive especially from The Supporters Club whose enthusiasm and dedication is absolutely first class.

Let's get on with today's business then and offer a very sincere welcome to Rosslyn Park. Now that poses the question, why not Wasps as shown on the fixture list. Well the answer to that is the fact that the Wasps asked to be released from their commitment because they wanted to rearrange an outstanding League game. Fortunately Rosslyn Park were more than willing to undertake the fixture however and it gives us the opportunity to meet again after some considerable time.

A travel through the records show that we played a series of ten games against the Londoners between 1946 and 1959. Of these 10 games we achieved 7 wins to 1 defeat and 2 drawn games. We scored a total of 158 points to The Parks' 42. Their solitary victory was recorded in the last of those 10 games at their home ground, Priory Lane, Roehampton in December 1959 with a 9-3 winning margin. Our paths crossed again nearly 20 years after that victory when we were opposed to each other during a rugby festival whilst on tour in Italy in May 1978. We won that particular game by 39 points to 9. And so here we are a further ten years on when we meet again for the 12th occasion.

At this point in time everything is coming up roses for the Rosslyn Park outfit. Their season to date has been the best for some considerable time having played 30, won 21, drawn 2 and lost 7. Included in this is their splendid achievement of winning the Courage Championship Second Division which now sees them promoted to play alongside the big guns in Division One. In topping their Division they won 8 of their 11 games in that section, drew 2 and lost only 1. This gave them a 6 point difference over their nearest rivals and earned them their deserved promotion to the top Division. This season they have shown they can hold their own with the best because besides winning their own Division they have also scored memorable victories over quite a few of the top shelf clubs such as Moseley, Nottingham, Wasps and Harlequins.

Their hopes for the future are also looking rosey too. They have an extremely strong youth section and their Under-21 side have just won the London Tournament for that age group. At Club level they are also confident that at least two of their players will be knocking on the door of the senior England side before long. England Colt's captain and outside half Jason Hoad and centre Gwyn Thompson both gave very impressive displays when their side hammered the Welsh Youth at the Gnoll recently.

Seven-a-side wise The Park are also up there with the best as both their First and Second teams have qualified for the final stage of The Middlesex Sevens on May 7th. Last year of course their Second side took all the glory and only succumbed in the final to a very strong Harlequins seven.

This season The Park lost the services of Martin Offiah to the paid ranks of Rugby League. And what strike force he has shown the northern code. His record number of tries has passed the legendary Cardiff man Billy Boston which has stood for some considerable time now. Of course when we speak of past Park players we must not forget that a certain J.P. Scott joined Cardiff from Rosslyn Park where he had won the first of his 34 caps.

As far as today's game is concerned The Park are very happy to have international centre Fran Clough in their side today and they are hopeful he will become a permanent member of the Club on his forthcoming move to London.

On the debit side of things however it appears that this afternoon will mark the final appearance of a rugby and Rosslyn Park legend, Andy Ripley. The great man's career began in the 'Swinging Hippie Sixties'. Although a Liverpudlian by birth, from the age of seven he was brought up in Bristol and was an active soccer player. The mid sixties found him at the University of East Anglia studying for a degree in Social Studies. It was here that he got his first taste of rugby and the 'hippie' culture from whence came



many of his eccentricities. Appropriately enough it was Haydn Morris our flying wing of the 1950s who first spotted Andy's great potential.

And what potential that turned out to be. After a 'hippie' trip of four months around America and a look at life in Afghanistan he entered the real world. He joined Rosslyn Park in 1971 and his first representative appearance came with Steele Bodger's side. In 1972 he won the first of his 24 caps and was a member of the English side that had magnificent wins over South Africa in 1972 and then New Zealand in 1973. Further fame for the big and powerful No.8 came with his selection for Willie John McBrides all conquering Lions tour to South Africa in 1974.

His international career ended in 1976 but he then developed an insatiable taste for the seven-a-side game and in 1981 he led The Baa Baas to victory in the Hong Kong sevens on their first ever visit there. Since then his magnificent fitness and enthusiasm has made him a very popular selection in various invitation XV's. His introduction to the televised Superstars series also added lustre to an already glowing image and now at the grand old age of 40 he is looking forward to a little dabble in the world of veteran athletics.

Perhaps its very appropriate that he ends his career in Cardiff today after having been introduced to the game by an ex-Cardiff player some 20 odd years back. His retirement will be a great loss to Rugby in general but to Rosslyn Park in particular.

With the announcement of the Cardiff side for today's game, it's congratulations to Welsh School's cap Richard Mynatt on his debut selection at full-back. Richard a Llanishen boy, is a very talented and versatile player who seems to have a bright future ahead of him. It is also reputed to be John Scott's swan song. I'll believe that when it actually happens though. In the meantime I hope he enjoys his tangle with Andy Ripley this afternoon and there will be more to say about John in the next programme.

Finally today all that remains is to thank F.W. Morgan for their sponsorship of not only today's game but also their superb support throughout this season.

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### WINNERS ....

**Competition No. 19** (match v Barbarians, April 2): First all-correct entry drawn from the hat by Wales and Cardiff star Adrian Hadley was from Mr. J.E. Crawford, of Leckwith Close, Leckwith, Cardiff. Congratulations to him for finding the names of Bishop, Bridges, Brown, Clegg, Cornelius, Davies, Evans, Fauvel, Foster, Fox, Gregory, Hanson, Jacas, James, Jardine, Jones, Lewis, May, Phillips, Price, Pugh, Rees and Ring.

**Semi-Final Competition:** Bobby Norster drew out the winning entries for pairs of Cup Final tickets from the monster entry from the Pontypool-Neath match at the Arms Park. The lucky winners were: Mr. B. Hart of Gorslas, North Cornelly, near Pyle, and Miss S.S.C. Murley of St. Fagans Road, Fairwater, Cardiff. The hidden names were: Bennett, Cordle, Cranton, David, Davies, Evans, Finlayson, Fenwick, Gravell, Hill, Hutchings, Jacob, Jones, Lakin, Owen (not Bown, as about 50 suggested), Parker, Richards, Taylor and Williams.





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## THE NELSON TOUCH

LORD NELSON, Horatio, that is, to his pals, was an undoubted Hero. His deeds of heroism are known to the youngest schoolboy. From the Battle of The Nile, the scattering of the Spanish Armada, right up to his playing of bowls before the Battle of Trafalgar, his life and his deeds are well catalogued. We all know them well. Even if that were not enough in itself, we are also aware of the spicy bits. There was that Lady Hamilton for example, and he kissed Hardy didn't he? It is a shame for the purposes of writing this article, that 185 years after Trafalgar, the Nelson-s of Cardiff appear to have lived an exemplary existence. Well J.D. has anyway. I can assure you that if I could have found any evidence of the slightest misdemeanour I would have given it the 'Sun' treatment, with J.D. topless on page three as well. However, you will have to put up with the truth, and accept that if ever we had a 'Mr. Clean' on the Cardiff Committee then J.D. Nelson is the man.

John is, of course, a prominent member of the Athletic Club 'Paddia'. This usually means that John's ancestors left Ireland before St. Patrick landed — but their roots grow deep and their memories are long, these Irish. You would have guessed already that John is a former pupil of St. Illtyds, and therein lies one of the few anomalies of his well structured curriculum vitae. On the very first occasion that Canton High School beat St. Illtyds, John Nelson was playing for Canton. I have that information first hand from C.D. Williams who played in the game and it must be true because C.D. only ever lies about his age and his income. What a remarkable coinciding of fates and careers that C.D. and J.D. should have been playing together against the 1953 All Blacks, and are currently serving on the same Selection Committee. We've got a lot of pedigree in Cardiff, and a lot of chums — perhaps we should try winalot.

Suitably armed with an appropriate name, John joined the Royal Navy after school. The 'Silent Service' image suits John. He is a naturally quiet and sagacious man "When I open my mouth let no dog bark," which is the perfect cover for an executive of a Building Society, and in the eyes of many people a perfect selector. John is most reluctant to speak of his Naval experiences, and his friends are also slightly unsure of their facts, when one considers their accounts of his career range from captaining a mini-sub to flying a Sunderland. What really matters is that he had the talent and opportunity to play rugby for the Royal Navy in the Services Championship. He has played for Eastern Counties, Glamorgan County, and had a final Welsh Trial in 1955. His Welsh Trial followed a tremendous performance against Neath during which he ran through the Neath defence from the halfway line to score. This caused all sorts of conflicting loyalties to flutter in the heart of his wife Barbara, who was born and bred in Neath and grew up to regard Rees Stephens, Roy John and Keith Maddocks with appropriate awe. Obviously she overcame her parochial preferences, since now Barbara teaches at St. Illtyds School and has four very talented children. Calwy 28, who is a Concert Manager for the London Symphony Orchestra, Paul 25 is a journalist for the Reading Evening Post and a centre for Old Paulines; Celia who is at The Webber Douglas Drama School in Kensington and Anne who is studying music at Digby Stuart College in Roehampton.

John played his first game for Cardiff in 1945 and his 261st in 1959, having been appropriately honoured by the Barbarians in 1958. He was regarded as an exceptional technician in his position of blind side wing forward and was unlucky not to have been capped. The fact that he was selected in eight different positions for the Club, including scrum half, was indicative of his all-round capabilities. John, after his varied careers as a Lieutenant Instructor in the Navy, and as a teacher at St. Patricks, Cardiff (where else) is now a Regional Controller for The Gateway Building Society. He is a prominent Committee man of The Cardiff R.F.C. and extends his duties to incorporate the role of the ever-expanding and increasingly active Former Players Association.

After much diligent research I did find a skeleton of sorts in J.D. Nelson's wardrobe. He was actually suspended by the Club. My imagination ran riot as I awaited the scandalous news: What had the rotter done? It appears that he was desperate for a pair of Rugby boots and had bought a new pair, before obtaining permission from the Club. My, my. You would have to try much harder than that before you got a slap on the wrist nowadays, John. But don't try — we like you the way you are. It's so refreshing.





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## Rugby Quiz – No. 18

What can you recall of this season's results.

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2. Have we a) conceded any penalty tries; b) been awarded any?
3. Have we failed to score on any occasion?
4. How many drop goals have been recorded a) for; b) against?
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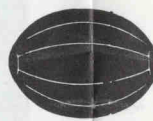
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| 2.  | A.J. PHILLIPS        |
| 3.  | S. BLACKMORE         |
| 4.  | T. CROTHERS          |
| 5.  | R. NORSTER (Captain) |
| 6.  | J. BURNELL           |
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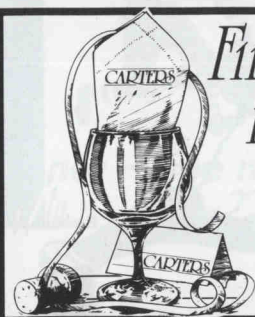
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### Rugby Quiz No. 18 – Answers

1. *Eight: Neath, Aberavon, Bridgend, Moseley, Oxford University, Pontypool (twice) and Bristol.*
2. *a) No. b) Yes, two; against Bristol (A) and Aberavon (A).*
3. *Yes. Pontypool (A).*
4. *a) Seven. b) Sixteen.*
5. *Nine against Oxford United (H).*

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R. CARDUS	20	12	—	48	45	25	—	100
A. HADLEY	24	9	3	43	190	110	3	447
D. EVANS	12	—	11	31	50(1)	10	77	216
A. PHILLIPS	24	7	—	28	415	150	—	600
C. WEBBER	9	2	8	26	102(7)	19	113	364
M. ROWLEY	25	6	—	24	46	8	—	32
H. STONE	24	6	—	24	121(1)	20	—	80
R. GILES	18	4	—	16	18	4	—	16
C. HUTCHINGS	14	4	—	16	27(1)	5	—	20
A. GLASSON	9	3	—	12	28	13	—	52
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S. CRANDON	17	3	—	12	17	3	—	12
A. DONOVAN	23	3	—	12	151	21	—	84
R. NORSTER	20	2	—	8	254	15	—	60
R. JONES	4	2	—	8	4	2	—	8
T. CROTHERS	15	2	—	8	110(2)	25	—	100
N. O'BRIEN	5(1)	2	—	8	43(14)	17	—	68
D. WILLIAMS	2	—	3	8	6	2	3	12
J. BURNELL	6	2	—	8	9	3	—	12
M. HADLEY	8	2	—	8	29	7	—	28
C. NORMAN	7	2	—	8	21	16	—	64
M. DACEY	11	1	1	7	11	1	1	7
M. PARRY	17(1)	1	—	4	45(1)	2	—	8
P. CRANE	4	1	—	4	23	2	—	8
I. GREENSLADE	14(1)	1	—	4	19(4)	1	—	4
J. SCOTT	16	1	—	4	254(1)	36	—	144
S. BLACKMORE	25	1	—	4	85	4	—	16
R. LAKIN	18	1	—	4	269(3)	60	—	240
D. GIBBON	1(2)	1	—	4	8(5)	1	—	4
J. WHITEFOOT	26	—	—	—	259	7	—	28
R. BILTON	13	—	—	—	15	—	—	—

\* Total includes two penalty tries.

Also played: 10 — I. Eidman. 7 — O. Golding. 5 — M. Knowles. 4 — C. Collins (+1). 3 — V. Evans, A. Martin. 2 — A. Moore, C. Conway, J. Hadley. 1 — C. Miller, A. Carter, G. Pritchard (+6), T. O'Donnell, S. Crothers. Subs: R. Williams (1), M. Poole (1).

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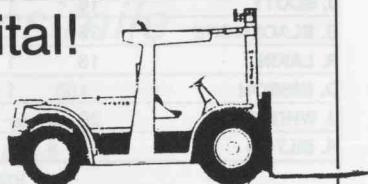
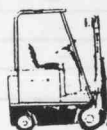
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By J. E. MALCOLM THOMAS

**QUESTION I** During a **quick throw-in** the **thrower-in** plays the ball **before** it reaches the five metre line. What would your decision be and why?

**ANSWER:—** The opposition to have the choice of **a)** a throw-in, or, **b)** a **scrummage**. It is a quick throw-in and a **line-out has not been formed**.

**QUESTION II** During a scrummage, can a **flank forward** in a **3-4-1** formation stand up and play the ball heeled to his feet with his hands?

**ANSWER:— No.** The '**off-side line**' at a scrummage is a line through the **hindmost foot** of the player's team in the scrummage.

**QUESTION III** What would you do if a player throwing in the ball has **one foot** in the field of play? Is the Advantage Law applicable?

**ANSWER:— a)** The referee should ask him to move it. **b) Yes,** Advantage does apply.

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## FIRST XV FIXTURES

1987  
SEPTEMBER

Wed. 2	Taffs Well (Centenary)	A 28-4
Sat. 5	Bristol (Centenary)	A 20-15
Wed. 9	Glamorgan Wanderers	A 6-6
Sat. 12	Neath	H 6-35
Wed. 16	Maesteg	H 9-9
Sat. 19	Coventry	A 14-21
Wed. 23	Pontypridd	A 18-16
Sat. 26	Aberavon	H 12-15

OCTOBER

Sat. 3	Newport	A 9-16
Wed. 7	Bridgend	H 6-7
Sat. 10	Northampton	A 14-7
Wed. 14	Pontypool	A 0-31
Sat. 17	Cambridge University	H 48-9
Wed. 21	Caerphilly (Centenary)	A 19-12
Sat. 24	Harlequins	A 20-12
Sat. 31	Moseley	H 10-14

NOVEMBER

Sat. 7	Leicester	A 19-27
Mon. 9	Welsh XV	H 17-13
Wed. 11	Oxford University	H 22-27
Sat. 14	Ebbw Vale	H 35-9
Sat. 21	Ystradgynlais (Cup)	A 12-9
Sat. 28	Llanelli	A 6-41

DECEMBER

Wed. 2	Newbridge	H 20-0
Sat. 5	Swansea	H 17-6
Sat. 12	London Welsh	H 27-21
Sat. 19	Aberavon Quins (Cup)	A 36-0
Sat. 26	Pontypridd	H 6-6
Mon. 28	Bridgend	A 9-25

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JANUARY

Sat. 2	Bath	H 38-9
Sat. 9	Aberavon	A 16-10
Sat. 16	Ebbw Vale	A 32-10
Sat. 23	Newport (Cup)	A Post.
Sat. 30	Newport (Cup)	A 26-13

FEBRUARY

Sat. 6	London Welsh	A 38-7
Sat. 13	Newport	H 21-9
Fri. 19	S.W. Police	H 38-6
Sat. 27	Pontypool (Cup)	H 6-9

MARCH

Tue. 1	Bristol	H 10-12
Sat. 12	Pontypool	H 16-17
Wed. 16	Penarth	A 55-19
Sat. 26	Nottingham	A 15-16
Mon. 28	Newport	A 19-26

APRIL

Sat. 2	Barbarians	H 32-27
Tue. 5	Llanelli	A Canc.
Sat. 9	Swansea	A 18-13
Sat. 16	Neath	A 12-41
Sat. 23	Rosslyn Park	H .....
Wed. 27	Barry (Centenary)	A .....
Sat. 30	Nottingham	H .....

MAY

Sat. 7	W.R.U. Cup Final	
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## ATHLETIC XV FIXTURES

1987  
SEPTEMBER

Sat. 5	Bristol United	H 21-26
Wed. 9	Glamorgan Wanderers II	H 17-8
Sat. 12	Kenfig Hill	A 65-4
Wed. 16	Bridgend Sports	A 19-19
Sat. 19	Coventry Extras	H 77-4
Wed. 23	Llandaff	H 10-16
Sat. 26	St. Peters	A 10-25
Tue. 29	Pontypool United	A 10-12

OCTOBER

Sat. 3	Newport United	H 31-23
Sat. 10	Neath Athletic	A 13-19
Wed. 14	Pontypool Athletic	H 34-0
Sat. 17	Bridgend Ravens	A 11-27
Wed. 21	Cardiff & District	H Post.
Sat. 24	Abercarn	H 8-13
Wed. 28	Garndiffarth	H 44-6
Sat. 31	Moseley United	A 19-17

NOVEMBER

Sat. 7	Leicester Extras	H 30-20
Wed. 11	Caerphilly	A Canc.
Sat. 14	Ebbw Vale Athletic	A 37-0
Sat. 21	Berry Hill	A 27-9
Sat. 28	Bridgend Ravens	H 14-18

DECEMBER

Sat. 5	Swansea Athletic	A 6-25
Sat. 12	Llanharan	A 9-15

Sat. 19	Newport Saracens	H 26-6
Sat. 26	Rumney	A 7-7

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JANUARY

Sat. 2	Bath United	A 23-16
Sat. 9	Neath Athletic	H 4-10
Sat. 16	Ebbw Vale United	H 52-0
Sat. 23	Llandaff	A Post.
Sat. 30	Pontyclun	A 38-3

FEBRUARY

Sat. 6	London Scottish II	A 16-23
Sun. 7	Abbey	A 38-3
Sat. 13	Newport United	A Post.
Sat. 20	Old Iltydians	A 40-4
Sat. 27	Pencoed	A 29-21

MARCH

Sat. 5	Maesteg Celtic	A 29-9
Sat. 12	Pontypool Athletic	A 28-18
Wed. 16	Bedwas	H 30-14
Fri. 18	Risca	A Canc.
Wed. 23	Pontypool United	H Canc.
Wed. 30	Cardiff H.S.O.B.	A 39-21

APRIL

Mon. 4	Blackwood	A 22-13
Sat. 9	Swansea Athletic	H 65-16
Tue. 12	Llanharan	H 42-16
Sat. 16	Bridgend Sports	H 6-28
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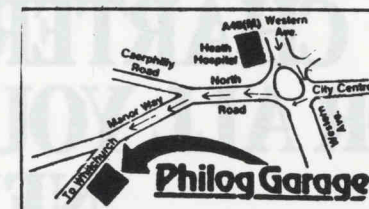
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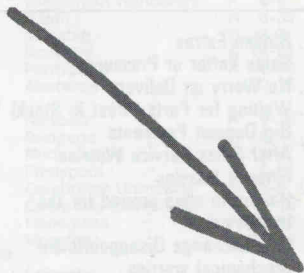
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