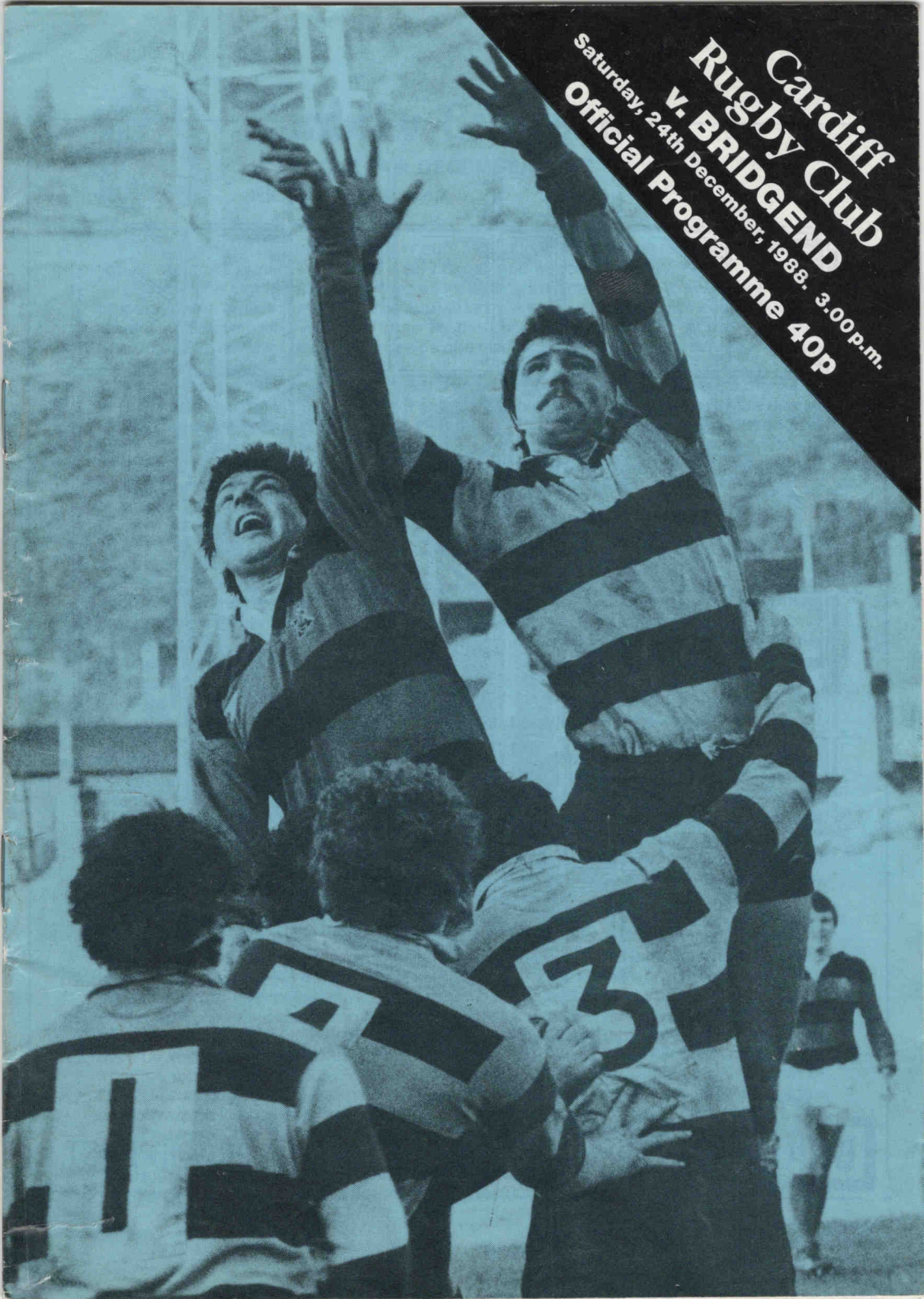
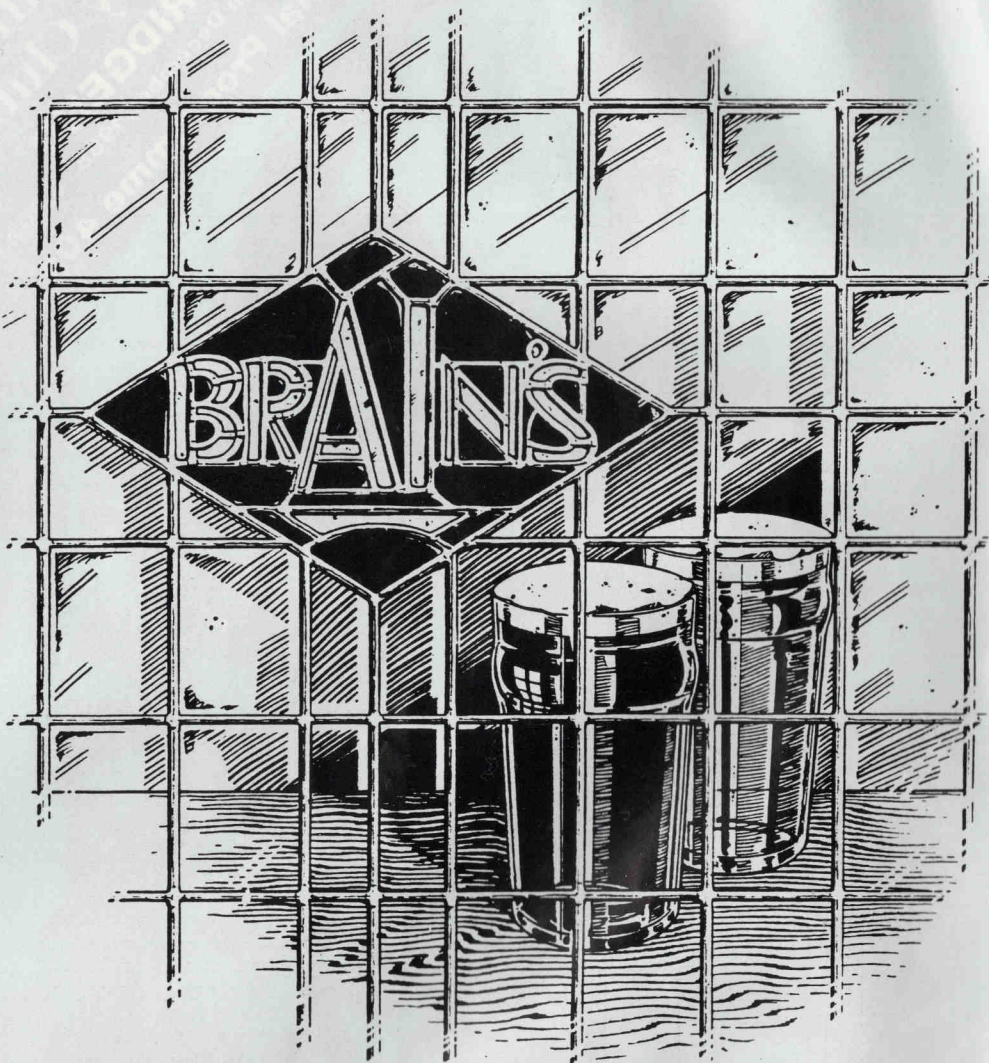


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Saturday, 24th December, 1988. 3.00 p.m.
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Cardiff v. Bridgend

SATURDAY, 24th DECEMBER, 1988

KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m.

The great feast of Christmas is but hours away. First and foremost today then is to wish you all our most sincere wishes for a very happy and peaceful holiday.

By tradition, Christmas Eve is reserved for putting the final touches to all the beaver like preparations in order to have the many and varied tasks all buttoned up nice and tidily for the great day. Such activity will have to go by the board for a few hours on this particular Christmas Eve however because it heralds one of the highlights of our season — a visit from our good friends, Bridgend!

Now why should such an important and attractive game be played on such a day? Well, the answer to that lies in the fact that not so long ago both games in the season were played on Wednesday evenings. Now we in Cardiff have always maintained Saturday afternoon is the optimum time for playing rugby. Consequently both fixture secretaries got to work and after much negotiation it was agreed at least one of the games would be played on the mutually suitable fourth Saturday in December. It's quite a good day normally when it falls on other than the 24th. How often does that come about? The last time it happened was in 1983 when we made a journey to Bridgend. What happens if that fourth Saturday falls on the 26th? That very thing happened last year so the Bridgend game was switched to the Monday, still a good time because of the holiday.

Cardiff/Bridgend will not be the only first class game going on today however. It will give the top clubs the opportunity to get back to something like normality after the stunning realisation of the Rumanian game and then last week's 4th round Cup matches. Ironically Cardiff and Bridgend were originally scheduled to supply the bulk of the national side for that Rumanian game with 5 from Bridgend and 4 from Cardiff. Injury and other circumstances however reduced our complement to 2 but increased Bridgend's to 6.

The Brewery Field was justifiably delighted at this because the 6 included the whole threequarter line. Now that's a feat only achieved on four previous occasions. So can we modestly say to Bridgend welcome into the record book because it was Cardiff who provided that club quartet on all those four occasions. Unfortunately that Rumanian game will be long remembered for all the wrong reasons however so lets hope we can get the national act in a better state of awareness for the forthcoming Five Nations Championship.

Par for the course too that ill fated international took its full toll of injuries on the Bridgend contingent and none of them played the following Monday against mighty Neath at the Gnoll. Up until that game Bridgend had suffered only 6 defeats at the hands of Saracens away, (that London club must surely be Bridgend's bogey side because they always seem to come to grief there) Llanelli home, Cambridshire University away, Bristol at home, Neath home and Newbridge away. No doubt injury and unavailability has played its part in some of those defeats but the strength in depth of the Bridgend squad this season has been the envy of most other clubs. They seem to have as good a replacement for all their first choice players and this has served them well this season. Their trip to the Gnoll shorn of their 6 current Welsh players was perhaps never expected to result in a win for them but the magnitude of their defeat, 49-0, certainly caused some raised eyebrows. It makes you wonder if there is a club side around anywhere who could survive a visit to The Gnoll when the incumbents are in such devastating form. And this from a side with but one current international and that only from the replacement bench. Food for thought perhaps. Such is Neath's form and that of Llanelli providing the draw keeps them apart it looks as if the rest of the pack will have the devils' own job to prevent a repeat of last season's Cup Final encounter. Time will tell on that score however and there will be more to say about the Cup Draw in the Pontypridd programme.

Regardless of their latest setback however once Bridgend can rid themselves of injury and have all their players available for selection they can still be more than enough for lesser

mortals than Neath. They achieved a good authoratative cup win at Felinfoel last Saturday and no doubt today they will be dead keen to record a double having already beaten us at the Brewery Field earlier on in the season.

The Cardiff/Bridgend series will be extended to 125 games this afternoon. the previous 124 have resulted in 60 wins to Cardiff, 51 to Bridgend and 13 drawn games. Points wise we have scored 1221 to their 1056. It's surprising that we have played so few games considering the first one took place in November 1881, 107 years ago. This is due to the fact that between that first game and 1950, 69 years, we met on only 43 occasions. The ensuing 38 years since 1959 have produced 81 games, nearly twice as many in almost half the time.

An analysis of those statistics reveal quite an interesting fact. Looking at the overall record of the 124 meetings we are ahead of Bridgend in terms of victories by only some 9 games so they are rapidly catching up. Now that's a very creditable performance because of all the clubs we play on a regular home and away basis Bridgend are nearest to achieving a better wins to defeats ratio. Furthermore the 43 games in the pre 1950 era resulted in 25 wins to us, 12 to them with 7 drawn. The other 81 games since 1950 have seen Bridgend win on 39 occasions to our 35 with 6 ending even. They are getting too close for comfort and no doubt Bridgend will be making special efforts over the next few years to become the first club to achieve that record.

To Bridgend then we say welcome again this afternoon and also extend to them the happiest of seasonal greetings.

The Rags are rolling along on their merry way and lately achieved a good win again, Old Illydians at home by 48 points to 16. The Old Rags side had a cluster of ex Arms Park Players in their ranks including John Scott, Paul Rees, Mike Murphy and Steve Cannon. The Rags suffered a surprise defeat at home to Swansea Athletic by 17 points to 3. It was surprising in as much that the previous week the Swansea reserve side had been unable to fulfill their fixture due to a shortage of players. It appears then that Chris Collins and his boys must have thought they had an easy game on their hands, dropped their guard and fell for a sucker punch. Such is the way of this game of ours.

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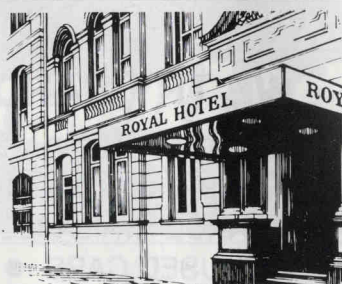
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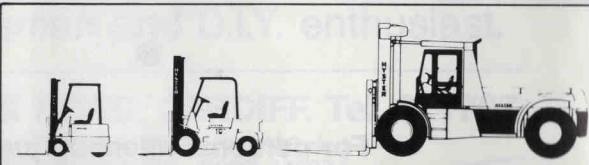
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Rugby Quiz – No. 12

1. How many Schweppes Cup Finals have Bridgend appeared in?
2. How many times have they won the competition?
3. How many Championships have they won since World War II?
4. Who is their most capped forward?
5. What other ground did Bridgend play on when temporarily banished from the Brewery Field in 1948?

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By J. E. MALCOLM THOMAS

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Answer: If **no danger** is involved in the engagement, I would suggest that play should continue. However referees should be strict in applying Law 20 (3) if players crash into their opponents at the scrummage, for this constitutes dangerous play and should be dealt with **immediately**.

Question 2: A free kick is awarded and the offending side express **dissent** at the referee's decision. What is the next decision?

Answer: For such misconduct the referee should not go on 10 metres, but **award a penalty kick at the mark**.

Question 3: A player is obstructed after kicking the ball and the **ball strikes a goal post**. What is the correct decision for the referee?

Answer: The non-offending team shall have the **option** of taking the kick at the place of infringement or **where the ball alights after bouncing off the post**.

Question 4: A player knocks on and an **off-side player of the same team** next plays the ball. How should the referee react?

Answer: A penalty for off-side should **not** be awarded **unless** the off-side deprives the non-offending team of an advantage.

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GIVE THE coach the sack, they said when Quidnunc, always ready to pass the time of day — or the time of night, for that matter — with someone wanting to divulge gossip, rumour, scandal or general villainy about Cardiff players and other closely-involved personnel, was seeking Christmas goodies.

Now that's a bit harsh, I thought, seeing as they had just put 50-odd on Amman United to reach the next stage of the Schweppes Cup. Then I realised that they were seeking someone in the establishment to be a Santa Claus, a father-figure seeped in kindness and goodwill to match the time of year. And whereas committee men like Colin Howe or Bob Newman might have the natural stature and others connected with the club — C.D. Williams, Gareth Roberts, skipper Norster, to name but three — the overall generosity for the part, it was decided that our coach, Mr. Gwilym Treharne, would be a suitable person to dispense Christmas presents for our heroes.

But before he handed anything out to others, my informers decided that Gwilym himself might cheerfully be the recipient of some gifts: like, for example, a new bobble-hat for training evenings, a new set of teeth, a friend with whom to speak Welsh when Gareth Roberts, Geraint John, Pete Manning or Albert Francis aren't present, any other friend and an orange box on which to stand to make himself seen when Albert Francis hasn't cut the Arms Park grass. Our tame cartoonist Derek Stears gives the last point seasonal topicality on the page opposite by suggesting that the snow might be too deep also.

But talking of Arms Park grasses, the afore-mentioned Mr. Manning should, it is suggested, receive a set of building bricks to help him along with those extensions he is putting up when he should be teaching — in addition to a free pass to the Bank.

And whereas Terry Charles may well receive in his stocking tonight a book entitled 'A hundred and one (more) ways to cook pasta', our free-ranging winger Gerry Cordle (cue for a topical carol: What will Gerald's angels bring?) may not receive anything from his teammates because his friends "in the docks can get him anything anyhow."

Suggestions for Mark Ring stocking-fillers are legion. A simple watch would do for one, though more pressing requirements might be a selection of timetables for British Rail (Northern region), British Airways, National Welsh and the WRU squad sessions. Other possibilities include a North-country caddie to help him decide which club to choose, and a Guide to Successful Gambling, which he might then lend to Mr. Michael Rayer and Mr. Tim Crothers.

Toupees (or, in view of the numbers involved, that should be threeppees) would make very acceptable gifts under the tree tomorrow morning for our trio who have grown far beyond their hairlines, Messrs. Steve Crandon (and if anyone had been able to find you, I'd have had you last week, Steve), Wally Blackmore and Constable Collins.

Talking of hair, I understand that Alan Phillips has bought some shampoo for Malcolm Dacey, whom he christened "Chip Pan Head" because of the blossoming businessman's smooth hairstyle. But I also hear that there are accusations of industrial espionage and sabotage being hurled about by these two.

Mr. Dacey, you see, is a senior member in Wales of the giant OCS Group of Companies, among whose activities are overall office management including cleaning. Mr. Phillips is also by way of being in industrial cleaning (windows a speciality) and there could be territorial battles in the Porthcawl area. So, a new mop, scrubbing brush and chamois leather for our bucket-and-broom brigade.

In that particular patch, there also lives our little song thrush, Mr. Raymond Giles. Unanimous opinion is that he should receive tomorrow either a new voice or an affidavit guaranteeing that he will never again sing when any other member of the club is present — a promise which has also been received from Richie Collins.

Raymond is the holder of the worst-voice-in-South-and-Mid-Glamorgan title for 1986, 87 and 88: his rendering of Little Donkey has to be heard to be believed.

Finally in today's round-up of unwanted presents, I'm told that Gareth Ming Roberts will be receiving a new wallet — though no one knows why because he hasn't opened last year's yet. I hope he has more luck in selling his wife's Fiat car: it's said to be worth about £50 but he's trying to sell the number plate for ten times that amount.

None of which, of course, has any element of truth in it at all. Well, not much. Nor, probably, will Monday's Boxing Day column when I report on some of the presents others did receive — or should have received.

What Quidnunc does say in total honesty, though, is a happy Christmas to both his readers, all his purveyors and suppliers of irreverent and usually irrelevant information — and even to the girls in the office who are always threatening to reveal the truth but who never do.

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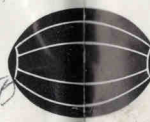
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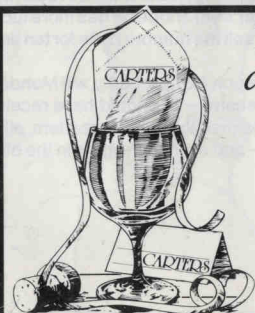
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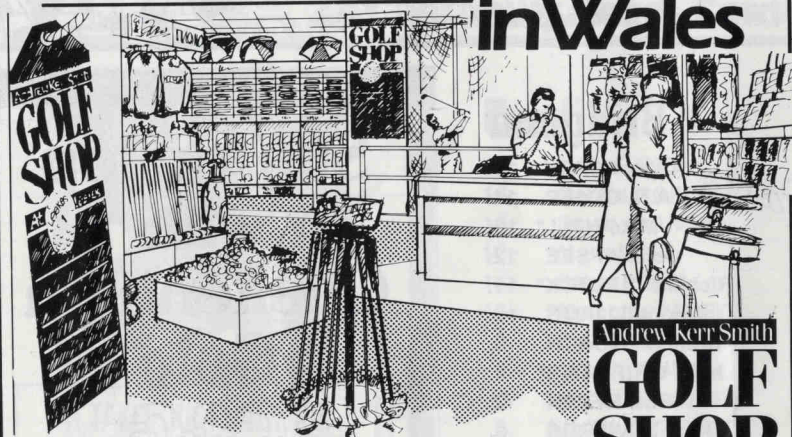
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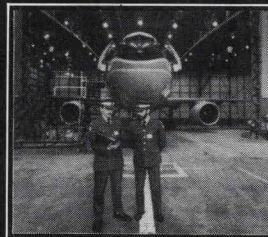
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1. 4: 1979, 1980, 1981 and 1982.
2. 2: 1979 and 1980.
3. 5: 1963-4, 1965-6, 1969-70, 1970-1 and 1980-1.
4. John Lloyd: 24.
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2	S. HUGHES	Right Wing	Right Wing	TONY MORGAN	14
3	A. D. WILLIAMS	Right Centre	Right Centre	RON EVANS	13
4	H. M. ROBERTS (Capt.)	Left Centre	Left Centre	KEITH BRADSHAW (Capt.)	12
5	M. RICHARDS	Left Wing	Left Wing	LYNN DAVIES	11
6	J. EVANS	Outside Half		BILLY GRIFFITHS	10
7	T. B. WILLIAMS	Inside Half		TERRY DUNNE	9
8	C. H. NORRIS	Forwards		BRIAN JONES	1
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FIRST XV FIXTURES

1988			
SEPTEMBER			
Thur. 1	East District	H	48-17
Sat. 3	Bristol	H	17-23
Wed. 7	Glamorgan Wanderers	H	36-18
Sat. 10	Neath	A	10-49
Tue. 13	B. Columbia	H	25-25
Sat. 17	Coventry	H	17-10
Sat. 24	Aberavon	A	20-9
OCTOBER			
Sat. 1	Newport	H	36-10
Wed. 5	Bridgend	A	6-28
Sat. 8	Pontypool	H	17-6
Sat. 15	Harlequins	H	38-20
Sat. 22	Cambridge University	A	11-28
Wed. 26	Pontypridd	A	27-27
Sat. 29	Moseley	A	20-20
NOVEMBER			
Sat. 5	Leicester	H	26-24
Wed. 9	Oxford University	H	6-20
Sat. 12	Ebbw Vale	A	19-24
Sat. 19	Pyle (Cup)		25-9
Tue. 29	Llanelli	H	12-26
DECEMBER			
Sat. 3	Swansea (abandoned)	A	0-9
Sat. 10	London Welsh	A	28-16
Sat. 17	Amman Utd (Cup)	H	52-0
Sat. 24	Bridgend	H	.....
Mon. 26	Pontypridd	H	.....
Sat. 31	Maesteg	H	.....

1989			
JANUARY			
Sat. 7	Bath	A	.....
Sat. 14	Aberavon	H	.....
Tue. 17	Maesteg	A	.....
Sat. 28	W.R.U. Cup 5th Round		.....
FEBRUARY			
Sat. 11	Newport	A	.....
Wed. 15	Penarth	H	.....
Sat. 25	W.R.U. Cup 6th Round		.....
Tue. 28	Bristol	A	.....
MARCH			
Sat. 4	Ebbw Vale	H	.....
Sat. 11	Pontypool	A	.....
Fri. 17	London Welsh	H	.....
Sat. 25	Barbarians	H	.....
APRIL			
Sat. 1	Nottingham	A	.....
Sat. 8	Swansea (W.R.U. Cup Semi-Final)	H	.....
Sat. 15	Neath	H	.....
Sat. 22	Newbridge	A	.....
Wed. 26	Pencoed	A	.....
Sat. 29	Llanelli	A	.....
MAY			
Sat. 6	W.R.U. Cup Final		.....

ATHLETIC XV FIXTURES

1988			
SEPTEMBER			
Thur. 1	Llantwit Fardre	A	18-8
Sat. 3	Bristol United	A	22-25
Wed. 7	Glamorgan Wanderers II	A	30-9
Sat. 10	Mountain Ash	H	19-4
Wed. 14	Garndiffaith	A	49-13
Sat. 17	Coventry Extras	A	31-25
Wed. 21	Llandaff North	H	19-15
Sat. 24	Sengenhydd	H	39-4
Wed. 28	Kenfig Hill	H	11-7
OCTOBER			
Sat. 1	Newport United	A	24-10
Wed. 5	Newport Saracens	H	30-13
Sat. 8	Pontypool Athletic	A	32-13
Wed. 12	Barry	H	38-3
Wed. 19	Bridgend Ravens	H	27-9
Sat. 22	Abercarn	A	13-13
Wed. 26	Pontypridd Athletic	H	42-7
Sat. 29	Moseley United	H	76-20
NOVEMBER			
Sat. 5	Leicester Extras	A	4-50
Sat. 12	Ebbw Vale Athletic	H	38-26
Sat. 19	St. Josephs	A	30-15
DECEMBER			
Sat. 3	Swansea Athletic	H	3-17
Fri. 9	Old Illydians	H	48-16
Sat. 17	Barry	A	46-3
Sat. 24	Bridgend Ravens	A	.....
Sat. 31	Bridgend Sports	A	.....

1989			
JANUARY			
Sat. 7	Bath United	H	.....
Sat. 14	Neath Athletic	A	.....
Sat. 28	Newport Saracens	A	.....
FEBRUARY			
Fri. 3	Llangennech	A	.....
Sat. 11	Newport United	H	.....
Fri. 17	Pontypool United	A	.....
Sat. 25	Llandaff	H	.....
Tue. 28	Bristol United	H	.....
MARCH			
Sat. 4	Ebbw Vale	A	.....
Sat. 11	Pontypool Athletic	H	.....
Wed. 15	Pontypool United	H	.....
Wed. 22	Cardiff HSOB	H	.....
Wed. 29	Llanharan	H	.....
APRIL			
Sat. 1	Rumney	H	.....
Wed. 5	Pontypridd Athletic	A	.....
Sat. 8	Swansea Athletic	A	.....
Wed. 11	Llandaff North	A	.....
Sat. 15	Llanharan	A
Sat. 22	Bridgend Sports	H
Wed. 26	Bedwas	A
Sat. 29	Neath Athletic	H

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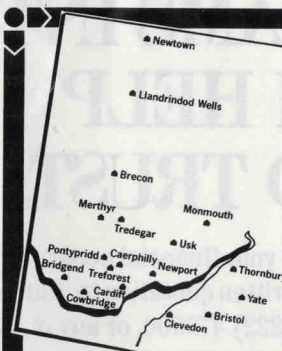
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