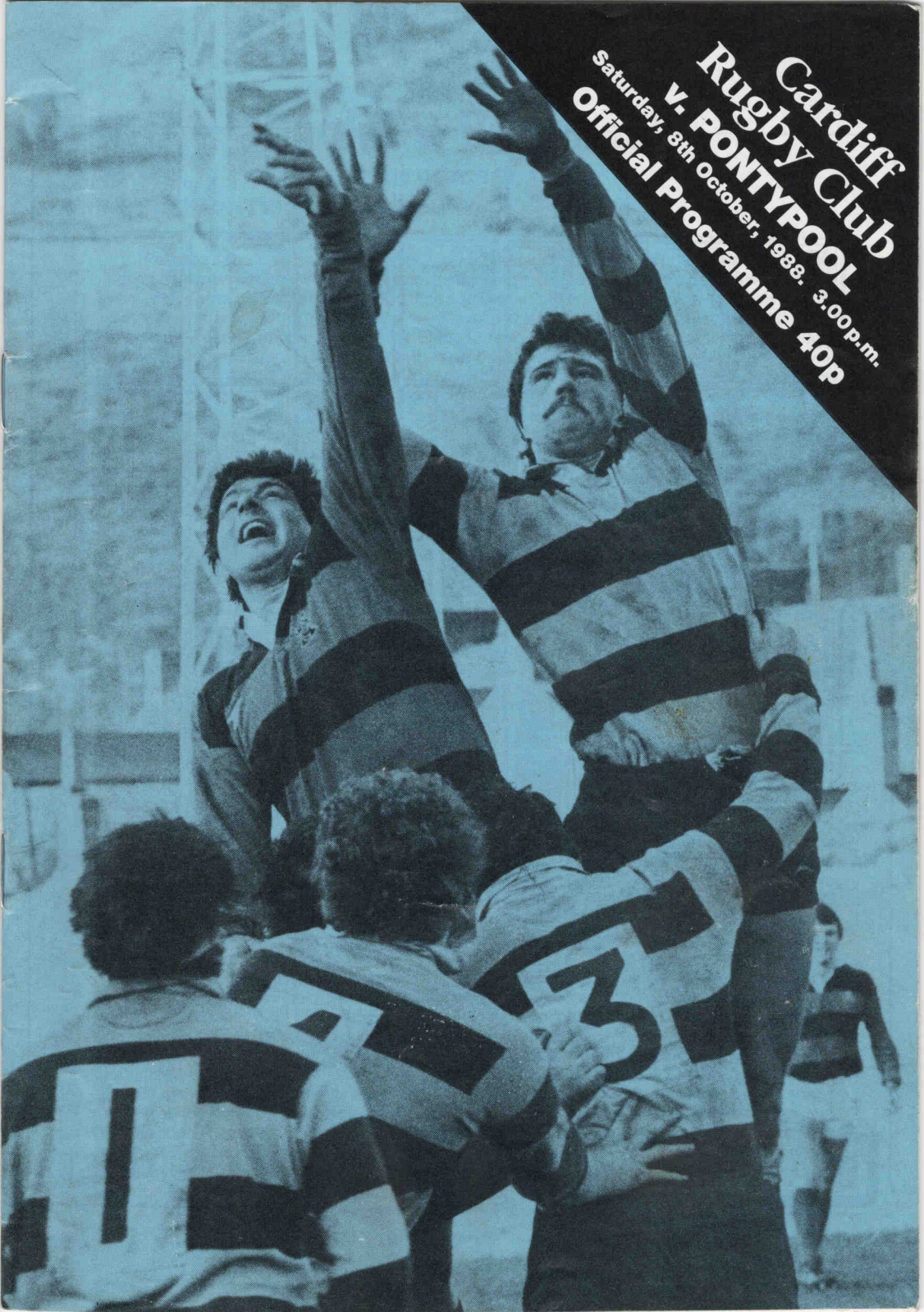
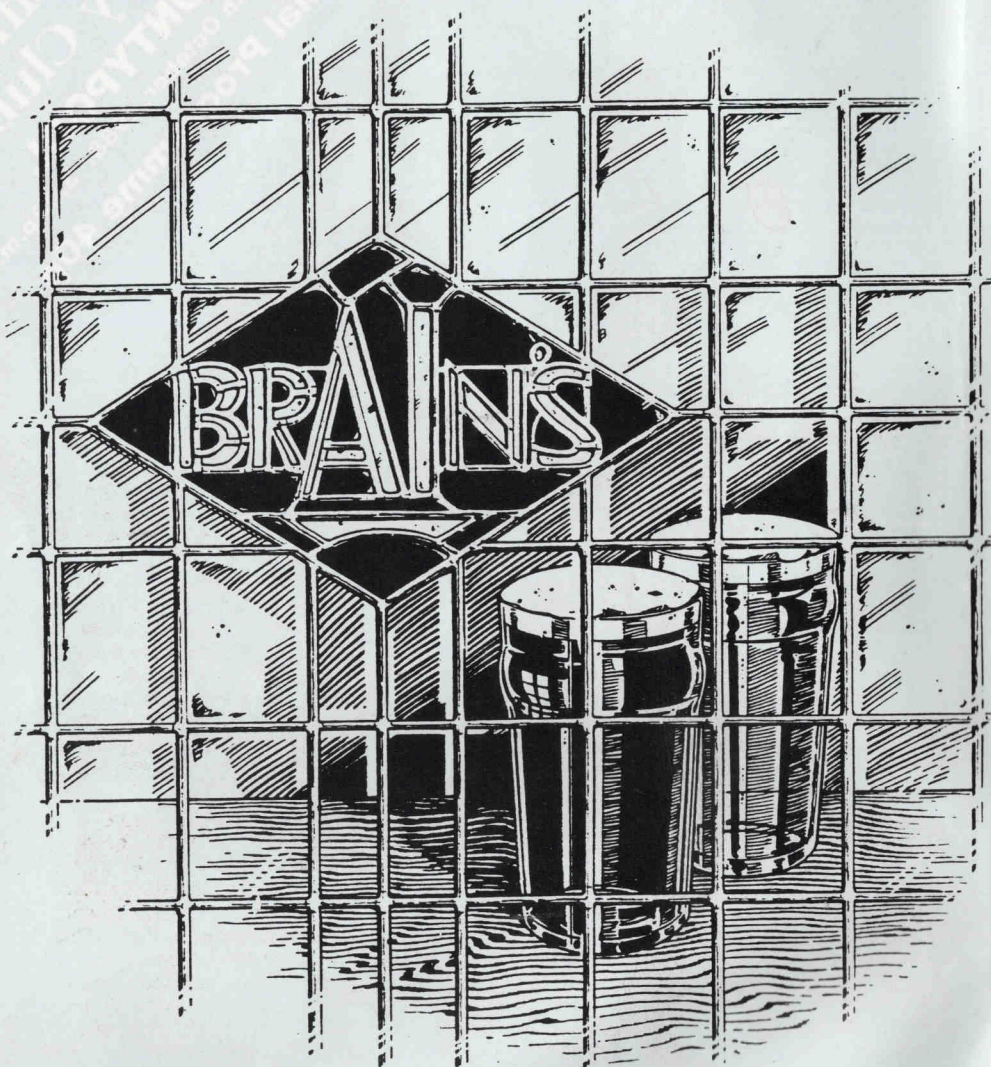


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## **Cardiff v. Pontypool**

**SATURDAY, 8th OCTOBER, 1988**

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

Perhaps a stranger visiting The Arms Park for the final twenty minutes of last Saturday's game against Newport would have been forgiven for thinking everything in Cardiff's garden was looking very rosy. There we were, piling up the tries against our old enemy with some scintillating back play well worthy of Cardiff's best. There was Steve Ford making his first very welcomed and highly impressive reappearance on Blue and Black territory. His display during that final onslaught brought the spectators to their feet with the warming satisfaction that here was another wing who was capable of becoming the darling of the crowd as so many Cardiff wingmen have done before him. Then again we were very happy indeed with the knowledge that Richie Collins is so razor keen to hang on to his place in the National Side that he has decided to throw in his lot with us. Now that's some acquisition and with his dynamic style of play his partnership with Gareth Roberts should ensure us of plenty ball from loose situations. Furthermore, it's always gratifying to see men playing in their home team colours and Richie certainly qualifies on that score.

Yes that mythical visitor would well be forgiven his thoughts. One swallow does not make a summer however and on the debit side of things the threatening storm clouds that have been hanging over Roger Bidgood's head have now burst into the rain of abject disappointment for both him and us. The medical profession have confirmed that Roger has to undergo an operation to rectify his shoulder trouble so he will be out of the game for some while. We commiserate with Roger about his sad news but wish him a very successful operation and a speedy recovery. In the few games he has played for us we saw how strong a player he was and his total commitment in both attack and defence was a joy to watch.

The gloom and doom brigade had a field day when they saw the BaaBaas put 60 points on Newport last Tuesday however, which, they contend, took some of the significance out of our victory. Then came the disaster at Bridgend on Wednesday. The Brewery Field outfit has really become something of a cagey team to us these days. We always seem to score our worst performances for that particular venue and as was reported again about Wednesday's game, Bridgend turned out their best performance of the season. They are now rapidly approaching parity in overall results as this latest win was their 51st just 9 behind our 60. Will they become the first club we play on a regular basis to snatch a very proud record we hold. At this point no club has beaten us more times than we have beaten them.

The mid-week fixture is now becoming a thing of the past however and thank goodness for it. With just two more before Christmas and only three after it signals the end of the continuous Wednesday-Saturday slog throughout September and October which was par for the course many years ago. For instance in season 1983/84 we played no fewer than 19 games in the first two months of that campaign as opposed to 14 that will have been played by the end of this month.

Back to today then and it gives us great pleasure to welcome Pontypool as our visitors this afternoon. We hope too, that the weather will be a little more amiable than of late. Today's game brings the series to 153 games since its inception in January 1908 and the record of the previous 152 games reads 95 wins to us, 41 to 'Pooler' and 16 drawn. Points wise we have scored 1776 to their 1187. A closer look at these statistics reveals some interesting facts. Up to the start of our centenary season 1976/77 we had met each other on 123 occasions. Of these games we had won 85 to Pooler's 25 with 13 games drawn. The 29 ensuing games since have resulted in 16 wins to the Gwent men, 10 to ourselves and three drawn. Of these 25 wins up to 1976/77 only 5 had been registered on Cardiff Arms Park but since then in their total of 16 wins, 6 of them have come in Cardiff. Two of these victories were achieved within a matter of weeks of each other last season of course when Pontypool played us in a cup game and then a normal domestic game some two weeks later. They are our most played opponents in the Cup having met on seven occasions five of which were on Pontypool Park, only one at Cardiff and the other a semi-final at Rodney Parade. Of those seven games we have won five and lost two. So apart from the Cup we have had to play second fiddle to 'Pooler' over the last 20 odd years.

Last season Pontypool swept nearly all in front of them of 47 games played. Only Bridgend



and then Neath in the cup lowered their colours. They cake-walked both the Western Mail Table and The Whitbread but the big one — The Cup — eluded them once again. That big day occasion seemed to pass them by alright because over the last 15 years they have taken five championship titles and eight Merit Tables but they have appeared in only one Cup Final when they beat Swansea 18-6 in 1983.

Much of this success had stemmed from the dedicated and inspirational coaching of the great Ray Prosser. His love for all things 'Pooler' is proudly and unashamedly acclaimed and he now acts in the capacity of team manager. John Perkins has taken over the coaching and as he is quoted as saying, "I'll be very upset if Prosser doesn't stick his nose into coaching aspects of the club."

The 'Pooler' are finding that life is different after David Bishop and with Mark Ring returning to us, Roger Bidgood also transferring and Paul Rees stepping down a level they have lost a very strong nucleus indeed. Added to this is the retirement of the inimitable Graham Price to inflict a sledgehammer blow on the Gwent side. Their results this season show six wins from nine games. Their start to the season was horrendous when they were taken apart at home by Bath but this appears to be a fate awaiting many a club this year. Their other defeats came at the hands of Munster and Bridgend but wins over Swansea away and Maesteg at home have put them in good heart for today's encounter. A win today would give them three consecutive victories on the Arms Park and that's something they have never done before. It's welcome again then to Pontypool, on this your 74th visit to Cardiff Arms Park.

Chris Collins Rags team have now chalked up a string of nine consecutive wins with the latest two coming against Newport Saracens last Wednesday. They now have 10 wins from their 11 games and have scored 292 points for and 133 against. They are always worth a visit when playing at home.

Finally today it only remains to offer our sincere thanks to **Allied Dunbar** for their generous sponsorship of this afternoon's game. We trust that all concerned will have a very enjoyable time. P.N.

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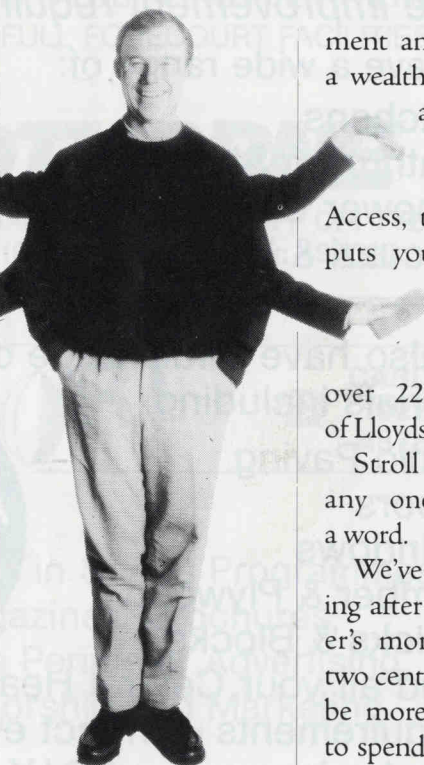
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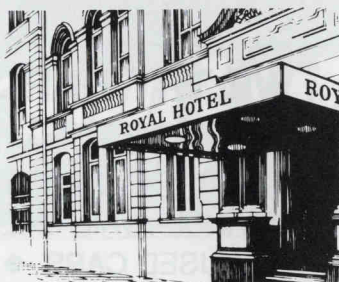
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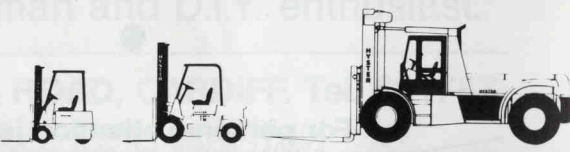
## Rugby Quiz – No. 6

It's all about Pontypool today.

1. How many times have Pontypool won the Welsh Club Championship since the Second World War?
2. When was the first of those successes?
3. How many caps did their legendary coach Ray Prosser win?
4. How many test matches did he play for the British Lions?
5. Have Pontypool ever got to the final of the Snelling Sevens?

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## KNOW THE LAWS

By J. E. MALCOLM THOMAS  
**THE FREE KICK**

There is an important alteration to LAW 28 on the Free Kick this season. It reads, "Having so retired, players of the opposing team may charge with a view to preventing the kick, **as soon as the kicker** places the ball on the ground or begins his run or offers to kick".

Therefore as soon as the ball is placed on the ground for the purpose of taking a 'tap kick' the opposing team may charge.

**But please remember, whilst the opposition may charge a Free Kick, they certainly cannot charge a penalty.**

Already this season, on many occasions, I have heard spectators urging players to charge an opponent as he is about to take a penalty. The opposition can only charge a Free Kick as above.

**Spectators should note carefully how the referee signals for the offence.** The correct signal for a penalty is the arm fully stretched well above the shoulder pointing to the non offending side. For a Free Kick the referee should signal with the arm bent at the elbow. So please be observant – you will then know the difference.

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## QUIDNUNC'S COLUMN

SEEKING a photograph of the victim of today's peregrinations in order to help Derek Stears in his cartooning (opposite), the alternative choices seemed singularly appropriate. The one shows him with pint of lager in hand, the other sporting an enormous black eye presented to him by a hostile gentleman from Bristol United in a Rags match earlier this season. In both Mark Edwards has a beatific smile on his face. Quidnunc is only marginally surprised that he is not in either photograph dressed in a toga: Mr Edwards, macho man as he is, has a thing about dressing as a Roman.

'Sneggy', as he is known along with most of the denziens of Senghenydd, is nevertheless something of a mystery man: stories about him are not easy to come by. It was just possible, I thought, that people avoided him because of his enormous appetite for garlic bread — a hunger which would also explain why this 6ft 6in, 17 stone hulk was unmarried, not even engaged. Not so. There is, it turns out, no shortage of young ladies who also share his hungers. For garlic bread, that is.

They're even prepared occasionally to put up with his off-beat (and, it is said, off-key) rendition of that well-known composition of classical music, the Rhinestone Cowboy. Otherwise Mr Edwards tends to concentrate on his sporting activities with the odd winning visit to casinos, possibly in the company of Messrs Bob Newman, now of committee fame, and Rags scrum-half Andy Moore.

The former Cross Keys captain — he was once on the bench in a Wales squad trial — still has the ambition to win a full cap, preferring to play at No 8 but always ready to move into the second row. "I am still learning and, hopefully, still improving", he says....

### MARK WALTER EDWARDS

#### PERSONAL DETAILS

**Birthplace:** Senghenydd.

**Birthday:** March 26, 1963.

**Height/Weight:** 6ft 6in, 17 stone.

**Education:** Senghenydd Comprehensive.

**Married:** No.

**Previous clubs:** Senghenydd, Cross Keys, Port Hacking (Sydney, Australia).

**Employment:** Tyre fitter.

**Car:** Ford Escort.

**Superstition:** Always wears socks round ankles, despite committee requests to pull 'em up.

**Club Nickname:** Sneggy — like what they call Senghenydd, see.

**Hobbies:** Squash

#### PERSONAL FAVOURITES

**Rugby Player:** Murray Mexted, the All Black No 8. "I know he's past it now but he's the one I'll always admire."

**Referee:** Deep thought here before.... Clive Norling.

**Other Sports:** Squash, Soccer.

**Other Sportsman:** Daley Thompson.

**Film:** The Deer Hunters

**Actor:** John Cleese.

**Actress:** Goldie Horn.

**Comedian:** Benny Hill.

**Pop Group:** Pink Floyd.

**Holiday Resort:** Spain

**Food:** Steaks, steaks and more steaks (appropriately at Taurus).

**Drink:** Lager, lager and more lager.

**Politician:** Margaret Thatcher — "she's so strong".

**Rugby Ground:** Rodney Parade (Honestly!)

**Biggest influence:** Father — who played only for Senghenydd Seconds but who always encourages, always watches.

#### MEMORIES

**Best:** Being captain of Cross Keys 1986-87.

**Worst:** Being captain of Cross Keys in 1986-87. "We lost so many matches."

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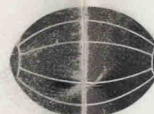
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| 14. | S. FORD              |                  | Right Wing   |
| 13. | S. CRANDON           | <i>1 to 2</i>    | Right Centre |
| 12. | G. JOHN              | <i>R. Jones</i>  | Left Centre  |
| 11. | C. CORDLE            |                  | Left Wing    |
| 10. | M. RING              | <i>1 to 2</i>    | Outside Half |
| 9.  | R. GILES             | <i>1 to 2</i>    | Inside Half  |
| 1.  | J. WHITEFOOT         |                  | Forwards     |
| 2.  | A. PHILLIPS          |                  |              |
| 3.  | D. YOUNG             |                  |              |
| 4.  | R. NORSTER (Captain) |                  |              |
| 5.  | J. JENKINS           |                  |              |
| 6.  | R. COLLINS           |                  |              |
| 8.  | H. STONE             |                  |              |
| 7.  | G. ROBERTS           |                  |              |
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### Pontypool

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|  | A. GLASSON        | 14.   |
|  | M. KEHOE          | 13.   |
|  | K. ORRELL         | 12.   |
|  | S. WATKINS        | 11.   |
|  | G. POWELL         | 10.1C |
|  | N. O'BRIEN        | 9.    |
|  | S. JONES          | 1.    |
|  | A. PEACOCK        | 2.    |
|  | J. WILLIAMS       | 3.    |
|  | R. GOODEY         | 4.    |
|  | K. MOSELEY        | 5.    |
|  | C. HUIH (Captain) | 6.    |
|  | T.A. CARTER       | 8.    |
|  | V. DAVIES         | 7.    |
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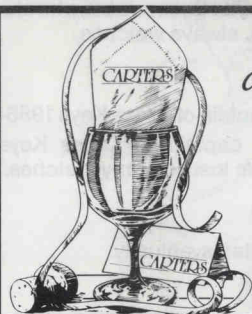
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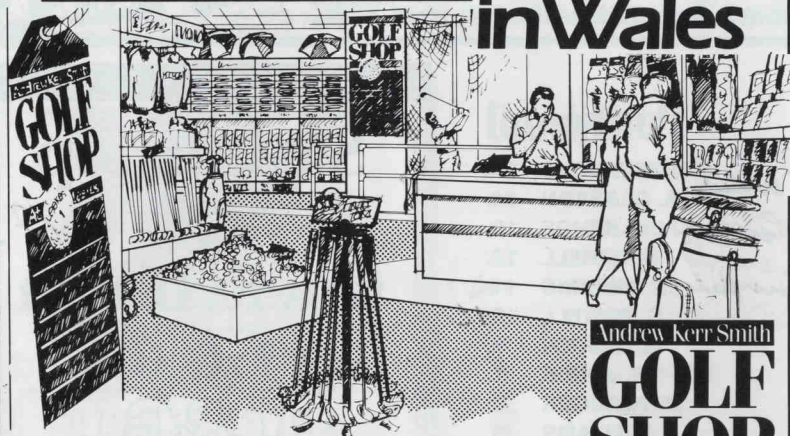
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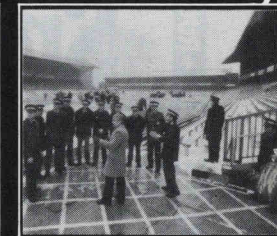
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## Rugby Quiz No. 6 – Answers

1. Seven times.
2. Season 1958-59.
3. 22.
4. Four against New Zealand in 1958.
5. Yes, twice in 1959 and 1961. They lost to Newport on both occasions.

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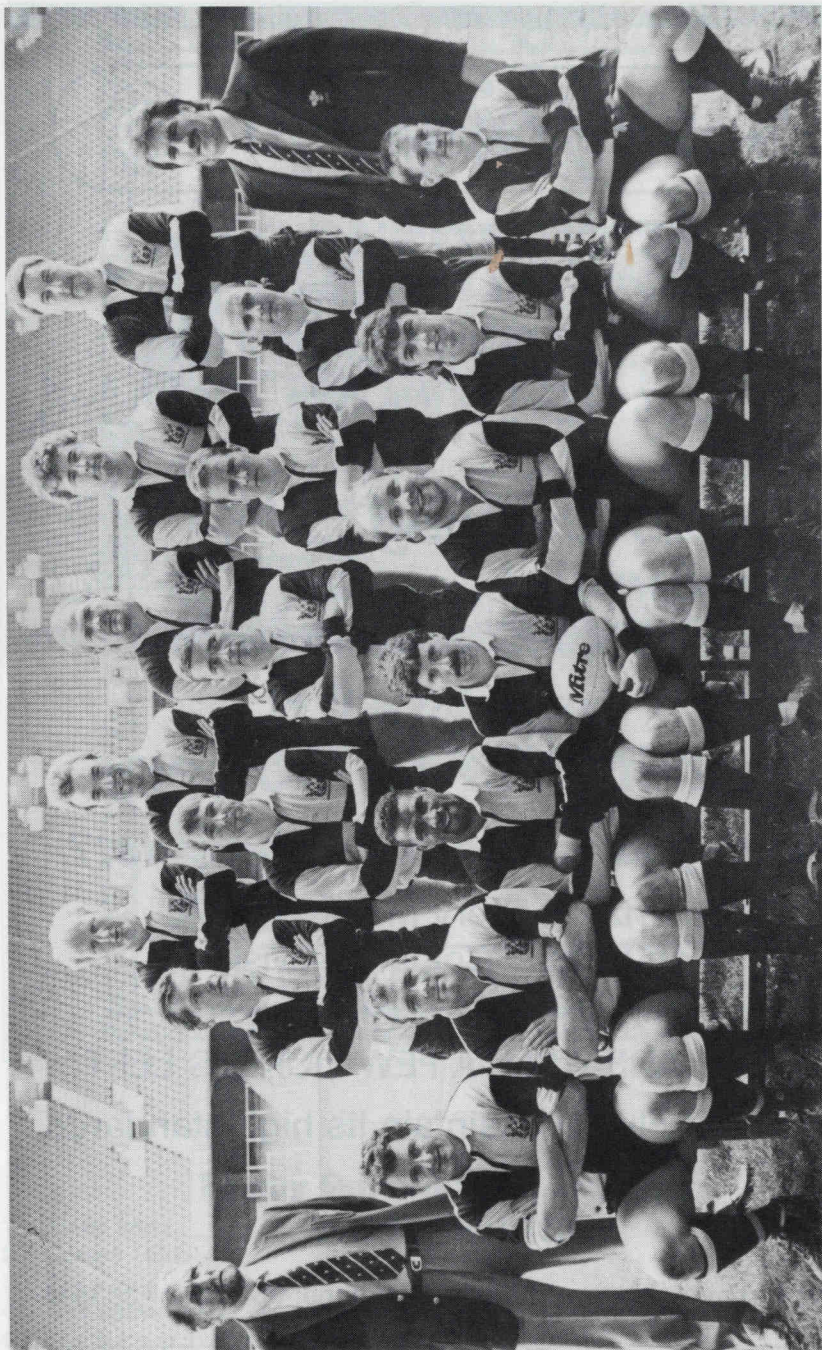
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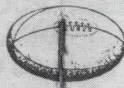




BACK ROW (left to right): R. Lakin, H. Stone, G. Roberts, M. Parry, M. Rowley. MIDDLE ROW (left to right): R. Beard, A. Hadley, M. Dacey, A. Martin, I. Greenslade, C. Hutchings, R. Norster. FRONT ROW (left to right): A. Phillips, J. Whitefoot, G. Cordle, A. Donovan, S. Blackmore, G. John, R. Giles.

## A Look Into The Past ....

This game was played on 31st March 1947 at Pontypool. It was only the third game since resumption of fixtures after the War. Cardiff won the game 5-3. Some great old names in the teams below aren't there?

CARDIFF		PONTYPOOL	
FULL-BACK— R. MANFIELD		FULL-BACK— (1) A. N. OTHER	
THREE-QUARTERS— GWYN PORTER <i>Right Wing</i> BLEDDYN WILLIAMS <i>Right Centre</i> H. LOVELUCK <i>Left Centre</i> H. WILKINS <i>Left Wing</i>		THREE-QUARTERS— (2) A. MORGAN, <i>Left Wing</i> , (3) T. COOKE, (4) K. NORMAN (5) S. YORK, <i>Right Wing</i> .	
HALF-BACKS— W. DARCH or F. TROTT G. MARTIN <i>Outside</i> <i>Inside</i>		HALF-BACKS— (6) M. HORTON, <i>Outside</i> , (7) A. G. SMITH <i>Inside</i> .	
FORWARDS— M. JAMES C. DAVIES S. BOWES ROY ROBERTS L. MANFIELD G. WILLIAMS A. M. THOMAS J. J. BESWICK		FORWARDS FROM— (9) REG. FLOWERS, <i>Captain</i> , (18) D. TURNER (16) T. MATTHEWS (11) D. HAYWARD (12) A. TAYLOR (14) V. TAYLOR (15) A. FORWARD (17) R. CALE (10) G. HIRST	
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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 .....
Sat. 15	Harlequins	H .....
Sat. 22	Cambridge University	A .....
Wed. 26	Pontypridd	A .....
Sat. 29	Moseley	A .....

NOVEMBER

Sat. 5	Leicester	H .....
Wed. 9	Oxford University	H .....
Sat. 12	Ebbw Vale	A .....
Sat. 19	W.R.U. Cup 3rd Round	.....
Tue. 29	Llanelli	H .....

DECEMBER

Sat. 3	Swansea	A .....
Sat. 10	London Welsh	A .....
Sat. 17	W.R.U. Cup 4th Round	.....
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	H .....
	(W.R.U. Cup Semi-Final)	.....
Sat. 15	Neath	H .....
Sat. 22	Newbridge	A .....
Wed. 26	Pencoed	A .....
Sat. 29	Llanelli	A .....

MAY

Sat. 6	W.R.U. Cup Final	.....
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## 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 .....
Wed. 12	Barry	H .....
Wed. 19	Bridgend Ravens	H .....
Sat. 22	Abercarn	A .....
Wed. 26	Pontypridd Athletic	H .....
Sat. 29	Moseley United	H .....

NOVEMBER

Sat. 5	Leicester Extras	A .....
Sat. 12	Ebbw Vale Athletic	H .....
Sat. 19	Blackwood	A .....

DECEMBER

Sat. 3	Swansea Athletic	H .....
Sat. 10	Old Iltydians	H .....
Sat. 17	St. Peters	H .....
Sat. 24	Bridgend Ravens	A .....
Sat. 31	Bridgend Sports	A .....

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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	A .....
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 .....

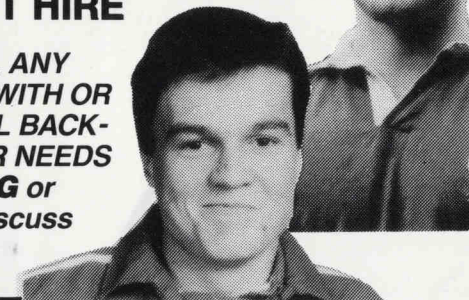
APRIL

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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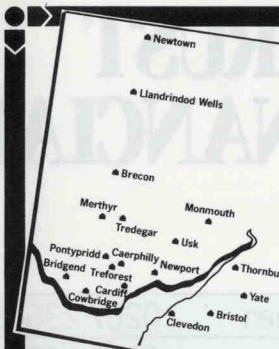
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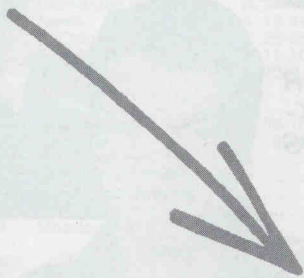
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