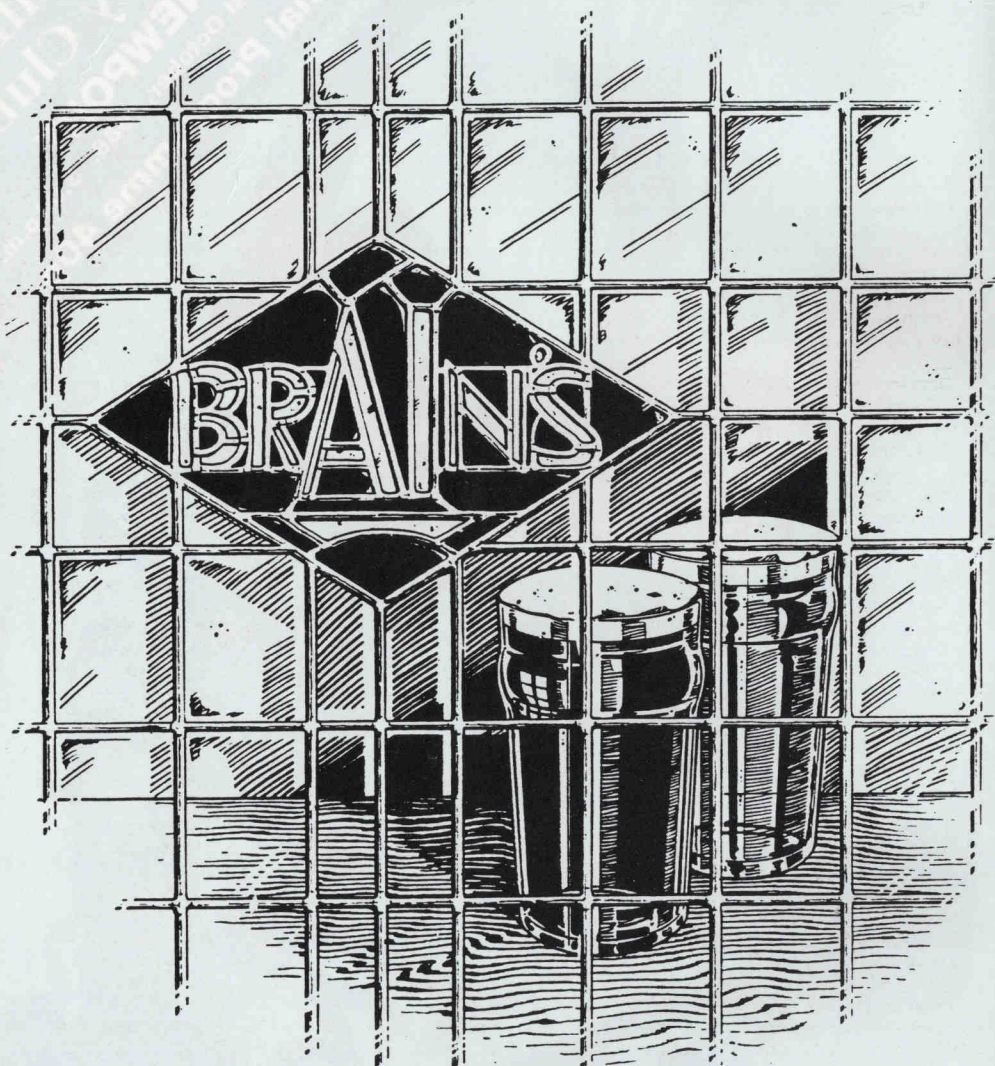


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Cardiff v. Newport

SATURDAY, 1st OCTOBER, 1988

KICK-OFF 3.00p.m.

Off we go then into the second month of what is proving to be rather a momentous season. The word momentous, unfortunately however, refers to the scenario off the field rather than the activities on it. Here we are with only one unbeaten team amongst the top clubs in Wales which appears to be a true reflection of the mediocrity of the state of the game in our neck of the woods at the present time.

From our own point of view we have yet to get our strongest team on the field because of unavailability, injury, and other niggling factors. In spite of this situation we have got off to a better start than that of last season in terms of points scoring. During September last year we won only three out of eight games played whilst scoring 113 points. This included a total of sixteen tries. Our current record for September sees four of seven games won with a points tally of 173 which includes 31 tries, practically double that of last year. Come the day when we can field a full strength side then, it gives a quiet confidence perhaps of what we could achieve. Mind you we will need it over the next few months judging from the strength of the opposition in October and November. Amongst our visitors during that period will be top English clubs Harlequins and Leicester but it will also include a couple of awkward away games on Wednesday evenings against Bridgend and Pontypridd. At the end of this month then we should have a far better idea of our prospects for the remainder of the season.

In the meantime though the controversies still rage. Mind you Welsh Rugby is not alone in this aspect by a long long way. Mr. Ben Johnson seems to have committed the sporting indiscretion of all time and the Australian and Pakistan Cricketers appear to be playing in anything but a lovey-dovey atmosphere.

Let's hope then, particularly from the Welsh Rugby point of view, that good honest communication coupled with a common sense approach can bridge the ominous gaps that seem to be disrupting the system. After all, in just twelve months we will have the mighty All Blacks treading Welsh soil once again. And that is another story is it not.

On to this afternoon then and it gives us the greatest of pleasure to extend a warm welcome to our oldest friendly enemy — Newport. The game this afternoon will stretch the series to 357 encounters by reference to our records. Newport's archives show a different story however and accordingly they maintain that the series will mark a total of 365. Now there's a nice job for some statistical buff, sort that out. Whichever is the case it's certainly by far and away the record because our next most played opponents are Swansea with 257, a hundred games behind. This massive total is of course attributed to the fact that between 1887 and 1976 we regularly played each other on four occasions per season.

It all began (as far as our records are concerned) on December 2, 1876 when the Cardiff Club as we know it today played its first ever competitive game. That inaugural season only consisted of five games. The first of these was an internal affair when the Captains' XV played the Vice Captains' XV. Four other games then ensued against Newport away, Swansea home, Merthyr home and finally Newport again at home. Both the Swansea and Merthyr games were won but the Usksiders won both the other games.

I did wonder if the players participating in that first ever game realised what a chain of events they were instrumental in creating that day. The first ever meeting of clubs has something of aura attached to it and throughout the 112 years of competition this quality has never deserted a Cardiff v Newport game. Regardless of the form of one side or the other the occasion seems to bring out the proud traditions of both clubs and victory becomes a long cherished commodity. The crowds seemed to be insatiable too because they used the turn up in their droves for each occasion. Indeed it is quoted in Newport's history that during what was known as Roy Burnett's reign between 1944 and 1959 the club had over 20,000 in the ground on some seven occasions. Of those occasions Cardiff provided the opposition no fewer than five times. The record gate at Rodney Parade for a game is 31,000 v South Africa in 1952 but for a normal club match it's Cardiff again with 27,000 attending the game in March 1951. Then of course, there was that game at The Arms Park in February 1951 when 48,500 spectators were present. So it certainly appears that the fans could not get enough of it.

For the record, of the 356 games played we have won 170 to Newport's 129 with a very big complement of drawn games — 57. We have totalled 2967 points to Newport's 2258.

Last year Newport had a very disappointing season with only 18 wins from 51 fixtures. It must be said, though, that they had wicked luck with injury problems and for practically the whole season at least a third of their top players were unavailable due to long term injury. This season results have only produced three wins from their eight games.

The latest of these wins was against Cross Keys last Wednesday evening. In spite of the heavy

conditions the Black and Amber's victory by 34 points to 9 was their best performance of the season. Outside-half Gary Abrahams kicked 14 points in that total and Newport hope that he will score many more points with the boot. This aspect of their game was not very good last season as only 59 of their 141 tries were converted and only 58 penalties were successful.

However, new skipper Glen George (at 23 is he Newport's youngest ever?) is convinced that once they get their act together up front they will be there with the best of Wales. They certainly have a mass of experience to call on at forward with the likes of Rhys Morgan and David Waters still going strides. The former of that pair now has 500 plus games to his credit while the latter is not far short of the 500 mark. Along with a lot of young talent now on their playing strength, coaches Jim McCreedy and Keith James are hopeful that Newport's performances will soon again be in the top bracket.

A win in Cardiff today would do that aspiration the world of good because such a result on Cardiff Arms Park has eluded them for some twelve years with their last victory on our ground coming in March 1976. Mind, they did beat us next door in our centenary season 1976-77 in The Schweppes Cup Final. This put the block on what would have been a marvellous climax to that particular celebration.

To Newport then it's welcome again to Cardiff on this your 178th visit to The Arms Park.

For today's game we would also like to welcome M. A. Ceccon an exchange referee from France. We hope he enjoys his day.

Chris Collins and his Rags side are going great guns these days and have got some hefty victories tucked under their belts. Of the nine games played The Rags have won eight and lost just the one to a very much heavier Bristol United side. Points wise they have amassed 238 points with 110 against. They have scored 30 points or more on three occasions and nearly hit the 50 against Garndiffaith when they scored 49 points. They had a tough game last Wednesday however against Kenfig Hill before running out winners by 11 points to 7. Due to the bad weather the game was transferred to Sophia Gardens and it was very encouraging for Chris and his boys to see quite a few faithful followers braving the elements to cheer them on.

Regarding off the field activities, I bet Mrs. M. Jones of Cyncoed, Cardiff is very happy about joining our Lottery. She is the recipient of a brand new mini (car not skirt) from this month's draw. And all for only £6 per month. There are still some tickets spare before the cut off figure of 2000 is reached so don't delay - join today. Details can be found elsewhere in this programme.

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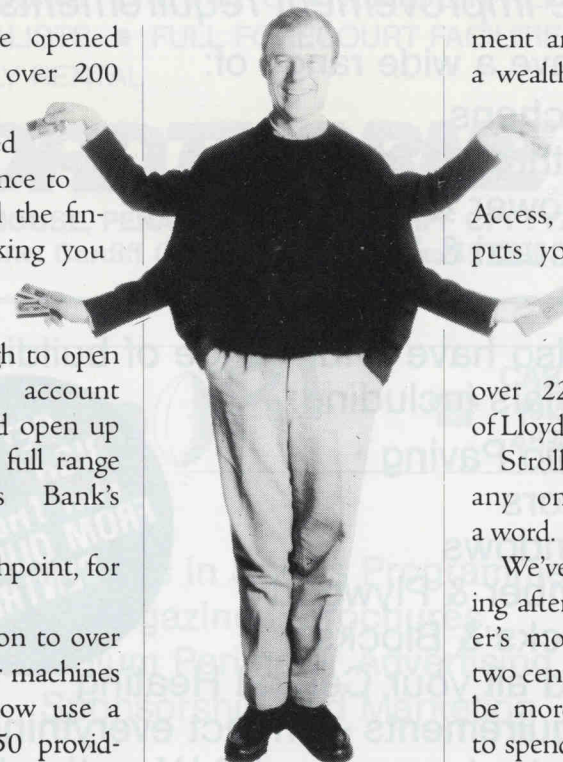
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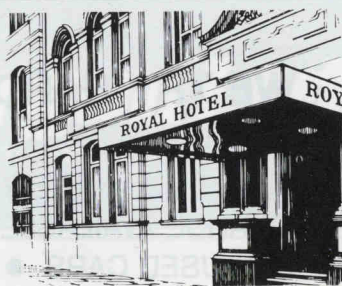
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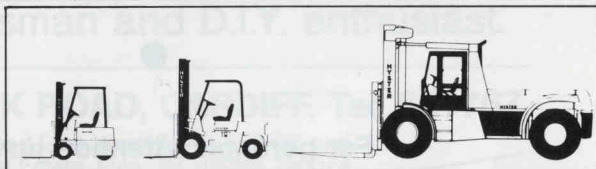
Rugby Quiz – No. 5

With the British Lions tour to Australia at the end of this season, let's see what we know of their record.

1. When was the first fully representative tour in which the Four Home Unions co-operated?
2. Who is the most capped British Lion?
3. Five Welshmen hold the record as most capped in their particular position. Who are they?
4. What was the most successful tour ever?
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THE INTENTION was for Robert Leonard Norster to lie under the Menorcan sun and let the cares of job and rugby football drain away. In fact it was the Menorcan rain which washed off some of the problems: problems which were in no way assisted by the news of Cardiff's defeat at Neath during the afore-mentioned Robert Leonard's holiday. Who was coming out to join the Norster's during the second week of the break? No one other than Paul Thorburn, Gnolish full-back and scorer of twenty-something points in that match, and Mr. and Mrs. Gareth Roberts.

Now, those unlucky enough to get close enough to discover these things will tell you that Mr. Norster's apparently long arms (in the line-out) still do not reach the parts of the pocket where coins and notes are to be found. And that the only person with deeper pockets and shorter arms in the Cardiff squad is Mr. Ming Roberts. The second week of the holiday, then, must have been dry in throat as well as weather (which did improve). When I attempted to discover who bought the rounds, it was suggested that Paul Thorburn might provide an answer. But Paul remained as diplomatic about this as he had done about the Cardiff/Neath result.

I mention this merely en passant and without prejudice — primarily because Bob is a big man and can hit hard when necessary but also because he is the subject of today's meanderings which celebrate his first appearance of the season. And, clearly, while swimming in the thunderstorms, being beaten by Ming at beach tennis and dropping the frisbee, the club captain also gave much thought to the game.

"In theory, the club is bristling with quality players who are very capable of stringing together some very good results," he said just a couple of days ago. Bob was at Aberavon last Saturday when Cardiff won a plethora of good ball, went into a comfortable lead against a highly inexperienced side and then became as miserable as the dank Port Talbot afternoon.

"I was pretty disappointed at the lack of sparkle although conditions did not exactly help the backs," he said afterwards. "We might well have slaughtered them. Perhaps if it had been dry...."

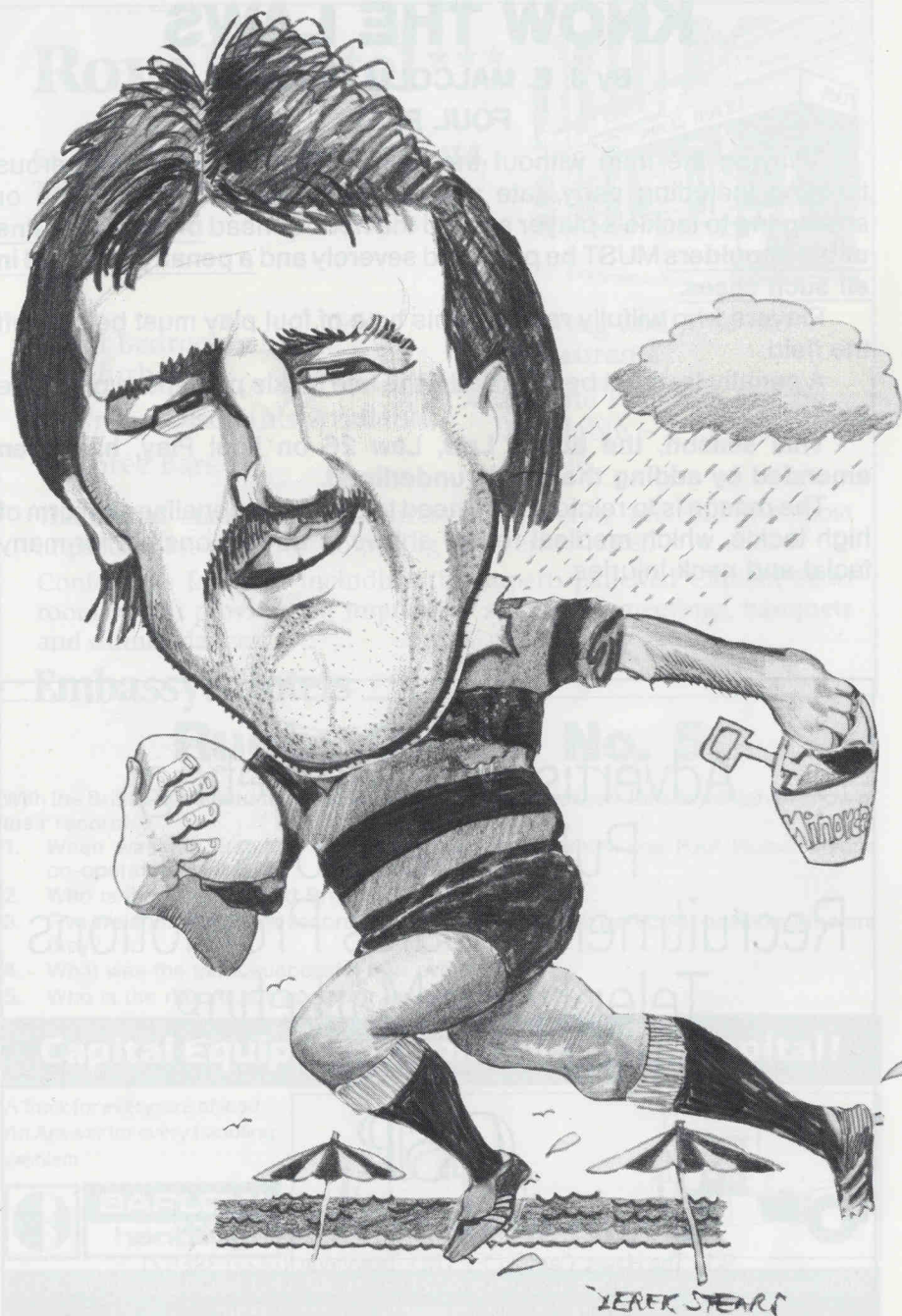
For those strangers among us this afternoon — and there are always some 'outsiders' present — I will briefly sum up the big man's career. Born in June 1957, Bob Norster was educated at Nantyglo Grammar School, the Gwent College of Higher Education and the South Glamorgan Institute, gaining en route a BA Honours Degree. He was chosen for the Welsh team squad while still playing for Abertillery but joined Cardiff before winning his first cap against Scotland in 1982. Since then, he has won a further 31 caps as well as becoming a British Lion, achieving just about every honour in the game and becoming one of its finest ambassadors round the world.

Now, he wants to see Cardiff come back to the top of the pile. Although a damaged shoulder is still likely to play up, those close to him suggest there is a new appetite for the game which was not apparent immediately after his return from the Wales tour to New Zealand this summer. "Bob looks to have rediscovered a bit of zest," says a senior colleague, "and while some in the clubhouse may have been criticising him for not playing so far, he's certainly been training."

Indeed, the skipper trained before his holiday, the sight of him, Gareth Roberts and Paul Thorburn running in Menorca was familiar to fellow holidaymakers and there is a bounce to the step which could spell problems for opposition.

There's a good team waiting to get out at the Arms Park," he says, "and I'm sure it will come together." The latest announcement by Richie Collins that he is joining the club not unnaturally pleases him: "a class player, a splendid acquisition."

And while David Young is still awaiting official clearance to join from Swansea, Bob Norster is in no doubt that there is no real split between the two clubs, "The apartment we stayed in on Menorca was owned by Roger Blythe's family." And even Swansea could not have arranged for the Mediterranean storms.



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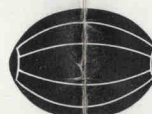
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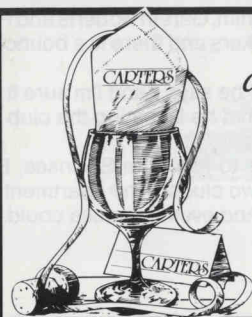
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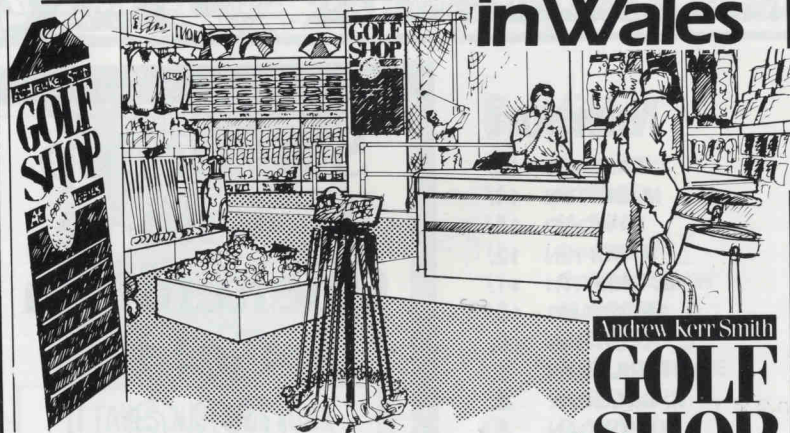
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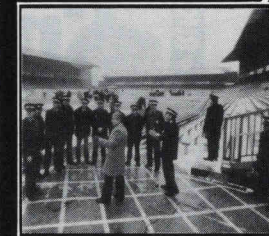
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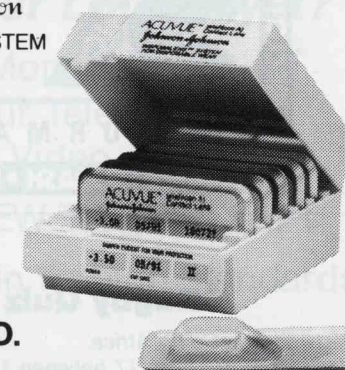


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Rugby Quiz No. 5 – Answers

1. 1910 tour to South Africa.
2. Willie John McBride 17 between 1962 and 1974.
3. J.P.R. Williams eight as full-back; Phil Bennett outside-half, eight; Graham Price prop, twelve; Bryn Meredith hooker, eight and Mervyn Davies No.8, eight.
4. The 1974 to South Africa: Played 22, Won 21, Lost 0, Drew 1, 729 points for, 207 against.
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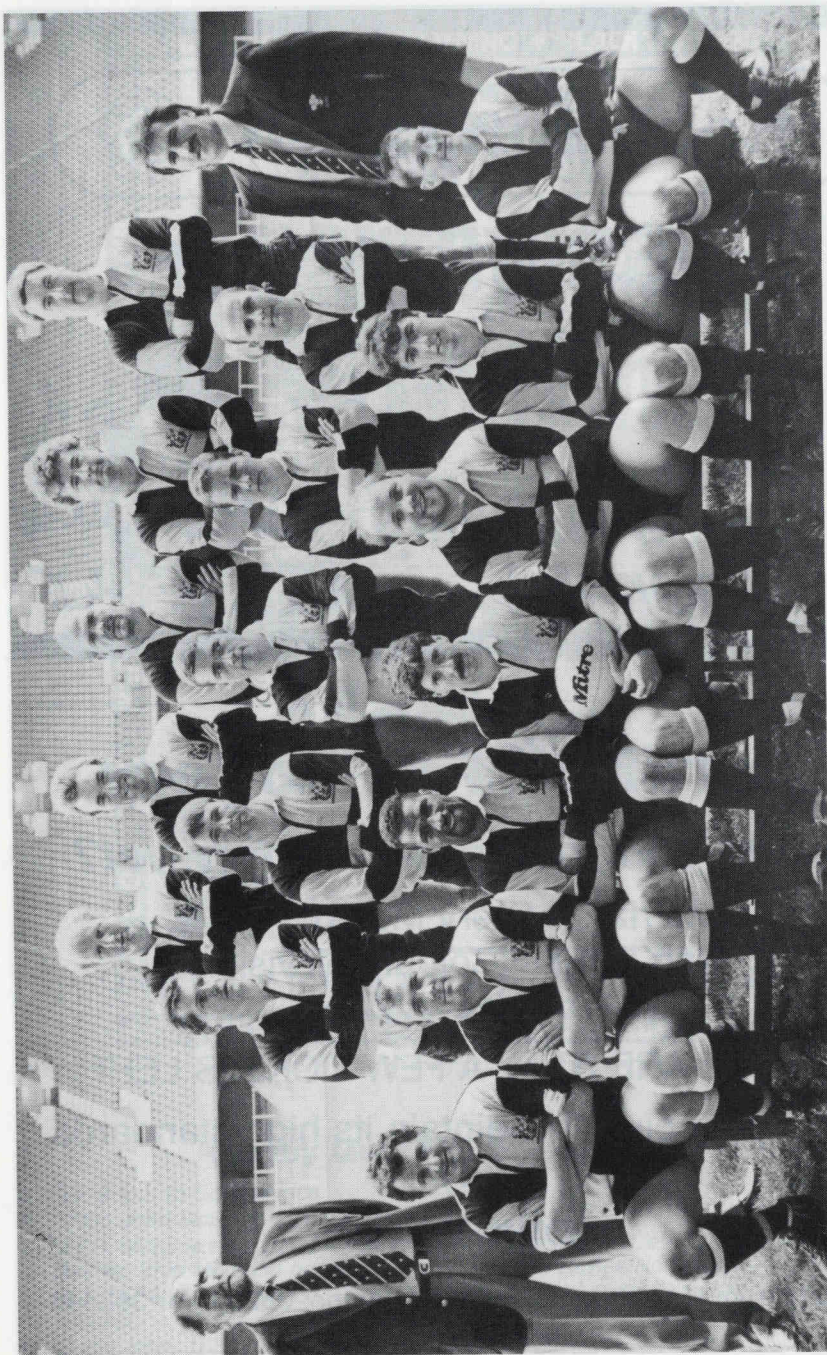
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A Look Into The Past

These were the teams who took the field on the last occasion that Newport won on The Arms Park. No prizes for spotting the 'Grand Old Man' who is the only survivor.

Cardiff

15. J. DAVIES
14. ~~Gareth DAVIES~~ P. BOLAND
13. P. EVANS
12. ~~A. FINLAYSON~~ J. B. JONES
11. C. CAMILLERI
10. Gareth DAVIES
9. B. WILLIAMS
8. ~~G. NELMES~~ G. WALLACE
7. M. JOHN

Full Back
Right Wing
Right Centre
Left Centre
Left Wing
Outside Half
Inside Half
Forwards



Substitutes

Referee: M. JOSEPH (Swansea)

Newport

15. L. DAVIES
14. K. DAVIES
13. D. BURCHER
12. G. EVANS
11. J. MARTIN
10. D. ROGERS
9. A. EVANS
8. C. SMART (Capt.)
7. P. WILLIAMS

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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
Wed. 5	Bridgend	A
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
Wed. 5	Newport Saracens	H
Sat. 8	Pontypool Athletic	A
Wed. 12	Barry	H
Sat. 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	A
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	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

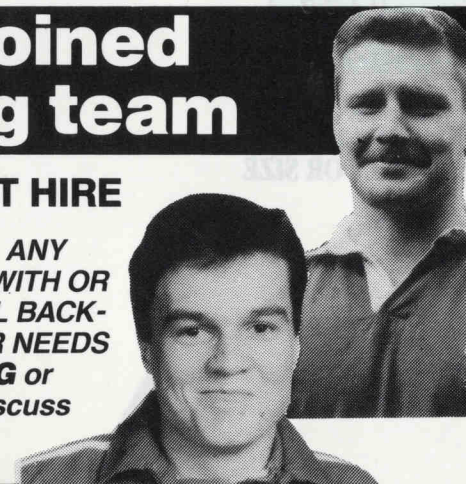
APRIL

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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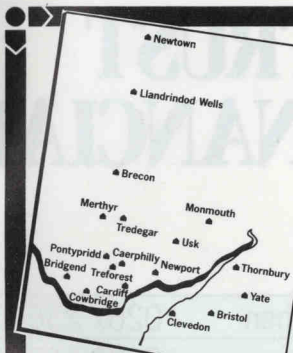
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