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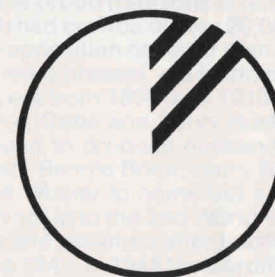


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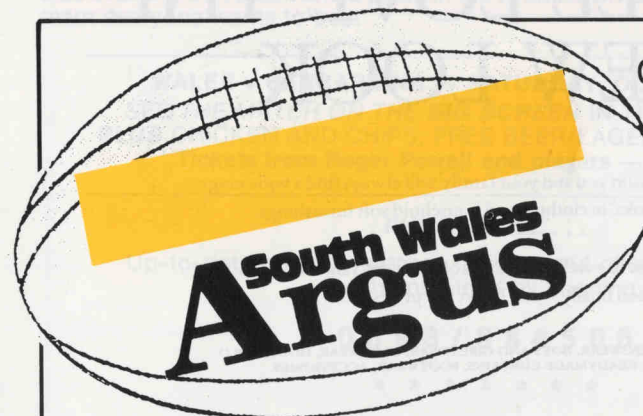
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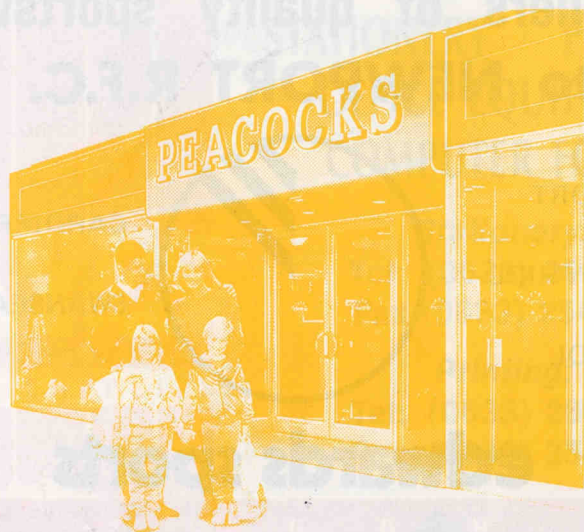


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Cardiff enjoyed a golden era from 1890 until 1910 when such players as Tommy Pearson, Gwyn Nicholls, Rhys Gabe and Percy Bush became household names. The inter-War years continued to produce outstanding players — Tom Wallace, Danny Davies, Arthur Cornish, Ronnie Boon, Harry Bowcott, Codger Johnson, Les Spence, Cliff Jones and Wilf Wooler to name but a few.

In the three seasons leading up to the 2nd World War the Cardiff club won three consecutive championships and resumed after hostilities in similar style by taking that honour again in 1948 and 1949. In 1948 the Cardiff club provided ten players for the Welsh XV to play Scotland.

The second golden era lasted until 1958, during which time the club beat the All Blacks in 1953, and international players such as Cliff Morgan, Rex Willis, Jack Matthews, Bleddyn Williams and Billy Cleaver became British Lions. Cardiff continued to be a magnet for players from all over the country and such greats as Barry John, Gareth Edwards, Maurice Richards, John Scott (England), Gerald Davies, Gareth Davies, Terry Holmes and Bob Norster have all worn the Blue and Black jersey.

For the past few seasons the Cardiff club has suffered a few hiccups, but with a side bristling with talent and a place in the Premier Division, Cardiff will still be "the team everyone wants to beat".

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NEWPORT RUGBY SUPPORTERS CLUB PAGE

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If you want to be a member of the Newport Rugby Supporters Club, come along to the Rodney Hall tonight and join. Membership is only £1.50 for adults and £1.00 for OAP's and schoolchildren.

COACH TRIPS . . .

	Depart	Return
OCTOBER		
20th (Sat.) EBBW VALE (Lge)	1.00	6.30
NOVEMBER		
24th (Sat.) S.W. POLICE (Lge)	1.00	6.30
28th (Wed.) LLANELLI	5.00	9.00
DECEMBER		
1st (Sat.) BRISTOL	1.00	6.30

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It is our intention to fill this page with information that YOU, the supporters, want. If you have any ideas please pass them on to any member of the Supporters Club committee.

It is also our intention to hold several social events during the season. If you have any suggestions for enjoyable evenings, we will be pleased to hear from you.

THE LAST WORD (Courtesy of David Coleman) . . .

" . . . and Dusty Hare kicked 19 of the 17 points."

FIRST TEAM FIXTURES, 1990/91

Date	Team	Venue	F	A
SEPTEMBER 1990				
Sat 1	Coventry	Home	51	14
Wed. 5	Pontypool	Away	30	9
Sat. 8	Richmond	Home	8	6
Wed. 12	Bath	Away	P	
Sat. 15	Blackheath	Away	3	30
Sat. 22	Maesteg (L)	Away	28	10
Wed. 26	Gloucester	Home	15	10
Sat. 29	London Welsh	Away	28	19
OCTOBER				
Tue. 2	Pontypridd	Home	9	19
Fri. 5	Cardiff	Home		
Sat. 6	Wales v Barbarians			
Sat. 13	Penarth (L)	Home		
Sat. 20	Ebbw Vale (L)	Away		
Sat. 27	Cross Keys (L)	Home		
Tue. 30	Barbarians*	Home		
NOVEMBER				
Sat. 3	Nottingham	Home		
Sat. 10	Aberavon (L)	Home		
Tue. 13	Swansea	Home		
Fri. 16	Cardiff	Away		
Sat. 17	Barbarians v Argentina			
Sat. 24	S.W. Police (L)	Away		
Wed. 28	Llanelli	Away		
DECEMBER				
Sat. 1	Bristol	Away		
Sat. 8	Tredegar (L)	Home		
Sat. 15	WRU Cup 4th Round*			
Sat. 22	Glam.Wands/Maesteg (L)	Home		
Wed. 26	Newbridge	Home		
Sat. 29	Neath	Home		

* Denotes All Pay

FIXTURES

TEAM CAPTAIN: GLEN GEORGE

Date	Team	Venue
JANUARY 1991		
Sat 5	Bridgend	Home
Sat. 12	Penarth (L)	Away
Fri. 18	Abertillery	Away
Sat. 19	International Matches	
Sat. 26	WRU Cup 5th Round*	
Wed. 30	Llanelli	Home
FEBRUARY		
Sat. 2	International Matches	
Sat. 9	Ebbw Vale (L)	Home
Tue. 12	Swansea	Away
Fri. 15	Gloucester	Away
Sat. 16	International Matches	
Sat. 23	WRU Cup 6th Round*	
Wed. 27	Abertillery	Home
MARCH		
Sat. 2	International Matches	
Sun. 3	Newbridge	Away
Sat. 9	Cross Keys (L)	Away
Sat. 16	Bath	Home
	WRU Cup 1/4-Finals*	
	International Matches	
Sat. 23	Aberavon (L)	Away
Wed. 27	Pontypridd	Away
Sat. 30	Pontypool	Home
APRIL		
Mon. 1	London Welsh	Home
Sat. 6	Neath	Away
	WRU Cup Semi-final*	
Sat. 13	S.W. Police (L)	Home
Sat. 20	Bristol	Home
Sat. 27	Tredegar (L)	Away
MAY		
Sat. 4	WRU Cup Final*	

NEWPORT UNITED FIXTURES, 1990/91

Date	Team	Venue	F	A
SEPTEMBER 1990				
Sat 1	Coventry Extras	Away	20	22
Sat. 8	Civil Service	Away	68	0
Wed. 12	Bristol North	Home	26	0
Sat. 15	Pontypridd Ath	Home	11	35
Sat. 22	Pontypool Ath	Home	P	
Sat. 29	London Welsh Druids	Home	7	15
OCTOBER				
Fri. 5	Cardiff Ath.	Away		
Sat. 13	Richmond Vikings	Away		
Sat. 20	Rumney, Cardiff	Home		
Sat. 27	Cross Keys Utd.	Away		
NOVEMBER				
Sat. 3	Garndiffaith	Away		
Sat. 10	Caerleon	Away		
Wed. 14	Abercarn	Away		
Fri. 16	Cardiff Ath.	Home		
Sat. 24	Glam. Wanderers	Home		
Wed. 28	Machen	Home		
DECEMBER				
Sat. 1	Bristol Utd	Home		
Sat. 8	Away		
Sat. 15	Newport Saracens	Away		
Sat. 20	Gloucester Utd.	Away		
Wed. 26	Newport H.S.O.B.	Away		
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Date	Team	Venue
JANUARY 1991		
Sat 5	Bridgend Ravens	Away
Sat. 12	Risca	Home
Fri./ 18/	
Sat. 19	Gloucester Utd.	Home
Sat. 26	Hartridge H.S.O.B.	Home
FEBRUARY		
Sat. 9	Ebbw Vale Ath.	Away
Wed. 13	Abercarn	Home
Fri. 15	Caldicot	Away
Sat. 23	Cwmbran	Home
MARCH		
Fri. 1	Pontypridd Ath.	Away
Sat. 9	Cross Keys Utd.	Home
Tue. 13	Glam Wanderers	Away
Sat. 16	Abergavenny	Away
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Sat. 30	Pontypool Ath.	Away
APRIL		
Sat. 6	Caldicot	Home
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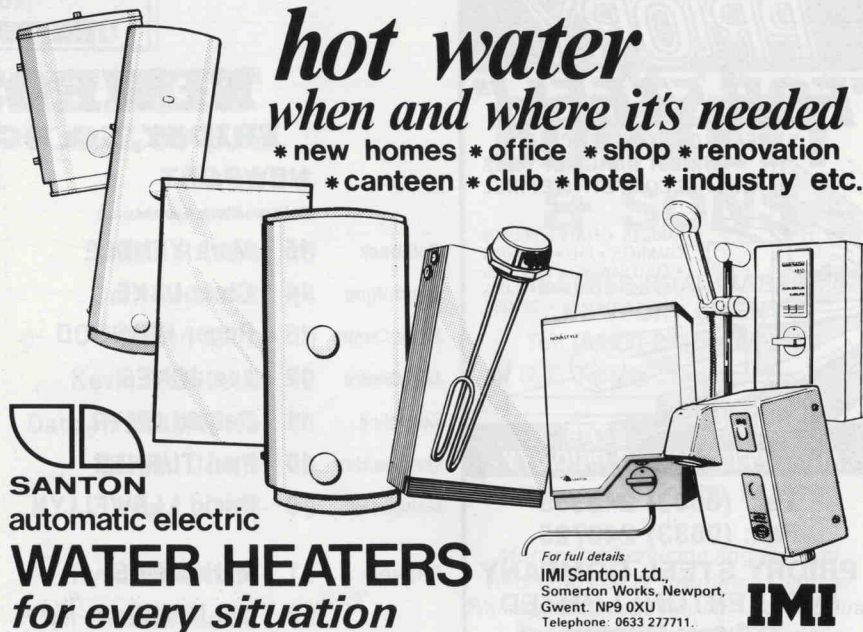


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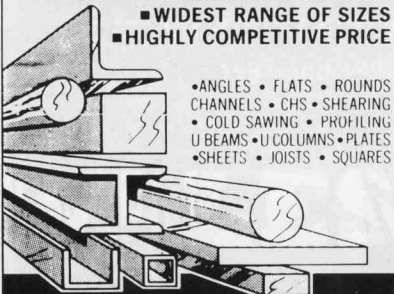
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	2	Ian JONES
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	5	David WATERS
	6	Glen GEORGE (Capt.)
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Left Wing	11	Damion GRIFFITHS
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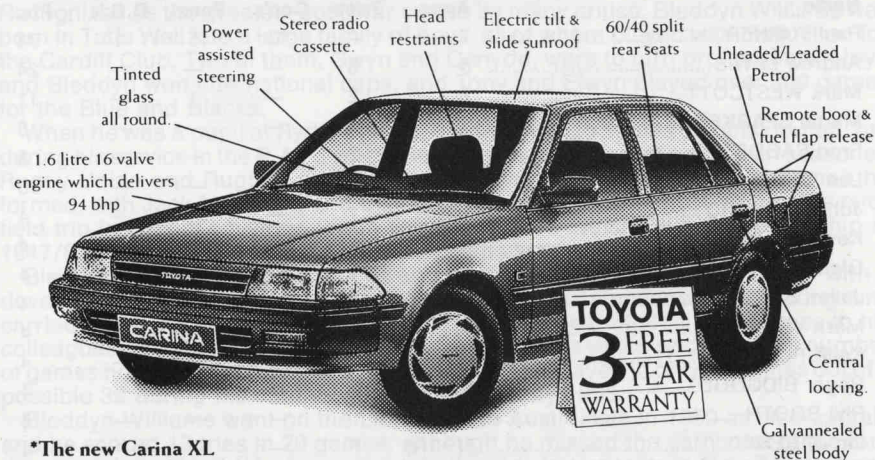
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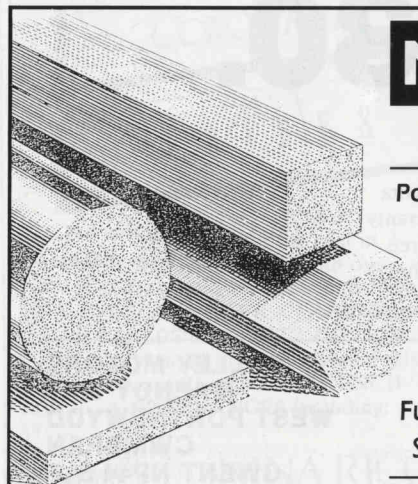


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Mark WESTCOTT.....	7	2	—	1	—	11
Martin SPARKES.....	3	2	—	—	—	8
Fred SAGOE.....	5	2	—	—	—	8
Lee JONES.....	7	2	—	—	—	8
John LEONARD.....	1	1	—	—	—	4
Kevin WITHEY.....	3	1	—	—	—	4
Glen GEORGE.....	3	1	—	—	—	4
Julian BURT.....	3(+1R)	1	—	—	—	4
Mark YENDLE.....	4	1	—	—	—	4
Keith PLUMMER.....	4	1	—	—	—	4
Roger BIDGOOD.....	5	1	—	—	—	4
Phil BOOTH.....	6	1	—	—	—	4
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When he was a pupil at Rydal School, Bleddyn was to star as an outside-half, but during his service in the R.A.F., where he played a great deal of rugby with seasoned Rugby Union and Rugby League stars, he reverted to centre. On his demob he formed, with Jack Matthews and Billy Cleaver, probably the most formidable mid-field trio in Cardiff's history. When Cardiff won the Welsh Club Championship in 1947/8, winning 39 games out of 41, Williams scored 41 tries.

Bleddyn was 5'10" and 13 stones and he was a brilliant attacking player with a devastating side-step. He was able to outwit covering defences with his jinking runs carried out at speed, and he had an ability to give beautifully-timed passes to his colleagues. Tragically he was to suffer several injuries which restricted the number of games he played for his country. In actual fact he played in only 22 games out of a possible 39 during his career which ended in May 1955.

Bleddyn Williams went on the Lions tour to Australasia in 1950 as vice-captain and he scored 13 tries in 20 games, although he missed the early part of the tour through injury. He did, however, captain the side in two tests in New Zealand and one in Australia. In 1953 he led Cardiff to an epic victory over the All Blacks by 8pts to 3pts and a few weeks later repeated the performance when Wales came back from the dead to win by 13pts to 8pts.

... Newport's MALCOLM THOMAS

Malcolm Thomas learned his rugby at Bassaleg School, Newport, where he also excelled on the cricket field. He played for Wales in both games before entering Caerleon Training College. While still a student he played for the Newport club and quickly gained international recognition. Malcolm was first capped against France in 1949 and in a remarkable international career he played twenty-one times at centre, five times as a wing, and in his last game in Paris, in 1959, he was the Welsh outside-half.

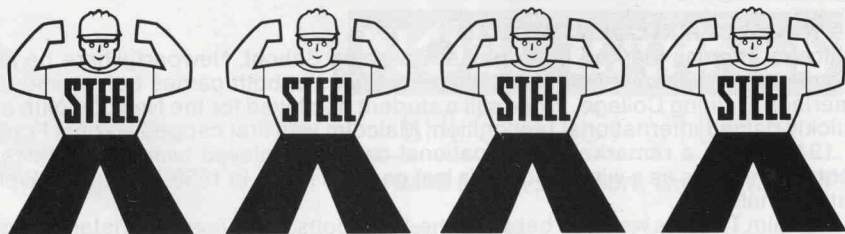
Malcolm Thomas was the "baby" on the 1950 Lions tour. Nine years later he made his second trip to the Antipodes. In 1950 Thomas was top scorer with 96pts. He scored 73pts in twelve games in New Zealand where in the opening game at Nelson he scored 21pts, including six penalties. On the second tour with the Lions M.C. Thomas was the invaluable utility player and he played in every position behind the scrum except inside-half.

Malcolm Thomas was 5'10" and stockily built at 13½ stones. He had a powerful hand-off and he was a determined tackler. Although he was often denied opportunities by better kickers, he was an excellent exponent of the punt and penalty. Malcolm Thomas was a "one-club man" and Newport was his first and only love. He did, however, become an instructor-lieutenant in the Royal Navy where he captained Devonport Services and the full Navy XV which won the Inter-Services Championship in 1951. On his return to Wales, Thomas captained Newport: from 1954 to 1957. He was dogged by injury during his career and before he could assume the captaincy for the first time he broke a leg in the club trial! In 1955/6 under his leadership Newport won the Welsh Championship, the Sevens, and Monmouthshire the Welsh Counties Championship. There is probably no parallel in rugby history with the career of Malcolm Thomas.



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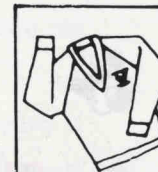
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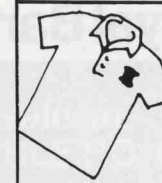
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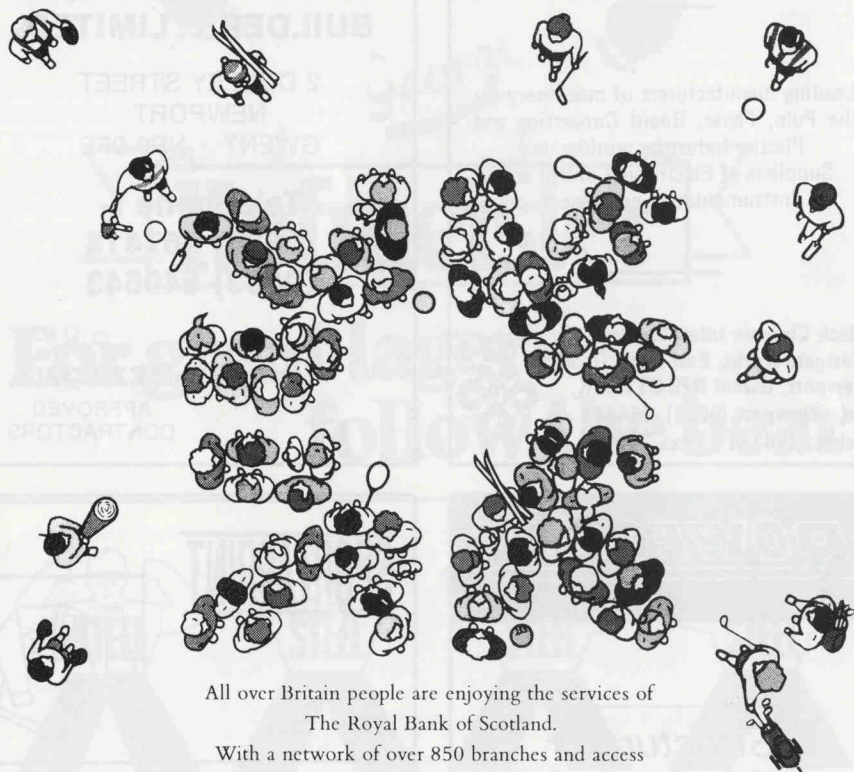
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