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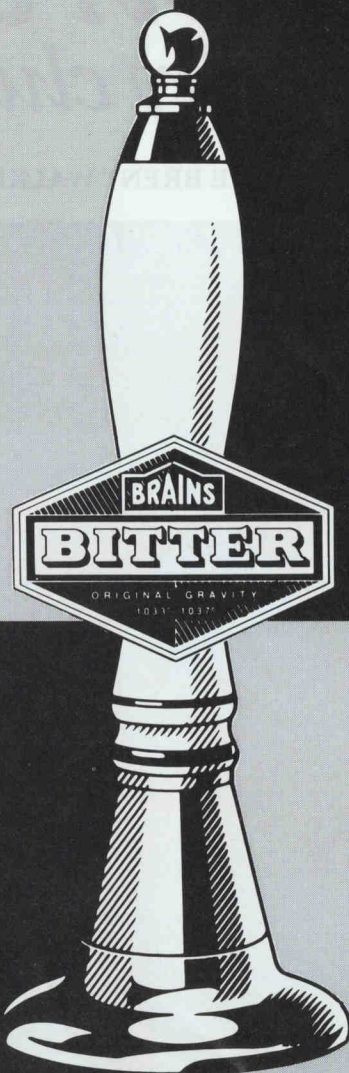
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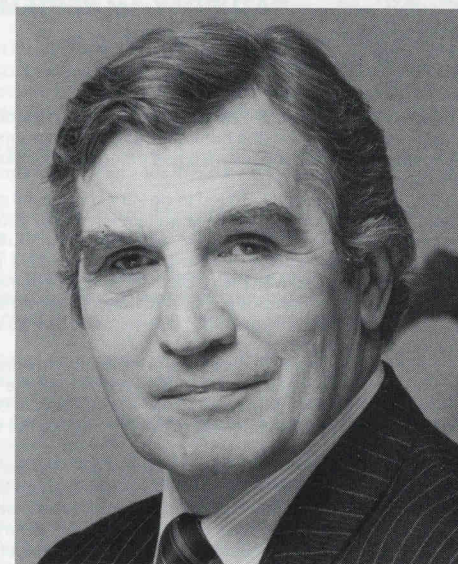


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## A MESSAGE FROM GEORGE WALKER

At the start of the new season I would like to take this opportunity to wish Cardiff Rugby Football Club every success. The Brent Walker Group PLC are proud to be associated with a club having such a prestigious record and such an exciting future. It is almost routine for Cardiff to enjoy good cup-runs and now with the introduction of the league structure I look forward to following progress in the Premier Division and to seeing Cardiff up at the top. I am certainly planning to see some of the games myself on my ever more frequent visits to Cardiff and as I mentioned at the sponsorship launch, Billy and I are available for selection if required!



As you will no doubt be aware, we are pleased to have recently announced our record three-year, £300,000 sponsorship package and which indicated my Company's long-term commitment both to the Club and to the City. In a few days time we shall be opening our new hotel — the Cardiff International Hotel — and in the not too distant future the Cardiff World Trade Centre.

Brent Walker is becoming a major player in Cardiff and we look forward to an increasing involvement in all aspects of the City's life — not least on the rugby field.

I wish the club the success it deserves.

G. A. WALKER  
Chairman & Chief Executive,  
The Brent Walker Group PLC

1st September 1990





# Cardiff v. Bristol

**SATURDAY 1st SEPTEMBER, 1990**

**KICK-OFF 2.30p.m.**

Welcome to season 1990/91 which most conveniently begins on the very first day of September. Goodness knows where the summer has gone, it seems but only a few short weeks since we played our final game of last season. Gone it has though and it was quite an eventful four months as far as we were concerned.

Our tour to America proved to be very successful although we were nowhere near full strength. This gave rise to the situation whereby quite a few of our younger players plugged the gaps left by the senior players who were either on tour with Wales or suffering from injury. They certainly showed their undoubted talents however and we came back with a played five, won five record. Tour Manager Gary Davies was delighted with the dedication and determination shown by the players who had to overcome some big fast American sides. Skill and better know-how came to the fore however and in our five wins, we scored 145 points to 49 against. Those victories saw us win the Boston Tournament during which we were voted as the best partaking team.

Holland was our next port of call for a festival in Amsterdam. Again we won over both games with a fair complement of younger players. We overwhelmed the host team by 73 points to 3 but the other game proved to be a very tough encounter against Steau Bucharest. Manager Brian Mark reported on the impressive organisation and size of the Romanians but we still got the better of them by 17 points to 14, a very good victory indeed.

More success came our way at Cardiff H.S.O.B. Sevens Tournament. After winning our pool we had a very close encounter with a Cambridge University VII. Having seen the Light Blues off however we met our old rivals, Newport, in the Final of the competition. We won the game comfortably to collect the trophy and Mike Rayer scooped the Man of the Tournament award to close a very successful afternoon.

Our summer of success was halted when we lost out to Bridgend in the semi final of the Snelling Sevens last Saturday. Once again we had a fair crop of our younger players on show and they did well to register a first round win over Llanelli.

With the game in its dying second the Scarlets scored a try under the posts to bring the score to 18-16 in our favour. A successful conversion would have levelled the score and led to extra time. Ritchie Collins didn't seem to relish that prospect however and he coolly thwarted Llanelli's efforts by charging the conversion down to leave us 18-16 winners. A second round win over Pontypool by 18-8 saw us into the semi against Bridgend. An all action end to end game indeed. With each side having scored the points. So it was sudden death in extra time and after a bit of a cat and mouse situation for a few minutes the Brewery Field boys got the vital score which ensured their passage to the final. It was a very good effort by our lads however.

All in all then, the on field summer activities have been quite a success and this is in no small measure due to the undoubted talents of the younger members of our squad. This can only augur well for the future.

In speaking of younger players, how about the magnificent effort of the Wales under 19 schoolboys in New Zealand. It was a performance which brought great pride to Welsh Rugby and is worthy of the highest praise. Well done lads. Let's hope you can project the same success into the highest level of the game.

What's gone on off the field then? Well first and foremost of course is the fact that David Evans has taken over the captaincy of the club from Tim Crothers. David is looking forward to the season with great relish and enthusiasm. His pedigree is outstanding so let's hope he stays injury free for the campaign and he thoroughly enjoys his term of office. Good luck to you David.

Another very familiar face is also back on the scene in the form of John Scott. John has always held the club dear to his heart and it's great to have him back in harness again. He breaks new ground inasmuch as he has taken up the post of Team Manager, a position created to take us into the 1990s. It's a tough job to take on and John, amongst very many important activities, will also be called on to become anything from nursemaid to father confessor to the players. We wish him well too.

Further administrative changes see Alun Priday relinquish the Hon. Secretary's position to take the Chair. Alun has served the club as a player and administrator in the most commendable manner for nearly 40 years. He has held the post of secretary for the past 17 seasons during which time he has carried out his duties in a highly expert dignified and diplomatic manner. His forthcoming season in the Chair is an honour which is well overdue for him. We sincerely hope he enjoys his stint and it is one covered with success. John Nelson takes on the secretary's job vacated by Alun.

A casualty of the A.G.M. was John Davies who was not re-elected to the committee. John has also given valiant service to the club as player and administrator since 1964. His considerable experience will not go to waste however as he is now a national under 21 selector. He will also continue to look after our statistics — a job he has done since he took over from the late Danny Davies.

Right that's caught up with the out of season activities so what does this season hold for us? Firstly you have to shake off the habit of a lifetime because from today onwards Saturday kick off time has been brought forward to 2.30. This will ensure that our home games get full coverage on the BBC sports programme during the early evening which wasn't the case with 3p.m. kick offs. Don't forget then, you have been informed.

Next we are delighted to have a contribution in today's issue from Mr. George Walker, Chairman and Chief Executive of Brent Walker who are, of course, our very generous main sponsor. This will be their first full season of sponsorship but already the relationship between our respective administrations is first class. Needless to say we will always be very pleased to see Mr. Walker and his colleagues whenever they can make it to Cardiff.

At last then we come to the main business of the day, the visit of our great friends from across the bridge, Bristol. My apologies to you for such a late mention but as ever there's always a lot of information for the first home programme of the season.

One thing is for sure with their visit today, followed by Leicester home and then Bath away is quite a challenge before we go headlong into our journey into the unknown — league rugby.

Since 1888 Cardiff and Bristol have played on no fewer than 168 occasions. Of these, we have won 126, lost 34 and drawn the remaining 8. During this period a great affinity has developed between the clubs. Proof of this is the fact that Bristol is now the only English club we play home and away each season. Hopefully this situation will continue because the clashes between our clubs invariably serve up some blood tingling rugby.

Throughout the series victory for Bristol has been on a rather spasmodic basis. Prior to 1988 they had managed only 4 victories in Cardiff and had never achieved a better winning run than 2 consecutive games. 1988 heralded a purple patch for them however because they won a record 4 games on the trot which included consecutive wins on the Arms Park for the first time ever. We put a stop to that sequence last season however when we won our home game last March.

Bristol like ourselves have a very heavy Welsh commitment prior to embarking on their own league programme. They will no doubt use these tough games against the Welsh clubs to sharpen their reflexes in readiness to acquire a more favourable position than the 11th place they finished in Division I of their league set up last season. Another win at Cardiff would put them in fine fettle. We of course will also be looking forward to starting the season on the right note. In such circumstances then let's hope for another good old fashioned Cardiff-Bristol encounter which will live up to the standard of some of the truly great games of the past.

To Bristol then we say welcome yet again to the Arms Park, we trust you all enjoy your visit.

Finally today it only remains to thank our match sponsors **BDO Binder Hamlyn**, we hope Michael Bishop and all his guests have a thoroughly enjoyable day.

P.N.

## CARDIFF RUGBY SUPPORTERS CLUB

### **Coach Arrangements**

Bookings as usual at our Club Room after Home Matches.

SEPTEMBER 15th BATH Leaving at 10.00a.m. Returning at 6.00p.m.  
SEPTEMBER 29th NEWBRIDGE Leaving at 12.30p.m. Returning at 5.30p.m.

Watch the noticeboard for details, times etc. of other Coach Trips.

### **Programme — Social Events**

Make a note of these dates in your diary now.

FRIDAY	OCT. 12th	RACE NIGHT
FRIDAY	NOV. 2nd	COUNTRY AND WESTERN — TRIO
FRIDAY	DEC. 14th	YOUTH BAND CONCERT
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FRIDAY	MAR. 8th	MOUNTAIN ASH RFC CHOIR
FRIDAY	APR. 26th	OUR ANNUAL DINNER



## Rugby Quiz – No. 1

Excluding the America and Holland trips let's see what you can remember of last season's stats.

1. What was our aggregate points for and against?
2. What was our biggest victory?
3. What was our biggest defeat?
4. Who was top scorer?
5. Who scored most tries?



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# KNOW THE LAWS

By J. E. MALCOLM THOMAS

The International Board has decided that there will be **no** changes to the Laws of the game until after the World Cup in 1991.

However, **for this coming season there are some minor amendments** to Laws and Notes, resulting from previous rulings or interpretations, and these, therefore, **will become effective on September 1st.**

## 1. LAW 24B. OFF-SIDE

The off-side provisions for a player leaving a scrumage have been made similar to those for a ruck or maul. This is that **"a player may leave a scrumage provided he retires immediately behind the off-side line"**, i.e. behind the hindmost foot of the player's team in the scrumage.

## 2. LAW 28. FREE KICK

Last year's ruling on when the opposing team may charge a free kick has been incorporated into Law and **has been made subject to advantage.**

## 3. LAW 20. WHEELING OF THE SCRUMMAGE

It has been decided to retain the limitation on wheeling a scrumage but **"when the scrum is reformed it is to be at the site of the stoppage with the ball to be put in by the side that has gained possession"**. This Law, apparently, will be reviewed again next year.

## 4. THE TAKING OF PLACE KICKS

**"The use of sand or sawdust** is permitted for placing the ball".

However, this is not new, for many clubs and international teams used sand and sawdust last season! The use of **kicking tees** made of sponge rubber or similar soft material has been accepted in principle and guidelines for their use will be considered at the next meeting of the International Board.

## 5. INJURY TO PLAYERS

**"The referee** may require a player to leave the field to be medically examined if necessary".

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## QUIDNUNC'S COLUMN

QUIDNUNC kicks off his seventh season as Cardiff's unofficial scandalmonger, purveyor of malicious rumour and lecturer in the department of totally unnecessary information with a world scoop —

**GANG WARFARE HAS BROKEN OUT AT CARDIFF R.F.C.**

Shock... Horror... Drama. The Hoods have moved in. The Krays have split. The Torch will be revealed. Denizens of the Arms Park and those who have nothing better to do than read the ramblings of a carrytale — Quidnunc, those highly-educated and erudite members of our backs will of course know, was a Roman busybody, rubberneck, newsmonger — may just recall last summer's interventions of the still unnamed Phantom Fish Filleter, an anonymous squad member who left fishy visiting cards in players' bedrooms on tour. The up-dated version has more sinister connotations.

In the recent tour of Holland, Cardiff won a good-class tournament with some considerable style despite the attempts of a bad-tempered team from Steua Budapest to cast a shadow over proceedings. Yet the week's visit was dominated by The Torch. They sought him here, they sought him there; but no one could catch in the act the man who sneaked into hotel bedrooms — having nicked a master key from reception — and deposited shaving-cream foam liberally around.

And not just rooms: Nothing was sacrosanct. Our new captain David Evans, who incidentally married the gorgeous Roberta this summer and managed a honeymoon in Cyprus just before various nations decided it should become a static aircraft carrier, borrowed a flip chart to illustrate certain tactics (the arrival of leagues has clearly resulted in modern, technical innovations).

The flipchart had somehow been got at. Instead of virgin paper, a message was revealed, along with the inevitable shaving foam. But The Torch has made his first error: the message included a spelling mistake, suggesting quite correctly to the educated detective-inspectors among the glory-seeking backs that the villain must be a forward. Then at midnight while The Torch was clearly prowling, the Hoods appeared — a highly mobile gang roaming hotel corridors with blankets over their heads. Who were they?

Now, if you are 6ft 8in tall, with physique to match, it's difficult to hide your identity. Quite apart from which, Dr Stuart Roy could not find a decent group to join: so he and the other Stuart, Mr Nunnerley, formed their own organisation, The Krays.

No harm was done, fun was had by all and the finger of suspicion about The Torch was pointed finally at Tony Orrell, the rollicking prop known as Pastie because he eats everything he can lay his mouth on. Indeed, on the earlier tour to America, this secret-eater used to insist on going out for an early evening walk during which suspicious sleuths discovered he was consuming quantities of beefburgers. Whilst everyone else on that trip lost weight, Mr Orrell managed to increase his by 1½ stones.

Another person reliably said to be The Torch's aider, abettor and adviser was Mr Mark Gerarde Ring. I cannot vouch for that but I can reveal finally today that Ringo will not, despite rumours you may have heard during the past three months, be signing for Tottenham Hotspur, Manchester United, Juventus, the Harlem Globetrotters, Upper Cwmtwrch, England or even Sheffield Tigers.

Finally for this week, Quidnunc's highly esteemed and sought-after annual award for the best excuse for missing training goes to former skipper Tim Crothers. Tim, I am told, did not relish the prospects of a stint under the Phillips-Scott axis running up and down the sand dunes at Merthyr Mawr.

He phoned to report that he could not be present because his ears had not yet popped after returning from holiday.

And where had he been?... Tenby.



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11. Damion GRIFFITHS  
10. David EVANS (Captain)  
9. Paul JOHN  
1. Mike GRIFFITHS  
2. Ian WATKINS  
3. Steve BLACKMORE  
4. Stuart NUNNERLEY  
5. Stuart ROY  
6. Richard COLLINS  
8. Mark EDWARDS  
7. Mark BENNETT

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Right Centre  
Left Centre  
Left Wing  
Outside Half  
Inside Half  
Forwards



Replacements

16. Andy BOOTH  
17. Ian GREENSLADE  
18. Paul POOK

## Bristol

- David THOMAS 15.  
Doug WOODMAN 14.  
Ralph KNIBBS 13.  
Paul HULL 12.  
Mike LLOYD 11.  
Mark TANTON 10.  
Julian DAVIS 9.  
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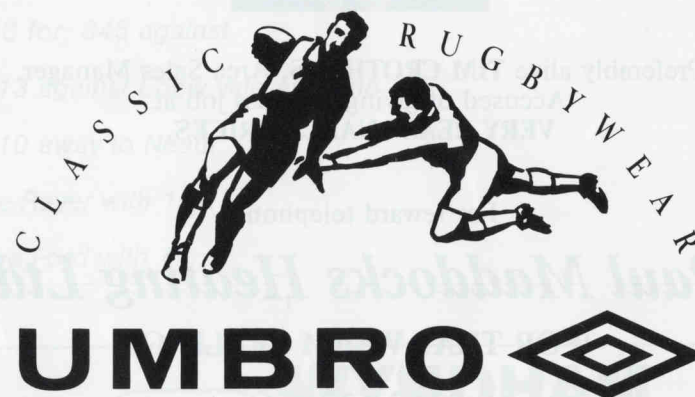


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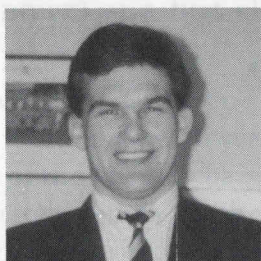
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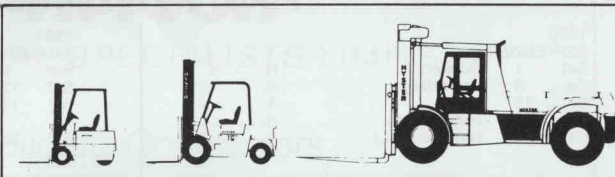
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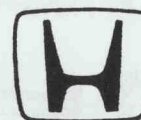
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## Rugby Quiz No. 1 – Answers

1. 1090 for; 845 against.
2. 56-13 against Ebbw Vale at home.
3. 46-10 away to Neath.
4. Mike Rayer with 151.
5. Steve Ford with 15.



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# Cardiff Rugby Club 1990-91

## FIRST XV FIXTURES

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SEPTEMBER

Sat. 1	Bristol	H.....
Sat. 8	Leicester	H.....
Sat. 15	Bath	A.....
Sat. 22	Swansea (L)	H.....
Sat. 29	Newbridge (L)	A.....

OCTOBER

Tue. 2	Penarth	H.....
Fri. 5	Newport	A.....
Sat. 13	Bridgend (L)	H.....
Sat. 20	Pontypridd (L)	A.....
Sat. 27	Abertillery (L)	H.....

NOVEMBER

Sat. 3	Llanelli (L)	A.....
Wed. 7	Oxford University	H.....
Sat. 10	Glam. Wanderers (L)	H.....
Fri. 16	Newport	H.....
Sat. 24	Pontypool (L)	A.....

DECEMBER

Sat. 1	Aberavon	H.....
Sat. 8	Neath (L)	H.....
Sat. 15	Swansea (L)	A.....
Sat. 22	Newbridge (L)	H.....
Wed. 26	Pontypridd	H.....
Sat. 29	Harlequins	H.....

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JANUARY

Sat. 5	Ebbw Vale	A.....
Sat. 12	Bridgend (L)	A.....
Sat. 19	London Welsh (a.m.) (at Sophia Gardens)	H.....
Sat. 26	W.R.U. Cup 5th Round	

FEBRUARY

Fri. 1	Ayr	A.....
Sat. 9	Pontypridd (L)	H.....
Fri. 15	Bective Rangers	H.....
Sat. 23	W.R.U. Cup 6th Round	

MARCH

Sat. 9	Abertillery (L)	A.....
Sat. 16	W.R.U. Cup Quarter Final	
Sat. 23	Llanelli (L)	H.....
Sat. 30	Barbarians	H.....

APRIL

Sat. 6	W.R.U. Cup Semi-Final	
Sat. 13	Glam. Wanderers (L)	A.....
Sat. 20	Pontypool (L)	H.....
Sat. 27	Neath (L)	A.....

MAY

Sat. 4	W.R.U. Cup Final	
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(L) denotes League game

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SEPTEMBER

Sat. 1	Bristol United	A.....
Wed. 5	Aberaman	A.....
Sat. 8	Leicester Extras	A.....
Wed. 12	Cwmwrch	A.....
Sat. 15	Bath United	H.....
Wed. 19	Garndiffaith	A.....
Sat. 22	Loughborough	H.....
Sat. 29	Moseley United	H.....

OCTOBER

Wed. 3	Glam. Wanderers II	H.....
Fri. 5	Newport United	H.....
Sat. 13	Bridgend Ravens	A.....
Wed. 17	Cardiff Medicals	H.....
Sat. 20	Pontypridd Athletic	H.....
Sat. 27	Wasps Vandals	A.....

NOVEMBER

Sat. 3	Senghenydd	H.....
Wed. 7	Barry Plastics	A.....
Sat. 10	Glam. Wanderers II	A.....
Fri. 16	Newport United	A.....
Sat. 24	Pontypool Athletic	H.....

DECEMBER

Sat. 8	Gloucester United	A.....
Sat. 15	Abercarn	H.....
Sat. 22	Neath Athletic	A.....
Sat. 29	Cardiff H.S.O.B.	A.....

1991  
JANUARY

Sat. 5	Ebbw Vale Athletic	H.....
Sat. 12	Bridgend Ravens	H.....
Sat. 26	Pontypool United	H.....

FEBRUARY

Sat. 9	Pontypridd Athletic	A.....
Wed. 20	Mountain Ash	H.....
Sat. 23	Bedwas	A.....
Tue. 26	Pontypool United	A.....

MARCH

Sat. 2	Rumney	H.....
Sat. 9	Neath Athletic	H.....
Sat. 16	Blackwood	A.....
Fri. 29	Bridgend Sports	A.....

APRIL

Sat. 6	Croesyceiliog	H.....
Sat. 13	Llanharan	H.....
Wed. 17	Llandaff North	A.....
Sat. 20	Pontypool Athletic	A.....
Sat. 27	Blackwood	H.....

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