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I am pleased that we have chosen the sport of rugby and in particular the Cardiff club. What has impressed me and everybody at AT&T about Cardiff RFC is the dedication, competence and all round capability of all the staff and players.

Everyone we spoke to showed evidence of quiet determination to succeed and confidence to make things happen. These are the same beliefs that we at AT&T also hold true.

I hope the funding and support we provide will help Cardiff create the very best facilities to support the ever-



increasing demands of modern rugby – and that we both enjoy the benefits that this partnership will bring.

Finally, today will be a proud moment for me as Cardiff take the field in their new kit with the AT&T logo. This will be AT&T's first sporting sponsorship in the UK. We are looking forward to the new season and hopefully the success it will bring.

Good luck to Alex and the team and we all hope for exciting, winning rugby in the months ahead.

DAVID PHILLIPS,
Managing Director,
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WHAT WITH tours by the Lions, by Wales and by Cardiff, the so-called close season becomes shorter each year; and nor, this year, is there a gentle start to the serious matters. There are 15 Heineken League Division One matches to be played before Christmas.

Welcome, immediately then, to the hurly-burly of league rugby and to the Arms Park for yet another season, a season which many people believe will not produce the large gaps between the top few and the remainder. Mike Hall, the Cardiff captain for example, is one who believes that the cramped early season may bring surprises.

"The Australian tour put us in good heart and the younger players did very well but, because we came second in the league last year, we can only go one place better and that will not be easy. There are many sides who are catching up with the top teams, clubs like Pontypridd, Newport, Bridgend and Aberavon, and it is likely the top clubs will lose rather more matches this season."

Chairman Mervyn John is of course fully aware of the importance of league results this year but admits that Cardiff is disappointed in the overall fixture list. "Because of the dates of the Welsh and English leagues, it means that we will have to forego some of our important and traditional matches with English clubs.

"At Cardiff we are very much in favour of an Anglo-Welsh league, which would give many more meaningful matches as traditional friendlies as well as for league points.

If there were four or five top English sides in such a league, we would have the best of all worlds. Everyone would benefit."

The size of the main Cardiff squad has been cut down to about 30 players, ensuring the development of the future with greater emphasis on the Under 21s, from which coach Alex Evans sees the club's future emerging. "We want to bring them into the system early and, after a successful Australian tour, (about which more in the Miscellany column) and, barring injury, I am sure we will be very competitive again this year."

Barring injury! Steve Ford, Mike Budd, Andy Moore, Colin Laity, Ceri Thomas, Geraint Lewis are already temporarily out of the reckoning and both Stuart Roy and Adam Palfrey will be off to Cambridge University any day now. Even so, players and officials are in good heart.

The Cardiff club is being sponsored this year by AT & T Global Business Communications Systems and with a newly-designed kit supplied by Cotton Oxford which, says chairman Mervyn John, "has changed as little as possible and which we hope will remain for a season or two."

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increased to £1, bringing the cost into line with the majority of the leading Welsh and English clubs.

"We had pegged the price for a season or two," says the chairman, but natural inflation has brought the inevitable decision. In return, we are introducing more colour, more editorial and a page for the developing Junior Blue and Blacks Club and more photographs." Their new clubhouse, incidentally, is being officially opened before the kick-off by Barry John.

But now for the real business of the afternoon, the visit of Aberavon, to whose officials, players and followers we give a warm autumn welcome. The Wizards, captained this year by centre John Jardine, beat the impressive Swansea towards the end of last season and will be tough opposition on an opening league day which also sees Llanelli at home to Pontypool, Division 2 champions Dунvant entertain Newport, Bridgend travel to the promoted Cross Keys, Swansea visiting Newbridge and Neath meeting Pontypridd at the Gnoll.

Aberavon have a new approach at management level with Clive "Top Cat" Rowlands, former captain of Wales and President of the W.R.U., as Rugby Director and Ulsterman Ian Bremner, formerly coach to Ireland's Under 21 squad, assisting Alan Lewis.

A welcome once more to them at the start of a new season — and, indeed, to everyone at Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon.

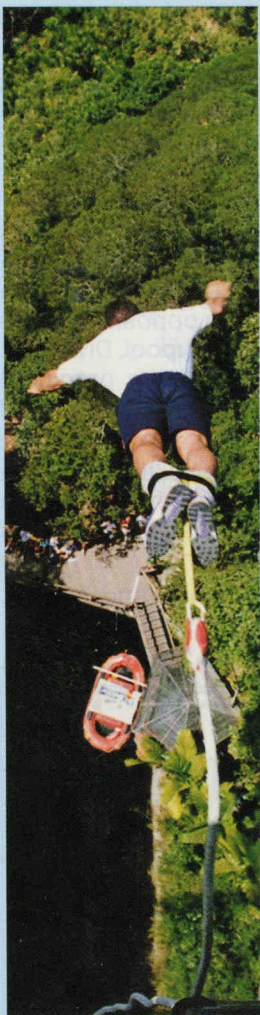


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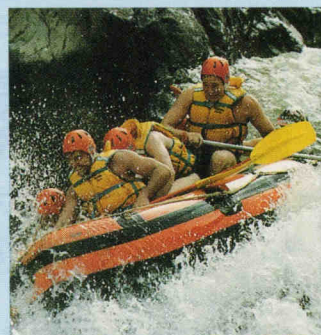
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The boys had a hair-raising time on their hols in Queensland. Above and left, Steve Ford makes a spectacular 150 ft. dive for the line as he seeks a desperate way not to buy drinks on his birthday. He did not incidentally touch the water...



.... but others did. Dr Stuart Roy uttered a few Hippocratical oaths when he was blamed for mis-reading the line-out call and rocking the boat while shooting the rapids in the rain forest and capsizing Mike Budd, Owain Williams and Adam Palfrey. Or was Dr Roy merely the (water)fall guy?



QUIDNUNC'S COLUMN

YOU HAVE to be out of your mind to try bungee jumping — and if you discover that, during the Australian tour at Mossman Gorge in Queensland, Mike Hall, Steve Ford, Owain Williams, Geraint Lewis, Adam Palfrey, new-kid-on-the-block Lyndon Mustoe were among those who did it, then it confirms the view. If proof were needed, Andrew Lewis insisted on jumping twice (once backwards).

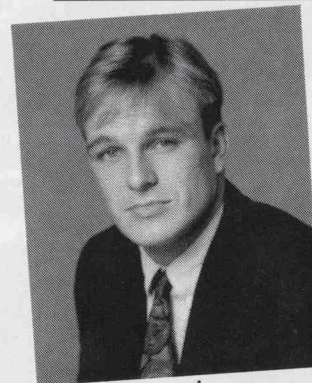
Steve (left) admitted it was total madness. "It was like committing suicide and realising you'd failed," he said. "You certainly won't catch me doing it again." Yet it was Owain Williams who arguably suffered most. Apparently you can nominate whether you would like to touch the water after your 150 ft. headfirst drop. Owain said he would prefer that — and didn't. Which makes you think.

Mind you, those who went white water rafting didn't all cover themselves in glory. A raft carrying Messrs Budd, Williams, Palfrey and Roy was doing fine until Dr Roy, it is said, failed to obey the instructor's demand that weight should be shifted to avoid a rock. "Stuart," says a watching teammate, "stayed on the wrong side and over they all went." Others assure me that the noble doctor, who will alas be missing much of this

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season while he qualifies further at Cambridge, was covering up for Owain.

Inevitably on such a tour certain reputations were made — and lost. Quidnunc has trawled the murky waters to bring you the truth — well, perhaps the half-truth — about some of the shenanigans.

Talk to the boys on tour now and Australia tends to dominate the conversation. When someone says "G'day, mate," it does not mean that Alex Evans, is in the neighbourhood. Indeed, Tony Rees, who had been playing down under before the tour, had to appear in front of the team court for impersonating an Australian, so broad was his accent. His penalty was to dress up as an Englishman on holiday, long shorts, handkerchief on head, long socks and all. It was not considered enough: he was made then to be an Australian, with bone through nose, boomerang and cork-bedangled hat.

Not that everyone was happy with the justice dealt out by Judge Michael Rayer but, with Mike Budd as chief prosecutor and Mike Griffiths as defence lawyer, what chance did justice have?

Jason Hewlett was found guilty of behaving like a young cheeky monkey and made to appropriately shin up a palm tree and bring down a coconut. As the result of another case, poor Chris Mills had to act as Steve Ford's fag for 24 hours on his birthday — and did Steve make him work?

Chris had been ordered to compete against Lyndon Mustoe to do an eight-piece jigsaw in the quickest time. He was banjaxed because one piece had been thrown away anyhow. He was as the result and perhaps unfairly found guilty of being the thickest player on tour, unjustified in view of the fact that his A level results this summer were good enough for him to read law at Swansea.

A further court ruling said that fathers had to feed sons with a bottle. Chairman Mervyn John duly fed son Chris and coach Alex Evans duly fed Jonathan Humphreys. Father and son? Well, his colleagues refer to Humph simply as "junior" now: Alex Evans junior in full, so close are they.

Dig further into Mr Justice Rayer's so-called twiglet zone (because it was out of the real world) and you'll find that Steve Ford's birthday party lasted some two days (conveniently it included the trip home), that the likeable 6 ft 10 giant Derwyn Jones is known as the Legend and tried to live up to it, that skipper Mike Hall was nicknamed Shapeless for some reason not unconnected with a girdle and enthusiasm to get fit after his injury but totally unconnected with being thrown into the swimming pool when all his clothes were packed. And who persuaded Nigel Walker that rough Australian cider is alcohol free?

Adrian Davies did deign to give up sunbathing to play in the last match and lost something of his Peter Perfect image during one court appearance, as indeed did prosecutor Budd falling foul of Captain's Cocktail party. Charlie Faulkner decided he was in Bangkok when he was

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MISCELLANY... reporting on news

UPS AND DOWNS DOWN UNDER

THE CARDIFF tour to Australia certainly had its lighter moments, as reported elsewhere, but the matches themselves were serious enough.

Both the chairman Mervyn John in his report to the committee and Alex Evans, an Australian of course and aware in advance of the strength of the opposition, were well satisfied with the performances.

"The discipline, attitude and dedication of the whole squad was of the highest order," reported Mr John, before describing a tour which had a magnificent social side in Sydney, Canberra, Brisbane (where former Cardiff favourite John O'Shea, as general manager of a brewery, provided copious hospitality) and Cairns, with its 28-degree temperatures and Barrier Reef luxuries.

"The opposition was very strong," says Alec Evans. "We played two of the top sides in Sydney, who beat the All Blacks last year, and Queensland where we lost only by a suspect try in the last minute or two.

And we beat Canberra Royals, the ACT champions with five Wallabies in their team, and the Cairns Barbarians who had four All Blacks as guests."

For the record, the Cardiff teams and results were:

v. SYDNEY (August 4): lost 16-8. M. Rayer, S. Ford, M. Hall, A. Palfrey (J. Hewlett), N. Walker, C. John, A. Moore, M. Griffiths, H. Bevan (J. Humphreys), P. Sedgemore, T. Rees, D. Jones, O. Williams, H. Taylor, M. Budd.

Scorers: Try — Walker. Pen — Rayer.

v. CANBERRA ROYALS (August 8): won 34-23.

M. Rayer, G. Lewis (M. Hall), J. Hewlett, C. Thomas, N. Walker, C. John, A. Booth, L. Mustoe, H. Bevan, K. Matthews (A. Lewis), P. Kawulok, S. Roy, C. Mills, O. Williams, M. Budd.

Scorers: Tries — Walker (2), Booth, Hall. Cons — Rayer (3). Drop Goal — Booth.

v. QUEENSLAND (August 11): lost 17-15. M. Rayer, S. Ford, M. Hall, J. Hewlett, N. Walker, A. Davies, A. Booth, M. Griffiths, J. Humphreys, P. Sedgemore, T. Rees, D. Jones, O. Williams, H. Taylor, M. Budd.

Scorers: Tries — Rayer, Ford. Con — Rayer. Pen — Rayer.

v. CAIRNS BARBARIANS (August 13): Won 21-19. C. John, S. Ford (M. Hall), A. Palfrey, C. Thomas (M. Rayer), G. Lewis, A. Davies, A. Moore, L. Mustoe, J. Humphreys, K. Matthews, P. Kawulok (D. Jones), S. Roy, A. Lewis, H. Taylor, C. Mills.

Scorers: Tries — Ford, Mustoe, Matthews. Pens — John (2).

FIXTURES — AND FITTINGS

SUPPORTERS are advised of a couple of changes or confirmations in the fixture list, starting indeed next week.

Whereas on the provisional lists we were due to go to Sardis Road next Wednesday for the Heineken League match with Pontypridd, the game will in fact be played on Tuesday.

And you will be able to watch it on BBC Wales live if you don't fancy the long journey up the A470.

The confirmation is that the home match with Newbridge, also in the League, will indeed be played on Sunday, December 5, a change

WHEN YOUTH AND PLEASURE MEET...

AN ABIDING pleasure at being connected with, or supporting, the Cardiff club is the activities of the Youth XV, whether it be on the park itself or on social occasions, on tour or at their own dinners and other events. You can be guaranteed to take pride in their behaviour and dress.

Under the dedicated and enthusiastic direction of committee man Jim O'Donnell, they won last season the District Cup, were beaten in the semi-finals of the major Esso Cup by the eventual winners, Carmarthen, and were beaten finalists in the Mitre Sevens after winning the Cardiff and District Sevens.

They were inevitably good to watch. And this year they could be even more attractive. As the result of marginal changes in the age catchment, various players will be available again this year, including the skipper and No. 8 Simeon Brunner and his vice-captain Chris Wilkins who was capped on the wing last season by the Welsh Secondary Schools. Their normal "home" is Sophia Gardens but, weather permitting, you will be able to see them at the Arms Park against Coventry a fortnight today (September 18, kick-off 12.45) as a curtain raiser to our League match with Dunvant.

and views from CARDIFF ARMS PARK

brought about because the touring All Blacks play the Barbarians at the neighbouring National Ground on the Saturday.

SCARLET SPONSOR

YOU MAY notice that in his message from our new sponsors earlier in the programme, the managing director of AT&T GBOS, Mr David Phillips, acknowledges his Welsh birth but coyly fails to admit his original rugby allegiance.

In fact, Mr David Phillips has a deeply Scarlet background, having been educated at Llanelli Grammar School (where he was in the same team as Clive Rees), having married a Llanelli wife (Dianne: they have two daughters Rachel and Rebecca) and having been an avid supporter.

Mr Phillips, who lives in Farnborough, is delighted that his company has chosen the Cardiff club as the company's first major sports sponsorship in the UK and will be seen regularly at the Arms Park.

But what about Saturday, October 2, when Llanelli come to Cardiff? "I will have mixed feelings about it," he admits. But then, we have persuaded other Scarlets that their home is here: Barry John, Gareth Davies...

WAY AHEAD

YOU CAN read on page 21 about the developments in the Junior Blue and Blacks Club: indeed, by the time you read this you may well be aware of the opening by Barry John at 2 pm today of their new clubhouse.

But, if Alex Evans is successful with his plans, there may be more important news for the young rugby followers not only of Cardiff but throughout the city in the weeks ahead.

"I would like to see the appointment of a pair of development officers appointed for the young in the city, assisting not just the Cardiff club but also the junior clubs and in the schools throughout the city. This is the future as I see it and we must be seen to be putting our weight and professionalism behind such a far-sighted scheme," says Alex.

CONGRATULATIONS

HAPPY EVENTS during the close season include at least a couple of babies born to the wives of squad members. Howard Stone is the father of a son, Daniel, while Mrs Nigel Walker last weekend presented him with a daughter, Rebecca Emily.

And Colin Laity is now a married man.

QUICK TRY FOR SPEEDY SIMON IN TEST DEBUT



SEVERAL Cardiff players toured under the Welsh flag during the summer months but none made such an immediate impact as Simon Hill, our 25 year-old winger.

Simon was called in to the Welsh squad travelling to Zimbabwe and Namibia in May and June when Nigel Walker had to cry off. Capped to play a Test against Zimbabwe in the first match, Simon scored a try with his second touch of the ball in international rugby when he ran on to Mike Rayer's chip, kicked on twice and scored near the posts. The game was but seven minutes old. In Cardiff this week, Simon has had important non-rugby events on his mind. "I am training to be a dentist," he reports, "and had some important exams starting on Wednesday. I have another two years to go before qualification — all being well."

Simon won three caps on tour — two against Zimbabwe and the other at Windhoek against Namibia, against whom he also scored a try. Other Blue and Blacks in the party were Mike Rayer, who collected two further caps (and scored a try against Namibia), Adrian Davies (two caps, one drop goal), and Mike Griffiths (three caps).


Elsewhere, both Andy Moore and Jonathan Humphreys captained the Welsh Development Squad as they won two of their three matches on a tour to France.

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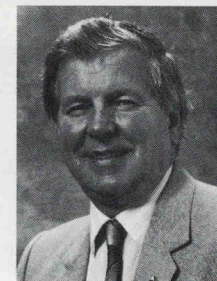
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KNOW THE LAWS

J. E. MALCOLM THOMAS

Today, Malcolm looks at the changes which came into effect this week.



LAW CHANGES WITH EFFECT FROM 1st SEPTEMBER 1993

Welcome to the new season and I hope you will continue to enjoy the rugby at Cardiff Arms Park. I hope that the referees will apply the laws in the correct spirit, fairly and consistently.

The **EXPERIMENTAL LAWS** regarding

A. THE LINE OUT and

B. RUCK AND MAUL continue.

However, section 4 of **LAW 22 on the MAUL** is **NEW**. It states that "if a player catches the ball direct from a kick by an opponent and is immediately held so that a maul ensues and the ball becomes unplayable, or the maul becomes stationary, his team shall put in the ball at the ensuing scrummage."

"DIRECT FROM A KICK BY AN OPPONENT" includes kick-offs, drop-outs, Up and Unders.

If a maul forms and the ball becomes unplayable, THE CATCHER'S TEAM ARE AWARDED THE SCRUMMAGE.

Another significant change concerns **OFFSIDE AT RUCK AND MAUL** (LAW 24(c)).

The offside line now is the hindmost foot. Players must join, or rejoin Ruck and Maul behind the offside line and **not** the ball.

If they unbind "they must retire immediately and only rejoin behind the offside line."

It is also important to realise that, **this season, a player who is bleeding must leave the playing area.** He can be replaced for a period of up to 5 minutes in order to have the bleeding controlled. If he is not back on the field within the 5 minutes the replacement stays on.

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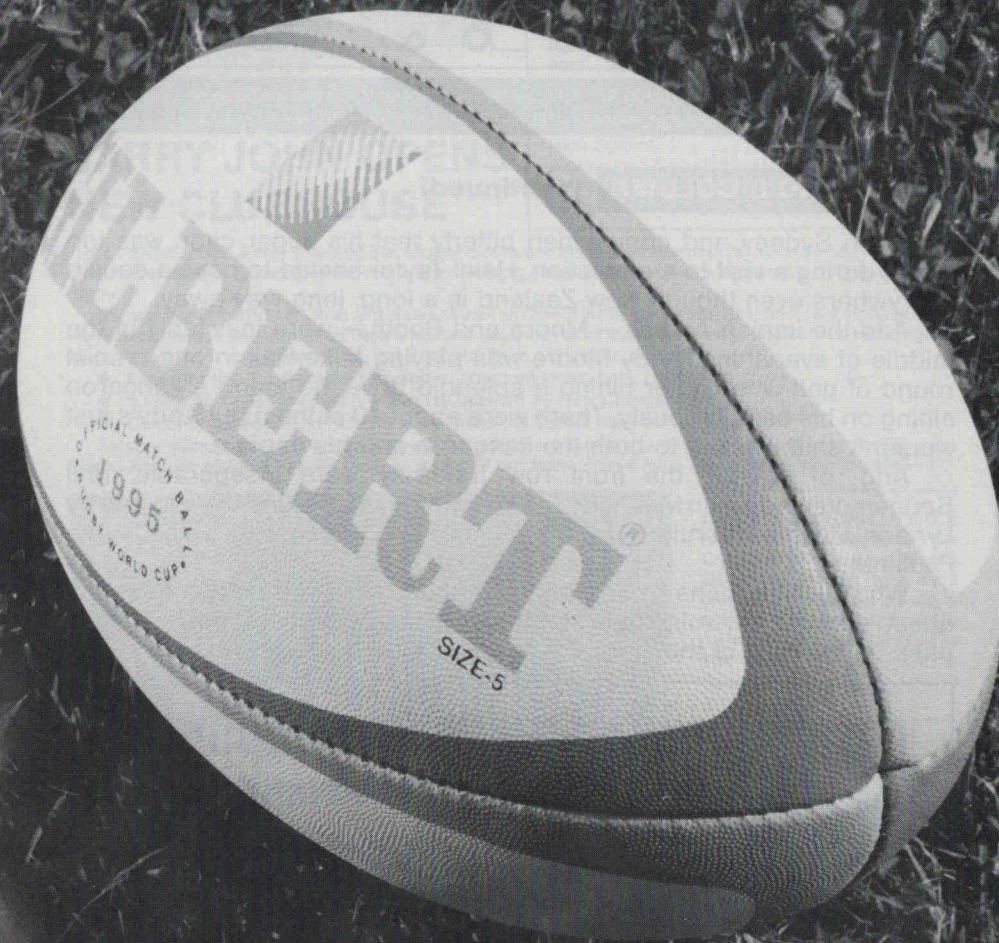
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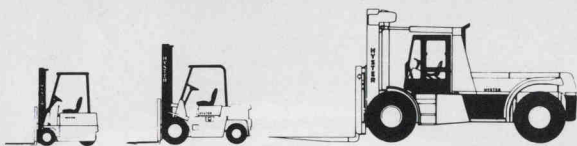


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in fact in Sydney and complained bitterly that his sugar cane was too sweet during a visit to a plantation. Hemi Taylor seemed to have a cousin everywhere even though New Zealand is a long, long way away.

And the impish Andies – Moore and Booth – were inevitably in the middle of everything. Andy Moore was playing Mike Hall in one crucial round of golf when, after hitting a splendid drive, he found a kangaroo sitting on his ball. Seriously. There were about 40 of them but Andy's just wouldn't shift. He lost to both the kangaroo and his captain.

And, of course, the front row fraternity were inseparable. Phil Sedgemore and Kevin Matthews ate everything in sight and were joined by Lyndon Mustoe, recruited from Pontypool and teaming up with Charlie Faulkner.

Whatever happens on the pitch, in short there will be some laughs ahead during the coming nine months. With luck, Quidnunc will be able to pass on the best of the stories.

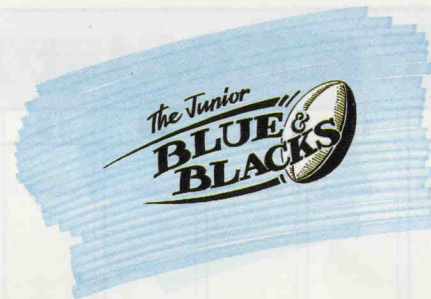
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BARRY JOHN OPENS NEW CLUBHOUSE

THE OPENING of the Junior Blue and Blacks new clubhouse before this afternoon's match by Barry John, one of our most famous former players, is a further exciting stage in the involvement of young people in Cardiff rugby.

Barry, a star of the British Lions and Wales as well as Cardiff in the Sixties and Seventies, will formally open the new clubhouse and the Junior Blue and Black Club members stand — where youngsters up to the age of 15 have their own special facilities — at 2pm but there will be fun events too.

- ◆ Prizes for the "best-dressed" member: coloured faces, hats, outfits and so on.
- ◆ A team quiz after the match with prize donated by New College, Cardiff.
- ◆ Coloured balloons and ribbons to welcome the Cardiff team on to the pitch.

Skipper Mike Hall said: "Both the players and myself are delighted with the growth of the Junior Blue and Blacks and are pleased to have them as a part of our team. They'll have lots of fun during the season."



CATCH 'EM YOUNG... just a few of the visitors to the Cardiff Junior Blue and Blacks Open Day in July, who were clearly enthralled by the many activities. Young people up to 15 will all find club activities to suit them.

WHAT YOU RECEIVE AS MEMBERS

- ◆ Own Clubhouse and stand accommodation at Westgate Street end for Saturday Heineken League matches.
- ◆ Coffee shop and snacks available before, during and after match.
- ◆ Bar facilities for parents before and after match.
- ◆ Prize quiz and meet the players after the match.
- ◆ Chance to become match mascots or ballgirls and ballboys.

Note: these apply to Saturday Heineken League fixtures only.

WHAT IT WILL COST TO JOIN

- ◆ One Under 15, £20 per season (plus £5 registration fee per member)
- ◆ One adult £35 per season.
- ◆ Examples: One adult + one Under 15: £60 per season
- ◆ Two adults + two Under 15s, £120 per season

Membership is available for 12-15 year olds without accompanying adult.

Further information from **Julie Thomas** on Cardiff 383456

TODAY'S MATCH MASCOT

Girls are as welcome as boys in the Junior Blue and Blacks Club as today's first Match Mascot of the season will show. Step forward to lead the team on to the field **JENNIFER MANN**, of Cheriton Road, Thornhill, Cardiff, pictured with Nigel Walker. Jennifer, who is 11, is just starting at Llanishen High School.

A draw for future Match Mascots will be made in the Junior Blue and Blacks Clubhouse after home Heineken League games.



See you
all
at the
Dunvant
match in
2 weeks

CARDIFF R.F.C. 1st XV

FIXTURES AND STATISTICS

DATE	OPPONENTS	F-A	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
SEPTEMBER 1993																	
Wed. 1	Tonyrefail ABERAVON (L)	A 36-15 H	P. Armstrong	M. Liddiatt (1T)	S. John	S. Davies	A. Jenkins	C. John (2T,3C)	G. Treharne	M. Griffiths	B. Wakefield	A. Lewis (1T)	T. Rees	G. Davies	N. Baxter	M. Bennett (1T)	P. Agar
Tue. 7	PONTYPRIDD (L)	A															
Sat. 11	NEWBRIDGE (L)	A															
Wed. 15	Penarth	H															
Sat. 18	DUNVANT (L)	H															
Sat. 25	CROSS KEYS (L)	A															
OCTOBER																	
Sat. 2	LLANELLI (L)	H															
Sat. 16	Gloucester (3.00p.m.)	A															
Sat. 23	NEATH (L)	A															
Sat. 30	PONTYPOOL (L)	H															
NOVEMBER																	
Sat. 6	BRIDGEND (L)	A															
Sat. 13	NEWPORT (L)	H															
Sat. 20	SWANSEA (L)	A															
Sat. 27	ABERAVON (L)	A															
DECEMBER																	
Wed. 1	PONTYPRIDD (L)	H															
Sun. 5	NEWBRIDGE (L)	H															
Sat. 11	DUNVANT (L)	A															
Sat. 18	WRU Cup 4th Round																
Wed. 22	Cilfynydd	A															
Mon. 27	Pontypridd	H															
JANUARY 1994																	
Mon. 3	CROSS KEYS (L)	H															
Sat. 8	Glamorgan Wanderers	A															
Fri. 14	Ayr	H															
Sat. 22	WRU Cup 5th Round																
Sat. 29	LLANELLI (L)	A															
FEBRUARY																	
Fri. 4	Maesteg	A															
Sat. 12	Cambridge University	H															
Fri. 18	Bristol	A															
Sat. 26	WRU Cup 6th Round																
MARCH																	
Sat. 5	NEATH (L)	H															
Sat. 12	Maesteg	H															
Tue. 15	Penarth	A															
Sat. 19	London Welsh	A															
Sat. 26	PONTYPOOL (L)	A															
APRIL																	
Sat. 2	Barbarians/ WRU Cup Q.F./Wasps	H															
Sat. 9	BRIDGEND (L)	H															
Sat. 16	WRU Cup Semi-Final/ Bristol	H															
Sat. 23	NEWPORT (L)	A															
Sat. 30	SWANSEA (L)	H															
MAY																	
Sat. 7	WRU Cup Final																

CARDIFF RUGBY SUPPORTERS CLUB

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A not-fully recovered camp follower to Australia reports:

WHEN 24 supporters spend 18 days in a country where convicts are still revered one might anticipate a few misdemeanours. However, in the event the only one to stray from the straight and narrow was a certain solicitor who managed to lose his way in a rain forest.

A motley party of varying ages, professions and callings from the learned gentleman nicknamed the judge to the youngest, he of the startling shirts, rapidly became as one though the judge did earn a reputation for his late-night parties.

Then there was the young pharmacist who saw a notice "Take Australia Back with You" and did his best to comply.

Ably shepherded by the impish Albert Francis, all games were attended from the torrential Sydney rain to blazing Brisbane. Hospitality was outstanding though an impromptu choir, with Mrs Davies at the piano, did have to sing for its collective supper on several occasions. Barbecues, aquaria, museums, animal parks and many events absorbed in whirlwind fashion left a kaleidoscopic vision of a memorable trip down under.

For the future, events so far organised include:

- Friday, October 15: Rugby Film Show
- Friday, November 26: Race Evening
- Friday, December 3: Entertainment of New Zealand supporters on eve of Barbarians-All Blacks match

Supporters club coaches planned for the first half of the season include visits to Newbridge, Cross Keys, Neath, Bridgend, Swansea, Aberavon and Dunvant. Ask any club official for details.

STATISTICS FROM **Baytrack** for **VOLVO**



HOW THEY FINISHED IN SEASON 1992-93

DIVISION ONE

Llanelli rewrote the record books en route to their first Heineken Championship, amassing 901 points in 22 games, including an incredible total of 136 tries. Maesteg and South Wales Police were relegated.

	P	W	D	L	T	F	A	Pt
Llanelli	22	19	1	2	136	901	254	39
Cardiff	22	18	0	4	79	636	260	36
Swansea	22	17	0	5	66	548	326	34
Neath	22	13	0	9	57	448	359	26
Pontypridd	22	11	2	9	42	400	353	24
Bridgend	22	11	1	10	46	402	400	23
Newport	22	11	0	11	67	513	512	22
Pontypool	22	10	0	12	49	489	508	20
Aberavon	22	7	0	15	25	271	501	14
Newbridge	22	6	0	16	28	258	536	12
Maesteg	22	3	1	18	27	278	632	7
South Wales Police ..	22	3	1	18	27	243	746	7

DIVISION TWO

Champions Dunvant lost only once, 12-3 at Llanharan, as they marched impressively to Division One. Cross Keys achieved the second promotion spot on the final Saturday. Gwent neighbours Blaina and Tredegar were relegated.

	P	W	D	L	T	F	A	Pt
Dunvant	22	21	0	1	58	478	134	42
Cross Keys	22	16	1	5	55	474	268	33
Llanharan	22	16	1	5	50	435	202	33
Narberth	22	15	1	6	38	358	209	31
Tenby Utd.	22	12	1	9	46	432	234	25
Glam Wands.	22	11	0	11	41	357	409	22
Abertillery	22	11	0	11	39	366	355	22
Llandovery	22	7	0	15	29	285	345	14
Penarth	22	7	0	15	28	245	546	14
Ebbw Vale	22	7	0	15	11	183	355	14
Tredegar	22	3	2	17	14	200	406	8
Blaina	22	3	0	19	15	199	549	6

DIVISION THREE

Treorchy, learning from their mistakes the previous season, overtook Mountain Ash to win Division Three at a canter, losing only one game against St. Peter's. Ash held on to join their neighbours in Division Two but Rumney and Wrexham move down a grade.

	P	W	D	L	T	F	A	Pt
Treorchy	22	19	2	1	63	500	189	40
Mountain Ash	22	16	1	5	41	383	227	33
Abercynon	22	12	1	9	39	339	276	25
Blackwood	22	11	0	11	49	382	389	22
Tumble	22	11	0	11	39	322	358	22
Pontypool Utd.	22	11	0	11	38	338	298	22
Bonymaen	22	10	1	11	54	412	316	21
Kenfig Hill	22	9	2	11	48	359	386	20
St Peter's	22	8	1	13	36	316	440	17
Aberavon Quins	22	7	1	14	27	274	314	15
Rumney	22	7	1	14	22	248	420	15
Wrexham	22	6	0	16	21	215	475	12

DIVISION FOUR

Tondu celebrated their first season in the Heineken League by winning the Division Four title, pipping Ystradgynlais on tries scored. Cilfynydd, Ruthin, Cardigan and Colwyn Bay lose their Heineken status, replaced by Caerphilly, Oakdale, Pile and Whitland.

	P	W	D	L	T	F	A	Pt
Tondu	22	19	0	3	71	537	193	38
Ystradgynlais	22	19	0	3	61	516	215	38
Builth Wells	22	17	1	4	44	402	206	35
Cardiff Quins	22	14	1	7	65	496	326	29
Cardiff Marthon	22	10	1	11	42	353	378	21
Kidwelly	22	10	1	11	27	288	363	21
Vardre	22	9	1	12	37	380	330	19
Garndiffaith	22	8	1	13	31	313	380	17
Cilfynydd	22	8	0	14	39	299	359	16
Ruthin	22	4	3	15	27	254	529	11
Cardigan	22	5	1	16	11	202	417	11
Colwyn Bay	22	3	2	17	14	164	508	8

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Cardiff Rugby Club 1993-94

ATHLETIC XV FIXTURES and UNDER 21s

1993			1994		
SEPTEMBER			JANUARY		
Wed. 1	Bristol U21	H 22-13	Sat. 1	Bath U21	H.....
Sat. 4	Aberavon U21	A.....	Wed. 12	Pencoed U21	H.....
Sat. 11	Tenby U21	H.....	Wed. 19	North Cheshire U21	H.....
Sat. 18	Rosslyn Park U21	H.....	Sat. 22	Wasps U21	H.....
Wed. 22	Bridgend Sports	A.....	Wed. 26	Llanelli U21	H.....
			Sat. 29	Richmond U21	H.....
OCTOBER			FEBRUARY		
Sat. 2	Llanelli U21	A.....	Wed. 2	Bridgend Sports	H.....
Wed. 6	Mountain Ash U21	A.....	Sat. 12	Cardiff University	A.....
Wed. 13	Bristol University	H.....	Wed. 23	Exeter University	H.....
Sat. 23	Leicester U21	H.....	Sat. 26	Harlequins U21	H.....
Wed. 27	Maesteg U21	A.....			
Sat. 30	Pontypool Athletic	A.....			
NOVEMBER			MARCH		
Wed. 3	Newport U21	A.....	Sat. 5	Bristol U21	A.....
Sat. 6	Exeter U21	H.....	Wed. 9	Mountain Ash U21	H.....
Sat. 13	Wasps U21	A.....	Sat. 12	Rosslyn Park U21	A.....
Sat. 20	Swansea U21	H.....	Sat. 19	London Welsh	A.....
Wed. 24	Fairwater	H.....	Sat. 26	Pontypool Athletic	H.....
Sat. 27	Aberavon U21	H.....	Wed. 30	Cardiff Inst. U21	A.....
DECEMBER			APRIL		
Sat. 4	Swan. Uni. (a.m. S. Gdns)	H.....	Sat. 9	Crumlin	A.....
Sat. 11	Bristol University	A.....	Sat. 16	Tenby U21	A.....
Sat. 15	Cardiff University	H.....	Sat. 23	Newport U21	H.....
			Sat. 30	Swansea U21	A.....

YOUTH XV FIXTURES

1993			1994		
SEPTEMBER			JANUARY		
Sat. 4	Pembroke	H.....	Sat. 8	Cup/Pool	A.....
Sat. 11	Dunvant	H.....	Wed. 19	Bridgend	H.....
Wed. 15	Bedwas	H.....	Sat. 22	Cheltenham	H.....
Sat. 18	Coventry	H.....	Sat. 29	Cardiff	H.....
Wed. 22	Glam. Wanderers	A.....			
Sat. 25	Leicester	A.....			
OCTOBER			FEBRUARY		
Sat. 2	Pontypridd	A.....	Sat. 5	Neath (a.m.)	H.....
Wed. 6	Llandaff North	H.....	Sat. 12	Cup/Pool	A.....
Sat. 9	Cup/Pool	A.....			
Fri. 15	Blaenau, Gwent	A.....	MARCH		
Sat. 23	Neath	A.....	Sat. 5	Llanelli	H.....
Wed. 27	Bridgend	H.....	Sat. 12	Bristol	A.....
Sat. 30	Pontypool	A.....	Wed. 16	Glam. Wanderers	H.....
NOVEMBER			Wed. 23	Llandaff North	A.....
Sat. 6	Swansea	H.....	Sat. 26	Swansea	A.....
Sat. 13	Newport	A.....			
Sat. 20	Pontypridd	H.....	APRIL		
Sat. 27	Wasps	A.....	Sat. 2	Crawshays	H.....
DECEMBER			Mon. 4	Newport Festival	H.....
Sat. 11	Llanelli	A.....	Sat. 9	Tour	A.....
Sat. 18	Cup/Pool	A.....			
Mon. 27	Llandaff/ W. George XV (a.m.)	A.....	MAY		
			Sat. 16	Bedwas	A.....
			Sat. 23	Pontypool	H.....

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