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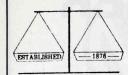


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This magnificent Historic Hotel, built in 1829 stands within its spectacular landscaped gardens on the banks of the River Doon overlooking the Auld Brig O'Doon with the back-drop of Burns Monument itself. The Hotel has built up an envious reputation for quality cuisine to award winning standards.

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#### AROUND MILLBRAE

#### Comment

It comes round every other year, eagerly awaited by all rugby loving Scots. It is the Welsh weekend, when the streets, pubs and clubs of our villages, towns and cities become awash with the scarlet of Wales. Lilting Welsh accents fill the air as old friendships are renewed and strengthened.

For Ayr R.F.C. it means the return to Millbrae of our old friends from Llanishen and the annual match for the Les McCall Trophy. It also gives us the opportunity to repay some of the hospitality which we received as their guests on our trip to Cardiff last season.

It also means the return to Millbrae of the world famous Cardiff R.F.C. who are our guests this evening for the second time. Last season Ayr paid a memorable visit to the Arms Park and were well received and entertained. We hope that our hospitality this evening goes some way towards matching that of our hosts last year.

Tomorrow Scotland and Wales lock horns for the ninty seventh time at the new look Murrayfield and there is more at stake than just a bit of national pride. Both countries can still win the Triple Crown and Wales, thanks to their defeat of England a fortnight ago in the National Stadium, can still win the Grand Slam. After the disappointment of Scotland's defeat in Paris the result from Cardiff was greeted with as much enthusiasm north of the border as it was in the Principality. (Well, almost as much.)

Wales too will be out for revenge after their 32-12 defeat on their last visit to Murrayfield in 1991 while Scotland will be keen to rectify last season's 15-9 victory for Wales in Cardiff.

The Welsh weekend is always one to savour, and Ayr R.F.C. extends a warm welcome to the many visitors to Millbrae who have made the long journey north to support their team.

A draw would benefit neither side so tomorrow there should be rejoicing for some and disappointment for others. The game has the potential to be a real cracker with so much at stake.

There is a resurgence in Welsh confidence, especially after the result against England and though Scotland have home advantage they also have the knowledge that they showed enough promise in Paris to suggest that if they can turn pressure into points they can extend the Welsh run of defeats at Murrayfield since they last won there in 1983.

Whatever the result let us hope that the winner is rugby and that our guests from Wales enjoy their weekend north of the border. They usually do, because they keep coming back for more.

#### Ayr Trades Sevens 1993

These will take place at Millbrae on the evening of Tuesday 20th April at 6 p.m. The format will be as in previous years with the proceeds again going to local charities. Details of how to enter will be posted on the club noticeboard and in future programmes.

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## Friday 19th February

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2nd XV						
Kestrels						
Falcons	3	1	0	2	31	95
Nighthawks	3	2	0	1	77	59
U-18 XV	5	2	0	3	96	131

#### McEWAN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO 1992-93

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Musselburgh	11	10	0	1	244	107	20
Stewart's Melville F.P	11	9	0	2	313	139	18
West of Scotland	11	9	0	2	270	147	18
Glasgow Academicals	11	7	1	3	291	169	15
AYR	11	7	0	4	148	165	14
Clarkston	11	6	1	4	239	144	13
Peebles	11	5	1	5	123	133	11
Preston Lodge FP	11	4	BT 1 BT	6	171	176	9
Kirkcaldy	11	4	1	6	189	209	9
Edinburgh Wanderers	11	4	0	7	156	223	8
Grangemouth	11	3	0	8	158	209	6
Dunfermline	11	2	1	8	123	260	5
Kilmarnock	11	2	0	9	111	283	1
Wigtownshire	11	1	2	8	107	279	4

#### This Evening's Match

On April 17th, 1946, Mr. James Callaghan, the Labour Member of Parliament for Cardiff South-East, was addressing the House of Commons on what was then known as entertainment tax. "Speaking as one who has the honour to represent the City which has the finest Rugby Club in the four countries..."

There were, according to Hansard, cries of "no." Local theory has it that they came primarily from the M.P. for Llanelli.

Mr. Callaghan, of course, went on to become Prime Minister and was guest of honour when the club held its centenary dinner in 1976.

Whether Cardiff is indeed the "finest" or, as some would have you believe, even the "greatest" is debatable. What is undoubtedly true is that it is one of the best known in the world.

Now, after a few lean years, the club heads the Heineken League First Division with the deepest belief in running rugby. Before last Saturday's match with Llanelli, they had scored 65 tries in 16 league games. Overall this season, they have scored over 1,000 points in 26 games.

This transformation has been largely brought about by their coaching organiser Alex Evans, known as the Wizard of Oz and his coaching staff who include former Welsh scrum-half Terry Holmes, Charlie Faulkener, one of the famous Pontypool front row and former international centre Alun Donovan.

They bring with them their finest available team, missing only those on duty at Murrayfield and at Myreside for this afternoons U-21 international. As Alex Evans says, "I like my side to be always match fit and that means playing rugby seriously so we will put out our best side".

This means that Ayr's rugby followers will see some of the most exciting players in Welsh rugby.

Prominent among these is Nigel Walker, the 29 year old former Olympic 110 metre hurdler who returned to the game this season after an absence in athletics of 10 years.

His fellow winger is Steve Ford, a Welsh cap and another speed merchant of note.

Evans has done remarkable things with Cardiff. Had there been relegation last season Cardiff would now be a second division side. Instead, under the charismatic Australian they have become league leaders with a hugely entertaining style and a fine team spirit.

On their first visit to Ayr two seasons ago they gave a thrilling display of running rugby that saw them win 50-9 but last season at Cardiff, Ayr made them fight all the way and were leading going into the last quarter of the game before eventually going down 27-12.

Cardiff are surely favourites again this evening but whatever the outcome we hope that our guests have an enjoyable time and take back to Cardiff many happy memories of their visit to Millbrae.

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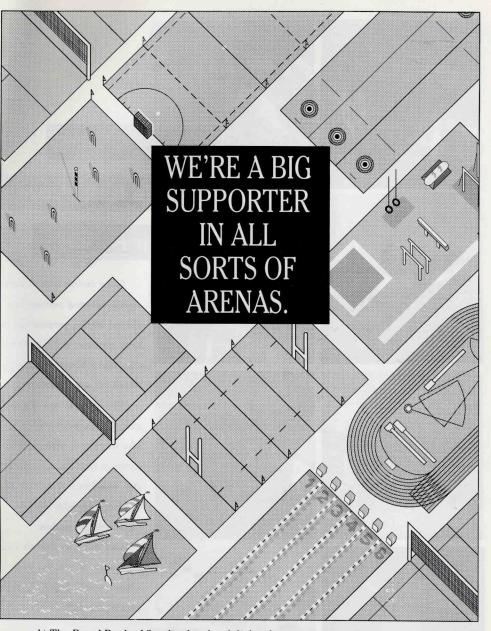
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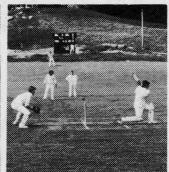


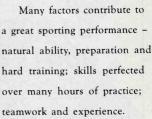
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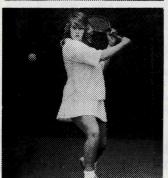






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