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PRESIDENTS WELCOME

On behalf of Llandovery RFC I extend a sincere warm welcome to Pontypridd.

The journey from Sardis Road over the Brecon Beacons to this quiet market town, on the upper reaches of the Towy, is a pleasant one. But the visitors will soon realise that they have descended into a cauldron of Rugby, which has been played here for over one hundred years, with the Club being a founder member of the W.R.U.

On the day 'Ponty' might find the cries of 'Dover' converting the minnow into a strong slippery opponent like the Towy salmon.

To enter 1985, the year of the quincentenary of the Royal Charter of the Borough, still in the cup would be tremendous. I hope that the visitors will return having savoured friendship and hospitality to be remembered, and witnessed an excellent sporting game of Rugby, in keeping with the motto, "Teg Chwarae, Chwarae Teg".

Dr. J. Tyssul Williams
President, Llandovery R.F.C.

PONTYPRIDD VIEW

As a former pupil of Llandovery College and as a former prop and long time friend of your coach, Jock Watkins, a former Pontypridd hooker and captain, it gives me double pleasure to be asked to contribute to your programme on this most auspicious day in the history of Llandovery Town R.F.C. This is sure to be a match that will go down in the annals of your history and will be recorded for posterity by B.B.C. TV. We at Pontypridd look forward to the visit and we know that we are in for a very hard match. May the best side win on the field and off the field may old friendships be happily renewed and new friendships forged for life.

Sam Simon
President, Pontypridd R.F.C.

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Mr. Hilliam has kindly donated a trophy to LLANDOVERY'S MAN OF THE MATCH



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CUP RUN TO DATE

LLANDOVERY

Llandovery have played three games so far in the cup this season, all at home. They started this campaign against Loughor early in September. The heavier and stronger Llandovery pack took advantage of the difference in league status between the sides to win comfortably 21-9.

They then played Tumble, last season's West Wales Champions. Despite losing a forward early on, the seven man pack produced a great display and with the backs running the ball at every opportunity, Llandovery won through 12-3. The first round proper saw Kenfig Hill as visitors. The Llandovery pack turned in its most impressive performance of the season. The final score of 32-3 would have been greater but for some desperate defence by Kenfig.

Llandovery will be hoping that today's effort will match that of their last first class visitors in the cup - Maesteg in 1978, when they lost narrowly 11-0 after being 0-0 at half-time.

PONTYPRIDD

Pontypridd as one of the seeded teams in the cup this season, have only played the one game (so far). That was against Senghenydd at home - a difficult local derby which Pontypridd won 10-3. They will be expected to proceed today into the next round but can be assured of another difficult match.

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SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who were the first ever winners of the WRU Challenge Cup?
2. Who play at the following grounds: a) Waterton Cross
b) Eugene Cross Park c) Talbot Athletic Ground?
3. Who is the only man to have played for the Lions, coached them and managed them?
4. Who is the only man since the war to have been selected as a back and a forward for his country?
5. Which scrum-half in 1978 scored a try in each of his first three internationals against England, Ireland & Scotland?.
6. Who was the first Gaelic footballer to win a Lions cap?
7. Who had the nickname 'Basil Brush'?
8. Who was the Lion to have played just 51 seconds of the 1980 tour to South Africa?
9. Who scored the only try in the Swansea v Bridgend WRU Cup final in April 1980?
10. Who coached the 1977 Lions tour to New Zealand?
11. Who was Man of the Match in last seasons' Cup final?
12. Who is the only Llanelli player to have his first cap for Scotland whilst playing for Llanelli?
13. Who is the last substitute in international rugby?
14. What have the following three in common: P. RINGER, G. WHEEL, W. DUGGAN.
15. Who was the top points scorer on the 1980 Lions tour?

(Questions courtesy of 'More Rugby Posers')

by Mr. Huw S. Thomas)

Answers on back page.

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PEN NOTES - LLANDOVERY

GERAINT WILLIAMS: Born 21.2.59:5'9":11st7lbs:Civil Eng.: Played for Neath, Newbridge & Poly. of Wales. A shrewd & fine after match singer.

ALAN MORGAN: Born 1.10.58:5'10":12st:Master Baker:Good all-round - ability has seen him play in most positions in the backs. Lists encyclopedia reading as his favourite hobby.

CARWYN DAVIES: Born 17.4.64:5'10":12st:Farmer:Played for Welsh Youth. Wing with good speed. Does for beer sales what Cyril Smith does for ballet.

EIRIAN JONES: Born 9.7.61:5'11":12st3lbs:Quantity Surveyor: Played for Poly. of Wales. Good football brain. Keen artist.

ALUN THOMAS: Born 21.2.64:5'10":12st6lbs:Student:Welsh Youth Trial list. Enjoys horseriding.

CARWYN WILLIAMS: Born 9.1.61:5'10":11st7lbs:Civil Eng.: Played for Poly. of Wales, British Poly's, Welst Students, Llanelli & West Wales XV. Hoping for career in the Diplomatic Corps.

RANDALL JONES: Born 21.9.60:5'9":12st7lbs:Teacher:Played for Walsall, Swansea Univ., Staffs. Under 23's. This Welsh excile currently living in Walsall has fitted in well at scrum-half.

EIFION EVANS: Born 23.7.63:5'11":16st4lbs:Building Contractor Strong young prop. Thinks a sidestep is a new dance.

WYN MORGAN: Born 26.10.57:5'8":13st7lbs:Forestry Contractor: Thinks all opposing hookers strike early or the ball is fed crookedly.

GARETH WILLIAMS: Born 3.7.48:5'6":13st10lbs:General Foreman: Prop with experience and a sidestep like a Russian tank.

NOEL PAGE: Born 20.12.49:6'0":15st12lbs:Carpenter: Played for Amman Valley Dist., Llandovery stalwart. At the bottom of every ruck.

WYN WILLIAMS: Born 26.5.59:6'4":16st8lbs:Heavy Machine Op. Played for Carm.U.23's. Heavy pack operator.

ELFYN JENKINS: Born 15.8.57:5'10":14st5lbs:Farmer:Quick strong flanker. Chases sheep for training (for professional reasons).

EDDIE MORRIS: Born 19.7.57:6'1":13st4lbs:Pipeline contractor: Flanker who eats outside halves (when his teeth are in).

DAI WIGLEY: Born 5.7.63:6'2":14st7lbs:Welder:Played for W.Wales XV, Amman Valley XV:No.8 with pierced ears since a darting accident.

HANDEL DAVIES: Born 16.11.57:5'8":11st10lbs:Building Insp-ector: Played for Maesteg, Kenfig Hill, Poly. of Wales & Amman Valley XV. Scrum half who auditioned for 'Comedians' but was too funny.



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CHRIS DAVIES: Born 10.8.65:6'3":12st10lbs:Farmer:Amman Valley Dist.:Back row forward who surprises out-halves by hiding behind corner flags.

COLIN HENRY: Born 18.2.61:5'8":12st6lbs:Agric. Salesman: Hooker known as No.1736472 of no fixed abode.

DAI THOMAS: Born 21.9.55:5'11½":15st:Policeman:Played for Abercrave New Dock Stars, Welsh Sec.Sch.:Believed to be involved in organised crime against opposing packs.

NIGEL CLARKE: Born 9.8.58:6'3":15st5lbs:Sports Retailer: Players rep. for Adidas boot money.

DEWI EVANS: Born 12.4.60:5'11lbs:13st:Forestry Contractor: Utility back.

EIFION WILLIAMS: Born 29.2.60:15st8lbs:Agric. Contractor: Prop forward.

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14 EIRIAN JONES	RIGHT WING
13 GERAINI WILLIAMS (Captain)	CENTRE
12 ALUN THOMAS	CENTRE
11 CARRYN DAVIES	LEFT WING
10 CARRYN WILLIAMS	OUTSIDE HALF
9 RANDALL JONES	SCRUM HALF
8 DAI WIGLEY	No. 8
7 EDDIE MORRIS	FLANKER
6 ELFYN JENKINS	FLANKER
5 WYN WILLIAMS	LOCK
4 NOEL PAGE	LOCK
3 DAI THOMAS	PROP
2 WYN MORGAN	HOOKER
1 GARETH WILLIAMS	PROP
REPLACEMENTS:	
NIGEL CLARKE: CHRIS DAVIES: COLIN HENRY: HANDEL DAVIES:	
DEWI EVANS: EIFFION WILLIAMS	
PONTYPRIDD (BLACK & WHITE HOOPS)	
15 CEFNWR	RHYS WILLIAMS
14 ASCELL DDE	ALAN ROSE
13 CANDLWR	BRENDAN MCALDON
12 CANDLWR	JUSTIN ROBINSON
11 ASCELL CHWTH	ROSS CHILCOTT
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9 MENWR	ROBERT DAVIES
8 Y RHENG OL	CARL GROVES
7 BLAENASGELL	GARY JONES
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5 YR AIL RENG	STEVE DUKE
4 YR AIL RENG	KERI WILLIAMS
3 Y RENG FLAEN	NEIL WILDING
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1 Y RENG FLAEN	ALAN EDWARDS
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THE YOUTH CONNECTION

Of today's Llandovery squad of twenty-two, seventeen are products of the club youth team's of 1978-82. This should make any club feel the importance of running a youth team to bring on players for senior rugby. We hope that the interest created in the Llandovery area by this game plus the fact that the BBC are here to televise the match will help persuade youngsters that even for players who won't play first-class or international rugby, the incentive is there to play rugby, so that when a match such as today's comes along, everybody involved can enjoy it to the full. Long may the youth team continue to supply players to senior rugby.

TODAY'S REFEREE

Mr. Clive **NORLING** has refereed 9 International Board matches. He's also refereed two other non-board matches (Argentina v Australia). He came onto the Int. Panel of referee's in 1977 aged 27, equalling the record set by Gwyn Walters as the youngest international referee. He was born in Neath and at 6'3" is the tallest of the referee's. In school he played lock for Neath Grammar and took up refereeing at the age of 17. He became a W.R.U. referee in 1974 on his return from studies at Portsmouth Polytechnic and he is one of the few referee's to also be a qualified coach.

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SHORT HISTORY OF LLANDOVERY RFC

Reports suggest that Llandovery played in the original South Wales Challenge Cup on the 16th February 1878. Llandovery lost by two goals to nil to Newport. Three years later in 1881 Llandovery were represented at the inaugural meeting of the Welsh Rugby Union at the Castle Hotel, Neath and consequently Llandovery were regarded as one of the founder members of the Union.

The fortunes of rugby in the town have fluctuated over the years. In the period around the turn of the century it was a strong religious revival in the district that virtually put a stop to the 'barbaric pastime' as rugby was known. But rugby survived the puritanical element and two world wars. 1948 saw Llandovery a junior union side only returning to full Welsh R.U. status in 1957. Our encounter with Maesteg in 1978 was at a period in the Club's history when we fluctuated between Section C & D of the West Wales League. Since then our playing record has improved spectacularly with our promotion through the divisions to Section A of the League in 1983-84. Our playing record this year shows that we may well gain promotion again as our victory over last years' West Wales Champions, Tumble, showed. Currently we lie second in Section B.

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SHORT HISTORY OF PONTYPRIDD RFC

Pontypridd used to play at Ynysghangharad Park until the building of the nearby motorway when they then moved to Sardis Road where they now play.

On the 1955 Lions tour of South Africa, Pontypridd were represented by Russell Robins who also played for Wales. He eventually changed codes and played Rugby League for Leeds. More recently everyone knows of the great Tommy David and his association with the club. He will be remembered by all for his powerful, bulldozing runs which used to thrill us all. Of course, we can't mention Pontypridd without the name Bob Penberthy cropping up. 'Bionic Bob' played over 800 games for the club and even now is available for selection if the need arises. He is a member of the selection committee, and an assistant to coach Eddie Jones. For loyalty to one club you need look no further especially now as the rugby 'Transfer Market' hots up.



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THAT'S FUNNY

THE CLUB OFFICIAL SAID WHEN HANDING OUT THE ORDER OF SERVICE AT A PLAYERS' WEDDING "OFFICIAL PROGRAMME-NO LATE CHANGES".

RAY PROSSER REPUTED TO HAVE TOLD SOME ACADEMIC BRITISH LIONS COLLEAGUES "I DO HATE THE BIG WORDS YOU UNIVERSITY CHAPS USE-LIKE MARMALADE AND CORRUGATED IRON".

"IDEALLY A REFEREE SHOULD BE OLD, DEAF OR SHORT-SIGHTED AND FORTUNATELY MANY OF THEM ARE".

A KEEN NEWPORT SUPPORTER REPLIED AT A NEEDLE MATCH WITH CARDIFF, TO A FRIENDS' ANNOUNCEMENT

"TERRIBLE NEWS, MY WIFE'S GONE OFF WITH THE LODGER".

"EVEN WORSE MUN, KEN JONES' GONE OFF WITH CRAMP".

HERE LIES THE BODY OF AN EMINENT RUGBY REFEREE AND AN HONEST MAN, READ THE EPITAPH ON THE TOMBSTONE. "FUNNY" MUSES THE PASSING PLAYER "THEY DON'T USUALLY BURY TWO BLOKES IN THE SAME GRAVE".

A KIND OLD SOUL IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID AT RODNEY PARADE IN 1964 DURING THE NEWPORT v ALL BLACKS GAME "PLEASE GIVE THIS BICARBONATE OF SODA TO DAVID WATKINS. I HEAR HE'S PLAYING WITH THE WIND".

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ANSWERS TO SPORTS QUIZ:

1. Neath 2.a) S.W. Police b) Ebbw Vale c) Aberavon
3. Syd Millar 4. J.P.R. Williams 5. Jerome Gallion
6. Moss Keane 7. John Taylor 8. Stuart Lane 9. Ffroncon Owen
10. John Dawes 11. Gareth Jones 12. Ian McGregor
13. Jeff Whitefoot 14. All sent off in Internationals
15. Ollie Campbell.



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