



Llandovery RFC Team Records CGW04

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The club's Youth team, however, went a step further. They reached the final of the Amman Valley Youth Cup. **SEASON 1975-76.**



Llandovery's Second XV got among the trophies, winning a shield for finishing top of their section in the Llanelli District Championship.



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Llanwrda Primary School's rugby team, quarter-finalists in the schools' seven-a-side competition at Garnant last Saturday, are Iwan Rees, Carwyn Williams, Eurig Evans, Eifion Evans, Paul Vaughan, Neil Balfe and Eirian Jones. The ranks of the team were swollen by loyal recruits from Llansadwrn School.

UNDER IT'S DEC 2nd 1971 RUGBY

Llanwrda C.P. School 6 pts.,
Betws C.P. School 12

On an ideal pitch for junior rugby an excellent game was seen last Friday at Llanwrda between the home school and Betws.

Due to illness the home team were forced to include two Betws boys in their side, Gethin Williams at full-back and Eric Evans at centre, and both played excellent games for their adopted school.

The game opened briskly with Betws exerting the early pressure but failing to score due to the excellent defensive work of the Llanwrda boys with Eirian Jones, Paul Vaughan and Neil Balfe prominent.

However, just before the interval prop Hugh Bowen used his weight to breach the home defence and score a try which Hugh Thomas converted.

SOLO TRY

The second half started with a dramatic try by Betws outside-half Martin Edwards who kicked ahead and followed up quickly to catch a defender in possession and rob him of the ball to score. Captain Hugh Thomas again converted.

But this was one of the rare excursions by Betws into the home side's half. Llanwrda were pressing for long periods on the Betws line, and Eurig Evans and Colin Jones nearly got over.

Their efforts, however, were rewarded when Eric Evans cleaved his way through for a try which Carwyn Williams converted.

Betws again launched a series of attacks, with scrum-half Raymond Davies working tremendously hard and combining well with Marc Howells on the left wing. Julian Morris and Michael Rideout also did tremendous work in the tight and loose for Betws.

Eifion Evans and Raymond Macartney did likewise for the homesters.

For Llanwrda Carwyn Williams had an outstanding game and led his team with enthusiasm and example.

Betws were well served by Stephen Edwards at full-back who tackled inspiringly and joined in many attacking moves.

Brynamman C.P. 0,
Cwmmllynfell C.P. 8 pts.

These two teams had played each other on two occasions with Brynamman romping home winners 32-0 and 40-0.

However, Cwmmllynfell had other ideas this time. Kevin Phillips and Wynford Jones at half-back were a tower of strength, while centres John Woolley and Wyn Jones were strong runners and persistent tacklers. In the scrum David Richards, Jeffrey Morris and Denzil Davies were prominent.

For Brynamman, the half-backs, Huw Williams and Chris Spowart played with determination, and Thomas Rees in the forwards, was the pick of the six.

Scorers for Cwmmllynfell were John Woolley and Wyn Jones. John Woolley chased a bouncing ball and beat the opposition in a thrilling race. Wyn Jones received the ball on the 25 and brushed off a number of would-be tacklers for his try.

Next Friday, Cwmmllynfell play a combined Capel Cynfaes and Llandovery side at Llandovery.

DECEMBER 2nd
1971



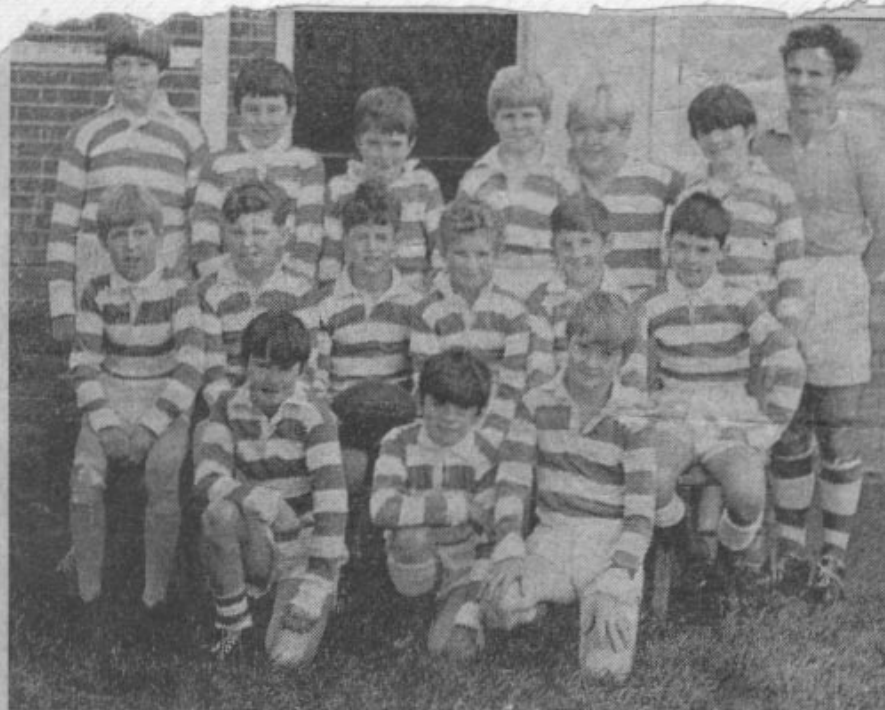
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The Amman Valley under 13's XV who were beaten on aggregate scores by Swansea District in the final of the Alun Thomas cup competition: S. John, D. Evans, K. Bailey, C. Spowert, A. Downing, C. Williams, H. Williams, H. Thomas (capt.), D. Canville, T. Rees, E. Price, A. Price, P. Tench, M. Jones, A. Phillips, Res. K. James, D. James, W. Williams, M. Edwards.

Photo: B. & J. Neal, Ammanford.



The North Carmarthenshire Schools (under 11) side before their match against Alfa School, Cardiff, on Saturday. North Carmarthenshire won by a convincing margin.

Llandover and District 8 pts; Cwmllynfell Schools 24.

The first half of the match turned out to be a thriller, both sides played exciting rugby.

Llandover had a brilliant full-back in Carwyn Williams, who tackled, covered and attacked like a miniature John Williams. He opened the scoring with a fine burst of speed from the halfway line.

Shortly afterwards, Dewi Evans took a short penalty three yards out and crashed over for a try to make it 8-0.

Cwmllynfell stormed back into the attack, and Wynford Jones scored two tries in a matter of minutes.

WEAVED THROUGH

The teams changed over with the score even. However, Llandover were penalised on their opponents' '25 and Kevin Phillips took the quickest of short penalties and before Llandover knew what had happened, he had scored in the corner after streaking down the touchline.

The next effort was a text book try scored by Cwmllynfell's outside half, Wynford Jones, who weaved through the defence before crossing the line.

Cwmllynfell R.F.C. will be glad to know that this young outside-half will be a valuable asset to the club in about eight years' time.

Carwyn Jones and John Woolley rounded off the scoring with a try apiece a few minutes from time.



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LLANWRDA BOYS RUGBY SUCCESS

It was a little over a year ago that the boys of Llanwrda C.P. School began to play seven-a-side rugby and to participate in inter school matches.

From an all too painful beginning in which they suffered defeat after defeat the persevered. They were so hard pushed for players at the commencement that their only hope of raising the requisite number was to seek the assistance of neighbouring Llanwadwrn C.P. School whose pupils had never played rugby.

Their inaugural effort as a combined unit showed some promise when they progressed into the second round and no further after the defeat of Llanwadwrn C.P. School in an early season tournament, and later gained successes against such "big" schools as Llandovery and Parcyrhuh (Ammanford) C.P. Schools.

However, they came badly unstuck against the Capel Isaac, Cwmifer and Salem Schools combination and were thoroughly humiliated at Lampeter by the ubiquitous Coedmor C.P. School side.

Undaunted they proceeded to the Amman Valley Junior Schools Competition at Garnant in April to be dismissed in the second round.

RELUCTANT

Rather reluctantly the combined team accepted the invitation of the National Coal Board (West Wales Area) to participate in their first ever Junior Schools Seven a Side knock out competition.

So confident were the organisers after the draw was made, that Llanwrda-Llanwadwrn would meet with early elimination that they asked the Headmaster (Mr. Douglas Rees) if he would agree to his side participating in an exhibition match prior to the final, to enable the finalists to have a much needed rest.

At the last minute it seemed that the "lads from the wilds" might not make it because of a late withdrawal and the unavailability of another player. But to the rescue came Dewi Evans, no mean performer, from Capel Cynfab school and who had previously assisted the Llanwrda-Llanwadwrn combination in friendly games.

It was he who started them on the road to success with an impressive try, whose conversion he missed. Then an incisive break by team captain Carwyn Williams led to the second try which he himself converted to give his side a valuable ten points lead.

SHOCK

Burly David Evans brought the Capel Isaac, Cwmifer, Salem side back into the game with a solo effort which was improved upon. Llanwrda - Llanwadwrn grimly held on to provide the first shock of the afternoon.

Surprisingly, Cwmilynnfell 'B' were never in the picture in the second round and the rural schools sevens romped home easy winners by 24 points to nil with tries scored by Dewi Evans, Eirian Jones, Iwan Rees and Carwyn Williams with the latter converting all four.

Thence to the semi final and the inevitable moment of truth against Coedmor C.P. School (Cwmman), who had earlier disposed of Glanamman and Parcyrhuh and whose record this season was outstanding.

TACTICS

By dint of sound tactics, hard tackling and a hint of luck the rank outsiders snatched victory through a Dewi Evans unconverted try.

This was indeed success enough and by this time the organisers had arranged that a team other than Llanwrda-Llanwadwrn should participate in the pre-final exhibition match.

Playing well above themselves against a far more experienced Llandeby side the country boys really rocked the boat as they rocketed to an 18 points lead within five minutes. Back came the "red and blacks" in a second half rally which had everyone in a state of suspense and it was the final whistle which brought greatest relief to the 7 boys and supporters, who had really come to be spectators.

The presentation of the cup was made to the Captain and star of his side Carwyn Williams and plaques to the players and teacher-in charge

Caerwyn outstanding again!

Llandovery Youth 48, Cwmgors Youth 3.

Caerwyn Williams again was Llandovery's outstanding player scoring 4 tries and kicking 6 conversions to give him a personal tally of 28 points in this cup game. Further tries in this one-sided game were scored by M. C. Davies (2), Caerwyn Hughes, Iwan Jenkins and Wyn Williams. Though not on the try scoring list Eifion Jones (full back), Dewi Evans (outside half) and captain Eifion Williams gave good accounts of themselves. For Cwmgors scrum half Kevin Williams had an outstanding game and was the pick of the visitors.

LLANWRDA AND LLANSADWRN WIN GALA DAY RUGBY SEVENS

The Primary Schools seven-a-side rugby competition at the 17th Annual Sports and Gala, at Ammanford, on Saturday, attracted a large crowd.

The 16 teams gave non-stop entertainment, the combined Llanwrda/Llanwadwrn side beating Llandeby in a thrilling final.

FIRST ROUND

Cwmilynnfell A 6 pts, Brynamman 0; Llandeby A 4, Garnant 0; Betws B 10, Parcyrhuh B 4; Betws A 20, Saron 0; Coedmor 20, Glanamman 0; Parcyrhuh A 16, Tycroes 0; Llanwrda/Llanwadwrn 10, Cwmifer 6; Cwmilynnfell B 6, Llandeby B 0.

QUARTER FINALS

Llandeby A 16, Cwmilynnfell A 0; Betws A 6, Betws B 0; Coedmore 12, Parcyrhuh A 6; Llanwrda/Llanwadwrn 12, Cwmilynnfell 6.

SEMI-FINALS

Llandeby A 12, Betws A 6; Llanwrda/Llanwadwrn 4, Coedmore 0.

The final between Llandeby A and Llanwrda/Llanwadwrn caused a great deal of excitement, Llanwrda ran up 18 points in the first half and Llandeby scored 16 pts. in the second half to leave Llanwrda/Llanwadwrn the winners.

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Jack Young, Ognore Vale, a member of the W.R.U. "Big Five" Selection Committee, presented the Challenge Cup to the Llanwadwrn/Llanwrda captain—Eifion Evans, together with inscribed plaques to the winners and runners-up, Llandeby.

He also presented inscribed plaques to the referees, Ron Lewis, Maesteg; Gwyn Watts, Llandeby; Eifion Williams, Brynamman; Winston Jones, Cwmgors; and Onfil Pickard, Cefneithin, and writing sets to the two teachers in charge of the two teams in the final, Mr. Douglas Rees, Llanwrda, and Mr. Ron Isaac, Llandeby.

In charge of the tournament were D. Pritchard, Cwmgors, and E. B. Davies, Ammanford.



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Llanwrda and Llansadwrn C.P. Schools team, seen above, were the winners of the Schools' Seven-a-Side rugby tournament at the N.C. B. 18th Annual Sports and Gala at Ammanford on Saturday. In the group are: (front row): Iwan Rees, Eurig Evans, Carwyn Williams and Eirian Jones. (Back row): Eifi on Evans, Dewi Evans, Neil Balfre, with Douglas J. Rees, Llanwrda head teacher in charge. Their progress to the final was 1st round: Cwmifor/Salem, 10-6; 2nd: Cwmllyn fell, 24-6; semi-final: Coedmor, 4-0; final: Llandybie, 18-16.



Losing finalists, Llandybie, who after being 18 points down at half-time were narrow losers at full-time by 18pts. to 16pts. In the group are G. Jones, A. Jones, S. Jones, A. Evans, S. Quick, M. Howells, M. Davies, K. James and C. Parry.

Photos: B. & J. Neal, Ammanford.



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LLANDOVERY DECISION JUSTIFIED

Llandovery (under 15) 16 pts;
Tumble (under 15) 22 pts.

This match justified Llandovery R.F.C.'s decision to enter the East Carmarthenshire (under 15) rugby union.

Although their side went down by six points, they showed they had listened attentively to coach Bernard Jones.

They possessed an excellent pack which out-rucked, and took the scrummage honours at Tumble.

They also had a good combination at half-back in Handel Davies and Alan Morgan, and the smallest player on the field, Alun Davies was the outstanding tackler.

SCORERS

Scorers for Llandovery were Wyn Morgan, Handel Davies (2), and John Jones.

Tumble's tries were scored by Cerith Williams (3), Kevin Jenkins and Gethin Williams, who also added a conversion.

*First game I played
Oct 7/10/72
Young Magnies*

Llandovery shock for Pontardulais

Llandovery 4pts.,
Pontardulais 4

After a heavy defeat against Pontardulais last week, Llandovery almost turned the tables.

Pontardulais, known for their heavy and big pack could not shake off the home side's excellent tackling, and at half-time the score stood at nil-nil.

This was unusual for the visitors for at this stage they have generally amassed a total of 20 points or more.

Pontardulais staged many attacks but they found the last line of defence, full-back Roy Roberts, in excellent form.

Mid-way in the second-half they took the lead, lock forward D. Thomas breaking from a maul to score near the posts, the conversion failed.

EQUALISER

Ten minutes from no-side Llandovery put everything into attack with left centre Geraint Williams prominent, and in the dying seconds they drew level, Williams sending Huw Jones over in the corner.

For Llandovery the pack played as a well-knit unit, well supported by half-backs H. Davies and W. Morgan.

For the visitors the half-backs and back row caught the eye.

LLANDOVERY
TOWN
UNDER 15's
1972

SEPT. 1972.
Llandovery 46 pts.,
Blaenau 0.

Blaenau were no match for Llandovery, being outplayed in every phase of the game.

The superiority of the Llandovery side was very evident by the ten tries they scored without reply.

In second row Martin Davies they had a fine pack leader who inspired his side.

By half-time only 12 points had been scored, but from the resumption Llandovery cut loose to add a further 34 points.

Hugh Jones scored a hat-trick of tries and the scorers were W. Morgan, A. Morgan, H. Davies, R. Wood, M. C. Davies, M. Davies and G. Williams. The latter converted two tries and Handel Davies one try.

Llandeilo 28 pts.,
Llandovery 8.

THE Llandeilo and Llandovery rugby football clubs under 15 age group delighted the fans in an entertaining match at Llandeilo.

From the start Llandeilo's forwards dominated, and Llandovery were penned inside their own half for most of the first half. This allowed Lee Evans, Richard Evans and Martin Watkins to cross their opponents' line with Dylan Thomas converting one of the tries.

Llandovery recovered early in the second half and succeeded in scoring a corner try. However, they failed to maintain this pressure and Llandeilo regained the initiative and added further tries through Lee Evans, Tony Watkins and Ian Stephens. Dylan Thomas again converted one try.

In the few occasions when Llandovery got good possession, their backs moved the ball smoothly and in injury time obtained another try.

WHEN Llandovery RFCs under 15s side takes the field against Llandovery College at 2.30 on Saturday it will be the first representative team from Llandovery to play the college for over 50 years.

The College side, coached by Peter Ashton, have suffered only one defeat.

The Town team has also had a good season, having scored over 50 tries.

Thursday, December 14, 1972

EAST CARMS. UNDER 15s RUGBY UNION

Llandovery 12pts.,
Amman United 8

Llandovery retained their ground record, coming from behind to achieve a narrow margin win.

The match was only three minutes old when Amman went ahead with a try by strong running wing, D. MacRoberts, from a break by fly-half Lewis.

For the remainder of the half they were generally on top and only fine defensive work by Geraint Williams kept them at bay.

RUSHES

In this period, Amman made ground mainly through foot rushes, led expertly by wing-forward Evans.

Llandovery drew level early in the second period with a try by centre Eifion Williams, following an excellent movement involving fly-half Alan Morgan and Geraint Williams.

Centre K. Campbell restored the lead for Amman, ending crisp passing between the backs by crossing near the posts.

But Llandovery stormed back again with another try by Eifion Williams, and they clinched the win when forward Huw Jones scored his tenth try of the season near the end.

East Carms. Under-15 Rugby Union

Llandovery 14 pts;
Llandeilo nil.

After some slick passing by the threes, Eifion Williams opened the scoring by showing a clean pair of heels to the defence to put down under the posts. Handel Davies added the extra points.

With a similar move, Llandovery went further ahead when left wing Huw Arthur scored in the corner.

In the second half, Llandeilo came more into their own but relied too much on outside-half Dylan Williams, who was well marked by his opposite number, Alan Morgan.

Through over-eagerness and mis-handling, Llandovery missed some chances but made amends when right centre Eifion Williams crossed near the corner.



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EAST CARMS. UNDER 15s RUGBY UNION

Llandoverey 16 pts.,
Tumble 6.

WITNESSED by a record crowd Llandoverey came back in the second half to beat a strong Tumble side and keep their unbeaten home record during 1972.

Tumble contained Llandoverey in their own 25 for the first 20 minutes and lapses by the home defence let in Dorian Griffiths to touch down. W. Morgan added the extra points.

Tumble kept up the pressure but the accurate boot of Geraint Williams kept them at bay, and after fine work by the home forwards Llandoverey equalised, outside-half Alan Morgan making a corkscrew run and pack leader Martin Davies up in support to take his back pass and score near the posts. Handel Davies made the scores level at the interval.

HOOKING

Good hooking by captain Wyn Morgan in the second half, enabled the backs to have a greater share of the ball, and from a good movement centre Eifion Williams switched direction to make a scorching touchline run and score in the corner.

Tumble fought back, well led by forward Adrian Lewis, but in the dying seconds Huw Jones scored in the corner after a break by H. Davies. To end the year on a happy note forward David Jenkins converted with a magnificent kick from the touchline.

Hendy 24pts.,
Llandoverey 12

LLANDOVEREY did enough to share the spoils, but lost because they failed to play to their strength—the backs—in the second half.

Hendy's brightest moments came in the first period when they gave a superb display in rattling up 20 points.

In the first 10 minutes of the second period Llandoverey reduced arrears with tries by Eifion Williams and Huw Jones, Handel Davies converting both. Hendy replied, however, with another try, and Llandoverey were left to ponder their wasted chances.

EAST CARMS. UNDER 15s RUGBY UNION

Llandybie 8 pts.,
Llandoverey 4.

Surviving determined attacks by a smart Llandoverey side, Llandybie recorded an excellent win scoring two tries with one in reply.

Moving well behind the scrums, Llandoverey's backs contributed to their own downfall through mistakes at vital moments.

Although theirs was the better team performance, they failed to take their numerous chances and Llandybie won through two excellent individual tries.

Masters in the lines-out, Llandoverey were well served by jumpers Wyn Lewis and Robin Wood, while Llandybie's Richard Evans was an excellent performer in general play.

And it was Evans who clinched the result with a brilliant try after a determined run in the second half.

ERRORS

Also prominent for Llandybie was full back—for the first time — Calvin Jones, who opened the scoring after a scorching run.

Llandoverey replied with an excellent try by fly half Allan Morgan, but all their attacks from there on were either blocked by good covering or foundered on handling errors.

Outstanding for Llandoverey was wing Martin Davies, whose safe and plucky first-time tackling halted a number of Llandybie runs.

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Llandoverey 46 pts.,
Cefneithin 0.

THIS was the best game of open football seen at the Castle Sports Ground for some time.

Llandoverey's pack were in superb form, quick to seize any advantage as a well knit unit and supplying their three-quarters with ample good ball.

Cefneithin had no answer to the Williams twins, Eifion and Geraint. They cut the visitors defence to ribbons, scoring and setting up tries.

Try scorers for Llandoverey were: G. Williams (2), E. Williams (2), H. Arthur, R. Wood, M. Davies, H. Jones, H. Rees, D. Jenkins and H. Davies conversions.

FEB 1973. EAST CARMS. UNDER 15s RUGBY UNION

Pontyclun 14 pts.,
Llandoverey 14.

Llandoverey kept the East Carmarthenshire Under 15's Union flag flying against a strong Pontyclun side.

In a fast open game the home forwards were far superior to Llandoverey and with the abundance of possession they enjoyed should have scored more tries.

However, credit must be given to Llandoverey's defence in which outside half Alan Morgan and centre Geraint Williams were outstanding.

Midway through the second half, Pontyclun built up a 14 points lead, but a try by Geraint Williams and two scorches in the last 10 minutes by Handel Davies, one of which he converted, earned Llandoverey a good draw.

Clive Davies and Chris Hoather were the pick of the pack, with H. Davies a fine scrum-half.

Junior Union referee Haydn Hudson, donated two Deben-ture tickets for the Under 15's free of charge.

The team and supporters all had a day out watching the Barbarians beat New Zealand at Cardiff.

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Eifion stars for Llandoverey

Llandoverey 28 pts.,
Pontyberem 12

A large number of supporters turned out to see Llandoverey's new Under 15's side in action for the second time, and went away well pleased.

The rugby they saw was really first class, both sides contributing many excellent moves.

Llandoverey's ace was centre Eifion Williams who scored 22 of their 28 points, many of them initiated by his co-centre Geraint Williams.

Eifion Williams opened the scoring with a penalty goal, and added four tries and another penalty. Llandoverey's other scorer was Wyn Lewis whose try was converted by Handel Davies.

Pontyberem replied with three tries and a penalty goal.

14/10/72.



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EAST CARMS. UNDER 15s APRIL 1973 RUGBY UNION

Cefneithin 10pts.,
Llandover 15

This was an excellent game, both sides playing attractive rugby, with the result in the balance until the final whistle. Llandover opened the scoring with a penalty by Handel Davies, and went further ahead when David Jenkins scored in the corner.

HIT BACK

Cefen hit back and scored a converted try near the posts. Jenkins scored again for Llandover, but Cefneithin again came within a point of their total with another converted try. Just on time Geraint Williams put the game safe for Llandover with a corner try. Llandover have an open fixture — home on Friday, April 20.

Thursday, January 18, 1973.

EAST CARMS. RUGBY

Llandover 0; Furnace 20

Llandover did well to hold the strong Llanelli side to 20 points when the teams met on Saturday.

Furnace held most of the aces in their powerful pack, and in their outside-half they had a trump card.

But Llandover never gave up although conceding five tries.

In the later stages they produced their best rugby and two sizzling runs by centre Elfion Williams deserved better results.

Outstanding for Llandover was pack-leader Martin Davies.

Still too 1973 good

Pontyates
Under 15s 8 pts.
Llandover
Under 15s 26 pts.

Although a much improved side since their first meeting when Llandover piled on a record 80-0 score against them Pontyates still had to take second place in terms of skill and enterprise.

Llandover went ahead when a Will Jones corner try was converted by Malcolm Jones. Minutes later Dewi Evans increased the lead.

Pontyates reduced the leeway when Dewi Hopkins scored a try.

In the second half the Llandover forwards were well in command and further tries came from Malcolm Jones, Elfion Price, Dewi Evans and John Morgan.

Outstanding for Llandover were Carwyn Williams and inside half Dewi Morgan, both good prospects for next season's youth side.

Tomorrow Llandover are home to Kidwelly Under 15s.

JAN. 1974 A ROMP FOR LLANDOVER

Caerphilly (under 15's) 0
Llandover 30 pts.

Llandover, a powerful force in the East Carms. under 15's RU, romped to victory against plucky Caerphilly in a delightfully entertaining match on Saturday morning.

Geraint Williams got their first try after a corkscrew run, and also added the conversion points.

Skipper Alan Morgan then crossed in the corner to increase the lead, and just before the interval Williams got his second try.

Further tries were scored in the second half by Snowy Davies and D. Richards, both of which Richards converted, before Williams gained his hat-trick with another.

EAST CARMS. FEB. 10th 1973 UNDER 15s RUGBY UNION

Llandover 0,
Pontyclun 30 pts.

Pontyclun proved far too strong for Llandover in this return match played on a Llandover College pitch by courtesy of Warden, Mr. Gerallt Jones.

With many district players in their ranks the Cardiff players were held to six points in the first half by tenacious tackling by Llandover.

In the second, however, they dominated in most departments, and ran in for four tries which were converted.

December 1973 EAST CARMS. UNDER 15s RUGBY UNION

Tumble 18 pts;
Llandeilo 8.

Despite the atrocious conditions both sides made strenuous efforts to keep play as fluent as possible, and the result was a first-class game of rugby which was thoroughly enjoyed by the few spectators who had braved the wind and rain.

Tumble established a commanding interval lead through tries by G. Griffiths, G. Jones and C. Harries, one of which M. Stephens converted.

In the second period, Llandeilo reduced arrears with two tries, but I. Rees added another to Tumble's tally in the final stages.

Llandover 20 points;
Penygroes 4.

Llandover kept their ground record with a workmanlike performance against a strong Penygroes side.

Although penned in their own territory for most of the first half, they led after 15 minutes through a try and conversion by Geraint Williams, to a try from Penygroes.

Further tries were added for Llandover by Geraint Williams, Michael Williams and Roy Jones, Williams converting one.

1973 Pontyberem 10pts.,
Llandover 8

AFTER "camping" in Pontyberem's half for most of the second period, all Llandover had to show was a solitary try near the end of a match they should have won comfortably.

Trailing 10-4 at half-time, their pack monopolised play after the interval, but their backs failed to cash in and threw chances away through poor passing and bad positioning.

A "gift" try gave Pontyberem the lead, but Llandover equalised with a try by Elfion Williams.

However, Pontyberem's pack surged forward and gained another try which D. Thomas converted.

Then came the 30 minutes of wasted opportunities before lock David Jenkins reduced arrears with the last try of the match.

Prominent for Llandover were David Jenkins, Handel Davies and Nigel Clarke.



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Llandovery RFC's under 15 side pose for a picture at the end of a successful season in which they reached the semi-final stage of the East Carmarthenshire Rugby Union Cup.

Valley boys off to a 1974 good start

Llanelli Schools 4 pts;
Amman Valley Schools 6
Amman Valley and district
schools (under 15) have
started the season well, win-
ning two of their first three
games.

At Llanelli on Saturday they
kicked off into a strong wind and
were soon on the defensive as
Llanelli attacked strongly.

However the Amman Valley de-
fence held out and on occasions
they counter-attacked strongly,
wing Michael Evans nearly scor-
ing in the corner after a good run,
and lock Chris Griffiths being re-
called for an infringement after
a good break by scrum-half Alun
Lewis.

PRESSURE

Shortly before half-time Llanelli
went ahead with an unconverted
try in the corner.

Llanelli started the second half
well with continuous pressure on
the Amman Valley line, and at
this stage their forwards were
well on top, winning good ball
from most of phases.

Slowly, however, Amman Valley
came back into the game due to
some good work by Alun Lewis,
and they attacked strongly during
the latter stages.

With only seconds left, Amman
Valley gained possession on the
Llanelli '25, and centre Geraint
Williams broke through to put
wing-forward Karl Murray over
for an excellent try. With the last
kick of the match, full-back Dylan
Richards converted to win the
game.

For Amman Valley, half-backs
Ian Stevens and Alun Lewis
played well as did centre Geraint
Williams and wing Michael Evans.

Of the forwards prop John Dav-
ies, hooker Nigel Thomas, backs
Chris Griffiths and Martin Dav-
ies had excellent games.

UNDER 15s GO NAP

Llandovery Under 15's 26 pts;
Pontardulais Under 15's 4 pts.

In this opening game of the
season the Llandovery forwards
combined well and their backs
had ample possession which they
put to good use, recording five
tries and three conversions.

Pontardulais lacked support and
every player wanted to score and
in the end were re-warded with
only one by A Rees.

Llandovery try scorers were El-
fin Price, Dilwyn Rees, Carwyn
Williams and David Williams, the
game's outstanding back, scor-
ing two tries Malcolm Jones
landed the conversions.

RUGBY 20/10/73

Last Saturday the Llandovery
County High School fielded two
teams against two school teams
from Aberaeron.

The Llandovery under 13s won
a resounding victory by 30 points
to 4.

The first team however, played
against a heavier Aberaeron pack
who dominated earlier play and
gained the first goal. They fought
back and were rewarded with a
penalty by D. Adams just before
half-time.

The second half was completely
reversal with Llandovery in full
command of most phases of the
play, gaining a further two goals
and a try—Aberaeron scored from
a penalty towards the end of the
match.

The Llandovery scorers were N.
Hughes, G. Williams and S. Frie-
tag (tries), with D. Adams kick-
ing a penalty and two conver-
sions.

The Llandovery team was:
G. Williams, G. Slaymaker, S.
Freitag, D. Adams, E. Williams,
H. Davies, H. Jones (capt.) G.
Jones, H. Jones, C. Morris, A.
Thomas, N. Hughes, R. Wood, P.
Rees, R. Downing.

Caerwyn clinched it

Ammanford Youth 3 pts;
Llandovery Youth 20

Two second half tries by centre
Caerwyn Hughes, who was making
a welcome return to the team,
sealed the game in favour of Llan-
dovery after each side had scored
a first half penalty.

For Llandovery, the other points
were scored by captain Eilon Wil-
liams (try); Dewi Evans (dropped
goal); and Caerwyn Williams (pen-
alty and conversion).
Martin Edwards kicked a pen-
alty for Ammanford, and Huw
Beaton had a good game on the
left wing.



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Tumble top in cup thriller

by E. NOEL LEWIS

Llandovery 15 pts., Tumble 28

A SUPERLATIVE performance by each team, and the obvious determination of both to play the 15-man game, added up to the best-ever Amman Valley Youth cup final.

At Llandybie on Thursday, both sides earned to the full the ovation they got from one of the largest "gates" seen in rugby at this level.

Each club shared the credit equally for making the final one which will be long remembered for its quality of play, thrills, and excellent sense of sportsmanship.

Penalty awards were few and far between, and most of these were for offences of the technical type. Only once did the referee have to admonish a player for a late tackle.

It was a pity in a way that only one of these fine sides could have the Cup. But in the end it went to the team that took most of the chances offered and played for.

IN FRONT

Tumble, expertly led by number eight Gareth Davies, once again showed their aptitude for competition.

Fighting back from seven points down, they snatched two tries to take the lead before the change-over, and kept their noses in front for the remainder of the match.

But it wasn't all that easy, for right up to the end the matched could have gone either way. However, a try in the last two minutes which was converted gave Tumble a rather flattering margin, although their win was fully deserved.

For the Llandovery players, it was a good finale to their first season as a Youth side. And, in time, I feel, they will help to put the Ancient Borough well and truly on the West Wales Rugby map.

Surprise win

Llandovery Youth pulled off a surprise 20-6 win over Tenby on Saturday. Their points came from tries by Elfion Williams, Hugh Jones, T. W. Williams and Nigel Evans. Geraint Williams added three conversions.

LLANDOVERY
Youth XV
FROM 1976

PURPOSE

But honours of the day did really belong to Tumble who played with just a shade more purpose, made fewer mistakes, and were steadier in defence.

In the latter respect, they were well served by a competent back-row of Wyn Hughes, David James and Gareth Davies, Hughes, in particular, turning in a top-class performance, and obviously destined for a berth with the senior Magpies.

Also always where the action was were prop Raymond Brettle and hooker Malcolm Mudd, while Llandovery were admirably served up front by Dilwyn Whiskerd, Hugh Jones and John Morgan.

Behind the scrums, the outstanding personalities were Llandovery centre Geraint Williams and Tumble outside half Viv Jones.

Jones, in particular, bore the hallmark of a future star, despite playing in a strange position.

SCORERS

For the record, Nigel Clarke pushed Llandovery ahead with a penalty goal, and Elfion Williams increased the lead to seven with a corner try.

Tumble hit back, however, with a try by Eirwyn Jones, and took the lead with another by Wyn Hughes.

Early in the second outside half Viv Jones scored the try of the match when he gathered a long throw-in and swerved through to give Mel Mudd an easy conversion.

Llandovery stormed back with a try by wing Wyn Williams, but within a minute, Elfion Williams had crossed again for Tumble.

Soon after Hugh Jones reduced the lead to four points with Llandovery's third try. But the last five minutes belonged to Tumble who got two more through Kevin Jenkins and Viv Jones, Mudd converting the latter's try.

A good kick off for new team

Playing their first game together Llandovery's new Youth XV started the season in fine style with a convincing 40 points to four win at Bynea, the result of a superb team performance and touches of individual brilliance.

The Llandovery pack worked hard, and supplied the threes with ample good ball which was used to good advantage.

Tries were scored by Geraint Williams (2), Dilwyn Whiskered, Nigel Hughes, Mike Williams, Alan Morgan and Martin Davies. Geraint Williams converted four of the tries and Handel Davies two.

Bynea scored a try through Richard Swartsh.

Geraint seals victory

Amman Utd. Youth 11 pts.
Llandovery Youth 15.

As the score suggests this was a semi-final cup cracker. Llandovery, whose half backs Handel Davies and Alan Morgan controlled the game better than their Amman counterparts, were ahead at half time after Geraint Williams had kicked a penalty and converted a try by Alan Morgan.

Amman hit back but Geraint Williams sealed victory after he converted a penalty try awarded when he was blatantly held back.

YOUTH CUP FINAL

Tumble, who have the more powerful pack start favourites to win tonight's (Thursday) Amman Valley Youth cup final at Llandybie. Kick-off 6 p.m.

However, Llandovery have talented players behind the scrum to swing the match their way.

They pin their hopes on half-backs Davies and Morgan, and in centre Geraint Williams, they have a snapper up of unconsidered trifles.



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Pack won it for Dec-18 Llandoverly

Dec. 18th 1976
Llandoverly Youth 12pts;
Ammanford Youth nil.

This win for Llandoverly Youth could lift them to the top of the Amman District championship table. Both teams have lost one game apiece, but Llandoverly have a superior goal average.

The game was a ding dong battle, but Llandoverly had the better driving forwards.

At half-time the score was 6-nil to the home side, Geraint Williams kicking two penalties. The only score in the second half was a try by skipper Nigel Clarke, which was converted by G. Williams.

Ammanford must learn that kicks win and save matches. They had three kickable penalties but opted to run them with no success.

Man of the match was Eifion Williams, Llandoverly's prop forward, and for Ammanford none did better than full-back O. Price and scrum-half N. Anthony.

Nov. 5th 76. Llandoverly pipped In thriller

AMMANFORD YOUTH 12 pts.,
LLANDOVERLY YOUTH 10.

Fans were not disappointed over the postponement of the match between the club's respective senior sides, for this encounter between their Youth sides provided thrills galore.

Each defending an unbeaten record, both teams produced superb rugby from start to finish, and the result was in the balance until the final whistle.

Llandoverly went ahead in the first minute when the referee ruled that centre C. Williams had been impeded from scoring after kicking the ball over the Ammanford line. Williams added the extra points himself.

Ammanford hit back with a penalty goal by Gareth Evans, but minutes later Llandoverly's forwards who were monopolising possession, drove through for G. Williams to score their second try.

INTERCEPTION

Not dismayed, Ammanford bounced back again with a try and conversion by Gareth Evans, following an interception by wing Richard Downing. And just before the interval, Llandoverly lost skipper Nigel Clarke, who left the field nursing a bruised shoulder.

Ammanford took the lead for the first time midway through the second half, through a superb penalty goal by Owen Price, and kept it to the end, beating off many determined Llandoverly attacks.

Sept 25th 1976 All action

Llandoverly Youth had to fight every inch of the way for Saturday's narrow 8-4 victory over tenacious Llandybie.

With both teams committed to a running game there was plenty of action for the small crowd who braved torrential rain. Llandoverly opened the scoring with a Dilwyn Rees try and held on to their lead at the half-time whistle.

They went further ahead in the first quarter of the second period. A careless back pass by a Llandybie defender was pounced on by Hugh Jones as it trickled over the try line.

Although eight points down Llandybie stuck to their guns and were rewarded with a try by Peter Davies. They were still pressing when the final whistle went.

Tomorrow (Saturday) Llandoverly are away to Cefneithin.

Nov. 1975 the way

Llandoverly Youth 11 pts.
Bynea Youth nil

Handel Davies led Llandoverly to another comfortable win in the rain and mud at Castle Ground.

Bynea had the edge early on, but it was Llandoverly who got the breakthrough when wing Mike Williams crossed for a try.

The home forwards controlled most phases and enabled half-backs Davies and Geraint Williams to keep the line moving fluently.

The result was another try from wing Eifion Williams following a delicate chip ahead by centre Alun Davies.

Geraint Williams completed the scoring with a penalty, giving Llandoverly their 154th point of the season.

25-11-78 Llandoverly run in seven tries

Llandoverly Youth 34 pts.
Ammanford Youth Nil.

The one-sided scoreline was a true reflection of Llandoverly's dominance.

With their pack generally on top, and Carwyn Williams in his usual top form behind, they ran in for seven tries. Williams scoring two and converting three.

The other tries were scored by Carwyn Hughes (2), Dewi Evans, David Morgan and Richard Granville.

Pick of Llandoverly's powerful pack were Eifion Williams, Neil Balfe and G. W. Price.

Llandoverly in three semi-finals

THIS season has been one of the best ever for Llandoverly, who are poised for a mini grand-slam.

Their Senior side have gained promotion from Section D of the West Wales Rugby Union; their Second team have won the Section Shield in the Llanelli and District Championship; their Youth XV are in the semi-final of the Amman Valley Cup and their Under-15s are in the semi-finals of the East Carmarthen Cup.

SHOCK WIN

The Second team meet Hendy in the championship semi-final at Betws tomorrow (Friday), and the Youth XV play their semi-final against Amman United at Cwmamman Park on the same night.

On Saturday their Under-15s meet Pontyberem in their semi-final.

Last week, the Under-15s provided a shock when they took Furnace's ground record, skipper Malcolm Jones landing two penalty goals without reply.

Prominent in their dominant pack were G. Davies, C. Adams and G. Thomas.

SEPT 25th 1976 Llandoverly win a keen encounter

LLANDYBIE YOUTH 4 Pts.,
LLANDOVERLY YOUTH 8.

As it did in every other local match on Saturday, the rain came down in torrents during the entire period of this Amman Valley Youth championship encounter.

Despite the adverse conditions, however, both sides played extremely well, Llandoverly winning a keenly fought duel by two tries to one.

They opened account when left wing Dilwyn Rees crossed in the corner after a brilliant move by the three-quarters, and went further ahead when careless handling by Llandybie let in right wing Hugh Jones.

Llandybie fought back, and after excellent efforts by their forwards, Peter Davies reduced arrears with their only try.

Up to the final whistle, it was any side's match, and at the end Llandybie were attacking strongly.



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30th Oct. 1976.

Llandoverly edge a crackerjack

LLANDOVERLY YOUTH 24 pts.,
PONTYBEREM YOUTH 19.

This was a cracker of a game from start to finish, and with this display, each club has a brighter future ahead.

Pontyberem looked the more powerful side in the first half, but in the second period Llandoverly were the better finishers.

Tries for Llandoverly were scored by Gerard Williams, Eifion Williams and Nigel Clarke. Clarke also landed a drop goal and a penalty goal, and C. Williams got one conversion.

Next week Llandoverly are away to Ammanford, both sides are unbeaten in their Amman League programmes.

Coasting Quins

Carmarthen Quins
Youth 26 pts.
Llandoverly
Youth 4 pts.

The crushing strength of the Quins pack and the attacking flair of their quicksilver back division gave Carmarthen the power to coast to an easy win.

Llandoverly made a fine start and raced into the lead with a breakaway try. Quins had to withstand quite a lot of pressure early on as Llandoverly played lively football.

However, Quins gave warning of things to come with two brilliant tries. Mike Davies levelled the score and lock Richard Thomas gave Quins the lead before half time.

Quins really turned on a display of imaginative and incisive running to overwhelm Llandoverly in the second half. International Hugh Jones powered through for a great try and led his pack in tremendous style. The back row of Mike Davies, Richard Thomas and Meurig Evans was outstanding.

Quins were so firmly in command of the lineouts, mauls and rucks that victory was assured. Dai Jacobs increased the lead with another superb try which Steve Davies converted.

Flanker Mike Davies collected his second try and wing Phill Davies raced over to make the final score a convincing win for Quins with another excellent team performance.

Youth lose

Although they shot into the lead with a try by Carwyn Williams, after only ten minutes, Llandoverly Youth played second fiddle to Carmarthen Youth for the rest of the match and lost 26-4.

8th Jan. 1977.

Mumbles

held to a draw

LLANDOVERLY YOUTH NIL
MUMBLES YOUTH NIL.

Llandoverly youth did well to hold Mumbles, one of Swansea's top teams to a no score draw, all though they should have won with the only kickable penalty of the match.

Both defences were in magnificent form, but it seemed that Mumbles would break the dead lock when wing Rees looked a certain try scorer. He was stopped, however by a superb tackle by Llandoverly's full-back, Nigel Clark.

Both sets of three-quarters handled well, and Man of the Match was Llandoverly's flanker Martin R. Davies.

January 22nd 1977

Llandoverly

missed penalties

Llandoverly Youth 6

Pontyberem Youth 14

This Amman Valley Youth cup tie helped by referee Mr. Owen Jones, was a sizzler from start to finish with both sides giving their all in attack and defence, with most of the accent on the former.

And although Pontyberem deserved to go into the hat for the second round draw, Llandoverly could have won on penalty goals alone.

As it was, however, three which should have gone over, didn't, and once again the advantage that missed kicks can cost matches had been proven true.

OUTSTANDING

Pontyberem took the lead in the first half with a try by Mike Williams, and held it until midway through the second half when Llandoverly went in front with a try and conversion by the outstanding player of the match, scrum-half Carwyn Williams.

Pontyberem struck back with a try by Jerry Rumble after a run covering 60 yards, and they made the game safe with another by Nigel Jones which was converted by A Lloyd.

Llandoverly moved it

Llandoverly Youth 20 pts.
Llandybie Youth nil.

Once again the rain poured down from start to finish but this youth game was excellent to watch.

Llandybie had the edge in the pack and had their three-quarters moved the ball they would have scored a try or two.

Llandoverly's three's did, however and none did better than the Williams brothers Carwyn and Geraint. Carwyn scoring two tries and a conversion and Geraint one try.

Llandoverly's other points came from skipper Nigel Clarke with two long-range penalties.

Brothers 1977 strike 197

Llandoverly Youth
20 pts
Llandybie Youth nil

Despite heavy rain both sides made it an entertaining clash with plenty of strong running and swift handling.

Llandoverly's Williams brothers had outstanding games and finished with personal points tallies of 14. Carwyn bagged two tries and a conversion and Geraint one try.

The homesters other points came from two long range penalty goals by skipper Nigel Clark.

● Llandoverly's Under 15s were also in fine form and defeated Furnace 8-14 with tries from prop E. Lewis (2) and wing Meirion Davies.



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BRIANNE ATHLETES SHINE

Brianne Athletes did exceptionally well at the Dyfed School Championships at Ystrad Tywi. The winners go forward to compete at the National Schools Championships at Cwmbran on July 2.

Brianne winners were:

LOWER JUNIOR BOYS

100m. 1. Paul Rees, Amman V. 14.44.

200m. 1. Paul Rees, Amman V. 29.2 (NR).

400m. 1. Grant Howells, Amman V. 2m22.4 (NR).

High Jump. 1. Gerald Mc Williams, Amman V. 1m20.

JUNIOR BOYS

Triple jump. 1. Gareth Rees, Tregib 11m01.

Discus. 1. Gary Jenkins, Gwendraeth, 32m55.

Shot. 1. Andrew Wenz, Gwendraeth GS, 11m19.

Relay. 1. Brianne 49.3 (NR).

Long Jump. 1. Gary Jenkins, Gwendraeth HS 5m28.

MIDDLE BOYS

Steeplechase. 1. Martin Armstrong, Tregib 5m3.6.

Pole Vault. 1. Mark Howells, Tregib 10 feet.

Relay. 1. Brianne 46.6 (NR).

SENIOR BOYS

100m. 1. Ian Stephens, Tregib 11.4.

1500m. 1. Geraint Williams, Llandovery HS 4m29.5 (NR).

A WIN FOR LLANDOVERY

Cwmgorr Youth nil;
Llandovery Youth 15

WITH a weakened side, Llandovery did well to win this encounter.

All their points were scored in the first half. Dilwyn Rees getting two tries and skipper Nigel Clarke landing a penalty and two conversions.

Outstanding for Llandovery was No. 8 Eifion Williams.

Llandovery play Cefnethin in a league game on Saturday (2.30) and switch skipper Nigel Clarke to full-back.

Team: N. Clarke, C. Hughes, C. Williams, A. Davies, C. Hughes, A. Morgan, C. Williams, M. Davies, H. Jones, D. Thomas, J. Morgan, W. Lewis, C. Davies, C. Adams, E. Williams.

Scrum half: Dilwen Price, Llandovery HS 11m57.0.

Relay 1 Brianne 52.0 (NR).

Forward dominance

Llandovery Youth 12 pts
Ammanford Youth 0

The home side's dominance was established at forward where captain Eifion Williams and hooker Wyn Davies were prominent. Delwyn Rees at full back fielded the ball well under difficult conditions, but again the match winners proved to be the half back combination of Dewi Evans and Caerwyn Williams.

The Llandovery tries were scored by Dewi Evans (2) and Eifion Williams.

Llandovery on top

Llandovery Youth 12pts.,
Ammanford Youth nil

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Sept. 17th 1976 NEWCOMERS CATCH THE EYE

Cwmillynfell Youth 10 pts.,
Llandovery Youth 14 pts.

In the first Amman Youth league game Llandovery were victors by a narrow margin. Hero of the side was left-centre Geraint Williams with two penalties and one try. Winger Hugh Jones was the other try scorer.

Both sides played attractive football and newcomers Gareth Wyn and Colin Adams caught the eye. Next week Llandovery are away to Llandybïe in a youth league game.

Sept 17th 1976 Geraint was the hero

Llandovery Youth opened their Amman Valley League campaign on Saturday with a 14-10 victory over Cwmillynfell. Geraint Williams was the hero of the day with a try and two penalties. The other try came from Hugh Jones.

Tomorrow (Saturday) Llandovery are away to Llandybïe.

CARWYN ON TARGET FOR LLANDOVERY

LLANDOVERY YOUTH 23pts
AMMANFORD YOUTH 0

Ammanford Youth, who had to replace injured prop Martin Jones in the third minute had no answer to a well drilled and highly motivated Llandovery team.

Using their greater height and weight advantage effectively Llandovery dominated most of the game.

At scrum half they had a match winner in young Garwyn Williams who scored 15 points in an outstanding display.

After sustained early pressure Llandovery went ahead through a penalty goal by Williams, and only good defensive work by full back Tracy Thomas and outside half elive James kept them at bay. Until Williams stamped his authority on the match with a fine solo try.

ON TARGET

Near half time Llandovery went further ahead with another penalty by Carwyn Williams, and four minutes into the second half a fine handling movement by their three quaters resulted in wing Eifion Jones crossing wide out Williams again on target with the conversion.

Llandovery continued to win good ball from rucks and mauls and their final unconverted try was scored by Eifion Williams, and Carwyn Williams completed their scoring with yet another fine penalty ten minutes from time.

This was excellent team effort by Llandovery, with the back row trio of Malcolm Jones, E. Davies and Eurig Evans, and hooker David Waters showed up well.

Ammanford contributed to their own downfall by weak tackling and poor passing. Flanker Chris Hinchcliffe and Andrew Downing played extremely well. Huw Belton tackled courageously whilst scrum half Kevin Anthony made some fine solo runs.

YOUTH ON TOP

Baglan Youth 9pts.,
Llandovery Youth 16

Llandovery's pack, with Charles Evans, W Williams and W. Davies conspicuous, gradually gained the initiative in this encounter, and the visitors finished worthy winners.

For Llandovery Hefin Lewis scored a try and Caerwyn Williams, who was the pick of the backs, scored a try, a conversion and two penalties.

Robert Williams scored a try for Baglan and Tony Palmer kicked the conversion and a penalty.

Allan Thomas distinguished himself at fullback for Baglan.



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Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams

Llanelli District Sevens

April 1975

Laugharne take title

by E. NOEL LEWIS

A POWERFUL Laugharne combination romped to victory in Saturday's 14th annual Llanelli District Rugby Union Sevens at Llandybie, beating a smart Llanelli Athletic side 14-6 in a final thriller.

And the winners deserved the Bryn Llewellyn trophy, which they last won in 1963, because of their more direct methods.

In contrast, Llanelli Athletic tended to overelaborate when in possession, and this cost them the title.

Laugharne power showed in the first half-minute when forward Sid Evans thrust his way over to open accounts.

Soon after prop Elroy Morgan failed with a penalty attempt for Athletic, and Laugharne pushed forward again, winning a ruck and centre Jeff Stevenson stretching their lead with a beautifully judged drop-goal.

A punt ahead and chase for Athletic by fly-half Leighton Morgan spelt danger for Laugharne, but the situation was saved when Keith Pearce cleared.

Back on attack once more, Stevenson opened the gap further still with a penalty goal for Laugharne.

But Athletic were not finished, and early in the second half, wing Donny Sheehan received on the half way and raced along the touchline for the try of the match, Leighton Morgan converting.

With only four points between the sides, Athletic staged another attack, and only a great tackle by Lloyd Morris on Sheehan stopped what seemed a certain try.

The last word, however, belonged to Laugharne, when forward Tom McCabe disrupted Athletic handline and romped over for their second try.

forced to defend.

Dave John and Pearce almost got over, Geraint Williams clearing the Llandovery line each time, before John shook off two defenders and powered over to give Laugharne a slender interval lead.

But the writing was already on the wall, and second half tries by Pearce and Stevenson, and a conversion and penalty goal by John Lynch clinched the issue.

Amman Quins 4 pts.
Llanelli Athletic 10.

This semi-final on Llandybie's new Maesdewi ground, was far from being a classic sevens encounter.

However, it did pin-point Athletic's sins of commission in possession, and their win by a goal and a try to a try was a fair reflection.

First blood went to Quins, when wing Baden Jones raced over from his own twenty-five. But this was matched by Athletic, Danny Sheehan romping over from the same position after Dennis Peel had levelled the scores.

Elwyn Morgan's conversion of Sheehan's try was the final nail.

SEMI-FINALS

Laugharne 17 pts.
Llandovery nil.

Fielding a very young side, Llandovery had impressed immensely in previous rounds, beating Felinfoel 20-0 and fancied Trim-saran 9-6.

But although starting well against their stronger semi-final opponents it soon became apparent that they lacked the pace and incisiveness needed to clear the Laugharne defence.

However, theirs was an excellent performance for such a young team, fully deserving of the ovation they got at the end.

After coming within a foot of gaining an early try—wing Richard Griffiths being bowled over that distance from the line—they were

31st Jan. 1975 LLANDOVERY TOOK THE 2^{nds} HONOURS XV

LLANDOVERY took all the honours in this action packed friendly against a strong Penygroes side whose powerful pack won the rucks and mauls at will.

However, Llandovery defended well with neat work from their new half-back pair of Handel Davies and Alan Morgan.

Surviving the initial blitz by Penygroes, Llandovery went ahead with a try by wing Alun Williams, and increased their lead when centre Dai Adams put over an easy penalty from in front of the posts.

Penygroes, although winning the lines could not penetrate due to good tackling by Noel Jones and Huw Davies.

DEBUT

Twim Jones, Dai Ash and Rusty Jones were doing sterling work in the front row, winning a few against the head which enabled Handel Davies to get his line moving.

Centre Geraint Williams, also making his debut, had a fine game, and along with Handel Jones and Alan Morgan, showed a lot of promise and coolness in the back division.

Adams put over another penalty in the last minute and Llandovery ended the game well deserved winners.

RESULTS

First Round

Penygroes 0, Llanelli Athletic 28; Ammanford 9, Trimsaran B 8; Tumble A 18, Ferryside A 6; Pantyffynnon 4, Betws 18; Amman Quins 28, Llandybie B 0; New Dock Stars 22, Hendy 12; Felinfoel 0, Llandovery 20; Trimsaran 22, Pontyates 10; Ferryside B 16, Nantgaredig 10.

Byes: Llandybie A, Laugharne, Tycroes, Tumble B, Llanybyther.

Second Round

Llanelli Athletic 28, Ammanford 0; Tumble A 14, Betws 4; Amman Quins 10, New Dock Stars 8; Laugharne 16, Tycroes 0; Tumble B 6, Llanybyther 12; Trimsaran 15, Ferryside 6.

Byes: Llandybie A, Llandovery.

Third Round

Llandybie A 4, Llanelli Athletic 12; Tumble A 0, Amman Quins 11; Laugharne 18, Llanybyther 6; Llandovery 9, Trimsaran 6.

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1. Alan Walters
2. Huw Davies (Llanybyther)
3. Arthur Davies
4. Handel Davies
5. Alan Morgan
6. Geraint Williams
7. Richard Griffiths



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Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams

Llandovery sparkle under the lights

Lampeter 3pts; Llandovery 12
A fine all-round performance gave Llandovery a well-deserved win by two goals to a penalty goal in this floodlit match at Lampeter. Huw Lewis, the former Llandovery captain, who returned at outside half had an outstanding game, and his organisation of the threequarter line was evident.

However, while the visitors' back play was a feature of the game, with Geraint Williams once again a live wire in the centre the forwards also gave them good ball and were dominant in the set scrums.

Lampeter's threequarters promised more than they achieved. Aubrey Morris threw out superb passes but the back play was thwarted by tight marking by their opponents.

ON TOP

Though playing up the slight slope, Llandovery were territorially on top, and scored their first try after twenty minutes.

Tony Williams hoisted a high kick and caught the home side's fullback in possession. From the resulting maul the ball came out to scrum-half Handel Davies who attacked round the blind side. Using the little space available he gathered his own kick ahead and ran round behind the posts virtually unopposed. The same player converted to give Llandovery a 6-0 lead.

PRESSURE

Lampeter were somewhat unlucky when Llandovery scored again. Lampeter won a scrum against the head virtually on the visitor's line and moved the ball out to their threequarters. A loose pass between the centres, however, enabled Geraint Williams to intercept and run clear up the middle of the field to finally send flanker Allan Walters over for a try which John Davies converted.

Lampeter had several opportunities to reduce the arrears. Lock Ieuan Morris missed two kickable penalties, and on one occasion only an interception by Walter prevented a try.

FACILITIES

The only score Lampeter could muster was an Aubrey Morris penalty and the visitors ran out comfortable winners.

This was an entertaining game watched by a sizeable crowd under pleasant surroundings.

Lampeter offer good facilities including good floodlighting, and it is a pity that their application for admission to the West Wales Rugby Union proved unsuccessful.

LLANDOVERY

1st XV

FROM 1977

(YOUTH RUGBY)
(100 PTS FOR CWS)

LLANDOVERY FORWARDS ON TOP

Llandovery 13; Glais 6.

Whilst Llandovery's pack obtained good possession, notably from the set pieces, the Glais defence was sound and up quickly on the somewhat lethargic home backs in this WWRU encounter.

Llandovery kicked off and at first play was indecisive with both defences on top. Gradually, as a result of good possession from the set pieces, Llandovery established territorial advantage and John Davies gave them the lead with a penalty following a late tackle on centre Geraint Williams.

Glais came back strongly and within ten minutes had drawn level through an Alan Jones penalty.

RETURN PASS

Right on half time Llandovery scored the try they had been striving for. Once again the ball came out to the home side's backs and Jeff Augustus ran strongly up the left wing. When he was stopped 35 metres out a maul developed and Martin Phillips emerged with the ball to link with Malcolm Page, who took the return pass, dived over in the corner.

Handel Davies converted with a superb kick from the touchline to give Llandovery a 9-3 interval lead.

Immediately after half time Glais reduced the arrears when Alan Jones kicked another penalty from 35 metres and in front of the posts. And with the result still in doubt the home side launched a series of attacks but good defensive tackling and some dropped passes by the backs failed to alter the score until right on the final whistle.

BROKE THROUGH

Tony Williams put a high kick deep into the visitors' 22 and forced Glais to carry the ball over their try line and touch down.

From the scrum five Glais withstood pressure when first Handel Davies and then Noel Page attempted to drive over, but a try resulted when Tony Williams entered the line and broke through the covering defence to score far out.

Caerwyn's ton-up record

Llandovery

Yth 34pts,

A'ford Yth Nil

In a one sided game Llandovery dominated allowing scrum half Caerwyn Williams to score his hundredth point in only nine games.

The Llandovery pack with Eifion Williams, Neil Balfe and G. W. Price outstanding played well as a unit, and in the backs Williams was outstanding.

Though Ammanford never gave up trying the home side scored seven tries through Caerwyn Williams (2), Carwyn Hughes (2), Dewi Evans, David Morgan and Richard Granville. Williams converted three.

★ Llandovery enjoyed a break in their league programme with a convincing 37-4 win over Swansea Civil Service.

Though the weather was cold and conditions wet, both sides attempted to run the ball but the home side with ample possession from the set pieces and loose play were generally on the attack. Never-the-less the visitors who included 54 year-old B. Hullen never gave up trying and managed a consolation try by Robert Wellford midway through the second half.

For Llandovery tries were scored by Arnot Hughes (3), John Davies (3), Peter Percival and Gareth Morgan. Roy Jones converted one try and dropped a goal.

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Llandoverly RFC Team Records CGW04

Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams

LLANDOVERLY IT LATE

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Llandoverly 16 pts., Cwmgors 7

TWO tries in the dying minutes decided this encounter in favour of second on the Section D table Llandoverly at the expense of much-improved Cwmgors.

And the win came at a critical time, as the other promotion challengers were hotting up their pursuit.

The game was played in a very strong cold crosswind and the visitors held out until seven minutes before the final whistle.

Both sides missed scoring opportunities when penalties went astray, and the conditions also contributed to some unforced errors.

Llandoverly's tactical kicking mainly that of fly-half Allan Morgan proved effective and resulted in considerable territorial advantage.

INTERCEPTION

Cwmgors opened the scoring when Llandoverly attempted a blind side move only for centre Peter Williams to intercept an overhead pass and run in for a try from half way.

Within minutes Llandoverly had reduced the arrears. Interpassing between the home side's forwards, notably Clarke, M. Page and Walters, took play to the visitors line. An offside infringement gave Nigel Clarke an opportunity to score with a penalty and make the half time score 4-3 in favour of Cwmgors.

Almost immediately following the restart Cwmgors increased their lead. From an indirect free kick on the Llandoverly 22 line Gethin Edwards took a tap penalty and dropped a neat goal. Llandoverly came back strongly and Geraint Williams cut the deficit again with a 35 metre penalty.

PRESSURE

For the next twenty minutes Llandoverly continued to press. Alan Williams was unlucky not to score following a strong run down the right hand touch line, but was judged to have put a foot in touch.

With seven minutes of the match remaining Llandoverly took the lead. From a line out on the Cwmgors line Malcolm Page charged down an attempted clearance kick and Nigel Clarke scored. Geraint Williams converted with a kick from near the touch line.

The home side continued to pressurise and when the visitors full back misjudged a high kick Nigel Clarke was again on hand to score his second try and give Llandoverly a winning 16-7 lead, and halt the losing sequence.

Llandoverly force draw

LLANDOVERLY 2nd XV 0
YSTRADGYNLAIS 0

Llandoverly did exceptionally well to hold their powerful opponents to a pointless draw.

Forced to defend in the first period, they were well served by Handel Davies, Alan Morgan, Geraint Williams, and Deri Adams, and full-back Huw Rees saved their line several times.

The tide turned in the second half however, the smaller Llandoverly pack got on top through the sterling efforts of Dai Ash, Towyn Morgan and Twm Jones, who is playing as well as he did when he first donned the Llandoverly shirt 21 years ago.



Llandovery RFC Team Records CGW04

Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams

Llandovery pack paved the way

Llandovery 18 pts., Pontyberem 3

LLANDOVERY enjoyed considerable territorial advantage and turned it to account, scoring four tries, one of which was converted, to maintain their challenge in Section D.

While Llandovery achieved superiority in the scrums and mauls, however, Pontyberem were kept in the game by good line out work by Allan Jones and a fine scrum half performance by Wyn Thomas.

Thomas showed himself a competent performer and his gathering of the loose ball, his play round the scrums and passing were the highlight of the visitors play.

For Llandovery there was a return to some attractive running rugby by the backs, a feature that coincided with the return to the side after injury of John Davies.

DOMINATION

Forward domination allowed Llandovery to attack strongly from the start, but this advantage was not converted into points until right on half time. Following a line out 10m from the visitors line, Llandovery attacked with Geraint Williams at inside centre looping outside his co-centre to put Meirion Dyer free to score in the corner.

Better controlled ball from the scrums and some intelligent back row play by Nigel Clarke gave the home backs greater opportunities in the second half.

After fifteen minutes, and following a scrum on the Pontyberem line, scrum half Handel Davies broke round the open side; the move was continued by Peter Nitsch, John Davies and Geraint Williams and Mark Thomas was free to score.

INJURY

Within five minutes Llandovery increased their lead when Tony Williams, on one of his several strong runs into the line from fullback, put Dyer over in the corner for his second try.

Pontyberem came back into the game after the restart with a penalty goal by Viv Evans, but with ten minutes to go Handel Davies added the fourth Llandovery try when he dived over under the posts after some fine attacking play by Allan Morgan. Davies converted his try.

Pontyberem had given a good account of themselves particularly in view of their considerable injury list, and it was unfortunate that one of their most conspicuous forwards — Keith Evans was carried off near the end of the game.

IMPROVED LLANDOVERY FALL TO THE LEADERS

Llandovery nil, Bynea 9 pts.

WINNING this hard-fought game, played in atrocious conditions, Bynea maintained their unbeaten record in the league.

No match for Carwyn

Cwmgor's Youth nil;
Llandovery Youth 16pts.

Although Cwmgor's never gave up trying and opened it out on every possible occasion, they had no answer to Llandovery's Will-of-the-Wisp scrum-half Carwyn Williams.

He scored two tries converted both, and also made the final try when Martin Davies went over in the corner.

Llandovery, however, produced a much improved performance, and for long periods in the second half enjoyed territorial advantage.

Bynea kicked off into a strong crosswind and within three minutes of the start Bob Prendiville gave them the lead with a penalty goal from outside the 22 metre line following an infringement at a loose maul.

Llandovery weathered further Bynea pressure in this half and gradually came more into the game as their young backs gained confidence.

For Bynea flyhalf David Richards was having a good game, his catching and fielding was of a high standard and his line kicking accurate.

ONLY TRY

Within two minutes of the resumption Bynea scored the only try of the game when scrum-half Prendiville broke clear to cross wide out. The same player converted to give his side a 9-0 lead.

Again having conceded vital points within minutes of the half, Llandovery came back strongly, and in a half played in torrential rain most of the play was in Bynea territory.

'OFFSIDE'

The Llandovery 'front five' were having a fine game against the heavier Bynea pack. Peter Nitsch was conspicuous in the loose, and Noel Page gained good lineout ball.

The Llandovery back play, which was a feature of earlier league games, suffered due to the weather, and by a considerable amount of 'offside' play which largely went unpenalised.



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Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams

Williams scores last-gasp winner

Pontyberem 13 pts
Llandovery 14 pts

A last-gasp penalty by skipper Tony Williams maintained Llandovery's unbeaten record and their lead in the West Wales League Section D stakes.

Pontyberem scorched into an early lead when flanker Ray Thomas hared over for an unconverted try. They kept on the pressure and their larger pack dominated the rucks and mauls.

Scrum half Wyn Thomas revelled in an abundance of good ball and sent out a steady flow of passes to keep the back line in action.

Centre Brian Williams was a constant threat and gave Llandovery some heart-stopping moments.

Llandovery's problems increased when veteran prop and pack leader was forced to retire through injury. His berth was filled by number eight Noel Davies.

SPARKLE

Pontyberem were not slow to capitalise on the team troubles and Ian Davies put them 7-0 up with a penalty.

For a brief moment Llandovery began to sparkle. Noel Page took a clean lineout catch and sent the ball out to fly half Alan Morgan. He

chipped ahead, centre Geraint Williams scooped up a difficult bouncing ball and sent wing Alun Williams streaking over in the corner.

Hopes of a break through were short-lived. Pontyberem stepped back into the driving seat and it was Brian Williams who scored after a sizzling run. Ian Jones converted to make it 13-4 at half-time.

Llandovery benefited from an interval pep talk and in the second half began to fire on all cylinders. Wyn Morgan, Page and Alan Walters led the way with spirited, no-nonsense forward play.

Centre John Davies put them within striking when he whacked over a 30-yard penalty.

OUTSTANDING

Then fly half Morgan split the Pont defence with a jinking run and linked with his forwards. Howard Ingram and Alun Williams handled before flanker Alan Walters went in at the corner.

They struck the killer punch in the dying minutes with the Tony Williams penalty and managed to hold out until the final whistle despite a concerted Pontyberem onslaught.

Outstanding for Pontyberem were flanker Angelo Jones and scrum half Wyn Thomas.

Llandovery's stars were Alan Walters and hooker Wyr Morgan.

● Earlier in the week Llandovery thrashed Cwmgoris 31-3 in a C.C. Evans Cup tie. Their tries came from Meirion Dyer (3), Alun Williams, Tony Williams, and Geraint Williams. Nigel Clarke kicked two conversions and a penalty and Daryl Edwards added a penalty.

The home side took the lead late in the first half when Rod Richards kicked a penalty from 28m following an infringement at a loose maul.

In the second half the visitors came close to scoring when Tony Williams was stopped a yard short of the line, but two further penalty goals by Richards were the only points.

PENALTIES

This view was justified, and Skewen proved more successful in this phase of play winning by three penalty goals to nil.

They enjoyed territorial advantage in the first half although the Llandovery forwards gave a good account of themselves and took six strikes against the head. In the line outs and loose how- ever, the heavier Skewen pack was more conspicuous.

IN A GAME played in good spirit, it was soon obvious that penalty goals were likely to decide the outcome.

Skewen 9 pts., Llandovery nil

Penalties decided Skewen thriller



Llandovery RFC Team Records CGW04

Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams

Llandovery produce their best

Llandovery 27 pts., Skewen nil

ONE of the finest displays of open rugby seen from a Llandovery side in the last few seasons destroyed Skewen.

Llandovery started off at a frantic pace and with their much smaller pack gaining good ball half backs Handel Davies and Alan Morgan were soon into the game with some penetrating breaks.

From a maul initially set up by full back Noel Jones, prop Gareth Williams powered over for a great try in the corner.

PANIC

Scrum half Handel Davies was able to get the back division moving at every opportunity, and centres Geraint Williams and captain Tony Williams caused panic among the opposition.

With the back row of Howard Ingram, Nigel Clark and Alan Walters covering the field like greyhounds, another try was inevitable.

It came when prop Rusty Jones and Alan Waters combined to put No. 8 Nigel Clark over near the posts. Clark also converted.

PASSING

For a brief spell in the second half Skewen came more into the game with hooker Dai Williams, and scrum half Mike Davies catching the eye. But Llandovery went further ahead when Nigel Clark kicked a penalty goal.

Again Llandovery came at Skewen, and some of the passing and interplay between backs and forwards was a joy to watch.

It was only some fine tackling by Skewen's fullback, Tony Thomas, that prevented wings, Alun Williams and Meirion Dyer adding to the score.

However, Llandovery went ahead again with a try by scrum half Davies, and another by Alan Morgan which Clarke converted.

In the last minute No. 8 Nigel Clark capped the best move of the match when he took a pass from Alan Waters to dive over for a really magnificent team try.

by A. D.

Trebanos came more into the game in the second half. They gained considerable lineout ball and full back John M. Davies distinguished himself with some fine clearance kicks and a 35m. penalty.

The last twenty minutes, however, saw the visitors take hold of the game and score four tries at regular intervals.

Following interpassing amongst the backs Jeff Augustus, making a welcome return to the first team on the right wing, ran in from 30 metres to score in the corner. Handel Davies converted with a fine kick.

The next try originated from interpassing between the visitors' back row and Rusty Jones, the long serving

DISTINGUISHED

Four tries in the last quarter swung the game decisively in favour of Llandovery and gave them two further league points.

This represented a good team performance but particular note must be made of second row forward Peter Nitsel, whose loose play, and ball winning at the mauls, was outstanding.

Llandovery had an opportunity to take the lead after three minutes but John Davies hit the bar with a penalty. The same player made amends shortly after with a 35 metre penalty.

Trebanos held out until 10 minutes before half-time when the visitors scored. Flanker Allan Walters broke down the middle and was held up just short of the line. From the resulting scrum the ball was passed along the line for Alun Williams on the left wing to score and give Llandovery a 7-0 half-time lead.

Trebanos 3 pts,
Llandovery 29 pts.
score. Again Davies converted.

Llandovery's late burst

DUMMY RUN

With ten minutes to go Llandovery were awarded an indirect penalty 10 metres out and from a planned move Tony Williams initiated a dummy run for Allan Walters to score and Davies to convert.

The final try came when Tony Williams, the full back and captain, cut inside following second phase possession to give Geraint Williams a scoring pass.

TELEGRAPH, Thursday, December 22nd, 1977



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Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams

OCT. 1977 Early success

LLANDOVERY 18 PTS.
GORSEINON 9 PTS.

Within minutes of Gorseinon kicking off, Llandovery scored an unconverted try. Huw Lewis the Llandovery full-back broke through on the left for Meirion Dyer to score.

When Gorseinon were penalised Nigel Clarke increased the home side's lead with a fine kick from near the half-way line.

Though conditions were difficult due to a strong cross wind, the game continued to excite and gradually Gorseinon, mainly due to their forwards, came more into the play.

Half way through the first half Adrian Walters dropped a neat goal for the visitors and ten minutes before half time Gorseinon took the lead when Gareth Jones charged down an attempted clearance on the Llandovery line and scored. David Williams converted to give Gorseinon a 9-7 advantage.

Nigel Clarke again gave the initiative to the home side when he kicked a penalty from outside the Gorseinon 22 metre line, and Llandovery further increased their lead when Geraint Williams catapulted down the middle to score in the corner.

Llandovery scored their third try when fly half Allan Morgan hoisted a high kick into the Gorseinon '22.' John Davies hacked forward following a misfield and scored.

The Gorseinon pack had given a good account of themselves. They won good possession from both set pieces and loose play, and although Llandovery maintained their unbeaten record the large crowd was left rather disappointed by the performance of the forwards.

The backs whose play has been a notable feature of recent games suffered largely due to the lack of good ball.

Drop goal to the tide

Oct. 1977

Brynamman 20 pts., Llandovery 9

LLANDOVERY, leaders of Section D, fully extended last year's champions in this WRU cup-tie, and only the super fitness and experience of the Greens saw them through to the next round.

Llandovery's slightly heavier pack pushed the home forwards around in the scrums, gained an equal share of the ball in the lines, and were fast on the ball in loose play.

Their fast and enterprising backs also produced many clever moves, backing each other up well and fully extending the home defence.

Llandovery were in possession for most of the game and only cracked up when Brynamman went ahead late in the second half with a snap drop goal by home fly half Keith Hopkin.

WINNERS

After that they lost much of their confidence, and the Greens seized on this turn of events and attacked the Llandovery line, scoring two excellent tries which left them comfortable winners.

John Davies, ex-Maesteg, and Grant Williams were two fast and enterprising centres for Llandovery with Alan Morgan varying his play well at fly half.

Up front Malcolm Page, Noel Page and Nigel Clarke were always in the thick of things with Alan Walters an industrial wing forward.

Both wings, Alun Thomas and John Rees, ran resolutely for Brynamman, and once again scrum half Alan Lewis enhanced his reputation.

Up front Ian James grafted well in the fight with Keith Francis and brothers John and Doug Beynon always in the thick of things.

TRIES

Brynamman scored tries by Alun Huw Thomas, John Rees and Keith Hopkin who also dropped a goal. John Rees converted Alun Thomas' try and kicked a penalty goal.

Llandovery who led by nine points to six in the first half scored an excellent try through Alan Walters converted by Nigel Clarke, who also kicked a penalty goal.

CWMGORS CRUSHED

Llandovery 31pts; Cwmgors 3

Llandovery pulled out all the stops in this C.C. Evans Cup match and demolished Cwmgors to the tune of six tries, two conversions and a penalty goal to a penalty in reply.

Outstanding in the linesout was lock Noel Page, and Peter Nitsch was magnificent in the mauls.

Prominent for Cwmgors was Darrel Edwards who landed their only score, a penalty goal.

Llandovery try scorers were: Meirion Dyer (3), Alun Williams, Tony Williams and Geraint Williams. Nigel Clarke landed the kicks.