



Llandovery RFC Team Records CGW06

Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams

Champs fail

Sept. 5th

YSTRADGYNLAIS 16
LLANDOVERY 3

LLANDOVERY, last season's Welsh Brewers West Wales Rugby League champions found themselves trailing by three points to nil after twenty minutes of their game at Ystradgynlais.

The visitors were guilty of missing four very kickable penalties one 25 yard effort from Phil Davies, and they fell behind when home centre Alan Parsons put over a long angled kick.

On the stroke of half-time Ystradgynlais increased their lead

when wing Lyn Thomas crashed over for an unconverted try in the corner.

In injury-time, Llandovery reduced the deficit as outside-half Carwyn Williams fired over a 30 yard penalty.

Ystradgynlais led at half-time by a very useful 7-3, with wind advantage switching to their favour after the break.

Indeed, Ystradgynlais continued to dominate as the match wore on and underlined their superiority on the way with a further try from Kevin Davies, converted by Gary Jones, who also kicked a penalty.

Williams

missed

Llandovery 10
Llangennech 22

The scoreline flatters Llangennech, who were on the receiving end for threequarters of the game.

Mark Dow, Alwyn Bowen and Iwan Hunt went over for the Llangennech tries, Dyfrig Clement kicking two conversions and two penalties.

Wyn Williams crossed for the Llandovery try, with Carwyn Williams kicking two penalties. It was 6-6 at half-time.

Secretary Roland Griffiths isn't too down hearted about Llandovery's early season form and explained, "We're still without skipper Geraint Williams who was injured in pre-season training, while prop. Dai Thomas is sidelined."



• The Llandeilo team that took on a Carmarthenshire Select XV in last week's celebration game.



• The Carmarthenshire Select XV.

Sept. 8th



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Comeback cheer

KIDWELLY 13 LLANDOVERY 16

LLANDOVERY staged a rousing comeback in their relegation duel with Kidwelly on Saturday to snatch victory in the second half and keep alive their hopes of avoiding the drop from Section A.

Kidwelly, with just three wins to their credit all season made the more promising start to the game, and with just ten minutes play having elapsed were already 10-0 in the lead.

The first score came after a scrum five in the opening seconds, flanker Nigel Williams crashing through the Llandovery cover to touch down.

Soon after, a fine switch by scrum-half Charlie Jacob sent captain Peter Williams over for a try, successfully converted by Julian Edwards.

Having built up such a commanding advantage so quickly then, Kidwelly attempted to kill off their fellow-strugglers with further waves of strong attack towards the Llandovery line.

The visitors held firm from any further break however, and were finally able to reduce the arrears when full-back Carwyn Williams sent over a straightforward penalty.

Kidwelly remained 10-3 in front until the half-hour however, when Williams took the opportunity to peg them back still further with a smartly-taken drop goal.

With Llandovery now at last really beginning to flow, Kidwelly were relieved to see their captain Williams extend their lead with a dropped goal, but there was little respite, as Llandovery stormed back to within a point of their hosts at the interval, Carwyn Williams dropping a goal, and converting a good try by Eurig Evans.

The second half proved to be a far tighter affair, Kidwelly seeming content to protect their slim

advantage against strong Llandovery raids, but the visitors weren't to be denied, and capped their stirring revival with a fine Nigel Clark try from a line out, clinching a victory that propels them up from ninth to sixth place in the Section A table.

WELSH BREWERS CHAMPIONSHIP

SECTION A 12-12-87

Kidwelly 13

Llandovery 16

A cracking game was a credit to both sides, and could have gone either way.

All Kidwelly's points came in the opening half, Nigel Williams and Peter Williams crossing for tries. The latter dropped a goal, while Julian Edwards added one conversion.

Llandovery's hero was Nigel Clarke, who was given room to dive over from a line-out for the winning try midway through the second half. Eurig Evans got the other try, Carwyn Williams putting over one conversion, a penalty and dropped goal.

STRUGGLING Llandovery eased their plight at the foot of the table with a welcome and much-needed 19-6 defeat of Bryncoch.

Llandovery did however make a slow start, and found themselves trailing 6-4 at the break.

Bryncoch seized the initiative with a converted try, and Llandovery's only score before turning round was a try by Hugh Thomas.

In the second half however, they gradually began to piece their game together, Wyn Morgan cross-

ing for a try, as did Carwyn Williams, who also added two conversions.

Carwyn's brother Geraint was not to be outdone, landing a drop goal to underline his side's second half revival and claim the points.

Llandovery now move off the bottom of the table to be replaced there by Kidwelly.

Ystradgynlais pushed themselves into third place with a well-earned 15-10 victory at New Dock Stars.

Ystradgynlais' strong early pressure brought quick rewards in

the shape of a drop goal from outside-half David Love.

Section A

New Dock though rallied strongly, Richard Davies' penalty striking an upright, and their persistence paid off with a try from Lucio De Filippo to give them the interval advantage.

Tumble travel to Bryncoch knowing that seven points from their last five matches will earn them a fourth West Wales RU (Welsh Brewers) Championship Section A title in five years.

It isn't plain sailing by any means, and it's important they kick-off the run-in with maximum points tomorrow.

The Magpies walloped the opposition 26-7 at Parc Y Mynydd Mawr earlier in the season, and recorded the double over them last winter.

I don't anticipate a landslide, but it would be a major surprise if Tumble slip-up.

Survival is the name of the game for Llandovery and Kidwelly, who are at present on the right side of the relegation zone. But it's a thin line which divides them from the bottom three — Bryncoch, Seven Sisters and Dunvant.

Llandovery aim to complete the double over visiting New Dock Stars, having already beaten them 20-8. The Dock crashed 20-0 at Llandovery last time around, and their record there is poor.

yards.

In Section A of the West Wales Championship, Ystradgynlais beat Llangennech 18-7, scoring three tries, while Vardre's hopes of retaining the Section title all but disappeared as they lost 20-7 at Llandovery.

Llandovery scored tries from Alan Thomas and Nigel Hughes, while Carwyn Williams put over three penalties and his brother Geraint one.

conversion.

In Section A of the West Wales Championship, Dunvant crept up to third place as they beat Llandovery 11-7. Dunvant's Frank Hayler and Richard Sullivan crossed for unconverted tries.

With the Dunvant pack in command, Andrew Snell put over a penalty to build their interval lead to 11-0. Llandovery rallied well in the second period.

In Section B, Gwent

REVIV

2-1-88

LLANDOVERY took another important step forward in their battle to avoid relegation from Section A on Saturday as they entertained the New Dock Stars and ran out winners by 14 points to 7.

Llandovery led by just a single point at 8-7 following a tight and competitive first period, lock Wyn Williams and Wyn Morgan both crossing for tries, while Mike Hanwell scored a try for the Stars, with Jeff Williams adding a penalty.

In the second period however, Llandovery made full use of wind advantage, running in further tries through Chris Davies and Carwyn Williams to seal their success and consolidate their sixth position in the table.



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THURSDAY, March 17th, 1988

Destroyer Davies

**Seven Sisters 24
Llandovery 16**

DESPITE a gritty and hard-working performance which kept them in contention throughout the match, Llandovery bowed out of the Tovali Challenge Cup competition on Saturday, beaten 24-16 on their visit to Section A rivals Seven Sisters.

Llandovery made a strong and lively opening to the game, and were afforded an immediate opportunity to move in front as fly-half Carwyn Williams went close with a penalty in the opening minutes.

With Llandovery continuing to control the overall pattern of the game, centre Alan Thomas brought off an instinctive interception around the half-way line which enabled left wing David Giles to accelerate clear to touch down for the corner try that opened the scoring.

With Seven Sisters looking a little disjointed and unable to find a really convincing attacking gear, Llandovery bolstered their points cushion as Carwyn Williams put over a neat penalty.

Gradually however, Seven Sisters began to shake off their indifferent start to the game, and with former Maesteg scrum-half Alan Davies beginning to have an increasingly dominant influence on proceedings, a splendid drop goal by Phil Pugh brought them back into the game.

Davies then darted over for a crisply-worked try, and as the initiative continued to shift in favour of the home side, they went in front for the first time just five minutes before the break by way of an opportunist try from full-back Gwyn Thomas, converted by Davies.

Llandovery then trailed 13-9 at the start of the second period, but they remained in close contention, Carwyn Williams taking his individual points tally for the afternoon to 12 with two further penalties and a drop goal.

Seven Sisters however continued to fashion an impressive selection of attacks, and Davies guided them to a hard-fought success with another try and two penalties, giving him 16 points on the day and a total of 69 in his last four games.

Seven Sisters now travel to play Bonymaen tomorrow (Friday).

Tovali Cup

Wing Eirian Jones scored the Llandovery try, with Carwyn Williams kicking two penalties, while the one Ystradgynlais score was a try from number eight Les Rutherford.

Llandovery's victory moves them up to fifth in the Section A table, easily their highest position so far this season.

Section A

Llangennech got their attacking effort into gear early in the game, and were rewarded with tries from Ieuan Howells, Dyfrig Clement and Lee Williams, while Mark Doran added to his try by also kicking two penalties and two conversions.

Bottom-of-the-table Llandovery had little answer to Llangennech's all-round power and co-ordination, and were restricted to a lone Carwyn Williams penalty. Ystradgynlais showed little

CARMARTHEN TIMES, Friday, February 19th, 1988

Half of the Tovali West Wales R Cup first round ties were called off because of waterlogged grounds, while only two of the seven championship matches survived.

All four outstanding four Llanelli and District RU Cup first round games were postponed for a second time, and only two championship matches got the go ahead.

TOVALI WEST WALES RU CUP
1ST ROUND
Abercrave 4
Llandovery 14

Llandovery powered their way into the next round with an impressive display in atrocious conditions.

All three visiting tries came in the opening half, with lock Wyn Williams, prop Phil Davies and flanker Chris Davies crossing.

Carwyn Williams converted one, while Paul Williams replied with an unconverted try.

Welsh Brewers Championship (Sec. A)
Llandovery look tired

Llangennech 26
Llandovery 3

Feeling the effects of a hard Schweppes Welsh RU Cup tie at Rodney Parade the previous week, a tired looking Llandovery were well beaten.

Ieuan Howells, Dyfrig Clement, Lee Williams and Mark Doran went over for the Llangennech tries, the latter adding two conversions and two penalties. Carwyn Williams replied with a penalty.

Welsh Brewers Championship
Section A
Llandovery 14
New Dock Stars 7

Llandovery completed the double, easing their relegation worries as a result.

Wyn Williams, Wyn Morgan and Chris Davies crossed for the Llandovery tries, Carwyn Williams converting one.

Micky Howells replied with a try, while Jeff Williams kicked a penalty.



Llandoverly RFC Team Records CGW06

Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams

Llandoverly undaunted

LLANDOVERLY HOLD no fears of Newport in their Schweppes Cup tie at Rodney Parade on Saturday.

The men from mid-Wales hope to catch the Black-and-Ambers on the rebound after their recent poor form and player problems.

"We are going there with an open mind and the attitude that we have nothing to lose," said coach Jock Watkins. "They can do the worrying, not us."

With 33 years first-class experience as a hooker and administrator with Pontypridd and Glamorgan, Watkins has transformed Llandoverly into a formidable cup fighting outfit.

"We have not been playing two games the same this season," he went on, "but we hope to put it together for this match, knowing that Newport are not playing very well and that morale is fairly low."

"These are plus signs for us although at the same time we realise they are a very capable side with a pretty powerful front row."

"The scrum is one phase where we need to tighten up. We have not done so well there this season and rather than mix it with them in that area we would hope to run at them."

Since Watkins arrived in the quiet mid-Wales market town four years ago and took over as coach, Llandoverly have been buzzing in the Cup.

They have beaten Pontypridd and also gained useful experience by entertaining Llanelli and Glamorgan Wanderers. In the process the players have, more or less, remained the same to become fairly seasoned cup campaigners.

Full back Geraint Williams is cap-

By MALCOLM LEWIS

taining the side for the fourth successive year, while his brother Carwyn remains in the key role of outside half where he continues to exercise a considerable influence.

The only two recent newcomers are wing David Giles, a former Llandoverly Town goalkeeper, and prop Elfion Davies, who has taken over from the injured David Thomas, a local policeman better known as 'Dai The Book.'

Both clubs have recently spied on each other to assess form and it is likely that neither of them have been very impressed by what they saw.

While Newport were held to a dismal draw at home to Aberavon last Saturday, Llandoverly were helping to give Seven Sisters a lift off the bottom of Section A by going down to a 12-4 defeat.

"We have not done so well in the league," admits their coach, who is being assisted this season by ex-captain Alan Walters. "But we have had a couple of notable achievements in beating Tumble in the league and in the Cup."

Tumble, as every West Wales league fan knows, concede defeat as rarely as Liverpool do in the Barclays League. To beat them home and away in a matter of weeks is the pinnacle of achievement.

For that reason Llandoverly are not to be under-estimated. They seem to suggest that when the pressure is on they can reproduce the form which has made them the current West Wales RU Welsh Brewers champions.

Llandoverly: G Williams (capt); H Morgan, H Thomas, A Thomas, D Giles, C Williams, R Jones, E Davies, W Morgan, P Davies, I Jones, W Williams, E Jenkins, N Clarke, C Davies.



key scorer. Jonathan Callard, top cup action against Llandoverly.



Cardiff cru

By J B G THOMAS

Cardiff 22pts, Llanelli 6

CARDIFF CONTINUED along their winning way with a good display against Llanelli at the Arms Park last night when they succeeded comfortably by two goals, two penalties and a try to a goal.

However, while they were glad to win, right at the end of the match, their try scoring right wing, Derek Preece, was injured in a late tackle and suffered a damaged cartilage in his knee.

He is likely to be out for some weeks and the club consultant, Harold Richards, will make a further examination today. Preece has been in outstanding form and would certainly have been included in the National squad had he not suffered injury.

Llanelli, lacking several of their leading players, were forced through withdrawals, to field four new players and this weakened the experience, if not their spirit. Cardiff were the more efficient side and the additional quality to finish off their approach work but Llanelli never gave up trying.

Conditions were not easy since the atmosphere was damp and the pitch soft and the referee sadly inconsistent throughout, a factor which considerably disturbed the approach of two sides who have always enjoyed happy games together.

A lack of consistency on the referee's part in offside play and at the pile-up could not have improved the players' temper but all went well until the end through genuine self-control on their part.

The five National selectors watched the match and to check on several players including David Nicholas of Llanelli, who had to withdraw before the start. What they did see was a fine controlled display by outside half Gareth Davies who collected another 14 points and a wholehearted performance by Derek Quinell, playing at No 8 for Llanelli.

Pressure

Quinell revealed that he is still very much in the hunt to retain his Welsh team place. He towered above the young players around him and mothered them like a hen without sparing himself in the tight and loose play, and he would certainly be a member of my Welsh side.

The young Llanelli backs may have lacked in experience but they made up for much of this in their spirit. Kevin Thomas, at outside half, was effortless in his attempts to create openings and two young wings Owen and Evans were always ready to run.

In the centre, British Lions Ray Gravel and Peter Morgan, defended strongly under pressure and attempted to punch their way through the middle. Of the forwards, Charles Thomas and Iwan May gave Quinell good support but Paul Ringer was a little lost in the first half and recovered some of his form in the second although rather undecided about

PREECE IS CARRIED OFF AFTER A LATE TACKLE

whether to play in the loose or the tight.

Once again, John Scott, the Cardiff captain, and No 8, gave a polished performance and as one official told me afterwards, "Scott is now playing like a Welshman." This means that he is the obvious choice for England in this position and he receives able support for Cardiff from his two flankers, the much improved Bob Lakin and Brian Lease, while two props John Whitefoot and Ian Eidman continue to improve.

Unfortunately for Cardiff, in addition to the injury to Preece, full back Chris Webber, after revealing some of his best form, was forced to leave the field with injury in the second half which must be daunting for the young player.

Trevor Lee worked hard at scrum half while replacing the injured Terry Holmes, who travelled to London while the match was being played and will have an "exploratory operation" in London today.

Cardiff took the lead after 10 minutes when Webber joined the threequarter line and the ball was moved quickly to Preece on the wing. He accelerated and got into the Llanelli 25 where he went inside to Phillips and Burcher who put Gareth Davies over under the post for the outside half to kick the goal.

Six minutes later, John Scot charged away from the end of a lineout on the Llanelli 25 and when challenged, put the supporting Lakin over under the posts for Davies to kick his second goal.

It looked at this stage as if Cardiff would run away with the match but Quinell got his pack to settle down and Gravel steadied the defence. Thus Cardiff, although scrummaging well and winning good ball, were not able to score again in the first half.

Both Gareth Davies and Martin Gravelle failed with penalty attempts and it was 16 minutes in the second half before Alan Phillips scored Cardiff's third try. They were attacking outside the Llanelli line when awarded a short penalty and from this a "wall" of Cardiff forwards drove over the Llanelli goal line for Phillips to get the touchdown although Davies could not convert the try.

Llanelli were still undaunted and came back with a series of brave attacks. When in the Cardiff 25 the Llanelli front row broke away from a maul and Charles Thomas, the bearded and powerful prop, charged over for a try which Kevin Thomas converted.

At 16-6 Llanelli had an outside chance of getting back into the game but they reckoned without the good place kicking of Gareth Davies, confident and comfortable as the Cardiff controller.

He kicked two 40-yard penalty goals to put the game well beyond Llanelli's reach at 22-6 and that was how the match ended.



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CARMARTHEN TIMES, Friday, March 25th, 1988

TUMBLE TOP FOURTH TIME IN FIVE YEARS

Tumble 9 Llandovery 3 are Tumble W.R.U. Section A champions. On Tuesday evening in a game transferred at the last minute to the Gwendraeth School pitch, they eventually overcame difficult opponents who had twice beaten them this season.

Tumble started the match with the knowledge that they needed only to draw to seal the title,

though as it transpired, with Vardre losing to Kidwelly, the title would have been theirs anyway. In an evenly fought first half Llandovery played with the wind on their backs and gave the home side plenty to think about, not only dominating the line outs but also forming a solid scrummaging unit.

The scoring in the first half was restricted to a penalty apiece with Wynford Lewis replying to a Carwyn Williams effort.

Llandovery continued to battle hard in the second half making their presence felt in the set pieces, but Tumble were looking the stronger in the loose and began to assume greater territorial control.

The Tumble backs were presented with the opportunity to run at Llandovery and constantly pegged them back with some intelligent kicking.

With quarter of an hour remaining Tumble finally put pressure into points

when Errol Price ripped the ball loose from a Llandovery player in a maul and forced his way over for a try. Wynford Lewis demonstrated one of the qualities his side will miss next season, when he landed a superb touch-line conversion.

Speaking after the game Tumble secretary Nigel Thomas was able to say:

"Obviously we are delighted to have sealed the title with games in hand, but will not be taking our remaining league games

lightly. We will, of course, be concentrating our efforts in the Tovioli Cup and looking for the Club's first ever 'grand slam' of major titles".

Mr. Thomas went on to pay tribute to Llandovery's performance:

"Llandovery always give us a hard game, and today was no exception," he said. "Tumble have now won

Section A four times in the last five years, their only hiccup being last year when they were second to Vardre.



Llandovery and Tumble forwards contest a line-out. (Picture: Peter Evans)



Gareth Davies prepares to receive the ball and launch a Tumble attack. (Picture: Peter Evans)



"It's mine", "No it's mine". Two Tumble forwards reach for the same ball. (Picture: Peter Evans)



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Top battle at Tumble

THE Schweppes Cup has a habit of pairing old adversaries.

On the day when 180 teams get into action in the first round the draw could not have come up with a better game than the one in store at Tumble today (3.00).

The proud home side are steeped in cup tradition and last season captured the West Wales Tovaal Cup for a record ninth time and also went on to win the President's Cup.

In that game it took a conversion in the fourth minute of injury time to clinch victory over championship winners Llandovery, 14-12, and it is the same outfit they will face as they take the first step on the road to the National Ground and next May's cup final.

The last time the two sides met in the Schweppes Cup was three years ago when Llandovery triumphed at home despite having a prop sent off at the game's first scrum.

That victory set them on their way to a famous cup run which included a giant-killing act against Pontypridd.

If that was Llandovery's greatest Schweppes Cup moment, Tumble's came in the third round in 1976 against Newport. The Black and Ambers were held to a 12-all draw and only went through to the next round on try count.

Another fascinating battle will take place in Wrexham where the North Wales champions take on Silver Ball and Central Glamorgan League title holders Tondur.

That will take top billing in the North with Bangor Normal College's game with Penarth and Mold's match with Cross Keys.

The only other senior side in action are Tredegar, home to Caldicot, and their game will be followed by Tredegar Ironsides' game with Skewen.

Tumble: W Lewis; M Williams, E Morgan, J Davies, P Owens; W Richards, A Davies (capt); R Williams, E Price, I Fear, D Evans, B Hughes, G Davies, M Griffiths, M Lewis. Replacements: W Edwards, A King.

Llandovery: T Williams; D Giles, H Thomas, A Thomas, H Morgan; C Williams, R Jones; D Thomas, W Morgan, P Davies, I Jones, W Williams, E Jenkins, N Clarke, C Davies.

LLANDOVERY 10 SEVEN SISTERS 11
Scrum half Alun Davies destroyed Llandovery with a couple of tries and a penalty.

Chris Davies and Eifion Hughes crossed for the Llandovery tries, with Carwyn Williams converting one.

Pack storm in Rhondda

Tylorstown 6
Llandovery 9

The Llandovery front eight gave a storming performance to lay the foundation for victory.

Both defences remained firm throughout, and it took three penalties from the boot of Carwyn Williams to win the day.

Sweet revenge

16-1-88

WELSH BREWERS WWRU champions Llandovery gained an excellent 20-7 victory over Vardre to avenge an earlier defeat and move up to fourth place in the table.

Alun Thomas and Eifion Hughes scored tries and the Williams brothers — Carwyn (3) and Geraint — kicked penalty goals.

Ystradgynlais completed the double over Llangennech 18-6 with tries from Andrew Soroka, Carwyn Hopkins and Les Rutherford, all converted by Alan Parsons.

Trebanos, the Section D pacesetters, were forced to come from behind to avenge their solitary championship defeat at

Cwmmllynfell back in October, this time winning 10-6.

Andrew Thomas scored a try, Steve Farthing got a dropped goal, and Danny Watkins kicked a penalty.

Lampeter, too, had to fight back to win their rearranged fixture 12-11 at Alltwen with tries by John Morgan, Alec Page and David Evans, who grabbed the winner.

Cwmgrach did exceptionally well to lose only 14-0 to likely Section F champions Glynneath since they had conceded a total of 113 points in their previous three meetings.

Try scorers were Mike Morgan, Steve Bennett and Neil Esmonde, Phil Evans converting one.

Sport 1

Out gunned

Newport 41, Llandovery 6

LLANDOVERY'S CUP INTEREST ended at Rodney Parade on Saturday where they were outplayed by a strong and determined Newport side badly in need of a cup run to boost their patchy season.

Newport went in front in the seventh minute after some quick handling and a burst from full-back Jonathan Callard laid the ground for an unconverted try in the corner by centre Chris Manley.

Much of the early play was concentrated in the Llandovery half, and Callard added a 15th minute penalty when the visitors were caught offside.

Soon after, the Newport skipper Roger Powell dummed to pass outside and squeezed in for another try.

Llandovery, however hit back smartly, number eight Nigel Clark grabbing a touchdown which was converted by a splendidly-judged kick from Carwyn Williams.

The Newport forwards though continued to win the bulk of the loose possession, and scrum-half Tony Coombs went over for an unconverted try after a further period of pressure.

As half-time approached, Llandovery were pinned back by a series of close-up scrummages which resulted in Coombs taking his second try.

As the second half began, Llandovery continued to contest everything, but any thoughts of a cup upset were quickly receding, and Jonathan Callard went over for a try on the burst early in the second half following a scrumage ten yards out.

A similar scrum led to Newport's sixth try, Coombs completing his hat-trick, and Callard this time slotted over the conversion to put the home side 29-6 in front.

In the closing stages, wingers Guy Putland and Marc Batten added tries for Newport and Chris Manley got his second try in the last minute to round off a comprehensive Newport victory. Llandovery though never stopped trying, and can take great satisfaction from their level of effort and work-rate.



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Sport 3

Action at Llandovery



• The Llandovery President's XV during their game against Bryncoch at the Llandovery Sevens. Seen in action is Aled Williams.



• Hugh Thomas of Llandovery chases a loose ball during his side's game against Llandybie at the Llandovery Sevens.

Newport 41

Llandovery 6

LLANDOVERY'S hopes of springing a cup upset against Newport at Rodney Parade suffered an early set back when the Black and Ambers took the lead with a seventh minute try.

Newport were penalised in several untidy early lineouts but the Newport pack went on to win significant second phase ball and quick handling and a thrusting run by full-back Jonathan Callard pierced the Llandovery defence for centre Chris Manley to score an unconverted try in the corner.

But worse was to follow for Llandovery, who were caught offside and in the 15th minute Callard slotted over a penalty.

Most of the play at this stage was in the Llandovery half and Newport stretched their lead with a second try, this time, from skipper and flanker Roger Powell. He dummied to pass outside but made for the line.

This gave Newport an 11-0 lead but Llandovery bounced back and No. 8 Nigel Clarke grabbed a try which outside half Carwyn Williams converted.

Newport made their pressure pay off again in the 28th minute when scrum half Tony Coombs squeezed in to get the touch down for a try, which again went unconverted.

Llandovery scrum half Randall Jones rescued them with a touch finder from a close up lineout but his relieving kick was short on distance.

Sustained pressure from a series of scrums near the Llandovery line finally paid off when Coombs swooped for his second try on the stroke of half-time.

Half-time:

Newport 19pts., Llandovery 6



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TUMBLE OUT

Tumble 12 Llandovery 17

Tumble crashed out of the first round of the Schweppes W.R.U. Cup, going down to a Llandovery side who, over the last two years have demonstrated an ability to rise to the occasion.

Llandovery had a near-perfect start when Carwyn Williams put over a massive penalty from the halfway line.

For most of the first half Llandovery looked the more

committed of the two sides, and after had pulled level through a Wynford Lewis penalty, they deservedly regained the lead when centre Alun Thomas outpaced the defence to set up a try for his partner Huw Thomas.

Carwyn Williams then kicked his second penalty to extend the lead, before Lewis did likewise to set things up nicely for the second half.

Mindful of previous encounters between the two clubs, many were expected to see

Tumble gather their momentum and stage a fight back. But it was Llandovery, who carrying on where they left off in the first half, quickly seized the initiative.

Williams kicked another penalty, and almost immediately Llandovery hooker Wyn Morgan raced over for a fine opportunist try.

At this stage Llandovery held the advantage of an 11 point cushion — a gap, even allowing for the extra quarter of an hour added for injury, which proved to be insurmountable, through a Brian Hughes try converted by Wynford Lewis with over ten minutes of normal time left, gave the visitors an anxious finale.



Llandovery launch on attack as centre Alun Thomas makes a break and sets fly half Carwyn Williams clear.

(Picture: Alan T. Richards)

SECTION A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tumble	18	16	0	2	316	165	32
Dunvant	18	11	0	7	217	197	22
Ystradgynlais	18	10	1	7	202	160	21
Vardre	18	9	0	9	232	262	18
Kidwelly	18	8	1	9	238	256	17
Llangennech	18	8	0	10	260	219	16
Seven Sisters	18	8	0	10	204	190	16
Llandovery	18	8	0	10	171	205	16
New Dock Stars	18	6	1	11	207	265	13
Bryncoch	18	4	1	13	148	276	9

SECTION B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bonymaen	18	14	1	3	324	130	29
Pontarddulais*	18	14	0	4	364	181	26
Carmarthen	18	10	0	8	272	253	20
Carmarthen Ath.	18	9	1	8	260	254	19
Waunarlwydd	18	8	2	8	242	237	18
Hendy	18	8	0	10	203	283	16
Morrison	18	7	1	10	201	268	15
Laugharne*	18	7	2	9	242	285	14
Mumbles	18	6	0	12	274	309	12
Gowerton	18	3	1	14	190	372	7

SECTION C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Felinfoel	18	16	1	1	405	150	33
Abercrave	18	10	4	4	254	174	24
Ammanford	18	11	2	5	215	182	24
Llandybie	18	9	1	8	214	174	19
Brynaman	18	9	1	8	216	228	19
Loughor	18	9	1	8	193	170	19
Ystalyfera	18	7	2	9	212	235	16
Amman United	18	6	0	12	207	292	12
Burry Port	18	3	2	13	167	364	8
Gorseinon	18	2	2	14	170	284	6

SECTION D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Trebanos	18	16	1	1	350	162	33
Llandeilo	18	11	3	4	237	131	25
Skewen	18	11	2	5	213	156	24
Cwmllynfell	18	9	2	7	242	264	20
Tonna	18	9	2	7	263	196	20
Llanelli Wdrs	18	9	0	9	254	251	18
Bynea	18	8	1	9	228	198	17
Glaes	18	4	1	13	221	343	9
Cwmavon	18	4	0	14	209	289	8
Furnace Utd	18	2	2	14	173	400	6

SECTION E

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cwmgor	18	15	0	3	387	143	30
Pontyberem	18	12	1	5	334	193	25
Crynant	18	12	1	5	264	198	25
Penclawdd	18	12	0	6	337	146	24
Resolven	18	10	0	8	196	221	20
Penygroes	18	9	0	9	186	232	18
Swansea Uplands	18	7	0	11	145	287	14
Cefncithin	18	4	0	14	164	281	8
Pontardawe	18	4	0	14	133	300	8
BP Llandarcy	18	4	0	14	158	313	8

SECTION F

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Glynneath	18	17	1	0	564	77	35
Trimsaran	18	13	1	4	385	143	27
Lampeter Town	18	10	0	8	247	248	20
Cwmgwrach	18	7	0	11	187	324	14
Alltwn	18	4	0	14	205	357	8
Pontyates	18	2	0	16	107	546	4

* 2 penalty points.



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Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams

DISTRICT F SEVENS

LLANDOVERY made it two in a row when they added the District F Sevens to the C. C. Evans Sevens they had won only two days earlier.

But they had to overcome a determined challenge from host club Waunarlwydd who lasted the distance rather better than Llandovery in an injury strewn final last Saturday.

In fairness Llandovery did things the hard way — through no fault of their own. The withdrawal of Ammanford meant Waunarlwydd had a bye into the quarter final so only had to play two games to reach the final.

Llandovery, on the other hand, fought through a preliminary round and tough matches against Loughor, Loughor and Gorseinon to reach the final. At the kick-off for the final then Llandovery had played 58 minutes of breathless sevens compared with Waunarlwydd's 24 minutes.

It would have been a crying shame if Llandovery, easily the best team on view, had succumbed to fatigue in the final — the fact is they very nearly did!

But the class of man-of-the-tournament Carwyn Davies and top points scorer Carwyn Williams eventually carried them through.

Sadly one of the features of this competition was the number of withdrawals and the failure of Penclawdd to turn-up without warning.

Ammanford, Llandeilo and Pontarddulais all withdrew beforehand and when Penclawdd did not arrive it meant Waunarlwydd and Gorseinon reaching the semi-finals after playing one game each.

This apparent disinterest is something the organisers need to look at. Sevens at its best is a wonderful spectacle which gives players like Carwyn Davies, for so long in West Wales Rugby left on the wings waiting for a pass, a chance to show their abilities.

Davies' first try in the final was a peach which brought spontaneous applause from all spectators — how often does that hap-

pen in the 15 man game in these parts?

Happily Llandovery lifted the gloom which withdrawals and lack of interest cast over the proceedings. Even an ugly punch-up in the

BY RICHARD WILLIAMS

semi-final between Hendy and his colleagues.

Waunarlwydd could not overshadow the skills of Geraint Williams Loughor 12, Brynmanan 6; Llan-



IT'S Champions Llandovery! Back row: Huw Morgan, Eifion Hughes, Chris Davies, Nigel Clark and Colin Henry. Front: Alan Thomas, Carwyn Davies, Geraint Williams (capt) and Carwyn Williams.

(Photo: Alan Richards)



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LLANDOVEREY AMMANFORD

defenders for Ammanford's second try which Jeff Roach converted on the stroke of half time.

Roach, Ammanford's outstanding player, was himself over midway through the second half for a try which big Carwyn Jones converted and Lyn Evans rounded off the game with his second try and a superb touchline conversion.

**Brynaman 10pts.,
Llandoverey 16**

Brynaman, with Cerith Thomas, Keith Hopkins and John Beynon showing real class, were perhaps the most technically proficient sevens outfit on show.

And they gave Llandoverey considerable trouble although the speed of Davies finally told. Alan Thomas opened the scoring when he ran clear for a try which Carwyn Williams converted.

Carwyn Davies then jinked through Brynaman ranks on his own 22 and ran 70 yards for the touchdown. Williams again converted.

Anthony Davies struck back for Brynaman early in the second half but within a minute Llandoverey had worked Carwyn Davies clear on the left and he made light work of crossing in the corner.

Brynaman fought back again and this time it was Andrew Roberts who broke through the cover to score a try which Hopkins converted with the last kick of the match.

**FINAL
Ammanford 6pts.,
Llandoverey 30**

If Ammanford were to upset Llandoverey in the final they had to deny them possession. But it was clear from the start that Llandoverey had saved their best till last.

Within minutes Carwyn Davies, having discovered Paul Rees was harder to run around than anyone else he had encountered in the competition, showed his true class by jinking inside the Ammanford winger for the opening try which Carwyn Williams converted.

Paul Ladd Thomas drove

through the Llandoverey defence to score a try which Jeff Roach converted to equalise but a magnificent bounce from a Carwyn Williams kick ahead gave Alan Thomas the first of a hat-trick. Carwyn Williams converted to make it 12-6 at the interval.

Paul Thomas led an Ammanford charge early in the second half when Paul Rees was grounded inches short. From the resulting penalty Alan Thomas waltzed through the Ammanford ranks and raced 70 yards for the decisive score which Williams again converted.

Carwyn Davies followed suit a minute later and Thomas completed a memorable hat-trick near the end. Carwyn Williams converted both.

Carwyn Davies scored a total of seven tries in the three matches. Alan Thomas scored four and Carwyn Williams top scored with 30 points from 11 conversions and two tries.



Smiling winners Llandoverey after winning the C. C. Evans sevens at Cwmaman Park last week. They went on to win the District F sevens two days later. (Photo: Sportopic)



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Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams



• Llandovery flanker Elfyn Jenkins sprints clear during his side's shock 17-12 Schweppes Welsh Cup win at Tumble on Saturday.

(Photo: Alan Richards)



• Tumble centre Eurig Morgan breaks clear against Llandovery with Wayne Richards and Mark Lewis up in support.

(Photo: Alan Richards)



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Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams

Tumble just miss out

By ROBERT COLE

Tumble 12 pts, Llandoverly 17

THE NERVOUS twitchings of the Llandoverly fans as this first round Schweppes Cup match went into injury time were quite understandable.

Their side had been in front all the way, put recent indifferent form behind them and set themselves up for a satisfying revenge win over the West Wales Cup holders.

But as the game went into injury time at the end of the second half, doubts suddenly began to creep in as the Llandoverlyans recalled a similar situation in last season's President's Cup final at Stradey Park.

The scenario was the same — Llandoverly ahead all the way to the death, but losing the game in injury time as persistent Tumble finally wore them down.

So it wasn't difficult to understand the worries of the Llandoverly followers as the extra minutes rolled on and on and on.

In fact, referee Mike Crouch extended the game by some 12 minutes in the second half, causing no end of watch-checking and whistling on the bank.

But this time the extra minutes weren't enough to deny Llandoverly victory in their revenge mission. In the end, they survived and were full value for the win.

A dream start in the shape of a Carwen Williams penalty from the half-way line, awarded against Tumble loose-head Rob Williams for pulling down at the open-

ing scrum, set them on their way. A good ending to the first half put them in complete control.

second successful goal, but another Williams penalty and an opportunist try by hooker Wyn Morgan at the start of the second half really put Llandoverly on the road to victory.

From then on, it was a matter of survival as Tumble, with skipper and scrum half Arwel Davies bringing his back row more and more into the game, as he tried to salvage something for the home side.

It was a time for stern defence and good discipline and on this occasion Llandoverly managed to stay the course. The only lapse came when second row Brian Hughes charged over for a try which Lewis converted.

That brought Tumble to within six points of victory with 12 minutes of normal time left to play.

Nearly half-an-hour later, Mr Crouch finally brought the game to a close and put the Llandoverly fans out of their misery.

Tumble — Try: Brian Hughes. Pens (2), Con (1), Wynford Lewis.

Llandoverly — Tries: Huw Thomas, Wyn Morgan. Pens — Carwen Williams (3).

ing scrum, set them on their way. A good ending to the first half put them in complete control.

Tumble were surprisingly slow and quiet in the beginning and it was the visitors' pack who held the edge early on. It wasn't until half-an-hour had ticked by that the home side began to come alive.

Full back Wynford Lewis brought them back into contention with a simple penalty, but then found himself quickly involved in a score at the other end as Williams chipped into space ahead of him on the home 22.

Lewis lost the race for the catch and was left helpless as the ball bounced past him and allowed Alun Thomas to hack on for co-centre Huw Thomas to score.

At that stage, the breaks were all going Llandoverly's way and another penalty by Williams put them further ahead.

Lewis replied on the stroke of half-time with a



Tylorstown 6
Llandovery 9

DESPITE THEIR IN-
DIFFERENT start to the
League season, Llandov-
ery are enjoying a fine
Cup run, and they
moved into the third
round of the Schweppes
Welsh competition on
Saturday with a well-
earned victory in the
Rhondda Valley.

All the scoring came in the first period, as Llandovery enjoyed the benefit of a slight wind at their backs. An early penalty gave Tylor-

strown the lead, but the score was quickly back to 3-3 as Carwyn Williams replied in similar style. In general, the game was one of sound defences, with little being given away, but some controlled tactical kicking by outside-half Wil-

Williams ensured Llandovery maintained a good degree of pressure on their hosts. A second penalty took the home side back in front only for Williams to level again, and with centres Hugh and Alan Thomas moving through powerfully, Llandovery began slowly

ly to take a hold. The crucial score of the game came just two minutes from half-time, Williams slotting over his third penalty, and that was to remain the way of things until the end.

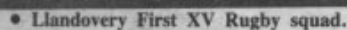
Llandovery began the second

by Wyn Evans

half well, number eight Nigel Clark narrowly failing to go over for the first try, and flankers Chris Davies and Elin Jenkins tackled hard and effectively, along with the backs, to prevent Tylorstown making any genuinely menacing progress forward.

Overall, the second period proved to be an evenly-contested one, Llandoverly building a line-out supremacy through the efforts of second-row men Wyn Williams and Ian Jones, but Tylorstown gradually worked their way back into things, and Llandoverly were forced into some Titanic defensive work in the closing stages to hold their lines.

In the final analysis however, Llandovery were more than good value for their success, and will look to produce a display of similar resolve and character away at New Dock Stars on Saturday.



(Photo: Keith Lewis)

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Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams

Llandover miss great chance

Ystradgynlais 9 pts., Llandover 6

No side will have a better chance of beating Ystradgynlais on their home ground this season than Section A newcomers Llandover had last Saturday.

But Ystrad, indecisive and looking unusually frail up-front, finally won through thanks to better tactics and stubborn defence.

Despite missing several of last year's pack Ystrad still had enough wordly-wise individuals to make good use of a strong wind which Llandover completely wasted in the first half.

Players like full back Graham Williams and scrum-half Charles Jenkins who smacked the ball high into the air and let the strong South Westerly do its best to confuse Llandover's defence.

Llandover, given the first chance to use the wind, simply did not. Despite shoving Ystrad at several scrummages and doing pretty well in the loose Llandover's possession was, on the whole, scrappy and difficult for talented half-backs Davies and Williams to exploit to their advantage.

And the line-outs were a disaster — not helped by a mischievous gale.

Several times on Ystrad's line Llandover throw-ins went to Ystrad's Eifryn Davies or Lillicrap. Llandover even failed to fully exploit Ystrad's lack of a hooker after Wynford Davies had been forced to leave the field with an injured shoulder.

Skipper Kevin Edwards took over the job and after loosing the first two heads largely held his own.

Llandover had their chances in the first half. Gareth Davies made a break which Elfyn Jenkins almost rounded off with a drive for the corner.

And Carwyn Williams had two penalty attempts — neither very easy — and missed both.

Ystrad, with a considerable psychological advantage having reached the interval on level terms, got another boost when Huw Rees kicked them into a three nil lead with a penalty at the start of the second half.

But minutes later the home team, showing considerable early season goodwill, handed Llandover a gilt-edged chance to equalise which Carwyn Williams remarkably fluffed.

Elfyn Jenkins, popping up on the right wing, took full advantage of slack Ystradgynlais tackling to give Llandover the lead with a try wide on the right. Williams converted superbly.

Ystrad continued to make better use of the wind and were rewarded when Charles Jenkins disrupted a Llandover heel and the ever alert Huw Williams dived for the try as the ball rolled into the in-goal area. Huw Rees converted.

• RICHARD WILLIAMS

WWRU success for Llandover

Tries from flanker Elfyn Jenkins, scrum half Eifion Hughes and lock Wyn Williams gave Llandover their first major WWRU title in the Welsh Brewers Championship final at Stradey Park, Llanelli, last night.

They had a huge share of the set pieces and also took the territorial battle.

Yet they almost surrendered these advantages with occasional loose play that might have given Vardre victory.

A feature of the contest was the striking of the up-rights by three drop goal attempts, one by Llandover's Carwyn Williams in the opening minutes and the other two in the space of a minute midway through the second half.

At the interval the score was 4-4 after prop Malcolm Perkins had forced his way over for a try for Vardre and it was a penalty goal from Jamie

Llandover 12pts

Vardre 7

Richards which brought Vardre to within a point of Llandover's score some six minutes from the end.

Neither set of backs showed their usual form and Llandover suffered most because of the larger amount of possession they enjoyed.

Both sets of forwards played exceptionally well and Llandover full back Geraint Williams in particular had a fine game.

Llandover will now challenge Tovaal Cup holders Tumble for the All Winners Cup at Stradey Park next Wednesday kick off (6.30.)

LLANDOVER — Tries: E Jenkins, W Williams.

VARDRE — Try: M Perkins; Pen Goal, J Richards.



Push-over gives minnows no chance

By JOHN BILLOT

Newport 41 pts, Llandovery 6

PERHAPS ONE day the push-over try will be outlawed like the flying wedge. It is not so much that the push-over is dangerous to life or limb, but it is about as creative as an incinerator.

Furthermore, it will always give the heavier packs of most of the major clubs an enormous advantage against the minnows of the Schweppes Cup. Newport exemplified this in overpowering Llandovery at Rodney Parade in the third round.

Certainly there is a real danger that someone one day could suffer very serious injury when front rows collapse and the momentum of the drive rolls on over them. Not all scrums are collapsed deliberately as the reluctantly retreating pack attempt to resist the pressure.

There is no doubt that spectators enjoy a scrum drive as much as the driving forwards. But we also enjoyed the fierce aggression of the flying wedge.

As a variation to the subtle skills of the elusive runner or the charge of the physically strong attacker on the burst, the scrum drive has its moments, to be sure; and Newport are among the teams who have employed it extensively over the years.

They used it to destroy Llandovery and now Bedwas can expect to experience it in the next round. Scrum half Tony Coombs pounced for two of his three tries from irresistible shove power as Roger Powell's pack took complete command.

David Waters, as ever, was a source of regular lineout possession while his scrummaging and open drive is never less than selflessly directed. Flying Glenn George, excellent No 8 Paul Roberts and purposeful props Frank Hillman and Rhys Morgan all contrived to exert total supremacy.

Llandovery's Wyn Williams refused to recognise that Newport's pack were in command. Maybe he has seen service with the Foreign Legion because 'March or Die' appeared to be his motto and midway through the second half this second row stalwart went on a lone, long charge-about that really rocked the home defence.

TOP CUP TEAMS ARE TOPPLED

TWO OF last season's semi-finalists were knocked out in Saturday's second round of the Welsh Brewers Cup. Fleur-de-Lys lost at home 16-6 to Panteg while Newbridge United went out 13-10 at Whitechurch. Markham defeated former cup-holders Caerleon 13-10.

No 8 Nigel Clarke surged across from a close-up lineout for the visitors' only try and Carwyn Williams added the goal points. Scrum half Randall Jones was a tireless tackler and coverer while wing forwards Chris Davies and Elfyn Jenkins never relaxed their harrying.

David Pitt caused the Llandovery defence considerable concern with his midfield energy while full back Jonathan Callard produced one burst of bewildering dodging and swerving that had us thinking nostalgically of some such marvellous moments by Roy Burnett of yesteryear.

Alas, the golden days of Newport's brilliant back divisions are long gone and until they return we must expect the forward steamroller to see them through as the caretakers of a once-great team.

Coombs (3), Chris Manley (2), Roger Powell, Jonathan Callard, Guy Putland and Marc Batten scored the nine tries and Callard converted one and put over a penalty goal. But goal-kicking is another lost art at Rodney Parade these days — so they won't want any legislation curbing their push-over power.



● Moment of glory. Llan try at Newport. Jonathan





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Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams

Carwyn wing in for top tit



Flying is the sporting

LLANGADOG's Carwyn Davies has been named Sports Personality of the Year record breaking season RFC.

The young winger, who started his career with Llandoverly RFC, has ended this season with Llanelli's try scoring record under his belt and a place in the Welsh squad for the forthcoming tour of New Zealand.

Carwyn is the top try scorer in Welsh first class rugby this season and is also looking forward to playing in his first WRU Cup Final at the National Stadium next month.

The Dinefwr Sportsman of the Year award went to Coralie Roach, of Caerbyrn, who was a member of the Welsh senior netball team last season.

Injury time killer blow

**Tumble 14,
Llandoverly 12**

AN INJURY time touchdown by Mark Lewis converted by replacement Steve Lewis, clinched the President's Cup for Tumble.

In a magnificent match which was a fine advert for West Wales rugby it was a pity that there had to be a losing side, particularly as Llandoverly had dominated long periods of the game.

It was Tumble who opened the scoring when left wing Mike Lewis gathered the ball in a rare venture into the Llandoverly half.

He chipped ahead and when the ball bounced off a Llandoverly player he collected the loose ball to race over for an unconverted try.

Llandoverly's pressure was soon rewarded when full back Geraint Williams slotted over a penalty followed by another from prop Phil Davies, to give the Section B side a 6-4 half time advantage.

After the interval Tumble went back in front when Mike Williams claimed his second try. But yet again Llandoverly hit back when Geraint Williams, who had an outstanding match, and Phil Davies each kicked a penalty.

With time running out Tumble, for the first time in the

match began to take control and they were rewarded in the last minute of injury time when Mark Lewis crossed the line to set up Steve Lewis' match winning conversion.

Full credit to both sides for gracing Stradey Park with such an entertaining and exciting final.



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Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams



Try No. 1 . . . and Llandovery centre Hugh Thomas bursts through the Bynea cover.

Llandovery owe it to Geraint

WEST Wales R.U. Section B winners Llandovery will struggle in the championship final on the evidence of this showing at Cefneithin last night.

Battling Bynea, the Section E winners, gave them a fright and the scoreline is hardly a true reflection of the difference between the sides.

Had Bynea taken their chances — and they had plenty with fly-half Dai Richards missing four penalty attempts — it could have been a different story.

Llandovery looked distinctly uncomfortable under Bynea pressure and it was only the settling presence of captain and full-back Geraint Williams that prevented them from throwing the semi-final away.

Llandovery's bid for a final

By ROBERT LLOYD

**Llandovery 15 pts.,
Bynea nil**

place got off to the best possible start with centre Hugh Thomas scoring a try on the superb Cefneithin pitch after five minutes.

The ball was fed back neatly from a line-out near the line and Thomas found the gap in the Bynea defence to storm over and give full-back Williams the easiest of conversions.

That score failed to rally Llandovery's weightier pack and the Towy Valley side looked decidedly ragged as Bynea's superior technique and motivation came into play.

Flankers Rob Pattison and Mark Cook were the tireless

Bynea pack heroes but their side failed to chalk up the necessary points.

But much of the Llanelli team's possession was wasted away by the unusually inaccurate Richards and when indiscipline crept in Llandovery full-back Williams was able to take advantage with a penalty kick from the 25-yard line midway into the second-half.

Llandovery sealed the match in the dying minutes when No. 8 Nigel Clarke collected from a line-out and stormed across for a try which Williams was able to convert.

Llandovery now meet the winners of tonight's clash between Section A winners Vardre and Section C title holders Mumbles at Waunarlwydd.



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Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams

Stradey bound!



• LLANDOVER, pictured after the 15-0 victory over Bynea on Monday night which carried them through to the West Wales Championship Final at Stradey Park.

**Llandover 15
Bynea 0**

SECTION B champions
Llandover made sure of their place in the West Wales Championship Final on Monday night when they overcame section E winners Bynea at Cefneithin.

Bynea had hoped to continue where they left off in last week's preliminary semi-final victory over Amman Utd, but Llandover, despite being without key men Carwyn Williams, Tim Williams and Dai Thomas did just enough to squeeze home.

Bynea had the best player on the field in outside half David Richards but all too often he lacked support.

DISAPPOINTING

All in all however it was a disappointing semi-final with Llandover quite content to do the bare minimum — the second half in particular deteriorated into a slow, uninspiring forward grind.

The only excitement of note came in 12 minutes when Llandover scored an excellent opening try.

Ellyn Jenkins, Llandover's best player on the night picked up a loose ball from a line out, Alun Thomas made a lightning break through the Bynea cover and Huw Thomas was able to take the scoring pass.

Geraint Williams, handed the kicking duties in the absence of the injured Carwyn Williams made no mistake with the conversion.

PENETRATION

Bynea contested well up front with Dai Mathias and Peter Thomas showing strongly, but apart from David Richards they didn't have the penetration behind the scrum.

Llandover's second try fell to Nigel Clarke following a short line out close to the Bynea line, converted by Williams, and Williams then wrapped it up with a penalty.

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Top referees

Welsh Brewers Championship

The final results of the Welsh Brewers Championship have been announced this week and are as follows:

Section A was won by Vardre. Bonymaen, Waunarlwydd, and Gowerton are going down.

Section B was won by Llandover. Llandover, Dunvant and New Dock Stars are going up, whereas Loughor, Burry Port and Ystalyfera are going down.

Section C was won by the Mumbles. Mumbles, Laugharne and Morriston are going up, but Cwmllynfell, Cwmavon and Furnace United are going down.

Section D was won by Amman United. Amman United, Abercrave and Llandybie are going up and Penclawdd, Crynant and Cefneithin are relegated.

Section E was won by Bynea, and they will be joined by Tonna and Glais in their promotion.

However, Glais have won the WWRU Cup with 77 tries where only tries count, and also the Eurof Davies Memorial Cup with 398 points where only points count.

FINAL LEAGUE TABLES

SECTION A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	F	A	Pts
Vardre	18	15	0	3	303	222	39	25	30
Tumble	18	14	0	4	318	144	47	19	28
Seven Sisters	18	12	0	6	237	186	38	15	24
Ystradgynlais	18	10	0	8	211	208	26	22	20
Bryncoch	18	9	1	8	214	209	25	31	19
Llangennech	18	8	1	9	194	206	27	29	17
Kidwelly	18	8	1	9	203	195	21	29	17
Waunarlwydd	18	4	1	13	183	292	22	42	9
Gowerton	18	3	0	15	151	296	18	45	6

SECTION B

Llandover	18	13	3	2	285	164	41	18	29
Dunvant	18	12	0	6	277	194	42	24	24
New Dock Stars	18	11	1	6	333	194	56	27	23
Pontarddulais	18	11	1	6	296	207	50	26	23
Carmarthen Ath.	18	9	0	9	223	264	32	43	18
Hendy	18	8	1	9	236	271	30	43	17
Carmarthen	18	8	0	10	237	272	36	35	16
Loughor	18	8	0	10	227	201	33	32	16
Burry Port	18	4	0	14	189	381	24	65	8
Ystalyfera	18	3	0	15	208	363	28	59	6



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Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams

A super combination



Super-team ... The C.C. Evans combination side is made up of star players from around the local clubs. Pictured here: Mark Howells, Llandybie; John Llewellyn, Cwmgors; Alan Thomas, Llandovery; A. Willard, Cefneithin; Gary Davies, Cwmllynfell; Carwyn Williams, Llandovery; Richard James, Llandybie; Peter Smith, Cwmgors; Darrell Campbell, Amman United; Phil Evans, Penygroes; Steve Jones, Penygroes; Shaun Thornton, Cwmllynfell; Meurig Evans, Llandeilo; Nick Jones, Brynaman; J. Smith, Cwmgors; Huw Williams, Brynaman; Geraint Williams, Llandovery; N. Miles, Cefneithin; Kevin Edwards, Llandybie; Nigel Yelland, Llandeilo; Peter Smith, Cwmgors.

(Picture by Peter Evans)



ON THE CHARGE . . . Llandovery prop Phil Davies, who kicked two penalties for his side.



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Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams

Tumble clinch it in a thriller

TUMBLE clinched their second successive double of President's and Tova!i Cups in a remarkable and rousing finale to the West Wales rugby season at Stradey Park last night.

The Section A side snatched victory from the jaws of defeat in the final minute of a thrilling fast and flowing game.

It was Steve Lewis, a second-half replacement for captain Wynford Lewis, who proved to be Tumble's version of the Super Sub, slotting over vital conversion points in injury time.

That chance to go into the lead was set up by a superb try by right wing Mark Lewis, sent racing in by scrum-half Arwel Davies after good second-phase possession following a desperate tap penalty.

Handicap

Up until that last-gasp move, Llandovery had looked the more likely to have their name inscribed on the cup, enjoying most of the territorial advantage despite the handicap of never

By ROBERT LLOYD

Tumble 14
Llandovery 12

crossing Tumble's try-line.

The first-half was very much a nip-and-tuck affair, Tumble opening in rip-roaring fashion with their forwards in rampant mood and providing the platform for left wing Mike Williams to chip ahead, take advantage of a defensive fumble and score near the posts.

Llandovery quickly replied with a 22-metre kick by captain Geraint Williams and two further penalty successes by prop Phil Davies, whose old-fashioned toe-kick method proved to be highly effective.

Tumble's Mike Williams added to his try tally in the second-half combining well with his power pack in a maul to surge over for a score.

Llandovery, however, still held the upper hand and looked to have sealed the match with another penalty by the composed Geraint Williams, the

outstanding player on the pitch.

That pulsating final minute in which Tumble had a series of tap penalties and scrums near the Llandovery line swung things out of the Towy Valley side's grasp in the end, and it was sad that there had to be losers in a clean game that was a credit to the West Wales Union.

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LLANDOVERY: G. Williams (capt); H. Morgan, P. Thomas, A. Thomas, T. Williams; A. Morgan, E. Hughes; D. Thomas, W. Morgan, P. Davies, L. Jones, W. Williams, E. Jenkins, N. Clarke, C. Davies.



GOTCHA . . . Eifion Hughes is pressurised by Tumble's all-action flanker Robert Roberts.



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Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams

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By Ian Davies

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Fourteen points from the boot of full-back Eurig Morgan put Tumble on the road to an 18-10 win over Pontyberem in

the final of the Amman Valley and District RU Youth Cup at Cae Carwyn James, Cefneithin.

A penalty goal by Morgan was the only score of the opening half, and Tumble stretched their lead soon after the break with a fine try from fly-half Wayne Richards. Morgan converted.

Morgan added two penalty goals to make it 15-0, before Pontyberem struck back with an Eifion Lewis unconverted try.

Any thoughts of a comeback were dashed with Morgan kicked his fourth penalty goal, but Bont fought to the end and were rewarded with a second try from right wing Lewis. Scrum-half Richard Hardy converted.

It means that Tumble have completed a unique treble, with the firsts, seconds and youth winning the respective League Cup competitions.



TRY SCORER . . . Mark Lewis goes over for a dramatic injury time try as Tumble come from behind to win the President's Cup.



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THE C. C. EVANS CUP tournament is about to begin, and as a curtain raiser, Ammanford (pictured top) took on a select C. C. Evans side (pictured above) last Sunday.

Llandovery book their place in the play-off



Break away . . . Iefion Hughes of Llandovery breaks away from his opponents in the match against Bynea this week. His team went on to win by 15-0.

(Picture by Peter Evans)

Llandovery are through to the final play-off of the WWRU Welsh Brewers Championship after defeating Bynea 15-0 at Cefneithin.

Both sides employed the unproductive tactics of keeping it tight and denying their threequarters opportunities of running with the ball.

The Section B champions led 6-0 at the interval following an early Huw Thomas try converted by Geraint Williams.

In the last quarter Williams put over a penalty goal and then three minutes from the end converted a try by No. 8 Nigel Clarke.



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Injury time Cup winners

By Ian Davies
Tumble 14
Llandovery 12

An injury time try by right wing Mark Lewis, converted by substitute Steve Lewis, gave Tumble a hard earned 14-12 win over Llandovery in the West Wales RU Presidents All-Winners Cup encounter at Stradey Park, Llanelli, last week.

Cup holders Tumble made a rip-roaring start with the front eight in rampant mood, and were rewarded with an early try from left wing Mike Williams. His chip ahead forced a defensive error, and he took advantage to cross near the posts.

Champions Llandovery came back strongly, and surged in front thanks to three penalties. Full-back Geraint Williams kicked the first from 25 yards range, while prop Phil Davies followed up with a couple of excellent efforts.

Although Mike Williams scored his second try after the break, Geraint Williams countered again with a penalty to make it 12-8.

In a dramatic finish, Lewis dashed over for the equalising score after being fed by scrum-half Arwel Davies following an initial tap penalty. It all depended on the simple conversion, and replacement Lewis made no mistake. Steve came on in the second half for his injured brother Wynford Lewis.



Man of the match . . . Llandovery's captain, Geraint Williams, gets the ball away from behind his own line as Tumble pile on the pressure.
(Picture by Peter Evans)



Second phase . . . Setting up the second phase ball is Tumble's hooker, Errol Price, ably supported by the rest of his forwards.
(Picture by Peter Evans)

Grass track

The organising Vale of Towy Motor Cycle Club are pleased to report an exciting prospect with the Solo entry list headed by the current 500 cc National Champion, Andy Phillips plus one of the few riders to have headed him across the line so far this season, Sean Burton.

Local representative, Aberporth Haulage Contractor Brian Rees, will again take on some very tough opposition in the Superstrike class and the 'Demonstration' event by the Gwent Youth Grass Track Club will include some of the top Schoolboy riders, including another British Champion in his class, Phillip Morris.

Racing starts tomorrow (Sat) at Carmarthen at 6.00 p.m. after a practice period so come early for the best viewing positions.



Llandovery RFC Team Records CGW06

Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams



ON THE ATTACK . . . Llandovery centre Alan Thomas tries to shake off a tackle by Vardre's Jamie Richards.

The late

WITH 10 minutes left it looked as though Llandovery and Vardre, level at 4-4, would be forced to settle the Welsh Brewers West Wales Rugby Union championship final in extra time at Stradey Park last night.

But Llandovery No. 8 Nigel Clarke engineered the try that broke the deadlock to give his club a first title success. He tore away from a five-metre scrum to draw the defence and send scrum-half Eifion Hughes over.

Vardre hit back with a

By GARETH ROBERTS

VARDRE 7, LLANDOVERY 12

superbly struck 55-metre penalty goal by polished Welsh Schools senior squad member Jamie Richards, but Llandovery stretched their lead with the score that sealed victory.

Unlucky

Ironically, it came from the only mistake Vardre scrum-half Nigel Garland made all night. His wayward pass was snapped up by hooker Wyn Morgan, who drove deep into Vardre territory where he was halted to

give the impression that danger was at an end.

But replacement fly-half Alan Morgan won possession to send lock Wyn Williams, the game's outstanding forward, on an unstoppable run to the line.

It was impossible to choose between the two sides, but taking their opportunities proved to be Llandovery's ace. Even so, Vardre can consider themselves desperately unlucky



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TRY LLANDOVERY'S ELFRYN JENKINS crosses for the first of his side's three.

Pictures: Ian Kennedy

clincher

not to have added the championship to their section A title.

Flanker Martin Probert lost the ball over the line after a 20-metre dash, but fly-half Richards must consider himself the unluckiest player of all.

Matched

Two successive dropped-goal attempts, from 55 metres and 45 metres, bounced off the posts as the rousing battle was still tentatively balanced at 4-4.

It was action all the way with both sides contributing in equal

measure to a pulsating hard-fought but clean encounter.

Llandovery opened the scoring from a scrum close-in, flanker Elfyn Jenkins crashing over at the corner.

Vardre fought back tenaciously to send prop Malcom Perkins over in a rousing forward drive, but, after starting the game at what seemed to be a suicidal pace, Llandovery somehow maintained the tempo and matched the Swansea Valley side all the way until the decisive strikes by Hughes and Williams.

MATCH FACTS

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Referee: L. Peard, Cardiff.



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Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams

Rogers turns on magic to save Reds



Action man... two-try hero Simon Rogers heads for the line.

Pictures: Ralph Carpenter.

Carmarthen Athletic 15, Llandoverly 0

NEEDING to win against the champions to survive in Section B of the West Wales League next year, the Athletic produced their best performance of the season before a partisan home crowd.

The Reds could not have wished for a better start as they immediately pressurised the Llandoverly line forcing a five metre scrum.

A cohesive forward drive against a heavier visiting eight enabled scrum half Simon Rogers to touch down for the push over try. Robbie Jones added the extra points with an angled conversion into the strong wind.

Richard Lewis's pack continued to dominate throughout the half with Keith Jones and Anthony Bassett winning impressive line-out ball, for half backs Rogers and Mike Owens to kick down the touchline.

Another attempt at a push-over try resulted in a Llandoverly player infringing and Robbie Jones kicked the

penalty for a comfortable nine point interval lead.

In the second half the expected Llandoverly onslaught was countered by crunching tackling from centres Carwyn Harries and Robbie Jones, and good covering by wingers Jonathan Lewis and Rhodri Lewis.

Full back Anthony Maynard had another solid game.

Strikes

Michael Morris took six strikes against the head in the scrums with the help of props Rick Stone and Richard Lewis, whilst the back row of Meredydd Davies, Malcolm Morse and number eight Malcolm Lennard was outstanding.

The game was made safe with another push-over try, this time on a Llandoverly put-in, and the scorer was once again Simon Rogers.

Another magnificent touchline conversion by Jones wrapped up a good afternoon's work for his team.





Llandovery RFC Team Records CGW06

Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams

Stradey bound!



• LLANDOVERY, pictured after the 15-0 victory over Bynea on Monday night which carried them through to the West Wales Championship Final at Stradey Park.

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TIMES-S

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Strategic pass...Llandovery's Nigel Clarke passes to scrum-half, Eifion Hughes, who crosses the line for his team's second try.

(Picture by Peter Evans)

Llandovery 15
Bynea 0

SECTION B champions
Llandovery made sure of their place in the West Wales Championship Final on Monday night when they overcame section E winners Bynea at Cefneithin.

Bynea had hoped to continue where they left off in last week's preliminary semi-final victory over Amman Utd, but Llandovery, despite being without key men Carwyn Williams, Tim Williams and Dai Thomas did just enough to squeeze home.

Bynea had the best player on the field in outside half David Richards but all too often he lacked support.

DISAPPOINTING

All in all however it was a disappointing semi-final with Llandovery quite content to do the bare minimum — the second half in particular deteriorated into a low, uninspiring forward grind.

The only excitement of note came in 12 minutes when Llandovery scored an excellent opening try.

Elyn Jenkins, Llandovery's best player on the night picked up a loose ball from a line out, Alun Thomas made a lightning break through the Bynea cover and Huw Thomas was able to take the scoring pass.

Geraint Williams, handed the kicking duties in the absence of the injured Carwyn Williams made no mistake with the conversion.

PENETRATION

Bynea contested well up front with Dai Mathias and Peter Thomas showing strongly, but apart from David Richards they didn't have the penetration behind the scrum.

Llandovery's second try fell to Nigel Clarke following a short line out close to the Bynea line, converted by Williams, and Williams then wrapped it up with a penalty.



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Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams



Almost home...Llandoverly's Elfin Jenkins covers the last few yards before he touches down for his team's first try.

(Picture by Peter Evans)



Final honours...Llandoverly captain, Geraint Williams receives the trophy from the managing Director of the Welsh Brewers, J. C. Harries.

(Picture by Peter Evans)



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Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams

Table toppers!

8-10-88



• Llandovery's Carwyn Williams races away to put his side on attack during the Section 'B' match at Hendy which resulted in another emphatic win for 'Dover by 23pts to 4.
Photo: Alan Richards.

Hendy 4pts, Llandovery 25pts

LAST YEAR, Llandovery considered themselves very unlucky to have been relegated from the premier section, but from the evidence of their early-season form they look ready to rectify that injustice at the first-time of asking.

Their latest victims were Hendy who were comprehensively beaten at Hendy Park by the overwhelming margin of a goal, two tries and four penalty goals to a try.

The basis of victory was sealed in the first quarter when skipper and flanker Chris Davies spearheaded an all-out forward onslaught on the home line and although the early territorial advantage was not immediately converted into points, the unrelenting pressure eventually paid dividends.

After the home side had been forced to concede penalty goals, scrum half Carwyn Williams duly obliged with a brace of successful attempts before demonstrating his running skills by racing away on the short side from 20 yards for a super, individualist unconverted try. Although at

this stage of the proceedings, the younger of the Williams boys threatened to monopolise the score sheet, Hendy's main protagonist was undoubtedly the older Williams, at fly half — Geraint, whose pinpoint kicking kept the home side pegged ten yards from their try line for long periods.

Although Hendy at this stage, through the fine jumping of locks Raymond Davies and Mark Howells were able to control the lineouts for scrum half Phill Mcquire to clear to touch, they were unable to break the territorial stranglehold and during the initial forty minute period, Hendy's visit to the Towy Valley side's 22, was limited to two sorties.

On the stroke of half-time, the visitors' three-quarters suddenly clicked into action and fine hand-

ling at speed enabled right wing Martin Rees to sprint away before squeezing in at the corner.

Lock Ian Jones and number eight David Giles started monopolising lineout possession and with the Williams brothers kicking accurately and sensibly in support, the visitors' eight continued to rumble forward.

A fine blind-side break and pin-point accurate grubber kick by Geraint Williams enabled Martin Rees to take advantage of a hesitant home defence to get his second touchdown and with Carwyn Williams adding the conversion and a further two penalty goals the visitors were as good as past the post.

A tremendous combined downfield move by the home eight enabled flanker Aled Jones to crash over for an excellent unconverted try.

Last gasp

15-10-88

LLANDOVERY owe their place in the third round of the Schweppes WRU Welsh Cup to an injury-time try from right wing Martin Rees, which helped them edge out battling Porthcawl of the Central Glamorgan League 15-12 in a tight tussle.

Porthcawl made the early running against a Llandovery side currently going so well in Section B of the West Wales Championship, and led 12-6 at half-time, Llandovery's points having come from two Carwyn Williams penalties.

In the second period, a further Williams penalty brought Llandovery to within three points at 12-9, but despite some determined pressure, they looked to be heading for defeat until Rees dived over during injury time, Williams converted, and Llandovery had been saved at the last possible moment.

penalty
22-10-88
A try and conversion by Carwyn Williams couldn't prevent high-flying Llandovery from crashing to a shock 15-6 defeat at Abercrave in Section B.



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Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams

29-10-88

On title t

Llandovery 18, Ammanford 0

IMPRESSIVE Llandovery got back on the Section B title trail on Saturday following their surprise defeat at Abercrave the week before as they wore down the challenge of Ammanford to move to victory.

Ammanford were under pressure almost from the start of the game, with the powerful Llandovery eight winning the ball almost at will, and the home side went in front after ten minutes as scrum-half Carwyn Williams kicked a 30 metre penalty.

Ammanford were defending with great spirit, but were forced to spend almost the entire opening period inside their own half.

With Llandovery continuing to dominate, their scoreline advantage steadily grew as Carwyn Williams sent over a further three penalties in quick succession.

Five minutes before half-time, the livewire Williams was on hand to claim a pushover try after more forceful work by the Llandovery pack, and when he added the conversion, the home side changed over 18-0 to the good.

As the second half got under way, Ammanford were displaying more vigour and enterprise than previously, and with an extra degree of good fortune could have scored at least two tries after some fine handling by their backs.

Llandovery failed to add to their points tally after the break, although their threequarters continued to receive a good stream of possession from their outstanding forwards.

For Ammanford, Jeff Price, Paul Rees, Paul Watts and Darrel Parkin all enjoyed outstanding games, with wing Paul Rees and scrum-half Lyn Evans both pulling off try-saving tackles.

Ammanford are at home to bottom club Waunarlwydd on Saturday, and look capable of gaining two valuable points, while on Saturday's form, title-chasing Llandovery should taste success on their trip to struggling New Dock Stars.

Nick saves



19-1-89

New Lights

Llanelli Presidents XV, put together by Phil Bennett and Gareth Jenkins, visit Llandovery RFC today (Thursday), to mark the opening of the latter's new floodlights. Kick off is 7 pm, with the bar open at 5.30 pm. The match has been sponsored by Economic Forestry PLC.

14-1-89

Tries by Elfin Jenkins, Geraint Williams and Carwyn Williams, who kicked two conversions and a penalty, helped Llandovery to a 19-6 victory against visiting Resolven. The teams were level 3-3 at half-time.

11-3-89

Jones.

Llandovery moved a point clear at the top of Section B after winning 17-8 at Bryncoch, their rivals for the title along with Felinfoel. For Bryncoch, Teifion Winfield and Alan Jones scored tries, while Arwel Rowlands, and Alan Thomas supplied the Llandovery touchdowns, with Carwyn Williams kicking three penalties and a conversion.

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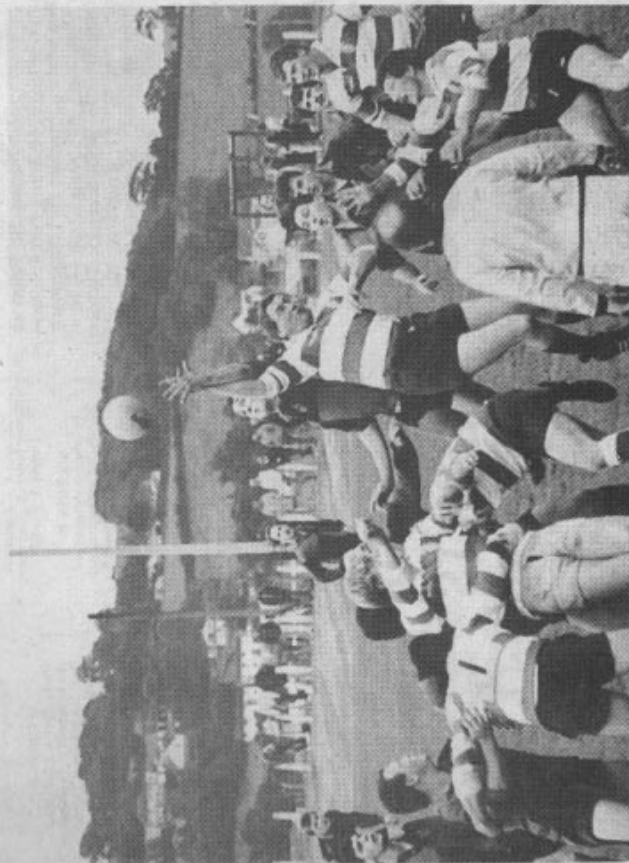


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WINDY WEATHER SPOILS ATHLETIC'S CHANCES

3rd Sept. 88



Five minutes into the first WWRU league match of the season. Viv Jones and Wyn Williams contest the middle of line out. (Picture: Owen Thomas)



Carl Douglas releases the ball to his backs. Llandovery outside half Geraint Williams stands poised. (Picture: Owen Thomas)

Carmarthen Athletic 3 Llandovery 6

A last minute penalty that could have earned Athletic a draw was blown wide by the swirling wind, which with driving rain proved a major influence on the Club's first league match of the season, played last Thursday.

As Robbie Jones' kick sailed wide the referee's whistle blew to signal the end of the game in which neither side had been able to impose any authority. Athletic enjoyed most of the second half territorial superiority but were frequently frustrated by a series of penalties conceded in attacking positions. Llandovery maintained a tight defence around the

fringe of the rucks, mauls and scrums throughout and scrum half Carl Douglas was never in a position to run at the opposition. Outside half Robbie Jones was content to use the elements and pinned Llandovery in their own half without some long ranging touchfinders. During the first half when Llandovery had the use of the wind, they took

advantage of the one major defensive error in the match when Carwyn Williams, playing at scrum half, stole round the back of a line out to score a try which he converted himself. After the interval, Robbie Jones reduced the deficit with a well-taken penalty and Athletic stepped up their work rate with Richard Byng, Viv Davies

and Keith Jones winning useful ball in conditions which were becoming increasingly difficult. Towards the end of the game, Athletic continued to press, but Llandovery were winning line out ball through Wyn Williams and though the Carmarthen side were unable to develop any cohesion, they were unlucky to finish up with at least a share of the spoils.

son, at home to... (see back page), Llandovery too suffered a disappointing afternoon, going down 15-10 at home to Bryncoch in the battle of the sides relegated from Section A last time. 10-9-88 In Section C, Brynman



Llandoverly RFC Team Records CGW06

Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams

Llandoverly lead way

LLANDOVERLY led the points-scoring roll of honour in Saturday's first-round Schweppes Welsh Cup matches, swamping visiting Llandudno to the tune of 57-8.

17-9-88
re working hard to put matters right. With the departure of so many key players during the close season there's no overnight solution to the agony, but whatever the shortcomings Tumble demand a bit of 'calon' from the boys. I expect an improvement at Dunvant on Saturday.

Kidwelly in contrast are going great guns picking up maximum points from the opening fixtures against Llangennech and Dunvant.

They seek to make it three in a row at Bonymaen, never an easy side to overcome on their own back yard.

Pointless Carmarthen Quins face an equally difficult task at Pontardulais, but they won't surrender without a fight.

Section B title favourites Llandoverly slumped to a

disappointing 15-10 defeat against Bryncoch in their first home championship game, and must make amends with victory over visiting Morriston if they're to keep pace with the leading pack.

Out in front

1-10-88
WAUNARLWYDD 11, LLANDOVERLY 33

LLANDOVERLY swept to the top of the Section B table in impressive fashion at the weekend as they pulled away from a battling Waunarlwydd in the second period to record a comfortable success.

Prior to Saturday's game, Waunarlwydd were joint leading try-scorers in the section, but it was Llandoverly, fresh from their 26-4 defeat of second-placed Morriston the previous week, who deservedly went in front in the tenth minute, capping a period of pressure with a fine drop-goal from outside-half Geraint Williams.

Waunarlwydd though were enjoying a largely even share of the game, two penalty chances from reasonable positions being missed by inside half Steve Vickery, and they were made to rue those misses as Llandoverly bolstered their lead by way of a penalty in front of the posts from Carwyn Williams.

Waunarlwydd eventually got their names on to the scoresheet, but largely due to a misunderstanding in the Llandoverly ranks — the visitors thinking a penalty was being taken only to see the ball whipped out to Joe Bendle who ran over to score unopposed in the corner.

With Llandoverly still a little rocked by that unexpected setback, Waunarlwydd took the opportunity to go in front for the first time in the game, Stuart Hart being sent over for an unconverted try to make the score 8-6 in the home side's favour.

Determined Llandoverly quickly forced themselves back ahead once again however, number eight David Giles recording their first try and Carwyn Williams slotting over the conversion to give them a narrow 12-8 lead at the end of an evenly-contested first period.

In the second half, Vickery sent over a penalty for Waunarlwydd, but gradually Llandoverly began to take a grip on the game, winning the bulk of quality possession and adding three further tries, Hugh Thomas crossing twice in addition to a penalty try being awarded by the referee.

David Giles meanwhile added a penalty and Carwyn Williams took his points tally to 12 with a penalty and two further conversions. Llandoverly then ran out 33-11 winners to move top of the table and serve ample notice of their intention to return to Section A at the earliest possible opportunity.



Llandover RFC Team Records CGW06

Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams

So close ...

LLANDOVERY 3, ABERTILLERY 4

LLANDOVERY'S BELIEF that they could shock first-class visitors Abertillery in Saturday's third round Schweppes Welsh Cup tie was so nearly borne out as they put up a rousing display to lose by just a single point.

The visitors however began strongly, and Llandover were forced into some grimly determined defending to hold their lines. The first scoring attempt fell to Abertillery after eight minutes, but fly-half Byron Hayward was wide with his 30-metre penalty.

Abertillery continued to press, and a strong series of drives by Robert Preece and Peter Crane took play near the home line, and only a fine tackle by Llandover number eight David Giles prevented a try for right wing David Manley.

Manley was at the heart of another Abertillery thrust,

but he spoilt some good build-up by passing to a Llandover player.

The visitors went ahead when scrum-half Rupert Moon broke on the blind-side and kicked ahead for left-wing David Owen to win the race and score an unconverted try.

Llandover though started the second half powerfully as they sought a way back, and set up a good attacking base inside the Abertillery 22.

From a scrum, Eifion Hughes whipped the ball out to outside half Carwyn Williams who coolly dropped a sparkling left-footed goal.

As full-time approached, a by-now buzzing Llandover had two chances to seal victory with penalties from David Giles and Carwyn Williams, but both fell short of the mark.

Llandover then bowed out 4-3, but did themselves great credit by their performance, and can confidently return to their task of winning promotion from Section B of the West Wales Championship.

WYN EVANS



• Carwyn Williams, whose drop goal gave Llandover hope of victory over Abertillery in Saturday's Schweppes Cup tie before they finally went down by a slender 4-3.

(Photo: Peter Evans)

Good

LLANDOVERY still look good value to gain promotion straight back to Section A as champions just one season after being relegated following their impressive 42-6 demolition of New Dock Stars on Saturday, which took them top of the table on try count and with a game in hand over previous incumbents Bryncoch.

Winger Mark Rees led the Llandover romp with three tries, David Giles claiming two and Hugh Thomas, Eifion Hughes and Ian Jones one apiece. Carwyn Williams converted five of the eight touchdowns.

Ammanford mean-

went down by a slender 4-3.

by Ian Davies

Llandover are going great guns, and coasted to 36-4 success against visiting Ystalyfera.

Chris Davies led the charge with two tries, and there was one each for Elfin Jenkins, Arwel Rowlands and Martin Rees. Carwyn Williams was spot on with five conversions and two penalties.

The word can seems to



Llandover RFC Team Records CGW06

Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams

Letting it slip

FELINFOEL 17
LLANDOVERY 11

LLANDOVERY surrendered an 11-4 interval lead to slip out of the Tovaali Cup at the second round stage on Saturday, beaten by their great Section B rivals of this season, Felinfoel.

Llandover made a bright and positive start and moved ahead when they won a penalty, slotted over by the reliable Carwyn Williams.

Llandover continued to

hold the upper hand as the game developed, and were able to increase their lead to 7-0 as a neat attacking raid sent wing Huw Morgan over in the corner for an unconverted try.

Felinfoel were taking a little time to get fully into their stride, and industrious Llandover enhanced their victory chances still further as try-scorer Morgan swooped onto a loose ball and sped away past the home cover to notch his second touchdown of the game.

The conversion attempt

again went astray, but Llandover had succeeded in building a promising-looking 11-0 advantage.

Having looked sluggish early on, it seemed inevitable that Felinfoel would begin to come a little more into the reckoning, and so it proved to be as the home backs moved the ball smoothly acrossfield, and speedy wing John Goss was freed to go over in the corner.

With the conversion attempt failing though, Llandover were still able to

change over 11-4 up, and with every hope of success.

After the break however, a revitalised Felinfoel came increasingly to the fore, and the Llandover advantage was gradually whittled away.

Number eight Mark Gravelle crossed for a try as did David Nicholas, and with Kevin Thomas landing a penalty and conversion, Felinfoel had by the end thrown off their slow start to the game to run out 17-11 winners.

Carwyn wins it with 22 points

LLANDOVERY clinched the Section B title in the West Wales Welsh Brewers championship with a fine 22-18 home win against second placed Felinfoel.

In a remarkable encounter, all the points were scored by the opposing fly halves.

The visitors' points by Kevin Thomas included a try, a conversion and four penalty goals.

Llandover's Carwyn Williams showed his versatility in collecting all three tries, two conversions and two penalties to win the section B shield for his side.

ing four tries.

Morrison gained a double over Hendy with a fine 26-18 away win. While Morrison crossed the line five times, Hendy's try scoring weakness was again evident. Peter Rees kicked five penalties in addition to brother Adrian's penalty goal.

Amman United beat visitors Llanelli Wanderers 23-19 thanks to tries by Liam Clancy and Alan Davies. Fly half Rhys Harris collected 15 points with a drop-goal and four penalties.

In the only section A game played, Pontarddulais ended a disappointing season with a



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Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams

A play-off

upset as

Bonymaen
are beaten

LLANDOVERY caused an upset in last night's West Wales Welsh Brewers league play-off clash when they won at Section A runners-up Bonymaen 18-3.

Wings Hugh Morgan and Arwel Rowlands crossed for the visitors, flanker David Giles adding a third and outside half Carwyn Williams converting all three tries.

Pontyberem lost 19-6 to win

King Carwyn seals the title

CARWYN Williams was the king of Llandovery on Saturday as they scored a thrilling 22-18 victory over visiting Felinfoel to seal them the Section B title.

Llandovery knew how vital victory was against Tŷvali Cup

LLANDOVERY lifted the Section B title in the Welsh Brewers West Wales Rugby Union Championship when they came from behind to beat Felinfoel 22-18.

Felinfoel quickly built up a 9-nil lead but later surrendered that advantage due to some superb play by the Llandovery fly-half Carwyn Williams, who scored all his side's points with a hat-trick of tries, two penalties and two conversions.

Kevin Thomas was in equally good form for the visitors, scoring 18 points with four penalties, a try and a conversion. A body blow to Felinfoel was the sending off early in second-half of

veteran flanker Dennis Davey.

At the other end of the table, relegated Hendy went down at home to Morriston by 26-18. Flanker Peter Rees kicked five penalties and Adrian Rees also landed a penalty.

Inspired

Morriston, inspired by a fine performance from centre Steve Francis, scored five tries through Graham Stock, Huw Phillips, Billy Hill, Chris Howard and Leighton Williams.

Tumble moved up to fourth spot in Section A with a 26-16 win over Pontar-

ddulais. Scrum-half Arwel Davies crossed for a brace of tries, the other tries coming from Mike Williams, Mark Davies, Wayne Price and a penalty try. Eurig Morgan converted one.

For Pontarddulais, Greg Morgan, Gareth Evans and Craig Lewis got tries with Gary Richards kicking two conversions.

Speedy wing Noel Mannion raced over for a hat-trick of tries for Abercraue who coasted to a 36 - nil triumph over relegated Carmarthen Athletic.

Rhys Harris, the young Amman United fly-half, contributed 15 points to his

side's 23-19 victory over Llanelli Wanderers. Harris kicked four penalties and dropped a goal, the tries coming from Alan Davies and Liam Clancy.

In the second round of the O.G. Davies Cup Glyneath beat Bryncoch by 15 - nil. Resolven, prompted by half-backs twins David and Richard Williams, defeated visiting Crynant by 14-3. Ceri Evans, Michael Powell and Richard Williams scored tries for the home team.

Centenary-celebrating Briton Ferry, leading by 15-nil at the interval, fell away in the second-half, losing to Caldicott 28-18.

Newcastle Emlyn and Kidwelly go into the hat for the Llanelli and District RU Towy Ford Cup semi-final draw which takes place at Penybanc tomorrow.

Two tries by scrum-half Randall plus one each from wing Ned Davies and lock Dafydd Thomas led Llandovery to a 19-3 win at New Dock Stars. Full-back Carwyn Jones added a penalty, his opposite number Wyn Thomas replying with a similar effort for Dock.

A try by hooker Anthony Bonner, converted by centre Andrew Lewis, couldn't prevent Pontyberem from going down 16-6 to visiting Newcastle Emlyn.

Paul's try seals win

March 89

IN a pre-Easter clash, the CC Evans XV took on Llandovery and won 14-10. Both sides fully deserved the accolades showered upon them following a keenly fought game played on a bitterly cold night and in conditions slippery underfoot. Llandovery opened the scoring through second-row Dilwyn Jones who raced in for a try, Carwyn Williams converting.

At 10-10, the Invitation side then won the match with a fine injury-time try, Ammanford's Paul Rees going over following some slick handling.

finalists Felinfoel, and fly-half Williams rose to the occasion in the grand manner, notching all 22 of his side's points.

That prolific haul came via three tries, two conversions and two penalties, the match-clinching kick coming just five minutes from the end. The Felinfoel effort was similarly

Mike Williams, Mark Davies, Wayne Price and a penalty try, with Eurig Morgan kicking one conversion.

The Pontarddulais tries came from Greg Morgan, Gareth Evans and Craig Lewis, Gary Richards converting two of them.

In Section B, relegated Hendy lost 26-18 at



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Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams

Llandover have no fears

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coming to this part of Mid-Wales but when they do we have a tradition for doing quite well against them.

"I am confident we can do so again. An occasion such as this is good for the town as well as for the rugby club."

Two members of Llandover's giant-killing team are on the reserves bench - scrum half Randall Jones and No. 8 Nigel Clarke.

Keeping Clarke out of the side is David Giles, a 6ft.2in. former Llandover Town goalkeeper, who has been converted into a No. 8 from a wing threequarter.

Llandover: G. Williams, A. Rowlands, A. Thomas, H. Thomas, M. Rees, C. Williams, E. Hughes, D. Thomas, W. Morgan, P. Davies, W. Williams, I. Jones, E. Jenkins, D. Giles, C. Davies (capt.). Replacements: R. Jones, H. Morgan, G. Lewis, N. Clarke, H. Evans, E. Evans.

well in Section B this season and are pushing hard to get back into the top section after losing their place last season purely on try count.

With Jock Watkins now taking a back seat on the committee, the senior coaching duties are in the hands of Alan Walters, a primary school headmaster, who formerly captained the side for three years.

His side includes such experienced campaigners as full back Geraint Williams, his brother Carwyn at outside half, prop David Thomas, hooker Wyn Morgan, locks Wyn Williams and Ian Jones and flanker Eifion Jenkins, who all played a part in the cup triumph over Pontypridd.

"We are excited about the prospect of meeting Abertillery," said the Llandover coach. "We don't get many top class sides

that Llandover are at full strength with a side heavy on those players who have gained invaluable cup experience from these epic ties of the recent past.

They will have no sense of inferiority in matching up to a leading club, knowing that what they achieved once before can be done again.

"We are not under-estimating Abertillery," said Llandover secretary Roland Griffiths. "They are having a good season and we know they have a fine pack of forwards but what is encouraging for us is that they have slipped up in their last couple of games. That may be in our favour."

Flanker Chris Davies leads a side well equipped to repeat the giant-killing act which accounted for Pontypridd four years ago.

Llandover have been going

Llandover must feel quite at home in meeting the "big guns" of the Schweppes Cup, writes Malcolm Lewis.

Llanelli, Pontypridd and Glamorgan Wanderers have all had to make visits to the Castle Field in the last four years.

For the most part their experiences have been one to remember. Pontypridd will not readily forget how they were forced to bow the knee and go out of the cup 21-6.

Even the Wanderers, who were able to enjoy a big line-out supremacy, were forced to struggle hard before coming from behind to win 19-9.

On Saturday it is the turn of Abertillery to face a searching examination from these countrymen of Mid-Wales.

It will not help the confidence of the Gwent visitors to know

Llandover added two converted tries for a scoreline which did not accurately reflect the endeavour of the Athletic side.

Clearly, there is a great deal to do before Saturday's away clash at Seven Sisters in the Welsh Cup.

In Section B Llandover are still up there with ch front runners after their 23-0 drubbing of bottom of the table Carmarthen Athletic.

Eifion Hughes (2), Arwel Rowlands and scrum-half Carwyn Williams claimed the tries and Williams added another seven points with his boot.

of one, but have four games in hand. In Section B, the table-topping battle between Felinfoel and Llandover went Felinfoel's way 9-6. Mike Wood landed a penalty, converted by Kevin Thomas, who also Williams' try was converted by his brother Carwyn. Hendy's hopes of avoiding relegation were boosted as they

Llandover stepped up their title challenge with a mighty impressive 28-9 victory at Morriston.

Apart from being awarded a penalty try, Arwel Rowlands, Huw Thomas, Alun Thomas and Nigel Clarke crossed for Llandover, while Carwyn Williams fired over two conversions and a penalty.

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Home pack on form

12/11/88

Llandover hit back from their defeat by Felinfoel on Christmas Eve to beat Abercraze 15-3 on Saturday and get their Section B promotion drive firmly back on course.

Martin Rees scored two of the Llandover tries, with Arwel Rowlands grabbing one and Carwyn Williams rifling over a penalty.

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London trip

17-12-88

SECTION B promotion-chasers Llandover took time out from their West Wales Championship programme last Saturday to travel to London for a game against Rosslyn Park.

An official of the English side used to be connected with the Llandover club, and when Park realised they had no fixture last weekend, contacted Llandover to see if a friendly could be arranged.

Llandover sought and obtained release from their scheduled Section B fixture with Hendy, and Rosslyn Park paid their train fare to the Capital.

The game itself was a closely-fought affair, with Llandover pushing the Courage National League Division Two side all the way before finally slipping to a 22-18 defeat.