



# Llandoverly RFC Team Records CGW07

*Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams*



Calor Gas main dealer Tommy Brown of Llandoverly with Carwyn Williams, captain of the victorious Llandoverly rugby team, following their victory in the Calor Invitation Swans Tournament. Picture: Richard Firstbrook

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Llandoverly are looking good for Heineken glory judging by the excellent 13-9 home win over Heineken League second division opponents Dunvant.

After taking a first minute lead through a penalty by fly-half and skipper Carwyn Williams, Llandoverly completed a confidence boosting win with tries from flanker David Giles and scrum-half Adrian Davies. Williams fired over one conversion.

Llandoverly start their Heineken League third division programme with a difficult game at Rumney.

## 20-9-91 Davies strikes

### Rumney 6pts Llandoverly 12

What a cracker! That was the verdict after Llandoverly's away win in their first Heineken League fixture of the season.

Far from being a classic, nevertheless the game was exciting and tense up to the final whistle. With the half-time score at 6-all, this was still the score with only a few minutes to go, when the ball was worked to Carwyn Davies on the left wing.

He shrugged off his opposite number's attempt at a tackle and was in at

the corner.

Captain and outside-half Carwyn Williams judged the conversion attempt from a wide angle to perfection to bring home the spoils.

With an awkward cross-wind, the first half had been a ding-dong affair

with defences of both sides on top whenever the try-lines were threatened.

Carwyn Williams put Llandoverly into the lead with two well-taken dropped goals after good possession by the forwards, only to see the advantage clawed back by two penalty goals for Rumney by their captain and star man, former Cardiff scrum-half Terry Lee.

With Rumney a man short after losing one of their second rows sent off just before half-time, Llandoverly could have been

forgiven for thinking their task would be easier in the second half.

However, as so often happens in such a situation, the remaining seven Rumney forward raised their game and so the result was in doubt right to the end.



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# Blood and thunder battle

20-9-91

BY HAMISH STUART

**WHILE** the phoney war goes on between the reserves of top Anglo and Welsh clubs this was a real rugby battle brimming with blood-and-thunder action.

Tackles that would make a brick wall quake and with both sides showing true grit and determination, league rugby roared back with a bang yesterday that will not reach the first division clubs until after the World Cup.

In a game marred and ultimately affected by the sending off of Rumney lock Paul Regan for stamping after 30 minutes, third division champions of last season Llandovery started with a crucial away win . . . in the third division.

The confusion is caused by the name changes in the league — taking out the premier tag from a top flight which hardly merited it — but the West Wales side could manage the unique achievement of being third division champions two seasons running if they can claim such notable scalps as this.

In the end the game turned on a moment of class from a class player, with Llandovery working former Llanelli and Wales wing Carwyn Davies into a one-on-one situation with just five minutes left in the match.

A player of his ability needed no more than a half chance as he shrugged off opposite number Paul StClair and strolled into the corner to clinch victory.

It needed something like that to break the deadlock, for whenever either side got near the opponent's try line they were knocked back by tackling of phenomenal

**RUMNEY.....6  
LLANDOVERY..12**

ferociousness.

After Regan had gone the Rumney pack were under pressure, and what had been a virtual monopoly for the home side in the line-out became an even contest.

The keenness of both back rows also cancelled each other out, while the backs were up on each other so quickly that neither set had enough room to shine.

Llandovery had superb flank-pairing David Giles and Chris Davies involved in everything, and outside half Carwyn Williams used the strong cross wind intelligently to land two vital early drop goals.

**Scorers:** RUMNEY: Pens, Lee (2).  
LLANDOVERY: Try, Carwyn Davies; Dropped goals, C Williams (2); Con, C Williams.



**GRAB:** Rumney's Paul St Clair gets Arwel Rowlands



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## Llandovery 22, Bonymaen 6

LLANDOVERY coach Stan Liptrott is confident his side's former Wales wing Carwyn Davies will be fit to face the bookies title favourites Mountain Ash at the weekend.

Davies once again got on to the scoresheet with a try, but was forced to leave the field with a badly bruised shoulder before the end.

"It's not as bad as we feared and he should be all right for Saturday," said Liptrott.

"These two games have settled us down because we didn't really know what to expect."

Two wins out of two keeps Llandovery near the top of the table while Mountain Ash find themselves languishing at the bottom.

While Davies was continuing his try scoring habit, it was the other Carwyn, outside half Williams, who spearheaded the latest victory for the newly promoted side.

Unbeaten at home in the Heineken league, Llandovery scored all their points in the first half and never looked like being beaten by their former WW Championship rivals.

Llandovery: Tries — Carwyn Davies, Chris Davies, C Williams. Cons: C Williams (2). Pens — C Williams (2).

Bonymaen: Pens — S Morris (2).

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## BLAINA ..... 21 LLANDOVERY 16/11/91 3

BLAINA steamrolled their way through to the next round of the Schweppes WRU Cup with an awesome display of forward power against Llandovery.

The Gwent side took numerous strikes against the head in the scrumage and gave the West Walians plenty of food for thought before the two clubs meet again in the Heineken League third division this season.

The creaking Llandovery scrumage was judged to have collapsed during the

first half and, without hesitation, the referee awarded Blaina a penalty try.

From 6-3 to the Gwent club at half-time the score raised away to a final result of 21-3 — thanks mainly to the accurate boot of Blaina's Martin Powell.

Llandovery conceded numerous penalties which Powell was only too grateful to accept, and kick the points for his side.

He also converted a push-over try by No 8 David Cousins to take his match tally to 13-points

## Sport 2

# FIRST DEFEAT FOR DROVERS

## Llandovery 9 Narberth 12

LLANDOVERY slipped to their first Heineken League defeat of the season when they failed to convert first half pressure into points against Narberth.

The visitors started well against the 'Otters', winning regular line out ball, and three strikes against the head in the scrums.

hand side by centre Huw Thomas was checked, Llandovery moved the ball to the left. A long pass to Carwyn Davies sent him over wide out.

content with a straight forward penalty by Carwyn Williams for a late tackle on centre Alun Thomas.

In the second-half Narberth made good use of the slope and the breeze to pin Llandovery into their own half. The home forwards were also quicker to the loose ball, and more adept at gaining possession from ruck and maul.

Eventually, pressure

was converted into points with a try by left wing Colin Phillips, converted by Hearne, who also kicked what turned out to be the winning penalty.

Ian Jones enjoyed an outstanding game for Llandovery, as did David Giles, but although they threw everything into attack during the last ten minutes, they were left to rue their missed chances in the first half.

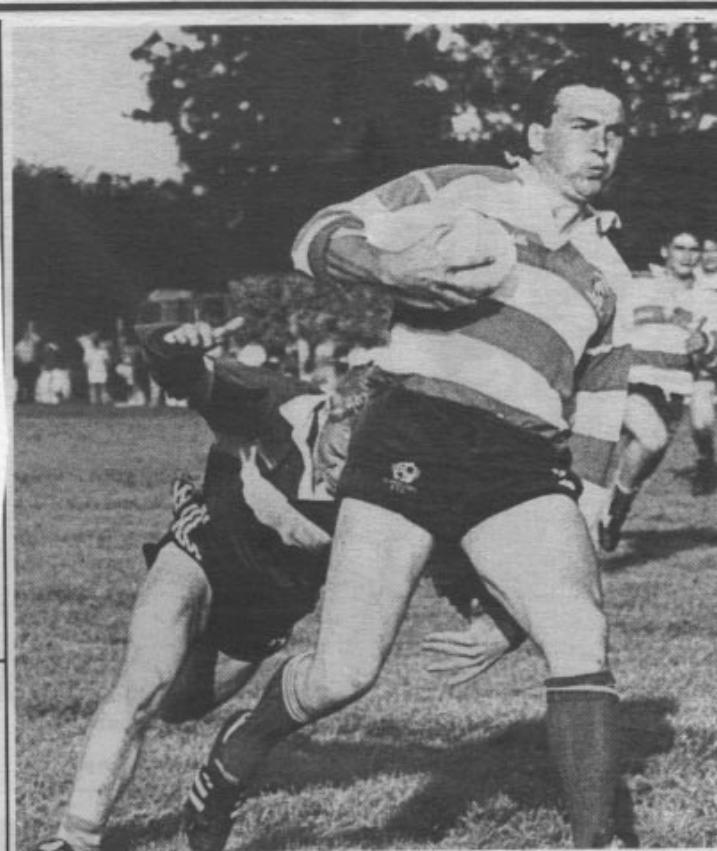


Llandovery second row Ian Jones takes on the Narberth defence in the shape of Dai Perkins.  
Picture: Ralph Carpenter



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● WINGING IN . . . Llandoverly's Carwyn Davies was in try scoring form on Saturday but it wasn't enough to save his side from defeat.

Photo: Richard Firstbrook.

# 30-11-91 GREAT RECOVERY BY THE DROVERS

LLANDOVERY found themselves six points down within a minute of the start of their Heineken League clash against Aberavon Quins, having let their opponents in for a gift try.

If that was not bad enough, their captain and outside-half Carwyn Williams was on his way to hospital with a broken collar bone.

The long climb back into the match started 15 minutes later when Hywel Jones was successful with

**Aberavon Q. 9  
Llandoverly 12**

the second of his penalty attempts.

With partner Elfyn Jenkins back to his best form, co-flanker Chris Davies had an outstanding game in defence, and with

his clean line-out catching.

Llandoverly had to 18-year-olds making their Heineken League debuts in the back-line, and they acquitted themselves well.

Chris Liptrot kicked well under pressure in defence, and one run by Matthew Allnutt, which started from his own line, very nearly brought a try in the opposite corner 100 yards upfield.

However, after a period of forward pressure, it was the big prop Eifion Evans,

who powered his way over for a try converted by Liptrot. This put Llandoverly ahead for the first time.

Ten minutes later the Quins equalised with a penalty.

The match looked to be heading for a draw when full-back Hywel Jones kicked a 45-metre penalty in injury time to gain two valuable points.

This should put them in good heart for their clash at home to Treorchy, kick-off 2.30pm.





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## A convincing win

LLANDOVERY kept their unbeaten home league record by convincingly beating the elements and Bonymaen.

The wind and rain did not deter their three quarters from handling the wet and greasy ball with great confidence.

With locks Ian Jones and Wyn Williams winning good lineout balls aided by an outstanding backrow of Elfyn Jenkins, Chris Davies and Dai Giles linking up superbly in the loose with the threequarters the visitors defence, especially in the first half, had to be on full alert.

Their victory was slightly spoilt when former Wales wing, Carwen Davies, had to leave the field towards the end of the game

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BONYMAEN .....	6

with a shoulder injury. He had shown his class in the fifth minute of the game, when he took the ball at full speed, while out in the left, and sidestepped inside the cover defence to score his side's first try.

Flanker Chris Davies scored a second after emerging from some loose play with the ball and striding over unopposed underneath the posts.

Llandovery's 22-0 interval lead was due mainly to the contribution of their captain, fly half Carwyn Williams.

LLANDOVERY: tries, C Williams; Carwen Davies, C Davies; pens, Carwen Davies (2); cons, Carwen Davies (2); BONYMAEN: pen, S Morris (2).

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**SPORT** on Sunday

# CARWYN COOLS IT

LLANDOVERY looked as safe as houses at half time, holding a comfortable 10-0 lead. Mountain Ash had done little positive attacking after Llandovery's back row combined for an Elfyn Jenkins try.

The home side missed three penalties as their pack set up goal kicking chances but the Old Firm competed well in maul and line-out. Fly half Chris Conway put in some telling kicks but Llandovery's defence was sound.

The first half ended in fine style for Llandovery when lightening passing along

LLANDOVERY .....	19
MOUNTAIN ASH .....	15

the line put in the elusive Chris Cole.

The visitors started the second half purposefully and the try by all action flanker Huw Morse who rode a number of tackles brought them back into the game.

Play hotted up. Skipper Carwyn Williams kicked a penalty, Conway replied with a confident drop goal but the game was thrown wide open when Adrian Davies squeezed in on the left and Conway converted to put Mountain Ash into a 15-13 lead.

Llandovery were shaken but, prompted by the talented Williams, picked up pace.

It was he who settled Mountain Ash's fate late in the second half with two lovely long goals. It was nip and tuck up to the final whistle and it took a marvellous Elfyn Jenkins tackle to deny Mountain Ash right at the end.

**Scorers.** LLANDOVERY: Tries by E Jenkins, Cole; Con, C Williams; Pens, C Williams (3). MOUNTAIN ASH: Tries by Morse, A Davies; Cons, Conway (2); Drop goal, Conway.

Powell 23-11-91

## Llandovery 3, Tenby Utd 9

LLANDOVERY went down to a third successive defeat, two in the league and one in the cup, and will be without former Wales wing Carwyn Davies until Christmas because of family commitments.

Having slugged out a 0-0 draw in the corresponding fixture last season, this was once again a tight fought contest in which the boot of Tenby skipper Ben Childs came out on top.

Llandovery skipper Carwyn Williams was full of praise for opposite number Childs and Tenby scrum half Mike Griffiths. "Childs is a good player, but he's lucky he is protected so well by Griffiths. He had a superb game," said Williams.

Victory for Tenby avenged their 30-18 home defeat by Llandovery last season and means they are among the five sides boasting an unbeaten record in the league.

Llandovery: Pen: H Jones.

Tenby United: Pens: B Childs 3.

LLANDOVERY..15	t
TREORCHY.....3	t

THE Llandovery front row was the toast of the club after their demolition of gallant Treorchy.

Three successive strikes against the head gave scrum half Adrian Davies his opportunity for the first try of the afternoon.

Centre Huw Thomas intercepted a Treorchy chip ahead to run three-quarters of the length of the pitch for the second.

Treorchy played a second half spoiling game and were limited to a single penalty from Anthony Dunn.

Llandovery hooker Gerald Lewis was a tower of strength in the set pieces and Llandovery can feel well pleased with this splendid overall performance.

**Scorers.** LLANDOVERY: Tries by A Davies, H Thomas; Cons, H Jones (2); Pen, Jones. TREORCHY: Pen, A Dunn.

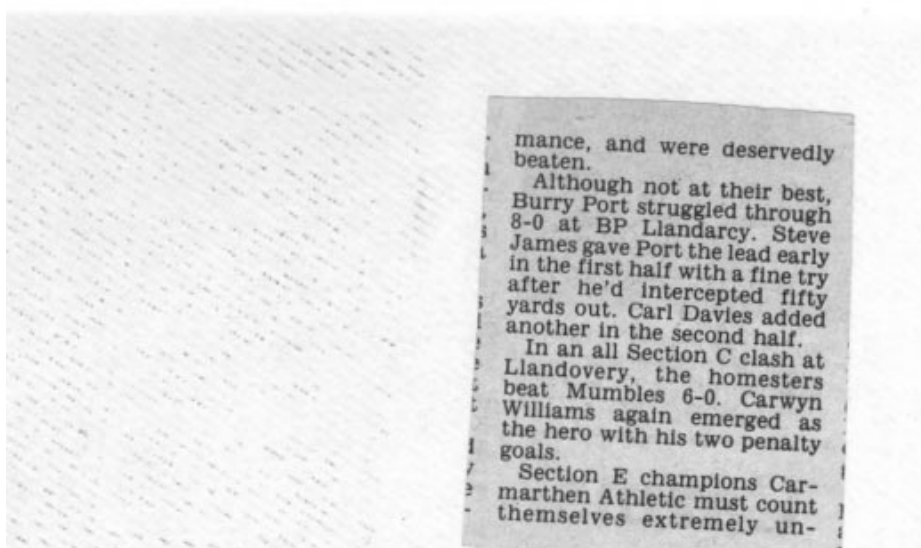
Man-of-the-Match: Gerald Lewis (Llandovery).

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# Bruised, but not beaten!

### Llandoverly 15 Treorchy 3

LLANDOVERY'S forwards looked as if they had gone 12 rounds with Frank Bruno after this rugged Heineken League Division 3 clash with Treorchy on Saturday.

The visiting pack played well in the rucks and mauls, but the home front-row caused considerable problems in the scrum.

After weighing each other up for the first half-hour, the power of the Llandoverly's scrummaging eventually paid dividends.

A series of scrums on the Treorchy line saw the visitors defending desperately before scrum-half Adrian Davies was able to dive in at the base of the scrum for a try converted by full-back Hywel Jones.

During this period, sound play by centre Eirian Jones gained large slices of ground through tactical kicking, but possible attacks were nullified by the defences.

In the second half, pressure by the Llandoverly pack led to a defensive error. The Treorchy outside-half tried a little chip, which was sliced straight into the hands of Eirian Jones.

He gratefully set off towards the posts before giving a scoring pass to co-centre. Hywel Jones kicked an easier conversion.

An exchange of penalties were the only other

scores as Llandoverly's defence held firm.

This hard earned victory will not lull the Drovers into a false sense of security for their long journey North to face Wrexham on Saturday.



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# Drovers gloom is lifted

Wrexham 9 pts Llandover 28

Llandover's injury pattern continued in this Heineken League game at Wrexham.

Chasing a high ball, centre Eirian Jones collided with an opponent and took no further part in the game, going to hospital with a cracked cheekbone.

Llandover's gloom continued, in the thick mist which had descended, when a floated pass was intercepted and Wrexham were six points up.

A penalty by Chris Liptrot and a similar effort for Wrexham made the score 9-3 at half time and it looked as if Llandover would go back empty-handed after their journey up north.

The Llandover forwards had other ideas however and as the gloom lifted slightly, so did their spirits.

In fact once they had drawn level through a try by Chris Davies converted by Chris Liptrot, there was only one side in it for the last twenty minutes.

One long range penalty by Hywel Jones and two by Chris Liptrot took the score to 18-9.

Then further tries by Adrian Davies and Chris Liptrot, one of which was converted by Hywel Jones put the icing on the cake and brought Llandover back into third place, level on points with the leaders.

● Blaina's enforced rest last Saturday has at least given their walking wound

ded time to recover for their vital clash at Llandover on December 28.

Versatile backrow man Paul Hales is recovering from a knee strain, and, along with lock John Wilkins and hooker Paul McDonald, will be challenging for selection as the leaders take on last season's Division Four champions.

Blaina play at Cilfynydd in the Welsh Cup on Saturday and will be working hard on their fitness over the holiday period, with a couple of sessions planned at the all-weather pitch at Abertillery Leisure Centre, should the weather turn nasty.

Llandover, anxious to avenge their 21-3 Cup defeat at Blaina earlier this season, could welcome back outside-half and captain Carwyn Williams, who damaged his shoulder against Aberavon Quins recently.

Last season's skipper Wyn Williams has called upon all his experience and motivating skills to keep Llandover ticking over during Carwyn's absence.

Llandover are seeking a fixture this Saturday and a number of their first-team squad could play in the annual Boxing Day match against Lampeter - just two days before the Blaina game.

## Wyn's a

# Drovers just won't give up

JUST as they had done two weeks before against Aberavon Quins, Llandover found themselves six points adrift and missing a key player in the opening stages of this match against Wrexham.

Chasing a high ball, centre Eirian Jones collided with an opponent and cracked his cheekbone. He was taken to hospital, for treatment to the injury.

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would return empty handed from their long trip north. But, as they had done against Aberavon they hit-back, but this time with even greater success.

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The Drovers are now back in third place and level on points with the leading clubs.

# Cracker in store

SATURDAY sees what should be a belated Christmas cracker when Llandover entertain Heineken League Third Division leaders Blaina.

Llandover could go to the top of the table if they beat Blaina in a match which has been given greater spice by Blaina's convincing Schweppes Cup win over Llandover earlier in the season.

Some of the Llandover players face a busy week as they may also be in the line-up for their annual Boxing Day Match against Lampeter on Thursday.

The home side may include outside-half and captain Carwyn Williams, who injured his shoulder against Aberavon Quins.

Tumble face a potentially tricky trip to mid-table Cilfynydd, who so far this season have failed to reproduce their form of last term.

Both fixtures were close affairs last season, with Tumble claiming the points on both occasions

with 10-3 and 10-9 wins.

Ystradgynlais will hope to put their heavy Schweppes Cup defeat against Pyle behind them when they travel to Kenfig Hill.

A win could put them up into third place, above Kenfig Hill. Kenfig will be without their speedy winger Paul Darke, who broke his leg against Tumble.





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● **KITTED OUT** . . . Llanwrda CP School proudly display their new rugby kits sponsored by Haven Marine Services UK. The sponsorship was organised by company director Captain Ian Williams, who lives in Llanwrda, and is pictured on the right. Also pictured are teacher Mrs S. Jones, and coach Dai Williams.

11-1-92  
**BONYMAEN** .....19  
**LLANDOVERY** .....9

● **BONYMAEN** shocked mighty Llandovery to record their second Heineken League victory of the season at Parc Mawr yesterday.

● It looked unlikely at the start as the Llandovery pack took control in all phases of play and full back Howell Jones kicked them into a 6-0 lead after 20 minutes.

● A 70-metre breakaway out of defence by Bonymaen saw top try scorer David Howells cross for a try which full back Paul Rees converted.

● With flanker Andrew Myers in outstanding form and half backs Mike Clement and Malcolm Dacey controlling the game superbly, Bonymaen went further ahead with a Rees penalty and a try by centre Clive Haste to lead 13-6 at the interval.

● Although Jones added a third penalty after the break, Bonymaen made sure of collecting both points when left wing Keith Brooks crossed for a try which right wing Howells converted.

**Scorers.** BONYMAEN: Tries by Howells, Haste and Brooks; Cons. Rees, Howells; Pen. Rees. LLANDOVERY: Pens. Jones (3). MoM: Andrew Myers (Bonymaen).

## Cold turkey

4-1-92  
**Llandovery 9pts Rumney 3**

Despite the satisfaction of two Heineken League points to keep Llandovery near the top of the 3rd division, their supporters went away from Church Bank rather disappointed with the standard of the fare served up - rather like the cold turkey and cold Christmas pud of Boxing Day.

It was certainly a hard, absorbing battle up front with Llandovery's scrummaging power proving rather too strong for the Rumney eight, but the taller visitors shaded the line-outs.

The only score of the first half was a well-worked blind side move from the base of the scrum. Number 8 Dai Giles picked up and fed scrum-half Adrian Davies, who in turn drew the defence to allow young wing threequarter Richard Morgan to nip in for a try near the corner.

This was converted by Chris Liptrot with a finely-judged kick, after he and Hywel Jones had each failed with earlier penalty attempts.

Rumney came back after half-time with some combined forward and back play but, with the mid-field backs constantly turning back into the pack, these

attacks were repelled by some fine Llandovery tackling.

A penalty goal by Hywel Jones seemed to make the game safe for Llandovery only for skipper Terry Lee to bring Rumney back with a withering reach with a similar effort.

Alas Llandovery's talented back division waited in vain for a sight of the ball but two try-saving tackles by Huw Protheroe and Hywel Jones and fine defensive work by the pack and Adrian Davies meant that at the end, Llandovery had achieved the double over Rumney.

### Llandovery 9, Rumney 3

RUMNEY'S indifferent season continued with yet another narrow defeat and Terry Lee's side will have to get back to their best with three of the leading title contenders up against them in their next four outings.

Richard Morgan's try, converted by Chris Liptrot, put Llandovery on the road to their fourth successive league win.

Llandovery: Try - R Morgan. Con - C Liptrot. Pen - H Jones. Rumney: Pen - T Lee.



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### THIRD DIVISION



#### BLAINA v BONYMAEN

Blaina: G Powell (capt); A Roblons, A Dobbs, M Crozier, J Davies; M Powell, R McCormack; A Bevan, B Powell, A Metcalfe, J Wilkins, M Williams, N Davies, D Cousins, P Wedgebury. Reps: K Dash, A Ball, P MacDonald, C Adams, B Tandy.

Bonymaen: TEAM STILL TO BE SELECTED  
Kick-off 2.30

Referee: HF Lewis

#### LLANDOVERY v RUMNEY

Llandovery: TEAM STILL TO BE SELECTED  
Rumney: P Bowen; M Peckham, S Thomas, C Keating, P St Clair; M Powell, T Lee (capt.); T Healan, M Perks, D Smith, G Davies, A Glavin, P Hutchings, M Young, J Gooding.  
Kick-off 2.30

Referee: J Wood

## Title chase warming up

LLANDOVERY maintained their five point lead at the top of the Heineken League Third Division with an 18-6 win over Kidwelly.

Meanwhile Tumble kept well in touch in fourth place with a 16-7 win at home against Blackwood.

The Drovers were given a good start by their sea-side opponents when they were gifted three needless penalties, which Carwyn Williams gratefully snapped up.

Williams was to grab a fourth penalty, but his most memorable contribution was a dummy which started a 70 yard movement. The ball eventually found its way into the

hands of hooker Gerald Lewis, who dived over for a try converted by Williams.

At Parc Y Mynydd Mawr Rumble bounced back from their narrow defeat against Llandovery, thanks mainly due to the efforts of Jared Davies, who controlled the game from outside half.

He also contributed to the points with a penalty, a drop goal, and a conversion. Tumble's tries were scored by Paul Jones and Mike Williams.

# Drovers back on the winning trail

8-2-92

#### Mountain Ash 3 pts Llandovery 13

After a month's break from league rugby, the Drovers travelled to Mountain Ash with some trepidation, since the home side had won their last six league games after losing the first five.

However, Llandovery's recent friendlies against Kidwelly and Tumble had tuned them to a fine pitch and they needed all their defensive skills to keep out the "Mount" in the first half.

Electing to play into a stiff breeze, the whole Llandovery team tackled well and it took Mountain Ash 30 minutes to register their first score, a drop goal by Number 10 Mark Bennett.

Turning round only three points down, Llandovery got on level terms after 10 minutes with an immense penalty by Hywel Jones

from fully 55 yards.

Mountain Ash continued to monopolise the line-outs but kept the ball close rather than spreading it, thus playing into Llandovery's hands and the tremendous strength of the visitors' pack.

Mountain Ash had held the Llanelli eight only a fortnight previously, so they were certainly surprised by the power of their opponents' scrummaging.

Eventually this supremacy gave Llandovery the decisive score. With only five minutes to go and time running out, a scrum

near their line had the home back-row in two minds whether to stay down or not.

As a result they were pushed back over their line for number 8 Nigel Clarke to score and Carwyn Williams converted.

Mountain Ash had missed their penalty opportunities and a fine move late in the game saw Llandovery increase their lead through another Nigel Clarke try.

On Saturday Narberth visit Llandovery in a game between two leading sides and Narberth are fresh

from a 30-6 win at Bonymaen.

"We scored five tries and they all came from the backs which was really encouraging," said Narberth team manager Dorian Howells. "The pack won some tremendous ball".

As if an impressive victory was not enough, Narberth also had the welcome sight of Geraint Bowen scoring two tries from full-back - the first time he has done this in the Heineken League.

Bowen had been out for the best part of the season and is only just working his way back after a cartilage operation.



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**M Ash 3, Llandovery 13**  
LLANDOVERY skipper Carwyn Williams admitted last night that his side could not afford any further slips in their bid for a promotion place.

Williams, who converted open of Nigel Clarke's two tries, said, "It's now up to us. I was happy with the way we played. But we know we can't afford anymore slip ups."

Three defeats in 11 games have left the club as one of three sides on 16 points, though their try count is significantly smaller than that of the other two and leaders Tenby.

For Mountain Ash the defeat was a real body blow after six successive victories had left them handily placed.

Outside half Mark Bennett was their only scorer with a dropped goal, while full back Hywel Jones completed Llandovery's complement with a penalty.

Mountain Ash: Drop — M Bennett.  
Llandovery: Tries — N Clarke (2).  
Con — C Williams. Pen — H Jones.

# HYWEL PUNISHES A LATE MISTAKE

**MOMENT** of ill-discipline just as time as running out, gave Llandovery's Hywel Jones the chance to win this Heineken League Third Division clash.

With every point of vital importance to both teams in the promotion stakes, the match was played under intense pressure, with neither side willing to give an inch.

Narberth played with the wind at their backs in the first half, and within 15 minutes took the lead when full-back Geraint Bowen kicked a simple penalty.

The Llandovery forwards were gaining the

**Llandovery 6  
Narberth 3**

lions share of the ball, but the Narberth back row were very impressive, and full-back Bowen was kicking the ball an enormous distance with the wind at his back.

Neither set of backs were brought into play and this was a pity because Llandovery's Huw Thomas proved a dangerous attacker when given

the opportunity.

It was probably the scrummaging power of the home team which proved decisive and forced the Narberth scrum back.

Arwel Evans was deservedly given the match of the match award, but the whole Llandovery front row of David Thomas, Gerald Lewis and Evans, swung the match Llandovery's way.

Late in the first half Carwyn Williams dropped a goal to level the scores at half time.

With the game drifting

towards a draw, it was left to full back Hywel Jones to take the opportunity to win the game for Llandovery.

These two points, which Llandovery just about deserved, lifts the home team to third place in the table, level on points with second placed Blaenau, who are ahead on try count.

Llandovery are now just two points behind top of the table Tenby United with a game in hand.

The two sides meet in a fortnight for what could be one of the most important matches of the season.

# 'MOUNTAIN' CONQUERED

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with an immense penalty by Hywel Jones from fully 50 yards.

Mountain Ash continued to monopolise the lines-out, but kept the ball close rather than spreading it, thus playing into Llandovery's hands and the tremendous strength of the visiting pack.

Mountain Ash had held the Llanelli eight just a fortnight previously, so they were certainly surprised by the power of their opponents' scrum-

maging.

Eventually this supremacy gave Llandovery the decisive score.

With only five minutes to go, and time running out, a scrum near the Mountain Ash line had their back row in two minds whether to stay down or not.

As a result they were pushed back over their line for number eight Nigel Clarke to score. Carwyn Williams converted.

And a fine move late in the game saw Llandovery round off the victory with another try by Clarke.



**Llandovery's two try hero Nigel Clarke.**

Picture: Ralph Carpenter





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Steve Gerrard on the charge for Narberth at Llandoverly.

Picture: Ralph Carpenter

### Llandoverly 6, Narberth 3

LLANDOVERLY are back in the title hunt and could emulate last season's championship win if they can overcome the two sides ahead of them in the table.

The first challenge will be against table-topping Tenby at the end of the month, while their league campaign ends with a home and away series with second placed Blaina.

With the top four sides guaranteed promotion to the second division, Llandoverly skipper Carwyn Williams believes it will take 24-points, another three wins for his side, to move on up.

"We're not just looking for promotion. We want to win another title. If we win all our games then we can do it," said Williams.

Llandoverly: Pen — H Jones. Drop-goal — C Williams.

Narberth: Pen — G Bowen.

## Llandoverly suffer heaviest defeat

Tenby 20pts Llandoverly 4

Tenby inflicted their heaviest League defeat on visitors Llandoverly on Saturday and completed an impressive "double" in the bargain.

Although the visitors' eight battled bravely and out-scrummaged the home pack, they were given a lesson in speed to the point of breakdown and how to win second-phase possession.

Against a strong wind and 9-3 down with five minutes to go to half-time the only complaint Llandoverly could have was that, after two collapsed scrums on the Tenby line, they should have been awarded a penalty try.

The referee awarded a penalty the first time and Captain Carwyn Williams opted for another scrum.

The second collapse with the home pack retreating on their own line was the most certain penalty try this writer has seen in many a long time — however the man that matters, the referee, awarded another penalty!

Be that as it may, if Ben Childs had had his kicking boots on, Tenby would have already been out of sight — he missed numerous penalties and conversions.

Tenby scored for more tries in the second half and Llandoverly's efforts floundered on a rock-like

defence apart from a well-worked try for replacement Stuart Dole.

If they are to win promotion Llandoverly must win the next three games. It would be nice to achieve that target before meeting Blaina twice at the end of the League programme.

Llandoverly are the Heineken League third division champions, but they had to come from behind to beat Kenfig Hill 21-8 in the clincher.

Trailing 8-3 at half-time, Llandoverly bounced back with tries from No. 8 David Giles and lock and skipper Wyn Williams. Fly-half Carwyn Williams landed both conversions and a hat-trick of penalties.

After collecting the trophy, Williams breathed a sigh of relief and said: "We were very worried at half-time, but the boys kept at it."





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# The Boot Of 'Caws' Is Llandovery's Saviour

On a bright sunny afternoon at Church Bank, last Saturday, Llandovery went perilously close to surrendering their unbeaten home record in the Heineken League which now goes back two seasons (writes John Augustus).

Mid-way through the second half and trailing 15 points to 13 against visitors Mountain Ash, who with their confidence boosted and their forwards on the rampage, it looked pretty ominous at one time that the writing was on the wall for Llandovery.

However drawing on all their physical reserves the home side showed their mettle. Fighting back courageously, and with their loyal fans encouraging them all the way, Llandovery were in no mood to capitulate, not even to the Book-makers' pre-season favourites to win the Division Three championship.

Hitting back decisively when the chips were down they forced Mountain Ash to concede two vital penalties and up stepped their trump card, the cool and calculated outside half, Carwyn Williams, to slot over both long distance kicks to snatch a dramatic 19 pts. to 15 victory. It was a classic case of "Cometh the hour, Cometh the man."

It was typical "Boys Own" stuff. For Llandovery, anyway, it was an exciting and fitting climax to a wonderful match, which throughout its duration was a titanic struggle, to say the least.

While the personal glory went to skipper Williams — known as "Caws" to all and sundry — he would be the first to concede Llandovery is no "one man band".

The outside half, who has been a match winner many times in the past is the link-man around which the side has been built, nevertheless, Llandovery is a team in the truest sense with every man collectively having his own equal contribution to make.

In each match there are always outstanding individual performances. The previous week it was Dai Giles, who was "on song," while last weekend it was his back row colleague, Elfin Jenkins, who stole the limelight. What a human dynamo he is — Welsh equivalent of "Stormin Norman" if one is permitted to draw a comparison between a soldier and a sportsman. And another player to catch the eye was prop Dai Thomas. The power of the local policeman in the set scrums put his opposite number in

as a consequence the present weaknesses must be eliminated.

And so to the nitty gritty of Saturday's encounter. Llandovery got off to the perfect start, being six points ahead in the opening minute. An attempted defensive clearance by Mountain Ash was charged down and from the resulting loose play Elfin Jenkins emerged to cross the line and Carwyn Williams converted.

Llandovery had two further opportunities to press home their advantage in the first quarter but "Caws" screwed the ball on the wrong side of both uprights from almost identical kicking positions.

Full back Hywel Jones was then entrusted with the next goal-kicking attempt from wide out on the right, but he too failed to find the target.

Before the interval though Llandovery were not to be denied another score. After being entrenched on the visitors line, and three unsuccessful attempts to gain a push-over try, the home side changed their tactics with scrum-half Adrian Davies whipping out a quick pass and some slick handling was rounded off by Coles scoring in the corner.

With a 10 points lead at half-time Llandovery were in a relatively comfortable position — although not in a commanding one. Realising that they would have to strike quickly to get back into the game and thus deprive the home side of establishing a match-winning supremacy — Mountain Ash did just that.

And the man who put them back into game with a vengeance was flanker Hugh Morse. Despite a number of defenders trying to haul him down, Morse managed to hurl himself over the line and with fly-half Chris Conway converting the scene was set for a battle royal.

There was temporary respite for Llandovery when Williams landed a long range penalty, but Mountain Ash had by no means shot their bolt. They came storming back with Conway putting over a perfectly struck drop goal.

Rocked back on their heels by the tenacity of the visitors rugged but effective play, Llandovery conceded a gift score. Hywel Jones taking his eye off the ball as it was passed back to him by Coles, dropped it in his own 22, and Mountain Ash took full advantage of the error with lock Adrian Davies, a huge man, crashing over. Conway again added the extra points.

the front row under intense pressure throughout the game. And another always prominent, especially in the mauls, was lock Wyn Williams, whose ripping of the ball away from the opposition was reminiscent of Geoff Wheel at his best.

In the back division both centres, Eirian Jones and Huw Thomas, did some sterling defensive work, with Thomas also putting in a number of powerful attacking runs that caught the opposition on the hop several times. New recruit, Chris Coles, made an impressive debut with some electrifying runs down the right wing, one of which culminated in a touch down.

One area which Llandovery will no doubt concentrate their efforts to improve their play is in the lines-out. It was in this department last Saturday where they gave away too much possession, particularly when it was their own throw-in. Hooker Gerald Lewis and his key jumpers will have to work hard to get their act into better shape than it is at the moment. Although in fairness to them, it must be conceded that the swirling wind conditions in this match no doubt created problems. Nevertheless, success in the lines-out is imperative if the team is to prosper and

Fuelled by this latest success and leading 13-15 the visitors exerted tremendous pressure, but somehow Llandovery weathered the storm and clawed their way back. With a quarter of an hour remaining, Carwyn Williams put his side in front once more with a 40 metre penalty. And minutes later Williams did a repeat performance to ease Llandovery in to a four points lead.

The final 10 minutes were nail-biting to say the least but with grim determination Llandovery hung-on denying their opponents any share of the spoils which they might well have felt entitled to.

So with World Cup Rugby taking centre stage for the remainder of October, Heineken League games take a back seat for a month. Llandovery now have to wait until November 9th, before League action resumes with a visit to Narberth, who demolished Bonymaen 36-8 last Saturday.

Meanwhile everyone down at Church Bank can look back with satisfaction to the way the season has gone so far. Winning all their matches up to now, they enjoy 100 per cent records with Blaina and Tenby. Now they have to wait patiently for the season to begin in earnest again.



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Thursday, 3rd October, 1991.

—HEINEKEN LEAGUE

REPORT BY  
MR JOHN AUGUSTUS  
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## Llandovery Put On A Champion Performance

If early season form can be maintained then Llandovery Town can look forward to another productive year in the Heineken League (writes John Augustus).

With a 100 per cent record and two excellent victories under their belt already, there is certainly a mood of optimism among both players and supporters at Church Bank.

Although, as yet, there is no serious talk of a second successive promotion year, the evidence is quite apparent that such an achievement is a distinct possibility. For the moment, however, over-confidence must be tempered, because there is still a long road ahead.

Nevertheless, Llandovery have shown they are a quality team, and the manner in which they disposed of Bonymaen on Saturday by 22 points to 6 was ample proof of this.

Victory was also sweet, inasmuch that when the two sides last met 12 months ago, the Swansea team eliminated the East Dyfed side from the Schweppes Cup. But in the intervening period Llandovery have made tremendous strides.

With a gale force wind blowing straight down the field from the club-house, the outcome of the encounter rested on which of the sides would adapt best to mastering the elements. So strong was the wind that a local doctor's colourful brology was wrenched from his grasp and went into orbit from one end of the pitch to the other, and at one stage going menacingly close to some of the players while it was airborne.

Like their opponents though, not even the wind-assisted brology managed to cross the Llandovery line. So far in their two league matches the Church Bank team has not conceded a try, which speaks volumes for their tenacious work in defence.

For me the highlight of Saturday's clash was the performance of the Llandovery forwards. They were quite magnificent, especially in the second-half when playing into the teeth of the gale. Time and time again they drove the opposition back, which in the prevailing circumstances was a feat in itself.

As an eight man unit, the work-rate of the pack was quite staggering. The front row of Dai

back Morris, to show for their endeavours.

Finally, one must comment about the actions of referee David Parry-Jones. Three times, following consultations with his touch judges, he sternly lectured Bonymaen flanker Malcolm Jones for misdemeanours. But thanks to the leniency of Mr. Parry-Jones the offending player escaped an early bath — much to the amazement of bystanders. The lack of consistency among match officials is somewhat puzzling to rugby followers.

This Saturday Llandovery entertained Mountain Ash who went down at home last week to Rumney against whom the Dyfed men were victorious in their first league match of the season. So if the form-book is a true guide then Llandovery should make it three wins in a row.

## First Win For Ystrad

Ystradgynlais made the long trip to Ruthin on Saturday, and at the end of the day came home from North Wales with their first Heineken League points after gaining a 17-6 victory over their opponents.

But this coming weekend, the Swansea Valley side can expect stiffer opposition, when they entertain West Walsians, Tumble.

Although trailing 6-3 at the interval, Ystradgynlais came back strongly in the second half, with three tries from winger Ian Michael, lock Nick Mabbutt and flanker Craig Jones.

Kicker Alan Parsons rounded off the scoring with a penalty and conversion.

Now with the side having gained their first victory, Ystradgynlais' fans will be looking for more success in the future.

Thomas, Gerald Lewis and Arwel Evans was rock solid, while in the engine room locks Ian Jones and Wyn Williams, provided the drive that gained so much dominance in the set scrums. Jones and Williams too ruled the roost in the lines-out. Behind them was the superb back-row trio of Chris Davies, Elfyn Jenkins and Dai Giles, all three being outstanding in the loose covering acres of ground between them.

The prevailing conditions were by no means conducive to open back play, yet Llandovery were confident enough to throw the ball about when the opportunity was there, and they reaped the rewards with three tries to none.

In the first half Llandovery accumulated 22 points without reply, and the margin could have been a great deal more if final passes had not gone astray and goal-kicking conditions been not so difficult. The question was whether the cushion was sufficient. Dessie Clarke was adamant it would be, and his prediction held good.

Quickly into their stride the home-side opened their account after just ten minutes. A spectacular 40 yard surge, involving both backs and forwards inter-passing with great aplomb, was rounded off by Carwyn Davies, jinking inside his opposite number, to touch down wide out on the left. From the touch-line Carwyn Williams converted with a great kick.

Penalised for back-chat Bonymaen conceded a penalty in front of the posts which Williams gratefully accepted to increase his side's lead. Minutes later, however the usually sure-footed Williams missed a sitter.

But within a short space of time Williams made amends when he created the opening for flanker Chris Davies to score under the posts, and the fly-half nonchalantly added the extra points.

On the half-hour with a strike against the head — Bonymaen being mercilessly pushed off the ball — scrum-half Adrian Davies fed his partner Williams who was left with a clear route to the line. Before the interval Williams again slotted over a penalty bringing his match tally to 14 points.

Despite the wind advantage in the second-half Bonymaen only had two penalties kicked by full-



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• Carwyn Davies, the Wales and Llanelli wing is presented with a portrait of himself by Mr. Ernie Prosser (Chairman of Llandoverly RFC), who in turn is presented with a Welsh jersey from Carwyn for the club, at Llandoverly RFC Presentation dinner.



• Seen at the Llandoverly RFC Presentation dinner are award winners: Wyn Williams (First team player of the year and players' player); Stuart Fry (Second team player of the year); David Giles (Most Improved player); Carwyn Williams (for his 22 points against Felinfoel); Huw Morgan (Most tries); also Carwyn Davies; John Williams (First Aid); Barry Williams (Welsh Secondary Schools and Under-15 International) and not in photo is Peter Clark (Second team First Aid). (Photo: Richard Firstbrook)



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• Carwyn Williams of Llandoverly makes for the Ammanford try-line as his side stride to their 42-3 Section B success on Saturday. (Photo: Peter Evans)

## Llandoverly return to top form

**Llandoverly 22pts  
Aberavon Quins 6**

Llandoverly returned to their winning ways on Saturday and one more win from the remaining four matches will see them promoted to Division Two next season.

A convincing first-half display produced tries for Adrian Davies and Richard Morgan, one of which was converted by skipper Carwyn Williams who also kicked a penalty.

Entrusting the longer kicks to full-back Hywel Jones paid off. He kicked three penalties and the only reply by the Quins was a converted try.

Losing No. 8 Nigel Clarke through injury, Llandoverly seemed to go off the boil during the second half when the Quins, aided by the wind, gained confidence, won more ball and exerted considerable pressure.

However Llandoverly are noted for their defensive play and none did better in the loose than flanker Huw Protheroe.

Llandoverly are anticipating quite a tussle at Treorchy on March 28, but this is the one to win to make promotion certain.





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## Drovers hit back in style

**LLANDOVERY** returned to form in spectacular style against Glamorgan Wanderers, one of Heineken League Division Two's promotion candidates.

The drovers had suffered five defeats in a row before this match, and many must have suspected this would be their sixth against third placed Wanderers.

In an evenly matched first half, the only score came from an early Hywel Jones penalty.

The Wanderers were dominating the lines-out, and it came as no surprise when they took the lead through a Chris Norman try, converted by Bebb.

Llandovery's excellent back row once more clicked into action and took the game back to the Wanderers.

England Under-21 scrum-half Marcus Olsen hit back with a try converted by Hywel Jones.

The Drovers clinched the win when referee Chris Jones awarded them a penalty try ten minutes from the end.

Now that they have regained their winning habit, the Drovers must wait until November 28 before they play again in the league because of the Australian tour.

Third division leaders

## Drovers wake up

**LLANDOVERY** suffered a rude awakening from their Heineken league dream when they lost to Tredegar on Saturday.

Some untypical bad tackling allowed Tredegar into a 15-3 lead at the interval.

David Giles, the Llandovery number eight, who was enjoying an excellent match, was forced to leave the field with a rib injury after 30 minutes.

He was replaced by Huw Protheroe, who was a bundle of energy and had a try disallowed half-way through the second half.

However, the biggest disappointment for the visitors, and the turning point of the match, came

**Tredegar 23  
Llandovery 13**

immediately after half-time.

The referee couldn't have recovered from his half-time siesta, as he didn't see Arwel Rowlands touch down in the corner before being bundled into the corner flag.

The touch judge, who was on the spot, certainly seemed to think it was a try, for he did not indicate otherwise — a pity the referee did not see fit to consult him.

Undaunted, Llandovery pulled back to 18-13 with some spirited attacks and a well worked try, only for a defensive slip to let Tredegar in for a late try.

All Llandovery's points were scored by full-back Hywel Jones, thanks to a try, conversion and two penalties.

Llandovery's second, third and youth side's gained convincing wins, scoring 160 points between them!

On Saturday, Llandovery entertain Blaina, who will be all out for their first win after losing narrowly to Ebbw Vale and Abertillery.

## Poor Drovers let themselves down

**LLANDOVERY** disappointed their supporters and themselves by failing to rise above a very ordinary looking Ebbw Vale side.

The Drovers were down by 8-3 at the interval, and although Hywel Jones kicked well with the wind in the second half, they failed to score a try until the final minutes when it was too late.

The backs made the openings but failed to capitalise on them.

The turning point came mid-way through the second half with the score at 11-6.

Ebbw Vale missed a penalty, but Llandovery failed to clear from behind their own lines with disastrous conse-

**13/3/93 Ebbw Vale 21  
Llandovery 13**

Both sides lost a player 15 minutes from time when Vale flanker Julian Birt and Llandovery's Eurig Evans were sent off.

Llandovery's try was claimed by outside half Jeremy Rowe and converted by Hywel Jones.

Llandovery must now struggle for a win at home against Abertillery on March 27, or away to Narberth on April 3.

They cannot sit back and hope that the sides below them are going to lose. On 14 points at the moment, their immediate threat comes from Penarth who can reach 16 points, Tredegar who can

## Lambs to the slaughter

IN this final Heineken League game of the season, the Drovers tamed the Lambs for the second week in succession.

Llandovery were 6-3 down at half-time but it was "Lambs to the slaughter" in the second half with Llandovery's forwards and backs combining well to weave intricate patterns in attack against a stern Blaina defence that eventually crumbled.

Against a highly-rated Blaina pack, the home

### Llandovery 18 pts Blaina 6pts

front line of Dai Thomas, Gerald Lewis, Arwel Evans, Ian Jones and Wyn Williams worked extremely hard and came out on top in the scrum-mages, with the tireless back row of Chris Davies, Nigel Clarke and Elfyn Jenkins marauding in attack and defence.

Adrian Davies was a tower of strength at the base of the scrum, while master tactician and cap-

tain Carwyn Williams dictated play from No. 10 spot.

With the platform firmly in place, Llandovery launched its speedy threequarter-line of Richard Morgan, Huw Thomas, Alun Thomas and Arwel Rowlands and behind them Hywel Jones was rock-solid. In the second half, replacement Huw Protheroe fitted in to the plan perfectly.

Scorers for Llandovery were Hywel Jones (penalty), with tries by Elfyn Jenkins and Alun Thomas, both converted by Carwyn Williams, who also kicked a penalty.

The top four for promotion this year are Tenby (30 pts) Llandovery (26 pts), Blaina (24 pts) and Narberth (24 pts) with these four joining some of the more "fashionable" clubs in Division Two next season.





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### Luck deserts depleted Drovers

Dunvant 21 pts Llandovery 3

LLANDOVERY supporters trooped away from Broadacre, Dunvant on Saturday amid mutterings of team selection, exchange of referees and the vagaries of kicking form.

Llandovery missed 4 penalty attempts, one of them hitting the upright and bouncing outwards.

Mark Thomas on the other hand was successful with six penalty attempts, one of which struck an upright and bounced the right way for Dunvant.

The killer blow came, however, well into the second half; the 6-0 interval score had become 9-3 when the Dunvant scrum-half's pass had bounced out of reach of his half-back partner.

Up stepped No. 15

Dean Evans to retrieve the situation and drop a superb goal left-footed from fully 40 yards.

With scraps of possession, Llandovery tried to use the running game to try to turn defence into attack but Dunvant's defence stood firm.

The also had most of the possession from full line-outs whereas Llandovery benefited from Ian Jones' skill in the shortened line.

Outstanding in the loose play was hooker Barry Williams and play was even in the set scrums, but with Tenby as the visitors to Church Bank on Saturday, Llandovery's supporters are hoping for full availability and, with a return to full strength, a return to a winning formula.

## Late drop-goal denies Drovers

10-4-93

Glamorgan Wanderers 19 pts,  
Llandovery 16

LLANDOVERY played well, yet still contrived to lose their fifth consecutive league game after being in the lead for most of this Easter Saturday game.

Down three points after five minutes, the Drovers fought back through two penalties by full back Hywel Jones to go 6-3 in the lead at half time.

The young Llandovery props Andrew Jones and Arwel Evans were giving their more experienced opposite numbers a very hard time of it and with Ian Jones dominating

the line-outs, Llandovery had a good share of possession.

Good combined work from forwards and backs eventually produced a very good try in the left-hand corner by Hywel Jones only for the lead to be whittled away.

Eventually an excellent 40 yard solo try by the Wanderers scrum-half put them back in the lead again.

Not to be outdone, Llandovery took play up to their opponents' line and Ian Jones scored a try following a line-out. With time running out it looked as if both sides would have to settle for a draw but in injury-time, a snap drop-goal by Martin Jones

snatched victory when a share of the spoils would have been a fairer reflection of the run of play.

## Late flourish offers solace for Drovers

THE DROVERS came to grief at Pandy Park on Saturday, crashing to defeat by 50pts to 19.

Up against a powerful Cross Keys outfit with a 100 per cent record, Llandovery elected to play into a strong gusting wind and held out reasonably well, conceding an early try and another near the end of the first half.

However, in between they gave away three penalties, one for throwing the ball into touch, one for off-side and the third for throwing a punch; 21-0 at half-time.

The wind advantage into second half did not help the visitors and

with the "Keys" moving the ball from one side of the field to the other and back again they created many overlaps and all the Llandovery could do was to cover and try to plug the gaps with desperate tackles.

Four tries were conceded during this period and with Mark Fleet being successful with all but one of his kicks, the score soon reached the half century mark.

David Giles was off the field for 15 minutes receiving stitches to a cut head and eventually had to leave the field again, to be replaced by Huw Protheroe.

Not to be outdone in this high-scoring game, Llandovery came back

Cross Keys 50 pts  
Llandovery 19

strongly during the last ten minutes. They scored three excellent tries through Huw Thomas, Alun Thomas and Marcus Olsen, two of which were converted by Hywel Jones.

Young hooker Barry Williams had another outstanding game, being prominent in loose play and putting in some telling tackles. Now for Ebbw Vale at home next Saturday.

For Llandovery Martin Davies scored a try and Carwyn Williams kicked a penalty.

Cwmllwynfell, semi finalists last year, are out of this year's competition. And strangely enough they were again only just pipped.

Dai Protheroe kicked a penalty for Cwm but a try by Carmarthen's Chris Roberts was just enough to beat the Amman Valley side.

And Pontardawe, shock-mongers of round one, were themselves sent toppling out of the competition by Abercrave on Saturday.



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### Drovers impress

Stirling County 24  
Llandovery 10

THE DROVERS travelled to Scotland and played Scottish Division One side Stirling County on the eve of the international match and gave an excellent account of themselves although fielding a depleted side, particularly up front.

Down 10-0 at half-time, they fought back to 10-10 before conceding two tries in the dying minutes, engineered by the powerful Sterling pack.

Despite losing numerous strikes against the head in the scrums, the Llandovery backs counter attacked with some brilliant inter-passing involving forwards and backs, resulting in the best try of the match.

Young David Bancroft fitted in well in the second row and strove hard in the line-out, whilst Jeremy Rowe was quite outstanding on the counter attack from full-back.

# GOING UP IN FINE STYLE

THE MANNER of Llandovery's promotion clinching display against Wrexham on Saturday was the icing on the cake for coach Stan Liptrot as the team heads for Division Two of the Heineken league.

He told the Guardian: "I am obviously delighted because we played so well, it's nice to go up but it's even nicer to go up like that. It gives us a lot of confidence for next season."

And the coach has made it clear his side will not be allowed to become complacent in the second division — the next aim is to join the big boys in Division One.

"Our aim has never been to consolidate in a

#### Llandovery 41 Wrexham 0

new division. We aim to get in and get out as quickly as possible."

That would be an incredible achievement for a side which has won promotion in successive years — last time as champions.

"We have got a lot of work to do between now and training — a lot of planning for next sea-

son."

That may mean recruiting new players, but not with financial inducements, says Mr Liptrot.

"That's not because of our financial situation, but it is against the club's ethics. We don't want to pay players, but we do want to look after them."

Llandovery played like millionaires on Saturday, running in some of the best tries seen on the Church Bank ground.

The platform for the attacks were set up by the solid scrummaging and committed mauling for loose ball by the pack, with all eight doing ster-

ling work in this respect.

However, the Wrexham pack were far superior in the line-outs, but they failed to turn possession into points.

Six tries were scored by the backs through Arwel Rowlands (2); Huw Thomas (2); Alun Thomas and Carwyn Williams, with number eight Nigel Clarke adding another.

The five conversions were kicked by Carwyn Davies (2); Hywel Jones (2) and Carwyn Williams. Hywel Jones added a penalty.

If Llandovery win their remaining two matches they could finish runners-up in the Division.



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## JONES JOY

IT is just as well that Blaina managed to clinch their place among the Heineken League second division clubs a few weeks ago against Mountain Ash.

Because, judging on this and their last few performances in the League's third division, they could well have lost their chance of pro-

motion if they had lost a few matches at the start of the season rather than win them.

Llandovery, on the other hand, grabbed their place among the promotion elite last weekend and looked buoyant at that achievement when they tackled the Lambs at Central

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LLANDOVERY.....9

Part, Blaina, for the first time this season.

It was, on the whole, quite an entertaining encounter, if spoilt by the persistence of the two front rows to continually collapse the scrumma-

ges.

Blaina outside half Deri Evans got the only score of the first half when he crashed over for a try following a quickly taken line-out five yards from the try line.

Llandovery skipper Carwyn Williams reduced the arrears with a well-struck penalty from 38 yards.

Man of the match Hywel Jones took the visitors into the lead with a 45 yard penalty shot, Evans replied with another to put Blaina ahead at 7-6 before Jones dropped a 40-yard goal to settle matters.

**SCORERS.** BLAINA: Try by D Evans; Pen, Evans. LLANDOVERY: Pens by C Williams and H Jones; Drop goal, Jones.

As usual, skipper Chris Davies tackled his heart out throughout the game.

The whole team gave it their all, but missing key players in vital positions proved too much of a handicap.

With a break due to the International match next Saturday, Llandovery then need to pick themselves up, dust themselves down and prepare for the final run-in of five league games to consolidate their position in the middle of the table.

## Bravery not enough for Drovers

AFTER reaching the last 16 in the Cup the Drovers found themselves shepherded out on Saturday by a very efficient, impressive Bridgend side.

Bridgend managed two tries in the first half - one of these coming as the result of a dropped pass by Llandovery on their own line. But two conversions and two dropped goals took the score to 20 points to nil.

At this stage all was not lost, but some uncharacteristic missed penalties and missed tackles saw the score reach flattening proportions of 41-nil from three more converted tries in the second half. Outstanding for Brid-

Bridgend 41 pts Llandovery nil

gend were internationals Robert Howley, David Bryant and Luc Evans while for Llandovery Marcus Olsen, David Gibbs and Arwel Rowlands caught the eye.

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A dinner was given by Dinefwr borough council to celebrate Llandoverly R.F.C.'s promotion to division two of the Heineken League. Picture shows: Front row l to r: Dr. T. Williams (president Llandoverly R.F.C.), Mr. E. R. Morgan (chairman), Cllr. Mrs. Mary Thomas (Mayor of Dinefwr) and Mr. Alun Thomas; Cllr. Roy Harries (deputy Mayor) and Mrs. Harries. Back row l to r: Carwyn Williams (Capt. Llandoverly R.F.C.) Mrs. Elmer Harries, Mr. Bryn Williams (recreation chairman) Cllr. Stan Archer (Mayor of Llandoverly) and Mrs. Archer, Mr. Elmer Harries (chief executive of Dinefwr borough council), Mr. Carwyn Jones (treasurer rugby club), Mr. Rowland Griffiths (secretary).

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### Sport 1

# Llandoverly go second

IN A GAME full of excitement, played at a fast pace on a hot September afternoon, Llandoverly emerged convincing winners at the end of this Heineken League Second Division clash.

But victory only came after being 10-3 down at the interval, against a Blaina side missing several players due to a wedding.

Blain's only try, after 20 minutes, was a dubious affair as the ball clearly went forward before it was touched down.

This raised the question among Llandoverly supporters as to why referees don't consult with their equally qualified, and better placed touch judges,

**Llandoverly 21  
Blaina 10**

when they are unsighted?

A penalty awarded against stamping, kicked by Hywel Jones, was Llandoverly's only response in the first half, which also saw Blaina land a long range penalty.

Turning round with the breeze at their backs, Llandoverly transformed the game into their favour within minutes.

The ever-present Chris Davies followed up an up-and-under to score a try which Hywel Jones converted.

Llandoverly scored again when Alun and Huw Thomas tore huge holes in the Blaina defence allowing skipper Davies to score another try.

Jones hit the post with the conversion, but he enjoyed better luck when he was on target with two penalties to bring his

personal tally to 11 points.

Man of the match Chris Davies was outstanding in attack and defence, but Llandoverly had to pay a price in this hard-fought match as they had to replace three injured players before running out winners.

On Saturday, second placed Llandoverly travel to face fourth placed Dunvant, who are riding high after beating Abertillery convincingly on Saturday.

## Drovers lose a thriller

DESPITE a quiet start, this game turned out to be one of the most exciting seen at Chruuch Bank this season.

Cross Keys opened the scoring after 20 minutes when a strong hand-off in the centre made an opening for wing Sean Marshall to score a good try.

**Llandoverly 16  
Cross Keys 20**

The immaculate Mark Fleet converted and added a penalty to make things look ominous for Llandoverly.

In contrast home full-back Hywel Jones was not on his usual kicking form, and it was left to Carwyn Williams to bring his side back into the game with two penalties, making the half-time score 10-6.

Another exchange of penalties saw the score change to 13-9, but another try by the Keys' left wing, converted by Fleet, seemed to put them out of sight at 20-9.

However, this lead to Llandoverly's best period of play when they pressed hard to score.

Despite good runs by Alun Thomas, Marcus Olsen and Arwel Rowlands, the Keys held firm.

It was then left to the forwards to push the visitors' pack back over their line for number eight David Giles to score an excellent try converted by Carwyn Williams.

With four points difference, Llandoverly ignored two kicks at goal to go for the winning try.

The home crowd were hoping for another Tondy last gasp finish, but that elusive try would not come and the visitors heaved a huge sigh of relief when the final whistle blew.





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### Drovers take a Tumble

FORMER Llanelli flanker Iwan Jones made an impressive debut for Tumble as his new team beat Llandovery in a friendly at home on Friday night.

In a match which saw both sides made a number of changes from their Heineken League line-ups, the visitors opened up a 7-0 lead through a try by number-eight Dylan Morgan and a conversion by Hywel Jones.

In the second-half,

Tumble staged a fine recovery. Hooker Adrian Thomas set them on their way with a try, and Eifion Davies put over a penalty 15 minutes from time to settle matters.

New signing Jones looked sharp and hungry for the ball. His undoubted class will be an asset to the Magpies as they put together a fine all round team.

● On Saturday, Llandovery entertain Cross Keys and Tumble are also home to Aberavon Quins.

# Relief for Drovers!

LLANDOVERY booked their place in the fifth round of the SWALEC Cup after they eventually overcame Ystradgynlais' tough resistance.

The Heineken League Second Division outfit will now have to travel to face another top fourth division outfit when they meet Tondur on January 23.

The Drovers will be pleased to have got this tie out of the way as the result could so easily have gone the other way.

Hywel Jones gave Llandovery the lead just after the 20 minute mark, but Ystradgynlais fought back through pressure from prop Mark Harries and outside-half Mike Lewis,

Ystradgynlais 0  
Llandovery 10

but the visitors managed to hang on until the interval.

Lewis, so used to the big occasion, could have turned the match on its head early in the second half. But cruel luck meant Llandovery keep their noses in front.

The outside-half saw two long range penalties narrowly miss the target, while a third attempt struck a post.

Llandovery were forced to show their defensive qualities as Ystradgynlais desperately tried to get back on terms.

But they managed to break the stalemate with 10 minutes left, and on a rare sortie deep into Ystrad territory, the Llandovery forwards showed their strength and pushed the Ystrad pack over their own line for scrum-half Adrian Davies to score.

Hywel Jones converted to give Llandovery a hard fought win in an exciting and physical encounter.

# Depleted Drovers bow to pressure

LLANDOVERY were forced to make a number of changes to the team on Saturday, especially among the backs.

However, the visitors were seven points up after five minutes with what turned out to be the best try of the game.

Quick service from scrum half Adrian Williams and a long pass from Carwyn Williams enabled full-back Jeremy Rowe to feed left wing Mathew

Allnutt.

He waltzed past three defenders on a 40 yard corkscrew run to the posts.

Two penalties and a try saw the home side to take the lead but determination by Adrian Williams earned a try which was again converted by Jeremy Rowe.

However, another penalty by Abertillery meant that the sides turned round at half-time with the scores level at 14 all.

With Llandovery being penalised at regular

Abertillery 31 pts  
Llandovery 14

intervals, Abertillery No. 10 Mark Williams made them pay with a fourth penalty, three of them for offside!

Still, at 17-14 down, Llandovery were still in the game going into the last quarter, but found themselves having to play their rugby deep in their own half.

In the end the pressure put on by Abertillery paid off with two

converted tries, but the final score-line was slightly flattering to them.

This Saturday, Llandovery entertain Glamorgan Wanderers to Church Bank for what should be an entertaining match.

Llandovery need to win this one and the Blaina game a fortnight later to move up the table.



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# Drovers prove no push-over for Llanharan

LLANHARAN came to Church Bank needing a win and to score more times than Cross Keys to gain promotion to the first division but nearly did not achieve the first objective against a Llandovery side who refused to lie down and die!

Withstanding all the early pressure, Llandovery really looked as if they wanted to win in what would have been their first league victory since January.

As the first half wore on they seemed to realise that this was possible and Hywel Jones kicked two good penalties while Llanharan missed all their early kicks. Llandovery

### Llandovery 6 pts Llanharan 19

were leading 6-0 at half time.

Llanharan's strong pack moved up a gear in the second half and gradually wore down the opposition in the final quarter to score three tries by their forwards, two of which were converted by left wing Dodds.

Llandovery have found it a hard baptism in the higher echelons of Heineken Division Two. Although they were lying sixth in the table early in the second half of the season, to have finished eighth out of 12 teams is a very creditable per-

formance and gives a good foundation to build upon.

The Section will be a very hard one next season with four good sides coming in, Maesteg and S.W. Police from division one and Treorchy and Mountain Ash up from Division Three.

Llandovery will need to look for two or three players to strengthen the side and the scoring of tries will again be of paramount importance.

One thing is quite certain there will be no easy games in next year's Division Two.

## Oct 1992 So close for the Drovers

TENBY eventually emerged winners of this eagerly awaited clash between last season's top two teams in the Heineken League third division.

The victory was achieved by the narrowest of margins, but the visitors missed three penalty attempts during the first half as they played into the wind.

### Llandovery 7 Tenby 8

Llandovery relied on their defensive skills to keep the visitors out before the interval.

Llandovery skipper Chris Davies gave his side the lead after 10 minutes after scrum-half Marcus Olsen had neatly chipped ahead after rare line-out possession.

Hywel Jones converted his captain's try and the score stayed at 7-0 until half-time.

Tenby were not to be denied, and after a Gavin Scotcher penalty, reserve right wing Neil Trueman took his chance well.

After scrum-half Mike Griffiths broke on the blind side, the wing ran strongly at an angle to pierce the home defence.

With limited possession, and having to play into the wind, Llandovery's backs found it hard to break out from their own half.

And despite threatening runs from Arwel Rowlands and Hywel Jones, Tenby's defence remained as solid as a rock.

On Saturday Llandovery travel to take on Cross Keys in an attempt to crack the home side's 100 per cent record.

# Llandovery slow out of the blocks

Llandovery's promotion aspirations took a dent in this Heineken Division Three match played at Treorchy on Saturday.

Playing with a stiff breeze, Treorchy's forward power paved the way for the first converted try, to be followed by another

### Treorchy 28 pts Llandovery 10

minutes later from a high kick and a defensive lapse which let in the full back for a well taken try.

Still, Llandovery held on until half-time and twelve-nil did not seem too bad a scoreline.

With the wind at their backs in the second half Llandovery's supporters looked forward with optimism.

Disaster struck! A speculative kick towards touch by Treorchy bounced awkwardly infield and out of reach of Llandovery's full-back and a kick and chase resulted in another Treorchy converted try.

Two penalty kicks and a well taken try made the

score 28-nil.

Too late, Llandovery came strongly into the game in the last quarter with tries by Arwel Rowlands and David Giles with a powerful run for the line, one of which was converted by Hywel Jones.

Llandovery are still left needing one win from their last three games and on Saturday they would welcome every possible support for the home game with Wrexham.



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Llandover scrum-half Marcus Olsen is bundled to the ground in Saturday's 10-3 defeat by Abertillery. Dylan Morgan and Carwyn Williams move in to help. Abertillery achieved their win despite having New Zealander Ross Thompson sent off. The Drovers face another stiff challenge this Saturday when they head west to meet promotion-chasing Narberth.

2.4.93 Picture: Ralph Carpenter

## Llandover clinch title

Llandover made sure of the Section B title in the West Wales Welsh Brewers Championship with a 22-18 win over Felinfoel.

Outside half Carwyn Williams was the hero for Llandover. He scored all his side's points with three tries, two conversions and two penalties.

## On the rampage



● UNSTOPPABLE: Llandover's Arwel Evans pictured in determined mood during Saturday's Heineken League promotion clincher against Wrexham.

Guardian picture.





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Cardiff 52  
Llandovery 13

Llandovery ran up against Wales fly-half David Evans in matchwinning form on Saturday as their visit to Cardiff Arms Park ended in defeat.

Llandovery kicked off on a pitch liberally covered in surface water, but Cardiff, with five Internationals in their starting line-up went ahead on five minutes when scrum-half Matthew De Maid went over in the corner.

Undaunted however, Llandovery took the game

to Cardiff, with scrum-half Carwyn Williams and right wing Hugh Morgan to the fore, but the Cardiff defence refused to crack. David Evans then increased the points gap when he swooped on a loosed ball to dart over for a try he converted with a superb touchline kick.

Carwyn Williams then gave Llandovery brief hope with a penalty, but Evans scored another try, then converted one by Mike Hall to put the result beyond doubt.

Just after half time, Cardiff's Richard Jones and Steve Ford both scored tries to make the lead 32-3. Denver Thompson then dashed 50 yards for Cardiff's seventh try, and Llandovery were in dan-

ger of becoming swamped.

Richard Jones' try put Cardiff past 40 points, before the points-hungry David Evans grabbed and converted his third try to make the gap 46-3.

Llandovery then enjoyed a bright spell, with two fine tries by David Giles and Chris Davies, Williams converting one, but the match pattern was soon resumed as David Evans scored and converted his fourth try to round off an amazing personal haul of 28 points.

Cardiff had effectively emphasized the gap in stature, but Llandovery never gave up trying, and will have benefitted from their second clash with first-class opposition within a few weeks.

## Olsen claims last gasp winner

Llandovery 15 pts Tondur 12 pts

THIS was certainly the best "Houdini" act of the season - Llandovery snatched victory out of the jaws of defeat in injury-time in a nail-biting Swalec Cup finish.

Tondur kicked off with the benefit of a gale-force wind at their backs, but Llandovery were first to score through a Marcus Olsen try.

With play in the first half fairly even, Llandovery won a good share of line-out ball, but Tondur full back Mark Watts kept popping penalties over at regular intervals. He kicked four in all to take the score to 12 - 5 to the visitors at half-time.

Now with the wind behind them it would be Llandovery's turn! But the Tondur pack showed Llandovery the tactics to use into the wind, keeping the ball tight and using the rolling move to good effect.

Thus they denied Llandovery possession, with minutes ticking by. The turning point came when Tondur's hooker Andrew Thomas was sent off for stamping and Hywel Jones kicked the ensuing penalty.

However, even against 14 men that match-winning try seemed to be eluding Llandovery. Their pack was encamped on the Tondur line for the last 10 min-

utes but the defence stood firm.

With play two minutes into injury time the home pack pushed Tondur's seven back to the try-line and when the ball skidded out local hero Marcus Olsen was over in a flash to score a try which was converted by Hywel Jones.

Llandovery were through to the last 16 clubs and in the draw for round 6.

## No surprise for fans

CONTRARY to what you might have heard on BBC 2's Rugby Special Wales on Sunday, this win by Llandovery at Tenby was not a surprise.

At least it was not a surprise to the Drovers' supporters, and keen followers of form in the second division - Llandovery are playing extremely well in the second half of the season.

In an evenly contested first half, Tenby had the "advantage" of playing down the slope in the first

taken their chances in the first half they would have deservedly taken the lead.

The second half told a different story, and the longer the game progressed, the stronger the Llandovery pack seemed to get.

They scrummaged superbly, won a fair share of line-out ball in competition with Tenby's Rhodri Jones, and in the loose the back row tackled like tigers.

Tenby 0  
Llandovery 7

With Hywel Jones in splendid form under the high ball, and with forwards and backs tackling well, Llandovery were able to repel the Tenby attacks.

However, if Tenby had

Eventually the break through came mid-way through the second half, when the half backs moved the ball to inside centre Huw Thomas, who made a fine break to hand on to co-centre Arwel Rowlands, who touched down for a fine try.

This was converted by Hywel Jones, and by the end there was no doubt that Llandovery had emerged worthy winners. The result leaves Llandovery in sixth place in the second division table.





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### Llandovery 15 pts Pontypool Utd 3

THE remarkable consistency of the West Walians shows absolutely no sign of breaking down and they duly recorded their 12th victory in 14 league outings this season.

Centre Huw Thomas exploited a gap in the visitors defence to sprint 30 metres for the first try, with prolific fly half Carwyn Williams adding the extra points.

Williams was again on target with a penalty goal before the interval, giving the home side a nine point lead.

The hammer blow came when flanker Chris Davies crossed early in the second half for Williams to again convert.

United more than held their own during the closing stages but their only reward was a Craig Jones penalty.

Llandovery: Tries — H Thomas, C Davies; Cons — C Williams (2); Pen — Williams.

Pontypool: Pen — C Jones.

### Llandovery 6 pts Tumble 3

LLANDOVERY look certain to be tasting Second Division rugby next term.

The performance of their pack in the second period was astonishing given the weather conditions and even coach Stan Liptrot was a little surprised.

"We led 6-0 at half time but I didn't think it was going to be enough to take into the wind. The second half display was superb. We didn't kick the ball away but controlled possession for about 35 of the 40 minutes."

The all important first half points came through a try by wing Eirion Jones, deputising for the injured Carwyn Davies, and a conversion by fly half Carwyn Williams.

Tumble, who must have thought that their marvellous first half display would have been enough, had only a second half penalty by fly half Jared Davies to show for their considerable efforts.

Llandovery tackle another West Wales derby next week, with Kidwelly the visitors, while Tumble face Blackwood in a game crucial to the promotion hopes of both sides.

Llandovery: Try — E Jones; Con — C Williams.

Tumble: Pen — J Davies.

# Drovers miss out in penalty lottery

THIS WAS a game full of excitement to the end, where Llandovery created chances which they failed to capitalise upon.

Centres Huw and Alun Thomas created openings, but the final pass always seemed to go astray. Wing Arwel Rowlands also made some penetrating runs when the opposition kicked through to him and both Martin Rees and Nigel Clarke came close to scoring in the final nail-biting minutes.

But in the end, the order of the boot won the day - four penalties by Steven Pearce for Narberth and two by

Hywel Jones for the home side.

For a change Llandovery were winning plenty of line-out ball and in the set scrums they were on top for long periods. But after taking the lead after 10 minutes, they found themselves 6-3 down at half-time after doing most of the attacking.

The referee was having problems in interpreting the law on collapsed scrums and in the end appeared to alternate the penalties to either side.

It was a pity that a try could not have decided the issue rather than

a lottery of who had kickable penalties.

However the defences were on top. Narberth in particular had to defend frantically in the final 15 minutes as Llandovery mounted wave after wave of attacks on their line.

The Narberth full-back was solid under the pressure of the high ball, as had been Hywel Jones for Llandovery in the earlier exchanges.

All in all Narberth breathed a sigh of relief when the final whistle was blown in what had been a very hard keenly-contested game.

### Llandovery 6 pts Narberth 12

## Mules kicked over

LLANDOVERY sit proudly on top of the Third Division of the Heineken League after this emphatic victory at Church Bank.

From the start, Llandovery attacked strongly and when the visitors scrum half Lee Jenkins was forced into an error, flanker Chris Davies

LLANDOVERY .... 33  
KENFIG HILL ..... 12

pounced for a fourth minute try which outside half Carwyn Williams converted.

SCORERS: Llandovery — Tries: Davies (2), Jones, Thomas. Conversions: Williams (4). Penalties: Williams (3).

Kenfig Hill — Try: Morgan. Conversion: Watkins. Penalty: Watkins.

### PONTYPOOL UTD 7 LLANDOVERY 20

LLANDOVERY moved to the top of Division Three of the Heineken League, scoring five excellent tries in a comfortable victory.

Although level on points with Tenby Utd and Cilfynydd, the Mid Wales side lead by a single try from Tenby.

Early on, the home forwards held their own against the Llandovery pack and this enabled winger Paul Goodchild to give them the lead after 26 minutes.

On the stroke of half time

winger Huw Morgan finished off a superb Llandovery move with a try which levelled the scores at the interval.

Then the visitors took control, centre Alan Thomas crossing for a try before the mercurial Morgan dashed over for his second.

Two tries by winger Arwel Rowlands ensured Llandovery's win. But they need more reliable kicking to sustain a promotion challenge.

SCORERS — Pontypool Utd: Try: Paul Goodchild. Pens: Paul Gwatkin. Llandovery: Tries: Huw Morgan (2), Arwel Rowlands (2), Alan Thomas.



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### Llandovery power on

Vardre 12, Llandovery 16

HAVING already gained immediate promotion back to Section A of the Welsh Brewers West Wales Championship, Llandovery's season of fine achievement continued last week as they made their way through to the inaugural final of the new Welsh Brewers Bowl Competition with a victory over favourites Vardre.

In the match, played at Brynaman, Llandovery were well worthy of the victory, dominating the lines-out through their larger and more enterprising pack, and making full use of the scoring chances that came their way.

Despite winning little quality possession, Vardre did have their opportunities, but some loose passing and catching frequently let them down.

Llandovery number eight David Giles was in fine form, and capped a stirring display with two notable tries. Fly-half Carwyn Williams completed the Llandovery scoring with two penalties and a conversion.

For Section A Champions Vardre, Mark Todd and Andrew Lewis

both crossed the Llandovery line for tries, while full-back Jamie Richards landed two conversions.



• Llandovery flanker Elyn Jenkins stands firm against a Vardre charge during last week's Welsh Brewers Bowl semi-final.

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### Drovers tread carefully

LLANDOVERY will be hoping to improve their Heineken League Division Two position when they take on bottom of the table Tredegar on Saturday.

But Llandovery will not forget that Tredegar's only win in the league this season came when the two sides met early in the

term.

That day Tredegar came out on top by 23-13, but the Drovers will point to the fact that they lost the outstanding David Giles early on, and had an Arwel Rowlands try mysteriously disallowed.

In the third division Tumble face a tough test when they meet second placed Pontypool United.

When they sides met earlier in the season the Magpies were only just edged out 10-6.

Ystradgynlais will be hoping to strengthen their position amongst the leaders in Division Four when they take on fourth

from bottom Cilfynydd.

But looking at the weather forecast, secretary Keith Phillips says there is no certainty the game will go ahead. Fans are advised to check with the club first.

Vardre will be hoping to move away from the lower reaches of the fourth division if the weather allows them to travel to North Wales to face Ruthin.

Back in September Vardre overwhelmed the bottom of the table side by 45-7.

• Llandovery will be at home to Tondy in the next round of the SWALEC Cup on January 23, and not away as was previously published.

### Drovers back on track

LLANDOVERY were back to winning ways on Saturday, bringing back two points from their match with the much improved "Seasiders".

This was a gutsy performance, particularly in the second half when they had to defend for long periods against a strong driving back row.

Penarth 8  
Llandovery 16

unnecessary self inflicted pressure.

However it was the Llandovery backs who put together the creative play, only for unsure touch-downs to put them under

Llandovery took the lead after three minutes from a Hywel Jones penalty after a collapsed scrum.

In fact, the scrum pressure was so great that Llandovery went further into the lead from a push-over try scored by young number eight Dylan Morgan.

After Llandovery were off-side at a ruck and lost 10 yards through disputing the decision, Penarth had an easy penalty to pull back to 3-8.

However, Llandovery were able to increase their lead on the stroke of half-time. A well worked move

down the flank saw prop Dai Thomas on hand to score a try.

Both sides had their chances in the second half, but strong Llandovery tackling kept the home side out until injury time when an overhead pass resulted in a Penarth try on the left.

All-in-all, Llandovery were well satisfied with this victory to put them in good heart for Saturday's SWALEC Cup match at Ystradgynlais.



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# Drovers make Tredegar pay

TREDEGAR'S only Heineken league win of the season came when these two sides met early in the season. But on Saturday, Llandover were determined their opponents would not be allowed to complete the double.

Played on a bitterly cold day on the Castle Ground, the Drovers eventually emerged with a comfortable win after a closely contested first half.

The home side scored their first try after 10 minutes when left-wing Arwel Rowlands came in-field on the burst at an angle which split the defence and resulted in right wing Marcus Olsen scoring in the

**Llandover 28  
Tredegar 7**

corner.

Hywel Jones converted with a beautiful kick from the touchline. Just before half-time, he added a 40 yard penalty to make the score 10-0.

In between, Llandover survived a long period of pressure by the Tredegar pack, but a tight defence held firm.

Soon after half-time David Giles scored a try from a Marcus Olsen kick ahead, and this was followed by a fine 40-yard touchline run by Arwel Rowlands for a try converted by Hywel Jones.

The only reply from Tredegar was a fine combined forward effort resulting in a try 10 minutes from the end by their strong number eight John Williams. This was converted by Andrew Green.

But Hywel Jones, the home full-back, was by now stroking the ball with a cultured right foot, and landed two more penalties to take his match tally to

13 points and his season's total past the 100 mark.

Outstanding in attack for Llandover were Marcus Olsen and Arwel Rowlands, with hooker Wyn Morgan always in the thick of things up front.

In defence the whole team tackled with determination and the win should give the team every confidence for 1993.

This will certainly be needed for the next league game, which is at home to undefeated Dunvant on January 16. On Saturday Llandover travel to the Groll to take on First Division Neath in a friendly.

# CARWYN COOLS IT

LLANDOVER looked as safe as houses at half time, holding a comfortable 10-0 lead. Mountain Ash had done little positive attacking after Llandover's back row combined for an Elfyn Jenkins try.

The home side missed three penalties as their pack set up goal kicking chances but the Old Firm competed well in maul and line-out. Fly half Chris Conway put in some telling kicks but Llandover's defence was sound.

The first half ended in fine style for Llandover when lightening passing along

**LLANDOVER ..... 19  
MOUNTAIN ASH ..... 15**

the line put in the elusive Chris Cole.

The visitors started the second half purposefully and the try by all action flanker Huw Morse who rode a number of tackles brought them back into the game.

Play hotted up. Skipper Carwyn Williams kicked a penalty, Conway replied with a confident drop goal but the game was thrown wide open when Adrian Davies squeezed in on the left and Conway converted to put Mountain Ash into a 15-13 lead.

Llandover were shaken but, prompted by the talented Williams, picked up pace.

It was he who settled Mountain Ash's fate late in the second half with two lovely long goals. It was nip and tuck up to the final whistle and it took a marvellous Elfyn Jenkins tackle to deny Mountain Ash right at the end.

**Scorers.** LLANDOVER: Tries by E Jenkins, Cole; Con, C Williams; Pens, C Williams (3). MOUNTAIN ASH: Tries by Morse, A Davies; Cons, Conway (2); Drop goal, Conway.





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# Llandoverly ride storm to go top

This win takes Llandoverly to the top of the table, but at the end of the day the home side were rather fortunate to gain two points.

Blackwood played hard uncompromising rugby, typical of the Gwent valleys and theirs was a forward orientated game.

Perhaps Llandoverly underestimated the visitors whose only win in the league was against Ruthin, and it was only excellent and at times desperate defence that prevented Blackwood scoring in the second half.

Blackwood had an excellent front five forwards with loose head prop Rees and second row Coles outstanding.

The first scrum demonstrated Blackwood's forward power but gradually Llandoverly built up a points margin that they relied on later.

Within five minutes Carwyn Williams kicked a penalty following a line-out offence, but Geoff Williams levelled the score for the visitors. However Adria Williams gave Llandoverly the lead following a charge

### Llandoverly 12pts Blackwood 6

down and Williams added the conversion.

A further Williams penalty gave Llandoverly a 12-3 interval lead — a points difference that could have been more since Nigel Clarke appeared to score a perfectly good try.

Immediately on the resumption Blackwood reduced the arrears to 12-6 and for the rest of the half Llandoverly spent most of their time defending.

Blackwood were winning the lion's share of the possession and although Carwyn Davies came on for Llandoverly he was rarely given a chance to show his skills.

The game was decided however by the defensive play of the Llandoverly back row of Nigel Clarke,

Ellyn Jenkins and man of the match Chris Davies.

Mention must be made of the strong running of the Blackwood full back, former youth captain Steve McCracken and the decisive tackling of the Llandoverly backs.

### St Peter's 14, Llandoverly 12

THE league leaders slipped to their second defeat of the season against a Cardiff side, who surprised them with an excellent display.

Lock forward Steve Stewart was the unlikely hero for the home side, scoring a last-minute try that robbed the West Walsians of a 13th win in 15 league outings.

Tries by Arwel Davies and Eifion Jenkins, both converted by fly half Carwyn Williams, had given the visitors the lead but Stewart's last-gasp effort, added to an earlier Kevin Walsh try and two Simon Harris penalties, stole an unlikely victory.

St Peter's: Tries — K Walsh, S Stewart, Pens — S Harris(2)  
Llandoverly: Tries — A Davies, E Jenkins, Cons — C Williams(2).

# Tumble given a first half fright

TUMBLE overcame a first half scare to beat Welsh Brewers Cup holders Hartridge HSOB in the third round of the Schweppes Cup on Saturday.

Hartridge had built up a 12-0 interval lead, but they had also lost left wing Alan Jones when he was sent off for stamping on Tumble centre Alad Owen.

The second half saw Tumble take over with tries coming from scrum-half Arwel Davies, right wing Richard Rees and full-back Wayne Richards. Jared Davies landed three conversions as Tumble eventually ran out 18-12 winners.

One of the biggest upsets of the day took place at Laugharne where Section D side Trebanos came out on top by 12-3 win against the Section B promotion hopefuls.

The Swansea Valley side's hero was winger Andrew Gibson, who

crossed for two tries, while fellow wing Nigel Doyle also picked up a try.

Pontarddulais are another Guardian side who will be lining up for the fourth round draw following their 14-12 win over Trimsaran, who are unbeaten in West Wales championship and top Section D.

But the Section A side managed to put the home side out of the cup for the third successive time. Their tries came from Paul Davies and Stuart Evans, while Ken Lloyd added two penalties.

Among those who will take no further part in the competition are Llandoverly, who crashed out of the competition at rain-lashed Bonymaen.

Given first use of a strong wind at their backs

the Towy Valley side took the lead when Chris Davies crossed for an unconverted try. Carwyn Williams dropped a goal before the interval.

But the 7-0 lead wasn't enough and second division Bonymaen were soon ahead and opened up a 16-7 lead. Arwel Rowlands replied with an unconverted try for Llandoverly, but it came too late.

Vardre were narrowly edged out at Pontypool United, of the Heineken League third division.

Indeed, Vardre looked like pulling off a shock leading at one point by 18-9, but they were literally kicked out of the competition by the boot of Paul Gwatkin, who weighed in with 17 points as the Gwent side ran out 21-18 winners.

## Drovers are held by title chasers

Llandoverly 10  
Clifynydd 10

LLANDOVERLY maintained their two point lead at the top of the Heineken league third division after this 10-10 draw with Clifynydd.

But they could easily have been four points clear had Clifynydd scrum-half

Andy Mathews not scored a late try to claim a share of the points.

Llandoverly looked to be on their way to avenging their only defeat of the season against Clifynydd, when they opened up a 10-0 lead.

Two penalties from Carwyn Williams and a try by former Wales wing Carwyn Davies looked to have paved the way for a convincing win.

But Clifynydd had other ideas and two penalties from Anthony Gough pulled them back into the match, before Mathews claimed his all-important try.

At Parc Mynydd Mawr Tumble were chalking up the double against North Walsians Ruthin with a 34-10.

The North Walsians, who are finding life hard in the Heineken league shocked Tumble by taking the lead, and were holding the Magpies 10-10 at the break.

But Tumble's extra strength and experience told in the second half as they pulled away to win comfortably.





## Llandovery RFC Team Records CGW07

Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams

# Coach Stan

**Llandovery 12 pts  
St Peter's 3**

**HEINEKEN LEAGUE  
DIVISION THREE**

WYN Williams, Llandovery's second row and skipper, led his side to the win that keeps them at the top of the division, then paid tribute to the work coach Stan Liptrot has put into the club.

"The coach has made a tremendous difference to our game this season," said Williams. "He has worked very hard to improve the fitness levels of all the players and at the moment everything is going according to plan."

Although good value for their victory, Llandovery's performance was far from being their best of the season and Williams pointed this out.

"We were a bit sloppy at times," he said, "but under the conditions we're quite pleased to come out with a win."

Full back Hywel Jones, taking

over the place kicking in the absence of Carwyn Williams, landed four shots for Llandovery, while his opposite number Simon Harris managed just one.

Llandovery: Pens — H Jones (4).  
St Peter's: Pen — S Harris.

## 'DROVERS' GOING UP!

**LLANDOVERY** clinched their place in the Heineken League Second Division with a hard fought win over Blackwood last weekend.

Now they are lined up for what should be a cracking championship decider against Tenby United, who are two points behind in second place at Church Bank this Saturday.

A win for Llandovery will clinch the title for them, even a draw would make them certain with just one match at Kenfig Hill remaining.

But the Towy Valley side would surely prefer to win the race for the championship in front of their own fans.

The last time Llandovery met Tenby they ran out winners by 30-18 in a cracking match played in front of the television cameras and a huge crowd.

Last Saturday the long time division 3 leaders were behind at one point, but fought back and took complete control in the

last 20 minutes with two tries.

Two penalties from outside-half Carwyn Williams had put the Drovers ahead early on, but Blackwood hit back hard with three penalties from Graison Williams.

With 18 minutes remaining Llandovery full-back Hywel Jones brought Llandovery level with a penalty.

The visitors then pulled away with tries by left wing Arwel Rowlands and Carwyn Williams. Jones Kicked a conversion and a further three points to make the final score 22-9.

Tumble, who are out of the promotion race, stayed just behind the top three with a 20-10 win at Pontypool United.

They scored two early tries which were both the result of charged down kicks, half-backs Arwel Davies and Jared Davies grabbing the touchdowns.

Centre Wayne Price added a third try before the Gwent side scored a try through centre Duane Phillips. Paul Gwatkin added a penalty, his second of the match.

Tumble scored a fourth try when Davies crossed for his second. The outside half also kicked two conversions.

● Llandovery and Tumble's second teams met in the Llanelli and District Towy Ford Cup on Easter Monday with Llandovery coming out on top by 12-0.

In the quarter-final of the Llanelli and District Welsh Brewers Champions Cup Ammanford pulled off a shock 10-7 win after extra time against Tregaron.

On Monday night Amman Quins play Tumble in the quarter final of the champions cup at Cefneithin.



## Llandovery RFC Team Records CGW07

Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams

# NOW FOR OUR SECOND TITLE

Kenfig Hill 8, Llandovery 21

**LLANDOVERY'S** delighted rugby coach has already got his eyes on his next Heineken league target — the top of Division Two!

Englishman Stan Liptrot told the Guardian that he was happy and relieved for his team after have clinched the Division Three title with a thundering away victory at Kenfig Hill.

Llandovery made sure of the Heineken League Third Division Championship thanks to an inspired second half performance which brought them 18 points.

The West Wales side which has proved to be a model of consistency throughout the long season had to win or draw at Kenfig Hill to clinch the title.

The home side, how-

ever, made the better start with some impressive work by their heavy-weight pack.

Llandovery were pinned in their own half for much of the opening quarter.

But they gradually asserted themselves and Carwyn Davies was able to calm the nerves with a well judged penalty goal.

But the visitors' joy proved short-lived. For almost immediately Kenfig Hill went ahead when a Carwyn Williams chip ahead was intercepted and centre Burnell went over the corner to establish a 4-3 lead.

Stung by this reversal,

the visitors stepped up a gear and their more concerted forward play resulted in the award of five penalties but these were all missed by the usually reliable Carwyn Williams.

On the stroke of half time a rolling maul by the Kenfig Hill pack created the platform for a try by Lyn Jenkins, which meant an interval score of Kenfig Hill, Llandovery 3.

Within minutes of the resumption the visitors had reduced the lead with a Carwyn Davies long range penalty kick.

Llandovery at last were playing to their full potential, the forwards were gaining increasing as-

cendancy and the resultant possession released their talented three quarters.

An incisive run by speedy wing Carwyn Davies put Llandovery into a good attacking position in the home 22.

Llandovery won possession from the resultant scrum and No. 8 David Gales cross the line for a try. Carwyn Williams added the conversion points and the Llandovery supporters could at last relax with the score showing 12-8 in their favour.

The home side were clearly tiring and Llandovery launched a succession of slick passing three quarter movements.

Centre Alan Thomas was well tackled on the Kenfig Hill 22, his speculative pass was well picked up by Llandovery skipper and second row forward Alan Thomas who

crossed for his first try of the season, a popular score this, Alan's first and Llandovery's last in Division Three of the Heineken League.

Carwyn Davies slotted over the conversion and in the dying minutes followed this up with another penalty kick to seal a famous Llandovery victory by 21 points to 18.

Afterwards I spoke to their delighted coach Englishman Stan Liptrot, who was clearly delighted with his team's success. "I'm happy and relieved."

Said Liptrot: "We led for most of the season and that meant that we were the team to beat."

Looking to Division Two rugby, he said: "We are quite confident — we've got a strong squad."

"And it's my intention to go for the championship again."

## DROVERS MOVE FURTHER AHEAD

Ruthin 0 Llandovery 37  
LLANDOVERY extended their lead at the top of the Heineken League Third Division when they overwhelmed Ruthin by 37-0, while title challengers Cilfynydd were going down to a shock defeat against Blackwood.

And the man who led Llandovery to victory was former Wales wing Carwyn Davies, who

proved too much for the North Walsians, who put up a spirited fight but were never really in contention.

Davies opened the scoring after six minutes when he jinked past the home defence. He also closed the scoring with a 40 metre solo try. In between, the Llangadog farmer scored another try in the second half.

The Drovers' other tries

came from back row men Chris Davies, Elfyn Jenkins and Nigel Clarke, and centre Alun Thomas. TUMBLE are still serious candidates for promotion from the Heineken League Third Division and their veteran scrum-half Arwel Davies showed he is still a force to be reckoned with.

An eighty-yard interception try from the 34-

year-old fireman showed that any plans he had of retiring at the end of last season would have been a mistake had he taken them further.

That was the only try in the 13-0 victory the. The Magpies other points came from the boot of Jared Davies, who kicked three penalties. The win keeps Tumble in touch in fourth place.



## Llandoverly RFC Team Records CGW07

Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams

# LOCAL HEROES TOP THE TABLE

**WEST WALES** rivals Tumble and Llandoverly are this week looking down at the rest of the Heineken League third division from the top two positions in the table.

Tumble are in top spot by virtue of their remarkable defensive record. They have yet to concede a try in the league and completely shut out Pontypool United on Saturday by 20-0.

Veteran scrum-half Arwel Davies opened the scoring after 15 minutes when he scored a try from a close range scrum.

The lead was extended just four minutes later when prop Paul Jones forced his way over after a rolling maul took the Magpies within striking distance of United's line.

Kevin Edwards added a third try which wing Eurig Morgan converted, before outside half Jarrod Davies rounded off a fine display by scoring under the posts. Morgan again converted.

Meanwhile Llandoverly were having a tougher

time at home to Blackwood and were a little fortunate to claim the points.

It was only excellent, and at times, uncompromising defence that prevented Blackwood scoring in the second half.

The Gwent side had an excellent front five, with loose head prop Rees, and second row Coles outstanding.

The first scrum demonstrated Blackwood's forward power, but gradually Llandoverly built up a points margin which they relied on later.

Within five minutes

Carwyn Williams kicked a penalty following a line-out offence, but Geoff Williams levelled the scores for the visitors.

However, Adrian Williams gave Llandoverly the lead following a charge down. Carwyn Williams added the conversion.

A further Williams penalty gave Llandoverly a 12-3 interval lead - a score which could have been greater as Nigel Clarke seemed to score a good "try".

Immediately after the break Blackwood reduced the arrears to 12-6, and

for the rest of the half Llandoverly spent most of the time defending with Blackwood winning the lion's share of possession.

Although former Llandoverly and Wales winger Carwyn Davies came on for Llandoverly, he was rarely given a chance to show his skills.

The game was decided on the defensive skills of the Llandoverly back-row of Nigel Clarke, Elfyn Jenkins and man of the match Chris Davies.

Mention must also be made of the strong running of Blackwood's former youth schoolboy Steve McCracken and the tackling of the Llandoverly backs.

## Llandoverly beat the Forecaster

While the 'Journal' forecaster gave Llandoverly no more than a likely draw at Pontypool, Llandoverly won this game by scoring five tries which took them clear at the top of the section.

The architects of the victory were the Llandoverly backs - Arwel Rowlands and Huw Morgan scoring two tries each and Alun Thomas one.

Surprisingly man of the match Carwyn Williams didn't contribute a point although he was close with several kicks from difficult angles.

As expected the Pontypool pack played hard uncompromising rugby and several Llandoverly players had bruise marks to show the nature of the game.

### Pontypool Utd 7 pts Llandoverly 20

The playing surface suited the home side and the driving mauls of Pontypool put Llandoverly under pressure. They finally yielded a try to right wing Goodchild.

Llandoverly replied just on half time when after sustained pressure on the Pontypool line, Huw Morgan scored near the corner flag.

The teams turned round four all, but within five minutes Alun Thomas scored for Llandoverly. An injury as he scored saw him leave the field.

A further try saw Llandoverly take a decisive lead but

Pontypool reduced the arrears with a penalty.

The game was put beyond the home side when Arwel Rowlands broke through the centre to score. Rowlands was to score again right on full time when he showed his excellent rugby ability in breaking the covering defence and the full back.

Next Saturday Llandoverly travel to Bonymaen in the Welsh Cup. Although the Towy valley side beat the Swansea side in a friendly earlier this season it will obviously be a quite different encounter next Saturday.



## Llandovery RFC Team Records CGW07

Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams

Forward march - Llandovery's Chris Davies has support from Wyn Williams, Dai Giles and Elfyn Jenkins as he launches an attack against Bonymaen.

# Williams sets seal on victory

**Llandovery 22 pts Bonymaen 6**

In atrocious weather conditions with a strong wind blowing straight down the field, Llandovery went into an early lead in this Heineken League match which they never looked like surrendering.

Bonymaen elected to play against the elements but failed to hold a strong and confident Llandovery pack and their classy backs.

Combined play by for-

ward and back led to the ball being fed to Carwyn Davies on the left flank. He stepped inside his opposite number and then outside the covering defence to score wide out after five minutes, with Carwyn Williams converting.

A penalty by the same player was followed by a try by Chris Davies after fine combined work by the forwards, again converted by Carwyn Williams.

Another penalty and

now there was not holding a confident home side.

Skipper Carwyn Williams scored the third try to bring his personal tally to 14 points.

Would this be enough in the second half against the wind and rain?

With the pack playing well and taking play into Bonymaen territory, Llandovery could have increased their lead after 15 minutes of the second half but for cold, wet fingers leading to some dropped passes.

Although Bonymaen clawed back 6 points through two penalties, they never really looked like overcoming a strong defence to score tries.

This Saturday Llandovery are at home to Mountain Ash in another League Match, K.O. 2.30 p.m.

in Stans  
and out  
Down

Tug of war

The shape of things to come in the sport of tug of war was vividly highlighted at the European Championships in Stans, Switzerland, last week. The host country has

## Sport 1



• CHARGE...Llandovery cut through the Dunvant defence during Saturday's 6-6 draw. (Photo: Peter Evans)





## Llandoverly RFC Team Records CGW07

Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams

### Kidwelly 6 pts, Llandoverly 27

THERE seems to be no stopping the Llandoverly surge towards the head of the table.

After a disappointing opening week followed by a tongue lashing from coach Stan Liptrott they have not looked back.

Carwyn Williams once again used his experience at fly half to dictate the game but it was his forwards who stole the honours.

Kidwelly only managed to get on the scoreboard in injury time, when Haydn Tonge crossed for a consolation try.

Scrum half Adrian Davies impressed for Llandoverly, getting two tries. The message to Cilfynydd will have gone out loud and clear, beware the men from Church Bank.

Kidwelly: Try — H Tonge; Con — P Williams.

Llandoverly: Tries — A Davies(2), N Clarke, H Morgan; Con — C Williams; Pens — Williams(2); Drop goal — Williams.

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## The C

### Felinfoel 13 Llandoverly 17

LAST Friday at Stradey Park saw bubbling Llandoverly complete their own season's "double" as they added to their already-achieved promotion to Section A of the Welsh Brewers West Wales Championship by becoming the first winners of the Union's new League bowl.

The game was lively all through, and in the final analysis of play, no-one could begrudge Llandoverly their well-earned victory.

Llandoverly moved in front early on as some neat handling sent wing Arwel Rowlands over for a try, but Felinfoel hit back. Half-backs Kevin Thomas and Richard Williams were regularly to the fore as Felinfoel displayed their customary brand of open, fluent play, and Thomas was on hand first to kick a penalty, then supply the

conversion to a fine try by wing John Goss.

Dependable Llandoverly fly-half Carwyn Williams then reduced the Felinfoel advantage to 9-7 with a penalty, and the lead was soon to change hands once more.

Two further Llandoverly tries were to give them an advantage and an initiative they were never to lose, Rowlands and Jones being the scorers, while Williams converted one.

Felinfoel fought hard to draw level again, and were given the late consolation of a second try for wing Goss.

## Offers

# TUMBLE'S BIG BOOST

TUMBLE gave themselves and fellow West Walians Llandoverly a big boost when they beat Cilfynydd in the third division of the Heineken League on Saturday.

For the Magpies it was a vital result to get them back into winning ways, while for Llandoverly it meant they were able to open up a two point gap over Cilfynydd at the top of the table.

Tumble took advantage of the fact that several Cilfynydd players were missing because of a wedding, and decided to play the game the way they now best - close to the forwards.

The Tumble tries came

from prop Robert Williams and flanker Les Mathias, while Eurig Morgan kicked a conversion.

Meanwhile Llandoverly were chalking up their eighth league win in a row, which sets up a vital home match against Cilfynydd at Llandoverly a week on Saturday. A win would open a four point gap between the sides.

Despite playing into the bitter wind during the first

half the Drovers shook Kenfig Hill with a try within three minutes by Chris Davies, which Carwyn Williams converted.

The Mules, as Kenfig Hill are known, scored with a Huw Watkins penalty before Llandoverly went further in front when full-back Evans made a mess of a high up and under. Huw Williams kicked through for Eirian Jones to score. Williams again converted.

The home side may have relaxed at this point, in any case Kenfig hit back strongly with a try by left wing Ian Morgan, followed by a conversion

and penalty by outside half Watkins.

With score at 12-12 as the teams turned around it was Llandoverly's turn to feel the wind at their backs.

Two further tries by prop Dai Thomas and man-of-the-match Chris Davies pushed the Llandoverly try total for the season up to 27.

Carwyn Williams kicked two more penalties and two conversions.

Next Saturday a Bridgend XV travel to Church Bank and seven days later the Drovers will face the "big one" against the only side to beat them this season.



# Llandovery RFC Team Records CGW07

Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams

## Referee isn't flavour of the month

LLANDOVERY won the toss and decided to play into the teeth of a gale-force wind in the first half.

Dunvant exerted pressure throughout the half and scored after five minutes through experienced scrum-half Chris Hutchings.

A penalty and a converted try were Dunvant's other scores and the question asked at half-time was "Will a 15 point lead

**Llandovery 0 Dunvant 15 pts**

be sufficient?"

The answer was soon evident as the Dunvant pack took control in the second half with Hutchings at their heels doing all the cleaning-up work.

Llandovery had their chances but two long-range penalty attempts went wide of the posts.

The best move of the

game saw Llandovery, starting on the half-way line on the right, all but scoring in the left-hand corner.

Centre Huw Thomas was over the line but was recalled for a scrum-five for what the referee saw as a marginal forward pass.

Add to this the fact that the referee made an error in point of how from the kick-off which resulted in pressure being put on Llandovery, and the man with the whistle was not quite "flavour of the month".

However, on the day there was no doubt that Dunvant coped with the difficult conditions for better than Llandovery, who must now pull out all the stops against Tondur at home in the Swalec cup on Saturday to try and get into the last sixteen.

## Just no holding Stan's classy stars

**Llandovery 33 pts.  
Kenfig Hill 12**

THE opening day of the season at Cilfynydd remains the only blot on the National League Division 3 landscape for high-flying Llandovery and the scene is set for another showdown between the two at Church Bank in a fortnight's time.

Coach Stan Liptrot has praised the application of his players and skipper Wyn Williams has spoken out in favour of the coach, and it certainly seems that Llandovery have found exactly the right formula for league success.

Kenfig Hill never looked likely to upset the plans of the home side, who showed the kind of form that is a warning to all would-be challengers for their No 1 position.

In flanker Chris Davies Llandovery have one of the undoubted stars of the Third Division and the 6ft 4in farmer turned in yet another memorable display that justly earned him the man of the match accolade.

It was Davies who started the ball rolling in the fourth minute with the first of his two tries and from that moment on the writing was very much on the wall for the "Mules".

Prop Dai Thomas and centre Eirian Jones were the other try scorers, with fly half Carwyn Williams once again in fine kicking form, converting all four tries and adding three penalties.

All that the Hill could muster in response was a try from wing Ian Morgan and a conversion and two penalties from fly half Huw Watkins.

With no Cup commitments to bother them, Llandovery are sure to be well prepared when they try to exact revenge on Cilfynydd and with eight wins on the trot their bandwagon is looking very difficult to stop.

Llandovery: Tries — C Davies (2), D Thomas, E Jones. Cons — C Williams (4). Pens — Williams (3).

Kenfig Hill: Try — I Morgan. Con — H Watkins. Pens — Watkins (2).

THE National League division two and three clubs took advantage of an "open league" date to hone their game in friendly fixtures.

Some fascinating results emerged from these games, none more so than division three side's Llandovery's eight-try drubbing of Bonymaen.

The Swansea side have yet to show any of their pre-season form in the league's second division and any hopes of a confidence boost at Llandovery were quickly destroyed as the home side surged into a 25-6 interval lead.

The home flankers of Elfyn Jenkins and Chris Davies

grabbed a brace of tries each as did full back Arwel Rowlands.

Lock Gerald Lewis and scrum half Adrian Davies also scored a try each, fly half Carwyn Williams kicking five penalties and a penalty as Llandovery ran out 40-6 winners.



## Llandovery RFC Team Records CGW07

Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams

# Carwyn on top in fly half duel

Tenby 18 pts  
Llandovery 30

**MALCOLM LEWIS** watches Llandovery take a lead on try count in Division Three.

**LLANDOVERY** outside half Carwyn Williams expertly exploited the tricky slopes of Heywood Lane in lifting his side in front on try count at the top of the Heineken League Third Division.

He outshone Tenby captain Ben Childs who, apart from his goal-kicking, was well below his best in the fly half duel between two of the most influential players in the division.

"It was a big plus for us to win the toss," said Williams, who used the slope advantage in the second-half to pin down the home side with finely judged line-kicking.

Surprisingly, he made much better use of it than did Childs, who looked a stranger on his own pitch, particularly in trying to find touch to ease the remorseless pressure that Llandovery applied after turning round 18-13 in arrears.

Llandovery skipper Wyn Williams admitted that he feared the worst after Tenby had shot into an 18-9 lead.

"At that time, I thought it was going to be very hard for us to come back," he said, "but we scored right on half-time and that really set us up for the second-half."

Tenby, outscored 5-2 in tries in this battle for the Third Division leadership, had no excuses for going down to only their second

League defeat.

"They took us apart in the second-half," conceded team manager Tony Powling. "They gave us a lesson as to how to play tactically."

Coach Glyn Davies, a former Cardiff full back, also praised the Llandovery effort. "They played better downhill than we did," he said. "We put pressure on ourselves by making mistakes and missing with our touch-kicks."

Such was the sure touch of Williams that Tenby must have felt they were playing uphill for most of the match on a pitch which slopes sideways as well as lengthways.

Llandovery opted to play up the slope while they were still fresh and a side-effect of their decision was the difficulty their forwards encountered in holding a strong Tenby shove.

The signs were ominous for them but by the second-half their scrum had become rock solid once it became the turn of Tenby to push uphill.

The Tenby front row of Colwyn Harts, John Richards and Carl Evans did well to take three strikes against the head but the line-out possession was less consistent.

It began to dry up after the interval with Nigel Clarke and David Giles in particular assert-

ing themselves for Llandovery.

But with not a lot separating the packs, the real influence came from the Llandovery outside-half.

In addition to his goal-kicking, he engineered two first-half tries for his side with perfectly placed kicks and scored the last himself for a 14-point contribution.

That final try summed up Tenby's big failing. Scrum half Rob Brown's clearance kick dropped short of touch to Carwyn Davies.

The former Llanelli wing, making his first full League appearance for his home club, collected and sent Williams away on a finishing burst to the corner.

Childs was immaculate with his place-kicking. He converted all four goal chances, but with the ball in the hand he was far less effective.

Tenby: G Scotcher; D Cavill, Chris Evans, N Truman, G Thomas; B Childs (capt), R Brown; C Harts, J Richards, Carl Evans, A Swales, S Lewis, M Evans, E Lewis, S Vickery.

Llandovery: E James; A Rowlands, H Thomas, E Jones, C Davies; C Williams, A Davies; E Evans, G Lewis, A Evans, W Williams (capt), N Clarke, C Davies, D Giles, E Jenkins.

Tenby: Tries, Carl Evans, N Truman. Cons, B Childs (2), pens Childs (2).

Llandovery: Tries, N Clarke, A Rowlands, A Davies, E Jones, C Williams. Con, C Williams (2), pens, Williams (2).

Referee: Mr J G Morgan (Pontyclun).



In at the corner...Llandovery right wing Carwyn Williams scores the final try in his side's top of the table clash with Tenby United.





# Llandovery RFC Team Records CGW07

Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams

by Ian Davies

Llandovery coach Stan Liptrott insists that there are players in the third division of the Heineken League who are good enough to make the Welsh squad.

"We've got two at Llandovery, other than Carwyn Davies, but I won't mention names because we want them back next season," said Mr Liptrott.

"And looking around the division I've been very impressed. Mike Griffiths at Tenby and Richard Lewis at Blackwood are quality scrum-halves while Mike Evans, in the Tenby back-row, has an excellent footballing brain.

"Bob Ringwood, the St Peters prop, is another quality player and I can think of many others. Even Ruthin, who have struggled bravely all season, have players with raw potential.

"Somebody from either the second or third division is going to win recognition soon, and that's one of the exciting aspects about the Heineken League. The opportunity exists for everybody to progress."

Llandovery are certainly moving in the right direction, and stand on the brink of promotion with eleven wins and a draw in thirteen league outings.

Seven points from the last five games will secure a place in the second division, and Llandovery must surely get what they want from the following run-in:-

Sat. Feb. 9th - Blackwood (a); Sat. March 9th - Pontypool United (h); Sat. March 23rd - St Peters (a); Sat. Apr. 6th - Tenby United (h); Sat Apr 27th - Kenfig Hill (a)

It's been a slightly more

disappointing season for Tumble, although promotion remains a possibility if they pick up maximum points from the final five fixtures.

They include games against the two teams above them in the table - Tenby United and Cilfynydd. Tumble play:-

Sat. Feb. 9th - Pontypool United (a); Sat March 9th - St Peters (a); Sat. March 23rd - Tenby United (a); Sat. Apr. 6th - Kenfig Hill (h); Sat. Apr. 13th - Cilfynydd (a).

I thought Kidwelly might have set the Heineken League alight this season, but that's been far from the case and they stand in ninth spot with a mere eight points from twelve games.

Although press officer Les Williams admits to being disappointed, he firmly believes that Kidwelly are about to turn the corner. "Watch this space," said Williams.

"We should have won our last game at Llandovery after pegging them in their half for long periods," added the Kidwelly supremo.

Llandovery fly-half Carwyn Williams kicked 14 points in the 18-6 win.

After playing a rearranged game against Tenby United at Parc Stephens next Saturday, Kidwelly go on to meet:-

Sat. Feb. 9th - Kenfig Hill (h); Sat March 9th - Blackwood (a); Sat. March 23rd - Cilfynydd (h); Sat Apr. 6th - Pontypool United (a); Sat Apr. 13th - Ruthin (h).

## Comfortable

Critics were predicting relegation for second division Narberth back in September, but the Pembrokeshire giants have surpassed expectations and lie in a comfortable mid-table position.

"We were a little naive

**LLANDOVERY RFC** enjoyed a double celebration last week when the announcement of former Welsh International Carwyn Davies' return to the club was followed by Saturday's emphatic Heineken League win over Ruthin.

Coach Stan Liptrott described the record breaking Llanelli's winger's return to the club as a "great boost to the side."

"He will miss the game against Tumble but he will be in for the Kidwelly match. He is looking forward to playing in our talented back line, I think he will fit in very well."

The coach was also delighted with Saturday's emphatic 42-12 win over the North Walsians - the highest score of the day - which lifted them into third place.

He said: "It was a good performance in dreadful weather. It was a great pity the first home Heineken match was played in those conditions."

Llandovery played well

and controlled the match in the first half. Lost their way for 20 minutes in the second, but then finished the match strongly.

Picked out for particular praise were captain Wyn Williams, full-back Hywel Jones, outside-half Carwyn Williams and back row men Chris Davies, Elfyn Jenkins and Nigel Clarke.

Llandovery's try scorers were wing Arwel Rowlands (2); hooker Gerald Lewis; M Pritchard; Nigel Clarke; Wyn Williams; Carwyn Williams and Elfyn Jenkins. Hywel Williams landed five penalties.

Meanwhile their opponents on October 13, Tumble, kept up their impressive league form with

a typical 13-3 win over old West Wales foes Kidwelly which, sees them stay at the top of Division 3.

The wet conditions suited Tumble's style of play and after Kidwelly had sapped their energy by playing against the wind in the first half, Tumble increased their 6-3 interval lead by scoring a penalty try following a strong scrummage drive.

Man of the match for Tumble was Perris Williams, who is in the side after reversing his decision to retire.

Apart from the penalty try Tumble's points came from two Jarrod Davies penalties, and a dropped goal.

## Carwyn cracker

RUTHIN ..... 0  
LLANDOVERY ..... 37

THERE were no shocks as top met bottom in Division Three of the Heineken League. However, Ruthin did not prove to be the pushover that was expected.

Ruthin kept going throughout the game and denied Llandovery for over half an hour during the second half. Nineteen-year old scrum half Rhys Hughes was always on hand to take the ball from his pack.

However, when it came to scoring points it was Llandovery who showed the way to go and no one was better than former Welsh International wing Carwyn Davies who collected a hat-trick of tries.

He scored his side's first after only six minutes, neatly side stepping through the home defence, with his other two coming in the second half. His third, the final of the game, came following a fine 40-metre solo run.

He also set up the third Llandovery try and outstanding flanker Chris Davies was on hand to take the scoring pass.

**SCORERS** - Llandovery. Tries: Carwyn Davies (3), Chris Davies, A Thomas, N Clarke, Elfyn Jenkins. Conversions: C Williams (3). Penalty: C Williams.  
Man of the Match: Carwyn Davies.





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*Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams*

# STAND-INS COME GOOD

LLANDOVERY coach Stan Liptrot was this week delighted at the way his side pulled off Saturday's Heineken League win at Tumble, despite being depleted by last minute withdrawals.

Five first team players pulled out leaving his back line manned by second teamers and players operating out of position.

He said: "At the eleventh hour we had a number of injuries and had to play five players who would not have been in the side."

Only on Thursday night did the coach learn he

would be without lock Ian Jones, centre Alun Thomas and full back Hywel Jones.

"That was serious and after losing Huw so early on in the match, the omens did not seem too good."

But the team stuck to their carefully laid plans to nullify the threat of Tumble's 6ft 8 in second row Julian Parker and to

win fast ball.

Although the dry conditions were more suited to Llandovery's usual style of back play Mr Liptrot said it was his forwards who won the day.

"The forwards picked up the mantle and delivered. Nigel Clarke moving up to second row had a superb game."

All Llandovery's points came from the boot Carwyn Williams who placed three penalties including a huge 50 metre matchwinning effort in the last few minutes.

Previously unbeaten in the league, Tumble, who were without captain and hooker Eroll Price, replied with a Jarrod Davies penalty and drop goal.

Despite this setback the team from Parc Y Mynydd Mawr are still in second place above Llandovery in fourth on points difference.

One cause for celebration in the Tumble ranks was that veteran scrum-half Arwel Davies picked up the third division player of the month award.



● AERIAL DUEL . . . Where the match was won - Llandovery managed to stifle Tumble in the lines-out, but this time it's the Magpies who get highest. Guardian picture.



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### Liptrot praises his side as they go top

Pontypool Utd 7 pts  
Llandovery 20

"It was quite fitting that we went top this weekend, because this was certainly our best performance of the season."

This was the comment from coach Stan Liptrot as his side comfortably overcame the challenge of a disappointing United outfit.

Llandovery now lead the table on try count and, although there is a long way to go yet, they certainly look like a team that will have a strong say in the promotion shake-up.

"We gradually ground them down up front," said Liptrot, "and then we unleashed our backs at just the right moments."

"Five tries, all coming from the threequarters tells it's own story as to the way that we played the game."

It was certainly a day the wingers will remember, Pontypool's John Goodchild giving his side the lead before the visitors flying combination of Huw Morgan and Arwel Rowlands took over, scoring a brace each.

The other Llandovery try came from centre Alan Thomas.

Perhaps the only blot on the Llandovery copybook was the fact that not one of the scores was converted, and, although it had no bearing on the final outcome of this particular game, it is something that will have to be corrected.

The home side must have been desperately disappointed at the way in which they fell out of contention, and their only other score was a penalty goal by full back Paul Gwatkin.

Llandovery can now look down on the rest of the division for at least a fortnight, with the cup taking over next week, and Liptrot is naturally delighted with the way his players have responded to the demands of league rugby.

"I'm very fortunate to have a bunch of lads who are willing to work hard," he said.

PONTYPOOL UTD: Try — J Goodchild; Pen — P Gwatkin.  
LLANDOVERY: Tries — H Morgan (2), A Rowlands (2), A Thomas.



Llandovery scrum-half Marcus Olsen is tracked by Narberth's Glyn Jones during Saturday's Heineken League game. Picture: Ralph Carpenter

### Pearce thwarts hopes of shock

Narberth 14 pts Llandovery 8

LLANDOVERY nearly provided an upset on Saturday when they came close to defeating the third-placed Otters at Narberth in very wet, sticky conditions.

The first half was fairly even, with Llandovery taking the lead with a well-struck penalty from full-back Hywel Jones for off-side in the line-out.

This was nullified by a similar effort for Narberth by Steve Pearce after the backs were adjudged off-side, quite a common occurrence this year.

Well into the second half Narberth were awarded a penalty 10

yards out, but instead of going for goal Pearce quickly took a tap-penalty and his burly frame took him over the line for what was really a soft try.

Llandovery came bouncing back and from an Arwel Rowlands up-and-under, star man Marcus Olsen pounced on the loose ball for a try wide out on the left. To the consternation of the visiting supporters Hywel Jones' conversion attempt from the touch-line hit the upright otherwise Llandovery would have been in the lead at this stage.

With the score locked

at 8 points all, a speculative kick ahead by the Narberth left wing resulted in a seemingly very harsh referee's decision resulting in the Llandovery defender having a late tackle awarded against him and Pearce made no mistake with the penalty kick.

There was no luck for Llandovery on the day for, after a fine break by Marcus Olsen, his pass to Arwel Rowlands was adjudged forward when the latter player was clear.

Pearce's final penalty then made the game safe for Narberth.



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**MUDDY GREAT! Llandover players celebrate promotion to Division Two of the Heineken League — and now aim to clinch the division title.**





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• LLANDOVERY

● HERE ARE the winners in our exclusive Heineken and Wales on Sunday Man of the Match awards. Each league weekend we name the top performers — and they are immediately put in the running for the Player of the Month.

● Men of the match will receive a certificate from Wales on Sunday to mark their achievement, while Heineken will give prizes to the monthly winners.

## Premier Division

**Gwyn Harry** .....(Glam Wands)  
**Emyr Lewis** .....(Llanelli)  
**Richard Williams** .....(Newbridge)  
**David Evans** .....(Cardiff)

## Division One

**Nick Hunt** .....(Tredegar)  
**Nick Parkes** .....(Cross Keys)  
**Andrew Williams** .....(Maesteg)  
**Kevin Withey** .....(Newport)

## Division Two

**Deri Evans** (Blaina); **Ian Wall** (Narberth); **Trevor Worgan** (Llanharan); **Mike Tobin** (Bonymaen).

## Total Points

**471**

## Highest Score

**78**

(Newport)

## Division Three

**Carwyn Williams** (Llandovery); **Gareth Jones** (Ruthin); **Mike Evans** (Tenby); **Aled Owen** (Tumble); **Gareth Snook** (St Peter's).





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Llandovery RFC's Seven-a-Side team helped to celebrate the club's centenary year by winning their own sevens tournament.

(Photo: R. Firstbrook, Manordello)



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● REACHING THE PARTS THAT OTHERS CAN'T ... Llandover RFC's team and officials are pictured before leaving for the Heineken League dinner in Cardiff. Llandover — this season's

Division Three champions — are looking forward to playing in a higher division under the tuition of their coach Stan Liptrout.

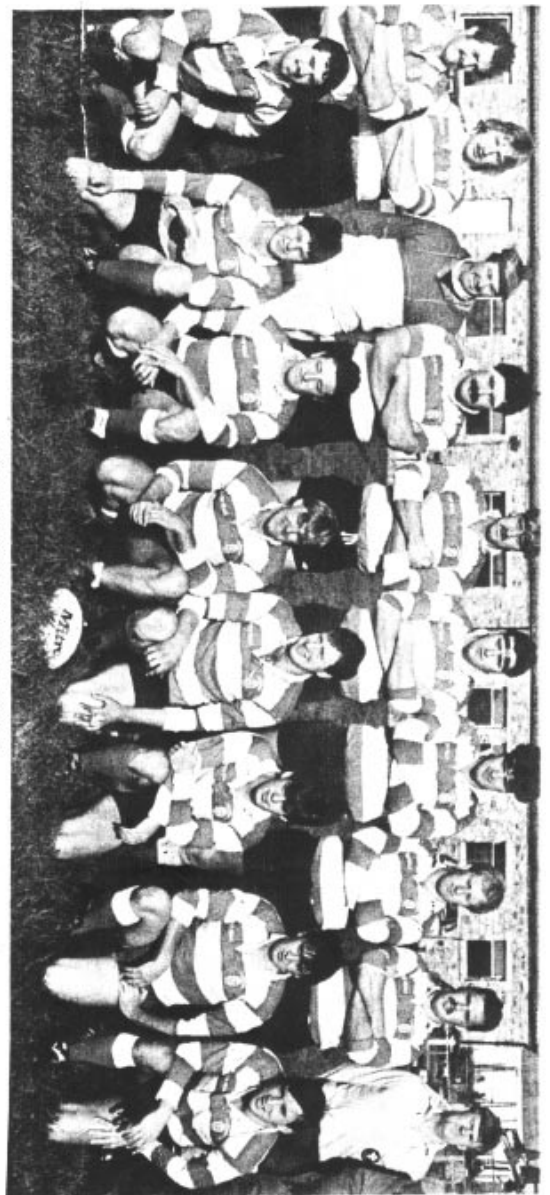
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THE LLANDOVERY CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

## Trading places: The

## plan that works

BY ROBERT  
LOYD

**Captain's  
Facfile**



**Chris  
Davies**

Name: David Christopher  
Davies  
Position: Flanker  
Age: 23  
Ht.: 6' 3"  
Wt.: 14 st.  
Most respected opponent:  
"You have to respect all  
your opponents in West  
Wales rugby."  
Chris Davies... eagerly  
awaiting the Cup clash with  
Aberlillery.

IF anyone's forced to describe Llandovery's rugby players in a single word, then versatile is the one adjective that'll fit best.

What else could you say when you consider their No. 8 is a converted winger and their fly-half can slip with the ease of a greased shoe-born into the No. 9 jersey.

And the beauty of this Jack-of-all-trades set-up is that it works.

For evidence of that you've only got to look at Llandovery's record in the West Wales Union's Section B this season — six wins and just two defeats.

"And for one of them — the match against Abercraw — we've got nobody but ourselves to blame," admitted

coach Alan Walters.

That record put Llandovery in third spot in Section B before their game with Carmarthen Athletic this afternoon and means they're well on course for a quick return to Section A.

The two examples of this Jack-of-all-trades style are David Giles "No. 6" 2" winger, we've switched to

No. 8," says coach Walters — and Carwyn Williams — "who started the season at scrum-half and then moved to fly-half."

The have-half-play-any-where-syndrome is exemplified by Llandovery Rugby Club's most famous son, Llanelli wing Carwyn



LOCAL  
PRODUCT...  
Carwyn Davies.

Davies, who was this afternoon lining up for Wales against tourist Western Samoa.

He's played in most positions behind the scrum and has always impressed with his ability to kick left-right side of the pitch.

"Carwyn is a true product

of Llandovery rugby club and the system we operate here," says coach Walters.

"A home-grown product, he captained the Under 16s and played for the youth and the firsts before he was asked to play for Llanelli."

Walters is particularly proud that the club is now producing players at a rate to cope with demand.

"You can't blame some players for starting off with us and wanting to go off and play for other clubs — in particular they have some affinity with Swansea — but we are now in the position where we have strength in depth."

"Our problem has always been that when we get up into Section A we have not got the strength in depth to sustain our challenge. As things stand at the moment, I

think things look very promising for the club as we have an excellent squad with plenty of talented players and we have the youngsters coming through."

Walters, in his first season as senior coach at Llandovery and eagerly awaiting the Schweppes WRU Cup clash with Aberlillery next Saturday, pinpoints his star players as No. 8 Giles, flanker Edion Jenkins, fly-half Williams, second-row Ian Jones, full-back Geraint Williams and captain Chris Davies, who says "I can't wait for the Aberlillery game."

"Everyone plays a key role, though," Walters stressed. "We've got very committed players in most positions and the atmosphere in the club is something that's reflected on the pitch."



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• The Llandovery side that played host to a Phil Bennett Presidents XV last thursday.



• The Phil Bennett Llanelli Presidents XV who drew 26-26 at Llandovery last Thursday. For report, see back page.  
(Photos: Peter Evans)



● GOING PLACES: The Llandovery team which clinched promotion to Division Two of the Heineken League with a spectacular 41-0 win over Wrexham.

*Guardian picture.*