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Courtesy Wyn Williams



The Crazy Wanderers, an outfit from Llanwrda, won the annual rugby sevens at Rhandirmwyn Show, beating Bois y Mynydd, a team led by Wales centre, Ray Gravell, by 18 points to nil in the final.



BRYNAMMAN PIPPED IN CUP-TIE

Llandovery 16, Brynamman 14

Llandovery won this C. C. Evans cup-tie when Nigel Clarke kicked a penalty goal in the dying minutes following a line-out infringement close to the Brynamman line to close an exciting encounter in which first Brynamman and then Llandovery gained the initiative.

It was well into the first half when Brynamman opened the scoring. The ball came back from a scrum and an attempted tactical kick by the visitors was charged down by Llandovery. The ball however, bounced kindly for the visitors and John Rees gave left wing Eric Griffiths a clear run to the corner to score.

Two penalties by Rees stretched Brynamman's lead to ten points but Nigel Clarke reduced this with a penalty just before half time.

With the Llandovery backs making fewer errors as they settled down, Brynamman came under increasing pressure and Meirion Dyer further cut the deficit after Tony Williams, the Llandovery full-back had run into the line.

Brynamman, however, scored almost immediately from the restart when Eric Griffiths crossed for his second try. John Davies hit the post with the conversion—a miss which was to prove decisive.

WINNER

Well into the last quarter Geraint Williams set up a good attacking position with a fine break and Allan Morgan, the home side's outside half scored and Clarke converted.

Llandovery continued to press and Clarke's penalty right at the end was a winner.

Llangennech avenge cup defeat

Llandovery 3pts., Llangennech 6

In a game spoilt by a strong cross wind both sides had their chances to win, but it was Llangennech who eventually reversed the Schweppes Cup tie result.

Their pack was dominant in the set scrums and loose and effectively spoilt Llandovery's line-out play. With a plentiful supply of the ball Elwyn Davies used the wind to good advantage and his kicks often proved difficult for Llandovery to handle.

Both sides came close to scoring. Llangennech crossed the line only to be recalled, and Llandovery on more than one occasion were within inches of the visitor's line. Lack of ball made the Llandovery backs somewhat hesitant and this together with the windy conditions prevented them showing their usual flair.

DROP-GOAL

Llangennech fly-half Elwyn Davies opened the scoring with a drop goal and after both sides had missed chances, Nigel Clarke put Llandovery back on level terms with a penalty goal.

The game followed the same pattern in the second half with both sides having chances to score, and the visitors again controlling the loose play.

Injuries at vital moments also stopped the game flowing and it appeared that a low scoring game would be decided by the next score. This proved to be a penalty for Llangennech by Elwyn Davies which ensured two league points for Llangennech.



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Llandovery run in for three tries

Llandovery 15 pts., Pontardawe 3

LLANDOVERY approached this, their third league game with a degree of apprehension, having lost the corresponding encounter last year but confident after a win over Penygroes in mid-week.

The game was never outstanding in the quality of football played, but aspects of play on both sides gave satisfaction.

The Pontardawe pack was an efficient unit in channelling the ball back to the scrum half, especially from the lines, in spite of the fact that the club has lost the services of several players to first class clubs this season. None did more to keep the side together than captain Roy Pascoe.

LEAGUE DEBUT

For Llandovery the return of Gareth Williams gave greater stability to the front row, and the play of Wyn Williams in the second row was encouraging particularly since he was playing his first league game in his first season in senior rugby.

Within minutes of the kick off Nigel Clarke kicked Llandovery into the lead following a late tackle on left wing Huw Lewis. And although they were never to lose the initiative the sizeable crowd saw attacking strongly before some loose play allowed Llandovery to score again.

A loose kick out of defence was fielded by centre Tony Williams, who ran strongly before giving Alun Williams a sight of the line. The winger, however, was forced intotouch on the corner flag, but Llandovery continued to press and from a five yard scrum a brilliant side move by Handel Davies and Nigel Clarke saw Alun Williams score in the corner.

KNOCK ON

Pontardawe returned to the attack. Pascoe was wide with a penalty attempt and Gary Davies wide with an attempted drop goal.

Several forward drives were inches short of the Llandovery line, and when the visitors crossed the line the ball was knocked on, so Llandovery had a 7-0 interval lead.

Pontardawe opened the second half on the attack and nascoe re-

duced areas with a 30m penalty following an indiscreet comment by a player. With only four points separating the sides the visitors threw away the best scoring opportunity of the game when the final pass to their left wing was dropped with the line at their mercy. Having held their opponents best efforts Llandovery gained confidence and in the latter part of the game scored two more tries.

CLEVER PLAY

With twenty minutes remaining the Llandovery backs fed the ball along the line to left wing Huw Lewis. His well timed pass allowed full back John Davies to attack on the left. Play was stopped short of the line, but from the resulting line-out Wyn Williams took a fine ball to allow Llandovery to attack again. Davies ran into the line from full back and Alun Williams did well to score in the corner.

Llandovery now had a clear lead and used any possession to attack. However, the final try was to come from an indirect free kick. Allan Walters ran strongly and was well supported by Howard Ingram. In the ensuing maul the ball was passed along the line and John Davies ran outside left wing Lewis to take a well judged pass and score in the corner.

Whilst this game did not achieve a high standard of excellence, Llandovery now approach the two home games with Penygroes (last night) and Skewen (Saturday) with increased confidence.

EIFION MORGAN

Ammanford R.F.C. 150 Club

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SEPTEMBER RESULTS

1st Prize £50—No. 105

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Officials and committee members of the Llandovery rugby football club, pose for a picture at the end of a very successful season. In the line-up are: Dr. J. T. Williams, Russel Jones, D. G. Davies, Des Clarke, I. Jackson, Doug Rees, D. Howells, A. Williams, Ormond Davies, E. Prosser, Don Jones, Nev Morgan, Russ Jones, T. Morgan, M. Hudson, H. Lewis, A. Davies, M. Page, T. G. Jones, R. Jones.



Llandovery R.F.C.'s 1st XV have gained promotion from Section D to Section C of the West Wales Rugby Union.



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Llandovery Rugby Club are so proud of their success during the past season that their float at the town carnival was aptly cakked "Llandovery RFC playing achievements in 1979/80". The club's 1st team gained promotion from

Section D to Section C in the West Wales championship and the 2nds won the Llanelli and district championship and the Llanelli and district President's cup.

(Photo: John Jenkins, Llandovery



Llandovery RFC celebrated their centenary in great style by carrying off a sackfull of trophies including the West Wales Rugby Union Section C Shield and the C. C. Evans

Seven-a-side trophy.

(Photo: John Jenkins, Llandovery



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Starting line laughter accompanied the contestants in the Llandovery Raft Regatta, one of the star events of Llandovery R.F.C.'s charity week. Twenty make-shift rafts took part in a three-mile run from above chain bridge downstream of the Towy. This one is piloted by Steven Jones (left), with a friend in the bows. Photo: John Jenkins.

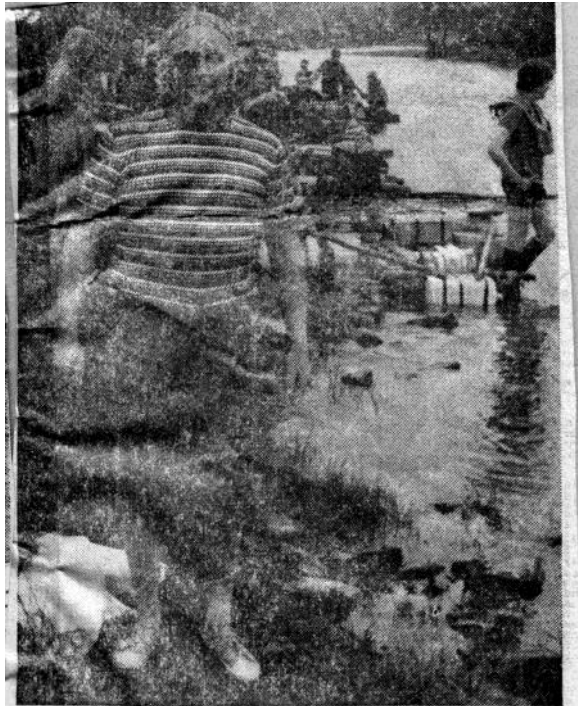


Llandovery Ladies Hockey team switched to soccer for the benefit of Llandovery R.F.C.'s charity week, and won the ladies seven-a-side event, beating Tregaron in the final by three goals to nil. Photo: John Jenkins.



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Dressed as Morgan the Pirate, Rex Jones prepares to take off in one of the 20 ill-assorted rafts that entered Llandovery R.F.C.'s charity week raft regatta last week. The event took place in a downpour and many craft capsized or fell apart in the water.

Photo : John Jenkins.



Llandovery captain Alan Walters receives the C. C. Evans Cup from Mr. George Llewellyn, chairman of the C. C. Evans

Association after beating Llandybie in a thrilling final.

(Photo: John Jenkins, Llandovery



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To mark their centenary Llandovery RFC present a set of rugby jerseys to Llandovery County High School. Left to right: Mr. P. J. Davies (headmaster); Alun Thomas (school captain), Len Ebenezer (rugby master). Haydn

Hudson (club chairman), Gareth Jones (committee member), Roland Griffiths (deputy headmaster and club secretary).

(Photo: R. Firstbrook, Manordeilo)



Mr. John Lewis, coach of "The Royal Store Warriors", the winning tug-of-war team at the Festival of Castles celebrations, Llandovery, urges on his members. The event was organised by the local Tourist and Traders' Association.

(Photo: Keith Lewis, Llandovery)



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Gareth Davies crosses for Llandovery's second try in the WWRU championship final against New Dock Stars. Looking on (extreme right) is Geraint Williams.
(Photo: R. Firstbrook, Manordeillo)



Seven-a-side champions
Llandovery, winners of the C.C. Evans Sevens. The team that took the field was: — Nigel Clarke, Wyn Morgan, Dil August, Carwyn Williams, Alan Morgan, Geraint Williams and Gareth Davies.
(Photo: R. Firstbrook, Manordeillo)



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Counties cup blow

Carmarthenshire 6 pts., Glamorgan 23 pts.

Carmarthenshire's hopes of a semi-final spot in the National and Provincial Building Society Welsh Counties Cup were shattered under the new floodlights at Carmarthen park on Monday night.

Glamorgan, by far the more purposeful side, trailed 6-3 at the interval but hit back with a 20-points burst in the second session

to book a place against Brecon, who beat Monmouthshire 18-6.

Llandovery's Aled Williams showed some neat touches at fly half for Carmarthenshire and eased them ahead with two well taken penalties.

Leighton O'Connor (Maesteg Celtic) replied with a similar effort before Glamorgan took charge in the final 40-minutes of action.

With the wind at their back Glamorgan went ahead early in the session through a try by Cardiff left wing Andrew Yeandle. Penarth full back Peter Goodfellow put in a high, hanging kick into the Carmarthenshire '22' and it was South Wales Police star Richard Donovan who provided the scoring pass.

Goodfellow went on to kick two down-wind penalties and add a conversion to a try from another of South Wales Police player Clive Barber. Glamorgan Wanderers' Mike Thomas crossed for the third try.

Carmarthenshire were rarely allowed to flourish in the second session as the Glamorgan pack, with Mike Thomas and Wanderers team-mate John Davies in fine form, gained supremacy.

Donovan impressed with some powerful bursts down the middle and there was some excellent support play featuring the back row of Ellis, John O'Callaghan and Robbie Llewellyn.



Ousted . . . Carmarthenshire, skippered by Llanelli's Ray Gravelle, before Monday night's 23-6 defeat at the hands of Glamorgan in the Welsh Counties Cup clash at Carmarthen Park. Report on Page 24.

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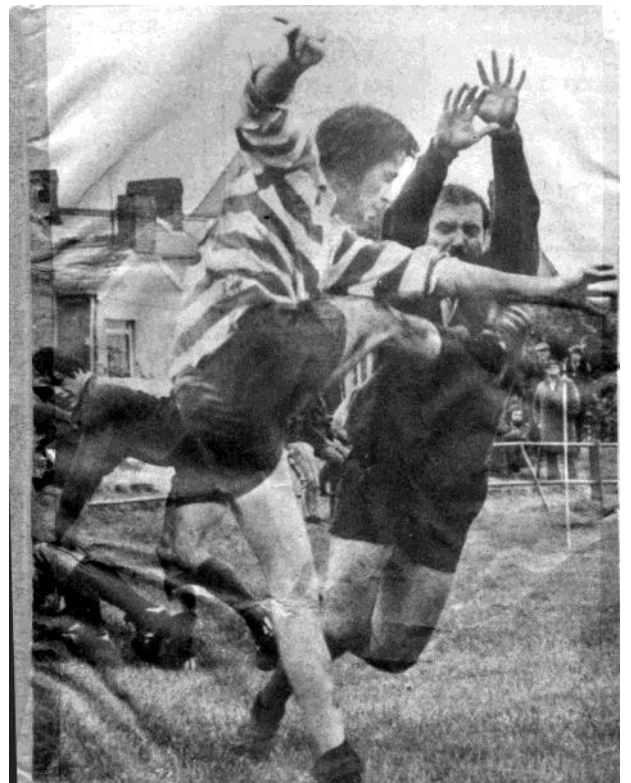


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Llandovery scrum half Gareth Davies receives treatment to a head wound during Saturday's Schweppes Cup Tie with Gorseinon — full story back page. (Photo: Alan Richards.)



Llandovery's fly-half Carwyn Williams puts points to six on Saturday. His side went to top spot in Section B after beating Mumbles by 13. (Photo: Alan Richards, Kingsbric)

Early tries sink seashiders LLANDOVERY ARE TOPS

LLANDOVERY 13 MUMBLES 6 pts

Llandovery went leap frogging to the top of Section B of the West Wales Rugby Union with this defeat of Mumbles in a rain-soaked mud-bath.

They took the step of moving skipper Alan Walters from flanker to right wing and brought in stalwart Dil Augustus to take his place in the pack.

And the move paid off as Llandovery shot into a ten point lead early in the game. A quick movement across the field led to hooker Wyn Morgan scoring at the corner. Carwyn Williams converted from the touchline.

Then Alan Walters made a break on the right which culminated in centre Alan Morgan getting the second try in almost the same spot as the

first. Carwyn Williams' conversion attempt failed.

This was just the start Llandovery needed against a side who are struggling at the base of the section.

Before half-time Phil Adams kicked a penalty goal for Mumbles and Carwyn Williams replied to make the score 13-3 at half time.

The second half was played in a downpour of rain which reduced the forwards to a number of mud-larks playing the Eton Wallgame in a monsoon.

Play up front was fairly

even. But Llandovery began to set up a series of sustained attacks.

Twice Carwyn Williams was tackled within yards of the line and only a dropped pass by a home forward prevented a score after an incisive break by Gareth Davies.

Both full-backs, Roger Davies for the visitors and Noel Jones for Llandovery, handled and kicked the greasy ball with confidence, and good defensive kicking by Phil Adams, who helped himself to a penalty goal, the only score of this half, kept Llandovery at bay.



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When it comes to schools rugby West Wales is tops. Well that's the message the Welsh Schools under 18 group selectors have given in their selection of the team to meet Scotland at Edinburgh on January 5. The team includes eight players from West Wales schools. They are: (left to

right) Gerald McWilliams (Amman Valley C.S.), Mark Perego, Chris Maybury-Wolfe (Llandovery College), Julian Jenkins. Front row: Dominic Safaro, Aled Williams (Llandovery College), Stuart Griffith (Tregib) and Sean Kenny.



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These pictures are believed to be from a game against Vardre on 31 Dec 1883, probably played on Harry Clarke's field near the modern-day Church Bank pitches. At that time games were played both at Castle Fields and Harry Clarke's field, depending on how many teams were playing and the state of the grounds.

Detective work on the pictures leads to a team sheet of:

15 N/K, 14 N/K, Alun Thomas, Geraint Williams, Eirian Jones, 10 N/K, Gareth Davies
Gareth 'Charlie' Williams, Wyn Morgan, Eifion 'Tank' Williams, Noel 'Beech' Page, Nigel
Clarke, Elfyn Jenkins, Eddie Morris, Dil Augustus



Gareth Williams, Noel Page, Eifion Williams, Eddie Morris, Dil Augustus, Elfyn Jenkins



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Eifion Williams, Noel Page, Gareth Williams, Nigel Clarke



Eifion Williams, Noel Page, Gareth Williams, Nigel Clarke, Eddie Morris, Dil Augustus, Elfyn Jenkins



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Elfyn Jenkins, Eddie Morris, Dil Augustus, Nigel Clarke, Noel Page, Eifion Williams



Elfyn Jenkins, Eddie Morris, Gareth Davies, Dil Augustus, Nigel Clarke, Noel Page, Eifion Williams



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Eirian Jones, Geraint Williams, Di Augustus, Elfyn Jenkins, Not identified, Not identified,
Wyn Morgan, Noel Page



Alun Thomas, Geraint Williams, Eifion Williams, Gareth Williams



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Eddie Morris



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Llandovery President's Seven, all former Llandovery college pupils, were beaten in the final of the Llandovery Sevens by Burry Port.

(Photo: Richard Firstbrook)



The Welsh Rugby Union's Charitable Trust was boosted by £550 as a result of Llandovery RFC's annual charity week. The cheque was handed over by club president Mr. J. T. Williams to WRU treasurer Mr. Ken Harries, who is also chairman of the trust. Also in the picture are Llandovery

RFC officers Neville Morgan, Haydn Hudson and Roland Griffiths; president-elect of the WRU Mr. Hermas Evans; WRU member, Mr. Myrddin Jones, and Llandovery Committeemen.

(Photo: John Jenkins, Llandovery)



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Four proud Llandovery rugby players display the trophies they won for the past season's best performances at the club's annual dinner held at the Grange Country Hotel, Llanfair. Left to right: David Wigley (most improved player), Alan Walters (First XV player of the year), Hugh Morgan (Second XV player of the year), and Eirian Jones (top try scorer and winner of the Jeff Jones memorial trophy).

(Photo: John Jenkins, Llandovery)



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Llandovery RFC's four prizewinners show off their trophies at the club's annual dinner in the Grange Hotel, Llandovery. They are (left to right): Carwyn Davies, second team player of the year and top try scorer; Christopher Davies, youth player



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Llandovery's Carwyn Williams, whose three penalties were the difference between the sides in the replay of this *Tovall Cup* match. It was Williams' boot which Llandovery thought had won the first match in extra time. The WWRU management committee decided otherwise but justice was done in the end.



Llandovery's David Wigley, ball tucked under his left arm, heads for a *confrontation* with Hendy's Jeff Williams during Saturday's Ushers championship Section A match. Hendy chose Saturday to register their third win of the season and push Llandovery deeper into the relegation zone.
(Photo: Alan Richards, Gorseinon)



Llandovery Primary are the 1984 Dinefwr Schools under 11s sevens champions. The team which beat the cream of Dinefwr was: (back row, left to right): Garry Manning, Andrew Jones, Mark Jones, Gareth Jones, William Morgan. Front: Jeremy Griffiths, Barry Williams (captain), Mr. S. P. Lewis (teacher) and Simon Waters.

(Photo: Keith Jones, Llandovery)



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Llandovery win

Llandovery 12 pts.,
Bonymaen 3

What little rugby was played in this Section B game came from Llandovery. Their forwards struggled to get controlled ball and with Bonymaen using their disruptive tactics to the full, the game was not much of a spectacle.

Llandovery took the lead when the home backs worked Carwyn Davies free on the left wing. He raced 45 metres beating the full back with a sidestep to score for Carwyn Williams to convert.

The second half began with the Llandovery pack starting to find some rhythm. They started to come to terms with Bonymaen's bustling and sometimes over-vigorous play and scored again when the visitors defence bundled the ball into touch 5 metres out.

Carwyn Williams threw a quick ball in over the top for the alert Carwyn Hughes to score under the posts. Carwyn Williams again converted.

Bonymaen came back at Llandovery. They hit the post with one

penalty before Howells kicked another.

The Llandovery defence, particularly in the backs, held solid until the final whistle.

Llandovery cup blow

EVANS IS SENT OFF

Llandovery 7, Waunarlwydd 3

Llandovery had the ideal test for their forthcoming cup match with Pontypridd when Waunarlwydd were visitors last Saturday.

With big forwards driving through in the very wet conditions, Llandovery must have thought their big day had come a week early.

The visitors had much of the game territorially but it was Llandovery who took what chances they had. They opened the scoring when full back Alan Morgan entered the line and put in a neat chip to the corner. Right wing Eirian Jones was first to the ball and he tidily pick-up and dive saw him score wide out. The conversion failed.

To their credit Waunarlwydd tried to run the ball, linking up well on the blind on a couple of occasions only for the wet ball to go to ground. Llandovery increased their lead when Carwyn Williams kicked a penalty for killing the ball in a ruck.

Waunarlwydd continued to press in the second period but the home defence held out, with flanker Eddie Morris the pick of the team. The visitors could only manage a penalty through Steve Kidwell in the

second half so Llandovery gained another valuable two points.

Unfortunately for Llandovery prop Eifion Evans was sent off two minutes from the end for an excellent tackle on the opposing scrum half which referee Mr. Terry Treharne deemed late.

Mr. Treharne had lost control of the game completely, by this stage, and the sending off incident only served to pinpoint his shortcomings on the day.

Special day for Watkins

LOOK OUT PONTY!

Llandovery 35pts,
Kenfig Hill 3

Llandovery's reward for reaching the second round of the Schweppes Cup for the first time is a plum home draw against Pontypridd on December 8, writes Richard Williams.

P JOY

ing town just three months ago. The local club, relegated from section 'A' of the West Wales R.U. the previous season, heard of his arrival... and immediately invited him to coach the team.

NO 'MUGS'

We are no mugs and we have a reasonable chance," says the coach who parted company with Pontypridd during last summer's annual meeting. "I was delighted when the draw was made and discovered so many of my old friends were on their way."

It will be a doubly special occasion for coach John Watkins, a veteran of over 400 games at hooker for Pontypridd whose expert tuition of Llandovery's forwards has been singled out as the reason for their revival this season.

"We have always been feared for our back play but now, thanks to John Watkins, we have finally got our pack sorted out," said club secretary Mr. Roland Griffiths.

The incentive to play well against a first class side in the cup is always enough to bring the best out of a junior club — it is even greater when the side they are to play struggled to beat one of the minnows in the previous round as Ponty did against Senghennydd last Saturday.

COASTING While Pontypridd finally emerged winners by 10 points to three in a game which had Pandy Park quaking in fear of a major upset, Llandovery were coasting into the second round with a powerful second half display against Kenfig Hill.

"We were delighted with Saturday's performance and are confident we can give Pontypridd a good game, perhaps even produce a shock. The only other first class side we have drawn in the cup was Maesteg who beat us 11-nil in terrible conditions. We will be hoping for better luck on our first visit to the second round," said Mr. Griffiths.

Saturday's game began with a flurry of skirmishes which required the referee's intervention. He didn't get to grips with the situation and the niggles continued throughout the game resulting in a

Kenfig Hill second row being sent off ten minutes from the end.

Kenfig took the lead with a penalty for shoving in a line-out. Andrew Burnell kicked the goal.

Llandovery struck back when from a tapped penalty, Carwyn Williams dropped a neat goal.

Then came a crucial score. Kenfig were attacking and seemed to have an overlap but a deft pass allowed left wing Dewi Evans to intercept and race 70 metres to score near the posts.

Carwyn Williams converted. Kenfig Hill had the territorial advantage in the first half hour, so when Dai Wigley picked up from a scrum five and was driven over by the Llandovery pack, the visitors fate seemed sealed if the home forwards could settle their game.

DESPERATE

It was only desperate defence by Kenfig that kept the score down. Firstly Carwyn Williams kicked a penalty then Wyn Williams was driven over the visitors' line by the now rampant Llandovery pack.

Prop Eifion Evans was next to barge over after more good work by the excellent Eilyn Jenkins. Carwyn Williams converted both.

Finally, with Kenfig Hill trying to run everything centre Alan Thomas intercepted and raced 45 metres to crown a fine all round team performance with a try.

JOHN'S CUP JOY

JOHN WATKINS, 436 games as Pontypridd's hooker and 33 years as player and committeeman, will spend this week building his Llandovery team for a shock result in the Schweppes Cup — victory over Pontypridd!

"All the pressure will be on 'Ponty' when they come to us in the second round on Saturday. They can be sure that we will rise to the occasion," he promises.

He moved to the West Wales

farming town just three months ago. The local club, relegated from section 'A' of the West Wales R.U. the previous season, heard of his arrival... and immediately invited him to coach the team.

His success has been swift. Llandovery have not lost a game for more than two months and their new coach has given the recently struggling club a fresh lease of life.

He used his massive expertise to reorganise the pack, gave the leadership to second-row Wyn Williams and now the possession is flowing to the backs, where brothers Carwyn (outside-half) and Geraint Williams (centre) are in sparkling form.

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In Gwent, at the other end of South Wales, Risca are untroubled at the prospect of facing Llanelli, conquerors of the Australians. "We're playing well, with nine wins in 11 games, and we aim to make the most of ground advantage," says secretary Brian Dando.

Here again, Llanelli could find it hard at forward. Former Cross Keys hooker Gerald Lewis is still in the team. Newbridge and Wales 'B' prop Mike Dowling.

Cardiff district side Rumney, who have built a danger reputation among several top clubs in recent cup campaigns, threaten their nearest neighbours, South Glamorgan Institute, and secretary John Mathias says: "We definitely have a chance. In recent weeks we have really started to click."



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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13th

SAY CHEESE

'Caws' has Llandovery smiling

The one thing the BBC feared most when they arranged to film Llandovery and Pontypridd on Saturday was a whitewash.

LLANDOVERY 21pts., PONTYPRIDD 6

What they didn't take into account was the possibility that Pontypridd might be on the receiving end in this second-round Schweppes Cup match.

For lowly Llandovery played themselves into the record books in front of an ecstatic home crowd by trouncing high-flying Pontypridd with 80 minutes of brash and exciting rugby. Carwyn 'Caws' Williams kicked 17 points for Llandovery.

The glittering prize for this captivating display was a third round home draw with Llanelli on Saturday, January 25.

The visiting fifteen on Saturday were dazzled and bewildered by constant harassment which kept them penned at their own end of the field for much of the game. If anything, the 21-6 score line flattered Pontypridd's performance.

The proceedings opened innocently enough with six minutes of amiable scrambling before Pontypridd outside half Roddy Crane opened the points register with a neatly dropped goal.

The next ten minutes were notable only for two missed penalty goals by Llandovery's Carwyn Williams — nominated man of the match for his fine kicking later in the game by Sam Simon, president of Pontypridd and an old boy of Llandovery College.

FINE

Then came the breakthrough Llandovery were seeking. A fine run by left-winger Carwyn Davies finished in touch just short of the Pontypridd line. The line-out which followed enabled Gareth Williams to clean up a loose ball and clear a path for Elfyn Jenkins to force his way through. Carwyn Williams converted to make the score 6-3.

A penalty awarded by referee Clive Norling to punish Pontypridd for pulling players out of the maul gave Carwyn Williams another chance to prove his kicking power in the 25th minute.

With the score-line now reading 9-3 in their favour, the home team continued to pile on the pressure and only permitted Pontypridd one more foray into their territory before half time.

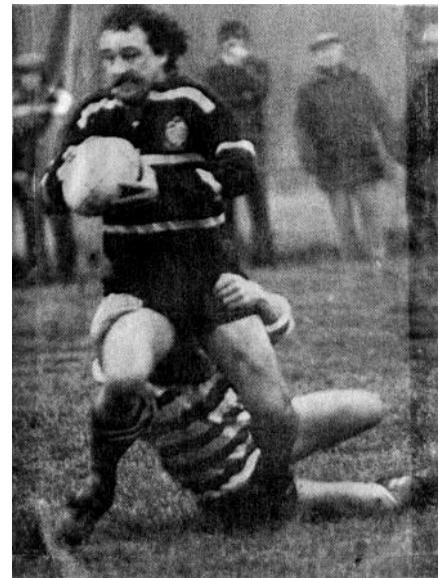
The first line-out of the second half saw Wyn Wil-

liams, who injured an ankle earlier in the game, leave the field. His line-out work had been a mainstay of the first half and Llandovery hearts missed a beat.

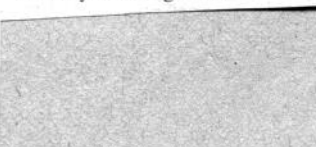
But Carwyn Williams set hopes soaring again with a successful drop-goal from a free kick inside the Pontypridd 22-metre line just two minutes later.

Roddy Crane concluded Pontypridd's scoring with a penalty goal and Llandovery retaliated soon after with yet another penalty goal from Carwyn Williams in the 20th minute. The score then was 15-6 and Llandovery realised it was all over, bar the sweating.

A third penalty from the magnificent Williams followed in the fourth quarter of the game and a fourth in injury time brought the game to a suitably exciting end.



Eddie Morris stops this Pontypridd attack with a good tackle.



IT'S A TRY!

Jubilant Llandovery faces and Clive Norling's left arm tell the story — Elfyn Jenkins has scored and Llandovery are on the way to a historic Schweppes Cup win over first class Pontypridd and a third round home tie against Llanelli.

(Photo: Keith Lewis, Llandovery)



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Courtesy Wyn Williams



Wyn Williams gets above the Pontypridd jumpers at a line-out. His leaping skills were a major contribution to Llandovery's success although he had to leave the field early in the second half.
(Photo: Keith Lewis, Llandovery)





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COSLETT SINKS LLANDOVERY

Llandovery were brought back to earth with a bump at Llangennech last Saturday as the Section B leaders tightened their grip on the top of the section.

They were unable to reproduce the form which had destroyed Pontypridd the previous week and Llangennech are not a team to respect cup fighting

Llangennech 9, Llandovery nil

reputations.

In truth the result was not really a surprise. Had the Pontypridd game been the week after rather than week before this top of the table clash Llangennech, regarded by many as the best all-round side in the union at the moment,

would have started favourites.

As it is it looks as though the point taken by Llandovery in their first meeting this season could be the only one Llangennech concede this season.

They proved, in atrocious conditions last Saturday, they

are not a fair weather team. The superb Keri Coslett kicked astutely and kept his pack going forward.

He kicked a penalty and converted the try scored by Andrew Goddard.

Llandovery coped less well with the seasonal conditions and that helped Llangennech to within one win of clinching the title.



Llandovery full back Alan Morgan makes mockery of the appalling conditions underfoot as he weaves past a number of Llangennech tackles.



Llangennech scrum half Aled Gravelle swings the mudcaked ball to his eagerly waiting backs during Saturday's top of section B clash with Llandovery. Llangennech improved their position at the top of the table with a nine-nil win.