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TALBOT ATHLETIC GROUND, PORT TALBOT

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Season 1971-72

Captain: Ian Hall

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Official  
Programme

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## ABERAVON v. GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20th, 1971      Kick-off 3.0 p.m.

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## GLOUCESTER

15	R. Etheridge	<i>Full Back</i>
14	E. Stephens	<i>Right Wing</i>
13	R. White	<i>Right Centre</i>
12	J. Bayliss	<i>Left Centre</i>
11	R. Clewes	<i>Left Wing</i>
10	T. Palmer	<i>Outside Half</i>
9	M. Booth	<i>Inside Half</i>
1	R. Cowling	<i>Prop. Forward</i>
2	M. Nicholls	<i>Hooker</i>
3	M. Burton	<i>Prop. Forward</i>
4	A. Brinn	<i>2nd Row</i>
5	J. Jarrett	<i>2nd Row</i>
6	J. Watkins	<i>Wing Forward</i>
8	M. Potter	<i>Lock Forward</i>
7	R. Smith	<i>Wing Forward</i>

## ABERAVON

Huw Miles	15
Peter Hunt	14
Brian Davies	13
Ian Hall	12
(Captain)	
Dennis Curling	11
John Bevan	10
Clive Shell	9
John Richardson	1
Morton Howells	2
John Mahoney	3
Max Wiltshire	4
Alan Martin	5
Mike Nicholas	6
David Condon	8
Alan Fall	7

Referee: Mr. S. J. Williams, Newport

DENNIS CURLING—a name that has gone permanently into the Aberavon record books. On Wednesday evening he equalled the club try-scoring record which has stood for over 50 years. Johnny Ring scored seven tries in one game during the 'twenties. Although the opposition was considered below first class, none of Dennis's tries were easy, all had to be worked for; his last try in particular was really spectacular. As Dennis grounded the ball near the posts, about six Nantymoel defenders were left stranded on the field along his path. That he did not break the record was not the fault of his team mates. David (Try) Condon stood in goal, waited for Dennis to come up to him, and passed the ball only for a Nantymoel player to make a desperate effort to push it out of his way. Alas time ran out with his tally at 28 points. This score equals the 28 scored by Derek Jones and Graham Young some years ago. Dennis's tries were remarkable in that he scored six in a row before David Condon went over for his now usual try. Four of the tries came in nine minutes.

Nantymoel lost one of their side early in the first half when he twisted and fell awkwardly in clearing an Aberavon attack. Full credit must be given to the Ogmore Valley side for the effort they made to try and overcome the Wizards. They defended really well—none of Aberavon's tries were gifts. **Congratulations, Dennis, keep it up!**

Today we return to sterner stuff and welcome our old friends from GLOUCESTER to the Talbot Athletic Ground once again. Their record this season has been very good. Their ground record at Kingsholm has now held for over 13 months. An interesting comparison between our two clubs appeared in a Sunday newspaper a week or so ago. It concerns tries and penalty goals scored in October matches in 1964, 1968 and this season.

	Aberavon				Gloucester			
	Tries	Pen.	Goals	Points	Tries	Pen.	Goals	Points
1964 .....	30		0	140	9		5	57
1968 .....	10		6	57	17		3	92
1971 .....	17		9	117	4		13	59

Up to the end of October, Gloucester had lost only one match, yet only scored 16 tries with 40 penalty goals. Warning to the Aberavon team, do not infringe the Laws within kicking distance of the posts. After the feast of tries we have had in the last two matches, we hope that today's game will not be decided on penalty goals.

**DO NOT FORGET THE MATCH ON TUESDAY NIGHT**—Glamorgan County v. London United Hospitals XV. The Hospital side, as selected, includes six Internationals with several Blues making up the side. John Williams, the Wales and British Lions full-back has been chosen to play. Kick-off is at 7.30 p.m. Usual prices. Come along and see some good rugby.

