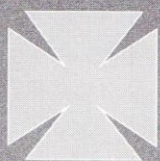
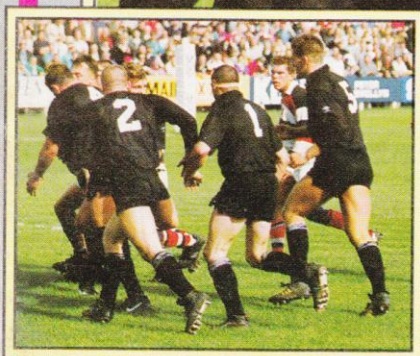
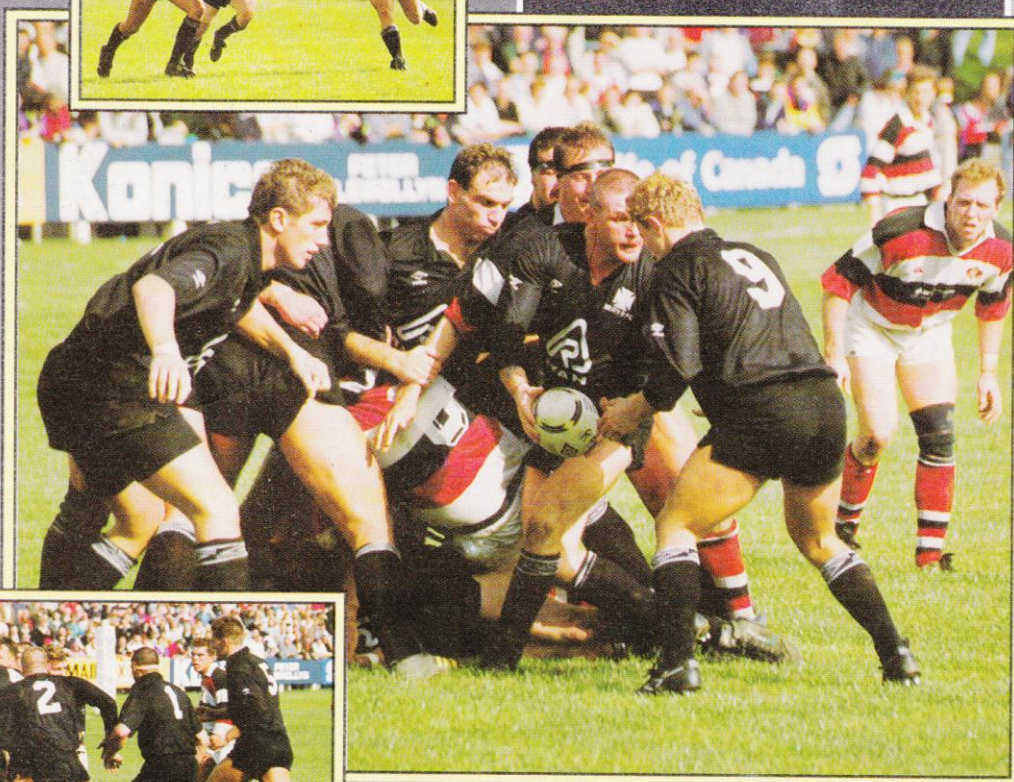


Neath Rugby Football Club  
Season 1992/93



# The All Blacks

Match Day  
Magazine



**Neath v Gloucester**  
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# Welcome ...

## Welcome and Compliments of the Season

writes Rod Rees

*Croeso Cynnes i bawb o Gaerloyw!*

*What a pleasure it is to welcome everyone from Gloucester Rugby Club after quite a long absence. The introduction of a league structure firstly in England and subsequently in Wales has meant an unfortunate reduction in the number of fixtures between English and Welsh clubs. It also makes it difficult to really know the state of the "Enemy's Game". We have to rely on the media for our intelligence!*

*However officials of both Gloucester and Neath are determined that fixtures between these two clubs will be maintained. It may be that matches between us will have to be played in mid week", says chairman and fixture secretary Berwyn Davies, "but there will definitely be a fixture between Gloucester and Neath".*

*Incidentally Berwyn Davies is taking a well earned rest from writing this page this week having carried the can throughout the season so far due to the Editor's absence through illness. Thank you Berwyn.*

*Gloucester led by flanker and international, Ian Smith are currently in ninth position in the First Division of the Courage League out of fourteen clubs making up the division. By the*

*standards they have set themselves this is not ideally satisfactory for the men of Gloucester and we can expect stiff opposition this evening. After all to defeat a leading Welsh Club can be just as important as league points to visitors from over the border.*

*Perhaps the biggest disappointment our visitors have suffered so far this season was their elimination in the first round of the Pilkington Cup when they were beaten at West Hartlepool. I should imagine it was a small comfort for them to hear that near neighbours and great rivals Bath had also been eliminated.*

*Top scorer for Gloucester this season is full back Martin Roberts with 108 points. Martin has collected 20 tries, 14 conversions and 4 pens to reach this splendid total.*

*As a club Gloucester overall record stands at 13 victories and 6 defeats out of a total 19 matches played. They have 465 points in their favour with 215 recorded against them.*

*Now, we settle down to watch a good game of rugby and may the best side win!*

*Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn  
Newydd Dda  
A Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year.*



# Supporters Club News

*By Alwyn Williams*

*Its a pleasure to welcome Gloucester RFC to the Courage Gnoll, and we trust that they enjoy their visit. Unfortunately we see so few of the leading English League sides nowadays due to the league structure and cup commitments, I'm sure that many Neath Supporters miss the away trips to English Clubs. Perhaps, in the not too distant future we shall see an Anglo Welsh League featuring the top four or five clubs in England and in Wales.*

*Retiring to the domestic scene, we moved into the 5th round of the Swalic Cup and look forward to visiting Pyle. On the league front there is much optimism among supporters that Neath will be in the "Shake-up" come next April for the league title. I'm sure that Cardiff, Llanelli and Swansea are not looking forward to their visits to the Gnoll. Our next league match is at Pontypool on January 2nd and transport is arranged for those wishing to support the All Blacks at Pontypool Park.*

*The Chairman, Officers and Committee of Neath Rugby Supporters Club would like to wish the compliments of the Season to all those Associated with Neath RFC, President, Chairman, Committee, Players and all Supporters.*

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# Today's Teams – Welcome to The Gnoll

**Neath**  
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Official sports drink of Neath RFC

**Gloucester**

<b>15</b>	Matthew Singer	Full Back (Cefnwr)	Martin Roberts	<b>15</b>
<b>14</b>	James Reynolds	Right Wing (Asgell dde)	Derek Morgan	<b>14</b>
<b>13</b>	Adrian Hughes	Right Centre (Canolwr)	Don Caskie	<b>13</b>
<b>12</b>	Adrian Donovan	Left Centre (Canolwr)	Simon Morris	<b>12</b>
<b>11</b>	Adrian Shaw	Left Wing (Asgell chwith)	Jerry Perkins	<b>11</b>
<b>10</b>	Matthew McCarthy	Stand Off (Maswr)	Neil Matthews *	<b>10</b>
<b>9</b>	R Williams	Scrum Half (Mewnwr)	Julian Davis	<b>9</b>
<b>1</b>	Robin Williams	Loose Head Prop (Y rheng flaen)	Pete Jones *	<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	Kevin Phillips †	Hooker (Bachwr)	Hohn Hawkee	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	Leighton Gerrard	Tight Head Prop (Y rheng flaen)	Rob Phillips	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	Glyn Llewellyn †	Lock (Yr ail reng)	David Simmons	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	Mike Whitson	Lock (Yr ail reng)	Pete Miles	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	Ian Boobyer	Left Flanker (Blaenasgell)	Paul Glanville	<b>6</b>
<b>8</b>	Steve Williams	No.8 (Y rheng ol)	Ian Smith † (Capt)	<b>8</b>
<b>7</b>	Adrian Varney	Right Flanker (Blaenasgell)	Paul Ashmead	<b>7</b>

**Replacements**

L Isaac, Dean Jones, John Davies †  
Andrew Kembury, Jonathan Evans

**Today's Referee**

Mr. Ron Staddon

**Replacements**

Glynn Mann  
Laurie Beck

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Neath Scorers  
Gloucester Scorers

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