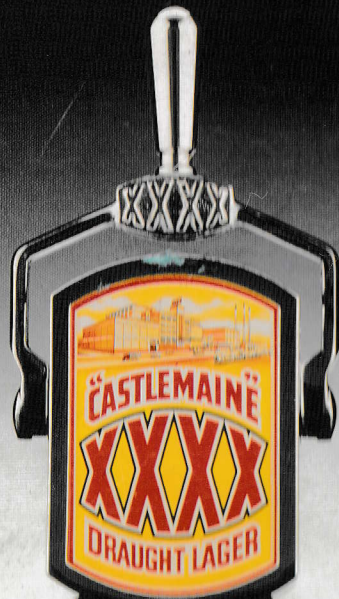


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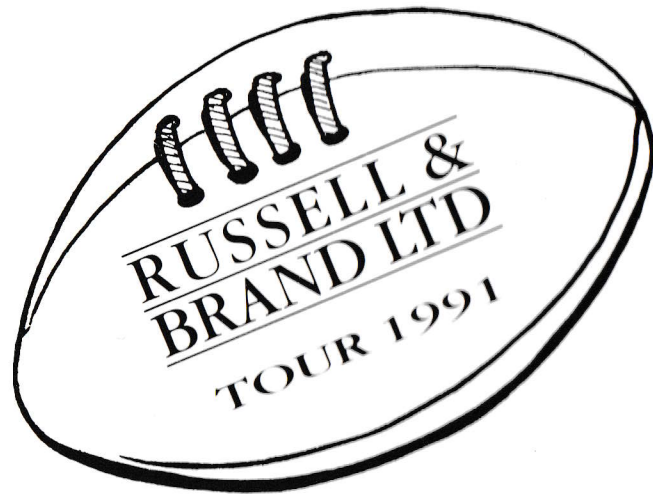


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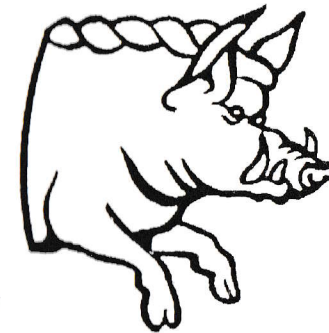
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Bill McLaren. A BBC riportere.

Őszintén szólva meglepő a hír, hogy a Blue Boar Rugby Club magyarországi túsára készül már csak azért is mivel inkább kiváló tornászokról és Puskás Ferencről, mintsem rögbiről nevezetes a magyar sport. Éppen ezért annál nagyobb a meglepetés öröme, hiszen ez egyben azt is jelenti, hogy egyre bővül és népesedik a rögbi játészó nemzetek családja.

Már most érezhető a kelet-európai rögbi ereje. A románok legyőzték Wales, Skócia és Franciaország válogatottját, míg a Szovjetunió Új-Zélandban turnézott, s Anglia csapatával is megmérkőzik a rögbi világbajnokság előtt. Ha a románok erős csapattal tudnak kiállni biztos, hogy a magyarok között is lesznek izmos legények. Puskás lábainak csodás játéka most lehet, hogy a magyar rögbisek kezeiben öröklődik. Szóval Blue Boar fiúk legyetek résen!

Természetesen azért egy ilyen túra elsősorban a barátság jegyében valósul meg, ahol a győzelemért való küzdés a teljes sportszerűséggel párosul. A rögbisekre jellemző életkedv, az egymáson való segítség és a tapasztalatok átadása bizonyára elő fogja segíteni a mi szeretett sportunk sikerét.

Kivánok jó túsát a Blue Boar csapatának, mely kellemes emlékekkel gazdagítson vendéget és vendéglátót egyaránt.

FOREWORD

by Bill McLaren.
BBC Rugby Commentator.



One has to admit to some surprise at the news that the Blue Boar RFC are to embark on a tour to Hungary simply on the grounds that one does not normally associate Hungary with Rugby Union. Gymnastics and Ferenc Puskas yes, but Rugby Union, well, that is something else! Yet one greeted the news with considerable pleasure, as well as surprise, because the family of Rugby - playing nations is getting bigger all the time and that surely is to the general benefit in that there is no game quite like Rugby Union for fellowship, friendship, mutual enjoyment and mutual regard in a common love of a great team game.

Already there are indications of the strength of the challenge in Rugby Union emanating from Eastern Europe. The Romanians have beaten Wales, Scotland and France, and the Soviet Union party, having just finished a tour to New Zealand will play England at Twickenham before the start of the World Cup. At the moment they are an emergent nation. Give them another decade and they should be challenging strongly in the World Cup. Who knows what Hungary might achieve?

The Romanians can turn out a big heavy pack and there will be some big Hungarians too, so the lads of the Blue Boar will have to be on their mettle. Also there are sure to be Hungarians as skilled with their hands as Puskas was with his feet!

But, of course, the theme of such a tour has to be friendship, a desire to win, yes, but not at any cost, a willingness to exchange ideas to the common good, an intent to show all the attractive qualities in Rugby Union and to show that, whilst Rugby Union has its boisterous social side to it that makes it distinctive, there is never any excuse for 'going over the score' and spoiling other people's enjoyment. May the Blue Boar representatives all have a super tour and may they leave behind a happy memory with their Hungarian hosts who would gladly welcome them back again.

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Hálával és köszönettel tartozok a Blue Boar Rugby Football Club-nak, hogy három 'első'-t tettek lehetővé számomra.

Az első 'első' az, hogy már akkor felkértek e sorok írására, mint a Rugby Football Union elnökét, amikor gyakorlatban még csak várományosa vagyok ennek a megtisztelő hivatal betöltésének. Második 'első'-m éppen az, hogy ezidáig még egy elődömnök sem adatott meg, hogy Anglia nevében üdvözlőt küldhessen minden magyar sporttársunknak. Az idei év két más nagy eseménye a 'Sport éve' az Egyesült Királyságban, valamint a Rögbi Világkupa is egybeesik az első kettővel. Részemre tehát ez jelenti a harmadik 'első'-t, s nem csoda, hogy ezek mindegyike nagy örömmel és izgatott várakozással tölt el.

Ez alkalomból szeretettel köszöntöm Hardy László urat, a Magyar Rögbi Szövetség elnökét, a magyarországi rögbi egyesületeket és azok játékosait, valamint minden magyar sportolót is.

Úgy hiszem, hogy mi ostjuk véleményünket abban, hogy számunkra a rögbi a legnagyobb csapatjáték az egész világon. Ezt a tények is bizonyítják. Valóban amatőr játék, melyben helyet talál mindenki, kilenc, vagy kilencven évesen is! Önkéntes munkával, nagy szorgalommal és a sportszerű játékkal az egész világot meghódította. A rögbinél elsősorban nem az számít, hogy azt nemzetközi szinten, avagy egy kis falu szélén játsszák, hanem a sport igaz szeretete és öröme.

A vendégjátékok, túság mindig nagy életerőt adtak a mi sportunkban, s mily nagyszerű, hogy magyar barátaink a Blue Boar játékosait fogadják elsőként Angliából. Tudom, jó hírnökeink lesznek pályán és pálya mellett. Öszintén remélem, hogy ez a túra is csak 'első'-t fog jelenteni országaink kapcsolatában.

A Rugby Football Union nevében kívánok jó játékot, jó szórakozást és igaz barátságot, hisz ez a három a rögbi sport életét és erejét.

Peter G. Yarranton, a Rugby Football Union megválasztott elnöke.

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From Peter G Yarranton President elect Rugby Football Union
Chairman of the Sports Council and an England International

Greetings Hungary!

I am indebted to the Blue Boar Rugby Football Club for the opportunity they have given me to achieve three unique firsts. First, to be asked to contribute to their tour brochure as President of the Rugby Football Union, slightly before I have actually achieved that honour. Second, because I know that no other President has ever had the opportunity to send the warmest good wishes from England to all our Hungarian colleagues. Third, it is both the "Year of Sport" in the UK and the year of the second "Rugby World Cup" staged for the first time in Europe. No wonder I'm excited about the whole thing.

The technicality of being slightly in advance of my election date is really bowing to the requirements of press deadlines and naturally I shall be very happy when the whole thing hopefully is "legalised" on 12 July. The next day I too leave on tour to join England for their final preparation tests in Fiji and Australia.

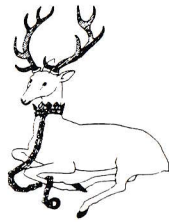
I am very pleased indeed to send greetings to all sportsmen and women in Hungary and particularly to Laszlo Hardy the President of the Hungarian Rugby Football Federation and all new players and clubs in that beautiful country.

I know we share the view that Rugby Union Football is the greatest team game in the world and surely the facts speak for themselves. A proudly amateur game, administered by volunteers and embracing everyone, whether they are 9 or 90 years old on a largely, do it yourself basis, requiring dedication - hard physical contact yet discipline and sportsmanship of a high order has grown to be one of the largest spectacular sports anywhere. It matters not whether you are an international or a "cabbage patch" player, all that it requires is a love of rugby and to enjoy it but above all it has got to be fun.

Touring is the life blood of our game and what better than for our Hungarian friends to receive a first visit from the Blue Boar Club. I know that they will be great ambassadors both on and off the field and may this be the first of many such reciprocated visits to each country.

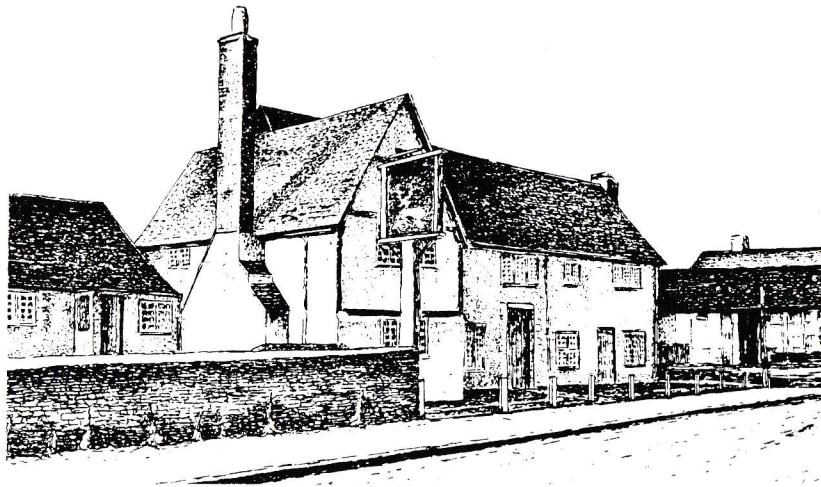
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WELCOME TO HUNGARY!

I was delighted to hear of the visit to Hungary by the Blue Boar Rugby Club from Longworth. It is only recently that the news reached many countries that in Hungary we too play this marvellous game of rugby, and this will be the first time that a team from England, the birthplace of rugby football, will visit our country.

The Hungarian tour of the Blue Boar Rugby Club will enable the players to meet in a game of rugby, and at the same time will give them the opportunity to see some of the beautiful sights in Hungary. It is my sincere wish that this tour will be the first of many such visits by the Blue Boar Rugby Club - and of other English clubs - to Hungary, and that Hungarian clubs will also travel to England.

It is very important for the development of Hungarian rugby that our teams play against clubs from abroad in order that they can learn from them, for as yet we have no real rugby traditions and very limited experience in the sport. Our delight is all the greater this time in welcoming an English team.

Hungary, Budapest, and Hungarian rugby await you! I hope you will enjoy your visit and will return many times more!

László Hardy,
President of the Hungarian Rugby Federation.

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Üdvözlöm Önöket Magyarországon!

Nagyon örültem, amikor megtudtam, hogy Magyarországra látogat Longworth városából a Blue Boar rögbicapata.

Ez az első alkalom, hogy Angliából, a rögbi őshazájából keresi fel egy csapat hazánkat. A világ csak napjainkban szerez tudomást arról, hogy ezt a szép játékot Magyarországon is játsszák. A Blue Boar vendégjátéka hozzájárul ahhoz, hogy még többen megismerjék a magyar rögbiéseket és Magyarországot. Őszintén remélem, hogy a Blue Boar első útja nem egyetlen utazás lesz csak, hanem azt még sok utazás fogja követni részünkről, és más angol csapatok részéről is.

A rögbi magyarországi fejlődése szempontjából nagyon fontos, hogy külföldi csapatokkal találkozzunk, hogy tanuljunk tőlük, mert a sportágnak hazánkban még nincsenek igazi tradíciói, tapasztalatai. Külön öröm számunkra, ha ez a külföldi csapat egy angol csapat.

Magyarország, Budapest, a magyar rögbiések várják Önöket!
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In succeeding seasons the number of fixtures and strength of opposition have increased and in May 1981 the club was elected to the Rugby Football Union.

September 1980 saw the club's first tour to Cornwall and there were further visits to the Duchy in 1987, 1988 and 1989. The first foreign tour came in 1981 when a party of 35 players and supporters went to Brittany and enjoyed themselves so much that they returned there a year later.

The club now has the honour of making the first official tour to Hungary by an English RFU club and hopes to have the opportunity of playing the open rugby that characterised its first game fifteen seasons ago. We look forward with eager anticipation to our trip to Hungary, expecting a lively reception and keen opposition with friendships to be made both on and off the pitch.

A Blue Boar csapata első mérkőzését 1977 márciusában játszotta az oxfordi híres könyvkiadó - Blackwell - kihívására. A nagy élményt jelentő mérkőzés oly sikeres volt, hogy a következő indényben újabb mérkőzéseket rendeztünk és játszottunk, főként helyi csapatok ellen. Még ez évben beléptünk az oxfordi grófság rögbi szervezetébe.

A következő évek mind a játszott mérkőzések számát, mind az ellenfelek erejét is növelték oly annyira, hogy 1981 májusban már felvételt nyertünk az országos szövetség - a Rugby Football Union - szervezetébe is.

Első túránkat 1980 őszén tettük a Cornwall-i hercegségbe, ahová 1987, 1988 és 1989-ben újra visszatértünk. Első külföldi túránk Franciaországban volt, 35 játékoskal és szurkolókkal.

Most az a megtisztelés ért bennünket, hogy elsőként utazhatunk Angliából Magyarországra. Reméljük hogy 15 év múltán is oly nyílt játékkal tudunk majd játszani, mely első mérkőzésünket is jellemezte.

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A LION'S EYE VIEW OF BLUE BOAR RUGBY

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On moving to Longworth in 1979 I was privileged to be given the opportunity to play the twilight of my rugby years with the Blue Boar. Having become conditioned to travelling long distances to fulfil fixtures in the past, it was all the encouragement I required to carry on playing. Headquarters being down at the picturesque local pub situated all of 25 yards away. The only hardship, staying awake during team meetings, usually dragging on into the wee small hours and beyond.

Although exercised at a much slower pace I was pleased to discover that I still possessed some semblance of my side step. A much needed asset to progress past an elderly member of our own back row who always broke backwards, early, to use his peripheral vision to survey the scenery. On a few occasions before progressing to confront the opposition I found it necessary to use my hand off - Sorry BK. On the numerous occasions I played in the centre I found it necessary to use my side step to avoid our president after he had picked up from the base of the scrum.

I was soon to realise the respect the Boar commanded from opposing teams, bringing back fond memories and resulting once again in the adrenalin flowing prior to games. Such an occasion springs to mind when we played Stow on the Wold on a bleak Sunday winter's morning. My hangover improved rapidly when, during my pre - match visit I found myself standing next to Peter Nicholas, the Llanelli and Wales wing three quarter. On taking the field we discovered that Stow had recruited 5 Llanelli first team players, including Phil May the international second row. Unfortunately an under strength, below par Blue Boar were narrowly defeated 10 - 20.

I have fond memories of the club's first ever overseas tour to France in 1981. Accompanied by wives and girlfriends the trip proved to be a tremendous success. Everything slots into place following success on the field and the following results lay the foundations for a truly memorable week:-

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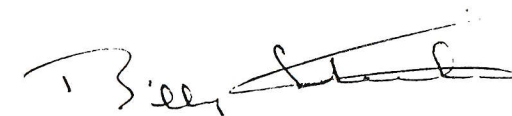
Vannes: Won 12 - 9.

We arrived in Lorient ground in time to witness the majority of the curtain raiser, which featured the Lorient 2nd XV. Although not the only cause, their display of handling skills contributed to numerous ashen faces in the Blue Boar dressing room. Hopefully we had managed to even things up by slowing them down as a result of the previous evenings vin ordinaire. Our confidence took a further dent when Lorient took the field in true French style - not one of the players recognisable from the welcome celebrations. The tour spirit prevailed and we recorded a famous victory, although not as easily as the score suggests.

The final game against Vannes was the most difficult of the tour. The deciding score coming from the kick off at the start of the second half, the Blue Boar having inadvertently kicked off to commence both halves.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all members of the touring party on breaking new ground, as the first English side to play in Hungary. The Blue Boars are dedicated to the open attacking game and I am sure many new friendships will be formed both on and off the field.

I would like to wish the tour every success.



Billy Steele in action against Brittany champions Lorient.



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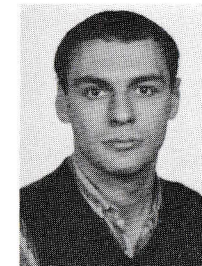
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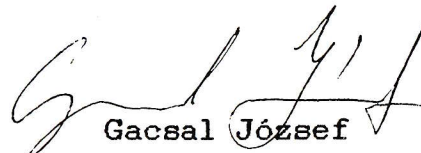
by József Gacsal. Fekete Hollók and Hungary.



There were several unsuccessful attempts during this century at establishing the game in Hungary. As a direct result of an Italian diplomat's efforts at the end of the 1960's, a number of teams were formed, and by the early 70's regular games were played. Unfortunately with the diplomat's departure from Budapest, rugby football too soon started to wither and merely a handful of players remained active. In 1980 these faithful few started to re-ignite rugby in Budapest, and in the same year another club was formed in Kecskemet, a town of some 40 miles south-east of the capital. Other clubs soon started to take up rugby, but the political climate in sport at that time prevented the establishment of a governing body. Changes in the Hungarian legal system in 1990 made possible the formation of the Hungarian Rugby Federation with 9 clubs as founder members.

At present, competitions are organised in two divisions; Division One having six teams, and Division Two having five. Hungary played her first international against East Germany in July 1990, which Hungary lost 3-7. There are some 400 rugby players registered in Hungary, and both the coaching staff and referees are drawn from their numbers as well as from the ranks of former players. Three clubs employ coaches from abroad, one from Czechoslovakia, one from the Soviet Union, and one Hungarian from Romania. At the moment there are no facilities in Hungary to train and qualify coaching staff. Special refereeing courses are held every year. All equipment is obtained privately from abroad. At present, one club has a permanent rugby pitch, while all other clubs play their matches on adapted soccer pitches. Apart from the eleven senior teams, a number of youth, junior and school teams also exist.

Hungary is a member of FIRA, and maintains international connections with Czechoslovakian and Romanian Federations, while at club level there are contacts with a number of other clubs from France, Italy, Germany, Poland, Holland, Yugoslavia, Austria, Wales and the USSR.


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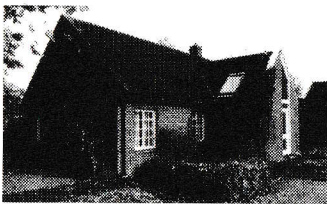


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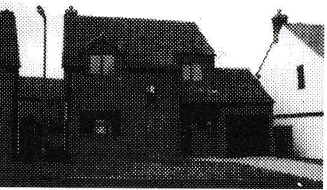
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Thanks to the BBC I was on the first flight to Australia my whereabouts at the time of the broadcast remaining a closely guarded secret to this day, and the next time anybody in the U.K. saw me, I appeared on a yacht in Sydney Harbour! It was my first trip with England and my first real chance to show them what I could do! Well I trained for three weeks was on and off the bench and in and out the bar, but unfortunately didn't manage to get my first cap, although I enjoyed the heat and hospitality and the unique bonds that are formed between players and their hosts when "touring".

I have been really lucky in my travels, touring Australia and Fiji, the States, Canada and even Cornwall with the Old Dunstonians where I was first introduced to Brian Kentish of the Blue Boar RFC. In fact I did once take the field against the Blue Boar when playing for the OD "Pink Elephants" in the annual friendly fixture at Beckenham.

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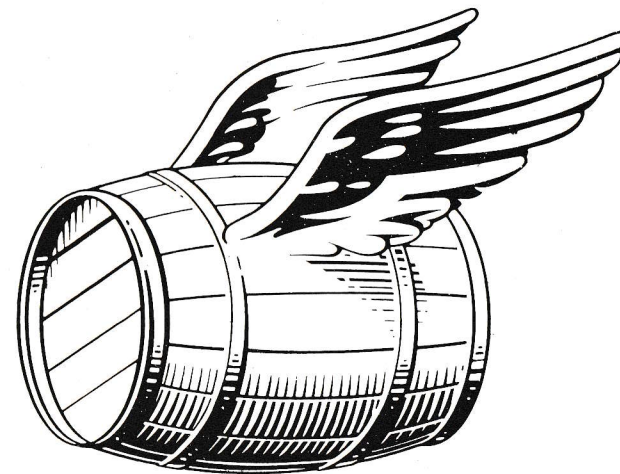


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REFEREEING IN EUROPE by Pat Hanley.

Oxfordshire Society of Rugby Football Referees.

When I was approached to write this short article one evening at around seven o'clock in a well known watering hole, I assumed that the gentleman in question was probably drunk and rambling, which would be consistent with most of his team mates who are to be found in such hostelrys throughout Oxfordshire and the adjoining counties. When he rang me up some days later I realised that he was in fact serious and was probably more sober than I was on the first mentioned occasion.

Refereeing in Europe? What's so different about refereeing in Europe, after all they play under the same laws using the same number of players with similar shaped balls. It's only when one considers the language difficulties and the different temperaments that maybe one should dwell on the possibility that the thirty players, the two touch judges and the gathered local spectators (if any) may be more in tune with this particular game than oneself. This is not unlike refereeing The Blue Boar if my memory serves me right.

I have on two memorable occasions had the pleasure of refereeing overseas; once in the Heineken International Sevens in Amsterdam, and probably the more difficult task, in Toulouse in France.

The Heineken Sevens are played at the end of the season and the teams taking part are so varied in their ability as to border on the ridiculous. Guest teams which included Paul Dodge, Mike Gibson and Gerald Davis to name a few, against very junior club squads from Holland, Germany, Denmark as well as Japan, France and Italy, and indeed Britain.

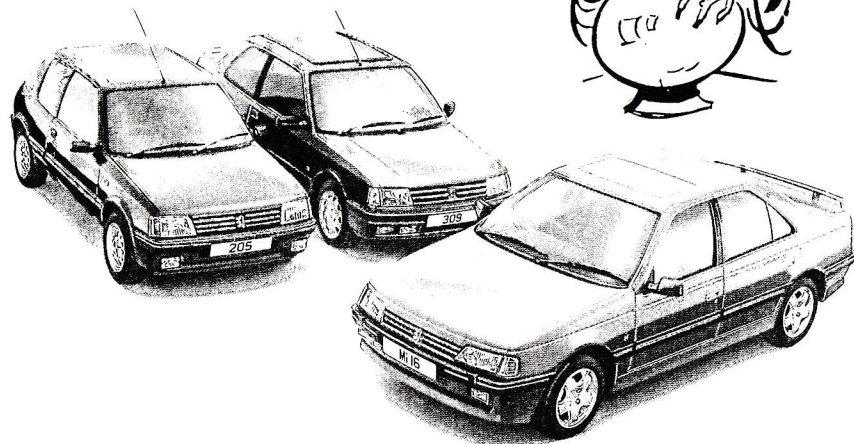
One of my most vivid memories was of Andy Ripley ball under arm in flight, nearing a small Japanese winger. What I observed on the winger's face made me feel I should give a penalty against Ripley for behaviour not in the spirit of the game. Another memory is of Jim Renwick of Scotland stepping round a defender of a German team, to score his fifth try of the game, and we were still in the first half. It was hard to penalise the chap for what I took to be swearing, I did my best to explain to him that after all it was only a game, and if he could contain himself a little longer the game would be over, he seemed to accept that and we got on with the game, I discovered later that he did not understand a word I said.

Refereeing in France! This is probably the most difficult country in the world to referee in. Apart from the language, there is a certain intensity and lack of a sense of humour. This coupled with the old hatred of the English. I wish I could have them understand that I was in fact Irish. The most difficult game I ever refereed, but their hospitality more than made up for it.

I wish you all well in Hungary and look forward to hearing all about it on your return.



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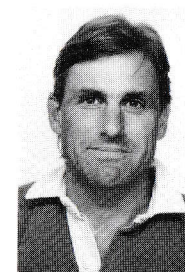
BRIAN KENTISH (Hon. Secretary & Tour Manager) The "Godfather" of Blue Boar rugby but without the Marlon Brando looks. Although it is known that his number of years exceed his IQ estimates of his actual age vary. However it is on record that this is the man who converted William Webb Ellis's try. Our success over the years have stemmed from his persuasive powers of selection forcing him to be crossed off many a rugby wife's Christmas card list. BK's virtual retirement from the playing side have left "Phyllosan" and "Elastoplast" with the inevitable redundancies but his knee and leg bandages have now found a home in Geoff Whitfield's racing stables.



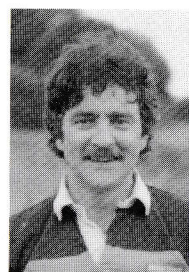
PAUL MURPHY Captain (Flanker 6'1" 13st 7lbs) The third member of our venerable but respected back row trio who shrewdly spends the first quarter of each match standing well back and tactically assessing the situation from afar. Took on Bill Brown's mantle (but not Phyllis's bar tab) when he was extradited to Portugal and now runs the famous Marauders, though surprisingly declined the offer of Bill's non - profit making fish and chip round



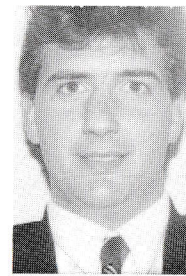
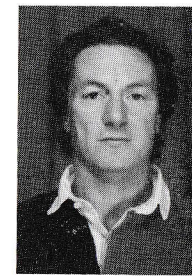
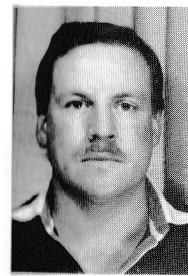
IAN MACMILLAN Coach (Scrum half 5'10 12st 0lbs) Bicester school teacher who has done for local education what Quasimodo did for the coat hanger. Benefitting from his Loughborough training he specialises in rugby football and sex education and recently enhanced his lectures by the introduction of personal videos. His thrustful, lively style helped take Bicester to the Provincial Cup Final - we hope that he is equally successful coaching the Boar in Hungary.



TERRY MORGAN (Wing 6'0" 13st 0lbs) The Peter Pan of Fyfield with the fittest dog in the village - it must be with the amount of exercise it gets - Terry's success in the recession hit construction industry is reflected by his new Discovery, albeit with the car phone removed. On the rugby field he spends five minutes every Sunday morning with the minis passing on the training discipline and rugby knowledge gained through twenty seasons with Abingdon and the Blue Boar. Last covered across from blind - side wing in 1978 and is unlikely to repeat the manoeuvre.



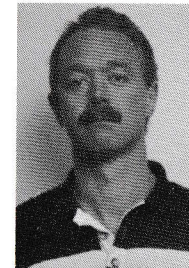
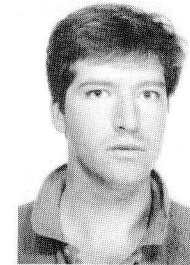
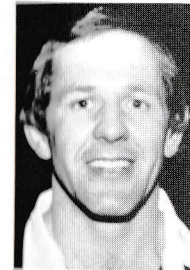
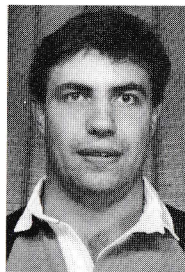
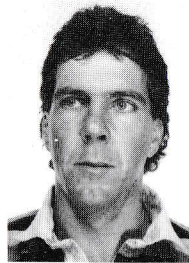
MARTIN BLANT (No 8 6'3" 15st 0lbs) Ubiquitous No 8 whose looks belie his age. One of those players who can still find the breath to cover, lead the pack, advise his fourteen colleagues, discourse with the spectators and run a coaching seminar for referees all at the same time. Is now doing a short course in Hungarian so that he can enjoy his usual game in Budapest though doubtless we will be treated to a few choice phrases in his local dialect.



JOHN LAPPIN (Flanker 6'0 13st 4lbs) Former agent for stunt driver Robert Chandler, Chalky is now more happily fulfilled in handling a telecom business for Norman Lamont - he's certainly more at home on the telephone these days than on the rugby field. He impressed recently on the local police driving course and if he would like to present himself at his nearest station he can pick up his merit award and a few points as well. His playing days all but over, Chalky is slipping effortlessly into Blue Boar folklore and in the saloon bar it is becoming increasingly difficult to persuade younger players that he was ever remotely fit.

DAVID HOARE (Wing 6'0" 13st 0lbs) A rare photograph of David as he appeared in his unbeaten school XV. He also captained the netball team, appeared as Snow White in the School pantomime and was very popular with some of the masters. A well disciplined player who is rarely exposed by either referee or opponent.

TED SANDBACH (Full back 6'2" 13st 7lbs) His vicious side-step and inability to kick off either foot inadvertently spawned the Blue Boar style of rugby - high risk. The march of time and recurring knee problems have sadly limited his options these days and he still can't kick. Now recognised as Longworth's leading wine importer, you can actually find more discerning palates in the pub on a Saturday night but, undaunted, Ted looks forward to talking a bit of "shop" with our hosts. He's thinking of re-marketing Bull's Blood in the U.K. under the new name Boar's Blood, though his patter can reflect both labels equally as well.



MIKE THOMAS (Lock 6'3" 15st 0lbs) Rugby epithets tend now to concentrate on his age and endurance, forgetting that in times past he could tap a line out ball either way with the best of them. His tireless running and support play have completely disappeared and he is desperately trying to break into committee work. He would, in fact, find himself in more scoring positions if he cut down on business trips abroad. If he retires once more from Henley 1st team he'll be able to keep the tankard.

GEOFF WHITFIELD (Scrum half 5'10" 12st 0lbs) Older half of the fraternal double act that looks set to take over from Little and Large at the Oxford Apollo this Christmas. Having challenged marital statistics for the last ten years was finally wed last year. Spent longer on the bench than most of the Abingdon magistrates but finally got into the county side in 1990. His remaining rugby ambition is to receive clean line out ball from Paul Dailey.

RICHARD DOLAN (Prop 6'2" 16st 2lbs) Oxfordshire's most cultured prop whose civilised approach to touring has to be seen to be believed. Affectionately known as Doberman due to his habit of sniffing (anything and anywhere) he is always ready to dive in where others would rather feel their way. His last foreign tour took him to Paris where difficulty in distinguishing the gender caused moments of deep trauma.

STEVE THOMAS (Fly-half 5'8" 13st 7lbs) Former Disco-dancer from North Cornwall who hopes to retain his youthful figure well into the nineties. After fifteen seasons with Didcot is naturally a fine defensive player though these days with the emphasis on self preservation. Socially very committed, you'll see him after the game consuming lager like a camel drinking water prior to a desert crossing.

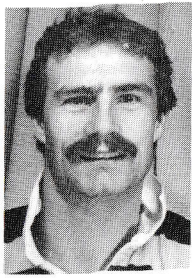
PETER ROBERTSON (Centre 6'0" 13st 4lbs) A soporific and elusive side-stepping centre who makes an early decision whether or not his wing will take any part in the day's proceedings. Runs a display company called H.O.T. Exhibitions, we patiently await the day when he puts one on for us. Was late so many times last season has now offered to collect the kitty on a full time basis.

PAUL RENUCCI (Lock 6'4" 16st 4lbs) A quiet reserved Scotsman whose delicate approach to rucking can be attributed to six seasons of Border rugby. His recent marriage (after a disturbingly long trial period) has almost resulted in him becoming a civilised person. His wife's coincidental business trip to Budapest at the end of August gives him a fortuitous opportunity to extend his honeymoon at minimum expenditure.

DAVID SPENCER (Prop/Hooker 5'10" 14st 0lbs) After fifteen seasons as a hooker has found a new interest in the game as a prop, much to the relief of his line out forwards, who now have some idea when and where the ball is going. As a dairy farmer on his first tour abroad he will doubtless be looking for an early opportunity to try out his technique in Hungary and feel a real tit without making a fool of himself.

RICHARD BESLEY (Wing 6'2" 13st 10lbs) Faringdon's mobile Dick! A surveyor, valuer and bed and breakfast inspector, all positions requiring on the job training. His administrative and organisational skills, however, are legendary, and he was an easy winner of Faringdon's 1991 Business Man of the Year Award. On the rugby pitch he is his own worst critic which is something of an achievement considering the amount that is available.

ANDREW SYKES (Lock 6'3" 13st 12lbs) Expert on most subjects except rugby football. A dentist by profession he has no difficulty in monopolising the conversation even though his patient's mouth is constantly open and he manages to achieve the same effect in his social life. On the field his domination of the line-out tends to diminish as soon as the ball is thrown in but he plugs the gap well around the park where his long stride covers vast tracts of ground, regrettably not always to good purpose.



ROY WOODWARD (Centre 6'1" 14st 7lbs) Having shared his rugby career between Cholsey and Oxford has now decided to put back into the game what he got out of it - on recent evidence it shouldn't take him too long. Still has the eye for a gap but unfortunately no longer the pace and will undoubtedly be searching desperately amongst the Hungarian opposition for a straight running centre.

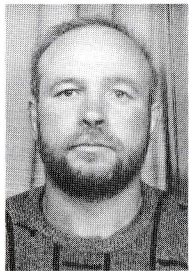
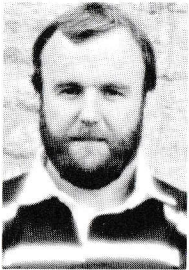
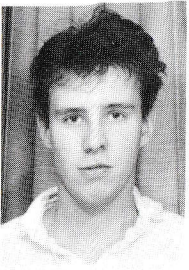
STEVE MILLER (Centre 6'0" 14st 0lbs) Bicester's very own Casanova who despite his public exhibitions completely lacks credibility as a sex symbol. An unselfish player he is always prepared to share his defensive duties with the rest of the team.

PAUL COOK (Hooker 5'10" 12st 10lbs) As they did towards the sixteenth century Turk, the citizens of Budapest must view the prospect of Paul Cook with some ambivalence. While certain to relish Magyar hospitality, he is unlikely to impress with his inevitable scorched pants policy after the generous helpings of Somlo pudding and Bull's Blood.

DAVID REEVE Wealthy industrialist and trouble shooter for ailing companies. On his last visit to Hungary acquired a wife - now travels enthusiastically to Budapest looking for a suitable replacement. After twenty years as a scrum half with The Royal Marines and Beckenham was persuaded by his friends to switch to refereeing. He is now looking forward to being the first referee from Oxfordshire to officiate in Hungary - we are hoping that his decisions over there will be easier to understand than they are in England.

RUSSELL WORSLEY Bureaucrat turned diplomat he recently exchanged the cloistered confines of the Town Hall for the arduous task of publican. As an apprentice at the White Hart was one of the few people to go through John Howard's hands and benefit from the experience. Scorer of the club's first vice-presidential try and an enthusiastic Blue Boar supporter with an appetite for the fringe benefits - on past experience he is unlikely to remember much of the trip.

JOHN HOWARD Errant restaurateur constantly seeking compassion for his predictable misdemeanours. Former member of the Devon and Cornwall Tourist Board now unavoidably committed to the White Hart's job variation scheme which involves him pulling weeds as well as pints. A dedicated family man, he will undoubtedly spend much time on tour in nightly discussion with Terry Morgan regarding prior use of the hotel telephone to ring Fyfield.



MICHAEL KENTISH (Touch - judge 5'11 12st 0lbs) A regular customer at the Boar, moving easily from high chair to bar stool at an early age. Encouraged to try touch-judge by Bill Brown, and although initially lacking the stomach for it has since progressed well. As a flanker he has benefitted from following in his father's footsteps, although this act has led him into many gardens on late night exits from the pub. Hoping to slip on for the last ten minutes in Hungary - by the state of Chalky's fitness recently he could easily be on well before this.

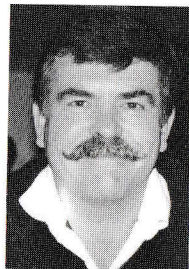
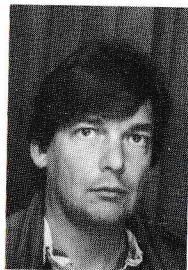
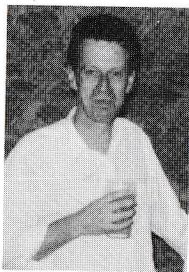
PHIL RANDALL (Prop 6'0" 17st) Having overcome early cultural problems concerning birthplace, he has now mastered the language, though still has trouble with the currency. A beautifully proportioned utility forward and a future captain of industry at present working part time as a teacher. His major educational achievement has been to get our young touch-judge through 'O' level English so there must be some talent somewhere, though it has yet to emerge on the rugby field.

KATE HEATHCOTT (5'9" and tidy) Southmoor's very own sixties girl and Blue Boar Disco Queen who has agreed to give medical assistance during our games in Hungary. Experienced with fractures and massage she now looks forward with justifiable apprehension to extending her knowledge of the minor injuries of rugby players whilst at the same time viewing the occasion as a rare opportunity to settle a few old scores.

JOHN ARBUCKLE A recent newcomer to the Blue Boar scene, he shows every sign of developing into a real nuisance. A man of vivid imagination, he tells us that he was once an explosive twelve stone wing with Beaconsfield but the credibility of this is challenged by present statistics. A former publican with a commendable interest in staff training he will doubtless be seen in Budapest swapping experiences with John Howard.

LEN PINK Our insurance expert on Tour - personally responsible for the recent 25% increase in premiums. With the sexual frolics of his youth a thing of the distant past he now plays golf five times a week instead, and although a slight upturn in the building industry has influenced this somewhat, Len merely views it as a welcome excuse for presenting a ridiculously high handicap.

JAN MACIEJEWSKI Former Northampton and Oxfordshire prop whose most memorable rugby experience was taking two against the head off Mike Burton in the first ten minutes of a county match against Gloucestershire. He was less successful in an ensuing line-out and remembers little else of the first half. Will doubtless spend much time in Budapest discussing golf handicaps and the building recession with Len Pink.

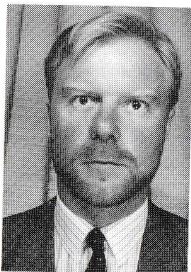


ROBIN MACDONALD Fast food entrepreneur with a fast food qualification - just six weeks at Oxford Poly. His expressive hands and eager body are natural reflections of his urgency to form tactile relationships. Suffered serious romantic setback earlier in the year undoubtedly influenced by worry about the possibility of the pitta-patta of tiny feet.

DAVID CRUMP Cultural attache to the Blue Boar who always lives up to his maxim that "ground work is never wasted". Having donated his body to medical science many years ago his enthusiastic and continual contribution to research can only be admired, if not envied, as he handles all fixtures, home or away with equal aplomb. That old phrase "no room at the inn" certainly never applies here. Watch out for him in Budapest, arranging visas and exchanging phone numbers.

GEOFF NASH Pipe smoking carpet layer invariably unenthusiastic about the profits of his trade. In fact if it wasn't for replacing David Crump's stair carpet every six months he would hardly break even.

STUART KELLY Thanks to our cover advertisers Russell & Brand whose financial director Stuart Kelly has a long association with rugby as a player, administrator and finally referee, where as a hard nosed accountant he tended to audit the game rather than referee it, so that the penalty count would always balance and travelling expenses exceeded his bar bill.

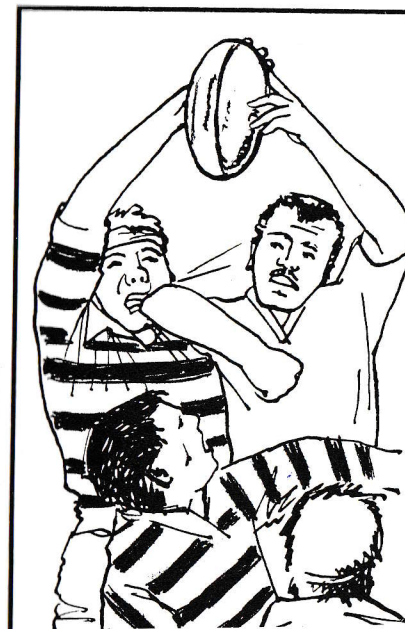


ANDREW GOODWIN Former house salesman and auctioneer often discontented with his lot. Had rewarding position with Leeds Permanent but the description proved misleading.

CHRIS WORSLEY Younger brother of publican Russell Worsley he drinks almost as much lager as his brother sells. A self-employed stonemason (a fact that speaks volumes in itself) he travels the country looking for action and recently took over a big job from a Welsh contractor.

ROGER NICHOL Former Southmoor Tarzan often seen swinging from bar-stool to bar-stool whose upper body would be of interest to Desmond Morris. A manager, tax adviser and potential future husband of the Blue Boar Disco Queen. Engaged for four years, his experience in sub-aqua activities has obviously resulted in a successful ducking and diving routine.

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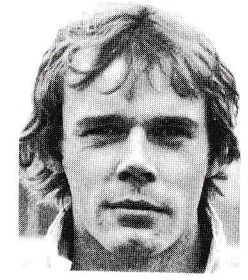
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STORIES, TALES AND LEGENDS

by Clive Woodward.
Leicester, England and British Lions.



Touring to me was the very embodiment of rugby. Without exception, every tour created its own stories, tales and legends.

Early recollections are of the 1979 Tour to the U.S.A. with a poverty stricken Loughborough College side. With hardly enough funds left to feed the team, we stumbled onto a restaurant which made the claim "ALL YOU CAN EAT - STAY AS LONG AS YOU LIKE - \$8"

Twelve hours later the team emerged from the restaurant!!

Walking out side by side with the Springboks in the 2nd Test of the Lions v South Africa in 1980, I was paired with the dour Afrikaner centre Danny Gerber. Looking across to him, feeling obliged to make conversation, I said innocently,

"Pitch looks a bit hard"

"I haven't come here to graze," was his immediate response.

Since returning from the Lions tour to New Zealand in 1983, I've decided you get sent to play rugby in New Zealand - you certainly do not go voluntarily.

Finding myself firmly fixed in the Wednesday team, I soon found out why they are affectionately known as the "dirt trackers"! Playing against that famous team called Buller West, the scene was set. The pitch was situated on the side of a mountain, which surprisingly did little for the drainage. Apart from the six inches of mud, the one in five incline, gale force winds and the prospect of changing in the metal roofed hut with the solitary church bench, it was perfectly adequate. In addition we were greeted by 10,000 spectators - all sheep!

That is where the good news ends. On seeing the two massive Maori centres who were both bigger than any of the huge oaks around the pitch, with sleeves rolled up to their collarbones and who were now both pointing in my direction, I realised I had surely reached the pinnacle of my career!

Fortunately, we smashed them.....4 - 3.

I have never been to Hungary on tour but I wish the Blue Boar every success. Having stirred up these fond memories and knowing that Mike Thomas, your youthful second row, is still playing maybe it is time for a comeback.

I wish you well Without doubt you will bring back your own stories, tales and legends.

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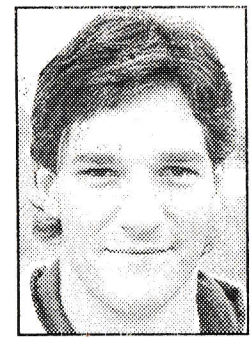
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HUNGARY FOR RUGBY

by Jamie Salmon.

Harlequins, New Zealand & England.
Daily Telegraph Rugby Correspondent.



I am delighted to contribute to this brochure which takes you to Budapest and with it the honour of being the first English club to tour Hungary. Let's hope you will be the first of many.

I must confess that the name Blue Boar is a new one for me, but I am sure that it is the sort of pub that I would stagger out of at closing time. However I imagine that you have the same outlook on rugby life as any other rugby club when touring - which makes me a little surprised that you are taking wives and girlfriends with you to Budapest. I trust that the fact that you will be taking this trip a little more seriously than some of your previous tours will not permit indiscretions like sleeping during daylight hours.

Having made my junior club rugby debut not too long ago I must say how intrigued I was by its mannerisms. No physio, bring your own tape, match fee required, jug for a try etc. etc. It cost me a fortune, especially as I had to catch a taxi when I left, owing to the state I was in and another taxi back to the club the next morning to pick up my car! It was all rather embarrassing when the rugby quiz came on and I was left comfortably with very few correct answers and hardly any points. I was impressed how much my team-mates and opponents knew and realised that if they did not spend all week in the pub they could, with some fitness work, become very reasonable players (not that I told them so as I feared the fine of yet another jug for greasing).

Your tour to Hungary is ambitious in a number of instances. One, on breaking a golden rule and touring at the end of summer which puts added strain on the senior pros, of which you have a generous number. Two, to a country with a difficult language which means that sign language becomes the official dialect and some locals (ladies) might get the wrong ideas. Three, I hear they have been training for some considerable time for their first ever English Test Match.

I hope you win and I hope you enjoy it. You could also tell your hosts that you could arrange some lesser opposition to tour next year, Wales I am sure, would be available.

Good luck, and don't end up in the goulash.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jamie Salmon". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned at the bottom right of the page.

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12.45 hrs Malev Airlines flight to Budapest.

16.10 hrs Arrive at Ferihegy Airport Budapest. Coach to Taverna Hotel, a 3 star hotel in the centre of Pest.

Monday 2 September

10.00 hrs Coach leaves hotel for Kecskemét where our host, Béla Körmöczi, has arranged a full day for us.

17.00 hrs First match v Kecskemét G.A.M.F.

Tuesday 3 September

A free day, allowing tourists to explore the two centres of Buda and Pest and the River Danube that separates them.

Wednesday 4 September

17.00 hrs Second match v Hungarian Presidents XV. Our thanks to the President Mr László Hardy for organising this game, which will be played on the senior rugby ground in Hungary, at Erd, ten miles south - west of Budapest.

Thursday 5 September

After breakfast we move base to another hotel, the 3 star Liget Hotel, half a mile from the city centre.

18.00 hrs Reception arranged by the British Embassy for the players and officials, to be held at the Merlin International Theatre, Budapest.

Friday 6 September

20.00 hrs Tour Dinner at Bajor. Kir Söröző. The guests will include Mr László Hardy and his colleagues of the Hungarian Rugby Federation and Mr Andrew Kirkpatrick of the British Embassy.

Saturday 7 September

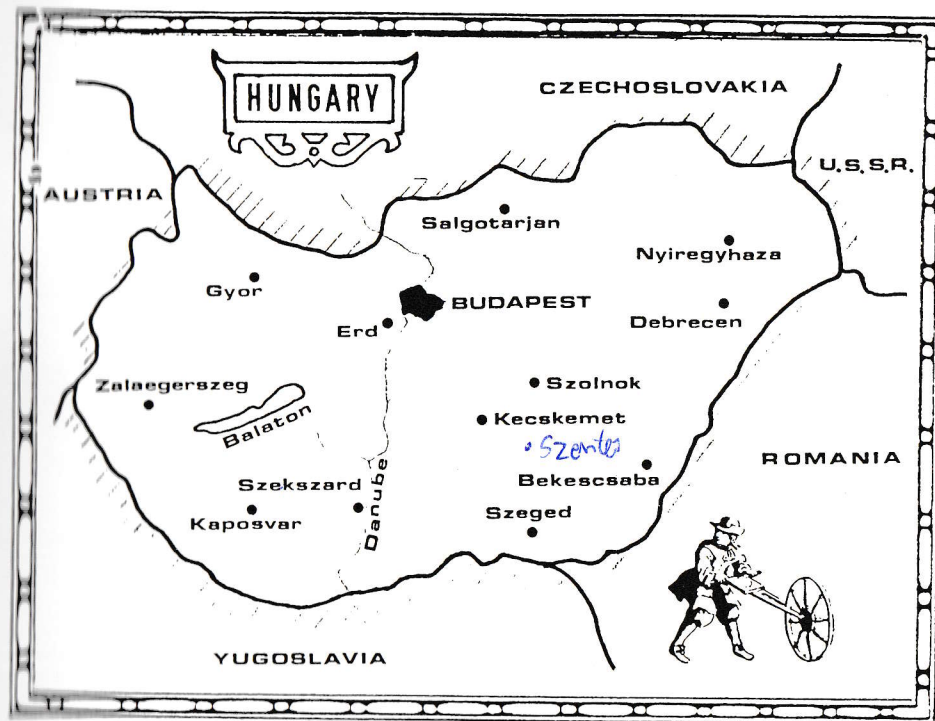
15.00 hrs Third match v Fekete Hollók Rögi Klub BT, the rugby club based on the Budapest University Athletic Club and captained by József Gacsál. This game will be refereed by David Reeve of the Oxfordshire Society.

Sunday 8 September

13.00 hrs Coach leaves Hotel Liget for Ferihegy Airport.

14.50 hrs Malev Airlines flight to Heathrow

16.25 hrs Arrive at Heathrow - Coach to Longworth.



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