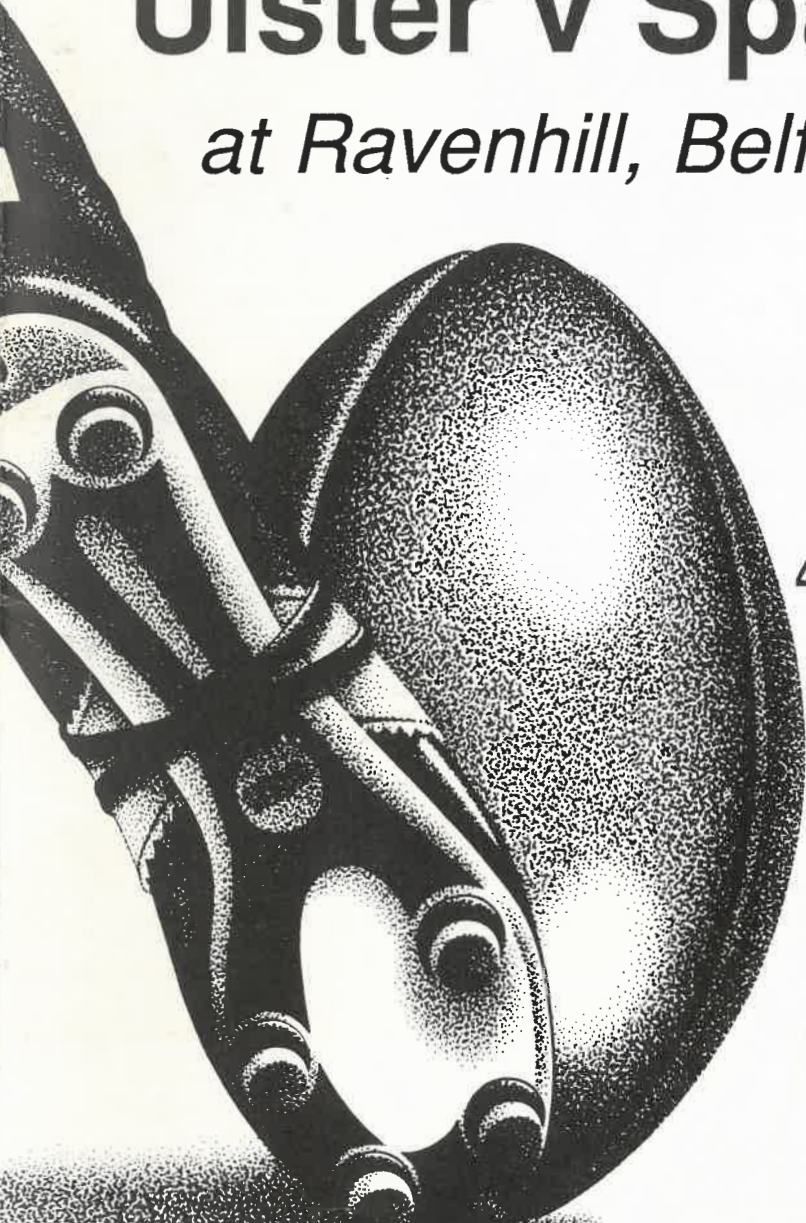


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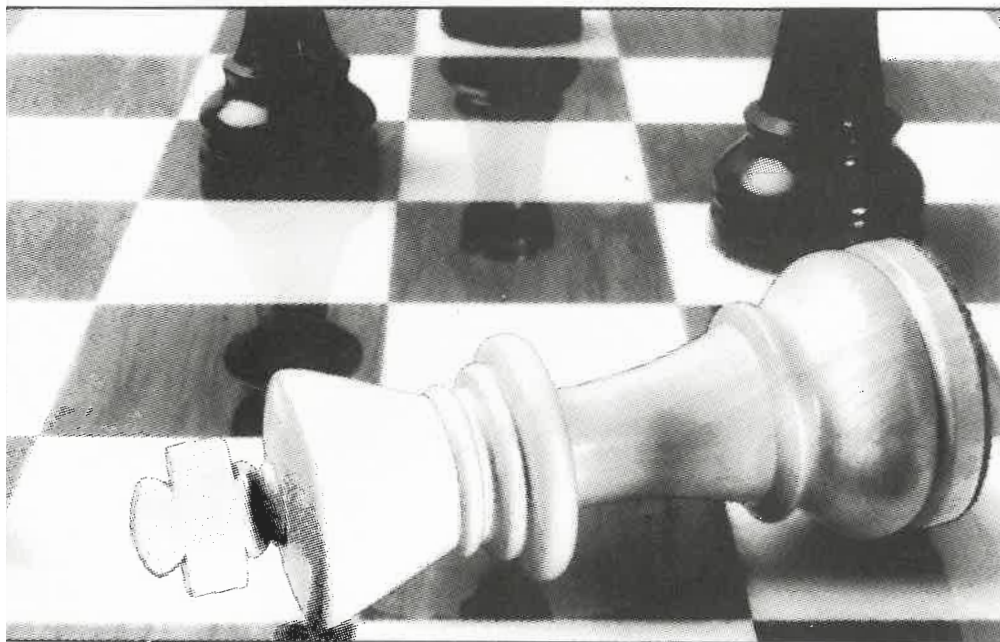


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Es mi gran placer dar una calurosa bienvenida a Evilio Salazar, director del equipo, sus jugadores y los oficiales de la Federación Española de Rugby, en ésta su primera visita a Irlanda del Norte.

Estoy seguro que los jugadores, bajo el mando de su capitán, Julio Alvarez, que ha sido seleccionado 45 veces para jugar en el equipo nacional español, y todos muy bien preparados por su entrenador experto, Gerard Murillo, ofrecerán al equipo de Ulster otro gran reto.

Todos esperamos con mucha anticipación presenciar un gran partido esta tarde para estrenar esta nueva temporada a Ravenhill.

Our guests to-night have a good chance of appearing in the final stages of the Rugby World Cup in 1991. They will take part in the European Preliminary Round to be played in Italy at the end of the this month with Italy, Netherlands and Romania. The winner of the group will join England, New Zealand and U.S.A. in Pool 1 which will be played in England and the runner-up will participate in Pool 4 in France along with Canada, Fiji and France.

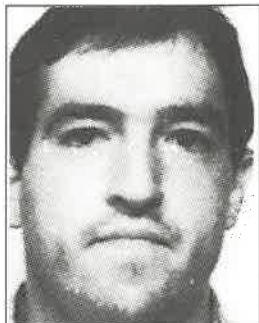
We wish Spain every success in their efforts to qualify for one of these places.

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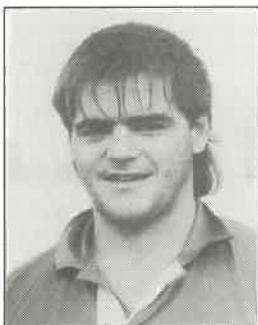
JULIO ALVAREZ (C.D. El Salvador) — *Capt.* Prop. Age 29. Height 1.84m. Weight 98kg. 43 Caps.



JAVIER ALDUCIN (S.J. De Luz) — Prop. Age 30. Height 1.77m. Weight 97kg. 4 Caps.



JAVIER AGUIAR (Liceo Frances) — Hooker. Age 24. Height 1.81m. Weight 93. 14 Caps.



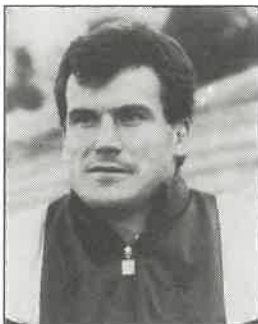
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JON AZKARGORTA (Getxo R.T.) — Centre. Age 27. Height 1.74m. Weight 70kg. 46 Caps.



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Weight 98kg.



JOSE A. EGIDO (Real Canoe)
— No. 8. Age 28. Height 1.89m.
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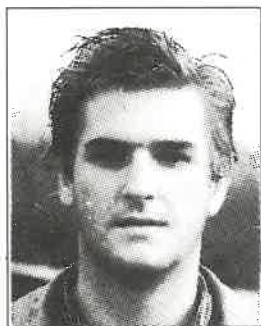
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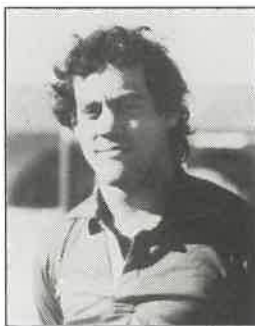
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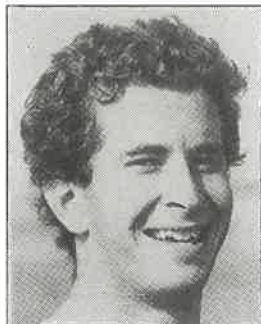
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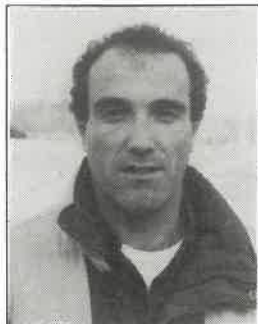
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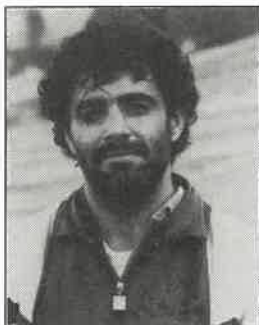
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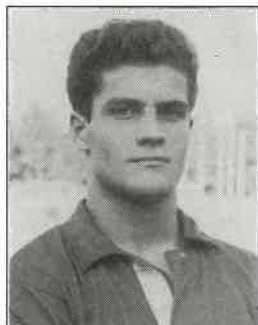
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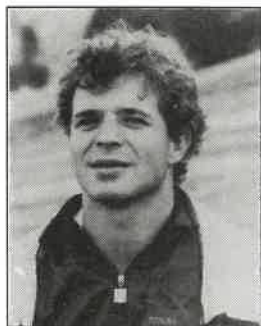
FRANCISCO PUERTAS (Real Canoe) — Fullback. Age 26. Height 1.80m. Weight 80kg. 41 Caps.



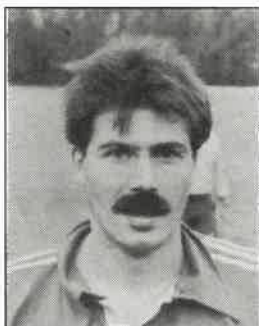
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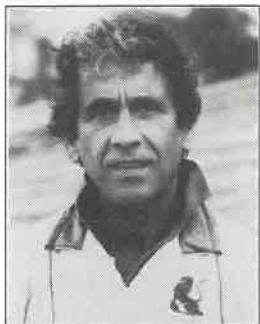
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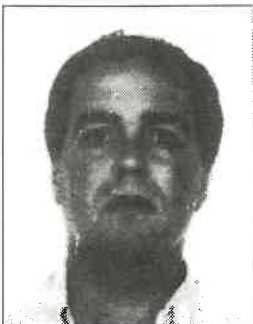
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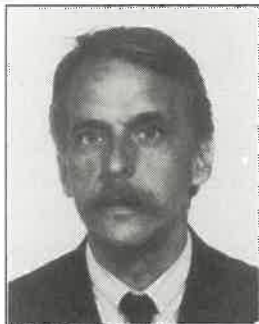
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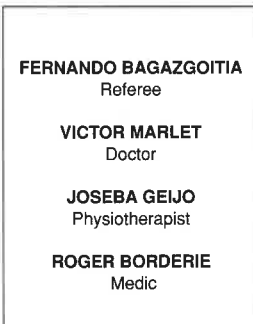
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Due to injuries the following players cannot travel to Ireland:

JOSE A. EDIGO, EMILIO ILLAREGUI, GABRIEL RIVERO, FRANCISCO MENDEZ.

They are replaced by

GORKA URRUTIA (Getxo R. T.) Wing. Age 21. Height 1.80m. Weight 79kg.

ALBERTO MALO (U. E. Santboiana) Flanker/8. Age 26. Height 1.93m. Weight 96kg. 21 Caps.

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Coaching in Spain

Recently I had the pleasure of a coaching visit to Spain with my Munster colleague Ray Coughlan representing the IRFU at the Spanish Rugby Federations Annual Summer Coaching Courses. The Spanish Rugby Federation has a similar organisational structure to the IRFU in that Provincial Unions have representation on the national governing body. The headquarters of the Federation are in Madrid where there is a National Stadium, and there are currently 15,000 adult players in the country, a similar number to that in Ireland, Spanish clubs, however, do not have the advantage of the game being played in schools and have therefore to organise mini and youth rugby, competing principally against the more popular sports of soccer, basketball and olympic handball.

The courses this year were held in the Asturian region and took place in the University of Gijon. You can imagine our surprise on arriving at the local airport when we were greeted by the President of the Asturian Union with "How are yee doin' lads" and introduced himself as Brendan Doyle! A native of Clarinbridge, Co. Galway Brendan has been living in Gijon for twenty years having married a Spanish girl, and despite entering the 'twilight' years of his career still turns out as prop for the local 1st XV who play in the national first division.

The format of the 'school' followed a similar pattern to these here in Ireland with courses for both player development and coaches. The players were selected at three age levels, Under 21, 19 and 17 and the coaches have a four level structure from beginners to those working at a high level with representative teams.

The style and influence in the game is undoubtedly French however there is an increasing Argentinian playing population in Spain which is benefitting forward play in particular. Overall playing standards are undoubtedly improving although there is a tendency to try to play the game at too fast a pace, leading to too many unforced errors.

As with all coaching courses there was a social element, however the Spanish version is totally different to the few pints we have in Ireland. Firstly in one week of the courses there was a fiesta in Gijon called the 'Semana Negra' which seemed to be a contest to see who could 'party' all night every night. Secondly, there was a local culinary delight called fabada, a sort of Irish Bean Stew and a potent poteen-

like brew, cruja, that are only recommended to those with cast iron constitutions. By some coincidence a bottle of oruja was produced at the IRFU courses this year and is now known (and feared) the length and breadth of the country.

All in all it was a fabulous experience. The courses were superbly organised and promoted and it was a great challenge to work in another country with the problems of language and the differences in culture and playing style. It was a super opportunity to see the 'real Spain' and to experience a developing rugby country who could easily become a force to be reckoned with in the not too distant future.

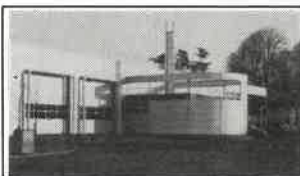
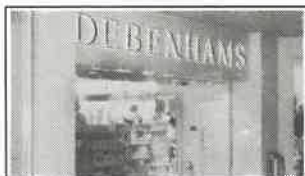
During our sojourn in Gijon we had the fortune to coincide with a National Squad weekend to renew an acquaintance with Gerard Murillo, the National Coach, from St. Jean-de-Lux. Many will remember Gerard's recent visit here as coach to the Côte Basque XV. It will be pleasant to see some familiar faces again and to share a glass of rioja with them, but definitely not oruja!

Ian Bremner is a Technical Officer of the Sports Council for Northern Ireland. He is coach of NIFC and the Irish Under 21 XV.

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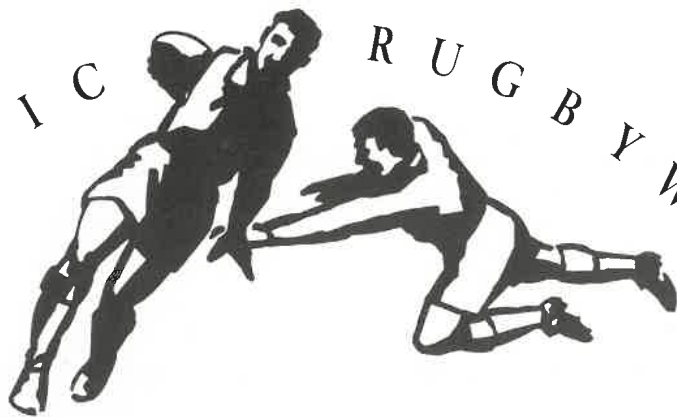


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G. A. MAXWELL (Bangor)	12,1T	—	—	—	13	—	—	2	—
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R. C. BRADY (Ballymena)	9	9	9	9	—	—	—	4	—
B. F. ROBINSON (Ballymena)	8	8,2T	8	8	—	8	8	6	8
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History of Spanish Rugby — So Far

Rugby arrived in our country in 1921 thanks to one Baldiri Aleu, a young Catalan who had studied veterinary science in the French city of Toulouse where he was smitten very badly by the “oval ball bug”.

At the beginning of June in that year and at R.C.D. Espanol's ground in Barcelona the first game of rugby in Spain took place, although both teams Perpignan and Norbonne, were French. The fact that the game was organised as a charity event to raise money for French World War I cripples ensured that a good number of people filled the terraces of the Spanish stadium.

The spectators were overwhelmed by the performances and the following day all the papers covered the event with their reporters emphasising the sheer power and manliness of the game.

Some of Aleu's friends who had sat beside him in the grandstand at the game were so struck by the nobility of the sport that they decided to form a sports club dedicated to the practice of rugby football as well as other sports. In this way 'Unio Esportiva Santboiana', the first rugby club, was formed and one year later it won the first major competition organised in our country.

The enthusiasm of a few men for the game resulted in the building of a proper sports ground on the other side of the

river Llobregat over which the players themselves had to build a wooden footbridge to get to the ground on match days!

A few months later, in fact in October, the Natación Atlético club was formed and as more games were played, more clubs came into existence and soon the game of rugby became firmly established in Spain.

In 1923 all the necessary requirements were drawn up so that the Spanish Rugby Football Federation could be established. Its first president could be none other than Baldiri Aleu who on account of the help of the French engineer Michael Reynard and Antonio Garrigosa can be called the father of rugby football in our country.

With the Spanish Rugby Football Federation now a reality games were played with the aim of selecting a national side. Spain's first official taste of international rugby came on March 1st, 1927 when we met the mighty French. As expected, the French side emerged as victors. One year later the Spanish team returned the visit.

The forerunner to the present F.I.R.A. Cup was the European Cup which was contested only once in 1954. The Spanish side took part in that competition. After that there was a great lull in European rugby competitions until 1966 when the F.I.R.A. Nations Cup was introduced. In that competition Spain was placed in Group 'B' until the seventh competition in 1973 Spain moved up into the Premier

Ulster Results 1983 to 1990

1983	South of Scotland	Ravenhill	Won 22-21
"	Yorkshire	Morley	Lost 16-11
"	IRFU Presidents XV	Ravenhill	Lost 20-15
"	Dinamo Bucharest	"	Won 54-3
"	Sydney	"	Won 19-16
"	International XV	"	" 38-18
"	Connacht	Galway	Lost 9-4
"	Leinster	Lansdowne Road	Lost 20-16
"	Munster	Ravenhill	Won 13-12
1984	Yorkshire	"	Won 21-19
"	Northern Division	"	Won 21-19
"	Leinster	"	Won 16-3
"	Australia	"	Won 15-13
"	Connacht	"	Won 28-6
"	Munster	Limerick	Won 14-6
1985	Middlesex	Ravenhill	Won 13-3
"	N.S.W. Country	"	Won 49-22
"	South of Scotland	"	Won 31-3
"	Yorkshire	Morley	Won 24-18
"	Fiji	Ravenhill	Won 23-9
"	Munster	"	Won 25-3
"	Connacht	Galway	Won 16-6
"	Leinster	Lansdowne Road	Won 19-13
1986	Queensland	Ravenhill	Lost 6-4
"	Zebre (Italy)	Milan	Lost 37-15
"	Italy 'B'	Padua	Won 14-4
"	International XV	Ravenhill	Lost 49-44
"	South of Scotland	Gedlarch	Lost 21-20
"	Canada	Ravenhill	Won 32-13
"	Yorkshire	"	Won 3-15
"	Munster	Cork	Won 17-6
"	Connacht	Ravenhill	Won 37-6
"	Leinster	"	Won 14-12
"	Fiji Barbarians	"	Won 16-15
1987	Mashonaland	Harare	Won 39-9
"	Midlands	Redcliff	Won 52-0
"	Zimbabwe 1st Test	Bulawayo	Won 36-12
"	Manicland	Mutare	Won 26-13
"	Zimbabwe 2nd test	Harare	Lost 18-17
"	Yorkshire	Morley	Won 19-13
"	Munster	Ravenhill	Drew 10-10
"	Connacht	Galway	Won 20-3
"	Leinster	Lansdowne Road	Won 22-9
1988	Saltires	Ravenhill	Lost 26-25
"	Yorkshire	"	Won 22-18
"	South of Scotland	"	Lost 12-9
"	W. Samoa	"	Won 47-15
"	Leinster	"	Won 18-17
"	Munster	Limerick	Won 12-9
1989	Saltires	Ravenhill	Won 26-23
"	Côte Basque	"	Won 21-10
"	Midlands Division	"	Won 28-21
"	Saltires	"	Won 39-16
"	Connacht	Galway	Won 38-3
"	Leinster	Lansdowne Road	Won 14-6
"	Munster	Ravenhill	Won 13-10
"	London Counties	Sudbury	Lost 24-13
"	New Zealand	Ravenhill	Lost 21-3
1990	Les Landes	Mont de Marsan	Lost 36-25

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Group. The following year the present F.I.R.A. Championship began.

The national side thrived in Division One until they dropped in to Division Two only to be promoted the following season. Although they were demoted the following year, in 1985 they gained promotion back into Division One. They lost their place that season but they regained it in the 1987/88 season.

In competitions of this type, in which practically all the European countries with the exception of the British Isles have taken part, Spain has contested a total of 103 games.

However, the growing reputation of Spanish rugby at international level is due to the intense activity of our national side in the last eight years.

Spain has hosted or toured Argentina, England, Wales, Scotland, Zimbabwe and New Zealand. In other words, they have faced the national sides of countries where the best rugby in the world is played.

Likewise Spain has taken part in recent years in the most important and prestigious Seven-a-side competitions such as the Hong Kong and Sydney Sevens.

One of the greatest achievements of the Spanish national side to date has been its qualification last November for the second phase of the World Cup. They enjoyed comfortable victories in Poland, Holland and Belgium.

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