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**CARDIFF PRESENT**

*Kick-off 6.0 p.m.*

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CARDIFF ARMS PARK, WEDNESDAY, MAY 1st, 1946

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## Cardiff Club's War-time Activities

At the outbreak of war most of our players answered the call to Service. A number of officials were engaged on full-time war work, many of whom took an active part in the Home Guard. It was felt that some relaxation was necessary from the continual strain of the war, and despite serious obstacles, it was decided that so far as possible games should be played by the club and that every effort should be made in the way of raising funds for war charities.

We carried on during the whole period of the war, and in spite of extreme difficulties regarding travel, football gear, and the securing of players, we played throughout each recognised football season with but few breaks the majority of our away games and a fair number of home matches being for charity, and whilst it is not possible to state the actual amount contributed in this way towards the Red Cross and other Funds, it can be safely assumed that this

figure reached several thousand pounds.

The club also assisted very considerably in the special match which was arranged for the Burma Fund, which realised well over £2,000 in all.

Our equipment was in a bad way, but it is due to the efforts of Mr. John Powell our voluntary trainer, that both equipment and players were "patched" up in order that the games could be played. The Committee was reduced to a small number but they carried on, and the enormous amount of work put in by Mr. Arthur Cornish, Mr. Norman Riches and Mr. Brice Jenkins will never be known.

On many occasions, just a few hours before a match, it was found that a number of players had been recalled to their units or other war service, but we somehow managed to find a team for each engagement and during the whole of the war period it can be stated that we lost very few games.

## Re-introducing the 'Past' Team

**Duncan Brown** (Army). Bigger and better—hopes to keep his line intact with the help of barbed wire.

**Gwyn Porter** (Army). Has been helping Monty to chase Rommel out of Africa, so should have some new ideas about crossing the line.

**Wilfred Wooller** (Army). Has grown so tough that when a P.O.W. he ate a Loofah Plant and thought how tender it was. The past team hope that he can still kick the ball over the fire station (and often).

**E. R. Knapp** (Navy). Known at Cambridge as "Five Try Knapp." So here's hoping today.

**A. T. Thomas** (Navy). "Acker" to the "boys." Remember his try against Oxford? Another today (we hope).

**Gwyn Lewis** (Army). Played some grand games for Cardiff and keeps fit by knocking Idris Richards about.

**Roy Gabe Jones** (Army). Used to drive tanks and was wounded twice licking Rommel & Co.

**Colin Jones** (Navy). Although he lost a race with a ship's rocket is still as good as ever.

**J. E. Bowcott** (Army). The same Pocket Hercules. Served in India so watch for the Indian Rope trick. Hopes to give a couple of pounds and a beating to Billy Darch.



W. WOOLLER



L. SPENCE



HUGH JOHNSON

THREE 'PAST' PLAYERS

**W. E. N. Davies** (Army). "Wendy" to the girls. Hopes to be as good as ever—so do the past team selectors.

**A. Coombes** (Army). Archie thinks this hooking business is easy—Mal James or not.

**L. G. S. Thomas** (Army). Jumbo pushes so hard in the scrum that he ends up by talking to the opposing lock-forward.

**Hugh Johnson** (R.A.F. Regiment). The old man of the party first played for Cardiff in 1926/7, about the time that Jackie and Bloddyn were using a different kind of "dummy."

**I. Jones** (Army). Ianto can play anywhere and does it very well.

**Ivor Williams** (Army). Ivor intends to drop a couple of goals because it's easier and also promises to keep "on-side."

**Roy Roberts** (Army). Not really a past player because he still has a future. One of the fit forwards.

**L. M. Spence** (Army). While a P.O.W. told the Japs that "a comparison with Welsh Rugby, the Japs Kiri was a cissy's game."

**S. C. Cravos** (Navy). Sid started to train but found that he still had his sea legs—that's his story and he is sticking to it.

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Many of the old boys will no longer be with us, but included amongst those who in spirit will be on the "Park" today, are the following who gave their lives for their country—

<b>Ken Street,</b>	<b>Pat Cox,</b>
<b>Trevor Ransome,</b>	<b>Ken Jones,</b>
<b>Frank Gaccon,</b>	<b>Maurice Turnbull,</b>
<b>Cecil Davies,</b>	<b>Cliff Mills,</b>
<b>John Heslop,</b>	<b>Howard Roblin.</b>

## The Cardiff 'Present' Team

Now what of the Present Cardiff XV under the leadership of Dr. Jack Matthews? It maintained an unbeaten record until Boxing Day, 1945, when the Kiwis beat them by the narrow margin of 3 points to nil after a terrific struggle (and so dramatically broadcast by Winston McCarthy). That unbeaten record had been maintained by displays of brilliant football comparable with the best in the Club's history.

The Present Blue and Blacks have attracted record crowds in England, Wales, and in France, and always the traditional Cardiff spirit of open Rugby was shown. Old (aye—even young) supporters have compared them with the best players of the Past, and have vivid recollections of the Jack Matthews

—Bloddyn Williams—"Billy" Cleaver Triangle; of "little" Davieses grand displays, and those performances of the pack whose stature did not always please the critics.

Grand displays too by St. John Rees, at full back and more recently by Frank Trott.

The too frequent call of representative football was bound to have an effect on the Club record, which though excellent suffered somewhat in the second half of the Season.

In all, the Club can now field 13 men who have played for Wales in her representative matches this Season; they are:—R. F. Trott, Dr. Glyn Jones, Dr. Jack Matthews, Bloddyn Williams,



R. A. CORNISH.



D. E. DAVIES.

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Full Back	...	DUNCAN BROWN
Right Wing	...	G. PORTER
Right Centre	...	C. JONES
Left Centre	...	W. WOOLLER
Left Wing	...	G. LEWIS
Outside Half	...	R. KNAPP
Scrum Half	...	J. E. BOWCOTT

Sir William Reardon-Smith, Bt.,  
will kick off at 6 o'clock.

Referee:

Mr. R. A. CORNISH

Forwards from—

‘WENDY’ DAVIES	IANTO JONES
A. COOMBS	IVOR WILLIAMS
L. G. THOMAS	LES SPENCE
R. ROBERTS	J. CASON
H. JOHNSON	

**CARDIFF 'PRESENT'**

ST. JOHN REES	Full Back
GRAHAM HALE	Left Wing
BLEDDYN WILLIAMS	Left Centre
Dr. JACK MATTHEWS	Right Centre
Dr. GLYN JONES	Right Wing
W. B. CLEAVER	Outside Half
W. DARCH	Scrum Half

Touch Judges:

‘Past’—Mr. D. E. DAVIES

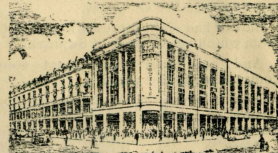
‘Present’—  
Mr. BRICE JENKINS

Forwards from—

W. G. JONES	H. E. JONES
MALDWYN JAMES	W. E. TAMPLIN
G. BLACKMORE	LES MANFIELD
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JACK MATTHEWS



RAY BALE



LES MANFIELD

Graham Hale, W. B. Cleaver, W. Darch, Les Manfield, W. E. Tamplin, Hubert E. Jones, Cliff Davies, Maldwyn James and most recent, W. G. Jones.

Cardiff had eight representatives in the team which beat France at Swansea.

And how does the present record compare with the past?

Here in a vein of comparison are some records of interest.

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Captain	P. W. L. D. For Ag.
1936/37	
Les Spence	44 36 7 1 553-173

1937/38	
A. H. Jones	46 38 6 2 580-260

1938/39	
W. Wooller	42 31 5 6 512-188

1945/46	
Dr. Jack Matthews	40 32 6 2 661-233

To the Cardiff Football Committee. The Captain and his players, our grateful thanks for good spade-work, good team work, and grand football of 1945/46—the first "Official" Post-War Season.

## The Infirmary Viewpoint—Contributed

When Sir William Reardon-Smith, the Chairman of the Cardiff Royal Infirmary, kicks off in to-night's game between CARDIFF PAST and CARDIFF PRESENT his thoughts and hopes will soar high financially, for the Institution for which he has done so much.

Cardiff Past will be sure of a great welcome on their return to the field of so many of their former battles and triumphs after having been engaged in battles in a more serious warfare on many foreign fields and their match against their successors who have so successfully preserved the great traditions of the Club of late should be well worth seeing.

Cardiff Present with two Infirmary doctors—Doctors Jack Matthews and Glyn Jones—and two coming doctors in H. St. John Rees and Hubert Jones, in their team, will, it is prophesied, have a "stiff examination" to pass in trying to find the weak spots, if any, in their opponents' strategy and it will be interesting to see whether Wilfred Wooller and his men will be able to pull the "wool" over Jack Matthews and his team's eyes.

The Cardiff Athletic Club has a fine record of work for helping deserving causes, and the Royal Infirmary Board wish to express their deep appreciation of today's further effort in aid of the Infirmary's 1946 Appeal for £150,000 for maintenance, and the fund to rebuild the Nurses' Home, so badly blitzed in 1941.

In the Past, the Infirmary, has, during its 109 years of service to the community treated no less than 242,000 In-patients and well over a million out-patients. Today, in the Present, it has over 400 patients daily in its care and deals also with well over a 100 out-patients and casualties each day.

Nationalisation of the Hospitals is very much in the public mind at present, but the voluntary hospitals still have to, and will always continue to care for, the patients in the interim and these patients, who are our own local people, must not be allowed to suffer for want of support.

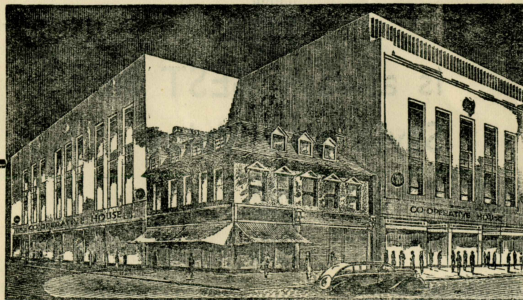
So with a final word of thanks to all, may we quote, "When the last Great Scorer comes to place his mark against your name, he will not ask if you won or lost, but how you played the game."

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## MIDDLESEX "SEVEN-A-SIDE" TOURNAMENT.

Cardiff reached the semi-final and succeeded in defeating the redoubtable "Kiwis" only to be beaten in the final by St. Mary's Hospital, who perhaps had the better luck in the draw.

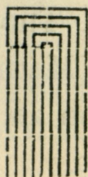


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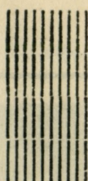


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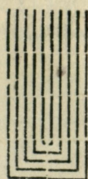


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