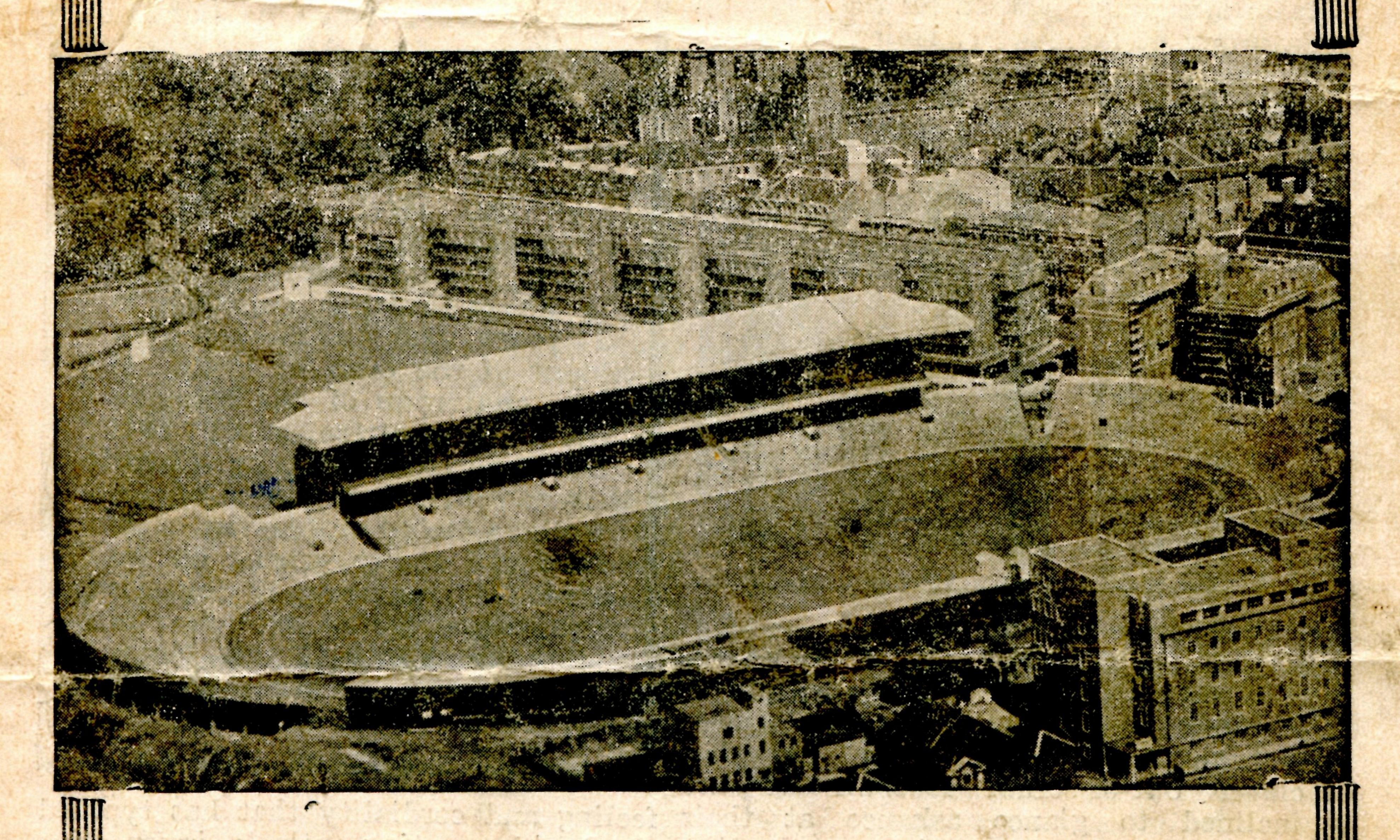
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1955-56



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RUMANIA CARDIFF

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th, 1955

Kick-off 5.30 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

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RUMANIANS MAKE RUGBY HISTORY

By THE EDITOR.

Maoris, All Blacks, Wallabies, Springboks-even Waratahs and Kiwis. We have had them all at Cardiff Arms Park. But never before have Welsh Rugby watchers welcomed a team from Rumania. Indeed, until our friends and rivals from Swansea played in the Balkan country last year, most of us had no idea at all that Rugby had "spread" to Rumania. And with the quick-fire Continental team sweeping Swansea off their feet on Saturday at famous St. Helen's, we are all eager to see today's struggle, and particularly to form our own opinions about the standard of Rumanian Rugger.

MALCOLM COLLINS 1st XV Captain



Welshmen are traditionally critical about Rugby. We judge all opponents by the superlatively high standards of previous great Welsh national sides, and unless the opposition can play clever out-of-scrum football we are inclined to glance askance at their feeling and cordiality that has typified prospects of victory against our leading the Welsh sporting outlook, irrespective club sides. But by all reports these of whether defeat or victory lies ahead. speedy Rumanians are well versed in the The Rumanians have been playing in art of back play, realising, as the Cardiff France recently, and their enthusiasm club have stressed throughout their and quick appreciation of tactics, comhistory, that the game is primarily a bined with an excellent knowledge of handling one. Today we welcome the basic fundamentals of our national Rumanian tourists with the warmth of game, make them an extremely powerful

LATE MR. D. BERNARD MORGAN

It was with regret that we learned of the death of Mr. D. Bernard Morgan, president of the Cardiff Athletic Club, and we extend our deepest sympathy to his family and relatives.

To Mr. Bernard Morgan's tireless work when he became chairman of the Athletic Club's management committee in the early 'thirties, the club owed its sound financial hasis after days of difficulty that necessitated the vital work of reorganisation.

Mr. Bernard Morgan served in an organising capacity for 24 years, and was elected president of the club in 1946. He was chairman of the management committee until 1948, and chairman of the Cardiff Arms Park Company Ltd. As well as being a trustee of the club for many years, he was also the chairman of the joint committee of the Athletic Club and the Welsh Ruby Union, dealing with the reconstruction of stand accommodation.

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touring teams.

Those who saw the Rumanians "limcould not fail to be impressed. You could not distinguish forwards from backs—they all passed with almost Bleddyn Williams fluency! Though skipper Gheorghe Pircalabescu is 35 years old, and the "veteran" of the side, the team's average age is 26. And they are all 100 per cent. fit. That, more than anything, is the secret of their success.

Future International?

Cardiff supporters are still arguing as to when they had seen a better try than the Birkenhead Park left wing's 75-yard run last Saturday. In the best Woodward style, winger Williams charged to score in really spectacular fashion. In I If all Cardiff's opponents play with the

force, admirably suited to test Malcolm divisions we have seen since the war! Collin's Cardiff's team. We think this The 18-year-old Keith Rimmer in the game might well be one of the highlights centre was particularly impressive, conof the 1955-56 season. As well as being sidering he was up against two interan historic occasion, it promises to thrill national men in Cardiff's Glyn John and the Arms Park crowd, for Cardiff have a Gordon Wells. Too young to play for proud tradition to maintain against England yet? Maybe. But watch that young Keith in a season or two! He looks as if he will be coming back to the bering-up" on the Arms Park on Monday, Arms Parks, and wearing England's white jersey.

Congratulations to CLIFF MORGAN

On behalf of the Cardiff Rugby Football Club and all Arms Park supporters, we send congratulations to Cliff, who captained the British Lions to their thrilling 9-6 triumph over South Africa in the Third Test. In Australia in 1950 Bleddyn Williams led the British Team to victory in the two Tests. And now Cliff brings further honour to the Cardiff Club!

fact, the whole Birkenhead back line was enterprise and undisguised intention of one of the strongest club units we have making it an attacking game behind the seen for many seasons on the Arms Park. scrum, then this season is going to be Indeed, they looked more dangerous and packed with good Rugger. Remember, enterprising than several England back those bustling Birkenhead boys sneaked

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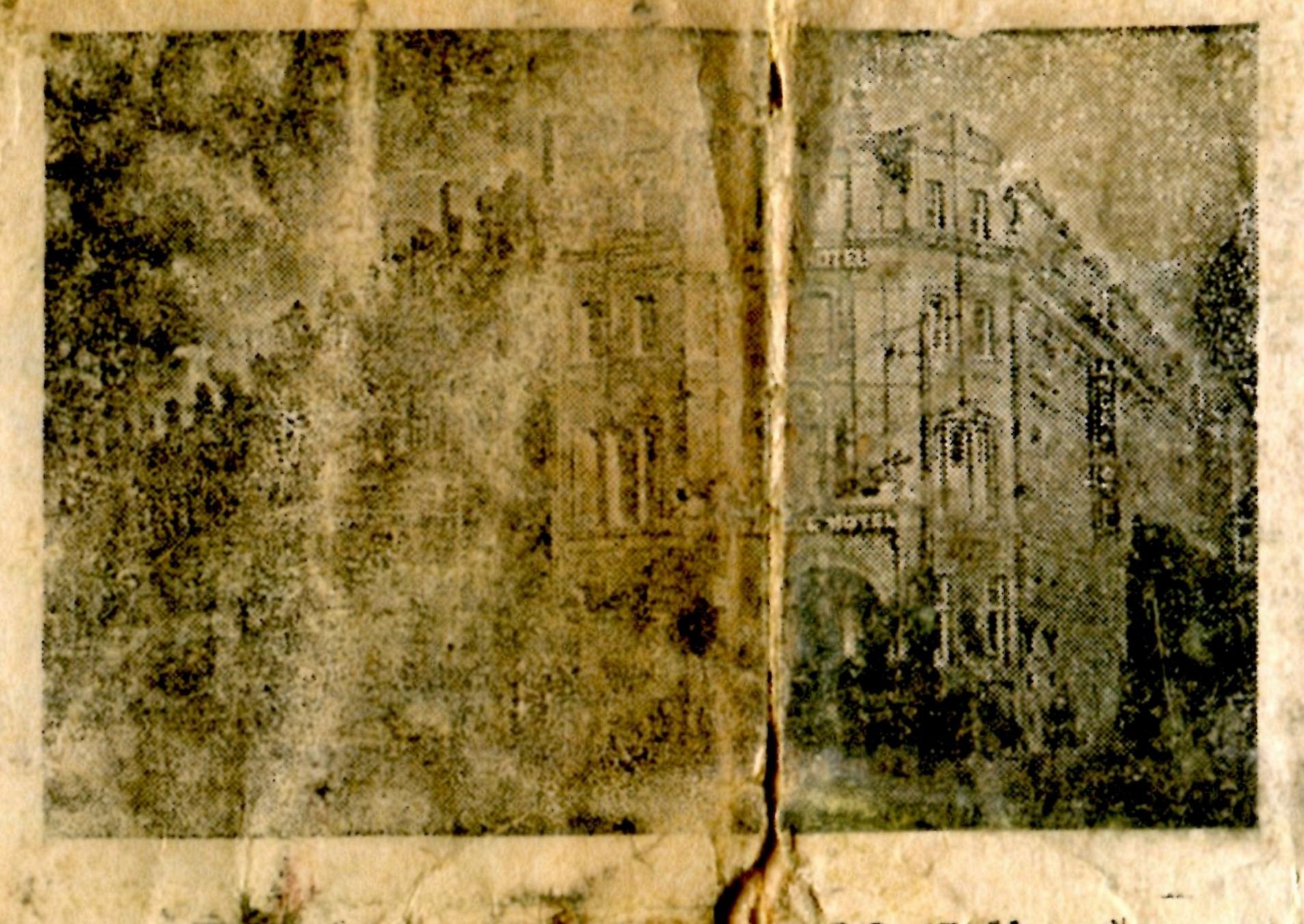
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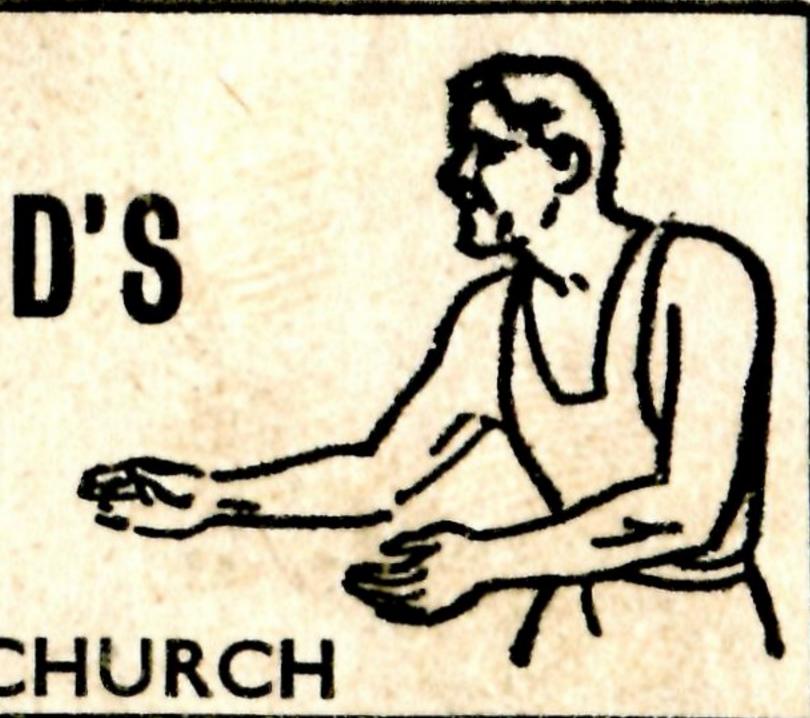
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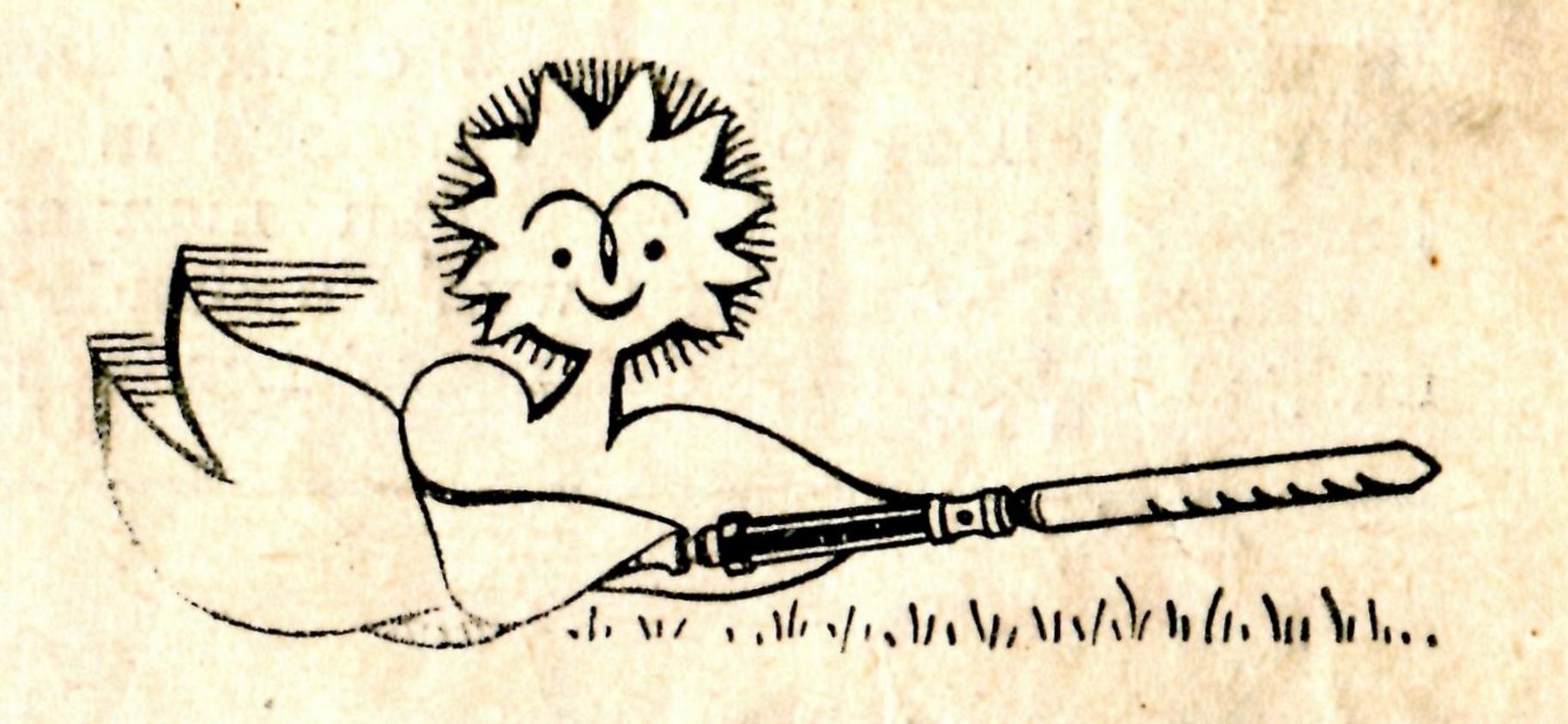
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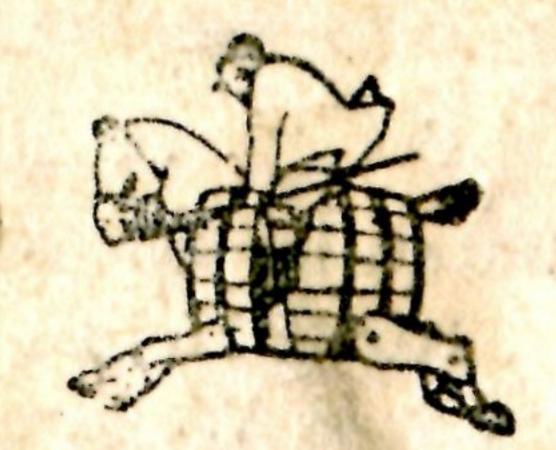
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Try-a-Match Tactics

In Cardiff's last two games they have scored 12 tries with two against and a total of 49 to 11. We anticipate today's Rumanian team making it a much closer tussle, and look to Gorden Wells to maintain his try-a-match methods (and bustling Eddie Lewis, too, for that matter); Ken Richards to drop a few more of those pin-point diagonal punts for his wings to run on to en route for the line; Rex Willis to "march" up the middle when he feels so inclined; and skipper Collins to uncoil himself in the line-out in best Roy John manner.

And for Gwyn Rowlands to nudge the ball over defenders' heads and

Il second nam points against Cardin s sprint round in scoring parsure. nine—and against the wind, too! one try against Birkenhead Park looked Coincidentally, Cardiff's nine was the to have been "cribbed" from Hadyn same number of goals that "Wolves" Morris's copybook! Remember, it was rattled into Cardiff City's net "across Gwyn who slipped the skates under the the road" at Ninian Park on the same "All Blacks" victory hopes in 1951. So day. Yes, we all liked Birkenhead's on with today's match, and may the brand of football, and send our thanks better side win in the manner most

CARDIFF'S RECORD AGAINST TOURING TEAMS					
1888 v	. Maoris	W	8-3		
1905 v	New Zealanders	L	8-10		
1906 v	South Africans	W	17-0		
1908 v	Australians	W	24-8		
1912 v	South Africans	L	6-7		
1924 v	New Zealanders	L	8-16		
1926 v	. Maoris	L	8-18		
v	. Maoris	L	3-5		
1928 v	. New Sth. Wales	L	9-15		
1931 v	South Africans	L	5-13		
1935 v	. New Zealanders	L	5-20		
1945 v	. Kiwis	L	0-3		
1947 v	. Australians	W	11-3 9-11		
1951 v	South Africans	L.	9-11		
1953 v	New Zealanders	W	8-3		



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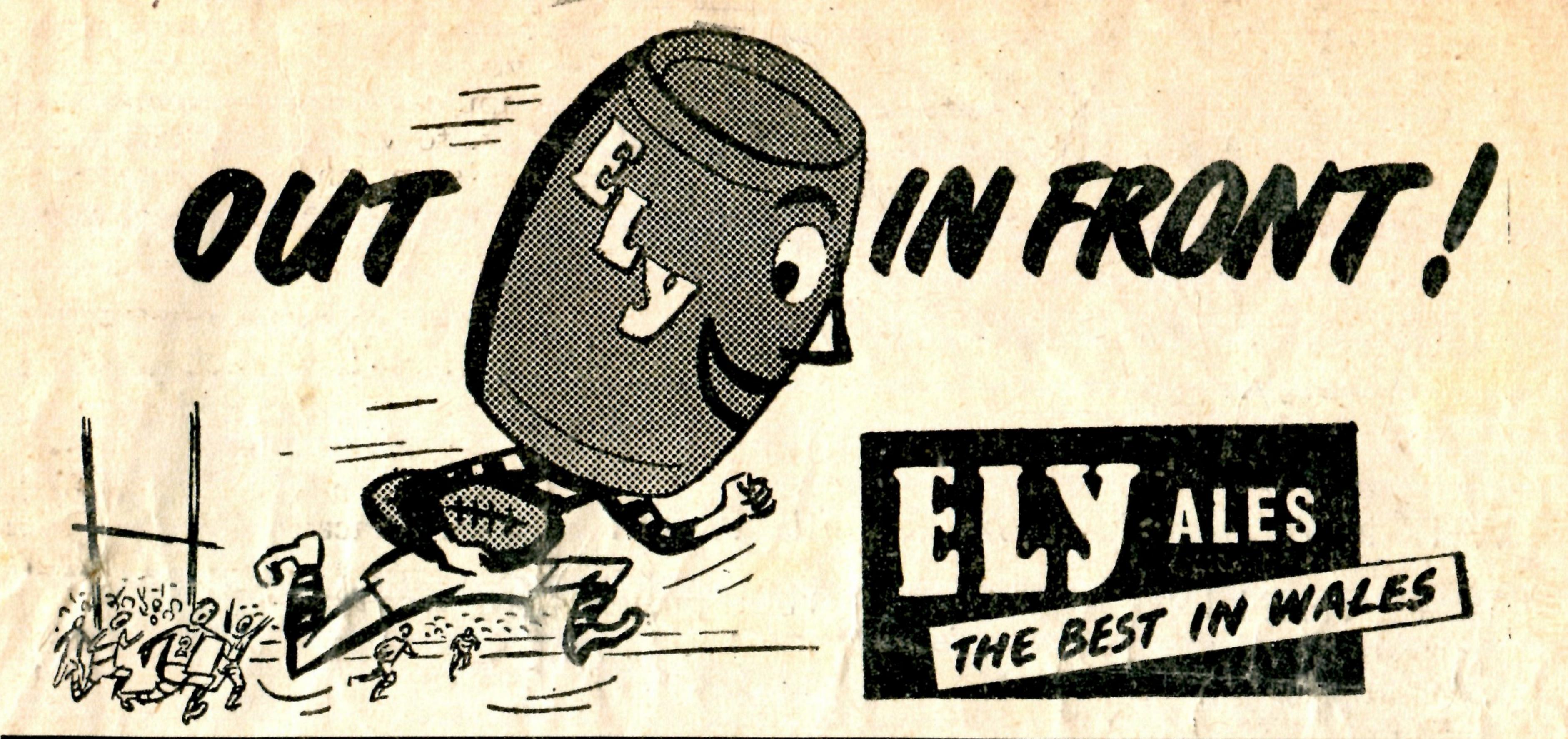
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