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### Saturday, Dec. 13th.

### BLACKHEATH v. CARDIFF

We welcome the first visit of the full Blackheath Club since the War. They have a wonderful record of service to rugby and are universally known as the "Club." Their clashes with the various Welsh clubs have always produced interesting and open rugby, and to-day's match promises to be a particularly brilliant one for both sides are at full strength, and "open play" will be the order of the day.

Blackheath began their long history as far back as 1860 when four members of the Blackheath Proprietary School formed a Club known as the Old Blackheathen R.F.C. In 1862 the Club took its present title, and in 1882-3 the Club moved to the Rectory Field. Perhaps the Club's best season was in 1919-20 when 25 matches were played and 23

won. Charlie Pillman was captain and his side scored 517 points against 113. To date nearly 200 members of the Club have played for one of the four countries.

Thus their position in English rugby is very similar to that of the Cardiff Club in Wales. They both set the standard of club play for their respective countries and right well have they done it. This season has seen Cardiff play rugby in the best traditions and make a niche for themselves in the history of the game.

The news on Thursday evening that ten Cardiff players were included in the fourteen selected to represent Wales against Australia on December 20, has been warmly received by the Cardiff supporters. They had hoped for such a

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W. B. Cleaver



Bleddyn Williams

representation, but the boldness of the Welsh Selectors was beyond their wildest dreams. Even now W. G. Jones might get his place in the front row after to-day's match and make the total up to eleven, which will be a magnificent performance.

Frank Trott must count himself unlucky at not getting a place in the side, but in order to play the attacking outside half, they have put Billy Cleaver into the full-back position. This is proof of this player's magnificent all-round ability, for no doubt he will play his usual polished game, and show his rare

qualities as a fielder of the ball, a kicker, a tackler and as the possessor of a rare sense of position.

Maldwyn James, as the man who has twice retired from the game, gains his life-long ambition by winning a "full" Welsh cap. We must join him in his pleasure.

Les Manfield comes back with gusto, and he deserves his place on his splendid showing against the Australians for the Cardiff Club. His masterful sense of back-row forward play and his wonderful saving will be invaluable to the Welsh side.





Les Manfield



W. E. Tamplin



Jack Matthews

It is a great shame that the dear old Arms Park cannot hold 100,000 spectators for this match. The Club secretary and Committee send the following message of sympathy to all those who have been unlucky in not getting a ticket for the great match next Saturday: "The demand far exceeds the supply in every town and village in Wales, furthermore, millions of people all over the four countries have wanted to see it."

"RULES YOU SHOULD KNOW!" Law 21. Kick-off.

(a) A place kick from the centre of the half-way line or after an unconverted try a drop kick at or from behind the centre

At the request of the Welsh Rugby Union, Glyn Davies has been included at outside half and W. B. Cleaver at full-back for to-day's game.

of the half-way line must be taken; otherwise the ball shall be kicked off again.

(b) The ball must reach the 10 yards line, unless first played by an opponent, otherwise it shall be kicked off again or a scrummage formed at the centre, at the opponents' option. If it reach the 10 yards line and is then blown back, play shall continue.

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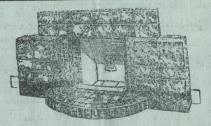
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(d) The opposing team must not stand within ten yards of the half-way line; otherwise the ball shall be kicked off again.

(e) The opposing team must not charge until the ball has been kicked; otherwise

the ball shall be kicked off again.

(f) If the ball pitch in touch, the opposing team may accept the kick, have the ball kicked off again, or have a scrummage formed at the centre.

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