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Saturday, October 18th. SWANSEA v. CARDIFF

In welcoming Swansea to the Arms Park to-day we extend to them our good wishes and sympathies—since they are experiencing one of their hardest times on record in the way of injuries. They began the season in great heart, and looked forward to making further headway in their long task of regaining some of the great glories of the past. During the War the Club did not function and suffered a series of administrative setbacks, which left officials in a difficult position at the start of the 1945-46 season.

However, Cliff Prosser and his hard-working committee have made a magnificent recovery, both from the financial and playing point of view. Swansea have got on their feet and are rapidly

improving affairs at St. Helen's. A measure of their honest endeavour is the splendid transformation which has been introduced into the St. Helen's Pavilion.

At the moment it is fast becoming like the "Long Room" at Lord's for the pictures now hanging on the walls are a pictorial record of the Club's long history. Clubs in Wales should follow Swansea's example and make their Club-rooms, a happy place to spend an hour both before and after the game.

The origin of the Swansea Club, like that of many other famous Welsh Clubs, is a little uncertain. However some seventy odd years ago, several young and gallant men in the area, began to play at the game first on top of Mount Pleasant,

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"The Cardiff Athletic Hand Book for the year ending 30th April, 1947, will be on sale on the ground to-day, price 1/-."

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Jack Matthews

and then on the Primrose Field. The first few seasons brought odd fixtures, but then the rugger folk joined with the Swansea Cricket Club and acquired what is now called the St. Helen's Ground.

From those early days onwards, Swansea have written many a page upon the scroll of rugby glory, and a long list of great players have worn the white jersey. To mention but a few, W. J. and Jack Bancroft, Joe Rees, George Bowen, "Genny" Gordon, Dai Gwyn, Danny Rees, George Davies, Rowe Harding, Claude Davey, the James Brothers, Dicky Owen, Dicky Jones, Billy Trew, Billy Davies, Haydn Tanner,

W. Joseph, D. J. Thomas, Alban Davies, Fred Scrine, Ivor Morgan, Tom Parker, Dai Parker, Tom Day, Eddie Morgan, Eddie Long, and Idwal Rees.

One of their greatest-ever players, Haydn Tanner, is now captain of the Cardiff Club. We are proud to have him in our midst, and are grateful to the Swansea Club for the ready manner in which they granted his transfer last season. Such sportmanship is worthy of the game.

A fortnight ago, the entire Swansea back division was laid low by injuries, and as Wilfred Wooller, said this week, writing in a London Daily—"We all hope

such runs of bad luck have now ended." D. Glyn Davies (full-back), Addenbroke and Shaw (wings), Morse, Len Davies, and G. Beynon (centres), were all injured at the same time, and what is more unfortunate, Swansea had great difficulty in obtaining players from other clubs in the area. Clubs are not co-operating in the area, and unlike Cardiff, Swansea have no Athletic XV upon which they can draw.

However, to-day, we wish them well, and hope that their victory at Richmond on Saturday will stand them in good stead for to-day's battle. May they keep the game open as did Newport, and not worry about the score. Nowadays, spectators want to see good rugby no matter who wins.

Cardiff are still riding on the high wave of success, and have rightly been called the Best CLUB side in the Country. The last two home games saw them in vividly contrasted moods, for whereas they were a grim, determined, unyielding force against the Australians, they were really flamboyant against Newport. In the latter game, Matthews played brilliantly, and although Bleddyn Williams scored

four tries, it should really be called Jack Matthews' match. Nevertheless it was a team victory, and that is why Cardiff are so strong this season. They are essentially a team, cleverly led, despite their individual brilliance.

Also note. Photographs of Cardiff's successful team against the Australians can be obtained from the *Western Mail* and *Echo*, Printing Dept., Price 3/6.

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 Outside Half ... GEORGE BEYNON (6)
 Scrum Half ... FRANK WILLIAMS (7)

Kick Off 3.15

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 Mr. IVOR DAVID
 (Neath)



Forwards—

O. PHILLIPS (8) D. T. SWAIN (12)
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 J. R. ROWLAND (10) D. J. DAVIES (15)
 BRYN EVANS (11) W. D. JOHNSON (16)

CARDIFF

(1) FRANK TROTT ... Full Back
 (2) LES WILLIAMS ... Left Wing
 (3) BLEDDYN WILLIAMS ... Left Centre
 (4) JACK MATTHEWS ... Right Centre
 (5) D. H. JONES ... Right Wing
 (6) W. B. CLEAVER ... Outside Half
 (7) HAYDN TANNER (Capt.) ... Scrum Half

Next Saturday at Home
 October 25th

TREORCHY
 v. ATHLETIC

Forwards—

(8) CLIFF DAVIES (12) W. E. TAMPLIN
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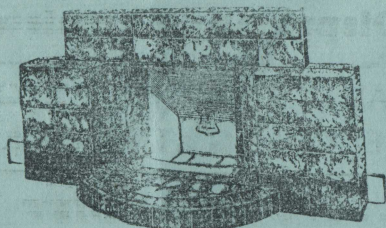
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1947	Opponents.	Ground			
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Nov. 1	Talywain ...	Away	31	Kenfig Hill ...	Away
8	Newport U. ...	Home	Feb. 7	Cardiff H.S.O.B. ...	Away
15	Resolven ...	Away	14	Nantymoel ...	Away
22	Glynneath ...	Away	21	Gloucester U. ...	Away
29	Nantymoel ...	Home	28	Glynneath ...	Home
Dec. 13	Mountain Ash ...	Away	Mar. 6	Abergavenny ...	Home
20	Wales v. Australia ...	Cdf.	13	Cardiff H.S.O.B. ...	Away
27	Old Iltydians ...	Away	20	Maesteg... ...	Away
1948.			27	Tredegar ...	Away
Jan. 3	Glam. Wanderers ...	Away	April 3	Newport H.S.O.B. ...	Away
20	Bristol A ...	Home	10	Briton Ferry ...	Away
			17	Llanharan ...	Home
			24	Blaenavon ...	Away

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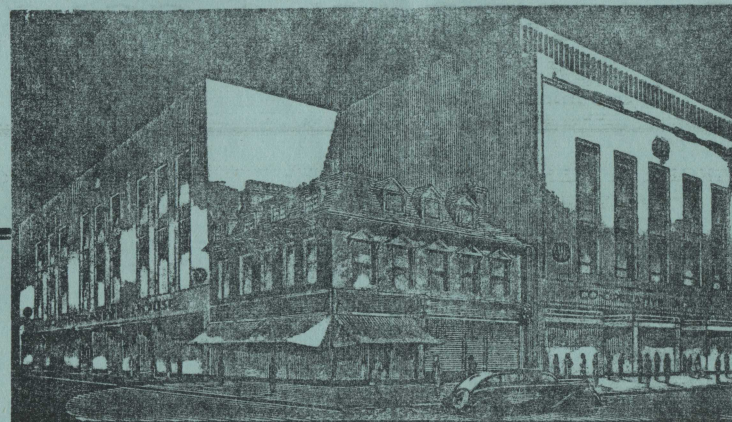
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