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## “Here Come the Scarlets!”

By THE EDITOR.

The fame of the Llanelly Rugby Football Club has travelled to all parts of the globe. They are known as the “Scarlets” and the town of Llanelly is known as “Sospan.” Thus the three words, “rugger,” “scarlets” and “sospan” are synonymous, and they stand for tremendous enthusiasm and a love for the Game which cannot be bettered in any part of the world.

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since Scarlet has been the colours and the name by which the team is known throughout the world!

This season Llanelly has had a good run. Indeed the team has made great strides towards recapturing its former greatness. During the first two months of the season, the Club had as its spearhead, Lewis Jones, who has now turned professional.

Followers at the Arms Park will regret his departure, since they looked forward to seeing him in action to-day against the most classical centre produced by Wales since the War—Bleddyn Williams. Folk in Llanelly are very fond of Bleddyn as they are of Cliff Morgan, and hope that the latter will be fit to play to-day.

Llanelly have some new faces to the Arms Park in their side to-day, although it is the same XV as that which defeated Neath at Stradey last Saturday. G. Thomas, the hooker and P. Mansell in the back row are new and Geoff Tucker who has played most of the season as outside-half, takes Lewis Jones's place in the centre.

Allan Jones, brother of Lewis, captains the side and his pack of forwards promise to be lively. However, they will find the Cardiff pack led by Sid Judd every bit as good as it was at Stradey last month! This year the Cardiff eight have proved themselves as good as any in the Country. In the tight, the loose and the line-outs, they have been splendid.

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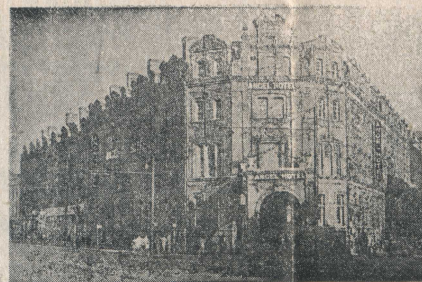
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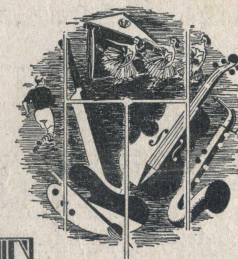
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A word of praise too for Alun Thomas, who has been deputising with such success for Cliff Morgan in recent weeks. His current good form must make him a strong contender for a place in this season's Welsh XV.

Standing at the top of the All-Welsh Table, the Cardiff Club have yet to be beaten by another Welsh club in an official match and it will be interesting to see how long this unusual record survives. Again the standard of play at the Arms Park has been as good as ever.

Another new player to join the Club, is H. Nicholls, the young Maesteg boy who has shown promise with Bridgend. We trust he will be happy in his new surroundings.

Finally a word of welcome to a former Cardiff player, who returns

to-day, as chairman of the Llanelly Club. He is Dr. Noel Rees, who was as fine a second-row forward, as he is an administrator.

Season ticket holders are asked to do nothing regarding the purchase of tickets for the Wales v. England International match at Cardiff on January 17th, until the official instructions appear in this programme and in the Press. A ballot will be held for Stand tickets during the first week in December, and full details of this will be made known in due course.

Signed B. H. JENKINS,

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1952	Result F. A.	1953	Result F. A.
Sept. 3—Cardiff and District	h22—0	Jan. 3—Moseley	a.....
„ 6—Neath	h21—3	„ 10—Aberavon	h.....
„ 10—Penarth	h25—8	„ 17—Bath	a.....
„ 13—Plymouth	h47—0	„ 24—Swansea	h.....
„ 17—Cheltenham	h 3—0	„ 31—Aberavon	a.....
„ 20—Coventry	a13—3		
„ 22—Leicester	a 9—6	Feb. 7—Bristol	h.....
„ 27—Cognac and Nantes	h37—11	„ 14—London Welsh	a.....
Oct. 4—Newport	a 9—3	„ 21—Newport	a.....
„ 6—Belvedere	a 9—8	„ 28—Gloucester	a.....
„ 7—Limerick	a31—17		
„ 11—Pontypool	h 8—3	Mar. 7—Newport	h.....
„ 18—Gloucester	h 8—0	„ 14—Penarth	a.....
„ 25—Llanelly	a12—6	„ 21—Coventry	h.....
Nov. 1—Oxford University	a 3—6	„ 26—Birkenhead Park	a.....
„ 3—Northampton	a 6—11	„ 28—Sale	a.....
„ 8—Newport	h14—0		
„ 15—Wasps	a16—5	Apr. 4—Barbarians	h.....
„ 22—Llanelly	h.....	„ 6—Harlequins	h.....
„ 29—Neath	a.....	„ 7—Northampton	h.....
Dec. 6—Bristol	a.....	„ 11—Devonport Services	a.....
„ 13—Cambridge Univ.	h.....	„ 13—Penzance	a.....
„ 20—Swansea	a.....	„ 14—St. Ives	a.....
„ 26—Wasps	h.....	„ 18—Pontypool	a.....
„ 27—Watsonians	h.....	„ 25—Cheltenham	a.....
		„ 29—Bridgend	h.....

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