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## CARDIFF ARMS PARK

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# SWANSEA

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## EAST v. WEST

By THE EDITOR.

Today's meeting of the two great rivals of Welsh Clubs rugby from the East and West promises to provide a game of considerable interest. What is more, many of the players on view will be challenging for a place in the Welsh XV to meet Scotland. Though Dr. Gwyn Rowlands and Gareth Griffiths are not available, John Llewellyn returns and Cardiff field a very strong side indeed. A special welcome is due to Stan Bowes, the popular and hard-working Captain of the Athletic XV. He comes into the

front row instead of the injured Gower Jenkins, who has injured his knee and has it in plaster.

Cardiff field eight internationals and several trialists. Swansea, who also field a strong side with two internationals, Ken Blyth and W. D. Johnson. Injury keeps out the international left wing Horace Phillips.

Welsh reserve, Roy Sutton, Captains the side and opposes Rex Willis, the Cardiff Captain and their personal duel should be very interesting. Swansea have not had the best of luck this season, but generally rise to the occasion at the Cardiff Arms Park, as we can recall a few seasons ago, when Alun Thomas in the "White" colours, inspired a fine victory.

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The real "meat" of today's battle will be between Swansea's lively back row of Blyth, Hughes and Johnson and the brilliant Cardiff backs, who did so well last week at Bath. Young Bernard Hedges is at full back and Cardiff followers will see the Glamorgan Cricketer in a different rôle.

The referee is Mr. V. S. Llewellyn (Llansamlet) who has been in splendid form this season.

### "TRIBUTE TO A MASCOT."

By "OBSERVER"  
of the *South Wales Echo*.

The famous Cardiff club mourns the loss of its greatest fan—young Bernard

Guy, of 39 Keppoch Street, Roath, Cardiff, who died at Llandough Hospital on Thursday.

Young Bernard, only fourteen years old, despite the amputation of a leg last year, remained the most cheerful little soul in his hospital ward and so impressed Brian Mark, who was in hospital at the time, that he mentioned the fact to his club-mates at Cardiff Arms Park.

Bernard's shy request for "an autograph, please!" resulted in the team buying him an autograph book which was quickly filled with signatures, cartoons and messages of good-will. It remained his proudest possession.

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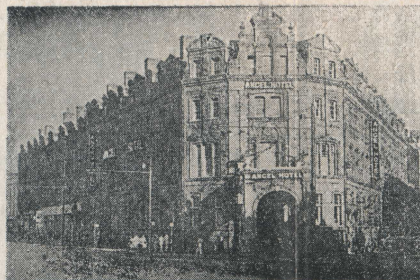
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- 3 V. DAVIES
- 4 P. DAVIES
- 5 B. JENKINS
- 6 K. RICHARDS
- 7 R. SUTTON (Capt.)
- 8 D. JONES
- 9 T. PETHYBRIDGE
- 10 R. DOBBS
- 11 E. J. REES
- 12 A. MORRIS
- 14 L. BLYTH\*
- 15 O. HUGHES
- 16 W. D. JOHNSON\*

#### Full Backs

Left Wing Right  
Left Centre Right  
Right Centre Left  
Right Wing Left

Outside Half  
Inside Half

#### Forwards



Referee: Mr. V. S. LLEWELLYN  
(Llansamlet)

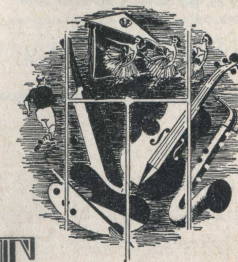
- 1 J. LLEWELLYN
- 2 C. L. DAVIES
- 3 A. THOMAS\*
- 4 B. L. WILLIAMS\*
- 5 H. MORRIS\*
- 6 C. MORGAN\*
- 7 REX WILLIS\* (capt.)
- 8 S. BOWES
- 9 G. BECKINGHAM\*
- 10 J. D. EVANS
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### DEATH OF McCARTHY.

The Chairman, Committee and players of the Cardiff Rugby Club wish to express their deepest sympathy towards the relatives of Gerard McCarthy, who was killed in an accident at Brecon this week while serving with the South Wales Borderers. He was a young player of considerable promise, and had proved himself in junior football as one of the best outside halves produced by the City since the War. As a tribute to the memory of this young sportsman, the players will wear black armlets in today's match, and before the kick-off a minute's silence will be observed.

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1952	Result F. A.	1953	Result F. A.
Sept. 3—Cardiff and District	h22—0	Jan. 3—Moseley	a16—6
„ 6—Neath	h21—3	„ 10—Aberavon	h13—5
„ 10—Penarth	h25—8	„ 17—Bath	a16—3
„ 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 0—5	„ 6—Harlequins	h
„ 29—Neath	a 0—8	„ 7—Northampton	h
Dec. 6—Bristol	a Can.	„ 11—Devonport Services	a
„ 13—Cambridge Univ.	h14—5	„ 13—Penzance	a
„ 20—Swansea	a 3—0	„ 14—St. Ives	a
„ 26—Wasps	h27—0	„ 18—Pontypool	a
„ 27—Watsonians	h29—3	„ 25—Cheltenham	a
		„ 29—Bridgend	h

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