Newport Rugby



Football Club

CARDIFF v. NEWPORT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21st, 1953.

Kick-off - 3.30 p.m.

NOTES

Cardiff are at Rodney Parade to-day for the third of the season's meetings between the Clubs—the fourth and had encounter being at Cardiff in a fortnight's time. There is a tendency for the undoubted greatness of these encounters to be overshadowed by the present run of supremacy being enjoyed by Cardiff who, in the last seven matches between the teams, have claimed six victories, with one drawn game. Local rivalry, perhaps, tends to place these successes out of perspective, which should not be the case. In truth, Cardiff have simply earned these victories by being the better side on the day's play—and some great play there has been, by both sides, in meetings of recent years. Firstly the game, therefore, and then the victory. And as to the latter, the Newport supporter, naturally, fervently hopes for a break in fortune at to-day's meeting, and that Newport supremacy can earn them an eagerly-sought win. It could certainly happen this afternoon. With the season three-parts over, the playing records of both Clubs compare very closely. Cardiff have been the more consistent side, perhaps, and, of course, there is the pointer of two successes over Newport already achieved this season, but Newport, after some indifferent football in January, are quickly coming back into their best form. Away wins at Abertillery and Leicester were extremely well-earned and there is again a confidence and spirit in Roy Burnett's team, which will not easily be overcome.

Sympathy goes out to the Cardiff captain, Rex Willis, whose recent injury in Scotland bars him, for the third time this season, playing against Newport. He has an able deputy in Brian Mark to partner Cliff Morgan, while he must also be happy in the temporary leadership of the side by S. Judd, certainly one of the outstanding forwards of the season. Bleddyn Williams and Alun Thomas, also of the victorious Welsh side in Edinburgh, will be in the centre, and it looks an

extremely powerful Cardiff team.

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Date Opponents	Result		Date Opponents	Result	
Sept. 6—Abertillery H 13—Bristol H 20—Neath H 27—Swansea A M. 29—Stade Nantais H Oct. 4—Cardiff H 11—Blackheath A 18—Crosskeys A 25—Wasps H Nov. 1—Penarth A 8—Cardiff A 15—Gloucester H 22—London Welsh A 29—Bristol A Dec. 6—Plymouth H 13—Swansea H M. 15—Cambridge Univ. H 20—Harlequins A 27—Crosskeys H 7. 30—Percy Park A	29 14 12 8 12 3 22 11 17 11 0 8 0 6 30 3 25 8 22 16	6 0 8 5 11 9 0 3 3 14 3 3 5 0 0 3 3 0 0 3 3	Th Jan. 1—WatsoniansA 3—LlanellyA 10—CheltenhamH	6	Agst 0 0 3 9 6 3 6 0 3

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CORNEL WILDE in "CALIFORNIA CONQUEST" (U)
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SUPPORTERS' CLUB NEWS

Once again we wish our team the 'Best of Luck' against the 'auld' enemy, but we know that, win or lose, we shall enjoy meeting our friends after the match.

Lest week we journeyed to Leicster on the occasion of our Annual Outing.

Despite the miserable outlook prevailing through storm and snow-covered roads on leaving Newport, Nature turned very kind to us, and we all thoroughly enjoyed our first visit to the "Tiger's" ground.

The weather was good, food most excellent and Hotels very comfortable.

The party arrived back in Newport about 5.30 p.m. on Sunday evening, after a glorious return journey over the snow-capped Malvern Hills.

Our next venture, of course, will be our Annual Pilgrimage to Sudbury for the Wasps' game, which has added interest this year with Newport Schoolboys playing Middlesex as a 'curtain-raiser.'

Mr. Frank Bailey can supply details.

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Right Wing **Outside Half** (7) Inside Half

(1) Full Back

(5) Left Wing

Left Centre

Right Centre

Full Back

Right Wing

Left Centre

Left Wing

Inside Half W. A. WILLIAMS

Right Centre R. SHEPPARD

Garage:

NEXT HOME GAME-SATURDAY, FEB. 28th, 1953 v. Blackheath

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Kick-off 3.30 p.m.

Forwards-Forwards-J. D. EVANS (8) I. BODENHAM (8) G. BECKINGHAM (9) LYN. DAVIES (9) A. D. S. BOWES (10)R. ROWLAND (10)W. E. TAMPLIN (11)JAN FORD (11)M. COLLINS (12)L. H. JENKINS (12)C. D. WILLIAMS (13)H. A. DAVIES (14) S. JUDD, Capt. (14)PETER DAVIES (15)J. D. NELSON (15)S. KIMPTON (16)

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And so does the Newport side. W. A. Williams, recovered from an attack of lumbago, comes back into the side, and this is the only change in the team who have performed so well in their last two matches. This means that Malcolm Lewis continues on the left wing, and that L. H. Jenkins of Caerleon College, playing so finely in his first games with the Club, retains his place in the for-

Next Saturday's home game with Blackheath will have special significancethis being the 100th match between the Clubs since their first meeting at Newport in 1879. A Celebration Dinner to mark the occasion is being given by the Newport Club following the match and Blackheath are hoping to bring down, for the occasion, a large party of their famous old players. By the way, it would be of interest to the Newport Committee to know how many of Newport followers there are still who saw that famous first game at Newport 74 years

Regarding the Wales v. Ireland International at Swansea on March 14th, the ballot for Stand and Enclosure Tickets will take place in the Social Centre at 7 o'clock next Wednesday evening. With Field Tickets, it is the intention of the Committee to give first priority to all Members who were unsuccessful in obtaining a Ticket at all for the recent International at Cardiff,

Motorists who bring their cars into the grounds for home matches will pay special heed to an announcement which is to be broadcast at half-time to-day. This will be to the effect that unless car-owners observe the repeated warnings about movement after the game while pedestrians are streaming towards the exits, the Committee will have to consider a future recommendation that parking facilities inside the ground be discontinued.

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