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A Hearty Welcome to the New Zealand Tourists

Once more we are favoured with a visit from a New Zealand Touring Side—an army combination, magically recruited from the 2nd New Zealand Division although minus many good players who have returned home. There are, however, many "star" performers in the present side, selected, coached and trained with care and intensity and judged by results to date, the prestige and honour of New Zealand Rugby has been fully maintained by a set of players brimming over with enthusiasm and whose average age is 24.

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Dr. Jack Matthews (Cardiff Captain)

Referee: Mr. TREVOR JONES (Llangynwyd)

Kick-off 2.30 p.m.

"Winning Points to BOVRIL"

During their first visit to Wales two months ago the "Kiwis," as they are popularly called, defeated Swansea, Llanelly and Neath and Aberavon (combined). Meanwhile they have beaten England at Twickenham and hitherto are undefeated. Today, they are up against Cardiff, universally admitted to be the best club side in the country, also unbeaten, with a magnificent sequence of 17 wins secured by exceptionally clever back play, in which the famous triangle—Matthews - Bleddyn Williams - Cleaver—has been the dominating factor.

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Cardiff enthusiasts are itching to see this battle of giants and wonder how their heroes will fare against the equally clever backs the "Kiwis" possess. The latter's traditional formation, one half back, two five-eights, and three three-quarters, will provide an interesting spectacle as well as a study in contrasts, and the outcome will doubtless depend upon the superiority one side gains from effective heeling from the set scrums and loose mauls. Here's to a great game and may the better side win.

Col. A. H. Andrews, the tourists' Manager must be exceedingly pleased with the side's performances. We congratulate him not only on his distinction in rugby management but also on his achievements in the war, which have already won him the O.B.E.

Major C. K. Saxton, the side's Captain is a popular leader and efficient half-back. Played for All Blacks against Australia, 1938. Hails from Southland; Wholesaler by trade; 31 years of age, 10 stone 6 lbs. in weight and 5 ft. 5in. in height.

Major J. Finlay, Vice-Captain leader of a terrific pack, comes from Manawatu; is 29 years; an Agent by occupation; 13st. 7 lb.; 5 ft. 10 in. and a war M.C.

Brief particulars relating to other New Zealanders are as follows:—

Driver R. W. H. Scott of Auckland; Clerk; 24 yrs.; 12 st. 12 lbs.; 5 ft. 10in.; Full-back.

Lieut. J. Sherratt, Wellington; Accountant; 26 yrs.; 13 st. 10 lbs.; 6ft. lin. Three-quarter. In All Blacks Trials, 1939.

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MARMENTS FOR MEN'S WEAR

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Corporal E. G. Boggs, Auckland; School Teacher; 23 yrs.; 13 st.; 5 ft. 10 ins. Three-quarter.

Private J. B. Smith, North Auckland; Baker; 22 yrs,; 12 st. 6 lbs.; 5 ft. 11 in. Three-quarter.

Driver W. G. Argus, Canterbury; Christchurch Sports' Employer; 24 yrs.; 12 st. 5 lbs.; 6 ft. 1 in. Three-quarter.

Lieut. F. R. Allen, Canterbury, Salesman; 25 yrs.; 12 st. 6 lbs.; 5 ft. 10 in. Five-eighth.

Private I. Proctor, Whangarei, North Auckland, Farmer; 21 yrs.; 13 st.; 5 ft. 7 in. Five-eighth.

Captain N. J. McPhail, Canterbury. In 1939 All Black Trials; Leather Manufacturer; 30 yrs.; 13 st. 7 lbs.; 5 ft. 11½in. Forward.

Captain P. K. Rhind, Christchurch. In New Zealand XV in All Black Trials, 1939. Shipping Agent; 28 yrs.; 14 st.; 5 ft. 11½ in. Forward.

Private F. N. Haigh, Lower Hutt, Wellington; Sheet-metal worker; 24 yrs.; 13 st. 7 lbs.; 5 ft. 10 in. 'Forward.

Private K. D. Arnold, of Waikoto; Farmer; 25 yrs. 13st. 6lbs.; 5ft.11in.; Forward.

Corporal S. W. Woolley, Marlborough; Farmer; 25 yrs.; 15st. 6lbs.; 6ft. Forward.

Trooper A. W. Blake, Wairarapa; Farmer; 22 yrs.; 14st; 6ft. 2in. Forward.

Trooper J. C. Kearney, Otago. Farmer, 25 yrs of age; 12 st. 4 lbs.; 5 ft. 9 in. Five eighth.

Lance/Bdr. R. L. Dobson, Auckland. Clerk, 22 yrs; 11 st. 2 lbs.; 5 ft. 10½ in.; Five Eighth usually. Reserve for any back position.

Private R. D. Johnstone, South Auckland. Mechanic, 22 yrs.; 15 st.; 6 ft. Forward.

Private J. G. Bond, Christchurch. Metal Worker, 25 yrs.; 13 st. 7 lbs.; 5 ft. 8 in. Forward.

Private J. G. Simpson, Auckland. Public Servant, 23 yrs.; 14 st. 6 lbs.; 6 ft. Forward.

Sergeant L. A. Grant, 25 yrs.; 14 st. 6 lbs.; 6 ft. 2 in. Forward.

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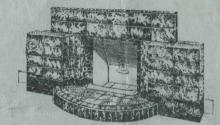
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