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Season 1951-52

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### CARDIFF ARMS PARK

**TUESDAY, APRIL 15th, 1952**

Kick-off 3.30 p.m.

## NORTHAMPTON

v.

## CARDIFF

### HERE COME THE "SAINTS!"

By THE EDITOR.

We welcome Northampton to the Cardiff Arms Park to-day—one of the strongest of the English Clubs. It is the third match in three days for Cardiff and the fourth match in four days for the visitors. Thus spectators should be a little restraint in their criticisms to-day for the players of both sides have been hard at it over the holidays and must be a little tired. Indeed it is a magnificent tribute to the enthusiasm of amateur rugby football, that the games players should enjoy themselves as they do!

Cardiff's record is a magnificent victory over the Barbarians on Saturday and a draw in unpleasant conditions against the Harlequins yesterday. Northampton lost heavily to Llanelli on Good Friday; lost to Pontypool by 11 pts. to nil on Saturday, and played at Bristol yesterday.

Perhaps the best victory of the holiday programme was Cardiff's over the Barbarians on Saturday by two tries to a dropped goal. It was a victory that

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restored the Club to its high position in Welsh Club rugby. It was a team victory with Dr. Jack Matthews, the Club Captain, playing the game of the season. Every press critic to a man gave him the praise he deserved.

He gave his team a "pep" talk before the kick-off and then led them with admirable enthusiasm on the field. He took charge of the events and made sure that the splendid work of Tamplin and his forwards were not wasted.

The star-studded Barbarians were honoured by the young Cardiff XV. Young players like J. Llewellyn, G. Griffiths, M. Harvey, B. Marks, J. D. Evans, G. Beckingham, S. Judd and company, showed the spirit that ensures the future of the club. Indeed when great players like Dr. Jack Matthews, Bill Tamplin and Cliff Davies see fit to retire, then the younger players who won their "Spurs" on Saturday, will do all that needs be done to maintain the Cardiff tradition.

Who would have thought it possible for a Cardiff XV of this season without Bledlyn Williams, Alun Thomas, Cliff Morgan, Rex Willis and Des O'Brien, could have defeated a Barbarian XV? This is the answer to the quality of the Club's reserves and the magnificent spirit. It is the complete answer to the critics!

Today the Club play Northampton and may the game be a fitting end to a happy holiday season.

Don't forget two important matches on the Arms Park.  
**Welsh Secondary Schools v. French Schools, Saturday, April 19th.**  
Kick-off 3.15 p.m.

**Cardiff Schoolboys v. Amman Valley Boys. Final Tie Dewar Shield Competition. Wednesday April 23rd, (kick-off 6.30).**

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1

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5

A. THOMAS

4

G. GRIFFITHS

3

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2

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6

B. MARK

7

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1951		Result		
		F. A.		
Sept. 1	Bristol ...	W h16—8	Dec. 26	(Wed) Wasps ... W h20—0
" 5	(Wed) Cardiff & Dist	W h33—0	" 27	(Thurs) Watsonians W h 3—0
" 8	Swansea ...	W h11—6	" 29	Coventry ... W h 9—0
" 12	(Wed) Penarth	W a 5—0	1952	
" 15	Neath ...	L a 3—6	Jan. 5	Moseley ... W a 9—3
" 19	(Wed) Aberavon	L h 5—6	" 12	Newport ... W h 6—3
" 22	British Lions (75th Anniversary Match)	L h12—14	" 19	Bath ... W a 5—0
" 26	Cheltenham ...	W a 8—0	" 26	Swansea ... W a 5—3
" 29	Pontypool ...	W a14—3	Feb. 2	Sale ... W a11—3
Oct. 6	Newport ...	W h11—3	" 9	London Welsh ... h Aban.
" 10	(Wed) Gloucester	W h24—3	" 16	Penarth ... W h18—0
" 13	Wasps ...	L a 9—11	" 23	Gloucester ... L a 0—14
" 20	South Africa ...	L h 9—11	Mar. 1	Newport ... W a11—6
" 27	Cambridge U. ...	W a29—13	" 8	Blackheath ... W h14—6
" 29	(Mon) Northampton	W a20—0	" 15	Neath ... L h 0—11
Nov. 3	Oxford U. ...	W h11—9	" 22	Llanelli ... L a 3—13
" 10	Rosslyn Park ...	D a11—11	" 29	Leicester ... W h14—8
" 17	Llanelli ...	W h 3—0	April 5	Bridgend ... D a 6—6
" 24	Coventry ...	W a 6—3	" 12	Barbarians ... W h 6—3
Dec. 1	Bridgend ...	W h19—9	" 14	(Mon) Harlequins D h 3—3
" 8	International Trial	h.....	" 15	(Tues) Northampton ... h.....
" 15	Newport ...	W a 6—5	" 19	Plymouth ... a.....
" 22	Bristol ...	W a 8—3	" 21	(Mon) Penzance ... a.....
			" 22	(Tues) Falmouth ... a.....
			" 26	Pontypool ... h.....
			" 28	(Mon) Aberavon ... a.....

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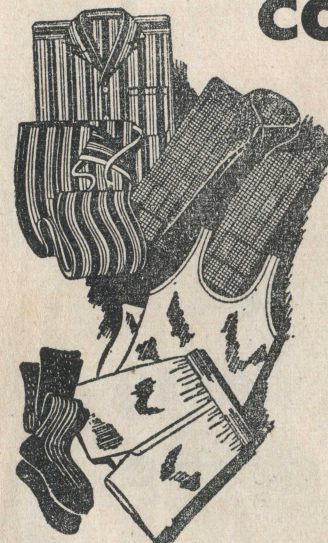
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