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Today Cardiff are at full-strength, except that the popular captain

Rex Willis is still not fit enough to lead his men. He has had an unlucky time of it this season, and all will wish him a speedy recovery in time to play again before the end of the season.

The Barbarians have brought the strongest possible party on Tour, but there are difficulties facing the Club these days as so many other clubs are on Tour during the Easter Holidays.

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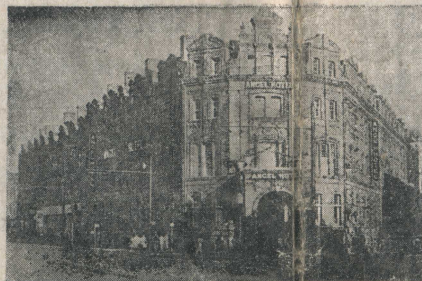
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are on tour and it means that several English Internationals are not available. Again Northampton are always on tour over Easter as are the Harlequins.

There have been a few last minute withdrawals from the party, but they will field a strong side today. At full-back they have Ian King, of Yorkshire, who did so well last season and might get a cap next winter. On the wings are B. M. Gray, of the Royal Navy and J. Boothman, who came last season. Dr. Jack Matthews might appear at centre, with J. M. Williams, of England. At outside-half, our good friend Roy Burnett, of Newport, will renew his battle with Cliff Morgan. At scrum-half, will be D. W. Shuttleworth, the England International.

The pack is an all international one apart from lock-man P. J. Taylor, of Wakefield, and contains three Welshmen in Davies, John and Thomas.

Thus the stage is set for a great game, and with fine weather to help them the two teams and Mr. Ivor David, the referee, should make it a great occasion.

Before today's match (weather permitting), The Cardiff R.F.C. Youth XV will play the Llandaff Youth XV (kick-off 2.0 p.m.). On Monday morning (11 a.m.) Cardiff Athletic XV will play the Cardiff High School Old Boys' XV on the Arms Park, if weather permits, or else at the Sophia Gardens.



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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	h17—0
17—Cheltenham	h 3—0	31—Aberavon	a 9—11
20—Coventry	a13—3	Feb. 7—Bristol	h10—8
22—Leicester	a 9—6	14—London Welsh	h14—0
27—Cognac and Nantes	h37—11	21—Newport	a 0—6
Oct. 4—Newport	a 9—3	28—Gloucester	a 9—14
6—Belvedere	a 9—8	Mar. 7—Newport	h 5—5
7—Limerick	a31—17	14—Penarth	a 6—6
11—Pontypool	h 8—3	21—Coventry	h19—6
18—Gloucester	h 8—0	26—Birkenhead Park	a 3—8
25—Llanelly	a12—6	28—Sale	a14—3
Nov. 1—Oxford University	a 3—6	Apr. 4—Barbarians	h.....
3—Northampton	a 6—11	6—Harlequins	h.....
8—Newport	h14—0	7—Northampton	h.....
15—Wasps	a16—5	11—Devonport Services	a.....
22—Llanelly	h 0—5	13—Penzance	a.....
29—Neath	a 0—8	14—St. Ives	a.....
Dec. 6—Bristol	a Can.	18—Pontypool	a.....
13—Cambridge Univ.	h14—5	25—Cheltenham	a.....
20—Swansea	a 3—0	29—Bridgend	h.....
26—Wasps	h27—0		
27—Watsonians	h29—3		

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