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By THE EDITOR.

The meeting of the Cardiff and Harlequin Clubs in recent years have always been interesting, and the Easter Monday match is traditional for hard play. The Harlequins are always determined to win at the Arms Park, since they consider it one of the great feats of any successful season.

This winter the Harlequins have done really well. They have a good side, well-equipped at all points. There are five internationals in the side, A. E. Agar and W. P. Davies in the centre and N. A. Labuschangne, J. R. C. Matthews and V. G. Roberts, and they form the back-bone of the team, which is completed with several players of considerable promise.

C. G. Woodruff is not available as he is in Italy with the Kent XV. On Saturday, the Harlequins played Swansea at St. Helen's. They impressed there, and should

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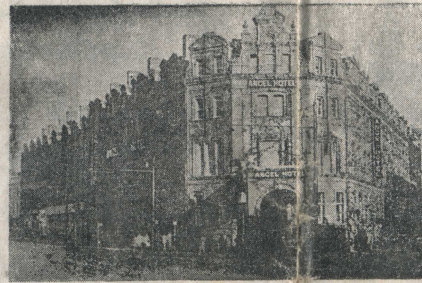
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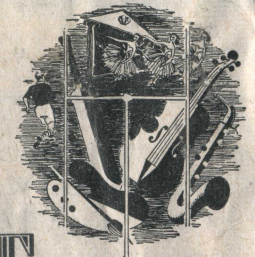
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quarters and both their half-backs gained international recognition—full proof of their attacking skill in the great years of classical rugby.

The Harlequins are always ready to start a passing attack from any quarter of the field and in recent years have produced some excellent backs. But much of the strength of their backfield play has in modern days been transferred to the forwards where such giants as J. R. C. Matthews and A. A. Grimsdell have exerted a dominating influence.



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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—Llanelli | 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—Llanelli | 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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