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**Saturday, September 6th, 1952**

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# **NEATH**

v.

# **CARDIFF**

## **First Big Match of the Season.**

By THE EDITOR.

Neath visit the Cardiff Arms Park to-day, and right glad we are to have them with us. They come in full strength, and it is a great pity that we cannot put our full forces into the field. The absence of skipper Rex Willis and Bleddyn Williams is a big loss to the Cardiff side. These two internationals with Cliff Morgan are the spearhead of the attack.

However it affords an opportunity for the younger players to have a go. Unfortunately the wet ball on Wednesday did not give the

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new backs a chance to shine, and the hearty District pack of forwards went after them from the first whistle. Even so it was good to see Cliff Morgan in such splendid form. Time and again he wriggled his way through the opposition, and got out of tight corners just like an eel! What a fine player he is. He will have to hold the back division together until his famous comrades return.

The outcome of today's battle will depend upon the front line troops—the forwards. The Cardiff eight will be opposed to the best "shock" force in Welsh rugby. There is no doubt that the Neath pack are powerful opposition and

their struggle with Judd, Tamplin and company will be the highlight of the game.

The Neath team is being captained again by that grand international forward Rees Stephens, who was a member of last season's Welsh "Terrible" eight. He has with him the "Prince" of modern forwards Roy John, and although Thorley has gone "North," the rest of the eight are all first-class performers.

Eddie Thomas, one of the Neath wing forwards, whose home is in the Rhondda, has decided to try his luck with Cardiff. However, the Neath "flyer" Keith Maddocks has settled the problem of whether or

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not he would join Llanelly, for he appears in the Neath team today. Another interesting personality is the Welsh reserve full-back of last season—Vivian Evans. He is a great team man. There are two Thomas's at half-back who have worked up quite a sound understanding.

Cardiff include a new player in C. Bosley, a young centre from Newbridge. He appeared in the trials and will be available during the month of September before he returns to college. Gareth Griffiths, a young player who is going to St. Luke's College, Exeter, is in the side again, but it is not known whether he will be available.

Sid Judd takes over the captaincy for today's match in place of W. R. Willis and he is fortunate to have that experienced campaigner Bill Tamplin to help and guide him.

#### IMPORTANT

The attention of season ticket holders is drawn to the following alterations in the fixture lists included in the season tickets issued for 1952-53.

Please insert extra date in 1st XV list, Northampton (away), November 3rd, 1952.

In International list, Scotland v. Wales at Murrayfield on February 7 and not 14 as stated.

The Welsh Schoolboys will play England at Cardiff on February 28 and not March 14 as stated.

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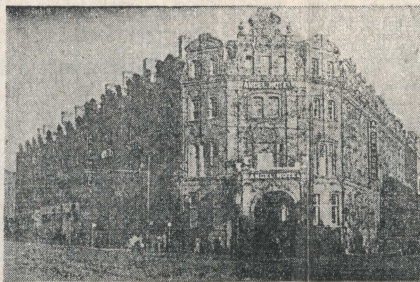
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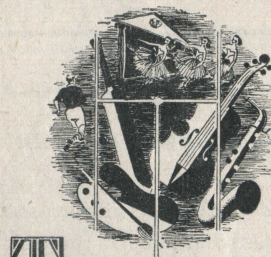
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Of special interest this month will be the visit of the French "veterans" to Cardiff on Friday, September 26th, They will do 'battle' against the Cardiff veterans for the championship of the world, which is now held by the Welshmen. It will be an evening game and tickets are on sale now and can be obtained from Cardiff committeemen or from the Club office.

On September 27, Cardiff 1st XV will play the combined Nantes and Cognac XV—this will be an all pay match. Season ticket holders please note.

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1952	Result F. A.	1953	Result F. A.
Sept. 3—Cardiff and District	h22—0	Jan. 3—Moseley	a
„ 6—Neath	h	„ 10—Aberavon	h
„ 10—Penarth	h	„ 17—Bath	a
„ 13—Plymouth	h	„ 24—Swansea	h
„ 17—Cheltenham	h	„ 31—Aberavon	a
„ 20—Coventry	a	Feb. 7—Bristol	h
„ 22—Leicester	a	„ 14—London Welsh	a
„ 27—Cognac and Nantes	h	„ 21—Newport	a
Oct. 4—Newport	a	„ 28—Gloucester	a
„ 6—Belvedere	a	Mar. 7—Newport	h
„ 7—Limerick	a	„ 14—Penarth	a
„ 11—Pontypool	h	„ 21—Coventry	h
„ 18—Gloucester	h	„ 26—Birkenhead Park	a
„ 25—Llanelly	a	„ 28—Sale	a
Nov. 1—Oxford University	a	Apr. 4—Barbarians	h
„ 8—Newport	h	„ 6—Harlequins	h
„ 15—Wasps	a	„ 7—Northampton	h
„ 22—Llanelly	h	„ 11—Devonport Services	a
„ 29—Neath	a	„ 13—Penzance	a
Dec. 6—Bristol	a	„ 14—St. Ives	a
„ 13—Cambridge Univ.	h	„ 18—Pontypool	a
„ 20—Swansea	a	„ 25—Cheltenham	a
„ 26—Wasps	h	„ 29—Bridgend	h
„ 27—Watsonians	h		

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