

**Newport
Rugby**



**Football
Club**

CARDIFF v. NEWPORT

SATURDAY, MARCH 1st, 1952.

Kick-off 3.30 p.m.

NOTES.

Cardiff and Newport meet for the fourth and last time this season at Rodney Parade to-day. Cardiff have won the three previous encounters and it is one of the main points of interest about to-day's meeting to see if Jack Matthew's side can emulate the Cardiff achievement of season 47/48, when they beat Newport four times. Newport have never performed this feat, although they came near to it last season, until Cardiff forced a draw in the fourth and last game. It is, perhaps, one of the strange facts of the season that in this period of Newport's ascendancy three of their five defeats to date should have been sustained against Cardiff. But great is the uncertainty of outcome when these old rivals meet, but certainty is that whatever the result of to-day's game, the spirit of both sides is such that we shall witness a match full of thrills and good football.

Rarely has a selection given such unstinted pleasure as that of the Newport scrum-half, W. A. Williams, who is chosen to play for Wales against Ireland in the Triple Crown bid at Dublin on March 8th. It is said of "Billy" Williams that he has never played a bad game for Newport. Certainly, he has played some great ones and his immaculate scrum service has long been a big factor in Newport successes. (Incidentally, it is 30 years and more since Newport last provided the Welsh inside-half. How many supporters, without reference to the records can name the last Newport player to fill that position? (One clue only—the year was 1921). "Billy" Williams played his first game for Newport in the corresponding Cardiff match at Cardiff two seasons ago. To-day, because of his selection for Wales, Newport have not chosen him, and his place will be taken by Wynford Davies, from the United side, who played for Wales in a Victory International, immediately following the War.

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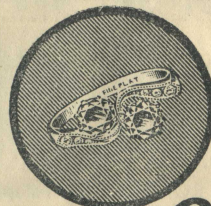
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CLARKE GABLE, RICARDO MONTALBAN,
JOHN HODIAK, MARIA ELENA MARQUES
"ACROSS THE WIDE MISSOURI" (U)

(Technicolor)
Michael Wilding in "AN IDEAL HUSBAND"
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NEWPORT RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB FIXTURE LIST, 1951-52

Date	Opponents	Result	Date	Opponents	Result
1951		For Agst	1952		For Agst
Sept. 8—Bristol	A	11 11	Jan. 1—Nantes	A	8 3
15—Crosskeys	H	21 3	5—Penarth	A	16 0
22—Swansea	H	21 8	Th. 10—South Africans	H	6 12
24—Newbridge	H	14 3	12—Cardiff	A	3 6
29—Llanelli	A	9 3	19—Coventry	H	9 0
Oct. 6—Cardiff	A	3 11	26—Richmond	H	18 3
13—Blackheath	H	35 0	Feb. 2—Bath	A	17 5
20—Leicester	A	16 3	9—Leicester	H	— —
27—Wasps	H	31 3	16—Llanelli	H	14 11
Nov. 3—Abertillery	A	3 0	23—Blackheath	A	15 8
10—Gloucester	H	15 0	Mar. 1—Cardiff	H	— —
17—Cambridge Univ.	A	8 14	8—Wasps	A	— —
24—London Welsh	A	9 0	13—Oxford Univ.	H	— —
Dec. 1—Bristol	H	15 0	15—Harlequins	H	— —
8—Cheltenham	A	21 0	22—Plymouth	A	— —
15—Cardiff	H	5 6	M. 24—Torquay	A	— —
22—Plymouth	H	34 6	T. 25—Exeter	A	— —
W. 26—Watsonians	H	33 3	29—Gloucester	A	— —
27—Rosslyn Park	H	16 3	Apr. 3—Swansea	A	— —
29—No Fixture			5—Neath	H	— —
31—Cognac	A	6 5	12—Newbridge	H	— —
			M. 14—London Welsh	H	— —
			T. 15—Barbarians	H	— —
			19—Neath	A	— —
			26—Penarth	H	— —

One other change in the Newport backs brings Bryn Williams into the threequarter line, while, depending on a fitness test this week, Ben Edwards, included among nine forwards, will return to the pack. Ben needs one more point for his "hundred" this season. If he plays and "notches" it this afternoon, the kick may be of more than ordinary value!

Prior to an unexpected fall from grace at Gloucester last Saturday, Cardiff has been enjoying a great spell of success and had not been defeated since their match with the South Africans on October 20th (and that was a defeat hard to recognise by the majority who witnessed that game). After losing four matches in the first six weeks of the season, Cardiff have settled down to be their usual powerful combination, and with the exception of the injured Rex Willis (balancing "Billy" Williams being out of the Newport side), they have selected at full strength for to-day's game, including seven Internationals—four backs and three in the pack. As expected, Cardiff prefer their famous pair, B. L. Williams and Jack Matthews at centre, playing Alun Thomas on the wing, although Wales have selected him as the co-centre to Malcolm Thomas for the match in Ireland. The Irish captain, J. D. O'Brien—what a magnificent forward!—returns to the pack to strengthen what certainly looks a really powerful Cardiff side.

The next home game will be the re-arranged fixture with Oxford University at Newport Athletic Grounds on Thursday, March 13th. Note that the kick-off is being delayed until 5 o'clock. As this is really an Oxford "home" match, members and season ticket holders will readily accept the "all-pay" decision for this game. A point of great interest is that Mr. J. A. Beattie, the old Watsonian player and International referee, will be in control of the Oxford and Newport match. He will also referee Newport's game at Neath on April 19th.

We are asked to announce that there has been an unprecedented demand for Stand Tickets for the England v. Wales Schoolboys International, to be staged at Rodney Parade on March 29th, and that the remaining unsold Tickets, numbered and reserved at 5/-, will be on sale after to-day's game at the Bowls Pavilion. The Welsh Boys are playing Scotland at Hawick to-day.

British Movietone News are taking Newsreel pictures of to-day's game.

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ALUN THOMAS	(2)	Right Wing
CLIFF MORGAN	(6)	Outside Half
BRIAN MARK	(7)	Inside Half

Referee—
Mr. Ivor David,
Neath.

Forwards—

CLIFF DAVIES	(8)
G. BECKINGHAM	(9)
J. D. EVANS	(10)
W. E. TAMPLIN	(11)
M. COLLINS	(12)
C. D. WILLIAMS	(13)
D. J. O'BRIEN	(14)
S. JUDD	(15)

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Full Back	R. HUGHES	(1)
Right Wing	KEN JONES	(2)
Right Centre	MALCOLM THOMAS	(3)
Left Centre	BRYN WILLIAMS	(4)
Left Wing	JOHN LANE	(5)
Outside Half	ROY BURNETT, Capt.	(6)
Inside Half	WYNFORD DAVIES	(7)

NEXT HOME GAME—
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THURSDAY, MARCH 13th

Kick-off 5 p.m.

Forwards—

G. HIRST	(8)
LYN DAVIES	(9)
TOM STERRY	(10)
BEN EDWARDS	(11)
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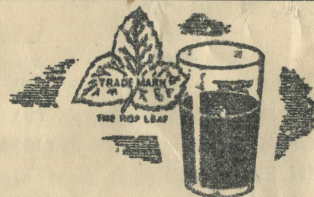
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Saturday next is the day of days in our Rugby year, when we look forward to our Annual Outing. Once again we are visiting the Wasps at Sudbury, and we are assured of a good welcome.

Three Coaches have been booked, and all people who are making the trip are reminded to attend the Bowls' Pavilion after this game for Final instructions.

For those who cannot attend, arrangements are as follows:—

All travellers (except the British Legion Party) must report at the Memorial Gates at 6.45 a.m. sharp.

The British Legion Party will meet at their own Club at 6.30 a.m., and proceed to the Athletic Club and join the main party, and all coaches will leave in close convoy at 7 a.m. sharp, and proceed to Cirencester for Breakfast at 9 a.m.

Lunch will be taken at the "Sudbury Arms" at 1 p.m., which will enable us to see the Middlesex Boys play the Newport Schools.

Dinner, after the game, will be at the "Sudbury Arms" and a social evening will follow.

Saturday night will be spent at the Royal Hotel, Russell Square. After Breakfast on Sunday we shall spend a few hours sightseeing and after Lunch at the Royal, we shall leave for Newport, approx. 2 p.m. on Sunday.

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