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NOTES

A fixture with Cardiff is an event in any rugby Club's calendar and as this is the first visit of this famous Welsh Club to Brooklands we offer them a particularly warm welcome. In Wilfred Wooller, Sale have an active link with Cardiff; he played several games for Sale during the 1935/1936 season and was a member of the Sale team which won the Middlesex "sevens" tournament at Twickenham that season.

Unfortunately—from the spectators' point of view—Wales are playing Scotland at Cardiff Arms Park to-day, so we shall not have the pleasure of seeing in action the cream of Cardiff's backs, Bleddyn Williams, Cliff Morgan, Willis and Alun Thomas, but we are well aware that their deputies will provide first-class opposition. Sale also are a bit depleted; Eric Evans and Fred Griffiths are both playing for Lancashire in the semi-final of the County championship at Taunton, and Joe Kelly has rejoined his unit. Arthur Pastore comes in as fullback, Mike Kelly in the centre and Ken Baker in the second row.

It is with the greatest regret that we have to record the death on January 20th of Dennis Proctor as a result of injuries accidentally received in a game a week earlier. In the long 90 years of history of the Sale Football Club this is the first time that a player has received fatal injuries while playing.

Dennis joined the Club in August, 1951, and rapidly established himself as a promising second-row forward. Of splendid physique, over 6 feet tall and weighing 13 stone, he showed exemplary keenness to learn the finer points of the game. His line-out play in particular had been a feature of recent games. Quiet, unassuming, but always cheerful, he was very popular with his fellow-players.

He died in the pursuit of a game, a game which teaches the virtues of clean living, of fair-play and chivalry to a defeated opponent, of self-restraint and the ability to take hard knocks without complaint, of sinking selfish interests in the interests of the team, and in all these things no member of the Sale Club provided a finer example. It is a sad blow to the Club to lose such a promising player, such a fine sportsman and such a popular and Club-spirited member.

The Sale Committee and the Sale teams offer their deepest sympathy to his father and mother and to his wife in their tragic bereavement. At the funeral 46 members of the Sale Club paid their last respects and at the Memorial Service at St. Emmanuel Methodist Chapel, Eccles, on Sunday, Fred Griffiths read the Lesson and Eric Evans gave the Sermon.

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No player could be better equipped than Col. Noden to assess the game against Waterloo on January 12th, and we give his comments below.

"The very strong Waterloo side, which included eight International or County players, certainly brought the best out of the Sale team, and the result was a convincing win by 17 points to 8. After a shaky start, when for a quarter of an hour the defence was at sixes and sevens, and Waterloo quickly ran up 8 points against Griffiths' early penalty goal, the Sale XV settled down to play the most attractive type of football. A variety of excellent tries started with an individual effort from Silley and another by the same player who changed direction cleverly with the ball at his feet. Then a beautiful run up the left wing by Barnaby who rounded his wing and beat Uren on the outside with only two yards to work in, and finally a crashing effort of sheer determination by Tom Barker who took the ball at top speed a few yards from the line after a good break by Jee and literally went "through" two or three Waterloo defenders between him and the line. Bob Porisse converted the first of Silley's tries. The ball did not run Sharp's way very often but when it did he made the best use of it, and on one occasion with the ball locked between the two packs in a scrum near the touch line, Sharp, on the run, precipitated his 13½ stone into the back of the scrum which materially helped to gain possession, and as a result the first Sale try was

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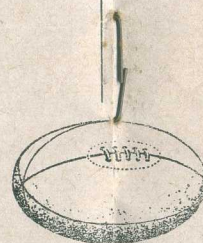
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scored; a fine example of rugger intelligence and quick thinking. After early confusion, the Sale forwards gradually gained an ascendancy in scrum and line-out and the tackling and covering were devastating in effect. It was difficult to select any member for special mention and two of the more recent additions to the team, Proctor and Hardham, were frequently in the picture. It was a pleasure to see Gordon Rimmer's play at scrum-half with his darting aggression and angled defensive kicking, and the solid grafting of Bartlett and Cain in the Waterloo pack. Altogether a most pleasurable game and, we hope, a foretaste of things to come between now and mid-April."

Members will no doubt be anxious to join in wishing the Sale President, Mr. Tom Walton, *bon voyage* and good luck on his cruise to South America. He left the week before last for a well-earned respite from his numerous and arduous activities and will be away for about five weeks, calling at several places including Lisbon and the Argentine. This trip is intended to afford a rest, but knowing the President's active and wide-spread interests we would hazard a guess that he might even discuss rugger in B.A., where Roy Mitchell now keeps the Sale flag flying.

The game against Moseley, which Moseley won by 11 points to 3, was spoilt by the flinty state of the ground. Sale forwards were in good form, well led by Eric Evans, who gained almost a monopoly of the ball in the set scrums and also started many penetrating loose rushes. Here he was well supported by Tom Barker, whose speed in backing up and covering would have made many fast three-quarters envious. Hardham also played well in the line-out.

In the backs, Joe Kelly was outstanding, fielding cleanly and tackling with his usual deadly precision. David Dean fed his backs well, but the snap and resolution which marked the fine display against Waterloo were conspicuous by their absence. Also there was too much slackness in the positioning and in the tackling in the centre. Roy Silley, after a patchy first half, improved considerably in the second and scored the Sale try. It was a pleasure to see our genial friend "Cathie" Cathcart playing such a splendid game for Moseley; he was the life and soul of their pack and rounded off a good afternoon's work with a fine try.

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DATE	CLUB	GROUND	RESULT	DATE	CLUB	GROUND	RESULT
1951			For Ag't	1952			For Ag't
Sept. 1	Halifax	home	14 9w	Jan. 1	Manchester	home	8 8d
8	Bradford	away	8 5w	5	New Brighton	away	3 14L
15	Coventry	away	3 11L	12	Waterloo	home	17 8w
22	Birkenhead Park	home	3 6L	19	Broughton Park	home	Canc.
29	Northampton	home	9 6w	26	Moseley	away	3 11L
Oct. 6	Waterloo	away	9 31L	Feb. 2	Cardiff	home	
13	New Brighton	home	17 14w	9	London Scottish	away	
20	Wilmslow	away	11 9w	16	Birkenhead Park	away	
27	Huddersfield	home	14 6w	23	Bedford	home	
31 (Wed.)	Man. Univ.	away	28 24w	Mar. 1	Fylde	home	
Nov. 3	Fylde	away	3 11L	8	Headingley	home	
10	North of Ireland	home	0 14L	15	Moseley	home	
17	Manchester	away	5 19L	22	Kendal	away	
24	Liverpool	away	6 17L	29	Gosforth	away	
Dec. 1	Broughton Park	away	6 17L	Apl. 5	Coventry	home	
8	Otley	home	0 0d	11	(G.F.) Wasps	home	
15	Huddersfield	away	9 6w	12	(E.S.) Wilmslow	home	
22	Headingley	away	11 32L	14	(E.M.) Rosslyn P.	home	
26	Kendal	home	9 3w	19	Leicester	away	
29	Northampton	away	0 11L				

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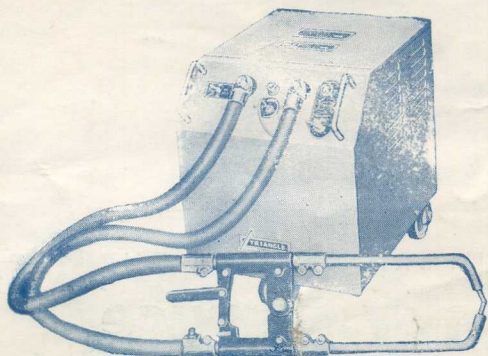
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