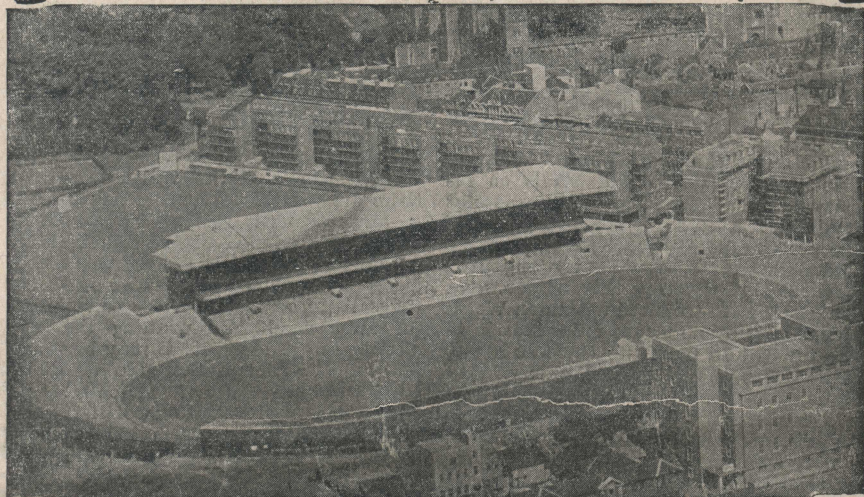


# CARDIFF RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

SEASON



1955-56



**CARDIFF ARMS PARK**

**CARDIFF**

v.

**- B A T H -**

**SATURDAY, 21st JANUARY, 1956**

Kick-off 2.45 p.m.

**OFFICIAL PROGRAMME**

**3d.**



## CARDIFF ARE NOT TAKING BATH LIGHTLY!

By THE EDITOR.

While the chosen men of Wales battle in their scarlet jerseys on the "bogey" ground of Welsh hopes at Twickenham this afternoon, we at the Arms Park will enjoy the spectacle of Cardiff countering the strong challenge that is threatened by popular West Country visitors, Bath. Not only is Bath famed for its waters and cathedrals, but also for the quality of their rugger. Since the war they have given England's national trial teams a goodly quota of first-class material and held a high place in West Country rugby. They play pleasing and purposeful football, combining the strength of a stout pack with the enterprise of planned back play.

Cardiff, of course, are without Cliff Morgan, C. L. Davies, Gordon Wells and Rex Willis, who are on duty at Twickenham (Willis and Wells as reserves) and John Nelson, who is not available. Even so, it is a strong Cardiff line-up to face Bath, who can never be under-rated. West Country rugby is particularly powerful this winter, and last week Bath trounced a London Welsh side that is by no means unimpressive to the tune of 15 points to three at Herne Hill. That was an accomplishment that leads us to believe today's match will be a keen encounter. Any club who can slip 15 points over the "Exiles" is worthy of a wary assessment! Cardiff are not going to take Bath lightly!

Only one of Cardiff's last 12 matches has resulted in defeat—when Bristol triumphed 11-8 at the Memorial Ground on Christmas Eve—and supporters are extremely pleased with the performances since Cardiff lost at Newport 13-0 early in November. Since then the team have shown confidence and sharpened their efforts to succeed in the face of criticism and to erase the memories of a bleak

start to the season. Now Malcolm Collin's men are playing at peak form, and last week's grand display against Llanelli was truly reminiscent of Cardiff's greatest moments.

There was that flashing spirit of audacity, swift and incisive back play, with Gordon Wells in irrepressible form, a thorn in the consciences of the Welsh "Big Five" selectors in overlooking his return to match-winning form. We badly need the verve and thrust of Gordon, whom everyone predicted as a natural successor to Bleddyn Williams, and Gordon in determined mood is an attacking spearhead second to none. Perhaps the Welsh selectors will view Wells again before the international series ends, and the Cardiff centre will play his way back to favour.

Any failures in the Welsh team and there are Cardiff players itching to step in and try their skill. We all think highly of blind-side-flanker John Nelson, considered by many knowledgeable critics to be the best uncapped flanker in Welsh rugger. Of course, if Wales cannot find forwards capable of winning the ball cleanly in the line-out, it may be found profitable to take another shrewd look at Cardiff skipper Collins. Malcolm is no slouch as a line-out specialist, and Cardiff's pack can trace its improvement to the vigorous and intensive efforts of their enthusiastic captain.

### SUPPORTERS NOTES.

**Cheltenham v. Cardiff.** If sufficient support is forthcoming, it is intended to run a coach to Cheltenham on Saturday, 28th January, 1956, leaving the G.E.C. at 12.0 sharp. Members intending making the journey should hand in their names to the Assistant Secretary, after today's game.

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### SUPPORTERS' NOTES—Continued.

**Gloucester v. Cardiff.** Members proposing travelling to Gloucester on Saturday, 4th February, should register as soon as possible. Providing sufficient are interested, the coach will leave at 12.0 sharp. In both trips the coach will be back in Cardiff comparatively early. BOOK NOW.

**Ireland v. Wales.** Necessary arrangements are under way to run a trip to Dublin on March 9th—11th. Berth accommodation will be limited, and will be allocated in strict booking order. To enable arrangements to be finalised, please hand in your names as early as you can, and lessen the work of the Secretary.

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## SCOTLAND v. WALES

CARDIFF ARMS PARK, FEBRUARY 4th, 1956.

Grand Stand and Enclosure season ticket holders who were successful in the Ballot for Stand and Enclosure tickets have been notified.

**FIELD TICKETS.** A ballot will be held at the Club Offices on Wednesday, 25th January, 1956, commencing at 6.0 p.m. Field season ticket holders, together with Stand and Enclosure season ticket holders who were unsuccessful in the Ballot for a Stand or Enclosure ticket, who wish to apply for a Field ticket, should observe the following instructions:—

Send a stamped addressed envelope and remittance of 3/- together with Slip "B" in an envelope addressed to the HON. SECRETARY, CARDIFF R.F.C., and marked "FIELD BALLOT" in the top left-hand corner.

Applications to reach the Club offices **not later** than 5.0 p.m. on Wednesday, January 25th. Such applications will be placed in the ballot drum un-opened. It is important that only ONE application is included in each envelope.

**Personal applications cannot be considered.**

*Hon. Secretary*

SCOTLAND v. WALES. FEBRUARY 4th, 1956.

The extra allocation of Stand tickets consequent on the opening of the South Stand extension is 100. These were included in the ballot held at the Club offices on Monday, 16th January.

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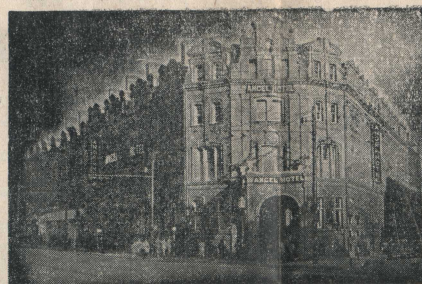
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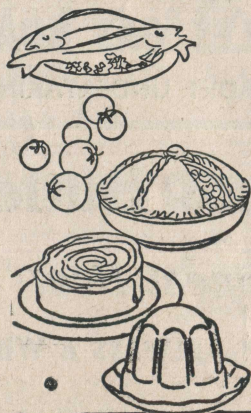
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	7—Rumanian XV	h 6-3		28—Cheltenham	a —
	10—Pontypool	a 16-6	Feb.	4—Gloucester	a —
	14—Penarth	h 16-0		11—Aberavon	a —
	17—Coventry	a 9-16		18—Newport	h —
	19—Leicester	a 3-6		25—Neath	h —
	24—Aberavon	h 3-11	Mar.	3—Newport	a —
Oct.	1—Newport	h 6-16		10—Bridgend	h —
	8—Llanelly	a 3-0		14—Bristol	h —
	15—Swansea	a 3-11		17—Gloucester	h —
	22—Cambridge U.	a 3-11		21—Penarth	a —
	24—Northampton	a 3-6		24—London Welsh	a —
	29—Neath	a 9-3		27—Coventry	h —
Nov.	5—Oxford U.	h 6-22		31—Barbarians	h —
	12—Newport	a 0-13	April	2—Harlequins	h —
	19—Wasps	a 11-9		3—Northampton	h —
	26—Blackheath	a 10-3		7—Plymouth	a —
Dec.	3—Swansea	h 11-3		9—Penzance	a —
	10—Harlequins	a 13-3		10—St. Ives	a —
	17—Rosslyn Park	a 18-0		11—Newton Abbot	a —
	24—Bristol	a 8-11		14—Ebbw Vale	a —
	26—Wasps	h 21-3		21—Leicester	h —
	27—Watsonians	h 17-9		26—Pontypool	h —
	31—Stade Nantais	a 26-9		28—Sevens	a —
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