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By THE EDITOR.

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However, the two clubs enjoy their games and today, they should produce another of their "specials." Coventry have a strong side out with two Welshmen in their tanks, in Brian Edwards and R. C. C. Thomas and a former Cardiff player D. G. Naylor. It is not known

whether Thomas will play, as he was slightly injured in the International match at Swansea last Saturday. If he is fit, then he should have a keen duel with his Welsh team colleague Cliff Morgan, the Cardiff outside half!

Cardiff have been forced to make two last minute changes. Dr. Gwyn Rowlands is not available owing to the calls of R.A.F. rugby, and Alun Thomas has a slightly injured hand. Their places are being taken by C. L. Davies, the promising wing and the likely young centre

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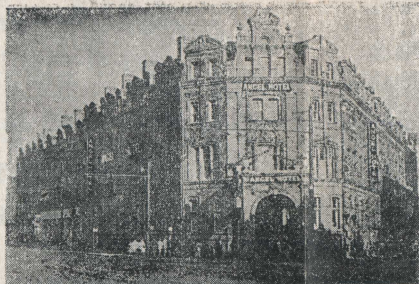
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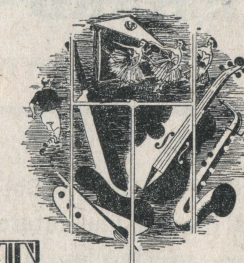
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Today Cardiff Athletic play the Old Penarthians in a "fill-in"

match and the local supporters are pleased at Cardiff's action to play a district side.

Next Saturday, the Welsh Youth XV play the French Youth at the Cardiff Arms Park. Tickets can be purchased at the Club offices. The Youth Union need financial support to carry on their great work for the Game in Wales. A "bumper" gate next Saturday will prove a great help. Purchase your ticket now!



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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 6—6
„ 7—Limerick	a31—17	„ 14—Penarth	a 5—5
„ 11—Pontypool	h 8—3	„ 21—Coventry	h.....
„ 18—Gloucester	h 8—0	„ 26—Birkenhead Park	a.....
„ 25—Llanelly	a12—6	„ 28—Sale	a.....
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—Llanelly	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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