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By THE EDITOR.

Once again Christmas has arrived with all the fun of fair and some holiday football. Our visitors to-day are famous for their attractive play, and since the War they have helped to provide good entertainment at the Arms Park. Indeed they are a popular side where-ever they go, and it is a pity they do not play more matches in Wales, and run a Xmas Tour.

Included in to-day's side are two internationals in J. E. Woodward on the wing, who played such a dashing game against Cardiff

two years ago, and Pat Sykes, who skippers the side. Many of the team are County players, and at full-back is former Cathays High School and Glamorgan Wanderers full-back, C. L. White.

Last year they were outplayed to the tune of twenty-one points but there is every prospect of a close game to-day. Unless the Cardiff forwards have had too much "Plum pudding and turkey," they should more than hold their own. Last Saturday they were in splendid form against Swansea.

Faced with a gale of wind and driving rain in the second half, the Cardiff forwards more than held their own with Swansea. Sid Judd was in great form as a leader.

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Behind the scrum the backs tackled well, and John Llewellyn played one of his best games for some time. In all it was a first-class performance by Cardiff.

To-day the side will be at full-strength, and all will welcome the return of Rex Willis to lead his team. There has been no player in Wales with greater courage, modesty and enthusiasm. We are all glad that he is fit again. May he be free from injury for the rest of his playing career and may he resume his rightful place as the Welsh scrum half. He will be assured of a special cheer as he leads his team out on to the field.

Now a word of praise for Rex's deputies. First Sid Judd as acting

captain. He deserves a big hand. He has improved as a forward and done well with Tamplin's assistance as pack leader. Indeed he is now challenging strongly for a place in the Welsh XV. Good Luck, Sid.

Next a big "Thank you" to the brave and tireless Brian Mark. He has done a fine job of work in difficult circumstances. He is a worthy substitute for Rex, and no doubt his day will come when he appears in representative football.

There is good news too of the mercurial Cliff Morgan. He is on the mend and will be seen soon in the famous "blue and black" jersey.



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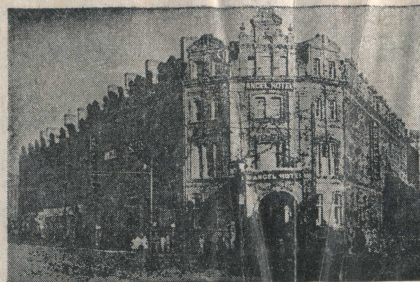
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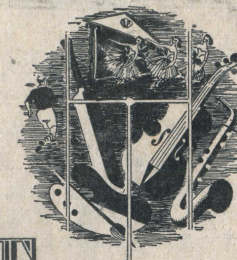
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1952	Result F. A.	1953	Result F. A.
Sept. 3—Cardiff and District	h22—0	Jan. 3—Moseley	a
6—Neath	h21—3	10—Aberavon	h
10—Penarth	h25—8	17—Bath	a
13—Plymouth	h47—0	24—Swansea	h
17—Cheltenham	h 3—0	31—Aberavon	a
20—Coventry	a13—3	Feb. 7—Bristol	h
22—Leicester	a 9—6	14—London Welsh	a
27—Cognac and Nantes	h37—11	21—Newport	a
Oct. 4—Newport	a 9—3	28—Gloucester	a
6—Belvedere	a 9—8	Mar. 7—Newport	h
7—Limerick	a31—17	14—Penarth	a
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	h		
27—Watsonians	h		

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