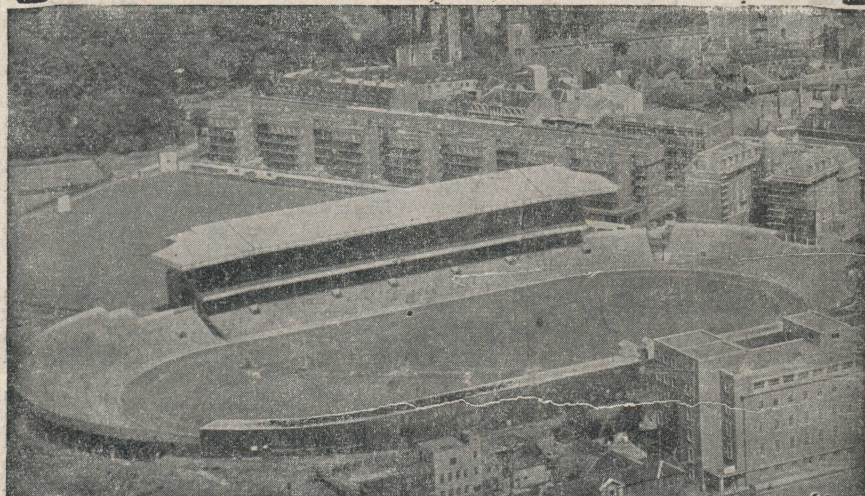


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MONDAY, 26th DECEMBER, 1955

Kick-off 2.30 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME



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Welcome to our Popular Boxing Day Visitors — THE WASPS

By THE EDITOR.

Once again Boxing Day has come round, and with it the arrival of the ever popular and powerful Wasps, who never fail to delight even so discerning a crowd of Welsh Rugby followers as the Cardiff Arms Park crowd. Cardiff are indeed fortunate that our first Christmas holiday match is against such attractive opponents, whose spirit of open, attacking rugger is a Christmastide feature and eagerly anticipated by us all.

Boxing Day just would not be Boxing Day without the Wasps buzzing about the Arms Park. We have grown accustomed to seeing the black-jerseyed Londoners matching Cardiff's traditional open play, switching the ball across the back-line, curling cross-kicks infield from the touch-lines, forward rushes sweeping irresistibly into Cardiff territory, led by the burly figures of those stalwarts P. G. Yarranton, who led the combined London XV to a sparkling 15-3 victory over Paris recently, R. F. Syrett and G. J. Bendon. With three such storming forwards in their pack it is no wonder the Wasps eight have earned a formidable reputation this season.

Of course, we shall always associate the Wasps with the flying tank-like figure of Ted Woodward, England's steamroller wing, who really shook the All Blacks with his bulldozer runs at Twickenham in that hard-fought battle in 1953. We all remember the young schoolboy Woodward swerving through the Cardiff side many years ago, with the unmistakeable stamp of a future international player. Today we welcome Tearaway Ted back to the scene of his

former triumph, and look forward to seeing him "tanking" for the line in a match that promises to produce every bit as much excitement and spectacle as the games of former years.

In London earlier this season Cardiff scraped to victory by 11 points to nine in virtually the closing seconds of a thrill-a-minute game. The margin may well be a close one again today, though in the carefree spirit of Christmas rugger it is usual for a scoring spree to be supplied for our entertainment.

We welcome back our scrum half Rex Willis, making his first appearance on the Arms Park in the senior team's ranks since his unfortunate injury against Newport on October 1st. The club have been well served in his absence by Lloyd Williams and Brian Mark, but, of course, there can never be anyone quite like the incomparable Rex. Today he has Ken Richards as his partner, and if the ground conditions are not too sticky we can expect some particularly clever half back play—even with such specialist Wasps flank forwards in Syrett and Herbert as vigilant defenders.

Cardiff today field five international players to start the festive season in traditional fashion. A strong pack will test the fire and effectiveness of the proven Wasps eight and with Gordon Wells back in confident form in the centre we should see a pleasing spectacle.

Tomorrow we entertain the traditional Scottish tourists, the Watsonians, with every prospect of another keen and exciting duel. They include international threequarter D. M. Scott in the centre.

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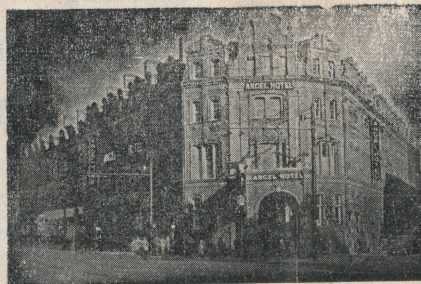
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1 Full Back
5 Left Wing Right Wing
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2 Right Wing Left Wing

6 Outside Half
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Forwards



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1 A. PRIDAY
2 G. ROWLANDS*
3 G. WELLS*
4 H. NICHOLLS
5 H. MORRIS*

6 K. RICHARDS
7 R. WILLIS*

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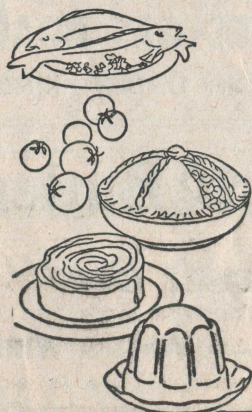
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"	3—Birkenhead Park	h 20-11	"	21—Bath	h —
"	7—Rumanian XV	h 6-3	"	28—Cheltenham	a —
"	10—Pontypool	a 16-6	Feb.	4—Gloucester	a —
"	14—Penarth	h 16-0	"	11—Aberavon	a —
"	17—Coventry	a 9-16	"	18—Newport	h —
"	19—Leicester	a 3-6	"	25—Neath	h —
"	24—Aberavon	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 —	"	14—Ebbw Vale	a —
"	26—Wasps	h —	"	21—Leicester	h —
"	27—Watsonians	h —	"	26—Pontypool	h —
"	31—Stade Nantais	a —	"	28—Sevens	a —
Jan.	2—Paris Racing Club	a —	"	30—Bridgend	a —
"	7—Moseley	a —			

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