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**A Hearty Welcome to the
New Zealand Tourists**

Once more we are favoured with a visit from a New Zealand Touring Side—an army combination, magically recruited from the 2nd New Zealand Division although minus many good players who have returned home. There are, however, many “star” performers in the present side, selected, coached and trained with care and intensity and judged by results to date, the prestige and honour of New Zealand Rugby has been fully maintained by a set of players brimming over with enthusiasm and whose average age is 24.

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Dr. Jack Matthews
(Cardiff Captain)

Referee:
Mr. TREVOR JONES
(Llangynydd)

Kick-off 2.30 p.m.

**“Winning Points
to BOVRIL”**

During their first visit to Wales two months ago the "Kiwis," as they are popularly called, defeated Swansea, Llanelly and Neath and Aberavon (combined). Meanwhile they have beaten England at Twickenham and hitherto are undefeated. Today, they are up against Cardiff, universally admitted to be the best club side in the country, also unbeaten, with a magnificent sequence of 17 wins secured by exceptionally clever back play, in which the famous triangle—Matthews - Bleddyn Williams - Cleaver—has been the dominating factor.

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Cardiff enthusiasts are itching to see this battle of giants and wonder how their heroes will fare against the equally clever backs the "Kiwis" possess. The latter's traditional formation, one half back, two five-eights, and three three-quarters, will provide an interesting spectacle as well as a study in contrasts, and the outcome will doubtless depend upon the superiority one side gains from effective healing from the set scrums and loose mauls. Here's to a great game and may the better side win.

Col. A. H. Andrews, the tourists' Manager must be exceedingly pleased with the side's performances. We congratulate him not only on his distinction in rugby management but also on his achievements in the war, which have already won him the O.B.E.

Major C. K. Saxton, the side's Captain is a popular leader and efficient half-back. Played for All Blacks against Australia, 1938. Hails from Southland; Wholesaler by trade; 31 years of age, 10 stone 6 lbs. in weight and 5 ft. 5in. in height.

Major J. Finlay, Vice-Captain leader of a terrific pack, comes from Manawatu; is 29 years; an Agent by occupation; 13st. 7 lb.; 5 ft. 10 in. and a war M.C.

Brief particulars relating to other New Zealanders are as follows:—

Driver R. W. H. Scott of Auckland; Clerk; 24 yrs.; 12 st. 12 lbs.; 5 ft. 10in.; Full-back.

Lieut. J. Sherratt, Wellington; Accountant; 26 yrs.; 13 st. 10 lbs.; 6ft. 1in. Three-quarter. In All Blacks Trials, 1939.

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Corporal E. G. Boggs, Auckland; School Teacher; 23 yrs.; 13 st.; 5 ft. 10 ins. Three-quarter.

Private J. B. Smith, North Auckland; Baker; 22 yrs.; 12 st. 6 lbs.; 5 ft. 11 in. Three-quarter.

Driver W. G. Argus, Canterbury; Christchurch Sports' Employer; 24 yrs.; 12 st. 5 lbs.; 6 ft. 1 in. Three-quarter.

Lieut. F. R. Allen, Canterbury, Salesman; 25 yrs.; 12 st. 6 lbs.; 5 ft. 10 in. Five-eighth.

Private I. Proctor, Whangarei, North Auckland; Farmer; 21 yrs.; 13 st.; 5 ft. 7 in. Five-eighth.

Captain N. J. McPhail, Canterbury. In 1939 All Black Trials; Leather Manufacturer; 30 yrs.; 13 st. 7 lbs.; 5 ft. 11½ in. Forward.

Captain P. K. Rhind, Christchurch. In New Zealand XV in All Black Trials, 1939. Shipping Agent; 28 yrs.; 14 st.; 5 ft. 11½ in. Forward.

Private F. N. Haigh, Lower Hutt, Wellington; Sheet-metal worker; 24 yrs.; 13 st. 7 lbs.; 5 ft. 10 in. Forward.

Private K. D. Arnold, of Waikato; Farmer; 25 yrs.; 14st. 6lbs.; 5ft. 11in.; Forward.

Corporal S. W. Woolley, Marlborough; Farmer; 25 yrs.; 15st. 6lbs.; 6ft. Forward.

Trooper A. W. Blake, Wairarapa; Farmer; 22 yrs.; 14st; 6ft. 2in. Forward.

Trooper J. C. Kearney, Otago. Farmer, 25 yrs of age; 12 st. 4 lbs.; 5 ft. 9 in. Five eighth.

Lance/Bdr. R. L. Dobson, Auckland. Clerk, 22 yrs; 11 st. 2 lbs.; 5 ft. 10½ in.; Five Eighth usually. Reserve for any back position.

Private R. D. Johnstone, South Auckland. Mechanic, 22 yrs.; 15 st.; 6 ft. Forward.

Private J. G. Bond, Christchurch. Metal Worker, 25 yrs.; 13 st. 7 lbs.; 5 ft. 8 in. Forward.

Private J. G. Simpson, Auckland. Public Servant, 23 yrs.; 14 st. 6 lbs.; 6 ft. Forward.

Sergeant L. A. Grant, 25 yrs.; 14 st. 6 lbs.; 6 ft. 2 in. Forward.

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Centre ... J. B. SMITH 3
North Auckland
Left Wing ... W. G. ARGUS 2
Canterbury
Five Eighth (2nd) ... F. R. ALLEN 5
Canterbury

Five Eighth (1st) ... J. C. KEARNEY 6
Otago

Half Back ... I. PROCTOR 7
Whangarei

Forwards—
8 J. FINLAY (Capt.) ... Manawatu
9 P. K. RHIND ... Christchurch
10 F. M. HAIGH ... Wellington
11 N. J. MCPHAIL ... Canterbury
12 A. W. BLAKE ... Wairarapa
13 R. D. JOHNSTONE ... South Auckland
14 S. W. WOOLLEY ... Marlborough
15 K. D. ARNOLD ... Waikato



CARDIFF

ST. JOHN REES ... Full Back
GRAHAM HALE ... Left Wing
F O BLEDDYN WILLIAMS ... Left Centre
Dr. JACK MATTHEWS (Capt.) ... Rt. Centre
Dr. GLYN JONES ... Right Wing
W. B. CLEAVER ... Outside Half
W. DARCH ... Scrum Half

Forwards— G. BLACKMORE
MALDWIN JAMES
W. G. JONES
RAY BALE
CLIFF DAVIES
L. W. E. TAMPLIN
Sq. Ldr. LES MANFIELD
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Backs—18 R. J. L. DOBSON ... Auckland.
19 E. G. BOGGS ... Auckland.
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17 J. G. SIMPSON Auckland.
20 L. A. GRANT

Actual Playing Side from above 20 players distinguishable by jersey numbers.



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"Occupations" of the Cardiff players are interesting. Two fully qualified doctors, two medical students, three mining engineers, two miners, one police officer, one industrial chemist, one bank official, one market gardener, one architect, and two R.A.F. officers.

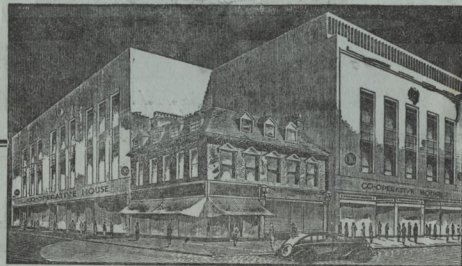
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The present Cardiff Rugby Committee is R. A. Cornish, Danny E. Davies, G. V. Wynne Jones (these three form the

Selection Committee), G. E. Heslop, H. Johnson, J. Batstone, J. Thomas, Frank Davies, A. H. Jones, W. J. Evans, and Brice Jenkins.

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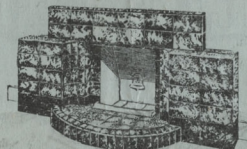
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