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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th, 1946

## BRISTOL v. CARDIFF

Our heartiest greetings once more to Bristol, than whom no greater friends of Cardiff are to be found in the rugby world. This attachment dates back to the very formation of the Bristol Club on October 6, 1888, which was due primarily to the initiative of the former Secretary of the Cardiff Club, the late Charlie Arthur, who was in the office here of a brother of Mr. A. R. Walbrook, of Bristol (later their first Hon. Sec.), and who urged the latter to form a club on the lines of Cardiff. These preliminaries matured, and the first match ever played by Bristol was here at Cardiff, who won by 5 goals 9 tries to nil.

Striking testimony of Bristol's friendship was later demonstrated when they asked Cardiff to open the Memorial Ground, their tribute to the Bristol rugby players who had fallen in the

Great War of 1914-18. This happened on September 24, 1921, when, before the biggest crowd that ever witnessed a club match at Bristol, the Cardiff Club were beaten by 19 pts. to 3. Of the Blue and Blacks engaged on that day, we have two players still rendering signal administrative services in the club's management, *i.e.*, Arthur Cornish and Danny Davies.

Bristol have always contributed a big percentage of players to the Gloucestershire County XV, while they can boast of a formidable list of “stars” who have represented England in the international arena. Among these, the outstanding figure was that great forward, J. S. Tucker, with 27 caps to his credit, but Bristol must surely be proud of having provided three full-backs for England, unequalled by any club across the border, *i.e.* W. R. Johnston, B. S. Chantrill and

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Right Wing ...	C. BOWELL (B)
Right Centre ...	N. R. GRIFFIN (C)
Left Centre ...	D. DOBSON (D)
Left Wing ...	G. E. GREEN (E)
Outside Half ...	H. J. CRAWFORD (F)
Scrum Half ...	L. G. KING (G)

Referee:

Mr. TREFOR JONES  
(Llangynwyd)



Forwards—

L. J. GRIFFIN (H)	G. HOGARTH (L)
T. MAHONEY (I)	A. DUTTON (M)
G. A. GIBBS (J)	A. MEREDITH (Cpt.) (N)
D. H. EVANS (K)	W. T. REYNOLDS (O)

## CARDIFF

(1) ST. JOHN REES	Full Back
(2) RAYMOND JONES	Left Wing
(3) J. MAHONEY	Left Centre
(4) Dr. JACK MATTHEWS (Capt.)	Rt. Centre
(5) G. L. PORTER	Right Wing
(7) W. B. CLEAVER	Outside Half
(6) ADRIAN TURNBULL	Scrum Half

Kick Off 3.30

Next Home Match—  
SEPT. 28—COVENTRY

Forwards—

(8) HUBERT JONES	(12) W. E. TAMPLIN
(9) L. MANFIELD (V-Capt)	(13) G. TOMKINS
(10) CLIFF DAVIES	(14) MALD WYN JAMES
(11) ROY ROBERTS	(15) STAN BOWES

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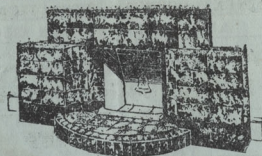
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held an appointment at Otley, Yorkshire, another rugby stronghold, and later joined the R.A.F., ending up with the rank of Squadron Leader. He played for the R.A.F. in all its service matches and was engaged between duties building up a big reputation with the Cardiff Club. He played for Wales in two full-blooded internationals prior to the War, i.e., against Scotland and Ireland, and took part in all Wales' "representative" matches last season. At present, Science and Games Master at Cowbridge Grammar School, where Mr. J. Idwal Rees, the former Welsh rugby international (capped 12 times) is Headmaster, and rugby must surely form the topic of the leisure talk of two such great players. Manfield is a great all-round forward, an immovable "lock" in the back row, ever opening up the game, and abounding with energy.

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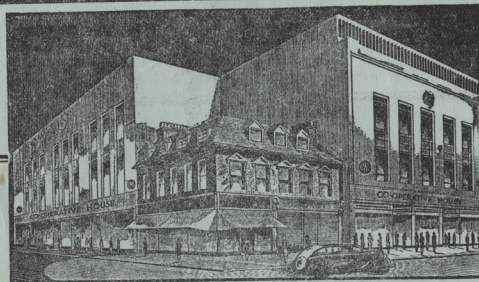
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DR. JACK MATTHEWS  
CARDIFF CAPTAIN

Cardiff had their muscle - stretcher last Saturday; they beat Plymouth Albion by 2 penalty goals 1 try (9 points), 1 try (3 points), but generally the play, particularly that of the three-quarter line, was somewhat disappointing. Still, it would be very unfair to indulge in criticism, seeing that it was the opening match, and our patrons, recalling the brilliance of the side last season, probably expected too much. Experimenting has to be done also, and when the side finds its feet (and hands) we shall have our fill of thrills. There are five changes from last Saturday for today's game. Raymond Jones, an ex-Welsh Guardsman, occupies the left wing position, while many friends will welcome G. L. Porter, an old Cardiff player, back on the right wing. The Turnbull family has played an important part in Cardiff rugby in the past, and another of the ilk, Adrian Turnbull, is given a trial as scrum half, and if he emulates the deeds of the late lamented M. J. in that position, he should prove a great asset.

Darch, who stands down today, appears against Cross Keys on Monday. In the front rank, Stan Bowes and Roy Roberts, both old and tried Cardiff forwards, replace Evan Jones and W. G. Jones. Today's game will give us a better opportunity of assessing the side's possibilities.

A glance at the names convinces one that captain and players are assured of unswerving support from a really excellent committee, given herewith in alphabetical order:—Messrs. J. Batstone, R. A. Cornish, Sid Cravos, D. E. Davies, W. J. Evans, Gerald Heslop, Brice H. Jenkins, Hugh Johnson, G. V. Wynne Jones, Les Spence, Johnny Thomas and Wilfred Woolfer. Ten of the twelve have played for Cardiff, five of whom acted as captain. Arthur Cornish, a very hard worked official, continues to discharge the onerous duties of secretary, while Danny Davies in his capacity as fixture secretary provides us with another formidable list of fixtures. The Selection Committee consists of Messrs. Wynne Jones, Danny Davies and Hugh Johnson, with, of course, captain and vice-captain. The Ground and Equipment Sub-Committee consist of Messrs. Jenkins, Johnson and Evans, and the Publicity Sub-Committee is made up of Messrs. Jenkins, Davies, Jones and Spence.

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### CLUB BREVITIES.

Cardiff have been invited to play Nantes Stade University Club in November, in virtue of the impression the Blue and Blacks made in France last season, and if the fixture is ratified, the journey to and from France will be made by air—some high aspiration to be sure!

The Cardiff Athletic side promises to be a fine one and should develop as an indispensable "nursery" and stepping stone to senior honours. The captain is Lynn Williams, who has played several games for the 1st XV, and the fixture list is an excellent one. In their opening match away they defeated Ystrad Rhondda by 28 points to nil—excellent.

Eledyn Williams has been on the sick list with throat trouble necessitating an operation. This explained his absence from the game against Plymouth Albion, and all rugby fans will join with us in wishing him a complete recovery, and his early reappearance in the side.

### THIS SEASON'S FIXTURES

The season's fixtures differ in a few important respects from last year's. There are the usual home and home games with the leading Welsh and English clubs. There is a tour to Eire early in January, and a second tour takes place the week after Easter, with matches against Plymouth Albion, Devonport Services

and Exeter. The outstanding new home attractions will be Cambridge University, Rosslyn Park, St. Mary's Hospital and Watsonians.

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T. W. Brown. Other English caps are L. J. Corbett, R. C. Pickles, D. W. Burland (brother of their present Match Secretary, L. G. Burland), H. E. Shewring, V. V. Butcher, G. C. Gregory, J. L. Mathias, J. W. Jarman, N. Moore and P. J. Down.

We are indebted to Mr. A. E. Crew, Chairman, Bristol Rugby Publicity and Programme Committee, for the interesting data supplied regarding his club, which is anticipating a good season, especially as the captain, A. Meredith, is a Welshman, and is supported by Dobson, from Newbridge, Mon., and King, a young Cardiff scrum half. Their second XV should provide a good nursery, seeing that its captain is R. R. Morris, the former Swansea, and one time Welsh international. The Bristol ground, undamaged by the war, is so improved that it is now considered one of the best in the country. Rugby worthy of two such great sides ought to provide patrons this afternoon with a typically sporting game and "Good old Bristol" will win a fair share of the plaudits of the crowd.

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