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Saturday, Nov. 23, 1946. LONDON WELSH v. CARDIFF

CROESAW I GYMRY LLUNDAIN.

A fortnight ago the London Welsh Rugby Club officially celebrated its Diamond Jubilee and all Cardiff sportsmen will join with us in extending them heartiest congratulations on such an attainment and to express our pleasure that, in the words appertaining to the longevity of a noted liquid beverage, they are “still going strong.” Sixty years of vicissitudes, fluctuating fortunes, adventure and enterprise, coupled with wanderings through the wilderness in search of a permanent home, find the “Exiles” from Wales holding up their heads very proudly and proving to the sporting fraternity of the great Metropolis that their rugby is equal to that of any other nationals and right up to the highest standard and traditions of Welsh Rugby Football. And their popularity has been demonstrated throughout the

years by their inclusion in the fixture lists of the leading rugby clubs in London and the provinces, not to mention the land of their birth.

A Jubilee Souvenir programme issued by Mr. W. D. Savours, General Secretary of the Club, is a veritable mine of information and historical notes towards which no justice can be done in these limited columns. Tribute is, however, specially paid to certain gentlemen who have been in the forefront building and maintaining the fortunes of the Welsh throughout the years. These include the reputed founder, the late Dr. T. J. Pryce Jenkins; Mr. Wallace Watts and the late Dr. Walter Davies, two former early secretaries; Captain Geoffrey Crawshay, former President and now Patron, and Mr. J. E. Davies, present President, who represents the Club and the Universities on the Welsh Rugby Union, not to

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mention an endless succession of their solid supporters and enthusiasts.

Regarding players who have helped the Club to fame, their number is legion. Those who left Wales and made good in London together with others flushed with honours, who became playing members with the Welsh, revealing the astounding fact that no fewer than 95 Welsh "caps" in all wore the "Welsh" jersey at one time or another. Among them, W. C. Powell stands out pre-eminently as the holder of 27 "caps" followed closely by our old friend Claude Davey with 23 "caps." We extend Davey a particular welcome as captain of a side for which he has striven so much. He must have discovered the secret of perpetual youth to stand up to the hurly-burly of present day rugby when we remember that his first game for Wales was played against France as far back as 1930! Well played Davey! He is supported as "Vice" by that excellent forward B. J. A. Lowe who figured in many Welsh "trials." While the Club's results have not been too pleasing this season, it is possible that they may show Cardiff that they have turned the corner. We can, however, count upon them rallying to the clarion cry "Stick it the Welsh" and playing the game in the proper Welsh spirit. Here's wishing them the best.



HAYDN TANNER

following, after an adventurous air journey, they gave a brilliant exhibition to beat the Nantes Club in Brittany by 22 points to 5. Last Saturday at Leicester the sequence of wins remained unbroken and Cardiff delighted all and sundry by securing a 19 points to 8 win over the famous Midland team. This latter game made history and provided this season's outstanding rugby tit-bit since it heralded into the Cardiff side that greatest of all scrum halves of to-day, Haydn Tanner. It has been known that Tanner, who holds a scholastic appointment at Bristol, was anxious to keep up his association with Welsh Rugby and of his own free will elected to join the Cardiff Club, and in taking this step, had the good wishes of his old club, Swansea. Tanner's appearance on the Park in the Blue and Black jersey will

Cardiff have recaptured the lime-light. A fortnight ago, by superior rugby, they inflicted defeat No. 2 on their great rivals Newport by 11 pts to nil—a really outstanding performance.

On the Monday

surely be greeted with intense enthusiasm and his partnership with Bleddyn Williams should lead to that perfection which should not only place Cardiff still higher on the rugby map but also ensure for the two players their place in the Welsh team and a run of successes in the National tourney this season. Tanner secured his first cap for Wales against New Zealand in 1935, and in all has represented his country in 13 full-blooded Internationals. He is sufficiently fit and clever to add considerably to that number and Cardiff are to be congratulated on having such an outstanding exponent of the game in their ranks.

Cardiff today are minus their captain and vice-captain. Dr. Matthews is away in Germany and Manfield is injured. In their absence Bleddyn Williams will lead the side.

AN APOLOGY.

For some unaccountable reason a number of people managed to overrun and occupy a number of Members' Grand Stand Seats in the Newport v. Cardiff match. Arthur Cornish, secretary, offers the affected members the Committee's sincere apologies for such an unfortunate occurrence and promises that steps will be taken to prevent its recurrence.

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LYNN WILLIAMS

for to-day. While Lynn has the honour of captaining the Senior side—no player covets a greater distinction—we doubt whether he will have performed a more real service in the interests of rugby than by consenting to captain the Athletic side this season, the finest "nursery" side the club has ever had and which challenges the "Senior School" week after week in the matter of the attractiveness of its rugby, and Lynn has under his able command a set of "understudies" fit for promotion to higher circles at any moment.

Lynn got his early knowledge of sport at the Cardiff High School, where he played rugby and cricket. He got his rugby "colours," and in 1934 obtained his Welsh Secondary Schools' cap. In winning the latter distinction he must have displayed unusual capabilities in being chosen outside-half to Haydn Tanner and so breaking up the famous

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Right Wing ... GWYN WILLIAMS (5)
Right Centre ... J. H. BEVAN (4)
Left Centre ... R. H. LLOYD DAVIES (3)
Left Wing ... DEREK EVANS (2)
Outside Half ... G. H. SULLIVAN (6)
Scrum Half ... A. T. SUTTON (7)

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Mr. GWYN JONES
(Pontycymer)

Forwards—
L. GWYTHYR (15)
H. J. B. DUNLOP (14)
C. D. WILLIAMS (13)
B. J. A. LOWE (12)
(Acting Captain)

E. C. G. VEATER (11)
G. GRIFFITHS (10)
G. ROBINS (9)
J. A. EDMUNDS (8)



CARDIFF

(1) GWYN DAVIES ... Full Back
(2) GRAHAM HALE ... Left Wing
(3) W. B. CLEAVER ... Left Centre
(4) J. MAHONEY ... Right Centre
(5) G. L. PORTER ... Right Wing
(7) BLEDDYN WILLIAMS ... Outside Half
(Acting Captain)
(6) HADYN TANNER ... Scrum Half

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SKEWEN v. ATHLETICS
Dec. 7th at Home—
RICHMOND v. 1st XV.

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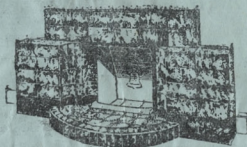
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Tanner — Willie Davies partnership which at that time caused such a sensation in school circles and later in Swansea senior rugby.

Lynn's first Senior rugby club was Penarth, but in December, 1936, when Cardiff were minus Cliff Jones, owing to injury, he was invited to fill the Welsh Wizard's place at outside-half, and he obtained his Cardiff 1st XV cap that season as a result. In the 1937-38 season he played more games for the Blue and Blacks than any other player and was continually in harness for them until the outbreak of war, when as a member of the Territorial Army he was called with the Royal Engineers. He later took a Commission in the R.A.S.C. (1942) and fortunately was posted to a Mobilization Centre at Barry. This posting enabled him to continue his rugby activities and he was honoured

with the captaincy of the Cardiff Club, season 1943-44, when only one match, and that for charity, was lost. He was also the Club's Vice-Captain, 1944-45.

While in the Army, Lynn played for the Western Command in seasons 1943-44 and 1944-45, and played for the British Army against France in Paris in January, 1945. He was posted to the Middle East in June, 1945, and was demobilized as a captain in January.

A host of enthusiasts concerned with the future of Cardiff rugby share with Lynn his pride in the achievements of the Athletic side which, under his captaincy, has so far this season only lost one match.

If we can be pardoned for coining a word, we end by saying "Carry on, the 'Lynn-thetics."

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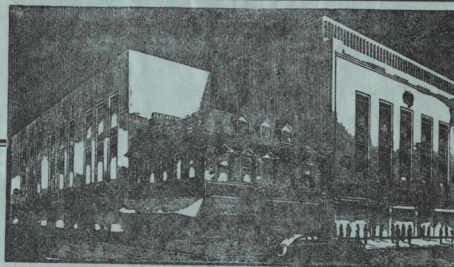
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