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Easter Monday, April 7, 1947.

HARLEQUINS v. CARDIFF

Once more we extend the hand of welcome to the Harlequins without whose visit Cardiff Rugby followers would indeed spend a dismal Easter Monday. This time-honoured holiday fixture has always made an indelible impression upon local fans and one could spend hours recalling to mind classical contests of long years ago when the Harlequins were truly one of the most illustrious sides of the day. Old fogies like the writer go back to those days when the Harlequins had in their back division such star performers as the Brothers Stoop—Adrian and F. M.—John Birkett, R. W. Poulton-Palmer and D. Lambert. These and other fine players of subsequent years simply revolutionized English Rugby, bringing back play to a state of perfection previously unknown across the border

and the superior of which has certainly not been seen since.

The Harlequins have a long history as well as a great playing record. Delving into football records, we find that they were formed as far back as the year 1866 but then under the title of Hampstead. They assumed their present title in the year 1867 and in 1871 were instrumental with about 20 other clubs in forming the English Rugby Union. Some of London's greatest players were always found in their ranks, with Blackheath and Richmond often sharing the spoils. Harlequins' contribution towards the English International side has been a substantial one, more particularly between the two wars and so they have a big reputation to uphold.

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The Harlequins have been busy rebuilding since the war and a good array of young talent is being fostered with the help of a few of the old brigade. A. G. Butler the right wing played for England against Wales and Ireland in 1937, and M. J. Daly played for Ireland against England in 1938. J. A. Davies had a place in Wales' "representative" match against England last season, and I. H. Watts the half-back is an old Oxford "Blue." They have a fast useful pack including Dunkley with English associations, Matthews and Brooks with Navy experience and Plumtree, a pre-war Quin. The time is not far distant when the Harlequins will assert their former prominence and turn out their usual quota of stars. Cardiff's match at London in December was cancelled owing to the weather so one cannot judge the relative forms of the teams, but if Cardiff are at full strength we anticipate the visitors will be hard put to to avert defeat. Anyhow, we're in for a pleasant open game and that is all that matters. Here's to the 'Quins.

Next week-end, Cardiff go on tour down Devon way, playing Plymouth Albion, Devonport Services and Exeter.

Particular attention is called to the Schoolboys' Match—Gloucester v. Cardiff—to be played on the Park tomorrow (Tuesday), Kick-off 3 p.m. This ought to be a thrilling exhibition and the local Schools' Committee hope there will be a big crowd present.

Several of the Athletic side have rendered excellent service to the Seniors this season, and their latest acquisition, Gwyn Martin, who formerly played for Aberavon, is given a real test in the holiday games against the Ba-baas and the Harlequins.

The official season is fast drawing to a close and only two more home games remain to be decided, i.e. Llanelly, April 19, and Pontypool, April 26. There should be a record attendance at the match against Llanelly.

Wales' recent victories have caused no end of talk and admiration and we congratulate the Cardiff men on their contribution towards such achievements, not the least being Tamplin's penalty goals, both of which laid the foundations of victory.



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(Probables)

Full Back	... B. D. NAPIER (1)
Right Wing	... A. G. BUTLER (2)
Right Centre	... M. J. DALY (3)
Left Centre	... J. A. DAVIES (4)
Left Wing	... D. M. STILEMAN (5)
Outside Half	... J. H. WATTS (6)
Scrum Half	... H. DeLACY (7)

Forwards—

W. M. JACKSON (8)	J. R. G. MATTHEWS (12)
G. E. LODER (9)	R. L. HUDSON (13)
G. W. PLUMTREE (10)	D. K. BROOKS (14)
F. P. DUNKLEY (11)	G. C. BURGESS (15)

Substitutes—

T. H. Pigot (31)	J. M. Lennard (44)
C. M. Horner (51)	J. V. Bartlett (52)
C. D. McIver (53)	F. H. Bristowe (54)
E. L. Horsfall (55)	

CARDIFF

(1) ST. JOHN REES	... Full Back
(2) GWYN MARTIN	... Left Wing
(3) BLEDDYN WILLIAMS	... Left Centre
(4) Dr. J. MATTHEWS (Capt.)	... Rt. Centre
(5) G. L. PORTER	... Right Wing
(7) W. B. CLEAVER	... Outside Half
(6) HAYDN TANNER	... Scrum Half

Kick Off 3.30

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Next Home Match
Apr. 19, **LLANELLY**

Forwards—

(8) ROY ROBERTS	(12) W. E. TAMPLIN
(9) LES MANNFIELD	(13) CLIFF DAVIES
(10) GWYN EVANS	(14) MALDWIN JAMES
(11) STAN. BOWES	(15) RAY BALE



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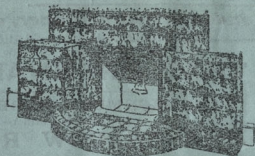
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 „ 16 Cross Keys (A). Won 4-3.
 „ 21 Neath (A). Lost 8-14.
 „ 28 Coventry (H). Won 14-0.
 Oct. 5 Newport (A). Won 8-6.
 „ 12 Gloucester (H). Won 20-8.
 „ 16 Bristol (A). Won 24-0.
 „ 19 Swansea (A). Lost 5-7.
 „ 26 Rosslyn Park (H). Won 26-8.
 Nov. 2 Wasps (A). Won 21-6.
 „ 9 Newport (H). Won 11-0.
 „ 11 Nantes (France) (A). Won 22-5.
 „ 16 Leicester (A). Won 19-8.
 „ 23 London Welsh (H). Drawn 8-8.
 „ 30 Pontypool (cancelled).
 Dec. 7 Richmond (H). Won 6-5.
 „ 12 Cambridge Univ. (H). Won 34-8.
 „ 14 Swansea (H). Won 13-8.

Dec. 21 Harlequins (cancelled).
 „ 26 Wasps (H). Won 14-3.
 „ 27 Watsonians (H). Won 35-8.
 „ 28 Bristol (A). Won 23-0.
 Jan. 4 Bective R. and Univ. Coll. (A).
 Drawn 0-0.
 „ 6 County Dublin (A). Won 18-6
 „ 11 Llanelly (cancelled).
 „ 18 Bath (A). Lost 5-8.
 „ 25 Neath (H). Drawn 3-3.
 Feb. 1 Penarth (H). Cancelled.
 „ 8 Gloucester (A). Won 12-11.
 „ 15 Newport (A). Drawn 3-3.
 „ 22 Devonport Services (H). Can.
 Mar. 1 Newport (H). Won 13-3.
 „ 8 Penarth (A). Cancelled.
 „ 15 Leicester (H). Won 17-5.
 „ 22 Coventry (A). Lost 3-10.
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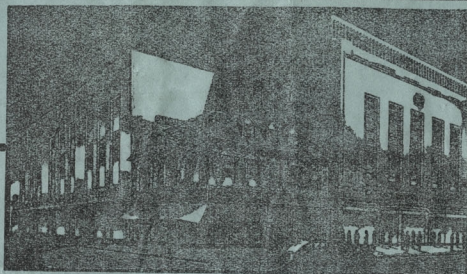
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