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Saturday, May 3rd, 1947.

PENARTH v. CARDIFF

It must be pleasing to all sportsmen to see Cardiff granting Penarth to-day's extra fixture to make good the home and home games previously cancelled owing to frost and snow, and we welcome the Seaside as the side honoured to ring down the curtain on another eventful season of rugby. In the marked improvement noticeable in Welsh clubs this season, Penarth can be counted among the sides that are making rapid strides towards recapturing their former prominence after a difficult period in the efforts at reconstruction. To successfully run a first-class club in a town of such limited population as Penarth is not such an easy matter having regard to the close proximity of a club like Cardiff with all its amenities and privileges, but the independence of spirit and laudable ambitions of our Penarth

friends is to be admired. Those qualities won for them no little distinction in days gone by and enabled them to hold their own in the best of company, with occasional victories even over clubs like Cardiff, Newport, not to mention the Barbarians whom they are privileged to meet each Good Friday and whom they have beaten on seven occasions and drawn with twice.

Penarth's formation as a club dates back at least to 1880, and they supplied many famous players who shone in club and International rugby.

A fine hard working committee consisting of several ex-players have been hard at it rebuilding the Penarth side and they have as secretary Mr. A. E. Matthews who is as confident as he is enthusiastic in his determination to guide the destinies of the club to a

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successful issue. The present team is captained by a jolly good forward in S. Barrett, while in the front rank also is J. Kelleher, an excellent "hooker" whom many critics aver should have had a place in the Welsh Rugby Trials. A few of the Cardiff Athletic players have assisted Penarth on occasions this season, and a promising centre of theirs is John Heslop a son of Mr. Gerald Heslop, member of the Cardiff Rugby Committee and who during his playing career appeared for both Penarth and Cardiff. Here's wishing Penarth the very best and a future fully in keeping with their fine traditional past.

LOOKING AHEAD.

Cardiff's fixtures next season include all leading clubs with new home fixtures with Oxford University, a French team (Nantes and Cognac), Blackheath, and, of course, the important game with the Australia Touring Side. Applications for Membership Tickets for next season are already being received in numbers. What number of the old players will be available is as yet doubtful, but quite a number of this season's Athletic side have made such progress that the outlook is distinctly promising.

Au Revoir!



DR. JACK MATTHEWS

To-day marks the finale of another hectic season; one in which the traditionally high standard of Cardiff rugby has been maintained to the full. The will to "play the game" has prevailed over the will to win at any cost and therein lies the secret of the Blue and Blacks' popularity throughout the country. There is a deep-rooted cause for mutual congratulation, and the lead in the bestowal of praise naturally comes from the captain, now a Lieutenant in the R.A.M.C. Dr. Jack Matthews writes the Editor as follows:—

"Will you be good enough to express through the medium of the programme my sincerest thanks to the team for their loyalty to me and for the grand spirit in which they have played the game this season. It has been most unfortunate that Army duties prevented me from playing in many games, much to my

disappointment. I would also like to express the thanks of Committee and team for the magnificent support given us by the public, which was fully appreciated by the "boys." There is no escaping the fact that the Cardiff Rugby Club is the finest of its kind anywhere and the team the greatest side there is. It has been a tremendous honour for me to captain them two seasons in succession—probably the greatest honour that any player could have is to captain the Cardiff Rugby Club. Next season for me is uncertain, but wherever I may be, I will wish the Club "all the very best" and the team knows what those four words from me mean. So once more, I say 'Thank you' to the lads whom I have had the pleasure of leading for two eventful seasons."

The Captain persists in including the following remark:—

"From the Club, we wish also to thank Mr. I. T. Austin, the Editor, for compiling such excellent programmes each week—I know that all our followers are pleased to the hilt with them."

Thank you, Jack, for such a compliment at the end of 23 full seasons—and probably the last—of Editorial work, directed at all times in the interest of the Club, its Committee and players.



FRANK TROTT

It is singularly appropriate that the subject of to-day's sketch should be Frank Trott, seeing that it was as a Penarth player that he made his debut in first-class rugby. That was in 1938, and his advancement was so rapid that he got a Welsh Trial in the same year. By to-day Frank has joined the small band of complex personalities to be found in the Cardiff side of many talents. In other words, he has become one of those rare "utility" players whose all-round performances stamp them as born footballers. As full-back—his natural position—he has displayed rare qualities that distinguish a first-class custodian. He impressed the Welsh Rugby Union so that he represented Wales in two "representative" matches last season, i.e. against Scotland and England—a reward earned on merit. In games when Cardiff reshuffled their backs, we next see Frank adorning the centre position—right or left—and adapting himself with credit as it gave him a chance to show that aggressiveness which

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Full Back	...	J. O'DONOVAN (1)
Right Wing	...	F. STEVENS (2)
Right Centre	...	DEREK EVANS (3)
Left Centre	...	JOHN HESLOP (4)
Left Wing	...	W. TILLYARD (5)
Outside Half	...	LEN SMITH (7)
Scrum Half	...	H. MANLEY (6)

Referee—

Mr. J. M. BOWEN (Gowerton)

Season's Record

First XV.	P	W	L	D	For	Agst
Athletic XV. 11 matches cancelled	40	30	8	4	517	104
	20	17	1	2	335	91

Forwards—

H. COMETSON (8)	DON DAVIES (12)
J. WARMAN (9)	J. GIBSON (13)
J. S. DAVIES (10)	J. KELLEHER (14)
S. BARRETT (Capt.) (11)	T. L. LLOYD (15)

CARDIFF

(1) FRANK TROTT	Full Back
(2) A. H. LOVELUCK	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

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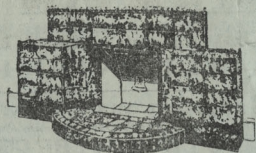
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was patent in his full-back play. To put the "fin hat" on his achievement, we find him filling a vacancy more than once as scrum-half and that with the ease and facility displayed in either other position. Such sums up the distinctions which earn Frank a place in any side and places him in a line with Cardiff's other versatile players.

The best in him was developed and constantly improved by his play in the Army. He joined up in September, 1939; served in the Army Physical Training Corp. and was demobbed in February, 1946. He played for the British Army seasons 1944-45 and 1945-46, touring Germany and France, and appeared in the Combined Services side against France in 1946 besides being included in the Welsh Services side in 1944-45. An honour he holds dear—as

players all over the country do—was the invitation to play for the Barbarians during the last three seasons. He holds the Cardiff Club in the highest estimation and should be one of its leading lights for many years to come. Frank is a Local Government Officer in the employ of the Cardiff City Council.

BEHIND THE SCENES.

Club members fully appreciate the season's "back-room" efforts of the Rugby Committee, notably Arthur Cornish, Chairman and Gen. Secretary; Danny Davies, Match Secretary and Statistician; and Brice H. Jenkins, Assistant Secretary, and also Norman Riches' fine services as Hon. Secretary of the Athletic Club. The latter now propose appointing a Full-time Secretary—send applications to Chairman, Athletic Club, Cardiff Arms Park.



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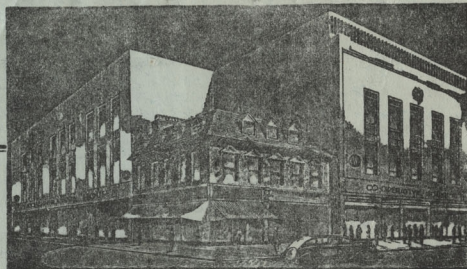
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