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Saturday, Feb. 14. PLYMOUTH ALBION v. CARDIFF

It is four weeks since the Cardiff 1st XV last appeared on the Arms Park, and six weeks since the Cardiff side at full strength played there. The two big matches during the past fortnight have provided a feast of rugby for Welsh enthusiasts, and it is good to know that the leading players of the Cardiff Club were responsible for the most attractive features of the play.

We would like to pay a special tribute to club captain Haydn Tanner, who at the age of 31, led both the Barbarians and Wales to victory over their respective

opponents. A fitting tribute to Haydn's genius came this week, in the words of Mr. Arnold Tancred,—“Tanner is the greatest scrum-half of them all.”

Bleddyn Williams, too, produced his best club form in an international match, while big Bill Tamplin appears to have recaptured his true form as a good kicker. Frank Trott looks a better full-back than ever before, and Billy Cleaver gradually regaining his old speed after a nasty pulled thigh muscle.

For next Saturday's international, ten Cardiff players have been chosen for the

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W. E. Tamplin



Jack Matthews



Bleddyn Williams

fourth time this season, and since Tanner did not play against Australia, some 39 caps will have come to the club after Saturday's match.

The other five Cardiff players, D. H. Jones, Les Williams, W. G. Jones, Roy Roberts and Elvet Jones, are still playing well and do not compare unfavourably with their more fortunate fellows.

The usual excess of applications over tickets has occurred again for this French match, but it is hoped to satisfy as many as possible.

To-day's visitors are Plymouth Albion, and we extend to them a hearty welcome. They face a big task this afternoon in playing what is virtually a Welsh XV, but they will play hard and in keeping with their proud traditions.

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To-day the club's fixture list is a full one and good support is forthcoming from the dockyard workers for home matches. Six players from the club have been capped by England as follows: C. H. A. Gummer, 1; J. Hanley, 2; F. W. Sanders, 3; R. H. Sparkes, 9; E. Stanbury, 16; and W. H. Wright, 2.

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Left Wing ... L. C. TURNER (11)
Outside Half ... E. HUGHES (Capt.) (10)
Scrum Half ... R. A. KNEEBONE (9)

Kick Off 3.0

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W. H. BROOKES (8) F. W. HEARLEY (4)
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W. NASH (5) G. F. WALFORD (1)

CARDIFF

(1) FRANK TROTT Full Back
(5) LES WILLIAMS Left Wing
(4) JACK MATTHEWS Left Centre
(3) BLEDDYN WILLIAMS Right Centre
(2) D. H. JONES Right Wing
(6) W. B. CLEAVER Outside Half
(7) HAYDN TANNER (Capt.) Scrum Half

Next Saturday at Home
February 21st

GLOUCESTER

Kick off 3.0 p.m.



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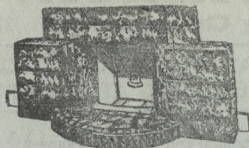
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FIXTURES.

1948	Opponents.	Ground
Feb. 21	—Gloucester ...	Home
„ 28	—Llanelli ...	Away
Mar. 6	—Newport ...	Away
„ 13	—Penarth ...	Away
„ 18	—Oxford U. ...	Home
„ 20	—Coventry ...	Home
„ 27	—Barbarians ...	Home
„ 29	—Harlequins ...	Home
„ 30	—Devon Services ...	Home
April 3	—Devon Services ...	Away
„ 5	—Penzance & Newlyn ...	Away
„ 6	—Falmouth ...	Away
„ 10	—Newport ...	Home
„ 17	—Swansea ...	Away
„ 24	—Pontypool ...	Home

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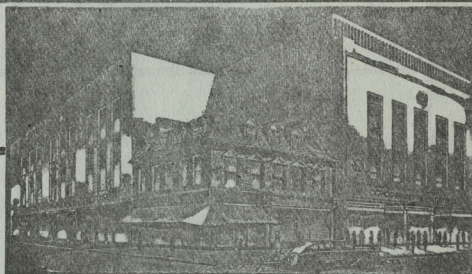
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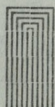
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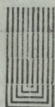
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