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NOTES AND COMMENTS

By THE EDITOR

Welcome to the "All-Whites"—our great rivals from the West, who bring with them a young and promising side to challenge Cardiff's long standing home record against Welsh clubs. After Thursday's magnificent game at St. Helen's, in which the majority of the players engaged were from the Cardiff and Swansea Clubs, to-day's match might well be the best we have seen for some time between the two clubs.

Swansea, who celebrate their 75th anniversary next season, have enjoyed a good season, and should be in the first four of the Welsh Rugby Table when the season ends. Much of their success has been due to a hard-working pack supported by Roy Sutton at scrum-half who promises to be another Haydn Tanner in the making. He is quick, strong and

knowledgeable, and with more experience might well earn a "cap" for Wales next season.

Cardiff had a successful tour last week when they met and defeated Birkenhead Park and the Wasps without the services of eight of their leading players. It was good rugby and the boys appeared to have enjoyed themselves. They played the "Park" on the Thursday and spent Friday at the Aintree Races. Indeed, a good time was 'ad by all! This tour, coupled with Thursday's exciting match at Swansea, will find the players fully-trained for this afternoon's important match.

The game on Thursday at Swansea was just the answer to the challenge of the Rugby League code. The brilliance and

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speed of the movements brought cheers and enthusiasm from the crowd which has not been seen at St. Helen's for some time. Rumours abroad this week indicate that a Rugby League side will start in the Cardiff area next season, but the Cardiff Rugby Club are confident that their high traditions of playing good the open rugby will continue to attract those folk who love the Union game so much.

The Gwyn Nicholls Memorial Match has been fixed for Thursday, April 28, and it is anticipated that this will be the game of the season at the Cardiff Arms Park. The full Cardiff XV will be opposed by Captain Crawshaw's Rest of Wales XV, which will be virtually an international side.

Another interesting match will be that between the Old Illydians and the Irish Club Sundays Well, fixed for Easter Monday morning at the Cardiff Arms Park. The Cardiff Club have kindly loaned the Park for this occasion, and the proceeds will be added to the Gwyn Nicholls Memorial Fund. The kick-off is timed for 11 a.m.

Next Saturday's match on the Arms Park promises to be a real thriller. The Welsh Boys, who easily defeated the English Boys at Bristol, meet the Scottish Boys, and if the rugby is of the same high vintage as it was at Bristol, then spectators are in for a good time. Tickets can still be obtained from Mr. Ken Groves, W.S.R.U. Secretary, Port Talbot.

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Right Centre	GRAHAM MORSE	4
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Left Wing ...	L. J. SHAW	2
Outside Half ...	ALUN THOMAS	6
Inside Half ...	ROY SUTTON	7

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Referee:

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Forwards—

8	DAI JONES
9	G. JEFFREYS
10	DOUG. JONES
11	LES PEARCE
12	WILF JONES
14	LEN BLYTH
15	BRYN EVANS
16	R. C. C. THOMAS

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Full Back ...	F. TROTT	...	Full Back
Left Wing ...	T. COOK	...	Left Wing
Right Centre	B. L. WILLIAMS	...	Left Centre
Right Centre	ST. JOHN REES	...	Right Centre
Right Wing ...	R. BURN	...	Right Wing
Outside Half ...	W. B. CLEAVER	...	Outside Half
Scrum Half	H. TANNER (Capt.)	...	Scrum Half

SATURDAY, APRIL 16th

BARBARIANS v. CARDIFF



Forwards—

8	CLIFF DAVIES
9	J. R. PHILLIPS
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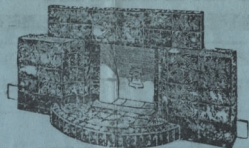
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.. 12—	Falmouth	... Away
.. 16—	Barbarians (E.S.)	... Home
.. 18—	Harlequins (E.M.)	... Home
.. 19—	Northampton (E.T.)	... Home
April 23—	Neath	... Away
.. 30—	Pontypool	... Home

SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES.

Diary Dates.

Maesteg v. Bleddyn Williams' XV on Wednesday, April 6. Coaches leave Cardiff at 4.30 p.m. Fare, 4/6. Stand Tickets available. Easter Saturday; the Barbarians match will be followed by a DANCE at THE DRILL HALL, WEST GROVE. Frank Davison's Band. Tickets (4/- each) are restricted in number and members' requirements will be given prior consideration. Remittances and stamped-addressed envelope to Hon. Secretary.

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