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SWANSEA

v.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16th, 1954

KICK-OFF 3.15 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME - 3d.

WELCOME TO SWANSEA

By THE EDITOR.

With traditions going back to the end of the last century, the annual matches with Swansea are among the highlights of the Cardiff rugby programme. There are no more popular visitors to the Arms Park, and though their record to date shows seven defeats in seven matches, we all know so well Swansea's reputation for rising to the big occasion. They are certain to attempt a revival in their fortunes this afternoon, for in no match would they rather strike winning form than against their old rivals.

We all remember as if it were yesterday how Swansea rallied at the Arms Park several seasons ago, and from being 12-0 down at the interval emerged 18-12 12-0 down at a thrilling tussle. That is the spirit which typifies Swansea rugby. And it is the spirit which has made them so popular and so feared by Commonwealth touring teams. However, today we look forward to attractive football. Certainly if the Cardiff team reproduce the style of play that swamped Pontypool last week, then there will be no lack of attractive play. But Swansea are certain to offer more spirited resistance against all-conquering Cardiff side.

In the absence of Welsh international wing-forward, Clem Thomas, Swansea are led today by that grand "prop" forward, W. O. "Billy" Williams, an international team stalwart of many seasons, and probably the best front-row forward Wales has produced in post-war years. His 15 caps have all been gained consecutively—eloquent testimony of his worth and ability. The bustling Clem Thomas will be missed, though those keen followers who make the short trip to Penarth Athletic ground on the Saturday's when Cardiff are away from

home, and who were also there when Penarth celebrated their 75th anniversary with a match against Dr. Jack Matthews' International XV, will remember how the Swansea man chased and tackled Penarth winger Griffiths as he sprinted for the unguarded line. Thomas is a great wing-forward, possessing the qualities of the many great Swansea players of the past, from the James brothers of the dim past, to the unforgettable Billy Trew, Bancroft, Owen, and the "middle moderns" Claude Davey, Rowe Harding, Dai Parker and company. Illustrious names all, and so many more that space prevents mention.

We all remember that Swansea followed Llanelli's example early last season and defeated Cardiff at St. Helen's. Even their most ardent supporters do not expect victory at the Arms Park today. But they are confident that the "All Whites" will give a good account of themselves and in so doing please the Cardiff followers by the manner of their performance.

Congratulations to the world famous Harlequins on their success in defeating Cardiff in the floodlight match at the White City earlier this week. The match provided thrills for not only those who were at the stadium, but for the television onlookers. They saw two of the greatest clubs in world rugby. And Cardiff are the first to offer congratulations to the London side for being the first team to defeat the Welsh club this season, though the match, by request of the Harlequins themselves, is not counted as an official fixture. We all look forward to the two remaining matches with the Harlequins this season. They promise to be particularly interesting.

Who's Who in the Cardiff Team.

No. 7. COLIN HEWITT



COLIN HEWITT'S rugby career is almost as interesting as his half-back partner, Rex Willis. Rex stepped into Haydn Tanner's place "overnight" so to speak. Hewitt replaced Cliff Morgan in similar circumstances. And at the end of last season he was hailed as an international fly-half in the making and a ready substitute should Morgan not be available.

From Schoolboy football at Cathays High School, where he gained a Secondary Schools' international cap, Colin joined Llandaff, as had Willis. There he played brilliantly at scrum

half, his long, reverse passes were an outstanding feature of his play, particularly with a wet or greasy ball. Then on to Cardiff. But Colin had competition.

No one could displace Willis, the cleverest "thinking" scrum half in world rugby. There were also Brian Mark and Lloyd Williams. So Colin was switched to the outside half rôle. And made a striking success of it. His slicing runs have brought many Cardiff tries this season. With more experience the young fly-half is going to make his mark in international rugby one day.

On Wednesday next Glamorgan entertain Monmouthshire in what should prove to be an interesting and thrilling county game at the Arms Park. Kick-off is at 3.30 p.m.

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Full Back

2 H. PHILLIPS*
3 G. G. LAWRENCE
4 R. BOLSCH
5 R. BATEMAN

Left Wing Right Wing
Left Centre Right Centre
Right Wing Left Wing

6 RAYMOND JONES
7 B. DAVIES or
G. MORGAN

Outside Half
Inside Half

8 W. O. WILLIAMS (Capt.)*
9 T. PETHYBRIDGE
10 R. DOBBS
11 E. VINCENT
12 E. J. REES
14 P. STONE*
15 D. BRUCE THOMAS
16 W. D. JOHNSON*

Forwards



* Internationals.

CARDIFF

J. LLEWELLYN

1

D. C. MURPHY
G. WELLS
B. L. WILLIAMS*
H. MORRIS*

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C. HEWITT
W. R. WILLIS*
C. HOWE
G. BECKINGHAM*
J. D. EVANS
M. COLLINS
E. THOMAS
C. D. WILLIAMS
S. JUDD (Capt.)*
J. D. NELSON

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SUPPORTERS' NOTES.

Northampton v. Cardiff. All members who intend making the journey to Northampton on October 30th, are asked to hand in their names immediately to enable the necessary arrangements to be made for meals, stand tickets, etc. The bus will leave the G.E.C. at 8.0 a.m. Fare 15/6d.

Scottish Trip. Final arrangements have now been made in connection with the trip to Edinburgh, on 4th February, 1955. There are still a few vacancies in the party. **You have been warned.**

Skittles. The Supporters play Pentyrch R.F.C. on Tuesday next, at the "Criv" Service Club, commencing 7.30 p.m. All skittle players roll along.

First Trial Match. Members of the Cardiff Rugby Supporters have been invited to go along to Ebbw Vale on the occasion of the first Rugby Trial game. If there is sufficient support, we propose to run a coach, leaving Cardiff at 1.0 p.m. Hand in your names as soon as possible.

Wales v. France. A trip to Paris on March 25th—27th, is now under way, and members who intend making the journey should contact the Assistant

Secretary, at the Supporters' Box under the 10th Stand today.

Hospital Broadcast. We are still finding difficulty in obtaining sufficient Collectors, and members, with a spare half-hour before a game, are asked to come along and give every help to the little band of loyal collectors who turn out Saturday after Saturday.

Harlequins v. Cardiff. Thanks to the gallant little band that made the journey to the White City on Tuesday last to witness our boys making their debut under floodlight conditions. They acquitted themselves well, and the Supporters' Club is proud of them.

Swansea Supporters' Club. We extend to our friends from Swansea a warm welcome to the Arms Park today, and look forward to the usual clean, sporting type of rugby that we all know the All Whites play. We regret that Swansea XV have run into a bad patch, but we are confident that they will soon survive it, and will continue to give a good account of themselves. We, in Cardiff, wish you the very best, and will be happy to meet you after the game. The calibre of a Supporters' Club can be gauged by their loyalty to a losing team. **Stick it, Swansea.**

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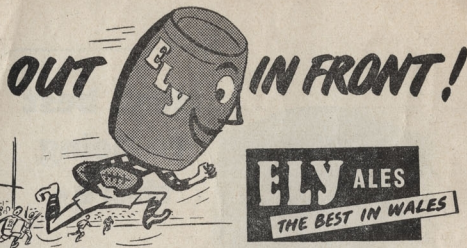
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	F. A.		F. A.
Sept. 1—Cardiff and District	h47—3	Jan. 1—Moseley	a.....
.. 4—Cheltenham	h12—3	.. 8—Bristol	h.....
.. 8—Penarth	a15—3	.. 15—Bath	h.....
.. 11—Pontypool	a17—6	.. 22—Old Belvedere	h.....
.. 15—Bridgend	h12—11	.. 29—Cheltenham	a.....
.. 18—Coventry	a19—8	Feb. 5—Bristol	a.....
.. 20—Leicester	a14—11	.. 12—London Welsh	h.....
.. 25—Aberavon	a15—9	.. 19—Newport	a.....
.. 29—Ebbw Vale	h6—0	.. 26—Goucester	a.....
Oct. 2—Newport	a3—3	Mar. 5—Newport	h.....
.. 6—Aberavon	h32—11	.. 12—Blackheath	h.....
.. 9—Pontypool	h24—0	.. 19—Neath	a.....
.. 16—Swansea	h.....	.. 26—Leicester	h.....
.. 23—Neath	h.....	.. 31—Birkenhead Park	a.....
.. 30—Northampton	h.....	April 2—Halifax	a.....
Nov. 4—Oxford	a.....	.. 9—Barbarians	h.....
.. 6—Waspas	h.....	.. 11—Harlequins	h.....
.. 13—Newport	h.....	.. 12—Northampton	h.....
.. 20—Llanelli	h.....	.. 16—Devonport Services	a.....
.. 27—Goucester	h.....	.. 18—Penzance	a.....
Dec. 4—Swansea	a.....	.. 19—St. Ives	a.....
.. 11—Harlequins	h.....	.. 23—Coventry	h.....
.. 13—Cambridge	h.....	.. 27—Penarth	h.....
.. 18—Rosslyn Park	h.....	.. 30—Llanelli	h.....
.. 27—Waspas	h.....		
.. 28—Watsonians	h.....		

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