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CARDIFF ARMS PARK

NEWPORT

v.

CARDIFF

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13th, 1954

KICK-OFF 2.45 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME - 3d.

OUR GREATEST RIVALS :: By THE EDITOR.

There is no doubt that Newport are Cardiff's greatest rivals and one of the outstanding Clubs in the Rugby Game. A year or two older than Cardiff, the Gwent Club has a noble heritage and a long record of service to the Game. The fact that the Clubs meet four times a season suggests that their rivalry is of a special kind. It is!

This season there is a spirited determination on the part of Newport to break the post-war habit acquired by Cardiff of preventing Newport winning one of the four encounters in a season. Newport want to "turn the tables" on Cardiff, and so well are they playing that they have an excellent opportunity of winning at the Arms Park for the first time in 4 years. The last victory was in 1950-51 although in March, 1953, Newport forced a draw. The two Clubs have met on 256 occasions with Cardiff winning 115, Newport 97 and 44 matches drawn.

The Records.

So far this season, Cardiff have played 17 matches without defeat, since the floodlit match was regarded as unofficial. Incidentally, the Harlequins lost their unbeaten record last Saturday, rather surprisingly to Bristol by 21 points to 5. The Cardiff record stands at:

Played 17; Won 15, Lost 0, Drawn 2. Points for 275; Against 80.

Compared with last season, in the first matches Cardiff had lost three and in 1952-53, the Club had lost two. Thus there is every reason to feel that if the Club can defeat Newport to-day and survive the challenge of Llanelly at Stradey Park next Saturday, the side will be set for a long run of success. To-day's match is the 18th of the season and the corresponding one last season was against New Zealand. May the

thrills and tenseness of that great match be reproduced to-day!

Newport are enjoying a good season also and it is a great pity that their popular captain is hors-de-combat. Malcolm Thomas looked forward to a happy season and although he will not be on the field of play until next month, he has done much in the dressing room to inspire his men.

Newport's Tally.

In his absence "Dag" Ackerman has done a splendid job of work, keeping the side well together. So far Newport have played 14 matches, won 10, lost 3 and drawn 1, with 208 points for and 84 against. This is a good record and thus the stage is set for a grand match. The Welsh Selectors are likely to be present watching players of both sides. Both Clubs have strong reserve and youth sides and Cardiff are proud of the fact that their three sides, are unbeaten. 1st XV, Athletic and Youth!

Today's Guests.

Over 300 officers and men of the 1st Batt. of the Welch Regiment will be the guests of the Cardiff Club to-day at the match. Followers will join me in expressing the gratitude of the Nation for the fine manner in which they have upheld the noble traditions of the Regiment while serving overseas.

Cymru am byth!

A TRIBUTE.

Before the start of to-day's match, a minute's silence will be observed in memory of a great Welshman, Captain Geoffrey Crawshay, a good friend of the Newport and Cardiff Clubs.

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No. 9. J. D. NELSON



One of the most intelligent forwards in the Cardiff pack is John Nelson, the 28 year old blind-side, back-row specialist. Popular and unassuming, he joined Cardiff in September, 1948 and has been a regular member of the 1st XV ever since. Last Saturday he played in the first Welsh Trial at Ebbw Vale.

Born at Cardiff he was educated at St. Illtyd's College and Cardiff University. He played for his School and for the Royal Navy during the war, as well as the London Welsh and the Eastern

Counties. He gained his 1st XV cap in 1948-49 and regards the match with Sale in 1953-54 as the most interesting of his career. Brian Mark was injured and John had to play at scrum-half throughout the match. Cardiff won 14 points to nil!

Standing 6ft. 1in. and weighing 13st. 7lbs, he is a keen wing forward doing well in attack and defence. In Cardiff's last home match, he scored a spectacular try against Neath.

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Hospital Collections. It has been mutually agreed that we suspend our collection for to-day in favour of the Nazareth House Annual Collection, and we hope that all rugby lovers will support this worthy cause.

Llanely v. Cardiff. A coach for this match will leave the G.E.C. on Saturday next at 12.30 sharp. Efforts are being made to obtain seating accommodation, and allocation will be made in strict order of booking. It is anticipated that

we shall be entertained by the Llanelly Supporters' Club after the match, and consequently the coach will be returning late to Cardiff. There are still a few vacant seats, but you are advised to book up immediately after the game.

Wales v. France. Paris, 26th March, 1955. The booking list for this trip is now open, and members interested are asked to register right away. The proposed itinerary is as follows: Depart Cardiff on Friday afternoon, return from Paris Sunday afternoon. Air travel, sightseeing tour, tickets for the match, Folies Bergeres, and a visit to a night club will be all inclusive. Approximate cost £21. Further particulars obtainable from the Secretary, G. B. Jones, 24 Stallcourt Avenue, Cardiff.

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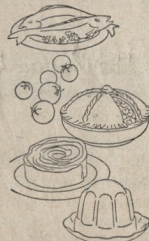
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Sept. 1—Cardiff and District	247—3	Jan. 1—Moseley	a
.. 4—Cheltenham	112—3	.. 8—Bristol	a
.. 8—Penarth	a15—3	.. 15—Bath	a
.. 11—Pontypool	a17—6	.. 22—Old Belvedere	a
.. 15—Bridgend	112—11	.. 29—Cheltenham	a
.. 18—Coventry	a19—8	Feb. 5—Bristol	a
.. 20—Leicester	a14—11	.. 12—London Welsh	a
.. 25—Aberavon	a15—9	.. 19—Newport	a
.. 29—Ebbw Vale	a 6—0	.. 26—Gloucester	a
Oct. 2—Newport	a 3—3	Mar. 5—Newport	a
.. 6—Aberavon	a32—11	.. 12—Blackheath	a
.. 9—Pontypool	a24—0	.. 19—Neath	a
.. 16—Swansea	a14—3	.. 26—Leicester	a
.. 23—Neath	a14—6	.. 31—Birkenhead Park	a
.. 30—Northampton	a 8—6	April 2—Halifax	a
Nov. 4—Oxford	a23—0	.. 9—Barbarians	a
.. 6—Wasp	a 0—0	.. 11—Harlequins	a
.. 13—Newport	a	.. 12—Northampton	a
.. 20—Llanely	a	.. 16—Devonport Services	a
.. 27—Gloucester	a	.. 18—Penzance	a
Dec. 4—Swansea	a	.. 19—St. Ives	a
.. 11—Harlequins	a	.. 23—Coventry	a
.. 13—Cambridge	a	.. 27—Penarth	a
.. 18—Rosslyn Park	a	.. 30—Llanely	a
.. 27—Wasp	a		
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