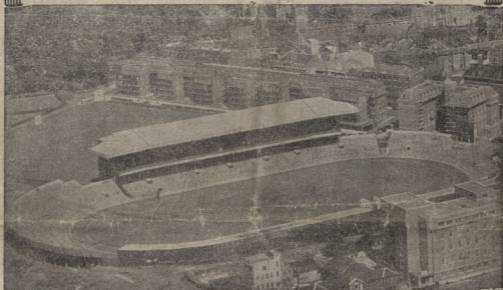


CARDIFF RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

SEASON



1954-55



CARDIFF ARMS PARK

LLANELLY

v.

CARDIFF

SATURDAY, MAY 7th, 1955

Kick-off 3.30 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME - 3d.

"FAREWELL, BLEDDYN!"

By THE SPORTS EDITOR.

To-day marks the end of the 1954-55 season and the retirement of one of Cardiff's most popular players, Bloddyn Williams. The season thus ends on a high note with the postponed match against our popular rivals Llanelly. I cannot think of any club Bloddyn would rather play against than Llanelly and it was both a sad and a happy occasion!



Bloddyn has been a great and loyal servant of the Club and throughout his long and colourful career, he has remained faithful to the Rugby Union code and his conduct on the field has been exemplary.

His approach to the game has been ideal and he has never forgotten, despite his individual brilliance, that Rugby Football is essentially a team game. At all times his great natural gifts have been harnessed to the cause of the team. His enjoyment has been most when opposing sides have emulated the Cardiff style of open play. The open game with crisp passing and deceptive running is Bloddyn's idea of the game at its best. So it is for all of us!

However, the stern competitive Rugby of modern times demands sterling defensive work and though Bloddyn did not enjoy keeping the ball tight, he ordered such tactics when Captain of Wales and for Cardiff in certain matches.

He played for Wales through the years 1947-48-49 as vice-captain to the maestro Haydn Tanner and saw how the brilliant backs of Wales were contained by rugged defensive spoiling. In 1953 he led Wales to three consecutive victories by beating opponents at their own style of play. Then came his greatest triumph, that of leading Cardiff to victory over the "All-Blacks" in the autumn of 1953. He says himself that the end of this match was his greatest hour and J. B. G. Thomas wrote of that match in the *Western Mail* . . . "for Bloddyn it was a great personal triumph to lead a team to victory playing the traditional style of football."

In "Great Rugby Players" the author says . . . "Williams will leave a message for those who follow him, and an excellent one it will be for young players. To run, pass and combine well; to treat victory and defeat as one; and to play the game for the game's sake."

The Chairman, members of the Committee, players and officials of the Cardiff Club wish me to express their thanks to Bloddyn and to wish him a happy retirement. The Club has marked the occasion by inviting him to lead Cardiff for the last time to-day. May he receive the acclamation of all for he has added lustre to a great game and brought added glory to a great Club, and a great Country. He will be missed!

Good luck, Bloddyn!

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Early in June—on the 10th—one of the Club's leading administrators, Mr. D. E. Danny Davies, will travel with the British Team to South Africa as its Hon. Secretary. His appointment brings another honour to the Club, and all will wish him a happy and successful tour. It is the fulfilment of an ambition for Danny for he was unable to accept an invitation to tour South Africa as a player. Good luck, Danny!

The Chairman and Committee of the Cardiff Club would like to thank Sid Judd and all the players of the Club's three teams for their splendid play and enthusiasm throughout the winter.

Thanks are passed to the Office, Bar and Ground Staffs for their efforts; the Chief Constable and the City Police Force for its help. The St. Alban's Military Band and all those who have helped to entertain visitors. To the local press and to the loyal supporters who keep the flag of Rugby Union football flying high.

SUPPORTERS' NOTES.

Llanelly Supporters. Cross as Caerdydd. We extend a warm welcome to our friends from the West, and look forward to the usual musical get-together after the game. There is a strong band of friendship between the two clubs because we follow teams that always endeavour to play the game. Members of the party who travelled up with the

Supporters should contact the Secretary of Cardiff Supporters at the Supporters' Box, underneath the North Stand, immediately after the game, when details of arrangements for the evening will be given them. On with the game, and may the better side win.

Annual General Meeting. All members are asked to note that the A.G.M. will be held on Thursday, 19th May, 1955, in the Ballroom, Grand Hotel, Westgate Street, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Make sure that your nominations for Officers and Committee reach the Secretary on or before the 12th May.

Hospital Broadcast. To-day is our last opportunity to take up a collection for the Hospital Scheme, and we hope that all present will liberally support us. We have stuck to our task throughout the season, as we know that many of the Hospital patients rely on us to continue the scheme through next season. Letters of appreciation received from the various hospitals encourages us in the work we are doing, and we know that the rugby lovers of Cardiff and District will not let us down. May to-day's collection be a record one.

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CARDIFF R.F.C.

OFFICIALS, 1954-55.

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| 3 G. WELLS* | Right Centre |
| 4 B. L. WILLIAMS (Capt.)* | Left Centre |
| 5 Dr. G. ROWLANDS* | Left Wing |
| 6 K. RICHARDS | Outside Half |
| 7 W. R. WILLIS (Vice-Capt.)* | Inside Half |
| 8 C. HOWE | Forwards |
| 9 G. BECKINGHAM* | |
| 10 J. D. EVANS | |
| 11 M. COLLINS | |
| 12 E. THOMAS | |
| 13 J. H. THOMAS | |
| 14 J. D. NELSON | |
| 15 E. LEWIS | |

Referee:
Mr. V. S. LLEWELLYN (Llansamlet)

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| G. JAMES | 1 |
| L. THOMAS | 5 |
| W. PHILLIPS | 4 |
| D. THOMAS* | 3 |
| R. THOMAS | 2 |
| J. H. DANIEL | 6 |
| WYNNE EVANS | 7 |
| H. MORGAN | 8 |
| D. HOPKINS | 9 |
| R. ROOKE | 10 |
| E. FOLIGNO | 11 |
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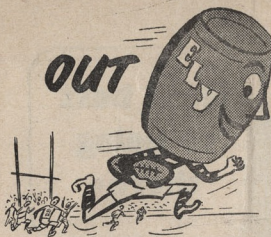
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.. 4—Cheltenham	h12—3	.. 8—Bristol	h38—3
.. 8—Farnth	a18—3	.. 15—Bath	aCancel
.. 11—Pontypool	a17—6	.. 22—Old Belvedere	h Post.
.. 15—Bridgend	h12—11	.. 29—Cheltenham	a15—6
.. 18—Coventry	a19—8	Feb. 5—Bristol	a 9—6
.. 20—Leicester	a14—11	.. 12—London Welsh	h22—0
.. 25—Aberavon	a15—9	.. 19—Newport	a 6—0
.. 29—Ebbw Vale	h 6—0	.. 26—Gloucester	aCancel
Oct. 2—Newport	a 3—3	Mar. 5—Newport	h 6—11
.. 6—Aberavon	h32—11	.. 12—Blackheath	a 6—6
.. 9—Pontypool	h21—0	.. 19—Neath	a11—11
.. 16—Swansea	h14—3	.. 26—Leicester	h32—9
.. 23—Neath	h14—3	.. 31—Birkenhead Park	a 8—9
.. 30—Northampton	a 8—6	April 2—Halifax	a27—9
Nov. 4—Oxford	a23—0	.. 9—Barbarians	h 3—6
.. 6—Wasp	a 0—0	.. 11—Harlequins	h 6—0
.. 13—Newport	h 6—3	.. 12—Northampton	h 6—3
.. 20—Llanelli	a11—0	.. 16—Devonport Services	a 3—3
.. 27—Gloucester	h 9—8	.. 18—Penance	a 9—0
D.c. 4—Swansea	a 8—6	.. 19—St. Ives	a16—6
.. 11—Harlequins	a 9—3	.. 23—Coventry	h22—13
.. 13—Cambridge	h 3—11	.. 27—Penarth	h16—5
.. 18—Resslyn Park	h31—0	.. 30—Old Belvedere	h21—11
.. 27—Wasp	h17—3	May 7—Llanelli	h11—3
.. 28—Watsonians	h 8—0		

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