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THE BAND

The Band that is entertaining us this afternoon is the Victoria Silver Prize Band. They will play some favourite Welsh tunes and it will be a pleasant gesture to our numerous Welsh guests if all will stand during the playing of *Land of My Fath rs.*

CARDIFF RUGBY SUPPORTERS' CLUB

A considerable body of the Cardiff Rugby Supporters' Club are present with us this afternoon. We have made them honorary members of our social club for the day, and after the match they will take refreshments at the club. They hope that they will meet our own Supporters' Club and many old Bristol players. We ask then for all the members of our social club to turn up in force and mingle freely with our guests. We believe that Sam Tucker can be relied on to see that supplies do not fail.

ARMISTICE DAY

On Saturday next, November 6th, Bristol United play the Salisbury Club on the Memorial Ground. The Salisbury and Bristol captains, in the presence of the two teams, will jointly place a poppy wreath on the memorial at the entrance to the ground. We ask those members who do not usually come to the United matches to make a special effort to be present on this occasion. It is good for all of us to be reminded that this is a Memorial Ground to all the Bristol Rugby players who gave their lives in the two great wars.

FIRST XV FIXTURES 1948-49

Date	Opponents	Ground	Kick-off	Result	Points	
					For	Agst.
Sept. 4	Stroud	Home	3.15	Won	8	5
" 11	Swansea	Home	3.15	Won	8	5
" 15	Weston-super-Mare	Home	6.0	Lost	3	6
" 18	Newport	Away		Lost	3	6
" 25	Gloucester	Home	3.15	Won	16	9
" 29	Clifton	Home	6.0	Won	9	8
Oct. 2	Devonport Services	Home	3.15	Won	8	3
" 4	Penzance and Newlyn	Away		Won	14	10
" 9	Llanely	Home		Won	6	3
" 16	Bath	Away	3.15	Draw	3	3
" 23	Nottingham	Home	3.15	Won	14	10
" 30	Cardiff	Home	3.15	Won	19	0
Nov. 6	Harlequins	Away				
" 13	Bedford	Home	3.0			
" 20	R.N.E. College (Keyham)	Away				
" 27	Wasps	Home	3.0			
Dec. 4	Newport	Home	2.45			
" 11	Pontypool	Away				
" 18	Leicester	Away				
" 27	Pontypool	Home	2.45			
" 28	Old Merchant Taylors	Home	2.45			
Jan. 1	Plymouth	Home	3.0			
" 8	Cardiff	Away				
" 15	Northampton	Away				
" 22	Gloucester	Away				
" 29	Blackheath	Home	3.0			
Feb. 5						
" 12	Oxford University	Away				
" 19	Richmond	Home	3.15			
" 26	Swansea	Away				
Ma. 5	Bath	Home	3.15			
" 12	Moseley	Away				
" 19	United Ser. (Portsmouth)	Home	3.15			
" 24	Weston-super-Mare	Away				
" 26	St. Mary's Hospital	Away				
" 30	Clifton	Home				
April 2	Exeter	Home	3.15			
" 6	Neath	Home	6.15			
" 9	Coventry	Away				
" 16	Leicester	Home	3.15			
" 18	Northampton	Home	3.15			
" 20	Newbridge	Away				
" 23	Harlequins	Home	3.15			

BRISTOL v. CARDIFF

SATURDAY, October 30th, 1948

BRISTOL

Colours—Blue and White

●
Full Back

(A) **N. GIBBS**

Threequarters

Right Wing (B) **P. CHANDLER**

Right Centre (C) **K. GRIFFIN**

Left Centre (D) **R. H. WOOD**

Left Wing (E) **G. E. GREEN**

Half Backs

Outside Half (F) **J. B. DALZIEL**

Scrum Half (G) **T. REES**

Forwards

(H) **G. G. GIBBS (Capt.)**

(I) **F. HILL**

(J) **J. J. WATKINS**

(K) **R. REDMAN**

(L) **G. HOGARTH**

(M) **D. PRATTEN**

(N) **R. MULLER**

(O) **J. A. SCOTT**

Kick-off
3.15 p.m.



Referee:
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CARDIFF

Colours—Red

●
Full Back

(1) **F. TROTT***

Threequarters

Right Wing (2) **T. COOK**

Right Centre (3) **J. MATTHEWS***

Left Centre (4) **BLEDDYN WILLIAMS***

Left Wing (5) **LES WILLIAMS***

Half Backs

Outside Half (6) **W. B. CLEAVER***

Scrum Half (7) **HAYDN TANNER (Capt)***

Forwards

(8) **S. BOWES†**

(9) **J. BECKINGHAM**

(10) **W. G. JONES†**

(11) **R. ROBERTS**

(12) **R. M. GLOVER**

(13) **E. JONES***

(14) **L. J. HAYWARD**

(15) **G. EVANS***

* International
† War Time International

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OUR VISITORS

"An old and haughty nation, proud in arms," so wrote Milton in one of his few bright poems, and the epithets that the poet applied to the Welsh nation are equally applicable to our visitors this afternoon, the famous Cardiff Club. For many years now the Cardiff team have given great delight to Bristol Rugby Club supporters, who are present to-day in large numbers, expecting the Rugby treat of the year. Many of them have seen quite enough bad Rugby, to-day they anticipate a feast of the other kind. "Rugger played well is the most spectacular and exhilarating of all our games, played badly is the dulllest of all ways of spending an afternoon's holiday. A side of the excellence of the present Cardiff team do untold good to the game, for they not only delight the onlookers by the diversity of their attacking powers, but they teach most salutary lessons to the players opposed to them. Like schoolmasters they direct the doubtful and instruct the ignorant, unlike schoolmasters they enjoy doing it, and do not do it for a miserable livelihood. These great sides, and the present Cardiff team can be compared with the finest teams of the past both in England and Wales, are not successful because they have a great accession of new ideas. They are supreme because they realise the intrinsic nature of this game of Rugby. The little boy at Rugby School picked up the ball and ran with it. He little knew the fine game he had created. The great players of the past and present pick up the ball and run with it. Watch Bled-yn Williams this afternoon and see him run with the ball and if he is checked give it to someone who can run with it. Too many times this season we have seen the melancholy spectacle of a player loth to run with the ball but eager to give it to the other side either by kicking it into the open, or passing it anywhere. If a Bristol player kicks into the open field to-day the rest of his team will toil and pant after the enemy in vain. Recall what happened three years ago, when Bristol very nearly won. Further, these outstanding sides play to a plan. They achieve unity out of diversity, they work as a team, a whole. It must be our business if we are to win—hope is a species of happiness—to have a counter-plan. We should love to be the first team this season to beat this Cardiff team. Whatever the result may be, we are certain of seeing some excellent Rugby. We extend again a warm welcome to our old friends from Cardiff and congratulate them on their magnificent record.

CARDIFF NEWS

To date Cardiff have played ten matches and are unbeaten.

Their opponents include

District XV	(49-6)	Neath	(32-8)
Coventry	(12-11)	Newport	(9-0)
Northampton	(27-12)	Gloucester	(20-6)
Devon Serv.	(38-14)	Swansea	(11-3)
Llanely	(3-0)	Rosslyn Park	(24-0)

Total played, 10, won 10. Points for, 225; Points against, 60.

At the moment Cardiff's record is better than of last year.

Haydn Tanner has nearly all of last season's players with him, except Maldwyn James, who has retired. Les Manfield has not played as yet with the Firsts, and D. H. Jones has transferred to Swansea. T. Cook is a new wing from Pontypool.

S. Bowes plays in the front row instead of the injured Cliff Davies. John Phillips of the Army is the club's new hooker, having played his first game against Rosslyn Park on Saturday last.

Last season the Club created a record by scoring over 800 points and preserved a ground record, as well as supplying 48 'caps' in five International matches.

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