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Cardiff v. Aberavon, December 9th, 1950, at 2.45 p.m.

The date which appears at the head of these notes will, when the history of the Aberavon R.F.C. comes to be written, rank very high among the list of auspicious occasions which have marked the Club's progress during the decades of its existence. For today we entertain a team which has won for itself a warm place in the affections of Rugby fans all the world over. From 1945 down to the present day the Cardiff R.F.C. has kept its place as the most sought-after club in the British Isles and it is no mean tribute to its prowess that no less than five men who learnt their Rugby on the Arms Park were included in the Antipodes touring team. "Iron Man" Matthews and Bleddyn Williams, the Pym and Hampden of Welsh rugby, make up what is now the remaining two-thirds of a midfield triangle which has been the arbiter of rugby style for many years. The third member of a triumvirate which has always inspired respect and sometimes awe, has now retired from active participation in the game which he has served so well. Billy Cleaver was always a figure of great controversy but even those who were most violently opposed to the style of play he represented were ready to agree that, within the limits of his style, he was a consummate artist. Figures that are bound to gain honoured places in Rugby's Hall of Fame, these three great exponents of the handling code have been largely responsible for Cardiff's well-deserved post-war eminence. We regret the absence of Dr. Jack Matthews today but we can only say that we look forward with anticipation to see him in opposition to Aberavon in our next meeting.

Aberavon last played Cardiff on a home-and-away fixture basis way back in season 1932-33 but the last match between the two clubs was in April, 1938 at the Athletic Ground when the Wizards were the victors by 16 pts. to 6. Whatever the result of today's encounter may be, it is heartening to see two clubs with such great traditions in opposition once more.

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CARDIFF

Full Back—
1 R. F. Trott
Right Wing—
2 H. Morris
Right Centre—
3 G. Llewellyn
Left Centre—
4 Bleddyn Williams
Left Wing—
5 D. C. Murphy
Outside Half—
6 Cliff Morgan
Inside Half—
7 Rex Willis
Forwards—
8 W. E. Davies
9 J. R. Phillips
10 Cliff Davies
11 W. E. Tamplin,
Capt.
12 M. Collins
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Left Wing—
2 John Evans, Capt.
Left Centre—
3 J. O'Sullivan.
Right Centre—
4 B. Phillips
Right Wing—
5 R. Jones
Outside Half—
6 Denzil Jones
Inside Half—
7 W. Darch
Forwards—
8 Emlyn Davies
9 Del Davies
10 Cliff David
11 Mel. Parry
12 A. N. Other
13 Ken Davies
14 D. T. Meredith
15 A. Williams

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