



**BIG MATCH TO-DAY:** This is the visiting Cardiff rugby team which meets Southern Universities at Newlands this afternoon. The players are: Back row, from the left: H. Norris, J. Harding, Keri Jones, A. Williams, John O'Shea, Gary Davies, A. Pender, R. Sheney, G. Thomas, Gerald Davies, L. Baxter, John Davis, R. Bish, I. Robinson, C. Evans and J. Hickey. Front row, from the left: G. Samuel, J. H. Williams, W. G. Thomas, P. Morgan, W. Hullin (captain), G. Edwards, M. Richards and Ken Jones.

# CARDIFF POSE VARSITIES A TOUGH TASK

By MAXWELL PRICE

**A**FTER a busy Welsh rugby season the Cardiff rugby touring side, with seven internationals in it, has now struck form and should provide formidable opposition to Southern Universities at Newlands to-day.

A mid-week crowd of close on 20,000 is expected and there is promise of bright rugby.

Having played more than 30 games during the recent British winter, and having displayed ample evidence of it in their big win over Eastern Province, the Cardiff players should not be lacking in team-work and understanding in their fourth game on South African soil.

Southern Universities have not had the opportunity of playing as a combination this season, although several of the team did play together in the recent Western Province Colts game.

Thus the task of the home team seems difficult at first glance, but closer examination of its strength indicates plenty of individual talent, which, expertly led at forward most particularly by the Springbok Hannes Marais, could be harnessed effectively at short notice to exercise all-important control of the ball.

For possession is the factor likely to influence the result.

### STRONG BACKS

With players of the reputation of Ken Jones and Gerald Davies in the centre and with backs who ran Easterns off their feet the Cardiff pack with its formidable international front row will strive to play to that strength.

The task of the Varsities pack is to deny them as much possession as possible, and at the same time give their own backs the chance to probe and penetrate.

Although the home inside backs seems less illustrious than their opposites' sight should not be lost of the fact that Eben Olivier, the Springbok centre, has shown peak form lately, and that the half-backs, Cilliers Holm and Mike Nicolai, although coupled for the first time, have the important asset of provincial experience.

The centre, Taylor Botha, and the wing, Faan Brynard, will need to produce better play than they have lately to provide overall effectiveness. Springbok wing, Jannie Engelbrecht, is likely to make the most of any opportunity.

### FULL-BACKS

While Gareth Edwards has shone in the last line for Cardiff, H. O. de Villiers, of UCT, has been playing a steadier full-back game but if the ball is won adequately up front he could be emboldened to come into the line judiciously and in his exciting style.

But one cannot be too hopeful because the power and experience opposite warns against over-adventurous intentions.

This is a game where the students front row of Marais, Hoard and Enderstein will be thoroughly extended by the Welsh international trio, Norris, Billy Thomas and O'Shea. At the

line-out the younger, D. van den Bergh and A. de Wet with John le Roux assisting at No. 6, have an equal chance.

### LOOSE BALL

In the all-important quest for the loose ball the students with such lively men as Preston Robertson and Albie de Waal, both provincial players, and, of course, Le Roux, have a fair chance of shading Pender, Hickey and Evans; but with the Cardiff men so experienced in the middle there is not likely to be much loose ball lying around.

All of which helps to make the Varsities job even tougher; but with the talent they possess, and providing they knit as a team, they have a fair chance.

The main game will begin at 4 p.m., and there is a schools curtain-raiser between Bishops and Hottentots-Holland U-19 teams at 2.50 p.m.

### THE TEAMS

Cardiff	S. Universities
G. Edwards.	H. O. de Villiers.
Keri Jones.	J. Engelbrecht.
Ken Jones.	E. Olivier.
G. Davies.	T. Botha.
M. Richards.	S. Brynard.
P. Morgan.	M. Nicolai.
W. Hulin (capt.).	C. Holm.
H. Norris.	G. Enderstein.
W. J. Thomas	M. Hoard.
J. O'Shea.	H. Marais (capt.).
C. Evans.	J. le Roux.
L. Baxter.	D. v. d. Bergh.
J. Davis.	A. de Wet.
J. Hickey.	P. Robertson.
A. R. Pender.	A. de Waal.

Manager of the Southern Universities: A. de Waal (Stellenbosch).



Transvaal 23, Scottish Borders... A penalty goal three... Transvaal captain and full-back... Scottish Borders team... short tour at Ellis Park... Neil scored for... number-eight... put over four... converted four... the Scots... to pe... e a... He

# Cardiff picks strongest team to play Varsities

By MAXWELL PRICE

**THE** Cardiff rugby touring club will field their strongest team against Southern Universities at Newlands on Wednesday. It will include seven international players and is the same as that which trounced Eastern Province 34—9 at Port Elizabeth on Saturday.

Last night the manager, Mr. Lyn Williams, said that Cardiff looked forward to playing against the Varsities and at Newlands.

"We know that this is the strongest opposition to date and respect their reputation; but we have come to form and all being well hope to provide Newlands with good rugby and the Varsities with willing opposition."

### DELIGHTED

He added that Cardiff, playing at Windhoek and Upington in their first games, had taken time to acclimatize. "We are obviously a different team at coast level and our team enjoyed the cooler

conditions at Port Elizabeth on Saturday and the yielding going."

The touring party were delighted on arriving in Cape Town yesterday that cool and drizzling conditions prevailed.

The seven international players in the team are: Gareth Edwards, full-back, who has won a cap for Wales as scrum-half; Ken Jones, well-known as a Wales and Lions centre; Gerald Davies, said to be the fastest centre in Britain; Billy Hullin, the scrum-half and captain; the entire front row consisting of the props H. Norris and J. O'Shea; and the hooker W. J. Thomas.

The wings are fast, Keri Jones being a national sprint champion, while Maurice Richards is right on form, having scored a hat-trick of tries against Easterns on Saturday and also five conversions.

### CHIDDY DOUBTFUL

Last night the UCT centre, Haulon Chiddy, reported that he was still troubled by a collar-bone injury sustained against Van der Stel at Newlands on Saturday.

The ligaments of the right collar-bone are torn and Chiddy is obviously a doubtful starter. He will see a doctor to-day for final confirmation.

Should he not play his place would probably be taken by the Stellenbosch player, Taylor Botha.

Mr. Charles Turvey, secretary of the Western Province Rugby Union, said there was a tremendous interest in the game, the more so after the "bad shaking Cardiff gave Easterns". He expected a crowd of 20,000 provided weather conditions were favourable.

The curtain-raiser would be a schools senior game between Bishops and Hottentots Holland timed for 2.45 p.m. The main game will begin at 4 p.m.

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Members of Cardiff rugby touring team discuss prospects of Wednesday's game at their Sea Point hotel last night. From left: Mr. Lyn Williams, manager, Ian Robinson, John Hickey, Gary Samuel, Mr. Haydn Wilkins, assistant manager, and John Harding.