

Star Cardiff full-back to miss E.P. game

BY NEIL CAMERON

BAD news for Cardiff, but good news possibly for Eastern Province . . . Ray Cheney, the visiting Welsh side's star full-back who has kicked 23 points in the two matches played so far on tour, has been forced to withdraw from the Cardiff side to play Eastern Province at the Boet Erasmus Stadium tomorrow.

Cheney, the only recognised full-back in the touring party, was selected to play, but the leg injury he received in a tackle in the game against North Western Cape at Upington on Wednesday is still troublesome and, to avoid the risk of aggravation, he has been advised to stand down.

His place in the side will be taken by 19-year-old Gareth Edwards, an international at scrum-half, who is equally at home playing at fly-half.

With such versatility, the strength of the team is by no means weakened and with six other internationals in their side, Cardiff will be fielding their strongest team against E.P.

THE TEAM

Their team is: Gareth Edwards; Maurice Richards, Gerald Davies, Ken Jones, Keri Jones; Phil Morgan, Billy Hullin (captain); John O'Shea, Billy Thomas, Howard Norris, Lyn Baxter, John Davies, John Hickey, Tony Pender and Clive Evans.

The tourists have chosen a back-line of international class with the experienced Hullin leading the team from the base of the scrum and men like Morgan, the two Jones and Davies outside of him. This impressive array of talent poses a big threat to the E.P. try-line tomorrow.

To ensure that they are liberally supplied with the ball from the set pieces, Cardiff have chosen an all-Welsh international front row of props, O'Shea (214lb) and Norris (226lb), with Thomas hooking. Their locks, Baxter and Davies, are 218 and 206lb, respectively, and over the six-foot mark.

OUR STRENGTH

"We will play to our strength, which is outside the scrum," said their manager, Mr Lynn Williams, last night. He is pleased with the way the team have acclimatised themselves in the vastly different conditions to which they are accustomed and, after two tough pipe-openers against South-West Africa and North-Western Cape, are running into form for tomorrow's game and those against Southern Universities in Cape Town on Wednesday and Northern Transvaal next weekend.

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CLOSE of play scores in cricket matches were:

At Lord's: Middlesex 279 for eight declared and 91 for four. Lancashire 171 (H. Pilling 72, R. Hooker 3/32).

At The Oval: Surrey 128 and 77 for two (J. Edrich 42 not out). Hampshire 329 for seven declared (R. Marshall 100, D. Livingstone 71).

At Cambridge: Cambridge University 162 and 32 for one. Northamptonshire 357 for nine declared (C. Milburn 93, R. Prideaux 125, D. Steele 75 not out, D. Acfield 5/113).

At Oxford: Somerset 138 and 175 (G. Clayton 44, A. Barker 5/42). Oxford University 239 (P. Spray 54, R. Palmer 4/36).

At Brentwood: Sussex 247 and 66 for two. Essex 326 (K. Fletcher 63, K. Boyle 43, T. Bailey 64, E. Lewis 4/64). — Sapa-Rtr.



Combining pleasure with practice, these members of the visiting Cardiff rugby side kept their hand in with passing while enjoying a swim at King's Beach yesterday afternoon. They are (left to right): Phil Morgan, Gary Samuel, Billy Thomas, John O'Shea, Gareth Edwards and Howard Norris.

Cardiff's pack face big task

From A. C. PARKER,
PORT ELIZABETH,
Thursday.

WITH possibly one exception, Cardiff have chosen their strongest side for the match against powerful Eastern Province on Saturday.

With the reservation that Gareth Edwards would have to come strongly into the reckoning at scrum half, Cardiff cannot field a better team judged by displays in their previous two games.

The Eastern Province pack include two Springbok tight forwards, Gowie Carelse and Hambley Parker. But the Cardiff front row of Howard Norris, Billy Thomas, and John O'Shea should hold their own.

Cardiff: R. Cheney; M. Richards, G. Davies, D. K. Jones, K. Jones; P. Morgan, W. Hullin (capt.); H. Norris, W. Thomas, J. O'Shea, L. Baxter, J. Davies, J. Hickey, A. Pender, C. Evans.

WELSHMEN WILL SING TODAY WIN OR LOSE

WHEN Cardiff wins its rugby match against Eastern Province at the Boet Erasmus Stadium today, we will sing "Mae Hen Wlladd Fy Naddae" (Land of My Fathers). So said one of 10 Welshmen touring South Africa with the Cardiff rugby side.

Herald Reporter

"And if they do not win?" I asked. "We will sing it anyway," came the reply. This is a typical Welsh approach to rugby and no doubt the touring side will be out to prove it today. The 10 supporters are members of the Cardiff Athletic Club

and are all rugby fanatics. They are Major Howard Jackson, Mr Fred Austin, Mr Robbie Robinson, Mr David James, Mr Bill Perry, Mr John Coles, Mr David Hayward, Mr Ted Ralph, Mr Jack Robinson and Mr Peter Thomas.

Selector

Proudly they call themselves the "Cardiff Bar-Bars", or the "Cardiff non-playing reserves". David Hayward was a member of the touring Welsh side two years ago. He is now a selector with the side now in South Africa.

According to Mr Thomas, "the only reason David came back to South Africa was to renew his acquaintances with the lovely young girls you have out here."

The whole party backed his statement and agreed that the girls were just "great". Today, when the Cardiff team runs on the field at Boet Erasmus Stadium, the group will be in the stand shouting and singing their team on.

Thrilled

When I interviewed the "Bar-Bars," they had just returned from the Addo Elephant Park. Mr Hayward said, "At home we get excited when we see a fox. So you can imagine the surprise and thrill of seeing such large animals as the elephant and rhino."

Mr Robinson, an older member of the party, commented on the large, open spaces in South Africa. He went into raptures over the beauty of the country.



Expectations were high in the Welsh camp last night as to the outcome of today's rugby match against Eastern Province. Here the "Cardiff Bar-Bars" sing a Welsh folk song. Standing, from left to right, are Mr Ted Ralph, Mr John Coles, Mr David James, Mr Bill Perry, Mr Jack Robinson and Major Howard Jackson. Seated, from left to right, are Mr Fred Austin, Mr Peter Thomas, Mr David Hayward and Mr Robbie Robinson.