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The Unbeaten Record!

By THE EDITOR.

There has been so much talk these days about the Cardiff Record, that I feel it is best to explain the club's point of view. Thursday's match with Pontypridd was not an official fixture and never intended as such. Cardiff, despite injuries, did not field their strongest side and had they done so, would have

won, well though Pontypridd played.

The club extends every congratulation to Pontypridd for their win, but at the same time, feels that those critics who say they have lost their unbeaten record should think again.

While the club does not go out of its way to preserve the unbeaten record, the holding of such a record is a responsibility. Furthermore the club is being handicapped at the present by the largest batch of

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injuries experienced for some time. Indeed before long, if the adverse luck continues, the 1st XV fixtures will have to be fulfilled by the Athletic XV!

The injured list includes Rex Willis, the club captain, who is still uncertain, as to when he will be fit. Next comes the mercurial Cliff Morgan who received a nasty blow in the unhappy Pontypool match and will be out for another two weeks. This is the worst misfortune for Morgan is the main-

spring of the attack and has been playing better than ever this season.

Next comes Sid Judd the popular vice-captain who has led the side since the start of the season, he was injured in Ireland. He will be another couple of weeks.

D. Murphy is also out for a few weeks, and now Gordon Wells, joins the list after a cartilage injury on Thursday. It is hoped that Brian Mark, injured on the Mid-

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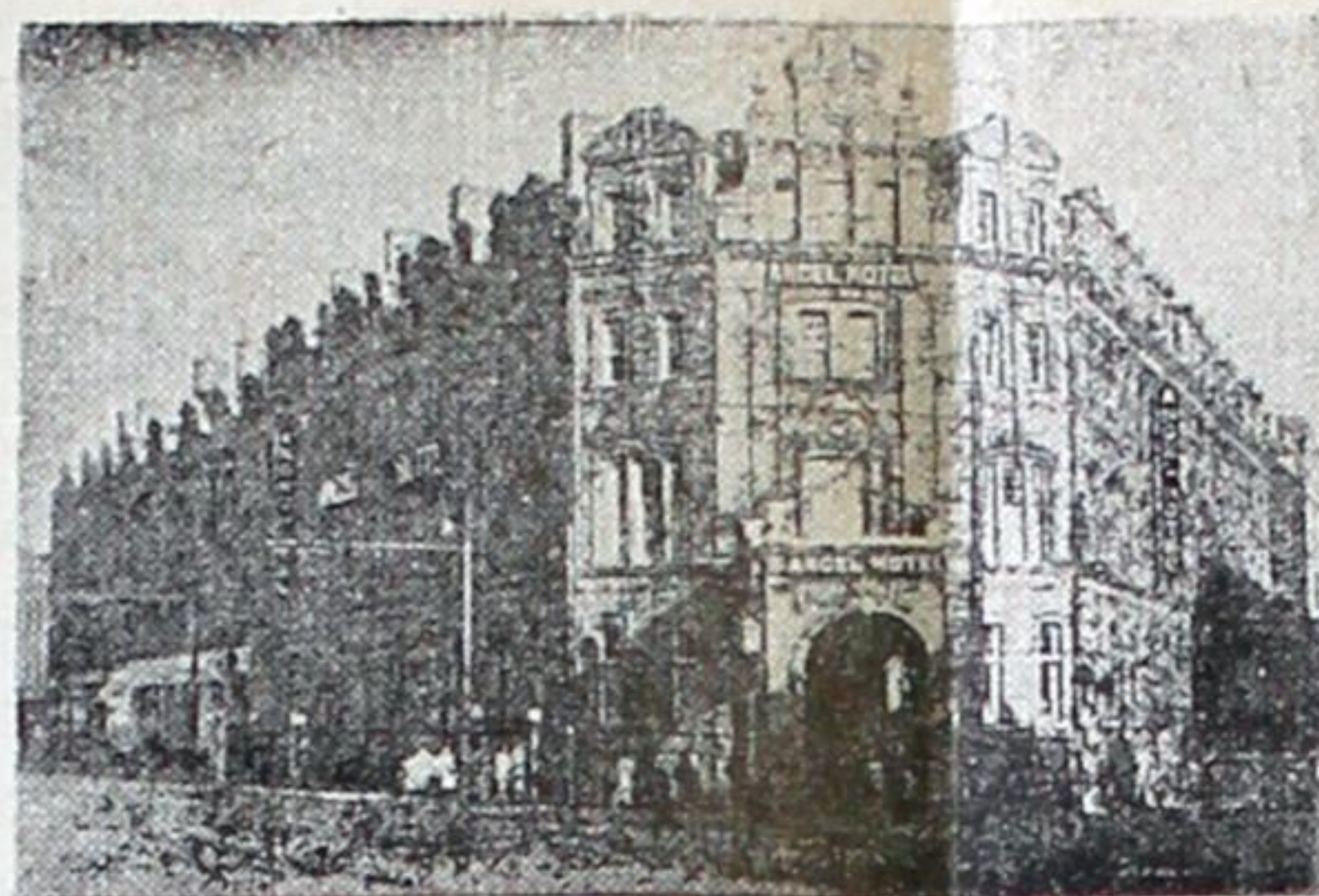
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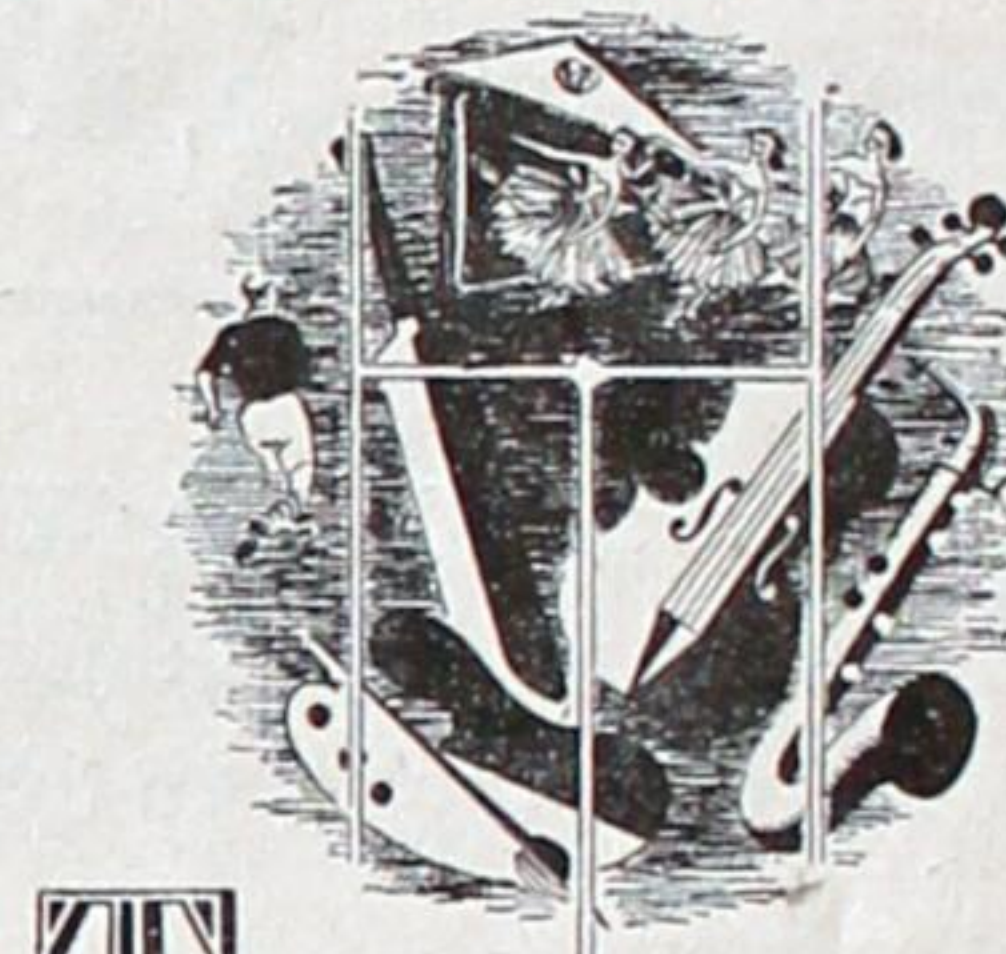


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lands Tour, and Bleddyn Williams injured when playing in Cornwall last week, will appear to-day.

The challenge of Gloucester will be a formidable one to-day. They have two Welshmen at their helm. H. L. Terrington from Maesteg at centre, who captains the side, and John Gwilliam the Welsh Triple Crown captain, who leads the pack. At half-back is another Welshman, Vivian Davies, of Swansea, a scrum-half, who is knocking at the door for a Welsh Trial.

The Gloucester pack is a good one, and Tamplin and his merry-men will have to fight hard to keep the Cardiff record. Indeed to-day's match might well develop into a tactical battle forward between John Gwilliam and Bill Tamplin, the two best leaders produced by Wales since the War.

Behind the scrum, if Brian Mark plays, then Cardiff should be happier than they were last Saturday. It is not fair to criticise either Lloyd Williams or Colin Hewitt. They have not had the opportunity to serve their apprenticeship in the Athletic XV. All young Cardiff players should service their time there. Unfortunately injury has upset the apple-cart. May the luck change for Cardiff.

IMPORTANT

The attention of season ticket holders is drawn to the following alterations in the fixture lists included in the season tickets issued for 1952-53.

Please insert extra date in 1st XV list, Northampton (away), November 3rd, 1952.

In International list, Scotland v. Wales at Murrayfield on February 7 and not 14 as stated.

The Welsh Schoolboys will play England at Cardiff on February 28 and not March 14 as stated.

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1952	Result	1953	Result
	F. A.		F. A.
Sept. 3—Cardiff and District	h22—0	Jan. 3—Moseley	a
„ 6—Neath	h21—3	„ 10—Aberavon	h
„ 10—Penarth	h25—8	„ 17—Bath	a
„ 13—Plymouth	h47—0	„ 24—Swansea	h
„ 17—Cheltenham	h 3—0	„ 31—Aberavon	a
„ 20—Coventry	a13—3	Feb. 7—Bristol	h
„ 22—Leicester	a 9—6	„ 14—London Welsh	a
„ 27—Cognac and Nantes	h37—11	„ 21—Newport	a
Oct. 4—Newport	a 9—3	„ 28—Gloucester	a
„ 6—Belvedere	a 9—8	Mar. 7—Newport	h
„ 7—Limerick	a31—17	„ 14—Penarth	a
„ 11—Pontypool	h 8—3	„ 21—Coventry	h
„ 18—Gloucester	h	„ 26—Birkenhead Park	a
„ 25—Llanelly	a	„ 28—Sale	a
Nov. 1—Oxford University	a	Apr. 4—Barbarians	h
„ 3—Northampton	a	„ 6—Harlequins	h
„ 8—Newport	h	„ 7—Northampton	h
„ 15—Wasps	a	„ 11—Devonport Services	a
„ 22—Llanelly	h	„ 13—Penzance	a
„ 29—Neath	a	„ 14—St. Ives	a
Dec. 6—Bristol	a	„ 18—Pontypool	a
„ 13—Cambridge Univ.	h	„ 25—Cheltenham	a
„ 20—Swansea	a	„ 29—Bridgend	h
„ 26—Wasps	h		
„ 27—Watsonians	h		

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