

Ynysangharad Park, Pontypridd

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Michael

A GRAND
BENEFIT RUGBY MATCH

CARDIFF R.F.C. ⚔

v.

Mid-District Rugby Union ⚔
XV.

MONDAY, APRIL 21st, 1958

Kick-off 6.15 p.m.

Programme - - - - - Price THREEPENCE

*All proceeds in aid of the dependents of the late
P. C. Michael Fitzgerald*

TEAMS

Cardiff Rugby Football Club XV.

Mid-District Rugby Union XV.

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| 1. | A. PRIDAY* | <i>Full Back</i> |
| | <i>From</i> G. JOHN* | <i>Left Wing</i> |
| | G. GRIFFITHS* | <i>Left Centre</i> |
| | H. NICHOLLS* | <i>Right Centre</i> |
| | H. MORRIS* | <i>Right Wing</i> |
| | A. BARTER | |
| 6. | C. WILLIAMS | <i>Outside Half</i> |
| 7. | R. WILLIS* | <i>Inside Half</i> |
| 8. | C. HOWE | <i>Prop.</i> |
| 9. | G. BECKINGHAM* | <i>Hooker</i> |
| 10. | J. D. EVANS* | <i>Prop.</i> |
| 11. | W. R. EVANS* | <i>Second Row</i> |
| 12. | K. JONES | <i>Second Row</i> |
| 13. | C. D. WILLIAMS* | <i>Open Side</i> |
| | E. THOMAS (Captain) | <i>Lock</i> |
| 15. | D. J. HAYWARD | <i>Blindside</i> |

Linesman—

CLIFF MORGAN*

Referee :

W. J. EVANS, Cardiff
(International Referees' Panel)

*Denotes International

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| 1. | V. LLOYD, Merthyr R.F.C. |
| 2. | R. WOOD, Treorchy R.F.C. |
| 3. | D. WILLIAMS, Cilfynydd R.F.C. |
| 4. | L. F. LEWIS, Senghenydd R.F.C. |
| 5. | W. PRICE, Bargoed R.F.C. |
| 6. | W. GRIFFITHS, Pontypridd R.F.C. |
| 7. | T. B. WILLIAMS, Pontypridd R.F.C. |
| 8. | E. MELLINS, Bargoed R.F.C. |
| 9. | D. TAYLOR, Ystrad Rhondda R.F.C. |
| 10. | E. HUMPHREYS, Merthyr R.F.C. |
| 11. | T. LLOYD, Cilfynydd R.F.C. |
| 12. | W. J. KINGSBURY, Tylorstown R.F.C. |
| 13. | C. JONES, Ynysybwl R.F.C. |
| 14. | R. ROBBINS* (Captain), Pontypridd R.F.C. |
| 15. | B. MAPSTONE, Pontypridd R.F.C. |

Linesman—

E. WILLIAMS, Cilfynydd R.F.C.

Right Wing

Center Half

Edwin Thomas

Cliff Morgan

W. J. Kingsbury

The entire proceeds of this evening's game are to be donated to the dependents of the late P.C. Michael Fitzgerald, former player of Cardiff R.F.C., Glamorgan Police, Ystrad R.F.C. and Bargoed R.F.C.

"Mike" as he was affectionately known to all with whom he played, graced the rugby fields of South Wales with a true brand of sportsmanship. He loved his game and cared not with whom or for whom he played. He could often be seen playing one day for a Junior Union Club and the next in the colours made famous by the Cardiff R.F.C. He was indeed a true sportsman. His untimely death is a great loss to the game which he adorned with such charm.

It is fitting that the areas in which he played so much of his rugby have co-operated to make this evening's game possible. The idea was that of the Cardiff Committee, and particularly of those two Cardiff stalwarts—Mr Harry Rees, and Mr. Maldwyn James. To them go our most heartfelt thanks for having fostered the idea of a benefit game between the official First XV, and a side selected from the Mid-District Clubs. By their energies they have brought this idea into a reality.

The Mid-District Rugby Union too, must be thanked for the ready and eager way in which they accepted the idea and agreed to organise the game at Pontypridd. Mention must also be made of the fine gesture of the Pontypridd Urban District Council for granting the use, without charge, of Ynysangharad Park for the game. We should also thank the Pontypridd R.F.C. for its invaluable assistance in the organising of a game for such a grand cause. Many organisations and individuals have contributed in various ways and to these we are extremely grateful.

May we also thank all of you who have come along tonight, not merely to see a game, but to pay a tribute in a practical way, to a truly fine player and sportsman.