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NOTES AND TOPICS

Quite a lot of football seems to have been crowded into the last few weeks and it is impossible to do justice by way of comment in these limited notes. Cardiff got the better of Coventry in the Park fixture a fortnight ago, thus accomplishing the “double” at the Midlanders’ expense. The exhibition wasn’t exactly up to expectations, but absenteeism probably accounted for a good deal.

The international match at Murrayfield seems to have been one of a series of tragedies for Wales. Griffiths, the new Newport cap, was terribly unlucky in his first appearance for Wales at full-back, being compelled to retire from the game after ten minutes’ play owing to injury. Cleaver, as substitute custodian, performed wonders. Scotland had all the luck that was going and only won by the errors of the Welshmen. As it was, efficient goal kicking would have won the game for Wales, but they had to be content with a 13 pts. to 11 defeat—very

hard lines. Cardiff’s representation in the national side has fully justified itself throughout the season and the six who did duty last Saturday are re-selected to play against France at Paris on Easter Monday. Will that mean that they will be quite unable to play against the Barbarians on the Park on the Saturday previous? If so, it will be decidedly unfortunate, as we would like a full side to meet the Ba-Baas. What about the Cardiff players flying to Paris for the international?

Our boys have been having a picnic trip to Devon and Cornwall during the week-end, and the enthusiasm and loyalty of our players was strikingly demonstrated by those participating at Murrayfield hurrying down South to join their colleagues and so letting the Cornish people have a taste of Cardiff rugby at its best, a gesture amply repaid by the magnificent welcome the boys enjoyed everywhere. On this tour Cardiff beat

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Right Centre ... F/Lt D. PARKER (12)
Left Centre *F. O. BLEDDYN WILLIAMS (13)
Left Wing ... F/Sgt P. H. DAVIES (14)
Outside Half ... F. O. M. R. CHANNER (10)
Scrum Half ... A. C. P. W. SYKES (9)

Referee

Mr. J. P. MATTHEWS
(Barry)

Kick-off 3.30 p.m.

Forwards—

F/Lt D. BOLDSWORTH (8)
*W/Comdr C. G. GILTHORPE (7)
Cpl D. SLUMPTON (6) A. C. B. EXLEY (3)
A. C. A. TILBURY (5) *S/Lt L. MANFIELD (2)
F. O. E. A. STYLES (4) F. O. E. L. HORSPOOL (1)

CARDIFF - 10

(1) *FRANK TROTT ... Full Back
(5) *GRAHAM HALE ... Left Wing
(4) ST. JOHN REES ... Left Centre
(3) *Dr. JACK MATTHEWS, Capt. Rt. Centre
(2) SELWYN EVANS ... Right Wing
(6) *W. B. CLEAVER ... Outside Half
(7) *W. DARCH ... Scrum Half

Exeter Home Matches—

Saturday—Barbarians

Monday—Harlequins

Tues.—Royal Navy (Devonport)

* Internationals

Forwards—

(8) W. G. JONES (12) RAY BALE
(9) *MALDWYN JAMES (13) *CLIFF DAVIES
(10) S. BOWES (14) *W. E. TAMPLIN
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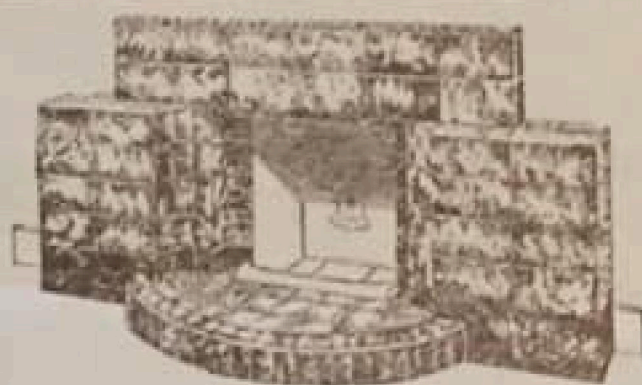
The Cardiff Athletic side have done very well this season, many wins having

been achieved against some strong opposition. More than that, a good deal of promising talent has been discovered.

Readers please note that the three concluding home matches will be Barbarians Easter Saturday, Harlequins Easter Monday, and Royal Navy of Devonport, Easter Tuesday (April 23).

An extra attraction of exceptional interest will be a Past v. Present game on May 1 for the Cardiff Royal Infirmary. Wilfred Wooller will lead the "Past" and Cliff Jones will definitely play if released from the Army.

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