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CARDIFF ARMS PARK

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ABERAVON

SATURDAY

- FEBRUARY 9th

- 1963

Kick-off 3.0 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME - 3d.

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CARDIFF V. ABERAVON

Today, Saturday, February 9th, marks the resumption of Rugby Football at Cardiff Arms Park after, what most of us feel, has been the most Arctic like spell of Wintry weather, lasting since before Christmas in most parts, and combining many heavy falls of snow, and blizzards, with frozen grounds in between and temperatures mainly below freezing point.

And so we welcome the thaw which has enabled Cardiff to receive our Aberavon opponents, popularly known as "The Wizards," for the first Club game on "The Park" since December 29th when Cardiff defeated Gloucester by 11 points to nil in a good match on a very cold day and hard ground conditions.

The Wales v. England International on January 19th had been made possible owing to the foresight of Frank Trott and his Committee for straw covering the ground prior to Boxing Day, the additional straw laying after the Gloucester game, and the magnificent efforts in the work of snow clearing by our Secretaries and the Head Groundsman, Albert Francis through whose efforts armies of workmen and volunteers were organised, much to the eager interest of the Rugby public.

Everyone was delighted that our Captain Dai Hayward secured his first Welsh Cap against England, and again, that he scored a try in his debut. His loyal supporters felt the honour had been long overdue and felt mystified that, after such a splendid game against England, he was not selected against Scotland.

Dai, Meirion Roberts and W. J. "Bill" Thomas, were travelling reserves for Murrayfield, where Kingsley Jones, Cardiff's sole representative played a sterling game in helpling to subdue a much fancied Scottish pack.

At Aberavon in September last, Cardiff were beaten by 10 points to 3. Cardiff's form since November 3rd had greatly improved and the Holiday matches showed more than glimpses of the Blue and Black Rugby magic; but the enforced break in playing, and the condition



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Full Back

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Right Wing D. L. THOMAS

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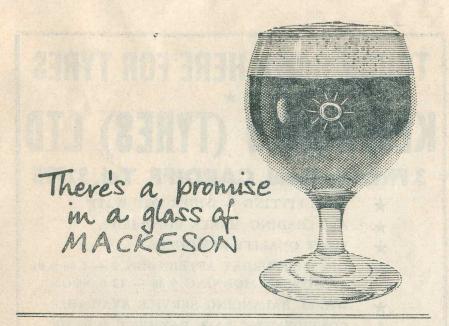
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of the ground, one would hesitate to forecast victory to either of the teams on view today, containing as they do, some of the very highest of Rugby Football exponents.

Many will regret the decision of Cenydd Williams to turn professional and sign on for the St. Helen's Rugby League club. This member of the well-known Williams Rugby family was much fancied for a Welsh Cap. The decision is Cenydd's, and he had given much good service to Cardiff, and I feel he will be missed not only by his loyal supporters but by his own family also.

All interested Sportsmen will have been made acquainted with the Club's plan to retain Cardiff Arms Park as the Welsh National Ground. Much thought and effort has gone into the scheme, and all Rugby enthusiasts, and particularly Cardiff's own members and supporters will sincerely hope that the Club's bold, yet practicable, proposals will ultimately bear fruit—for the Cardiff Arms Park to remain as it always has done traditionally, the National Home of Welsh Rugby Football.

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