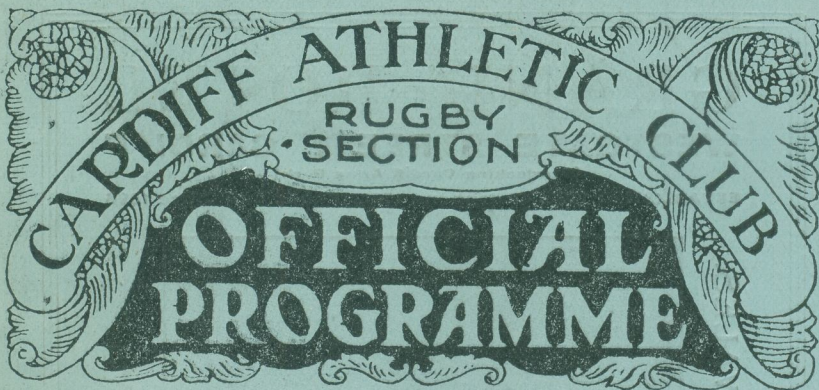


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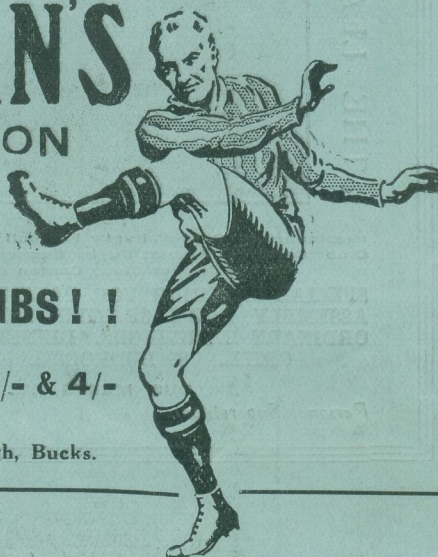
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FOREWORD.

We greet readers, players and all concerned on the opening of Season 1926-7, and perhaps more than a passing thought will be accorded the Official Programme, which to-day is embarking upon its seventh year of uninterrupted publication, with the unchallenged assurance that it is still the best programme of its kind in the Kingdom, thanks to the excellent propaganda work of the Cardiff Rugby Supporters' Club, under whose auspices it is being run.

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We trust the programme will this season enjoy a bigger measure of support than ever—every effort will be made to make it more attractive, if possible, and contributions towards this end will be welcomed by the Editor, Mr. I. T. Austin, 11, Dumfries Place, Cardiff.

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THE TWO FIFTEENS.

Season 1926-7 is certainly going to be the most momentous in the history of the Club, in view of the decision to run two first-class teams, and relegating the Reserves to oblivion. It is a tremendous responsibility that the Committee has committed itself to, and there is to be no shirking by a single member if the venture is to prove successful, as it should in a centre like Cardiff. The novelty will mean a

much more important fixture list, and should also attract a far superior type of player. The trials have already revealed some splendid new talent, and there will doubtless be a spirited fight for places. The Committee's policy regarding the selection of teams will be closely watched—but whatever the ultimate constitution of the sides, the players will always remember that they are playing for Cardiff, and that the honour of the club will be in their keeping, whichever side they are chosen for. Well, here's luck to the two fifteens.

MANAGEMENT.

The management of the Athletic Club has undergone no change since this time last season, while the Football Committee has been re-elected *en bloc*. Lists of committees will appear next week. Mr. L. C. Watters is proving himself an energetic secretary, and is responsible for introducing some interesting and withal, practical innovations.

FIXTURES.

The fixture list for the season is particularly interesting, the more notable of the new fixtures being London Irish, Bath, London Welsh, Cross Keys and Bradford. The outstanding game, of course, will be that with the Maoris on the Park, on 6th November next. The touring side is remarkably strong from all that we read and hear, and we shall acquaint readers with some

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interesting details regarding them in later issues. The full fixture list for the season appears inside the back cover.

OUR ADVERTISERS.

We desire to call attention once more to the excellent list of advertisements appearing in these pages—all worth perusing and all worth supporting. The advertisers have been very "sporty" in so generously supporting the programme, particularly in these depressing times, and we feel sure it is quite unnecessary to appeal to readers to patronise those kind people who have taken advertising spaces and who thereby have made it possible to ensure the financial success of the programme for another season. Remember, it is our Junior and Ex-Schoolboy teams that will benefit.

COMPETITIONS.

In order to provide some diversion for our readers during the winter months, we propose to organise a series of interesting competitions, for which certain prizes in value will be offered. The first of these announcements will appear in next Saturday's programme, for the Pontypool match, so please see that you secure a copy, and kindly inform your friends of this new feature.

THE SPHINX.



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Our Club Captain.

W. J. DELAHAY.
(Contributed).

There is no need to introduce to our supporters the new Captain—the name of W. J. ("Bobby") Delahay is almost universal.

To "Bobby" falls the onerous duties of captaincy during the new era on which the Athletic Club has embarked, that of turning out two first-class fifteens every Saturday, and whilst it is not appropriate to discuss herein the merits or otherwise of the scheme,

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Bobby's name is a household word wherever Rugger is played, for whenever Cardiff play away, the question is invariably asked, "Is Bobby Delahay playing to-day"?

Our leader is a wizard of the handling code, the *artiste* of the 'feint' and the elusive swerve. He came to Cardiff from Bridgend. He is 26 years of age; a most unassuming chap, little of stature but big of heart. Although no great orator, he has the knack of saying just what is necessary in a few words. Needless to say, being a carpenter by trade, he is a man of "plane" words when not otherwise "chipping" the

"bhoys"—nevertheless he is always on the "square" and "level" (not spirit, of course).

He has the qualities of leadership, and always sets an example in the matter of pluck and endurance—the manner in which he survives the many hard knocks he receives is at times amazing.

We are sure Bobby will impress on his players the necessity of playing the real type of football, in the right spirit—a repetition of the Rugger we had last Easter will retrieve all the former glories of the club.

Bobby will have the energetic support of his vice, the committee and general secretary, and as far as the players are concerned, they will do anything for him. Now then, supporters, rally round the club—support the new scheme, and criticise, but helpfully; join in wishing Bobby and the club a most successful season.

Danny Davies, who proved so successful as captain during the past season, has been chosen as vice-captain, and a wise choice, too. There couldn't be a better deputy.

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W. Hockaday

Gwyn Hopkins
I. Davies

J. Farmer
R. Cooper
R. Howell

G. Bradshaw

Reserves : Threequarter Back, R. Roberts ; Forwards, N. H. Rees, D. Jones.

Referee :
Mr. W. H. HARRIS,
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Kick-off
3.30 p.m.

Forwards : Idris Richards (H) S. Hiram (J) W. Ireson (K) J. Burns (L)
T. Lewis (M) W. Watkins (N) K. R. Turnbull (O) Cliff Williams (P)

Inside Half : W. J. Delahay, Capt. (F) Outside Half : H. M. Bowcott (G)

Left Wing : Llew Williams (B) Left Centre : D. E. Davies (C) Right Centre : B. R. Turnbull (D) Right Wing : John Roberts (E)

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Our Vice-Captain D. E. DAVIES.

No advertisement is needed for Danny Davies, who this season acts as Vice-Captain. Last season he proved himself one of the most popular captains the club has ever had, in more senses than one, and it will be to the advantage of the club to have such an experienced deputy for Delahay in a season that promises to be exacting and strenuous to a degree. Like his skipper, Danny is one of those quiet, unassuming, but particularly sporty fellows, and it is pretty certain that

if the players follow the example of their captain and vice-captain, we will see week by week a team of workers and not talkers.

AN APOLOGY

Owing to pressure on space, this week's notes have been curtailed and other matter held over. See next week's programme for these and other interesting features.—(Ed).

Supporters' Notes.

At the recent annual meeting of the Supporters' Club, the unanimous opinion was that last season proved the most successful in the history of the club, both from the standpoint of work done and the all-important question of finance. The work accomplished in the great task of training the juniors and ex-schoolboy talent, with a view to providing players for the future has already borne fruit, by the fact that the Athletic Club have already called upon several of our players to assist them, and in each case it was proved that we have in the making, lads of the right stamp. This season, with two premier first-class teams being run, we are hoping to be of more assistance still. In fact, our

one ambition is to be one of the nurseries of the Athletic Club.

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The present season opens with every promise of even greater success. Our energetic Hon. Sec. has arranged some really good fixtures for both teams, as will be seen by the list in this programme. The applications from players anxious to join the club have far exceeded our expectations, as up to date over 60 names have been sent in. Already the majority have been on trial, and some really good talent has been discovered. Our great difficulty is to find positions for all applicants. This has given our committee cause for serious consideration, and as a result, a very ambitious scheme has been adopted, which will, we believe, materially assist us in our anxiety to retain at least the majority of these lads.

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Further reference to the scheme, including arrangements for a new ground, will appear in the next issue.

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Schoolboy Notes.

Owing to Sophia Gardens being occupied by various sports and carnivals, the School League games will not commence this season until Sept. 25th. The various competitions will be run as last season, except that in the sectional Shield and Cup games, South Church Street will compete in the lower section, together with St. Alban's, as, although they won Shield and Cup in this section, it has been arranged that they should remain down, so that each section now consists of the same number of teams.

The Secretary would be glad if any gentleman who is willing to referee boys' games on Saturday mornings would communicate with him at Ninian Park School.

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Forwards : DL. Thomas (Capt.) Jack Holes D. R. James G. Broughton
W. D. Davies E. Meredith D. Golledge G. Collins

Referee :

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Kick-off 5 p.m.

Forwards : A. R. Rickards (H) E. Spillane (J) F. Lee (K) E. Marsh (L)
R. Barrell (M) W. J. Ould (N) M. H. Evans (O) F. Porter (P)

Inside Half : Howard Poole (F) Outside Half : T. A. Davey (G)

Left Wing : J. H. John (B) Left Centre : D. M. Williams (C) Right Centre : R. A. Cornish (D) Right Wing : G. H. Morgan (E)

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Fixtures 1st Team.

1926
Sept. 4 Old Howardians..... Home
" 11 Elyn Juniors..... Home
" 18 Brynmawr Juniors..... Away
" 25 Pontypool St. James... Home
Oct. 2 Neath Invincibles..... Away
" 9 Longcross A Team..... Away
" 16 Glamorgan Wan. III... Home
" 23 Taffs Well II..... Away
" 30 Old Tauntonians..... Home

Nov. 6 Old Cantonians..... Away
" 13 Old Tauntonians..... Home
" 20 Barry Romilly..... Away
" 27 Penarth Casuals..... Home
Dec. 4 Garndiffaith..... Home
" 11 Bridgend C. School O.B. Home
" 18 Chepstow Harlequins... Away
*** 27 Ogmere Vale O.B. Away
1927
Jan. 1 Taffs Well II..... Home
" 8
" 15 Barry Romilly..... Home
" 22 Elyn Juniors..... Away
" 29 Penarth Casuals..... Away
Feb. 5 Scotland v. Wales..... Cardiff
" 12 Glamorgan Wan. III... Away
" 19 Garndiffaith..... Away
" 26 Resolven Centrals..... Away
Mar. 5 Old Cantonians..... Home
" 12 Bridgend C. School O.B. Away
" 19 Brynmawr Juniors..... Home
" 26 Neath Invincibles..... Away
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" 11	Treorchy.....h	" 22	Abertillery.....a
" 18	Pontypool.....h	" 29	England v. Wales (Twickenham)
" 25	Weston-S-Mare.....a	" 5	Neath.....h
" 2	Bristol.....h	" 12	Exeter.....h
" 9	Skewen.....h	" 19	Portsmouth Services.....a
" 16	Swansea.....h	" 26	Penarth.....h
" 23	Pill Harriers.....h	" 2	Scotland v. Wales (Cardiff).....
" 30	Newport.....h	" 9	Gloucester.....a
" 6	Mountain Ash.....h	" 16	Cheltenham.....h
" 13	Llanelli.....h	" 23	Newport.....h
" 20	Moseley.....h	" 30	Torquay.....h
" 27	Gloucester.....h	" 6	Leicester.....h
" 4	Treherbert.....h	" 13	Mountain Ash.....a
" 11	Blackheath.....a	" 20	France v. Wales (Swansea).....
" 18	Maesteg.....h	" 27	Swansea.....h
" 25	St. Bart's H.....h	" 3	Moseley.....h
" 3	Swansea.....h	" 10	Llanelli.....h
" 10	Cheltenham.....h	" 17	Maesteg.....h
" 17	Aberavon.....h	" 24	Ireland v. Wales (Ireland).....
" 24	Maoris.....h	" 31	Plymouth Albion.....a
" 31	Newport.....h	" 7	London Welsh.....h
" 8	Cross Keys.....a	" 14	Devonport Services.....a
" 15	Portsmouth Services.....h	" 21	Pontypool.....a
" 22	Blaenavon.....a	" 28	Cross Keys.....h
" 29	Coventry.....a	" 5	Blackheath.....h
" 6	Pontypridd.....h	" 12	Skewen.....h
" 13	Leicester.....h	" 19	Newport.....h
" 20	Neath.....h	" 26	Aberaman.....h
" 27	Treorchy.....a	" 3	Barbarians.....h
" 4	Llanelli.....a	" 10	Torquay.....h
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" 18	Guy's Hospital.....h	" 24	Exeter.....h
" 25	Penarth.....h	" 31	Bradford.....h
" 31	Plymouth Albion.....h	" 7	Northampton.....h
" 7	*27 London Irish.....h	" 14	Ebbw Vale.....h
" 14	Stroud.....a	" 21	Swansea.....h
" 21		" 28	Pill Harriers.....h
" 28		" 4	" 27
" 5	Bristol.....a	" 11	Llanelli.....a
" 12	Glamorgan Wanderers.....h	" 18	Weston-S-Mare.....h
" 19	Bridgend.....a	" 25	* Easter Monday.
" 26	Aberavon.....h		
" 3	Pontypridd.....a		
" 10			

* Boxing Day.