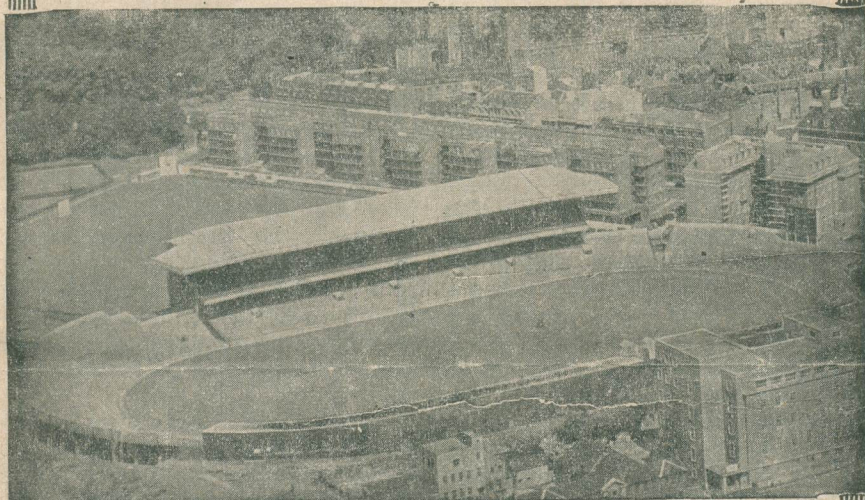


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Pontypool in search of first post-war victory at Arms Park

by THE EDITOR



Pontypool bring a splendid pack of forwards to the Arms Park today in an effort to gain their first post-war victory on Cardiff territory. In the past Pontypool have seldom done well on the Arms Park—even when they have considered their chances favourable! We welcome them today with congratulations for their many excellent victories this season and their ability to play high-powered Rugby without having any star men behind the scrum.

Typical of Pontypool's determination and tenacity is the way in which their pack have "nursed" the backs through a gruelling season. Behind Allen Forward's storming forwards, Pontypool have had a particularly sound scrum half in Willie Watkins, and it is unfortunate for the club that injury prevents him playing today. In mid-field Pontypool have been in difficulties all the season, though

the appearance of Hugh Cormack has steadied their line, and 18-year-old Malcolm Price, skipper of the Welsh Youth XV, is a promising fly-half.

It is only the third first team appearance for young Malcolm, and Cardiff supporters will watch him keenly. Clever half back play has been the outstanding feature of Cardiff's football for very many years, and cleverness among opposing halves is readily appreciated. Malcolm has a promising future ahead, and we may see signs of his development today.

John Llewellyn is a sound Pontypool full back, and on the wings they have consistent men in skipper Jack Williams and regular Monmouthshire county player Johnny Jones.

But it is essentially the pack who are the power at Pontypool. Ray Prosser we all know as a fearless, flailing forward, expert in line-out

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and mauls. Allen Forward's intelligent covering and generalship set a spirited example for such stalwarts as Prosser's second-row partner Noel Tucker, flank forward Bob Morgan, splendid loose forward and hooker Haydn Pugh, and tear-away props Emmett and Rudge.

Cardiff have Colin Hewitt at outside-half, and Pontypool supporters remember it was Colin who beat them, virtually on his own at the Recreation Ground earlier this season. There should be an interesting duel between Evans, Beekingham and Howe, the Cardiff front row trio and Pontypool's front rankers. In fact, it should be a stirring match all round, for Pontypool are eager to succeed where fellow Monmouthshire clubs Newport and Ebbw Vale have conquered this season.

There should be a capacity crowd at St. Helen's next Saturday for

the third annual Welsh "Sevens" tourney. With many of Welsh Rugby's leading stars on view, the programme promises exceptional interest and excitement. It is rapidly becoming the highlight of the season, with its prolonged programme of thrills evoked by quick open play, with the side in possession keeping the ball at all costs—and only kicking as a last resort! What a refreshing change! And what a delightful way to end a season. Cardiff followers will be there in force to see if the club's VII can retain the handsome Snelling Trophy against some really virile opposition. Whoever wins will have deserved it, that is a certainty.

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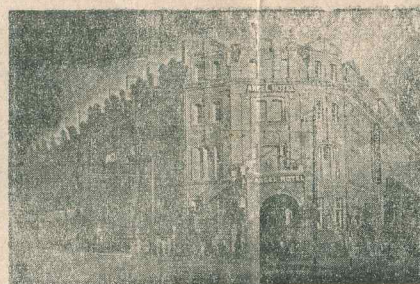
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| M. PRICE | 6 |
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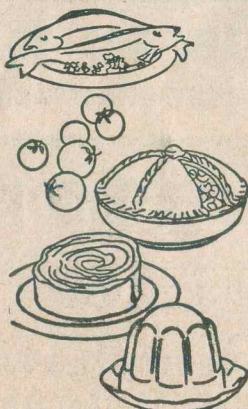
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10—Pontypool.....	a 16-6	Feb. 4—Gloucester.....	a 11-3
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17—Coventry.....	a 9-16	18—Newport.....	h 0-3
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10—Harlequins.....	a 13-3	10—St. Ives.....	a 24-6
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27—Watsonians.....	h 17-9	26—Pontypool.....	h —
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