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TO-DAY'S MATCH

By THE EDITOR.

Congratulations to the Welsh XV—they have brought home the Triple Crown again after a magnificent season. Three storming victories over England, Scotland and Ireland have enabled Wales to take her rightful place at the head of the Championship Table. John Gwilliam has performed magnificent feats, and we of the Cardiff Club are genuinely proud of our four players who have shared in the victories.

Congratulations to Jack Matthews (the Welsh vice-captain), W. B. Cleaver, Rex Willis and Cliff Davies. They have been key men in the victories. Cliff Davies has given experience, as the senior international, in the scrum, and remained the cheerful great-hearted player we have known so well since the war.

Billy Cleaver and Rex Willis have gone from strength to strength as a half-back combination. Cleaver has answered his critics. He has been the first Welsh outside half since Billy Trew to play in a Triple Crown side since 1911, and the men who tried before him were Clem Lewis, Fred Reeves, Eddie Williams, Windsor Lewis, Dai John, Frank Williams, Harry Bowcott, Dickie Ralph, Cliff Jones, Willie and Glyn Davies. Some great names these, but Cleaver has been the lucky one.

The club has never had a more modest player. He is the idol of the cheap side and is certain of a good welcome today and next Saturday. Rex Willis's rise to fame will ever remain as one of the romances of the game. From the Second

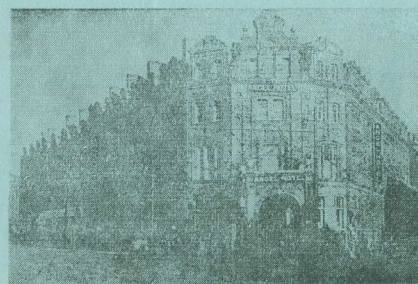
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"OVERLOOKING THE GROUND"

XV to the British Team and the Welsh Triple Crown XV in one season! It will take some beating.

Finally to Jack Matthews. He has enjoyed his best season from the International viewpoint and fully deserves to be a member of both the Welsh and British XV's.

Unfortunately, through injury, Bleddyn Williams has been unable to take his place in the Welsh XV. However, he has been picked for the British XV and hopes to be fit enough to join the party at the end of the month.

Today will be the British Team members' last appearance in the Cardiff side. They will appear for Wales next Saturday, but it would be fitting if the Cardiff Arms Park members and regular supporters give them a special cheer today.

They will carry the high traditions of the Cardiff Club far across the seas to the



CLIFF DAVIES



W. B. CLEAVER

Dominions. In Australia they should have a special welcome for Australian players will recall that all except Rex

Willis played their several parts to stop Australia winning on the Arms Park during their 1947-48 Tour.

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Right Wing ...	H. N. PARKER	5
Right Centre ...	A. E. SUTTON	4
Left Centre ...	C. DUPENOIS	3
Left Wing ...	J. MAUCHLEN	2
Outside Half ...	N. PEARCE	6
Inside Half ...	N. J. STOCK	7

Referee—
D. C. JOYNSON,
(Rogerstone)

Forwards—

8	H. WALKER
9	E. ROBINSON
10	F. E. WALTON
11	D. T. NAYLOR
12	R. A. FALKENER
13	W. GRAHAM
14	J. GARDINER
15	R. F. BATSTONE

CARDIFF

1 F. TROTT (Capt.)	...	Full Back
5 T. COOK	...	Left Wing
4 P. ASH	...	Left Centre
3 J. MATTHEWS	...	Right Centre
2 R. BURN	...	Right Wing
6 W. B. CLEAVER	...	Outside Half
7 REX WILLIS	...	Inside Half

Saturday, April 1st
CARDIFF v. NEWPORT
K.O. 3.30 p.m.

Forwards—

8	CLIFF DAVIES
9	J. R. PHILLIPS
10	G. JENKINS
11	W. E. TAMPLIN
12	M. COLLINS
13	J. D. NELSON
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Today's visitors are Coventry—the sporting English side. They come without their international captain, Trevor Preece, but should test Cardiff to the full. They have a lively pack of forwards and strong-running three-quarters.

The stage is set for an interesting game. This evening the Cardiff Club will honour their British Team members with a Special Dinner at the Royal Hotel. The Coventry XV have been invited to attend, and happily they have accepted. In all some 120 guests will attend. Due tribute will be paid to the five players. Guests at the dinner will include R. T. Gabe, Wilfred Wooller, Haydn Tanner, Captain Geoffrey Crawshaw and other famous rugby personalities.

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