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- By THE EDITOR -

Welcome to the London Welsh! Our good friends from London, with their young and enthusiastic team and friendly officials, keep the Welsh flag flying in the Metropolis. They do even more, they show that Welshmen can play the game in the right spirit and remain unbeaten for a greater part of the time.

This year's XV is as good as any of the past. Twenty matches have been played to date this season, with 15 victories and only five defeats. They hold an unbeaten ground record, and only Coventry, Neath, Swansea, Aberavon and Northampton have been able to beat them.

Under Vernon Davies' cheerful captaincy they have scored 169 points against 103, and showed at all times a hearty desire to open up the play.

In fact all five teams run by the London Welsh this season have done well, and are a credit to a very fine organisation.

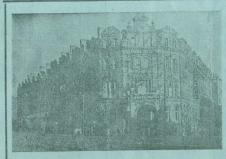
The Cardiff Club takes this opportunity of welcoming many old friends, and in particular Harry Bowcott, a former captain of the club, who has been such a worker for the "Welsh" since he left Cardiff many years ago.

The going in today's game promises to be heavy, but this should not prevent both sides from entertaining spectators in their traditional manner.

Bleddyn Williams, the Cardiff captain. is still injured, and will not be at the head of his side today. However, he has a good deputy in Frank Trott, a loyal servant of the club, who is popular with his fellows.

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"OVERLOOKING THE GROUND"

Now a word of congratulations to those Cardiff players who did so much to help Wales to victory against Scotland last Saturday. Jack Matthews and Billy Cleaver have never played better for their country, and were the outstanding backs. Matthews was continually prominent with his strong bursts and devastating tackling, and Cleaver was the complete aid to his forwards. Rex Willis was in his best form and Cliff Davies the 'veteran' warrior, was here, there and everywhere!

May they be joined by the club captain in time for the important match with Ireland. Wales must not miss the Triple

Crown this season!

A word, too, about the reserves who did so well against Plymouth Albion last Saturday. The gaps were adequately filled and proved that the strength of any club must lie in its reserves.

There was an announcement in the Press this week of the improvements to be carried out at the Arms Park. The Cardiff Athletic Club, headed by their President, Mr. D. Bernard Morgan, are

all out to assist the Welsh Rugby Union in an endeavour to make the Arms Park as good as any arena in the four countries. May every success attend their efforts.

Don't forget next Saturday.

Newbridge R.F.C. plays on the Arms Park for the first time in their history.

Bridgend have been granted the use of the Park for their 'Home' match with Newbridge. It is hoped that every Cardiff follower will attend to help the Bridgend Club. Thank you!

It will be an all pay match.

FIXTURES. 1st XV. Ground Opponents Feb. 18—Harlequins Away 25—Gloucester Home 4—Newport Away 11—Cheltenham Away ... Home 18—Coventry Away 25—Bath ...

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> Referee-Mr. IVOR DAVID (Neath)



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