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WASPS v. CARDIFF & EDINBURGH ACADEMICALS

On Sat. Nov. 5th and Mon. Nov. 7th, 1949, at Eton Avenue, Sudbury

KICK-OFF 3 p.m.

A. N. DAVIDSON, Hon. Secretary, Imperial House, Fulham, S.W.6.

WASPS BLACK		CARDIFF BLUE & BLACK		EDINBURGH ACADEMICALS BLUE & WHITE	
1 M. C. MORGAN	<i>Full Backs.</i>	1 GWYN DAVIES		1 C. J. R. MAIR	
2 B. YOUNG	<i>R.W. L.W.</i>	5 T. COOK*		2 W. H. SLOAN	
3 J. E. WOODWARD	<i>R.C. L.C.</i>	4 D. JONES		3 D. A. SLOAN	
4 J. DAVIES	<i>L.C. R.C.</i>	3 I. ASH		4 H. J. RAMSDEN	
5 R. MANDER	<i>L.W. R.W.</i>	2 M. DAVIES		5 T. ELLIOTT	
6 P. OSBORNE	<i>Stand off.</i>	6 CLIFF MORGAN		6 H. G. HAY (Capt.)	
7 P. W. SYKES*	<i>Scrum Half.</i>	7 REX WILLIS		7 H. WREGG	
8 J. B. BLAND (Capt.)		8 CLIFF DAVIS*		8 T. D. G. WHITE	
9 H. M. PRICE		9 G. BECKINGHAM		9 R. KELTIE	
10 A. A. EDWARDS		10 G. JENKINS		10 J. C. WHITE	
11 G. HOCKLEY	<i>Forwards.</i>	11 W. E. TAMPLIN*		11 A. G. M. WATT*	
12 D. W. MALCOLM		12 M. COLLINS		12 I. C. HENDERSON*	
13 G. J. BENDON		13 J. D. NELSON		13 A. F. GARDINER	
14 R. E. SYRETT		14 P. GOODFELLOW		14 C. McLAY	
15 R. HILTON		15 GWYN EVANS*		15 W. ELLIOTT	
	* International	Referee : T. N. Pearce L.S.R.F.U.R.		Referee : H. H. Smith L.S.R.F.U.R.	

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Club Notes

This week's programme, it will be noted, is a dual one covering both Saturday's and Monday's games.

By a coincidence we are entertaining two of the oldest and most famous Clubs in their respective countries—Cardiff and Edinburgh Accies—during the week-end. To take them in the order of "going in to bat" Cardiff's record is, for them, an indifferent one (!) for of 13 games played they have (only) won 8, while they have lost 3 and drawn 2, with 179 points against 8. This record has to be considered with a certain amount of reserve, for most of the clubs would dearly love to swap statistics with them, and that irrespective of the fact that Cardiff probably have the stiffest fixture list of any team playing. However, on reliable authority, I am assured that the team is very good but has been unlucky so far in the matter of crocks: J. Matthews, W. B. Cleaver and F. Trott have been in the wars, not to mention others, and then, last but not least, what club could possibly sustain the loss of Haydn Tanner—that Prince of scrum-halves—without reeling from the shock? Well, be under no illusions, you will surely see a fine team and a fine game to-day, and it is up to the Wasps "to pull a bit out of the bag" to hold them. We ourselves have on a number of occasions suffered from an unbeaten record and know the troubles incurred in defending it, but our Welsh friends have been more or less in this trying position EVER SINCE THE END OF THE WAR! The effort of sustaining such a record is almost more than flesh and blood can sustain, and it was to be noted that at the end of last season two games were lost from sheer inability to combat the physical strain. It is an undoubted fact that every team plays well above their normal form when playing unbeaten teams, but when that team happens to be our famous visitors then clubs become possessed with a kind of frenzy—once again, Wasps' team, please note!

We ourselves defeated Exeter last week 17—3, but it took a long time to get the machinery in motion. Our back-row is a much younger one than for a very long time and the average age works out at 20. They were very lively last week and we shall look to them to play a big part in to-day's game. Our place-kicking still manages to do its best to lose our games. It is an amazing thing that this very important and lucrative branch of the game should

be so neglected, for it only needs one active boy, about six foot-balls, a ground, and a little intelligence to pay a 100 per cent. dividend. That, anyway, is the recipe, but the "patient" persistently ignores it. Sometimes in the midst of a Sunday afternoon siesta one dreams of an ordinary player who took the trouble and became a figure of mythical might! Incidentally, while the Premier side was peppering the posts the Vandals on the next pitch put six over in a 34—5 win at the expense of Lewes and thus brought their record up to 8 played, 8 won, with 172 points against 25.

The "Accies," whom Allah preserve, come to us with an unbeaten record—that is, provided no mishaps occur in the sylvan glades of Bradford this afternoon. They have played 7, won 6, drawn 1, with 79 points against 22. We are always delighted to see them and it is good to know that in future years this annual game will take place on Saturdays, which will enable us to provide the crowd they so richly deserve and which, alas! is impossible on a Monday.

The Newport Club sent us their old flag as a memento of our recent victory there—as a matter of fact this was sent to us in return for their new flag, which mysteriously found its way in amongst our jerseys. It is to be hoisted on Saturday.

WASPS F.C.

Summary of season's results to 29th October, 1949 (inclusive):—

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Pts. for	Pts. agst.
FIRST	8	7	0	1	163	19
Vandals	8	8	0	0	172	23
A	7	6	1	0	79	34
Ex A ⁽¹⁾	5	5	0	0	78	0
Ex A ⁽²⁾	5	4	1	0	92	12
B ⁽¹⁾	5	4	1	0	107	43
B ⁽²⁾	6	4	0	2	84	50
Ex B	6	2	4	0	79	37
C	6	4	1	1	87	22
Ex C	5	4	1	0	62	21
Totals	61	48	9	4	1093	261

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			Points					Points	
1949	Opponents	Ground	For	Agst	1950	Opponents	Ground	For	Agst
Sept. 10	Streatham ...	Sudbury	19	0	Jan. 7	Oxford ...	Sudbury		
17	Newport ...	Newport	11	3	14	Guy's Hospital ...	Honor Oak		
24	Aldershot Services ...	Aldershot	19	5	21	ENGLAND v. WALES...	Twickenham		
Oct. 1	R.M.A. Sandhurst ...	Sudbury	38	3	21				
8	R.E.M.E. ...	Sudbury	53	0	28	U.S. Portsmouth ...	Portsmouth		
15	Rosslyn Park ...	Richmond	6	5	Feb. 4	Richmond ...	Richmond		
22	St. Mary's Hospital ...	Teddington	0	0	11	ENGLAND v. IRELAND	Twickenham		
29	Exeter ...	Sudbury	17	3	11	Old Alleynians (a.m.)...	Dulwich		
Nov. 5	Cardiff ...	Sudbury			18	Cheltenham ...	Cheltenham		
7	Edinburgh Academicals...	Sudbury			25	Bath ...	Sudbury		
12	Old Cranleighans ...	Sudbury			Mar. 4	London Hospital ...	Sudbury		
19	Middlesex Hospital ...	Sudbury			11	Newport ...	Sudbury		
26	Bristol ...	Sudbury			18	Birkenhead Park ...	Sudbury		
Dec. 3	Old Millhillians ...	Sudbury			25	Aberdeen University ...	Sudbury		
10	London Scottish ...	Richmond			Apr. 1	Rosslyn Park ...	Sudbury		
17	London Irish ...	Sudbury			7	Sale ...	Sale		
24	Northampton ...	Sudbury			8	Vale of Lune ...	Morecambe		
26	Cardiff ...	Cardiff			10	Fylde ...	Lytham		
31	Nottingham ...	Sudbury			15	Blackheath ...	Blackheath		

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