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Easter Monday, April 18

1949

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NOTES AND COMMENTS

By THE EDITOR

Now that Cardiff's most important fixture of the season has been completed, the Club intends to enjoy to the full the remaining fixtures. Today's visitors are the Harlequins. One of the oldest and most famous of the London clubs, and one blessed with the highest ideals in the game. Though not the force they used to be in British Rugby, for this season, their wins just exceed their losses, they are undoubtedly an attractive side.

Cardiff defeated the Harlequins at Twickenham in December by 19 points to 3, but if the visitors field their strongest XV today the result might be much closer. The Cardiff players are bound to be more than a little leg weary playing their fifth match in ten days. Even rugby players have to rest awhile!

Nevertheless, Cardiff will open up the game in the true spirit and ensure that spectators are treated to a feast of good football in keeping with the traditions of Easter.

This season the Harlequins, with England players J. R. C. Matthews and B. H. Travers, very much to the fore, have relied for the most part upon the good work of their forwards for success rather than their backs, and this is a reflection upon the course being taken by the modern game. In most international matches forwards have won the day and back play has been at a discount. It would be interesting to know what the former great Harlequin and England outside half, Adrian Stoop, thinks about it all!

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A FLASHBACK. CARDIFF v. BARBARIANS, 1948.

Ernie Strathdee, the Barbarians scrum-half, goes in to save from the feet of R. M. Glover as the Cardiff forward dribbles away from a loose maul.

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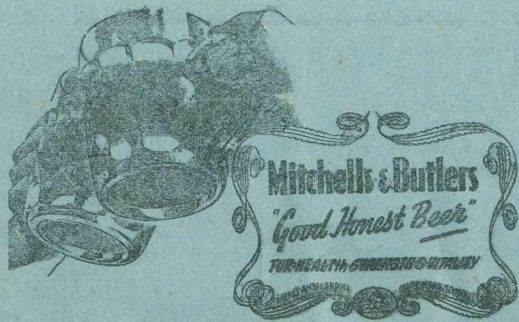
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Right Centre ...	V. D. McIVER	4
Left Centre ...	M. P. FRYER	3
Left Wing ...	J. R. O'DONNELL	2
Outside Half ...	B. CAUGHEY	6
Inside Half ...	R. A. SMITH	7

Referee:

Mr. T. H. PHILLIPS
(Neath)

Forwards—

8	W. M. JACKSON, Capt.
9	C. WESTON
9	M. B. DEVINE
10	J. R. C. MATTHEWS
11	B. J. GOODMAN
12	E. L. HORSFALL
13	C. M. HORNER
14	A. A. GRINSDALL
15	J. GARDNER
16	P. SPOONER,

CARDIFF

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



Easter Tuesday—NORTHAMPTON

Kick-off 3.30 p.m.

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8	CLIFF DAVIES
9	J. R. PHILLIPS
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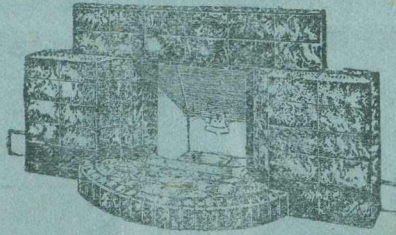
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Tomorrow's visitors were last season's unofficial English Champions, and despite their arduous tour in South Wales, are determined to have a crack at Cardiff and try and prove themselves the better of the two clubs. If they throw the ball about in the true spirit then it promises to be a grand game.

A special word of thanks should be

given to Glyn Davies, of Pontypridd and Cambridge, for helping the Club out on its Cornish Tour. Again Frank Trott, who played one game at scrum-half, and Billy Douglas, who played once at full-back, are deserving of special mention. The Club accomplished the tour without defeat, and this is very much to the credit of all concerned.

CANCELLED

We regret to announce that the match arranged for Easter Monday morning between the Old Illtydians R.F.C. and the Irish club Sundays Well will not take place.

DATE TO NOTE.

On Thursday, April 28, at 6.15, a Captain Crawshay's Rest of Wales XV will play the full Cardiff XV in aid of the Gwyn Nicholls Memorial Gates.

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