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NOTES AND COMMENTS

By THE EDITOR

Welcome to Gloucester, the grand old English side, whose sporting play made Cardiff's record season possible, in the last match of 1947-48. Who among those present will forget that brilliant match with Bleddyn Williams scoring four tries to create a new Cardiff record of 41 in a season and the Club reaching 800 points.

There are few sides who would have contributed so readily to the occasion as did Gloucester in that match. The Cardiff Club would like to place on record its appreciation of the Gloucester Club and hope that to-day's match will be every bit as enjoyable.

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Cardiff had a hard game at Newport last week, but despite a good beating in the set scrums, produced team work good enough to bring them a nine-point victory. The search for a hooker continues, and

the news that John Phillips might not be able to join, leaves the selectors no better off.

The Press have stated that Reg. Williams, of Abertillery, is eager to join the club. As a reserve to Maldwyn James last season, he might well be the man required.

The pack lack power in the set scrums, but all the forwards show their usual enthusiasm in the loose, and none did better than Elvet Jones and Gwyn Evans against Newport. They harassed the Newport midfield backs out of the game, and it was surprising that no positional changes were made to meet the situation.

The backs however, and particularly Haydn Tanner and Billy Cleaver, the now established half-back firm, were bang in form, and tackled man after man with amazing regularity. Only once did

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a Newport player cut through, and when faced by Frank Trott his inside pass was dropped. Indeed the Newport back play was not worthy of the games played between the two clubs.

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Gloucester, this season, have played five matches with the following results: Played 5, Won 1, Lost 1, and Drawn 3, with points for, 56, and against, 56. So far their prolific scoring outside-half W. E. Jones, the Glamorgan County cricketer, has not made an appearance. He will be missed with his bag of 200 points.

On Saturday last, Gloucester had a large number of players in the County side but they managed to share 12 points with Bedford at Kingsholm. This is an indication that they will give Cardiff a hard fight to-day and provide good rugby.

This week, a popular member of the two clubs, Ivor Williams, the wing-forward who toured South Africa with the British Team in 1938, left the Cardiff area for London. He has taken a new post in the London office with the G.E.C., and will join up with the London Welsh Club.

We welcome to-day Tom Voyce, the old England forward, as the present administrator of Gloucester's fortunes. He is a great-hearted player and a cheerful lover of the game.

RUGBY OFFICIALS, 1948-49.

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Captain 1st XV.

HAYDN TANNER.

Vice-Captain 1st XV.:

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Left Wing ...	S. DANGERFIELD	2
Outside Half ...	W. E. JONES	6
Inside Half ...	D. D. EVANS	7

Referee:

Mr. G. GOLDSWORTHY
 (Penarth)



Forwards—

8	T. DAY
9	C. THOMAS
10	H. J. MEADOWS
11	J. WATKINS
12	I. JONES
14	C. DUNN
15	R. HODGE
16	G. HUDSON (Capt.)

CARDIFF

Full Back ...	F. TROTT	...
Left Wing ...	L. WILLIAMS	...
Left Centre ...	D. ST. JOHN REES	...
Right Centre ...	J. MATTHEWS	...
Right Wing ...	R. BURN	...
Outside Half ...	W. B. CLEAVER	...
Inside Half ...	H. TANNER (Capt.)	...

NEXT SATURDAY'S MATCH

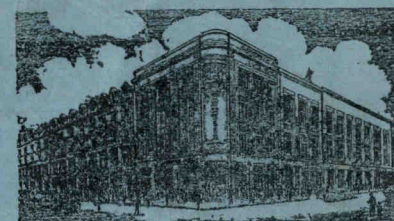
SWANSEA 'A'

v. ATHLETIC

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8	W. G. JONES
9	G. BECKINGHAM
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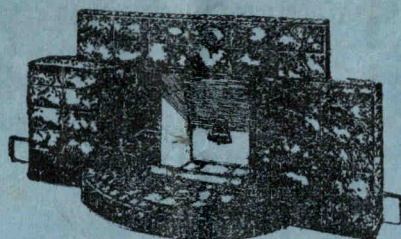
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FIXTURES.

1948	Cardiff First XV.	Opponents.	Ground
Oct. 16	Swansea	...	Away
" 23	Rosslyn Park	...	Home
" 30	Bristol	...	Away
Nov. 2	Oxford U.	...	Away
" 6	Penarth	...	Home
" 13	Newport	...	Home
" 20	Leicester	...	Away
" 27	Llanelli	...	Home
Dec. 4	Blackheath	...	Away
" 11	Cambridge U.	...	Home
" 18	Harlequins	...	Away
" 24	Penarth	...	Away
" 27	Wasps	...	Home
" 28	Watsonians	...	Home

International at Arms Park.

Jan. 15, 1949—WALES v. ENGLAND.

Cardiff Athletic XV.

1948	Opponents.	Ground
Oct. 9	Gloucester U. Away
" 16	Swansea A. Home
" 23	Blackwood Away
" 30	Bristol U. Home
Nov. 6	Nantymoel Away
" 13	Tredegar Away
" 20	Old Edwardians Home
" 27	Briton Ferry Away

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