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produced by the clubs when they have been in opposition since the War. Such has been the attraction. that record crowds for club matches have gathered at both Rodney Parade and the Arms Park. Such happenings only serve to cement the good relationships between the two clubs.

Earlier in the season Newport were badly hit by injuries. Now it has been the turn of Cardiff. To-day both sides are almost at full strength, and everyone will be pleased at this, since they are delighted to see the best the clubs

can produce in action. Many folk who do not normally turn out to watch rugby on a Saturday go to see Cardiff and Newport in action and this is a fine tribute.

This season, Newport like Cardiff have tried out several new young players, and the policy appears to be paying our visitors well. We will see to-day young Garry Legge at full-back, son of a famous father, and player who promises to develop nicely. In the centre will be the big and strong John Wills, promoted from Newport United. His progress has been

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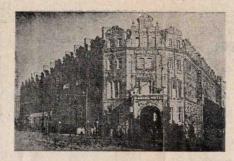
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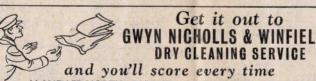
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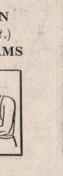
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rapid and last Saturday he was called upon to act as reserve at the 1st Welsh Trial.

In the pack there are several newcomers. I. Bodenham will be in the Newport colours to-day although last season he was at the Arms Park with his former club Pontypool. In the second row we will see R. J. Bridle, a big strapping lad formerly of Pontypool and Bristol University. With him will be either W. Bulley or G. Davidge, the latter a 19 year old youth product of the "Travers" School. In the back row are Quartley and Shepherd who make their first appearance in Newport colours on the Arms Park. We welcome them, not forgetting the old stalwarts and favourites Ken Jones, Malcolm -Thomas, John Lane, Roy Burnett, Billy Williams, Lyn Davies, Tom Sterry and Peter Davies.

Cardiff will field their strongest team for some time. It will be a change to see them at strength, for the calls of last Saturday's trial match considerably weakened the team at Oxford. However. the luck was not with the Club and several goal kicks were missed. On Monday it was touch and go. but now that there is no record at stake, it is certain that the Club will really enjoy their rugby. The Selectors might well attend to-day's match as there are so many candidates for the Welsh XV on view.

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IMPORTANT

The attention of season ticket holders is drawn to the following alterations in the fixture lists included in the season tickets issued for 1952-53.

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,, 15—Wasps		"	6—Harlequins7—Northampton	h
,, 29—Neatha		***	11—Devonport Services 13—Penzance	a
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