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NOTES AND COMMENTS

By THE EDITOR

Cardiff followers look forward to the visit of the Wasps, and Boxing Day in recent years has become the occasion for a feast of good rugby. Last year's match was a bright and open one, and the exhibition put up by the two teams in the 1946-47 season was a really remarkable one. Despite the advent of a cloud burst in the middle of the game, which made the players invisible to the spectators on several occasions, the true spirit of open rugby was maintained.

Cardiff field their strongest side this afternoon as a tribute to the sportmanship of the London Club, who carry the ideals of the game banner-high wherever they play. Their secretary and grand "old man" is Neville Compton who supported his club on the field right up

until last season, when he was well past 35! A remarkable feat for a great-hearted sportsman.

Last Friday (Christmas Eve) Cardiff visited Penarth and a good game was enjoyed by all. The Club's recent loss of its ground record to Cambridge University has released the old spirit of "constant attack," which had become tucked away by force of circumstances in the defence of a long and brilliant record which is not likely to be beaten for many years. Congratulations to Haydn Tanner and his men for losing in such a splendid manner and showing that they put the game first, above all else.

The best of luck to Stan Bowes in his final trial appearance on Saturday. He

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WALES v. ENGLAND (JANUARY 15th), 1949.

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Left Wing	...	N. MONEY	5
Outside Half	...	J. MONKER	6
Inside Half	...	P. W. SYKES	7

Referee:

Mr. TREVOR JONES
(Maesteg)

Forwards—

8	J. B. BLAND (Capt.)
9	K. FIELD
10	C. R. LEE
11	D. W. MALCOLM
12	G. HOCKLEY
13	H. J. CASTLE
14	V. MALEMPRE
15	R. A. DANIELS

CARDIFF

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Left Wing	...	LES WILLIAMS	...
Left Centre	...	J. MATTHEWS	...
Right Centre	...	B. L. WILLIAMS	...
Right Wing	...	T. COOK	...
Outside Half	...	W. B. CLEAVER	...
Scrum Half	...	H. TANNER (Capt.)	...



Tomorrow—Tuesday, Dec. 28

WATSONIANS

Forwards—

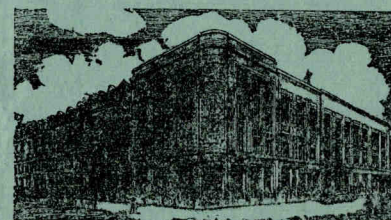
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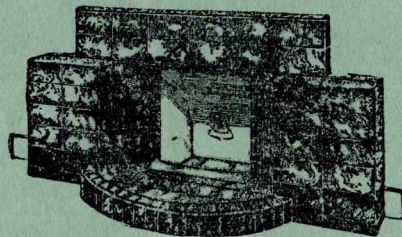
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His ready wit on the field is the source of constant amusement to his fellows. When in the Navy he was heard to lead the pack with the following words of encouragement: "Kick everything above a b— daisy, boys!"

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Throughout the terrific forward struggle in the match between Oxford University and Cardiff, Elvet Jones wore his wrist-watch! He did not realise that he had it on until he took his jersey off after the match. He looked at it crestfallen, and put it to his ear—"tick-tick, tick-tick" it went and he smiled! Nevertheless, the glass and the second hand had been smashed and lay on the field of battle, but Elvet was seriously thinking of sending it back to the makers with the story of its adventures. "They drop them from aeroplanes, they strap them on to the wheels of railway engines, and they sink them in the ocean, but never have they tested them in a rugby match!" he said . . . and what a rugby match! Time waits for no player!

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