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A GREAT PLAYER

Prior to the start of today's match, Mr. Rhys T. Gabe, former colleague of the late E. Gwyn Nicholls, officially opened the magnificent Memorial Gates at the Quay Street entrance to the Cardiff Arms Park. Thus a project which was started before World War II has been completed, and fitting tribute paid to the memory of a fine gentleman and a great player.

No other player in rugby history has captured the imagination in a similar manner to that of Gwyn, for he is still recognised throughout the Empire as the greatest exponent of three-quarter play, and as a team player and leader.

He played for 15 seasons in first-class rugby before he retired at 35 years of age. During that time he collected 24 caps, and but for injury might have gained many more. He was captain of the Cardiff club on four occasions—an

individual record, and played in many famous games, notably Wales v. New Zealand in 1905, and Cardiff v. Australia in 1906.

On his retirement he became an international referee, and later a member of the W.R.U. and one of the "Big Five" Selectors. Born in Gloucestershire in 1875, he died at Cardiff on 24th March, 1939.
J.B.G.T.

The England v. Wales Schoolboy International will be played at Cardiff Arms Park on Saturday, March 11, 1950. Kick off 3 p.m.

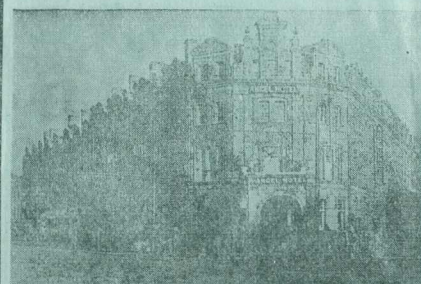
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Welcome to Wasps

By THE EDITOR

Welcome to the Wasps! It is not very often that an English side can gain a victory over Cardiff, but this season the Wasps beat a weakened club side at Sudbury on November 5. Thus we can expect fireworks today, with Cardiff going all out to defeat the visitors in the manner they have accounted for Gloucester, Blackheath and Rosslyn Park in recent weeks.

The "boys" are more determined than ever to show that they can defeat the English clubs at their own renowned style of open play. The match might well equal the wonderful effort made by both sides a few seasons ago in the torrential rain, when we saw some back play worthy of ideal conditions. This season the Wasps have enjoyed a remark-

able run of success, and were not beaten until their 13th fixture, when they lost to Bristol. Newport and Cardiff were beaten during this opening spell and some grand rugby was produced.

Their half-back pair of Osborne and Sykes, and a hard-working pack led by J. B. Bland, have laid the foundations of the club's success, and they can be relied upon to put up a great show today in an effort to achieve the 'double' for the first time in their history.

We have a special word of welcome for Mr. E. N. Compton, the club's Match Secretary, and former captain, who is the guiding spirit of the club, and a great friend of the Arms Park. On with the game!

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4 Left Centre ...	V. A. SMITH
5 Left Wing ...	B. P. YOUNG
6 Outside Half...	P. J. OSBORNE
7 Inside Half ...	M. V. HYNES

TUESDAY, December 27th

Watsonians v. Cardiff

K.O. 2.30 p.m.

Forwards—

8 J. B. BLAND (Capt.)
9 M. U. HUGHES
10 K. C. H. FIELD
11 G. A. HOCKLEY
12 D. W. MALCOLM
13 G. J. BENDON
14 A. E. SYRETT
15 C. MORGAN



CARDIFF

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

Reserve Backs—M. DAVIES,
C. MORGAN, W. DAVIES

Referee—

Mr. TREVOR JONES
(Maesteg).

Forwards from—

8 G. JENKINS
9 J. R. PHILLIPS
10 C. DAVIES
11 M. COLLINS
12 S. JUDD
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The Cardiff R.F.C. Youth XV are enjoying a very successful season, and here is a report of proceedings up to date, supplied by one of the Youth Sub-Committee.

We read at the start of the season "Youth Takes a Bow," and many I am sure are wondering how Act I has progressed. The Junior XV, after the usual teething troubles had passed, soon started to show the promise for which those in charge had hoped. On October 8, in fact, they ran Cardiff High School very close, losing only by two points; an unconverted try by the H.S. in the closing stages making the score 8 points to 6 in their favour. A good show!

Since those days the 'lads' have played 6 games, amassing a total of 218 points, without having had their line crossed. One penalty goal being the only score registered against them during the six games. The last 16 points of this total

were collected last Saturday in an away game against Bridgwater Colts. "This," I heard it said, "was their finest hour."

The score perhaps slightly flattered the Cardiff side, at least, for looking back over the game, made one wonder when they had scored so many. This was their first match against an English side, and the Bridgwater team, containing as it did, a sprinkling of youth county players, and led by the captain of last year's English Public Schools XV, certainly knew their stuff. The conditions were not conducive to good football, the ground was heavy, an icy wind blew, but no witness of that brilliant display of rugby football—and it takes two teams to achieve that end—would, I am sure, have missed it for worlds. Their plaudits gave sufficient evidence of this.

I predict that there is a senior scarlet jersey in the bottom of the bag for more than one of the Cardiff Junior XV.

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