NOTES AND TOPICS

The most fastidious as well as the most optimistic Cardiff Rugby supporters had cause for a real outburst of enthusiasm at the result of last Saturday's game with Newport. The spate of tries, the avalanche of goals (nine in all, Malwyn James claiming five) the good spirit and open nature of the game; the brilliance of the Cardiff backs and the improved display of the pack made for a win for the Blue and Blacks by the cricket score of 28 points to 17—these were the highlights in a remarkably thrilling game that made it one to be long remembered, as we hope in our notes last week. We can say "Thank you" to the thirty players who made the first post-war game between these great sides one worthy of a prominent place in their much cherished records.

Last Saturday's kudos wasn't the monopoly of Cardiff's Senior side as their reserve string, Cardiff Athletic, won their away game with Newport United so bringing off a notable double. It is pleasing to note that the Cardiff Committee have again decided to run an "Athletic" side to give young promising players an opportunity to train and secure promotion to the Senior's ranks as occasion demands. And it is likely that the club's resources will be taxed in very many Cardiff players find their way into the Welsh XV in the many International games to be played this season. Possibly eight in all—some of which will interfere with quite a few important club games. That's a pity, much as people enjoy the thrills of these representative games.

The Cardiff and District Rugby Union are carrying on minus its outstanding personality, Mr. Bob John, whose death some while ago was lamented by a huge following of rugbyites including thousands among the Junior Rugby Clubs of Cardiff who came under his paternal care and whose interests were so near to his heart. Bob's successor is Mr. Con E. Lewis, of

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Pruttych, who is already proving himself an indigentable scribe and who has the support of the following splendid officials—Patron Mr. A. H. Williams ("Spokes") President Mr. Jack Mills, Chairman Mr. Jack Cox, Treasurer Mr. Harry Parfitt, Committee—Father Mackenzie and Messrs. T. Gear, Ivor Williams, J. Treby, D. Lloyd, A. Jones, W. Edwards and T. Gee.

All the foregoing functioned throughout the war and have been responsible for running the Cardiff Youth Rugby Club which is now a "nursery" for the Athletic XV.

We are pleased to welcome Gloucester once more into our midst. They are always a popular side and never fail to play that attractive kind of rugby which our patrons love to witness. That the Castrians have a strong side is evident from the fact that they severely trounced Bristol a few weeks ago while last Saturday they also defeated a combined Blackheath-Richmond side. Their renewal of hostilities with Cardiff today should produce a very thrilling spectacle.

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