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Wednesday, April 28th, 1948

GLOUCESTER
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Kick Off 6.30 p.m.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS



All good things come to an end. This rugby season has been an enjoyable one for Cardiff rugby followers, and although not perhaps from mere statistics an all-time record, since in 1905-6, only one match was lost—that against New Zealand. However, this season's matches has produced a host of new records, and first and foremost comes the huge tally of points. Before to-day's game begins, Cardiff will be 30 short of 800, and it will be up to Gloucester to try and succeed where others have failed.

To-day's match is the 41st on the Cardiff fixture list and is a re-arranged fixture from February 21, when the ground was too hard to play. Gloucester have had a splendid season, and their outside-half, W. E. Jones—unfortunately engaged in a lighter battle in the adjoining cricket field and consequently not available for to-day's match—has scored well over 200 points to create a personal record. His magnificent kicking has won match after match, and he is quite the best kicker in the game to-day.

They have a splendid pack of forwards and promise to make a grand game of it and not fall into the error made by Pontypool on Saturday. All was going well until a Pontypool forward lost his head, and then trouble—real trouble started. After the match apologies were made but it was too late for 25,000 spectators had seen unpleasantness that could have been avoided so easily.

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The Cardiff Clubs, 1947-48

An Appreciation

BY

J. B. G. THOMAS

(Rugby Correspondent *Western Mail and Echo*).

This season has been a splendid one, and followers of the game will discuss for many years to come as to whether it is a better one than that enjoyed in the 1905-06 season. It is difficult to compare any two seasons so far apart, but it is

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correct to say that the present-day side is a very fine collection of individual players welded together into a first class combination.

Under the inspiring leadership of Haydn Tanner they have upheld the traditions of the Club and produced much brilliant rugby to delight crowds at home and away. At all times they have played the open theoretical game and brought much pleasure both to themselves and their opponents. It is only on rare occasions that their opponents have attempted to frustrate the very excellent spirit.

Looking back over the season, it is a good thing that the first match was lost, since it left the team with no unbeatable record to defend. They were free to play the game in the spirit they enjoy so much.

It is to their great credit that never once at the Arms Park have they closed the game up in order to preserve their ground record.

Throughout the forwards have done sterling work and achieved one great feat in holding and getting on top of the Australian touring pack to lay the foundation of that side's first defeat. In most games they have got on top to

Cardiff Schools' Rugby Union was gratified and the Boys highly delighted at the tribute paid to the Boys' XV by the Senior Club. We thank the Seniors, and at this stage we thank the Cardiff Club for the very great help and encouragement given to the Schools' Union in the past season.

In our turn may we offer our congratulations to the Club for the great record and wonderful rugby played during the season. The boys are fortunate to have such an example to follow.

enable the backs to score points and win matches.

Well led by Tamplin and Roberts they always held together as a unit in the midst of difficulties. Maldwyn James won most of his hooking duels and had splendid assistance from W. G. Jones, Cliff. Davies, Bale and Bowes. In the second row Tamplin, Roberts, Carter and Glover have pushed hard and jumped well in the line-outs. The back row have set a high standard of intelligence and enthusiasm with Jones unlucky in not getting a "cap."

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Inside Half	...	R. MITCHELL	7

Referee:

Mr. C. E. HARRISON
(Sully)

Forwards—

8	T. DAY
9	C. THOMAS
10	P. DANIELS
11	R. MORRIS
12	G. HASTINGS
14	C. DUNN
15	D. HOWARTH
16	A. SMITH

CARDIFF

1	FRANK TROTT	Full Back
5	LES WILLIAMS	Left Wing
4	B. L. WILLIAMS	Left Centre
3	J. MATTHEWS	Right Centre
2	D. H. JONES	Right Wing
6	W. B. CLEAVER	Outside Half
7	HAYDN TANNER	Scrum Half

(Capt.)

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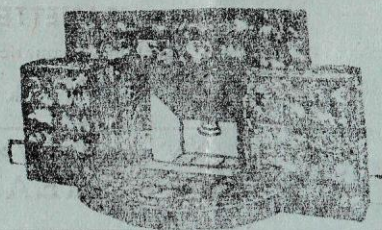
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Yes, it has been a grand season and much of the credit must go to the Athletic XV—the “Rags”—who have supplied the all-important reserves to

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CARDIFF'S RECORD TO DATE.

	POINTS					
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
To Date ...	40	38	0	2	770	158
To-day's Match 1						
Total ...	41					

HOW THE POINTS WERE SCORED

	C.G.	T.	D.G.	P.G.	Total
For ...	81	19	5	23	770
Against...	12	9	8	13	158

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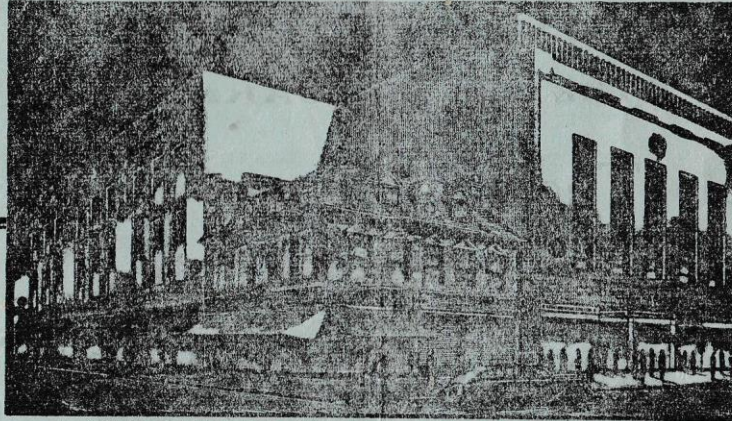
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