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### THE PROGRESS OF YOUTH

By Duncan Brown (Hon. Secretary Youth XV).

The policy of accent on youth is making its mark throughout the whole of South Wales, and the energy poured into the creating has had its rewards in the numbers of sides already in existence. This, the first official season of Youth Rugby, has shown what a vast potential lies in the valleys and lowlands of our country, and senior clubs can look to the future with the assurance that their ranks will be eventually filled by youngsters with a sound knowledge of the game and years of expert coaching behind them. Already there have been trials, and there exists at the moment a selected Welsh Youth International side which will meet a Welsh Secondary XV at Llanelly on March 4.

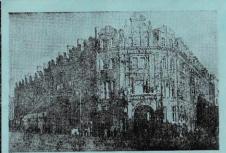
There are many Cardiff spectators and enthusiasts who, perhaps steeped in the glories past and present of the Senior XV, have overlooked the existence of the Cardiff R.F.C. Junior XV. This side was formed at the beginning of this season in answer to a growing demand from the youth of Cardiff of ages 15—18 years, and has been seen in action on the Arms Park during the early part of the season. These youth games were put on as 'curtain raisers' before a Senior game and produced rugby of a very high standard. Very few who have witnessed these games can have failed to see that here was material for the years ahead, and with the coaching and guidance of present and past Cardiff players will undoubtedly be seen in the Senior XV and in the red jerseys of Wales sometime in the near future.

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Arms Park during the winter months the youth team's activities have been confined to away matches and the local parks. Weather conditions have been the cause of six games being cancelled, but of the remaining 12 games eight have been won three drawn and one lost. The impressive number of points for—over 300, contrasts vividly with those against, viz. 39, and in no small way is indicative of the penetrative play of the team. A fine team spirit penetrates through the side, having its origin in the captain, Peter Owen, who leads the side and pack with intelligence and enthusiasm. The backs are stalwarts in defence, thrustful and unselfish in attack; the halves a well-oiled cog between the main components, and the forwards hard scrummaging, fast in the loose, giants in the line-outs and intelligent. The policy is fast, open football, modelled along the typical style.

The team plays Bridgwater Colts today—a fine well-balanced side which gave the Youth one of the hardest games this season at Bridgwater, and will no doubt repeat the effort today.

#### SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES.

Tonight at 7.—A Skittle Match and Social Evening at the Public Works Department Social Club, New Street, Cardiff, at 7 p.m. All members welcome to come along and 'have a go.' The committee invite any members of the Gloucester Supporters to join us for a few hours' fun and games. So roll along to the warmth of a 'Noson Lawen.'

Newport v. Cardiff, March 4.—Buses will leave the G.E.C. Buildings at 2 p.m. Fare 2.6. Efforts are being made to obtain Stand Tickets for this game. Make your bookings with the Secretary immediately.

Ireland v. Wales, March 11.—In response to demand, the Committee has now arranged a Rail Excursion Trip to Belfast. This will include rail and boat accommodation, ground tickets and necessary meals. Interested members should contact Harry Whiting, 3 Diamond St., Roath, as soon as possible. Bookings in strict rotation. Members are asked to note that the bus party to Belfast is now completed.

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B. H. Jenkins, Sec. Cardiff R.F.C.

#### Cardiff 1st XV. Fixtures

1950	Opponents	Ground
Feb.	25—Gloucester	Home
Mar.	4—Newport	Away
,,	11—Cheltenham	Away
,,	18—Coventry	Home
,,	25—Bath	Away
April	1—Newport	Home
,,	8—Barbarians	Home
,,	10—(E.M.) Harlequins	Home
,,	11—(E.T.) Northampton	Home
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