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**CONGRATULATIONS TO NEATH'S THREE INTERNATIONALS**

We extend to Courteney Meredith on behalf of all Neath and District Rugby Supporters heartfelt congratulations on being selected to represent Wales in the international match against Scotland on Saturday next. He has earned this coveted distinction by sheer merit, and with so many contenders for the position of front row forward it has not come the easy way. We wish him a good and victorious game — and many more "caps." To Rees and Roy we also extend congratulations upon their re-selection, and hope they will confound their many critics. Much discussion has taken place since the selection of the Welsh XV as to whether or not three Neath players have played in the same international match for Wales. In 1913 Glyn Stephens, Fred Perrett and T. C. Lloyd (forwards) and Glyn Gethin (full back) played against France in Paris, when Wales won by 1 goal, 2 tries, to 1 goal, 1 try.

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Right Wing **E. TURNER—2**  
 Right Centre **H. TERRINGTON—3**  
 Left Centre **A. G. HUDSON—4**  
 Left Wing **G. BEVAN—5**

Half-Backs:

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**F. FORD—14**  
**R. HODGE (Captain)—15**  
**D. IBBOTSON—16**

**NEATH**

1—**V. EVANS** Full Back

Three-quarters:

3—**J. HUINS** Right Wing  
 3—**N. EDWARDS** Right Centre  
 4—**D. THOMAS** Left Centre  
 5—**K. MADDOCKS** Left Wing

Half-Backs:

7—**G. THOMAS** Inside Half  
 6—**LOUIS DANIEL** Outside Half

Forwards **G. LEWIS**  
**RAY JENKINS**  
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## NEATH'S SPLENDID TRIUMPH AT LLANELLY

All those who made the journey to Llanelly on Saturday were none too happy about the composition of the Neath team owing to injury, and were debating by what margin they would be defeated. How wrong everyone was! The All Blacks from the kick-off were masters of the game and Llanelly never looked like scoring a try. They could and should have won the match through penalty goals. The All Blacks played well and are deserving of praise. The advent of a team Selection Committee appears to be paying dividends. The defeat of Swansea and now Llanelly away by the biggest margin for very many years augers well for the future. We hope the efforts of the selectors will continue to meet with success, and that victory will come Neath's way more often than in 1952.

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