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THE MEN FROM KINGSHOLM

By THE EDITOR.

THERE can be few more attractive English visitors to the Cardiff Arms Park than the men from Kingsholm—the Gloucester Club. They have a fine record against Welsh Clubs, particularly this season, although Cardiff beat them at Kingsholm. Their main strength lies in their powerful and lively pack of forwards. Their back row is one of the best in England and all three players are on the verge of the England side.

They include one international, John Gwilliam, the former Welsh captain, who has two "Triple Crowns" to his credit. He plays in the second-row nowadays, but is still going well, and excels in the line-out. G. Hastings, C. Thomas and A. Wadley form a powerful front row, and H. Wells joins Gwilliam in the second row. The back row consists of P. Ford, R. Hodge and D. Ibbotson.

Many of the backs have played for Gloucestershire, and R. Sutton and M. Baker are sound centres, while J. Taylor is a good wing and captains the side.

Cardiff are without their captain, Bleddyn Williams, who is on the injured list. Otherwise they are at full-strength. Howard Nicholls substitutes for his captain in the centre. The Club suffered two defeats in Ireland last week, but in both matches they were below strength and suffered injuries in the second match.

We would like to congratulate the five Cardiff players honoured for the Barbarians on Thursday in the Edgar Mobbs Memorial Match. Bleddyn Williams, Cliff Morgan, Rex Willis, Sid Judd and for the first time—Malcolm Collins. The last named has appeared in several Welsh Trials but has just missed a cap. The honour of being made a Barbarian is well deserved.

Congratulations to the Athletic XV which put up such a fine performance in

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beating Esher in Town. They played good rugby and received a fine welcome.

The Club announce that they will hold ballots to distribute the allocation of tickets they have received for the Ireland v. Wales match at Dublin (March 13th) and the Wales v. France match at Cardiff (March 27th). Dates of the ballots will be announced in the Press.

Have you read the new book on Rugby Football?

In "On Tour," the *Western Mail's* Rugby critic, J. B. G. Thomas, describes all the famous matches played against Touring sides at the Cardiff Arms Park, and all the other leading grounds in Wales.

The book is well illustrated and is on sale at all booksellers, priced 12/6d. It is published by Stanley Paul, Ltd.

SUPPORTERS' NOTES

HOSPITAL COMMENTARIES

Members are reminded that commentaries will continue to be made whenever possible at home matches on the Arms Park, and to ensure the success of the scheme, which is highly appreciated by patients in nine of the Cardiff and District Hospitals, volunteer collectors must come forward and give the Committee practical and moral support.

ANNUAL DINNER

Circulars given particulars of the proposed Annual Dinner are now in course of distribution to all Club members, and you are asked to complete the booking slip and return same to the Secretary as soon as possible.

IRELAND v. WALES

A trip will be run to Ireland on the occasion of the International match

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2 J. TAYLOR (Capt.)		Right Wing	Left Wing	H. MORRIS*	5
3 R. SUTTON		Right Centre	Left Centre	H. NICHOLLS	4
4 M. BAKER		Left Centre	Right Centre	A. THOMAS*	3
5 E. TURNER		Left Wing	Right Wing	G. ROWLANDS*	2
6 W. CARTMELL		Outside Half		C. HEWITT	6
7 J. HOBBS		Inside Half		W. R. WILLIS*	7
8 G. HASTINGS		Forwards		A. D. S. BOWES	8
9 C. THOMAS				G. BECKINGHAM*	9
10 A. WADLEY				J. D. EVANS	10
11 J. A. GWILLIAM*				E. THOMAS	11
12 H. WELLS				M. COLLINS	12
13 P. FORD				J. D. NELSON	13
14 R. HODGE				S. JUDD*	14
15 D. IBBOTSON				G. D. WILLIAMS	15



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**BRITISH EMPIRE AND
COMMONWEALTH GAMES
COUNCIL FOR WALES**

In conjunction with the Central Council of Physical Recreation, the Council for Wales are arranging a "Festival of Sport" to be held at Sophia Gardens Pavilion, Cardiff, on Thursday evening, 11th March.

A series of demonstrations, compered by Mr. G. V. Wynne Jones, will include:

Weight-lifting:

RON JENKINS, 10-Stone Champion of Wales v. JOHN HAYWOOD.

Gymnastics:

A demonstration by 1952 Olympic Games Gymnasts.

Fencing:

A match between WALES and the R.A.F.

Athletics:

Demonstration of Pole Vaulting and Hurdling.

Old Time Dancing:

GLAMORGAN v. MONMOUTHSHIRE.

Cycling:

MALCOLM CAMPBELL who represented Wales in the 1950 British Empire Games in New Zealand, GEORGE JENSEN and D. SKENE, Senior and Junior Maindy Track Champions 1953, respectively.

Archery:

WELSH CHAMPIONS v. THE REST.

Table Tennis:

A match between WALTER SWEETLAND and JOHN DAVIES.

Hockey:

A five-a-side match.

Tickets: Reserved 5/-; Unreserved 3/6d.; Children 1/6d.

They can be obtained from the C.C.P.R. Welsh Office, 18 Windsor Place, Cardiff.

15,000 Appeal letters are being sent out and it is hoped that the 1954 Fund which now stands at some £350 will make a spectacular leap towards the £5,000 required to send a team of 20 Welshmen and women to Vancouver next August.

CARDIFF R.F.C. FIXRUTES—1953-54

1953	Result	1954	Result
	F. A.		F. A.
Sept. 2—Cardiff & District ...	h17—3	Jan. 2—Moseley	a 9—0
„ 5—Cheltenham	h12—3	„ 9—Aberavon	h 8—11
„ 12—Birkenhead Park	h33—3	„ 16—Bath	a29—0
„ 14—Aberavon	a10—0	„ 23—Sale	h31—3
„ 19—Coventry.....	a12—6	„ 30—	
„ 21—Leicester	a12—3	Feb. 6—Newport	h Post.
„ 26—Pontypool	h21—0	„ 13—London Welsh	h17—11
„ 30—Penarth	h12—3	„ 20—Old Belvedere	a 3—9
		„ 27—Gloucester	h.....
Oct. 3—Newport	h15—6	Mar. 6—Newport	a.....
„ 5—Llanelly	a 3—8	„ 13—Blackheath.....	h.....
„ 10—Bristol	a 8—3	„ 17—Bristol	h.....
„ 17—Swansea	a 9—11	„ 20—Neath	a.....
„ 24—Neath	h 6—6	„ 27—Cheltenham	a.....
„ 31—Cambridge Univ.	a14—9	„ 31—Penarth	a.....
		April 3—Llanelly	h.....
Nov. 2—Northampton.....	a 9—22	„ 7—Swansea	h.....
„ 7—Oxford University ...	h30—0	„ 10—Pontypool	a.....
„ 14—Newport	a 5—3	„ 17—Barbarians	h.....
„ 21—New Zealand.....	h 8—3	„ 19—Harlequins	h.....
„ 28—Gloucester	a19—3	„ 20—Northampton.....	h.....
		„ 24—Plymouth	a.....
Dec. 2—Combined Services ...	h 9—18	„ 26—Penzance	a.....
„ 12—Harlequins	a11—0	„ 27—St. Ives	a.....
„ 26—Wasps	h12—3	„ 29—Bridgend	a.....
„ 28—Watsonians	h 5—13	May 1—Coventry.....	h.....