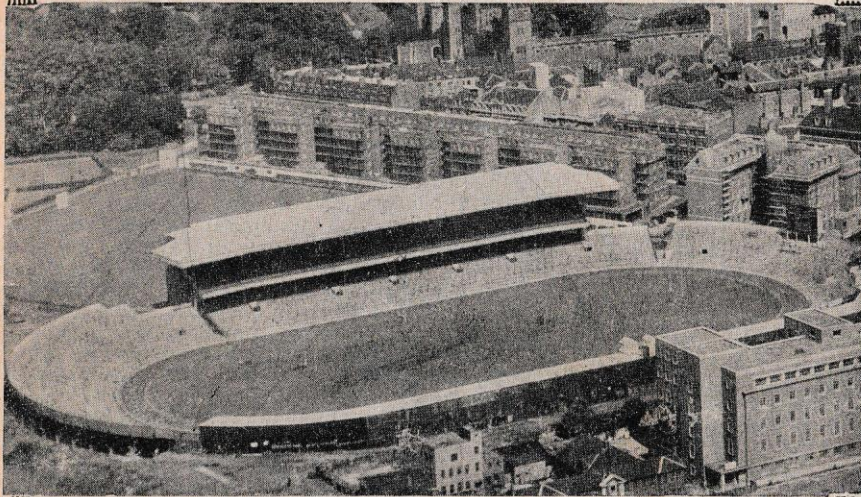


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CARDIFF ARMS PARK

GLOUCESTER

v.

CARDIFF

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27th, 1954

KICK-OFF 2.45 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME - 3d.

TO-DAY'S MATCH . . . BY THE EDITOR

We welcome to-day our friends from Kingsholm, the second English club to visit the Arms Park this season, bringing with them a goodly crowd of true Gloucester supporters to see their team in action against all-conquering Cardiff. Though having won only five of their 13 matches to date, G. Hasting's team have been playing attractive, open rugby in the best possible spirit. As well as the Gloucester stalwarts such as wing-forward Ibbotson and company, there are several promising young players in the side, all anxious to test their strength and skill in opposition to the team all clubs want to beat most of all.

Recent deluges have reduced Welsh rugby grounds to quagmires and as the best rugger comes when the turf is firm and the hands not too cold to hold passes, we all hope Mr. Rain Drop will have decided to visit other climes before this afternoon's kick-off!

Cardiff's great victory at Stradey Park last week-end is still a main talking topic. Having subdued the "fire" of the "Scarlets" on their "ain midden," opinion is that it will take a really powerful team to take the Cardiff record of invincibility. Certainly Sid Judd's "boys" gave a grand performance and thoroughly earned their success. Only thing that marred the match was the injury in the closing minutes to reserve wing-forward J. H. Thomas. His place to-day is taken by former Maesteg break-away, Eddie Lewis, whom we all hope will make a pleasing debut.

Splendid displays are also being given by Peter Goodfellow and his Athletic XV, who have gone 15 matches without defeat, scoring large numbers of points and dazzling spectators and opponents alike by the skill and infinite variety of their attacks. Against Resolven even

full-back Alan Friday scored a try, as well as making the running for another. Cardiff's first fifteen will never lack for reserves so long as the spirit, enthusiasm and quality of their Athletic XV remains so high.

It is unfortunate that Cardiff's first official meeting with the Harlequins takes place on the same day as the Second Welsh international trial match. Certainly Cardiff will have to supply a goodly quota of players for the trial, and will have to rely on the faithful men of the "Rags." Not that they will let Cardiff down for one moment, but everyone hoped a full strength Cardiff would restore club prestige for the unofficial defeat under floodlights at the White City.

During half-time to-day, the St. Alban's Military Band will play a specially composed tribute to the Cardiff Club. It commemorates Cardiff's great triumph against the "All Blacks" last season, was composed by the band's deputy conductor, Mr. W. G. Bush, and is entitled, "Awr Caerdydd" (Cardiff's Hour). Mr. Bush, the father of Penarth R.F.C. captain, Kevin Bush, will conduct the band. This is a pleasing tribute from the men who provide our weekly music before and during the interval of the matches. Well done Mr. Bush, and the St. Alban's Military Band.

CARDIFF R.F.C. ANNUAL DANCE

There are still a few tickets available for members for the Rugby Club's annual dance, to be held at the Royal Hotel on Tuesday, December 14th. Application should be made immediately to club offices for tickets, price 15/- each.

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Played for Cardiff Technical College before appearing for Cardiff in 1944. Later played for Oxford University and

London Welsh before returning to Cardiff in 1950. Played final Welsh trials and Glamorgan County. Was a pupil of Canton High School and now a technical adviser to the National Coal Board.

Born in Cardiff in November, 1925, he weighs 12½st. and is 5ft. 9ins. tall. And by all accounts he is the pattern on which school-boy wing-forwards are moulding their style.



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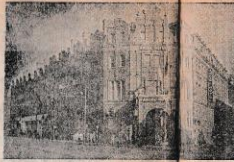
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- 5 R. BLAIR
- 6 D. JONES
- 7 J. W. HOBBS
- 8 R. PARRY
- 9 C. THOMAS
- 10 G. HASTINGS (Capt.)
- 11 H. G. WELLS
- 12 B. L. GREEN
- 14 P. FORD
- 15 R. A. HODGE
- 16 D. IBBOTSON

Right Wing Left Wing
Right Centre Left Centre
Left Centre Right Centre
Left Wing Right Wing

Outside Half
Inside Half



* Internationals.

CARDIFF -9

- 1 J. LLEWELLYN
- 5 H. MORRIS*
- 4 B. L. WILLIAMS*
- 3 G. WELLS
- 2 D. G. MURPHY
- 6 C. HEWITT
- 7 W. R. WILLIS
- 8 J. D. EVANS
- 9 G. BECKINGHAM*
- 10 C. HOWE
- 11 M. COLLINS
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Darts Match. Members of the Supporters' Club are asked to note that we shall be playing at the Railway Hotel, Llandaff North, on Tuesday, December 7th. All interested members should be along in time for a 7.45 p.m. start.

Swansea. A coach will run down to St. Helen's on Saturday, 4th December, leaving the G.E.C. Buildings at 12.30 sharp. Every effort will be made to

obtain a supply of stand tickets, and they will be allocated to members in strict order of booking. You are advised to book your seat immediately after to-day's game.

Harlequins v. Cardiff. It is hoped to take a party up to London to see this game. Immediately we know the strength of the party necessary arrangements will be made for transport and stand tickets. The time is limited and it would assist us in organisation if interested members handed in their names to the Secretary as soon as possible. It is proposed to travel by rail, leaving Cardiff approximately 8.0 a.m. Further details will be circulated when available.

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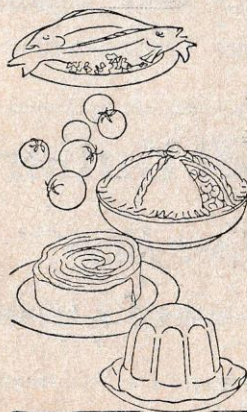
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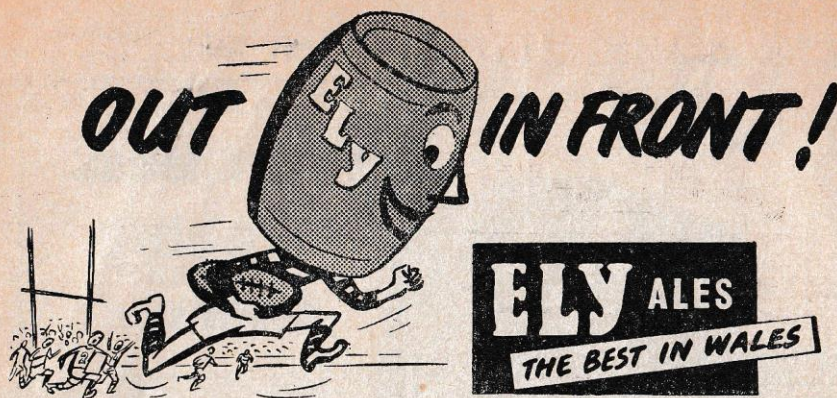
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1954	Result	1955	Result
	F. A.		F. A.
Sept. 1—Cardiff and District	<i>h</i> 47—3	Jan. 1—Moseley	<i>a</i>
„ 4—Cheltenham	<i>h</i> 12—3	„ 8—Bristol	<i>h</i>
„ 8—Penarth	<i>a</i> 15—3	„ 15—Bath	<i>a</i>
„ 11—Pontypool	<i>a</i> 17—6	„ 22—Old Belvedere	<i>h</i>
„ 15—Bridgend	<i>h</i> 12—11	„ 29—Cheltenham	<i>a</i>
„ 18—Coventry	<i>a</i> 19—8	Feb. 5—Bristol	<i>a</i>
„ 20—Leicester	<i>a</i> 14—11	„ 12—London Welsh	<i>h</i>
„ 25—Aberavon	<i>a</i> 15—9	„ 19—Newport	<i>a</i>
„ 29—Ebbw Vale	<i>h</i> 6—0	„ 26—Gloucester	<i>a</i>
Oct. 2—Newport	<i>a</i> 3—3	Mar. 5—Newport	<i>h</i>
„ 6—Aberavon	<i>h</i> 32—11	„ 12—Blackheath	<i>a</i>
„ 9—Pontypool	<i>h</i> 24—0	„ 19—Neath	<i>a</i>
„ 16—Swansea	<i>h</i> 14—3	„ 26—Leicester	<i>h</i>
„ 23—Neath	<i>h</i> 14—6	„ 31—Birkenhead Park	<i>a</i>
„ 30—Northampton	<i>a</i> 8—6	April 2—Halifax	<i>a</i>
Nov. 4—Oxford	<i>a</i> 23—0	„ 9—Barbarians	<i>h</i>
„ 6—Wasps	<i>a</i> 0—0	„ 11—Harlequins	<i>h</i>
„ 13—Newport	<i>h</i> 6—3	„ 12—Northampton	<i>h</i>
„ 20—Llanelly	<i>a</i> 11—0	„ 16—Devonport Services	<i>a</i>
„ 27—Gloucester	<i>h</i>	„ 18—Penzance	<i>a</i>
Dec. 4—Swansea	<i>a</i>	„ 19—St. Ives	<i>a</i>
„ 11—Harlequins	<i>a</i>	„ 23—Coventry	<i>h</i>
„ 13—Cambridge	<i>h</i>	„ 27—Penarth	<i>h</i>
„ 18—Rosslyn Park	<i>h</i>	„ 30—Llanelly	<i>h</i>
„ 27—Wasps	<i>h</i>		
„ 28—Watsonians	<i>h</i>		

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