CARDIFF RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB
SEASON 1956-57

CARDIFF ARMS PARK

CARDIFF v. GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY, MARCH 23rd, 1957
Kick-off 3.30 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME • 3d.
SPECIAL RUGBY ATTRACTION
IN AID OF THE 6th BRITISH EMPIRE & COMMONWEALTH GAMES

AN INTERNATIONAL XV
v.
A WELSH XV

At Cardiff Arms Park, Kick-off 3.30 p.m.
On April 6th, 1957

TICKETS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE CLUB OFFICES

PRICES:

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Supporters’ Notes

Neath v. Cardiff. If sufficient support is forthcoming, a coach will leave the G.E.C. on Saturday, 30th March, for Neath. Leaving the G.E.C. at 1.30 p.m., Hand your names in at the Supporters’ Box, under the North Stand, today.

Gloucester v. Cardiff. Members interested in the trip to Gloucester on Saturday, 13th April, are asked to hand in their names as soon as possible.

Cornish Tour. The booking list is now open, and members are asked to book early. The party will leave Cardiff on Friday, April 29th and return on Wednesday, May 1st. Limited number and reservations will be made in strict order.

Hospital Broadcast. All members are asked to make a special effort between now and the end of the season. Collections are well below normal and an extra effort will have to be made in the few remaining home games, if we are to meet our obligations to the hospital patients.

Supporters’ Dance. Get your tickets for the Dance to be held at the Grand Hotel, on Tuesday, April 23rd, dancing 8.0 to 1.0, from Committee members. Come along and enjoy a real rugby social evening. Tickets 2/- each.

What did you think of this afternoon’s game?

Why not match your views with those of the experts who write for the NEWS OF THE WORLD
WELCOME TO THE “KINGS” OF KINGSHOLM!

By THE EDITOR.

Without one of the regular first-team members, Cardiff will have a rather “naked” appearance on the Arms Park today, when we welcome Gloucester with prospects of a first-class, exciting tussle no matter what the conditions. After seeing the kind of football served up by Cardiff and Coventry last week in the rain and mud, every Cardiff supporter is confident of another full programme of entertainment. When teams can overcome conditions in the manner of last week’s match it is a wonderful reflection on their enterprise and football skill. Gloucester, of course, are a hard team to beat whatever the weather! Their energetic forwards and sound backs have great club traditions to live up to, and there have been many sparkling games between the West Countrymen and Cardiff in post-war years, including the memorable Arms Park match when Bleddyn Williams broke the Cardiff try-scoring record.

Today’s absences from the Cardiff line-up are half-backs Clif Morgan and Lloyd Williams and centre Gordon Wells (playing in his proper position) on duty with the Test team in Paris, where it always requires a tremendous effort to win. Two reserves are hooker Geoff Bridgewater and second-row line-out specialist Roddy Evans. Everyone tips Roddy for an international cap next season if he keeps in the form that has distinguished his efforts since joining Cardiff from Cambridge University. Cardiff have earned a wide reputation for possessing the most consistent and expert front row in Wales this season. Now the club can consider their second-row pair of Evans and Maldwyn Gough as good as any of their rivals, chief among whom are Rhys Williams and John Broek (Llanelli) and Ian Ford and Glyn Davidge (Newport). Wales have many splendid second-row forwards, and it will be no easy task for Roddy Evans to win a place next winter. But all Cardiff fans are confident.

There must be inherent scrum-half talent somewhere in the Eddie Thomas’ family! Eddie is no mean performer on his toes in the scrum-half role as he has shown recently. He is the “get-in-there-and-look-for-the-ball” type of scrum-half in an emergency, and flips a neat pass into the bargain. His ability recalls days when that great Cardiff forward W. E. “Bill” Connolly occasionally launched himself in the role of substitute scrum-half with remarkable ability. Indeed, Cardiff forwards have invariably proved themselves versatile when introduced to temporary back division roles, though Les Manfield, seldom likes to recall his full-back endeavours for Wales at Murrayfield in 1946.

Next Saturday, Cardiff visit Neath to win where Llanelli failed! This promises to be another of the season’s highlight matches and a large contingent of Cardiff supporters is expected at the Gnoll to give Peter Goodfellows’ team the encouragement they will need on the day. Then on into April and the Easter visit of the popular touring teams, headed, of course, by the Barbarians, whose big Canadian will attract great interest and help establish the game in the colourful country of “Mounties” and fur-trappers. Cardiff will be represented on that tour by Clif Morgan, Gareth Griffiths and Gordon Wells. Congratulations to all three. We can be sure they will uphold the club’s highest traditions for open play and enterprise.