## CARDIFF RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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CARDIFF ARMS PARK

CARDIFF

## GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY, 17th MARCH, 1956

Kick-off 3.30 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

3d.

CARDIFF		GLOUCESTER
1 A. PRIDAY	Full Back	I. SHEEN 1
2 C. L. DAVIES* 3 A. N. OTHER 4 G. WELLS* 5 G. ROWLANDS*	Left Centre Right Centre	J. WILLS
6 K. RICHARDS 7 L. WILLIAMS	Outside Half Inside Half	A. HOLDER B. READE 6
8 J. EVANS 9 G. BECKINGHAM* 10 C. HOWE 11 M. COLLINS (Capt.) 12 J. H. DODDS 13 E. THOMAS 14 P. GOODFELLOW 15 E. LEWIS	Fo wards	J. HERBERT 8 C. THOMAS 9 R. PARRY 10 R. A. CLARK 11 B. GREENE 12 P. FORB (Capt.) 13 G. HASTINGS 14 D. IBBOTSON 15
*—Internationals	FURNISHING CO	Referee: Mr. RAY THOMAS (Caerleon)



## GLOUCESTER-Welcome Visitors to the Arms Park

by THE EDITOR

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Gloucester, one of the few clubs to have conquered Newport this season, are welcome visitors to Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon, where they always endeavour to provide typically exciting and resolute West Country style of Rugger. We all remember not so long ago that memorable match when Bleddyn Williams broke the Cardiff try-scoring record in the last match of the season—against our old friends and rivals from Gloucester. Though they were outplayed on that occasion, Gloucester never closed the game up and contributed their full share to an all-action, fastmoving match.

As we all know, any side that defeats Newport must have a storming pack of forwards. If they are of the same calibre as the bustling Bristol pack we saw in action last Wednesday, then Cardiff's forwards are going to know they have been in hectic action again! There is no "if" about it as far as Gloucester are concerned. They consider their pack would lick Bristol's eight! So we should see a spirited battle today.

Even though supporters are disappointed that Cliff Morgan is unfit for today's game, and wish him a speedy return to full strength and vigour for the French match next Saturday, we shall

all enjoy watching Ken Richards perform at fly-half again. He was Cardiff's match-winner against Bristol (what would we have done without him?) and his splendid goal-kicking, particularly the two conversions from the touch-lines, proved that Ken is worth more than a passing mention when goal-kicking ability is discussed. What a fine pick-up it was of Ken's, too, when he cut through and sent Howard Nicholls thundering away to give Derek Murphy his corner-try. How lanky Ken scraped the ball off the ground on the run is virtually a mystery—probably to himself as well!

The day after his commendable display The day after his commendable display against Bristol, Alan Priday was saving Glamorgan from a real hammering at Pontypool in the Welsh County championship. Monmouthshire outclassed Glamorgan in all departments except fullback, where Alan was every bit as good as the safe-fielding Norman Morgan, of Newport. Indeed, Alan was grossly over-worked and emerged with the highest honours. Well done, Alan!

We must offer our congratulation to We must offer our congratulation to C. D. Williams on his reappearance in the Welsh team. Derek fully deserves the honour for his intelligent and consistent play with Neath this season. All Welsh Rugby enthusiasts know Derek made his name while playing for Cardiff, and though he his now in Neath's colours, we all wish him a successful debut in Wales for the national team. At least we can claim a half-share in his honour and say that a Welsh pack cannot do without Cardiff influence!

It is pleasing to hear that Rex Willis has recovered from his injury and will play today for the "Rags" to get match practice. In his absence Lloyd Williams has been doing particularly well. J. D. Nelson also loosens up with the reserves after his lay-off.