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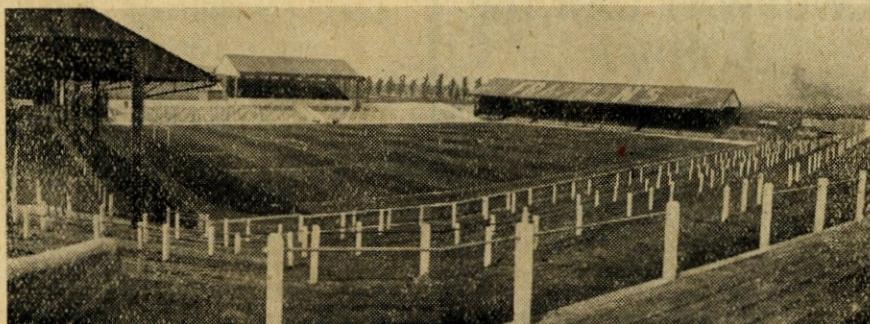
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LAW 1. THE FIELD OF PLAY.

1. Dimensions.—The field of play shall be rectangular, its length being not more than 130 yards nor less than 100 yards and its breadth not more than 100 yards nor less than 50 yards. (In International Matches the length shall be not more than 120 yards nor less than 110 yards and the breadth not more than 80 yards nor less than 70 yards). The length shall in all cases exceed the breadth.

2. Marking.—The field of play shall be marked with distinctive lines, not more than 5 inches in width, not by a V shaped rut, in accordance with the plan, the longer boundary lines being called the touch-lines and the shorter the goal-lines. A flag on a post not less than 5 feet high and having a non-pointed top, shall be placed at each corner; a similar flag-post may be placed opposite the half-way line on each side of the field of play, not less than one yard outside the touch-line. A half-way line shall be marked out across the field of play. The centre of the field of play shall be indicated by a suitable mark and a circle with a ten yards radius shall be marked round it.

3. The Goal-Area.—At each end of the field of play two lines shall be drawn at right angles to the goal-line, 6 yards from each goal-post. These shall extend into the field of play for a distance of 6 yards and shall be joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal-line. Each of the spaces enclosed by these lines and the goal-line shall be called a goal-area.

4. The Penalty-Area.—At each end of the field of play two lines shall be drawn at right angles to the goal-line, 18 yards from each goal-post. These shall extend into the field of play for a distance of 18 yards and shall be joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal-line. Each of the spaces enclosed by these lines and the goal-line shall be called a penalty-area. A suitable mark shall be made within each penalty-area, 12 yards from the mid-point of the goal line, measured along an undrawn line at right angles thereto. These shall be the penalty-kick marks. From each penalty-kick mark an arc of a circle, having a radius of 10 yards, shall be drawn outside the penalty-area.

5. Corner Area.—From each corner-flag post a quarter circle, having a radius of 1 yard, shall be drawn inside the field of play.

6. The Goals.—The goals shall be placed on the centre of each goal-line and shall consist of two upright posts, equi-distant from the corner-flags and 8 yards apart (inside measurement), joined by a horizontal cross-bar the lower edge of which shall be 8 feet from the ground. The width and depth of the goal-posts and the width and depth of the cross-bars shall not exceed 5 inches.

Nets may be attached to the posts, cross-bars and ground behind the goals. They should be appropriately supported and be so placed as to allow the goalkeeper ample room.

(To be continued)

SOCCER QUIZ.

DO YOU KNOW?

1. Which is easily the smallest town in the country which ever had a club in the First Division of the Football League?
2. Since each division of the Football League was extended to 22 clubs after the 1914-18 war what is the highest number of games in which any side has prevented an opposition goal in one season?
3. How many contemporary players have figured in teams which won the championship of the Football League and Scottish League first divisions?
4. Which minor team supplied seven players for the same position to Football League clubs—a unique record?
5. How often has it happened that a team has won the F.A. Cup seven days after having been beaten by the same opposition in a First Division match?
6. Who were the four Mac's sporting Cardiff City colours and natives of England, Scotland and Wales?

Answers appear on page 10.

THE NEW SEASON.

By OLD " BLUEBIRD."

" To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the sun." Let our purpose then be to cheer our lads on to success and this new season see our brightest hopes fulfilled.

Is it not curious how the old familiar feeling returns at the beginning of a football season, and how even the most ancient of the leather-chasing brigade is obsessed by the enthusiasm of the game?

We persuade ourselves every "good old summer-time" that we are too old to take any further interest in football even while we eagerly snap up every bit of gossip connected with it, especially about THE CITY, and we are not infrequently told that age should wither and custom stale the infinite variety of the game.

But does it? The answer is in the negative, and it seems to me that the true motto is, " Once a footballer always a footballer;" and you cannot help it, not even if you try, and for the future I don't think I'm going to.

It is good to feel the breezy optimism of play for ninety minutes, for one forgets the cares and worries which mark the day, and can give one's self right away to the enjoyment of the spectacle; in fact it is glorious to be a boy once again for the nonce.

The presence of so many ladies at Ninian Park nowadays is a most welcome sign and an excellent thing for the game. Their influence is all for the good of football, and the keenness with which they follow the movements of play shows conclusively what good judges the majority have become.

Then there are the "old-timers" who follow the fortunes of the club. They chortle with joy when good work is done by the lads in Blue of the home brigade and very evident admiration is extracted from them when the "strangers within our gates" do brilliant work—as they so often do. Often their ancient history is mixed up with modern criticism.

This is one of the outstanding virtues of football when it is played with dazzling strenuousness, and the baser sort of tactics are let severely alone. If the carping critics of our great winter game could see and feel the intense pleasure it gives to every one who admires spectacular effect in combination with muscular ability, craft and skill, they would no longer wonder at the great crowds which so eagerly watch soccer each Saturday throughout the country.

The game is, indeed, a splendid antidote to the "austerity" life we have to lead these days, and acts as a huge safety valve which contribute in no small measure in keeping Britain the sanest place in Europe today.

YOU WILL ASSIST THE CLUB BY OBSERVING THE FOLLOWING DON'TS.

DON'T barrack the referee. If you disagree with his ruling remember "to err is human" and you probably err.

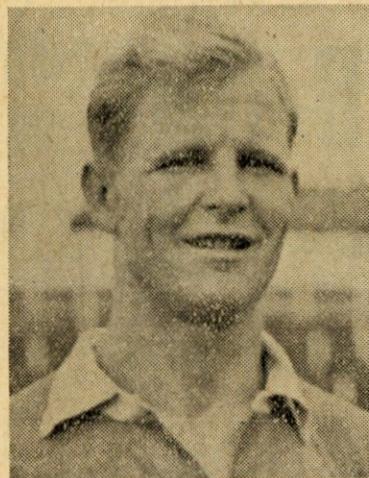
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DON'T climb on the roof of stands.

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Popular with his team mates, from the senior professionals to the youngest colt, all followers of the City will wish this great club man well in his seventh season as captain.

SUPPORTERS' CLUB CHATTER

WE open this new feature with a message from the officers and members of the Supporters' Club to Mr. H. H. Merrett, his co-directors and Mr. Cyril Spiers. Thank you for giving us this space in a splendid new programme, and the warmest thanks and appreciation from all supporters for the magnificent improvements made at Ninian Park during the close season.

We reiterate our intention to "support and help" the Board, the manager and the players to encourage and stimulate sportsmanship to its highest level.

Mr. W. H. Smith (Morsmths Motors), is our President. He is a grand sportsman and his faith and loyalty to Cardiff City are second to none.

At the Annual General Meeting held recently, the officers were re-elected en bloc as follows:—

Chairman, R. I. Hicks, M.B.E., Penarth; Vice-Chairman, Mr. E. E. Parkin; Treasurer, Mr. W. Gwynne Wigley; and Organising Secretary, Mr. W. J. Garwood-Elliott, 59, Fairwater Grove East, Llandaff. Tel.: Llandaff 774, to whom all communications should be addressed.

This week we give the names and addresses of Cardiff representatives on the Committee and new members can be enrolled at these addresses:

Mr. Dave Fay, Haleyon, Danycoed Road, Cyncoed.

Mr. Ron. Ellis, 78, Monthermer Road, Cathays.

Mrs. I. Lewis, 3, Wessex Street, Canton.

Mr. C. Short, 21, Tynant Street, Grange.

Mr. J. Fownes, 117, Heathwood Road, Cardiff.

Mr. F. Musgrave, 39, Parker Road, Ely.

Miss B. Dyer, 21, Heol Pantyry, Whitchurch.

Mr. W. Edwards, 25, Flaxland Avenue, Gabalfa.

Next week we shall give the list of the names and addresses of the Sub-Branch representatives.

Join the Supporters' Club NOW—membership 2/6 per season.

Outings, Dances, and Competitions are being arranged throughout the season.

Watch these notes for details.

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TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO.

The City's opening match of season 1923-24 was against Bolton Wanderers in Division I at home. Result, 3-2.

The following represented the City:—Farquharson; Nelson, Blair; Keenor, Smith, Hardy; Grimshaw, Gill, Davies (L.), Clennell and Evans (J).

Scorers: Gill (2) and Clennell.

Jimmy Nelson, City's Scottish International right back, was the only player to appear in all 42 1st Division games during the season. Joe Clennell, Tom Farquharson, Billy Hardy, Fred Keenor and Jimmy Gill were next best with 39 appearances.

Those who remember Jack Evans, City's long service Welsh International outside left of other days, will be glad to learn that he is making good progress following a long illness. Jack won renown as the ideal winger who could "measure" with exactitude his centres while on the run. A true Cymry we wish him complete recovery to his former good health.

AT NINIAN PARK

FOOTBALL LEAGUE, DIV. II.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28th.
CITY v. SOUTHAMPTON.
Kick-off 3.15.

Combination League.

CITY v. LEICESTER CITY.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th

Monday Evening, September 6th.
CITY v. MILLWALL.

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HALF TIME SCORES

STRAIGHT TALK FROM THE CHAIRMAN.

I respond with some reluctance to a request from the Editor that I should say a few words to the readers of this newly-constructed programme. I hope you like the lay-out; it is, I think, an improvement upon the best we have been able to do for some years for the reason that we have been unable to secure an adequate supply of paper to give you more than the bare news. Now, happily, we can give you something which is more in keeping with the dignity of the Club and the City.

We, who have the responsibility of administering the affairs of the Cardiff City Association Football Club Limited, approach the coming season with a feeling of sober confidence that we shall provide football of a standard comparable to any in the higher divisions of the League.

We are fortunate in the retention of a Defence which has proved to be amongst the best in the country, and we believe that the blend of youth which, gradually, will be introduced into the Attack will, as the season progresses, produce a combination capable of taking us into the sphere to which we belong.

My aim has always been, and will continue to be, to provide decent accommodation for the Supporters of the Club. In this policy, I have the unanimous support of my Board. Bad times will surely befall us and I am therefore determined that when these descend upon us, we shall not be embarrassed by the inability to meet our current liabilities in the proper maintenance of the premises of the Club and Ground.

I ask you to look around and satisfy yourselves that we have, under unprecedented difficulties, tried to make you comfortable and give a decent view of the game to all those who come to Ninian Park to see our matches.

I have not joined in the controversy about transfers out and in, and I have no intention of so doing. I think the transfer system is rotten and I have deliberately refrained from mortgaging the future of this Club by rushing indiscriminately into the market for players who are alleged to be top-liners but who, in fact, have, before they are placed upon the transfer list, made up their minds where they want and intend to go.

Unfortunately, because of this iniquitous system, we have lost a few whom we would like to have retained, but I remain unmoved in my belief that with intelligence and patience we can build up for Cardiff a side fit to meet the best in Great Britain without placing the Club once more in the desperate financial position in which it has found itself far too often in the last few decades.

As I approach my tenth year as the Chairman of the Club, I ask for your continued support, and in return I offer you the best that is in me in direction, administration and the provision of the entertainment which is your due and my pleasure.

H. H. MERRETT.

CITY PLAYER'S CRICKET HONOURS.

Congratulations to Allan Watkins, Glamorgan and England test cricketer, recently transferred from Plymouth Argyle to the City, on the cricket honours he has won. He is the first Glamorgan player to appear in a Test match against Australia. C. F. Walters, a former Glamorgan batsman, captained England against Australia when he was a Worcestershire player. Watkins has also been selected to tour South Africa with the M.C.C. and the Board of Directors of the City, whose chairman, Mr. H. H. Merrett, is president of the Glamorgan County Cricket Club, have agreed to release him from his professional engagement with the club for the period of the tour.

SOCcer QUIZ

1. Glossop, the Derbyshire town, whose club was in the First Division in season 1899-1900, when it had a population of only 21,000.

2. That achieved by Portsmouth (Southern Section in 1923-24) and Manchester United (Second Division in 1924-25), each team preventing an opposition goal in 25 out of 42 League games.

3. Only one in Archibald Macaulay, the Scottish international right half-back. He was in Rangers' Scottish League championship team in 1936-37 and that which won the Football League title for Arsenal in 1947-48.

4. Blyth Spartans, who, between 1926 and 1948, supplied Football League clubs with seven goalkeepers: James Potts (Leeds United), George Turnbull (Sheffield United), Frank King (Everton and Derby County), James Barron (Blackburn Rovers), Edward Dawson (Manchester City and Bristol City), Frank Robinson (Gateshead), and Harry Mills (Huddersfield Town).

5. Blackburn Rovers (v. Sheffield Wednesday in 1890 and Notts County in 1891), Wolverhampton Wanderers (v. Everton in 1893), Nottingham Forest (v. Derby County in 1898), and Newcastle United (v. Aston Villa in 1924) all were victorious in the F.A. Cup final against teams which had beaten them in the League a week previously.

6. Jimmy MacGrath, England; Jimmy MacCambridge, Ireland; George MacLachlan, Scotland; Jack MacJennett, Wales.

CLUB HONOURS.

Winners Football Association Cup 1926-27. Finalists Football Association Cup 1924-25. Semi-Finalists Football Association Cup 1920-21.

Winners Football Association Charity Shield 1927.

Winners Welsh Cup 1911-12, 1919-20, 1921-22, 1922-23, 1926-27, 1927-28, 1929-30.

Winners South Wales and Mon. Cup 1913-14, 1921-22, 1922-23, 1923-24, 1925-26, 1927-28, 1928-29.

Welsh League Championship Cup 1935-36.

Welsh League Challenge Cup 1937-38.

Football League Division III (Southern Section) Championship 1946-47.

Cardiff City eleven who took the F.A. Cup out of England for the first and only time (to date) in 1927, proved the value of Club first with "self" in the background. The half-back line had two centre halves—Fred Keenor and Tom Sloan. The forward line comprised Ernie Curtis (outside left), playing at outside right. Sam Irving (International half-back), at inside right. Two centre-forwards—Hugh Ferguson and Len Davies (who played inside left), and George MacLachlan at outside left. Team spirit and combination at its best.

CITY TREBLE AGAINST ARSENAL.

City defeated Arsenal three times in one season. At home 4-0, away 2-1 in Division I. matches and in the F.A. Cup 2nd Round 1-0 at Ninian Park—all on three successive Saturday—January 19th, January 26th and February 2nd, 1924.

CARDIFF CITY STAFF AND PLAYERS.

Below are the names, birth place and positions of the City's professional players and other members of the staff:—

A. Acreman, Cardiff. Centre-half.
B. Allen, Gilfach. Inside forward.
R. A. Amphlett, Manchester. Half-back.
R. W. Ashton, Llanidloes. Goalkeeper.
W. G. Baker, Penrhynceiber. Half-back.
D. Blair, Sheffield. Forward.
J. Barrie, Thornnewood, Lanarkshire. Centre forward.
D. Canning, Abercynon. Goalkeeper.
C. Davies, Porth. Inside forward.
A. Denyer, Swindon. Inside forward.
A. Gilchrist, Hollytown, Lanarkshire. Right wing.
G. Hogg, Cardiff. Forward.
K. Hollyman, Cardiff. Half-back.
W. A. Hullett, Liverpool. Centre forward.
P. Joslin, Kingsteignton, Newton Abbot. Goalkeeper.
A. R. Lever, Cardiff. Full back.
N. P. Lloyd, Cardiff. Forward.
J. B. Moore, Cardiff. Forward.
E. Morris, Bewdley. Goalkeeper.
S. A. C. McBennett, Newcastle (Co. Down). Full back or forward.
W. J. McKay, Glasgow. Forward.
G. D. Pembery, Cardiff. Half back.
J. Nibloe, Glasgow. Left back.
W. Rees, Blaengarw. Forward.
A. T. Sherwood, Aberaman. Full back.
F. Stansfield, Cardiff. Centre half.
R. F. Stitfall, Cardiff. Full back or forward.
D. Sullivan, Newport. Left wing.
R. A. Vizard, Barry. Forward.
G. Wardle, Durham City. Forward.
A. J. Watkins, Usk. Forward.
G. J. J. Williams, Caerau. Half back.

R. Allison, trainer; W. Robbins, coach; J. Pearce, assistant trainer; E. Carless, groundsman, and H. Williams, assistant groundsman.

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CITY PLAYERS' SUCCESS IN SUMMER GAMES.

During the Close Season the City players have been keeping themselves "in trim" by taking part in cricket, baseball, tennis and other summer games.

Ken Hollyman, "Buller" Lever and Brian Moore are star baseball players, the first named being capped for Wales in the match against England played at the Castle Grounds, Cardiff, and which Wales won after an excitingly close tussle before a crowd of over 10,000. Lever appeared in the International Final Trials, but just failed to secure a place in the International side.

The boys ran a very successful cricket side organised by Mr. Trevor Morris, the club's secretary, who is a most useful batsman and capable wicket keeper.

Notable performances were wins against a Cardiff side at the Arms Park and Thos. Owen, the latter, it must be added, minus their England Test players Yardley, Hutton, Washbrook, Leyland, Sutcliffe, all of whom are employees of the firm.

The City scored 211 runs of which Phil Joslin obtained an excellent 82. Ernie Carless, the Barry, Cardiff and Minor Counties cricketer, now head groundsman at Ninian Park, 28, Manager Cyril Spiers contributed a stylish 25 and Bill Baker 11. Alf Sherwood and Trainer Bob Allison bowled well. Sherwood with his medium-fast and Allison with cleverly flighted "slows" were mainly responsible for dismissing Thos. Owen for 106 runs. Incidentally, Jim Collins, the City's former centre forward, took a brilliant catch in the slips in disposing of Manager Spiers. The previous week Collins had completed his 1,000 runs for the season, a unique achievement in club cricket in South Wales.

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**FOOTBALL LEAGUE—DIVISION II.
FIXTURES.**

		Goals.	
		F.	A.
1948.			
Aug.			
21 Bradford	A
23 Luton Town	H
28 Southampton	H
30 Luton Town	A
Sept.			
4 Barnsley	A
9 Queen's Park Rangers	A
11 Grimsby Town	H
13 Queen's Park Rangers	H
18 Notts. Forest	A
25 Fulham	H
Oct.			
2 Plymouth Argyle	A
9 Tottenham Hotspur	H
16 West Ham United	A

23 Wales v. Scotland at Ninian Park

30 West Bromwich Albion	...	A
Nov.		
6 Chesterfield
13 Lincoln City
20 Sheffield Wednesday	...	H
27 (1) Coventry City	...	A
Dec.		
4 Leeds United	...	H
11 (2) Leicester City	...	A
18 Bradford
*25 Brentford
+27 Brentford	...	H

*Christmas Day. + Boxing Day.

Jan. 1949.		
1 Southampton	...	A
8 F.A. Cup (3rd Round)	...	
15 Barnsley	...	H
22 Grimsby Town	...	A
29 F.A. Cup (4th Round)	...	

Feb.		
5 Notts. Forest	...	H
12 (5) Bury	...	H
19 Fulham	...	A
26 (6) Plymouth Argyle	...	H

Mar.		
5 Tottenham Hotspur	...	A
12 West Ham United	...	H
19 Bury	...	A
26 (S.F.) W.B.A.	...	H

April		
2 Chesterfield	...	A
9 Lincoln City	...	H
*15 Blackburn Rovers	...	A
16 Sheffield Wednesday	...	A

+18 Blackburn Rovers	...	H
23 Coventry City	...	H
30 (F.) Leeds United	...	A

May

7 Leicester City

* Good Friday. + Easter Monday.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION—LEAGUE

	Goals.	
	F.	A.
1948.		
Aug.		
21 Tottenham Hotspur	...	H
25 Aldershot	...	A
28 Southend	...	A
Sept.		
1 Bristol City	...	A
4 Leicester City	...	H
6 Millwall	...	H
11 Southampton	...	A
15 Portsmouth	...	A
18 Fulham	...	H
20 Millwall	...	A
25 Leicester City	...	A
27 Bournemouth	...	H
Oct.		
2 Southend United	...	H
6 Fulham	...	A
9 Crystal Palace	...	A
16 Portsmouth	...	H
23 Charlton	...	A
30 Crystal Palace	...	H
Nov.		
6 Bournemouth	...	A
13 Charlton	...	H
20 Tottenham Hotspur	...	A
27 Bristol City	...	H
Dec.		
4 Coventry City	...	A
11 Aldershot	...	H
18		
*25 Arsenal	...	H
+27 Arsenal	...	A
* Christmas Day.	...	+ Boxing Day
April, 1949.		
*15 Bristol Rovers	...	H
16 Coventry City	...	H
+18 Bristol Rovers	...	A
23		
30 Southampton	...	H
* Good Friday.	...	+ Easter Monday.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION CUP

	Goals.	
	F.	A.
1949.		
Jan.		
1 Plymouth Argyle	...	A
8 Bristol City	...	H
15 Aldershot	...	A
22 Aldershot	...	H
29 Bournemouth	...	A
Feb.		
5		
12 Swindon Town	...	A
19 Plymouth Argyle	...	H
26 Swansea Town	...	A
Mar.		
5 Bristol Rovers	...	H
12		
19 Swindon Town	...	H
26		
30 Bristol City	...	A
April		
2 Swansea Town	...	H
9 Bristol Rovers	...	A
Bournemouth to be arranged.		