

Funny Footer Game.

COMICAL "CUTS" FOR TRIES.

CHARITY MATCH AT CARDIFF.

This afternoon a comic football match was played on the Cardiff Arms Park between teams attired in character costumes and respectively labelled "Improbables" and "Impossible," the object being to obtain funds for providing the poor of Cardiff with groceries, etc., at Christmastide. The teams largely consisted of well-known South Wales players, and, although the comical side of the game was expected to predominate, it was understood there was to be an element of "serious" football in it. The teams were:—

Improbables—Back, Pascoe Howells; three-quarter backs, T. Charles, W. Spiller (captain), Stanley Williams, and Lieutenant Gransmore; half-backs, Johnny Thomas and W. Morrish; forwards, J. Michael, P.C. Birch, R. H. Gunn, W. Jenkins, Mog Griffiths, C. Palmer, J. Crowley, and L. Careless.

Impossibles—Back, H. B. Winfield; three-quarter backs, G. Weaver, J. J. Hodges (captain), S. Thomas, and D. Boots; half-backs, C. Culverwell and F. Mayne; forwards, Beddoe Thomas, G. Boots, R. Jellings, C. Scanlon, C. Beatty, H. Fenn, T. Callan, and Granville Tait.

Referee—P.C. Pint (F. A. Nash).

The Wiffa Waffa Band, which had previously paraded the streets of the city, was in attendance, and caused much amusement by their antics. A "side show" of the programme was a wooden pay-box placed behind one of the goals, labelled "Welsh Union, Offices, Transfer and Suspension Department." The weather was fine, and there was a capital attendance of onlookers, including the Lord Mayor (Alderman Morgan Thomas). Played on the field to the strains of "See the conquering hero comes" and "Men of Harlech," the teams were followed by "P.C. Pint," who at once started the fun with a huge ball, and caused a roar of laughter by tackling a player in possession, and racing away with it only to be floored after a brilliant (!) run. Both teams entered into the spirit of the game with zest. There was a slice of "serious" play, and with really fine interpassing between Spiller and Stanley Williams, the last-named scored after a great run—and was immediately marched off to the Welsh Union Transfer and Suspension Office.

Stanley was quickly "whitewashed" and came on again amid cheers. P.C. Pint stopped play to caution for roughness, and this brought up—

Half-time—

Improbables..... 1 try
 Impossible..... 1 no ball

The ball was changed after the interval for a schoolboys' ball, and the Band swelled the teams. There was then some real football, and some capital passing and running, with a try to the "Improbs," which was converted. Then the "Imposses" scored, but the referee was so busy with his bottle, that he didn't see it. A player had run half the length of the field, and was in the act of crossing the line when P.C. Pint whistled him back, and then hung a card inscribed "Ordered off" round Jehoida Hodges' neck. Stanley Williams scored another try after grand passing, but was whistled back to the other end of the field, and then after Williams was again running, he called for a pass, took the ball, and scored brilliantly—forgetting this time to blow his' whistle. Hodges returned with a card inscribed "Case dismissed," which he handed to Billy Jenkins. And so the fun continued, with P.C. Pint ever in the picture. He joined a passing bout, raced half the length of the field, and touched down with—a pillow.

Official final—

Improbables..... One goal, one try
 Impossible..... One goal, one try
 P.C. Pint..... 14 goals, 8 tries