

RUGBY IN A GALE.

BARBARIANS LOSE AT CARDIFF.

Cardiff 18pts. Barbarians 5

In a deluge of rain and a fierce gale and on turf churned into a quagmire, Cardiff at home yesterday defeated the Barbarians by 18 points to 5. A good crowd turned out, for the Barbarians are always favourites at Cardiff, and an interesting fact was that Stanley Williams appeared in the Cardiff side, and he played on Tom Evans's wing. The Barbarians included E. R. Mobbs in a fairly strong side.

The conditions made the game entirely a forward one, and considering the extremely slippery state of the ball some excellent passing movements were brought off, Spiller, Mithan, and Jenkins shining all the time. The two Cardiff half-backs were in great form. The visitors had the great advantage of the gale at their backs in the first half, and it is a marvel they failed to score more than the single try secured by Craven, who put the ball down behind the posts, Adams converting easily. Spiller at a critical moment received a pass from Rogers and a splendid dash enabled him to race the ball down in a favourable position for Rogers, and he added the extra points. Before half-time Evans added another try for Cardiff, and Rogers converted this also.

Spiller and Stanley Williams added tries in the second half, Rogers converting one of them..It is rather doubtful whether Spiller's was a genuine try, as to all appearances he lost the ball before touching down, but the referee had no hesitation in awarding a score. On the day's form Cardiff showed what a tower of strength it has in Clem Lewis, the outside half, and Stanley Williams. The ex-Bridgend man gave promise of a bright future. Harding, Webb, and Craven were the best players among the visitors.