

# DIFF BACKS SHOWED WAY TO BEAT FRANCE

— Ian Kirkpatrick

By A. C. Parker

**T**HIS is the kind of back play we need in the Springbok team to beat France,' national selector Mr. Ian Kirkpatrick said admiringly after watching the Cardiff threequarters shatter the Eastern Province defence at the Boet Erasmus Stadium on Saturday.

Mr. Kirkpatrick, who will coach the 'shadow' Springbok teams at the coming trials, was tremendously impressed by the Cardiff backs — particularly by their intelligent application of pace at the right time, their probing for the gap, and above all, their passing and handling.

'Gerald Davis is already, at 22, a most accomplished centre. He was admittedly, given a lot of room to move in but thinks all the time.'

#### LOT TO TEACH

Mr. Kirkpatrick went on to say: 'These Cardiff backs have a lot to teach us and I am very glad I saw them in action.'

'It is my belief that if our backs can move the ball at speed against France, like these Welshmen did, we will be in with a great chance. I call this "power" back play.'

Mr. Kirkpatrick added that he would, in the Springbok training sessions, lay stress on the importance of good handling.

#### BISH AGREES

Roy Bish, the Cardiff coach, who exchanged views with Kirkpatrick in Port Elizabeth, said today that he thought the Springbok coach had very sound ideas in his approach to the coming test series against France.

'The French backs are not good on defence. Gerald Davies told me, after the Wales-France match in Paris, that if our threequarters could have seen more of the ball we could have beaten them.'

'The French are playing "ten-man" rugby these days, relying on their powerful pack and their halves, with fly-half Guy Camberbero kicking deep and to touch.'

Your problem will be to win enough good possession for your backs to run and to contain the French forwards in the broken play.'

#### TEAM RETAINED

Meanwhile, Cardiff have retained the team that outplayed a guileless Eastern Province side 34-9 for Wednesday's match against Southern Universities at Newlands. Significantly, Gareth Edwards has been preferred to Ray Cheney at full-back because it is felt that his attacking gifts will be suited to the student opposition.

Cheney is fit and the intention is to play him at full-back against Northern Transvaal in the final match in Pretoria on Saturday.

Maurice Richards, who converted five tries in Port Elizabeth on Saturday and, like Cheney, kicks 'round the corner,' did the goal-kicking for Cardiff in the recent Welsh 'sevens' tournament.

Two players, John Davies (lock) and Clive Evans (open-side flanker), play in their fourth successive game on Wednesday. Evans and the blind-side flank, John Hickey, have been treated for bruises but Evans will be fit for Wednesday.

#### CHIDDY OUT

Hanlon Chiddy, the U.C.T. centre who damaged his shoulder in Saturday's club game against Van der Stel, is out of the Southern Universities team. Dr. Tom Hammon (a member of the students' selection committee) said today that Taylor Botha of Stellenbosch would in all probability be the replacement.

Cardiff had a two-hour practice at Newlands this morning. Their team for Wednesday is:

Gareth Edwards; Maurice Richards, Gerald Davies, Ken Jones, Keri Jones; Phil Morgan, Billy Hullin (captain); Howard Norris, Billy Thomas, John O'Shea, John Hickey, John Davies, Lyn Baxter, Clive Evans, Tony Pender.

Dr. Tinkie Heyns will referee Wednesday's game which is expected to draw a crowd of at least 20,000.



## 46,000 HAVE WATCHED VISITORS

After Saturday's two matches against the visiting rugby touring teams—Cardiff against Eastern Province and Scottish Border clubs against Transvaal at Ellis Park—attendance figures increased to an estimated 46,000.

At Ellis Park it was estimated that 25,000 rugby enthusiasts watched the game and at Port Elizabeth 11,000.

The first three matches at Windhoek, Upington and Aliwal North were watched by 11,000 spectators.

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## Cardiff 'threes'



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*THE* talented Cardiff three-quarter line photographed during practice at Newlands today. From left: Keri Jones, Gerald Davies, Ken Jones (with ball) and Maurice Richards. They play against Southern Universities on Wednesday.



# CARDIFF HIT FORM—BIG VICTORY

EXPRESS CORRESPONDENT

PORT ELIZABETH, Saturday.

**A**T last! Cardiff produced the sort of rugby expected of this famous Welsh club when they defeated Eastern Province 34-9 at the Boet Erasmus Stadium here today. At halftime the visitors led 29-3 when playing with a very strong wind.

Cardiff never lost a chance to bring their backs into the attack with Richards getting three tries, all of which he converted himself.

Kenny Jones, who toured here with the 1962 British Lions, was in his best form. The livewire Welshman never lost the chance to go for the gap. He got good support from Gerald Davies.

It is hard to believe that this is the same side which drew 11-11 with South West Africa at Windhoek last Saturday.

## Best half

The first half was one of the best seen on this famous ground for many seasons. But the wind obviously affected the Welshmen after the break.

Cowie kicked two penalties for Province while Barnard got a try in the last five minutes.

This was the sort of rugby we have expected from Cardiff and they not only won the match, but many friends via their scintillating movements.

Gareth Edwards, a scrum-half coming in as a last-minute placement, did splendidly at fullback. He run with the ball at every opportunity.

The Welshmen certain by shock up Province. It is years since we saw this type of brilliant running rugby. Salute to Cardiff.

# Cardiff backs dazzle in S.A.

## RICHARDS SCORES 19 POINTS

From A. C. PARKER

PORT ELIZABETH, Sunday.

EASTERN PROVINCE \*2-1-9; CARDIFF ‡7-1-34

\* Penalty goal; ‡ Two dropped goals

**T**HIS was the real Cardiff rugby magic at Port Elizabeth to crush Eastern Province with six glorious tries. The crowd of 11,000 gave the Welsh club a rousing standing ovation at the end of a spectacular match.



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Cardiff coach Roy Bish said, "I must admit I was a little despondent after the first two games. We were just too bad to be true. Today we clicked and everything came right. Now we can tackle Southern Universities and Northern Transvaal with some confidence."

From the second minute, when Lyn Baxter, who had an outstanding all-round game, won a lineout cleanly and Phil Morgan snapped over a dropped goal, this was Cardiff's day.

Playing with a strong wind at their backs they ran up a 29-3 lead at half time, and the fact that Eastern Province scored six points to five in the second half was of no real account.

The Welsh club were rather like lions sated after too sumptuous a feast, though Gerald Davies made the finest try of all for Keri Jones and Ken Jones in the second half.

Maurice Richards scored three tries and five conversions for a total of 19 points. Gareth Edwards, who played at full back, moved up in attack to score a try and drop a goal and Keri Jones and Ken Jones each scored a try. This was added to the dropped goal by Morgan.

### Inside backs

#### make mistakes

Eastern Province gained a try right on time by flanker George Barnard after centre Malcolm Cowie had kicked two penalty goals.

The Cardiff forwards improved vastly on their efforts at Windhoek and Upington. Hooker Billy Thomas beat the experienced Fanie Cloete 3-1 in tight heads.

Though Eastern Province led on the lineout count, their inside backs made so many mistakes in trying to run the ball that this was more of a hazard than an advantage.

This time the Cardiff break-away unit of John Hickey, Tony Pender and Clive Evans were swift to the scene of the tackle.

John O'Shea and Howard Norris were far more mobile

than the home props and altogether the tourists' tacking was much tighter.

But the most abiding memory for South Africans was the classical centre play by Gerald Davies and Ken Jones.

Billy Hullin and Morgan played their part by letting the ball flow and in midfield Davies was often devastating. He would jog along, feint and suddenly crack on the pace as the gap opened.

Three times left wing Richards came on his inside to wrong-foot the defence for tries, Ken Jones was the perfect foil to Davies as they worked the dummy-scissors and switched direction.

The chant of "Cardiff, Cardiff, Cardiff" from the Welsh club's small band of supporters helped create the atmosphere for a memorable victory.

South of Scotland followed their 22-5 victory last Wednesday at Aliwal North with a 23-23 draw against Transvaal at Ellis Park. Transvaal are unbeaten this season, but South of Scotland gave them a shock as they led 14-12 at the interval.