

Brilliant Cardiff massacre E.P.

WELSHMEN PILE ON THE POINTS

By JAMES HATTLE

Cardiff 34, Eastern Province 9.

CARDIFF proved to the crowd at the Boet Erasmus Stadium today precisely why they are regarded as the most powerful rugby club in the world.

They ran riot, especially in the first half, to beat Eastern Province by 34-9.

The befuddled, bewitched and bewildered Eastern Province team had no answer to the swift, crisp handling, running and passing of the Cardiff backs and the fleet-footed forwards who supported them.

Cardiff piled on seven tries, some of them the most spectacular seen at this Stadium since it was opened seven years ago.

To mention individuals would possibly be unfair but let it be said collectively Keri Jones, Ken Jones, Gerald Davies, Morris Richards made up the most thrilling three-quarter line to be seen in Port Elizabeth in many a year.

They were admirably served by Hullin and Morgan whose performance was in direct contrast to the slow service provided by Dave Lewis and Nicky le Roux of Eastern Province.

To criticise the Eastern Province team would be pointless. They were simply not up to the standard of their opponents in any phase of the game and, in fact, were made to look leaden-footed as the Cardiff backs flitted across the firm, well-grassed Stadium field.

This was glorious rugby but let it be said that Eastern Province at all times tried to run with the ball and keep the game open.

There was a sensational start when Cardiff, playing with the wind, opened the scoring after only two minutes play.

A penalty kick drove Eastern Province deep into their own "25" and, from the ensuing line-out, fly-half Morgan snapped over a drop goal.

There were about 12,000 spectators on the windswept stadium and there was obviously a very large section favouring the tourists over on the open stand, with concerted shouts of "Cardiff, Cardiff, Cardiff".

It was announced before the game that Gareth Edwards would play fullback and not Cheney, who was injured.

After only seven minutes play Eastern Province equalised with a penalty. Cowie took the kick from 45 yards out and ten yards in from touch.

The strong wind blew diagonally across the flight of the ball but Cowie thumped it beautifully between the uprights to put Province on level terms.

Eastern Province opened up splendidly, first to the right wing, Du Plessis, and then out to the left to Liebenberg, but in each case the wings were well brought down before they could make much progress.

Meanwhile Cardiff had been settling down, and suddenly their backs swung into action. This team, half of whom are schoolmasters, proceeded to give an educated performance.

The backs flipped the ball along the line in faultless fashion and it was no surprise when full-back Edwards came in to the line to score after Keri Jones had been tackled on the right wing. Edwards had joined the line to make the extra man in the first place.

Hardly had the game been resumed and the Welsh backs were on the move again. This time the ball went out to Richards on the right wing and the tall, slender wing cut infield to leave Eastern Province groping as he scored a try which he himself converted.

There was one very attractive movement by Eastern Province with Du Toit joining in, but it was Cardiff who again brought the crowds to their feet with some truly magnificent running and passing.

Davies took the gap at full speed and sent Richards over for his second try. Richards converted and Cardiff led by a handsome 16-3.

Province were not slow to open up the game themselves, and some clever passing between Du Plessis, Cowie and Le Roux looked promising.

When Cowie attempted to goal a penalty from 30 yards out, Province were rather slow to take advantage of the hesitancy of the Cardiff defenders. Phil Morgan slipped out of the grasp of Carelse, ran behind the poles and started a movement which carried play down to midfield.

This was rugby at its best, and the crowd were enjoying some of the most scintillating passing seen at the Boet Erasmus Stadium.

What was particularly thrilling was the manner in which their backs flipped the ball from player to player, running at full speed and ever mindful of the existence of gaps opening up in the defence.

Eastern Province went further down when Edwards, at full-back, dropped a goal from 45 yards out to make it 19-3.

Cardiff continued to dominate play and in fact, the game was developing into a bit of a riot.

Davies again drew the defence to send Richards over and, when an Eastern Province movement broke down in Cardiff territory the Welsh backs immediately switched play and Ken Jones raced over for a try under the posts.

Both tries were converted by Richards to make the half-time score an incredible 29-3.

Although they played against the wind in the second half, Cardiff continued to look the more enterprising side. Their quickness to turn defence into attack thrilled the crowd.

Eastern Province should have scored when Cowie broke on his own "25" and gave the ball to De Koning who had Du Toit and Du Plessis on his outside. De Koning's pass was well-timed but as he handled Du Toit pulled up sharply with a muscle injury and collapsed on the ground.

Another Cardiff score had to come. Their fleet-footed backs left Eastern Province groping, and brilliant running by Davies and Keri Jones sent Jones over for a try under the posts which Richards converted.

Leading by 34 points to three Cardiff did not mind conceding a penalty which Cowie thumped over from the half-way line.

Eastern Province scored their first try late in the game when a scissors movement and a kick ahead put Liebenberg in possession and he sent Barnard over on the corner flag. The kick failed and the match ended immediately afterwards with Cardiff winners by 34 points to 9.

The Cardiff players formed a passage for Eastern Province whom they applauded as they came off the field.

The crowd in turn showed their appreciation as the Cardiff players entered the pavilion.



It's a try — one of many.
GARETH EDWARDS is over
a Cardiff try at the Boet E
mus Stadium today.





KERI JONES, the Cardiff right-wing, prepares to weave his way through the Eastern Province defence.



BILLY HULLIN, captain of the touring Cardiff rugby team, with the team mascot. Players who saw the photograph being taken at the airport said it was important to point out that the mascot is on the left. Hullin is one of seven Welsh internationals in the party. He is a scrum-half.

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Superb singing by

Welsh tourists

Herald Municipal Reporter

"IF they play rugby as well as they sing, we have had it," somebody said as the last notes of a Welsh song died away in the City Hall last night. The singers? The touring Cardiff rugby team. They had climbed on the stage to show their appreciation of a civic reception in their honour.

Husky local rugby players were amazed at the Welshmen's performance. So was everybody in the City Hall. Theirs was a warm, disciplined performance — and they even had a team-mate as a conductor.

Their hosts, the Acting Mayor and Mayoress, Mr and Mrs N. P. Rademeyer, had asked them to sing. The players lined up on the stage — and sang their first song in Welsh, "Calon Lan".

Saving it

"In the Moonlight", and "We Keep a Welcome", were their other two songs — and each received more applause than the last.

The team manager, Mr Lynn Williams, had been asked to get them to sing "Land of Our Fathers". Not a note of it would they sing. "We are saving it for Saturday," he said. On Saturday the team

meets Eastern Province.

Before the singing, the team was greeted by Mr N. P. Rademeyer in English, and then they heard a speech of welcome in their own language, given by a leading Port Elizabeth Welshman, Mr Llewellyn Williams.

The Cardiff players had arrived earlier in the day with bushman bows and arrows and a big teddy bear mascot. The captain, Billy Hullin, said the bows and arrows were bought as souvenirs in the Gemsbok National Park in South-West Africa.

"The mascot was made by the wives of some of the boys. We brought it with us for company and a bit of good luck."

Scarf for luck

The scarf worn by the mascot belongs to the man who was originally supposed to captain the touring side—Keith Rowlands. Rowlands broke a leg in a rugby match on December 31 last year and had to withdraw from the team.

"The boys thought it would be a good idea to bring his scarf along for luck," Billy Hullin said. "This way he's with us in spirit." After the tour the mascot will be put in the club museum in Cardiff.

Richards's feat not a record

From J. B. G. THOMAS

CARDIFF, Monday.

SINCE Maurice Richards scored 19 points for Cardiff against Eastern Province on Saturday everyone in Wales has been talking about record scoring feats.

Richards's feat equalled that by Keith Jarrett for Wales against England at Cardiff on April 15.

Further research has also revealed that Jarrett and the late Jack Croft are not joint holders of the test record, but that a Springbok shares it with an England player — a record that has stood for 60 years.

The Springbok created the record in Paris with Paul Roos's Springboks in 1907. He was Dietlef Mare, the utility back, who scored 22 points with two tries and eight conversions in the South Africans' win over France by 55 points to six.

In 1911 the English wing, Daniel Lambert, playing against France at Twickenham, scored 22 points to equal the record with two tries, two penalties and five conversions.

Guy Camberabero scored 27 points for France against Italy this year, but this was an unofficial game.

WIN CELEBRATED

Cardiff club officials and supporters celebrated the big victory at the Arms Park on Saturday night. All were delighted because Cardiff won with open rugby.

The former club chairman, Les Spence, who had to withdraw from the touring party said: 'This win will help relationships and cement goodwill, while doing much

to restore the Welsh image in the game overseas. My colleagues at the Arms Park join me in sending congratulations to Cardiff's touring party and thanks to their South African hosts for the wonderful hospitality showered on the team, which makes us all very happy.'



ROY BISH, the Cardiff coach (with ball), has a word with the half-backs who will be playing against Southern Universities on Wednesday — Billy Hullin (centre) and Phil Morgan. The Welshmen had a two-hour practice at Newlands this morning and their verdict on the yielding turf was, 'Great, man.'