

Cardiff in lucky draw

From A. C. Parker

WINDHOEK, Saturday.

CARDIFF, after leading 11—3 eight minutes into the second half, were a shade fortunate to finish with an 11-all draw in the opening match of their tour before a wildly excited crowd of 4,000 here this afternoon.

Robertson go on attack

The Argus Correspondent

ROBERTSON, Saturday. — Robertson attacked from the start of their senior Boland rugby match against Wellington Training College at Robertson this afternoon.

Two chances for tries in the opening minutes went amiss, but in the fifth minute Wellington were penalised and J. van der Merwe, full-back, made sure of the points (3—0).

College fought back hard and equalised in the 25th minute when J. Reynecke, fly-half, put over a long drop kick from an acute angle (3—3).

Robertson regained the lead in the 33rd minute when J. van der Merwe converted his second penalty from 50 yards out (6—3).

A minute later A. Barnard, Wellington centre, kicked at goal, the ball seeming to fall short of the crossbar, but although both flagmen signalled a miss, the referee signalled a goal. Half-time:

Robertson 6, Wellington T.C. 6

Towards the end it was all South West as Cardiff were reduced to a role of desperate defences.

Clive Evans came in at flank for Hickey after he complained this morning of chest pains.

Play was delayed while the Cardiff fly-half, Morgan, was attended to after cutting across to stem a forward rush led by Putter who was asked by the referee to discard a ring on his finger.

After ten minutes of undistinguished play Van Druten was just off target with a long-range penalty.

HARD PRESSED

The Cardiff forwards were being hard pressed at all phases and South West claimed a territorial advantage for the first 15 minutes although their halves, Bosch and Luttig, were not combining well.

Van Druten proved safe when Hullin dummied clear and ahead and a blindside break by the fly-half Morgan looked promising until Van Druten knocked down his inside pass near the South West line.

Play livened up as the Cardiff forwards improved, bringing their backs into the picture, and Morgan went close with a 35-yard drop.

In the 23rd minute Cardiff forced a five-yard scrum but Putter was proving a handful for Norris in the front row and the heel was too slow for the Welshmen to capitalise.

Cardiff, however, opened the score in the 27th minute. Smith touched down under pressure and this time from the five-yard scrum the ball came back cleanly to fly-half Morgan, who had ample time to steady himself and from in front of the posts put over a high drop.

Tony Williams saved the situation when the flanker Nel led a strong rush into the Cardiff 25.

South West were in arrears for only five minutes. Cheney, the Cardiff full-back, seemed unlucky not to be awarded a 'mark' from a cross kick by the left-wing Delange. The South West forwards were up in mass strength and from the ruck that followed in front of their posts Cardiff were penalised. Van Druter made no mistake with the kick.

Cardiff began to settle down and Ken Jones put in an elusive run but not straight enough to create an opening.

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were an effective trio in the loose.

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Cardiff 3, South West Africa 3

Cardiff took an 8—3 lead four minutes after the resumption. A lineout inside the South West '25' developed into a loose scrum and Hullin caught the defence napping with a short kick to midfield. Morgan gathered and a quick pass to Ken Jones provided an overlap for the left-wing, Richards, who scored far out. Cheney converted with a 'round the corner' kick.

Four minutes later Cardiff increased their lead when the South West forwards were penalised for dangerous play at a ruck.

Cheney placed the goal beautifully from just outside the ten-yard line.

Within two minutes, South West were back in the game when Van Druten landed a penalty from close on 50 yards.

Things flared up among the forwards with the Cardiff hooker, Gary Davies, and the South West scrum-half having an altercation.

Just as Cardiff looked to be getting on top South West raised the crowd to a frenzy by striking with an excellent goal to draw level in the 28th minute.

From a lineout the ball reached the home right-wing, Smith, in a full line movement. The defence had been slow in coming up and Smith put in a great 60-yard run before being checked close to the line by Cheney.

The centre, Bredenahann, was on the spot to grab the loose ball and dive over in a good position for Van Druten to convert.

Final score:

S.W.A. 11

CARDIFF 11

CARDIFF: R. Cheney, J. Williams, K. Jones, A. Williams, M. Richards, P. Morgan, W. Hullin (capt.), G. Thomas, G. Davies, H. Norris, C. Evans, J. Davies, L. Baxter, A. Pender, J. Harding.

SOUTH WEST AFRICA: V. van Druten, H. Snyman, A. Bredenahann, D. Delange, N. Smit, H. Luttig, T. Bosch, J. Kotze, K. Claassens, D. Putter (capt.), J. Nel, H. Vermeulen, C. Opperman, R. Valentine, A. Basson.

Referee: Mr. H. Kruger.

CARDIFF AND S.W.A. DRAW

From A. C. Parker

Windhoek, Saturday.

SOUTH WEST AFRICA and Cardiff drew their rugby match 11—all at Windhoek today.

A late change was announced in the Cardiff team, Clive Evans coming in at flank for Hickey, who complained this morning of chest pains.

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LOCAL HERO

The Cardiff forwards were being hard pressed at all phases and South West claimed a territorial advantage for the first 15 minutes, but their halves Bosch and Luttig were not combining well.

Van Druten, a popular local hero, proved safe when Hullin dummied clear and kicked ahead. A blindside break by the fly-half Morgan looked promising, but Van Druten managed to knock down his inside pass near the South West line.

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EFFECTIVE TRIO

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A 3—3 score at half-time was a fair reflection of a by no means inspiring 40 minutes' play.

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Four minutes later Cardiff increased their lead. The South West forwards were penalized for dangerous play at a ruck from which the Cardiff lock, John Davies, was last to rise—in a groggy state. Cheney placed the goal beautifully from just outside the 10 yards line, 11—3.

Within two minutes South West Africa were back in the game, Van Druten landing a penalty from close on 50 yards. Things flared up among the forwards, with Cardiff hooker, Gary Davies, and the South West scrum-half, having an altercation.

Cardiff pack fade as S. W. Africa hit back

From A. C. PARKER

WINDHOEK, Sunday.

SOUTH WEST AFRICA *3-0-11, CARDIFF †3-0-11

*Two penalties. †One penalty, one dropped.

CARDIFF, after holding an 11-3 lead early in the second half, and looking to have the measure of spirited opposition such as touring teams sometimes encounter in the Welsh valleys, had to hang on desperately in the last 10 minutes against South-West Africa to draw the opening match of their tour.



MAURICE RICHARDS . . .
28th try of the season for
Cardiff on tour.

Wing John Huw Williams had a last-minute chance to win the match for Cardiff as he turned defence into attack. Had he managed to round full back Vaatjie Rautenbach, standing on the half-way line, the Welsh club would have won.

But Williams, trying to jink to his left, was tackled by Rautenbach. On the whole, this was a fair result because South-West Africa stormed back with great determination.

It was 3-3 at half-time—a dropped goal by fly half Phil Morgan being cancelled out by a long range penalty goal by van Druten.

28th try

Then a try by wing Maurice Richards—his 28th of the season—was converted from the touchline by Ray Cheney. This try came when Billy Hullin punted shrewdly for Morgan to pick up and feed Ken Jones to create an overlap.

Cheney landed a 40-yard penalty goal to make it 11-3 and Cardiff could have forged even further ahead, only Tony Williams, after breaking through skilfully, threw an impossible pass to John Huw Williams.

A second penalty goal by van Druten made it 11-6 and the home side followed with a try by Apie Bredenhann which van Druten goaled to equalise.

It appeared as if the altitude was telling on the Cardiff forwards and the home pack commanded possession in all phases. The impression is that Cardiff must tighten up considerably in the lineout.

Lyn Baxter did fairly well, but lacked support. Hullin was under pressure by untidy knocking back.

Howard Norris, up against a strong scrummager in ex-Springbok Dick Putter, tried hard to rally his pack, but the Cardiff breakaway forwards were not so assertive as the home side.

Davies missed

Behind the scrum the penetration of absent Gerald Davies was missed and Ken Jones was vulnerable on the tackle.

Cardiff coach Roy Bish said, "I would have liked to win, but I am not despondent. We can play much better than this and we know now what to expect. The boys say they felt the altitude in their legs."

SHONI? HE'S A VOODOO!

Express Rugby Reporter: S. W. Africa 11 Cardiff 11

WINDHOEK, South West Africa, Sunday.—Shoni, Cardiff's big toy bear mascot, got some hard looks here. He may not have brought Cardiff victory in the first match of their South African tour, but he brought rain in May in this part of South West Africa almost for the first time in living memory.

It rained hard for two hours on the morning of the match . . . and Shoni is now the big voodoo.

Even allowing for their exhaustion in the 5,000ft. altitude, Cardiff should have won.

Skipper Billy Hullin had another try for the taking when Cardiff were leading 11—3 in the second half, but he beat one man too many and then found his pass to a double overlap blocked.

"I should have got the ball straight out and we would still have had a man to spare," said Hullin.

CLEAR

Then right at the end John Huw Williams broke clear from his own 25. Only man to beat was full-back Van Druten, who looked terribly ponderous, but he left his swerve too late and was tackled.

"I was so tired I got too near him," sighed Williams. "I should have tried to beat him further away."

South West Africa were a solid side up front, and Cardiff probably made a mistake in not picking their strongest side for the first match.

Phil Morgan dropped a goal from a five-yard scrum. Ray Cheney kicked a 45-yard penalty goal, converted a try scored by Maurice Richards, and Tony Williams had picked up a loose ball in midfield.

Van Druten kicked two penalty goals for South West Africa and converted a Bredenhann try.

CARDIFF FOILED BY ACE KICKER

Windhoek 11 Cardiff 11

CARDIFF KICKED-OFF their tour of South Africa yesterday by sharing the honours with the tough Windhoek side.

With a little luck they might have won, for they just had the edge in open play for most of the game.

But they came up against full-back Vaatjie Van Druten in sparkling goal-kicking form.

Fly-half Phil Morgan was on target with a well-taken drop goal in the first half. Windhoek replied with a penalty by Van Druten.

In the second half winger Maurice Richards flashed over for a Cardiff try, which full back Ray Cheney converted. Then Cheney landed a penalty goal.

But Van Druten kept Windhoek in the game with another penalty.

And just as it looked as if Cardiff were going to start their tour with a win Windhoek winger Breden-Hann scored a late try, which Van Druten converted.