

CARDIFF PUT IN STORMING FINISH

Full-back Ray Cheney kicks 15 points

UPINGTON.—Sapa.

THE Cardiff rugby team won the second match of their South African tour when they beat North Western Cape by 23 points (one goal, four penalty goals, one dropped goal and a try) to 12 (two penalty goals, one dropped goal and a try) here.

Cardiff fought back from a 9-12 deficit at half-time and in the pulsating final 10 minutes they scored 11 points.

The Cape side, however, was not disgraced and had the tourists' full-back, Ray Cheney, not booted 15 points, they might even have won the match.

At the interval, it certainly looked as though Cardiff would lose. But a few strong words by their captain, Billy Thomas, transformed them to a large extent.

As against South-West Africa in their first match when they drew 11-all last Saturday, the Cardiff side found themselves against a side whose ferocious tackling halted most of their promising movements.

Wasted chances

In the second half, the tourists won the major share of the ball from the set pieces but wasted many of their chances.

The match quickly moved into action and after five minutes Cheney goaled a fantastic kick from the half-way line to put his side into a 3-0 lead.

But North Western Cape, not to be overawed by the occasion soon replied when their captain M. Brink goaled a penalty to equalise in the 16th minute. In the 21st minute, wing Keri Jones scored a try which was not converted.

Play swung from one side of the field to the other until the tourists managed to force a scrum under the Cape team's poles. Cardiff won the ball and fly-half Samuel snapped over a drop.

Five minutes later Du Toit

narrowed Cardiff's lead when he goaled a penalty for North Western Cape.

This success sparked off a grand revival by the home side. With backs and forwards combining in fluent movements across the field, they equalised in the 33rd minute when full-back Basson banged over a dropped goal from the halfway line.

At this stage there was no holding the Cape team. Centre Fourie broke brilliantly and flank Brouwer was on hand to climax the move with an exciting try which gave his team the lead.

Cardiff moved with more purpose after the interval. Cheney was soon on target with his boot and goaled a difficult penalty kick to level the scores at 12-all.

Break-through

Cardiff tried hard all the time but time and again were held out by the tigerish tackling of the Cape forwards. The break-through had to come and it was Cheney again with a penalty kick which started a deluge of points by the tourists.

In the final ten minutes, they grabbed 11 points for victory. The scoring in this period was: Cheney penalty goal, a try by Edwards converted by Cheney and another penalty by Cheney right on time.

Cardiff fight back to fine victory

14 POINTS FOR CHENEY

From A. C. PARKER

North-West Cape *3-1-12; Cardiff ‡6-1-23

* Two penalties, one dropped; ‡ Four penalties, one dropped

UPINGTON, South Africa, Wednesday.

THE margin by which the Cardiff touring rugby XV defeated North-West Cape here this afternoon—23-12—looks most convincing. But, in point of fact, the Welshmen made rather heavy going of it and, until Ray Cheney put them ahead at 15-12 with only seven minutes left plus injury time it appeared anybody's match.

Cheney's deadly goal-kicking made all the difference today, for he goaled no fewer than four penalties, three from 45 yards range, and goaled a

try, and thus atoned for an otherwise rather patchy display.

The other Cardiff points came from tries by Gareth Edwards, who broke in the closing minutes from one of Billy Thomas's four tight head heels, and winger Keri Jones, following a good break by fly-half Gary Samuel, who landed a drop goal to help matters.

North-West scores came from a try by flanker Gert Bruwer, two penalties by prop Tlenie Brink and hooker Bass, and a wonderful dropped goal from full back Bokkie Basson, who, on the day, proved a much finer full back than the Cardiff man.

Lone star

Cardiff trailed 12-9 at the interval and, on this form, cannot hope to defeat either Northern Transvaal or Southern Universities, unless their forwards show more power and authority in all departments of the game.

One felt that the only authentic star on view today was scrum half Edwards.

Cardiff undoubtedly missed Welsh international Ken Jones, down with stomach trouble, for Tony Williams gave only a mediocre display.

Scots impress

Keri Jones saw little of the ball, and Samuels was somewhat flatfooted at outside half. Jock Hickey did not look quite fit, and Ian Robinson was inadequate at lock.

All-in-all it was a good, clean sporting game and perhaps the Cardiff men enjoyed it better than I did. If so, perhaps they will have learned something to



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sharpen them against the Transvaal and the Universities.

Otherwise, I feel they will not finish their tour with the success anticipated.

The Scottish Border rugby team opened their South African tour with an impressive victory by 22 points (two goals, four penalty goals) to five (one goal) over North Eastern Cape at Aliwal North today. They led 9-5 at half time.

Ireland include one new cap for their international against Australia at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Saturday. He is 24-year-old Terry Moore, a dual stoner, who becomes a dual Irish international, having previously represented his country in basketball.

He made certain of his selection for Saturday's Test with an impressive showing at loose forward in Ireland's 31-11 defeat of New South Wales Country yesterday.