

Cardiff's 8 Points Win Over Wallabies

Thrills for 40,000 Crowd at Arms Park

AFTER one of the most thrilling games witnessed at Arms Park for a lengthy period, Cardiff beat the Australians by 11 points to three to-day.

The crowd of 40,000 had plenty to enthuse over. So desperately keen was the tackling that there were a number of stoppages through injuries on both sides.

The Wallabies were the worst sufferers in this respect as they were deprived of the services of Dawson, one of their forwards, for more than half the game.

(By J. B. G. THOMAS)

Enjoying one of its biggest sporting days for many years, Cardiff welcomed the Australian rugby touring team at the Cardiff Arms Park.

There was a real international atmosphere, and long before the gates opened at one o'clock, West-gate-street was a hive of industry. Enthusiasts from all over Wales were seeking tickets of admission.

By 2.30 the Arms Park was filling rapidly, although there were odd open spaces.

The community singing brought back many memories. Since it was the biggest "test" to date for the Wallabies, critics from all over the world crowded into the famous enclosure in the hope of assessing their real quality as a team.

THE TEAMS

CARDIFF—Frank Trott; D. H. Jones, Bleddyn Williams, Jack Matthews, Les Williams; W. B. Cleaver, Haydn Tanner (capt.); Elvet Jones, Les Manfield, Gwyn Evans, Roy Roberts, W. E. Tamplin, Cliff Davies, Maldwyn James, W. G. Jones.

AUSTRALIA — C. Windsor; J. T. W. MacBride, T. Allan, M. L. Howell, C. C. Eastes; N. Emery, R. M. Cawsey; A. J. Buchan, C. J. Windon, G. Cooke, N. Shehadie, W. M. McLean, R. MacMaster, W. L. Dawson, E. Tweedale.

Referee: Mr. G. Goldsworthy (Penarth).

Cheers greeted both teams as they took the field, and the scene as the National anthems were sung, was a magnificent one.

Cardiff won the toss and Trevor Allan set the game in motion for Australia before 40,000 spectators.

The kick was short and the first scrum was taken at the centre line and Cardiff heeled.

However Australia gained from the first line-out only to have their passing upset by the Cardiff forwards. The next scrum saw Cardiff move away, and Bleddyn Williams punt down to the Australian 25.

EASTES ALMOST OVER

Then from a scrum, after five minutes, Australia got possession on the half-way line and whipped it across to left-wing Eastes, who brushed aside Jones and Trott to get up to the Cardiff line before he was brought down.

Cardiff were not settling down to it and Australia were right on top of their game. A couple of penalties went to each side for elementary mistakes caused through over-keenness. McLean got in one huge punt but Trott returned the kick with interest.

In the early scrums Australia appeared to be packing better than at Abertillery. Emery used the touch-line effectively but the Cardiff forwards worked play back to the half-way.

MATTHEWS SHAKEN

Then Matthews was shaken in making a hard tackle, and Wal Dawson, the Australian hooker, was forced to retire for attention.

During the next few minutes play there was a lot of fly-kicking amongst the forwards before Tanner sent his backs away for Matthews to be almost through in the best Cardiff move to date. However, contrary to expectations, Australia, with seven forwards, were still winning the scrums and Cardiff the line-outs.

The crowd roared as Tanner made his first burst down the middle and then followed by some fine short passing which took Cardiff to the Australian 25.

There the visitors got away from a line-out and carried play back to the half-way.

EXCITING RACE

In the next minute a Tanner reverse pass sent Cleaver away. He short-punted perfectly to the left-hand corner for Les Williams to be narrowly beaten for the touch down after a thrilling race. Nick Shehadie was the next player to be injured, and he was forced to receive attention, but returned, as did Dawson.

The latter, however, after one scrum's trial was forced to leave the field again. Further stoppages for attention to injuries occurred.

Then Windon was penalised for off-side at a scrum outside the Australian 25. Tamplin made no mistake with his kick, which sailed over the bar amidst terrific cheering to give Cardiff a three-point lead.

The Australian forwards went back to the attack with great fury and swarmed the Cardiff line in the right-hand corner.

Here there was a further stoppage while Roy Roberts received attention. When play restarted Cardiff were penalised for barging at a line-out and McMaster was just wide.

STRONG RUNNING

However, Australia followed this with some strong running down the right touch line by Allan and McBride.

The marking of both sides was extremely keen, and players of both sides were grassed heavily. No effort was spared, and the Australians' forwards strove valiantly to get the ball for their strong running wings. The interval came as a relief to both sides.

Half—CARDIFF *1 0 3
AUSTRALIANS 0 0 0

*Penalty.

During the interval there was a call for Manager Tancred to accom-

pany injured player Dawson to the hospital for an examination.

Tamplin restarted for Cardiff with a long kick up midfield. A line-out followed and Emery's long kick took play back into Cardiff's 25.

A bad Australian pass allowed Cardiff to kick through and repeat their efforts when Allan was tackled in possession.

When the Cardiff backs came away at the half-way line Bleddyn Williams's pass was forward on the first move and then Les Williams was well covered when play moved down the other wing.

GREAT RUN

Nick Shehadie, with his injured left arm, could not pack down in the scrum, but Australian spirits were revived when first Eastes made a great run down the left wing, only to put a foot into touch before sending Windon over for what would have been a fine try.

Then McMaster was just short with a shot at penalty goal before Windon was injured with a crack on the nose.

When play restarted, Cleaver worked the touchline cleverly, but smart backing up relieved the situation for Australia. It certainly was a ding-dong battle!

Then, after 15 minutes play of the second half, Bleddyn Williams, hemmed in the left corner, cross-kicked cleverly.

FINE SCORES

Emery failed to gather, Manfield snapped up the ball and sent out a long pass to Jones which was smartly taken.

JONES, amidst great cheering, dived over in the corner for a fine try.

Tamplin was just wide with a long kick.

Three minutes later, **TREVOR ALLAN reduced the Cardiff lead with a penalty kick from just inside his own half and in front of goal, the ball just passing over the bar.**

Play had barely restarted when Gwyn Evans was injured in a tackle. However, he resumed after attention, and Tanner made a brave effort to save a dangerous situation.

Still Australia were playing up strongly, and there was very little in it. Cleaver and Emery in turn were using the touch line to advantage, and once when Cardiff kicked through Windsor made a magnificent save.

His effort was followed by a fine diagonal kick to touch by Howell. Australia were soon dangerous again when a clearing kick from Tanner failed to find touch.

Then Elvet Jones was penalised for obstruction, but his kick was wide, and Tamplin fielded to send Bleddyn Williams away.

The latter side-stepped one man and kicked down to the Australian 25, where Windsor was caught in possession.

This incident was followed by another stoppage for a second injury to Windsor.

He quickly resumed, and Cleaver made a beautiful kick down into the Australian 25.

With ten minutes left for play it was still anybody's game. Cardiff were attacking and nursing their forwards at the same time by clever use of the touch line.

Then Allan was injured after a terrific crash-tackle by Jack Matthews while attempting to clear in his own 25.

The pace was still a cracker-jack, and when Jack Matthews went through a gap the crowd roared. A final pass went forward, but Cardiff were soon hammering away again in the Australian 25.

GREAT TRY AND KICK

Then Manfield made a dash and was quickly followed by **CLIFF JAVIES, who dived over for a great try in the left-hand corner after terrific Cardiff pressure.**

Tamplin's kick from the touchline sailed over to put Cardiff eight points ahead.

The Australians were well beaten now and as time for the final whistle drew near McBride and Windsor were both badly injured while attempting to stop the fierce and continuous Cardiff attack. A final run by Bleddyn Williams nearly brought a score as the whistle went.

Final—CARDIFF *2 1 11

AUSTRALIANS .. *1 0 3

*Penalty

COMMENTS

In a tremendously hard struggle, probably one of the hardest seen on Cardiff Arms Park for many years, the flower of Australian rugby youth withered before a revived Cardiff side. Never before has a big game contained so many stoppages for serious injuries.

Although the Australian pack was reduced to seven during the first half and Nick Shehadie was a passenger for a greater part of the game, the Cardiff pack well outplayed them and belied the statements as to their ability to last the full 80 minutes.

Cardiff's tackling, both in front and behind was magnificent, and although Eastes nearly scored on two occasions the remainder of the backs could never make any headway.

After settling down Cardiff held their grip on the game and showed the Australians that they had all the necessary vigour for such a battle as well as greater experience and ability.

While regretting the many Australian injuries these can only be attributed to the clean hard vigour of a tremendous game. Cardiff were worthy winners.