

# FOOTBALL IN PARIS.

## WELSH TEAMS PLAY IN THE GAY CAPITAL.

### CARDIFF V. ALL FRANCE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

PARIS Tuesday.

Parisians were given the opportunity of seeing two of the crack Welsh football teams on Tuesday, both the Cardiff and Treherbert Clubs having matches at the Parc des Princes. Cardiff playing "All France" and Treherbert the Stade Francais. The Cardiff match was regarded as the most important one in Paris since the visit of the New Zealanders some two months since. Teams—

All France: Back, W. Crichton (Havre A.C.); three-quarter backs, A. Pujol, P. Maclos, and P. Sagot (Stade), and E. Lesieur (Racing Club of France); half-backs, G. Lane (R.F.C.) and H. Amand (Stade) (captain); forwards, Cossieux (R.C., Lyons), A. H. Muhr and A. Braulat (R.C.F.), M. Communeau, S. A. Verges, B. Gallichon, and C. Jerome (Stade).

Reserves: C. Beaurin (Stade), P. Gauderman (R.C.F.), and J. Comtes (Stade).

Cardiff: Back, Winfield; three-quarter backs, Williams, McCraith, R. C. Thomas, and Biggs; half-backs, David and Bush; forwards, Northmore, Neill, Rambulow, Westacott, Brown, Powell, Brice, and Smith.

The weather was delightful, and the ground in grand condition. About 4,000 spectators were present. Cardiff started play, and at once pressed, scoring an unconverted try in the first minute from a rush. From the centre Cardiff rushed to the line, and after a line out the forwards went over in a bunch, but the try was again unconverted. Cardiff were all over France, and were very near scoring on several occasions. France gained ground by a rush, and got to the Cardiff line, exacting a minor. Cardiff again got away, and scored another unconverted try. France were penalised at the centre, and Cardiff again attacked. Cardiff were penalised, and a rush by France was saved finely by Winfield, who put in a wonderful kick to touch. Cardiff were penalised, but David found touch at the centre. The Cardiff forwards rushed, but were driven back, and J. L. Williams was tackled. Winfield again saved cleverly. From a line-out in the Cardiff half France nearly got in. Bush ran brilliantly, but was collared, and from a free France passed, and got to the Cardiff 25. Fine kicking by the French back kept Cardiff penned for some minutes. Biggs with a fine kick, gained 50 yards. Cardiff attacked again, and Williams got over in the corner, the try being unconverted. Biggs made a mark inside the French half, and Winfield mulled the return.

Half-time score: G. T. Pts.

Cardiff ..... 0 4 12

France ..... 0 0 0

France re-started, and the Cardiff forwards got away well. From some Cardiff passing Verges got possession, and kicked to Williams, who found touch near the French line. From a line-out Cardiff started passing, and one of the backs dropped a fine goal. Cardiff pressed, and Crichton saved with a kick to touch. Cardiff kept up the pressure, and the forwards were nearly in. From a line-out a forward passed out to Thomas, who gave the ball to Biggs, and the latter re-passed to Thomas, who scored an unconverted try in the corner. Another round of passing and a kick forced a minor for Cardiff. A rush by France was mulled by Winfield, and France gained the Cardiff half. Cardiff were soon attacking again, and a forward scored another unconverted try. A fine kick by Bush exacted a minor. Great passing by Cardiff from the centre ended in Williams passing back to Thomas, who scored under the posts, the try being converted. A magnificent opening by Bush resulted in the wing three-quarter going over with an unconverted try. A rush by France from the Cardiff half ended in Muhr scoring under the posts, and the extra points were added.

Final score: G. T. Pts.

Cardiff ..... \*2 7 30

France ..... 1 0 5

\*One dropped.

### ANOTHER REPORT.

We have received the following report through Reuter's Agency—

In the Rugby football match played here to-day between Cardiff and a fifteen representing Paris, the Welsh team won by twenty-seven points to five. The ground at the Parc des Princes was in ideal condition. When the Cardiff players came on the ground they were received with loud cheers, and the crowd did not conceal their admiration for the Welshmen's physique, and expected to be beaten by at least fifty points. However, the French had put together the best team in France. They won the toss, and played with a strong wind behind them, and a bright sun in the visitors' eyes. Therefore, they had all the advantages, but these did not avail them much, for within the first ten minutes Cardiff took the ball into the French half, and Bush scored two tries in quick succession. The Frenchmen bucked up, however, and during the first half prevented further scoring. The game resolved itself into an innumerable succession of free kicks for both sides.

In the second half Cardiff tried to take advantage of the wind and sun, but had a very hard task before them, as the Frenchmen pluckily resisted the Welsh onslaughts. On the other hand, the unnerving efforts of two days' residence in Paris had told on the Welshmen, who failed to come up to the expectation of their own friends, and displayed on several occasions a desire to avoid much exertion. As it was Cardiff began to score. Williams secured the first try, and was immediately followed by Thomas with a beautiful dropped goal. Ralph Thomas then rushed across with another try. This was quickly followed by Powell with another try, it was then Biggs's turn. This time, however, the try was converted by Winfield. Ralph Thomas was the last to secure a try. After this the home team made a determined and successful effort, and scored a try, which was converted. The cheers that greeted this success rang over and over again, as though the honour of the French players had been saved.