

CARDIFF BEATEN.

French Team Turns Tables in Second Half.

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France "B" Team ...	1	3	14
Cardiff	1	2	11

TOULOUSE, Thursday.

Cardiff were defeated at their own game here this afternoon. Having largely dominated the Frenchmen in forward play and dribbling in the first half, their defence proved sadly at fault in the second. Eight thousand people saw the hardest possible forward battle, played on a soaked ground.

In the first half the Welshmen had the most of the ball, and they started in sensational fashion, when, following a scrum, a fine attack by the three-quarters ended with Evans sending Graham Jones over for a try, which was converted by Stone. For a long time the Welshmen were masters, dribbling with their forwards splendidly bunched, while Bowcott splendidly set his three-quarters going both from lines-out and scrums, and 25 minutes after the start a bunched dribble allowed Skym to cross with a second try. Then the Frenchmen tried to resort to handling, and they got a try.

After a long conference with the officials at the interval the Frenchmen returned to the field with completely fresh tactics. They started to play with their feet, and the result soon manifested itself as they equalled the Cardiff total, scoring a try through dribbling methods, the kick being successful. Cardiff once more took the lead when John Roberts scored a splendid try near the corner flag, but again the French came back, and in quick succession scored two unconverted tries.

The scorers for France were Peret, Trieveaux, Vigerie, and Schoby, Trieveaux converting his own try.

The Welshmen, it must be said, at least deserved to draw, being far superior in dribbling, but they were poor in handling the slippery ball. John Roberts and Graham Jones were the best of the three-quarters, while Bowcott, well served by Boon, played a sterling game all through, and was probably the best man on the field. The forwards all played well.

The French team surprised everyone in the second half by the way they adapted themselves to real Welsh dribbling tactics, and completely abandoned their ordinary handling game.