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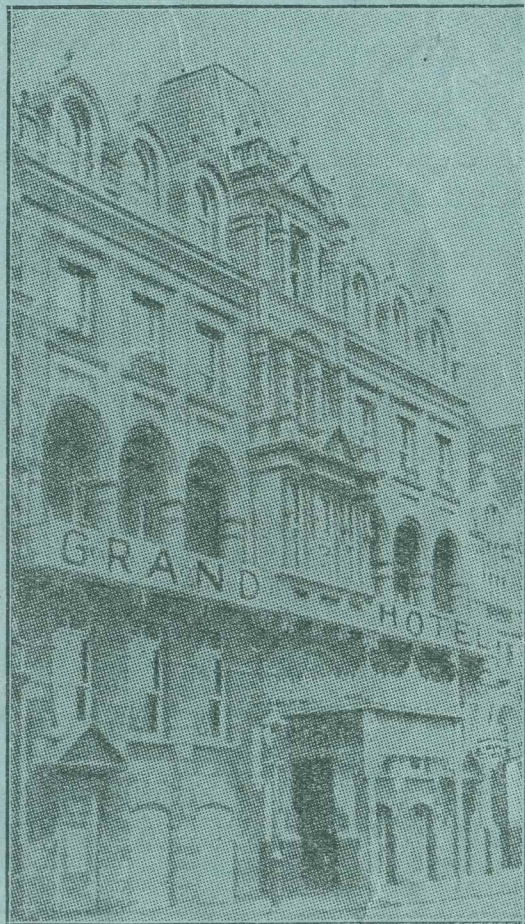
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Mr. W. BARCLAY, The Maori Captain.



Mr. W. J. DELAHAY, The Cardiff Captain.

The Maoris' Welcome Return Visit.

It was a matter of extreme satisfaction to those connected with Cardiff Rugby, when it became known that the Maoris were anxious to return to Wales and play another match with Cardiff before they bid farewell to the Mother Country. This can indeed be accepted as a compliment to Cardiff, its players and officials. On the last occasion the Maoris made the Grand Hotel their headquarters for ten days, and during that period they formed such friendships, and were so delighted with the cordiality and sincerity of the welcome they received that it was an open secret that they were anxious to visit the Welsh Metropolis once more—thus to-day's return match.

Arguments may be advanced for and against football and other types of games, but there is no questioning the fact that the bond of individual

friendship and brotherhood, not to mention the claims of Empire, are as thoroughly cemented by contact on and off the field of play as much, if not more than by conferences, meetings of Parliament and other administrative media. We thus feel sure that the present Maori team will look back upon their tour in the light of these remarks, cherishing kind sentiments and undying memories—all the outcome of a fight for supremacy over an innocent-looking oval leather ball.

The last game between the sides was one in which the tactics of the Maoris gained the victory. Cardiff had decided upon the policy of playing the traditional Welsh back game, and desirable as this may have been, the policy, as it happened, did not bear fruit, the greasy condition of the ball rendering it practically impossible to handle accurately, although we have seen Cardiff backs passing perfectly under similar conditions. The Maoris

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tumbled to Cardiff's plan of action, and without unduly bothering to secure the ball for themselves, they certainly profited by Cardiff's mistakes, and their tactics paid as will be recognised by the score, which was as follows:—

Maoris—3 goals, 1 try (18 points).
Cardiff—1 converted goal, 1 penalty goal (8 points).

Since playing Cardiff, the Maoris have not been too fortunate as far as wins go, among their subsequent defeats being that sustained at Llanelly, in a game which created much jubilation down West Wales. The Maoris in various phases of play may not have been the "team of talents" or the "draw" which the famous All Blacks were two years ago, but there is consolation in another far more important direction, as, according to the unanimous verdict of all critics that we have read, it is declared that the present Maoris team, whatever its defects, has been the most sporty combination of players ever seen on our playing fields, and after all, this is a greater trophy to carry home than an unbeaten record.

We are highly interested in the

composition of the team to represent our Colonial visitors to-day, but we cannot offer comments, as the constitution of the side will only be made known this morning. We do sincerely hope, however, that W. Barclay, the captain, and R. J. Bell, the vice-captain, will appear. Both these great players were prevented from playing on the Park on the 6th November last, owing to injury and illness, and we feel sure that they would like the opportunity of showing their prowess on the Cardiff Arms Park, which in the estimation of all touring sides from abroad, is considered a classical enclosure, associated with many historical matches in the past.

In the Official Programme issue for the last Maoris match here, we gave details of the various members of the tourist side, so that we may be excused repeating such information here, apart from giving details as to the age, height and weight of the players. We have no fear that to-day's game will be a great one in every respect. Much has been said about this being Cardiff's opportunity for a reversal of the last verdict—this does not trouble us one iota. The game's the thing,

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THE SPHINX.

To-day's Referee.

Mr. A. E. Freethy, Welsh Rugby Union, Neath, who refereed the last Maoris match at Cardiff, is again given the honour to-day—a big compliment, and well deserved.

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Who's Who in the Maori Team.

Full-backs.

	Age	Weight	Height
		st. lbs.	ft. ins.
D. Pelham	25	10 7	5 6
J. M'Donald	18	12 8	6 0

Three-quarters.

H. Phillips	27	13 2	5 9
A. Falwasser	23	11 11	5 9
W. Barclay	27	12 7	5 9
L. R. Grace	18	12 2	5 11
W. Lockwood	24	12 0	5 7
P. Potaka	24	11 10	5 9
T. P. Robinson	20	14 6	6 1

Five-eighths.

R. J. Bell	26	12 4	5 8
E. G. W. Love	22	13 5	5 8
D. Wi Neera	23	12 4	5 8

Half-backs.

W. Shortland	20	10 3	5 9
H. Kingi	24	11 6	5 6
W. Mete	25	12 9	5 7

Forwards.

A. Crawford	22	15 0	6 0
T. Dennis	22	14 10	5 11
W. Rika	26	14 3	6 1
Rev. P. Matene	26	14 2	6 1
D. Manuhera	26	13 12	5 10
T. Manning	21	13 12	5 10
W. Wilson	22	13 7	6 1
S. Gemmel	27	13 6	5 11
D. Tatana	20	13 2	5 11

J. Stewart 27 | 12 12 | 5 9 || J. Gemmel | 23 | 12 10 | 5 11 |
| P. Haupapa | 27 | 12 6 | 5 11 |
| O. S. Olsen | 21 | 12 6 | 5 11 |

Average weight of Backs, 11st. 11lbs.
Average weight of Forwards, 13st. 8lbs.
Average age of Team, 22 years.



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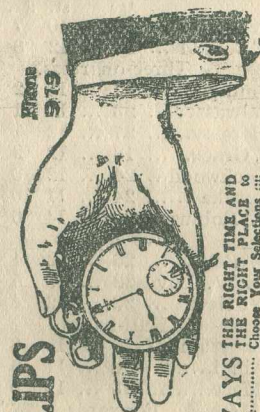
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A. Falwasser (23)

Centre :
D. Pelham (18)

Left Wing :
W. Barclay (Capt.) (22)

Five-Eighths : W. Mete (20)

D. Wi Neera (19)

Inside Half : H. Kingi (16)

Outside Half : R. J. Bell (14)

Forwards : O. S. Olsen (3)
J. Manihera (4)

T. Dennis (7)
S. Gemmell (8)

T. P. Robinson (24)
W. Rika (6)
D. Tatana (13)

Reserves—Backs, W. Lockwood (27), W. Shortland (15),
Forwards, J. Gemmell (2), P. Haupapa (12),
J. Stuart (1)

Referee :
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Kick-off
2.30 p.m.

Forwards : Tom Lewis (J) W. J. Ould (K) J. Burns (L) F. Lee (M)
W. Watkins (N) K. P. Turnbull (O) E. Barrell (P) P. Bunce (T)
Inside Half : W. J. Delahay, Capt. (F) Outside Half : Gwyn Richards (G)
Left Wing : Left Centre : Right Centre : Right Wing :
Llew. Williams (B) John Roberts (C) B. R. Turnbull (D) R. A. Cornish (E)
Full Back : B. O. Male (A)

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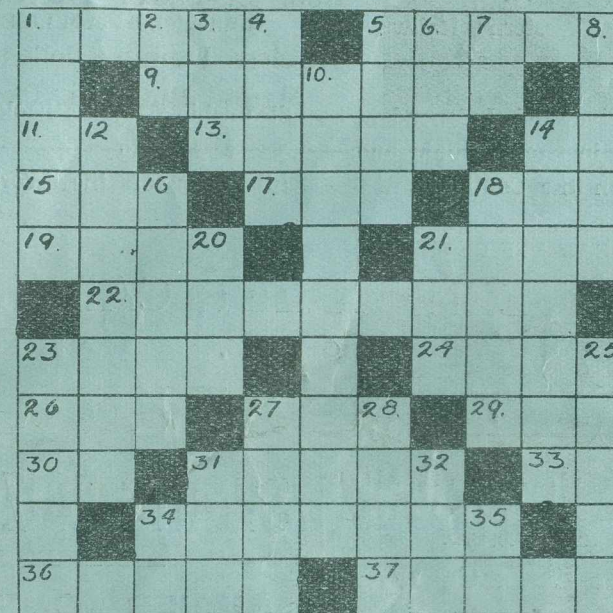
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C.A.C. Comp. 12

ACROSS.

1, Turkish title. 5, Country gallant. 9, From the East. 11 Correlative. 13, Uproars. 14, Pronoun. 15, Unfamiliar. 17, A single dice point. 18, A crotchet. 19, Charles Lamb's. 21, Gestures. 22, Immediately. 23, Need. 24, A girl's name. 26, A number. 27, Pronoun. 29, British river. 30, Preposition. 31, Refuse. 33, Egyptian god. 34, Throw into confusion. 36, Idleness. 37, Plots.

DOWN.

1, Ready. 2, Think of a racecourse. 3, Pronoun. 4, Rhythmical song. 5, Local position. 6, Verb. 7, Indefinite article. 8, Lacks. 10, Akin to labour. 12, Characterised by reliance. 14, Keen-scented dog. 16, To shrink from a blow. 18, A demon. 20, Invite. 21, Consumed. 23, Burdens. 25, Timbers. 27, A mess. 28, A stump. 31, Inventive faculty. 32, To wander from right course. 34, Fare. 35, To exist.

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