

NEWS CUTTINGS.

CARDIFF RESERVES. 1904-5 — 1921-2

ALSO.

CARDIFF EXTRAS 1921-2

ALSO A FEW SEPTEMBER ENTRIES FOR 1922-3

Penylan
Sept 24

CARDIFF RESERVES v. PENYLAN.

Happy Exhibition: Recruits "So-So."

Cardiff Arms Park, immediately after the match, the Cardiff Reserves met Penylan, most promising of the local teams. Changes had to be made in the Reserves' line, of the Mackintosh, being introduced the vacancy caused by the inclusion of Evans in the Premier's side Cecil Higgins, who was weakened by Westacott, Alcock, and Hookaway being included.

Penylan suffered keenly by the loss of their veteran half-back and gained a severe wrench in the first set at Lydney. The teams decided:

Cardiff Reserves—Back, H. L. Ferrier; three-quarter backs, G. McCraith, W. Pullen, E. Jones, and half-backs, Meddick and T. Franks; forwards, L. Evans (captain), Harrison, Jennings, Rhys Davies, R. J. Buckland, S. Bailey, and

Penylan—Back, Theo. Jones; three-quarter backs, J. Fletcher, W. D. Jones, and Urvan Davies; half-backs, P. Jones and Edgar Thomas; forwards, A. Donaldson, Moon, Davies, King, Harding, and L. George.

Cardiff commenced, and play settled down at half-way for some time. Then Penylan, by rushing tactics became troublesome, and forced Cardiff to concede two minors. W. H. Jones spoiled some good movements by attempting to drop a goal. The first half was all through a poor display and nothing was scored. Almost immediately after the restart Meddick dropped a goal for Cardiff, and Penylan also secured a similar goal by Warfield, late of the Goudonns. With the points equal play became very keen, and Cardiff pressed. Eventually Timothy gained victory for the Reserves by a try, which Evans failed to convert.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	*1 1 0
Penylan	.....	*1 0 0

*1 dropped.

Moseley 2nd.
Oct 18

CARDIFF RESERVES v. MOSELEY 2nd.

Dr. Timms Turns Out.

A fairly good game assembled at the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon. The visitors fielded a better team on paper than they have done for years at Cardiff, and the home team had the assistance of Dr. Timms, who had a good reception.

Cardiff Reserves—Back, H. L. Ferrier; three-quarter backs, J. McCraith, Dr. A. B. Timms, E. W. Jones, and T. McLean; half-backs, T. Franks and W. Morgan; forwards, D. L. Evans (capt.), Stroud, John, Rhys Davies, W. Pullen, E. Jennings, E. Rhys, and McIntyre.

Referee, Mr. T. G. Jones, Newport.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	*3 2 0
Moseley 2nd	.....	0 0 0

*1 Penalty.

Bristol 2nd
Oct 10

BRISTOL 2nd v CARDIFF 2nd.

At Bristol. Bad play by Bristol gave McLean a soft try, which was converted. Cardiff attacked afterwards.

Bristol restarted, and attacked immediately, two good chances being missed. Cardiff were penalized, but soon became aggressive, and a scrum took place in the Bristol 25. Pretty dribbling by Meyer took play past the half-way line, and Bristol attacked for a considerable time, forcing Cardiff to touch down. Babbington then threw away an easy chance, and Cardiff came away, the whistle sounding with play in mid field.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	1 0 0
Bristol 2nd	.....	0 0 0

REMARKS.

Bristol should have scored at least twice in the first half, but Cardiff, after their lucky goal, did quite as much pressing as the home team, Frank being the best half on the field. Ferrier repeatedly saved well. The game was a poor one, and Cardiff did nearly all the passing and earned a victory by their plodding play. Bristol threw away repeated chances, their line doing nothing right and absolutely lacking combination.

Newport 2nd
Oct 15

CARDIFF 2nd v. NEWPORT 2nd.

At Newport, being the first match of the season between these teams. In the first half play was of a scrambling nature, neither side showing exceptional form.

In the second half Cardiff showed improved form, and after some pressing the quartette secured from a scrum, and T. Maclean after a smart run was over with Cardiff's try.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff 2nd	.....	0 1 0
Newport 2nd	.....	2 0 0

Swansea 2nd Oct 29/04

CARDIFF RESERVES v SWANSEA II.

For a second team game a good gate assembled at the Cardiff Arms Park for the above match. W. A. Jones appeared as full back for the home team vice H. B. Winfield, who was unable to turn out as a result of a visit to his dentist, and Franks having substituted Fred Davies at Swansea, the latter played outside half to W. L. Morgan. The teams fielded as follow:-

Cardiff Reserves—Back, W. A. Jones; three-quarter backs, G. McCraith, E. W. Jones, W. H. Gunstone, and J. L. Williams; half-backs, W. L. Morgan and Fred Davies; forwards, D. L. Evans (captain), W. Pullen, W. Ham, G. Stroud, Rhys Davies, R. John, Ted Lewis, and J. McIntyre.

Swansea II.—Back, P. Lockman; three-quarter backs, Phil Hopkins, J. Davies, T. Davies, and Percy Daclan; half-backs, Rhys Rees and E. Billen; forwards, E. Morgan (captain), Edgar Morgan, T. Williams, D. Coates, Mumbles Davies, D. Morgan, W. Warburton, and T. Henry.

Referee, Mr. B. Follock, Newport.

Owing to the late arrival of the visitors it was 3.45 when Swansea started.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	1 2 0
Swansea 2nd	.....	*2 0 0

*Both dropped.

Gloucester 2nd Nov 12/04

GLOUCESTER A v. CARDIFF 2ND.

At Gloucester. Teams—Gloucester A—Back, Watts; three-quarter backs, Boone, J. Romans, Cook, and Adams; half-backs, Smith and Hyman; forwards, Pratt (capt.), Quixley, Puxton, Sly, White, Wixey, Taylor, and Lane.

Cardiff 2nd—Back, Jones; three-quarter backs, McCreeth (capt.), Williams, Jones, and Gunstone; half-backs, Franks and Morgan; forwards, Jennings, Pullen, Davies, Lewis, Stroud, John, Lamey, and Edwards.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	*2 3 0
Gloucester Reserves	.....	0 0 0

*1 dropped, 1 penalty.

Merthyr Oct 29/04

CARDIFF RESERVES v. MERTHYR.

Beautiful weather favoured the initial meeting of these teams at the Cardiff Arms Park, but a poor crowd assembled. Dr. Timms found himself unable to assist the Reserves, but Percy Bush turned out, and his first appearance on the Park was well greeted. The teams were:-

Cardiff—Back, E. Jennings; three-quarter backs, G. McCraith, E. W. Jones, P. F. Bush, and J. L. Williams; half-backs, T. Franks and W. L. Morgan; forwards, D. L. Evans (captain), R. John, T. W. Lewis, W. Pullen, E. Stroud, James, Rhys Davies, and Edwards.

Merthyr—Back, S. James; three-quarter backs, C. W. Williams, W. E. Thomas, B. F. Davies, and J. Williams; half-backs, J. Dickson and W. Burgess; forwards, T. H. Lewis, P. C. Thomas, P. C. Hunter, H. James, C. Jones, H. David, Ivor Williams, and D. Davies.

Referee, Mr. J. Fielding.

Owing to the late arrival of the visitors it was 25 minutes after the advertised time when Cardiff kicked off. The visiting forwards immediately broke away, but Jennings saved in good style and even play followed, Dickson being conspicuous by some good kicking. Cardiff gained the 25 line, and W. L. Morgan showed good form behind the scrum for Cardiff. An attempt at passing gained little or no ground, but the Merthyr defence was severely tested for some minutes. Bush was then incapacitated by injury to his left arm and medical advice was necessary. With fourteen men the Reserves infused more vigour into their play and some very pretty work, initiated by one of the forwards took play to the line. A cross-kick admirably made by R. Davies gave Ernie Jones a clear field and the latter scored, but Evans failed with the kick.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	0 1 0
Merthyr	.....	0 0 0

REMARKS.

A scrappy game relieved only by the attempts at passing indulged in by the home team. The home seven stuck to their opponents with grim determination, and against such a pack as Merthyr turned out great credit is due to them. Morgan added to his reputation and Franks did yeoman service in defence, whilst Ernie Jones showed great cleverness at three-quarter. McCraith and Williams were good and Rhys Davies filled the vacancy caused by the retirement of Bush with every credit. Jennings was great at back. His methods do not allow a criticism of his play from a full-back standpoint, but he got out of every corner admirably. Merthyr were far too rough to allow of any sustained attempt at playing the game as we are accustomed to see it in Cardiff. The forwards were burly rather than clever, boisterous rather than finished players. The halves were the strongest part of the team, but they were inferior to the Cardiff second line, and the three-quarters were good alone in defence. It was a disappointing game, quite a contrast to the Swansea 2nd match.

Bush Injured.

It will be learnt with regret that Percy Bush sustained a fracture of the radius of his left arm. Dr. W. G. Williams, who examined the joint, expects the popular half to be unable to play before Christmas. D. L. Evans the captain also received a severe kick in the abdomen, and his absence from the field for some time is probable.

Caerphilly Nov 12/04

CAERPHILLY v. CARDIFF RESERVES.

At Caerphilly, and a large crowd lined the ropes when Cardiff kicked off. The teams were:-

Caerphilly—Back, Reddick; three-quarter backs, C. Williams, E. Walters, M. Norton, and A. Francis; half-backs, J. Norton (captain) and R. Norton; forwards, T. Burr, A. Griffiths, G. Gilmore, A. Westhead, W. James, D. Thomas, E. Rowlands, and G. Page.

Cardiff Reserves—Back, W. A. Jones; three-quarter backs, McCraith, E. W. Jones, Wardfield, and W. Pullen; half-backs, Morgan and Frank; forwards, E. Davies, Ham, McIntyre, John, Lewis, Watkins, Stroud, and Lamey.

Loose and uninteresting play in the centre was followed by a sharp attack on the visitors' line, and the defence was severely tested by the home forwards. Loose play by the Caerphilly backs gave Cardiff relief, and McIntyre was injured. The handicap told severely on the Cardiffians, who were pressed until a minor was conceded by Morgan from a drop for goal by Dick Norton.

Half-time Score—		G. T. M.
Caerphilly	.....	*1 0 0
Cardiff Reserves	.....	0 0 0

*Dropped.

On the restart Cardiff pressed, and the forwards held the heavy Caerphilly men well. McIntyre was too unwell to resume play. The Cardiffians by footwork brought play to the Caerphilly line, and they had hard lines in not scoring.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Caerphilly	.....	*1 0 0
Cardiff Reserves	.....	0 0 0

*Dropped.

Newport 2nd
Nov 19 1914

CARDIFF RESERVES v. NEWPORT 2nd.

The counter-attraction at Newport probably accounted for the meagre attendance at Cardiff Arms Park, when Newport 2nd sought to avenge the defeat sustained at Newport a few weeks ago at the hands of their Cardiff contemporaries. The teams were:-
Cardiff Reserves-Back, W D Jones; three-quarter backs, G McGrath (captain), E W Jones, W H Gunstone, and J L Williams; half-backs, Franks and W L Morgan; forwards, H Jennings, W Ham, E Lewis, F Stroud, R Davies, W Pullen, G Page, and R Johns.
Newport 2nd-Back, Dent; three-quarter backs, E Scer, F Parkhouse, A Davies, and F Wreford; half-backs, Martin and C T Jones; forwards, J C Jenkins, F Evans, J Cassey, W Webb, C Emerson, C Evans, G Tydesley, and A Diamond.

Final Score-		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	0 4 0
Newport Reserves	.....	0 0 0

Swansea 2nd
Nov 26 1914

SWANSEA A v. CARDIFF A.

At Swansea the ground was in very good condition except inside the touch-line, and the weather fine. The first match this season was won by Cardiff by 1 goal 2 tries to 2 dropped goals, being the only reverse sustained by the Swansea A this season. Hence the present contest was invested with much interest.
Teams:-
Cardiff-Back, W A Jones; three-quarter backs, J M McGrath, W Jones, J L Williams, and A Jones; half-backs, G Thomas and F Davies; forwards, Lewis, R Davies, Stroud, Page, McIntyre, F Davies, R Johns, and Lamey.
Swansea A-Back, Peter Lockman; three-quarter backs, F Jowett, J Davies, Paddison, and T Lacey; half-backs, Rees, Rees and J Davies; forwards, A Jones, A E Morgan, D Morgan, W Warburton, A Williams, J Hill, W Morgan, and T Henry.
Swansea kicked off, and at once attacked with vigour. Cardiff forwards relieved, and a penalty was awarded Swansea ended in a poster. Thereafter Cardiff broke away in fine style, and getting close up to the home goal eventually secured a minor. The visiting forwards broke away in capital style, and changed the venue to the home half, but Swansea soon retaliated and got to the other end of the field. Here, after a strong attack, D Morgan crossed over with a try, which was not goal. Subsequently the game was very evenly contested, and continued at a very fast pace until the home three-quarters-Lancey being prominent-put the visitors on the defensive, the outcome being that Jim Davies (centre-three-quarter) got over with a try, and Lockman converted. Nothing of note occurred until the interval except a deal of exchange kicking.

Half-time Score-		G. T. M.
Swansea 2nds	.....	1 1 0
Cardiff Reserves	.....	0 0 0
Resuming Cardiff had the better of the game for a time. Then the home team made an irresistible rush up the field which culminated in Jowett scoring. Hill's kick resulted in a "poster." Swansea, with a big lead of 11 points to nil, were assured of victory. After some desultory play, Cardiff forced ahead, and would not be denied. F Stroud scored an unconverted try, and the game was continued at a very fast pace, the visitors making supreme efforts to retrieve their position, although eight points in arrears. Swansea came the down field and kept up a strong attack about three yards from the visitors' goal-line. A penalty was awarded to Swansea, but Cardiff touched down and they cleared from the kick-out soon afterwards the home team returned to the attack, and Jim Davies nearly got over. Scrummages were forced nearly on the Cardiff. The game was for a time of a very give-and-take character until Rees and Jowett combined, and put the Cardiff goal in danger, and then the former rushed over with a try, which Hill goal. Swansea now led by 16 points to three. Resuming the home team again asserted themselves, and kept up a vigorous attack on the Cardiff line. The defence, however, was stubborn, and at last a smart bit of combined play drove Swansea out. The game was now continued in semi-darkness until the final.		
Final Score-		G. T. M.
Swansea 2nds	.....	2 2 0
Cardiff Reserves	.....	0 1 0

REMARKS.
The match was a tribute to the Swansea ground, for despite the hard frost it was in good condition, and did not inconvenience the players. The pace throughout was fast, and a hard struggle for supremacy was witnessed; but it was Swansea's victory ten minutes from the start, as they played to win and succeeded.
Swansea were perhaps better all round during the first 45 minutes, although the Cardiff forwards at times exhibited considerable dash and broke away in good style, but they failed to utilise the advantage thus gained except on one occasion, when they nearly crossed with a try.
Towards the close Cardiff Seconds showed splendid form, but Swansea were equal to any emergency, especially after the visitors scored.
The game was brimful of interest throughout. Several men were injured, apparently owing to the keenness of the tackling.
The Cardiff halves did well, but the combination of Swansea was far and away superior.
The offensive and defensive tactics of the Cardiffians towards the close deserve all praise. Although fairly and squarely beaten they kept Swansea out and defied them to score, and when the end came play was in neutral territory.
Lockman, for Swansea, was in his best form, and Harrison and Jowett were good all through at three-quarter. Rees at half-back was particularly smart, and did yeoman service for his side.
A Jones and D Morgan were the pick of the Swansea forwards.
For Cardiff W. A. Jones, full back, was fairly good, and McGrath and J. Williams in the third line were at times much in evidence in offensive and defensive work.
The visitors' halves, G. Thomas and F. Davies, were outclassed by the home pair, Rhys Rees and Davies. Amongst a really good pack of forwards Lewis, MacIntyre and E. Jones were the most prominent.

Briton Ferry Dec 3 1902

CARDIFF RESERVES v. BRITON FERRY.

Gwyn Nicholls as Full Back.

Both teams were strongly represented for the above match on the Cardiff Arms Park, with the exception that W. H. Gunstone (Cardiff) was taking part in the trial match at Neath. Gwyn Nicholls, the ex-Cardiff captain, turned out as full back for the Reserves, and was greeted with a most cordial cheer. The teams were—

Cardiff Reserves—Back, E. Gwyn Nicholls; three-quarter backs, G. McCraith, W. A. Jones, W. Pullen, and Arthur Williams; half-backs E. W. Jones and W. Morgan; forwards, W. Egan, G. Northmore, R. Davies, J. McInyre, F. Lacey, F. Stroud, R. John, and G. Page.

Briton Ferry—Back, W. Bevan; three-quarter backs, H. Rogers, W. J. Saunders, I. Jones, and H. Merriman; half-backs, T. Wilson and J. Phillips; forwards, G. Llewellyn, B. Harris, A. Davies, Rees Phillips, George Phillips, Will Phillips, Ben Phillips, and E. Evans.

Referee, Mr. G. Hayes.
Arthur Williams scored the only try in the first half. The other scorers were Pullen, McCraith, and Geo. Northmore.

Final Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	0 4 0
Briton Ferry	0 0 0

REMARKS.
It was a keenly contested game, in which the science of the Cardiff backs proved superior to the vigorous play of the opposing forwards. Ernie Jones and Morgan hit off the half-back game nicely, and Arthur Williams and Pullen were conspicuous for clever runs at three-quarter back. Gwyn Nicholls showed what a grand full-back he would be if played in that position. On the Briton Ferry side Bevan, the Neath full-back, whose praises have been sung this season, gained cordial applause for his clean picks-up and splendid touch-kicking. As a side, however, Briton Ferry did not compare with the Reserves, save and except the untiring way in which they played from start to finish.

THE EXPERIMENT AT HALF-BACK.
The Cardiff halves and three-quarters played exceedingly well together, and it was gratifying to notice that Ernie Jones and Morgan hit off the position nicely at half, though Morgan was clearly the cleverer and trickier performer.

Chepstow Dec 10 1902

CARDIFF RESERVES v. CHEPSTOW.

At Cardiff Arms Park before a fair crowd. H. B. Winfield turned out for the Reserves. Shortly after the start John scored for Cardiff from a scramble near the Chepstow line.

Final Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	*1 3 0
Chepstow	0 0 0

*Dropped.

Maindee Dec 7 1902

CARDIFF RESERVES v. MAINDÉE.

Played at Newport. Both teams were weak. Maindee started attacking, but W. A. Jones relieved with a good kick. The visiting forwards heeled cleanly, but the halves were unable to field owing to the slippery state of the ball. Although strenuous efforts were made to score, half-time was called with neither side having scored. Early in the second half T. L. Evans scored after a fine bout of passing, the same player converting. Maindee subsequently made desperate efforts to cross, but the defence of the visitors was too keen. Just before the end of time W. A. Jones scored and Evans again converted.

Final Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	2 0 0
Maindee	0 0 0

Whitchurch Dec 21 1902

WHITCHURCH v. CARDIFF RESERVES.

Whitchurch pressed by good forward play, and keeping their opponents penned were awarded a free kick. Power kicking a splendid goal from a difficult angle. The Reserves afterwards pressed, but after a fine dribble by Evans and Stephens Whitchurch changed the venue. The Reserves returned to the attack, and Morgan had the line at his mercy, but hesitated to fall on the ball, and Thomas kicked dead. Then McCraith dodged finely, and Campbell making a grand run scored behind the posts for the visitors, but no goal resulted.

Final Score—	G. T. M.
Whitchurch	*1 0 0
Cardiff Reserves	0 1 0

*Penalty.

Remarks.
This is the fourth drawn game between these clubs in succession, but the game was contested in an excellent spirit. The Whitchurch forwards held the upper hand, and deserved to win on the day's form. But the Reserves lost a good chance of breaking the sequence of drawn games in failing at the goal-kick.

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Moseley 2 Dec 31st 1904

MOSELEY SECOND V. CARDIFF RESERVES.

CARDIFF PLAYER INJURED.

Beautiful weather failed to attract more than the usual handful of spectators to the Reddings. Moseley. The home team fielded a very strong side, which included M. Bonham-Carter and C. B. Marston, of the premiers. Moseley became aggressive at the outset, and had the energetic work of their forwards been supported they would have scored. Relief came to Cardiff through capital work by the backs, but the Moseley defence withstood a warm attack. Laney was injured, and Cardiff played 14 men. Pullen and W. A. Jones were exceedingly unfortunate in not scoring. Eventually Moseley got away with a dribble and Humphreys scored a try, which Birtles converted.

Half-time Score— G. T. M.
Moseley 2nds 1 0 0
Cardiff Reserves 0 0 0

The Cardiffians immediately pressed on the resumption, and gave the home defence a very anxious time, but the passing movements lacked the necessary finish. Moseley were never dangerous in this moiety, but they offered a capital defence, and it wanted only five minutes to time when W. A. Jones kicked across to J. B. Jones, who scored under the posts, and Evans equalised the scores by negotiating the kick. Morgan and Pullen in succession missed scoring immediately afterwards.

Final Score— G. T. M.
Moseley 2nd 1 0 5
Cardiff Reserves 1 0 5

REMARKS.
The Moseley men seemed determined to end the 20 years' sequence of wins by their Cardiff friends, and until the last few minutes success seemed probable. The game was disappointing and although territorially the visitors had much the best of matters, Moseley were very fine in defence. Cardiff were without Laney until half through the second half, and a bruised shoulder handicapped him considerably. Marsden was a tower of strength to his side and Green was the best three-quarter. It is inconceivable that the Cardiff attack failed so badly and it is hard to explain how the 44 points win at Cardiff should be followed by a draw at Moseley. Truly the Birmingham men are never seen to advance away from the Reddings.

Bristol Jan 21st 1905

Abandoned

Caeprhilly Jan 27th 1905

CARDIFF RESERVES V. CAERPHILLY.

PLAYERS CAUTIONED FOR ROUGHNESS.

A Precedent of 20 Years Ago.

The fact that the International match is to be played at the Cardiff Arms Park next Saturday caused the Cardiff Committee to alter the venue of the above game to the Sophia Gardens, thus following the precedent established 20 years ago, when Cardiff met in the Gardens. The Park was in good condition, but a trifle soft, and the decision to play in the Gardens was a wise one. The game at Caerphilly ended in a win for the home team by a dropped goal and the Cardiffians were particularly anxious to avenge that reverse. The teams were:—

Cardiff Reserves—Back, E. B. Evans; three-quarter backs, W. S. Jones, E. W. Jones, W. Pullen, and S. Jones; half-backs, Franks and Morgan; forwards, D. L. Evans (captain), Stroud, Lewis, John, Page, Dike, Davies, and J. B. Baskin.

Caerphilly—Back, J. Williams; three-quarter backs, C. Williams, D. Walters, E. Davies, and A. Roberts; half-backs, B. and J. Norton; forwards, R. Bellings, S. Evans, W. James, G. Gilmere, G. Eustace, H. Summerhayes, A. Alden, and A. Griffiths.

The Cardiffians were poorly represented, but the visitors were very strong, and Dick Bellings, the International forward, was a conspicuous member. A large crowd had assembled when Caerphilly kicked off.

Final Score— G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves 2 2 0
Caerphilly 0 0 0

REMARKS.
The score would suggest a fairly easy win for the Reserves, but the visitors proved a hard lot, and their forward rushes were continued all through the game. Bellings was always to the front, but age has left its mark upon him, and his brilliance in the first few minutes evaporated somewhat, although at no time can it be said that his superior was in the Caerphilly pack.

The home eight were in grand fettle and controlled the scrummages for the greater part, giving Morgan and Franks chances which they used to advantage by starting their three-quarters.

The nervous shyness of the visitors' half-backs was a reflection on the Cardiff Committee's decision to dispense with their services a few seasons ago.

Ernie Jones and Sid Jones were prominent in the Cardiff three-quarter line, and Pullen combined splendidly with the other Jones—W. J.

Not one member of the visitors' third line showed to advantage, and E. R. Evans made his debut before a Cardiff crowd with every credit and a fund of promise.

It was a good game keenly contested, and the standard of play reached at times was of a high order. In the second half some roughness was introduced which caused the referee to caution one or two players.

The score of policemen kept the large and well-behaved crowd in hand very well, and it is worth mentioning that in no single instance was a touch-line encroached upon—indeed, a five yards boundary was maintained all through.

Briton Ferry Jan 28th 1905

BRITON FERRY V. CARDIFF 2nd.

Played at Briton Ferry in ideal weather and before a good crowd.

Final Score— G. T. M.
Briton Ferry 6 1 4
Cardiff 2nd 0 1 0

Swansea 2nd 24/4/05.

CARDIFF RESERVES v SWANSEA 2nd. Swansea Player Ordered Off.

Most favourable conditions prevailed for this match at the Cardiff Arms Park. The two games played this season between the teams left no doubt as to the superiority of the home side, a win at home being credited to each team, but the Westerners claim a slight advantage in points, and to-day's encounter was expected to be an exceptionally close one. The teams were—
Cardiff Reserves—Back, E. R. Evans; three-quarter backs, G. McCraith, E. Jones, W. Jones, and W. King; half-backs, W. Morgan and T. Jones; forwards, D. Evans (captain), F. Stroud, Rhys Davies, R. John, W. Pullen, D. Pike, J. McIntyre, and E. Lewis.
Swansea Second—Back, P. Lockman; three-quarter backs, W. Aubrey, Hill, T. Paddison, and E. Warburton; half-backs, Rhys Rees and J. Davies; forwards, E. Morgan (captain), Edgar Morgan, S. Jones, T. Henry, D. Morgan, A. Williams, T. Evans, and J. Phillips.

Referee, Mr Pollock, Newport.

At the last moment two or three changes were made in the Swansea team, Bancroft being displaced by the evergreen Peter Lockman, who has for many seasons been a source of strength to his side. Swansea commenced, W. A. Jones replying to his own 25. A few scrums on the 10 yards line were stopped for infringements, and W. L. Morgan was penalised for offside play. Lockman's kick was nullified by a Cardiffian on his line, and W. L. Morgan came in a good dribble to the 25, which the home-ers supplemented by capital footwork and transferred play to Swansea quarters. Peter Lockman figured in a capital bit of play, and ran strongly to halfway, but his pass to Warburton went astray. The Swansea forwards to date had proved superior to the home-ers, and from a scrum at the 25 the ball came along the three-quarter line to Paddison, who on being faced by McCraith passed very cleverly to Rhys Rees. The diminutive half had plenty of time to steady himself, and dropped a pretty goal from an angle which was not by any means easy. The home-ers then gave the Swansea defence some trouble, and before many minutes had elapsed W. L. Morgan experienced hard lines in not scoring. Breaking away from a scrum at the 25 line, he eluded two or three opponents in great style, but Lockman succeeded in upsetting him, and the Cardiff forwards, dribbling the ball on from the half-back, lacked the coolness which was necessary to secure a score. Pike also should have scored a kick later, but allowed Lockman to push him into touch in preference to passing to one of his three colleagues, who were up ready for the pass. D. L. Evans narrowly missed a goal from a difficulty penalty, but the ill-luck which so doggedly characterises their games with the All Whites was much in evidence, and chances were missed with painful frequency. Cardiff were now having the best of matters, but the Swansea defence was great. An attempt at passing by Cardiff gave the All Whites a great advantage, for each pass was sent back some yards, and the home goal-line was the venue from the next scrum after Swansea had come near scoring. E. R. Evans gained touch at halfway by an excellent kick, and play continued to be brimful of excitement. An injury to Hopkins caused his temporary retirement, and directly afterwards Peter Lockman stopped a rush of the Cardiff forwards in a style which showed the veteran at his best, and at the same time demonstrated that he is not only capable of attacking, but also of defence. The weakness of the Cardiff three-quarter backs in attack and judgment in fielding the ball was responsible for the repeated failure to score, but eventually they brought off a capital piece of play. McCraith was upset on the line by Lockman and Paddison. Swansea experienced an anxious time on their own line afterwards, and eventually McCraith scored a try after the acme of judgment had been shown by Morgan and Sid Jones. D. L. Evans failed with a corner kick for goal. A minute later a grand dribble started by Sid Jones and carried on by the Cardiff forwards gave D. L. Evans a good try, which he converted, but the decision of the referee in awarding the try was hotly contested by some Swansea players, and resulted in Arthur Jones being ordered off the field. Half-time was then called.

Half-time Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	1 1 0
Swansea Seconds	1 0 0

*Dropped.

Pullen fielded Swansea's kick off and was responsible for play being brought to the Swansea line. Quite as quickly the venue was changed to the Cardiff half by Warburton, who ran to halfway, but his kick was fielded by King well within the home 25, where a few scrimmages were fought out to the advantage of Cardiff. Play was carried up with wonderful tenacity by both sides, and exciting incidents were continually in evidence. Swansea, by dint of good footwork, kept play at halfway and on more than one occasion the versatility of Rhys Rees at half gave his three quarters chances which they, however, failed to utilize, and they never became very dangerous. A penalty kick to Cardiff on the 25 was taken by King, who first failed to find such as the Swansea line, and Lockman replied to all-way, where play riled even for some time, the evenness of the packs in scrum work being relieved by some really brilliant work by the backs of both sides. As is invariably the case in the games between the teams, a deal of spirit was exhibited, although at no time was really roughness introduced. Rhys Morgan was injured in a bit of loose play and had to retire, but McIntyre, who had been injured a few minutes previously, resumed play. With 15 men, the All Whites showed a brave front, and at this period had quite as much of the play as Cardiff. Sid Jones, the Cardiff half, was the next player to secure a try, a split ear causing his retirement. Try as they would, although holding the advantage in numbers, the home-ers could not add to their score, the minors only being credited to them. Some determined attacks were made by the Cardiff backs but the excellence of Swansea defence was one of the features of the game, their third line combining with Lockman in sterling play. Time was rapidly approaching when the players came away to half-way, at King made a capital opening from half-back, but the Swansea defence had been alerted on the re-

Chepstow 24/4/05

CHEPSTOW v. CARDIFF RESERVES.

At Chepstow. Teams:—
Cardiff—Back, E. R. Evans; three-quarter backs, McCraith, W. Jones, W. A. Jones, and King; half-backs, Morgan and Franks; forwards, A. B. Jones, John, Lamey, Lewis, George Pullen, Rees, Davies, and D. S. Evans.
Chepstow—Back, Price; three-quarter backs, Ellis, Edwards, A. Davies, and Coles; half-backs, Owen and Priest; forwards, Camper, Dunn, Lloyd, Morgan, E. Packer, C. Packer, Spencer, and Wright.

The ground was in splendid condition. Morgan kicked off for Chepstow, but King marked, and sent to touch at halfway. Play ranged in neutral territory, and E. W. Jones dropped for goal, a minor resulting. After open play Cardiff invaded, and were conceded a minor. The visitors pressed, but the home team cleared. Play was transferred to Cardiff ground, where Owen lost a chance by kicking instead of passing. Near the 25 Edwards from a free dropped a goal.

Half-time Score—	G. T. M.
Chepstow 2nd	1 0 0
Cardiff 2nd	0 0 0

*Penalty.

Resuming, Chepstow worked down and invaded, Owen nearly getting over. Chepstow continued to press, and Davies crossed, but was called back for going in touch. Cardiff were penalised, but Edwards's kick fell short. Cardiff relieved the pressure and got to Chepstow's 25, where from a line Lamey was allowed to cross, the touch judge keeping up his flag. The try was allowed. Evans converted.

Final Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff	1 0 0
Chepstow	1 0 0

*Penalty.

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CARDIFF RESERVES v SWANSEA 2nd. Swansea Player Ordered Off.

Most favourable conditions prevailed for this match at the Cardiff Arms Park. The two games played this season between the teams left honours fairly even, a win at home being credited to each team, but the Westerners claim a slight advantage in points, and to-day's encounter was expected to be an exceptionally close one. The teams were:-

Cardiff Reserves-Back, E R Evans; three-quarter backs, G McCraith, E Jones, W Jones, and W King; half-backs, W Morgan and T Jones; forwards, D Evans (captain), F Strong, Rhys Davies, E John, W Pullen, D Pike, J McIntyre, and E Lewis. Swansea Second-Back, P Lockman; three-quarter backs, W Aubrey, Hill, T Paddison, and E West; forwards, Jones, McCraith, the last to receive, failed to negotiate Lockman, and time was called.

Final Score— G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves 1 1 0
Swansea 2nd 0 0 0
*Dropped.

REMARKS.

On the whole the standard of play reached did not equal in brilliance the initial encounter of the teams this season in October, but the large number of spectators present saw an exhibition of football which was characterised by merit which has only been excelled in very few games on the Cardiff Arms Park this season. At the onset Swansea seemed likely to shatter the hopes of their hosts, whose ideal will be reached this season if they succeed in keeping their ground record, but the dropped goal by Rhys Rees proved to be the only item placed to the credit of the St. Helen's men all through. Cardiff deserved to win. They had much the better of the game, particularly in the first half, but most unfortunate mistakes spoiled all their efforts to score until two minutes before half-time. Lockman covered himself with glory once more. He invariably does well against Cardiff. Edmund Evans did not, however, suffer much in comparison with the veteran. The Cardiff three-quarters were not as good as Cardiffians are accustomed to expect. They were poor at the start, and their excellent work in the second half did not compensate for the gross failures of the opening stages. It would be unfair to single out anyone for special mention. Paddison, of the Swansea third line, was good, and Hill also did well. W. L. Morgan was easily the best half back on the field, but Rhys Rees at times showed much of his old brilliance. Sid Jones also showed good form for Cardiff, and his debut on the Park may be considered a success. To the forwards on both sides credit is due. Each pack played nobly and by neither can much advantage be claimed. The keenness maintained all through was surprising and the game was full of excitement, towards which the forwards contributed much by footwork of a high order. Evans, Pyke, and Pullen were conspicuous for the home side, and E. Morgan was perhaps the best of the All Whites pack but every man did well.

It is unfortunate that the referee found it necessary to order a Swansea player off the field. A similar incident occurred in the Swansea-Cardiff Reserves game a very short time since, and such occurrences do not tend to improve the good feeling of the players. Mr Pollock explained to our representative that he was compelled to order the Swansea player off for foul language.

Newport 2nd 24/10/08

NEWPORT 2nd v. CARDIFF 2nd.

This match was played at Newport before a fair crowd. For the first ten minutes play was of a mediocre character, neither side showing up to advantage. Then the Cardiff forwards, having had the best of the scrums broke away and looked like scorers. The home full-back, however, just managed to save in the nick of time. Later the Cardiffians again pressed, and Morgan, a brother of the London Welshman, ran over smartly. The extra points were not added.

Just before the half-time whistle Lamey scored for Cardiff.

Half-time Score— G. T. M.
Cardiff 2nd 0 1 0
Newport 2nd 0 0 0

In the second half Cardiff again pressed, and W. A. Jones scored from a clever burst. The decisions of the referee, Mr Tom James, Abercrombie, were causing considerable dissatisfaction, and when Jones again dropped a goal there was much hooting and booing, the crowd shouting that the ball had not passed between the posts. The referee promptly stopped the game, and matters looked like coming to a deadlock. Mr Arthur Boncher, the ex-International, was subsequently seen to consult with the referee, after which the game was restarted. Lamey again scored for Cardiff.

Final Score— G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves 1 4 0
Newport 2nd 0 0 0
*Dropped.

Chepstow 24/10/08

CHEPSTOW v. CARDIFF RESERVES.

At Chepstow. Teams:-

Cardiff-Back, E R Evans; three-quarter backs, McCraith, W Jones, W A Jones, and King; half-backs, Morgan and Franks; forwards, A B Jones, John, Lamey, Lewis, George Pullen, Rees, Davies, and D S Evans.

Chepstow-Back, Price; three-quarter backs, Ellis, Edwards, A Davies, and Coles; half-backs, Owen and Priest; forwards, Cumper, Dunn, Lloyd, Morgan, E Packer, C Packer, Spencer, and Wright.

The ground was in splendid condition. Morgan kicked off for Chepstow, but King marked, and sent to touch at half-way. Play rained in neutral territory, and E W Jones dropped for goal, a minor resulting. After open play Cardiff invaded, and were conceded a minor. The visitors pressed, but the home team cleared. Play was transferred to Cardiff ground, where Owen lost a chance by kicking instead of passing. Near the 25 Edwards from a free dropped a goal.

Half-time Score— G. T. M.
Chepstow 2nd 1 0 0
Cardiff 2nd 0 0 0

*Penalty.

Resuming, Chepstow worked down and invaded, Owen nearly getting over. Chepstow continued to press, and Davies crossed, but was called back for going in touch. Cardiff were penalised, but Edwards a kick fell short. Cardiff relieved the pressure and got to Chepstow's 25, where from a line Lamey was allowed to cross, the touch judge keeping up his flag. The try was allowed, Evans converted.

Final Score— G. T. M.
Cardiff 1 0 0
Chepstow 1 0 0

*Penalty.

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GARDIFF RESERVES v GLOUCESTER II.

At Cardiff Arms Park before a fair attendance. It was a mediocre exhibition, and calls for little comment. Cardiff showed all round superiority, although the play of their backs could have been improved upon. Anyhow, they always held the Gloucester men well in hand and won comfortably. The home halves were far trickier than the opposing pair, and opened up the game repeatedly, while although faulty at times the quartette were far in front of their opponents. Forward, too, the Cardiffians were smarter, and had greater command of the ball.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Seconds.....	3	0 0
Gloucester Seconds.....	0	0 0

LOCAL RUGBY.

CARDIFF RESERVES v. CARDIFF ROMILLY.

Much interest was created in the meeting of these teams at the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon. Romilly, the winners of the Mallett Cup competition, being expected to give the Reserves a good game. At the start the weather was fine, but the ground was in a heavy condition. Romilly had a good record to their credit, their success over Maesteg a few weeks ago enhancing their reputation.

It was a fair game, and the result fairly indicates the relative merits of the teams. Romilly appeared to put much more "go" into their play than the home-teams—perhaps a little too much at times—but on the whole they had the best of the argument. They were more nippy than the Reserves, and handled the ball with better precision. Forward there was little difference in the tight maels, but in the loose play Romilly held the advantage. Litchfield scored the only try of the game.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Romilly	0	1 3
Cardiff Reserves	0	0 0

Newport 2nd
 Mch 18 / 05.

Swansea 2nd
 Mch 15 / 05.

CARDIFF II. v. NEWPORT II.

At Cardiff Arms Park, on a heavy ground, but otherwise under ideal conditions. There was a fair attendance.

Cardiff fully merited their substantial win, being all round the better team. With the exception of the last 10 minutes they were invariably attacking, and displayed much more resource than their opponents in every department of the game. The Uskiders were slow and obviously out of trim, while the home men were quick and nippy.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	2	2 0
Newport 2nd	0	1 0

CARDIFF 2nds v. SWANSEA 2nds.

The Cardiff Second Fifteen have the honour of breaking the ground record of the Swansea Second string, and by the decisive margin of eight points to nil—a score which was fully merited on the day's play. From the outset the visitors displayed form of a high order, and it was apparent that the home-sters would have to exhibit more than orthodox play to keep their reputation intact.

Oystermouth *Apr 15/15* CARDIFF RESERVES v. OYSTERMOUTH.

At the Cardiff Arms Park immediately after the Premier's game with Devouport Albion, Evans kicked off for Cardiff, and some very fast play followed, both ends being visited in turn. Eventually however the Reserves settled down to a strong attack, and kept the visitors well inside the 25. A few scrums showed Oystermouth to advantage, but the superior back play of the home team, who played in white jerseys, enabled them to keep up the pressure. A pretty bout of passing gave Cardiff a try through King, after all the three-quarters had handled, but Evans was unsuccessful with a corner kick. A second try again by King was the outcome of a really brilliant bout of passing, and delighted the large number of spectators who had remained. Evans this time converted. Cardiff remained in control of the game in the open, and the visitors contributed better form than has been shown on numerous occasions on the Park this season. Taylor on the left wing and his colleague on the other were responsible for some good tackling, and repeatedly stopped the home three-quarters when scoring seemed inevitable. Hunt at last relieved by smartly intercepting a pass, and his punt found touch close to the Cardiff line, but only a minor result.

Half-time Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	1 1 0
Oystermouth	0 0 0

The visiting forwards recommenced in good style, but their backs failed to cope with the capital form of the Cardiff three-quarters. Then the home team assumed the aggressive, but the Mumbles men exhibited any amount of grit, and the interest in the game was well maintained all through. Excellent defence kept the Cardiff men at bay until near the close, when McCraith scored a beautiful try after beating several men. Evans missed the kick from the corner by inches. Two minutes later McCraith and Jones were stopped on the line after a good bit of work, but the 25 line again became the venue. W. A. Jones was the next to cross, and again the kick was successful. The same player added his second try after another good bit of play, and once more Evans majorised. Cardiff were pressing when time was called.

Final Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	5 2 0
Oystermouth	0 0 0

REMARKS.

That the Cardiff Club possesses a really good set of backs in its reserve team was amply demonstrated in this game. Every man clearly established his claim for promotion, and as a combination it can safely be said that the club has never possessed a better set of reserve backs. Some of the movements were beautifully executed, and showed a fund of initiative which promises well for the future of the club. The speed at which play was maintained was surprising, and both packs did well throughout, but it was a game of outside work that it will be remembered. The home team fully deserved their win, but the visitors were unfortunate in having to meet them in such a happy mood, and the result showed the heaviest score which has yet been recorded against them. They are a team of decided merit.

MERTHYR v. CARDIFF RESERVES.

Victory for the Merthyrrians.

The splendid attendance at the Cefn ground on Saturday clearly demonstrated that a good-class game will always be well supported in Merthyr, and it may be added that the spectators got good value for their money. There were a few changes on both sides, but the teams were well represented, and a fine struggle was witnessed. In the first half the home team had the disadvantage of playing up the slope, and for the first few minutes it appeared probable that the Cardiff men would cross over with a heavy lead. Gradually, however, the home pack rose to the occasion, and the "nippiness" of the visitors was frustrated by smart tackling. Chris Williams was in fine form amongst the backs, and early on he proved a thorn in the flesh. On several occasions he was very dangerous, but the first try came from a scrum in the visitors' 25, burly Parry James, with a few yards to go, forcing his way over. Williams converted in fine style, and there after the home supporters felt happy. In the second half Cardiff showed more of their true form, but they failed to do more than obtain a good try, so that the victory rested with the Merthyr team. The referee (Mr. Llewellyn) kept the players well in hand, and the game was very free from vigorous play. The Cardiff pack were inferior to that of the home team, but they possessed good halves and a fine set of three-quarters, their concerted movements at times being particularly pleasing. The Merthyr team, taken as a whole, did very well indeed, and the score about indicates the merits of the sides.

Merthyr—Backs: Horsman; three-quarter backs, Ed James, Chris Williams, Harry Merriman, and G. Rogers; half-backs, J. Dickson and Roy Macgregor; forwards, G. H. Lewis (capt.), P. C. Dick Thomas, H. James, P. C. Dick Jones, P. C. Edmunds, Chris Jones, E. Lewis, and D. Davies.

Cardiff—Backs: Rees Davies; three-quarter backs, G. Macraugh, E. W. Jones, W. H. King, and T. Jones; half-backs, W. L. Morgan and T. Frank; forwards, D. L. Evans (capt.), T. Samuels, R. John, T. Lamey, L. George, D. Pike, J. Bowen, and J. Macintyre.

Final Score—	G. T. M.
Merthyr	1 0 0
Cardiff Reserves	0 1 0

CARDIFF RESERVES v. CANTON.

The recent win of the Romilly team over the Cardiff Reserves failed to arouse even average interest in this game, which was played at the Park before a mere handful of spectators. The Reserves suffered from a liberal drawing by the premiers, who were short at Llanelli, and the teams fielded as follows:—

Canton—Back, W. Thomas; three-quarter backs, J. Mills, Hubert Harding, J. Thomas, and J. Williams; half-backs, G. Bird (captain) and W. Jackson; forwards, W. Jenkins, W. Richards, T. Good, W. Harding, C. Howells, J. Groves, B. Belmont, and H. Morgan.

Cardiff Reserves—Back, Rhys Davies; three-quarter backs, G. McCraith, E. W. Jones, W. A. Jones, and Warfield; half-backs, T. Franks and E. Thomas; forwards, J. George, A. H. Jones, D. L. Evans (captain), D. Pike, B. Moon, P. Lamey, R. John, and J. Bowen.

Referee, Mr. J. S. Phipp, Barry.

Final Score—	G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	4 4-31
Canton	1 0-5

REMARKS.

Last season's League champions were completely outclassed at all points of the game, and had the Reserves been in their usual good form they would have sustained a heavier defeat. The only redeeming feature in their play was the capital kicking of Hubert Harding, who was very safe. For Cardiff all the backs did well, and of the forwards Lamey, Evans, and Pike shared the honours with good, and Jenkins. That local football is a long way behind the Reserves' standard was amply demonstrated.

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Sept 24	Pemylau	Won	*	1	1	7	*1		4
Oct 1	Bristol 2 nd	Won				5			Nil
8	Monley 2 nd	Won	+	8	2	14			Nil
15	Newport 2 nd	Won				3			Nil
22	Swansea 2 nd	Won		1	2	11	*2		8
Nov 24	Merthyr	Won			1	3			Nil
5	Gloucester 2 nd	Won	+	2	3	16			Nil
12	Carpshilly	Lost				Nil	*1		4
19	Newport 2 nd	Won			4	12			Nil
Dec 26	Swansea 2 nd	Lost			1	3	2	2	16.
3	Brixton Ferry	Won			4	12.			Nil
10	Chips Bow	Won	*	1	3	13			Nil
17	Manar Dee	Won		2		10			Nil
24	Whitchurch	Draw			1	3	+	1	3
Jan 31	Monley 2 nd	Draw		1		5		1	5
7	Carpshilly	Won		2	2	16.			Nil
21	Bristol 2 nd	Draw.							
Feb 28	Brixton Ferry	Draw.			1	3		1	3
7	Whitchurch								
11	Swansea 2 nd	Won		1	1	8	*1		4
18	Newport 2 nd	Won	*	1	4	16			Nil
25	Chips Bow	Won		1		5	+	1	3
Mar 4	Gloucester 2 nd	Won		3		15			Nil
11	Bristol City Wanderers	Lost.				Nil		1	3
18	Newport 2 nd	Won		2	2	16		1	3
25	Swansea 2 nd	Won		1	1	8			Nil
Apr 1	Exmouth	Won		3	2	21			Nil
8	Merthyr.	Lost.				3	1		5
15	Champion Run League	Won	*	4	4	21	1		5
22	Manar Dee								
29	Exmouth	Draw.			1	3		1	3
				35	42	292	12	6	69.

Played 28 Won 20 Lost 4 Drawn 4.

- * 2 Drop Goals
- * 1 Drop Goal
- + Penalty Goal

The Try Getters.

Tries have been scored by T. Maclean 6, G. McCraith 9, H. W. Jones 5, W. Patten 5, W. H. Gunstone 2, J. L. Williams 3, W. L. Morgan 2, P. Jacey 7, J. Robb 2, L. Evans 1, W. A. Jones 7, A. B. Jones 2, W. L. Williams 2 and J. Jennings, D. Timothy, A. Kilgus, G. Northmore, W. Bae, Campbell, S. Jones, T. Samuels, Warfield, and P. Strond 1 each. D. L. Evans converted 28 tries, I. Meddick, H. Jennings, G. McCraith, W. A. Jones, and D. L. Evans have one dropped goal each to their credit, whilst D. L. Evans and McCraith have a penalty goal each. The summarised results show 292 points for, and 69 against.

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Oystermouth Sept. 30th

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CARDIFF RESERVES V. OYSTERMOUTH.

Played on the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon. Play was even in the first half, but Cardiff changed over with a lead of five points. Tries were scored by D. L. Evans, Lew George, and converted by D. L. Evans, who also kicked a penalty goal. Oystermouth crossed the line twice, one of the tries being converted.

Half-time score.		
Cardiff Reserves	3	0 13
Oystermouth	1	1 8

In the second half Cardiff kept up the pressure almost continuously, and another penalty given against Oystermouth resulted in D. L. Evans kicking another goal. The Mumbles men never looked like reducing the Reserves' lead of eight points, being well beaten everywhere. In the last minute a try was scored by Randall Davies, and converted by D. L. Evans.

Final score.		
Cardiff Reserves	5	0 21
Oystermouth	1	1 8

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CARDIFF RESERVES V BRISTOL SECONDS,

At Cardiff Arms Park. The attendance of spectators was not so large as usual when the second teams meet on the park. D. L. Evans, the Cardiff skipper, kicked off, and Bristol made a poor return to touch near their own 25 flag. The visiting forwards worked play back to the centre, where a number of scrummages took place, the home team gradually working their way into the visitors' territory. An exchange of long kicks between Bishop and Woods ended in favour of the latter. Pullin then broke away, but was rushed into touch within a few yards of the Bristol goal-line. A strong rush by the Bristol men followed, and Cardiff were compelled to concede a minor. Bristol's third line next started a pretty bout of passing, but Ernie Jones intercepted, and sent play back to the centre. From this point Cardiff dribbled away smartly, and Pugsley got possession and succeeded in scoring a very tricky try. The skipper failed to convert. From the next scrum the Cardiff half-backs put their three-quarters in motion, and clever passing between W. A. Jones and M'Craith enabled the latter to romp over. The place-kick again failed. Shortly afterwards another brilliant effort by the Cardiff three-quarters was spoiled by a forward pass. The Cardiff third line again got away, and Pullin scored a try, which was not majorised. A free kick to Bristol fell short.

Half-time score.		
Cardiff Reserves	0	3 9
Bristol Seconds	0	0 0

After the lemon interval Bristol restarted. Cardiff failed to return, and the ball was sent into touch near the home 25 flag. Meads was hurt at this stage of the game, and had to be taken off the field, but returned to play after a short rest. A few good individual efforts by the Bristol three-quarters enabled them to keep down the score, but Cardiff continued to have the best of the game. A penalty goal was next registered by the Cardiff skipper. The battle was waged for the next ten minutes near the Bristol goal-line, but Bristol defended well, and eventually cleared their line by a good dribble to the centre. Bristol next invaded Cardiff territory, but their stay here was a short one, and Cardiff were soon again attacking hotly.

Final score.		
Cardiff Reserves	1	3 12
Bristol Seconds	0	0 0
*Penalty goal.		

CARDIFF RESERVES V NEWPORT SECONDS

This game was played on the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon. There was a very small number of spectators on the ground when the teams took the field. Both teams were well represented.

The Cardiff skipper kicked off from the racket court end, and the home team had the best of a few exchanges, and soon compelled the Newport back to concede a minor. The visitors next strongly attacked, and it was some time before the Reserves were able to ease the pressure. When the ball had been brought well into Newport ground a cross kick was well taken by Alby Davies, who, having a clear course, raced grandly down the field and placed the ball over the line. H. Thomas made a poor shot at goal. The play was more even for the next ten minutes, neither side being able to break away. Newport, at length, made a good forward rush, and the Cardiff men were again in danger, and Frank Woods touched down. Cardiff next pressed, and Gunstone took a shot at goal, but failed to score, and Newport gained relief by touching down. Reserves were now playing up splendidly, but their passing was slovenly, and several good opportunities of scoring were spoiled. The interval was then signalled.

Half-time score.		
Newport Seconds	0	1 3
Cardiff Reserves	0	0 0

Gus Jones re-started after the interval, and Pullin, who had exchanged places with Gunstone, got possession, and travelled splendidly to within a few yards of the Newport goal-line before he was brought down. E. W. Jones took a shot at goal, which went wide, and Newport touched down. A pretty bout of passing by the Cardiff three-quarters put Newport again on the defensive. Loose play enabled the visiting forwards to dribble into Cardiff territory. Alby Davies dropped for goal, but failed. Cardiff next rushed the ball to the visitors' 25 flag, but it was soon returned to neutral ground. W. A. Jones put in a long kick, and Hannan touched down. Newport were penalised, and the ball was placed for the Cardiff skipper, who, however, failed to direct the ball over the bar. From the next scrum Cardiff got away, and looked like scoring, but King saved well for Newport. The home team continued to do most of the attacking, but for lack of finish to their work were unable to break down the defence. Newport were again penalised for off-side play, but the place kick was charged down. A splendid forward rush by Cardiff enabled Jones and Pugsley to fall on the ball over the line and score. The Cardiff skipper converted. Time was then called.

Final score.		
Cardiff Reserves	1	0 5
Newport II.	0	1 3

CADDOXTON V. DINAS POWIS.

Although Dinas Powis is quite a new combination they possess some real good players, and the fact that they were beaten by Cadodxon by three goals to nil on the Dinas Powis ground, certainly does not discredit. Cadodxon even surprised their own supporters by their smart display.

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CARDIFF RESERVES

At Swansea in ideal large crowd. Match created a good deal of interest, the difference between the two teams being very small. It was that Cardiff won played. Both sides were well represented.

Swansea 2nd-1-1
E. Davies, T. Grey, half-backs, Kift and Warburton. A. Williams, F. Croxall, Cardiff Reserves-1-1
backs, G. McCraith, H. Pullen; half-backs, D. L. Evans (captain), W. Hothead, Pugsley.

Reference-1-1
E. Morris kicked all in favour of Swansea. Cardiff men offered no opposition. Jones took play along the whole Swansea on the possession scored a goal.

Cardiff Reserves Swansea Second
Cardiff restarted in order of the game, led by vigorous into their own half, down the field as a foreign ground was in touch by Wood of the Cardiff for Thomas's shoulder with a second try minute later. After two minutes Swansea goal posts for Cardiff the final was equatorial line.

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Swansea 2nd Oct. 21st

Gloucester 2nd Oct. 28th 11

CARDIFF RESERVES v. SWANSEA 2nds.

At Swansea in ideal football weather, before a large crowd. Matches between these teams always create a good deal of interest, as during the last few seasons the difference in the score by either side has been very small. The result of last season's games was that Cardiff won three out of the four games played. Both sides fielded their full strength as follows:-

Swansea 2nd—Back, F. Rees; three-quarter backs, E. Davies, T. Grey, W. R. Thomas, and T. Stephens; half-backs, K. H. Davies; forwards, E. Morgan, E. Warburton, A. Williams, I. Morgan, D. Price, A. Beanger, F. C. Morgan, and G. Hayward.

Cardiff Reserves—Back, F. Woods; three-quarter backs, G. McGrath, E. W. Jones, W. A. Jones, and W. H. Pullen; half-backs, E. Davies and S. Jones; forwards, D. L. Evans (captain), A. B. Jones, L. George, R. Davies, W. Holtham, R. John, F. Stroud, and J. Pugsley.

Referee—Mr. D. M. Davies, Neath.
E. Morgan kicked off, and the opening stages were all in favour of Swansea. For fully ten minutes the Cardiff men offered a stubborn defence, Wood, McGrath, and Jones being very prominent. A minor brought them relief, and some useful punts by G. Jones took play to the Swansea half, when W. A. Jones dropped a goal. A pretty bout of passing along the whole Cardiff quartette again placed Swansea on the defensive, and Ernie Jones getting possession scored an unconverted try.

	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	1 1 0
Swansea Seconds	0 0 0

Cardiff restarted and desultory forward play was the order of the game for some time. The home forwards, led by Ivor Morgan, now enthused more vigour into their play, and for once in a while came down the field at a rattling pace, but their stay in foreign ground was short-lived, thanks to useful punts to touch by Woods and Pullen. A cross kick by one of the Cardiff forwards was splendidly taken off Thomas's shoulder by Ernie Jones, who romped in with a second try for Cardiff. No goal resulted. A minute later Pullen scored an unconverted try. After two minutes' scrambling play in front of the Swansea goal posts, Pullen again notched three points for Cardiff. Swansea rallied somewhat, and the final was called when play was about the equatorial line.

	G. T. P.
Cardiff Reserves	1 4 0
Swansea Seconds	0 0 0

*Dropped.

REMARKS.

The win of the Cardiff Reserves over Swansea 2nd to-day is the biggest reverse suffered by the latter for several seasons. There was no semblance of a snipe in the creditable win by Cardiff, as the score suggests. Except during the initial ten minutes, the homesters showed poor form, there being an utter want of cohesion among the forwards, with the exception of one occasion early in the second portion of the game. The key to the position was the splendid way in which the Cardiff forwards kept control of the ball in the scrums. Nine times out of ten they fed their half-backs, and on the four occasions in which they visited the Swansea 25 notched a score. The homesters had several opportunities to score in the first half, but lost them through a want of understanding in the rear division. Woods at back played splendidly, offensively as well as defensively. The same can be said of Fred Rees, of Swansea. K. H., the outside half of Swansea, broke away several times, but was poorly supported. Evan Davies and Gray were the best of the home three-quarters. The home forwards, as before stated, gave a very poor display. Prominent amongst them for good play were Beanger and Ivor Morgan. All the Cardiff forwards played a splendid game, especially in the loose. The best at back were E. Jones, W. A. Jones, and W. Pullen.

Gloucester were unfortunate in having to travel minus three of their regular three-quarters, one of whom was injured by a representative side, the only chance being E. Lewis for McGrath (who has injured his knee) at three-quarter. Teams:-

Cardiff Reserves—Back, F. Woods; three-quarter backs, W. H. Pullen, W. A. Jones, E. W. Jones, and E. Lewis; half-backs, S. Jones and Randall Davies; forwards, D. Evans, H. B. Jones, F. Stroud, R. Davies, W. Holtham, J. Pugsley, R. John, and H. E. Wood. Gloucester Seconds—Back, Welshman; three-quarter backs, Hughes, Cook, Perry, Rust; half-backs, Smith, Giddard, forwards, P. Vart (captain), Taylor, Gough, G. Meadows, Holder, Craddock, Merchants. Referee—Mr. J. E. Williams, Pontypridd.

Pullen scored twice for Cardiff in the first five minutes, the first try following a capital round of passing by the three-quarters, whilst the second Evans made the first effort. Gloucester rallied splendidly, and the forwards, by good footwork removed play to the home end. The backs, however, were poor, and the superior play of the home backs transferred play again to the Gloucester half. The monotony of the play at this juncture was relieved by Pullen and Randall Davies, who were in fine form and were at times dangerous. The Cestrian forwards saved the side and the remainder of the initial half was very even.

	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	1 1 0
Gloucester Seconds	0 0 0

The second half opened with a warm attack on the home line, and on two or three occasions a score should have been registered. The visitors were, however, too anxious, and suffered accordingly. W. A. Jones, securing from Randall Davies, made a fine run to the visitors' 25, and E. W. made no mistake in crossing from a good pass by his colleague, who, on stumbling, cleverly got rid of the ball. Evans roared, Gloucester returned to the attack and endeavoured to cross by passing, but it was painfully mechanical, and it was apparent that the change of tactics was a mistake from a visitors' point of view. Intercepting on his own line E. W. Jones got away splendidly to halfway, but he was overtaken, and the visiting back punted to Woods, who made a good run to the other 25, where he was collared, much to the disappointment of the crowd, who were distinctly pleased with the effort of the full-back. Cardiff pressed again, but the closing stages were in favour of Gloucester, who attacked very strongly, and no side was called with play near the home line.

	G. T. P.
Cardiff Reserves	2 1 13
Gloucester 2nd	0 0 0

*Dropped.

REMARKS.

The unpromising start—from a Gloucester point of view—had a great effect on their play, and the game, after the first five minutes, was quite interesting. The visitors fielded a good pack, quite equal to the homesters in scrummaging, but their backs were poor in comparison with the Cardiffians. Frank Woods was in capital form, and each of the three-quarters was good, but Sid Jones was not a great success at half, his colleague, Randall Davies, completely outshining him. On the day's play, Cardiff hardly deserved to win by such a margin, and a score or two by the visitors was well deserved.

Chepstow Nov. 4th 05

CHEPSTOW v. CARDIFF RESERVES.

At Chepstow. Teams:-
Chepstow—Back, F. Jones; three-quarter backs, A. Ellis, B. Edwards, J. Strick, and E. Hodges; half-backs, C. Priest and S. Beasley; forwards, D. Spencer, C. Holly, M. Holly, E. Lloyd, H. Morgan, C. Packer, E. Packer, and E. Spencer.

Cardiff—Back, F. Woods; three-quarter backs, McGrath, N. A. Jones, E. Jones, and W. Pullen; half-backs, Randall Davies and Sid Jones; forwards, D. Evans, Pike, A. B. Jones, Rees Davies, Pugsley, Stroud, J. Jones, and C. A. Rees.

Cardiff kicked off, Chepstow returning to touch at halfway. Play in neutral ground succeeded. Following the line out, after fairly even play, the visitors invaded, and two attempts at goal dropping failed. In the Chepstow 25 Priest got the ball from a scrum, but losing it S. Jones secured and scored. Evans goaling.

	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	1 0 0
Chepstow	0 0 0

Resuming from play in halfway Cardiff kicked and the ball rolled over the line, but the Chepstow back was too close up, and Pullen being faster scored. Evans failing to improve, Cardiff backs got to work time after time, and E. Jones, W. A. Jones, and McGrath scored, two of the tries being converted by Evans. Priest, kicking too low, missed dropping a goal for Chepstow.

	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	3 2 0
Chepstow	0 0 0

*Dropped.

REMARKS.

The first half was fairly evenly contested, play being of a fast character, mainly in neutral ground, but just before the whistle sounded Priest, losing the ball, let S. Jones in. The second half showed the superiority of Cardiff, and their backs did some splendid passing. Chepstow lacked tackling power, and their defence was easily overcome. Cardiff backs also excelled in speed and kicking ability, and went strong to the end.

WHITCHURCH V CARDIFF SECONDS

At Whitchurch. Much interest was shown in this game. The reserves scored from the first scrum, but the ensuing bout of passing was nullified by good tackling. Smart play by Fred Thomas and a rush by the Whitchurch forwards forced the centre bluffed the defence, and scored. Evans converting.

Half-time score. G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves 1 0 5
Whitchurch 0 0 0

Following the interval the Reserves scored through a scrum. The final pass was, however, palpably forward. No goal resulted. Whitchurch worked their way to Cardiff territory, but Woods cleared effectively. Then play was removed to the home line, where Randall Davies scored smartly on the blind side. Ernie Jones added another, Evans converting. A penalty being given to Whitchurch, Sam Howells dropped a goal from an awkward angle.

Final score. G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves 2 2 16
Whitchurch 1 0 3

E. W. Jones

Newport 7th Nov. 18th 05

NEWPORT SECONDS V CARDIFF SECONDS

D. J. BOOTS RE-APPEARS.

At Newport, before a small crowd D. J. Boots, of the Newport firsts, who has been on the injured list for some time, made his re-appearance. At the start Newport did all the attacking, play being chiefly confined to the forwards. The home men were awarded a penalty in the Cardiff 25, but the kick was charged down. Soon afterwards some passing was indulged in by the visitors' three-quarters, and with a fine run from half-way W. A. Jones scored for Cardiff. No goal resulted.

Half-time score. G. T. Pts.
Cardiff II 0 1 3
Newport II 0 0 0

After the interval Cardiff held the upper hand for some time. Play was for the most part of a scrambling and uninteresting character. Cardiff did most of the heeling, but the Cardiff backs were not making the best use of the chances that came their way.

Final score. G. T. Pts.
Cardiff II 0 1 3
Newport II 0 0 0

Swansea 2nd Nov. 25th 05

CARDIFF 2nd v. SWANSEA 2nd.

While the Premiers were doing duty at St. Helen's the second strings entertained the spectators on the Cardiff Arms Park. When the teams met earlier in the season Cardiff secured a somewhat easy success, but for to-day's game the All Whites had been considerably strengthened, and it was freely anticipated that the visitors to-day would make a keen fight. The services of Polien being required for the Firsts, W. Litchfield, another of the "Laughing Philosophers" clever quartette, was given another trial on the wing. The weather was very murky when the teams fielded as follows:

Cardiff Reserves—Back, Frank Woods; three-quarter backs, Geo. Craith, W. A. Jones, E. W. Jones, W. Litchfield; half-backs, Randall Davies and Edgar Thomas; forwards, D. L. Evans (captain), D. Pike, J. Pugsley, J. Jones, F. Stroud, E. Rumbelow, W. Holtham, and Rees Davies.

Swansea Reserves—Back, Fred Rees; three-quarter backs, R. Howell, W. A. Thomas, Warburton, and Evans (Brynawel); half-backs, Davies and Kilt; forwards, Ernie Morgan, Raymond, B. Harris, D. Rees, A. Williams, Rowland, K. Holden, and D. Price.

Referee, Mr J. S. Phelps, Barry.

The attendance was extremely meagre when, 15 minutes late, Cardiff started operations. Swansea front rank early on showed their grit by clever rushes, and for fully ten minutes penned Cardiff in their own 25. Relief was eventually obtained from a free kick, which brought play to the centre. Ginger Thomas cleverly got the ball from the ensuing scrum, and the ball being well handled by Cardiff's back division a score seemed certain.

The final pass to Litchfield was a poor one, a fine chance of scoring going astray. A moment later D. L. Evans from a line-out crossed with a try, which was not converted. A neatly bout of passing between Litchfield and W. A. Jones enabled the latter to add another try, which again was not converted. Warburton and Evans were prominent in a moment later further increasing their score. Just previous to the interval Cardiff scored another try, which again was not majorised.

George McCraith, almost as the whistle blew, crossed with a try, which D. L. Evans converted.

Half-time score. G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves 0 1 3
Swansea Reserves 1 3 4

Darkness came on so quickly in the second moiety that it was impossible to distinguish the players of either side. Ernie Jones scored for Cardiff after five minutes' play, which was not majorised. D. L. Evans soon afterwards improved Cardiff's position with a penalty goal.

Final score. G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves 2 4 22
Swansea Reserves 0 0 0

*One penalty.

CARDIFF RESERVES V. LLANGENNECH.

At the Cardiff Arms Park. The attendance was a very meagre one when five minutes late the teams fielded as follows:

Cardiff Reserves—Back, Frank Woods; three-quarter backs, G. McCraith, E. W. Jones, W. A. Jones, and W. H. Pullen; half-backs, Randall Davies and Edgar Thomas; forwards, D. L. Evans, D. Pike, Ted Lewis, Fred Stroud, A. B. Jones, C. Measor, Jonah Davies, and W. Holtham.

Llangennech—Back, J. Morgan; three-quarter backs, W. J. Morgan, W. Thomas, T. Williams, and Tom Triss; half-backs, R. Hughes and T. Francis; forwards, J. W. Lewis, B. Howen, G. Davies, L. Davies, W. Charles, D. Hagedorn, D. J. Davies, and D. Jenkins. Referee, Mr R. H. Smith, W. R. U.

One of last season's Reserves forwards—Ted Lewis, who has just returned from South Africa—fielded for his old team at a moment's notice, to deputise. Rhys Davies, who failed to turn up. Cardiff started, and the first scrum took place in the visitors' 25, from where the Carmarthenshire men came away to the home half. Pullen and W. A. Jones were instrumental in returning to the other end, and a further attempt at a drop goal by E. W. Jones gave his side a minor. A few minutes afterwards McCraith received a brilliant style and Randall Davies scored a pretty try in the corner, which the captain just missed converting. A tick afterwards Pullen scored—another instance of a capital passing movement, and this time Evans by a beautiful kick majorised from near the touch-line. Cardiff forward play by Llangennech gave them a position in the Cardiff half. Edgar Thomas started a movement which brought play to half-way. McCraith punted, and Ernie Jones collared the full back in great style. McCraith was nearly over after this, after Pullen had run well, but the next score came on the other wing after Edgar Thomas, Willie Jones, and Pullen had shown good form. The latter had the honour of crossing, but the place—again on the touch-line—went just a little wide. Woods, the Cardiff back, showed surprising speed in an attempt to start his three-quarters, but he failed to get through, and the next scrum opened up a passing movement which nearly gave Pullen another try, but he did a great deal towards the try which W. A. Jones scored a minute afterwards, and the pair played brilliantly in its making. Once more from the touch-line Evans failed to convert. To date the form of the Reserves would have done credit to the majority of first-class clubs, and the standard of back play aroused great enthusiasm amongst the small crowd of spectators. Some movements were very well conceived, and at no period was initiative absent. Nothing further was scored in the first half.

Half-time score. G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves 1 3 14
Llangennech 0 0 0

Cardiff opened very tamely in the second moiety, being evidently content with their lead of 14 points. Llangennech were showing a trifle of the brilliancy for which they have been famed, and their three-quarters repeatedly shone in defence. Cardiff just after came away with a rattle, thanks to some clever footwork by the front rank. Pullen eventually got possession, and running well down the field threw over to Edgar Thomas, who crossed over with a try, which D. L. Evans failed to convert. Still keeping up the pressure Cardiff compelled the visitors to actively defend. Ernie Jones once made a bold attempt to cross, but Llangennech's tackling was too keen, and a scrum-mage followed. The visitors, who throughout had been playing in excellent style, then took a turn at attack, and play for the next ten minutes was in Cardiff territory. Next play by the Cardiff forwards removed the danger, and then their three-quarter line once again got in motion, G. McCraith notching a pretty try, which D. L. Evans converted.

Final score. G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves 2 4 22
Llangennech 0 0 0

Whitchurch Dec. 23rd

WHITCHURCH V. CARDIFF RESERVES.

At Whitchurch. The teams fielded late. The visitors played several substitutes, whilst the Whitchurch had several recruits in their ranks. Cardiff won the toss, and were favoured by a strong breeze. Whitchurch pressed at the outset, but Davies relieved with a smart touch-line sprint. Passes by the Cardiff backs were nullified by resolute tackling, and Whitchurch again became dangerous. W. A. Jones relieved by a grand individual effort, which ended in that player dropping a smart goal. The Reserves continued to show the better football, but at half-time the score remained unchanged.

Half-time score. G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves 11 0 0
Whitchurch 0 0 0

Following the restart Whitchurch became aggressive. Cardiff changed the venue by a series of ebbs and flows, and forced a minor. The Whitchurch forwards were now playing a dashing game and forced the Reserves to act strictly on the defensive. A long kick by W. A. Jones saw Howells taking matters too easy, and Jones dashing up registered rather a soft try. From now to the call of time there was no other incident of note.

Final score. G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves 11 0 0
Whitchurch 0 0 0

*Dropped.

CARDIFF F

There was only the Cardiff Arms Park game between the Cardiff and the Cardiff Reserves, which was a very meagre one when five minutes late the teams fielded as follows:

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Llangennech—Back, J. Morgan; three-quarter backs, W. J. Morgan, W. Thomas, T. Williams, and Tom Triss; half-backs, R. Hughes and T. Francis; forwards, J. W. Lewis, B. Howen, G. Davies, L. Davies, W. Charles, D. Hagedorn, D. J. Davies, and D. Jenkins. Referee, Mr R. H. Smith, W. R. U.

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To date the form of the Reserves would have done credit to the majority of first-class clubs, and the standard of back play aroused great enthusiasm amongst the small crowd of spectators. Some movements were very well conceived, and at no period was initiative absent. Nothing further was scored in the first half.

Half-time score. G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves 1 3 14
Llangennech 0 0 0

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Still keeping up the pressure Cardiff compelled the visitors to actively defend. Ernie Jones once made a bold attempt to cross, but Llangennech's tackling was too keen, and a scrum-mage followed. The visitors, who throughout had been playing in excellent style, then took a turn at attack, and play for the next ten minutes was in Cardiff territory. Next play by the Cardiff forwards removed the danger, and then their three-quarter line once again got in motion, G. McCraith notching a pretty try, which D. L. Evans converted.

Final score. G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves 2 4 22
Llangennech 0 0 0

Cardiff F
Mossley

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Moseley 2^{nds} Jan 6th '06

Bristol 2nd Jan 20th '13

CARDIFF RESERVES V. MOSELEY 2nd.

There was only a moderate attendance present on the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon to witness the game between the Cardiff and Moseley second strings. Cardiff had so far an unbeaten record, and had scored 175 points to their opponents 14. Moseley, too, had been doing well, having played 14 matches, seven of which were won, five lost, and two drawn. D. L. Evans, the Reserves' captain, was the only absentee on the Cardiff side. The teams fielded as follows:-

Cardiff Reserves—Back, Frank Woods; three-quarter backs, G. McGrath, W. A. Jones, Ernie Jones, and Warfield; half-backs, "Ginger" Thomas and Randall Davies; forwards, Rhys Davies, F. Stroud, D. Pike, A. B. Jones, R. Holtham, E. Lewis, G. G. Pritchard, and Jonah Jones.

Moseley 2nd—Back, S. B. Caddick; three-quarter backs, H. S. McVicar, J. B. Hart, D. Vane, J. H. Birtles, and H. J. Brown; half-backs, H. B. Rudge and P. W. Allday; forwards, J. H. Struten, P. H. Baylis, J. Frame, H. Frame, H. M. Scate, A. Rome, R. B. Gibbons, and O. W. L. Alexander.

Play had only been in progress a few minutes ere the Cardiff halves set their backs in motion, and G. McGrath, despite the slippery state of the ground, ran round in a favourable position, the point being majorised by the scorer. Moseley rallied a trifle after this, and then Randall Davies got possession, and after a short run transferred to Ernie Jones, who, in the trickiest manner imaginable, bluffed his opponents and scored what was undoubtedly a clever try, which McGrath on this occasion failed to convert. Going at it with a bang Cardiff quickly got into Moseley territory, where after some scrappy scrummaging "Ginger" Thomas threw out to W. A. Jones, who in neat fashion gave over to his namesake "Ernie." The last mentioned after running a few yards handed to Warfield the Penylan wing, who romped over with Cardiff's third try. Frank Woods took the kick, and his effort was a well directed one, the ball striking the posts and rebounding into play. It was now all Lombard-street to a China orange on Cardiff maintaining their record. "Ernie" Jones adding another unconverted try after a pretty run. Frank Woods shot at goal again, striking the posts. From scrambling forward play F. Stroud ran across, Woods on this occasion majorising. Ernie Jones again distinguished himself, and intercepting some passing between the Moseley backs at halfway ran clean through and scored his third try. Woods converting. At this point F. Stroud left the field for the pavilion, owing to an injury.

Half-time Score— G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves..... 3 3-24
Moseley 2nd..... 0 0-0

During the interval it was announced that Stroud had sustained an injury to his knee which necessitated his enforced retirement, with the result that Cardiff were only playing 11 men. Moseley did much better in the opening stages of the second half, but the clever tackling of the Cardiff three-quarters nullified any efforts they made at scoring. Once they got well inside the Cardiff twenty-five, W. A. Jones relieved to halfway with a long kick. Birtles, the veteran of the visiting side, made desperate efforts to score, but on each occasion was held up by Ernie Jones. Relief came from a long kick by W. A. Jones, the venue being removed to the Moseley 25. Caddick the visitors' full-back, with useful kicks repeatedly drove Cardiff back to mid-field. Cardiff, being a man short in front, were having none the best of matters in the tight scrums, but Randall Davies and Thomas on the skirts were rendering yeoman defensive service. W. A. Jones ran over after a pretty bout of passing. Woods converted. Cardiff now had a lead of 29 points to nil. Verity. Geo. McGrath, after a neat pick-up in the centre, added another try, which Woods again converted. Within a minute W. A. Jones again crossed, the quo at goal falling.

Final Score— G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves..... 5 4-37
Moseley 2nd..... 0 0-0

BRISTOL 2nd V. CARDIFF RESERVES.

At Bristol in fine but cold weather, and before a large attendance, Bristol had a good team out, and hoped to avenge their twelve points defeat at Cardiff earlier in the season. The teams were:-

Bristol 2nd—Back, May; three-quarter backs, Phillips, Chick, Lambie, and Heale; half-backs, Righton and R. Spoor; forwards, T. Webb, Hoyle, N. Mayer, Reynolds, Redman, A. E. Ribby, L. Mayer, and Parsons.

Cardiff Reserves—Back, Wood; three-quarter backs, G. McGrath, W. Jones, W. Warfield, and E. Thomas; half-backs, R. Davies and E. Thomas; forwards, D. L. Evans, D. Pike, D. Jones, J. Jones, E. Edwards, M. O'Brien, R. Dwyer, and E. Lewis.

Referee, Mr. W. Palmer, Bristol.

C. Wade started the game for Bristol, who at once attacked, but Cardiff smartly worked out of danger. McGrath made a mark and kicked into touch, and a splendid passing movement ended in S. Thomas crossing the line near the post. The kick for goal failed. The Cardiff forwards were very keen at this stage, and got the ball out repeatedly. Then the Bristol forwards, ably led by Wade, took up the running and subjected Cardiff Seconds to a hot attack, but once again the visiting backs set to work, and an opportunity was given W. A. Jones, who scored a fine try, but again the kick for goal failed.

Half-time Score— G. T. Pts.
Cardiff 2nd..... 0 2-6
Bristol 2nd..... 0 0-0

Cardiff pressed after the resumption, and only the tackling by the home backs prevented them from again scoring. Bristol lost two men from injuries in quick succession, and were now heavily handicapped. Lewis got over with the third try for Cardiff. Nothing daunted Bristol pressed, but their efforts lacked finish. Some fine wheeling by the Cardiff forwards brought relief, but again Bristol were back. Cardiff could not clear, and Righton went over as the result of a fine individual effort. He also made a good attempt to convert. Bristol were given a free for off-side, and Chick was very unlucky in not bringing about the downfall of the visitors' goal. Edwards, the Cardiff man, was besting Righton for possession, and Bristol did nothing for a while but defend. Cardiff were again penalised, and the kick gave Bristol an attacking position, but the movement failed.

Final Score— G. T. M.
Cardiff 2nd..... 0 3-0
Bristol 2nd..... 0 1-0

REMARKS.
The visit of the Cardiff Seconds team is always appreciated by the Bristolians. To-day's game was quite up to the usual standard. The game was keen and pleasantly contested. The Cardiff forwards were superior in the scrum. Bristol moved fine open work. The try by Thomas was good work, and the kick at goal only missed by inches. Thomas was in great form, also Woods. Cardiff were the best team in the second half, but Bristol's improved form prevented them adding a large score.

Moseley Feb. 10th '06

MOSELEY SECONDS V. CARDIFF RESERVES.

At Moseley, before a small gate. The ground was little better than a quagmire, and play suffered in consequence. Moseley were the first to attack, but Warfield was safe, and Cardiff played up better. McGrath was grazed near the line, and there was an exciting spell near the home line. The defence, however, triumphed at the end.

Half-time score: G. T. Pts.
Moseley..... 0 0-0
Cardiff..... 0 0-0

On resuming, Moseley were forced to act upon the defensive, but they got the upper hand eventually, and, although the exchanges continued to be somewhat scrappy, Gean got over the line. Birtles failing with the kick. Cardiff afterwards improved, and the remainder of the game was fought out in the home quarters, but the visitors were unlucky.

Final score: G. T. Pts.
Moseley..... 0 1-3
Cardiff..... 0 0-0

COMMENTS.
Cardiff did not infuse the same amount of vigour into their game as Moseley did. The chief aim of the home side seemed to be to prevent the visitors scoring. The Cardiff wing three-quarters were prominent on two or three occasions, but they were closely watched. Moseley scarcely deserved to win, but they tackled finely, and their defence, if not particularly scientific, was at least effective.

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CARDIFF RESERVES V. NEWPORT 2nd
Second-Class Battle of Styles.

At the Cardiff Arms Park. The home team were minus McCarthy, absent through illness, otherwise the team was representative. Owen Jenkins, the Cardiff University centre, started on the wing for the home team. The Newport players were late in the starting, and it was 5.50—35 minutes late—when the teams fielded as under:—

Cardiff—Back, F. Woods; three-quarter backs, O. Jenkins, W. A. Jones, J. Williams and P. Thomas; half-backs, R. Davies and R. Thomas; forwards, D. L. Evans (captain), D. Pike, L. George, J. Jones, R. Davis, D. P. Jones, O. Beasley, and W. Holtman.

Newport—Back, Griffiths; three-quarter backs, W. H. Gunstone, Alby Davies, R. Plummer, and W. J. Winfield; half-backs, Prothero, Priest (captain), and Buckley; forwards, A. East, O. Williams, A. Johnston, W. Coker, A. Palmer, W. Webb, and C. Jenkins.

Cardiff started, and the first few scrums took place on the Newport side of half-way. Good footwork by Newport gave the Cardiff backs trouble, but good kicking repelled the visitors to half way, where a series of scrums took place, slightly in Newport's favour. Open work by Newport, which culminated in a good bout of passing along the third line, gave Gunstone a chance, and the old Cardiffian made a fine burst for the line, just failing to score by inches. A penalty to Cardiff for an infringement by the visiting forwards enabled W. A. Jones to gain touch at the twenty-five line, but the visitors, who were distinctly good in footwork, returned to the attack, and Cardiff were on the defence until their forwards, adapting themselves to the game played by their visitors, reached half-way. A kick by Winfield was replied to by Frank Woods, who just failed to find touch, and Plummer started an attack. From a wide pass Walter Winfield scored and dropped a goal. A penalty to Cardiff for an infringement on the restart was in too difficult a position for D. L. Evans, and the next few minutes saw the home team on the attack, but Newport soon reached the other end again, and after some good passing gained two minors, the second after a shot for goal by Plummer. To date the visitors were distinctly the better side, the footwork of their forwards being excellent, and the speed of their backs was much in evidence. Winfield by a smart run nearly got over, but was tackled just outside, and it is probable that had he passed to his wing man Gunstone would have scored, for the latter was unmarked. Even play at half-way was followed by a grand burst by the Cardiff forwards, and the captain was near scoring, but Griffiths was safe, and gained touch. A moment later the home line was in danger from an opening by the Newport forwards, and Alby Davies with a clear field punted W. A. Jones, however, was at hand, although beaten in pace by the visitor, and saved well.

Half-time Score—	G.	T.	M.
Newport 2nd.....	1	0	0
Cardiff Reserves.....	0	0	0

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Llew. George was prominent on the restart by a run which took play to Newport quarters, and he passed very tricky, but no advantage came from his transfer. Newport reached the other end by footwork, and Gunstone kicked too hard for Fred Thomas, who had no difficulty in conceding a minor. The speed of the visiting backs served them well, and they were able to keep out the Cardiffians, who were superior in the scrummages. A hot attack was now started on the visiting line, and on two occasions trivial infringements robbed the home team of points. Then D. L. Evans just missed a penalty goal, the ball striking the cross-bar—very hard lines. Cardiff continued to hold the upper hand, and their score came through the smartness of Randall Davies and Edgar Thomas, the latter crossing after Griffiths, the full-back, had failed at a flying kick. D. L. Evans just missed the goal. Jonal Jones was temporarily injured, and during his absence from the field Newport got to the Cardiff line, but the home team returned to half-way, where much violent play was introduced into the play. The offside tactics of the Newport halves—unnoticed by the referee—seriously handicapped Cardiff, but they were able to hold the upper hand and some of their efforts to score were meritorious, but ineffective as far as points were concerned. A drop for goal by Woods gave his side a minor. The defence of the Unkalders—a strong feature being the tackling—saved their lines, but the home team were unlucky. Newport eventually reached the home end, but the Cardiffians returned. They were, however, not again dangerous, and when time was called play was in the centre.

Final Score—	G.	T.	M.
Newport Reserves.....	1	0	4
Cardiff Reserves.....	0	1	3

REMARKS.

At the end of the first half the visitors on play fully deserved their lead of four points, but the final score, which gave their victory by a point, did not represent the play. In the first half we saw Newport second at their best in a style of play which in the old days did so much for Usk-side football. They showed a nippiness which, combined with the superior speed of the players, opened up an attractive display, for their passing was as meritorious as their footwork. In this half the seven forward game excelled, since any attempt at passing by the home team was speedily frustrated by the action of an extra man outside and the tackling of both sides was keen almost to a fault. In the second half, however, the eight Cardiff forwards were masters of the situation, and the winning down process enabled Evans to take time hold the upper hand in the scrummages. It would be unfair to single out any forward for special mention, for every man was compelled to exert himself to keep up such a pace as was maintained throughout. Davies and Edgar Thomas were handicapped by the offside tactics of Triest, who profited by the leniency of the referee. They, however, played well. Gunstone and Alby Davies were the pick of the Newport third line, although Winfield showed his displays in Cardiff of late years. The Cardiff defence—and in Fred Thomas and Jenkins it consisted of wings of promise, although the latter suggests more success as a centre. At full back Woods was good without being brilliant, and Griffiths, especially when he allowed Edgar Thomas to score from his failure at a flying kick. On the play the home team were unlucky to lose their ground record. For they sequence of defeats for them as Cardiff, and visiting Cardiff Reserves at Cardiff, was when Llewellyn Lloyd, who had not then gained his place in the first team, played for the second.

CARDIFF RESERVES V SWANSEA II.

This match was played this afternoon at Swansea in fine weather and with the ground in good condition. At the start Swansea got up to the Cardiff line and lost a good chance of scoring. Cardiff then rushed the ball to the other end, but did not stay long. A free-kick was given against them for legs-up, and Swansea got away to the centre. By good play Cardiff got to the Swansea 25, and for about five minutes put in a series of hot attacks. Once a kick across from the halves would have enabled them to score, but there was a knock-on. Then Swansea rushed the ball down, and from this time to the end they were continually attacking. Swansea forwards were chiefly a new lot, and put in some excellent work, but the Cardiff defence was very sure. On three occasions Swansea had hard lines in not getting tries. A penalty kick by Fuller nearly landed a goal.

Half-time score.	G.	T.	M.
Swansea Seconds.....	0	0	0
Cardiff Reserves.....	0	0	0

At the opening of the second half Swansea continued to attack for about five minutes. From a kick by Woods on his goal-line, Swansea got possession, and with a little luck would certainly have scored. The Cardiff defence was very sure, and shortly afterwards Woods was heartily cheered for the way he took the ball from the Swansea kick and ran round the Swansea men, taking play to the other end. Swansea, however, returned to the attack, and got up the Cardiff goal line, where there was heavy scrummaging for some time. No less than six scrummages were formed right on the Cardiff line, but Swansea failed to push across, and Cardiff got out into the open before the end.

Final score.	G.	T.	M.
Swansea II.....	0	0	0
Cardiff II.....	0	0	0

COMMENTS.

Although nothing was scored, it was a capital game, and there was plenty of interesting movements. The new blood in the Swansea team greatly improved it, and a little more finish behind the scrummage on several occasions might have resulted in a score.

As it was, Swansea had much the better of the game, and deserved to win.

For Cardiff Woods played a splendid game at full back; Evans and Thomas were the best of the three-quarters, and Davies made a good half. For Swansea, Fuller, who played about the best game behind the scrummage, was well supported by Luff, and Davies and King played a smart game at half. The Swansea forwards were excellent, and showed great promise for the future.

CARDIFF RESERVES

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Romillys Mar. 3rd '05

CARDIFF RESERVES V. ROMILLYS.

Glorious weather favoured this fixture on the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon. The Romillys, who are the holders of the league and cup championships, turned out their full strength, and were very sanguine of winning the game. It will be remembered that last season the "Philosophers" broke the ground record of the Reserves. The Cardiff men were without the services of D. L. Evans, the skipper, who had travelled to Leicester to assist the first teams. The players turned out as follows:—

Cardiff Reserves: Back, F. Woods; three-quarter backs, G. M'Crath, W. A. Jones, J. Williams, and F. Thomas; half-backs, R. Davies and E. Thomas; forwards, D. Pike, A. B. Jones, T. Samuels, E. Lewis, W. Holtham, O. Beasley, E. Davies, and E. John. Romillys: Back, J. Buhr; three-quarter backs, W. Lovell, W. Lichfield, E. Edwards, and K. Williams; half-backs, Brothers Davis; forwards, Casper (captain), Lloyd, Blanning, Taylor, Rowlands, Brown, Hines, and Sexton. Referee, Mr. Philips.

Cardiff kicked off from the Racquet Court end, and the Romillys put in a poor return. The Reserves got the ball from the first scrimmage, and W. A. Jones travelled for some distance and was then well tackled by Lichfield. A free kick to Romillys was taken by Blanning, who followed up smartly, and prevented a return. The "Philosophers" pressed for a few minutes, and Frank Woods eventually relieved to the centre. A smart kick by Buhr placed the Reserves again on the defensive. The Cardiff forwards next dribbled away to the "Philosophers' 25 flag, when R. Williams saved by finding touch. Play was again taken back to the Reserve territory. Frank Woods got possession, and went away grandly. When near the Romillys 25 flag he passed to W. A. Jones, who kicked on and Buhr picked up and found touch in neutral ground. The Reserves next opened up a strong attack, but the Romillys defended stubbornly, Williams especially tackling well. Loose play by the Reserves enabled the "Philosophers" to return to the attack. A vigorous struggle ensued, until the Romillys were penalised for off-side play, and Woods found touch near his own 25 flag. The Romillys returned to the attack, and the Reserves touched down. The interval was shortly afterwards taken, with play in neutral ground.

Half-time score: G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves 0 0 0
Romillys 0 0 0

Romillys re-started, and had the better of a few exchanges. The "Philosophers" got the ball from the first scrimmage, but their third line were not at home in taking their passes. When within a few yards of their own goal-line Frank Woods picked up and broke away well, and transferred to Samuels, who in turn passed to Jones. The tricky passing between these players fairly bewildered the "Philosophers," and Frank Woods again getting possession, romped over, and was also successful in putting on the extras. Romilly then went off with a dash, and in a few minutes had put the Reserves' goal in danger. A strong attack at length bore fruit, Lloyd scoring easily. The ball was placed for Lovell, who succeeded in equalising the score. Play now became very fast, and honours were fairly equal for a while. The "Philosophers" at length got the better of some open play, and the next five minutes saw them attacking hotly. Frank Woods came to the rescue and ran to the 25 flag, when he fell. W. A. Jones next travelled to the centre. Romillys were penalised for off-side play, but the Reserves gained little ground. Cardiff next penned the "Philosophers" near their goal-line, and several hard-fought, scrimmages ended in the Romilly forwards working back to their 25 flag. The Reserves' third line next had a favourable chance, but a knock-on spoiled the effort. Romillys were penalised, and Frank Woods placed the ball between the uprights. The Reserves were now having the better of the game, and kept the ball in Romilly land, who, however, defended well. Thomas (Cardiff half-back) next made a mark, and Frank Woods converted. Time was then called.

Final score: G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves 5 0 12
Romilly 1 0 5
*One penalty and one from a mark.

Newport 2^{nds} Mar. 17th '06

NEWPORT SECONDS V CARDIFF RESERVES.

At Newport in beautiful weather, and on a turf which was in fairly good condition. The attendance was not very satisfactory. In the first half both teams did some pressing in turns, but Newport were not quite clever enough to score, although the forwards presented some excellent opportunities. From mid-field M'Crath, the visitors' left wing, put in a splendid sprint, and scored a fine try, from which Woods kicked a goal.

Half-time score: G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves 1 0 3
Newport II. 0 0 0

In the second half Newport did a lot of pressing, but, though their wing three-quarter did some excellent sprinting, they could not pierce the defence. There was a good deal of fumbling on the part of the centres. In one attack Plummer dropped a goal for Newport Seconds, which left only one point between the teams. Play was very vigorous afterwards, but nothing further was scored.

Final score: G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves 1 0 5
Newport Seconds 1 0 4

Swansea 2^{nds} Mar. 24th '06

Cardiff Reserves v. Swansea Seconds.

SWANSEA PLAYER'S COLLAR-BONE BROKEN.

A small crowd witnessed this fixture on the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon. The weather was delightful, and the ground in the pink of condition. Both teams were strongly represented.

Cardiff Reserves: Back, F. Woods; three-quarter backs, G. M'Crath, W. A. Jones, J. Williams, and G. Heslop; half-backs, Randall Davies and E. Thomas; forwards, D. L. Evans (captain), D. Piche, W. Holtham, E. Harding, T. Samuels, R. John, E. Lewis, and Lenny Davies.

Swansea Second: Back, F. Rees; three-quarter backs, D. W. Francis, W. Pike, Harold Thomas, and W. T. Evans; half-backs, Davies and Gray; forwards, E. Morgan (captain), W. Griffiths, J. Robinson, T. Banks, W. Perry, D. Morgan, H. Evans, and D. Dennis. Referee, Mr. H. R. Evans, Pontypridd.

D. L. Evans kicked off for the home team, and a weak return found touch in Swansea land. The all white forwards worked play back to neutral territory. The visitors gradually wound their way to the home 25 flag, when W. A. Jones put in a long kick which transferred the battle to "no man's land." J. Davies, the inside half, at this point had the misfortune to break his collar-bone, and had to be taken off the field. His place was taken by Evans, and Evans went right wing. An exchange of long kicks ended in favour of Swansea. As a result of loose play the Cardiff citadel was placed in danger, and Cardiff conceded a minor. A splendid bout of passing by the Cardiff third line enabled them to travel to within a few yards of Swansea goal-line, where M'Crath was well tackled by Rees, and rushed into touch. F. Woods very tricky checked a Swansea rush, and placed the visitors again on the defensive. Fast play followed, and W. A. Jones made a splendid run to within a few yards of Swansea goal-line, but his pass was not taken. Shortly afterwards W. A. Jones again got possession, and scored an unconverted try. The interval was taken with play near the Swansea goal-posts.

Half-time score: G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves 0 1 3
Swansea Second 0 0 0

Swansea re-started, and Woods replied to touch near the centre. Swansea opened up a strong attack, and compelled Cardiff to touch down. The home forwards then dribbled well into the land of the all whites, where several scrimmages were broken up without result. Randall Davies got the ball away at length and passed to Thomas. The whole of the third line handled, and M'Crath got over. The Cardiff skipper made a good attempt at putting on the extras, the ball rebounding off one of the uprights. The Cardiff three-quarters again got away, but Williams held on too long, and was well tackled. Swansea were penalised, and the ball was placed for the Cardiff skipper, whose kick was successful. Swansea attacked well, and Heslop, failing to field a long kick, placed the home goal in danger, and after a little loose play Harold Thomas scored, and E. Morgan put on the extras. Swansea soon again pressed, and Harold Thomas put on another try, which was converted. Play became very fast, and both teams were playing for all they were worth. Cardiff were having slightly the better of the game, but failed to break down the defence. A free to Swansea spoiled a strong attack by Cardiff. A free to Cardiff brought play to the centre.

Final score: G. T. Pts.
Swansea Seconds 2 0 10
Cardiff Reserves 1 2 9

COMMENTS.
The game was a fast and interesting one throughout, and on the day's play the score is a fair indication of the merits of the teams. The regrettable accident to J. Davies, Swansea's inside half, in the early stages of the game made it look a pinch for Cardiff, but the all whites played up with dash and judgment throughout.

The forward play of the visitors was exceptionally good, and, notwithstanding they were a man short in the scrimmages, they held their own manfully. The Cardiff skipper set a good example to his men, but, on the whole, the forward play of the home men was weak. In the third line Cardiff were a trifle better than their opponents, though reckless passing spoiled many a favourable opportunity. M'Crath and W. A. Jones played up to their reputation, but the other men were weak. Harold Thomas and Francis were the most useful men for Swansea.

The home half-backs lost no opportunity, but were badly served, and when called upon they tackled and defended well. Frank Woods has played many a better game at back than he did to-day. F. Rees kicked and tackled well for the all whites.

GLoucester A v. CARDIFF RESERVES. **CARDIFF PLAYER ORDERED OFF.**

At Gloucester. Both teams were poorly represented. Teams—
 Gloucester—Back, Griffiths; three-quarter backs, Smith, Cook, Rnat, and Hughes; half-backs, Edwards and Goddard; forwards, F. Welshman, J. Welshman, J. Wyburn, Taylor, Craddock, Gay, Hayward, and Holland.
 Cardiff—Back, Woods; three-quarter backs, Wayne Morgan, James, G. Jones, and J. Williams; half-backs, Rand Davies and Thomas; forwards, D. L. Evans, Pike, Holtham, Rees Davies, Lewis, L. Williams, Samuels, and W. Jenkins.

In the opening stages Gloucester pressed hard, but Morgan found relief. Faulty handling by the home backs lost them many opportunities. After conceding a minor Cardiff kept play at the centre for a time. Gloucester again attacked, but passing was erratic, and the Cardiff defence prevailed and the Welshmen got out of danger. At last Gloucester scored through Craddock after a good run by Smith. No goal resulted. Cardiff now were getting the ball better in the scrums, and for the first time Gloucester were called upon to defend. The defence overperformed, however, and centre play followed till a few minutes to the interval, when Cardiff pressed.

	G. T. M.
Gloucester A.....	0 1 0
Cardiff A.....	0 0 0

Gloucester narrowly missed a score in the first few minutes of the second half and pressed for a considerable period. Cardiff then relieved, and aided by a kick from Morgan reached the Gloucester 25. Woods saved brilliantly when hard pressed, and then Cardiff attacked and Williams dropped a lovely goal, a Cardiff forward crossing a moment later but was ruled off-side. Even play followed for some time and then Hollands scored for Gloucester after a clever run, no goal resulting. Pike was ordered off for roughness.

	G. T. P.
Gloucester A.....	0 2 6
Cardiff A.....	1 0 4

Remarks.

For the greater part of the first half Gloucester had much the best of matters and with the chances they had they ought to have scored two or three tries. The passing was very poor. In the second half the game was more even, both sides playing well. Pike was clearly in the wrong when ordered off. Williams' goal was a beauty and Gloucestershire's second try was well deserved. The game was very hotly contested throughout.

	G. T. M.
Gloucester A.....	2 5 0
Newport Electric.....	0 0 0

Chepstow Apr. 7th '06

CARDIFF RESERVES V. CHEPSTOW

A large number of the crowd who witnessed the international boys' match remained on the ground to witness this fixture. Chepstow started the play, and the ball was well returned. W. A. Jones was the first to break away, and travelled well into Chepstow land before being collared. The visiting forwards dribbled back to the centre. E. Thomas next put in a tricky run, but Chepstow defended well. The Reserve third line were put in motion, but Edwards smartly intercepted a pass, and travelled grandly well into Cardiff land, when he transferred to Hodges, who scored easily. The kick for goal was a poor one. After this reverse Cardiff played up strongly, and W. A. Jones dropped a goal. The Reserves again got to within a few yards of the Chepstow goal-line, when the latter were penalized. The ball was placed, but the kick was without result. Fisher next broke away very cleverly for Chepstow, and the home team were placed on the defensive. The Reserve forwards dribbled out of danger. The ball was gradually worked to the Chepstow E line. The visitors next entered the Cardiff land, where Edwards picked up and took a shot for goal, but the kick went just outside the post. A free-kick to Cardiff placed the visitors' goal in danger and the Reserves were strongly attacking when the interval was signalled.

	G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves.....	1 0 4
Chepstow.....	0 1 3

Cardiff Reserves re-started, and Chepstow replied to touch near the centre line. The Reserve third line were put in motion, but much ground, the ball getting into touch. Pike next dribbled away very cleverly, and the visitors were again called upon to defend their lines. George next made a smart opening, and M'Craith got over. The try was allowed, but owing to some informality the referee did not permit them to kick for goal. Shortly after Samuels romped over, and Woods put on the extra. The strong rushes by the Reserves were beginning to tell on the Chepstow men, and the latter were continually called upon to defend their line. From a scrum near the centre Cardiff were penalized, and Chepstow found touch in the home land. The Reserves wheeled the next scrum, and dribbled back to the centre. The Cardiff three-quarters next got possession, but their passing was again at fault, and little advantage was gained. A free kick to Chepstow was placed, but a good kick went just outside the uprights. Time was then called.

	G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves.....	2 1 12
Chepstow.....	0 1 3

Ground goal.

Llangennech Apr. 14th '06

LLANGENNECH v. CARDIFF RESERVES

Grand Record Creditably Maintained.

There was quite a flutter of excitement at Llangennech on the occasion of the visit of the Cardiff Reserves, the reason for this being that the home team are the proud possessors of a five years' ground record, and fears were entertained that the Cardiffians would succeed in lowering the colours of the home team. The visitors were minus a few of their regular players. The teams were:—

Llangennech—Back, Thomas; three-quarter backs, Tom Williams, Morris, Bowen, and Tom Davies; half-backs, Morgan and Rees; forwards, Genn, Howells, Luke, Jones, Sam Davies, D. J. Davies, Gwilym Davies, Luther Davies, and W. Charles.

Cardiff Reserves—Back, R. Davies; three-quarter backs, F. Jones, W. A. Jones, J. Williams, and Ivor Luke; half-backs, R. Davies and E. Thomas; forwards, D. L. Evans, Pyke, E. Lewis, T. Samuel, Yowlett, McLeod, L. George, and J. Macyntyre.

Owing to the late arrival of the Cardiffians a start was not made until 5.30. Mr David Evans, J.P., D.L., kicked off for the visitors, and a minor was soon forced by the Llangennech lads. Many minutes had not elapsed before the home custodian kicked down the field, and as the result of quick following up Tom Morgan scored an unconverted try. The visiting pack heeled out from the subsequent scrummages, but R. Davies was beaten for possession. Later the visitors initiated a passing bout, and F. Jones was sailing splendidly for the line when he collided with J. Williams. The home team returned to the attack. Davies cross-kicked, and Cardiff's custodian failing to field the ball near his own goal Will Charles picked up and scored a try, which Tom Davies converted. Llangennech were playing in a surprising fashion, and their opponents had to confine their efforts to resisting the onslaughts of their rivals.

Half-time Score— G. T. Pts.

Llangennech.....	1 1 3
Cardiff Reserves.....	0 0 0

On the restart the home team again attacked vigorously, but Cardiff by judicious kicking got into an attacking position. The tension was soon relieved and for a time play hovered round the equatorial line. The Cardiff third line utterly failed to combine. Llangennech once more brought about an irresistible rush, and Bowen scored a try which was not improved upon.

Final Score— G. T. Pts.

Llangennech.....	1 2 11
Cardiff Reserves.....	0 0 0

Remarks.

This is an achievement of which Llangennech may well be proud, and the retention of their glorious record is now assured. It was a game brimful of exciting incidents and both ideas infused much dash into their play. Contrary to expectations the home team more than held their own in the various departments. Even when the Cardiffians heeled out with precision their backs failed to pierce the magnificent defence of the home side. In fairness to them, however, it should be explained that they were somewhat handicapped owing to the mediocre display of R. Davies, who failed to do justice to himself owing to an injury to his arm, which had to be bandaged. On the other hand Llangennech were extremely well served at half by Morgans and Hughes, whilst Tom Williams, Tom Davies, and E. T. Morris deserve special mention. For the Cardiffians Evans, Luke, Jones, and E. Thomas rendered yeoman service.

Oystermouth Apr. 21st '06

CARDIFF RESERVES v. OYSTERMOUTH.

Played on the Oystermouth ground. The match did not start until nearly five o'clock. The Cardiff men played with the wind, and kept up the attack during most of the first half. The play was open, and a good deal of kicking was indulged in, but very little passing. Early in the half one of the Cardiff backs got slightly injured, and "Mumbles" Davies, who was playing for Oystermouth, was also hurt, but both men resumed play. Cardiff, by long kicks, got twice up to the Oystermouth goal-line, and had hard lines, Oystermouth touching down and preventing a score. Oystermouth then got away almost to the other end, but failed to make any advantage, and another long kick found touch close to the Oystermouth quarter line. From the line-out which followed Cardiff again rushed to the line, and all but scored, but once more a minor was conceded, and half-time was called without any score.

Half-time score: G. T. Pts.

Cardiff Reserves.....	0 0 0
Oystermouth.....	0 0 0

At the opening of the second half Cardiff pressed and showed some good passing, but several times they missed scoring at the critical moment. M'Craith and Williams got tries for Cardiff, and Mumbles Davies got a penalty for Oystermouth.

Final score: G. T. Pts.

Cardiff Reserves.....	0 2 6
Oystermouth.....	1 0 3

CARDIFF RESERVES' RECORD.

Up to a point the Cardiff Reserves enjoyed a remarkably fine record this season. Then in January two of the cleverest members of the back division fell victims to the Northern Union tempters, and from that period on only moderate success was achieved. The players referred to were E. W. Jones and W. H. Pullen, two exceedingly capable three-quarters. For the third season in succession the team has been captained by that popular player, D. L. Evans, who has served his sixth season with the Reserves. It is of interest to note that every member of the team when he joined it has since dropped out of football. Exclusive of to-day's match at Oystermouth, 23 games have been played, of which 17 have been won, four lost, and one drawn. The first fourteen games of the season were all won.

Until the defections referred to above the Reserves had a clever back division, but since then the three-quarter line has been very shaky, only W. A. Jones referred to above the Reserves had a clever back division, but since then the three-quarter line has been very shaky, only W. A. Jones and George McCraith doing really well. At half Randall Davies and Edgar Thomas have been a splendid pair, worthy of any first-class team, while in the forwards useful service has been rendered by D. L. Evans, J. Pugsley, L. George, D. Pike, E. Lewis, R. Davies, &c.

Appended is the record:—

Date.	Opponents.	G. T. P.	For.	Against.
Sep. 23—Mackintosh	(h) *3	2 12	0 0 0	
.. 30—Oystermouth	(h) **5	0 21	1 1 5	
Oct. 7—Bristol Seconds	(h) *1	5 12	0 0 0	
.. 14—Newport Seconds	(h) 1	0 5	0 1 3	
.. 21—Swansea Seconds	(a) †1	4 16	0 0 0	
.. 28—Gloucester Seconds	(h) 2	1 15	0 0 0	
Nov. 4—Chepstow	(a) 3	2 21	0 0 0	
.. 11—Whitchurch	(a) 2	2 18	*1 0 3	
.. 18—Newport Seconds	(a) 0	1 3	0 0 0	
.. 25—Swansea Seconds	(h) *2	4 20	0 0 0	
Dec. 2—Llangennech	(h) 2	4 22	0 0 0	
.. 23—Whitchurch	(a) †1	1 7	0 0 0	
Jan. 6—Moseley Seconds	(h) 5	4 37	0 0 0	
.. 20—Bristol Seconds	(a) 0	5 9	0 1 3	
Feb. 10—Moseley Seconds	(a) 0	0 0	0 1 3	
.. 17—Newport Seconds	(h) 0	1 3	†1 0 4	
.. 24—Swansea Seconds	(a) 0	0 0	0 0 0	
Mar. 3—Ronnally	(h) **2	0 11	1 0 5	
.. 17—Newport Seconds	(a) 1	0 5	†1 0 4	
.. 24—Swansea Seconds	(h) *1	2 9	2 0 10	
.. 31—Gloucester Seconds	(a) †1	0 4	0 2 6	
Apr. 7—Chepstow	(h) †2	1 12	0 1 3	
.. 14—Llangennech	(a) 0	0 0	1 2 11	
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* Penalty Goal. † Dropped Goal.

TRY-GETTERS.

W. A. Jones, 10; E. W. Jones, 10; G. McCraith, 10; W. H. Pullen, 9; Edgar Thomas, 4; J. Pugsley, 3; Randall Davies, 3; A. B. Jones, 1; R. John, 1; L. George, 1; Sid. Jones, 1; F. Stroud, 1; W. Warfield, 1; E. Lewis, 1; F. Thomas, 1; F. Woods, 1; T. Samuels, 1. *J. Williams*
Dropped goals: W. A. Jones, 2; E. W. Jones, 1; J. Williams, 1.
Penalty goals: D. L. Evans, 6; F. Woods, 2.
Converted goals: D. L. Evans, 16; F. Woods, 6; G. McCraith, 1.

Total 36. 37. 271, 9. 9. 66

Played 24. Won 18. Drawn 1. Lost 5

Monmouth. Sept. 22nd '06Penarth 2nd Oct. 6th '06MONMOUTH V. CARDIFF
RESERVES.

At Monmouth today in perfect weather.

The teams named lined out as follows:—
Monmouth: Back, Williams; three-quarter
backs, Kowland, Pembroke, Morgan, and
Cudley; half-backs, Coidcutt and Dobbs; for-
wards, Hughes, Merrick, Jenkins, Kent,
Farren, Freeman, Parker and Vic.Cardiff Reserves: Back, Wood; three-quarter
backs, Thomas, D. L. Evans, E. R. Evans, and
Fletcher; half-backs, E. Thomas and Davies;
forwards, Stroud, Mackintyre, Hookway,
Jellings, Lamey, A. D. Jones, Chorley, and
Jewlett.

Referee, Mr R. Pollock Newport.

The first portion of the game was very
open, and T. G. Thomas scored for the visitors
in ten minutes. The kick hit the post. A
fast pace was maintained and neither side
predominated, except that the visitors had
more bursts away than the home team. Just
on half-time Cardiff had the line at their
mercy, but over-ran the ball.

	Half-time score.	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	0	1	3	
Monmouth	0	0	0	

The second half was very much a repeti-
tion of the first half. Open play was a
feature of the game, and Cardiff proved
slightly superior, and increased the lead by
another six points. Thomas was again the
player to cross the line, the kick again fail-
ing. Monmouth, however, several times
placed the Cardiff line in danger, and were
unlucky not to score. Randall Davies scored
for the Reserves just before time.

	Final score.	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	0	3	9	
Monmouth	0	0	0	

Bristol 2nd Oct. 29th '06BRISTOL RESERVES v. CARDIFF
RESERVES.This match opened the Rugby season on the
County Grounds at Bristol, and there was a fair
crowd of spectators. Cardiff's arrival was delayed.
Bristol won the toss, but this did not mean much, as
there was no wind. A maul by the Bristol full-back
almost let his side down, Straker coming to the
rescue with a good save. Mayo made a fair catch,
but his kick did not gain much ground, the Cardiff
full-back retreating with interest. The Bristol
three-quarters were next at fault, and Cardiff,
following up a lofty kick, scored a try,
which was not converted. Starker did several smart
things but was at fault in working the blind side of
the scrum too much. Eventually Sawyer picked up
in the loose close to the Cardiff line, and gave Mayo
a good pass, the last named scoring in a good posi-
tion, but the extra points were not added. Johnson
was repeatedly prominent for Bristol, saving his
side time after time. The teams were evenly matched.

	Half-time score.	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	0	1	3	
Bristol Reserves	0	1	3	

Bristol restarted, but Cardiff soon worried their
defence, and after a pretty movement Evans scored
wide for Cardiff, but was knocked out in so doing.
Bristol rallied, but they were badly let down at full-
back. Self eventually taking up that position John-
son continued to do fine work, handling the ball and
kicking cleverly. A fine run by the Cardiff three-
quarters ended in the wing man being tackled close
to the forward line. Bristol got into danger. Weeks
ran well, but was not supported. Bristol's tackling
was very feeble, but Cardiff improved, and were the
best team to the finish.

	Final score.	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	0	2	6	
Bristol Reserves	0	1	3	

REMARKS.
Cardiff had the best of the game, their handling
being smarter altogether than Bristol. The Cardiff
full-back played a champion game, but Bristol were
badly let down in that position. Phillips scored for
Cardiff, and Meyers for Bristol.CARDIFF RESERVES V PENARTH
SECONDSConsiderable interest was taken in to-day's
match on the Cardiff Arms Park between the
second strings of Cardiff and Penarth, and
there was a fairly large attendance of spec-
tators. The home team suffered by the
absence of their captain—George McCraith
and the two regular halves—Edgar Thomas
and Randall Davies. The visitors, however,
turned out a representative team, and looked
a smart, well-set-up lot of youths.Play was rather in favour of Penarth for
the first ten minutes, but the superior kick-
ing of the Cardiff backs gained them a lot
of ground, and forced the seashiders to act
on the defensive. A penalty was wrongly
given against the visitors in front of their
own goal, but D. L. Evans failed with the
kick. Pretty passing by the Cardiff backs
resulted in Heslopp going over, but was pre-
vented grounding the ball, and a scrum was
ordered five yards out. One of the Penarth
halves was adjudged to be off-side, and
another free was given Cardiff in a good
position, and D. L. Evans landed a penalty
goal.

	Half-time score.	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	1	0	3	
Penarth Seconds	0	0	0	

Early in the second half the referee, who
was awarding an extraordinary number of
free-kicks, penalised Penarth in an easy
position for goal, and D. L. Evans put the
ball over the bar. The game, as a display
of football, was very poor, the ball being
seldom given out to the three-quarters. Play
was scrappy all through, and being confined
almost entirely to the forwards, there was
no prospect of a try being scored by either
side. Cardiff attacked vigorously towards
the end, and W. A. Jones, after making a
fine burst through, was called back. A
moment later the Cardiff backs were in pos-
session again, and Heslop, being the last to
receive on the left wing after a pretty round
of passing, went over in the corner with an
unconverted try.

	Final score.	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	2	1	9	
Penarth Seconds	0	0	0	

COMMENTS.
One requires a good stock of patience to
make any comment on a game that was
absolutely devoid of interest from beginning
to end. The number of free kicks awarded
must have beaten all records, and the game
suffered on that account. The two sides
were evenly matched, with the balance
slightly in favour of the Cardiff men, whose
display, however, was disappointing. The
player who impressed one best was the Pen-
arth full-back, who played a very fine game,
and who ought to develop into a player of
the highest class. The Penarth inside half
should learn to have more regard for the
offside rules, and his persistency in getting
on the wrong side of the scrum was chiefly
responsible for the number of penalties
awarded against his side.NEWPORT SECONDS V CARDIFF
RESERVES

Cardiff Forward Ordered Off

These teams met at Newport this afternoon
in fine weather. The ground was in good
condition, but there was a strong sun and
breeze. The visitors started off with a big
rush to the home 25, and for some time set
up a hot attack in the home quarters. Good
footwork by the Newport front rank, how-
ever, relieved the pressure to beyond half-
way, where the game was confined chiefly
to both packs. Newport were particularly
strong in front, and put in some splendid
work, but the backs failed to adequately
take advantage of the chances that came
their way. Loose footwork in the visitors'
5 caused a good deal of mauling on the part
of the homesters, and a try was lost through
a knock-on. Returning to the attack New-
port kept the visitors penned in their own
half for some time, and by smartly follow-
ing up a long kick, Gunstone landed a good
try, which was converted. Cardiff came
away with a fine dribbling rush to the home
quarters, when half-time was called.

	Half-time score.	G.	T.	Pts.
Newport Seconds	1	0	5	
Cardiff Reserves	0	0	0	

On the resumption Cardiff went away
strongly to the home 25, where some spirited
work was done by both sets of forwards,
which resulted in one of the Cardiff eight
being ordered off, and several others cau-
tioned. Scrambling, unsentimental play was
the order, and the homesters relieved to
half-way. Newport were having slightly the
better of matters in the loose rushes, and
game settled down, but the defence of the
visitors was too keen and repelled all on-
away near the visitors' line until, after an
ineffective drop at goal by Gunstone, Cardiff
wards, retired with a nasty kick on the leg.
The home halves, who were more than a
match for the Cardiff twain, combined nicely
brought play once more to the Cardiff 25,
where some desperate attempts were made
on the part of the home backs to pioneer
the defence. But the call of time came with
no further score.

	Final score.	G.	T.	Pts.
Newport Seconds	1	0	5	
Cardiff Seconds	0	0	0	

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CARDIFF RESERVES v SWANSEA SECONDS

There was a fair number of spectators on the ground this afternoon to witness this match, which is generally close and interesting. The weather was heavy and cloudy, though the ground was in the pink of condition. The teams were as follows:—

Cardiff Seconds: Back, F. Woods; three-quarter backs, W. A. Jones (captain), E. R. Evans, W. Fletcher, and A. Phillips; half-backs, R. Davies and S. Jones; forwards, D. Pike, F. Stroud, J. McIntyre, J. M'Leod, A. B. Jones, E. George, G. Hewlett, and E. Lewis.

Swansea Seconds: Back, F. Rees, three-quarter backs, T. Shefford, T. Nicholls, W. Walsh, and W. Morris; half-backs, R. Shefford and J. Davies; forwards, E. Morgan, W. J. Davies, B. Gilchrist, E. Jenkins, J. Rees, T. Warrington, J. Michael, and F. Pearce.

Swansea kicked off, and the ball was returned to just over the centre line, and the home forwards following up well, play settled in neutral ground. The first scrimmage was formed near the centre flag, and Randall Davies set the third line in motion. E. R. Evans kicked well into touch on being pressed into the visitors' 25.

A free kick was awarded to Cardiff, and W. A. Jones took a shot at goal, but the ball went wide. A pretty bout of passing by the Cardiff third line was checked by Morris after several yards had been gained. The home teams pressed hotly, and the Swansea inside half-back getting off-side, a penalty was awarded Cardiff. The ball was placed for Frank Woods, who succeeded in placing the ball over the cross-bar. The home team were soon again attacking, but loose play by the home team enabled the Swansea boys to travel well into Cardiff ground. The ball was kicked back to midfield, where Rees picked up and dropped a beautiful goal. Cardiff soon opened up another attack, and pretty work between S. Jones and W. A. Jones saw the latter romp over. The try was not converted. The home forwards continued to control the scrum. E. R. Evans picked up cleverly, and made a brilliant run to within a few yards of the Swansea goal-line before being grasped. Play was brought back to the centre, but the efforts of the home forwards soon placed the visitors again in danger. A number of scrummages near the Swansea 25 flag followed, and when the interval arrived the home team were pressing strongly.

	Half-time score:	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Seconds	1	1	8
Swansea Seconds	1	0	5

After lemons the home team kicked off, and the Swansea men went off with a splendid rush, and Shafford scored in good style. The place kick was successful. The Cardiff men now worked up splendidly, and, after several hot scrummages, Randall Davies got the ball, and after a tricky run passed to Fletcher, who travelled well into Swansea land. Shortly after the ball was brought back to neutral ground. Gradually Swansea worked their way to the Cardiff 25 line. A free kick to the home men brought the ball back to neutral ground. The visitors now worked hard, and the home team were kept on the defensive. After several minutes hard struggling near the Cardiff goal line the home back touched down. Cardiff were soon in "hot water" again, but after several sharp struggles the ball was worked back to near the centre line. Swansea again pressed, and the ball was kicked dead. Cardiff next got away grandly, and brought play to near the Swansea goal line, but a minute after Swansea got away, and Cardiff were again in difficulties. Pike then went away with a pretty dribble, but the effort was not sustained, and the home goal was again in danger. Cardiff again touched down.

Good work by Fletcher gave an advantage to Cardiff. A penalty to Cardiff was taken by Woods, but the ball rebounded off the upright. Time was then called.

	Final score:	G.	T.	Pts.
Swansea Seconds	2	0	9
Cardiff Seconds	1	1	6

* Dropped. tPenalty.

COMMENTS.

The result was disappointing to the supporters of the home club, and seemed like adding fuel to the fire after the issue of the bigger match down at Swansea had become generally known among the spectators. The new Swansea were leading at half-time by eleven points had a big influence on the game, the Swansea Seconds playing after the interval with 50 per cent. more energy than they did in the first half. The first quarter of an hour's play created the impression that the Cardiff Reserves would not only win, but pile up a substantial number of points, but they seemed to have shot their bolt in the first twenty minutes, and the Swansea men taking full advantage of their opponents' remissness, scored a sufficient number of points to win the match. Cardiff made a very fine rally in the last five minutes, and it was distinctly hard luck that they did not draw level as a result of the penalty kick by Frank Woods, the ball striking one of the uprights and rebounding into play. But on the general run of the game Swansea well deserved their victory, if it were only for the greater keenness they showed.

GLOUCESTER A v CARDIFF A.

At Gloucester. The Cardiffians were not at full strength, and were playing L. George, Woods, D. Davies, and Heslop in the three-quarters—all new men. Fletcher, the outside half, was also on trial. Gloucester also made changes. After five minutes' central play Bridges scored an unconverted try for Gloucester. Cardiff rushed well, and George had a shot for goal. The ball went over the line and Heslop raced up, but he failed to ground the ball, a fine chance being lost. Cardiff pressed, but Gloucester relieved by touch kicks. The Heslop scored a clever try for Cardiff. Woods majorising, George kicked well and forced a minor, and then Jones dropped a good goal. Cardiff had the best of the ensuing play but could not score.

	Half Time Score—	G.	T.
Cardiff 2nds	2	0
Gloucester 2nd	0	1
	One dropped.		
	Final Score—	G.	T.
Cardiff Reserves	2	0
Gloucester	0	1

* One dropped.

ARDEAN

Nov. 3rd '06

CARDIFF RESERVES V. BRITON FERRY.

Cardiff were minus their captain, George McGrath, who was expected to turn out for his team for the first time this season, but a fall from the premises to assist at Devonport again postponed his initial appearance. Three new men were tried at three-quarter, and a trial was given to W. Young and Lieut. Oppenheim in the pack. The visitors arrived short but were fortunate in securing the assistance of M. O'Brien, a veteran local forward. Very few people were present when the teams fielded as under:-

Cardiff:- Back, E. R. Evans; three-quarter backs, Jones, Heslop, Flocks, and Lewis; half-backs, Davies and Fletcher; forwards, George, Lewis, Jennings, Oppenheim, Young, Jones, Stroud, and Pike.

Briton Ferry:- Back, J. Brennan; three-quarter backs, Bailey, Selby, Brockenhall, and Nekrews; half-backs, Wilson and Phillips; forwards, Llewellyn, Phillips, Thomas, Williams, Davies, Harris, Joseph, O'Brien.

Referee, Mr R. Pollock, Newport.

Cardiff started and at once attacked, but hard kicking spoiled one or two passing movements. Fast play followed, but loose and erratic fielding on both sides upset all attempts at attack. The visitors had slightly the best of matters for a few minutes, but they were never dangerous, and the home team soon settled down. Fletcher was at fault on one occasion by passing forward when he had practically a clear field when his pace might have been sufficient for a score, and immediately afterwards W. A. Jones made a futile attempt at goal from a penalty. Then Flocks getting possession from W. A. Jones made a good run, showing a good turn of speed, but he failed to beat Brennan. The Scarlets' line was now in constant danger, but there was a lack of sting in the Cardiff attack. An injury to Fletcher caused Llew George to take his place at outside half. The Ferry men got to the other end, but lost a chance of scoring through a forward, with a clear field, risking a pass to a colleague, who was covered by a Cardiff three-quarter. A tick later Davies, one of the visitors, made a good attempt at a dropped goal, and Llew George was just in time to throw out of bounds. The Cardiff backs were badly at fault in combination, and several chances to open up attacks were thus lost. Flocks ran well on the wing, but the re-pass to W. A. Jones went wrong, as indeed did many passes throughout the opening half. Cardiff were attacking when half-time was called.

Half-time Score:- G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves 0 0 0
Briton Ferry 0 0 0

Cardiff improved a little on the resumption, and a few good bouts of passing were very welcome to the crowd, who had not been treated to anything approaching a good display. Young, the recruit, made a good run on the right wing, and kicked across cleverly, but Brennan fielded well and averted danger. Llew George did well at outside half, and started his three-quarters in good style, but generally there was an absence of method. The first really good movement was started by George, who gave to Willie Jones, for the latter to make an opening for Heslop, who scored after a fine run. George converted. A mark on his line by the Ferry full back came from a good kick by Llew George, and from a scrum directly afterwards the old-time forward scored in the corner after good work by Randall Davies. No goal resulted. A very pretty bit of passing by the home forwards and halves deserved a score, but when near the goal the ball came to W. S. Jones, who however was collared just as he received. Briton Ferry at length got to the Cardiff end and had distinctly hard lines in not crossing from a good run by one of their players who was collared on the line. The scrum, however, gave them a try by J. Phillips, but a good kick at goal from the corner just missed. Time was then called.

Final Score:- G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves 1 1 8
Briton Ferry 0 1 3

Remarks.

The play in the second half was a distinct contrast to that of the opening half, and the pace was well maintained all through. The forwards were well matched, Rees Phillips being very conspicuous in the visitors' eight. Young and Oppenheim, the recruits, merited their inclusion in the Reserve teams. The former is a well built fellow, quite 15 stone, who has played a lot of football in South Africa. He returned to England a few weeks ago, and assisted the Springboks against Somerset and Northumberland. Lieutenant Oppenheim is attached to the Devon staff at Cardiff Barracks. With training he should, with Young, prove a valuable acquisition to the club. Randall Davies was very happy at half-back, and showed quite his test form. He, however, was well supported by George. Line was not seen at its best, there being a want of understanding. However, W. B. Jones was sound, and no fault can be found with Lewis, his co-centre, whose kicking was good. The wings were smart, but as a combination the line was a failure. Edmund Evans was a great success at back, as was also Brennan, his confrere.

CARDIFF RESERVES V BRITON FERRY

Cardiff Reserves were only able to field a moderate side against Briton Ferry on the Cardiff Arms Park. The ground was in good order.

Half-time score. G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves 0 0 0
Briton Ferry 0 0 0
Final score: G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves 1 1 8
Briton Ferry 0 1 3

COMMENTS.

Cardiff just about deserved their win by five points, although their form was not as satisfactory as it might be. The forwards lacked intelligence, and there should have been more method about the attack of the backs. Randall Davies and W. A. Jones were about the best of the backs, although A. J. Lewis for a veteran, did not do at all badly in the centre. Heslop and Flocks on the wings possessed speed, but want to learn a lot of football yet. L. George, after Fletcher's injury, was very useful at outside half.

In the forwards Lieutenant Oppenheim and W. Young were both successful, although Young will want to reduce his weight somewhat.

Of the Briton Ferry men R. Phillips was clever at the line-out, and was as good as Bailey and Nekrews were in general play. Three-quarters, and Phillips performed exceedingly well at outside half.

MOSELEY "A" v CARDIFF RESERVE.

At Moseley. The visitors made several changes in their forward line, but were always superior to Moseley. Thomas scored a try after ten minutes, but Evans failed to convert the points. Then Flocks ran over finely, while a little later Heslop increased Cardiff's lead, Evans adding the major points. Just before the interval Thomas obtained another try.

Half-time score: G. T. Pts.

Cardiff Reserves 1 3 14
Moseley "A" 0 0 0

In the second half the game went all in favour of the visiting side. They completely ruled the home team. Thomas, Flocks, Jennings, and Woods each scored a try, and Jones put on a couple of tries, and five of these were converted. There was no stopping the Welshmen. Moseley were feeble.

Final score: G. T. Pts.

Cardiff Seconds 6 4 42
Moseley Seconds 0 0 0

COMMENTS.

In the scrums there was little difference between the sides, but Cardiff had a great advantage everywhere else. Their passing was clean, and the wing men out-paced their opponents. The tackling of the visitors was also more keen than that of the Moseley men, who, after a promising opening, appeared to lose heart when they found the game was going against them. Cardiff were really generous in their treatment.

MOSELEY A v. CARDIFF A.

At Moseley, before a large attendance. The ground was somewhat on the soft side. Both sides were strong. The teams were:-

Moseley:- Back, Smith; three-quarter backs, Ray, Birtles, Morris, and Dixie; half-backs, Smith and Kerr; forwards, Rudge, Frame, Baylis, Gibbins, Hopkins, Farrow, Deakin, and Greenup.

Cardiff:- Back, Young; three-quarter backs, Evans, Jones, Flocks, and Heslop; half-backs, Davies and Thomas; forwards, Pike, George, Hewlett, A. B. Jones, Stroud, W. Young, Oppenheim, and Lewis.

At the last moment McIntyre, Evans, Horton, and Jennings were introduced into the Cardiff forward line. Thomas early registered a try for the visitors, but Evans failed, and a try by Flocks was also unconverted. Heslop added another three points, and this time Evans succeeded in converting. Later Thomas scored another try, which was not converted.

Half-time Score:- G. T. Pts.

Cardiff A 14
Moseley A 0

In the second half the game still went greatly in favour of the side whose passing seemed more than Moseley could understand. Thomas, Flocks, Jennings, and Woods scored tries in rapid succession, whilst Jones twice evaded the Moseley full back and crossed the line. Five were converted.

Final Score:- G. T. Pts.

Cardiff A 42
Moseley A 0

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CARDIFF

This game was played at Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon. The Cardiff Reserves were the home team, and the Moseley "A" team the visitors.

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CARDIFF RESERVES v. NEWPORT SECONDS

This game was played in the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon. The ground was in a very soft state, and a strong wind did not add to the prospects of a good game. Newport were without their usual half-backs, Priest and Martin, while Abby Davies was missing in the third line. Randall Davies was an absentee on the Cardiff side. The teams were as follows:-

Cardiff Reserves:- Back, F. Woods; three-quarter backs, E. B. Evans, V. A. Jones, E. A. Heslop, and T. Flocks; half-backs, S. Jones and E. Thomas; forwards, L. L. Evans, Lieutenant Oppenheim, W. Young, E. Lewis, D. Pike, F. Stroud, A. B. Jones, and A. Horton. Newport Seconds:- Back, H. J. Rowlands; three-quarter backs, R. C. S. Plummer, F. W. Bird, W. Williams, and Percy Jones; half-backs, W. Bennett and M. Buckley; forwards, W. Casey, C. Evans, Gus Jones, A. Palmer, W. Webb, H. Thomas, J. Pritchard, and J. D. Waller.

Referee, Mr. Williams. Cardiff kicked off from the Racquet Court end, and the ball was well returned. The Reserves broke up the first scrum, and the forwards dribbled well into Newport ground. Cardiff pressed, and the ball going over the Newport line, Rowlands conceded a minor. Even play followed for a few minutes, and then Newport attacked. Young forced his way through the next scrum, with the ball at his feet, and when brought down W. A. Jones rushed up smartly and kicked into touch in neutral territory. The visitors again pressed, and it was some time before the Reserves were able to clear their line. The home goal was soon again in danger, and Frank Woods saved the situation by touching down. A free kick was awarded Newport when play was in the centre, and Buckley found touch near the Cardiff 25 flag. Newport third line got away, but the home defence was good, and little ground was gained. The Reserves next dribbled well into Newport ground. The visitors were penalised and W. A. Jones dropped for goal, the ball rebounding off the uprights. Even play followed. The Cardiff men now played with more dash, and frequently invaded Newport land, but failed to break down the defence. The visitors again pressed and when the interval was taken were attacking strongly.

Half-time score:- G. T. Pts.

Cardiff Reserves	0	0	0
Newport Seconds	0	0	0

Gus Jones re-started for Newport, and a poor return caused the first scrum to be formed near the Cardiff 25 flag. The home three-quarters brought the ball back to the centre. Rowlands made his mark and placed Cardiff on the defensive. A. B. Jones was knocked out and had to retire. The Reserves held their own well for a while, but the absence of Jones had a marked effect as the game progressed. A pretty bout of passing by the Cardiff three-quarters enabled Flocks to get over in a favourable position. W. L. Evans added the two points with a grand kick. This splendid effort had a marvellous effect on the Cardiff men, who now played well. The home team were penalised, and play was brought to Cardiff ground. Another smart bit of passing by the Reserves was checked in the centre. A free kick to Cardiff was well replied to. At this point Burt, one of the Newport men, was injured in the head and had to be carried off the field. He soon recovered, and after a few minutes returned to play. Some hot work followed near the Reserves' goal line. Pike came to the rescue in grand style and dribbled back to the centre.

Final score:- G. T. Pts.

Cardiff Reserves	1	0	5
Newport Seconds	0	0	0

COMMENTS.

The ground was in such a greasy state that good, scientific play was out of the question, and, consequently, the bulk of the work rested with the forwards.

Both teams played for all they were worth. The home team were slightly the better all round, and deserved their win, and should have accounted for a few more points.

In the third line the Reserves were certainly better than their opponents, and had the ground been firmer there is little doubt but that the victory would have been by a better score. W. A. Jones played in splendid style throughout, and was undoubtedly the best three-quarter on the ground.

The absence of Randall Davies at half-back was very much felt, and there was little to choose between the men in this position.

D. Pike, Lieutenant Oppenheim, and Young did excellent work in the forward line, whilst Frank Woods played with his usual brilliancy at full-back. Rowlands, for Newport, also kicked and tackled well.

CARDIFF RESERVES v. NEWPORT SECONDS.

The bad weather of the morning had a far greater influence on the "gate" than on the ground at the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon. The latter was in better condition than was expected. Both teams were well represented, only one or two alterations being necessary in the two teams. Mr. T. Williams, Pontypridd, was referee, and the teams were as follows:-

Cardiff Reserves:- Back, F. Woods; three-quarter backs, E. B. Evans, T. Flocks, W. A. Jones, and E. H. Heslop; half-backs, Sid Jones and Edgar Thomas; forwards D. L. Evans, W. Young, D. Pike, E. J. Lewis, A. Horton, Lieutenant Oppenheim, F. Stroud, and A. B. Jones.

Newport 2nds:- Back, H. J. Rowlands; three-quarter backs, Plummer, Burt, Williams, and Jones; half-backs, N. Bennett and Buckley; forwards, Casey, Evans, Jones, Palmer, Webb, Thomas, Pritchard, and Waller.

Cardiff started against a strong wind, and the visitors at once got away to the home 25, from where Young led the Cardiffians to the Newport end. Loose rushes became the order for some minutes, and "against the wind" kicking by W. A. Jones was very meritorious. The Black and Amber lads took every advantage of the wind and kept play well inside the home half. On two or three occasions the Cardiff line was in danger. Flocks once saved brilliantly by a clean

pick-up, and his colleagues shone in defence, their tackling being without exception very clean. Then a few scrums at half-way showed how evenly the packs were balanced in scrum work, and Newport eventually gained ground from a free kick taken by Buckley, which gave them touch at the home 25. An attempt at passing by Newport served only to transfer play to the other side of the field, and from the failure on the part of a Newport three-quarter to take a pass Cardiff got to the other end, a score being lost by Sid Jones, who had figured prominently in the movement, being offside. Heslop was badly fouled, and the referee promptly penalised the visitors, and W. A. Jones made a grand attempt at goal, the ball striking the post and rebounding into play. Keen play followed until half-time, each side being visited in turn at a surprising pace, considering the state of the ball and ground, which had worn a little.

Half-time score:- G. T. Pts.

Cardiff Reserves	0	0	0
Newport Reserves	0	0	0

Newport went off in grand style from the start; and W. A. Jones was forced to kick over his line for safety. But from the scrum he got safety by a good kick. Rowlands, the visiting back, was in capital form, and kicked with judgment against the wind, which now seemed to blow more across the ground. A. B. Jones, one of the Cardiff forwards, was compelled to leave the field with an injured knee, a handicap which looked none too rosy for Cardiff, since the conditions, with the full complement in each scrum, had not favoured the home team. Each side was penalised for offside play, brought about by an excusable keenness, but play hung near halfway. At length Edgar Thomas got off from a loose bully and passed to W. A. Jones, who made a beautiful opening for Flocks, the latter scoring between the posts. D. L. Evans converted. Newport with ten minutes to play got to the Cardiff end, and a penalty gave them a chance to notch a few points, but Buckley made a poor attempt. One of the home three-quarters fumbled, and a scrum on the line was matched very closely, but the home seven got it out for Jones to gain touch at the 25. Flocks with capital speed got to the ball with Rowlands, but just failed to field it, or he would have been bound to score. Immediately afterwards Stroud threw just a shade forward to W. A. Jones and the captain was robbed of a try for the movement placed him splendidly for a try. More than usual energy was now introduced into the game, particularly in the forwards, and every inch was well contested. Newport had the advantage, their eight forwards being too heavy for the Cardiff seven. Burt, of Newport, was injured, but resumed almost immediately, and the closing minutes saw a heavy siege on the home line. Cardiff finished by gaining the other end through a good dribble headed by Young, and a minor result.

Final score:- G. T. Pts.

Cardiff Reserves	1	0	8
Newport A.	0	0	0

REMARKS.

A splendidly contested game, confined almost entirely to the forwards, who had a warm seventy minutes. The loss of A. B. Jones to Cardiff was most unfortunate, and saved the Uskiders from a heavy defeat. It would be unfair to single anyone out for special mention, but all are to be congratulated on the pace being kept up right to the end. Cardiff missed Randall Davies at half, and Sid Jones did better than he has for some time. But for Newport at three-quarter was good, as was also Plummer, whilst W. A. Jones was again the shining light in the Cardiff line. He was very well supported by his colleagues. Rowlands was great at back for his side.

Briton Ferry Nov. 24th '06

Chepstow Dec. 8th '06

BRITON FERRY V. CARDIFF RESERVES.

These teams met at Briton Ferry for the return fixture. A few weeks ago the Cardiffians defeated the Ferry by eight points to three, but the homesters, having the strongest fifteen they had put into the field this season, to-day anticipated reversing the Cardiff result. A great deal of interest was taken in the match, and a brass band had been engaged. Teams:—

Briton Ferry—Back, J. Brennan; three-quarter backs, E. Nekrews, Harry Rogers, B. Brokenshaw, and F. Bailey; half-backs, T. Wilson and J. Phillips; forwards, G. S. Llewellyn (captain), R. Phillips, J. T. Thomas, R. Evans, G. Phillips, B. Phillips, J. Evans, A. Williams, and Ben Harris.

Cardiff Reserves—Back, F. Wood; three-quarter backs, G. McGrath, W. A. Jones, E. R. Evans, and C. Fooks; half-backs, Randall Davies and Edgar Thomas; forwards, W. Young, Openheim, D. Pike, F. Stroud, E. Lewis, A. P. Jones, A. Haughton, P. Roper, and J. McIntyre.

Referee, Mr. W. M. Jones. Llewellyn kicked off for the Ferry. The ball was returned and found touch. From the line-out the Reds made a few determined dashes, and the pace at once became hot for the visitors, who were forced on the defensive. A scrum was formed near the line, and Jack Phillips obtained the ball and cleverly dodged over, drawing first blood. Jack Brennan failed to convert. On the restart the visitors got away, and a beautiful bout of passing by the Cardiff quartette brought play well into the home 25. A long kick into touch by Bailey brought relief, and play settled in midfield, when Ferrier, the Cardiff forward, who was making a splendid display, was unfortunately injured and had to retire. The homesters again pressed near the line, where Wilson picked up the ball in the open, and walked in with another unconverted try. Briton Ferry again took the aggressive. On the verge of half-time the Cardiff centre picked up the ball by the line and rushed the whole length of the field and passed to Davies, who crossed over. Hill failed to convert.

Half-time Score—		G. T.
Briton Ferry	.....	0 2
Cardiff Reserves	.....	0 1
Final Score—		G. T.
Briton Ferry	.....	0 2
Cardiff Reserves	.....	0 2

BRITON FERRY V CARDIFF RESERVES

Played at Briton Ferry. Operations commenced from the town side, and play at once became fast and interesting. The Cardiff forwards were many stones heavier than the home pack, but this did not appear to give them any advantage, as the first scrum saw the homesters get nicely away, Phillips being tackled on the line. From the line-out the visitors got back to midway, where a series of scrums took place without any advantage to either side. Cardiff were penalised for off-side play, and the kick took matters to the visitors' 25. Phillips got possession and scored in the corner, the kick failing. Shortly afterwards Wilson intercepted a pass, and scored another try for the homesters. The kick again failed. One of the Cardiff forwards was now knocked out, and play was suspended for a while. The Cardiff wing afterwards scored in the corner.

Half-time score:		G. T. Pts.
Briton Ferry	.....	0 2 6
Cardiff Reserves	.....	0 1 3

The second half was of an even character, neither side having an advantage until the latter portion of the game, when Cardiff commenced to press, but the stern defence of the homesters was effective in resisting the attacks. Eventually, W. A. Jones, the Cardiff centre, got possession of the ball, and, evading his opponents, crossed in the corner.

Final score:		G. T. Pts.
Briton Ferry	.....	0 2 6
Cardiff Reserves	.....	0 2 6

CHEPSTOW V. CARDIFF RESERVES.

At Chepstow. Teams:—

Cardiff—Back, Woods; three-quarter backs, McCraith, Jones, Heslop, and Flookes; half-backs, Jones and Thomas; forwards, Oppenheim, Young, Bisset, Stroud, Lewis, Beasley, Horton and Jenkins.

Chepstow—Back, Oakley; three-quarter backs, Edwards, Bailey, Norris, and Hill; half-backs, Beasley and Hughes; forwards, T. Spencer, E. Spencer, Glynn, Watkins, Lloyd, Holley, Packer, and Pearce.

Chepstow opened with 14 players, and Cardiff pressed without effect. Chepstow tackled firmly and kept Cardiff out. Chepstow relieved and opened out and almost scored. Chepstow were penalised, and Woods kicked a penalty goal. Chepstow afterwards played better.

Half-time Score—		G. T. P.
Cardiff	.....	*1 0 3
Chepstow	.....	0 0 0
*Penalty		
Final Score—		G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	*2 0 8
Chepstow	.....	0 0 0
*One Penalty.		

CARDIFF RESERVES V CHEPSTOW

At Chepstow, in fine weather, and before a good crowd. The Volunteer band was in attendance. Chepstow opened one short, and Cardiff pressed, without result. The tackling by the Chepstow back was deadly, and at length the home team relieved and attacked. Chepstow missed a chance to score, and Hughes being penalised, F. Woods kicked a penalty goal. After this Chepstow played up better, and deserved to score. Play ruled even.

Half-time score		G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	*1 0 3
Chepstow	.....	0 0 0

*Penalty.

Cardiff opened strongly, and the forwards got the ball. Chepstow, however, followed play closely, and tackled fearfully. Morris, Hughes, and Bailey excelling. At length McCraith punted over the line. Bailey, failing to field, Heslop dropped on the ball, and scored. Woods converted. After this Chepstow played up finely, and once Beasley ran through and just failed to get the ball over. Chepstow could not pierce the defence.

Final score:		G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	2 0 8
Chepstow	.....	0 0 0

COMMENTS.

It was an open and well-contested game, in which luck was all on one side—that of Cardiff.

Chepstow played a surprisingly keen game, and pleased their supporters.

Both Cardiff's scores were lucky, especially the try.

Chepstow honestly deserved a score or two, but when all is said, Cardiff showed better knowledge of the game, but lacked scoring power.

On the run of play they were lucky to win by eight points.

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CARDIFF RESERVES V. PENARTH RESERVES.

At Penarth. In the first half Penarth pressed, and their forwards had possession for a considerable time, but the greasy state of the ground prevented a score, until Shephery, picking up in the open, got away on his own and scored a fine try. The kick failed. Penarth had the better of the game throughout the first half, Davies and Brown doing good work.

In the second half Thomas was able to score owing to a mull by Bryant, but the kick was a failure. This was followed by a grand try by George McCraith, who intercepted a passing bout in the Penarth 25 and scored in the corner. Later the home backs got away, but they just failed to get over.

Final score:			
	G.	T.	P'ts.
Cardiff Reserves	0	2	6
Penarth Reserves	0	1	3

CARDIFF RESERVES V MONMOUTH

The surface of the ground on the Cardiff Arms Park was just beginning to be caught by the frost when this match commenced. In the opening stages the play was ragged, and only W. A. Jones, of the home backs, showed any certainty in handling the ball. Heslop, the other centre, lacked judgment, although he got off several times nicely. Graham, Prichard and Ferrier worked hard at half, but did not open up the game well. The game was twenty minutes old when Yewlett broke away from a line-out at the centre, and gave a good pass to D. L. Evans. The latter ran some distance, and showed the perfection of judgment in passing back towards the touch-line to Ferrier, who was left to run in with an easy try, which D. L. Evans scored. Soon after Graham Prichard dribbled away from the visiting backs in his own half, and, kicking hard past the custodian, he followed up, gathered the ball prettily, and ran on. He fell over the line just as three opponents grassed him heavily. In taking the shot at goal, D. L. Evans put check side on the ball, which went nowhere near the posts. A few minutes later George McCraith scored an almost similar try. The full-back misjudged a kick, and the Reserves captain, coming up at top pace, booted the ball towards the line. There was no one in front of him, and his pace enabled him to get up to the ball, pick it up, and run in behind the posts. D. L. Evans this time added the extra points.

Half-time score:			
	G.	T.	P'ts.
Cardiff Reserves	2	1	13
Monmouth	0	0	0

The first incident of note in the second half was a clever bit of play by D. L. Evans, who smartly rubbed one of the visiting three-quarters of the ball and tried hard to cut out an opening for McCraith, but the skipper hadn't sufficient room to move in. Just after Heslop dropped a pretty goal with his left foot. Flocks's sprinting powers were seen to effect in a LEO of time runs, and on the third occasion he slipped between two of the Monmouth backs and ran in with a try, which D. L. Evans failed to convert. Soon after the Aberdare man was off again, and cross kicked for Lieutenant Oppenheim to score behind the posts. D. L. Evans's kick was charged down. D. Pike was the next to score after a run by Heslop, although the latter should really have passed to Flocks, who was practically unmarked on his wing. This time D. L. Evans scored. From a pass by Prichard, Ferrier scored a try, tricking the defence nicely with a "dummy." McCraith took the shot at goal, and, unfortunately, hit the near post. McCraith scored the eighth try in the corner, and himself failed with the kick. D. L. Evans got the ninth after a dashing run, and McCraith added the extra points. McCraith went over again after a fast sprint from near the centre, but, although he planted the ball behind the posts he could not kick a goal.

Final score:			
	G.	T.	P'ts.
Cardiff Reserves	5	6	42
Monmouth	0	0	0

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CARDIFF RESERVES V. MONMOUTH.

At Cardiff Arms Park before a small number of spectators. The ground was just a little hard especially in front of the grand stand.

The opening play was even, but continually the Reserves got the better of matters, and Ferrier scored a good try from some open work amongst the forwards at halfway. D. L. Evans scored. The play of the Reserves was very disappointing, the players seeming quite unable to handle with accuracy, although the ball and ground favoured them. Prichard proffered very smartly by a miffed by his 25 line, but Evans scored a fine try from near his 25 line, but Evans stalled at an easy place kick. McCraith scored in similar fashion to Prichard a moment or two afterwards for Evans to majorise. Cardiff continued to have the best of matters until half time was called.

Half-time Score—			
	G.	T.	P.
Cardiff Reserves	2	1	13
Monmouth	0	0	0

The second half opened with poor play by both teams, but the homesters improved and in many minutes had elapsed Heslop dropped a goal. Then Flocks came very near scoring after a strong run, but a tick later he scored a fine try which Evans failed to convert. Oppenheim was the next to score but again the place kick failed. Monmouth were now thoroughly beaten and Pike crossed under the posts after an opening by Heslop, Evans scored. Then Ferrier crossed after a good run, and McCraith majorised. McCraith was the next to cross, but from a difficult angle failed to convert. Evans next scored, and the extra points were gained by McCraith, but the latter failed to majorise a try which he scored just on the call of time.

Final Score—			
	G.	T.	P.
Cardiff Reserves	5	6	42
Monmouth	0	0	0

Remarks.
The game was too one-sided for criticism of the play. Monmouth were thoroughly demoralised after the first 15 minutes, and the homesters gave them no chance afterwards.

COMMENTS. 0 0 0
It was an uninteresting game, in which the backs on neither side had much to say in the argument. Bristol were well beaten in the scrum, but the Cardiff backs repeatedly failed to make use of openings.

RUGBY.

CARDIFF RESERVES v. CARDIFF ROMILLY.

Romilly, last season's winners of the local Challenge Cup competition in connection with the District Union, met the Cardiff Reserves at the Cardiff Arms Park before a small number of spectators. The home-standers fielded a representative side, thanks to the Leicester match being abandoned, and Romilly also had a good side out. Teams:

Cardiff Reserves: Back, F. Woods; three-quarter backs, G. McCraith, W. A. Jones, G. E. Heslop, J. Flocks; half-backs, R. Davies, E. Thomas; forwards, D. L. Evans, D. Pike, G. Yewlett, E. Harding, J. Stroud, E. Lewis, A. Oppenheim, S. Gillard.

Romilly: Back—Joe Buhr; three-quarter-backs, W. Lichfield, R. Williams, Furness, Lovell; half-backs, Canterbury, Morris; forwards, T. Lloyd, Luxton, Sexton, Taylor, Ballinger, Jones, H. Davies, Dowe.

The Reserves took up an attacking position at the outset, and Buhr was directly responsible for a scrum on his line through a futile attempt to fly kick. Edgar Thomas crossed very prettily from a pass by Randall Davies, but D. L. Evans was unequal to the task of converting from the touchline. Cardiff continued to hold the advantage, and the forwards were cleverer than the locals. One or two passing movements by the Reserves' backs were particularly good, the first, initiated by George McCraith, being quite first-class, and a moment later the whole of the home backs handled for McCraith to be pushed into touch. Romilly were unable to get relief, but their defence was capital, or some passing bouts of the home forwards would have resulted in scores. At length, thanks to some bungling on the part of the home backs, the locals reached the home twenty-five, and a free kick in their favour was fielded splendidly by Frank Woods, who kicked to touch down the field, and McCraith tackled Lovell before he could reply. Romilly then improved somewhat, and play ruled near the centre, but the home backs showed better form than they have hitherto exhibited on the Park this season, and many movements deserved points. At length, however, a try came to the home-standers. The ball came to Heslop from the scrum, and Flocks was collared near touch at the 25, but he managed to transfer to W. B. Jones, and the centre culminated a pretty bit of play by crossing without opposition. Frank Woods converted, and half-time arrived just as Heslop was tackled on the line after another passing movement which immediately followed the kick after the score.

Half-time score: G. T. P.
Cardiff Reserves 1 1 8
Romilly 0 0 0

Cardiff attacked strongly on the resumption, and the third line had hard lines in not crossing after some good play. Frank Woods opened the scoring in this half by a penalty goal, after which the Romillys, who by the way are known in local circles as the "Laughing Philosophers," woke up a little, and got to the Cardiff end, but were never dangerous and the Reserves' forwards came away to the other end with a dribble. More than ordinary energy was introduced into the play at this period, but it was not exciting, and attack and defence were about equal for some minutes. Romilly tied passing, but they failed badly and lacked finish all through. At times their forwards were favoured with good chances, which were ineffective through over-anxiety. Cardiff should have scored from a nice movement by the backs which took play from one end of the field to the Romilly line. There Flocks was thrown into touch, and Woods was a tick later in form in the centre, where he fielded a long kick by Lovell very prettily and kicked to touch at the 25, from where Randall Davies got away well, but his pass went awry, and Dick Williams kicked down. The Philosophers tired a little, and strange to say the home backs deteriorated in their play, missing several passes. The closing minutes saw Romilly purely on the defence, which the home-standers failed to pierce owing to the failure of their backs rather than to any brilliance of the local defence.

Final Score— G. T. P.
Cardiff 2 1 11
Romilly 0 0 0

*1 Penalty.

REMARKS.

The game proved more interesting than was generally expected, and at times some capital football was played, but in the second half the quality of the play was prejudiced by an exhibition of vigour which cannot at any time improve matters. The forwards were fairly well matched, and what the visitors lost in cleverness they showed in robust play, and the Cardiff eight showed better form than for some time past. They were very ably led by D. L. Evans, and all were good. Randall Davies was perhaps the best half-back on the field, and saved very daring rushes of the opposing forwards in great style, whilst his contemporaries played on him very closely all through. Edgar Thomas was just a trifle selfish, otherwise his play was good. All the third line did well in the opening with splendid passing but they fell away in the second half, or the score for their side would have in all probability been very heavy. Dick Williams and Lovell were prominent for the locals, and at back Frank Wood outshone the veteran Joe Buhr. Wood was in form which equalled his best display, and he did not fail on one occasion to profit his side when the ball came to him. Romilly possess a good pack on scrummaging, with plenty of dash, but they sadly lack the finish which is necessary to bring their side into better company, and it may be said that their play to-day, though well suited to Cup-tie football, will not commend itself to spectators.

CARDIFF RESERVES v ROMILLY

Judged by the number of onlookers on the Cardiff Arms Park, when these teams took the field, the interest in the game was not great. Both teams were strongly represented and were as follows:—

Cardiff Reserves: Back, F. Woods; three-quarter backs, G. McCraith, W. A. Jones, G. E. Heslop, and F. Flocks; half-backs, R. Davies and E. Thomas; forwards, D. L. Evans, D. Pike, G. Yewlett, E. Harding, F. Stroud, E. Lewis, A. Oppenheim, and S. Gillard.

Romilly: Back, Buhr; three-quarter backs, Lichfield, R. Williams, Furness, and Lovell; half-backs, Canterbury and Morris; forwards, Lloyd, Luxton, Sexton, Taylor, Ballinger, Jones, R. Davies, and Dowe.

Referee, Mr. Wills.

R. Davies kicked off for Romilly, and the ball was returned to touch in neutral ground. From the first scrum the Reserves got away, and, pressing strongly, E. Thomas fell over the line and scored. D. L. Evans failed to put on the extras. The Reserves soon opened up another strong attack, and a pretty bout of passing by the three-quarter backs brought play to within a few yards of the Romilly goal-line where Flocks got into touch. Romilly were penalised, and the ball was placed for McCraith, who failed to direct the ball over the cross-bar. For the first quarter of an hour Romilly were kept on the defensive. A strong burst by the Romilly forward seven brought play into Cardiff land. The effort was not long sustained as the Cardiff third line got away in grand style, and Flocks had reached the Romilly 25 flag before he was checked. Shortly afterwards Flocks again broke away splendidly and passed to W. A. Jones, who got over easily. F. Woods added the two points. The Reserves were pressing when the interval was taken.

Half-time score: G. T. P.
Cardiff Reserves 1 1 8
Romilly 0 0 0

The Reserves re-started, and Romilly put in a poor return. Cardiff kept up a strong attack, and Romilly were penalised. The ball was placed for Frank Woods, who with a good kick added another three points to their score. A strong effort by the Romilly forwards placed the home citadel in danger, but Harding and Oppenheim succeeded in dribbling the ball back to the 25 flag. Neutral ground was soon reached, and here several scrummages were broken up without either side being able to make headway. At length Yewlett dribbled prettily to the Romilly 25 flag. Loose play followed, and Romilly again succeeded in getting well into Cardiff territory. Flocks put in a splendid run and transferred play to Romilly ground. Several openings for Cardiff were smartly checked by the Romilly three-quarters. The cup-winners were again penalised, Frank Woods failed to score from a difficult position. The Reserves continued to have all the best of the game, and when time was called were pressing.

Final score: G. T. P.
Cardiff Reserves 2 1 11
Romilly 0 0 0

*One penalty.

COMMENTS.

The game was a very fast and vigorous one. Though stubbornly contested, it was soon evident that the Reserves were the better team in every department.

The Cardiff three-quarters were in good form, and frequently showed good combination and passed smartly, and at opportune moments Romilly third line showed up very badly in comparison, though individual efforts by Lichfield and R. Williams were praiseworthy, the latter showing up well in defence.

Buhr was not to be compared with Frank Woods, at back.

Randall Davies and E. Thomas were in good fettle and continually set their third line in motion, while Canterbury, for the Romillys, did a lot of saving work.

Harding, Yewlett, and Oppenheim were the best of a good lot in the Cardiff forward line; R. Davies, Lloyd, and Sexton playing very smartly for the Romilly.

Chaps too all done. Foot.

CARDIFF RESERVES v.
LLANGENNECH

Rhys Gabe's old team played the local team immediately after the county match, and the home-
sters had the pleasure of appearing before a large
heir crowd than usual, whilst the presence of a large
number of Welsh Union officials opened the "possible
chances" for the aspirants from Carmarthenshire.
Cardiff were forced to find substitutes for W. A. Jones
and McCraith, and the absence of the captain and
deputy gave the captaincy to D. L. Evans, and D. J.
Davies and B. Thomas took the places of the centre
and wing.

Cardiff opened strongly, with P.C. Brice refereeing to the non-arrival of the appointed official. For some minutes scrappy play ruled and both ends were well used. Then Cardiff got away by Edgar Thomas, who after a good run started to third line with the result that Trevor Flacks scored a capital try in the corner, but D. L. Evans failed to convert. Manganenach then pressed, but failed to get through, and Cardiff relieved well, play being in the Laigueun half at the interval.

Half-time Score—		G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves		0 1 3
Llangennech		0 0 0

The second half opened at a great pace and the forwards had a wumtime. Some good work by the halfbacks, but they were not able to get a try. A scrum Edgar, who was in the line, passed to Gerard, who scored a brilliant try. The visitors then Langenscheidt started passing and they got good work, their halves being very nippy, and Rando Davies had a big handsome Ivor Hughes. Very fast play, and play of a higher standard than was shown in the first half. The same followed, and the ball was handled with wonderful accuracy, assisting the shifty play of the ground: Langenscheidt showed good work from two pretty passing movements, but they were not able to recruit, and Butler tackled well. Thrice Cardiff touched down in quick succession each time after very good play by the visitors, and points were added on two occasions. Indeed, the pressure for some minutes was taxed to the excellent defence of the home backs, who, to the astonishment of the spectators, eventually a strong burst gave Gunn a try. The forwards, but the kick at goal by Griffiths was charged down. Cardiff then took up the attack and were in the visitor's twenty-five when time was called.

Final Score—		G. T. P.
Carroll Reserves	1	1
Llangenlech	0	3

REMARKS

Quite a good game, much prettier than the County game which immediately preceded it. The standard of play reached was surprising when the slippery ball and ground are considered. Llangenlech were well served by Owen Jenkins at three-quarter, and T. Davies and Ivor Hughes were good at half. The forwards were good in the scrums, and prominent among them were W. Davies, Gunn, and W. Roberts. They were otherwise a very well balanced side, and gave a very attractive display. D. L. Evans played the forward line and it would be unfair to single out any for mention. Edgar Thomas was brilliant at half, and was well served by R. Jones. Davies, whilst the third line did smart things, a dash was a success. B. Evans was great in defence, but rather slow in kicking. On the whole, the form, second class football is to be preferred to C. U. V.

CARDIFF RESERVES V LLANGENNECH

Played at the Cardiff Arms Park after the County match between Glamorgan and Yorkshire. In attractiveness the play was an improvement on the zigger game. The Cardiff backs effected some pretty movements, and as the result of a brilliant opening by Edgar Thomas, G. Heslop gave Trevor Flook a pass which enabled him to sprint around the visiting backs and score near the posts. L. Evans failed to add the extra points. Glamorgan attacked very hotly after this, and several times were within an ace of scoring.

Half-time score:	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	0	1	3
Llangennech	0	0	0

Soon after the re-start Heslop took the ball from Edgar Thomas, and ran in a great try behind the posts for Cardiff, which D. L.

Evens converted. After a bout of attacking by Llangeenoch the Cardiffians came down, and Jellings was held just outside. Llangeenoch brought off a nice round of passing, and the right wing got well away, but was tackled by D. Thomas and Buhr. Llangeenoch attacked hotly, and twice were within range of scoring. A splendid piece of cross play followed, the visiting forwards from the centre nearly yielding a try, but Llangeenoch well deserved the try which fell to them through Gunn, after a prolonged bout of aggressive work. Griffiths failed to convert from in front of the posts. Even play followed till the finish.

Final score:	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	1	1	8
Llangennech	0	2	3

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Knowle Mar. 2nd '07

CARDIFF RESERVES v. KNOWLE.

The Bristolians were unfortunate in having to take the field in their initial visit to Cardiff with a very unrepresentative side, and their appearance caused more than a small amount of amusement, their jerseys being representative of all the colours in an ordinary pattern book. Cardiff opened strongly and a nice opening by D. Davies gave Flocks a try, the wing player scoring in easy fashion from half-way. The extra points were added by Frank Woods, but he just missed a second attempt after a score by W. A. Jones a few minutes later. Jones was over again just afterwards and this time Frank Woods negotiated. Two more scores were registered before half-time by D. J. Davies and W. A. Jones, both being scored by F. Woods.

Half-time score— G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves 4 1 23
Knowle 0 0 0

The visitors were unfortunate in losing the services of Joe Buhr, a local player who assisted them, almost immediately after the restart. Dr. W. G. Williams stated that his shoulder was dislocated. The home-attackers were very elementary. Frank Wood, the home full-back, was the next scorer, but D. L. Evans was unable to goal. A moment later D. L. Evans again failed to negotiate after Flocks had run in a fine try. Frank Wood was the next scorer after a good bout of passing, and time was called.

Final score— G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves 5 5 40
Knowle 0 0 0

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CARDIFF RESERVES V KNOWLE

Knowle, the Bristol Suburbans, were only able to bring a weak team to Cardiff to play the Reserves, and were assisted by J. Buhr and one or two other local players. Cardiff attacked right from the start, and D. J. Davies gave F. Woods a pass at half-way, which enabled the sprinter to run in a great try behind the posts, which Frank Woods converted. Soon after this W. A. Jones ran in two tries, the second a really brilliant effort. Woods added the extra points in one instance. The Edgar Thomas made a clever run from the centre, and put D. J. Davies over behind the posts for Woods to again convert, as he did a moment later with W. A. Jones' third try.

Half-time score: G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves 4 1 23
Knowle 0 0 0

Soon after the restart Buhr made a good run for Knowle, and when tackled by Frank Woods had the misfortune to put his shoulder out. He was attended to in the pavilion by Dr. W. G. Williams. Some time elapsed before the Cardiffians could get their passing machinery into order, but at last Trevor Flocks made a brilliant run up the right touchline, and scored a really excellent try. Woods failed to convert. Heslop next got over, after beating several opponents in style. Woods adding the extra points. Seeing the weakness of his opponents, Frank Woods got up into the three-quarter line when next the ball came out from the Cardiff halves, and taking a pass nicely from W. A. Jones, he ran in cleverly behind the posts. D. L. Evans took the kick, but must have thought he was shooting at soccer posts, for he sent in a daisy-cutter. More good passing by Cardiff saw another try fall to Flocks after a pretty sprint, and W. D. L. Evans failing with the kick, the Cardiff total of points was now 37. Frank Woods got the next try in the same manner as before, and D. L. Evans again missed with the kick.

Final score, G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves 5 5 40
Knowle 0 0 0

COMMENTS.
The Reserves were winners from the start, and some of the tries were brilliant, ygot, W. A. Jones at left centre and Trevor Flocks on the right wing, both played in great style, and D. J. Davies' display was by no means poor. Frank Woods showed commendable football intelligence in getting up from full-back to score his two tries. It was a feat which W. J. Bancroft used often to perform.

Newport 2nd Mar 1907

CARDIFF II. v. NEWPORT II.

At the Cardiff Arms Park, before a fair crowd, Newport opened against the wind, Edgar Thomas returning to the centre. The home-attackers heeled from the first scrum, but a promising movement was spoiled by a forward transfer. A high punt was quickly followed up by McGrath, and the Newport custodian failing to gather the ball, McGrath scored wide out, the kick falling. Immediately on the kick-out play was taken to the Newport line, and after Thomas had been brought down just in time a good bout of passing resulted in Flocks sprinting over in the corner. Woods again falling with the kick. Another bout of passing started by Randall Davies ended in Flocks running behind the posts, the kick this time succeeding. Gunstone intercepted nicely, but in doing so knocked out otherwise he had a clear run in. From a line out R. Davies obtained possession and cross-kicked, for Powell to pick up and get over near the posts. Woods made a poor attempt at converting. Cardiff pressed almost continuously until the interval, when the score stood—

Half time Score— G. T. P.
Cardiff II. 1 3 14
Newport II. 0 0 0

Play was waged in midfield for a long time on re-starting. Newport for once in a way obtained from a scrum, but very little ground was gained. The home quartette again got on the move, but a forward pass pulled them up. Gunstone through last following up looked like getting in, but McGrath saved cleverly. Plummer tried a long drop at goal, but the ball was a few yards wide. Sellings was foremost in a rush that nearly resulted in a score, a scrum being ordered five yards out. The Cardiff forwards heeled, but Edgar Thomas missed his pass, and Newport got out of the danger zone. Gunstone was nearly over for the visitors, a throw forward alone preventing him. Plummer was injured and had to retire, but he soon resumed. Newport were having the best of the argument territorially, but they failed to pierce the defence.

Final Score— G. T. P.
Cardiff 1 3 14
Newport 0 0 0

REMARKS.
Newport failed to adapt themselves to the conditions as well as the home-attackers, and that accounts for their defeat. Seldom did the visiting scrum-masters heel in the first half, but in the second they beat the home-attackers for possession. The home halves, Davies and Thomas, were too much for the Uskaiders pair and opened out the game in fine style, most of the tries being the outcome of Davies' work. Plummer, who had not played for two months, did well in the visiting third line, and with Gunstone, were the two best on the Newport side. Both custodians were safe.

CARDIFF II. V NEWPORT II

The attendance on the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon to witness this fixture was not large. The ground was wet, and the weather dull. The teams were as follows—
Cardiff Reserves: Back, F. Woods; three-quarters, M. Craith, W. Davies, Heslop, and Flocks; half-backs, D. Davies and E. Thomas; forwards, Lewis, Pike, Hewlett, Stroud, Gillings, Gillard, P.C. Arch, and Powell.
Newport II.: Back, F. W. Burt; three-quarters, Baker, Fisher, Gunstone, and Harrington; halves, A. Thomas and Plummer; forwards, W. Casey, Evatt, W. Johnson, Pritchard, Palmer, Waller, Hews, and Bryant.

Newport started operations, and the home skipper returned to touch in neutral ground. Cardiff were the first to attack, and from the first scrum-mage R. Davies passed out very cleverly to W. Davies, who transferred to McGrath. The latter got over, but Woods failed to convert. The Reserves again attacked strongly, and Flocks registered a try. The place-kick went wide. A few minutes later Flocks again crossed the Newport line, and Woods converted. Cardiff continued to hold the upper hand, but Newport defended well. The visiting custodian saved his side frequently. A cross kick by Randall Davies got into Powell's hands, who got over in good style. The try was not converted. Cardiff were pressing hotly when the interval was taken.

Half-time score: G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves 1 3 14
Newport II. 0 0 0

The second half opened with a few long exchanges, the ball eventually being kicked into touch in neutral ground. Even play waged for the first ten minutes, and several efforts of the Reserves' third line to break away were spoiled. Newport then pressed, and Plummer dropped for goal, but the ball fell short. A splendid dribble by the Cardiff forwards brought play to within a few yards of the Newport goal-line. Burt brought relief. From a scrum-mage in mutual ground Newport worked their way to the Cardiff 25 line. A stubborn battle ensued for some time, in the course of which Plummer got hurt, and had to retire. Cardiff then brought the ball back to the centre. After a short rest Plummer returned to the field. Newport were now showing much better form and an equal share of attacking. Randall Davies got the ball from the next scrum-mage, and passed out smartly, McGrath putting in a good run before being rushed into touch. Play was in Newport ground when time was called.

Final score: G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves 1 3 14
Newport Reserves 0 0 0

Swansea 2^{nds} Mar. 23rd 07

Gloster 2^{nds} Apr. 6th

SWANSEA SECONDS V. CARDIFF SECONDS.

At Swansea in fine weather. A start was not made until 4 o'clock owing to the late arrival of the visitors, but no doubt, to the heavy railway traffic occasioned by the match at Cardiff. Swansea had the advantage of the wind, whilst Cardiff had also to face a strong sun. The home forwards had several good openings early in the game. Errors of judgment by the home three-quarters brought two minors up and down the field at Cardiff. The ball was raced up and down the field at Cardiff. Tom Davies sent the ball to Walsh, who a fast pace. Tom Davies sent the ball to Walsh, who a fast pace. Tom Davies sent the ball to Walsh, who a fast pace.

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Half-time Score.....	1 1
Swansea 2 ^{nds}	1 1
Cardiff 2 ^{nds}	0 0
Final Score.....	1 1
Swansea 2 ^{nds}	1 1
Cardiff 2 ^{nds}	0 0

REMARKS.

Swansea displayed far better combination, which at times quite non-placed their opponents, and on three occasions led to a try. The visiting quartette were given several opportunities, especially in the second half, to show their skill in passing movements, but the passes given were slovenly and far too much kicking was indulged in, the ball invariably going to Fred Rees, who at times replied with interest.

SWANSEA 2^{nds} v CARDIFF 2^{nds}.

At St. Helen's in fine weather. The match was advertised at 3.30, but it was 3.50 before the visitors appeared, the delay being due, no doubt, to the heavy railway traffic between the two towns. The home forwards had a little difficulty in completing their front rank, but eventually they held their full side.

Swansea had the better of the opening play, and from a penalty kick F. Rees almost got a goal. Fumbling on the part of the home backs almost ended in disaster for Swansea. Tom Davies made a strong run and Cardiff were forced to concede a minor. Davies got possession from a scrum, and sent out to Walsh, who scored wide out. F. Rees failed to convert. T. Davies, the home inside half, got away on the blind side, and scored immediately behind the posts. Rees converted.

	G. T. Pts.
Swansea Seconds.....	1 2 11
Cardiff Reserves.....	0 0 0

COMMENTS.

Swansea fully deserved their victory by eleven points. The home forwards had far the best of matters in the first portion of the game. In the second half the Cardiff three-quarters were repeatedly given the ball, but almost invariably they kicked into Fred Rees's hands, who replied with interest. The home rear division displayed good combination, and all their tries were well earned.

Llangennech Mar. 30th 07

No other Newspapers etc

CARDIFF RESERVES V. LLANGENNECH. PLAYER BREAKS HIS COLLAR BONE.

At Llangennech. Cardiff broke away in fine style, but, owing to a fumble a certain try was missed. From a scrum Llangennech attacked vigorously, and took play to the visitors' territory, when Gwilym Davies broke his collar-bone.

Portishead. Apr. 15th 07
(The Newspapers etc)

CARDIFF RESERVES V. GLOUCESTER SECONDS

This game was played in the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon. Rain fell heavily during the morning, and the ground was, therefore, rather soft. The gate was very small when the players took the field. The teams were:-

Cardiff Reserves: Back, D. J. Davies; three-quarter backs, W. A. Jones, Neagle, Pater-son, and Flocks; half-backs, R. Davies and E. Thomas; forwards, E. Lewis, D. Pike, S. Tolland, H. R. Jellings, B. Moon, J. McIntyre, A. B. Jones, and Daley.

Gloucester Seconds: Back, Perry; three-quarter backs, Egerton, Cook, Robinson, and Butler; half-backs, Arthur and Dicks; forwards, Wybourne, Meek, Griffiths, Halford, Tyler, Blackford, Bayley, and Wheeler.

Gloucester kicked off, and Cardiff put in a poor return, the first scrimmage being formed in home territory. Combined efforts by the Cardiff third line brought play inside the Gloucester 25 flag. The Reserves kept up a strong attack for some time, but failed to break down the defence. At length, the home halves got the ball away, and the ball was passed to Neagle, who broke through in fine style and registered the first try. The place-kick fell short. Cardiff were soon again pressing, but loose play by the home forwards enabled the visitors to get back to neutral ground. A long punt by Flocks, who followed up well, put Gloucester again in danger. After a scramble between the forwards, Daley succeeded in scoring. Cardiff again failed to put on the extra points. Gloucester were kept on the defensive, but gained relief for a while by obtaining a free-kick for legs up. The visitors' third line were next put in motion, but reckless passing spoiled a fair chance, the ball being thrown into touch. Gloucester were once more called upon to defend, and Cardiff lost several good opportunities of adding to their score.

	G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves.....	0 2 6
Gloucester Seconds.....	0 0 0

Cardiff re-started, and Gloucester failed to put in a return, the first scrimmage being formed near the visitors' 25 flag. Cardiff were penalised for feet up, and Gloucester found touch in neutral ground. One of the visitors took a good shot at goal, but the ball fell short. Gloucester men were now playing with greater dash, and were having by far the best of matters, but lack of finish in their work spoiled all their efforts. Flocks put in a splendid run half the length of the field, but, having no one to support him, was brought down near the Gloucester 25 flag. Flocks was again prominent, and broke away in grand style, but failed to clear the Gloucester full-back, who tackled well. Play now became of a very even nature. Cardiff half-backs next put their three-quarters in motion, and Neagle went away in fine style and romped over. Lewis was successful with the place-kick. Cardiff forwards dribbled to near the centre, where W. A. Jones picked up smartly and passed to Neagle, who put in an excellent run, and placed another try to his credit. Lewis added the extra points. Gloucester next attacked, but failed to make use of their opportunities.

	G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves.....	2 2 16
Gloucester Seconds.....	0 0 0

CARDIFF 2nd v. GLOUCESTER 2nd

There were very few people present at the Cardiff Arms Park. The start was somewhat earlier than usual owing to the Mallett Cup. The following: Both Woods and McGrath were assisting the premises at Gloucester and the forwards also were not at full strength. Davies (Penylan) deputised Woods at back.

Teams:- Cardiff 2nd.—Back, D. J. Davies; three-quarter backs, W. A. Jones, Neagle, Peterson, and Flocks; half-backs, R. Davies and E. Thomas; forwards, E. Lewis, D. Pike, S. Gillard, H. Jellings, Ben Moon, J. McIntyre, A. B. Jones, and Daley.

Gloucester 2nd.—Back, Perry; three-quarter backs, Egerton, Cook, Robinson and Butler; half-backs, Arthur and Dicks; forwards, Wybourne, Meek, Griffiths, Halford, Tyler, Blackford, Bayley, and Wheeler.

Gloucester started against the wind, the first couple of scrums being formed in mid-field. Gloucester rushed into the home quarters, but Thomas and Flocks took play to the other end. The first bit of interesting play came when Neagle eluded the grasp of a couple of opponents, and doubling the full back, scored near the posts, the ball a rick the cross-bar from the place kick. The Gloucester full back being caught with the ball, the home forwards dribbled over the line and Daley scored, the kick being a poor one. Cardiff were mostly dangerous till half-time, and Lewis missed a certain try by knocking on, but there was no addition to the score up to the interval.

	G. T. P.
Cardiff 2 nd	0 3 6
Gloucester 2 nd	0 0 0
Half-time Score.....	0 3 6
Cardiff 2 nd	0 3 6
Gloucester 2 nd	0 0 0
Final Score.....	0 3 6
Cardiff 2 nd	0 3 6
Gloucester 2 nd	0 0 0

REMARKS.

It was a poor game, bright incidents being few and far between. There was not so much difference between the two teams as the score would indicate. The home forwards got the ball out often, but did not take advantage of their opportunities. The Gloucester pair of halves were very smart, but they had not the opportunities of the home pair. Neagle's first try was well gained, and the other two he scored were good efforts. The Gloucester third line did not show to advantage, but Perry, their custodian, if weak in kicking, was a good tackler and saved two certain tries by Flocks.

Penylan Apr. 13th 07

Canton (Champs. Team of League) 29
Apr. 20th 07

CARDIFF RESERVES v. PENYLAN

At Cardiff Arms Park after the Cardiff v. Devonport Albion match. Soon after the start McCraith made a good shot at goal for the Reserves, the ball having one of the uprights. Play was very fast and keen, and Penylan had their full share of the argument in the opening stages. Indeed, they worried Woods, the Reserves full-back, on a couple of occasions, though he drove them back with some smart runs and strong kicks. Then the Reserves took up the running, and good passing between Thomas and Flocks put Penylan's line in danger. However, Penylan relieved, and by dashing play worked to the Reserves line and gained a minor. Spencer made a capital run for Penylan after neat passing, and the hillside club did most of the pressing, but could not get through.

Half-time Score—		G. T.
Cardiff Reserves.....	0	0
Penylan.....	0	0
Soon after the restart Edgar Thomas got away for the Reserves, and Flocks, taking his pass, ran well, but re-passed forward. Howell, the Penylan full-back was playing a particularly sound game—indeed, the feature of the match was the display of the two full-backs. It was a ding-dong game, with little science on the part of either side, but with some very good kicking. Once or twice the Reserves backs tried passing, but the ball was either handed forward or knocked on. Towards the finish Penylan had a great chance, but W. A. Jones brought relief, and gave a pass which was forward, otherwise danger would have threatened to Penylan. Then a Penylan back made a strong run, taking play close to the Reserves line, and being bowled over near the corner flag. This was the nearest thing for a score in the match and a most disappointing game ended.		
Final score—		G. T.
Cardiff Reserves.....	0	0
Penylan.....	0	0

CARDIFF RESERVES v. PENYLAN

On the conclusion of the match between Cardiff and the Devonport Albions these teams took the field on the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon. The ground was in splendid condition, and there remained a fairly good "gate."

The Reserves started the game, and Penylan failed to return. After a little pressing McCraith got possession and dropped for goal, but failed to direct the ball between the uprights. Penylan then entered Cardiff land. An effort to relieve by Woods was charged down. A free-kick to Penylan was placed, but the attempt at goal was a failure. Penylan opened up another attack, and Frank Woods again came to the rescue. Edgar Thomas, the Cardiff outside half, put in a pretty run, and transferred to Flocks, who was pushed into touch a few yards from the Penylan goal-line. The visiting forwards succeeded in dribbling back to neutral ground, and directly after attacked strongly, compelling the Reserves to concede a minor. The Penylan third line were put in motion, and Spencer travelled several yards before being rushed into touch. Penylan left wing again broke away, but was well tackled by McCraith. A stubborn attack by the visitors was checked by Randall Davies, who picked up smartly and transferred to Thomas. Flocks next got possession, and punted well into Penylan territory. Cardiff now pressed strongly, but the opponents' defence was good, Howells, the full-back, putting in a lot of useful work. Penylan again attacked, and a drop for goal fell short. The interval was then taken.

Half-time score—		G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves.....	0	0 0
Penylan.....	0	0 0
Half-time score—		G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves.....	0	0 0
Penylan.....	0	0 0

CARDIFF RESERVES v. CANTON

At the conclusion of the Cardiff v. Llanelly match the league champions tried conclusions with the Cardiff Reserves on the Cardiff Arms Park.

The Reserves started the play, and spoiled the return. From the first scrimmage Randall Davies got the ball away, and set his third line in motion. After some pretty passing, D. J. Davies got possession and went over in the corner. The try was not converted. Cardiff were again aggressive, and Canton being penalised for off-side play, the ball was placed, but the shot for goal went wide. Several scrimmages followed in neutral ground, Blanning eventually kicked into touch near the Cardiff 25 flag. The Reserves gradually worked their way to the centre. W. A. Jones next entered the Canton land, but his pass was not taken. Directly after Davies again got over, but the kick for goal again failed. Canton were again called upon to defend their goal, and it took them some time to clear their lines, which they did with a pretty dribble. The Canton three-quarters next had a good chance, but after travelling several yards the right centre attempted a shot at goal, which spoiled the effort. Canton were playing up better as the game advanced, and when the interval was taken they were attacking.

Half-time score—		G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves.....	0	2 6
Canton.....	0	0 0

Dacy re-started for Canton, and the ball was returned to neutral ground. From a scrimmage Cardiff's third line were put in motion, and Gillard having travelled several yards transferred to R. John, who got over in a favourable position, and Woods put on the extra. The Reserves again pressed, and Canton conceded a minor. Some loose play followed, and the Reserves getting the better of the deal, Gillard followed up with a long kick and put on another try, which Woods converted.

Canton next entered Cardiff land, but their stay was a short one. The Cardiff third line were too clever for the Canton men, and Bob John romped over again. Woods failed to convert. Canton were now completely routed, and it was only a question of the number of points which the Reserves would put up against them. Flocks next crossed the line, which was not converted. A minute after Flocks again got over, and Woods goaled.

Final score—		G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves.....	3	4 27
Canton.....	0	0 0

CARDIFF RESERVES v. CANTON.

Canton, as the champions of the Cardiff and District League, met the Cardiff Reserves on the Park after the Cardiff v. Llanelly match. Shortly after the start E. Thomas and R. Davies opened out the game for the Reserves, and D. J. Davies ran in with a try, which was not converted. Other passing movements by the backs were spoiled by knocks-on, but after a good run by T. Flocks, D. J. Davies got the ball and went over, F. Woods failing to convert. Canton had one capital chance, when one of their number foolishly tried a drop at goal instead of running on.

Half-time Score—		G. T. P.
Cardiff Reserves.....	0	2 6
Canton.....	0	0 0

In the second half Gillard broke away from a line-out, and running well gave a pass to R. John, who scored for Wood to place a goal. Canton played up vigorously, but two further tries should have come to Cardiff, but D. J. Davies failed to beat Flocks. However, Gillard scored again for Cardiff, and Wood placed another goal. Another score came from a capital run by E. Thomas, R. John being the scorer, and Wood just failing to convert. Then Flocks ran in two fine tries, one of which Wood converted.

Final Score—		G. T. P.
Cardiff Reserves.....	3	4 27
Canton.....	0	0 0

Penarth Sept. 28th '07

Bristol

PENARTH RESERVES v CARDIFF RESERVES

The Penarth public were well provided with matches this afternoon, for, in addition to the first team's match with Clifton, the seconds played Cardiff Reserves. In the latter match the teams were:-

Penarth Reserves: Back, F. Best; three-quarter backs, B. Lawdry, H. Shephard, S. Smith, and E. Bryant; half-backs, J. Regan and Stanley Smith; forwards, R. Simms, W. Davey, V. Bissett, J. Huett, Blackmore, C. Hamilton, J. Bryant, and J. Hill.

Cardiff Reserves: Back, R. Williams; three-quarter backs, T. Flocks, M'Vicar, E. Thomas, and T. Spencer; half-backs, R. Davies and J. Thomas; forwards, D. Pike, F. Lewis, F. Stroud, D. Duncan, H. Jelings, Ruck, Morgan, and Stacey.

The Penarth forwards were greatly in evidence in the opening stages, and, playing right on top of Johnny Thomas and Trevor Flocks, kept the Cardiffians strictly on the defensive until Randall Davies, fielding from the base of the scrum, doubled and ran, but his pass to M'Vicar was intercepted by Regan. Poor fielding by the Cardiff team lost them a lot of ground, and, after Randall Davies had placed them in a splendid attacking position, Bissett broke up a passing bout by intercepting and got clean through the team by kicking straight ahead. From a scrum at half-way Stan. Smith beat Johnny Thomas rather cheaply, and then threw out to Lawdry, who broke back into the centre. Here the ball got loose, and T. Spencer fielded. Beating Smith, Bryant, and S. Best, he showed a clean pair of heels to the Penarth team, and scored a pretty try behind the posts.

Half-time score.	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	0	1	3
Penarth Reserves	0	0	0

Early in the second half Best brought down M'Vicar as he was almost over the line. Randall Davies opened up a fine round of passing, and Flocks ran over with the second try for Cardiff. Although the Penarth forwards tried hard to gain the upper hand nothing tangible resulted. D. Williams, E. Thomas, and J. Thomas tackling with marked effect. From a loose rush Flocks picked up and ran in with the third try. Regan, Stan. Smith, Shephard, and Steve Smith handled in succession, and a re-possess to Regan saw the latter going over the line at top speed, but he was stopped five yards out by Spencer and Williams. In the closing stages Stan. Smith failed in an attempt to drop a goal.

Final score.	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	0	3	9
Penarth Reserves	0	0	0

PENARTH RES. v. CARDIFF RES.

At Penarth. The Cardiff team arrived three-quarters of an hour late, much to the annoyance of the crowd. Teams:-

Cardiff:-Back, R. Williams; three-quarter backs, T. Flocks, E. Thomas, M'Vicar, and T. Spencer; half-backs, Randall Davies and J. Thomas; forwards, D. Pike, T. Lewis, F. Stroud, D. Duncan, Jelings, Buck, Moon, and Stacey.

Penarth:-F. Best; H. Shephard, St. Smith, E. Bryant, and B. Sawday; J. Regan and S. Smith; R. Sims, W. Davey, J. Huett, W. Blackmore, A. Bryant, V. Bissett, C. Hamilton, and J. Hill.

Cardiff kicked off, and Best replied. Randall Davies got the ball travelling, but Shephard upset his effort, and play, despite a strenuous struggle, remained neutral. The Cardiff forwards, led by Pike and Stroud, made a couple of ugly rushes, but Best was safe, and Sawday and Bryant both saved splendidly. Flocks and Edgar Thomas both muffed the ball, and Steve Smith and Stan Smith forced play, and only a forward pass from Shephard robbed the homesters of a try. Stan Smith again got going, even-ally, but his pass to Bryant was slow, and immediately after Spencer picked up and beat all opposition, and ran in with a grand try, which was not converted. Dropping out, Penarth carried play to the centre. Shephard took a free, but the ball went to Williams, who made an simple reply with a kick to touch. Penarth carried play to the visitors' 25, and Smith gave out cleverly to Regan, who nearly broke through. It took some time for Cardiff to get out of danger, this being brought about eventually by M'Vicar. The home three got going, and Steve Smith was responsible for a lovely kick to half-way. Sawday had the hardest luck in not crossing, and at the interval the Cardiffians were leading yet.

Half-time score.	G.	T.
Cardiff Reserves	0	1
Penarth Reserves	0	0

The exchanges in the second half gave Penarth a slight advantage. A Penarth man was badly fouled by a Cardiff forward, and the referee very properly penalised the side. Williams, however, again made capital use of the return kick. The Cardiff quartette brought off a capital round of passing, but Best saved by a fine tackle of M'Vicar, but not to be outdone Davies gave the ball to Thomas, and Flocks ran in with a try, which again was not converted. There was little in the game after this, till after a good deal of scrambling Flocks got possession, ran down the field and grounded the ball behind the posts. The kicking for other, unimproved upon. The ball now went close to the Cardiff line, and Williams had hard work to save. A determined effort by Penarth followed, Steve Smith and Regan almost crossing.

Final score.	G.	T.
Cardiff	0	3
Penarth	0	0

CARDIFF RES.

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CARDIFF RESERVES V BRISTOL RESERVES

These teams met on the Cardiff Arms Park before a fair attendance of spectators. Bristol kicked off, and the return being fumbled, the first scrum took place in the Cardiff 25. Going away with a rush, Cardiff carried play into their opponents' quarters, and from a scrum outside the Bristol quarter Thomas received, and, fielding beautifully clean, beat the Bristol defence, passed to McCraith at the right moment, and the Cardiff wing went over with a nicely got try. The kick at goal failed. Within three minutes of the start Cardiff gained their second try, Cardiff again getting away and enabling W. A. Jones to run over. The same player failed to negotiate. Play continued in the Bristol quarters, and McCraith just failed to get over, being held up right on the line. Cardiff continued to have the better of matters, and from a scrum in mid-field, Thomas received and started a beautiful round of passing. W. A. Jones was the last to secure, and completely nonplussed the Bristol centres, doubling in and scoring a try under the posts. Jones converted. Bristol tried a round of passing, but handled slowly, and a long line-out the Bristol right centre received, and, running well, got to within five yards of the Cardiff line, when he was pulled down from behind. Bristol were now playing better, and kept play in Cardiff territory. From a break away Jennings received at half-way, ran strongly, and scored Cardiff's fourth try. The kick at goal fell short. Thomas, of Canton, was playing a fine game at outside half, continually beating the Bristolans. Play ruled in favour of Cardiff, and Thomas got over, but was held, and a scrum was ordered five yards out.

Half-time score:	G.	T.	P's.
Cardiff Reserves	1	3	14
Bristol Reserves	0	0	0

Play ruled even on the restart, the Bristol forwards showing up better and holding their own. The Bristol full-back fumbled a long kick from Spencer, and Cardiff pressed. W. A. Jones picked up in the loose, and, completely beating all opposition, scored under the posts. Duncan failed with the kick. Inter-passing between W. A. Jones and Spencer saw Jones again score. Duncan converted. Bristol were outplayed at all points of the game. A fine bout of passing, in which all the Cardiff three-handled, saw McCraith get over with a try, which Duncan converted. After capital passing by the Cardiff three-quarters Flocks got over in the corner with an unconverted try. Play ruled all in favour of Cardiff. Thomas and Spencer got over, but on each occasion were called back. From a line-out Kember on his own. Duncan failed to convert from an easy angle. Pretty play by Thomas enabled W. A. Jones to score his fifth try.

Final score: G. T. P's.

Cardiff Reserves	3	7	35
Bristol	0	0	0

CARDIFF RESERVES v. BRISTOL 2^{nds}.

On the Cardiff Arms Park. The home side took the lead soon after the start, Geo. McCraith running in an unconverted try after capital passing. W. A. Jones followed with two good tries; and Thomas notched another, the score at half-time being:-

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Cardiff Reserves	1 3 14
Bristol 2nds	0 0 0

Early in the second half, W. A. Jones scored again after a fine bout of passing and inter-passing, and McCraith put on another try, which was converted. W. A. Jones again got in, the visitors being unable to cope with the Cardiff outside work. Then Flocks scored, and a forward also got over from a line out. W. A. Jones gained yet another try, and the final score was—

Cardiff Reserves	G. T. P.
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CARDIFF RESERVES V NEWPORT SECONDS

There was a very small number of on-lookers on the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon when the teams took the field. The weather was dull, but the ground was in splendid condition. The visitors were not at their full strength, being without their usual full-back and two out of their third line, whilst Cardiff were without the services of E. Harding and G. Yewlett. The teams turned out as follows:-

Cardiff Reserves: Back, R. Williams; three-quarter wings, G. McCraith, W. A. Jones, D. Davies, and T. Flocks; half-backs, Edgar Thomas and J. Thomas; forwards, C. E. Stroud, D. Duncan, T. Buck, D. Pike, E. Lewis, T. Stacey, W. R. Shepherd, and E. Rogers.

Newport Seconds: Back, A. H. Fisher; three-quarter backs, M. Baker, W. J. Winfield, A. Dinham, and W. H. Beer; half-backs, A. Thomas and M. Buckley; forwards, C. E. Evans (captain), W. Johnson, T. Lewis, J. Adams, J. Thomas, C. Fisher, W. Carpenter, and H. O. Williams.

It was fifteen minutes after the advertised time when the teams took the field, delay being occasioned through one of the Newport men failing to turn up. Newport kicked off, and the ball was returned to touch near the centre flag. Newport were the first to attack, and Cardiff conceded a minor. The visitors, though playing a man short, were more than holding their own, and kept Cardiff on the defensive for some time. A free kick to the home team brought play back to neutral ground. W. H. Beer now put in an appearance, and completed the Newport fifteen. A vigorous attack was made by the visitors, but Bob Williams saved splendidly. Buckley took a shot at goal, but the ball rebounded off the uprights. Cardiff were again forced to touch down. A well-timed kick by Williams spoiled the next attack. Buckley intercepted a pass, and scored a very good try. The ball was placed for the same player, but he failed to put on the extras. Cardiff played up better during the latter part of the first half, but failed to score.

Half-time score:	G.	T.	P's.
Newport Seconds	0	1	3
Cardiff Reserves	0	0	0

After lemons Cardiff kicked off, and the ball was well returned. Newport were the first to attack, and Buckley made an unsuccessful effort to drop a goal. Cardiff next travelled well into Newport territory, but they failed to hold their advantage for any length of time. The home third line were put in motion, but reckless passing spoiled their chance, and Newport were again aggressive. Cardiff were beaten forward, and Newport brought Williams out of the forwards as a rover. The Reserves now played up with greater dash, but Newport stubbornly defended their goal, and after a good fight near the visitors' line Newport forwards worked their way back to no man's land. The Reserves were now having all the best of the game, and a brilliant bout of passing enabled Flocks to run over, but the place kick failed. Honours being now easy the spectators, who had now considerably increased, became very much excited, and every effort by either side was keenly appreciated. Cardiff continued to attack strongly, and at last were rewarded by another try by Flocks. The try was not converted.

Final score:	G.	T.	P's.
Cardiff Reserves	0	2	6
Newport Seconds	0	1	3

REMARKS.

Judging by the play of the Cardiff Reserves in the first half, the game was a gift to Newport Seconds. In fact, it was not until nearly three-quarter time that the Reserves rose to the occasion. From that point to the close of play Newport were completely beaten.

Bob Williams, the home full-back, played an excellent game, and time after time brought his men out of a tight corner. Newport back also played a good game.

In the third line better judgment was shown by the Newport men. Winfield, Denham, and Baker put in a lot of useful work.

For the Reserves Flocks was in rare form. Badly served by the forwards, the home half-backs did not compare favourably with the Newport pair. Thomas and Buckley continually set their third line going, and were also strong in defence.

The home forwards put new life into their play during the latter part of the game, and consequently the third line had more opportunities of attacking. Pike and Buck were always in the thick of the fray, whilst Car- the visitors.

Smelling danger in the latter part of the game, the Newport partisans were continually shouting "Time!" and complained that the referee played over fifty-five minutes in the second half, and thus enabled Cardiff to win.

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CARDIFF RESERVES v. NEWPORT 2nd.

At the Cardiff Arms Park, Newport started strongly and notched a minor moment after the start after a good run, and for some time the game waged well within the home 25, the Newport forwards being excellent, although for the first ten minutes being a player short owing to W. H. Beer having missed his train. The homesters could not get relief, Williams, the home full-back, being in good form. Buckley made a capital shot for a drop goal for the visitors and struck the post. Then Cardiff got to half-way, and although beaten in front, good kicking by Williams gave the pack much-needed support. Then a grand rush by the visitors gave them a well-deserved try by Buckley, but it was not improved upon. Cardiff improved towards the end of this half, but were only once dangerous.

Half-time Score:-	G.	T.	P.
Newport II.	0	1	3
Cardiff Reserves	0	0	0

Cardiff opened strongly on the restart and gave their visitors a warm few minutes, but the bustling tactics of the Uksiders eventually gave them relief. Then the home backs profited by improv^e play on the part of Edgar Thomas, who in the first half was suffering severely from ablow on his eye and could not do himself justice. It then became now a battle of styles, the homesters trying to open out the game by passing and the visitors depending solely on their splendid pack of forwards. Towards the close of the game great excitement prevailed, every detail of the game being watched with keen interest, and the strong attack of Cardiff time after time looked like being successful. Eventually a fine effort by Johnny Thomas, McCraith, and Flocks drew Cardiff level, the latter scoring in the corner, but the angle was too difficult. At this time the "Echo" announced the result of the game at Newport, welcomed by an outburst of cheering, and the closing minutes of the game showed a keenness on the part of both teams which is seldom equalled. Play wazed about midway, scrummaging being the order until Johnny Thomas kicked W. H. Beer for the latter to mull in his 25. Then McCraith got away, but was compelled to throw just a little too high for Flocks, who was covered by an Uksider, and from two scrums on the line Evan Thomas was collared in attempting to cross, when he should have given up to a colleague. Cardiff fought desperately to gain the lead, and their play certainly warranted the winning points, but Newport, although outplayed, put up a determined defence. After D. Davies had missed a bad pass from W. J. Jones the latter made an attempt at goal from the centre from a dribble and the next bout of passing saw D. J. Davies again held up on the Newport line. Then a forward was just stopped in time, and the scrum opened up a round of passing from which Flocks scored a great try in the corner, but it was unimproved.

Final Score:-	G.	T.	P.
Cardiff Reserves	0	2	6
Newport II.	0	1	3

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Bream Nov. 2nd 07

BREAM v. CARDIFF A.

At Bream were a good attendance. Teams—
Bream—Baek, H. Fox; three-quarter backs, F.
Kent, A. James, W. Grinle, and A. Moore; half-back,
J. Baker and H. Rudge; forwards, L. Kirby, A.
Adams, C. V. Perry, A. Lodge, A. Rudge, T.
Wasley, and W. Watine.
Cardiff—Baek, F. Woods; three-quarter backs, T.
Spencer, W. Jones, J. Phillips, and T. Pookes; half-
backs, J. Williams, J. Jones, and J. D.
Westacott, D. Pike, W. Duncan, Gaccon, V. Shepherd,
Stroud, T. Lewis, and T. Buck.
Play was well contested. Cardiff had rather the best
of the opening exchanges and their three-quarters just
failed to score. Cardiff failed to score up to the in-
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	Half-time Score—	G.	T.	P.
Bream		0	0	0
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BREAM v. CARDIFF A.

In the second half, Cardiff had the best of the play, and a visitor got over with an unconverted. In the closing stages Cardiff were the best side, and a further try fell to them, Good failing to convert. Cardiff had the advantage of playing behind a pack which continually got the ball.

Mosley 2nd Nov. 9th 07

CARDIFF RESERVES v MOSELEY
SECONDS

An Amusing Incident

The reserves of Cardiff and Moseley met on the Cardiff Arms Park. The attendance was very small. Mr. Williams (Barry) refereed. Cardiff started play, and pressed immediately. Pretty passing by the Cardiff forwards saw Spencer re-pass to Phillips. The Cardiff goal was closed. The kick at goal failed. Moseley were awarded a free, but the ball was called back. Cardiff started passing, but Phillips spoiled a certain score by a bad pass to Spencer. Play so far had not been over. Moseley were passing, and Thomas started a run. A pass, and gave to Phillips. The Cardiff centre doubled in beautiful style, and, giving a nice time re-pass to Thomas, the Cardiff man ran over with a nice try, which was converted.

Cardiff were playing a fine game, holding the Moseley eight well in hand. From a scrum in the Moseley 25 Randall Thomas received, and, running strongly, gave to Phillips. Phillips, with a fine pass, gave to Thomas. Thomas, with a fine kick, converted. From loose play right on the line, Spencer got over, but was ruled in touch.

Cardiff Reserves	2	1	13
Moseley	0	0	0

Moseley's opening play in the second half ruled very scrappy. Moseley having the best of the first five minutes' play. The Cardiff forwards went away with a burst, but were pulled up in the second minute. The visitors were playing better football this half. Just as the stage the Moseley full-back came into great prominence, he being the hero of one of the funniest incidents that has been seen on the park. He galloped the half back from a cagey line, Edgar Thomas, and successfully dodged the oncoming forwards, when a "hand" stretched out and a "rip" was heard, and right away came the Moseley man's untimely fall. He lay on the ground until the crowd he was at once surrounded until groundsman Nash made his appearance with a new pair. Cardiff now improved and Spencer scored in the corner. Duncan failed from a high angle. Moseley then restarted Randall Thomas got away on his own, but failed to negotiate the extras, the ball hitting the post. Then Jimmy Spencer picked up and dropped a lovely goal. Cardiff carried play right to their opponents' line, and from the succeeding scrum John Jones was dodged by the Cardiff men, who were unable to stop the Cardiff men, and right on time Spencer scored another try. The kick failed.

Final score: G. T. P. 16

Final score:	G.	T.	P'ts.
Cardiff Reserves	3	5	29
Moseley	0	0	0

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Newport 2^{nds} Nov. 16th 33

NEWPORT SECONDS v CARDIFF
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On the Uskside enclosure this afternoon, before a good crowd. Teams:—
Cardiff Records: Back, Frank Woods; three-quarter backs, A. Phillips, P. A. Jones, G. Jones, and J. H. Jones; forward, J. H. Jones, Randall Davies and J. Thomas; forwards, Dlew. George, J. Powell, D. Pike, S. Duncan, J. H. Jones, E. Suco, F. Stroud, and W. Casey (late Newport).
Newport Seconds: Back, H. J. Rowlands; three-quarter backs, M. Baker, A. Fisher, P. Jones, and J. H. Jones; forward, A. Thomas and W. Bennett; forwards, C. A. Evans, H. Johnson, T. Lewis, G. Steide, C. E. Hews, and Uzzell, H. Williams, and S. Harrie.

Referee: Mr. Wills, Penarth.
Cardiff started operations, and for five minutes the play was a neutral ground. Melville Baker put in a useful kick along the touch-line for Newport, and followed up smartly to within a yard of the visitors' line, when he was brought down. Newport continued to press, but some clever work by the visitors kept the ball out of the danger zone. The visitors gained ground. Cardiff got the ball and style from the scrums, but their backs were erratic. From a scrum on the line the ball came out to Phillips in the centre, who made an unsuccessful drop at goal, when with a little effort he might have crossed. After a few minutes of interested but fruitless play for Newport, and, transferring to Peck Jones, the latter jumped over with a beautiful try, which H. J. Bowlands converted.

	Half-time score:	G.	T.	Pts.
Newport Seconds	.....	1	0	5
Cardiff Reserves	.....	0	0	0

After the interval play was very fast for a time. D. Pike, the Cardiff forward, was ordered off. A. H. Fisher put in some useful work in the Newport quartette, but without exception the Welsh forwards were the best. The Cardiff forwards had the better of a series of scrums, and Radball Davies got the ball out cleverly to his three-quarters. The Newport defence was very safe. Newport then worked their way into their opponents' half, where they did not meet much resistance. At the call of time Bennett picked up a ball from a scramble, and attempted a drop at goal, which went only a few feet wide.

	Final score:	G.	T.	Pts
Newport Seconds		1	0	5
Cardiff Reserves		0	0	0

COMMENTS.

Taking it on the whole, it was not such a bad game, although five points was not, perhaps, the amount of difference between the teams.

In the scrum the Cardiff forwards were rather better than the homesters, and healed more frequently. In the loose, however, Newport made up for this deficiency.

The halves were fairly evenly matched, although Cardiff were playing behind superior forwards. At three-quarter neither side showed any real finish, but, individually, Baker and Fish, for Newport, did a lot of good work, as also did M'Craith and Jones for Cardiff.

M'Oraith was particularly conspicuous for several fine runs. Rowlands and Woods at full back gave a very good performance.

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Monmouth. Dec. 7th 07

CARDIFF RESERVES V. SWANSEA 2nd.

At Cardiff Arms Park. Owing to the late arrival of the visitors the game was delayed until 5.40. Teams—Cardiff 2nds—Back, F. Wood; three-quarter backs, T. Flocks, W. A. Jones, G. McCraith, and J. Thomas; half-backs, R. Davies and E. Thomas; forwards, W. Carey, Pike, Duncan, J. Gaecon, Shepherd, Bluch Lewis, and Stroud.

Swansea 2nds—Back, F. Rees; three-quarter backs, W. Symonds, R. Thomas, Arnold, and Nicholas; half-backs, E. Williams and Bert Owen; forwards, E. Morgan, E. Davies, Williams, T. Morgan, Williams, Michael, J. McIntyre, and R. Wheeler.

Referee, Mr G. Leahy.

Swansea had a little better of the opening stages, and a free to Swansea nearly gave them a goal, Fred Rees putting in a good kick. Then Cardiff got to the other end, and were nearly over from some good work from the forwards. Shepherd and Fred Rees were conspicuous by clever "marks," the former taking the ball in grand style while running at full speed and stopping sufficiently well to secure the whistle of the referee. From the kick Fred Rees took the ball well when surrounded by the home forwards. Play ruled well within the Swansea half for some minutes, and Flocks was on one occasion prevented from scoring by a brilliant tackle when he seemed to have the line at his mercy. The Swansea defence was good and the following up of their forwards gave the home backs some trouble. W. A. Jones got away well and passed to Stroud when confronted by Rees, but the forward was not fast enough and a good chance was lost. A very hot attack was kept up on the Swansea line, and only the excellent defence of the All Whites kept Cardiff out, and half-time was called without a score.

Cardiff Reserves	G.	T.	Pts.
Swansea 2nd	0	0	0

The visitors attacked strongly on the restart, but the home forwards got relief and were soon at the other end. Swansea, thanks to smart work by Bert Owen (a brother of the redoubtable International), got out of danger, and again the home line was in danger. Wood showed great coolness, and fast play by the Citizens gained them the Swansea 25, where attack and defence were waged most strenuously. A score to Cardiff came through McCraith, Jones, and Edgar Thomas. The half-back seemed at halfway, and after beating his vis-a-vis he gave to McCraith. The wing got up to the full-back and kicked, for his captain to complete the score. Wood converted.

The Swansea final reached the ground by the "echo" boys at this juncture, and the enthusiasm of the spectators knew no bounds.

Even play was followed by a grand bit of play by Cardiff, and a splendid passing movement, ended in a try for McCraith, which Wood goal. Cardiff were pressed once more, and Wood again saved, and in the closing stages warm attacks by Flocks and W. J. Jones gave their visitors some anxiety. McCraith was also nearly over after a good run, and from the scrimmage near the Swansea line relief came to the Whites by a free kick. Time was called immediately afterwards.

Cardiff Reserves	G.	T.	Pts.
Swansea 2nd	2	0	10

REMARKS.
One of the best games seen on the park this season. The home forwards were the better team, and should have won by a larger margin, but the defence of Swansea was excellent. The home forwards were much the stronger pack, and gave the home backs numerous chances, but the third line lacked the cohesion which has played so strong a part in the success of the team to date. At half Swansea had the best of matters, and Bert Owen played a marvellous game at inside half; but his three-quarters were defensive rather than attacking players. Of the home forwards, Duncan, Casey, Lewis, and Shepherd were conspicuous; the former played a grand game.

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Abergavenny. Nov. 30th 07

ABERGAVENNY V. CARDIFF RESERVES.

The visit of Cardiff Reserves aroused a good deal of enthusiasm in Abergavenny, and will probably re-awake interest in Rugby football in the town, where for many years it has been practically dormant. The local team had done all they could to improve the condition of the ground, and the teams lined out as follows—Abergavenny—Back, Knight; three-quarter backs, Cornhill, Williams, Jenkins, and Winnie; half-backs, Lynch, Hiley, Davies, Jenkins, and Young; forwards, W. Jones, G. Jones, and Spencer; half-backs, Charles Thomas; forwards, Lewis (captain), Gaecon, Shepherd, Casey, Mac Intyre, Hicks, Duncan, and Davies.

Referee, Mr W. Lloyd Lloyd Abergavenny.

Abergavenny kicked off. Cardiff got possession, and with a nice run Spencer soon got into the home territory, and from a neat pass Casey scored for Cardiff. Shortly afterwards Spencer scored Cardiff's second try, which Wood converted. The home forwards were awarded a penalty for less up, and Knight dropping a goal. Cardiff again pressed hard, and Jones scoring the ball passed to Flocks, who ran in. Woods failed to convert.

Cardiff Reserves	G.	T.	Pts.
Abergavenny	1	2	11

Penalty 1 0 3

On resuming Cardiff pressed strongly, and Shepherd very soon got over with a try for the visitors. Even scored in the corner, this time Woods failing to make a goal. No further scoring occurred.

Cardiff Reserves	G.	T.	Pts.
Abergavenny	2	3	13

Penalty 1 0 3

REMARKS.
The large gate showed how much Rugby football is appreciated at Abergavenny, from where Newport gained so many good players in older times. As regards the game, the Abergavenny forwards held their own very well, but they were not cultivated the art of dribbling or passing. Their backs were somewhat out of sync, but showed a distinct improvement on recent Cardiff Reserves played well throughout, and it would not be fair to particularise the players.

SWANSEA SECONDS V CARDIFF RESERVES

Played on the Cardiff Arms Park. The teams lined out as follows:—Cardiff Reserves: Back, Frank Woods; three-quarter backs, G. McCraith, W. A. Jones, J. Thomas, and T. Spencer; half-backs, Randall Davies and Edgar Thomas; forwards, W. Casey, D. Pike, D. Duncan, J. Gaecon, W. Shepherd, T. Bush, Ted Lewis, and F. Stroud.

Swansea Seconds: Back, Fred Rees; three-quarter backs, W. Symonds, Harold Thomas, Arthur Arnold, and Tom Nicholas; half-backs, R. Williams and Bert Owen; forwards, E. Morgan, E. Davies, Ike Williams, T. Morgan, E. Williams, J. Michael, Ben Bodycombe, and Dan Wheeler.

Referee, Mr J. Leahy.

Swansea arrived late, and the start was delayed twenty minutes. Cardiff started, and Swansea at once pressed. A free was awarded Swansea, but Harold Thomas's kick went wide, and Woods conceded a minor. From a scrum in mid-field Cardiff started passing, but McCraith failed to take. The Cardiff "ups" went away, but Rees pulled them up. The home forwards now improved, and kept play in the visitors' half. W. A. Jones kicked well up, and Edgar Thomas taking the Swansea's "full" return on the run nearly got through. Flocks intercepted a pass, but was tackled on the line, and Rees relieved with a lucky kick to touch. From a scrum in mid-field Cardiff started passing. A good run, in which all the backs handled, saw Flocks held right on the line. Half-time arrived with no score.

Cardiff Reserves	G.	T.	Pts.
Swansea Seconds	0	0	0

On the restart the home forwards had chances innumerable, which were missed. Cardiff were kept defending, and it was only the fine play of Frederick Woods that kept the visitors out. Then came a lovely bit of play which resulted in Cardiff's first score. Edgar Thomas receiving, gave to Randall Davies. The latter ran and threw over Jones's head to G. McCraith, who took the pass beautifully. Faced with Rees, he kicked over the line, and in the race up Jones got there first. Frank Woods, with a fine kick, converted. Just before time Cardiff again scored and put the result beyond doubt. Randall Davies started his backs and going from hand to hand McCraith romped round behind the post. Woods converted.

Cardiff Reserves	G.	T.	Pts.
Swansea Seconds	2	0	10

COMMENTS.

A lack of cohesion on both sides characterised the game right through, the only bits of real play being those from which Cardiff scored. The two tries were the outcome of rassing of the best Welsh order, the last try especially being a beauty.

Frank Woods stood out by himself as the best man on the field. His returns were always clean and carried length. But for his fine defence Swansea must have scored several times. The three-quarters were entirely off, but McCraith made amends for an indifferent first half. Duncan, amongst the forwards, played a fine game, and his day marks him as a player of merit. On the Swansea side, Owen, the inside half, was always causing Cardiff trouble. The forwards played a dogged determined game, and always held the home eight. They gave their backs any amount of opportunities, which were not taken advantage of.

CARDIFF RESERVES V ABER- GAVENNY

Played at Abergavenny in fine weather and before a fairly good crowd. The ground was in fair condition. Spencer took the ball to the home quarters, and in the first five minutes Cardiff scored their first try through Casey. Shortly after Spencer scored again for Cardiff, and the goal kick converted the try. Knight then put on a penalty goal for the home forwards, and Flocks scored another unconverted try for Cardiff.

Cardiff	G.	T.	Pts.
Abergavenny	1	2	11

In the second half Cardiff were soon at work, and Sheppard got over near the posts. Woods easily converted. After a series of tight scrums John Thomas got over near the corner with an unconverted try.

Cardiff	G.	T.	Pts.
Abergavenny	2	3	13

COMMENTS.

The Abergavenny forwards held their own very well, but the whole of the team might take a few lessons in tackling and dribbling. Some of the tries should have been easily stopped if the men had been marked easily, and if the tacklers had been marked better. Abergavenny backs were somewhat out of sync, but showed a distinct improvement on their former games. It would be unfair to specialise any individual in the Cardiff team.

CARDIFF RESERVES V MON- MOUTH

This game was played on the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon in dull, heavy weather. The heavy rain of the early morning had made the ground soft, and rapid travelling was difficult. The teams turned out as follows:—

Cardiff Reserves: Back, F. Woods; three-quarter backs, F. Flocks, G. McCraith, T. H. Spencer, and O. Jones; half-backs, J. Thomas and C. Culverwell; forwards, W. Casey, S. Duncan, F. Gaecon, T. Buck, E. W. Lewis, W. R. Shepherd, J. McIntyre, and Crabtree. Monmouth: Back, W. Lewis; three-quarter backs, Lieutenant Hopwood, W. H. Rowland, T. Pembroke, and R. Farror; half-backs, G. Pembroke and W. E. Caldicott; forwards, T. Hughes (captain), P. Jenkins, R. Vick, F. Freeman, G. Blake, B. Vaughan, J. Pembroke, and Davies.

Referee, Mr J. White.

Cardiff kicked off from the river end. Monmouth put in a poor return, and the first scrimmage was formed near the visitors' 25 flag. Monmouth were penalised for off-side play, and the ball was placed for Woods, who put in a good kick, but failed to score. Directly after McIntyre picked up smartly, and broke through the defence very bravely and registered the first try. Woods failed to convert. Monmouth next entered Cardiff land, and one of the third line, getting possession in a favourable position, took a shot at goal, but the ball fell short. The Reserves were kept on the defensive for a few minutes, and from the next scrimmage Culverwell passed out to Thomas, who made a good run, when he sent out a long pass to McCraith, who failed to gather the ball. Flocks next got away, and was within a few yards of the Monmouth goal-line when he was brought down. A few minutes later the same player accounted for the second try. Woods failed to put on the extras. A free-kick to Monmouth brought play back to the centre. Here the home third line got in motion, and after some pretty passing Flocks again scored, and a good kick was well followed up by Buck, who brought down the Monmouth back before he had a chance of putting in a return. Loose play enabled the visitors to get back to neutral ground. Thomas put on the next try, and Woods converted. Gaecon was at this point hurt, and had to retire. Cardiff were pressing when the interval was taken.

Cardiff Reserves	G.	T.	Pts.
Monmouth	2	2	16

Monmouth re-started, and play settled in neutral ground. The Reserves were soon all over the visitors, and the home forwards dribbled away grandly. Shepherd at length succeeded, after a good effort, in adding another try to the total. Woods put on the extra points. The Monmouth men were penalised for off-side play, and Woods dropped a splendid goal. The Reserves' third line were soon again at work, and after some pretty passing McCraith was successful in getting over the line. Woods again did the needful with an excellent kick. Gaecon was able to resume play in the second half. T. Pembroke was hurt, but after a short rest resumed play. Thomas, the half-back, was next to score. This time the place kick failed. A free to Monmouth near the centre did not help them. The visitors then dribbled well into Cardiff land. McCraith brought the ball out of danger. A pretty bout of passing by Cardiff was intercepted by T. Pembroke, who romped over the line in fine style. The place kick just went outside the posts. Monmouth next had a penalty kick allowed them, but though in a good position they failed to score. Flocks followed up a high kick, gathered the ball and scored. The shot at goal failed. Time was then called.

Cardiff Reserves	G.	T.	Pts.
Monmouth	5	4	35

COMMENTS.

Little need be said of this runaway match. The Cardiff Reserves were superior in every department, and the heavy score piled up by the home team against the visitors was thoroughly well earned.

Beaten forward, the Monmouth half-backs tried to mend matters by continually getting off-side and making efforts to spoil Culverwell's smart passing, and were frequently penalised.

The Cardiff third line did exceedingly well, Flocks and McCraith playing at the top of their form.

The inside half for Cardiff (C. Culverwell) made a good impression on this his first appearance in the Reserve team, whilst Thomas took his passes smartly, and did a lot of useful work.

Frank Woods, who captained the team, played splendidly, and kicked with rare judgment.

Buck, McIntyre, and Gaecon played in their best style in the forwards. Of Monmouth, it need only be said that T. Pembroke, in the third line, played a good game, but had no one to help him. Blake and Hughes were the best of the forwards.

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Briton Ferry. Dec. 14th 07

BRITON FERRY v. CARDIFF SECONDS.

Played at Briton Ferry. Cardiff started operations, and at once invaded the home territory. A round of passing by the visiting backs left the ball with the left wing, who was brought down on the line. The Reds now worked their way to midfield, and from there the visiting backs again broke away, and came within an ace of scoring. A minor was conceded. Shortly afterwards Wilson had occasion to make a protest against a Cardiff player for rough play. The game proceeded, and the Reds rushed play right on to the visitors' line, when Frank Wood, the Cardiff custodian, in attempting to save, kicked the ball right into the hands of Fred Shorley.

Half-time Score—		G. T. P.
Briton Ferry	0 1 3	
Cardiff Seconds	0 0 0	
Final Score—		G. T. P.
Briton Ferry	0 1 3	
Cardiff Seconds	0 0 0	

NOTES ON THE GAME.
The play was fast and exciting throughout. There is no doubt that the visitors were a beaten team in all departments. A great deal of heat was at times introduced into the game, but after the protest by Wilson of rough play matters cooled down a little, and the game assumed a more pleasant aspect. The home team deserved their win, and the margin might easily have been greater.

Chepstow Dec. 21st 07³⁵

CARDIFF RESERVES v CHEPSTOW

There was a but a small crowd on the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon when these teams met to do battle. The ground was soft and heavy for travelling on. The Reserves were not at their full strength, and a good game was anticipated. The teams lined out as follows:

Cardiff Reserves: Back, F. Wood; three-quarter backs, W. A. Jones, T. Spencer, Morgault, and P. J. Thomas; half-backs, C. Culverwell and E. Thomas; forwards, Lewis, McIntyre, Sexton, Buck, Sheppard, Stroud, Crabtree, and Poole.

Chepstow: Back, Oakley; three-quarter backs, R. Davies, W. Thomas, Hughes, and Hodges; half-backs, Ashwin and Arnold; forwards, Spencer, Pearce, Bevan, C. Holley, M. Holley, Sims, White, and Watkins.

The non-arrival of the referee delayed the start of the game for twenty minutes, when J. Merrett was called upon to fill the post. Chepstow started the game, and the first scrum was formed in neutral ground. Here Culverwell smartly put the third line in motion, and after some pretty passing Johnnie Thomas got over. Wood put on the extra points. The Reserves opened up another strong attack, and the third line again went away merrily, but Morgault failed to take his pass and the effort was spoiled. Shortly afterwards Culverwell sent out a sharp pass, and pretty passing between Edgar Thomas and W. A. Jones enabled the latter to score. Wood's kick fell short. Within ten minutes the visitors' goal was again in danger, and Spencer completely broke down the defence. Wood converted. The interval was then called.

Half-time score:—		G. T. P's.
Cardiff Reserves	2 1 13	
Chepstow	0 0 0	

Cardiff Reserves re-started, and pressed for some time. Culverwell sent the ball out cleverly to Edgar Thomas, who transferred to W. A. Jones, and the Cardiff shipper romped over. The place-kick failed. Chepstow were penalised for off-side play and Wood punted high, and the forwards, following up well, prevented a return. W. A. Jones next added to the total, and Wood converted. Chepstow then invaded Cardiff ground for the first time this half, but failed to hold their advantage for any length of time. A goal for the Reserves from a mark brought the game to an end.

Final score:—		G. T. P's.
Cardiff Reserves	4 2 24	
Chepstow	0 0 0	

COMMENTS.

The game was too much one sided to be interesting, and the Reserves on their form all through were deserving of a heavier score.

The home forwards were superior both in the scrum and in the open, and consequently the half-backs were enabled to keep their third line busy.

Culverwell and Edgar Thomas played a good game at half-backs, though Arnold for the visitors was very tricky. Culverwell's passes were exceptionally smart.

The Reserve third line were hot, and with one exception played magnificently. Woods at full-back was in grand form, and kicked with excellent judgment. The visitors full-back showed up indifferently in comparison.

CARDIFF RESERVES v. CHEPSTOW.

The turf on the Cardiff Arms Park was very soft for this match and the weather was dull and threatening, consequently the small attendance was not surprising. The teams were—

Cardiff Reserves—Back, F. Woods; three-quarter backs, T. H. Spencer, W. A. Jones, J. Thomas, and Morgault; half-backs, C. Culverwell and E. Thomas; forwards, E. Lewis, T. Buck, W. R. Sheppard, P. Stroud, J. McIntyre, S. Sexton, Crabtree, and Poole.

Chepstow—Back, Oakley; three-quarter backs, Davies, Thomas, Hughes, and Hodges; half-backs, Ashwin and Arnold; forwards, Spencer, Pearce, Bevan, C. Holley, M. Holley, Sims, White, and Watkins.

Play was scrambling from the start and from the first real passing bout the crowd were delighted to see Morgault, the new French recruit, show speed and determination, and although he was tackled he pluckily tried a jump, a la S. P. Cooper, and only just failed to clear his opponent. The first try came from Johnnie Thomas, who ran in cleverly after feinting to pass to Morgault. Woods goalied. W. A. Jones spoiled several movements through trying to do too much on his own, and J. Thomas could have given Morgault a clear run in, but preferred to send the ball back to the centre, and the pass was not taken. Then W. A. Jones ran in, and Woods only just failed to land a goal. Spencer next scored, and Woods majorised.

Half time Score—		G. T. P.
Cardiff Reserves	2 1 13	
Chepstow	0 0 0	

The home team attacked strongly on the re-start, and after a series of efforts W. A. Jones ran in, Woods failing to convert. Edgar Thomas next made a good run, but with the exception of the passing bouts which had led to tries the game was very scrappy, and W. A. Jones spoiled several passing movements by holding on too long. Morgault, who had been expected throughout, almost got over from a determined burst, made from his own opening, and the spectators shouted to the centres to give him a chance. W. A. Jones ran in again, after passing, and Woods goalied. Chepstow then had a look in, but their attack was easily beaten off, and Woods kicked a goal from a mark.

Final Score—		G. T. P.
Chepstow	2 2 24	
Cardiff Reserves	0 0 0	

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USK v. CARDIFF RESERVES.

At Usk. Teams:—
Usk—Back, F. Weaver; three-quarter backs, H. Morgan, W. Stockham, A. Mundy, and F. Humphreys; half-backs, G. Willoughby and H. Humphreys; forwards, J. Morgan (captain), F. Thomas, E. Dunn, J. Bowen, V. Mundy, G. Parker, E. Saunders, and F. Harrington.

Cardiff—Back, F. Woods (captain); three-quarter backs, T. Spencer, R. Flocks, M. Casey, and J. Thomas; half-backs, C. Culverwell and J. Thomas; forwards, W. Casey, T. Buck, E. Lewis, R. Shepherd, J. McIntyre, D. Duncan, F. Stroud, and E. Rogers.

Usk kicked off, and Cardiff soon took up the attack, and sprinted much too smart for the homesters. From passing Spencer scored and Wood converted. Immediately after the restart Trev Flocks ran in from halfway. Good play by Dunn and Mundy carried play to the Cardiff 25. Spencer was next given a try, much to Cardiff's surprise. Wood kicked a magnificent goal. Sufton was next to score, no goal resulting.

Half-time—	G. T. P.
Cardiff Reserves	3 1 18
Usk	0 0 0

Spencer scored another capital try after the restart, no goal resulting. An excellent run by Woods culminated in Culverwell scoring an unconverted try. Still Cardiff pressed, and T. Buck was next to score under the posts. Woods had no difficulty in converting Flock went off at lightning speed from the drop-out, but Stockham laid him low. Culverwell was the next scorer after a tricky run. Usk played up well towards the close, but could not score.

Final Score—	G. T. P.
Cardiff Reserves	4 4 32
Usk	0 0 0

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USK V CARDIFF RESERVES

Runaway Victory

At Usk. The visitors won the toss and elected to play with the wind. Spencer scored a good try which Wood's converted. Spencer was given a try in the corner, and Woods kicked a magnificent goal from the touch-line. Bad fielding by the homesters let Seaton in with a unconverted try.

Immediately on the restart Cardiff maintained their superiority, and Spencer scored an unconverted try. Culverwell scored again. Duck scored under the posts, Woods again adding the extra points.

The visitors were much too smart for the homesters, and Culverwell was the last scorer for Cardiff.

Final score:	G. T. P.
Cardiff	4 4 32
Usk	0 0 0

CARDIFF RESERVES V. CANTON.

Played at the Cardiff Arms Park, before 400 or 500 spectators. Teams:—

Cardiff Reserves—Back, F. Woods; three-quarter backs, W. Spiller, F. Flocks, Spencer, and McGraith; half-backs, C. Culverwell and Edgar Thomas; forwards, Buck, Gaecon, Lewis, Shepherd, J. McIntyre, Rogers, Crabtree, and Sexton.

Canton—Back, Morris; three-quarter backs, James, Harding, Karaganis, and Dacey; half-backs, Bird and Beddoes; forwards, Jenkins, Harding, Brookman, Niblett, Dacey, Green, and Hartley.

Referee, Mr W. A. Williams.

Despite the fact that it had been protected the ground had a great deal of "bone" in it, and in view of the fact that it was still freezing it was decided to play only 30 minutes each way. In the early stages of the game Canton attacked, and on two or three occasions came very near scoring. Their forwards heeled well, but the back play of the locals lacked combination, and with the Reserves playing a spiritless game the first half proved pointless.

Half-time Score—	G. T. P.
Reserves	0 0
Canton	0 0

The second half opened with a series of attacking movements by the Cardiff backs, and after a fine burst through by Edgar Thomas, McGraith obtained possession from a long pass out and scored in the corner, Woods failing with the place kick. After this play again became of a scrambling description, the ball being rushed up and down the field with neither side proving dangerous. Canton had a fine chance just outside the Cardiff line, but they lost it through bad passing. The Reserves gradually drove Canton back, and after a good run by Spiller, Flocks dashed over with Cardiff's second try. Immediately afterwards a fine round of passing, in which all the backs handled, saw Flocks over again in the corner, and time was called.

Final Score—	G. T. P.
Cardiff Reserves	0 3 9
Canton	0 0 0

Comments.

There was very little in the game calling for comment. The play of both sides was obviously affected by the state of the ground, and no unnecessary risks were taken. Spiller prominent, his sound tackling being a feature of the game. Canton gave a plucky display, and with better combination among the backs they might easily have scored.

Cardiff II. v. Canton
A WELL-CONTESTED GAME

This game was played in the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon. The ground was hard, and the attendance small. Canton, who are the District Cup winners, were at their full strength, whilst the Reserves played a strong side, including W. Spiller. The teams were as follow:—

Cardiff Reserves: Back, F. Woods; three-quarter backs, W. Spiller, T. Flocks, T. Spencer, and G. McGraith; half-backs, C. Culverwell and Edgar Thomas; forwards, Buck, Gaecon, Lewis, Shepherd, J. McIntyre, Rogers, Crabtree, and Sexton.

Canton: Back, Morris; three-quarter backs, James, H. Harding, Karaganis, Dacey, and Martin; half-backs, Bird and Beddoes; forwards, Jenkins, E. Harding, Brookman, Niblett, Dacey, Green, and Hartley.

Referee: Mr. A. Williams.

Canton kicked off, and Spiller returned to touch in neutral ground. Canton were the first to attack, and after some vigorous play one of their forwards took a shot at goal and spoiled a good chance of scoring. Cardiff then got well into Canton land, and Culverwell got away on his own, but was brought down when within a few yards of the Canton goal line. The visitors gradually worked their way back to the centre, and then Beddoes found touch near the Reserves' 20 flag. A long punt by H. Harding went over the Cardiff line, and a minor was conceded. The interval was called with play near the Cardiff 25 flag.

Half-time score:	G. T. P.
Cardiff Reserves	0 0 0
Canton	0 0 0

Cardiff re-started, and, after exchanges, Culverwell put the third line in motion, and Spiller travelled well into Canton ground, when he was rushed into touch. Directly afterwards E. Thomas broke away prettily, and transferred to McGraith, who registered the first try. The angle was a difficult one, and Woods failed to convert. Canton next pressed, but Buck gained possession, and brought play back to neutral ground. The visitors now worked well, and for a time the Cardiff goal was in danger. The defence was good, and the home forwards eventually relieved the pressure. Another bout of passing between Edgar Thomas, Spiller, and Flocks saw the latter romp over. The place kick fell short. A few minutes later similar work by the third line added another try, which was not converted, and time was called.

Final score:	G. T. P.
Cardiff Reserves	0 3 9
Canton	0 0 0

COMMENTS.

Notwithstanding the hardness of the ground, the game was a very interesting one, and well contested. Canton played five men in the third line, and their forwards were, therefore, given a hard tussle with the Cardiff eight.

In the third line Cardiff were best, and pretty work was done all round in this department, whilst H. Harding and Dacey put in a lot of useful work for Canton.

Culverwell and Edgar Thomas were in good form at half-backs, whilst Bird and Beddoes made the best use of their chances.

E. Harding and Brookman were prominent throughout for Canton in the forward rank. For the Reserves Shepherd, Gaecon, and Buck were always busy.

Frank Woods played as usual in good style, and Morris, for Canton, defended well.

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CARDIFF RESERVES V BREAM

Played at the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon. Owing to the dense mist which covered the ground the spectators were allowed inside the ropes.

Bream started, and Woods returning well, play settled down in the visitors' 25. Receiving from a scrum, Johnny Thomas crossed-kicked, and Flocks gathering neatly romped over behind the posts after two minutes' play. Woods converted. After desultory play the visiting forwards rushed away, but Woods saved with a clean pick up and kick to touch. A passing bout between the home "threes" nearly resulted in a second score, Flocks being tackled five yards out. The visitors' inside half was penalised three times in quick succession for offside play. Cardiff pressed, and Johnny Thomas was held on the line.

	Half-time score:	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	1	0	5
Bream	0	0	0

On the re-start play settled in the visitors' half. Casey got away from a line-out, and sent to Sheppard, who ran over with Cardiff's second try. Woods's kick was charged down. The visitors were penalised for off-side play, but Woods's kick went wide. M'Crath and Flocks ran well, and Spencer cut across prettily, but his transfer to W. A. Jones went astray. The thickening mist now made it impossible to follow the play. The final whistle went with Bream pressing Cardiff right on their line.

	Final score:	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	1	0	5
Bream	0	0	0

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CARDIFF RESERVES V BREAM.

At 2.15 there was little chance of fulfilling this fixture at the Cardiff Arms Park owing to the dense fog, but on the arrival of the Foresters and Mr T. England, referee, the fog had lifted a little, and at 3 o'clock the teams held before a fair game.

Bream started, and the homesters immediately started passing, but the transfers were much below the usual standard, and the visitors were keen tacklers. Eventually however George McCraith got away, and after a good run, in which he drew all opposition on his wing, Flocks, the ex-Reserves captain, scored a grand try, which Woods converted. Even play followed, the homesters having the best of matters.

	Half-time Score—	G.	T.	P.
Cardiff Reserves	1	0	5
Bream	0	0	0

In the second half the fog became very thick, and much of the play was obscured. The only score came to Cardiff by Sheppard, who crossed after a good bit of play by McIntyre. In the last minute Bream pressed and were dangerous.

	Final Score—	G.	T.	P.
Cardiff Reserves	1	1	8
Bream	0	0	0

Cardiff deserved their win, and in clear weather would probably have put on a good score. Bream were unfortunate in being minus three players, but good substitutes were available. It was a well-contested game notwithstanding adverse conditions.

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CARDIFF RESERVES V CHEPSTOW

At Chepstow. Teams:—Chepstow—Back, Williams; three-quarter backs, Edwards, W. Thomas, Hughes, and Hodges; half-backs, W. Ashwin and another; forwards, Pearce, Spencer, C. Holley, M. Holley, F. Jones, Bevan, Watkins, and E. Packer.

Cardiff Reserves: Back, McIntyre; three-quarter backs, Flocks, Thomas, Spencer, and W. A. Jones; half-backs, Woods and Culverwell; forwards, Sexton, Casey, Griffiths, Warwick, Sheppard, Duncan, Gaecon, and Tustin. Referee, Mr. White, Newport.

Chepstow started without Jones and Packer, who had not arrived. As the visitors opened, and a scrum ensued, Working down and invading Cardiff, they were allowed a free, but no score followed. Chepstow changed the venue. Edwards had a free, but Ball charged down. Chepstow continued attacking, but W. A. Jones got away to be brought down by Williams in the Cardiff 25. Thomas secured and dropped a goal. Cardiff invading, W. A. Jones scored a try. Jones again scored.

	Half-time score:	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff	0	2	6
Chepstow	1	0	4

On the re-start Chepstow attacked, Cardiff clearing with a round of passing. Flocks nearly scored. Then Jones secured and scored a try. Woods goaling. Jones soon after cut-paired his opponents and scored another try, which was not converted. Woods worked through with a try and converted it, and soon after again scored and converted. Cardiff continued aggressive, but time precluded further scoring.

	Final score:	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	3	3	24
Chepstow	1	0	4

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CHEPSTOW V. CARDIFF II.

At Chepstow. Teams:—Chepstow—Back, Williams; three-quarter backs, Edwards, W. Thomas, Hughes, and Hodges; half-backs, W. Ashwin and another; forwards, Pearce, Spencer, C. Holley, F. Jones, M. Holley, Bevan, Watkins, and E. Packer.

Cardiff Seconds: Back, McIntyre; three-quarter backs, Flocks, Thomas, Spencer, and W. A. Jones; half-backs, Woods and Culverwell; forwards, Sexton, Casey, Griffiths, Warwick, Sheppard, Duncan, Gaecon, and Tustin. Referee—T. White, Newport.

Chepstow started without Jones and Packer, who had not arrived. Cardiff kicked off, and a scrum followed. Cardiff invading. The visitors were awarded a free but with no result. A forward dribble found Chepstow invading when a free to Edwards was charged down. Chepstow pressed, W. A. Jones clearing with a useful run. He was brought down by Williams. Chepstow invaded and Thomas dropped a goal. After a good run Jones scored an unconverted try, followed by another.

	Half-time Score—	G.	T.	P.
Cardiff	0	2	6
Chepstow	1	0	4

Resuming Chepstow invaded but a bout of passing ended in a transfer to Flocks, who was only stopped close to the line. Spencer received from Jones and scored a try. Woods converting. Outpacing his opponents Jones ran over with an unconverted try. Woods got through another try which he converted, the same player repeating the performance a few minutes later. A line run by Jones was unsuccessful.

	Final Score—	G.	T.	P.
Cardiff Seconds	3	3	24
Chepstow	1	0	4

REMARKS.
Chepstow started two men short, but afterwards Crockett and Greening played in place of Jones and Packer. At first Chepstow attacked strongly, and drew first blood, but afterwards the visitors asserted themselves and led at half-time by two points. In the second half the long passing of Cardiff and the speed of Jones and Woods told. Chepstow's tackling was poor, and the two Cardiff tries were soft and might have been prevented.

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BRISTOL NOMADS V CARDIFF RESERVES

This match was played at Bristol this afternoon, the home side being rather weakly represented. In the first half the visitors had much the better of the game, possessing a great advantage forward and at half, where Johnny Thomas was in form. The passing, however, among the three-quarters was poor, and only two tries were scored, Thomas and Spencer crossing, and Williams converting one of them.

	Half-time score:	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	1	1	8
Bristol Nomads	0	0	0

After the interval, Cardiff continued to have the better of the game, but they met with a keen defence. This was only beaten once. Jones after a good run crossing, and the extra points were added by Williams. It was a rather scrambling game.

	Final score:	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	2	1	15
Bristol Nomads	0	0	0

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CARDIFF RESERVES v NEWPORT
SECONDS

There was but a small number of on-lookers when these teams took the field on the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon. Rain fell steadily during the morning, and the ground was soft for travelling on. The teams turned out as follows:—

Cardiff Reserves—Back, T. Spencer; three-quarter backs, T. Flocks, Idris Thomas, G. M'raith, and W. Spiller; half-backs, Edgar Thomas and C. Culverwell; forwards, D. Thomas and C. Buck; D. Duncan, M. Pike, W. Casey, J. Ward, D. Rowlands; Newport Seconds—Back, H. J. Rowlands; three-quarter backs, A. M. Bather, W. Bennett, W. Priest, and R. C. S. Plummer; half-backs, A. Thomas and W. Martin; forwards, W. Johnson, Adams, A. Atwood, A. Johnson, F. S. Harris, and W. Carpenter.

Referee, Mr. W. Best.

Cardiff kicked-off and Newport returned to the centre. Cardiff were the first to attack, and after five minutes play a pretty bit of work by the home third line, Idris Thomas got over very cleverly. Duncan put on the extra points. Cardiff were soon pressing again, and Rowlands saved well. Bather next put in a splendid run, and was within a few yards of the Cardiff goal line when he was rushed into touch by Spencer. Culverwell got possession from the scrum, and passed out smartly to Edgar Thomas who brought play back to neutral ground. A free-kick to Newport gained a few yards, but Cardiff soon returned to the attack. Spiller got away in grand style, but failed to break through Bather and Rowlands. Cardiff were awarded a free-kick in a favourable position, but Duncan failed to direct the ball between the uprights. Newport next rushed the ball to within a few yards of Cardiff goal-line, and when the home team had worked their way back to the 25 flag the interval was taken.

Half-time score: G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves 1 0 5
Newport Seconds 0 0 0

Newport re-started. Cardiff failed to put in a return, and were penned near their goal-line for a few minutes. G. M'raith eventually gained possession and travelled splendidly down the field. With only the full-back to beat, he kicked over the line, and Rowlands succeeded in touching down and spoiled a good effort. Edgar Thomas at this point had an ugly cut over the right eye and had to retire. Spiller took Thomas's place at outside half, and Buck went into the third line. Notwithstanding the absence of Thomas, the Reserves continued to hold their own, and the battle was waged for some time in neutral ground. Edgar Thomas, after about ten minutes' rest and having had his injury attended to, went back to play on the left wing. Cardiff now attacked strongly, and for some time the Newport men were kept on the defensive. Spiller cross-kicked to Flocks on the right wing, who made a dash for the line, but was well collared by Baker. Spiller again kicked, and, following up well, fell on the ball over the line. Duncan converted. Time was shortly afterwards called, with play near the centre.

Final score: G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves 2 0 10
Newport Seconds 0 0 0

COMMENTS.

The game was a fast one, and, although the Reserves were superior in all departments and deserved a bigger total, the play was very interesting.

T. Spencer was a useful substitute for Frank at back, and kicked and tackled well, whilst Rowlands put in a lot of useful work for Newport.

The Cardiff third line all played well, Spiller and Idris Thomas being in excellent form. For Newport Baker and Bennett were the most prominent.

C. Culverwell again showed his cleverness at half-back, and passed out smartly and with good judgment. Edgar Thomas was not at his best. The visiting half-backs defended well, but were not so well treated by their forwards as were the Cardiff men.

Duncan, Buck, Gaccon, and Sexton were the most prominent of the Cardiff forwards, whilst for Newport W. Johnson, Hews, and Adams were the pick of the pack.

CARDIFF RES. v. NEWPORT II.

At Cardiff Arms Park on a soft ground. Teams:—Cardiff Reserves—Back, T. Spencer; three-quarter backs, T. Flocks, Idris Thomas, G. M'raith, and W. Spiller; half-backs, Edgar Thomas and Culverwell; forwards, D. Pike, W. Casey, Joe Ward, D. Duncan, M. Griffiths, Gaccon, E. Buck, Sexton.

Newport Seconds—Back, H. J. Rowlands; three-quarter backs, A. M. Baker, W. Bennett, W. Priest, and R. C. S. Plummer; half-backs, Archie Thomas and Martin; forwards, W. Johnson, G. Statte, C. Hews, J. Adams, A. Atwood, A. Johnson, F. S. Harris, and W. Carpenter.

In the opening stages the home team pressed, and Idris Thomas gaining possession put in a strong run and scored behind the posts. D. Duncan converted. Resuming, Newport attacked, and Baker made a determined but fruitless effort to cross. Fast play followed, in which the home team on several occasions came near scoring. For off-side tactics on the part of the visiting inside half, Cardiff were awarded a free kick, but Duncan's shot for goal from near the 25 line failed. Just before half-time was called Newport had hard lines in not scoring.

Half-time score: G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves 1 0 5
Newport Seconds 0 0 0

On the restart Newport assumed the aggressive, but the home team relieved. George M'raith, by a fine spirit, carried the ball near the visitors' goal, but kicked over the line, and a minor result. Through an injury to his eye Edgar Thomas had to retire, but even, but eventually Cardiff made a great effort to get over. At last Spiller kicked over the line, and following up scored; Duncan goal.

Final score: G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves 2 0
Newport 2nd 0 0

The home team deserved their win, having by far the better of the play. Had the home backs handled better, the score would have been much greater. Both packs worked hard throughout, but the Cardiffians gained possession often. T. Spencer, at back, gave a very creditable display, his kicking being very effective. Edgar Thomas was very smart in opening up the game, but, at times his passes were rather wild. For Newport Baker and Archie Thomas, among the backs, put in some good work.

SWANSEA 2nd v. CARDIFF 2nds

At Swansea this afternoon in rough weather. It had rained most of the morning, but prior to the match the sun shone out. The first match this season at Swansea ended in a pointless draw, and the second match, played at Cardiff, was won by the citizens by 2 tries to nil. Both sides fielded their strongest teams.

Swansea lost the toss, and Fred Rees kicked off against a stiff breeze. A punt by Spencer took play to within a few yards of the home line. Toft and Arnold, however, by combined work, removed play to half-way. Cardiff obtained a minor from a huge kick. Idris Thomas received from Edgar Thomas, and broke through the home defence with a clear course, but he was overtaken by Simmonds.

The home forwards broke away on several occasions, but a kick by one of the Citizens was all that was required to take play back to the home 25, so strong was the wind. Spencer fielded in the open, eluded Simmonds, and at the crucial moment handed to Idris Thomas, who had no difficulty in scoring the first try for Cardiff. M'raith failed with the place kick. The home forwards were nothing daunted by this reverse, and a round of passing amongst the home backs changed the venue to over the halfway line. Tom Davies intercepted a pass from the scrumage intended for Edgar Thomas, threw out a long transfer to Ivor John, who rounded R. Williams and scored wide out, making matters level, three points each. The home team continued to have the best of matters up to half-time, Arthur Arnold and Toft having hard lines in not scoring.

Half-time score: G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves 0 1 3
Swansea Seconds 0 1 3

The home forwards exhibited plenty of vim and immediately on the restart compelled their opponents to defend for some time. D. Williams and Toft combined in good style and initiated several bouts of passing, but the tackling of M'raith and Thomas prevented any scoring. Fred Rees took a penalty kick for goal but the direction was bad. Scrambling play followed near the half-way line. Toft kicked for the line and Williams conceded a minor, but the referee ordered a scrumage five yards out. Fred Rees essayed a drop at goal, and one of the Cardiffians misfielding, Ernie Morgan gathered the ball and passed to Tom Williams, who grounded down underneath the crossbar. Fred Rees converted, and Swansea now led by five points. Concurrently with this score the news that the Swansea first XV. had defeated the Metropolitan was received with great enthusiasm. This exuberance of spirits appeared to affect the players, and for a few minutes the game degenerated into a scramble, during which Ernie Morgan was slightly injured, and had to leave the field. The citizens ran in and got down to the home goal-line, where they attacked for about five minutes until the final came. They made several efforts to score further, but without success.

Final score: G. T. Pts.
Swansea 2nd 1 1 3
Cardiff Reserves 0 1 3

REMARKS.

The home team fully deserved their victory on the day's play. From the kick-off after Cardiff had scored their try the Swansea men played with any amount of verve, and looked winners all over. Williams, Toft, and Simmonds being noticeable for two combined efforts which almost resulted in a further score. Cardiff, however, deserved every credit for their splendid rally during the last ten minutes. They made repeated onslaughts on the home goal-line, and the home team had the greatest difficulty in keeping them out.

SWANSEA 2nd V CARDIFF 2nd

This match was played at Swansea this afternoon. Swansea got off against a strong wind, and got the advantage during the first few minutes of the game. Toft and Arnold were credited with reversing operations on returning to half-way. About the middle of the first half Cardiff nearly broke through, Symonds tackling the three-quarters, and stopping operations. Subsequently, Spencer got away, made a good opening, and passed to Idris Thomas, who scored a try for Cardiff. M'raith failed at goal. Before the end of the first half Ivor John scored a try for Swansea, which was unconverted.

Half-time score: G. T. Pts.
Swansea Seconds 0 1 3
Cardiff Seconds 0 1 3

LYDNEY "A" V. CINDERFORD "A"
This was a most interesting game. Downing playing well. Miles and Huzzey scored for Lydney in the first half. Cinderford then pressed, and scored a converted goal, a try, and a penalty goal. After passing Huzzey scored, Miles goal.

Final score: points.
Lydney "A" 11
Cinderford "A" 11

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This match was played at Newport turning out a very minutes of the start, Cardiff from a cross-kick Trevor Flocks scored and scored cleverly. Minutes later, Hartley, the N. judged, and a number of smartly brought off some try. In the subsequent attack beat the home defence and converted try. Towards half-time away repeatedly for Newport give him the necessary something. Fisher also put in Newport, and relieved the pressure.

Cardiff 2nd
Newport 2nd
In the early part of the pressed, but the same defence. The decisions of the referee, pridd, were causing a good comment from amongst the barracking became so off stopped the game while Evatt to take his team off summed, and the Newport and Plummer on the wing, his first opportunity, went to he could not negotiate the but his side failed to grasp splendid effort came to no good deal, but a few minutes from scored another try kicked a penalty goal.

Final Score
Cardiff Seconds
Newport Seconds
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Scene After

Demonstration Age

As the referee left the round him, and showered sticks, mud, etc. Matters were when both the Newport and round him. Had this not been the case, one of the Cardiff had caused some objection in for some very unkind remarks a similar scene has not been enclosure before.

There could be no question as to the better side. Newport was the better team, and the Cardiff was the better side, have no bearing on the decision as stated, was constantly the progress of the game.

Referee Int

The referee, Mr. B. Lewis, to by our representative said "The Newport officials and I said "closed around me, and near me. I do not know being so hostile. As a matter nothing in it—only a lot of sometimes will."

Mr. F. H. Dauncey, hon. of the Athletic Club, with Mr. Frank of the Newport 2nds, received Dauncey was trying to keep the referee, and one of them him. Mr. Dauncey kept close latter reached the pavilion, in keeping back the crowd was used when on the touch line.

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Newport 2^{nds} Mar. 7th 08

Scene at Newport. THE REFEREE MOBBED. MUD AND STICKS THROWN.

This match was played on the Uskside enclosure, Newport turning out a very weak team. Within five minutes of the start, Cardiff took up the attack, and from a cross-kick Trevor Elocks beat the Usksiders for speed and scored cleverly. McCraith converted. Ten minutes later, Hartley, the Newport custodian, misjudged, and a number of the Citizens following up smartly, brought off some pretty passing, which resulted in "Ginger" Thomas scoring an unconverted try. In the subsequent attack Idris Thomas cleverly beat the home defence and scored a second unconverted try. Towards half-time Harry Uzzel broke away repeatedly for Newport, but as his side failed to give him the necessary support, his efforts came to nothing. Fisher also put in some very useful kicks for Newport, and relieved the pressure considerably.

Half-time Score—		G. T. P.
Cardiff 2 ^{nds}	1	2 11
Newport 2 ^{nds}	0	0 0
In the early part of the second half Cardiff again pressed, but the game defence prevented the scoring. The decisions of the referee, Mr. T. L. Lewis, Pontypridd, were causing a good deal of good humoured comment from amongst the crowd, but later the barracking became so offensive that the referee stopped the game while Evans, the Newport captain, appealed to the "sixpenny side." The crowd shouted at Evans to take his team off the field, but play was resumed, and the Newport "threes" handled cleverly and Plummer, on the wings, who was given practically his first opportunity, went off at top speed. Realising he could not negotiate the corner, he cross-kicked, but his side failed to grasp the opportunity, and a splendid effort came to naught. Newport pressed a good deal, but a few minutes before the final whistle Proust scored another try for Cardiff, and McCraith kicked a penalty goal.		
Final Score—		G. T. P.
Cardiff 2 ^{nds}	2	3 17
Newport 2 ^{nds}	0	0 0
*1 Penalty.		

Scene After the Match. Demonstration Against the Referee.

As the referee left the field the crowd gathered round him, and showered upon him a regular hail of sticks, mud, etc. Matters were becoming very exciting, when both the Newport and Cardiff players gathered round him. Had this not been done it is very probable that he would have come in for a very warm time. Casey, one of the Cardiff forwards, whose play had caused some objection by the crowd, also came in for some very unkind remarks. It is probable that a similar scene has not been witnessed on the Newport enclosure before.

There could be no question that the Cardiff team was the better side. Newport turned out an exceptionally weak team, and there can be no doubt that Cardiff was the better side. All this, however, should have no bearing on the decisions of the referee, who, as stated, was constantly hooted and jeered at during the progress of the game.

Referee Interviewed.

The referee, Mr. B. Lewis, Pontypridd, when spoken to by our representative said he had not been injured. "The Newport officials and a number of the players," he said "closed around me, and prevented anyone getting near me. I do not know any reason for the crowd being so hostile. As a matter of fact, there was nothing in it—only a lot of boys shouting, as they sometimes will."

Mr. F. H. Dauncey, hon. secretary of the Newport Athletic Club, with Mr. Frank Huggett, hon. secretary of the Newport 2^{nds}, received some hostility. Mr. Dauncey was trying to keep the crowd from getting at the referee, and one of them promptly offered to fight him. Mr. Dauncey kept close to the referee till the latter reached the pavilion. Mr. Huggett also assisted in keeping back the crowd with the flag stick he had used when on the touch line.

*McCraith 1 Con
1 Pen*

Crowd Assail Referee

SCENE ON NEWPORT GROUND JIBES, FLOUTS, AND SNEERS

At Newport, before a poor gate. The home side was poorly represented, and the visitors did all the pressing in the first half. Hartley, the home full-back, was heckled by some of the crowd for his play. Idris Thomas, Ginger Thomas, and Elocks notched tries, one of which McCraith augmented.

Half-time score—		G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	1	2 11
Newport 2 ^{nds}	0	0 0
In the second half Newport rallied a little at first, and seemed inclined to put on a score which might equalise the first half, but they ultimately gave way before the pressure of the Cardiff forwards, and in the rush of the visitors another try was put on by Stroud, which was not scored. Two minutes later Newport was penalised for off-side in their own 25, and McCraith dropped a goal. Newport again rallied a little towards the end, but did not score.		
Final score—		G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	2	3 17
Newport 2 ^{nds}	0	0 0

CROWD SURROUND REFEREE

A Menacing Scene

At the close of the game a very angry and menacing scene was witnessed.

When the teams and the referee were leaving the enclosure the crowd, who had many times assailed the referee (Mr. Lewis, of Pontypridd) with jibes and flouts and sneers at his decisions, crowded round him, and apparently would have done him some considerable violence had not the players on both sides and a number of non-combatant supporters rallied to his support.

The attitude of a portion of the crowd, undoubtedly, was very hostile. They had been as they considered, provoked by some of Mr. Lewis's feeble attempts to enforce the rule, and also, apparently, by the cries which were heard around the ground by his alleged want of impartiality. On several occasions there was heard the cry of derision from various parts. "Oh, you've got your pocket pretty well filled to-day by Cardiff, old chap."

Another favourite cry raised as a jeer was: "On side, off side," apparently in derision of the referee, and again there were at times the cry "free-kick, free-kick."

Some of those who had been using these derisive remarks were amongst the leaders who crowded round the referee as he was leaving the ground, and but for the timely support given him by both the Cardiff and Newport teams and a number of Newport officials there is no doubt Mr. Lewis would have fared badly.

As a matter of fact, he would not, so far as could be seen, be actually struck by anyone, and after a few minutes calmer counsels prevailed.

It was very singular and rather a curious thing that the person who came in for actual violence was Mr. H. Dauncey, the hon. secretary of the Newport Athletic Club. Mr. Dauncey was walking along with the referee, and when the moment of boiling point arrived he did what he could to calm the passions of the people.

Mr. Dauncey was carrying a walking-stick under his arm, and by the pressure of the crowd the stick was given an upward motion. One of the visitors noticing this, and apparently mistaking it for the beginning of an intention on the part of Mr. Dauncey to raise his stick against the referee, somebody promptly struck Mr. Dauncey in the jaw. It was not a severe blow, and Mr. Dauncey himself described it as one of the best jokes of an unfortunate and unseemly spectacle.

HOW THE INCIDENT ORIGINATED.

The incident was originated and carried out by a number of youths on the cheap side of the ground, who had obtained free access by removing the boards in the permanent fencing on the Corporation-road flank. Some of these youths were so annoying with their tongues in the second half that the home captain (C. A. Evans) stopped the game for a minute, and spoke to them regarding their conduct.

The Newport committee have been very careful to give ample public notice on the ground against barracking the referee and molesting him in any way.

Mr. Lewis was escorted to the gymnasium for tea with the teams none the worse for his little escapade, and recognising that the incident was the work of mischievous lads, he expressed his disinclination to report the matter to the Welsh Union.

Usk. Mar. 14th 08

A RECORD SCORE

CARDIFF RESERVES SCORE 77 POINTS TO NIL

Cardiff Reserves and Usk took the field on the conclusion of the Boys' International game between England and Wales on the Cardiff Arms Park. The players were— Cardiff Reserves: Back, I. Spencer; three-quarter backs, G. McCraith, W. A. Jones, W. Spiller, and J. Thomas; half-backs, C. Culverwell and J. Thomas; forwards, Casey, Pike, Burk, Shepherd, Sexton, Stroud, Ward, and Ham.

Usk: Back, Garrett; three-quarter backs, Morgan, Stockholm, A. Willoughby, and Hill; half-backs, G. Willoughby and T. Manley; forwards, G. Manley, A. Phillips, Lewlett, W. Jenkins, A. Jenkins, McIntyre, Lewis, and C. Spring.

Usk kicked off, and the Reserves returned well, and at once penned the visitors near their 25 flag. W. A. Jones took a splendid pass and romped over. McCraith converted. A few minutes later Cardiff again pressed, and McCraith scored a good try, the same player putting on the extras five minutes later. Spiller added another try to the total, which was not converted. Another bout of passing by Cardiff, and McCraith put on another three points. The place-kick fell short. Idris Thomas was the next to score for the Reserves. The angle was a difficult one, and the place-kick went wide. McCraith added another try to his credit, which was not converted. McCraith got another try, and put on the extras. W. A. Jones put on another try just before the interval, which McCraith converted.

Half-time score—		G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	4	4 32
Usk	0	0 0
Cardiff re-started, and play settled near the Usk 25 line. W. A. Jones got over splendidly, and McCraith converted. Stroud then took a pass from Spencer, and scored. The kick failed. W. A. Jones next went over. The place-kick fell short. It was McCraith's next turn to add to the total, which he did easily, and then added the extra points. W. Shepherd then availed himself of a try, which was not converted. J. Ward then told that he must go over, and this was converted. Culverwell then scored, but the extras were not added. Idris Thomas got over; not converted. Spencer then got over; converted. Shepherd scored; converted. Culverwell next scored; converted.		
Final score—		G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	10	9 77
Usk	0	0 0

CARDIFF RESERVES v. USK.

Reserves Record Score.

Usk visited Cardiff, and after the Welsh schoolboys game met the Cardiff Reserves on the Cardiff Arms Park. What a farical game it was can be imagined when it is mentioned that within five minutes of the start the Cardiff Reserves had put up quite a respectable score, Geo. McCraith having the felicity of running over with three tries, all of which was converted. George Yewlett, of the Cardiff Firsts was assisting the Usksiders, but still even his cleverness—great as it undoubtedly is—could not save off defeat for the Fishermen, for W. A. Jones, W. Spiller, Idris Thomas, each notched tries, while George McCraith helped himself to another two, and so bringing up his total to five tries. The interval arrived with the telegraph reading—

Half-time Score—		G. T. P.
Cardiff Reserves	4	4 32
Usk	0	0 0
What description could we write of such a fantastic display. Quite half a dozen of Cardiff District clubs could give a much better display than to-day's opponents. Yet for reasons which only the Cardiff Committee can vouchsafe their offers are declined. W. A. Jones again was in form, opening with a try which McCraith converted. Stroud followed suit with another "soft run," as did McCraith, W. Shepherd, and Ward, and W. A. Jones. But there, what use to write of such a match? Sufficient is it to mention that the Cardiff Reserves equaled all their previous records, and so set up a score for any team that has played on the Cardiff Arms Park, winning by 77 points.		
Final Score—		G. T. P.
Cardiff Reserves	10	9 77
Usk	0	0 0

SCORERS
Geo. McCraith 6, W. A. Jones 3, W. Spiller 1, Idris Thomas 2, W. Strand 1, W. Shepherd 2, J. Ward 1, T. Spencer 1, J. Thomas 1, C. Culverwell 1, George McCraith converted 10 goals out of 19 chances.

*McCraith 10 Con + 6 tries = 38pts
Played best seen from
International.*

*W.A. Jones 1T
Spiller 1T
Idris Thomas 1T, 1T
W.A. Jones 1T, 1T, 1T
Stroud 1T
Shepherd 1T, 1T
Culverwell 1T, 1T
Spencer 1T
McCraith 1C, 1C, 1C, 1C, 1C, 1C
McCraith 1T, 1T, 1T, 1T
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See below*

Swansea 2nd Mar 21st 08

Romilly Mar 28th

CARDIFF RESERVES V. SWANSEA SECONDS

A crowd of about 2,000 witnessed this game on the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon. The ground was in good condition, and a keen contest was expected. The teams lined out as follows:

Swansea Seconds: Back, F. Rees; three-quarter backs, W. Symond, A. Arnold, P. Shefford and T. Davies; half-backs, R. Williams and B. Owen; forwards, W. J. Davies, L. Williams, T. Williams, G. Williams, E. Gichrist, E. Michael, D. Wheeler, and E. Morgan. Cardiff Reserves: Back, R. Williams; three-quarter backs, W. A. Jones, W. Spiller, G. M'Crath, and I. Thomas; half-backs, C. Culverwell and J. Thomas; forwards, D. Pike, F. Buck, G. Gaecon, Duncan, Sexton, Ward, Griffiths, and Stroud.

Referee: Mr. W. M. Jones.

Swansea started operations, and Spiller returned with a fine kick to touch near the centre flag. From the line-out Swansea broke away, but Spiller again got possession, and found touch well in Swansea's land. The visitors worked their way back to the centre. Cardiff then broke away smartly, and pounced Swansea for some time, when a pass was sent out to Thomas, who a clear course, but he failed to handle the ball, and Swansea gained relief. Gradually, the Reserves worked their way to the Swansea goal-line, where I. Thomas fell over the line and notched the first try for Cardiff, which M'Crath converted. Cardiff immediately returned to the attack. Culverwell put the third line in motion, and W. A. Jones having gained several yards, transferred to M'Crath, who broke down the defence very cleverly. The same player took the place-kick, but failed to convert. Shortly afterwards Swansea were awarded a free kick for off-side play, and Cardiff were for a while penned near their goal-line. Spiller was unfortunately hurt at this point, and had to retire. After treatment by Dr. Pritchard, he was shortly afterwards able to return to play. Swansea looked dangerous for a while, but a mark by M'Crath eased the pressure. Good work by Rees compelled Cardiff to again act on the defensive. This time Culverwell came to the rescue, and dashed away in brilliant style. After beating two or three men, he transferred to W. A. Jones, who put in a good run before he was brought up by two of the Swansea third line. Play was in the Swansea land when half-time was called.

	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	1	1	8
Swansea Seconds	0	0	0

Pike re-started, and after a few exchanges a scrum was formed near the centre flag. Swansea forwards beelied out, and their half-backs put the third line on the move, and it was not until they had travelled to within a dozen yards of the Cardiff goal-line that the effort was checked. Spiller found his shoulder very troublesome after returning to play and, after making a plucky effort, found it impossible to continue. The loss of W. Spiller had a marked effect on the game, and Swansea pressed hotly for some time. J. Thomas put in a good run to neutral ground. Excellent teamwork by the Cardiff forwards brought play well into Swansea ground, where the home team were given a free kick. The ball was placed, but the kick went outside the uprights. Play was of an even nature for some time, and appeared somewhat vigorous. Culverwell made another good opening, and M'Crath went off in splendid style, but was rushed into touch when within a few yards of the Swansea goal-line. The visitors gained a little relief, but were kept on the defensive, and eventually M'Crath scored after a hard struggle. The try was not converted. Arnold was injured at this stage, and had to leave the field. Time was shortly afterwards called.

	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	1	2	11
Swansea Seconds	0	0	0

COMMENTS.

The all-round play in this game was decidedly in favour of the home team, who were at the top of their form, and were all even points better than the visiting team. The Swansea forwards paid their own fairly well in the scrum, but did not hold out so cleverly as the Reserves, and the latter showed more dash and resource in the open.

Culverwell, inside half for Cardiff, was, as usual, very clever, and was the means of continually setting the third line in motion. Johnny Thomas did some good work, but there is a want of discretion in his play, continually hanging on to the ball too long. Williams, for Swansea, was occasionally very tricky, but was not up to the form of Culverwell, whilst Owen did useful defensive work.

In the third line Cardiff were far above the form of the Swansea men, and were it not for the unfortunate accident to Spiller the result would, probably, have been much more decisive, as up to the time of the mishap Spiller was showing up in rare style. M'Crath did excellent service, whilst W. A. Jones showed good judgment in transferring his passes. Arnold and Symond were the most conspicuous of the visiting three-quarter backs.

F. Rees played a good game for Swansea at full-back, and kicked and tackled well. Bob Williams, for the Reserves, has played many a game better than he did today, though on occasions he rose to his best form.

CARDIFF RESERVES V. ROMILLY.

At the Cardiff Arms Park after the Llanelli match the Reserves met last year's winners of the Cardiff and District Union Championship. The teams were—Cardiff Reserves—Back, B. Williams; three-quarter backs, W. G. Jones, G. Spencer, Buck, and G. M'Crath; half-backs, Culverwell and J. Thor; forwards, Duncan, Casey, Sexton, Gaecon, Griffiths, Ward, St. Ephard, and Stroud.

Romilly—Back, M. Shay; three-quarter backs, Good, Raven, J. Williams, and Litchfield; half-backs, Morris and W. Furness; forwards, J. Daly, D. O'Brien, J. Groves, W. Luxon, W. Ballinger, G. Attwell, W. Rowlands, and W. Farrell.

After some desultory scrummaging in midfield the Reserves forwards worked to their opponents' line, but this advantage was lost through poor kicking by M'Crath. The home line had a narrow escape a little later, the Roma forwards rushing the ball over the line, but it cannoned off the post the wrong way for them. Williams was again forced to touch down. After Cardiff had been concealed a minor some very pretty interpassing took place among the Roma forwards in which Groves played a very conspicuous part. The Leaguers were having quite as much of the game as the Reserves until a high punt by one of the home backs was badly fielded by Shay, leaving an open line for two of the forwards. Stroud touched the ball down, M'Crath failed with the kick and although having a little the better of the game afterwards the Reserves failed to add to the score up to the interval.

	G.	T.	P.
Cardiff Reserves	0	1	3
Romilly	0	0	0

After a good bout of passing among the home backs had been spoilt by a forward pass. Shepherd dribbled away to the Romillys' 25, but was palpably fouled when he had only Shay to beat. After Jones had failed to take a pass when the defence had been beaten, Culverwell fed Johnny Jones, who broke through in fine style, and M'Crath being the last to receive ran round behind the posts, the extra points being added by W. A. Jones. Johnny Thomas again eluded half a dozen men, but Shepherd who received the pass was not fast enough, although another try was soon forthcoming when Spencer fielded a poor kick by Good near the touch-line and making off at top speed scored in the corner, the kick failing. Buck and Spencer had shots at goal, but though good neither succeeded. M'Crath nearly got over again, but the final came without any addition to the score.

	G.	T.	P.
Cardiff Reserves	1	2	11
Romilly	0	0	0

REMARKS.

The Reserves were clearly the better side, and the score does not overrate their superiority. The District men started well, but they failed to last, and after 10 minutes of the second half had passed, they were hard put to it to save themselves from a bad defeat. The home backs took a long time to settle down, their handling being very poor in the opening stages. Culverwell operated cleverly behind the pack, and J. Thomas was also responsible for some smart work. Shepherd, Casey, and Ward did well in the front rank, whilst Williams was safe at back. The Romilly forwards were beaten by the home eight, and the backs also did not compare favourably with the home lot, although Furness and Reardon did some smart work for them.

CARDIFF RESERVES V ROMILLY

Little time was lost after the conclusion of the battle between Cardiff and Llanelli on the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon ere these teams took the field. A good number of the spectators remained to witness this fixture. The Romillys, who were last season's league champions, turned out their full strength. The Reserves were without the services of W. Spiller, who is still suffering from the injury to his shoulder. The following were the teams:

Romilly.—Back, M. Shay; three-quarter backs, Good, Reardon, J. Williams, and Litchfield; half-backs, Morris and Furness; forwards, J. Daly, D. O'Brien, J. Groves, W. Luxton, W. Ballinger, G. Attwell, W. Rowlands, and W. Farrell.

Cardiff Reserves.—Back, R. Williams; three-quarter backs, W. A. Jones, T. Spencer, Buck, and G. M'Crath; half-backs, Culverwell and J. Thomas; forwards, Duncan, Carey, Sexton, Gaecon, Griffiths, Ward, Shepherd, and Stroud.

Referee, Mr. Tom England, Newport.

The Reserves had the best of the opening stages, but the play was by no means pretty. Several bouts of passing were attempted by the Reserves, but the handling was poor, and the Romillys' tackling good. From the Cardiff quarter line the Romilly halves broke away, and clever interpassing ensued between them, Good, and Groves, which was not stopped until the Cardiff 25 line was reached. A bad blunder by Shay, the Romilly custodian, left three of the Cardiff forwards with a clear course for the line, and Stroud scored a wide try, which M'Crath was unable to convert. The play was somewhat vigorous, and a man on either side was laid out at the same time.

	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	0	1	3
Romilly	0	0	0

In the first quarter of an hour of the second half there was very little between the teams, the Reserves having slightly the better of the argument. The Reserves' backs made one excellent bout of passing, Culverwell, Thomas, M'Crath, W. A. Jones, and Buck all handling, but the latter knocked in when he might have run in from the centre. Then, at mid-field, J. Thomas made a brilliant, dodgy run, and passed to W. A. Jones, who gave up to George M'Crath, the latter's speed carrying him over behind the posts. W. A. Jones converted. T. H. Spencer took a loose kick beautifully on the touch-line in front of the grand stand, evaded one opponent, and sprinted over with a smart try, which was not converted. In combined play behind the scrum Cardiff were always better than their opponents, and J. Thomas, W. A. Jones, G. M'Crath, and Spencer contributed clever work.

	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	1	2	11
Romilly	0	0	0

Gloucestershire

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

At Gloucester the best of the play was shown by the Gloucestershire team, who were victorious in the match. The home team were the better of the game, and the visitors were the losers.

Gloucestershire 2nd.

Cardiff A.

The first try was scored by the Gloucestershire team, who were the better of the game, and the visitors were the losers.

Gloucestershire 2nd.

Cardiff Reserves

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Gloucester 2nd Apr. 4.08

GLoucester A v. CARDIFF A.

At Gloucester. In the opening half Gloucester had the best of the play, and forced two minors in quick succession. Cardiff tried hard to get through, but failed. The home team scored through Dix, Hayward falling. The last named also kicked a penalty goal. Play was fairly even after this.

	G.	T.	Pts.
Gloucester A	1	1	6
Cardiff A	0	0	0

The first try was scored in a forward rush, several men falling on the ball. The second try was scored by J. Baldwin. Flocks scored Cardiff's try. Hayward kicked the penalty goal.

	G.	T.	Pts.
Gloucester 2nd	1	2	9
Cardiff Reserves	1	0	5

The Cardiff Seconds' team was: Back, B. Williams; three-quarters, W. H. Jones, T. Flocks, D. Reardon and T. Spencer; half-backs, C. Culverwell, F. Woods and J. Thomas; forwards, G. Hewlett, F. Stroud, F. Gacon, D. Duncan, M. Griffiths, S. Sexton and J. Ward.

REMARKS.

In the first half of the game the home men early asserted their superiority, particularly at forward, and the policy of Cardiff in playing three half-backs was to say the least of it questionable at an early period in the game.

It was mainly through capital kicking by Williams that Cardiff were able to keep off scoring. The Gloucester forwards maintained their lead throughout, and although the visiting three-quarters were a little fast the home tackling was superb, but they were unable to get through except on one occasion, which was certainly lucky the ball being kicked over the line, the home men standing on one side, thinking that the men were off-side, when Flocks dashed up and scored.

Williams, the full-back, was excellent throughout, saving his side repeatedly from dangerous forward rushes and clearing with excellent kicks, which were of good length.

Hayward was the best forward on the field.

CARDIFF SECONDS V GLOUCESTER SECONDS

In the second half play was of a very vigorous nature, neither side giving much away. M'Craith scored for the visitors from a rush, which was improved. Gloucester now woke up, and M'Craith, trying to run out, dropped the ball, and Baldwin, picking up, scored a soft try, which Hayward failed to convert. Nothing further was scored.

	G.	T.	Pts.
Gloucester "A"	1	2	9
Cardiff Reserves	1	0	5

COMMENTS.

The home team just about deserved their win, their forwards being in fine form.

Had the Cardiff forwards got the ball as often as they did, the result would probably have been different, for their three were in fine passing form.

When they got the ball the Gloucester backs were poor in attack and grand in defence.

It was a grand game to watch. Both backs were in great form, neither giving away.

TAFF JUNIORS V. DOCKS JUNIORS.

At the Sophia Gardens. Both sides played a keen, bustling game, but the Taffs were superior in the back division. Payne got over for the Taffs after a bout of passing, whilst Jenkins added a second try.

	G.	T.	Pts.
Taff Juniors	0	2	6
Docks Juniors	0	0	0

CARDIFF RESERVES V GLOUCESTER OLD BOYS

At Cardiff Arms Park. The Cardiff Seconds had to resort to their reserve forces to-day owing to the premiers having taken away to Devonport several of their men. The teams were:

Gloucester Old Boys: Back, A. Lewis; three-quarter backs, G. Romans, G. Collingbourne, K. Soutar, and W. J. Vance; half-backs, S. Stephens and T. Burns; forwards, S. D. Lane (captain), H. Lewis, T. Catesby, H. A. Bear, P. Simmonds, N. L. Hayes, D. Henderson, and W. J. Pearce.

Cardiff Reserves: Back, Bob Williams; three-quarter backs, W. Spiller, Trevor Flocks, George M'Craith, and T. Reardon; half-backs, Culverwell and Furness; forwards, W. Casey, Gacon, Duncan, Stroud, Sexton, Ferrol, Buck, and Mog Griffiths.

Cardiff quickly got to work, and a beautiful round of passing initiated by Culverwell, and taken up by Furness, Flocks, M'Craith, and W. Spiller saw the latter making great strides, with Reardon in attendance. A try was a certainty, and Spiller sailed past Soutar and Lewis. The "Old Boys" attempted a passing bout, which broke down when Romans parted with the ball. Directly afterwards Vance was making for the Cardiff line, when Tommy Reardon promptly pulled him down. Gloucester were smart individually, but they attempted few concerted movements. W. Casey and Duncan were prominent in the loose, and Bob Williams got in several excellent touch-downs, despite the fact that he was hard pressed. Duncan threw out the ball cleverly from a line-out, but G. Romans was on top of M'Craith before he could part. Williams misfield, but cleverly recovered himself, and saved the situation when two speedy Gloucester forwards were in the act of dribbling away. Furness and Culverwell cut out an opening for M'Craith to cross, and just on the interval Culverwell gained the third try.

	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	0	3	9
Gloucester Old Boys	0	0	0

Play was immediately in the Gloucester half on resuming, and, following a movement amongst the home backs, Willie Spiller crossed-kicked, but no one was up to take advantage. The Gloucester full back had to kick over his own line to prevent Spiller from scoring. Furness was always in evidence for good work, and a strong forward rush by Gloucester was only stayed when Bob Williams made a clever mark. Duncan, Stroud, and Casey were working hard, and a forward rush by the home packs put Cardiff in an easy attacking position. Accurate inter-passing between Tommy Reardon and George M'Craith resulted in the latter crossing. The "Old Boys" then paid the home goal a brief visit, and the heavy Gloucester forwards brushed Williams aside. He, however, beat them in pace and astonished the crowd with a clever pick up and screw kick to touch. Another fine and tricky effort between M'Craith and Reardon saw the former beat the Gloucester full-back cheaply, and he scored behind the posts. Trevor Flocks just failed to take advantage of a poor kick by a Gloucester forward, and then play veering to the left, Reardon just missed beating his man near the line.

	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	1	4	17
Gloucester Old Boys	0	0	0

COMMENTS.

The favourable impression created by the physique of the Gloucester men was not realised, and they were just an ordinary lot of players, despite the fact that George Romans was amongst them.

The Cardiff men played an admirable game, and a notable success was Tommy Reardon, the ex-St. David's schoolboy. He is a strong runner, with an amount of grit, and a demon tackler, as probably a Gloucester three-quarter (Collingbourne) could tell best.

The third line altogether was a real success. Trevor Flocks, George M'Craith, and Willie Spiller especially being ever on the move.

Culverwell played his usually clever game, and his partner, Furness, could with advantage vary his play by cultivating an eye for an opening. He, however, did not fail in anything he attempted.

Amongst the forwards Stroud, W. Casey, and Mog Griffiths were more prominent, while Duncan was ever on the alert in the line-out.

Bob Williams is developing into a class custodian.

On the Gloucester side Romans and Alec Lewis were the most noticeable, but the side as a whole, were constantly on the defensive.

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Bath. Apr. 25th '08

CARDIFF RESERVES V. BATH. BLUE AND BLACKS WIN AFTER A POOR GAME.

	G.	T.	P's.
Cardiff Reserves	0	3	9
Bath	0	2	6

Owing to the demands made upon them by the premiers, the Cardiff Reserves were only able to take a very poor side to Bath on Saturday.

The homesters, a big lot of them, played with great dash, and Cardiff were hard pressed at the outset. However, their backs, although sadly lacking in combination, defended courageously, and clever kicking by Flocks and Edgar Thomas at last put the Cardiffians on the attack. After Hodges had scored an unconverted try for Bath, the Cardiff backs had several chances, but they sadly lacked the power to intelligently combine. Moon, in particular, being a great offender. However, the visitors brought off a good range of passing, and Moon, showing better judgment, gave up nicely to Flocks, who tore away from a couple of would-be-tacklers and scored a wide try, which Ted Lewis failed to convert. Bath nearly scored immediately after this, but the Cardiff forwards were doing well, and, after a minor had been conceded, they again carried play into the Bath quarter. A weak bit of defence by Cardiff allowed Cleall to kick the ball hard over the line. Beating Davies and Jackson in the ensuing race, he scored Bath's second try. This remained unconverted, and Bath continued hotly on the attack. The homesters started a smart passing movement, and H. Lewis, the left wing nearly got across, being just hustled into touch. Edgar Thomas relieved with a nice dribble, but Bath were quickly back again, and play was close to the Cardiff line at the interval.

Cardiff started the second half with Tom Samuel playing as a wing forward, a la Gallaher. With the visiting forwards playing sternly, Cardiff were able to do a great deal of aggressive work. Moon was called back absurdly for an alleged knock-on when there was a great chance for a score. Play at times became unduly rough, and Cardiff were by no means unresponsive to the efforts of the homesters in this respect. Both Jackson and Cale made mistakes for Cardiff, who were only doing well in the forwards and at half. Edgar Thomas once more put Cardiff on the attack with a well-judged punt. The referee spoiled another glorious chance for Cardiff when he stopped them from taking advantage of a throw forward by Bath. Although they attacked constantly, Cardiff never looked like scoring again. For an exciting period, however, Cardiff penned their opponents' right under the posts, and Samuel and Stone scored in rapid succession, both tries being unconverted.

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CARDIFF RESERVES' FINE RECORD

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Sep. 21—Monmouth	W	0 3 9	0 2 6	
Oct. 25—Penarth II.	W	0 3 9	0 0 0	
Oct. 5—Bristol II.	W	0 3 32	0 0 0	
Oct. 12—Newport II.	.....	W	0 2 6	0 1 3	
Oct. 19—Swansea II.	.....	D	0 1 3	0 1 3	
Oct. 26—Goucester II.	.....	W	13 1 18	0 1 3	
Nov. 2—Bream	.....	W	0 2 6	0 0 0	
Nov. 9—Moseley II.	.....	W	5 3 23	0 0 0	
Nov. 16—Newport II.	.....	L	0 0 0	1 0 5	
Nov. 30—Swansea II.	.....	W	2 0 10	0 0 0	
Dec. 7—Abergavenny	.....	W	2 3 10	0 1 3	
Dec. 14—Monmouth	.....	W	16 4 33	0 1 3	
Dec. 21—Bristol Ferry	.....	L	0 0 0	0 0 0	
Dec. 28—Chepstow	.....	W	14 3 24	0 0 0	
Jan. 4—Uk	.....	W	4 33	0 0 0	
1908.					
Jan. 11—Moseley II.—Abandoned, frost.	.....			
Jan. 18—Canton	.....	W	0 3 9	0 0 0	
Jan. 25—Bream	.....	W	1 3 8	0 0 4	
Feb. 1—Chepstow	.....	W	2 1 13	0 0 0	
Feb. 8—Bristol II.	.....	W	2 0 10	0 0 0	
Feb. 15—Newport II.	.....	L	0 1 5	1 1 0	
Feb. 22—Swansea II.	.....	L	0 1 5	1 1 0	
Mar. 1—Bath—Abandoned, frost.	.....			
Mar. 7—Newport II.	.....	W	12 5 17	0 0 0	
Mar. 14—Uk	.....	W	10 0 17	0 0 0	
Mar. 21—Swansea II.	.....	W	1 2 11	0 0 0	
Mar. 28—Bonhill	.....	W	1 2 11	0 0 0	
Apr. 4—Goucester II.	.....	L	1 0 5	1 0 0	
Apr. 11—Goucester Old Boys	.....	W	1 1 13	2 0 10	
Apr. 18—Penarth	W	2 1 13	1 0 2	
Apr. 25—Portsmouth	W	13 3 22	1 0 0	
May 2—Devonport Albion R.	W	2 2 16	0 0 0	
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* Dropped goal. + Penalty goal.
Played, 30; won, 25; drawn, 1; lost, 4.

THE SCORERS.
Try-getters—W. A. Jones, 19; G. M. Craith, 19; T. Flocks, 16; T. Spencer, 15; J. Thomas, 11; Idris Thomas, 8; K. Sheppard, 6; C. Culver, 5; W. Spiller, and F. Stroud, 3 each; T. Buck, F. Wood, A. Phillips, and Edgar Thomas, 2 each; R. Duncan, J. Ebbings, W. Garry, J. M. Intyre, S. Sexton, and J. Ward, 1 each.
Dropped goal—T. Spencer, 1.
Penalty goals—F. Wood, 3; G. M. Craith, 1.

CARDIFF

The opening was with Weston Jones, of Pontypridd, who gave a place in serious chairman. Premiers, Grey at school at Aberystwyth. The Weston side named players: Cardiff Reserves, T. Spence, H. W. Graville, Furniss; forwards, Buck, Duncan, Saunders.

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CARDIFF RESERVES v. WESTON.

The opening match of the Cardiff Reserves season was with Weston, at the Cardiff Arms Park. Gwilym Jones, of Pontypridd, who has played for London Welsh and several times for Glamorgan County, was given a place in the centre, and he is regarded as a serious claimant for any possible vacancy in the Premiers. Greville, a Llanelli youth, who has been at school at Aberllyry, was also in the third line. The Weston side were not at their best, several of their usual players disappointing them. Teams:-

Cardiff Reserves:- Back, R. Williams; three-quarter backs, T. Spencer, J. Mergault, Gwilym Jones, and H. W. Greville; half-backs, C. Culverwell and D. Furniss; forwards, G. Northmore (capt.), Gaecon, Buck, Duncan, N. Griffiths, J. Ward, D. Pike, and Saunders.

Weston:- Back, C. Stradling; three-quarter backs, Barnes, Brooks, Saunders, and Gibbs; half-backs, Barwell and L. Marshall; forwards, Hawkins, Perkins, M. Jones, E. Martin, S. Bateman, Paulson, Badman, and Day.

Weston played with the wind and sun in their faces and were the first to attack, but once the Reserves had got into their stride the visitors had to defend stubbornly. Furniss set the three-quarters going several times, but the passing was not good enough to break down the defence. Furniss at last picked up in the loose in the visitors' 25, and transferred to Jones, who gave up to Spencer at the right moment, and the latter ran round under the post, the extra points however not being added. After a weak attack by the visitors had been cleared the home team pressed continuously until the interval. Culverwell on one occasion made a brilliant run right up to the full-back, but Jones, who received the pass, was pulled down on the line. Furniss also nearly scored from a clever pick-up and run, but half-time arrived without any further score.

Half-time Score-	G.	T.	P.
Cardiff Reserves.....	0	1	3
Weston	0	0	0

The home team resumed the aggressive on the re-start, and a tricky run by Furniss ended in a scrum, from which Pike forced his way over, the kick again failing. Weston then worked to the Reserves' line, and from some loose play Paulson got over with an unconverted try. Stradling marked for Weston near the half-way line, and the kick nearly took effect, missing the posts by only a yard or so. Cardiff, however, were soon in their opponents' territory again, but good kicking by the visiting backs saved the situation. Bob Williams was playing excellently at full-back, and although the Cardiff forwards were not playing nearly so good, Weston did not make much headway. Following a run by Furniss, Culverwell, and Greville, Saunders scored for Cardiff. Gwilym Jones scored for Cardiff before the close.

Final Score-	G.	T.	P.
Cardiff Reserves	4	12	
Weston	1	3	

REMARKS.

For an opening game it was a fairly good display, but the passing of both sides was faulty. The Cardiff backs broke down time after time through the inability of Greville to take or receive his passes properly. Culverwell and Furniss opened out the game for them in splendid style, and the forwards aided them by heeling cleanly. Northmore led the home pack splendidly, and they were the superiors of the visiting eight. Bobby Williams was not troubled a lot at full back, but he saved smartly on a couple of occasions. The Weston forwards were a dashing lot, but they lacked method. Their halves were outshone by the home pair, but the three-quarters are a good defending lot, their attacking capabilities not being called into use on many occasions.

CARDIFF RESERVES V TAUNTON ALBION

Cardiff Reserves played their first match with their recently-formed Taunton Albion in the Park to-day, in weather better suited for cricket than football. The Reserves could only muster a comparatively weak team, and W. T. Norton, who has played for the London The teams lined out as follows:-

Cardiff Reserves:- Back, R. Williams; three-quarter backs, W. A. Jones, H. L. Gravell, W. T. Norton, and T. Buck; half-backs, T. Spencer and D. Furniss; forwards, G. Northmore (captain), W. Casey, F. Gaecon, D. Duncan, J. Ward, S. Sexton, W. James, and G. Scanlon.

Taunton Albion:- Back, Sims; three-quarter backs, Baker, Dyte, Forrest, and Myles; half-backs, R. and D. Summerville; forwards, Bretell, Board, Claridge, Mapledraw, Jones, J. Ammaning, E. Ammaning, and England.

The game was opened at a brisk pace, the home forwards dribbling in capital style and placing the Taunton men on the defensive in the first minute of the game. A couple of good chances to score were lost through slovenly handling, and from a penalty kick wide. In the next minute G. Northmore forced his way over the line with an uncommon try. The Reserves continued to have most of the play, but met with sound defence, and failed to add to their score before the interval.

Half-time score:	G.	T.	P.
Cardiff Reserves	0	1	3
Taunton Albion	0	0	0

The Reserves had to face a bright, dazzling sun in the second half, and in the early stages Spencer lost a fine chance of putting the left wing over by not passing at the right time. The Albions, who were playing a strong game, rushed into the Reserves' 25, and Forrest made a good but unsuccessful attempt to drop a goal. The Reserves worked their way back to their opponents' 25, and Gravell gave W. A. Jones a pass, which, if taken, might easily have resulted in a try. For the most part play was ragged and uninteresting, only an occasional bout of passing being brought off. Gravell cut out another nice opening, and gave W. A. Jones an easy pass, which he again failed to take. Spencer hurt himself in attempting to double past the opposing full-back, and had to retire. A minute later the game came to an end without any addition having been made to the score of a single try, which just about represented the slight superiority of the Reserves, from whom Furniss showed promise at half, while Gravell performed satisfactorily in the centre without being well supported by W. A. Jones.

Final score:	G.	T.	P.
Cardiff Reserves	0	1	3
Taunton Albion	0	0	0

NEATH 2^{nds} Sept. 26th 08

NEATH SECONDS V CARDIFF RESERVES

Played at Neath in ideal weather. The visitors were a couple of players short of the usual team, and Neath also played several substitutes. The opening stages were well contested, and Woods was called upon to stop a couple of dangerous rushes. Hughes one of the home forwards, almost broke through, but was pulled down well inside the visitors' 25. Cardiff relieved by some long kicking, and Mergault, with a clear field, hesitated and lost a fine chance. Lee afterwards cleared, and Cardiff had to act on the defensive for some time. The visitors ultimately cleared their lines just before the interval.

Half-time score:	G.	T.	P.
Neath Reserves	0	0	0
Cardiff Reserves	0	0	0

On the re-start Dick Davies endeavoured to goal from a mark, but the kick fell short, and some hot scrummaging on the visitors' line followed. Woods cleared, but the home team were not to be denied. Jenkins received, and passed to G. Thomas, and the ball was transferred to Shorney, who forced his way over, W. Thomas failing to convert. Cardiff shaped better after this, and Neath had to defend practically up to the finish.

Final score:	G.	T.	P.
Neath Reserves	0	1	0
Cardiff Reserves	0	0	0

REMARKS.

Neath won on merit, for on the day's form they were superior all round. The Cardiff backs made a poor show, an abut for the fine defence of Woods the score would have been much heavier.

BRISTOL NOMADS

Oct 3rd '08

CARDIFF RESERVES V BRISTOL NOMADS.

Played at Cardiff Arms Park, before a meagre attendance. The teams were: Cardiff Reserves: Back, F. Woods; three-quarter backs, D. Davies, H. L. Gravelle, A. A. Jones, and W. J. Norton; half-backs, Culverwell and A. Thomas; forwards, G. Northmore, Shepherd, Duncan, Griffiths, Smith, Daly, Harding, and T. Buck. Bristol Nomads: Back, Hartle; three-quarter backs, Page, Ship, Lewellyn, and Boddie; half-backs, Lempriere and Fetherstone; forwards, Stradling, Mayle, Carey, North, Gibard, Sully, Tinkler, and Allen. Referee, Mr. Lloyd.

In the first half Bristol had the sun in their eyes, and for some time the play was confined to the centre, but just outside the visitors' 25 a penalty kick was awarded against them and Wood kicked a pretty goal. Immediately after, Gravelle went down the left and gained considerable ground, placing Cardiff in an advantageous position for attack. Their forwards heeled out well, and the ball travelled to D. Davies, who, running strongly, handed off the opposing full-back and scored a try, which was not converted. Even play ensued near the centre, where Davies, getting possession, eluded several Bristolians and transferred smartly to Jones, the latter when in difficulties handing over to Gravelle, who scored a corner try with a couple of Avonites on his back. The place kick failed. Bristol then invaded the home ground, and after a scramble near the line Page scored cleverly in the corner, after wriggling through several of his opponents. The score was not improved. Immediately after a fine movement on the Cardiff left wing enabled Norton to score, the kick resulting in a poster.

	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	1	5	12
Bristol Nomads	0	1	3

Immediately after re-starting Culverwell, following up a forward rush, scored a try, to which were added the other points, and Cardiff, still pressing, sent the ball over. The Bristol full back looked out, but Duncan, charging it, only had to fall over the line with the ball in his possession. Wood again did the needful, and the score stood—Cardiff, 22 points; Bristol, 3. The home forwards, when they did not choose to send out the Oval, rushed the scrums, and Bristol were continually called upon to defend their line. A fine bit of passing was initiated by Culverwell, and the ball went right across to the left wing. After Johnny Thomas had broken through splendidly, and W. A. Jones and Gravelle handling, Norton ran round and scored behind the posts, Wood easily converting. Norton then broke away, and put Shepherd in a goal again being registered. As the score indicates, there was only one team in it, at this period the Cardiff forwards doing pretty much as they liked with their opponents, but towards the end a Bristol back intercepted a pass, and had a clear run over with an unimproved try.

	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	5	3	32
Bristol Nomads	0	2	6

*One penalty goal.

NEWPORT 2nd

Oct 10th '08

CARDIFF II. V. NEWPORT II.

At Newport to-day. Teams:— Cardiff II.—Back, Williams; three-quarters, J. Spencer, W. A. Jones, D. Davies, and W. J. Norton; half-backs, C. Culverwell and J. Thomas; forwards, G. Northmore, F. Gaecon, C. Scanlon, T. Buck, M. Griffiths, D. Duncan, E. Smith, and J. Ward. Newport II.—Back, A. H. Fisher; three-quarters, H. Uzzel, W. Priest, W. R. Lewis, and C. Hews; half-backs, Arthur Thomas and W. Bennett; forwards, C. A. Evans, W. Johnson, H. Pritchard, J. Adams, Wm. Huibert, E. G. Jenkins, A. Jenkins, and A. Johnson. Referee—Mr C. Williams, Bedwas.

The visitors gave early evidence of their superiority fore and aft. They heeled cleaner and their three-quarter backs were more active, yet they failed to score through erratic passing. On two occasions Davies, their centre, had beautiful chances when near the line, but missed on each occasion. Later Lewis, the Newport centre, relieved the pressure with a fine burst and for a time the citizens were hard pressed. The home quartette showed the same weakness as the visiting four. They either hugged the ball too long or passed indiscriminately, with the result that their efforts came to nothing. Later Charlie Evans and Jack Adams, who had played well for the homesters, led off another splendid rush, but up to half-time there was no score.

Half-time Score— G. T. Pts.
Cardiff II. 0 0 0
Newport II. 0 0 0

Early in the second half Ward, the Cardiff forward, was carried off the field owing to a nasty cut on his forehead. From a scrum in the home 25, the Cardiff quartette got possession, and after some good passing left the field with an injured ankle, and Ward returned. In subsequent play Northmore started a rush and the ball got to Davies and Norton, both putting in splendid runs. The home defence was weak and Norton scored an unconverted try. Towards the end Newport pressed.

	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff II.	1	1	8
Newport II.	0	0	0

On the day's form Cardiff deserved to win, although they missed numerous chances. The homesters, who played their first home match, are not so good as last season, although to-day it must be considered that the whole side was disorganised. Evans was by a long way the best of the home forwards.

SWANSEA 2nd

Oct 17th '08

CARDIFF RESERVES V SWANSEA SECONDS Five Men Laid Out

While their premiers were fighting for supremacy at the famed St. Helen's Ground, the second strings were busy at the Cardiff Arms Park. Cardiff lacked the services of George McCraith, but otherwise both teams were at full strength. The teams lined out punctually at 3.30 as follows:— Cardiff Reserves: Back, R. Williams; three-quarter backs, T. H. Spencer, W. A. Jones, P. Attley, and W. J. Norton; half-backs, C. Culverwell and Johnnie Thomas; forwards, G. Northmore (captain), John Daley, W. Griffiths, E. Smith, C. Scanlon, D. Duncan, W. E. Sheppard, and F. Gaecon. Swansea Seconds: Back, Fred Rees (captain); three-quarter backs, G. Bateman, A. Arnold, A. Watkins, and H. Richardson; half-backs, G. Burrows and T. Bateman; forwards, H. Hiams, E. Davies, Tom Morgan, Tom Williams, Evan Williams, Ike Williams, Alf. John, and J. Michael. Referee: Mr. J. E. Webb, Newport.

Cardiff kicked off against the sun, and after an exchange of kicks, Fred Rees found touch with a long punt five yards off the Cardiff line. Northmore led a dribble, and carried play to Swansea territory, where Rees saved with a timely pick up and kick to touch. A misfield by Williams spelt danger for the blue and blacks. Cardiff started passing, but Spencer threw forward, and a good chance was lost. Bobbie Williams gained applause by fielding a high punt from Rees, and finding touch well over the centre. Play so far had been confined to Cardiff territory, and the citizens now woke up, and Spencer only missed scoring through losing the ball. Receiving from Johnnie Thomas, Attley dodged through, and being unable to pass, kicked across, and Duncan, following up, smartly forced Rees to concede a minor. The Swansea forwards went away with a rush, but Bobbie Williams saved with a wonderful pick up, and, though tackled, getting in his kick to touch. In the tackle Hiams was laid out, and had to be carried off the field. Within a minute G. Bateman got hurt, but resumed after a few minutes. For offside, Cardiff were awarded a free in the Swansea 25, but Norton's kick fell short.

	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	0	0	0
Swansea Seconds	0	0	0

During the interval, through the medium of the "Evening Express," the half-time result of the Premiers' match at Swansea was announced, and loud and prolonged cheers greeted the news that the citizens led by a couple of points. Swansea restarted, and the reply being fumbled, play opened in the Cardiff 25. Hiams had now resumed. Johnnie Thomas initiated a bout of passing, but Norton's pass to Attley fell a bit short, the Grange boy only being able to just tip it, and a fine chance went astray. Immediately afterwards a breakaway by the Cardiff forwards carried the ball over, and Rees saved by kicking out. The Reserves were having all the better of the play, but they could not pierce the defence of the whites. Picking up in the loose, Thomas threw out to Jones, who passed to Norton. The latter got clear away to the full-back, and kicked instead of passing back to Attley, a sure score being thrown away, as Attley had a clear run in. The result of the Premiers' win at Swansea was received with great enthusiasm. Play was delayed five minutes owing to an injury to A. Arnold, who was carried off. In the final stages Swansea nearly scored, Williams and Spencer both going for the ball. Bateman was up and securing neatly put Richardson over, the Swansea man being thrown into touch right on the line. Right on the close of play an exciting incident occurred, Jones kicked well up the field, and Fred Rees misfielding was tackled on the line by Duncan. The Swansea captain lost his temper and was distinctly seen from the press box to kick Duncan. The latter partially evaded the kick, but was for a time laid low. The crowd clamoured for Rees to be ordered off, but the referee, for some reason declined. Time was then called.

	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	0	0	0
Swansea Seconds	0	0	0

COMMENTS.

Cardiff should have won by at least three times across. Time after time they got within an ace of scoring, but the final touch was always missing. Their attacks were well conceived, but they lacked sting. Except at forward, the All Whites were worsted in every department. Culverwell completely bottled-up Burrows at inside half, while Bateman was eclipsed by Johnnie Thomas, who was in his best mood, and initiated round after round of passing only to see his men behind failing to take advantage of his opening. Jones was the best of the home quartette, and Attley played a nice game. Norton was a wee bit selfish, and lost two certain scores by sticking to the ball when a pass would have meant sending his man over. Bobbie Williams was safe at back, and had a trifle the best of matters as compared with his vis-a-vis, Fred Rees. The Swansea captain, played a good game, and it was a pity that he lost his temper in the closing stages. The game was marred by a regrettable number of accidents, no less than five men being laid out.

GLoucester 2nd bel. 24th '08

GLoucester 2nd v. CARDIFF RESERVES.

At Gloucester. Teams:— Gloucester: Back, Lister; three-quarter backs, field-wins, Cook, Hamblin, and Pegler; half-backs, Dix and Hubert Smith; forwards, Hawker, F. Parker, Hayward, Bird, Nelmes, Wixey, Hall, and Blackford. Cardiff: Back, Williams; three-quarter backs, D. Davis, Tombs, Buck, and E. Smith; half-backs, Culverwell and Johnny Thomas; forwards, Northmore, Gaecon, Yewlett, Day, Ward, Scanlon, Duncau, and D. Thomas.

Cardiff had not a full team, but the home team was at full strength. There was a fair attendance when the game started in bright weather. Play opened in Cardiff's favour, and for some time they kept the game in Gloucester's 25. Eventually, however, the Cestrians worked out of danger and got on the attack. The defence, however, prevailed, and Cardiff worked out of danger. Williams put in some good kicks, and helped to keep up the pressure, but although Cardiff attacked nearly all the time to the interval, chances did not frequently come their way, and at half-time there was no score.

Half-time Score—	G.	T.	Pts.
Gloucester	0	0	0
Cardiff Reserves	0	0	0

Cardiff felt away considerably in the opening stages of the second half, and as the result of a forward rush Birt scored an unconverted try. Similar tactics a moment later resulted in Wixey scoring a second unconverted try. Cardiff were busy defending for some time after this. Eventually, however, they attacked and narrowly missed scoring twice. Their passing, however, was not good, and two or three good chances were thrown away. Just on time Baily scored in the corner for Gloucester. No goal resulted.

Final Score—	G.	T.	Pts.
Gloucester	0	3	9
Cardiff	0	0	0

REMARKS.

It was apparent from the ragged description of work of Cardiff's three-quarters that the eleventh hour changes had disorganised the third line. The forwards were quite equal to the Gloucester eight. In the tight scrums, but in the loose the home eight were superior. In the halves there was very little to choose between the rivals. The best man for Cardiff was Williams, a full-back, who throughout played a clinking game, neither try being in any way his fault.

MOSELEY 2nd

Nov. 7th '08

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MOSELEY "A" V CARDIFF "A"

The Cardiff Reserves played the Moseley second team at Moseley today, the seniors being engaged at Cardiff. Teams:—

Moseley: Back, Harrison; three-quarter backs, Ray, J. Harris, Morris, and G. Stephens; half-backs, Lewis and Fisher; forwards, F. Bayliss, C. H. Shaw, E. Glegg, A. Pearce, C. Richardson, C. Stevens, W. Knibbs, and C. Hopkins.

Cardiff: Back, E. Williams; three-quarter backs, J. Norton, W. Davis, G. McGrath, and T. Buck; half-backs, Spencer and J. Thomas; forwards, C. Scanlon, C. Duncan, J. Ward, E. Smith, Daley, Yewlett, Lewis, and M. Griffiths.

The home side started, but were soon on the defence, Norton making a fine start. From a free, Howson, however, saved a score very smartly, and play was confined to mid-field for a time. Spencer and Buck scored tries for Cardiff, Duncan converting the first effort. Just before the interval Fisher ran over for Moseley.

Half-time score:—	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff	1	1	8
Moseley	0	1	3

In the second half the visitors' side again had most of the play, and before the half had been opened long Norton scored a try, but this was not converted. Then McGrath was nicely placed, and dropped a goal. Moseley tried in vain to add to their solitary first half.

Final score.	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff A	2	2	15
Moseley A	0	1	3

COMMENTS.

The game went almost wholly in favour of Cardiff, whose three-quarter work was far in front of the elementary methods of Moseley.

McGrath and Norton were full of skill, and gathered the ball nicely, while the forwards heeded out well, and as a result the Cardiff backs were constantly getting the ball back. Williams also did splendid work for the winners.

RISCA.

bel. 31st '08

CARDIFF RESERVES V RISCA

These teams met at the Cardiff Arms Park to-day, and were represented as follows:—

Cardiff Reserves: Back, R. Williams; three-quarter backs, T. Spencer, W. A. Jones, W. J. Norton, and D. Davies; half-backs, C. Culverwell and J. Thomas; forwards, Duncan, Smith, Daley, Buck, Gaecon, Ward, Yewlett, and Scanlon.

Risca: Back, Barker; three-quarter backs, Williams, Saunders, Lewis, and Watkins; half-backs, Guy and Davies; forwards, J. J. Hodges, Tellyn, Murray, Hambleton, J. Wallace, H. Wallace, Gould, and Stockwood.

Additional interest was added to the game on account of the appearance of Hodges, the Welsh international, in the visitors' front rank. Risca started play, and after a dull five minutes D. A. Jones lived up matters by a couple of strong runs, but in each case his final pass went astray. Risca were looking dangerous when Bobby Williams held in remarkable fashion, and started a movement which resulted in Cardiff's first score. Taking the ball on the run, Williams beat the opposing forwards in fine style, and, running through the backs, he gave to W. A. Jones at the right moment, and Baker was beaten. Williams converted with a fine kick. Cardiff kept up the pressure, and after Spencer had been tackled on the line W. A. Jones got over in the corner. Williams failed with the kick.

Half-time score.	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	1	1	8
Risca	0	0	0

On the re-start Risca had the best of the opening stages, and narrowly missed scoring after Spencer had put in a weak kick. Wines intercepted a pass and ran up to the Cardiff line, where he was overhauled by Spencer. Cardiff gained relief by a free kick, but immediately afterwards the City line was again in danger, W. A. Jones harrying his kick charged and Hodges, following up smartly, nearly scored, Duncan bringing him down from behind. The Risca forwards were beating the Cardiff pack for possession, but their backs were weak and could not take advantage of the chances offered them. Cardiff removed play to the Risca 25, and Culverwell receiving from Johnny Thomas, ran over with a try that Duncan failed to convert. Hodges was prominent with a dribble, but Jones saved in the nick of time. Risca were now playing a man short, one of their forwards having been brought down heavily and forced to retire. Barker was playing a poor game at back, and from a weak clearance Spencer obtained and dropped a smart goal. From a scrum on the Cardiff line Guy picked up and dropped over. Sanders took the kick from an awkward angle, but the ball fell short. Risca pressed throughout the closing stages, and Saunders had hard luck in dropping a goal, the ball hitting the post and rebounding into play.

Final score.	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	2	1	15
Risca	0	1	3

NEWPORT 2nd

Nov. 14th '08

CARDIFF RESERVES V NEWPORT SECONDS

While the premier were engaged at Newport, the second strings were doing duty at the Cardiff Arms Park. The teams lined out as follows:—

Cardiff Reserves: Back, R. Williams; three-quarter backs, Davies, Phillips, W. A. Jones, and F. Spencer; half-backs, C. Culverwell and J. Thomas; forwards, Smith, Daley, Ward, Buck, Yewlett, Shepherd, Duncan, and Scanlon.

Newport Seconds: Back, R. Hicks; three-quarter backs, W. Barr, W. Priest, R. Lewis, and C. Francis; half-backs, A. Thomas and W. Bennett; forwards, G. Jones, J. Adams, H. Pritchard, A. Jenkins, W. Hibbert, C. Hews, A. Bell, and A. Everson.

Referee: Mr. H. Blenerhassett (Abergavenny).

Gus Jones started for Newport, and, the return being fumbled, the first scrum took place in Cardiff territory. Yewlett brought relief with a dribble, but Hicks saved with a neat pick-up and kick to touch. For off-side Cardiff were awarded a free. W. A. Jones elected to drop, but his kick fell short. Directly after Jones broke through prettily and looked a scorer all over until brought down by Hicks. Cardiff had now settled down to play, and kept the Uksiders penned in their own 25. From a scrum Thomas threw out to W. A. Jones, who, feeling to pass, beat Hicks and ran over with an unconverted try. Johnnie Thomas was conspicuous for a good run. Receiving at half-way, he beat man after man until faced by Hicks, who brought him low with a fine tackle five yards from the line. Culverwell, gathering smartly from the base of the scrum, initiated a nice passing bout, which ended in Spencer being brought down close on the line.

Half-time score:—	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	0	1	3
Newport Seconds	0	0	0

On the resumption Bennett failed to find touch, and W. A. Jones put in a huge kick, which took play to the Newport 25. In stopping a rush of the Cardiff forwards Adams was injured and forced to retire. Newport continuing with fourteen men, Bennett broke through, and, beating Thomas and Phillip, ran up to Williams, but his pass to Priest went astray. Spencer ran strongly and got over, but was called back for slipping in touch. Adams now returned, and a rush by the Uksiders carried play to the Cardiff line. Gus Jones dived over, but was ruled off-side, and from the succeeding scrum the Newportians had a fine chance of equalising, but Priest elected to drop for goal, but the ball failed to rise. Newport continued to press, and Priest kicked a good position, but his kick fell short. The Uksiders were now making great efforts to equalise, and Williams saved a dangerous rush by falling on the ball. Yewlett relieved the pressure with a dribble to the Newport 25, and from a scrum on the Newport line Johnnie Thomas dived over with Cardiff's second try. W. A. Jones made a good attempt to add the extra. Right on time Spencer got over in the corner, the final whistle going as soon as the kick was taken.

Final score.	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	0	3	9
Newport Seconds	0	0	0

SWANSEA SECONDS V
CARDIFF RESERVES

Played at Swansea to-day in dull but dry weather. Teams:—
Swansea: Back, Burrows; three-quarter backs, Barry, W. J. Davies, Edwards, and Watkins; half-backs, D. Williams and Bateman; forwards, Hines, Cull, G. Williams, D. Williams, A. John, Saunders, H. Ross.
Cardiff: Back, R. Williams; three-quarter backs, W. A. Jones, C. Evans, G. Spencer, and Virrilles; half-backs, Culverwell and E. Thomas; forwards, Hewlett, Gannon, Duncan, Buck, Daley, Smith, Scamlon, and J. Woods.

Referee, Mr. J. H. Randall.
Swansea started in a very brisk fashion, and only good defence by Williams, the back, prevented a score. Afterwards a good rush by the Cardiff forwards showed the team up in a much better light, and from this time on Swansea were generally engaged in defending. Towards the middle of the game Virrilles got up the field, and, taking a good pass, got over in the hand corner with a try. The kick was unsuccessful. Subsequently, Swansea, with the efforts of Bateman, got to the outer end of the field, and made two or three smart attacks on the Cardiff line, which were kept up until nearly half-time, when two Cardiff forwards dribbled the ball nearly the length of the field. Half-time came with Cardiff leading by 3 points.

	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Seconds	0	1	3
Swansea Seconds	0	0	0

Cardiff returned to the attack early in the second half, and scored twice within the first ten minutes. The first try was scored by Spencer after some good passing, and Duncan converted. Soon afterwards, during a scrimmage in front of the home goal, Smith picked up and ran round the Swansea men, scoring a fine try, which Duncan failed to convert. Williams then picked up and dropped a nice goal for Cardiff. At however, Swansea bucked up considerably, and got down to the other end, and were two or three times within a pace of scoring. From a scrimmage Bateman forced himself across with a try, which remained unconverted. Nothing more was scored.

	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	2	2	15
Swansea II	0	1	3

COMMENTS.

Cardiff were a much smarter team. Whatever they did seemed to come off, whereas Swansea frequently disappointed their supporters by dropping the ball or making other mistakes. The Cardiff backs were considerably the faster lot. Swansea failed at times when they had easy chances, as in the second half where one man had a clear course, but was overhauled when he had several yards' start of all the Cardiff men. Cardiff were quite as much superior to Swansea as the score would indicate.

Cardiff v Neath: Reserves

12 POINTS TO NIL RESULT

	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	1	3	12
Neath Seconds	0	0	0

Played at Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon before a sparse attendance. The teams lined out as follows:—

Cardiff Reserves: Back, R. Williams; three-quarter backs, Berhell, T. Evans, W. A. Jones, and E. Thomas; half-backs, C. Culverwell and J. Thomas; forwards, Duncan, Ward, Smith, Scamlon, Kearing, Buck, Poole, and Roberts.

Neath Seconds: Back, D. Thomas; three-quarter backs, S. Abraham, W. Thomas, P. Shawney, and E. Davies; half-backs, J. Thomas and J. Jenkins; forwards, J. Evans, E. Evans, S. Lee, E. Thomas, J. Hughes, G. Stevens, R. Ross, and J. Nevin.

Referee, Mr. Best, Penarth.

After equal play in the opening stages, Evans received and ran through prettily to within five yards of the Neath line, when he was brought down from behind. For off-side Cardiff were awarded a free, but Williams's kick went astray. Neath forwards relieved with a dribble, and carried play to the Cardiff 25, where Berhell saved with a daring dive. A bit of smart play by Culverwell saw him get 'clean' away, but he nullified his effort by kicking, when a pass inside would have meant a certain score. Cardiff now settled down to play, and from a scrum close to the Neath line, Culverwell threw out smartly to Edgar Thomas, who crossed over with an unconverted try. Cardiff's second score came within a minute. W. A. Jones ran half the length of the field, and from some loose play in front of goal the ball reached Edgar Thomas, who ran over with his second try. Duncan's kick went wide. The Neath forwards were playing a fine game, and several times got up to Williams, only to find the Cardiff back drive them back with a long kick to touch. Edgar Thomas was playing a fine game on the wing, and made several brilliant dashes.

	K.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	0	2	6
Neath Seconds	0	0	0

SECOND HALF.

Duncan restarted, and play settled down in the Neath side of half-way. Pretty passing by the Cardiff backs carried play to the Neath line, where Thomas saved by falling on the ball. Bertelli brought off a nice servicing run, but was hemmed in, and his pass to Evans was intercepted by Abraham, who relieved to touch on the twenty-five line. Following a loose kick by Shawney, Edgar Thomas spring over, but was called back by the touch judge's flag. The two new men, Evans and Bertelli were making a good impression. Bertelli especially playing a fine game. After Abraham had been well tackled by Edgar Thomas, a bout of passing, initiated by Edgar Thomas, led to Cardiff third score. Evans running across after receiving from D. A. Jones. Duncan again failed. Play so far had been wholly confined to Neath territory, and it was only fine defence by the Neath backs that kept the score down. The All Blacks now played a brief visit to Cardiff ground. Bobbie Williams failing to gather an awkward ball. Although a beaten team, Neath were playing a determined game. A chapter of accidents now occurred. W. A. Jones had to retire with a nasty gash over the eye, and soon after Buck had to leave the field with a broken nose. Another stoppage occurred whilst a Neath man was attended to. Despite the number of accidents the game could not be classed as a rough one. Although playing two men short, Cardiff continued to have the best of the play, and from a free 30 yards out, Duncan landed a beautiful goal.

	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	1	3	12
Neath Seconds	0	0	0

CARDIFF RESERVES V NEATH
SECONDS

COMMENTS.

Cardiff were superior from full-back to forward. No department did the All Blacks hold their own.

The game was marred by a regrettable series of accidents, but in each case it was purely accidental.

Edgar Thomas played as splendid game in the new position, and Evans and Redheif also made a creditable debut.

Until his retirement W. A. Jones was the best man on the field, throwing out his passes cleverly and kicking with judgment.

Williams was safe, and the home halves always had the measure of their vis-a-vis.

The best of the Neath team was their back, who held out time after time only to see the behind man fall.

CHEPSTOW

Dec. 5th 08

Cardiff II. v. Chepstow

HOMESTERS PILE UP POINTS

With a re-arranged three-quarter line owing to an injury to W. A. Jones, Cardiff Reserves met Chepstow at the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon before a fair attendance. The teams lined out at three o'clock as follows:—

Cardiff Reserves: Back, R. Williams; three-quarter backs, E. Berhill, T. H. Spencer, T. Evans, and Edgar Thomas; half-backs, Johnnie Thomas and C. Culverwell; forwards, J. Pugsley, D. Pike, C. Scanlon, Groves, Lewis, B. Poole, W. R. Shepherd, and D. Duncan.

Chepstow: Back, P. Smith; three-quarter backs, E. Williams, D. Thomas, F. Hall, and F. Pritchard; half-backs, T. Hobbs and U. Monico; forwards, E. Spencer, M. Holly, H. Watkins, C. Stanton, F. Bevan, F. Jones, W. Davies, and C. Pearce.

Referee: Mr. Evans, W.R.U.

Spencer gathered from the kick-off, and elected to run through, and reached the Chepstow 25 before he was pushed into touch. Culverwell threw out to Johnnie Thomas, and a pretty bout of passing was started, which culminated in Edgar Thomas going across with Cardiff's first try after five minutes' play. Williams failed to convert. The visitors improved, and good footwork by the forwards carried play into Cardiff's quarters. Edgar Thomas brought relief with a good run. Cardiff were awarded a free in a good position, but Duncan's kick went wide. Spencer was conspicuous with a fine pick-up and kick to touch. From a line-out in the visitors' 25, Pugsley threw out to Edgar Thomas, and the Cardiff centre running strongly, threw to Tom Evans at the right moment, who got over wide out. Duncan had hard luck with a magnificent kick, the ball striking the cross-bar and re-bouncing into play. Cardiff were having all the better of the game, and another score seemed certain when Monico brought down Evans with a fine tackle.

Half-time score: G. T. P's.
Cardiff Reserves 0 2 6
Chepstow 0 0 0

Pugsley re-started, and play at once settled down in the visitors' territory. The home-sters were playing fine football, and several pretty passing bouts were seen. The Chepstow backs started passing, but Evans intercepted, and, running up to Smith, gave to Sheppard, who scored under the post, and Duncan converted. (The visitors pressed Cardiff right on their line. Hobbs and Watkins dribbled well, and "Bobbie" Williams only saved by falling on the ball. Following some loose play by the Chepstow backs, Cardiff went away, and Pike, picking up in the open, transferred to Culverwell, who ran over with the home-sters' fourth score. Yet another score came Cardiff's way, Tom Evans scoring wide out after Edgar Thomas had cut another opening. Duncan again had the hardest of luck with the kick, the ball striking the cross-bar and falling back into play. The quick and accurate passing of the Cardiff backs baffled the visitors. Spencer scored close on tim.

Final score: G. T. P's.
Cardiff Reserves 1 5 20
Chepstow 0 0 0

COMMENTS

The game was one of the best seen on the Park this season. Sparkling bouts of passing characterised the game throughout, the Cardiff backs, well served by their forwards giving the spectators a rare treat in the handling code. Edgar Thomas in his new position at centre played a great game, and was well supported by Evans, while Bertilli and Spencer on the wings were in their happiest mood. Culverwell was the best of the halves, Johnnie Thomas marring a good display by holding on too long at times. The visitors were completely overplayed. Wilkins, Thomas, and Monico played a good defensive game, while Smith at full-back also served his side well.

ABERGAVENNY

Dec. 19th 08

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ABERGAVENNY v. CARDIFF RESERVES.

Abergavenny were at home to the Cardiff Reserves, their strongest opponents so far this season, on the Athletic ground. The home-sters attacked early and with success, for Fisher got over from a scramble just inside the Cardiff 25. Llewellyn Jenkins failed to convert. Cardiff got within the danger zone on several occasions, but smart tackling by "Smack" Watkins and others drove them back. Cardiff were looking dangerous towards the interval, but nothing further was scored.

Half-time Score— G. T. P.
Abergavenny 0 1 3
Cardiff Reserves 0 0 0

After resuming Abergavenny worked up to their opponents' 25, but were driven back by Cardiff, who got possession. A pretty bout of passing on Cardiff's behalf was broken up by Mack Watkins. On Abergavenny obtaining possession of the ball they went right up the field again, but were pulled up for off-side. Play was now kept in mid-field, Abergavenny, however, pressing hotly until a nice dribble of Cardiff relieved the pressure. Although both sides played hard, nothing resulted in the second half.

Final Score— G. T. P.
Abergavenny 0 1 3
Cardiff Reserves 0 0 0

REMARKS

Abergavenny are to be congratulated upon their splendid performance, for on the play they deserved the victory. Cardiff showed very little of the combination that was expected of them, and their movements were broken up by the determined tackling of the Abergavenny men. On several occasions Cardiff came within an ace of scoring, but Abergavenny were smart on the ball and got it away in the nick of time. They seemed to stay the game better than their opponents and their training lately seems to have done them good.

PENARTH 2nd

Jan. 2nd 08

PENARTH RES. v. CARDIFF RES.

At Penarth. Only about a dozen spectators witnessed this game, the teams fielding as follows:—

Cardiff—Back, Frank Wood; three-quarter backs, T. Evans, T. Buck, and Edgar Thomas; half-backs, Culverwell and Gibbs; forwards, Backmore, Ward, Duncan, Scanlon, Shepherd, Poole, J. Groves and Lewis.

Penarth—Back, R. C. Morgan; three-quarter backs, J. Lee, Christy, E. Bryant and Hartrey; half-backs, D. Bryant and Evans; forwards, Hamilton, Blackmore, Melvor, P. C. Howells, Manon, Walsh, C. Williams and Draper.

Referee—Mr. Albert Williams, Barry.

Penarth held their opponents for a few minutes at the centre, but the backs failing, the visiting pack breaking through, Poole, Lewis and Shepherd went away, and P. C. Morgan being beaten by the latter very cleverly, he crossed with a try, which was the result of a fine individual effort. No goal resulted. The home forwards, who also took matters to themselves, drove the visitors down the field by close dribbling. Cardiff backs were then given a trio of openings by Culverwell, and T. Bush nearly got through. Morgan, the full back, was injured in the close tackling work which was witnessed, and had to retire. Edgar Thomas cross-kicked with good judgment, and Thomas lost the chance by knocking on when Evans and Bertilli were unmarked. Bertilli, however, crossed when the ball had become loose from the next scrummage, Duncan failing to majorise the heavy ball, loosely blown, not rising more than a few feet of the ground. Bertilli added another try worked for by Culverwell, T. Evans, and himself, and in the making of this T. Evans was also slightly injured, but resumed. This put Cardiff nine points ahead, but Penarth, undaunted, invaded the Cardiff territory, P. C. Howells, Walsh, and Hamilton leading the forwards well.

Half-time Score— G. T. P.
Cardiff 0 3 3
Penarth 0 0 0

Cardiff backs had many fine opportunities of showing their prowess at the essentially Welsh play. Edgar Thomas and Culverwell nearly got through, the home tackling being firm. Morgan, the full-back, now returned, and Penarth with equal weight in the scrummage, broke away at once, and by smart footwork gained the visitors' quarters. There was no open back play, however, the home forwards taking the brunt of the work upon themselves. A hot attack was set up, the result of which was that J. Bryant got through with three opponents upon him. E. Bryant failed to add to the points. Cardiff were not long in adding to their score, Edgar Thomas and C. Culverwell participating in a try which the latter had scored behind the posts. Wood majorised. The visitors added another four points by fine dropped goal, Wood displaying great coolness and judgment when in a fine position. Penarth were by no means done, their excellent pack breaking away repeatedly and were pressing for some time before the final whistle, Cardiff having to exert all their powers in defence to keep them out.

Final Score— G. T. P.
Cardiff Reserves 12 3 13
Penarth Reserves 0 1 3

REMARKS

A bright, exhilarating display, showing that there are men of resource and efficiency outside the ranks of the premiers. There was not that disparity between the teams which the score indicates, Penarth forwards doing magnificent work.

Moseley
PENARTH 2nd
Jan. 9th '08

CARDIFF RESERVES V MOSELEY SECONDS

Moseley Seconds were visitors to Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon, when they were opposed to the Cardiff Reserves. The reserves had a re-arranged team. Frank Woods re-appeared at full back for Cardiff, whilst Idris Thomas figured in the centre, being partnered by Scanlon, also taken out of the pack. W. A. Jones took up the outside half position.

Cardiff lined out as follows before a small crowd:—

Full back, F. Woods; three-quarter backs, Idris Thomas, T. Evans, Bertelli, and Scanlon; half-backs, W. A. Jones and Gibbs; forwards, G. Northmore, D. Duncan, B. Poole, T. Buck, A. Lewis, J. Groves, K. Shepherd, and J. Ward.

Moseley Seconds: Full back, Fisher; three-quarter backs, Padison, G. Adams, Upton, and Venables; half-backs, B. Adams and M'Vicar; forwards, Pearce, Francis, Stevens, Richardson, Hosking, Davies, Williams, and Austin.

The opening play at once favoured Cardiff, who attacked strongly, and W. A. Jones initiating a passing movement, Scanlon ran over with an unconverted try in three minutes from the start. Immediately on the kick-out Cardiff were awarded a penalty. W. A. Jones took the kick, and landed a beautiful goal from an awkward angle. The visitors played up better after this, but after a momentary visit to Cardiff 25 the home forwards broke away and carried play to the Moseley line, where Scanlon, receiving, ran over with his second try, which Duncan converted. Moseley were now kept entirely on the defence, and the home ups came within an ace of scoring, only a fine pick up and kick to touch by the Moseley 121 back saving a score.

Half-time score: G. T. P's.

Cardiff Reserves 2 1 11

Moseley Seconds 0 0 0

On the re-start the Reserves quickly got into their stride, and the visitors' defence was severely taxed. After Scanlon had missed a golden opportunity Northmore headed a forward rush, which carried the ball over the line and Buck scored. Frank Woods kicked, the ball hitting the post and rebounding into play. Within a minute Scanlon crossed, and directly on the re-start Duncan got over, all three scores coming within the short space of five minutes. Moseley were now a thoroughly beaten team, play being continually on their line. Gathering clearly from the base of the scrum, Gibbs beat the opposing defence, and threw to Scanlon, who ran up to Fisher, and gave a re-pass for Gibbs to score behind the posts. Though playing out of his usual position, Scanlon was showing great form on the wing, and getting possession in the loose he went away on his own, and, beating all opposition, scored a try which Frank Woods had no difficulty in converting. Fisher was playing a great game at back for the visitors, and was deservedly applauded for a great save from the feet of the home forwards. Cardiff continued to keep up the pressure, and in the closing stages tries were scored by Idris Thomas and Scanlon.

Final score: G. T. P's.

Cardiff Reserves 4 6 36

Moseley Seconds 0 0 0

COMMENTS.

The huge score piled up by the homesters can only lead to one conclusion, that Moseley were overplayed. Never at any stage of the game were they dangerous, and their excursions to Cardiff quarters were of brief duration. They were beaten in every department, especially their backs, the only man to show any defence being Fisher, and in comparison with Frank Woods, the home custodian, even he showed up badly. With their re-arranged back division, the homesters could not be expected to seize upon every opportunity that presented itself, but all praise must be given Scanlon for his good show on the wing. Excepting that he lacked pace and held to the wall oftentimes too long, he played a good game, and each of his tries was well earned, while he was also in the main responsible for Gibbs' try. Tom Evans played his usual game in the centre, while W. A. Jones, served admirably by Gibbs, opened out play time after time. The forwards were much the superior pack, and controlled nine out of ten scrums.

Risca
RISCA Jan. 23rd '09

RISCA V. CARDIFF II.

Cardiff Seconds met Risca on the latter's ground before a large number of spectators. Teams:—
 Risca—Back, G. Banter; three-quarter backs, Percy Jones, A. Guy, Saunders, and Watkins; half-backs, A. Davies and W. Davies; forwards, J. J. Hodges, Henry Jones, Alex. Jenkins, Alex. Lockwood, Edwin Hamblin, L. Guy, John Pritchard, and J. Wallace.
 Cardiff Seconds—Back, F. Wood; three-quarter backs, T. Thomas, T. Evans, W. A. Jones, and Bertelli; half-backs, Tullerville and Reardon; forwards, Northmore, Stanton, Buck, Casey, Ward, Shepherd, Groves, and J. Gilbert.

Referee, Mr J. Davies.

Cardiff kicked off, and Risca soon pressed. A brilliant save was made by Wood, the Cardiff back. Risca were rewarded a free-kick, but nothing resulted. Cardiff rushed and looked dangerous, when Hodges broke through, and it seemed as though he would score, but he was held. A free-kick awarded Cardiff led to no result. After some midfield work Cardiff got to the Risca 25. A bout of passing took play into the Risca territory. Shortly afterwards Percy Jones ran up the field with the ball, but nothing was gained. A few minutes later two Risca players collided, and Harry Jones had to be carried off the field with what was conjectured to be a broken nose.

Half-time Score— G. T. P.

Cardiff Seconds 0 0 0

Risca 0 0 0

Risca kicked off on the restart and Cardiff assumed the aggressive but the defence was too sound all along. Risca rushed, but the Cardiff full-back screwed to touch. The visitors again attacked and had hard times. The Risca forwards headed by Hodges, rushed up the field and this was followed by give-and-take play until the close, the game ending in a pointless draw.

Final Score— G. T. P.

Risca 0 0 0

Cardiff Seconds 0 0 0

REMARKS.

Risca may feel justly proud of having drawn with their opponents of to-day—a team certainly to be respected. Hodges and Jenkins the visiting three-quarters, did excellent work, and one of the best players in on the field was Wood, the Cardiff full-back. All round the teams played splendidly, Casey being very prominent in good movements. The predominating feature of the game was the fine combination exhibited by the Cardiff forwards.

Monmouth

Jan. 30th '09

CARDIFF RESERVES V. MONMOUTH.

There was only a meagre attendance present at the Cardiff Arms Park to witness the game between the Reserves and Monmouth. Numerous changes were made in the Cardiff side, the most noticeable being the reappearance of Tom Richards, the old Cardiff Schoolboy, who after his recent accident made a welcome debut at outside half, the usual position of the old Romilly player being at centre three-quarter.

Teams:—
 Cardiff Reserves—Back, "Bobbie" Williams; three-quarter backs, Tom Evans, Edgar Thomas, Tom Buck and Con Scanlon; half-backs, Chas. Culverwell and Tom Reardon; forwards, Geo. Northmore, J. Groves, J. Duncan, W. R. Shepherd, E. Smith, Ernie Poole, Lewis, and Mansfield.

Monmouth—Back, W. Newman; three-quarter backs, V. Lewis, T. Lewis, W. Lewis, and L. Fanor; half-backs, T. Jones and W. Moses; forwards, H. Hushes, S. Russell, L. Meyrick, W. H. Jones, H. Jones, F. Powell, E. Blunt, and A. Petersen.

Referee, Mr J. S. Philp, Cardiff.
 Within two minutes of the start, Cardiff, thanks to clever combined play by their forwards, beat the Monmouth defence, and Tom Buck eventually getting possession crossed with a nice try, which was not converted. A lot of desultory play followed. From a clever heel-out by the Cardiff forwards Culverwell got possession, and after a little finessing gave over to Reardon, who cleverly transferred to Buck, who romped over with his second try. Duncan converted. Then came Monmouth's debacle. In the short space of two minutes as many tries were scored. Edgar Thomas notched the first, while George Northmore scored the second, neither of which was converted.

Half-time Score— G. T. P.

Cardiff Reserves 1 3 14

Monmouth 0 0 0

From the outset Cardiff took up a strong attack on the Monmouth goal-line. Once Culverwell should have crossed, but was pulled back by a Monmouth forward. Not to be denied, however, the Cardiff eight kept the ball "a-rolling," and as the result of a pretty dribble all along the far touch-line between Groves and Mansfield, the "keep-moving" man scored Cardiff's fifth try. Cardiff now had a lead of seventeen points, while Monmouth had yet to record a score. Just after, as the result of some loose play in the Monmouth 25 George Northmore, the Cardiff captain, received an injury to his knee, which necessitated his being carried off the field and being medically attended to. Cardiff were now playing 14 men, but despite this disadvantage held their own remarkably well. Gus Lewis scoring a pretty try after after some scrumbly play in front of goal, which Bob Shepherd converted. Just after Shepherd or Buck—it was a moot point as to which of them actually touched the spike at the crucial moment both having aiming to have done so—dribbled over with another. Edgar Smith added another try after fine forward play, while a moment later Tom Buck as the result of some pretty inter-passing between Edgar Thomas and Reardon crossed in the corner with a try which was not converted.

Final Score— G. T. P.

Cardiff Reserves 3 6 33

Monmouth 0 0 0

REMARKS.

From start to finish Monmouth were never in the hunt, being outclassed at all points of the game. A noticeable feature of the match, however, was the play of Tom Reardon at outside half, who with Culverwell, combined remarkably well. The old Cardiff schoolboy, it is understood, is not likely to retain the Premiership. Edgar Thomas and Tom Buck shone in the three-quarter line, while up to the time of his accident George Northmore, the Cardiff captain, was the best forward on the field. "Bobbie" Williams did well at full-back, but still had that peevish playing to the "gallery."

WANDERERS CANTON.

Feb. 6th. 09.

Cup Winners

CARDIFF RESERVES V CANTON WANDERERS

Last season's Cardiff and District Union Cup winners, Canton Wanderers, played Cardiff Reserves on the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon. The turf was in perfect condition, when play started in the presence of about 1,000 spectators. Teams:—

Canton Wanderers:—Back, W. Evans; three-quarter backs, T. Hyde, R. Poole, T. Salter, and A. Turner; half-backs, E. Hill and Hubo Harding; forwards, D. Callaghan, G. Harding, W. Dean, A. Baker, C. Tustin, G. Jennings, G. Woollacott, and G. Buckingham.

Cardiff Reserves: Back, R. F. Williams; three-quarter backs, Edgar, Thomas, T. Evans, W. A. Jones, and F. Woods; half-backs, C. Culverwell, and D. Furnish; forwards, M. Jewlett, J. Daley, W. Casey, E. Smith, C. Scanlon, J. Ward, J. Groves, and T. Buck. Referee, Mr. W. Leahy.

The Cantonians played sturdily, but were kept inside their own half during the first quarter of an hour. Furnish almost broke through once, and F. Woods had a penalty in front of goal, but shot wide. Starting a dribble on their own three-quarter line the Canton forwards were not stopped till the Cardiff 25 was reached, where W. A. Jones got back and gathered the ball, but in attempting to run around several opponents he was pulled down. At the centre Culverwell set Furnish moving, and the outside half and Tom Evans cut out a nice opening.

W. A. Jones ran well down and passed to his wing, Edgar Thomas, who doubled the full-back cleverly right on the touch-line and scored wide out. Frank Wood converted with a grand kick. After this the Wanderers attacked with vigour for some time, and after they had twice had hard lines, D. Callaghan took the ball splendidly in the line-out, and ran in a try almost before the Cardiffians were aware of what had happened. W. Evans converted, and brought the scores level.

Again Cardiff attacked, but they were driven back, and, on the whole, there was very little in the play. Right up to the Cardiff line went the Wanderers, but Tom Evans annexed the ball and made a fine run to half-way, where a pass was missed and a try lost.

Half-time score:	G.	T.	Pts.
Canton Wanderers	1	0	5
Cardiff Reserves	1	0	5

Playing more robustly in front, the Cantonians had the best of matters in the opening stages of the second half, and but for fine saving by Bobby Williams would have scored on one occasion. Either the Cardiff forwards were not exerting themselves or they were up against a very smart pack, for the Wanderers were doing remarkably well in front. For a long time the play was quite featureless and decidedly unspectacular, whilst at any time the Cantonians might have gained the lead. After being on the defensive for a long while, Cardiff attacked, and Furnish made a clever opening, but W. A. Jones's pass was missed by Tom Evans where there was a distinct chance. Canton returned to their opponents' end, where Hubo Harding kicked cleverly over his head and followed up. He booted the ball almost out of the grasp of Bobby Williams, and then, with no one in front of him, he pursued the oval over the line and scored a try that was really well deserved. W. Evans made a poor attempt to convert. Just after Hubo Harding took a drop at goal, and the crowd behind the posts cheered as if the point had been scored, but it was not allowed by the referee, and certainly the ball did not seem to go between the posts. A minute later, however, Harding did the trick with a very fine shot from a wide angle, and the extra four points put his side well beyond the likelihood of defeat. Cardiff got in a final attack, and Tom Evans scored a good try, which Frank Woods failed to convert.

Final score:	G.	T.	Pts.
Canton Wanderers	2	1	12
Cardiff Reserves	1	1	8

COMMENTS.

Cardiff Reserves deserved their defeat. They played badly all through. W. A. Jones suffered an injury at the start, which rendered him almost useless to his side, but there was no excuse for the forwards, who gave a wretched exhibition. On their play to-day there was not one of them worth a place in the first team pack.

In the home back division Tom Evans was the only one who did well. Furnish, Bobby Williams, Frank Wood, and Edgar Thomas were all off colour. For Canton Wanderers Hubo Harding was the outstanding figure, and really won the game for his side. Their forwards were a hard and vigorous lot, and were too good for the home pack.

NEWPORT 2nd

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Feb. 13th. 09

NEWPORT SECONDS V CARDIFF RESERVES

Played at Newport in bright, cold weather, before a fair attendance. The turf was at first very firm, but broke up slightly after a quarter of an hour's play. Teams:—

Newport Seconds: Full-back, B. Thomas; three-quarter backs, Harry Rowlands, Rees, Preece, and Plummer; half-backs, Dunn and A. Thomas; forwards, Evans, George Boots, Gus Jones, A. Jenkins, Hubert, Hews, Bell, and Power.

Cardiff Seconds: Full-back, Frank Woods; three-quarter backs, R. Williams, E. Thomas, Reardon, and Eddoe; half-backs, Culverwell and Rhys; forwards, Smith, Ward, Canlan, Mansfield, Farrell, Buck, and Groves.

In the first few minutes the visiting forwards, playing with great dash, made things pretty warm for Newport, but when the homesters relieved, Frank Woods, the Cardiff full-back, misfielded a kick and let the Newport side in. The homesters then broke away, and after making repeated attacks in which Harry Rowlands was prominent, two unconverted tries were scored, one by Plummer, and the other by Hubert. Following this, Cardiff penned the homesters in their own 25 for a long time, but could not score. When the pressure was relieved, Newport, by the aid of Dunn, the inside half, transferred play, and Rowlands, taking a sharp pass, scored a third wide try, which was not converted.

Half-time score:	G.	T.	Pts.
Newport Seconds	0	3	9
Cardiff Seconds	0	0	0

The second half was very strenuous. The Cardiffians had rather more of the attack than Newport, but could not bring off a score. Rhys, the Cardiff outside-half, who is a Llandoveryian, and who was tried for the first time to-day in the blue and black costume, did fairly well. Newport made a couple of determined attacks, but were kept outside by a vigorous defence.

Final score:	G.	T.	Pts.
Newport Seconds	0	3	9
Cardiff Seconds	0	0	0

CANTON. (League Winners) Feb. 20th '09

CARDIFF RESERVES V LEAGUE WINNERS

Player's Collar-bone Broken

Cardiff Reserves are opposed by Canton, the League winners, at the Cardiff Arms Park to-day. Additional interest lent itself to the game owing to the Reserves having been beaten a fortnight ago by the Mallet Cup holders, Canton Wanderers. The Reserves on that occasion were assisted by four of the first team forwards. The teams fielded as follows—

Cardiff Reserves: Back, R. Williams; three-quarter backs, D. Ferrier, W. Beddoes, T. Beardon, and W. Turner; half-backs, C. Culverwell and Rhys; forwards, E. Smith, G. Canton, W. Dean, P. Mansfield, J. Ward, D. Farrell, J. Groves, and Gus Lewis.

Canton: Back, Steve Jones; three-quarter backs, C. Nemes, Sam Jones, F. Rees, and D. James; half-backs, Dacey and Mullett; forwards, J. Brookman (captain), D. Jenkins, A. Scott, A. Green, T. Williams, R. Bushell, T. Raynor, and W. Walsh.

Referee, Mr. J. S. Phelps.

Cardiff started, and had the best of the opening stages, and at once got down to the Canton line, and Gus Lewis ran over, but was called back, the ball being thrown forward. A free was awarded the Reserves, but Bobbie Williams's shot fell short, and Jones ran the ball out to near halfway. Both teams were now playing with determination, forward work on both sides was good. Dacey intercepted prettily, and raced away, but was overhauled by Turner. Then Mullett threw out smartly, and Dacey again made tracks for the line, but threw away a fine chance of opening the scoring by holding on too long. The Cardiff forwards worked down, and pretty footwork by Smith and Mansfield carried play to the Canton 25. A wild kick into mid-field by one of the Canton backs gave the Reserves their opportunity, and Tommy Beardon, gathering smartly, raced across wide out. Bobbie Williams failed to add the extras from a difficult angle. Then in the next minute Turner charged down a return by Jones, and following up quickly he gained possession and scored in the corner. The kick again failed.

Half-time score.	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	0	2	6
Canton	0	0	0

One the re-start the Reserves played rather loose, and Canton nearly scored as a result of a bad miss by the Cardiff backs, Smith only just touching down in the nick of time. Culverwell kicked well up the field, and put Canton on the aggressive. Then came a pretty passing movement in which all the Cardiff three-quarters shandled. Turner put in a high kick, and Ward, following up, gained possession and threw to Turner, who gave to Beddoe. Then Beardon received, and, giving up at the right moment, Turner, with a strong run, crossed in the corner. Ferrier put in a good shot which just went a little wide. Mullett now went off the field, and Canton played fourteen men. The Canton forwards dribbled down, but Beddoe Williams sent them back with a long kick to touch. In stopping a rush, Nemes was injured. Upon examination by Dr. W. G. Williams his collar-bone was found to be broken. Playing two men short, Canton were kept busy defending. Culverwell passed to Beardon, and the old Cardiff schoolboy beat Jones cheaply and scored Cardiff's fourth try. James intercepted and ran clean through the Cardiff defence until faced by Williams who brought him low with a fine tackle. In the next minute Williams was again called upon, and he made no mistake in bringing down Brookman when the Canton skipper was nearly over.

Final score.	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	0	4	12
Canton	0	0	0

COMMENTS.

The game was most keenly contested, and both teams at times infused unnecessary vigour into their play, though the injuries received by Nemes and Williams were not due to that fact. The Reserves fully deserved their twelve-point victory. For fully three-fourths of the game they kept Canton on the defensive and several scores were lost through bad handling by the backs. Beddoe being a great sinner. Turner and Beardon both played well, while Ferrier kicked with judgment, and to him is due in a great measure Cardiff's last score. Culverwell always had the better of the argument with Mullett, but Rhys found packs showed sound forward work, scrummaging well and following up smartly. Of the backs, Bobbie Williams was best. Jones was slow, and his kicking lacked length, while oftentimes he failed to find touch.

BRISTOL NOMADS

Feb. 27th '09

BRISTOL NOMADS V. CARDIFF II.

At the County Grounds, Bristol. The home team kicked off, but Cardiff soon pressed, and getting the ball from a scrum, Beddoes transferred to Jones, who crossed. The kick at goal failed. A minute after, from a line-out, Mayall after a good run scored for Bristol, but the attempt to majorise was not successful. Play for some time settled in mid-field, but eventually the Cardiffians got away, and only the good defence of the home backs kept them from registering a further score. It was not long, however, when, after several bouts of passing, Cardiff again scored through Jones, and the same player attempting to goal failed. Llewellyn had a fine chance to equalise for the home team, but was brought down on the line by Cunningham. The concluding stage of the first half saw Cardiff pressing, some fine footwork being noticeable.

Half-time Score—

	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff II.	0	2	6
Bristol Nomads	0	1	3

In the second half Cardiff still had the best of the game, and a fine run by Scanlon was spoiled by a knock-on, while Evans was finely tackled by Bartlett when going well. Eventually Evans scored in the corner for Cardiff, and Milton for Bristol placed a penalty goal. Cardiff were by far the superior side and deserved to win.

Final Score—

	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff	0	3	9
Bristol Nomads	1	1	6

†Penalty.

CHEPSTOW.

Mar. 20th '09

CHEPSTOW V CARDIFF RESERVES

At Chepstow. Teams—

Chepstow: Back, Monico; three-quarter backs, Wilks, Hill Hobbs, and Pritchard; half-backs, Morgan and Ashwin; forwards, Spencer, Stanton, Sims, Pearce, Holley, Bevan, F. Jones, and Another.

The ground was sloppy and heavy. The visitors opened, and play ensued in neutral ground. Chepstow were penalized for off-side play, but Ashwin sent back. Pearce mis-kicked and sent to his own 25. Chepstow got clear and invaded, but their poor tackling enabled the visitors to get free. At length Jones got away from half-way with a fine run and scored an unconverted try. Cardiff invaded, but by a mark play reverted to mid-way. For a brief period Cardiff pressed, but an interchange of kicking found neutral ground the scene of operations. Chepstow eventually conceding a minor. General play followed without either side getting any advantage.

Half-time score:

	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	0	1	3
Chepstow	0	0	0

Resuming, exchange kicking took place, and Cardiff invaded, but Pearce saved in time. Cardiff invaded, and a free gave them a minor. Hobbs got away, but was called back for knocking on. Ashwin led a dribble, and Chepstow invading, Hill nearly got over. Cardiff in turn pressed, but Jones was tackled before getting over. Chepstow pressed for a time, but were unable to score.

Final score:

	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	0	1	3
Chepstow	0	0	0

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ABERGAVENNY

March 27. 09

CARDIFF RES. V ABERGAVENNY

On the conclusion of the premiers match with the London Welsh, the Reserves string took the field against Abergavenny.

The opening play was all in favour of Cardiff, and a prolonged attack was made on the visitors line. W. A. Jones ran strongly but was brought down by a bunch of opponents when a few yards out. Then following some loose play "Bobbie" Williams tried a long, left-foot drop, but his kick went just a trifle wide. The visitors now showed up better, and good footwork by their forwards carried play well inside the Cardiff half. Reardon, the old schoolboy international, was then prominent with a tricky run, but W. A. Jones gave an awkward pass to Davies and a fine chance was lost. A minute later he broke through nicely and gave Evan Davies a perfect pass, which he took with safe hands and opened the scoring with a try. W. A. Jones failed to convert. Then came some pretty play by the Cardiff backs. Culverwell gathering at the base of the scrum threw to Reardon, and the latter started his backs, the ball going right across to Davies who scored. W. A. Jones converting with a splendid kick.

Cardiff Reserves G. T. Pts.
Abergavenny 0 0 0

On the re-start the visitors forced matters, and Cardiff's defence was kept busy. Parker relieved to the centre, but the visitors were soon back again, and after pretty passing the ball went to P. B. Williams on the right wing, and, beating Davies with a nice swerve, he scored in the corner. The kick failed. Play was now of a very scrambling nature, and Cardiff, though keeping the visitors penned in their 25, could not add to their score. Following a good attempt at a drop for goal by Parker, the visitors' full back ran the ball out, and kicking pass Williams a score was only averted by smart pick up by D. A. Jones. Then came two tries for Cardiff in quick succession, the scorer in each case being Tom Evans, first being converted by Jones.

Final score G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves 2 2 16
Abergavenny 0 1 3

GLOUCESTER A.

Apr. 3. 09

CARDIFF II. V GLOUCESTER A

There was a very small attendance at the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon. The teams lined out at 3.30 as follows:-

Cardiff Reserves: Back, R. Williams; three-quarter backs, W. A. Jones; T. Reardon, D. Furniss, and W. Parker; half-backs, T. Rhys and C. Culverwell; forwards, E. Smith, T. Buck, G. Lewis, J. Ward, T. Deans, W. Casey, R. Shepherd, and T. Groves.

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Referee, Mr. W. Gamblin, W.B.U.

Cardiff started, but good work by the visiting forwards carried play to the Cardiff 25, where a series of scrummages saw the home pack beaten for possession, but the Gloucester backs failed to take advantage of the openings given them. Idris Rhys brought relief with a fine dribble half the length of the field, but a misfield by Reardon lost the advantage, and Hamblin raced up to Bobbie Williams, who brought him low with a fine tackle. So far Cardiff had all the worst of the game, but their forwards now played up better, and a breakaway carried play to the Gloucester 25. Then came a sensational five minutes, the homesters scoring three times in just as many minutes. The first try came through a smart piece of opportunism by W. A. Jones, who picked up very smartly, and running through a crowd of opponents he gave at the right moment to Tommy Reardon, who ran behind the post. Jones had his kick changed down. Right away from the re-start Cardiff again got down, and Culverwell dribbling down kicked over Hancock's head, and beating him in the race for possession, scored wide out. The kick again failed. Before the visitors had recovered from the surprise of these two quick scores Cardiff were over again, this time through Rhys, who doubled through prettily with a try which Bobbie Williams converted. Close on the interval Parker again crossed.

Half-time score G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves 1 3 14
Gloucester "A" 0 0 0

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COMMENTS.

In the early stages of the game Gloucester more than held their own, but after Cardiff first score they seemed demoralised and quite failed to check the smart movements which followed. Hamblin and Stevens did good work in the third line. Their forwards were a strong, robust lot, but tired towards the end. After their first score the homesters were in irresistible form, and the score should have been much greater. At all-back Bobbie Williams was much the superior of Hancock, while in the third line Jones was the best of a good quartette. Culverwell and Rhys always had the best of the argument with Dicks and Wren.

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Referee, Mr. W. Gamblin.

There were very few present when Cardiff started. The first quarter of an hour's play produced no striking feature except a dribble started by Rhys which Hamblin checked. Play continued to consist chiefly of scrummages until the homesters began to open out, and then three scores came in quick succession. The first came from W. A. Jones picking up at the feet of the Gloucester forwards and doubling through the visiting backs in fine style until faced by the custodian when he gave up to Reardon, who ran in behind the posts, but Jones could not add the extra points. From a line-out Culverwell dribbled away and scored the second try, which Bobby Williams made a good attempt to convert. Jones started another bout of passing, and Rhys, giving the "dummy" splendidly, ran over for Williams to convert. Before the interval Parker had got over in the corner, giving the homesters a 14-point lead.

Half-time score G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves 1 3 14
Gloucester 2nd 0 0 0

In the first few minutes after re-starting Reardon only missed scoring through stumbling after he had beaten the defence. Cardiff were having the best of matters territorially, but the Gloucester forwards were doing good work in the scrummages, and fought every inch of the ground. W. A. Jones sent Parker going, but he was pushed into touch on the line. From the succeeding scrumage, however, Rhys threw out a long pass to Reardon, who went over with the fifth try. Gloucester then had a temporary spell of attacking, but were soon driven back, and Reardon and Furniss both had hard lines in not crossing for Cardiff.

Final score G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves 1 4 17
Gloucester 2nd 0 0 0

REMARKS.

Once Cardiff warmed to their work they were by far the better side, and fully deserved all their scores. Their play in the opening stages, however, was very poor, and it was not until Jones had registered the first point that they woke up. Forward Gloucester were as good as their opponents at the start, but they seemed to tire towards the close. The passing of both sets of backs was at times ragged, the visitors being the worst offenders in this respect. The tried scorers by Rhys and Parker for the homesters were both leanings. Hancock and Williams, the respective custodians, both did well and made very few mistakes.

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MONMOUTH

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Apr. 10. 09

CARDIFF RESERVES V. MONMOUTH.

TWO PLAYERS ORDERED OFF.

Played at Monmouth. It was 4 o'clock when the teams lined out owing to the late arrival of the citizens.

Cardiff Reserves:- Back Davies; three-quarter backs, Reardon, Turner, Parker, and Rees; half-backs Gibbs, Deans, Groves, Mansfield, Farrell, and Pools.

Monmouth:- Back W. Newman; three-quarter backs, G. Probyn, T. Lewis, W. Morris, and Jenkins; half-backs J. Penbridge and T. Jones; forwards, L. May, E. Kent, and B. Jones.

Monmouth started well in the second half, but the pace and the heat were beginning to tell on both teams. W. Newman, the Monmouth custodian, failed to gather at a critical moment, but Lewis running back saved cleverly. Play then became very exciting, and unnecessary vigour was imported. Phil Jenkins had hard lines in not penetrating the Cardiff defence, and a little later Mr Rowe, the referee, ordered Turner, Cardiff Reserves, and T. Lewis, Monmouth, off the field. After this Cardiff Reserves attacked, and Edgar Smith dropped a goal, putting his side a point ahead. Then Monmouth took up the attack, and severely tested Cardiff's defence. George Cardiff conceded a minor, and then passing among the Monmouth backs ended in J. W. Morris scoring a try, which J. Benbridge failed to improve upon.

Final Score:- G. T. P.
Monmouth 0 2 6
Cardiff Reserves 1 0 4

REMARKS.

Monmouth occasioned an agreeable surprise by their defeating Cardiff Reserves. From the start the homesters played like a winning team. The referee Mr Rowe had a busy time consequent upon the spirit in which the game was at times played. The Cardiff Reserves' full back was somewhat weak, and the halves, Culverwell and Gibbs, were outclassed by Benbridge and Jones. Of the Monmouth "threes" Jenkins played a fine game in attack and defence. W. Morris's try was one of the features of the match.

No 40 of Taunton
Weston Trencher

PENYLAN

Apr. 17. 09.

CARDIFF RESERVES V PENYLAN

The usual annual match between Cardiff Reserves and Penylan was played at the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon before a fair attendance. Teams:-

Cardiff Reserves: Back, R. Williams; three-quarter backs, W. A. Jones, Turner, Parker, and Reardon; half-backs, Culverwell and Gibbs; forwards, P. Northmore, Ward, Smith, Deans, Groves, Farrell, Mansfield, and Lewis.

Penylan: Back, Lewis; three-quarter backs, T. Jones, F. Lewis, J. A. M. Smith, and A. Morgan; half-backs, A. Davies and T. Regan; forwards, T. Davies, J. Rees, D. Callon, D. Dunne, J. Dunne, Rees Davies, A. Lewis, and J. Chorley.

The opening play favoured the Reserves, and Culverwell was early prominent with a tricky run and pass to Turner, who was thrown into touch ten yards from the Penylan line. Then Penylan came away finely, and a clever break through by Davies saw Smith punt up to Bobbie Williams, and for some minutes the Reserves were hard pressed to keep their line intact. A misfield by Lewis spelt danger for Penylan, and from succeeding play W. A. Jones just missed dropping a goal. It was a good shot and went just a trifle wide. A minute later the same player was thrown into touch right on the line after a strong run. Jones relieved with a sprint up the touch-line, and, kicking over the head of Bobbie Williams, had a good chance of scoring, but failed to round the full back, and W. A. Jones saved.

Half-time score G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves 0 0 0
Penylan 0 0 0

Directly on the re-start Penylan scored. Smith kicked up to Williams, who waited for the rebound. Regan followed up smartly, and beating Williams for possession, passed to J. A. M. Smith, who got over in the extreme corner. A good kick was put in from a difficult angle, but an equaliser, and Cardiff pressed hard for an equaliser, and Culverwell was nearly through after a pass from Gibbs, and then W. A. Jones tried to place a goal from a penalty. Lewis relieved the pressure, but Cardiff were soon back again, and from a line-out close in Culverwell dotted over. W. A. Jones failed to convert. Succeeding play was all in favour of the Reserves, but the Penylan defence was sound, and no further score was made.

Final score G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves 0 1 3
Penylan 0 1 3