

CARDIFF TRIAL MATCH.

	G.	T.	P.'s.
Cardiff Reserves	3	5	30
District Team	0	0	0

The Cardiff trial match this season took the form of a match—the Reserves v. a District Fifteen. Edgar Thomas opened the scoring with a pretty try for the Reserves, which was left unconverted. Other tries were scored by Edgar Thomas, Beddoes, and Shepherd, the latter's being converted by Frank Wood.

The Reserves at once got to their opponents' 25, but there was no style or finish about their play, and they were easily held at bay. Frank Wood aroused enthusiasm by a brilliant run from his own half which all but ended in his scoring, Fullerton just holding him. However, from the ensuing scrum, Potter slipped over for Wood to convert. Joe Ward was injured, and had to be carried off by colleagues. Shepherd got over near the posts, but the try was unconverted. Potter ran over with a pretty and clever try, which Wood goaled. A grand burst by Con. Scanlon, who was on the left wing, produced another try for the Reserves, the goal-kick by Wood failing.

Taunton Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> 09

CARDIFF RESERVES V. TAUNTON.

	G.	T.	P.'s.
Cardiff Reserves	1	1	8
Taunton	0	1	3

The Cardiff men showed good form in the early stages of the match, and there were some pretty bouts of passing. A cross-kick enabled Edgar Thomas to score a wide try, which Donald Duncan converted with a fine kick.

After clever play by the right wing Wright scored a good try for Taunton, but the extra points were not added. Smart handling and fast running by Cardiff gave a good try to Potter, which was left unconverted.

CARDIFF RESERVES, 8pts.; TAUNTON, 3

This match, which was timed for 4.30, did not start until 5.45, and then only 30 minutes each way was played. Cardiff's superiority lay in their back division, their forwards not being able to cope with the Taunton eight, who broke up smartly and were very quick in following up. Twice in the first five minutes Cardiff were nearly over. "Tommy" Reardon making a couple of fine bursts, but his first pass Edgar Thomas failed to take when on the run, while the second was slightly forward.

The opening try came rather luckily to the Reserves, although it was well worked for. Bertelli and Reardon had tried to break through on the right, but the former was tackled nearly on the line. The ball was then kicked across to T. Evans, who ran up to the line before giving Edgar Thomas the ball to score with. Cardiff's second score was a splendid bit of opportunism on the part of Potter. Beddoes, who was working the scrum for the Reserves, was inclined to be selfish, and was often tackled in possession of the ball.

All the three were good, while Conway proved a capable understudy to Frank Woods. Pike and Duncan were the best of the forwards, who, however, were poor. Of the visitors, Sims, their custodian, played splendidly, despite a nasty cut which he sustained on the head early in the second half. Their third liners lacked initiative, and more than once an aimless kick was made which spoilt a favourite opening. The forwards were a hard-working lot, the pick of whom were Wright, Rowsell, and Manning.

CARDIFF RES. V. PENARTH RES.

At Cardiff Arms Park, before a fair crowd, and in beautiful weather. Teams—

Cardiff Reserves—Back, P. Conway; three-quarter backs, W. A. Jones, E. Thomas, T. Reardon, and T. Best; half-backs, Beddoes and Potter; forwards, E. Smith, W. Jenkins, Callaghan, G. Lewis, Groves, C. Scanlon, Dean, and D. Duncan.

Penarth Reserves—Back, J. Williams; three-quarter backs, R. Hartree, R. Adams, C. Gibbs, and D. Bryant; half-backs, C. Hamilton and Huett; forwards, F. Walsh, C. Hutchins, F. Davey, C. Manton, J. Cleaves, and Oliver.

After Cardiff had put up a hot attack Penarth forwards broke away to the home line, where Conway saved finely, but a minute later Reardon nearly opened the scoring with a splendid attempt to place a goal from a penalty. Potter started a bout of passing, which left Reardon and Best with only Williams to beat, but the former threw the ball too low for Best to take. W. A. Jones intercepted a pass at half-way, and made a brilliant run, but lost the ball in going over the line. Penarth set up a strong attack, and on two occasions were only spoiled through their players losing their heads. Conway, Reardon, Jones, and Potter all shared in the clearance, and play had been taken to the visitors' line when the interval was sounded.

	Half-time—	G.	T.	P.
Cardiff Reserves	0	0	0	0
Penarth Reserves	0	0	0	0

Penarth were penalised immediately on resuming, and then Potter led a dribble, and the ball was kicked unintentionally out to Edgar Thomas on the wing, who, being unmarked, had little difficulty in getting over. Duncan failed to add the extra points. Cardiff were now doing all the pressing, and, from a line out, Jenkins fell over the line with a try. Duncan gained the extra couple of points with a beautiful kick. The home forwards were again in evidence a moment later, when Jenkins broke away from a line-out, and when Scanlon was given the ball he had only to run round behind the posts. W. A. Jones hit the post with a fine penalty kick from half-way, and a minute later W. A. Jones started a movement which ended in Duncan touching down, after Potter had cleverly dribbled past the Penarth back. Duncan kicked a penalty goal just on time.

	Final—	G.	T.	P.
Cardiff Reserves	3	2	19	
Penarth Reserves	0	0	0	

REMARKS.

Cardiff proved better stayers than the Seaside, and their victory can be attributed to this. Edgar Thomas showed fine opportunism in gaining the first try, although it was an aimless kick which sent the ball his way. Play on both sides lacked finish, and twice in the first half Penarth had the line at their mercy, but wild throwing of the ball spoilt them. Potter played well at outside half for the winners, but Beddoes passing was rather erratic. Conway discharged his duties as custodian with every credit to himself, Williams doing the same for Penarth.

Mackintosh

October 2<sup>nd</sup> 1909

CARDIFF RESERVES V.

MACKINTOSH.

After the Cardiff v. Pontypool game the Reserves met Mackintosh, a strong local side. The teams were—

Cardiff Reserves—Back, R. Williams; three-quarter backs, F. Reardon, E. Davies, F. Best, and C. Culverwell; half-backs, Beddoes and Potter; forwards, E. Smith, D. Duncan, G. Lewis, Davies, Callaghan, Graves, Dean, and Scanlon.

Mackintosh—Back, G. Welsh; three-quarter backs, M. Harris, D. Timothy, A. Phillips, and S. Jones; half-backs, M. Morgan and McCann; forwards, Davies, J. Ferris, W. Cornish, R. Woodbridge, H. Gibbon, J. Meyrick, T. Gibson, and J. Merrett.

Mackintosh started, but all the Cardiff backs shared in a movement which put the visitors' lines in peril, but Harris saved by marking under his own goal posts. Good work by the District Club's forwards threatened danger, but Beddoes broke away and passed to Potter, but when Reardon had only to run in with a try, he was given the ball forwards.

In getting away from a scrum Beddoes was heavily tackled, and received a nasty gash on the forehead, which necessitated his retirement. Culverwell going to inside half, and Canlon going to from the forwards to operate on the wing. Misleading by Bobby Williams nearly let the Macks in on two occasions, but he recovered himself in time, and the interval arrived with no score.

	Half-time—	G.	T.	P.
Cardiff Reserves	0	0	0	0
Mackintosh	0	0	0	0

Immediately on re-starting the Macks' three-quarter backs started passing, but Reardon intercepted beautifully, and ran round behind the posts for Duncan to convert. Beddoes now returned and played on the wing, but the Reserves were still a man short, Gus Lewi having injured his ankle. Receiving from Culverwell from the scrum, Potter deceived the Macks' centres, and ran right up to the line before Welsh brought him low. The Macks forwards were more than holding their own, but their back play was very poor. Evan Davies made a fine spirit, but just failed to round Phillips. Cornish headed the Macks' forwards in a rush, but Reardon saved cleverly, and the Reserves were pressing when time was called.

	Final—	G.	T.	P.
Cardiff Reserves	1	0	5	
Mackintosh	0	0	0	

CARDIFF

A good crowd to watch this game. Cardiff Reserves quarter backs, and Evan Davies; forwards, J. Shepherd, M. Scanlon, and F. Newports. Backs, J. S. P. W. Power; half-backs, C. E. Jenkins, W. J. Murphy, and I. Strenuous. Cardiff, if the exchange blind side, near him down just the ball was received, did his who, swerving beautiful try, side backs started to hold the ball sent itself put Cardiff in penalised the lot of booting.

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## Newport Reserves.

October 9<sup>th</sup> 09

## CARDIFF RESERVES

## v. NEWPORT II.

A good crowd assembled at the Cardiff Arms Park to watch this game. Teams:—  
Cardiff Reserves—Back, Bobby Williams; three-quarter backs, Edgar Thomas, T. Reardon, T. Parker, and Evan Davies; half-backs, F. Potter and C. Culverwell; forwards, D. Duncan (captain), E. Smith, R. Shepherd, M. Crowley, D. Callaghan, J. Deans, C. Scanlon, and F. Buck.

Newport II.—Back, H. Wreford; three-quarter backs, J. S. Preece, H. J. Rowlands, F. Johnson, and W. Power; half-backs, A. Thomas and Joe Dunn; forwards, C. E. Hews, J. E. Partridge, C. A. Evans, R. Jenkins, W. Hulbert, F. V. J. Fritchard, Corporal Murphy, and B. Uzel.

Strenuous play marked the opening stages, Cardiff, having the better of the exchanges, Culverwell, getting away on the blind side, nearly scored for Cardiff, Wreford pulling him down just in time. From a scrum near half-way the ball was heeled to Culverwell and Potter, who received, did his part before parting with it to Thomas, who, averring before the opposing centres, scored a beautiful try, which Duncan failed to convert. The risk-side backs started a bout of passing, but Preece failed to hold the ball when a favourable opportunity presented itself. Callaghan started a movement which put Cardiff in a favourable position, but the referee penalised the home forwards, a decision which aroused a lot of hooting amongst the crowd.

Half-time—	G. T. P.
Cardiff Reserves .....	0 1 3
Newport Seconds .....	0 0 0

Early in the second half, Rowlands, one of the visitors, was thrown heavily, and sustained a broken collarbone. With only only 14 men Newport had to act strictly on the defensive, but one fine rush was splendidly stopped by Bobby Williams, who evaded four would-be tacklers, and set Evan Davies going, but the latter infringed the touch-line. Reardon nearly got over from the scrum near the Newport line, but then the visitors' forwards made a hot onslaught upon the home goal, which Culverwell, Duncan, and Williams all helped in clearing. Dean nearly crossed again for Cardiff before the final.

Final—	G. T. P.
Cardiff Reserves .....	0 1 3
Newport 2nd .....	0 0 0

## REMARKS.

Rain to a certain extent spoilt what promised to be an interesting game. The feature undoubtedly was Edgar Thomas' try which was one of the finest seen on the Park this season. Cardiff forwards played splendidly, and Crowley, a new comer, certainly justified his selection. The Newport forwards also played a hard game, but the loss of Rowlands early in the second half disorganised the side. Wreford, the custodian, acquitted himself splendidly.

Gloucester 2<sup>nds</sup>.October 23<sup>rd</sup> 09CARDIFF RES. v. GLOUCESTER  
2nds.

At the Cardiff Arms Park in wet weather.

Teams:—  
Gloucester—Back, W. Hancock; three-quarter backs, H. Barnes, H. H. Smith, J. Hamblin, and J. Washbourne; half-backs, W. Dix and J. Goddard; forwards, F. Pegler, W. Blackford, F. Welshman, N. Hayes, W. Henderson, A. Millard, W. Nelmes, and J. Hall.

Cardiff—Back, F. Woods; three-quarter backs, E. Thomas, T. Evans, T. Reardon, and E. Davies; half-backs, F. Potter and C. Culverwell; forwards, D. Duncan, E. Smith, T. Buck, G. Lewis, W. Deans, J. Callaghan, S. Sexton, and J. Crowley.

Cardiff opened strongly with an attack from the left, which, however, the Gloucester men successfully frustrated. For offside play Gloucester were penalised near their own line and Duncan kicked a splendid goal. Straight from the kick-off the Gloucester forwards broke away, and Woods making a poor attempt at fly-kicking, let the visitors in. Goddard scoring and the kick just failing. Edgar Thomas and Tom Evans both made praiseworthy efforts to score, the former just being forced to touch on the line. Just on the interval Callaghan sent to Tom Evans from a line-out, and Reardon receiving from the latter romped over with a prettily-made try. Duncan failed with the kick.

Half-time—	G. T. P.
Cardiff Seconds .....	*1 1 6
Gloucester Seconds .....	0 1 3

## \* Penalty.

During the interval a terrific rainstorm commenced, and the players and referee were soon soaked through. Play continued for about ten minutes, during which it was nothing less than a farce, no one being able to hold the ball, and the players being unable to stand. The referee then consulted the two captains, and the match was abandoned.

Final—	G. T. P.
Cardiff Reserves .....	*1 1 6
Gloucester 2nds .....	0 1 3

## \* Penalty.

## REMARKS.

It was a wise procedure to abandon the match, as play was impossible in such weather. In the first half it was a forward game, but the home backs brought off several splendid bouts of passing. Evans, Thomas, and Reardon being especially prominent in this respect. Frank Woods seemed afraid of his damaged knee, and the visitors' try was practically a gift to them. The Cestrians' forwards kept the ball on the go all the time, but the home pack were their equals, and got the ball from most of the scrums, when Culverwell and Potter made every use of it.

Swansea 2<sup>nds</sup>October 16<sup>th</sup> 09

## SWANSEA 2nd v. CARDIFF RES.

At Swansea in threatening weather. Each side possessed a splendid record, and fielded strong teams.

Teams:—  
Swansea 2nd—Back, Fred Rees; three-quarter backs, H. Evans, F. Sheford, Tom Nicholas, and H. Richardson; half-backs, Dick Williams and Harry Trew; forwards, W. Davies, H. Moulton, Wesber, E. Thomas, W. John, C. Hole, D. Williams, and A. John.

Cardiff Reserves—Back, Conway; three-quarter backs, E. Thomas, E. Davies, T. Parker, and T. Reardon; half-backs, Culverwell and Potter; forwards, Duncan, Daley, E. Smith, Callaghan, Dean, Groves, Crowley, and Buck.

Swansea forced two minors at the commencement of the game, one of them a near shave for a try. Tom Reardon kicked well up the field, and for some time the game was in the home territory. The Cardiff forwards fielded far oftener than the home pack, but the Swansea defence was sound, and eventually the home three-quarters worked over the equatorial line. Culverwell got clean away on the blind side, and kicked in the home 25, but the effort was poorly supported, and the home forwards dribbled into the Cardiff territory.

Half-time—	G. T. P.
Swansea 2nds .....	0 0 0
Cardiff 2nds .....	0 0 0

Swansea in the second half had the better of the contest, chiefly by good forward work. A penalty awarded to Swansea was entrusted to Fred Rees, who made a good attempt, but the kick fell short. Towards the close the game was very fast, and there was a keen struggle made for supremacy. Swansea made a vigorous attack, Harold Richardson being brought within a foot of the Cardiff line. From the subsequent line out A. John got possession and scored an unconverted try. A few minutes later a round of passing by the Cardiff three-quarters ended in Ewart Davies scoring an unconverted try. Five minutes later Harry Trew dropped a goal for Swansea.

Final—	G. T. P.
Swansea Seconds .....	1 1 7
Cardiff Reserves .....	0 1 3

## REMARKS.

Swansea deserved their victory, having had, by far the best of the game, especially in the second half. The home forwards were lighter than their opponents, but this deficiency was made up for by the combination of the home backs. The dropped goal by Trew was very smartly obtained by the left foot when Swansea were pressing, and the effort merited the four points.

Moseley 2<sup>nds</sup>October 30<sup>th</sup> 09

## MOSELEY RES. v. CARDIFF RES.

At Moseley. It was a perfect autumn afternoon, but the attendance was a small one. The turf was very treacherous after the recent rains. Teams:—

Moseley—Back, Wilson; three-quarter backs, Patterson, Vahwright, Shannon, and Hunt; half-backs, Evesson and Adam; forwards, Bayliss, Nelson, Francis, Clarke, Hardman, Byrne, Shaw, and Manuox.

Cardiff—Back, Wood; three-quarter backs, Thomas, Beardon, Parker, and Davies; half-backs, Evans and Potter; forwards, Duncan, Smith, Crowley, Daley, Buck, Dean, Lewis, and Callaghan.

Cardiff immediately invaded the home territory. Crowley intercepted the Moseley forwards, and then C. Lewis scored, Wood easily converting. Duncan scored an unconverted try, but Wood added the major points from Davies' try. Patterson got over for Moseley, and then Thomas and Potter scored tries, while T. Evans dropped a goal.

Half-time—	G. T. P.
Cardiff 2nds .....	*3 3 25
Moseley .....	0 1 3

## \*1 dropped.

On resuming Wood dropped a goal and the game went all in favour of the visitors. Reardon (twice), Wood, and Crowley scored further tries, but three comparatively easy place kicks were missed by Wood and Duncan. Moseley were rarely in the Cardiff half after the interval.

Final—	G. T. P.
Cardiff Reserves .....	*4 7 33
Moseley .....	0 1 3

## \*Two dropped.







Risca. November 27<sup>th</sup> 09

## Risca v. Cardiff Seconds

At Risca. J. J. Hodges kicked off for Risca, and the home team soon began to press. From a midfield by Allridge Risca were given a splendid opportunity, but the effort failed. Risca kept up the pressure, but a movement in which Sanders, Batten and Jones took part broke down. Davies and Jones now got going for Cardiff, and play was taken to the Risca 25 line, but Baker gained considerable ground by excellent kicking. Risca were thus again placed in an attacking position, and Sanders nearly scored, but kicked the ball into touch-in-goal.

At half-time there was no score. Upon resuming Cardiff pressed and Jones tried a pot at goal. Just after E. Davies, after receiving from Jones, raced over, and, although some doubt arose as to whether he overstepped the touch-line a try was given, and it was converted. Cardiff pressed again, but Alf. Davies relieved with a long kick to touch. E. Davies beat the whole Risca team and grounded the ball again beneath the post, but the kick failed. From this to the end Risca did the most pressing, and Batten scored in a good position, but the additional points were not secured.

Final:	G.	T.	P.
CARDIFF RESERVES.....	1	1	8
RISCA .....	0	1	3

Abergavenny. Dec 11<sup>th</sup> 09

## CARDIFF II. V ABERGAVENNY

The Reserves were short of several members at Cardiff Arms Park to-day, whilst the Abergavenny team were at full strength. It was an hour after the advertised time before a start was made. Teams:-

Cardiff Reserves: Back, W. A. Jones; three-quarter backs, Evan Davies, Edgar Thomas, T. Reardon, and J. Parker; half-backs, Potter and I. L. Dean; forwards, Rev. J. A. Davies, D. Duncan (captain), Crowley, Baker, Scanlon, Lewis, J. Daley, and Dean.

Abergavenny: Back, E. Williams; three-quarter backs, Horton, A. Watkins, B. Williams, and L. Jenkins; half-backs, Galtie and Webster; forwards, H. Cousins (captain), W. Watkins, J. Watkins, J. Young, J. Taylor, J. Thomas, P. Dacey, A. F. Davies, and J. W. Bolton.

The ground was in a very bad condition, and rain fell as the game progressed. The game was hardly five minutes old before both the Rev. J. A. Davies and Tom Reardon were smothered in mud, and the former had to be given assistance to clear his eyes. Cardiff were awarded frees close in, and from the first Duncan almost dropped a goal, whilst W. A. Jones from the other end forced Abergavenny to touch down. Reardon then broke through between Jenkins and Williams, and was in the act of giving the Abergavenny full-back "the dummy" close to the line when he slipped. Evan Davies snapped up the ball in the loose, and after a sprint of ten yards, in which he beat E. Williams very cheaply, crossed with the first try. D. Duncan made a good shot for goal. Following a rush by the Abergavenny forwards and a save by Potter, Tommy Parker made an excellent run and then threw to Reardon. Evan Davies followed up, and was waiting a pace, but Reardon hung on too long and was collared. Cardiff did all the attacking, and I. L. Dean, who was being tried at half, got the ball away very sharply. Abergavenny trusted all to their forwards, who made several good rushes, but never got much beyond the half-way line. There was very little in the game, but it was amusing to watch the antics of the players in the mud.

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

**LOSS TO CARDIFF RESERVES.**  
The Rev. J. A. Davies, who has recently been ordained, played his last game with the Cardiff Reserves this afternoon. He leaves for Swansea to-night, and is due to preach his first public sermon at Abertawe to-morrow. His departure will be generally regretted, for discounting his value as a player, he is highly esteemed amongst his colleagues.

Chepstow. December 18<sup>th</sup> 1909

## CHEPSTOW V CARDIFF RESERVES

At Chepstow. Teams:-  
Chepstow: Back, Field; three-quarter backs, H. Ashwin, Hill, Bailey, and Pearce; half-backs, Smith and Hobbs; forwards, Spencer, Holley, White, Jones, Jolliffe, Cumper, Davies, and Gardner.

Cardiff Reserves: Back, Welsh; three-quarter backs, Ewan Davies, Reardon, Parker, and Thomas; half-backs, Oliverwell and Potter; forwards, Duncan, E. Smith, Dean, Baker, Daley, Lewis, Scanlon, and Gascon.

Visitors continued pressing, when Thomas was stopped by Phil. Chepstow broke away to mid-field from a scrum. Oliverwell sent to touch, gaining ground. Bailey sent away, when Welsh, in heading, knocked on. The Cardiff backs got in motion, and, after this play, Thomas scored an unconverted try. After open play, Chepstow invaded, but, failing to hold, the visitors, with a rush, carried play to the home 25.

Cardiff opened, and at once got to Chepstow's 25 and pressed, Oliverwell getting clean through a minute or so after the start, and scored, but it was not converted. Cardiff again asserted themselves, and Chepstow were penalised for H. Ashwin being off-side. Cardiff gained little advantage. Chepstow worked down, and Pearce, kicking wild, one of the Cardiff men took the ball over his own line and touched down. Following the scrum play reverted to mid-field, whence Thomas sent to the home 25. By open play Chepstow got to mid-field, playing an offensive game. A kick put the ball in the hands of the visitors' backs, who got in motion and invaded, when the visitors were penalised, Hill making a useful kick. Cardiff invaded, and Ashwin failing to stop Davies, scored another unconverted try.

Half-time score:	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves .....	0	3	9
Chepstow .....	0	0	0

In the second half the visitors attacked vigorously. White retired hurt, and Potter afterwards scored an unconverted try. Cardiff kept on the attack, but Chepstow freed themselves, and twice invaded the visitors' quarters. Cardiff returned to the aggressive, and Evan Davies made a clever run, but was brought down on the line. After a time Chepstow made another invasion, but the visitors cleared with a fine rush.

Final score:	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves .....	0	4	12
Chepstow .....	0	0	0

Chepstow had re-constituted their team owing to several absences, and were accordingly much weakened. Cardiff, on the other hand, had a strong and clever team, who did some clever work. In the second half, although minus White, Chepstow played up much better and only allowed the visitors to cross once.

Bristol Nomads

January 1<sup>st</sup> 1910.

## CARDIFF RESERVES V BRISTOL NOMADS

At Bristol, on the County Ground. There was a fair crowd of spectators, though the weather was threatening. Both sides were well represented. Teams:-

Bristol Nomads: Back, Hartell; three-quarter backs, Fry, Irving, Carey, and Gange; half-backs, Petham and Boley; forwards, Stradling, Butler, Allen, Trencken, Thomas, Edwards, Mayall, and Lear.

Cardiff Reserves: Back, Welsh; three-quarter backs, Reardon, Jones, Parker, and Thomas; half-backs, Oliverwell and Potter; forwards, Duncan, Daley, Baker, Dean, Smith, Crowley, Gascon, and Scanlon.

The visitors maintained their superiority in the second half. Common once went on his own, but was pushed into touch. Reardon once got through by Hoddie, but Welsh brought him down. Then Jones, taking the ball nicely from Oliverwell, Cardiff went away in a line, and Jones scored, but failed to convert. The game was finished in semi-darkness, the visitors having the best of matters.

Oliverwell at the base of the scrum was playing clever football, and setting his backs going repeatedly. Only the fine defence kept them out. Eventually Cardiff scored in the corner, Daley crossing in the melee. The try was unconverted. Duncan failed with the kick. Bristol set up a hot attack after this, and mainly by steady forward play kept Cardiff penned in their 25 for a time. Fry had a shot at goal, but the ball fell short, and then Hoddie intercepted a pass. When the Welshmen raised the side and threatened danger, Oliverwell and Thomas on the right wing and Reardon on the left were doing splendid work for the Reserves, but no further score came before the interval.

Half-time:	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves .....	0	1	3
Bristol Nomads .....	0	0	0
Final:	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves .....	0	2	6
Bristol Nomads .....	0	0	0







dribbled the ball into the visitors' half, but the Cardiff defence was sure, and Gargo was pushed outside. Bristol still kept up the pressure, but Cardiff were much better than the Nomads in scrum work, their three-quarters getting the ball every time. Here one of the Cardiff men had to go off through being injured. From a scrum in the visitors' half Seltham dribbled the ball nearly to the Cardiff line, and Welsh picking up kicked. Fry made a mark and kicked the ball to Gargo, the latter having a clear run in, but fumbled the ball when he had one of the best scoring chances of the game.

Half-time—		G. T. P.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	0 1 3
Bristol Nomads	.....	0 0 0

Cardiff started the second half with a kick which carried the ball to the home 25. Fry getting it made a splendid run, but was tackled by T. Parker. A few minutes later some very pretty footwork by the Nomads took the ball into Cardiff preserves, but the tackling of Welsh was very sure, and the ball went into touch. Bristol got the ball from the scrum. Irving passed to Boddie, who threw. Just afterwards Thomas stopped an ugly rush for Cardiff by dropping on the ball. Cardiff had a lot more chances than Bristol, but their three-quarters could not properly hold the ball. Bristol were awarded a free for a foul, and Irving found touch with a fine kick. From the scrum in the home 25 the Cardiffiff fifteen had a fine scoring chance, but SW. A. Jones, trying to drop a goal, failed. A minute later they had another chance, and the ball going from Parker to E. Thomas, the latter looked a certain scorer but was pulled into touch from a free had a drop at goal, the kick just falling short. Cardiff a few minutes later took the ball into the home half, and Parker, picking up, went away with two other men in attendance. After a good run he passed to Jones, the latter scoring. The same player failed to add the extra points. From the drop out the Nomads by good dribbling took the ball into the Cardiff half. Thomas, of Bristol, was playing a good game, falling repeatedly on the ball and saving several dangerous rushes. Cardiff were still much superior to the Nomads in scrum play, getting the ball more often than their opponents but their passing was faulty, and many chances were lost to them. W. A. Jones, of Cardiff, got the ball and dodging past four of the Bristol men, looked all over a scorer, but Hartell coming up tackled him finely and kicked to touch.

Final—		G. T. P.
Cardiff 2nds	.....	0 2 6
Bristol Nomads	.....	0 0 0

Moseley 2<sup>nds</sup>

January 8<sup>th</sup> 1910.

## In a Merry Mood.

### CARDIFF RESERVES SCORE 48 POINTS

At Cardiff Arms Park. The locals had a mixed side out, but were assisted by W. Spiller. Tommy Parker played on Reardon's wing, and T. Buck substituted Woods at full-back. Teams:—

Cardiff Reserves: Back, T. Buck; three-quarter backs, Edgar Thomas, Spiller, Reardon, and T. Buck; half-backs, Oulverwell and Potter; forwards, D. Duncan (captain), F. Gargon, Crowley, E. Smith, Dean, M'Intyre, Gale, and G. Lewis.

Moseley Reserves: Back, F. G. Stephens; three-quarter backs, R. O. Lunt, J. H. Birtles, L. G. Eveson, and H. S. M'Vicar; half-backs, W. Adams and W. E. Mansell; forwards, F. H. Bayliss, J. Francis, E. J. Keogh, A. Wainwright, S. Trollers, S. T. Williams, Percy Jones, and E. E. Byrne.

Referee, Mr. J. Philp. Barry. Cardiff were quickly on the Moseley line through a short run by Potter and a free taken by Spiller. Moseley forwards then reached the centre. Passing followed between Potter, Spiller, Reardon, and Parker, and the latter ran over with the first try. In the next minute T. Buck, who was playing at full-backs for the Reserves, followed up a short kick, attended by Potter, and inter-passing between the two left Buck in possession, and he scored in an easy position for Duncan to convert.

Moseley busted Cardiff for the next few minutes, and forced their way to the home 25, where F. G. Stephens made an extra good shot for goal from a long distance, the ball falling under the bar. Reardon averted a score by scooping the ball up from the feet of the Moseley forwards as they were dribbling over the Cardiff line. Two more tries fell to the Cardiff in rapid succession, after good handling amongst Potter, Spiller, Reardon, and Parker, the latter scoring in the first instance and then Crowley. There was some good tackling by F. G. Stephens, and the Moseley right wing and centre when the Cardiff three were going well, and in one bout Willie Spiller was knocked out. Stephens almost landed a penalty for Moseley from half-way, and then Cardiff developed an attack on the left, and Reardon put Parker over. Duncan converted with a good kick. Potter cut out on an opening for his three, and Spiller, timing an excellent pass to Edgar Thomas, the latter ran round behind the posts. Duncan goal.

Half-time:		G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	3 3 24
Moseley Reserves	.....	0 0 0

Taking the ball in the line-out at the Moseley 25 Reardon dodged over with a very smart try on his own, and Duncan kicked a goal. Moseley, who did ought else but defend, failed to keep out Edgar Thomas, after the whole of the three-quarters had handled, and on the other wing Parker ran round behind the posts from Reardon's transfer. The latter had taken a poor pass in a very clever manner. Potter dropped a goal from under the cross-bar after M'Intyre had dribbled up to the Moseley line, and this brought the total number of points up to 42. Moseley gained possession from one scrum, and handed before the latter kicked to touch at half-way. Moseley played up pluckily but there was no method in their play. Culverwell scored the eleventh try from a scramble on the line, and Parker got his fifth individual try just before the whistle went.

Final:		G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	5 8 43
Moseley Reserves	.....	0 0 0

three-quarter backs, W. Thomas, P. Smith, F. Hill, and J. Bailey; half-backs, T. Hobbs and L. Beasley; forwards, E. Spencer, E. Pearce, M. Henry, W. Gardner, B. Davies, G. Jolliffe, B. Jones, and L. B. Watkins.

Referee: Mr. Morris, Newport. The Reserves opened the attack, and within five minutes of the kick-off Edgar Thomas got over with a try in the corner after a very pretty run. Duncan failed with the kick. The Reserves continued to press, and, securing from loose play near the goal line, which Wood converted. Play settled down in midfield, where the Cardiff backs again secured, and carried play to the visitors' goal, where a minor was conceded. Scoring in midfield, Edgar Thomas made a fine run up the field, and, meeting opposition, he passed out to Holbrook. The latter, however, failed to take the pass, and Woods, running up smartly, obtained possession, and dropped a fine goal. By means of hustling forward play, the visitors then worked their way down to the home quarters for the first time, but there was a brief lull, for Holbrook obtained possession in midfield, and, running up strongly, he beat off the opposition and scored in an easy position for Wood to convert. Half-time was soon afterwards called.

Half-time:		G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	3 1 17
Chepstow	.....	0 0 0

Immediately upon the resumption Edgar Thomas made a fine run, and, although tackled, he again secured, and ran in with a try, which Wood again converted with a splendid kick. Though a badly beaten team, Chepstow lost no heart, and their forwards made strenuous efforts to break through. The Reserves continued to press, and, after several pretty rounds of passing, Dean eventually scored after some scrambling play on the line. Woods failed with the kick this time. In the succeeding play Beasley, one of the visiting halves, was injured, and was obliged to leave the field.

Final:		G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	4 2 25
Chepstow	.....	0 0 0

As the score indicates, it was a very one-sided game, the home team proving far too good a match for their Monmouthshire opponents. Where the reserves excelled most was in combination, their three-quarters playing in splendid harmony, excepting on one or two occasions, when passes were wildly taken.

The visitors relied too much upon the efforts of their forwards, who for the greater part of the game were beaten in the scrums. They, however, were a bustling lot, who showed to advantage in open play. Edgar Thomas was the pick of the home three-quarters, and was responsible for several exhilarating runs.

Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>

Penarth Reserves

Abandoned. Frost.



Chepstow

Newport 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 1910

### CARDIFF RESERVES V NEWPORT II.

Newport Seconds fielded a very strong side, including two old internationals, to meet Cardiff Reserves on the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon. The match was contested in pleasant atmospheric conditions, but the ground was on the heavy side. Ten minutes late the teams lined out before a fair attendance as follows:

Cardiff Reserves: Back, Frank Wood (capt), three-quarter backs, E. Thomas, F. Holbrook, Evan Davies, and Ivor James; half-backs, Charlie Culverwell, and P. Potter; forwards, J. Groves, J. Daley, D. Duncan, A. Baker, J. Crowley, G. Lewis, F. Gaccon, and C. Scanlon.

Newport Seconds: Back, H. Wreford; three-quarter backs, D. Ponty Jones, Ivor Evans, H. J. Rowlands (captain), and P. Parker; half-backs, R. K. Belth, and Joe Dunn; forwards, George Boots, Lieutenant J. E. C. Partridge, H. J. Pritchard, Ben Hansell, W. Holbert, A. Bell, W. Murphy, and A. Jenkins.

Referee: Mr. J. S. Phillips, Cardiff.

This was the third meeting of the season between the teams, the last match at Newport, having resulted in a win for the Usksiders by eight points to four, and the previous match at Cardiff ending in a win for the Welsh Metropolitans by a try.

The visitors opened the attack, Rowlands initiating a passing movement, which almost ended in Ponty Jones getting over in the corner. Successing play saw the home team making repeated onslaughts on the visitors' citadel, and after a series of passing movements, Gaccon eventually picked up in the loose, and carrying play dangerously near the line, Holbrook rushed up and scored in a comparatively easy position for Woods to convert.

The score was registered simultaneously with the circulation of the news on the field that the Cardiff premiers were leading by a try at Newport. This seemed to put fresh confidence into the home team, and Ivor James broke away be autifully, and passed to Edgar Thomas, who was bowled over just in the nick of time, within a yard of the line. The visitors then assumed the aggressive, and Ponty Jones running strongly on the wing, got well into Cardiff quarters before he was overhauled. George Boots was twice applauded for smart pick-ups, the first of which almost enabled Rowlands, who broke through, to score. Just before the interval, Ivor James charged down a kick by the full-back, and one of the Uskside three-quarters rushing across only dropped on the ball in the nick of time.

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

Both sides did their share of attack upon the resumption, and one or two exciting incidents were witnessed. From loose play in the home quarter Ivor Evans smartly took a pass intended for Jones, and dodging through, he got over with a splendid try in the corner. The attempt to majestically failed, the angle proving too difficult for Rowlands. With the sun in his eyes, Woods took a long kick for goal on a free awarded Cardiff, but the ball, though in good direction, fell short by a few feet. Admirably led by Holbrook, the Cardiff three-quarters made several efforts to break through, but the defence proved impregnable. Just before the call of time there was a wild scene of excitement on the ground as the news became known that Cardiff had broken the Usksiders' record at Newport.

Final:	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	1	0	5
Newport Seconds	0	1	3

It was a strenuous game from start to finish, and the home team owe their victory to the splendid dash of their three-quarters in the opening half.

Forward there was little to choose between either team. Wreford played a faultless game at full-back for the visitors, whilst Ivor James was the shining light on the home side.

Ponty Jones the old Welsh international wing, gave a very disappointing display. A draw would have better represented the run of the play.

Whitchurch

Feb 19<sup>th</sup> 1910

### WHITCHURCH V CARDIFF RESERVES

At Whitchurch. The first half was slightly in favour of the Reserves, and James scored after a lengthy period of pressing, Frank Woods converting. Nothing was added in the second half, though Woods put the ball between the uprights, the goal being disallowed, as the ball was touched in its flight.

Final:	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	1	0	5
Whitchurch	0	0	0

Neath 2<sup>nd</sup>

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### CARDIFF RESERVES V NEATH SECONDS

#### VISITING FORWARD ORDERED OFF.

The return fixture between the reserve sides of Cardiff and Neath was played at Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon before a meagre attendance. Teams:

Cardiff Reserves: Back, Frank Wood; three-quarter backs, E. Thomas, T. Holbrook, Ivor James, and Evan Davies; half-backs, Potter and Culverwell; forwards, D. Duncan, J. Daley, F. Gaccon, M. Crawley, W. Dean, T. Smith, G. Lewis, and C. Scanlon.

Neath Seconds: Back, Ned Davies; three-quarter backs, W. Morgan, R. Davies, W. Jones, and W. Thomas; half-backs, E. Thomas and W. Parker; forwards, E. Hughes, E. Evans, W. Ashton, T. Jones, J. Hughes, H. Harding, E. Williams, and W. Hill.

Referee: Mr. W. Wille, Barry.

Duncan started, and after Davies had failed to reply the Neath forwards went away in a bunch, and carried play to inside the Cardiff 25, where Wood just managed to turn the ball into touch. Cardiff were kept on the defensive for some time, and then good footwork by Duncan and Gaccon carried play to the other end, when Crawley kicked too hard, and Davies touched down. Culverwell opened out the game, and a pretty passing bout broke down, with Thomas on the right wing failing to gather the greasy ball. Evan Davies put in a pretty cork-screw run and passed to Holbrook, who was well tackled by Davies. Play on the part of the Neath men had from the start been very keen, and after Referee Wells had administered several cautions, Harding, a Neath forward, was ordered off for bowling Holbrook over long after he had got in his kick. After Cardiff had failed, somewhat unluckily, to score through the ball rolling into touch in goal Edward Davies ran strongly, but was tackled in attempting to double the Neath back. A few minutes later Davies was again given the ball, after passing by Holbrook and Edgar Thomas, and, showing a clean pair of heels, he scored behind the posts for Frank Wood to convert.

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

The re-start saw Cardiff at once set up an attack, and after play had been in the Neath 25 for some time the ball was sent to Frank Woods, who kicked up to Davies, and, following up, tackled the Neath man in possession. Upon the ball coming loose Edgar Thomas gathered and scored behind the posts. Duncan converted. Not many minutes elapsed before Cardiff again scored. Holbrook receiving just inside the visitors' 25, and, running, scored wide out. The kick by Duncan failed. Neath played up better after this, and from a line out on the Cardiff line Parker dived over Davies failed to convert. Cardiff returned to the attack, and good play between Culverwell and Potter enabled the latter to cross with Cardiff's fourth score. Frank Wood converted with a splendid kick. Just before the close Cardiff scored twice in quick succession. Frank Wood ran up to Davies and gave to Ivor Jones, who registered an unconverted try, and Evan Davies got over after Edgar Thomas had cut out an opening.

Final score:	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	4	2	26
Neath Seconds	0	1	3

Newport 2<sup>nd</sup>

March 5<sup>th</sup> 1910

### NEWPORT II. V CARDIFF II.

This match was played at Newport to-day in delightful weather, the only disadvantage being that there was a dazzling sun, which naturally aided against the team who happened to be playing in the face of it.

Cardiff Seconds: Back, P. Woods; three-quarter backs, Campbell, F. Holbrook, Ivor James, and W. A. Jones; half-backs, Gibbs and Potter; forwards, Duncan, Daley, Baker, Lewis, Smith, Scanlon, Dean, and Crowley.

Newport Seconds: Back, H. J. Rowlands; three-quarter backs, C. Perry, H. J. Rowlands, Ivor Evans, and T. Jones; half-backs, J. Dunn and D. Belth; forwards, C. A. Hughes, G. Boots, A. Bell, A. Jenkins, C. A. Evans, H. J. Pritchard, W. Halbert, and Corporal Murphy.

Referee: Mr. E. Walker, Pontnewydd.

Cardiff got the better of a series of opening scrums, but good kicking by Rowlands relieved the pressure. Ivor Evans broke through nicely, but his pass to Rowlands astray. Newport carried play into touch quarter, and Frank Woods kicked into touch ten yards from his own line. Cardiff were penalised near mid-field, and H. J. Rowlands, with a well-directed kick, headed a goal for Newport. After a spell of give-and-take play A. Bell broke away in capital style from the line-out. He only had Wood to beat, from elected to put in a kick when ten yards from the line, but failed to raise the ball. Woods gathered and found touch, and then a certain try was lost to Newport.

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

If the second half Newport were slightly superior to their opponents, Cardiff needed more frequently, but all attempts at back play invariably broke down. The Newport three-quarters got into motion, and after some rest passing Percy Jones was only held up a few yards from the line. He was then tackled, and the game came to a halt. The game ended in a draw, as the ball was not put into play.

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



## CARDIFF RESERVES V ROMILLY

Directly on the conclusion of the boys' international game at the Cardiff Arms Park, the Cardiff Reserves took the field against the Cardiff Romillys, who are the holders of the Mallet Cup. The teams were as follow:—

Cardiff Reserves: Back, Welsh; three-quarter backs, James, W. A. Jones, Thomas, and Duckham; half-backs, Potter and Gibbs; forwards, Dean, Duncan, Scanlon, E. Smith, J. Powell, Baker, Cornish, and Franklin.

Cardiff Romilly: Back, Horwood; three-quarter backs, Mardoo, Gent, Maclean, and Good; half-backs, Morris and Wakely; forwards, Bryant, Fish, Cavill, Stton, Farrell, Silver, Barry, and Daley.

The opening play, which was mainly confined to the forwards, was evenly contested, W. A. Jones for the Reserves often being prominent with clever saves and touch-finding. Jack Powell, the old Cardiff forward, who was assisting the Reserves, made a strong run through the Romilly ranks and passed to Jones, who was brought down in the Romilly 25. Duncan was injured in a rush, but resumed after being attended to by Dr. W. G. Williams. A burst away by the Romilly forwards looked dangerous for the Reserves, but Daley got off-side, and from the free kick W. A. Jones found touch at the centre. After Ivor James had put in a fine run on the right wing, the Romilly men rushed down to the Cardiff line, and Welsh when hard pressed created amusement by twisting himself round the goal-post. The first score came through Potter, who, receiving just outside the 25, beat the Romilly "threes," and, doubling Harwood, scored wide out.

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

On the re-start the Romilly played with great determination, and kept play in the Cardiff half for some time. Morrish was doing splendid work at the base of the scrum and spoilt the Reserves' efforts at passing time after time.

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

Swansea 2<sup>nds</sup> March 19<sup>th</sup> 1910.CARDIFF RESERVES V SWANSEA  
SECONDS

The second strings of the Cardiff and Swansea clubs met at the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon under ideal weather conditions. The teams lined out at 3.30 as follows:—

Cardiff Reserves: Full back, F. Woods (captain); three-quarter backs, Ivor James, F. Holbrook, W. A. Jones, and Edgar Thomas; half-backs, Gibbs and B. Potter; forwards, Smith, Deans, Lewis, Scanlon, Cornish, Daley, Baker, and Duncan.

Swansea Seconds: Full-back, F. Rees; three-quarter backs, H. Richardson, P. Sheppard, F. Williams, and T. Nicholas; half-backs, E. Williams and H. Trew; forwards, W. S. Goff, F. Williams, G. Lande, G. Williams, W. John, H. Houlton, W. J. Davies, and C. Hole.

Frank Woods started with a high kick, and the home forwards, following up smartly, prevented Nicholas from getting in a reply. Swansea were the first to settle down, and after Woods had knocked on Trew broke through in clever style, and giving at the right moment to Nicholas, the Swansea wing was only pushed into touch a yard from the line. Immediately afterwards a free was awarded Swansea, and Frank Rees just missed dropping a goal. Scanlon was then prominent with a fine breakaway, and gave to Potter, but the latter, who had a clear course, was overhauled and brought to earth. Following a good run down by Holbrook, who intercepted in midfield, the ball came to Edgar Thomas, who made a consecutive run through the Swansea team, and when faced by Rees, threw to W. A. Jones, who ran a ross in the corner. Frank Woods made a splendid shot for goal, the ball sailing true, but failing a couple of yards short. Encouraged by this success, Cardiff pressed hard for some time, but the defence of the Swansea back division was sound. Trew opened out the game, and after beating Gibbs, started a promising movement among the backs, but Richardson was at fault with the final transfer. A good run up by Williams carried play to the Cardiff line, but W. A. Jones intercepting a pass from Trew to Sheppard, ran clean through, and, beating Frank Rees, had a clear course. In doubling Rees the Cardiff three-quarter was deliberately fouled by the Swansea custodian.

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

Though Cardiff had the advantage of the wind on the re-start, the opening play favoured Swansea, who pressed Cardiff for some time in their own 25. Jones brought down Richardson when close to the line, and a moment later Woods checked an ugly rush by the Swansea forwards. The game was being keenly contested, and play was very rough at times, the Swansea forwards in particular playing a vigorous game. Scanlon headed a rush to the Swansea line, but Rees soon sent them back with a long kick. In loose play in the Swansea half Moulton was kicked on the leg, and had to be carried off the field, but Dr. Price found that no bone was broken. A rush by the visitors Ivor James effected a lucky save after the defence was beaten. The game then became very rough. Pretty play between Potter and Scanlon saw the forwards escape wide out, and a minute later Dean, taking the ball cleanly from a line-out near the Swansea line, crossed with another wide try. Play had not been in progress another couple of minutes before W. A. Jones, picking up in the scrum, fought through the opposition and scored behind the posts for Edgar Thomas to convert.

Final:	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	1	3	14
Swansea Seconds	0	0	0

## TAUNTON ALBION V CARDIFF II

At Taunton in splendid weather and before a small gate. Teams:—

Taunton Albion: Back, Sims; three-quarter backs, Mapledoram, Day, Ham, and P. Whitefield; half-backs, Bond and W. Whitefield; forwards, Beard, Wright, Eng, and Wood.

Cardiff Reserves: Back, Welsh; three-quarter backs, E. Thomas, W. A. Jones, Holbrook, and James; half-backs, Morris and J. Thomas; forwards, Duncan, Baker, Hewlett, Smith, Gaccou, Lewis, Sexton, and Crowley.

Referee, Mr. Jack Andrews, Bridgewater.

Both sides were practically at full strength. Cardiff started the game with strong sunshine in their eyes. A fine bout of passing between the visiting three-quarters ended in E. Thomas securing near the Taunton line, and he almost went over, but Day rushed him into touch. Holbrook got away, but was likewise forced into touch. It was some minutes before the Cardiff half was invaded, and then play was quickly transferred. Holbrook made a fine run, but was tackled by Ham. The Albion were awarded a free kick for a scrum infringement. Ham kicked to Welsh, who returned to touch, gaining a great deal of ground.

Holbrook got away, and, beating all except Sims, passed to W. Jones, who hit forward with the line at his mercy. An exchange of kicks between E. Thomas and Sims gained ground for the Albion. P. Whitefield, picking up, passed to Mapledoram, who gave to Bond. The last-named hit on under the posts, losing a certain try.

Duncan converted a try with a well-judged kick. Cardiff three-quarters put in some fine individual efforts, but their passing was weak at times. The visitors, however, managed to retrieve the position in fine style. P. Whitefield kicked off and Welsh received, but was tackled. Immediately afterwards Whitefield picked up in the loose on the Cardiff twenty-five and dropped a beautiful goal. Jones got away and passed to E. Thomas. He re-passed to Jones, who lost a good chance. Day, helped by Mapledoram, then got an unconverted try for Albion. Passing between the Cardiff three-quarters ended in Jones going over, Duncan failing with the kick. The ball went behind the Albion back, and Hewlett rushed over the line with the leather, much to the surprise of the home side, who were nonchalantly looking on.

Half-time score:	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	8
Taunton Albion	7
Final:	
Cardiff Reserves	19 points.
Taunton Albion	7 points.

## Sidmouth

March 28<sup>th</sup> 1910

## CARDIFF II. VICTORIOUS.

	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Seconds	2	2	16
Sidmouth	1	0	5

Cardiff Reserves journeyed to Sidmouth on Monday. Cardiff pressed from the start. From pretty outside work W. A. Jones scored, and Wood converted. Resuming, Cardiff initiated a splendid round of passing from mid-field. Just before half-time the home back's kick was charged down, and Holbrook secured and raced over, Duncan goaling.

In the second half Sidmouth pressed, and from a line-out Fish touched down, Smith converting. Play for a time ruled even, but the visitors, who were always the better team, scored another unconverted try through Jones. The visitors created an excellent impression.



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# GLoucester 2nd v. CARDIFF RESERVES.

At Gloucester, in beautiful weather, before a small attendance. Teams:—

Gloucester—Back, Hayward; three-quarters, Bloxsome, Pollard, J. Hamblin, and Jones; half-backs, Rudge and W. Hamblin; forwards, Blackford, Millard, Henderson, Welshman, Quiesley, Marchant, Price, and Mumford.

Cardiff—Back, F. Wood; three-quarter backs, Ivor Jones, Thomas, Holbrook, and E. Davies; half-backs, Morrish and J. Caves; forwards, Duncan, Baker, Crowley, Sexton, Downing, Smith, Lewis, and Chorley.

The opening stages were pretty evenly contested, but Gloucester kept the game in the Cardiff quarter for several minutes. Wood was penalised for lying on the ball, and W. Hamblin landed a fine goal for Gloucester. The home team continued to press, but Cardiff cleared, and Holbrook and Davies put in a good passing run, but the latter went into touch. Gloucester worked down to Cardiff's line again, but the visitors' forwards worked out. Exchange of kicks left matters much in the same place. Towards half-time Cardiff got well into Gloucester's half, but they were unable to score.

	Half-time—	G. T. P.
Gloucester.....	*1	0 3
Cardiff.....	0	0 0

\* Penalty.

Opening in the second half Cardiff put in some useful passing, but Holbrook kicked too hard and the ball went dead. Penalties were given against each side in turn, but neither gained much ground. Cardiff three-quarters put in a fine passing run, but Davies missed a pass. Woods, however, landed a fine penalty goal, putting the sides equal. After a hot attack Morrish scored a try for Cardiff, Woods converting. Play to the end favoured Cardiff, who won by two goals (one penalty) to one penalty.

	Final—	G. T. P.
Cardiff H.....	†2	0 8
Gloucester H.....	†1	0 3

†One penalty each.

## REMARKS.

In the opening half there was very little in it territorially between the two teams, but Cardiff were penalised several times, and from one of these Gloucester scored. Cardiff's kicking was marked by length and judgment, but the passing was very poor. In the second half the Cardiff forwards held the advantage in the scrum, and were thus enabled to give the ball more to their backs. F. Wood played a fine game at full-back for Cardiff.

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## Taunton

Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> 1910.

## CARDIFF RESERVES v. TAUNTON

After the firsts, Cardiff Reserves entertained Taunton at the Cardiff Arms Park. The teams were: Back, F. Woods; three-quarter backs, I. James, Holbrook, Loveluck, and Boswell; half-backs, C. Culverwell and Potter; forwards, Sergt. Smith, Duncan, Scanlon, Smith Deane, Sexton, Crowley, and Jennings.

Taunton: Back, Corrick; three-quarter backs, Furland, Mayledoram, Whitfield, and Bond; half-backs, Whitfield and Morris; forwards, Ham, King, Ware, Manning, Goddard, Hawkins, Jones, and Wright.

In the first minute of the game Ivor James was nearly over, but a score was not long delayed. Potter slipping over, and Woods shot for goal, hitting the post and rebounding into play. Cardiff did all the pressing, and after several narrow shaves Holbrook again scored an unconverted try. Taunton seldom got over the half-way line and but for faulty handling Cardiff would have piled on a large number of points. Holbrook showed a nice turn of speed when he received a pass from Loveluck, and, easily outdistancing his opponents, ran in with the third try. Duncan this time failing to add the extra points. Taunton eventually got to the home 25, but were easily repulsed, and Boswell and Loveluck added tries in quick succession, Woods converting the latter's. Loveluck added another unconverted try before the interval.

	Half-time	G. T. P.
Cardiff Reserves	1 5 20	
Taunton	0 0 0	

Final

Cardiff Reserves  
Taunton

2 11 43

0 0 0

## Porthcawl

Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> 1910.

## CARDIFF RESERVES, 16; PORTHCAWL, 4

## Tom Evans in Fine Form.

Scrappy is a word which aptly describes this game at the Cardiff Arms Park on Saturday, for while the forwards did their best to open out the game the back play was painfully poor. The one redeeming feature was the brilliant exhibition by Tom Evans at outside half for the Reserves, who, on the form shown, should walk into the premier side. Two of the three tries scored were the result of his initiative and quick perception to grasp an opening. Each time he put in brilliant cork-screw runs which gained a lot of ground, but at the same time did not attempt too much, a timely pass on both occasions being the termination. Added to this, he possesses a lengthy kick, which was of great value in Saturday's game.

In Morrish he found a useful partner, the pair, considering that they were playing together for the first time, working most harmoniously, though the latter has a little wildness which it would pay him to get rid of.

What might have been a spectacular treat was spoiled by the poor display by the home backs, who, seeing that they had the ball from the scrums five times out of six and that they were attacking for three parts of the time, ought certainly to have registered a better score.

Porthcawl, too, might have done better, for with an advantage of weight in the pack they had equal opportunity to improve the game, but then again their backs lacked cohesion and were better individually than as a combination.

To the visiting full-back, David, fell the greater part of the work, and he, though at times practically inundated with it, was safe throughout and received well merited applause for several plucky saves. Amongst the Cardiff forwards, Duncan, Dr. Lowe, Scanlon, and Hewlett were the pick, while of the other side, Rees, Tom and Theo Bunnell, and Hopkins were the best.

## Bristol Nomads.

Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 1910

## CARDIFF RESERVES v. BRISTOL NOMADS.

## AN AMUSING INCIDENT.

At Cardiff Arms Park. There was again a very small attendance. The teams were: Cardiff Reserves—Back, F. Harris; three-quarter backs, R. Irving, T. Shipp, T. Brown, and H. Evans; half-backs, G. Spoor and H. Felttham; forwards, A. Stradling (captain), H. Nott, S. Carey, E. Merchant, E. Hamlin, G. Brindal, G. Edwards, and F. Ferris.

Cardiff Reserves—Back, Woods; three-quarter backs, A. Lovelock, T. Reardon, A. Boswell, and C. Scanlon; half-backs, Morrish and "Cied" Lewis; forwards, D. Duncan, Dr. Lowe, E. Smith, M. Crowley, A. Green, C. Thomas, Farrell, and J. MacIntyre.

Referee, Mr C. Williams.

Cardiff were first to attack, but Bristol early became dangerous, and a fierce forward rush looked ominous for the home side until Scanlon saved with a smart pick-up and run to half-way. Cardiff again pressed warmly, and Morrish got to within a yard of the line before being tackled. Irving intercepted from the ensuing scrum after the Cardiff pack had heeled very cleanly but failed to hold and lost a splendid chance with a clear field in front. Bristol in the ensuing couple of minutes brought off a couple of dangerous forward rushes, but Wood played well and warded off the attack. From a scrum near the 25 Reardon received and beating a couple of men sent to Scanlon who crossed. He was, however, called back, the pass having been adjudged forward. Cardiff continued to have the greater share of the attack, and from loose play near the visiting line Lewis ran over in a favourable position for Duncan to convert. A small terrier dog caused amusement by mixing with the Cardiff pack in a rush, and running along with the ball at his nose. He could not for a long while be captured, and eventually crossed over and harassed the Bristol forwards. Play was at the centre when the interval came.

	Half-time	G. T. P.
Cardiff Reserves	1 0 5	
Bristol Nomads	0 0 0	

Cardiff restarted and almost immediately Reardon receiving from a scrum near the line dropped a lovely goal. The Cardiff back at this period showed splendid combination, and but for the splendid defence of Harris the visiting custodian would have undoubtedly scored. Bristol forced Cardiff to their own 25 for a time, until the home forwards broke away grandly, and though temporarily checked by Harris, continued on their way, and Green scored after a short run. Duncan converted from an easy position. Morrish later struck the post from an attempt to drop a goal, and then Smith scored. Duncan again being successful. Cardiff were now penning the visitors, and several pretty incidents, mainly individualistic, were seen. Morrish and "Cied" Lewis were combining splendidly, and the score would most probably have been greatly augmented but for the fact that Reardon was greatly off colour. Lovelock on the other hand was in fine form. Boswell got over and then the next score came from a splendidly made by Boswell, he himself going over just on the call of time.

	Final	G. T. P.
Cardiff Reserves	14 2 25	
Bristol Nomads	0 0 0	

## REMARKS.

The game was decidedly better than last week, the backs showing improved combination, which undoubtedly have reached perfection had not Reardon been off-colour. Norris improved and continued well with Clem. Lewis (Liwynypia), who by the way showed his worth in the trial match recently. Of the forwards Duncan, Crowley, Green, Farrell, and Smith were the pick, while in the visitors' side Harris, lack, Irving, Felttham, Spoor, Stradling, and Cary all did well.

Newport 2<sup>nds</sup>.October 8<sup>th</sup> 1910

## NEWPORT II. v CARDIFF II.

These teams met at Newport this afternoon in dull but pleasant climatic conditions and before a fair attendance. Teams—

Newport Seconds: Back, J. Hobbs; three-quarter backs, Percy James, Ivor Evans, H. J. Rowlands (captain), and R. Hicks; half-backs, R. C. Beith and J. Dunn; forwards, C. E. Lewis, W. Hulbert, W. Nash, C. Murphy, J. Bell, E. Uzzell, E. Thomas, and T. Tower.

Cardiff Reserves: Back F. Webb; three-quarter backs, J. Boswell, Reardon, A. T. Lovelock, and C. Bryant; half-backs, E. Hill and F. Potter; forwards, Pike, R. H. Jennings, A. Groves, T. Lewis, W. Green, D. Duncan (captain), and J. Crowley.

Referee, Mr. Jones, Pontnewydd.

## THE GAME.

Newport got the ball from the first few scrums formed in the Cardiff territory, but failed to get the leather out to the quartette. Play settled down for a while in the Newport ter, Dunn, who kicked it over the line, and beating his opponent in the race, topped it down. Harry Rowlands failed with his shot for goal. This early reverse put the visitors on their mettle, and their forwards yielding well the third line brought off several rounds of passing, but the Newport defence was behaving with his customary confidence and judgment, repeatedly clearing his line with his clever kicking. Cardiff forwards by short rushes carried play into the home territory, taking play into mid-field.

	Half-time score	G. T. P.
Newport Reserves	0 1 3	
Cardiff Reserves	0 0 0	

Newport  
Cardiff0 2 6  
0 1 3



Swansea 2<sup>nd</sup>

Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 1910

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# CARDIFF II. V SWANSEA II.

The Reserve teams of Swansea and Cardiff met in the first of their season's engagements at the Cardiff Arms Park to-day, before a small attendance. The home side had the assistance of several players who have been doing duty for the premiers this season, R. F. Williams figuring at full-back, while Jellings, Groves, and Pacon figured with the pack. Despite the heavy rain which had fallen during the morning, the ground was in excellent playing condition, though a drizzling rain was falling when the teams fielded as follows:-

Cardiff Reserves: Back, R. F. Williams; three-quarter backs, T. Reardon, Ivor James, W. Loveluck, and Bryant; half-backs, Morgan and Potter; forwards, Pike, Jellings, Groves, Dean, Green, Thomas, Duncan, and Gacoon.

Swansea Seconds: Back, Fred Rees; three-quarter backs, Richards, J. Evans, J. Williams, and Sheppard; half-backs, D. Williams and T. Nicholas; forward, Gough, W. Johns, P. Brearley, Bland, Howells, Davies, Batchelor, and B. Williams.

Referee, Mr. J. White, Newport.

Frank Rees started with a kick, which was poorly replied to, though smart following up by the all whites, who, in the next minute carried play up to Williams, who saved by diving for the ball at the feet of the oncoming forwards. Bryant intercepted and ran fifty yards, when he was downed by Frank Rees. Good work by the visiting forwards kept play in the Cardiff half for some time, and Bobby Williams was noticeable for some smart saves and clever kicking to touch.

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

## COMMENTS ON THE GAME.

Swansea had much the better of the game, and on the run of the play deserved to win by a small margin. Their forwards controlled nine out of ten scrummages, and the ball came out continually on the all whites' side, but weak three-quarter play marred the good work of the pack and the halves.

The Cardiff back division, on the other hand, played a splendid defensive game. Morgan at the base of the scrum doing good work, and oftentimes beating Williams on his own side of the scrum. The forwards were badly beaten in the tight, but in the line-out and loose they more than held their own.

Loveluck was the best of the Cardiff three, Reardon again failing to take his passes, while when in possession he held on a deal too long. Bryant and James played well on the wings, and Potter did some useful work when the ball came out on the Cardiff side.

Both backs played well. Bobby Williams kicking with great length and judgment, while his tackling was deadly. Nicholas, the outside half, was the star artiste of the Swansea side, and did many brilliant things, but was not supported by his three.

Gloucester 2<sup>nd</sup>

Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>

# GLoucester A V CARDIFF A

At Gloucester. Teams:- Gloucester: Back, W. Egerton; three-quarter backs, J. Baldwin, S. Cook, L. Hamblin, and P. Clock; half-backs, V. Burns and J. Hamblin; forwards, J. Meadows, S. Millard, F. Yates, J. Westbury, H. Daniels, W. Blackford, E. Quixley, and H. Harris.

Cardiff Reserves: Back, F. Hooper; three-quarter backs, T. Reardon, I. James, E. Goodfellow, and O. Bryant; half-backs, T. Robert and E. Hill; forwards, P. Duncan, D. Pike, J. Groves, O. Thomas, M. Crowley, W. Dean, Murphy, and Green.

Gloucester early in the game attacked, and Burns and Baldwin both tried to dash through, without success. Then Egerton dropped at goal, and Cardiff saved, relief thus being brought. A little later Clock, a local three-quarter, secured after useful passing, and registered a nice try. Egerton failing at goal.

Half-time score:	G.	T.	Pts.
Gloucester "A"	0	1	3
Cardiff Reserves	0	0	0
Final score:	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff II.	0	0	0
Gloucester II.	0	0	0

Cardiff II. 8 points  
Gloucester II. points

Risca.

October 29<sup>th</sup> 1910.

# CARDIFF RESERVES V. RISCA.

Cardiff's second string met Risca at the Cardiff Arms Park. Teams:-

Cardiff Reserves:- Back, F. Woods; three-quarter backs, A. Bryant, A. Phillips, T. Reardon, and J. James; half-backs, T. Morgan and F. Potter; forwards, D. Duncan, W. Deans, D. Pike, T. Buck, Corporal Murphy, Brien Davies, and C. Thomas.

Risca:- Back, J. Lewis; three-quarter backs, E. Roach, E. Watkins, J. Saunders, and C. Jones; half-backs, W. Davies and W. Hawker; forwards, E. Smith, J. Evans, H. Smith, J. Toulouse, J. Pritchard, P. Murray, J. Moon, and E. Hamblin.

Cardiff from the kick off attacked, and a temporary stay in the Risca territory was followed by the visitors taking play well into the Cardiff quarters. Woods, however, eventually relieved and ultimately a forward rush from midfield enabled W. Deans to make a dash over with a try, which Duncan easily converted. Another forward rush by the Cardiffians ended in Ivor James going over in the corner, but the referee ruled a minor. The Risca men from the kick-off came down the field, and a smart dribble by the forwards put their side in a good position. Play did not, however, remain in the Cardiff quarters long. Woods finding touch near mid-field. Several rushes by the homesters almost ended in scores, and had it not been for the good play of the Risca custodian Cardiff must have scored on a few occasions. Before the interval Saunders, the visitors' centre, made a splendid dash down field and when near the Cardiff line he unfortunately fell, and a certain score was lost.

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

From the restart by Risca the Cardiff full-back misfielded, and Risca consequently assumed the aggressive. After play had again been taken to mid-field the homesters were awarded a free kick, but little ground was gained from the kick by Woods. Eventually a smart bout of passing, initiated by the Cardiff halves, in which all the backs handled, resulted in Bryant being pushed into touch about ten yards out.

Play from the line-out was taken by the Risca forwards to the Cardiff end, but James saved well. Potter soon after this caused a temporary spell, he having injured a bone in his hand. He, however, resumed, and initiating a round of passing put the homesters on the aggressive once more.

Midfield play was followed by the referee-Mr. J. Ingelton-awarding a free kick to the visitors, but play was not taken far into the Cardiff territory, from whence Woods found touch just past the half-way line. The remainder of the game was mainly fought out in the Risca territory, and one of the forwards had hard lines in not crossing on one occasion, he going to touch in the corner. Nothing was added to the interval score.

Final-	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	1	0	5
Risca	0	0	0

## REMARKS.

Play throughout the game was not very exciting, and innumerable chances were lost by both sides. The Cardiff backs several times had opportunities to increase their lead had the ball been allowed to come out instead of holding on too long. Of the forwards Deans and Duncan played well for the homesters, and the latter especially was conspicuous for some good saves. The Risca front rank did well and had much the better of the scrums in the initial stages, but their backs could do nothing with the chances that came their way, either mulling them or giving forward passes. Davies in the centre played a good game, and on one occasion nearly went through on his own.

Moseley 2<sup>nd</sup>

November 5<sup>th</sup> 1910.

# MOSELEY 2nd v. CARDIFF RES.

At Moseley. Although the weather was dull, there was a large crowd at the Reddings to welcome the South Wales fifteen. Teams:-

Cardiff Reserves:- Back, Wood; three-quarter backs, Bryant, Reardon, Holbrook, and James; half-backs, Morgan and Potter; forwards, L. Duncan, Pike, Murphy, Green, Buck, Lewis, Nott, and J. Duncan.

Winning the toss, Cardiff attacked on the left. A couple of scrums fell to the rear line, but Cooper was prominent in clearing. The visitors were now showing better form than their opponents, and Morgan scored a try for them after 20 minutes. This was converted by J. Duncan. Bryant crossed the Moseley line, but this time the effort was not improved upon. Just before the interval Hanson raced over for Moseley, but Cooper's kick failed.

Half-time.	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	1	1	3
Moseley 2nd	0	1	3

Early in the second half Wood dropped a goal for the visitors, and later Cooper kicked a penalty goal for Moseley. Then Reardon obtained a try for the visitors which Wood converted. Cardiff attacked again, Potter added another try. Wood again proved successful with the kick.

Final-	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	4	1	22
Moseley Seconds	1	1	6

\*One dropped, 1 Penalty.

Colgate Score Card

\*3. 2. 20



Newport <sup>2nd</sup>  
Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 1910

### Cardiff II. v. Newport II.

At Cardiff Arms Park. The home side was fairly well represented but the visitors were without some of their regular players. Teams : Cardiff 2nd—Back, F. Wood; three-quarter backs, F. Bryant, A. Loveluck, F. Reardon and James; half-backs, F. Roberts and Potter; forwards, Duncan, Pike, Green, Dean, Murphy, Brookman, Jellings and Crowley. Newport 2nd—Back, H. J. Wreford; three-quarter backs, N. Newland, R. Hicks, H. J. Rowland and J. Rust; half-backs, R. Grove and R. Beith; forwards, C. Hews, G. Boots, W. Webb, A. Bell, B. Uzzell, Wethercott, T. Adams and T. Power.

Referee—Mr R. H. Smith, Newport. Newport kicked off but Cardiff were soon aggressive and the first quarter of an hour's play was fought out in the visitors' territory. An attempt to goal by one of the Cardiffians in a scramble proved abortive.

Continuing to attack, the homesters were always dangerous near their opponents' line. Some effective bouts of passing by the Cardiff backs was followed by Roberts attempting to goal but narrowly missed.

Potter and Reardon next missed goal after which a free kick to Newport did not gain much ground Woods returning to touch near the visitors' twenty five line.

The Usksiders soon afterwards took play to mid-field and Woods was called upon to save and he made no mistake in sending the ball to touch.

Cardiff were next attacking, and a rush to the Newport end was immediately followed by a huge kick by one of the visiting forwards, and play ultimately reached the Cardiff line, but Woods was safe at back and it was not long ere the Usksiders were sent back to their own territory.

Another aggressive movement by the Usksiders before the interval sent play well in the homesters' quarters, but before the whistle went Cardiff had rushed to the other end and were in a good position.

Half-time—  
Cardiff Reserves ..... G. T. P.  
Newport Reserves ..... 0 0 0

In the second half Cardiff several times got within scoring range, but good defence by the Usksiders prevented the homesters from crossing. Newport were now doing a lot better than in the initial moiety, although they were playing only 14 men, Rust having to leave the field with an injured knee. Uzzell took his place on the right wing.

The first score of the game came well in this half. Reardon securing the ball at midfield ran finely for a short distance, when he kicked high over some of the Newport backs' heads. He followed up smartly, and giving a pass to Ivor James, that player went over in the corner. Duncan converted with a splendid kick.

Cardiff had hard lines in not registering another try soon after a tackle by Wreford, the Newport custodian, about three yards out. Newport did not get past the midway lines on many occasions from now on, but their defence was all that could be desired. No more score was, however, registered.

Final—  
Cardiff Res. .... G. T. P.  
Newport Res. .... 1 0 5

#### REMARKS.

Cardiff were always aggressive and seldom allowed the Usksiders to get beyond midfield. The forwards held the ball far more times than the visiting front line, but the backs could not take advantage of the chances that came their way. The defence of the Usksiders backs was, however, splendid, and in the second half with one man short they gave a good account of themselves in this phase of the game.

Danygraig

Nov 19<sup>th</sup> 1910.

### DANYGRAIG V CARDIFF II.

Considerable interest was taken in the first visit of Cardiff Seconds to Danygraig this afternoon. Teams—

Danygraig: Back, Ward; three-quarter backs, Hyett, Huxtable, Poole, and Ashford; half-backs, Moreton and Crocker; forwards, Davies, Myles, Ball, Lloyd, Williams, Harris, Rees, and Williams. Cardiff: Back, Woods; three-quarter backs, James, Loveluck, Reardon, and Bryant; half-backs, Hill and Potter; forwards, Green, Crowley, Duncan, Fanell, Calland, Murphy, Lewis, and Poole.

Referee, Mr. D. Hughes, Llanelly. Cardiff opened, but exchange of kicks between Woods and Ward, resulted in the latter finding touch near the Cardiff 25. Murphy, however, headed a fine rush, which put Danygraig on the defensive. Brilliant kicking by Woods enabled Cardiff to continue attacking hotly.

Reardon broke through finely, but Huxtable grazed him when setting dangerous. Cardiff then passed brilliantly, and James crossed with an unconverted try. Danygraig, however, attacked after this, and Cardiff, being penalised, Ward placed a penalty goal. Things after this were mostly in favour of Danygraig, who pressed Cardiff hard. Ward just failed to place another penalty from half-way. Cardiff forwards rushed matters again. One of them scored, but the try was not converted. Shortly after Crocker scored a brilliant try for Danygraig, Ward converting. Nothing further was scored to the interval.

Half-time score: G. T. P's.

Danygraig ..... 2 0 8  
Cardiff Reserves ..... 0 2 6  
Play in the second half was very even, being up and down the field. Ward was once hardly pressed, but he saved by running into touch. Later he got the better of exchange kicking with Woods, but the Cardiff backs were holding the ball splendidly.

Reardon broke through, but Crocker brought him down, ball as well, in great style. Hill endeavoured to drop a goal, but failed, and Danygraig worked down to Cardiff's 25, where Potter, receiving from Hill, found touch brilliantly high up the field. James, through a misunderstanding, let Cardiff down badly.

Towards the close Cardiff scored again, Wood this time converting.

Final score. Points.  
Cardiff Seconds ..... 11  
Danygraig ..... 8

#### COMMENTS.

The game was one of the best seen at Danygraig this season, being interesting all through.

The teams were very evenly matched, but there was just a little more finish about the play of the Cardiff second string, whose backs combined to better advantage.



# Llanelly Reserves.

Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> 1910.

## CARDIFF RES. v. LLANELLY 2nd.

The ground consequent upon recent rains was in a very treacherous condition at the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon and gave promise of wearing badly thereby militating against good play. Both sides were well represented, W. A. Jones appearing for Cardiff again from Roarodon. The teams were:—

Cardiff—Back, Frank Woods; three-quarter backs, Bryant, W. A. Jones, F. Holbrook, and A. Phillips; half-backs, E. Hill and Potter; forwards, D. Duncan, D. Pike, D. Callan, G. Lewis, Murphy, A. Green, J. Duncan, and J. Brookman.

Llanelly—Back, J. Davies; three-quarter backs, Gwilym Evans, Tom Lloyd, D. H. Thomas, and L. Davies; half-backs, G. Bowen and B. Beynon; forwards, H. Rees, Ed. Thomas, G. Williams, D. J. Phillips, A. Howells, J. Higgins, Rees Davies, and Evan Thomas.

Referee—Mr White, Newport.

Early play saw Cardiff holding a great advantage forward, and the first trio of scrums, heeled in splendid style by the home eight, were productive of fine attacking movements by the blue and blacks quartette that gave Llanelly an anxious opening five minutes. Cardiff held the whip hand for quite a long period, and eventually a smart pick and grand break away by Holbrook ended in Bryant scoring wide out. Woods failed to goal. A rather sensational break-away by the Scarlets was pluckily stopped on the home line by Woods, and Potter later relieved with a kick to touch to the centre. Cardiff, except for a couple of spasmodic rushes, by the young Scarlets were easily the better side, the forwards, the most conspicuous of whom were Callan, Brookman and Pike, beating the opposing eight both in the loose and in scrummaging. Still there did not appear to be the necessary sting in the home attack to produce scores and many chances went begging. Just before half time, however, a fine round of passing in which Hill, Potter, Jones, and Holbrook participated, ended in the latter crossing, Wood again failing to convert.

	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	0	2	6
Llanelly Reserves	0	0	0

The second half opened with a kicking duel on the popular side between the opposing three which ended with advantage to Cardiff. So persistently did Cardiff from this period onwards maintain the attack that the wonder was a further score was so long forthcoming. Rarely were they outside their opponents' quarter, and varied attacks in their initial stages most certainly appeared likely to produce some tangible result, but something went wrong every time. Woods and Jones tried to break the ice with drops at goal, but although well directed each fell short. Then Callan might have scored but for a bad decision by the whistle holder, who ruled off-side to the disgust of the crowd, which by the way was the largest seen on the Park this season in a Reserve game. At last, however, the spell ended, and then, strangely enough, it was more a matter of luck that Bryant from a dribble by Potter was able to take a favorable dap of the ball within a yard of the line. For a third time Woods failed. No sooner had the play restarted than Bryant put in a clinking run from near halfway that fully deserved the points it gained. D. Duncan tried his hand—or rather his foot—at goal kicking, and was successful apparently, the fates awarding the extra points for what was the best score so far. Hill next crossed from a scrum near the line, but Duncan failed to goal. This concluded the scoring, Llanelly having rallied somewhat before the end.

	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	1	4	17
Llanelly Reserves	0	0	0

### Remarks.

To attempt to individualise on either side would be invidious. Needs it only to be said that Cardiff played with greater understanding of each other's play, and Llanelly directly opposite. The visitors most certainly could not have given a poorer display than that of today. They were beaten in every department. Cardiff might have done better in the back division, their passing being very wild; but still they may have been taking things easy after having once gauged the strength of the Scarlets. The feature of the game was the play of Callan, one of the most recent recruits in the Cardiff ranks. He certainly should retain his place in the side, and with a little more weight may yet prove of value to the Citizens.

# Neath 2<sup>nd</sup>

Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 1910.

## NEATH II. v. CARDIFF RESERVES

Neath II. were at home to-day to Cardiff II., who were last year beaten by the home side by a try. Teams:—

Neath II.  
Back: G. Gethin.  
Three-quarter backs: W. Morgan, H. Harris, T. James, and Percy Moon.  
Half-backs: J. Hughes and W. Parker.  
Forwards: Harding, W. Hill, T. Jones, G. Stephens, E. Thomas, E. Williams, G. Vickers, and R. Davies.

Cardiff II.  
Back: F. Woods.  
Three-quarter backs: A. T. Lovelock, T. Reardon, Ivor James, and C. Bryant.  
Half-backs: E. Hall and T. Goodfellow.  
Forwards: D. Duncan, D. Pike, G. Cape, D. Callan, R. Gillings, G. Duncan, A. Green, and Corporal Murphy.  
Referee, Mr. W. E. Thomas, Abergavenny.

Cardiff started operations, and soon put on a strong attack, and were almost over in the first five minutes, but T. James relieved and sent play back to the centre. From here the visitors got away well by a good forward rush, and Lovelock got over with a smart try. Woods failing at goal. Neath now improved their position from a scrum on the visitors' 25 line. Parker got away splendidly, but knocked on near the line. Woods was here tackled before he could get in his reply. W. Morgan made a very good but ineffectual attempt to drop a goal, and a moment later Parker sent wide in an attempt at a penalty goal. Gethin found touch in the Neath territory, and from here Neath pressed, and E. Davies scored a splendid try. Hughes failed at goal. On the kick-out Neath again pressed, and the Cardiff custodian, having his kick charged down, Parker dashed over with a smart try, which Hughes again failed to convert.

	G.	T.	Pts.
Neath II.	0	2	5
Cardiff II.	0	1	3

Even play in the second half lasted for five minutes, and then Cardiff kept up a strong pressure, and from a forward rush after a line-out Dyke scored and Woods converted. Parker, the Neath outside half, had to retire, being injured, and the visitors worked up the field, only to find the defence too strong to be pierced.

	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff II.	1	1	8
Neath II.	0	2	5

# Whitchurch.

Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 1910.

## WHITCHURCH v. CARDIFF RESERVES.

At Whitchurch. Stephens replaced Wilkins for Whitchurch. The homesters forced a minor. Then the visitors attacked, and Bryant scored, Duncan converting. A grand rush by the Whitchurch forwards saw Woods touch down in the nick of time. Whitchurch were lost without Wilkins, their inside half, and the excellent work of their forwards was continually nullified. Give-and-take play was the order. Potter and James and Wood doing excellent work for the Cardiffians and Warrick, Moses, Stephens, and Smith playing well for the homesters.

	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	1	0	5
Whitchurch	0	0	0

The visitors, with the wind in their favour, were soon aggressive, and Lewis and Bryant added tries, Duncan converting one. These scores were made while the homesters paused. With a man injured Whitchurch played pluckily, but with a forward playing inside half the backs were not once put in motion. Hill added another try for the Reserves, but the home defence continued to be dogged. Bryant added another try for the Reserves, who were fortunate in finding Whitchurch with a depleted side.

	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	2	4	22
Whitchurch	0	0	0



Dec 24<sup>th</sup> Rochburgh  
not reported.

### PORHCRAWL v. CARDIFF RES.

Played at Porthcawl. Owing to the visitors not arriving till after 3 o'clock, the match was very late in starting. The teams lined out as follows:—

Cardiff Reserves—Back, F. Woods; three-quarter backs, Jones, Holbrook, Bryant, and Loveluck; half-backs, Hill and Potter; forwards, Baker, Lewis, Pike, Murphy, Crawley, Jenkins, Caple, and Green.

Porthcawl—Back, David; three-quarter backs, W. Rees, W. Lewis, Gilbert, and D. Hopkins; half-backs, Burwell and Conybeare; forwards, Hopkin, Morris, Watkins, Hold, V. John, J. Lewis, W. Hopkins, and C. Northcote.

Referee—Mr W. M. Jones, Bridgend. Porthcawl had the better of the play during the first half and should have scored a couple of tries, but through ill luck they failed. The passing of the Cardiff backs was not as good as usual.

	Half-time	G. T. P.
Cardiff Reserves	0 0 0	
Porthcawl	0 0 0	
The second half favoured the visitors, and some interesting play was witnessed. Cardiff indulged in more passing, and from a splendid bout Holbrook scored a pretty try.		
	Final Score	G. T. P.
Cardiff Reserves	0 1 3	
Porthcawl	0 0 0	

#### REMARKS.

Wood, for once, suffered in comparison with his vis-a-vis. The play of all the Cardiff backs was not so good as has often been the case. For Porthcawl Theo Burnett distinguished himself.

Jan 7<sup>th</sup> Moseley 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Unplayed. Moseley  
unable to raise a team.

Chepstow.

Jan 14<sup>th</sup> 1911.

### CHEPSTOW v. CARDIFF RES.

At Chepstow. Teams:—

Chepstow—Back, T. Hobbs; three-quarter backs, F. Hill, A. Matthews, F. Bailey and W. Thomas; half-backs, W. Ashwin and L. Powell; forwards, Pearce, H. Jones, D. Davies, Wyatt, Sims, Greening, White, and Puddicombe.

Cardiff Reserves—Back, F. Woods; three-quarter backs, C. Bryant, T. Reardon, A. Phillips and M. Crowder; half-backs, A. Barrow and F. Potter; forwards, Duncan, Pike, Baker, Murphy, Callan, Green, Caple, and Lewis.

Chepstow opened, and play settled down in the centre, but Chepstow eventually invaded and twice kicked over, Cardiff touching down. Cardiff in turn assumed the aggressive, scoring an unconverted try and following with a second. Phillips again got over, and Woods converted. The visitors continued to have the best of things, when half-time sounded.

	Half-time	G. T. P.
Cardiff Reserves	1 2 11	
Chepstow	0 0 0	
A series of scrums followed the restart, but Cardiff afterwards strenuously attacked and Caple scored, Woods doing the needful. Cardiff again pressed and Barrow crossed with an unconverted try. With one exception Chepstow failed to cross the meridian afterwards.		
	Final	G. T. P.
Cardiff Reserves	2 3 19	
Chepstow	0 0 0	

Whitchurch.

January 21<sup>st</sup> 1911

### CARDIFF RES. v. WHITCHURCH. A One-Sided Performance.

Played at the Cardiff Arms Park before a poor attendance. Teams:—

Cardiff Reserves—Back, F. Woods; three-quarter backs, C. Bryant, A. Loveluck, F. Hallbrook, and I. James; half-backs, Ernie Hill and D. Potter; forwards, D. Duncan, W. Jenkins, A. Baker, A. Green, G. Caple, M. Crowley, J. Duncan, and G. Lewis.

Whitchurch—Back, B. Thomas; three-quarter backs, A. Sutton, E. Moses, E. Badger, and R. Scott; half-backs, F. Benson and R. T. Rhys; forwards, W. Warwick, J. Bodger, G. Moon, J. Pritchard, D. Samuel, T. Darnall, A. Smith, and D. John.

Referee—Mr Lloyd, Cwmbran.

Whitchurch kicked off, and Cardiff immediately got on the aggressive, and ensuing from a scrum in midfield a round of passing resulted in Bryant going over in the corner as the game was three minutes old. The goal-kick was a failure. The homesters in the next few minutes crossed the visitors' line on four occasions, but infringements prevented scores. Subsequently Green got away nicely in the visitors' quarters and ran in with the second unconverted try. Following a sharp but brief attack by the Whitchurch front line, the Cardiff forwards forced their way to the Whitchurch end, and Ernie Hill broke through cleverly and grounded in a good position for Duncan to convert. Another try shortly followed, Bryant crossing in an easy position for Donald Duncan to again add to the score, which now brought the points to 16 to love.

	Half-time	G. T. P.
Cardiff Reserves	2 2 16	
Whitchurch	0 0 0	
Cardiff kept the visitors penned in their own territory from the commencement of the second half, and following some scrambling play on the Whitchurch line, Bryant again started the scoring, registering a try which Duncan failed to convert. Shortly afterwards Jenkins, of the forwards, got over with the sixth Cardiff try, which was not majorised. The same player a couple of minutes later again crossed in an easy position, and Donald Duncan this time made no mistake with the goal kick. Barely three minutes elapsed before George Lewis registered the eighth try, and Duncan once more proved successful with the kick for goal. The next scorer was Ernie Hill, and he got over in a position for Frank Woods to add the extra points easily. This proved to be all the scoring.		
	Final	G. T. P.
Cardiff Reserves	5 4 37	
Whitchurch	0 0 0	

#### REMARKS.

The game was too one-sided to be interesting, and in the first half the homesters seldom if ever allowed their opponents to cross the midway line. The only lively incident in the game was when—in the latter half—Donald Duncan picked from a scramble in his opponents' territory, and made a dash for the other end of the field, to the amusement of the few spectators present. The score of 37 points to nil thoroughly indicates the superiority of the home team over their opponents.

#### SPECTATORS SERIOUS ILLNESS.

Mr Samuel Jones, a well-known resident of Whitchurch, was taken seriously ill on the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon while watching a match between Cardiff Reserves and Whitchurch. When he fainted he had the attention of some spectators, who also called the police. Sergt. Gregory and others used artificial respiration for time, and as Mr Jones seemed in a rather serious condition and quite unconscious they had him removed over to the fire station in the warmth. Superintendent Green and his men continued the work of artificial respiration, and meanwhile the St. Johns Ambulance was sent for. Mr Jones was conveyed to Cardiff Infirmary in a very weak state.

Donald Duncan 40  
J Woods 16.



January 28<sup>th</sup> 1911Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 1911**CARDIFF RES. v. WANDERERS.**  
**Queer Episodes; Player Sent Off.**

By virtue of possessing the Mallet Cup put up for competition by the Cardiff and District Union the Canton Wanderers this afternoon met the second string of the Cardiff Club at the Cardiff Arms Park. The weather was beautifully fine, and the ground, though somewhat soft, was in fairly good condition. A dazzling sun, however, was shining, and was likely to seriously interfere with the chances of the side facing it in the opening half. The Reserves, but for Potter, fielded their strongest side, while in the Wanderers side four changes were made from the team that beat Canton on Wednesday. The teams were:—

Cardiff Reserves—Back, Frank Wood; three-quarter backs, C. Bryant, W. A. Jones, T. Reardon and M. Crowley; half-backs, Ivor James and E. Hill; forwards, D. Duncan, D. Pyke, A. Green, G. Lewis, G. Caple, W. Jenkins and Corporal Murphy.

Canton Wanderers—Back, T. Hurst; three-quarter backs, W. Collins, A. Aldridge, R. Goodfellow and W. Turner; half-backs, Hube Harding and W. Norman; forwards, P. Callaghan, D. Callaghan, J. Groves, H. Hurst, C. Stadden, C. Tustin, G. Jennings, and J. Howells.

Referee, Mr W. Wills, Barry.

Cardiff lost the toss, and kicked off against the sun. Little of note transpired in the opening minutes, except for a run by the home backs, who, however, were not allowed to become really dangerous. Play was very scrappy, and the first score came unexpectedly. Following some cries for the ordering off of Groves for a foul against Woods, Cardiff got away, and interpassing between the forwards terminated in Gus Lewis crossing near the posts. D. Duncan converted.

The Wanderers were badly at fault and could not seemingly find their form. Their forwards failed on every occasion to heel, and in the line out work too were beaten. As a consequence of this Cardiff were continually bringing off passing movements of the finest merit and from one of these Crowley scored in the corner. Duncan failed to goal. Then followed a rather remarkable incident; the referee had reason to speak to the touch judge for not keeping a close eye on the touch line, and then while Hube Harding, the captain of the Wanderers, was preparing to throw out from touch, and at the same time appealing to his side to form a straighter line, the referee for a reason not apparent at the time ordered Harding off. Even play followed till half time.

Half-time—	G. T. P.
Cardiff Reserves.....	1 1 3
Canton Wanderers.....	0 0 0

Though a little vigorous at times the game had been so far one of the most interesting seen on the Park—as regards Reserve games—this season, the combination demonstrated by the home team being splendid. Cardiff opened the second half in great style, and handicapped by the loss of their captain the Wanderers were hard put to it to save. However, a brilliant passing bout, in which Ivor James, Jones, Reardon, and Bryant participated, culminated in the last-named scoring for Duncan to convert. Aldridge, who had all along been playing well, at this stage brought off a fine tackle of Reardon, but the Reserves continued to press, and Bryant again scored. The attitude of the crowd was far from sportsmanlike, and from the start they unnecessarily "barracked" the Wanderers, which undoubtedly must have affected the players, and any illegalities that were introduced can with confidence be put down to this, as the temper of a side can not be improved by constant irritation. It was not, however, that the Wanderers were playing a foul game, for, though strenuous, they played a game remarkably free from foul tactics under the circumstances. The Reserves continued to heel with monotonous regularity, and passing of a brilliant description was frequently in evidence. From near half-way Cardiff heeled well from a scrum, and Jake Crowley scored the fifth try. Duncan again failed to goal. Jones next got away from his own 25, and Ivor James coming up scored again behind the posts. Duncan failed to goal.

Final—	G. T. P.
Cardiff Reserves.....	2 4 22
Canton Wanderers.....	0 0 0

**REMARKS.**

It was one of the best demonstrations of back play by the Reserves this season, but it was the forwards to whom the main honour of victory fell. They heeled from practically every scrum, and also excelling in line out work they gave their backs plenty to do, and but for determined defence by the Wanderers' backs on occasions the score would have been undoubtedly doubled.

The demeanour of the crowd was unfortunately most unsportsmanlike, and was not at all inclined to give encouragement to the beaten side. The unfortunate matter which marred the game was to be regretted, for while it is not advisable to dispute the referee's ruling, it certainly seemed at the time rather hard on the player to be sent off at a time when he was not apparently infringing in any way the laws of the game.

Seen during the interval Mr Wills, the referee, said he ordered the player off for using bad language and for frequently disputing his decision. He, however, admitted that at the time Harding was not violating the laws.

On the other hand Harding says that not once did he use the language complained of, and he thought that as captain he had a perfect right to bring his men together. "I was astonished," he said, "when he exclaimed 'I will not continue the game unless you go off.'"

Several uninterested spectators also expressed surprise at the incident.

On the Wanderers side Aldridge stood out most prominently, while next in order of merit were the Brothers Callaghan, Goodfellow, Turner, Collins, Tustin, and Groves.

**BRISTOL NOMADS v. CARDIFF II.**

Played on the County Ground, this afternoon. The teams lined out as follows:—

Bristol Nomads.—Brown: Shute, Budd, Neale, Boddie; Evans, Wookley; Carey, Merchant, Clements, Mayall, Redman, Edwards, Brindal, Dight.

Cardiff II.—Wood; Jones, Phillips, Kavanagh, Goodfellow; Barrow, Potter; F. Duncan, J. Duncan, Pike, Murphy, Green, Baker, Lewis, Caple.

Cardiff started, and immediately their three-quarters got going, Jones knocking on when close to the line. The Nomads worked their way to the centre, where the game was fought out for some minutes. Wookley got away, and a scrum took place in the Cardiff 25. Here Evans got the ball, and beating several men scored close to the post, Budd easily converting. Typical Welsh play took the game to the other end, where Wookley again brought relief with a nice dribble. From the centre Shute got away, but ran into touch, and from ensuing play the visitors were forced to touch down. The Cardiff three-quarters got away, but Goodfellow's pass was forward. The visiting captain made a mark in a good position, and dropped a beautiful goal. Just after Budd took a drop at goal, but missed by inches. Breaking away from midfield, the Cardiff line went away at a great pace, Jones scoring under the posts, and Wood adding the extra points. Just on half-time Phillips increased Cardiff's lead. Wood again converting. Half-time:—Cardiff 11, 13 points; Bristol Nomads, 5 points.

The second half opened tamely, and play was uninteresting. Gradually the Cardiff forwards worked their way down the field, and were almost in on the left. When the ball came out Jones crossed with a dodgy run, but the kick at goal failed. Cardiff were now having matters pretty much their own way, Budd's keen tackling averting a score. A free to Bristol relieved the pressure when Cardiff were close to the line. Gathering the ball smartly, a visiting forward threw forward when almost over, and from the ensuing scrum Potter scored, no goal coming. Just on the finish Potter again scored. Result:—

CARDIFF 2nd .....	22 pts.
BRISTOL NOMADS .....	5 pts.

**Newport 2<sup>nd</sup>**February 11<sup>th</sup> 1911**NEWPORT II. v. CARDIFF II.**

Played at Newport before a good crowd.

Teams:—  
Newport Seconds: Back, A. Hobbs; three-quarter backs, J. Lunt, N. Newland, H. J. Rowlands, and E. Hicks; half-backs, A. Groves and R. D. Beith; forwards, C. E. Hews, C. A. Evans, T. Adams, Dr. G. Joubert, Ben Uzzell, W. Hulbert, J. Nethercott, and F. Power.

Cardiff Reserves: Back F. Jones, three-quarter backs, C. Bryant, W. A. Jones, F. Holbrook, and T. Beardon; half-backs, E. Hill and F. Potter; forwards, D. Duncan, A. J. Brookman, D. Pike, W. Jenkins, G. Lewis, A. Green, G. Caple, and M. Crowley.

Referee: Mr. J. G. Davies, Ebbw Vale.

At the outset Cardiff, playing with greater determination than Newport, hustled the Usksiders, but Uzzell eventually relieved with a fine run. Cardiff, however, returned to the attack, and W. A. Jones receiving in front of the Newport posts, dropped a smart goal.

After this Newport put more vigour into their play, and Joubert, Rust, Rowlands, and Hicks narrowly missed scoring. Cardiff subsequently got into an attacking position again, and Brith was hurt and retired. Joubert took his place.

Keeping up the pressure on the Newport line, Hill, the Cardiff inside half, was within an ace of scoring on a couple of occasions. Hicks ran cleverly, and then gave up to Hews, who improved the Newport position. The home team, however, lacked ability to combine effectively.

Half-time score:	G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves .....	1 0 4
Newport Seconds .....	0 0 0

Newport were still a man short on the resumption, with the result that Cardiff secured from a series of scrums and handled in good style, but Newport put up a strong defence. Newland kicked cleverly on a couple of occasions when the Newport line was in imminent danger. Cardiff were penalised just over the mid-mark, and with a splendid kick Rowlands landed a goal, leaving Cardiff with a one-point lead. After a series of rapid transfers Jones broke through for Cardiff, but made an unsuccessful drive at goal. Hicks relieved with a run and kick to touch, but Cardiff put in attack after attack only to find the home defence quite sound.

Final score.	G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves .....	1 0 4
Newport Reserves .....	1 0 3



## 14 Points to Nil

## CARDIFF RESERVES V NEATH II

Final:	G.	T.	P'ts.
Cardiff Reserves	1	3	14
Neath II	0	0	0

There was a very scanty attendance at the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon when the Reserves of Cardiff and Neath did battle on a greasy, wind-swept ground, under a heavy rain. The teams were:

Cardiff: Back, E. Woods; three-quarter backs, Loveluck, Ivor James, F. Holbrook, and G. Reardon; half-backs, E. Hill and S. Parker; forwards, D. Duncan, J. Duncan, D. Pyke, W. Jenkins, O. Cunniff, A. Green, G. Caple, and M. Crawley.

Neath II: Back, G. Gething; three-quarter backs, H. Harris, T. Reason, H. Davies, and P. Davies; half-backs, J. Hughes and W. Parker; forwards, T. Jones, E. Thomas, H. Harding, S. Stephens, G. Vigers, M. Young, W. David, and G. Bowen.

Referee: Mr. J. White.

Cardiff attacked from the kick-off, and ought to have scored twice in the first minute but fumbling on either side of the posts with a slippery ball lost them opportunities.

Cardiff continued to have the better of matters, with Neath occasionally getting as far as the middle line, when Ivor James headed a rush down the field on to the all Blacks' fold. But the blue-black was pushed into touch.

## Dived Over

From the line out the ball travelled across the ground. Reardon dived over very cleverly, and, in trying to convert from a difficult angle, Don Duncan had very hard luck in striking the post.

Ivor James was again prominent in the picture, and from the attack which ensued Parker was able to give a long pass to Loveluck, who swerved in at the corner. Don Duncan failed to add full points.

The Neath forwards broke up and wheeled very cleverly, and once got to the corner flag in finding touch.

Pike created a diversion by passing instead of sticking to it and charging like a bull in his old sweet style. Possibly the slippery state of the ground told him that a try on his own all along the ground was a strong improbability.

After this both sides shared the play until half-time, when the score was:-

Half-time score:	G.	T.	P'ts.
Cardiff	0	2	6
Neath	0	0	0

By the interval all the players were thoroughly soaked, and no time was lost in turning round. This gave Cardiff the wind, and they took advantage of the fact to make a sustained attack.

The young Cardiff threes were playing well together, and it was any odds on them getting over at any moment.

Woods muddled when the ball came to him in front of the posts. It was a fine opportunity to make a mark, but it went begging, and the slippery ball was the subject of a scramble.

A fine bout of passing all along the line looked like scoring, but the last pass by Loveluck to Reardon went just beyond reach.

Cardiff were continually attacking, and Ivor James was only just beaten when an all black was able to touch down.

From several bursts, Crowley got down on the ball close to the posts, and Don Duncan converted from an easy position.

A similar try was scored by Jenkins, but Don Duncan could only hit the post in his effort to convert. Time came with Cardiff pressing.

Final score:	G.	T.	P'ts.
Cardiff Reserves	1	3	14
Neath Seconds	0	0	0

## COMMENTS

The play was as good as the elements permitted. The slippery ground and ball made it difficult for players to effect a hold of either.

Neath's best section was forward, where the men pushed hard, broke up smartly, and wheeled cleverly.

Jenkins was the best of the Cardiff octette, who were only a trifle inferior to the visitors. It was behind the scrum that the blue and blacks were superior.

Woods played one of his best games, and stopped several dangerous forward rushes by the all blacks.

Everyone of the Cardiff three-quarters played capably together, more meritoriously because of the adverse elements.

Hill and Parker had the best of the argument at half-back.

Everybody was glad when time arrived.

## CARDIFF

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March 4<sup>th</sup> 1911

## CARDIFF RES. v. NEWPORT RES.

Fortunately for the home side they were able to field at full strength at the Cardiff Arms Park to-day, for a two years' ground was at stake, and the performances of the visitors of late had been such as to gain the distinction of being a really good side.

Last week at Newport they beat Swansea Seconds, who earlier in the season affected a pointless draw at Cardiff, so that the home side were naturally expected to be on their mettle. Frank Woods had been a doubtful starter through injury, but pluckily responded to a call in consequence of Holbrook's services being required at Newport. Teams:—

Cardiff—Back, F. Woods; three-quarter backs, C. Bryant, H. A. Loveluck, T. Reardon, and Ivor James; half-backs, E. Hill and F. Potter; forwards, D. Duncan, D. Pyke, A. Green, J. Crowley, A. Baker, G. Capel, G. Jennings, and J. Brookman.

Newport—Back, H. Wreford; three-quarter backs, R. Hicks, N. Newland, W. Jenkins, and J. Preece; half-backs, J. Groves and H. Jones; forwards, C. Laws, C. A. Evans, T. Nethercroft, T. Power, W. Hulbert, E. Thomas, Dr. Joubert, and A. Jenkins.

Referee, Mr T. Matthews, Bridgend.

A misty rain was falling when Cardiff started. Thanks to a good touch-finder by Ernie Hill the home side immediately attacked, and twice scores might have resulted, on the first occasion a pass a yard out from Hill going astray, and a later punt by Reardon resulting in the ball rebounding from Wreford's chest. However, Preece cleared with a tricky kick to touch at half-way. Newport were heeling the better, but Hill counteracted this with nippy work at half. The rain had developed into a heavy downpour, and with the ball now getting greasy, handling was rendered extremely difficult. Inter-passing between Reardon and James maintained Cardiff's advantage and then heeling well the home side attacked. Reardon high-punted and then taking the ball beautifully with one hand from the dap Loveluck scored. Duncan failed to convert. Cardiff neutralised their good work in the open by a partiality for getting their feet up in the scrums, and Newport as a result of the penalties were able to attack. However, nothing further transpired before the interval.

Half-time— G. T. P.

Cardiff Reserves ..... 0 1 3

Newport Reserves ..... 0 0 0

Turning round Cardiff attacked, and after Crowley and Pyke had crossed, only to be recalled, Hill slipped over from a scrum on the line. Duncan's shot, although good, failed to goal. A passing bout by Newport broke down at half-way, then Newport dribbled well and forced Wreford to touch in goal. Cardiff were far and away superior, and continued the pressure. Crowley from a long line-out scored a third try, which Frank Woods failed to goal. Power in attempting a tackle was hurt, and retired. Newport now became dangerous, but the home forwards relieved with a fine rush, in which Frank Woods assisted. Reardon tried to break through, but Dr. Joubert tackled him well, and on yet another occasion saved a score. Play deteriorated considerably, the game becoming a scramble between the forwards. However, Cardiff might have scored again, Loveluck knocking on with the defence beaten. Cardiff continued to have the better of the game till the end.

Final— G. T. P.

Cardiff Reserves ..... 0 3 9

Newport Reserves ..... 0 0 0

## COMMENTS.

Cardiff maintained their ground record by football—until the conditions became too bad—of the highest degree, and demonstrated a surprising superiority fore and aft, their forwards after the opening minutes, heeling the majority of scrummages, and their backs giving one of their best displays of the season—and that under adverse conditions to back play. Frank Woods, despite his injuries, was the better of the backs, his defence and touch-finding being excellent. Hill and Potter were more than a match for Groves and Jones, and it was perhaps here that the result of Cardiff's victory lay.

March 18<sup>th</sup> 1911

## CARDIFF RES. v. DANYGRAIG.

## Cardiff's Runaway.

The visitors to Cardiff to-day were Danygraig, who were entertained to a return game by the Reserves. So well have the visitors been doing this season that, despite the fact Cardiff beat them by a try at Danygraig, it was anticipated that the home team had nothing but a "soft thing" on. Unfortunately, the ground was likely to militate against good football, for, already on the soft side, it had during the night and morning received a thorough soaking, and in parts the water lay in pools on the surface. Both sides fielded their strongest teams—

Danygraig—Back, J. Ward; three-quarter backs, W. Ashford, Walter Morris, W. Poole, and Will Morris; half-backs, George and H. Crocker; forwards, G. Williams, Tom Lewis, Sid. Croman, H. Rees, W. J. Beere, Lloyd, E. Williams, and W. Harris.

Cardiff—Back, F. Woods; three-quarter backs, Ivor James, Loveluck, Reardon, and C. Bryant; half-backs, Potter and E. Hill; forwards, D. Duncan, D. Murphy, A. Green, D. Pyke, J. Crowley, Gus Lewis, D. Caple, and A. Baker.

Referee, Mr R. Smith, Newport.

The opening play was very pretty. Cardiff, who kicked off, at once attacked, but Danygraig relieved with interpassing between Ashford and Walter Morris to near half-way. Then Cardiff got going from a neat pass by Crowley to Reardon, and Loveluck sprinted well before giving a poor pass to Bryant who was tackled on the Danygraig 25. The Cardiff forwards were heeling well and giving the backs plenty of scope. They did well up to a point, but the greasy ball was difficult to handle and several good chances were lost.

However, Cardiff still attacked strongly and ultimately, following a series of scrums near the Danygraig line, Potter sent a quick pass to Loveluck who crossed. Duncan failed to convert. Cardiff were clearly the superior and were frequently in scoring position. The forwards dribbled well, and Duncan, Crowley, and Pyke were ever prominent.

The next score came from fine opportunism. Reardon had received, and accepting a chance to burst through instead of passing, he gained ground before giving up to Loveluck, who in turn gave Bryant a chance to go over without opposition. Duncan this time was successful with the shot. Quickly following this Reardon again was prominent with a burst this time on the left getting to within a yard of the line and then giving up to James who ran round to the posts. Duncan again scored.

Danygraig now for the first time got a footing in the home quarter, chiefly through good kicking by Tom Lewis and Harry Rees. They could not sustain it long, however, for the home forwards rushed to neutral zone, and from here Reardon, following up a hard punt, dribbled away from the backs, but had the mortification to see the ball roll out of bounds when no one was between him and the line. Danygraig improved, but could not reduce the lead up to the interval.

Half-time— G. T. P.

Cardiff Reserves ..... 2 1 13

Danygraig ..... 0 0 0

Play was very scrappy for a while. A surprise was the form being displayed by Dal Pyke, who was continually in the picture with passes to the three from loose play, short punting to touch, and good defensive work. To illustrate the difficulty of controlling the greasy ball, an incident occurred hereabouts. A hard kick was fielded by Ward, the visiting custodian, but the ball shot out of his hand as he was about to kick, then Murphy lost it when he had but to fall over, and Hill did similarly.

Cardiff still attacked, and from a mark by Reardon, Duncan kicked a goal. Danygraig might have scored with a little more steadiness and then after James had put in a run which transferred the venue, a movement initiated by Pyke, taken up in turn by Crowley, Green, Potter, and Reardon, resulted in the latter crossing with a try that remained unconverted. Potter was injured in a rush, and had to retire.

James went to half and Crowley took the latter's place on the wing. From the first scrum Reardon got away, and Crowley scored. Duncan again failed. Then Caple crossed following a rush. It transpired that Potter's knee had given out.

Final— G. T. P.

Cardiff Reserves ..... 3 4 25

Danygraig ..... 0 0 0

\* One from a mark.

## REMARKS.

Cardiff adapted themselves to the conditions prevailing far better than Danygraig and to this they owe their easy win. Never once did Danygraig become really dangerous, while on the other hand the home side might easily have added to their store of points. The home pack outscrummaged the opposing eight, and in the loose were also superior. At half the brothers Crocker were outplayed, while the home threes showed far better combination in attack and sturdier defence. Reardon and Loveluck both seem to have completely recovered their form and did a host of good things, but Bryant and James were also brilliant.

Of the forwards, Pyke, Murphy, Lewis, Crowley, Duncan, and Caple were ever conspicuous. In the visitors' ranks those who stood out more prominently than the rest were G. Williams, Tom Lewis, Croman and H. Williams in the forwards, and Will Morris in the backs.



Swansea 2<sup>nds</sup> March 25<sup>th</sup> 1911

## SWANSEA II. V CARDIFF II.

At St. Helen's to-day, before a very good attendance, and in rather cold, but otherwise lovely weather. The teams were:-

Cardiff Seconds: Back, Woods; three-quarter backs, Bralley, Jones, Reardon, and Lovelock; half-backs, Hill and Potter; forwards, Duncan, Pyke, T. Crowley, Caple, Baker, Lewis, Jenkins and Murphy.

Swansea Seconds: Back, Roberts; three-quarter backs, Richardson, F. Williams, G. Evans, and Davies; half-backs, T. Williams and Ray Sheppard; forwards, Lamb, B. Williams, C. Evans, E. Davies, Johns, P. Bralley, W. Hill, and E. Bateman.

Referee, Mr. Randall, Llanelly.

Cardiff kicked off with the sun in their favour. In the opening stages the play was not of a very interesting nature, being rather scrappy, and neither side gaining any advantage. A splendid burst by Davies was brought to nought by the pass going wild. Bralley, the Cardiff three-quarter, through an injury to his leg, retired from the field, but shortly afterwards returned, but only to retire permanently, he being unable to continue.

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

Final	
Swansea 2 <sup>nds</sup>	1 0 3
Cardiff Reserves	0 1 3

Gloucester 2<sup>nds</sup> April 1<sup>st</sup> 1911

## CARDIFF RES. V. GLOUCESTER RES.

Following the schoolboy game between Cardiff and Swansea, these teams met in a return fixture at the Cardiff Arms Park. There was a splendid attendance, in fact the largest seen on the ground for a Reserves match this season. There were three changes in the home side, W. A. Jones, D. Callan, and Roberts coming in. The teams were:-

Cardiff—Back, F. Woods; three-quarter backs, James, Reardon, Bryant, and W. A. Jones; half-backs, Roberts and Hill; forwards, Crossley, Murphy, Lewis, Callan, Green, Pike, Duncan, and Baker.

Gloucester—Back, Egerton; three-quarter backs, Baldwin, Hamlin, Storton, and Bloxon; half-backs, Burns and Allen; forwards, Griffiths, Blackford, Smart, Harris, Pritchley, Millard, Meadow, and Westbury.

Referee—Mr R. H. Smith, Newport.

Cardiff early got going, and but for a knock on Bryant, who received the final pass of a round of handling, might have scored. Play came to the other side, and here Roberts marked, and Duncan goaled with a fine shot. Gloucester then gave a promising display, and a good round of passing took play to the Cardiff 25. Cardiff got out of danger, and from near the centre Crowley got away and forced himself over with a try that Duncan failed to improve upon. Woods just failed to goal from a mark by James, and then, following good play by the home backs, Bryant scored wide out. Duncan again failed. Cardiff's passing was brilliant, and risks were taken that made the game most open and a spectacular treat.

	Half-time Score	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	1	2	9	
Gloucester Reserves	0	0	0	

Gloucester improved for a time on the resumption, and but for hesitancy by Storton might have scored. At any rate the defence had been beaten when Reardon tackled from behind. Callan headed several rushes, and one in which he, Duncan, Murphy, Gus Lewis, and Green participated, and which was started in Cardiff's 25, ended in the first mentioned scoring. Duncan converted. The Cardiff forwards were positively brilliant in the open, and Hill started another movement which might have again produced a score but this time the defence was sound. Several forward rushes by Gloucester could well have been productive of scores, but determination was lacking, and Woods had little difficulty in clearing. After a long spell of ragged play the Cardiff backs ultimately got going in their best style and a good passing movement culminated in Bryant scoring, Duncan failed to goal.

Final	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	2	3	17
Gloucester Reserves	0	0	0

## REMARKS.

The game was a splendid one to watch, and produced at times brilliant work both as regards passing and forward play. Crowley was the outstanding player, while next in order of merit on the Cardiff side were Callan, Woods, Reardon, James, Hill, Roberts, Duncan, Pike, and Murphy. For Gloucester, Egerton, Hamlin, Bloxon, Storton, Allen, Griffiths, and Blackford were the best.

Cap Widders April 8<sup>th</sup> 1911

## CARDIFF RESERVES V. CANTON.

The last of a trio of games at the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon was a match between the Cardiff Second string and Canton, the runners-up in the Cardiff and District Rugby League last season. The teams were:-

Cardiff—Back, F. Woods; three-quarter backs, C. Bryant, F. Roberts, A. Loveluck, and J. James; half-backs, E. Hill and F. Potter; forwards, D. Duncan, D. Pike, W. Caple, D. Callan, A. Green, W. Jenkins, C. Murphy, and Gus Lewis.

Canton—Back, Lewis; three-quarter backs, J. John, Hume, Bonnett, and Greedy; half-backs, Barry and Jones; forwards, Scott, Raynor, Sanders, Miller, Evans, O'Brien, Callaghan, and Davies.

Referee, Mr Wills, Barry.

Cardiff started, and for the first quarter of an hour play was waged at a fast pace. Cardiff held a slight advantage, but Canton's smothering tactics spoiled all chances of setting the backs going. Frank Woods essayed a drop at goal, and though good it fell short. Later Duncan failed with a shot from a penalty. The first score, however, was very tamely got. Lewis, the Canton custodian, put in a weak kick to touch, and Bryant had but to walk over. Duncan failed to goal. Canton now showed surprising form, and now penned the Reserves for a long period, indeed, it only wanted a little steadiness to have brought a score. However, Woods saved well, and Cardiff then changed the venue, keeping a footing in the Canton quarter till half-time.

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

Taunton Albion

April 15<sup>th</sup> 1911

## TAUNTON ALBION V CARDIFF II

There was a small attendance. The weather was brilliant, and more fit for cricket than football. Teams:-

## TAUNTON ALBION.

Back: Greenslade.  
Three-quarter backs: Wyatt, Forrest, P. Whitefield, and Withers.  
Half-backs: Bond and W. Whitefield.  
Forwards: Knight, Wright, Harn, Dyke, Thorne, King, Hann, and Manning.

## CARDIFF RESERVES.

Back: Wood.  
Three-quarter backs: James, Jones, Loveluck, and Bryant.  
Half-backs: Hill and Roberts.  
Forwards: Duncan, Pike, Green, Caple, Jenkins, Callan, Lewis, and Callaghan.

The Albion started with the sun in their eyes. Cardiff early opened out, Forrest breaking up the movement in plucky fashion. In loose forward rushes the home side had the advantage, but the visitors showed great superiority behind the scrum.

From a scrum in the Albion 25 Hill set his three-quarters in motion, and after pretty passing and re-passing, Loveluck crossed with a try, which was converted by Duncan in fine style.

Jones quickly added an unconverted try. From a series of long kicks Loveluck secured his second try in a soft fashion, and Duncan added the extra points.

Forward rushes by the Albion took play into Cardiff's territory, but Cardiff were very nippy, and handled the ball with great brilliancy.

The Tauntonians maintained the advantage for some time, and became dangerous.

Wood relieved with a fine kick.

Bryant scored after magnificent passing all along the line, but no goal resulted.

	Half-time:	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	2	2	15	
Taunton Albion	0	0	0	

On re-starting Loveluck passed to Bryant, who made a grand run, but was called back for a forward pass.

Immediately afterwards, however, Jenkins got over with an unconverted try. Bond made a grand run, but his pass was intercepted.

Percy Whitefield dropped a goal.

From a flying kick by Knight, Duncan made a magnificent corkscrew run, and rear the line handed to Jones, who scored. No goal resulted.

Unconverted tries by Callan and Wood followed in quick succession. A try by Loveluck was goaled by Duncan.

Hill crossed the line with an unconverted try. Percy Whitefield on the call of time kicked a penalty goal for the Albion.

Final	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	3	7	35
Taunton Albion	2	0	7

## COMMENTS.

The Welshmen gave one of the finest exhibitions of the outside game seen in the Somerset capital for a long time, and their huge score fairly represented the run of the play.

Their short, sharp passes proved so disconcerting to the Albion that they were left standing while try after try was scored.

Both wings were very fast, and never failed to seize the openings.

Wood kicked with fine judgment. Hill was very nippy behind the scrum.

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## LLANELLY II. V CARDIFF II.

This match was played at Llanelli this afternoon. Teams—

**CARDIFF SECONDS.**  
 Back: F. Wood.  
 Three-quarter backs: J. Jones, Loveluck, James, and Jones.  
 Half-backs: James and Williams.  
 Forwards: Jenkins, Duncombe, Murphy, Scotch, Lewis, Carbon, Capel, and Green.

**LLANELLY SECONDS.**  
 Back: Dick Davies.  
 Three-quarter backs: Willie Evans, W. Roberts, Read, and Evan Evans.  
 Half-backs: Hopkins and Williams.  
 Forwards: W. Owen, D. Jones, G. Williams, John Pugh, Arthur Howell, E. J. Phillips, George Edwards, and Evan Williams.

**THE GAME.**  
 A very late start was made, and Cardiff were on the aggressive at once. From the first scrum they got away beautifully, and a round of passing all but ended in a score, James being pushed into touch a yard from the Llanelli line.

Cardiff had the advantage of a strong wind, and made full use of this. The Llanelli forwards then brought off a fine rush, which was spoiled by Hawkins endeavouring to pick up. For off-side play the visitors were penalised, and Willie Roberts landed a fine goal.

Cardiff had the best of the succeeding scrum, the backs bringing off some very pretty movements. As a result of one of these Wood got over with an unconverted try.

A few minutes later the same player got a fine penalty goal.

	G.	T.	Pts.
Half-time score:			
Cardiff Seconds	1	1	6
Llanelli Seconds	1	0	3

### SECOND HALF.

Play in the second half continued to be full of interest. The finest movement of the match was started by Will Owen, one of the home forwards, who picked up after a dribble and passed to the three-quarters. The ball was taken up the field in brilliant fashion, and the last to receive was Hal Reed, who went over with a splendid try, which Gomer Lewis converted.

The Cardiff team tried hard to equalise, but the strong wind was against them, and, in spite of the efforts of their backs, they found the Llanelli defence too good for them.

	G.	T.	Pts.
Final score:			
Llanelli Seconds	2	0	8
Cardiff Reserves	1	1	6

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## CARDIFF RESERVES V TAUNTON ALBIONS.

After the conclusion of the Cardiff v. Penarth game Cardiff Reserves played Taunton Albion. Teams—

**CARDIFF.**  
 Back: B. Cooper.  
 Three-quarter backs: T. Raven, Buzland, G. Tudor, and E. Phillips.  
 Half-backs: Roberts and Morris.  
 Forwards: Jenkins, Murphy, Green, Lewis, Crowley, Atty, Michael, and D. Callen.

**TAUNTON ALBION.**  
 Back: Greenslade.  
 Three-quarters: Lile, Anglin, Horril, and Withers.  
 Half-backs: Ryall and Long.  
 Forwards: Knircht, Woods, Lewis, Rogers, Slade, Williams, Lock, and Ham.  
 Referee, Mr. T. Mills Barry.

**THE GAME.**  
 Taunton kicked off. Cardiff immediately pressed, making several attacks on the visitors' goal, and after a scramble Atty scored a try in the corner, which was not converted.

A momentary visit by the visitors to the Cardiff quarters was soon repulsed, and the Reserves again took up a good attacking position, from which they scored another unconverted try wide out through Tudor.

From a mark just inside the visitors' half the Reserves' right centre (Buzland) nearly dropped a goal, the ball striking the cross-bar.

Within a few minutes Merthyr scored wide out. The kick for goal failed.

After some mid-field play the visitors were penalised in their own territory. Roberts kicked a goal for Cardiff, bringing their total number of points to 12 to nothing after twenty minutes' play.

	G.	T.	Pts.
Half-time score:			
Cardiff	1	3	12
Taunton	0	0	0

### SECOND HALF.

The second half opened very tamely, but after ten minutes Cardiff, who had kept up the attack right through, again scored an unconverted try.

Play was kept in the visitors' 25, and only faulty passing robbed the Reserves of more than one try.

The news received through the Evening Express that Neath managed to draw with Leicester at Leicester was received with acclamation by the supporters of Cardiff on the ground.

Play was now of a very uninteresting nature, the Cardiff three-quarters passing being at fault.

Receiving from the scrum, Phillips was set going, and ran in with a good try behind the posts.

The Taunton players prematurely charging, no change was given against them, Roberts goaling.

	G.	T.	Pts.
Final score:			
Cardiff Reserves	2	7	29
Taunton Albion	0	0	0

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1911-12  
 Canton Wanderers (League Winners)  
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## CARDIFF RESERVES V LEAGUE WINNERS

At Cardiff. Teams—  
 Cardiff Reserves: Back, Hooper, three-quarter backs, Burland, Phillips, Tudor, and Reardon; half-backs, Morris and Roberts; forwards, Jenkins, Green, Cullen, Crowley, Palmer, Michael, Tittle, and Chorley.

Canton Wanderers: Back, W. Evans; three-quarter backs, Hyde, A. Aldridge, R. Goodfellow, and T. Turner; half-backs, H. Harding and W. Beddoes; forwards, D. Callaghan, J. Groves, W. Smart, W. Dean, G. Woolcott, H. Green, C. Stadden, and J. Chandler.

The Cardiff Arms Park for the match between the Cardiff Wanderers and the Reserves was in very good condition consequent on the strenuous game that was played between Cardiff and Pontypool during the afternoon. Owing to the greasy state of the ball, several promising movements by the Reserves' backs broke down. Canton put up a good defence, their forwards following up with judgment and good effect. Smart, being by the Reserves' forwards gave Tudor a chance, and he had very hard lines in not scoring a good try, being thrown into touch over the line. In the next minute Morris intercepted a pass, and, using good judgment, passed at the right moment to Crowley, who sprinted in fine style from the half and scored a splendid try, which was not converted.

*1911/12*  
 Bristol Nomads

*Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 1911*

## Easy Victory

### BRISTOL NOMADS V CARDIFF II

At Bristol in cold, bright weather. Teams—

**BRISTOL.**  
 Full-back: Ryall.  
 Three-quarter backs: Gibbs, Spoor, Brown, and Evans.  
 Half-backs: H. Woker and W. Woker.  
 Forwards: Dix, Lewis, Bryant, Edwards, Brindle, Beddington, J. Bryant, and Howlett.

**CARDIFF RESERVES.**  
 Full-back: Hooper.  
 Three-quarter backs: Carson, Mackie, Poole, and Phillips.  
 Half-backs: Morris and McCann.  
 Forwards: Jenkins, Green, Gaecon, Michael, Collins, Groves, Palmer, and Atty.

**THE GAME.**  
 Cardiff kicked off and from the start initiated a hot attack, but Carson spoiled a good chance by throwing away wildly. Immediately following this Cardiff were penalised for off-side, and Beddington dropped a splendid goal from the half-way line after no charge had been ordered.

Cardiff got going after this reverse, and the backs indulged in good passing, but it broke down at Mackie, and Brown drove them back with a good kick to centre.

Good footwork by the Bristol forwards took play to the Cardiff quarter, and Beddington missed kicking another goal by inches.

Phillips put Cardiff on the attack, and Carson gathering smartly, dashed over with a try which was not majorised.

Just on the interval, Cardiff, who had had the better of the play almost throughout the half, added a second try, Gaecon getting over, but again the place kick failed.

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

Cardiff Reserves lost McCann in the second half with a sprained ankle, but this handicap notwithstanding, they had practically all the play, for the Bristol tackling was keen.

Five minutes after the resumption Carson romped over with a try, and the same player added another after a great run just afterwards, Mackie converting.

Michael put on the fifth try, and again Mackie converted.

	G.	T.	Pts.
Final score:			
Cardiff Reserves	2	3	19
Bristol	1	0	3

**COMMENTS.**  
 Cardiff Reserves thoroughly deserved their easy triumph. They were the better team all through. Bristol were weak in defence, and once the visitors found their feet they were practically unstoppable, even though weakened in the second half through McCann's absence.

Carson was the shining light of the evening, in addition to scoring three tries, he did a lot of good work.

Of the forwards Gaecon was always prominent, but the whole side did well.



Taunton. Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> 1911.Newport 2<sup>nd</sup>.Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 1911

## CARDIFF RESERVES v. TAUNTON ALBIONS.

Following the Premier's match the Reserves met Taunton Albion at the Cardiff Arms Park. The teams were:-

Taunton Albions—Back, Greenisade; three-quarter backs, Liley, P. Anglin, T. Horrell, and F. Withers; half-backs, J. Ryall and J. Long; forwards, W. Knight, C. Woods, H. Lewis, J. Rogers, O. H. Slade, H. Williams, S. Lock, and E. Ham.

Cardiff Reserves—Back, Hooper; three-quarter backs, T. Reesdon, Burlaud, G. Tudor, and E. Phillips; half-backs, Roberts, Morris, Jenkins, Murphy, Green, Lewis, Crowley, Attey, Michael and D. Callan.

Referee, Mr T. Mills, Barry.

Taunton early showed that they were no "soft thing" for a heavy set of forwards and a speedy back division gave the home side a hard tussle in the opening few minutes. However, the Cardiff youngsters displayed an amount of skill and a wealth of understanding of each other's play that was surprising. It was after 10 minutes that the first score came, Attey crossing after a bout of passing. Then Tudor went over from another concerted attack. A drop for goal from amongst a bunch of forwards struck the cross-bar and Callan who had followed up smartly, just failed to get over. Taunton had apparently only flattered to deceive, for they were now continually defending, and ultimately Murphy found a passage through a bunch of opposing forwards. For an infringement Taunton were penalised, and Roberts kicked a goal. Taunton now infused more dash into their play, and England intercepting the scrum was the Cardiff quarter for some time. Crowley, however, relieved with a fine sweeping run, which set Cardiff attacking once more. Callan was showing great form, and twice came near scoring. Cardiff maintained their advantage to the interval.

Half-time—	G. T. P.
Cardiff Reserves .....	2 1 3 12
Taunton Albion .....	0 0 0

\*Penalty.

Cardiff fully had the measure of their opponents, and were continually the aggressors. Chiefly forward the game was interesting, there being too many informalities constantly occurring to make the game a spectacular treat. In what good work there was, Callan, Jenkins, Hooper, Lewis, and Crowley were prominent, Hooper's play at back being a feature. Cardiff added to their score soon after the interval start, passing ending in Phillips scoring. Then Phillips got over under the bar, and Roberts converted. Quickly following this came one from the captain (Jenkins), and Crowley added a seventh try, the latter, although under the bar, being unconverted.

Final:—	Goals.
Cardiff Reserves .....	2 7 29
Taunton Albion .....	0 0 0

## CARDIFF RES V NEWPORT II

Perfect weather conditions favoured the game on the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon. The teams fielded as follows:-

## CARDIFF RESERVES.

Back: Hooper.  
Three-quarter backs: Carson, Beardon, McKay, and Phillips.  
Half-backs: Monks and Morris.  
Forwards: Jenkins, Callan, Gaccon, Groves, Michael, Attey, Green, and Smith.

## NEWPORT II.

Back: A. Hobbs.  
Three-quarter backs: R. McGregor, R. O. Hicks, Ivor Williams, and N. Newland.  
Half-backs: I. Pritchard and H. V. Rowlands.  
Forwards: C. A. Evans, G. Boots, W. Willis, R. Summers, W. Hulbert, A. Jenkins, W. Power, and B. Uzel.

Referee, Mr. Gamlin, Pontypridd.

Cardiff opened with a promising rush, and Hobbs put in a long kick into touch in the home 25. A moment later Rowlands just failed with a kick from a "free." The Cardiff forwards looked like making a good rush, but the movement was foiled in the visitors' 25 by a Newport player getting into touch.

Another dangerous run by Beardon and Morris was again stopped, and play waged backwards and forwards for some time, and once Cardiff found themselves right in the visitors' corner.

Soon after Hobbs did a bit of tricky work, which resulted in touch being found in the home 25, but the attack was not followed up, and Green and Carson looked like working a score. The former and Jenkins both had their jerseys ripped in twain.

From a scrum the ball was sent out well, but Monks passed too quickly, and the move was lost. The Newport men rushed down, but near the home line a terrific tackle by Attey saved the situation.

Half-time—	G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves .....	0 0 0
Newport II .....	0 0 0

## SECOND HALF.

After the interval Newport pressed a little and forced a scrum in the home 25, but on the whole no headway was gained.

After a while, however, Cardiff attacked very strongly, and there were several passing bouts, from one of which McKay, after pretty manoeuvring, nearly put Phillips over.

The Cardiff forwards were getting the ball from nearly every scrum, and the home backs did a lot of handling, but the Newport defence was very sound.

By good kicking Newport scored a footing in the Cardiff half, but almost at once a magnificent try accrued to Cardiff.

McKay snapped up the ball from a Newport bout of passing, and bursting through, gave to Gaccon.

The forwards cut off on the right, but showing wonderful judgment, he broke into the centre of the field and re-passed to McKay, who outpaced his pursuers and scored near the posts. McKay failed to convert.

Newport reached the Cardiff line, but Attey dribbled away from the scrum, and putting in a long kick, Newland only saved right on his goal line.

Cardiff did all the attacking after this, and were much the better team.

Following good work by McKay, Phillips ran over, but was tackled, and lost the ball after a movement which thoroughly deserved a try.

Final.	G. T. Pts.
Cardiff Reserves .....	0 1 3
Newport Reserves .....	0 0 0

## COMMENTS.

The Cardiff team were obviously the better in all departments except at half, where the Newport pair, Monks and Morris, shone.

The Cardiff forwards, although lighter than the visitors, were better in the scrum, and the three-quarters were also a superior lot. McKay was the best man on the field, although he was run close by Attey. These two showed really "class" form.

In spite of the fact that the Newport team boasted two old internationals, the Cardiff recruits showed astonishing form, and one or two of them should prove future players.

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# Swansea 2<sup>nds</sup> Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 11.

## CARDIFF RES. v. SWANSEA II.

Whilst Cardiff and Swansea were playing on the former's ground the second fifteen entered a good crowd on the St. Helens ground this afternoon. Teams:—  
Swansea Reserves—Back, W. G. Lewis; three-quarter backs, F. W. Williams, J. Hill, Waters, and G. Evans; half-backs, D. Williams and Pugsley; forwards, Rev. Alban Davies, T. Langley, T. Batchelor, Ben Williams, Hollingdale, Howells, George Evans, and Alf. John.

Cardiff Reserves—Back, Hooper; three-quarter backs, Reardon, Parsons, Mellay, and Phillips; half-backs, Roberts and Morris; forwards, Gaecon, Callan, Green, Michael, Atty, Smith, Jellings, and Farmer.

Referee, Mr. Randall, Llanelly.

A late start was made. Cardiff, with the aid of a series of flying kicks and sharp bursts by their forwards (who subsequently proved to be a more robust lot than the Swansea eight) penned the home fifteen for the first quarter of an hour right on their own line, and only the fine defence of W. J. Lewis, Dick Williams, and Pugsley saved a number of tries. In the first minute, however, the Cardiff three got right away, and a good-time pass out to Phillips saw the wing man get over in the corner. The try was not converted. Subsequently the Swansea men put more sting into their attack, and play was resumed around neutral territory. Both sides, however, were erratic.

Half-time— G. T. P's.

Cardiff Seconds ..... 0 1 3  
Swansea Seconds ..... 0 0 0

A complete route set in, in the Cardiff game on resuming. W. J. Lewis put his side ahead early in the second half with an excellent dropped goal from half-way, and from that time on Swansea completely held the supremacy. Pugsley made a splendid opening for Jack Evans, who dashed over with a converted try. Two minutes after Williams made a similar effort and Hill also got over with another unconverted try. Hill took an opportunity to kick and scored a fine dropped goal, whilst Jack Evans added a third try. Cardiff were completely routed and disorganised. In the closing minutes, however, they made big efforts to retrieve their position, but it was too late and the whistle came with the final score:—

G. T. P's.  
Swansea 2nds ..... \*3 2 19  
Cardiff 2nds ..... 0 1 3  
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# NEATH 2<sup>nds</sup>

Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> 1911

## CARDIFF II. V. NEATH II

Cardiff Reserves: Back, F. Hopkins; three-quarter backs, Reardon, Carson, Nicholas, and Holloway; half-backs, Morris and Roberts; forwards, Callan, Crowley, Callaghan, Jennings, Carlin, Connell, Atty, and Corsi.

Cardiff Reserves started operations, and got the best of the opening stages until the Neath forwards rushed play into the visitors' half, but the Cardiff backs soon returned play to midfield. A free kick enabled Gethin to send play back into the Cardiff half, where a penalty went far wide of the mark. Cardiff were continually getting the ball from the scrums, and Carson in the centre secured, and clearing beautifully handed to Nicholas, who beat the opposition and scored. Carson failed with the kick. Again the Cardiff men got on the attack, and Nicholas was sent into touch near the corner, where a minor was conceded. Some exciting kicking ended in favour of Neath, but they failed to make any use of their opportunities. Carson put Cardiff on the attack, but the Neath forwards dribbled back, and when half-time was called Cardiff were on the attack.

Half-time score. G. T. P's.

Cardiff Reserves ..... 5 1 3  
Neath Seconds ..... 0 0 0  
ad Neath 2nds v. Cardiff Reserves  
Neath Seconds did better on resuming, and from the Cardiff 25 line Allen dropped a goal, but the ball was ordered back. Play was very scrappy.

Final score: G. T. P's.  
Cardiff Reserves ..... 0 1 3  
Neath II. .... 0 0 0

# Gloucester 2<sup>nds</sup> Oct 21<sup>st</sup> 1911.

## Cardiff Res v Gloster II.

WIN FOR THE HOME SIDE

Final: G. T. P's.  
Cardiff Reserves ..... 2 3 17  
Gloucester II. .... 2 0 10

Brilliant sunshine favoured the Reserves' match on the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon, although the ground was heavy and wet from the recent rains. The attendance was very small, hardly more than 500 spectators being present. The teams fielded as follow:—

CARDIFF RESERVES.

Back: Hooper.  
Three-quarter backs: Holloway, McKay, Reardon, and Carson.  
Half-backs: Morris and Roberts.  
Forwards: Gaecon, Callan, Callaghan, Atty, Palmer, Jennings, Cavill, and Crowley.

GLOUCESTER.

Back: F. Hayward.  
Three-quarter backs: F. Bloxome, Egerton, Cook, and Harris.  
Half-backs: Allen and Cannock.  
Forwards: Harris, Westbury, Mumford, Millard, Yates, Simmonds, Dovey, and Cook.

Referee: Mr. R. T. Gabe, Cardiff.

Within five minutes of the kick-off by Gloucester, the ball was dribbled down the field by easy stages, Cardiff putting up no opposition, and Yates and another forward put themselves over, and the former touched down behind the posts. Hayward had no difficulty in converting.

Cardiff secured the ball, and a bout of passing seemed to lead to a score when the move was frustrated. There was a lot of



WILLIE SPILLER.

the popular Cardiff and International three-quarter, has been promoted acting-sergeant in the office of the Glamorgan Chief Constable at Canton.

scrambling play, the ground being soft and the ball greasy, but a moment later, after hesitation on the part of a Gloucester player to pick up the ball, enabled Holloway to gather it up easily and get over the line for Cardiff, with no one to stop him. The try was unconverted.

An instant later precisely the same thing happened on the opposite side, Cook intercepting a Cardiff passing bout and romping over unopposed. Hayward again converted.

Another score seemed imminent for Cardiff when Reardon took from Hayward, but McKay unfortunately lost the ball just when he appeared on the point of getting over. Cardiff were now the better in point of attack, and should have scored.

Carson, at last, got round and scored in the extreme corner, McKay converting. Gloucester were now leading by two points only. There was no more scoring till half-time.

Half-time score: G. T. P's.  
Gloucester Seconds ..... 2 0 10  
Cardiff Reserves ..... 1 1 8

SECOND HALF.

Gaecon restarted for Cardiff, and McKay put a clever shot over the cross-bar from a "free" awarded to the home team. Carson got the ball after a few moments of fruitless scrambling and raced up, but a long kick swerved in too far to be of any use, and the ball was returned to the home 25 line. For some time the play was uninteresting and unworthy of comment, until Callan got over again for Cardiff. McKay had hard lines in failing to convert, the ball striking the cross-bar. A moment afterwards the Cardiff men tried another bout of passing, but the movement was unsuccessful through McKay holding on and attempting to run over by himself, when he had Reardon and Carson unmarked on his left.

A little more life was now infused into the game, and Roberts, receiving from McKay after a dashing run by the latter, the outside half scored an excellent try, which remained unconverted.

Final score: G. T. P's.  
Cardiff Reserves ..... 2 3 17  
Gloucester Seconds ..... 2 0 10

COMMENTS.

The game was far from being interesting, due, perhaps, to the heavy ground. Both teams were weak in defence, but Cardiff were obviously better all round, although the visitors had the luck in the first half.

McKay was the bright particular star of the game. His penalty goal against Gloucester in the second half was really clever, and there can be no doubt that he is a "class" man, who will do well.

Carson, on the wing, was also good, but was inclined to risk things too much. Reardon was obviously off form, and missed one or two passes.

The first try scored against Cardiff was an absolute gift, the scorers strolling over a defenceless opposition. Although the game was not very exciting, it was a good one for the home side.



Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 1911.

## CARDIFF RESERVES v. RISCA.

The home team again underwent changes. At back, Spencer displaced Hooper, while Nicholl appeared vice Carson, who was standing his trial for the premiers at Blackheath. Corsi, in the forwards, had another trial, while a new man in Counsell was introduced into the pack. The teams were:-

Cardiff Reserves—Back, F. Spencer; three-quarters backs, I. James, Smith, Holloway, and A. Nicholl; half-backs, Morrish and Roberts; forwards, Crowley, Callan, Green, Jennings, Thomas, Corsi, Cavill, and Counsell. Risca—Back, J. Brown; three-quarter backs, T. Evans, Winstone, A. Evans and Watkins; half-backs, W. Davies and Batten; forwards, Hamilton, Lockwood, Toulouse, Pritchard, Murray, Hurford, H. Smith, and Chivers.

Referee, Mr J. T. Boulton, Penarth.

Early play favoured Cardiff. They brought off several fine passing movements, but were met with determined defence. The Cardiff pack were very fast, and Corsi, Green, and Callan were several times prominent. One splendid forward burst by Risca threatened danger, the defence not prevailing until half the field had been covered. Corsi saved with a good lengthed kick, and then Nicholl cross-kicked, and Holloway was nearly in. Morrish marked, but James's kick fell short. Cardiff were being frequently beaten in the scrums, and, as a consequence, Risca attacked hotly. Roberts miskicking, Risca nearly got in, but Spencer saved. Callan, Crowley, and Green sent play to the halfway with a spirited rush, and later Cardiff attacked strongly. Holloway and then Nicholl had chances, but were not quick enough to take them, and Corsi made a game effort to open the account, but to no avail, and the interval came with a blank sheet.

Half-time— G. T. P.

Cardiff Reserves..... 0 0 0  
Risca..... 0 0 0

Early on the resumption Cardiff had the misfortune to loose Callan, who had been doing sterling work in the pack. In a scramble he sustained a nasty kick on the cheek-bone, which bled profusely. Nicholl made a great sprint, and was only just held outside. Then Callan returned and Cardiff asserted superiority for a time. Callan fed his threees from a line out, and after Green, James, and Smith had handled perfectly Holloway missed his pass with a glorious opportunity to score. After Corsi had put in a huge kick and followed quickly, Smith secured, and feinting to pass Holloway had the defence almost beaten when he held on too long. Cardiff were now having the better of the game but knocks on were continually spoiling likely openings. At last a score came, but in a most unsatisfactory fashion. A scrum was formed in the Cardiff 25, and Cardiff for once in a way heeled clearly. Morrish fed Roberts well and he made an opening for Smith who transferred to Jones. The latter palpably knocked on but the informality went unnoticed, and quickly securing again he passed to Nicholls who ran slick in from half way. Roberts converted. Risca attacked hotly till close on the finish. They had several narrow shaves of scoring but Cardiff kept their line intact.

Final— G. T. P.

Cardiff Reserves..... 1 0 5  
Risca..... 0 0 0

## REMARKS.

It was rather a peculiar kind of game, for while being fast and open and in fact the best in this respect seen on the park this season, as there was lacking combined back play that invariably leads to scores. A draw would have been a better reflex of the run of the game. Interest was centred as to how the new recruits would shape, and for a first game it can be said that as a batch they are the best imported this season. Of course, they are new to the Reserves' style, but the way in which they settled down after the first half gives hope of something good. Spencer at back maintained his League reputation, and will undoubtedly be retained. Nicholl, on the wing, as a player with a splendid turn of speed with the addition of weight, after losing his partiality, or by shown, to cross kick too often, did well, and his try was the feature. Smith, in the centre, is a good man, and should develop into something good in a few more games. Of the forwards, Callan, Green and Crowley were outstanding.

Newport 2<sup>nd</sup>sNov 11<sup>th</sup> 1911.

## NEWPORT II v. CARDIFF RESERVES.

At Newport, in drizzling rain and before a small crowd. Teams:

Newport Seconds—Back, A. Hobbs; three-quarters, Dr. McGregor, Ivor Williams, R. G. Hicks, and H. Jones; half-backs, J. Groves and H. G. Rowlands; forwards, George Boots, C. A. Evatt, F. Willis, R. Dibble, A. Jenkins, U. Ulvert, E. Bates, and B. Frederick.

Cardiff Reserves—Back—F. Spencer, three-quarters, O. Holloway, W. Smith, F. Dukes, and E. Nicholls; half-backs, W. Morris and F. Roberts; forwards, F. Crowley, D. Callan, A. Green, G. Lewis, L. Attey, G. Jennings, P. Callaghan, and J. Corsi.

Referee, Mr B. Rowe, Chepstow.

It was 20 minutes late when George Boots kicked off for Newport. Play for the first 15 minutes was only mediocre, but this was partly due to the fact that the ball was very slippery and the ground more or less greasy. Once the Cardiff forwards, led by Crowley, brought off a splendid rush, which looked like culminating in a score, but George Boots intercepted and changed the venue. After pressing for some time Rowlands slung out to McGregor, and the doctor, after a decent sprint, transferred to Hicks, who raced over with Newport's first try. After this Cardiff did a good deal of pressing, but were unable to equalise.

Half-time— G. T. P.

Newport Seconds..... 0 1 3  
Cardiff Reserves..... 0 0 0

There was no improvement in the second half, and the game was mainly confined to the forwards who played a resolute game on both sides. With the ground in a sodden condition, the sides did not rely on their backs, although, the latter when called upon, did the best they could. After Newport had been pressing for some time Cardiff were penalised for offside tactics. Rowlands took the kick from near the touchline and dropped a lovely goal, and put his side ahead by six points. After this the Cardiff forwards, notably Crowley, Green, and Attey, were conspicuous with dribbling work, but they were unable to get over.

Final— G. T. P.

Newport A..... \*1 1 6  
Cardiff Reserves..... 0 0 0

\*Penalty.



Nov 18<sup>th</sup> 1911

## CARDIFF RESERVES v. SWANSEA II.

## Referee Overrules Touch-Judge.

The return match between the sides was played at the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon. Earlier in the season Swansea won at home by 19 points to 3. The teams were:—

Cardiff Reserves—Back, Fred Spencer; three-quarter backs, Nicholls, C. Bryant, J. James, and W. Smith; half-backs, W. Morris and Potter; forwards, Lewis, Callan, Jennings, Green, Gallagher, Blight, Attey, and Corsi.

Swansea Seconds—Back, K. Jones; three-quarter backs, H. Richardson, J. Hill, J. Evans, and A. Waters; half-backs, R. Williams and T. Davies; forwards, B. Hollingdale, E. Jones, A. John, P. Brayley, T. Britton, T. Langley, T. Bachelor, and B. Williams.

Referee—Mr T. Davies.

Cardiff opened in fine fashion, their three taking up a movement initiated by Nicholls, and taking play to the Swansea 25. Swansea worked back to half-way, where Nicholls became prominent with a fast follow-up and flying punt to touch on the line. Green and Gus Lewis headed a spirited rush to the Swansea 25, and here Cardiff forced a minor, following a penalty for off-side work by Williams. Williams atoned for this later by picking up smartly in the home 25, and setting his backs going. The Cardiff backs were out of position in defending on their left when the ball was sent to Hill, from thence to Richardson, and then out to Evans, who scored wide out. The try was not converted. Cardiff might have equalised from a penalty for "legs up," but Potter's kick did not rise. Cardiff maintained the pressure for a time, but then a Swansea forward broke away and sent to Richardson, who made ground and transferred, when opposed by Nicholls, to Evans. The left wing looked like going through, but Bryant brought off a great tackle. Then followed a deal of fast play of which each side had their full share. The Cardiff forwards were being beaten in the pack, but made up for this in the loose. Callan and Green led a hot rush from near half-way, and when near the line Callan touched the ball to Bryant, who had joined in, and the latter scored near the posts. Spencer failed to put his side ahead from the easiest of angles.

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

Swansea attacked hotly on the resumption, but Smith's screw kicking drove them back. The game was now mostly a forward one, and a hard struggle for supremacy was being waged. Cardiff were now distinctly superior. They kept Swansea penned in their own half, and but for weak and untimely passing by the backs would have scored again. Nicholls was showing an improvement over his earlier form, and several times set his backs going trickily. A diversion from the ordinary incidents was caused by the referee overruling the Swansea touch-judge, the crowd showing complete approval of his action. Ivor James put in some valuable touch-kicking, which, while taking some of the steam out of the visiting forwards, kept Swansea in their own half. Swansea at last broke away, and then they became extremely dangerous, a scrum being formed on the Cardiff line. The Cardiff pack, however, worked down to the centre, where Callan was once more prominent in a rush. Just prior to the final Richardson, the Swansea centre, was injured in the chest, sustaining a nasty bruise.

	Final—	G. T. P.
Cardiff Reserves .....	0	1 3
Swansea Reserves .....	0	1 3

## COMMENTS.

The game in the opening stages gave promise of good football, but the longer it lasted the more the standard of play deteriorated. There were some occasional glimpses of good play, but these were few and far between. Cardiff should have won, and won well, on the run of the play in the second half, but there was too great a partiality to hold on too long by the backs, Smith being the chief offender in this respect. He, however, did a lot of defensive work, and screw kicked prettily. Ivor James did well, as also did the other three as regards defence. Williams and Morris the inside halves were a well matched pair whilst the forwards Callan, Gallagher, Green, Gus Lewis, and Attey shone for Cardiff, and Hollingdale, Jones, John, and Brazier were the best of the Swansea pack.

Nov 25<sup>th</sup> 1911

## LONG RECORD GONE.

## CARDIFF RESERVES BEATEN.

## Penylan Do the Trick.

Played at the Cardiff Arms Park, the teams lining out as follows:—

Cardiff Reserves—Full back, A. Spencer; three-quarter backs, Atty, Scaulon, Nicholls, and T. Spencer; half-backs, Morris and Spencer; forwards, Green, Jennings, Callaghan, Gus Lewis, D. Calan, Blight, Griffiths, and J. P. Evans.

Penylan—Back, W. Lewis; three-quarter backs, F. Lewis, R. Jones, A. Phillips, and A. Powell; half-backs, Roberts and Gibbs; forwards, Whitney, A. Lewis, R. Davies, N. Davies, E. Evans, and J. Smith.

Referee—Mr G. W. Powell.

Penylan started and the homesters had quite a warm time of it for some minutes, but eventually one of the backs relieved and the play was continued at midfield. From here the Cardiff halves started a passing movement which gained a lot of ground, and it was a considerable time before play was again neutral. The sides were penalised in turn, and Jones (Penylan) was accorded a applause for his reel well into the home round. It was following that the first score took place for from the throw out from touch the visiting forwards got away in a bunch and mrys Evans scored in the corner. The try was not improved upon. Penylan were playing a fine game forward and it was not their fault that the three did not get the ball more often. A nice break through by Roberts, at half, who ran right to the Cardiff line was followed by a brilliant round of passing which ended in Powell running in. The extra points were not added. The homesters were penned in their own territory for the next couple of minutes, until by a supreme effort the forwards worked into their opponents' ground. Cardiff crossed but were called back for infringement. Then Cardiff were awarded a penalty from which A. Spencer landed a nice goal from far out. The homesters held the pressure to the interval.

	Half-time—	G. T. P.
Penylan .....	0	2 6
Cardiff .....	*1	0 3

## \* Penalty.

Play in the opening minutes of the second part of the game went slightly in favour of Cardiff, and it looked as though the home team would yet preserve their three years' ground record. The Cardiff centre by a hard kick put this side on the aggressive, and then the players had a spell, one of the home forwards calling for a new jersey. After Morris had sent play close to the visiting line by a kick to touch, a visiting forward got away and shouldered his way back to midfield. Here the ball was smartly sent to Penylan's three by Gibbs from a scrum and a faultless round of passing finished in Powell being tackled a few yards out. Cardiff were able to get out of danger through a bad pass from the scrum to the Penylan outside half. But some minutes afterwards Penylan again got near the home line, and an effort at passing was frustrated by Morris, who kicked well to midfield. Several scrums were formed here before Cardiff again got on the attack, and then it was through a wide pass from the scrum to the Penylan backs. The homesters tried hard to score in the last minutes, and two attempts at drop goal went wide. Then short passing on the right wing was resorted to, but this also proved ineffective, and eventually the Penylan back relieved and play was mid-field, where it was fought out to the finish.

	Final—	G. T. P.
PENYLAN .....	0	2 6
CARDIFF RESERVES .....	*1	0 3

## \* Penalty.

## Remarks.

By their defeat the Reserves have lost a three-years ground record. Penylan, however, are a good combination, and have beaten some good teams this year. To-day they showed that at back they are perhaps the best local team playing. The home forwards played well, and at the end had the better of the argument. They were quicker at breaking up, and it was the smartness of the home forwards in getting on to the Penylan backs that prevented a bigger score.



## Whitchurch

Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 1911.

## WHITCHURCH V CARDIFF RES

This was the first meeting of these teams this season, and in view of the improved form of the homesters, a good game was expected.

## CARDIFF RESERVES.

Back: Spencer.  
Three-quarter backs: I. James, Mayne, Job John, and Alf Gressy.  
Half-backs: W. Morris and James.  
Forwards: Green, C. Callaghan, Scanlon, Lewis, Griffiths, Gunn, Col'aghan, and Jennings.

## WHITCHURCH.

Back: Adams.  
Three-quarter backs: F. Lewis, P. Scott, Badger, and Smith.  
Half-backs: Beacon and Howton.  
Forwards: R. T. Evans, Beering, Maddox, P. Thomas, W. Scott, Pyke, Green, Pritchard, and Northman.

The homesters had the best of the opening play, and strong efforts by their forwards enabled them to attack. Morrish cleared nicely, and a strong run by Ivor James took play to the Whitchurch quarters.

From a scrum near the home line Moorish led James, who dropped a clever goal. This aroused the homesters, and for a time they attacked strongly, but the defence was good. Loose play in the centre followed. Green gained possession, and made a strong run. He received the home defence and scored a try.

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

Whitchurch, aided by good work on the part of Adams and Deacon, forced their way into the Cardiff quarter, where a series of scrums, in which Scanlon and Griffiths figured prominently, brought relief. Whitchurch, however, were soon attacking again, and kept the Cardiffians on their line, Deacon and Pritchard getting within inches of scoring.

Final score	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	1	2	11
Whitchurch	0	0	0

Llanelly 2<sup>nds</sup>Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 1911.

## CARDIFF RES V LLANELLY II

Final score	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	1	3	15
Llanelly II	0	0	0

There was a very small attendance on the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon, when the Cardiff Reserves met Llanelly Seconda. The ground was very heavy and wet, and the ball was greasy. The teams fielded as follows:—

## CARDIFF.

Back: F. Spencer.  
Three-quarter backs: Ferrier, Ivor James, D. Rees, and W. Payne.  
Half-backs: Morrish and Potter.  
Forwards: A. Green, D. Callan, A. Baker, P. Callaghan, R. H. Gunn, J. Jennings, M. Griffiths, and Gus Lewis.

## LLANELLY.

Back: Ben Edwards.  
Three-quarter backs: D. H. Thomas, Gwilym Evans, D. J. Jenkins, and Bonal Thomas.  
Half-backs: Dan Davies and William Williams.  
Forwards: Harry Rees, J. Pugh, D. M. Rees, Prue, Rhye Williams, Rhys Davies, D. J. Phillips, and W. Bowen.

The early play was of a very loose and scrambling order, due somewhat to the slippery ground.

The visitors pressed from the beginning, and appeared to be getting the better of the argument, but Spencer, the home custodian, proved equal to the occasion more than once, and there was no real danger.

A run along the right touch-line by Ferrier took the game up to the Llanelly 25, and here some exciting play took place.

Cardiff failed to bring off any passing bouts on account of the greasy condition of the ball, but at last Ben Edwards, the visiting back, put in a kick up to half-way.

F. Spencer fielded, and, although he slipped, he got in a slanting kick into touch. The opposing forwards were upon him at the time, and his kick, undoubtedly, saved the line.

A few minutes later Ivor James broke away on his own, and, deftly dodging the Llanelly custodian, dashed up the field and got over in the corner. Ferrier failed to convert, and Llanelly attacked hotly for a time on the home line and several times ought to have been over.

Ferrier broke through cleverly on his own, dodging half a dozen opponents, and kicked to the visitors' 25, where Ben Edwards made his mark.

Pts. then settled down, and the interval was shortly called.

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

From the re-start Llanelly again took up the attack, and from a kick by Baker, W. Williams, the outside half, got the ball and ran very neatly between his opponents, and got a kick into touch in the home 25.

After a few minutes of indeterminate play a sudden burst was made by the Reserves in the visitors' 25, and J. Potter, the inside half, ran over with a very pretty try after beating at least half-a-dozen opponents in first-rate style.

R. H. Gunn failed to convert, and Morrish went off with a scaly wound but returned soon after with three stitches in his head. Play continued to be all in favour of Cardiff, the Llanelly forwards having fallen away considerably.

With play hovering in the visitors' 25 a fourth three or four opponents, and dropped a perfect goal.

A moment later Jenkins failed to field, the full back, where he passed to Potter, who sprang away beautifully from the opposition and scored a clinking try.

Ivor James failed to convert.

Final score	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff II	1	3	15
Llanelly II	0	0	0

It was a very interesting game in spite of the adverse state of the ground. The Llanelly forwards played the typical Llanelly game of a try behind at the interval.

In the second half, however, the Reserves pulled themselves together and got on top. Ivor James was the only one to get on top.

## Old Monktonians

Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 1911

## MONKTONIANS V CARDIFF II

This match was played at Llandaff North to-day, and was eagerly anticipated. The visitors were without Potter and Ferrier, whilst the home team lacked the services of David, Thomas.

Old Monktonians: Back: F. Thomas; three-quarter backs: Lieutenant Grammer, W. J. Richards, D. Evans, and P. Richards; half-backs: Shellabear and Rhys; forwards: Lewis, Stranaghan, Jenkins, Gottwaltz, Thomas, Krombie, Williams (captain), and Foster.

Cardiff Reserves: Back: Spencer; three-quarter backs: Bryant, Payne, Rees, and Jones; half-backs: Morrish and Ivor James; forwards: Callan, Griffiths, Jennings, Scanlon, Gunn, Crowley, Pike, and Evans.

Referee: Mr. D. L. Evans (Cardiff).  
The Monktonians started operations, and Bryant returned to touch in the home quarters. Shellabear initiated a good movement, and, after Rees Richards had handled, play was removed to the visitors' quarters.

A grand movement on the left saw Richards tackled when getting dangerous. For a time the Monktonians pressed strongly, but eventually Ivor James, with a grand kick, eased the pressure, and a passing bout initiated by Pike made things look dangerous for the home team.

A bout of passing enabled Nicholls to make a determined rush for the line, but he was forced into touch near the corner flag. From the subsequent line out Griffiths scored in a favourable position, but Jones failed with an easy place kick.

The Monktonians resumed with a rare dash, and for a time penned the Cardiffians to their line. Morrish started a good movement, which changed the venue, Percy Richards saving in the nick of time.

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

Even play followed the restart, but the home men were the first to attack.

The Reserves retaliated with similar tactics, and gradually worked their way to the home quarters.

Keeping up a strong attack the visitors penetrated the defence.

The Monktonians made strenuous efforts to reduce the lead, and Richards got going, but was grandly tackled by Nicholls.

Smart work by Morrish and James taxed the home defence severely.

Playing with rare dash the Monktonians cleared their lines, Stranaghan and Lewis being prominent.

Final score	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	1	1	8
Old Monktonians	0	0	0

## Chepstow

Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> 1911

## CHEPSTOW V. CARDIFF RES.

At Chepstow. The homesters opened, and soon Chepstow invaded with a rush, but Morgan kicking too hard only a minor result. Cardiff retaliated and pressed, and Green scored, Spencer converting. After a while Gunn scored from a short pass, Spencer doing the needful. Chepstow then bricked invaded and Davies was downed when play reverted to the centre.

Half-time	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	2	0	10
Chepstow	0	0	0

In the second half Cardiff made two or three invasions unsuccessfully Cardiff started a bout of passing, Nicholls securing and parting with a kick. Again the attack failed, although Jones tried well for Cardiff. A bout of passing resulted in Ferrier passing forward to Nicholls, and the effort failed on the line. Ashwin being penalised Spencer placed a goal.

Final	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	3	0	15
Chepstow	0	0	0

One penalty.

## Cardiff

## CORSI

The Cardiff team for this match was the same as the one which appeared in the Welsh school for the visitors. The ground was very heavy and wet, and the ball was greasy. The teams fielded as follows:—

## CARDIFF.

Back: F. Spencer.  
Three-quarter backs: Ferrier, Ivor James, D. Rees, and W. Payne.  
Half-backs: Morrish and Potter.  
Forwards: A. Green, D. Callan, A. Baker, P. Callaghan, R. H. Gunn, J. Jennings, M. Griffiths, and Gus Lewis.

## CORSI.

Back: Ben Edwards.  
Three-quarter backs: D. H. Thomas, Gwilym Evans, D. J. Jenkins, and Bonal Thomas.  
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Forwards: Harry Rees, J. Pugh, D. M. Rees, Prue, Rhye Williams, Rhys Davies, D. J. Phillips, and W. Bowen.

The early play was of a very loose and scrambling order, due somewhat to the slippery ground.

The visitors pressed from the beginning, and appeared to be getting the better of the argument, but Spencer, the home custodian, proved equal to the occasion more than once, and there was no real danger.

A run along the right touch-line by Ferrier took the game up to the Llanelly 25, and here some exciting play took place.

Cardiff failed to bring off any passing bouts on account of the greasy condition of the ball, but at last Ben Edwards, the visiting back, put in a kick up to half-way.

F. Spencer fielded, and, although he slipped, he got in a slanting kick into touch. The opposing forwards were upon him at the time, and his kick, undoubtedly, saved the line.

A few minutes later Ivor James broke away on his own, and, deftly dodging the Llanelly custodian, dashed up the field and got over in the corner. Ferrier failed to convert, and Llanelly attacked hotly for a time on the home line and several times ought to have been over.

Ferrier broke through cleverly on his own, dodging half a dozen opponents, and kicked to the visitors' 25, where Ben Edwards made his mark.

Pts. then settled down, and the interval was shortly called.

From the re-start Llanelly again took up the attack, and from a kick by Baker, W. Williams, the outside half, got the ball and ran very neatly between his opponents, and got a kick into touch in the home 25.

After a few minutes of indeterminate play a sudden burst was made by the Reserves in the visitors' 25, and J. Potter, the inside half, ran over with a very pretty try after beating at least half-a-dozen opponents in first-rate style.

R. H. Gunn failed to convert, and Morrish went off with a scaly wound but returned soon after with three stitches in his head. Play continued to be all in favour of Cardiff, the Llanelly forwards having fallen away considerably.

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Ivor James failed to convert.

It was a very interesting game in spite of the adverse state of the ground. The Llanelly forwards played the typical Llanelly game of a try behind at the interval.

In the second half, however, the Reserves pulled themselves together and got on top. Ivor James was the only one to get on top.

The game was minutes through, and of them were accidents could.

The ground was half-way through, then the game became a struggle.

Corsi was the field, and he was diff with his kick. The Cardiff full safe game, and mistakes.

Monks and Morrish the scrum, and three-quarters even heeled.

Gus Lewis, Callan, pick of the Cardiff was the best of the



Back: Adams.  
Three-quarter backs: P. Lewis, P. Scott, Badger, and Smith.  
Half-backs: Deacon and Howton.  
Forwards: R. T. Evans, Beering, Maddox, P. Thomas, W. Scott, Pyke, Green, Pritchard, and Northman.  
The home team had the best of the opening play, and strong efforts by their forwards enabled them to attack Morrish cleared nicely, and a strong run by Ivor James took place to the Whitechurch quarters.  
From a scrum near the home line Morrish led James, who dropped a clever goal. This aroused the home team, and for a time they attacked strongly, but the defence was good. Loose play in the centre followed. Green gained possession, and made a strong run. He received the home defence and scored a try.

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

Whitechurch, aided by good work on the part of Adams and Deacon, forced their way into the Cardiff quarter, where a series of scrums, in which Scannlan and Griffiths figured prominently brought relief. Whitechurch, however, were soon attacking again, and kept the Cardiffians on their line, Deacon and Pritchard getting within inches of scoring.

Final score	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	1	2	11
Whitechurch	0	0	0

Llanellly 2<sup>nds</sup>  
Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 1911.

CARDIFF RES V LLANELLY II

Final score: G. T. Pts.  
Cardiff Reserves ..... 1 3 15  
Llanellly II ..... 0 0 0

There was a very small attendance on the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon, when the Cardiff Reserves met Llanellly Seconds.

The ground was very heavy and wet, and the ball was greasy. The teams held as follows:—

CARDIFF.  
Back: F. Spencer.  
Three-quarter backs: Ferrier, Ivor James, D. Rees, and W. Payne.  
Half-backs: Morrish and Potter.  
Forwards: A. Green, D. Callan, A. Baker, P. Callaghan, R. H. Gunn, J. Jennings, M. Griffiths, and Gus. Lewis.

LLANELLY.  
Back: Ben Edwards.  
Three-quarter backs: D. H. Thomas, Gwilym Evans, D. J. Jenkins, and Bona Thomas.  
Half-backs: Dan Davies and William Williams.  
Forwards: Harry Rees, J. Pugh, D. M. Rees, P. Rhys Williams, Rhys Davies, D. J. Phillips, and W. Bowen.

The early play was of a very loose and scrambling order, due somewhat to the slippery ground.

The visitors pressed from the beginning, and appeared to be getting the better of the argument, but Spencer, the home custodian, proved equal to the occasion more than once, and there was no real danger.

A run along the right touch-line by Ferrier took the game up to the Llanellly 25, and here some exciting play took place.

Cardiff failed to bring off any passing bouts on account of the greasy condition of the ball, and at last Ben Edwards, the visiting back, put in a kick up to half-way.

F. Spencer fielded, and, although he slipped, he got in a slanting kick into touch. The opposing forwards were upon him at the time, and his kick, undoubtedly, saved the line.

A few minutes later Ivor James broke away on his own, and deftly dodging the Llanellly custodian, dashed up the field and got over in the corner. Ferrier failed to convert, and Llanellly attacked hotly for a time on the home line and several times ought to have been over.

Ferrier broke through cleverly on his own, dodging half a dozen opponents, and kicked to the visitors' 25, where Ben Edwards made his mark.

Play then settled down, and the interval was shortly called.

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

From the re-start Llanellly again took up the attack, and from a kick by Baker W. Williams, the outside half, got the ball and ran very neatly between his opponents, and got a kick into touch in the home 25.

After a few minutes of indeterminate play a sudden burst was made by the Reserves in the visitors' 25, and Potter, the inside half, ran over with a very pretty try after beating at least half-a-dozen opponents in first-rate style.

R. H. Gunn failed to convert, and Morrish went off with a scalp wound, but returned soon after with three stitches in his head.

Play continued to be all in favour of Cardiff, the Llanellly forwards having fallen away considerably.

With play hovering in the visitors' 25 a dodged three or four opponents, and dropped a perfect goal.

A moment later Jenkins failed to field, and Payne gathered the ball and ran up to the full back, where he passed to Potter, who sprinted away beautifully from the opposition and scored a clinking try.

Ivor James failed to convert.

Final score	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff II	1	3	15
Llanellly II	0	0	0

COMMENTS.  
It was a very interesting game in spite of the adverse state of the ground. The Llanellly forwards played the typical Llanellly game of short, sharp rushes, and did not deserve to be a try behind at the interval.

In the second half, however, the Reserves pulled themselves together and got on top.

Ivor James was the outstanding man of the afternoon. His play was of a first-class standard, and he dropped a beauty of a goal in the second half.

Potter also came into prominence with a couple of really pretty tries.

Amongst the other promising Reserves were Ferrier, who is developing into a "class" player of the first water, and Payne, who did good work.

Altogether the home men were the better players because they lasted better. The dashy play of the visitors weakened visibly in the second half, but the defence of Ben Edwards at back was all that could be desired.

quarter backs, Bryant, Payne, Rees, and Jones. Three-quarter backs, Morrish, and Ivor James. Forwards, Callan, Griffiths, Jennings, Scannlan, Gunn, Crowder, Pike, and Evans. Referee: Mr. D. L. Evans (Cardiff).

The Monktonians started operations, and Bryant returned to touch in the home quarter. Shellabear inflated a good movement, and, after Rees Richards had handled, play was removed to the visitors' quarters.

A grand movement on the left saw Richards tackled when getting dangerous. For a time the Monktonians pressed strongly, but eventually Ivor Jones, with a grand kick, eased the pressure, and a passing bout initiated by Pike made things look dangerous for the home team.

A bout of passing enabled Nichols to make a determined rush for the line, but he was forced into touch near the corner flag. From the subsequent line out Griffiths scored in a favourable position, but Jones failed with an easy place kick.

The Monktonians resumed with a rare dash, and for a time penned the Cardiffians to their line. Morrish started a good movement, which changed the venue, Percy Richards saving in the nick of time.

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

Even play followed the restart, but the home men were the first to attack. The Reserves retaliated with similar tactics, and gradually worked their way to the home quarters.

Keeping up a strong attack the visitors penetrated the defence.

The Monktonians made strenuous efforts to reduce the lead, and Richards got going, but was grandly tackled by Nichols.

Smart work by Morrish and James taxed the home defence severely.

Playing with rare dash the Monktonians cleared their lines, Stranaghan and Lewis being prominent.

Final score	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	1	1	8
Old Monktonians	0	0	0

Chepstow

Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> 1911

CHEPSTOW V. CARDIFF RES.

At Chepstow. The home team opened, and soon Chepstow invaded with a rush, but Morgan kicking too hard only a minor result. Cardiff retained and pressed, and Green scored, Spencer converting. After a while Gunn scored from a short pass, Spencer doing the needful. Chepstow then briefly invaded and Davies was downed when play reverted to the centre.

Half-time	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	2	0	10
Chepstow	0	0	0

In the second half Cardiff made two or three invasions unsuccessfully. Cardiff started a bout of passing, Nichols securing and parting with a kick. Again the attack failed, although Jones tried well for Cardiff. A bout of passing resulted in Ferrier passing forward to Nichols, and the effort failed on the line. Ashwin being penalised Spencer placed a goal.

Final	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	3	0	13
Chepstow	0	0	0

\*One penalty.

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# Bristol Nomads

Jan 13<sup>th</sup> 1912

## Cardiff Res v Bristol Nds

### CORSI DISPLAYS SUPERB FORM

The Cardiff Reserves fielded a strong team for this match on the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon. "Boyo" Brookman made a welcome re-appearance in the pack, and Corsi, the Welsh schoolboy international, turned out for the visitors at left centre. The ground was in fairly good condition, and the weather was fine, but the spectators did not number more than a couple of hundred. Teams:—

#### CARDIFF RESERVES.

Back: F. Spencer.  
Three-quarter-backs: Ivor James, H. M. Rees, A. Good, and Nicholls.  
Half-backs: P. Monks and W. Morriah.  
Forwards: G. Lewis, D. Callan, J. Gunn, P. Callaghan, J. Brookman, R. Sheppard, T. Daley, and G. Jennings.

#### BRISTOL NOMADS.

Back: Bateman.  
Three-quarter-backs: Bray, Corsi, Davies, and Evans.  
Half-backs: Satterley and Wooley.  
Forwards: Edwards (captain), Smartman, Lewis, Bryant, Bennet, White, Leahy, and Veater.

Referee, Mr. J. Bennett, Tondun.

Cardiff attacked early, and a bout of passing was only stopped on the Bristol line a few minutes later.

Rees, from a favourable position, attempted to drop a goal, but the ball fell short.

Corsi was conspicuous in a fine save when Cardiff seemed certain to score.

Then Bristol had a share of the attack, and gave Cardiff some trouble for a while, but the Cardiff forwards rushed the ball to the visitors' line where Corsi again saved.

After a consistent attack near the Bristol 25 SHEPPARD got over the line after some scrambling play.

Cardiff were unlucky in not scoring on two occasions after this, but their passing was faulty, and two passing bouts broke down on the Bristol line.

At last the Cardiff half-backs set the three-quarters going, and after all had handled NICHOLLS scored behind the posts. Spencer again failed to add the extra points.

Spencer had bad luck when he attempted to kick a goal from a mark just after the ball striking the upright. Just before half-time, Nicholls was tackled by Bateman on the Bristol line.

Half-time score: G. T. Pts.  
CARDIFF RESERVES ..... 0 2 5  
Bristol Nomads ..... 0 0 0

#### SECOND HALF.

The visitors lived up matters, and from the kick-off their forwards rushed the ball well into Cardiff territory. Here they gave Cardiff an anxious time until Spencer relieved and play went to the centre. Jennings received a bad cut over the eye when leading a forward dribble, and had to leave the field altogether. Monks was also injured and had to return.

For a while Cardiff were completely disorganised, and Corsi, following up a kick in the open to the home 25, looked a certain scorer, when he was brought down. The Cardiff forwards dribbled nicely, and play settled down near the centre. The Cardiff men were now playing a bustling game, and were giving Bristol plenty to do. A bout of passing took play up to the visitors' line, and after Nicholls had dropped the ball, REES picked up and scored in the corner. Brookman failed to convert.

Edwards, the Bristol captain, was injured in stopping a forward rush and left the field. At the same time Monks returned. Ivor James made a dash for the Bristol line but was well tackled by Bateman. A kicking duel between Corsi and Spencer ended in favour of the latter, who found touch near the Bristol 25. Lewis, a Bristol forward, was injured and left the field. This was in the concluding stages.

Final: G. T. Pts.  
CARDIFF RESERVES ..... 0 3 9  
BRISTOL NOMADS ..... 0 0 0

#### COMMENTS.

A bad feature of the game was the over-keenness of the players, and at times there were glaring fouls which escaped the notice of the referee.

The game was interrupted nearly every five minutes through players being injured. Some of them were accidentally injured, but a few accidents could have been avoided.

The ground was practically unplayable half-way through the second half, and by then the game had developed into a forward struggle.

Corsi was the outstanding player on the field, and he was a thorn in the side of Cardiff with his kicking and following up.

The Cardiff full-back, Spencer, played a safe game, and did not make any serious mistakes.

Monks and Morriah combined well behind the scrum, and got the ball away to their three-quarters every time their forwards heeled.

Gus Lewis, Callan, and Sheppard were the pick of the Cardiff forwards, and Edwards was the best of the Nomads' pack.

# ROXBURGH'S.

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Jan 27<sup>th</sup> 1912

## Two Men Ordered Off

### CARDIFF RES V ROXBURGH'S

The Penarth enclosure was neutral ground this afternoon, when Cardiff Reserves were opposed by the Roxburghs for the first time this season. Ideal weather prevailed, and there was a fair attendance. The teams lined out in the following order:—

Cardiff Reserves: Back, F. Spencer; three-quarter backs, I. James, H. W. Rees, C. Garrett, and J. Brookman; half-backs, W. Morriah and T. Eames; forwards, A. Green, R. Sheppard, G. Lewis, J. Jennings, C. Hutchings, P. Callaghan, C. Daley, and D. Callan.

Roxburghs: Back, S. R. Jackson; three-quarter backs, A. Gibbs, Graham Davies, E. Smith, and G. Weaver; half-backs, Trevor Morgan and C. B. Boughton; forwards, T. A. Nash (captain), C. H. Thomas, W. Thomas, B. A. Carr, Jack Rees, L. Careless, Douglas Heslop, and T. Blackmore.

Referee: Mr. W. Chinn, Cardiff.

The Reserves started play with the wind in their favour, but facing a bright sun.

The Roxburgh forwards were first in possession, but their backs gained little ground, and play settled down in the centre.

The ball came out for the Reserves halves to handle, and send to Brookman, who broke through nicely, and then transferred to James, who was grandly tackled by Jackson as he was diving for the line.

The Roxburghs were defending for a time, but eventually Gibbs relieved with a huge punt to the centre.

The Reserves backs were handling the ball at this period more frequently than the "Roxs," but their passing was very erratic, and numerous chances were lost.

Eventually, however, Eames made a nice opening, and passed to Brookman, who gave the dummy when faced by Davies and scored a good try.

The position was wide out, and the goal kick failed.

A minute later Spencer kicked a goal from a mark, and the interval arrived.

Half-time: G. T. Pts.  
CARDIFF RESERVES ..... 1 1 6  
ROXBURGH'S ..... 0 0 0

On resuming the game was vigorously contested, and the referee had to caution players on both sides.

The Roxburghs having the aid of the wind had the best of some of the following exchanges, and took play to the Reserves 25.

A scuffle between some of the forwards ensued, and Green, the Reserves' captain, received a nasty blow on the nose, from which blood ran freely.

TWO MEN ORDERED OFF.

The referee suspended play for a few minutes, meanwhile ordering Green and Careless, a Roxburgh forward, off.

The referee also appealed to a number of spectators to give the players a chance.

The remainder of the game was played in a more "football-like" manner.

The Reserves backs indulged in a couple of bouts of passing, from one of which ended in IVOR JONES scoring a good try, which remained unconverted.

Final score: G. T. Pts.  
Cardiff Reserves ..... 1 2 9  
Roxburghs ..... 0 0 0

#### COMMENTS.

It was an interesting game, mainly a battle amongst the forwards, in which probably the Roxburghs were the stronger.

The Cardiff backs passed in very erratic manner when they had chances given them, and the try scored by James was a real Welsh one, in which all the backs handled.



Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 1912

## CARDIFF RES. V NEWPORT II

Ideal weather conditions favoured the game on the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon, although a very small crowd was attracted, not more than a few hundred spectators being present when the teams fielded.

There were a couple of changes in both teams, the most notable absentee in the Cardiff side being Potter, the half-back, who was deputised by Fred Eames, who has been playing for the Cardiff Centrals. Teams:—

Newport started from the town end, and for a few moments play was of a scrambling and scrappy nature at the centre.

Morrish, who sent it away to the three-quarters, but after a little ground had been gained the ball was lost.

Rowlands, the Newport outside half, smartly picked up in some loose play, and kicked up to the centre, and play oscillated in this district for a few moments.

Then Spencer got in a kick, which put his side again in an attacking position.

The Cardiff forwards dribbled from the quarter line, and took the ball over the Newport line, where Gus Lewis fell upon it in the extreme corner.

Spencer, the home custodian, took a good, but ineffective, kick at goal.

Cardiff looked like getting another score a few minutes later, when the three-quarters were set in motion, but just as Weaver was going over, he was badly fouled by a Newport back.

Half-time score:	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	1	1	7
Newport II.	0	0	0

## SECOND HALF.

During the interval, several of the Newport men were of opinion that Rowlands touched the ball, when Morrish dropped the goal. Rowlands himself bore this out.

Early in the second half Cardiff assumed an attacking position, and forced play down to the Newport quarter, where a dribbling movement by the Cardiff forwards took play to the line, where Morrish had no difficulty in getting over with a try, which Spencer failed to convert from a difficult angle.

For some time afterwards nothing was done either way, the play being confined to the three-quarters, and very little progress was made from the centre line.

The Newport three-quarters initiated a promising bout of passing, which was checked by Ivor James, who nipped right in, and intercepted by knocking on.

W. L. Ferrier came into the limelight at this juncture, with a daring rush down the field, but when confronted by Hobbs he kicked over the latter's head, but was not sufficiently supported to bring off the expected score.

A few minutes after, however, Ivor James managed to get over in the corner.

Spencer took the kick at goal, and from a difficult angle the ball struck the off upright and rebounded into the field.

Hobbs smartly fielded a long kick, and sent it up to the Cardiff 25 line, and after some indeterminate play, Jack Evans broke away smartly for Newport, and passed out to Rowlands, who was pulled down near the Cardiff line.

From a scrum soon afterwards, Rowlands failed to drop a goal, the ball being stopped by a Cardiff player jumping to it.

Very little was done henceforth till the final whistle sounded, when Cardiff were once more on the aggressive.

Final score:	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	1	3	13
Newport II.	0	0	0

## COMMENTS

Considering the state of the ground which, after a few minutes, was in an exceedingly heavy and treacherous condition, this afternoon's game was a fairly interesting one from the spectators point of view.

There was no play deserving of any special comment, but at times there were some very pretty incidents, and the passing of both sets of three-quarters was of a good average standard.

Spencer was a good custodian for the Reserves, and had especially hard lines with the kick at goal for Ivor James' try, when the ball struck the off post and rebounded.

The kick was taken from an extremely difficult angle.

He was exceptionally good at tackles also, and rarely failed to bring down man and ball.

Hobbs was perhaps the pick of the Newport side, and he certainly kept down a larger score with his smart picking up and touch-finding-kicks.

Feb 17<sup>th</sup> 1912

## CARDIFF RES. V SWANSEA RES

At Swansea, in splendid weather. Teams were:—

Swansea Reserves: Back, Ken Jones; three-quarter-backs, A. Roberts, T. Davies, J. Hill, and D. J. Jones; half-backs, Dick Williams and W. J. Lewis; forwards, K. Langley, B. Howells, G. Evans, A. John, J. Price, E. Davies, T. Bachelor, and B. Williams.

Cardiff Reserves: Back, F. Spencer; three-quarter backs, W. P. Nicholls, N. Rees, C. Bryant, and J. Crowley; half-backs, W. Morrish and Ivor James; forwards, B. Shepherd, B. Callan, R. Callaghan, A. Green (captain), R. Jennings, G. Lewis, H. Hutchins, and R. Gunn.

Referee: Mr. A. E. Fritchey, Neath.

The opening stages were of a decidedly scrappy nature, neither side claiming much advantage, until the home crowds were penalised for off side.

From the resultant free, play was taken to within five yards of the Swansea line, but the defence proved easily superior to the poor attack of the Cardiff three-quarters.

A slight injury to Dick Williams, caused by a kick on the thigh, stopped play for a few moments.

Afterwards Swansea rushed matters to within fifteen yards of the visitors' line, where W. J. Lewis dropped a very clever goal.

Cardiff's forwards played up spiritedly, and, chiefly through their efforts, Swansea were on the defensive.

Shepherd and Jennings broke away from a melee, but their attempts to cross were met by stubborn tackling.

A free kick for legs up accrued to the home-eters, who worked out of danger.

Morrish intercepted a pass intended for Dick Williams, and made a brilliant run for nearly forty yards, and all but succeeded in putting Nicholls over.

Half-time score:	G.	T.	Pts.
SWANSEA RESERVES	1	0	4
CARDIFF RESERVES	0	0	0

Play in the second half was almost identical with that of the first—absolutely barren of bright incidents.

It was chiefly confined to the forwards, who fought a rather stiff battle, but back play was sadly lacking.

No score was added by either side.

Final:	G.	T.	Pts.
SWANSEA SECONDS	1	0	4
CARDIFF SECONDS	0	0	0

## COMMENTS.

The game, from a spectacular standpoint, was a decided disappointment.

Indeed, it was probably the most indifferent exhibition in which the Swansea Seconds have participated at St. Helen's this season.

There was remarkably little difference in the respective merits of the sides.

From the time W. J. Lewis dropped his goal Swansea played more like a winning side.

The Cardiff forwards played well, and heeled fairly regularly, but the backs were extremely poor, and wanting badly in resolution on many occasions.

The score is a fair criterion of the trend of the game.

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CARDIFF II V DANYGRAIG

There was a very small crowd on the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon, when the Cardiff Reserves v. Danygraig match was played immediately after the schoolboys' match. The teams fielded as follow:-

CARDIFF RESERVES.

Back: Spencer.  
Three-quarter backs: Ivor James, W. Jones, G. Rees, and G. Weaver.  
Half-backs: Morrieh and Brookman.  
Forwards: Callan, Gus Lewis, Tom Daley, Scanlon, Hutchins, Callaghan, Brien, and Crowley.

DANYGRAIG.

Back: Dicky Moore.  
Three-quarter backs: P. Shefford, Tom Jones, Rees, and A. N. Other.  
Half-backs: Walter Morris and R. Shefford.  
Forwards: Davies, R. Williams, E. Cowley, M. Evans, A. Beanie, J. Bland, F. Amos, and H. Rees.  
Referee: Mr. Evan John (Pontypridd).

THE GAME.

Danygraig started from the river end, and the ball was returned to one of the visitors' men, who found touch in the home 25. The Cardiff men, rushing down the field, looked like scoring, but the attacking movement was checked.

The game, although not productive of any brilliance, appeared very rough at the outset. From a 'free' for Cardiff, Spencer found touch with a high kick, but nothing came of it, and for some time play consisted of a series of touch-kicking on either side.

Cardiff got going at last, and a dribble up the field resulted in a scrum far down in the Danygraig 25.

The visitors, however, were superior in the pack, and Cardiff were beginning to find themselves outplayed when the half-time whistle sounded.

Half-time score: G. T. Pts.

CARDIFF RESERVES 0 0 0

DANYGRAIG 0 0 0

SECOND HALF.

A few minutes after the re-start Crowley was injured in a rough tackle, but was able to resume quickly. The pace proved as keen as in the first half, but very little came of it, the Danygraig defence proving equal to the situation. For some time play was very scrappy and indeterminate, a lot of keenness being displayed, and one of the Danygraig players was badly winded. He was able to resume, however, and the game continued without incident as before until Callan and Lewis got going, and forced the visitors to concede a minor. Shortly afterwards G. Weaver, late of the Cardiff Roxburghs, took a pass from Rees in great style, and ran over with a brilliant try, which Spencer converted. Weaver made another great effort shortly afterwards, being tackled within a yard or so of the visitors' goal-line. Paly then settled down to the monotony which preceded Weaver's try, and nothing more was done till time was called.

CARDIFF RESERVES 1 0 5  
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Newport 2nds

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March 2nd 1912

Newport II. v. Cardiff Res.

This match was played on the Ukside enclosure to-day before a fair attendance. Both teams fielded representative sides. Cardiff played one man short. Teams:-

Newport Seconds-Back, J. Wetter; three-quarter backs, H. Jones, H. J. Rowlands, W. A. Anderson, and R. G. Hicks; half-backs, F. A. Potter and Ivan Fritchard; forwards, A. Bell, W. Hulbert, C. A. Jenkins, Dr. C. A. Anderson, Mapson Williams, F. Hudson, E. Power, and C. Bates.

Cardiff Seconds-Back, Spencer; three-quarter backs, W. James, Serrien, Reece, and W. Nicholas; half-backs, Morris and Thomas; forwards, P. Daly, Green, Callan, Jennings, Callaghan, Bryan, and Weaver.

Referee, Mr. J. Edwards, Pontypridd.

It was half an hour after the advertised time when Newport started the game, and at once attacked. They, however, were soon driven back to mid-field, where their 'threes' were conspicuous for a pretty passing movement, which was stopped at the Cardiff 25. Then Moorish started the Cardiff three-quarters, who swept towards the Newport line, but James was pushed into touch by Hicks. Matters were then about even, but Cardiff once more became dangerous, Jack Wetter saving the home line.

Half-time- G. T. P.

Newport Seconds 0 0 0

Cardiff Reserves 0 0 0

Soon after the restart Rolands made the first score of the game for Newport through a penalty, and a few minutes later they were again nearly successful through Hicks and his fellow three-quarters. The game now went to midfield for a time, but Spencer gained ground for Cardiff with a free, and the visitors began to press. Hicks, however, relieved with a kick to touch. Anderson made a good attempt at a drop goal for Newport, and again Spencer brought relief to Cardiff. The Cardiff three-quarters now started a good passing movement, but when near the opposing line James unfortunately knocked-on. Wetter gained ground for Newport. Later Turner was within an ace of scoring for the visitors, but Jones saved with a long punt.

Final- G. T. P.

Newport 2nds 1 0 3

Cardiff 2nds 0 0 0

\*Penalty.



## CURIOUS INCIDENTS.

## CARDIFF RES. v. NEATH JUNIORS

## Touch-Judge Overruled.

## ALL BLACKS SECONDS DISBANDED.

At the Cardiff Arms Park. The ground was in a bad state. Teams:—

Cardiff—Back, Spencer; three-quarter backs, W. Nicholls, D. Ferrier, H. Rees, and C. Bryant; half-backs, W. Morrish and J. James; forwards, C. Scanlon, J. Crowley, J. Daley, D. Callan, Hutchings, Gunn, Jennings, and D. Callaghan.

Neath—Back, W. Hill; three-quarter backs, D. Hanford, Lewis, W. Thomas, and H. Edwards; half-backs, Evan Thomas and Howell Davies; forwards, W. Hill (captain), D. Vigers, G. Vigers, W. David, H. Harding, E. Williams, N. Clarke, and J. Bowen.

Referee—Mr J. White, Newport.

Neath, who fielded in white jerseys, were first to become dangerous, after a temporary incursion by Cardiff following their kick-off. Good touch-finding by Bryant and Spencer allayed the danger, though the former through off-side work almost conceded Neath a score from a penalty in front of the posts well in, but Callan charged the kick down. Then Cardiff attacked in vigour, and after the forwards had provided a footing in the visitors' half, Bryant broke away cleverly, and beating the opposition ran up to Hill before sending a nice transfer to Hutchings, who had followed up smartly, but the latest addition to the Reserves' pack failed to take his pass with but a yard to go for a try. Cardiff maintained the pressure, and might have opened the scoring had Nicholls not hesitated with the opposition well away from him, but he missed a rolling ball and lost a good chance. Morrish intercepted a pass from Thomas and Howell Davies when yards offside, but was allowed to go on, and a tackle within ten yards was fittingly acclaimed by the home supporters. Neath had been playing a consistently good forward game for a long period, and naturally they held an advantage which was only to a little extent neutralised by the home backs putting in some keen defensive work. The visitors remained in the home 25, and although Cardiff repelled every attempt to break over, Howell Davies ultimately opened the score with a dropped goal.

Half-time—	G. T. P.
Neath Juniors .....	*1 0 4
Cardiff Reserves .....	0 0 0

\*Dropped.

Neath had played a surprisingly good game after the first ten minutes, and their forward had certainly had the better of the argument. Cardiff had shown poor judgment in essaying passing, which was abortive with the ball in its greasy state, but on the resumption the Blue and Blacks changed their tactics and resorted to kicking. This proved of value, and they were soon raising the hopes of the home spectators, for play settled in the Neath 25. Hill was tackled in possession, and then the ball went loose and across to Ferrier, who repeated Nicholls' fault of the first half and hesitated when unmarked, two yards out, the ball appearing to bounce nicely for him to field and fall over. Then followed a rather remarkable incident. Ferrier had punted, and Bryant following up smartly fielded, and, rounding Hill, scored behind the posts. He had skirted the touch-line in beating Hill, and the Neath touch-judge hoisted his flag, which was not noticed until Bryant had scored. The referee went to the spot and examined the marks on the turf, and decided that the touch had not been infringed. Spencer took the kick, but failed miserably. Cardiff now showed their true form. They attacked immediately on the restart, and were almost over again, Morrish knocking on from a pass on the line. Then Bryant was nearly over, but was bowled into touch on the line. Cardiff appeared to be throwing their chance of victory away. They time and again looked like scoring, but each time a player held on too long, but ultimately Bryant brought off a spirited dash, and scored in the corner. Spencer again failed to goal. Ivor James was proving a host in himself at outside half, and quickly following this he cut out an opening for Ferrier, who scored the third try. Cardiff in the late minutes tried the loose head, but the referee promptly applied his power. The Neath touch-judge was again over-ruled. Cries of "Put your flag up" greeted him every time the ball went out of play. Scanlon crossed near the end, but was recalled.

FINAL—	G. T. P.
CARDIFF RES. ....	0 3 0
NEATH JUNIORS .....	*1 0 0

\*Dropped.

## REMARKS.

When the sides were fielding there was a general comment on the fact that Neath fielded in white, and the reason for this was not obvious. From inquiries it appears that the side was really Neath Juniors who, through the disbandment of the Neath Second team have taken on the fixtures of that club.

The game was pretty to watch, and was full of incidents worth watching. Cardiff profited by their folly in the first half and played well on the resumption. Neath only once gaining a footing over the half-way line. A surprise of the game was the reappearance of Con Scanlon who some weeks ago announced his definite retirement. He played a fairly good game, but once missed a certain score through holding on too long. Cardiff outplayed Neath, who were as badly beaten in the pack in the second half as Cardiff were in the first. Ivor James has apparently found his true position, for his play today was a revelation. On the Neath side Howell Davies and Edwards were the best.

## CARDIFF II. V GLOUCESTER II.

At Gloucester. Teams:—  
GLOUCESTER.

Back: F. Hayward.  
Three-quarter backs: E. Broome, H. Cook, W. Syum, and F. Pegler.  
Half-backs: J. Humphreys and C. Mottford.  
Forwards: J. Harris, G. Holford, S. Millard, F. Yates, W. Dovey, A. Banner, P. Simmonds, and A. Cook.

CARDIFF.

Back: F. Spencer.  
Three-quarter-backs: W. B. Nicholls, W. L. Ferrier, H. Rees, and C. Bryant.  
Half-backs: W. Moorish and Ivor James.  
Forwards: A. Green, D. Callan, J. Crowley, G. Lewis, A. Jennings, J. Callan, H. Hutchings, and T. Thomas.

The game started before a small attendance, and soon after the kick off the visitors resumed the aggressive.

They continued for the most part to have the better of the argument, and Ivor James receiving the ball from a kick by Hayward, made a good run. He easily beat the Gloucester custodian and scored a good try, which Spencer failed to goal.

Ferrier, Hutchings, and other Welsh players showed up well in the ensuing exchanges, but Gloucester's defence was fairly sound, and it was not broken down again during this half. Gloucester were awarded a free kick, and Hayward took a shot at goal, which, though unsuccessful, was a good attempt.

Half-time score:	G. T. Pts.
CARDIFF "A" .....	0 1 3
Gloucester "A" .....	0 0 0

Play was again hotly contested after the interval, and shortly after re-starting Spencer, receiving the oval, dropped at Gloucester's goal, missing it by inches. Subsequently play went somewhat in Gloucester's favour, but ere the end came CROWLEY, after a bout of passing, received and ran through half the Gloucester players, scoring a try, which Spencer failed to improve.

Final score:	G. T. Pts.
CARDIFF "A" .....	0 2 5
GLOUCESTER "A" .....	0 0 0



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# CARDIFF RES. v. SWANSEA II.

At Cardiff. A late start was made. The teams were originally timed to start at 3.30, but the time was altered to 4.15. However, it was a considerable time after this before the game started, Swansea being delayed en route, and not arriving at the Great Western Railway Station until 4.20. The teams were:

Cardiff Reserves—Back, Spencer; three-quarter backs, Nicholls, Ferrier, Rees; and Bryant; half-backs, James and Morrish; forwards, Green, Lewis, Jennings, Thomas, Hutchings, P. Callaghan, Gunn, and Daley.

Swansea II.—Back, Ken Jones; three-quarter backs, Dai Jones, J. Hill, T. Davies, and Arthur Roberts; half-backs, Owens and Pugsley; forwards, A. John, P. Brearley, Geo. Evans, R. Sheppard, Huxtable, Howells, Batchelor, and T. Langley.

Referee, E. Davies, Mountain Ash.

It was ten minutes to 5 before the teams fielded, Swansea kicking off. Swansea were the first to get into motion, but Spencer drove them back with a splendid touch-finder after extricating himself luckily from an awkward position.

Following a nice touch-finder by Ferrier that gained a welcome slice of ground, Morrish got away on the blind side from inside the visiting half, and was only pulled up on the line. Although quite young, the game had so far been plentiful in incidents. The packs heeled almost in turn, and both sets of backs made some pretty attacking movements. Cardiff, however, took greater advantages of their chances, and territorially they were having the better of matters. Spencer put in a long kick, and Ferrier and Nicholls followed up smartly, with the result that they were well with the ball when it bounced awkwardly back from a bunch of Swansea men on their 25, and Ferrier fielding trickily swerved inwards and score in a fairly good position, for Spencer to goal. Cardiff were taking full advantage of the wind, and lengthy touch-kicking by Rees and Spencer aided Cardiff in maintaining their advantage, while occasional "kicks into the open" were made and smartly followed up with the hope that with the sun shining in their eyes the Swansea backs would misfield. This they did several times, but quick recovery was a feature. Pugsley, the Swansea outside half, had received a nasty smack on the upper lip, and Dr. Williams, the home club surgeon, found it necessary to insert a stitch in the wound, which bled profusely for a time. Pugsley, however, returned later, just as Ferrier was recovering from a tackle which winded him. A Cardiff forward was warned for hitting out at an opponent. Morrish was particularly nippy at half, and it was a rare duel between him and Owens, with honours going slightly to the Cardiffian.

	Half-time—	G. T. P.
Cardiff Reserves .....	10	0 5
Swansea II. ....	0	0 0

Now that Swansea had the wind it was thought that with their improvement towards the end of the first half they would have a fair chance of winning, but their early play did not give hope of this, for Cardiff immediately attacked, and following fine runs by Hutchings and Bryant a round of passing all across the line ended in Nicholls rounding his man in fine style and scoring behind the posts, Ivor James converting.

Morrish was still playing remarkably well; in fact, it is doubtful if he had ever surpassed his to-day's form, and with James partnering him successfully Cardiff were able to maintain their superiority.

Swansea occasionally had a turn of attack, and here Bob Sheppard, the ex-Cardiffian, was prominent with strong bursts, on one occasion being nearly in. Cardiff's forwards, however, seemed to have acquired the happy knack of breaking away when matters looked bad, and invariably they covered half the length of the field in these movements. Spencer, too, at back was in great form, and a field, run and terminating kick to touch at this juncture elicited well-deserved applause.

CARDIFF RESERVES .....	2	0 10
SWANSEA RESERVES .....	0	0 0

Taunton Albion  
April 6<sup>th</sup>

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# TAUNTON ALBION v. CARDIFF RESERVES.

At Taunton, the game following the match between Taunton and Bridgwater Albion. The weather was dry but gusty, and there was a fair crowd present. Teams:—

Cardiff Reserves—Back, Fred Spencer; three-quarter backs, C. Bryant, H. Rees, W. Ferrier, and W. Nicholls; half-backs, W. Morris and Ivor James; forwards, A. Green, Dan Callan, J. Crowley, Gus Lewis, G. Jennings, W. Thomas, R. Gunn, and P. Callaghan.

Taunton Albion—Back, Dyke; three-quarter backs, Harrill, Barrington, Greedy, and Sandy; half-backs, Bond and Whitefield; forwards, Wright, Knight, Dyke, Mapledoram, Thorne, Perre, Barrington, and Williams.

Very even play characterised the opening stages of the game, each side hardly getting beyond the 25 line. Both teams were awarded a penalty, but no material advantage resulted. After a time, however, Cardiff played with more spirit, and following a rush and kick Dan Callan got over the Albion line. Ivor James took the kick, but the ball went wide.

Cardiff continued to attack, but the kicks of Dyke, the home back, proved very effective in preventing them from scoring. Albion invaded the Cardiff 25, but were soon expelled. Handling by Cardiff nearly resulted in a score, a try being thrown away. Just before the interval, the Cardiff outside right, scored an unconverted try after having accepted a low pass.

	Half-time—	G. T. P.
Cardiff .....	6	2 6
Taunton Albion .....	0	0 0

Newton Abbot

April 8<sup>th</sup> 1912

# NEWTON ABBOT v. CARDIFF RES.

At Newton Abbot.

	Half-time—	G. T. P.
Cardiff Reserves .....	0	2 6
Newton Abbot .....	1	0 4
* Dropped.		
Final—		
Newton Abbot .....	10	Points.
Cardiff Reserves .....	6	



*Chepstow* April 13<sup>th</sup> 1912

### Cardiff Reserves v. Chepstow.

These teams met in the return game at Cardiff Arms Park. Chepstow arrived late, and it was after 4.30 when the teams fielded as follows:—

Cardiff—Back, F. Spencer; three-quarter backs, D. L. Ferrier, H. M. Rees, G. Weaver, and W. P. Nicholls; half-backs W. Morrish and I. James; forwards, Gus Lewis, R. H. Gunn, G. Ward, P. Callaghan, G. Jennings, W. Thomas, C. Hutchings, and T. Daley.

Chepstow—Back, L. Marmont; three-quarter backs, Matthews, W. C. Rummings, J. Morgan, and L. Powell; half-backs, J. Miles and E. Morgan; forwards, H. Kear, B. Jones, D. Jones, A. Watkins, C. Pearce, L. Wilkins, C. Holley, and R. Wyatt.

Referee, Mr Wills, Penarth.

Chepstow opened, and thanks to good kicks by Thomas Ferrier and Spencer Cardiff were soon attacking. From a scrum on the visitors' 25 James took a difficult pass from Morrish, and the ball went to Ferrier, who twice feinted to pass, and beat the opposition in cheap style, rounding the posts with a really clever try, which Spencer converted. Miles broke away from a scrum for Chepstow, but was unsupported, and then a sharp burst by the home forwards, followed by a break through by Ferrier, ended in Hutchings crossing with Cardiff's second try. Spencer again converting. A kicking duel between the full backs ended in Spencer finding touch well in the visitors' half. Cardiff maintained the pressure, and then Nicolls ran in after passing with a corner try, Spencer just failing to goal. Cardiff again came back, but Morgan, a visiting centre, intercepted smartly and took play to the other end. Cardiff, however, were heeling from every scrum, and James and Morrish giving the backs plenty of ball they were never seriously pressed, and it seemed as though the home forwards were likely to pile up a big score. Chepstow now heeled their first scrum, but sent the ball into touch. A visiting forward retired with a nasty wound over the eye, but came on again after attention from the home club surgeon. Rummings had a chance after intercepting with his foot, but in trying to pick up he overran the ball and lost an almost certain try with four colleagues in attendance. Hutchings broke away cleverly from the line out but was floored.

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

Morgan, the visiting half, was several times prominent on the resumption with smart breakaway, but he was poorly backed up and his runs were generally of short length. The Reserves' forwards were continually heeling and giving the backs plenty of opportunity, and after Spencer had made a good but abortive shot for a dropped goal Weaver was sent in with a try in the corner. Spencer failed to goal, Cardiff being thus 16 points up. James tried a drop for goal, but the ball was charged down. Play became quite spirited, but this had the effect of spoiling the prettiness of the game, which up to date had been full of incidents sufficient to keep the spectators interested. Thomas was prominent now and again with rushes, and gained ground each time. Cardiff did not now seem able to get into the swing that characterised their early play. They were still controlling the majority of scrummages, but Chepstow, playing five three-quarters, were playing a good spoiling game, and frequent interceptions were brought off, Morgan and Rummings being particularly proficient in this sort of work. Morgan later broke away, but tried to go in on his own instead of passing to his captain on the wing. Powell having a fine chance of sounding Spencer, but the first named was hemmed in and tackled in possession. Miles was injured on the eye in the rush and retired, while on the home side Ferrier hurt his leg and went on to the wing, Nicholls going to the centre. Callaghan scored another try for Cardiff near the end.

Final—	G. T. P.
Cardiff Reserves .....	2 3 19
Chepstow .....	0 0 0

#### REMARKS.

Extended comment is needless. Cardiff were the better team all round, controlling the scrummages and possessing backs far better in combination. The best on the side were Spencer, Morrish, Ferrier, Gus Lewis, Jennings, Thomas, and Hutchings, and for Chepstow Morgan, Rummings, Miles, Morgan, and Kear were the outstanding players.

*Llanelly 2<sup>nds</sup>*

April 20<sup>th</sup> 1912

### LLANELLY 2nd v. CARDIFF RES.

This match was played on the Stradey ground this afternoon, the teams fielding as follows:—

Llanelly 2nd.—Back, Ben Edwards; three-quarter backs, Glyn Davies, Evan Evans, Hugh Davies, and Edwin Davies; half-backs, Davies and Walters; forwards, Evan Williams, Glyn Evans, W. Bowen, D. J. Phillips, Dan Jones, Rees Davies, John Jones, and Edgar Thomas.

Cardiff 2nd.—Back, Spencer; three-quarter backs, Ferrier, Nicholls, Rees, and Scanlon; half-backs, Collin and James; forwards, Green, Gus Lewis, Callan, Gunn, Jennings, Thomas, Hutchinson, and Smith.

The home forwards opened well, and for about a quarter of an hour after the start they kept up a persistent attack on the Cardiff line. The home forwards played well in the scrums, and several golden opportunities were afforded the backs. After repeated efforts a score resulted, Davies (Felinfoel) after picking up in the loose score under the posts. Ben Edwards failed to convert. Spencer picked up in front of a rush, and, after some pretty passing, Nicholls scored. Spencer converted.

Half-time—	G. T. P.
Cardiff 2nds .....	1 0 5
Llanelly 2nds .....	0 1 3

Play was scrappy during the early stages of the second half, but Cardiff made strenuous efforts to maintain their lead, and there were occasions when the visiting three-quarters were dangerous. The home forwards played with unabated vigour, and many of their rushes overwhelmed the visitors. Towards the close Hutchings scored a simple try for Cardiff, which Spencer converted.

Final—	G. T. P.
Cardiff 2nd .....	2 0 10
Llanelly 2nd .....	0 1 3

*Danygraig*

April 27<sup>th</sup> 1912

### DANYGRAIG v. CARDIFF RES.

At Danygraig in cricket-like weather. The Cardiffians, who brought down a good side, including Chalmers Morris and Nicholls, of the premier fifteen, proving a good attraction. Danygraig commenced operations before an excellent attendance, but were penalised at the first scrum for legs up.

Spencer gained ground with a fine kick, but pretty passing by the home three saw Danygraig attack. Shefford making a brilliant burst right through. Later Moore essayed a shot at goal, the ball going a trifle wide. Moore was injured and retired for some little time. Passing by Cardiff then made them dangerous, but Spencer kicked over the line in an attempt at goal. Brilliant play by Moore kept out Cardiff, and Toft following upon kick, made a great effort to cross, Cardiff afterwards passed finely, Nicholls culminating the movement by making a fine dash for the line, Moore grassing him a yard outside. The home forwards were passing at the interval.

Half-time—	G. T. P.
Danygraig .....	0 0 0
Cardiff Reserves .....	0 0 0



## Whitchurch

Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> 1912

## Cardiff Res. v. Whitchurch

Cardiff spectators were treated to a full bill of fare this afternoon, for following the Premiers' game the Cardiff 2nd string met Whitchurch. The team were:—

Cardiff Reserves—Back, Spencer; three-quarter backs, Ivor James, David, J. Dunn, and Gorman; rover, D. J. C. Jenkins; half-backs, Morris and Haines; forwards, Green, Gunn, Hutchings, Jennings, Thomas, Callaghan, and Newbury.

Whitchurch—Back, A. Adams; three-quarters, M. Lewis, A. Sheen, J. Sheen, and L. Fullerton; half-backs, F. Beacon and J. Collis; forwards, Pearce, Groves, Edwards, McNeil, Mitchie, Wells, Bancroft, Howells.

It will be seen that Cardiff adopted the New Zealand style of playing a roving forward, this position being taken up by the old Llandovery boy, D. J. C. Jenkins. Cardiff had included in their ranks Dunn, who has played for London Welsh. The first half was pretty even for a long time, but ultimately Cardiff gained the upper hand, and Ivor James, after a pretty swerving run, crossed in the corner. Spencer took the kick but his shot struck the post. Just on the interval Jennings crossed after splendid forward work.

Half-time— G. T. P.

Cardiff Reserves ..... 0 2 6

Whitchurch ..... 0 0 0

Within ten minutes of the restart Cardiff had increased their lead, Gorman crossing. Spencer failed to convert. Pretty work on the right brought Cardiff's fourth try, Dunn scoring.

The innovation of playing Jenkins as a rover was meeting with great success, his work being particularly good, and the backs receiving plenty of ball as a consequence. Several times, too, he brought off some neat runs. The game provided quite a contrast with that between Cardiff and Penarth, the back play especially by the home side, being splendid. Jennings scored the fifth try following a forward rush, and within another minute Callaghan intercepted near the Whitchurch line, and scored near the posts. Spencer this time being successful with the shot. Cardiff had the better till the end.

Final— G. T. P.

Cardiff Reserves ..... 1 5 20

Whitchurch ..... 0 0 0

## Spillers &amp; Bakers

Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> 1912

## Cardiff Res. v. Spillers

Following the Premiers' game the Cardiff Reserves met the young team drawn from the employees of Spillers and Bakers. There were again several changes in the home team, Callan and Crowley (the Powderhall winner) making their first appearances of the season, having both arrived back from Ireland this morning. The teams were:—

Spillers—Back, W. Evans; three-quarters, A. Brown, Viney, F. Dukes, and W. Mackintosh; half-backs, A. Hicks and H. Baker; forwards, C. Oliver, A. Scott, C. Palfrey, F. Cottrell, F. Rice, W. Reed, J. Owen, and W. King.

Cardiff—Back, F. Spencer; three-quarters, J. Crowley, J. Farrier, G. Weaver, and Richards; half-backs, F. Potter and D. Evans; forwards, Gunn, D. Callan, D. Callaghan, Jennings, Michael, Palmer, Newbury, and Hutchings.

Referee Mr Strachan.

It was early seen that Cardiff would have an easy win for combination was an absent feature of the visitors' back division, while the home quartette were frequently on the run. As a consequence five tries were scored in the opening half, Weaver, Crowley, Palmer, and Potter (2) scoring and Spencer and Palmer converting, the latter's shot being a particularly good one. While on two other occasions he struck the post. Forward the visitors had the better of the argument in scrimmaging work, but their backs kicked too hard and lost several opportunities.

Half-time— G. T. P.

Cardiff Reserves ..... 2 3 13

Spillers ..... 0 0 0

Spillers provided some surprise on the resumption by attacking persistently for the first 10 minutes. Concerted action, however, was wanting to produce a score, for the defence was good but ultimately Oliver, the visitors' captain dashed over and himself converted with a splendid kick. Cardiff renewed their aggressive actions, but a break-away by a couple of Spillers' forwards nearly resulted in a score, the final transfer to Oliver with the defence beaten, going forward Crowley, who up to date had been playing indifferently, joined in a forward rush, and picking up smartly he set his backs going. Some splendid inter-passing resulted, and terminated in Weaver scoring. Palmer failed to go. The next try should never have been allowed, for Hutchings picking up off-side gave Richards a try, which Palmer failed to go. Hutchings, too, was responsible for the eighth try, he giving a neat transfer for Newbury to run over from 20 yards out. Palmer's shot from in front of the posts, but did not rise an inch, the ball rolling between the posts to the cries of "goal." It would have been in the other code. Hutchings next crossed from a line-out, and Palmer converted.

Final— G. T. P.

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Spillers ..... 1 0 0

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## Cardiff Res. v. Barbarians

By virtue of being the winners of the Mallett Cup, Cardiff Barbarians, the Grange-town combination, were entitled to contest to-day's fixture with the Cardiff Reserves at the Cardiff Arms Park. Teams:—

Cardiff Reserves—Back: Spencer; three-quarters, Gorman, Ferrier, Reardon, and Johnson; half-backs, G. Davies and Dai Evans; forwards, D. Callum, Cotwaltz, Daley, Gaecon, Newbury, Gunn, Crowley and Llewellyn.

Barbarians—Back, A. Edwards; three-quarters, G. Hayes, Brockway, Taylor and C. Spackman, jun.; half-backs, A. Goode and P. Monks; forwards, Silver, Grey, Spackman, sen., Gus Lewis, Wilkins, G. Fish, and H. Cavill.

It will be noticed that T. Reardon was making his first appearance in the home side since his injury at Blackheath last season. A unique fact was that on the Barbarians' side father and son figured in the team, Charlie Spackman, sen., in the forwards, and his son on the right wing. It was early evidenced that the Reserves were to experience their first real test of strength, for after a short spell of attack in the opening minutes they were hard put to to defend, Spackman, sen., and Wilkins being particularly good in sharp forward rushes. Once, however, Cardiff were nearly in, for a splendid one-handed pick up by Johnson on the right wing was the prelude to a great run, but though he crossed the line, Edwards bowled him over into touch in goal. The Barbarians kept up a heated attack for quite a long period and several times were nearly over. Once Hayes did actually cross but was called back for a forward pass. However, the Reserves eventually bore down, and for off-side at scrummages the Barbarians were penalised in front of their goal, and Spencer had little difficulty in goaling. A good round of passing following a break away by the opposing forwards saw some splendid passing by the Cardiff backs culminate in Gorman running over in the corner. Spencer's shot struck the bar. Another penalty for off-side was converted before the interval. A rather peculiar incident occurred when the referee warned the wrong man for a foul.

	Half-time—	G. T. P.
Cardiff Reserves .....	2	1 9
Barbarians .....	0	0 0

\* Two penalties.

The Barbarians were by no means a beaten side, for on the resumption they infused such vigour into the play that a score seemed assured. A score did at last come, for good passing right along the line enabled Brockway to romp over. Silver just failed with the kick. Ferrier was laid out in a tackle, but quickly recovered. Goode twice made splendid shots for goal from drop-kicks. Near the end Ferrier, intercepting on his own 25, made a great run and scored under the posts. Spencer goalied. On the call of time Gus Lewis scored for the Barbarians.

	Final—	G. T. P.
Cardiff Reserves .....	13	1 14
Barbarians .....	0	2 6

† Two penalties.

Newport 2nd 2700

Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 1912

## NEWPORT 2nd v. CARDIFF 2nd.

At Newport to-day. Teams:—

Newport 2nd—Back, E. Wetter; three-quarter backs, Francis, J. James (Pontypool), A. Hobbs, and J. Rust; half-backs, Ivan Richard and A. Pollock; forwards, G. Boots, R. Summers, Dr. Anderson, M. Williams, A. Jenkins, D. J. Hopkins, E. Water, and W. Phillips.

Cardiff Res.—Back, F. Jackson; three-quarter backs, J. Dunn, D. Ferrier, J. Weaver, and F. Fullerton; half-backs, D. Evans and G. Davies; forwards, P. Gottwaltz, J. Crowley, F. Nash, J. Llewellyn, F. Newbury, T. Cullon, W. Thomas, and E. Thomas.

Referee—F. Richards, Pontymister.

It was 25 minutes late when the sides fielded. For the first 15 minutes play was mediocre, although the visiting forwards had the best of the argument in the scrums. From one of these followed some smart passing between Dunn and Ferrier, and it was only a clever mark by Hobbs that saved the situation. Boots, Dr. Anderson, and M. Williams later led a dribble up the field, but receiving little support their efforts came to naught. Francis, the home wing, also went off on his own with a really clever run, in which he beat half a dozen players. Had he passed at the proper time a score would have probably followed.

	Half-time—	G. T. P.
Newport 2nd .....	0	0 0
Cardiff 2nd .....	0	0 0

In the second half Newport's play improved, and Ivor Pritchard was doing much to spoil what the visitors gained by their better heeling. There was, however, a good deal of loose passing among the home backs and several of the movements initiated came to grief as a result of this. Play of a give and take nature continued in the last ten minutes of the game, when Francis, who had been playing a good game for Newport, got over with an unconverted try. Just on the call of time the Cardiff three-quarters brought off an exceptionally smart bout of passing and Dunn all but got over. A moment later Fullerton got over in the corner. There was some dispute as to whether it was a try but the referee awarded one ultimately.

	Final—	G. T. P.
Newport H. ....	0	1 3
Cardiff H. ....	0	1 3



Swansea 2<sup>nd</sup>

Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 1912

# CARDIFF RES. WIN WELSH POWDERHALL VICTOR Scores for Home Side

A fairly large crowd assembled on the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon to witness the meeting of the Cardiff Reserves and Swansea Seconds. Both teams were well represented, and a keen game was anticipated. The teams fielded under the whistle of Mr. R. W. Smith, Newport, as follows:—

**CARDIFF**—Back, S. Jackson; three-quarter backs, J. James, D. Ferrier, G. Davies, and G. Weaver; half-backs, W. Morris and D. Evans; forwards, R. Gunn, P. Llewellyn, J. Crowley, W. A. Gottwaltz, D. Callan, J. Daley, C. Newberry, and W. Thomas.

**SWANSEA**—Back, C. Jones; three-quarter backs, W. Davies, T. Davies, T. Langley, and Bowdidge; half-backs, "Dodger" Lewis and Jarren; forwards, A. John, P. Bradley, E. Connelley, S. Weaver, J. Evans, C. Jenkins, E. Davies, and Bob Shepherd.

**THE PLAY.**  
Cardiff kicked off with the sun in their eyes. The home players were a much taller lot of men than the Swanseaites, but they were not so nippy, and had the worse of the opening play. Cardiff had a great chance when four of their backs broke away and ran up to Jones, but the Swansea centres got back and spoiled the attack. Graham Davies, a brother of Ewan Davies, showed excellent defence in the centre for Cardiff. With play in the Swansea 25, T. Davies jumped clear and ran a half a length of the ground before being stopped. Then two of the visiting forwards charged down a kick by Jackson, the home full back, and dribbled on with nobody in front of them, but one of the Swansea forwards over-ran the ball in a laughable manner, and Llewellyn saved the situation. The Swanseaites played much better together as a team, but Cardiff displayed more dash. Lewis was very clever at inside half for Swansea, and once ran right through the Cardiff team only to see his pass go astray when he was compelled to pass upon being overtaken. Ferrier had a good chance on the right wing for Cardiff, but when by Bowdidge, he passed much too soon to Ivor James, and the latter had the pleasure of stopping two men, for he tackled James as well.

**FIRST BLOOD TO CARDIFF.**  
Ferrier dashed through brilliantly for Cardiff, and, after passing among the home forwards, GOTTWALTZ sprang over the line and scored. Jackson put in a splendid kick, but just missed the off post by a few inches. At this stage Cardiff were completely overrunning their opponents, and but for an abnormal number of dropped passes, they must have scored several tries. Cardiff got the ball from most of the scrums, but Ferriers, passing to his wing man, was often at fault. Jarren provoked loud laughter by dropping for goal when he could have walked over with a try. For ten minutes before the interval Swansea attacked continually, but could not score. They tried to drop too many goals, and failed every time.

Half-time score:	G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF RESERVES	0	1	3
SWANSEA RESERVES	0	0	0

## SECOND HALF.

Early in the second half good forward play by Bradley, John, and Shepherd enabled Swansea to attack for some time. Then the Cardiff forwards dashed to the other end, and, Jones failing to hold, CROWLEY, the Welsh Powderhall winner sprinted past the Swansea backs and scored a good try near the posts. Jackson, who was not in his last season's form, could not land a goal from an easy angle. Swansea tried very hard, but they were never quite good enough for their opponents, and as a side they always lacked pace. On one occasion they attempted the trick of crying "All on side!" when they were not on side, and the referee pulled them back. Ivor James was easily the best three-quarter on the ground. Morris dodged through very cleverly for Cardiff, and passed to Ivor James, who ran finely down to Jones and gave a clear forty yards run in to Thomas, but the forward was not fast enough, and was overtaken by one of the Swansea backs five yards from the line. Cardiff did all the attacking in the last twenty minutes, but, generally speaking, their play lacked polish, or they must have scored on at least two or three more occasions. Still, the Taffersiders were very much the better side, and they more than deserved their six points win.

Final.	G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF RESERVES	0	2	6
SWANSEA SECONDS	0	0	0

Rhymney.

Oct 19<sup>th</sup> 1912.

# CARDIFF RES. v. RHYMNEY.

One of the largest crowds seen at a Reserves' game assembled at the Cardiff Arms Park, when the Monmouth League team was the attraction. Many changes were made in the home side, Tom Reardon's absence being explained by the fact that he is to be married on Tuesday next. The teams were:—

**CARDIFF**—Back, F. Spencer; three-quarter backs, Lieutenant Cranmore, W. Ferrier, B. Jones, and F. Rogers; half-backs, D. Evans and W. Morris; forwards, F. B. Gunn, P. Daley, C. Newbury, D. Callan, Llewellyn, J. Crowley, Gottwaltz, and P. V. Thomas.

**RHYMNEY**—Back, Bevan; three-quarter backs, Phillips, Benjamin, Wallace, and H. V. Jones; half-backs, Barry and Roberts; forwards, Hennessy, Hammond, A. Evans, Hurley, D. Williams, G. Morgan, Jenkins, and J. Jones.

Cardiff opened in promising fashion, and Callan, Crowley, Daley, and Gunn, heading a rush play, at once settled down in the visitors' 25. Here, from a penalty, Spencer just failed to goal. On another occasion a bout of passing looked dangerous, had not Wallace overhauled Ferrier and tackled him in fine style. Hennessy next broke away and covered 30 yards before his pass inwards was nullified. This brought temporary relief, but Cardiff came back and passing culminated in Ferrier scoring wide out. Spencer failed to goal, mainly by good forward work Rhymney reversed the venue. Hennessy, Hammond and Evans being ever prominent in splendid loose work.

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

Rhymney played up with great determination on the resumption, and attacked very strongly. They several times tried to get through by passing, but were met with stern defence. However, pressure such as that enforced could only result in a score, and eventually picked up near the line and scored. The kick was taken from a fairly favourable position, but Rhymney lost their chance of gaining a lead, though the shot was good. Cardiff played better after this, and ultimately Crowley picking up in the loose slung a long pass on to Lieutenant Cranmore, who ran determinedly and scored a brilliant try. Spencer failed to goal. Then occurred rather an unusual incident. Benjamin intercepted and got away with only Spencer to beat, and with three of his side in attendance. When opposed by Spencer, he threw out to his right, where Fred Rogers, who had run back strongly in his turn, intercepted and took the ball within a couple of yards of his opponents' goal before his pass went astray. From the ensuing scrum Jones dropped a goal for Cardiff. Cardiff continued to have the better of the play, and a forward rush ended in Callan scoring. Again the kick failed. Cardiff passed in dazzling fashion and Rogers went over after receiving for the third time. Again no goal.

Final—	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Res.	1	4	16
Rhymney	0	1	3

## REMARKS

Cardiff were full value for their win. They showed superior form all round, and, indeed, played one of their best games of the season. A feature of the game was the play of Lieut. Cranmore, who came into the right wing, and if first performances count for much, when he will be well worth an extended trial. He is of better physique than the majority of wings tried in the Cardiff side this season, and uses it well in going for the line and in defence. His tackling is particularly sound, and his dash for the line when making his try was worthy of better famed players than he. His one weak point is giving his passes, but this can easily be remedied. Chalton, Morris, Rogers, Jones, Gunn, Crowley, and Daley played well for the home team; and for Rhymney Hennessy was the outstanding figure, though Bevan, Wallace, Benjamin, Barry, Hammond, Morgan, and Williams did their full share.

# VALLEY PROGRESS CARDIFF RES. v RHYMNEY

Cardiff Reserves were at home to Rhymney to-day. Although rain had fallen during the last few days, the ground was in splendid condition. There were several changes in the Reserve fifteen. Reg. Jones, who has proved himself a prominent player for Taff's Well, was given a trial at centre, and Lieutenant Gransmore, who has come to Cardiff Barracks, on the right wing. The field was in splendid condition when the teams fielded under the whistle of Mr. T. Powey, Tongwynlais, Teams:—

**RHYMNEY**—Back, W. Bevan; three-quarter backs, H. Phillips, H. Benjamin, D. A. Davies, and Salmon; half-backs, Barry and H. Roberts; forwards, J. Hennessy, M. Hammonds, M. Hurley, A. Bevan, H. V. Jones, D. Williams, L. Morgan, and A. Jenkins.

**CARDIFF RESERVES**—Back, J. Spencer; three-quarter backs, Lieutenant Gransmore, W. L. Ferrier, R. Jones, and T. Rogers; half-backs, D. E. Evans and W. Morris; forwards, R. Gunn, G. Daley, C. Newberry, C. Callan, Llewellyn, J. Crowley, P. Gottwaltz, and T. V. Thomas.

**THE GAME.**  
In the opening stages Cardiff's play was much more polished than the visitors. Their passing was cleaner and much more quickly executed. D. Evans nearly dropped a goal from half-way from a penalty. Fred Rogers made an effective dribble on the left wing for Cardiff, but Bevan saved well under difficulties. Morris did some good work at the base of the scrum, and mainly by his efforts Rhymney were kept strictly on the defensive. When penned on their goal-line the Rhymney forwards wheeled a scrum, and, led by Hennessy, Hammonds, and Hurly, dribbled finely to half-way, where Hennessy again broke away, and ran into the Cardiff 25. Morris was playing a distinctly good game for Cardiff, and was constantly active. Bevan stopped the Cardiff forwards in gallant style when they were in full flight. Several times Rhymney showed that wheeling is not quite a lost art in Welsh Rugby, for they executed this manoeuvre very cleverly.

Half-time score:	G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF RESERVES	0	1	3
RHYMNEY	0	0	0

## SECOND HALF.

From the restart, Rhymney forced play to the Cardiff 25. Cardiff were for the next few minutes kept on the defensive.

Rhymney were now pressing, and really smart passing between the halves and three-quarters ended in a good try by WALLACE, who was deputising D. A. Davies at left centre. The place kick failed.

There was a goodly company of Rhymney supporters, and they cheered heartily at their team's success. At this stage Rhymney had Cardiff well beaten forward, and on one occasion their backs had the defence well beaten when a faulty transfer spoilt an ideal opening.

Cardiff contributed the prettiest bit of play of the match when the forwards dribbled away and Crowley, gathering cleanly, shot out a perfect pass to Ferrier, who handed on to LIEUTENANT GRANSMORE for the latter to make a great dash up the right wing and scored a clinking try. The kick at goal was again a failure.

Cardiff again started passing, and REG JONES dropped a goal when he ought never to have done so, for he had Ferrier and Gransmore unmarked on his right.

From half-way the Cardiff forwards executed a good dribble, and CALLAN scored a try. Evans could not land the extra points. Reggie Jones was rather slow, but for all this he looks to be a promising young player.

After a good round of passing ROGERS got over with a good try, but the kick failed.

Final score.	G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF RESERVES	1	4	16
RHYMNEY	0	1	3

\*Dropped goal.



# Gloucester 2nds.

Oct 26<sup>th</sup> 1912.

## GLOUCESTER 2nds v. CARDIFF RESERVES.

At Gloucester in wretched weather. Teams: Cardiff Reserves—Back, S. R. Jackson; three-quarter backs, Lieutenant Grimmore, R. D. Jones, Ivor James, and F. J. Rogers; half-backs, D. G. Evans and G. K. Davies; forwards, R. H. Gunn, W. H. Thomas, D. Callan, C. M. Newberry, T. Whitney, P. Gottwaltz, D. Thomas, and A. Titt.

Gloucester 2nd—Back, F. W. Hayward; three-quarter backs, F. Bloxsome, B. Barnes, E. Bowen, and Ellis; half-backs, W. Hughes and Wilkes; forwards, C. Mumford, R. Rudman, E. Marchant, G. Griffiths, F. Yates, A. Cook, W. Parham, and A. Russell.

Cardiff got the ball back from the first scrum and a pretty opening was made by Davies, but Hayward saved. Gloucester dribbled clear and the game remained at the centre for some time. Then Gloucester went away, but the Cardiff defence was sound, and Gloucester were unable to make much headway, although they were having the best of the exchanges. Bloxsome, the Gloucester captain, injured his ankle and had to be carried off. The rain had made the ball and ground very treacherous, and neither side could make much headway, there being no score at the interval.

Half-time—	G.	T.	P.
Cardiff Reserves .....	0	0	0
Gloucester Reserves .....	0	0	0

Some exciting play heralded the second half. Rogers made a determined dash for the line, but was upset just outside, and then Gloucester wet away with tremendous dash, and carried the game right into Cardiff territory. The work of the home forwards in the loose was particularly good, although they were one short. Succeeding play favoured each side in turn, but the Gloucester passing broke down several times, the ball being very difficult to hold.

Final—	G.	T.	P.
Cardiff Reserves .....	0	0	0
Gloucester Reserves .....	0	0	0

### REMARKS.

The nature of the ground and the ball in the drizzling rain made it exceedingly difficult for either side to handle properly. The Gloucester forwards, although only seven to eight, played up most resolutely, and more than held their own, especially in the loose, and but for some very fine defence work behind the scrum by the Cardiffians they must have scored. Rogers showed pace and dash on the wing, and Jackson was very good at full-back, his fielding and kicking being very sure.

# Risca.

Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1912.

## CARDIFF RESERVES V RISCA

The first encounter between Cardiff Reserves and Risca took place at the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon. The weather conditions were beautiful. There were several changes in the Cardiff side, Reggie Jones taking the place of Lieut. Crammure on the right wing owing to the latter getting his place in the First XV, and George Weaver at centre in the place of T. Reardon. There was a fairly large crowd when the teams fielded at 3.45, Mr. Evan John (Pontypridd) being the referee. Teams—

CARDIFF RESERVES: Back, F. Spencer; three-quarter backs, R. Jones, T. G. Weaver, G. Jones, and F. Rogers; half-backs, G. R. Davies and D. J. Evans; forwards, R. H. Gunn (capt.), H. Thomas, D. Callan, C. M. Newbury, P. Gottwaltz, H. A. Llewellyn, C. D. Thomas, and H. Stewart.

RISCA: Back, C. Jones; three-quarter backs, T. Prosser, R. Barry, Evans, and A. Hawken; half-backs, G. Batten and W. D. Davies; forwards, G. Pritchard, T. Chivers, H. Wallace, W. Ashmann, B. Barrett, L. Richards, J. Moon, and P. C. Friend.

Just a minute later ROGERS took another fine pass from Evans, and dashed over with a second try. SPENCER kicked a grand goal. The third try again came from FRED ROGERS, who took his pass in perfect style, and simply left the opposition standing. The attempt of converting was a failure. When Cardiff were attacking W. Davies, the Risca inside half, dribbled away, and covered half the length of the field. It was good second class football all round, and both sides passed prettily. Risca played pluckily, but they had not the pace of the Cardiffians.

Half-time score	G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF RESERVES .....	1	2	11
RISCA .....	0	0	0

Risca brought off several attractive bouts of passing, and after Barry and Evans had handled in excellent style, Hawker travelled down the left wing beautifully, but was overhauled ten yards from the line. Risca still attacked gallantly, and were at last rewarded when TREVOR EVANS dropped a delightful goal. C. Jones's back play continued to be the feature of the match, and he was cheered again and again. W. Davies and Hawker put in some pretty blind side play, and Davies was unfortunate in taking a re-pass forward when the defence was beaten. Cardiff gave a lifeless exhibition in the later stages, and they seemingly had not a gallop left in them. Anyhow, all the smart play was contributed by Risca.

Half-time score	G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF RESERVES .....	1	2	11
RISCA .....	0	0	0
Final score:	G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF RESERVES .....	1	2	11
RISCA .....	1	0	4

### COMMENTS.

Cardiff Reserves flattered but to deceive. In the first fifteen minutes they were brilliant. Afterwards they were mediocre. Indeed, but for those three quickly snapped tries at the outset they were the inferior side. Risca showed more cohesion, and their passing work was always better. The two outstanding players were Rogers (Cardiff) and C. Jones (Risca), and the latter is quite a first-class full back. Evans was moderate at outside half for Cardiff, and Weaver and



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## AFTER THREE YEARS.

## Swansea 2nds' Ground Record.

## CARDIFF RESERVES' FEAT.

Whilst the "All Whites" premier team were playing at Cardiff, their second team entertained Cardiff Reserves. Teams—  
Swansea—Back, Ken Jones; three-quarter backs, A. Williams, D. Davies, B. Davies, and Bowditch; half-backs, Prosser and Jerman; forwards, A. John, T. Brayley, R. Shepherd, Webber, Langley, J. Evans, P. Parker, and S. Parker.

Cardiff Reserves—Back, F. Spencer; half-backs, G. Weaver, J. James, T. Riardon, and R. Jones; half-backs, Morrish and G. Davies; forwards, Crawley, G. Callan, G. Gouthwaite, W. Thomas, E. Newbury, Morris, Llewellyn, and E. Thomas.

Referee—Mr D. E. Hughes, Llanelli.

The first half produced some spirited football with a constant change of venue. The Cardiff pack were the heavier and forced play to the Swansea line without, however, any effect. Swansea replied in a similar tactics and endeavoured to open the play. Ten minutes before the interval Trevor Davies, in a good position, screwed a beautiful drop goal.

Half-time—	G. T. P.
Swansea .....	1 0 4
Cardiff .....	0 0 0

Swansea deteriorated into a straggling team in the second half, whilst Cardiff, although facing an adverse score, were undaunted, especially their pack. With Crawley at their head and before a minute had passed, Riardon got over with a splendid try. This success did a lot for the visitors, who rallied well together, and Moorish and Jones added two tries, all of which were unconverted. They continued to press, and although Shepherd made a great effort to get the Swansea forwards into attack, they were unable to pierce the Cardiff defence.

Final—	G. T. P.
Cardiff II .....	0 3 9
Swansea II .....	1 0 4

\*Dropped.

## REMARKS.

By being beaten to-day Swansea loses an envied three years' ground record, but Cardiff thoroughly deserve their win, and from beginning to end they played with the greatest determination. The game, however, was of a very mediocre character and poor to witness.

Newport 2<sup>nds</sup>.Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> 1912

## CARDIFF RES V NEWPORT RES

Cardiff Seconds did not field their usual fifteen against Newport Seconds to-day. They played two fresh half-backs in the persons of J. Thomas and G. Davies. Ivor James, the old Cardiff three-quarter, took the place of the full-back, owing to the illness of Spencer. V. B. Morris was played in the forward line. Newport, on the other hand, fielded a very strong side. Teams—

NEWPORT SECONDS—Back, A. Hobbs; three-quarter backs, J. Kerr, W. Anderson, J. B. James, and C. B. Francis; half-backs, J. Pritchard and P. Pollock; forwards, G. Boote, A. Jenkins, J. Hopkins, W. Phillips, J. Waters, E. Williams, J. McLaughlin, and A. N. Other.

CARDIFF SECONDS—Back, J. James; three-quarter backs, F. A. Rogers, J. Crowley, G. T. Weaver, and E. Jones; half-backs, J. Thomas and G. Davies; forwards, R. H. Gunn (Captain), D. Callan, W. H. Thomas, P. Gotalitz, C. M. Newberry, V. B. Thomas, E. D. Thomas, and H. A. Llewellyn.

Referee, Mr. Evan John, Pontypridd.

## THE GAME.

Cardiff won the toss, and elected play towards the Taff end. Play at the commencement was rather scrappy, but Ivor James shaped very well in his new position. Newport, when pressing near the Cardiff line, were unfortunate in not registering a score, owing to one of their forwards over-running the ball. Ivor James again came into the picture with a nice kick, which gained a big slice of ground. From a scrum in midfield the whole of the home back division handled, and Rogers made a great run, only being stopped a few yards from home. The visitors were having the better of the argument in loose play, but the passing of the home quartette was all that could be desired. Crowley, however, was rather weak in taking his passes on several occasions. From a scrum in the centre of the field Crowley received, and made a dashing run, but had no one to back him up. Reggie Jones, the home right wing, was in fine fettle, his tackling being very keen. The Uskiders' full back was kicking very finely, and nursed his forwards in a praiseworthy manner.

Half-time score:	G. T. Pts.
CARDIFF RESERVES .....	0 0 0
NEWPORT SECONDS .....	0 0 0

## SECOND HALF.

Newport pressed, and Ivor James made a splendid mark on his own line, otherwise a score seemed imminent.

Rogers cross-kicked for NEWBURY to pick up and gallop over with a well-deserved try, JAMES adding the extra points. Cardiff continued to be on the aggressive, and had very hard lines in not adding another score. The blue and blacks were awarded a free, and Ivor James just missed the post by inches. Rogers and Anderson gained a lot of ground for Cardiff with a run along the touchline. The visitors took up a strong attacking position, and Pritchard crossed the line, but was re-called. Fine kicking by A. Hobbs sent the ball again into the home 25, where a lot of scrummaging occurred. Hopkins and G. Boote, the veteran were showing up well, in the visitors' front line.

Final score:	G. T. Pts.
CARDIFF RESERVES .....	1 0 5
NEWPORT SECONDS .....	0 0 0

Cardiff were deserving of their five-point victory. Their back play was really a treat to witness, especially after the display given by the premier against Swansea last week. Ivor James, at full-back, turned out a great success, being loudly applauded for fine kicking and saving time after time. The Cardiff forwards were slightly inferior to the visitors.



# Llanelly 2<sup>nds</sup>

Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1912

## LLANELLY 2nds v. CARDIFF RES.

In this match at Stradley this afternoon Llanelly Seconds were at full strength, and though their record is not by any means a good one so far this season, they entered the arena confident of victory. Teams—

Cardiff Reserves—Back, C. James; three-quarter backs—T. Carey, W. Weaver, I. Jones, and F. Rogers; half-backs, Davies and Evans; forwards, Gunn, Callan, W. Thomas, E. Thomas, W. Gottwaltz, Newbury, Hemsley and Morris.

Llanelly Seconds—Back, Joe Davies; three-quarter backs, Glyn Davies, D. H. Thomas, Ivor Hughes, and Willie Roberts; half-backs, Evan Evans and W. Roberts; forwards, H. Rees (captain), Rees Davies, A. Howell, Dan Jones, Joe Higgins, W. Rees, D. Thomas, and Hooper Thomas.

Referee—Mr D. J. Thomas, Morriston.

In the first quarter of an hour the home team kept up a continuous attack upon the visitors' line, but through lack of concerted action they could not penetrate the defence. Eventually the visitors relieved the pressure, but the combined rush of the Scarlets' forwards drove them back, and the Cardiff Reserves conceded a minor. They rallied a little after this, but could not get beyond the half-way line.

Half-time—	G. T. P.
Cardiff Reserves .....	0 0 0
Llanelly Reserves .....	0 0 0

In the second half Llanelly went off with a bang, but for over-anxiety the forwards would have rushed the Cardiff line. By clever kicking, the Cardiff Reserves invaded home territory, and for an infringement they were awarded a penalty. James failed at the kick. The only pretty incident of the match was the next movement, when Carey broke away and at the right moment transferred to Weaver, who scored the only try of the match for the Cardiff Reserves. The place kick failed. Llanelly made desperate efforts to equalise, and they were awarded a penalty right in front of the post, but W. M. Evans failed to place the ball over.

Final—	G. T. P.
Cardiff Reserves .....	0 1 3
Llanelly Reserves .....	0 0 0

### REMARKS.

It was a most miserable exhibition of football, and the only interesting play was that which culminated in Cardiff's try being scored. Carey and Weaver deserve the credit for having registered a victory for Cardiff. Territorially in the first half Llanelly had the best of matters, as they pressed continually, and only on one occasion did the visitors cross the half-way line. In the second half, however, play was more equal, and Cardiff won through showing greater opportunism.

# Penylan

Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> 1912

## History Repeated.

### CARDIFF RES. v. PENYLAN.

#### Ground Record also Goes.

Cardiff Reserves, in meeting the City Suburbans at home to-day, had something to revenge, for last year Penylan had taken from them their much-cherished ground record, held for three years previously, and they were in great hopes of wiping out that defeat and thereby sustaining their present season's record. Strong sides were played, and the field was in fine condition, the sun having taken the "bone" out of the ground. The teams were:

Cardiff Reserves—Back, F. Spencer; three-quarter backs, F. Rogers, J. James, G. Weaver, and R. Jones; half-backs, Davies and Owens; forwards, R. H. Gunn, J. Crowley, Con Scallan, W. H. Thomas, P. Gottwaltz, C. H. Newbury, C. D. Thomas, and H. A. Llewellyn.

Penylan—Back, J. Kelleher; three-quarter backs, J. McCarthy, R. Jones, and R. Thomas; half-backs, P. Wakeley and Gwyn Williams; forwards, D. H. Lewis, T. Bright, P. Callaghan, J. Smith, W. T. Smith, Emrys Evans, W. Whitney and J. Rees.

Referee—Mr F. Povey, Taff's Well.

Penylan were early in difficulties, Bob Jones missing a pass in his own 25, and Weaver intercepting with his foot. Kelleher, however, saved with a brilliant touch-kick, but Cardiff were soon back again with inter-passing between the forwards, and a score seemed coming when Newbury knocked on ten yards out. There were many brilliant bits of passing both sides contributing their equal proportion. Once Penylan nearly scored from a forward rush, and then quickly following up Spencer made a great shot for a dropped goal, which only fell a yard short. Then there came an incident which roused the ire of the crowd. Weaver had made a great run and fell across the line with what seemed to be a perfectly legitimate try, but the Penylan touch-judge ruled that he had been forced into touch on the goal-line, as the touch flag had been knocked over. There were loud cries of dissent, but the referee upheld the flagholder.

Half-time—	G. T. P.
Cardiff Reserves .....	0 0 0
Penylan .....	0 0 0

An early surprise came on the resumption, for after Spencer had twice showed poor judgment of the flight of the ball, he on a third misfielded badly, and POWELL dashing up had nothing to do but to fall over the line. The try was scored far out, but Wakeley converted with a grand shot. As time wore on and with Penylan having suite as much of the play, it seemed any odds on Cardiff's unbeaten record going. Cardiff tried desperately to get over, but could not, and Penylan more than once looked like increasing their lead. E. D. Thomas, one of the Cardiff forwards, received an injury to his side, and retired. Penylan main aimed their lead to the end, and were attacking when the whistle went.

Final—	G. T. P.
Penylan .....	1 0 5
Cardiff Reserves .....	0 0 0

### REMARKS

History has repeated itself. Cardiff Reserves have once again had to admit defeat to Penylan, and that when they had a ground record to maintain. This year, however, a double record went by the board, for up to today's game the Reserves had not suffered defeat. It is rather a pity that the result should have been so unsatisfactory, for apart from the fact that the Reserves had quite as much of the game as Penylan they were palpably deprived of a try through a mistake on the part of the touch judge, who had he used a little judgment, would have seen that Weaver, who was cutting towards touch, must necessarily have rounded the ball before knocking the corner flag for the ball was placed quite a foot and a half inside the field from the corner flag, and was left in that position for inspection by the referee. The game, apart from this, was a great one. It was keen from start to finish and the passing bouts brought off by both side were in great contrast to even that supplied by the Premier fifteen in their home games of late, and they would do well to take their cue from the Seconds, and pass with such splendid freedom.

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## CARDIFF RES. v. WHITCHURCH.

Cardiff Reserves were at home to Whitchurch at the Cardiff Arms Park. The suburban team have not been doing so well this season, while the Reserves have only sustained one defeat. Nevertheless, the villagers generally rise to the occasion when meeting the Blue and Blacks, and a good game was anticipated. Earlier in the season Cardiff gained the victory by a small margin. Teams:—

Whitchurch—Back, A. Adams; three-quarter backs, J. Davies, I. Sheen, R. Jones, and J. Collis; half-backs, J. L. Fullerton and J. Sheen; forwards, A. Pearce, F. Cardy, R. Edwards, P. Thomas, A. Howells, H. Warwick, W. Scott, and F. Green.

Cardiff Reserves—Back, I. James; three-quarter backs, F. Rogers, T. Reardon, G. Weaver, and W. P. Nicholls; half-backs, D. Evans and G. K. Davies; forwards, R. H. Gunn (capt.), W. H. Thomas, Con Scanlon, J. Crowley, C. M. Newbury, P. Gottwaltz, E. A. Llewellyn, and B. B. Morris.

Referee—Mr J. E. Webb, Newport.

Ivor James early showed aptitude in his new position at full back for gathering a fast rolling ball neatly and with a splendid touch-finder gave Cardiff lodgement in the visitors' quarter. Here several good passing bouts transpired on Cardiff's behalf and from one of these initiated by Con Scanlon Weaver put Nicholls over on the wing. Ivor James failed to succeed with a difficult goal shot. Then Whitchurch had a turn. I. Sheen intercepting when Reardon had missed a rather awkward pass. James, however, was safe, and after a few intermediate scrummages he saved to touch at the 25. Whitchurch, however, had more than a fair share of attack, and it required all the ingenuity of the home defenders to keep them out. However Rogers ultimately relieved with a splendid dash through a bunch of opponents, and Scanlon and Crowley taking up the run they reached the meridian before being stayed. Then there came a cry of "Ladies retire" as a Whitchurch player's "breaks" went down the back. The Cardiff pack heeled persistently and Davies, who, by the way, is a brother of Ewan Davies, doing his work splendidly; the home team had every chance to score, but Evans was a weak link, and continually failed to gather even easy passes from Davies. Near the interval Rogers crossed with Cardiff's second try after good passing.

	G.	T.	P.
Cardiff Reserves .....	0	2	6
Whitchurch .....	0	0	0

Half-time—  
Play deteriorated in style considerably on the resumption, and was of a scrambling character until Reardon enlivened matters by getting away brilliantly through the centre on his own. He got within a couple of yards before sending to Nicholls, who, however, was smothered. Then Cardiff had another chance, but Evans failed badly to time a pass to Reardon and Fullerton snapping it up took play to the home 25. Adams several times saved pluckily from hot forward rushes and his touch-kicking was beyond reproach. Whitchurch stuck pluckily to their work and at last they were for Cardiff were attacking, but a loose pass going astray Fullerton dribbled clear and when opposed by James neatly touched the ball to Warwick, who crossed after going five yards. The try was scored near the posts, but Adams failed to goal. For striking a fighting attitude, a Whitchurch forward received the censure of the referee. Play was very poor towards the end.

	G.	T.	P.
Cardiff Reserves .....	0	2	6
Whitchurch .....	0	1	3

## REMARKS.

With the chances that came their way Cardiff should have won easily, but Evans was the weak link, and indeed he will have to materially improve if he is desirous of retaining his place in the side. He shows too much endeavour to try to take Davies' passes from the scrumage with one hand, and when he does the act of drawing the ball down so as to enable both hands to get at it prevents him nine times out of ten getting his pass clearly away, for as in to-day's game he is repeatedly smothered before essaying to pass; or when he does get the ball away the opposition is usually in a position to intercept. Nicholls made a welcome re-appearance in the blue and black jersey, and retains his old form. Davies at inside has the making of a fine player, his work sometimes being brilliant. Of the others Reardon, James, Scanlon, Thomas, Newbury, and Gottwaltz were the pick. For Whitchurch Adams, Fullerton, J. Sheen, Collis, Warwick, Scott, and Green did well.

## RISCA V CARDIFF RESERVES

This match was played at Risca this afternoon on a very heavy ground, before a moderate number of spectators. In the first half play was every even, although Brown should have gone through instead of attempting to drop for goal. The second half was again evenly contested, but Risca had a slight advantage territorially.

	G.	T.	Pts.
RISCA .....	0	0	0
CARDIFF RESERVES .....	0	0	0

## COMMENTS.

Considering the heavy state of the ground play was of a very interesting nature. The home team played exceedingly well, and with a little more combination would have easily won. Spencer, the Cardiff full back, played a good game, and the same remark applies to the Risca custodian. The three-quarter on both sides played a good game.

## BRITON FERRY V BRIDGEND

At Briton Ferry. There was a big gate. Briton Ferry opened down the slope, and took play to the visitors' 25. Dick Thomas scored a try in the corner. Davies failed to convert. Half-time score—Briton Ferry, 6pts.; Bridgend, nil.

	G.	T.	Pts.
BRITON FERRY .....	6	0	6
BRIDGEND .....	0	0	0



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*Sydenhams.*

*Jan'y. 11<sup>th</sup> 1913*

### SCORED IN A POOL SYDENHAM'S BRIGHT GAME But Reserves Too Good

Cardiff Sydenhams were at home this afternoon at Birchgrove, when they entertained the Cardiff Reserves, and, notwithstanding the mercurial state of the weather, a good game was anticipated. The field, owing to the heavy rains, was in a wretched condition, when the teams fielded as follows:—

**CARDIFF SYDENHAMS:** Back, Hooper; three-quarter backs, Tudor (captain), Smith, Denning, and Price; half-backs, Cobner and Beer; forwards, Donovan, Carder, Thomas, J. Irwin, A. Irwin, Minching, M. Williams, W. Williams, and S. O. Else.

**CARDIFF RESERVES:** Back, Spencer; three-quarter backs, Jackson, Weaver, Gransmore, and Scanlon; half-backs, Morrish and Evans; forwards, Gunn (captain), Callan, Green, Gottwalt, Newberry, Thomas, Austan, and Llewellyn.

Referee, Mr. Job.

The ground was in a deplorable state, and several pools—one extending from the centre of the field—gave it the appearance of a duck pond, and not a playing arena. The Reserves kicked off, and rushed into the homesters' 25, where a series of scrums were formed. The play was generally confined to the forwards, but Morrish, receiving from the scrum, started a round of passing. The pass to Jackson, however, went wrong. Hooper cleared by kicking into touch. From the line out M. Thomas cleverly broke through and ran up to Spencer, and then found touch on the visitors' 25. Play was being evenly contested when the interval arrived.

Half-time score:	G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF RESERVES	0	0	0
CARDIFF SYDENHAMS	0	0	0

The Sydenhams re-started, Jackson replying to touch. Several scrums were formed, and the home forwards broke away, only for Spencer to mark.

The venue was quickly changed, and then from a forward rush, much to the amusement of the spectators, CALLAN plunged head first into a pool of water with the ball, giving the Reserves the lead, the kick failing. From the drop-out A. Green broke away, but was tackled in possession. Gransmore broke through on several occasions, but could not penetrate the home defence. Denning, the home centre, dribbled in fine style, only being checked by Gransmore, who kicked to touch. From some loose play near the home line, Scanlon picked up and passed to GRANSMORE, who ran over with the second try, which Morrish failed to convert. Hooper, the Sydenhams back, eyed on several occasions.

Final score:	G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF RESERVES	0	2	6
CARDIFF SYDENHAMS	0	0	0

*Llanishen.*

*Jan'y 25<sup>th</sup> 1913*

### CARDIFF RES. V LLANISHEN

Played at Birchgrove, Cardiff fielded a fairly strong side, but Llanishen were without the services of several of their regular players. The Reserves kicked off, and early in the game assumed an aggressive attitude, CALLAGHAN scoring an unconverted try by following up well. Llanishen, on several occasions, took play half the length of the field by rushing matters, but were kept in their own territory for the greater part of the first half. D. ROGERS scored a rather wide try, Spencer failing with the kick. Evans, for Llanishen, put in some good defensive work. D. DAVIES broke away from the base of the scrum and scored an unconverted try just previous to the interval.

Half-time score:	G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF RESERVES	0	3	9
LLANISHEN	0	0	0

In the second half Llanishen assumed an attacking attitude for a little time, but early after the restart the Reserves set out to add to their score, and succeeded, by one of their centres crossing over with an unconverted try. Llanishen made a final rally, on which occasion M. HARRIS dropped a goal. Spencer, for Cardiff, and Lennox, for Llanishen, played a great game as full-backs, especially the latter, who brought off some magnificent tackles. The former was not called upon to do much, but when required was not found wanting.

Final score:	G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF RESERVES	0	4	12
LLANISHEN	1	0	4



Newport.

July 8<sup>th</sup> 1913.

## NEWPORT II. V CARDIFF II.

This match was played at Newport to-day, in beautiful, spring weather, the ground being in excellent condition. The teams lined out as follows:—

CARDIFF: Back, F. Spencer; three-quarters, P. Rogers, J. McCarthy, G. Weaver, and I. James; half-backs, W. Morrish and D. J. Evans; forwards, G. Gunn, D. Canlon, J. Crawler, C. M. Newberry, T. Gottwaltz, C. Scanlon, E. Thomas, and F. L. Morris.

NEWPORT: Back, A. Hobbs; three-quarters, J. B. James, H. Reynolds, A. Beith, and C. B. Francis; half-backs, Ivan Pritchard and A. Williams; forwards, C. Bates, G. Boots, Capt. Partridge, R. Summers, Matson Williams, W. Phillips, A. Jenkins, and T. Hopkins.

Referee, Mr. Llewellyn, Pontypool.

## THE GAME.

From the start the game was fought at a vigorous pace, and within two minutes of the kick-off J. E. C. PARTRIDGE broke through from a scrum near the line and scored, but Hobbs failed to convert.

Cardiff next had a period of attack, and a good round of slick passes led to ROBERTS scoring, but the try was not converted. Beith and Rowlands played well for Newport, and carried the game over the mid-mark line, where McCarthy was badly lamed by a kick, led by the veterans Boots and Partridge. Newport swooped down on the Cardiff line, and WILLIAMS, the outside half, dived over and scored.

FRANCIS then sprinted over with the third try for Newport. James, on the other wing, in making a dash for the line came into collision with one of the visitors, and the Newport man's nose bled freely, causing him to retire for ten minutes.

Half-time score:	G.	T.	Pts.
NEWPORT SECONDS	0	3	9
CARDIFF SECONDS	0	1	3

Final:	G.	T.	Pts.
NEWPORT SECONDS	*1	5	13
CARDIFF SECONDS	*1	2	9

\* Penalty goals.

Swansea.

July 15<sup>th</sup> 1913.

## Cardiff Res. v. Swansea II.

## INCIDENTS AMUSING AND OTHERWISE

At Cardiff Arms Park, the sky being overcast when the sides fielded 15 minutes late. Both teams, which were representative, lined out as follows:—

Cardiff—Back, F. Spencer; three-quarter backs, J. James, J. McCarthy, R. Jones, and G. Weaver; half-backs, D. Davies and G. Evans; forwards, D. Callan, J. Crowley, C. Scanlon, Gottwaltz, E. Thomas, F. Christian, V. B. Morris, and R. W. Gunn.

Swansea—Back, F. Rees; three-quarter backs, J. John, R. Edwards, W. Davies, and A. Roberts; half-backs, G. Burchell and H. Mason; forwards, A. John, P. Brearley, J. Evans, E. Crowley, S. Parker, D. Huxtable, J. Sanbrook, and S. Webber.

Referee, F. Richards, Pontymister.

Several uncommon incidents marked the opening of the game. First of all, the referee administered caution to the crowd on the grand stand side for keeping up a running fire of comments at the visitors touch-judge, who was thought by them to have wrongly put his flag up for touch when Bowen held near the centre. It was a moot point whether he did so, but it certainly looked as though there were some inches to spare. Then there was amusement as the whistle-holder penalised both sides for "loose head." Cardiff, previous to these incidents, had missed a chance through Jones failing to accept an opening, but later Swansea might have scored but for hard kicking in a dribbling rush, which sent the ball eventually to the dead ball line. Burchell made a smart run from a scrum in the home 25, but although Spencer was beaten Bowen cut across and saved with a strong tackle. Two players of either side had a "hit" at one another, and a Swansea forward being the aggressor he was cautioned. Con Scanlon a minute later retired with an injured knee, and then another caution was administered. This again to a visiting forward. Swansea had attacked almost entirely so far, but then James changed the venue with a long run, play settling in the visitors' 25, where it remained until the interval.

Half-time—	G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF RESERVES	0	0	0
SWANSEA 2ND	0	0	0

Cardiff opened the second half very confidently. Bowen had a chance but he over-ran the ball, and then Gunn and Callan were prominent in a rush that nearly spelled disaster, only luck helping the defence. Crowley, Callan, Gunn, and Gottwaltz got away in a dribble, but kicked very wildly, and so lost a good opportunity, Rees saving to touch. Play was far from interesting, there being too much kicking, with the backs favourably placed to open out the game. Spencer took a lot of steam out of the opposing pack by drawing them on him before sending some huge punts to touch. Rain began to fall at this stage, but despite this play was conducted at a very fast pace, the Cardiff pack playing finely, though still only seven. There was, however, far too much vigour infused into the game, and several players were limping. Swansea got away on one occasion, and Roberts was only forced into touch on the corner flag. Play turned very tame before the final, there not being enough excitement to raise even a mild shout. Near the close Swansea were awarded a penalty, but Fred Rees's shot, though straight, fell short.

Final—	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff Reserves	0	0	0
Swansea Reserves	0	0	0

## REMARKS.

There was far too much kicking. Cardiff were naturally weakened by the loss of Scanlon, and tired near the end, when Swansea had the upper hand. On the play, however, a draw is an equitable result.



Gloucester 2<sup>nd</sup> to

March 1<sup>st</sup> 1913

Bristol

July 22<sup>nd</sup>

# CARDIFF RES. V BRISTOL RES.

At Bristol to-day. Teams—  
BRISTOL.—Back, Evans; three-quarter backs, Feltham, Brown, Percy, and Phillipott; half-backs, Wokeley and Wring; forwards, Feltham, Bradshaw, Holmes, Clarke, Baker, Butcher, Carey, and H. Butcher.

CARDIFF.—Back, Spencer; three-quarter backs, Thomas, Weaver, McCarthy, and Jones; half-backs, Davies and James; forwards, Callen, Gottwaltz, Thomas, Nash, Newbury, Cromley, Christian, and Llewellyn.

The weather was bright and cheerful and the ground was in good order.

	G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF RESERVES	0	1	3
BRISTOL RESERVES	0	1	3

# CARDIFF RES. SCORE 8 TRIE.

Under splendid conditions, the Cardiff Reserves were at home to Gloucester Seconds on the Cardiff Arms Park to-day. Both teams fielded their best sides, and a keen and hard game was anticipated. The clubs have only met once this season, and then the Cardiffians ran their opponents to a pointless draw, on the Kingsholm Ground. The Cardiff Reserves, who have only lost two matches this season—one to Penylan and the other to Newport Seconds—have been doing exceptionally well, and were confident of beating their Gloucester rivals to-day. Teams—

GLoucester SECONDS.—Back, H. Buck; three-quarter backs, F. Bloxsome (captain), J. Hambling, H. Webb, and W. Ashmead; half-backs, J. Humphries and C. Connings; forwards, C. Mumford, F. Lewis, E. Osborne, W. Perram, C. Russell, F. Yates, E. Bryant, and H. Kingscott.

CARDIFF RESERVES.—Back, F. Spencer; three-quarter backs, F. W. Gransmore, D. J. Evans, J. McCarthy, and G. T. Weaver; half-backs, Ivor James and G. K. Davies; forwards, R. H. Gunn (captain), D. Callan, J. Crowley, E. D. Thomas, P. Gottwaltz, C. E. Newberry, F. A. Christian, and I. J. Saunders. Referee: Mr. J. A. Powell (Cardiff).

Right at the start Cardiff went away with a clever passing bout, but McCarthy transferred a moment too soon to Weaver, and the latter was held a yard out. There was some hard scrummaging on the Gloucester line, and when the ball came out P. GOTTWALTZ snapped it up and went over with a try, which Spencer failed to convert. Just afterwards Gloucester started passing, and Saunders intercepted and put McCarthy over behind the posts. Spencer's kick hit the upright. Weaver made a fine sprint up the right wing for Cardiff, but his inward pass was not taken.

Hambling ran cleverly for Gloucester, but after beating the defence up to Spencer, he had the misfortune to give a forward pass when a try was certain. D. J. EVANS was the next scorer for Cardiff, after going through the defence in brilliant style. It was an easy shot, but Spencer again failed with the kick.

	G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF RESERVES	0	3	9
GLoucester II.	0	0	0

## SECOND HALF.

Cardiff at once set up a hot attack, but their back play was rather disjointed. Ivor James, at outside half, holding on to the ball too long. Brilliant inter-passing between Evans and Gransmore down the left wing produced a capital try by the LIEUTENANT. From a difficult position Spencer failed to convert.

Gransmore made another clever run, and cross-kicked for CALLAN to score. The kick failed.

Saunders, Gottwaltz, and Thomas put in a lot of good forward play for Cardiff, and most of the game was fought out in the visitors' 25. To a large extent the Cardiff back play was spoilt by the selfishness of Ivor James, who was not fitted for the position of outside half.

E. D. THOMAS, the Llanishen farmer, captured the ball in the line-out, and scored a great try for Cardiff after beating half a dozen opponents. The place-kick went wide. CROWLEY was the next scorer, but he failed to convert his own try.

	G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF RESERVES	0	8	24
GLoucester II.	0	0	0



Old Monktonians.

March 8<sup>th</sup> 1913

## FINDING TALENT

## CARDIFF RES. V OLD MONKS

## Pretty Passing

The Cardiff Reserves were at home to the Old Monktonians on the Cardiff Arms Park to-day, this being the first meeting of the clubs this season. The Reserves had many changes in their team, only one of last week's three-quarter line being again selected, while there were changes at half-back and forward. The teams lined out under the whistle of Mr. W. H. Mills as follows:

OLD MONKTONIANS: Full back, R. Mackintosh; three-quarter backs, H. E. Williams, E. Jenkins, H. David, and P. Richards; half-backs, J. Rhys and W. Evans; forwards, W. Foster, F. Bracher, I. Williams, W. Walsh, Rees Jones, V. David, and R. Shepherd.

CARDIFF RESERVES: Full back, F. Spencer; three-quarter backs, W. P. Thomas, Max Goodman, D. J. Evans, and Lieutenant Gransmore; half-backs, G. K. Davies and E. Little; forwards, D. Callan (captain), J. Crowley, E. Thomas, A. Lewis, T. Whitney, L. J. Sanders, C. M. Nemberry, and F. A. Christian.

## THE GAME.

From the kick off the Monks kept the Reserves on the defensive. Soon afterwards Goodman, the Reserves' new centre, got possession of the ball, and put in a long kick, and J. Crowley following up smartly, had very hard luck in not scoring. After this the Reserves did all the attacking, and the passing of their backs at times was very pretty.

Goodman took a shot at goal which should have gone over but for the wind, which carried the ball wide. However, the Monks' full-back misfielded, and GOODMAN, following his own kick, scored a neat try. The shot for goal, taken by Goodman, failed. E. Little, the Cardiff outside half, put in a clever punt over the heads of the opposing three, and W. P. Thomas, following up and capturing the ball, seemed to have a clear course for the line, but he found he had a still faster man against him in P. Richards, and was tackled from behind.

Next G. Davies dribbled away prettily, and, crossing the ball nicely to W. P. THOMAS, the latter pounced over with a smart try. Spencer failed with the kick. Cardiff were penalised for feet up in the scrum near the half-way line, and P. Richards took a kick for goal from an awkward angle, and just missed one of the uprights by a few inches.

Half-time score:	G. T. Pts
CARDIFF RESERVES	0 2 6
OLD MONKTONIANS	0 0 0

## SECOND HALF.

For the first few minutes of the second half play was scrappy and uninteresting. The Monks had golden opportunities of scoring, but their play was always at fault. The Reserves still held the Monks strictly on the defensive, and after a fine dribble away by the home eight J. Crowley had very hard lines in not scoring.

The Monks now put more spirit into their play, and made several raids on the Cardiff goal-line, but Spencer, the home full-back, was as safe as a wall, and got his side out of difficulty on several occasions.

Soon after J. Rhys, the visitors' outside half, obtained possession of the ball, and transferred to P. Richards, who ran down the touch-line, and finding he could not pass the home back division, put in a punt, which Spencer gathered, but was brought down on the line. The Monks now became very vigorous, and kept the Cardiffians on the defensive, but nothing came from their efforts.

Final score:	G. T. Pts
CARDIFF RESERVES	0 2 6
OLD MONKTONIANS	0 0 0

Newport 2<sup>nd</sup>.March 15<sup>th</sup> 1913.

## Cardiff Res. v. Newport II.

For their game against Newport's second string, Cardiff made several changes in their 15, the side being almost totally different from that which did duty a fortnight ago. In the forwards a trial was given to D. F. Thompson, of Edinburgh University.

Teams:—  
Cardiff—Back, Ivor James; three-quarters, Max Goodman, J. McCarthy, T. Keardon, and J. Crowley; half-backs, B. Edwards and G. Davies; forwards, T. Whitney, E. Thomas, E. J. Saunders, P. C. May, B. McNeil, D. F. Thompson, F. A. Christian, and C. M. Newbury.

Newport—Back, J. Hobbs; three-quarters, J. Evans, J. Kalaheer, J. James, and G. Francis; half-backs, A. Williams and W. Moses; forwards, W. Phillips, A. Jenkins, B. Partridge, M. Williams, G. Boots, E. Williams, J. Walters, and C. Budd.

Referee, Mr W. Llewellyn, Pontypool.

Cardiff's opening play delighted and even surprised, for there was a cohesion about their methods that augured well for success, and was really remarkable for a much reorganised side. The forwards packed solidly, and the halves hitting it off to a nicety gave the backs plenty of scope. They passed prettily, and were first to attack, but Newport, almost equally as good, showed fine defensive qualities, and in their turn attacked through passing. They got perilously close to the home line, but were stayed, and here Thompson the University man, distinguished himself by following up a long kick, gaining possession, and sending a neat pass to McCarthy, who gave Goodman an easy try wide out. Ivor James made a good shot, but failed to goal. After another spell by Newport Crowley missed an opening by failing to take a knock-on by Hobbs, who infringed the rule to save a nasty position. Newport had the better of matters for the next ten minutes. They passed well but made little headway, and it left to Williams to score the first try after he had picked up at the base of a scrum on the goal-line. The kick failed. Continuing to attack, Newport had increased their lead by the interval, Captain Partridge, who is on furlough from his regiment, crossing after a forward rush, James being barely at fault in not saving.

Half-time—	G. T. P.
Newport Reserves	0 2 6
Cardiff Reserves	0 1 3

Plenty of vim was put into the play on the resumption, and there were several surreptitious "smacks" given in melees. Newport pressed hotly when once again they had settled down, and twice Goodman saved in face of severe pressure. Ivor James was inclined to fumble, and put a great deal of responsibility on his "threes" who were constantly forced to be alert to run back and save. A scrum on the home line threatened danger for the ball well heeled by Newport went out clearly to the three, but J. James knocked on with two centres on the wing and Goodman the only opposition, Cardiff could do nothing against the high wind, and were now continuously defending. Kicking was overdone and it did not pay, for interest was added by Newport's full-back each time. The referee had come in for a lot of banter on account of some peculiar decisions, but the ire of the crowd was raised to a high pitch when he awarded a dropped goal to Newport, which to spectators appeared to go two yards wide of the mark. A minute from the end BOOTS crossed with an unconverted try.

Final—	G. T. P.
Newport Reserves	1 3 15
Cardiff Reserves	0 1 3

## REMARKS.

It was a fine spectacular game. Cardiff would do well to persevere with the present side. There is more weight than in the old side, and a couple of gains together will make them a formidable fifteen.



Spillers Bakers

March 22<sup>nd</sup>

### Spillers and Bakers

#### DRAW WITH CARDIFF RESERVES

Cardiff Reserves and Spillers and Bakers met at Pengam Farm under wretched conditions to-day. The Reserves fielded a very weak side. D. Callan made his first appearance after his injury. Spillers, on the other hand, fielded at full strength, and were quite confident of winning. E. H. Gunn, the appointed captain, also made his appearance for the Reserves. Teams:-  
CARDIFF RESERVES.-Back, D. Thomas; three-quarter backs, M. Goodman, J. McCarthy, E. C. Evans, and Bryn Lewis; half-backs, G. K. Davies and B. Edwards; forwards, B. H. Gunn (captain), D. Callan, J. Crowley, T. Whitney, A. Lewis, J. J. Sanders, P. O. May, and F. A. Christian.  
SPILLERS AND BAKERS.-Back, F. Dyer; three-quarter backs, P. Shinn, D. Shilton, C. Saunders, and D. Moses; half-backs, F. Duke and H. Baker; forwards, C. Oliver, D. Jennings, F. Rees, H. T. Abbott, D. Lloyd, F. Cottrell, D. Bryant, and H. Lewis.  
Referee: Mr. A. S. Burge.

#### THE GAME

Play for the first few minutes was in the homesters' 25. The Reserves' forwards were very weak, and the opposing eight were superior for the first quarter of an hour. On the other hand, the homesters' three-quarters were very weak compared to the visitors. Many golden opportunities were lost through Edwards, Cardiff's outside half, failing to gather the easiest passes.

Half-time score:	G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF RESERVES	0	0	0
SPILLERS AND BAKERS	0	0	0

#### SECOND HALF

Play in the second half was very scrappy and uninteresting. The two new men the Reserves fielded to-day in the persons of Edwards, at outside half, and Evans, in the three-quarter line, were by no means brilliant. Bryn Lewis, who the Reserves tried on the right wing, made the best of his chances, and with a better centre should make an excellent wing.

Final score:	G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF RESERVES	0	0	0
SPILLERS AND BAKERS	0	0	0

Swansea 2<sup>nd</sup>

March 29<sup>th</sup> 1913

### SWANSEA II V CARDIFF II

Swansea Seconds were to-day at home to Cardiff Seconds at the St. Helen's Ground, this being the last match of the season. With the premiers at Cardiff, and a rather important Soccer math in the town, a big gate was not expected. Rain had fallen heavily during the day, leaving the turf in a rather bad condition. There was a very fair attendance when the teams fielded as follows:-

SWANSEA II.-Back, A. Roberts; three-quarter backs, John, D. Edwards, T. Davies, and W. Leopold; half-backs, Gordon Burchill and H. Mason; forwards, Jones, T. Williams, E. Cowley, T. Sambrook, T. Langley, B. Jenkins, W. Williams, and A. N. Other.  
CARDIFF II.-Back, F. Spencer; three-quarter backs, D. Lewis, A. Evans, M. Goodman, and J. McCarthy; half-backs, Berry and G. Davies; forwards, R. Gunn, E. Scanlon, E. Thomas, E. Richards, J. Crawley, E. Newbury, and I. Saunders.  
Referee, Mr. T. Williams, Neath.

#### THE GAME

Swansea kicked off with a strong wind and rain in their faces. From the scrum which ensued near the visitors 25 play was carried to the homesters' territory. Cardiff were taking full advantage of the wind, and kept the homesters pinned near their own line for some time. A free kick was given to Cardiff in a good position, but the kick went wide. Swansea attempted some passing, but the ball was too greasy for safe handling. A free was granted to Swansea, but the drop at goal failed.

Swansea were now beginning to look dangerous, and were looking all over scorers when half-time was sounded.

Half-time:	G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF RESERVES	0	0	0
SWANSEA SECONDS	0	0	0

#### SECOND HALF

Cardiff re-started, and after some pretty play near the centre were penalised. Roberts with a beautiful kick sent to touch near the 25 flag. Relief soon came from Goodman, who kicked to touch.

Cardiff subsequently improved, and their spirited bursts fully merited a score. Swansea's forwards, however, retaliated in great style, and dribbled up to the Cardiff line. Following this the Swansea three handled finely, and the game settled on the Cardiff line again.

Here BURCHELL eventually crossed, but there was no goal.

Towards the end the Cardiff defence were sorely tried, and time and again minors were conceded in order to relieve the pressure.

Final score:	G.	T.	Pts.
SWANSEA SECONDS	1	1	3
CARDIFF SECONDS	0	0	0

#### COMMENTS

The game was fought out with vigour, and the score just about represents the respective merits. Roberts, at full back for Swansea, was far superior to his vis-a-vis, his lengthy kicking being of great service. Cardiff were also outplayed at half, where Burchill and Davies put in some useful work. Of the forwards Langley and Williams were ever conspicuous. Goodman had very few chances on the Cardiff wing but he made the most of the opportunities which came his way.



Chepstow.

March 26<sup>th</sup>

Llanishen.

April 5<sup>th</sup> 1913

## Llanishen v. Cardiff Res.

## BLUE &amp; BLACKS' SECOND XV. BEATEN.

Played at Llanishen. Both teams fielded representative sides. Nicholls and Bob Shepherd assisted the visitors. Cardiff won the toss, and elected to play with the wind. The game was even in the first half, Nicholls putting in some fine runs and making some good openings. Taylor, the Llanishen inside half, played a hard game.

Half-time—

	G. T. P.
Cardiff Seconds .....	0 0 0
Llanishen .....	0 0 0

In the second half Llanishen was seen to better advantage. Atty showed up very prominently and following up a kick by J. Evans, Atty scored a splendid try under the posts. Lennox, who was playing a fine game at full-back, easily converted, even play followed, and E. T. Thomas, for the visitors, picking up in the loose, made a good opening, and transferring to R. Dunn at the right moment, the latter scored under the posts, and Spencer converted. Atty's fine kicking for Llanishen continually kept the visitors on the defence. The homesters, however, were not to be denied, and from a scrum in the visitor's 25 Taylor dribbled beautifully and scored Llanishen's second try, which was majorised.

Final—

	G. T. P.
Llanishen .....	1 1 3
Cardiff Reserves .....	1 0 5



Chepstow

April 12<sup>1</sup> 1913.

## CLEVER CHEPSTOW

## NASTY SHOCK FOR RESERVES

## Keen Game on Park

Chepstow were the visitors to the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon, when they met the Reserves for the second time this season. In the previous game at Chepstow the Reserves won by six points to nil. To-day the home side were much better represented. They once more gave G. T. Weaver a chance at centre three-quarter, where Max Goodman had to stand down. The teams lined out in charge of Mr. W. H. Smith as follow:-

**CHEPSTOW.**—Back, L. Marment; three-quarter backs, A. Matthews, J. Hill, J. Kirton, and J. Hobbs; half-backs, J. Priest and O. Morgan; forwards, F. Brocko, H. Hayward, F. Lewis, D. Jones, A. Watkins, S. Harris, G. Dorrington, and A. White.

**CARDIFF RESERVES.**—Back, C. Kelleher; three-quarter backs, B. Lewis, A. G. Evans, G. T. Weaver, and W. P. Nicholls; half-backs, A. Berry and G. K. Davies; forwards, R. H. Gunn, R. Sheppard, E. D. Thomas, E. Richards, C. Scanlon, V. Morris, F. A. Christian, and J. J. Sanders.

Gunn started from the Taff end, and scrappy play followed. Eventually Cardiff carried play to mid-field, and from a line-out Sheppard took the ball very cleverly and started his backs, but the final pass went awry when the home side had a splendid chance. Sheppard again came smartly into the picture, but the play was very even, and it was only in the back division that Cardiff showed any superiority.

From a line-out in mid-field Kirton failed to gather the leather, and HARRIS, sprinting up, dribbled over with a splendid try, which MATTHEWS had no difficulty in converting.

Soon afterwards Thomas broke away, and after dodging several of the players, transferred to R. H. GUNN, the skipper, who made a brilliant run along the line and scored in the corner. Kelleher failed to goal.

Inside the home 25 Nicholls gathered, and, racing across the field, had his pass intercepted by Matthews, who experienced a deal of hard luck in not registering a try after making a splendid burst through. For the first time during the game, Chepstow were superior to the home side. Another round of passing by the home backs saw KIRTON intercept and romp over with a try right underneath the bar. Matthews converted from the easiest possible position.

Half-time score.	G.	T.	Pts.
CHEPSTOW	2	0	10
CARDIFF RESERVES	0	1	3

## SECOND HALF.

Cardiff resumed in the lifeless form they had shown in the first half and the whole side seemed to be out of joint. E. H. Gunn made a great effort to kick a long-range penalty goal, the ball going inches wide. Playing eight backs most of the time Chepstow easily checked the spasmodic movements of the Cardiffians, for who mBerry was hopelessly slow at inside half, and never gave the men behind him a chance. Brin Lewis took a sharp pass from Graham Davies and ran to the left corner, where he was rushed against the corner flag, but the referee for some unscrutable reason, awarded a try. Gunn failed with the kick. Graham Davies took an absurd shot at goal when his three had a reasonable chance. A desperate rush by Graham Davies and several Cardiff forwards produced a try by GUNN, which Kelleher made a wretched attempt to convert, although the position was not difficult. With a single point separating the sides play waxed fast and interesting, but at the finish Chepstow were deservedly victors.

Final score.	G.	T.	Pts.
CHEPSTOW	2	0	10
CARDIFF RESERVES	0	3	9

Danygraig

April 19<sup>th</sup> 1913.

## Danygraig v Cardiff Res.

It was four o'clock when Danygraig kicked off, Cardiff Reserves having a strong wind behind them. Danygraig soon attacked, but by good kicking Cardiff relieved. Danygraig nearly scored on two occasions. Cardiff had sixteen men, and Sheppard went on. Cardiff, aided by the wind, repeatedly shot for goal, but failed. Neither side indulged in passing movements, but Cardiff had several shots for goal, which availed nothing.

Half-time.	G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF RESERVES	0	0	0
DANYGRAIG	0	0	0

## SECOND HALF.

Cardiff resumed against the wind, and Danygraig pressed strongly, eventually breaking away. Danygraig were having the best of the play, making repeated attacks on the Cardiff line. Crocker just missed a drop goal for Danygraig. Play was full of interest, although Danygraig was not using the wind as they should, but made repeated onslaughts on Cardiff's line. They were, however, met by a good defence.

Final score.	G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF RESERVES	0	0	0
DANYGRAIG	0	0	0



Roxburgh.

Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> 1913

### Roxburghs v. Cardiff Reserves.

The inaugurating match of the Cardiff Arms Park Rugby season took place this afternoon. There was not a very good attendance, though the weather was fine. The ground was in splendid condition after its summer's rest. The Reserves' side showed a vast difference in its composition from the team that did duty last season, no fewer than nine new players being introduced. The sides were:—

Cardiff Reserves—Back, W. Donovan; three-quarter backs, C. B. Davies, T. Williams and A. Payne; half-backs, G. Davies and D. McLean; forwards, C. Newbury, Con Scanlon, J. Ryan, P. C. May, T. Coles, N. Kehoe, A. Titt, and J. J. Saunders.

Cardiff Roxburghs—Back, S. R. Jackson; three quarters, G. Davies, C. Garrett, Ivor James, and J. Collis; half-backs, W. Traylor and R. Williams; forwards, F. A. Nash, T. Jenkins, G. McNeil, P. Gottwaltz, A. Llewellyn, D. J. Norris, and J. Donovan.

Referee—Mr J. Merritt.

The start was delayed owing to the non-appearance of the referee, but the duties were eventually undertaken by the Cardiff Reserves' touch judge. Cardiff started and the opening kick went to the dead-ball line. The brothers C. B. and G. Davies, brothers to Ewan Davies, the ex-international, early did several smart things, twice combining splendidly in pretty inter-passing movements, and on another occasion manoeuvring an opening from which Williams lost an opportunity to send Payne in with a try by delaying his pass. On another occasion C. B. came to the rescue of his brother, who failing to tackle a high pass from a scrum-mage had nearly let in R. Williams, but C. B. intercepted Williams's pass to Garrett and allayed the danger with a neat touch fender. The Roxburgher several times looked like opening the account, but it was left to the home captain to score the first try of the season, Con. Scanlon crossing from a melee near the line. McLean converted with a good kick. McLean was very smart at the base of the scrummage, feeding his backs with splendid precision, and at times making fine individual efforts.

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

Immediately on resuming Cardiff attacked as the result of a brilliant cut through by C. B. Davies, who bluffed the defence neatly by a swerve and feint, and then passed to Scanlon. The blowing of the whistle as Scanlon received was apparently an error, for there was no breakage of rule seen by the spectators. The Reserves again attacked through the medium of Davies, but this time his pass to Donovan was intercepted by James, and several players joining in a run three-parts the length of the field Nash scored near the posts, and Jackson converted. The Reserves now attacked hotly in an endeavour to recover their lead, and McLean drew frequent applause for tricky work. Once a drop shot from him only just failed to attain its object. A similar attempt by G. Davies was alike unsuccessful. The failure of the Reserves was that they held on too long and neglected combine passing in attempts to do too much individual work.

FINAL—	G. T. P.
CARDIFF RESERVES ....	1 0 5
ROXBURGHIS .....	1 0 5

#### REMARKS.

It was a splendid open game, marred only by the efforts of a few to do too much "on their own."

The match produced a couple of likely players in the persons of C. B. Davies and McLean—a brother of the famous Tom McLean, who went to Oldham. The latter already in his first match caught the eye of the spectators through his numerous devices to withstand would-be tacklers, and his splendid attacking play, varied to a great degree, and of a most original character. He, perhaps, was the outstanding player on the field, and he has strong claim to an extended trial. Kelleher, at back, did several smart things, but he did not eclipse the form of Spencer, the regular custodian. In fact, Jackson was the better of the full-backs. Of the visitors, Nash, P. Williams, Gottwaltz, and Ivor James were the pick.



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St. Davids

Canton

Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> 1913

Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> 1913

## STANLEY WILLIAMS

INFORM FOR THE RESERVES

### St David's Do Well

The Cardiff Reserves played their second match on the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon, their opponents being St. David's, last year's league winners. P. D. Ross, of Senghennydd, who played such an excellent game in the trial match last Saturday, was given a chance with the Reserves. Ross, who is only yet a junior, should turn out a first-class player. The teams fielded as follow:-

ST. DAVID'S: P. Conway, J. Kavanagh, J. Brookman, E. Murray, and J. Welsh E. Hearne and P. Monks; D. O'Bryan (captain), D. Callaghan, J. Kenefick, J. Sullivan, E. Murphy, E. Greedy, T. Daley, and M. Barry.

CARDIFF RESERVES: F. Spencer; P. D. Ross, T. Williams, C. B. Davies, and Stanley Williams; G. Davies and T. Wallace; Con Scanlon (captain), G. Thomas, P. Coles, C. M. Newberry, J. Kehoe, F. Saunders, A. D. George, and P. C. May.

Referee: Mr. E. Best, Penarth.

#### THE GAME.

Scanton kicked off towards the town end for the Reserves. From a scrum near mid-field, the home forwards broke away nicely, and when near the line, Stanley Williams picked up smartly, and made a determined dash to cross, but was tackled a few yards out. In the opening stages, the home forwards played a game which proved they have still some football in them, and were far superior to the visiting eight. Jack Daley, one of the visiting forwards, played a first-class game, and never missed any opportunities. St. David's were given a "free" for offside play by Graham Davies. It was right in front of the posts, and the St. David's kicker, easily landed a goal. Cardiff immediately attacked, and a loose kick being sent over towards the right wing, the ball was zatted nicely by STANLEY WILLIAMS, who beat two men brilliantly on the verge of the touch-line, and scored a really dashing try in the corner. Spencer failed with the kick. A minute later Williams made another fine effort, and only failed to gain a try by inches.

INTERVAL SCORE:		G.	T.	Pts.
ST. DAVID'S	.....	1	0	3
CARDIFF RESERVES	.....	0	1	3

\* Penalty goal.

#### SECOND HALF.

From the re-start play was carried to the home 25. From a line-out near their own goal line, the home forwards got going, and carried play to the visitors' 25, where they had hard lines in not scoring on several occasions. Ross, of the Reserves was not given many openings, but the few he was lucky enough to have he made good use of. Graham Davies, the Reserves inside half, lost many good openings. From a scrum in mid-field Wallace gave out to Stanley Williams, who made a sprint from half way, and scored a magnificent try amidst cheers. The kick failed.

FINAL SCORE:		G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF RESERVES	.....	0	2	6
ST. DAVID'S	.....	1	0	3

\* Penalty goal.

## CANTON WIPED OUT

CLEVER CARDIFF RESERVES

### Stan Williams in Form

Cardiff Reserves played their third match of the season on the park this afternoon, their opponents being Canton. Rose, a Senghennydd man, who played in the three-quarter line for the Reserve last Saturday, was to-day given a trial at outside half. Both teams fielded at full strength, and the Reserves, who have not been defeated in the two previous matches, hoped to gain another victory. The teams lined out as follows:-

CANTON: J. Greedy (captain); J. Hume, R. Thomas, W. Thomas, and A. Donovan; E. Thompson and T. Hurst; T. Raynor, A. Brown, W. a Pryde, T. Highgate, G. Jones, G. Wicks, A. Dudgebridge, and W. Thomas.

CARDIFF RESERVES: F. Spencer; Stanley Williams, R. Jones, T. Williams, and C. B. Davies; H. McLean and P. Ross; Con Scanlon (captain), J. Saunders, E. D. Thomas, P. C. May, N. Kehoe, A. Litt, J. Coles, and J. Ryan.

Referee: Mr. J. T. Boulton.

#### THE GAME.

Jones kicked off for Canton towards the town end. In the opening stages, the reserves played exceedingly well, and for the first ten minutes all the play was in the visitors half. After play had been in progress for about quarter of an hour, Scanlon picked up in the loose, and put in a drop for goal, which, however, fell short, but Police-constable May, who followed up smartly, got possession of the ball, and ran over with a clinking try. Spencer added the extra points. The Canton forwards made several good rushes, but Spencer, the reserves full-back, was always on the spot, and his touch-kicking was really excellent. From a scrum in mid-field, Ross got the ball for the Reserves, and transferred to Jones, the latter giving out to Stanley Williams, who ran in fine style along the touch line, beating several men, and scored a really magnificent try. Spencer failed to add the extra points. The Reserves were now playing a much better game than the opposing XV., and kept Canton strictly on the defensive.

It was not long before another nice opening was made by T. Williams, when he gave out to C. B. DAVIES, who ran over with the third try for the Reserves. SPENCER took a kick which was in front of the posts, and easily added the extra points. A few minutes afterwards P.C. May, who was always in the picture, picked up in the loose, and, after a nice round of passing, DAVIES went over with another try. Spencer failed with the kick. The Reserves were showing fine form, and outclassed Canton in every department. On the Canton side there was far too much kicking and too little passing. From the neutral line STANLEY WILLIAMS got the ball, and ran in splendid style along the line, heating man after man, and scored an unconverted try. Immediately following JONES went over with another try, and this time Spencer added the extra point. SCANLON, the skipper of the Reserves, picked up in the loose and ran over, and this point was converted by Spencer.

INTERVAL SCORE:		G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF RESERVES	.....	4	3	29
CANTON	.....	0	0	0

#### SECOND HALF.

The game was absolutely one sided, for the Canton men seemed to have no say in the matter, the Reserves doing just as they liked. KEHOE started the scoring in the second half with a try behind the posts, which gave SPENCER no difficulty to convert. Hume, the captain of the Canton side, did heroically under the circumstances. SCANLON scored the ninth try for the Reserves, but Spencer failed to goal from the easiest possible angle. C. B. DAVIES scored the next try, which the skipper converted. The remaining scores were got by Ross, Stanley Williams, T. Williams, and Kehoe. SAUNDERS converted the latter.

FINAL SCORE:		G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF RESERVES	.....	7	7	55
CANTON	.....	0	0	0

P.C. May 1T. 1T

Stanley Williams 1T. 1T

C.B. Davies 1T. 1T. 1T

Scanlon 1T. 1T. 1T

T. Williams 1T

Kehoe 1T

Ross 1T

Spencer & C.

Spencer 1C

Scanlon 1C

Saunders 1C



Cardiff East

Sept 27<sup>th</sup> 1913

## FIRST REVERSE

## DEFEAT OF CARDIFF RES

## Some Rough Episodes

The Cardiff Reserves, who defeated Canton last Saturday by 56 points to nil (this being the largest number of points they have ever scored in a match), were opposed to-day by Cardiff East, the Cardiff and District League winners of last season. The Reserves last Saturday played a great game, and should they maintain the form they showed then, there is little doubt that they will carry everything before them. With the exception of C. B. Davies, who is being given a trial with the premiers to-day, the Reserves fielded the same side, and were quite confident of gaining another victory.

## Teams:—

CARDIFF EAST: J. Bass; W. Whitt, F. Emes, N. Jones (captain), and M. Kavanagh; E. Boucher and E. Emes; J. Bond, J. Jones, H. Williams, W. Gibbs, M. Coles, E. Dalrymple, J. Hopkins, and J. Christenson.

CARDIFF RESERVES: F. Spencer; W. P. Nicholls, T. Reardon, T. Williams, and Fred Rogers; A. McLean and P. Ross; Con Scanlon (captain), J. J. Saunders, P. C. May, D. Callan, T. Whitney, E. D. Thomas, T. Ryan, and N. Kehoe.

Referee: Mr. J. White, Newport.

## THE GAME.

Coles kicked on towards the Taff end for the East. In the opening stages the East were slightly superior to the Reserves. However, the Reserves were not long picking up their form, and a nice break-away carried play to the visitors' 25, and looked like scoring, when Bass, the visitors' full-back, picked up nicely and saved his side. From a scrum near midfield the East 'threes' got possession of the ball, and after a nice round of passing White got over, but a scrum was called for a knock-on. However, the East did not have to wait long for a score.

INTERVAL SCORE:		G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF EAST	.....	1	0	4
CARDIFF RESERVES	.....	0	1	3

## SECOND HALF.

Just after the re-start W. P. Nicholls got the ball for the Reserves, and made a fine dash for the line, beating man after man, tripped the

until he got to the full back, when he tripped the ball over the fullback's head, but just lost the try by a few inches, Bass touching down before him.

## PLAYER ORDERED OFF.

Play now became of a rough nature, and when Nicholls was making another fine sprint Ricky Emes jumped at him, temporarily knocking the Reserves' wing out. For this foul Emes was ordered off the field. From a scrum near the Reserves' goal-line the East forwards heeded out nicely, the ball going to J. JONES, who dropped another nice goal for the 'all blacks.'

A scrum near the visitors' goal-line gave ROSS, of the Reserves, the ball, and he, dodging in and out very cleverly, scored a really fine try. McLean failed to goal.

Ross, the Reserves' outside half, was hurt, and had to leave the field.

FINAL SCORE:		G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF EAST	.....	2	0	8
CARDIFF RESERVES	.....	0	2	6

Bristol 2<sup>nd</sup> rds.October 4<sup>th</sup> 1913

## Cardiff's Second String

## UP AGAINST BIG SIDE AT BRISTOL

The Cardiff Reserves played their first away match of the season to-day, when they met the Bristol Nomads on the County Club ground, Bristol. The Reserves, who put up such a poor display against Cardiff East on Saturday last had to put up a much better game to-day if they intended to beat the Bristolians, for the Nomads possess a very robust pack. Both teams were at full strength when they lined out as follows:—

CARDIFF RESERVES.—F. Spencer; Stanley Williams, T. Williams, R. Jones, and W. P. Nicholls; H. McLean and P. Ross; Con Scanlon (captain), D. Callan, Police-constable May, C. Palmer, J. Ryan, E. D. Thomas, A. Titt, and J. Jones.

BRISTOL NOMADS.—C. Osborne; T. J. Tattle, A. Davies, S. Spoors, and C. Philpott; W. Wookey and H. Wookey; S. Carey, S. H. Edwards, F. Lewis, H. Haysham, T. J. O'Connor, B. Clark, H. Baker, and T. Holmes.

For the first ten minutes Cardiff kept Bristol on the defensive, when a nice break-away carried play into the Cardiff 25. Play, on the whole, was scrappy. From a line-out near mid-field the brothers Wookey got possession for Bristol, and H. Wookey scored an unconverted try. Immediately following Nicholls scored a fine try for Cardiff. McLean scored a second dtry.

INTERVAL SCORE:		G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF RESERVES	.....	0	2	6
BRISTOL SECONDS	.....	0	1	3



Newport 2<sup>nds</sup> Oct 11 1913

# A GLORIOUS TRY

## STANLEY WILLIAMS IN FORM

### Newport II. Walloped

Cardiff Reserves were at home on the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon, when their opponents were Newport Seconds. The Reserves, if they showed the form to-day they did against the Bristol Nomads last Saturday, were expected to win. Newport Seconds are a determined lot, and have given Cardiff some very hard fights. The ground after the rain was in a wretched condition when the teams lined out as follows:-

NEWPORT II.: J. Hobbs; C. B. Francis, J. Kerr, J. James, and J. Evans; J. Pritchard and P. Baker Jones; M. Williams, J. Boots, J. Anderson, N. McFerson, W. J. Foster, J. Pritchard, J. McLoughlin, and J. Brains.  
CARDIFF RESERVES: F. Spencer; Stanley Williams, T. Williams, P. Ross, and F. Rogers; H. McLean and G. Davies; P. C. May, P. C. Mitchell, P. C. Birch, C. Palmer, D. Callan, T. Whitney, R. Jones, and P. Thomas.  
Referee, Mr. J. McLellan, Bridgend.

#### THE GAME.

From a scrum in their own half the Cardiff forwards looked like scoring, when Hobbs, the visiting full-back, kicked into touch near the neutral line. Newport were given a free for feet up, and the ball was placed for Hobbs just over the homesters' 25, but his kick fell yards short. The Reserves were now playing a bright open game, and when play was on the visitors' 25 P. Ross picked up in the loose for Cardiff, and, after dodging several of the Newport backs, threw out a long pass to FRED ROGERS on the left wing, the latter scoring a neat try in the corner. Spencer failed to add the extra points from a very awkward angle. The Cardiff forwards were now playing an excellent game, and for the next ten minutes kept the Usksiders strictly on the defensive. It was not long before McLEAN, from a scrum near the visitors' goal-line, got possession, and by running around the scrum scored a splendid try, which Spencer had no difficulty in converting. The black and ambers at this stage were badly beaten in the front rank, but their three-quarters were of a much better type. From a scrum in mid-field T. Williams got the ball for the blue and blacks, and, after making a fine sprint, gave out to Stanley Williams, who was bowled into touch a few yards from the line.

From the line-out, however, P.C. BIRCH got the ball, and ran over with the third try for the Reserves. Spencer failed to add the extra points from the easiest possible angle.

INTERVAL SCORE:	G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF RESERVES .....	1	2	11
NEWPORT II. ....	0	0	0

#### SECOND HALF.

From the re-start play was immediately carried to the visitors' 25. Play became of a rough nature.

One of the best runs ever seen on the Cardiff Arms Park was accomplished by STANLEY WILLIAMS. He, getting possession of the ball near his own goal-line, made a determined sprint, and after doubling man after man scored a beautiful try after running the whole length of the field. The spectators cheered delightedly. Spencer added the extra points.

The Cardiffians were now playing a tip-top game, and had it not been for the fine tackling and fine kicking of Hobbs, the visiting full-back, they would have scored on several more occasions. At this stage of the game the Usksiders were beaten in every department. From a scrum in midfield Pritchard got the ball for Newport, and a nice round of passing by the Newport "threes" carried play to the homesters' goal-line, where they lost several chances.

FINAL SCORE:	G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF RESERVES .....	2	2	16
NEWPORT II. ....	0	0	0

Whitchurch Oct 18 1913

# A SPEEDY RESERVE

## NICHOLLS' PRETTY TRIES.

### Cardiff II's Easy Task

CARDIFF RESERVES: J. Crowley; Stanley Williams, F. Rogers, Tudor Williams, and W. P. Nicholls; H. McLean and L. Sullivan; Con. Scanlon, D. Callan, F. Whitney, J. J. Sanders, J. Ryan, J. Jones, E. D. Thomas, and P.C. May.

WHITCHURCH: B. D. Williams; F. Lewis, I. Shears, J. Shears, and R. Hughes; C. Williams and L. Fullerton; P. Thomas, D. Green, P. Edmonds, W. Francis, E. Samuels, W. Scott, F. Carding, and A. Howells.

In the first quarter-hour Cardiff did all the attacking, and good play was contributed by Fred Rogers, Stanley Williams, Con Scanlon, and D. Callan.

Fumbling by Williams and J. Shears allowed two or three of the Cardiff forwards to dribble over, and TUDOR WILLIAMS scored an easy try. The goal-kick failed.

On the whole the play was not of a very high quality, and although the Reserves monopolised the play, the backs dropped more passes than they held. J. Shears gathered the ball neatly in the open for Whitchurch, and smart and intelligent play was put in by him and E. Hughes, the right wing, who when pressed, cross-kicked very cleverly, but Crowley managed to save the situation.

INTERVAL SCORE:	G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF RESERVES .....	0	1	3
WHITCHURCH .....	0	0	0

#### SECOND HALF.

In the second half again the Cardiffians got a great deal of the ball, but the centres were weak, and movements which ought to have produced tries often broke down at the second or third pass.

At last Rogers and Williams handled smartly and W. P. NICHOLLS was sent away on the left wing. A slower runner than he would have been easily cut off, but Nicholls glided past man after man and ended up with a glorious try in the corner. Sullivan failed with the place-kick.

P. C. May broke away from the line out on the 25, and passed to J. James, who ran over with a good try, the goal kick again failing. A scrum was formed in front of the Whitchurch posts, and McLean passed out to Sullivan, who coolly dropped a goal in Percy Bush's most approved style.

One of the Whitchurch centres tried to drop a goal and the ball fell to Tudor Williams who made a short run up to Hughes and passed to Nicholls. The fast wing man's pace carried him past B. D. Williams, and he ran three parts the length of the field to score in the corner, the extra points were not added.

FINAL SCORE:	G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF .....	1	4	16
WHITCHURCH .....	0	0	0

#### COMMENTS.

There were as many mistakes that the play at times was laughable. Crowley ought not to be played at back again. Cardiff's chief fault was lack of cohesion, and with more of this quality the side would be a very strong one. Occasionally the two centres were very weak, but the halves, forwards, and wings were very good. W. P. Nicholls should be at once promoted to the Premiers in place of C. B. Davies. In the Whitchurch ranks there were a number of smart players, and the tall, elingy forward who operated at the end of the line-outs did some remarkably clever things. Tudor Williams scored Cardiff's first try.



## Swansea Ends

October 25<sup>th</sup>

## SWANSEA II. V. CARDIFF II.

At St. Helen's to-day Swansea II. were at home to the Cardiff Seconds. The weather being beautifully fine and both sides being strongly represented, an interesting game was anticipated. It was noticed that the Taffsiders each wore a black band on their arm in memory of Peter Rees, one of their three-quarters, who met his death in the recent Senghenydd disaster. Teams:—

SWANSEA SECONDS: Joe Davies; J. John, J. Morris, F. Davies, and W. Warren; D. Harry and S. Williams; A. John, A. Evans, B. Jenkins, T. Davies, T. Williams, O. Williams, P.C. Hemens, and Hollingdale.

CARDIFF II.: F. Spencer; T. Williams, S. Williams, C. Scanlon, and T. Jones; McLean and B. Sullivan; P. Jones, J. Coates, D. Callan, J. Ryan, W. Jenkins, D. Thomas, J. Sullivan, and D. O'Connell.

Referee, Mr. D. E. Hughes (Llanelli). From the kick-off the home forwards came away and penned the visitors on their line. Stanley Williams brought relief by punting to touch in his own 25. A splendid bout of passing by the Cardiff three ended in Williams failing to take his transfer when in a good position. Davies, the home custodian, relieved to the centre, where the Swansea forwards again forced their way to the visitors' territory. PHIL WILLIAMS, receiving, scored, but the kick for goal fell short. Swansea were penalised, and Spencer kicked to touch. From a scrum the Taffsiders dribbled to the home 25. Receiving from a line-out, the home three-quarters handled nicely, and carried play to the Taffsiders' line, where B. JENKINS, taking possession, scored Swansea's second try. The kick again failed. A splendid shot at goal was made by Spencer, the ball striking the upright. Play was near the centre when half-time was called.

INTERVAL SCORE:			Goals.
SWANSEA SECONDS	0	2	5
CARDIFF SECONDS	0	0	0

## SECOND HALF.

On resuming, Swansea had matters all their own way, and but for a few spasmodic bursts by the Cardiff forwards they kept play in the Taffsiders' area. A bout of passing by the home three-quarters ended in MORRIS crossing in the corner, but the kick failed. Shortly afterwards WILLIAMS crossed with Swansea's fourth try, and DAVIES landed a magnificent goal. The next score came from STANLEY WILLIAMS, who dropped a lovely goal. A splendid effort by the Cardiff three-quarters saw WILLIAMS cross in the extreme corner, but the kick failed. A bout of passing by the home halves saw WILLIAMS cross with Swansea's fifth try, but the kick again failed. Swansea was still pressing when time was called.

FINAL SCORE:			G. T. Pts.
SWANSEA SECONDS	2	4	21
CARDIFF SECONDS	0	1	3

## Machen

Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 1913

## Cardiff Res. v. Machen

The start was delayed owing to the late arrival of several of the home side. In the home side Bob Jones came in at half while L. Powell (Penylan) took the position rendered vacant by the transference of C. B. Davies to the premier side. Teams:—

Cardiff Reserves—Back, F. Spencer; three-quarters, Stanley Williams, T. Jones, Tudor Williams and L. Powell; half-backs, H. McLean and R. Jones; forwards, P.C. May, A. Green, W. Jenkins, T. Whitney, T. Jones, J. Sullivan, N. Coates, and J. Saunders. Machen—Back, S. Thomas; three-quarters, J. Kew, A. Jenks, M. Jenkins and J. Lucas; half-backs, W. Moses and C. Hodges; forwards, W. Askin, J. Hicks, W. Beason, A. Fairfax, D. Thomas, M. Anthony, Gus Harris, and W. Thomas.

Referee, Mr. R. H. Smith, Newport.

Early on Tudor Williams worked a "dummy" on Jenks, and Powell had a chance from a timely pass, but he was overhauled by Kew near the line. Machen were hard workers, and with the pack heeling very clearly they were given every opportunity to clear and were not in danger for long, but on the other hand they attacked strongly in their turn and sustained it for some time until Arthur Green broke away brilliantly. This opening proved to be the initial move to a really grand try. T. Jones, receiving, astonished by his pace, and outdistancing his opposing centre and wing gave Stanley Williams a timely pass when the full-back threatened a tackle, and the wing had but to run over. Spencer converted. Machen were in no way discouraged and straight from the restart went away to the home end. Here a pass back to the centre from Kew was well taken by Jenks, who promptly dropped a goal. Spencer was none too sure with his touch finding, and Machen derived advantage through Stanley Thomas, who was doing great service as Machen's rear-guard. Machen had a chance when Spencer was faced by three of the visitors, by Kew foolishly kicked the ball going to touch in the home 25.

Half-time—		G. T. P.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	1 0 5
Machen	.....	*1 0 4

\* Dropped

Machen attacked with such vigour on the resumption that had there been the least steadiness they must have gained a lead. They, however, though very smart, were too wild in their method, and lost an invaluable position through forward transfer. Then came a unique incident—Stanley Williams marking from a forward throw. Cardiff attacked and Arthur Green scored a really brilliant try after following up a kick, robbing Jenks, and then dribbling over. Machen protested that the ball was past the dead ball line, but to no avail. Spencer failed to goal. Moses, the visiting captain and inside half, was injured in a rush, but after a short retirement returned. Powell made a nice run and then, following inter-passing between Bob Jones and McLean, the former, from a scrum trickily gave Tudor Williams a pass in the centre near the visitors' 25, and the latter, running strongly, scored wide out. The new Cardiff trainer was having a busy time and at one time in the same rush, Bob Jones and Saunders were laid out on opposite sides of the field, the latter retiring with a kick in the head. He too, however, returned in a short while. Green's break-away was more than augmenting a strange laxity amongst most of his confreres, and he was the idol of the afternoon.

Final—		G. T. P.
Cardiff Res.	.....	1 2 11
Machen	.....	*1 0 4

\* Dropped.



Gloucester 2<sup>nd</sup>

Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> 1913.

### Cardiff II. v Glos. II.

Cardiff Reserves were at home to Gloucester Seconds on the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon. It was hoped that the Reserves would play a better game to-day than they did against Machen last Saturday, for, although they won by eight points, on the whole they played very poor Rugby. The teams lined out as follows—

Gloucester Seconds: F. Hayward; F. Bloxsome (captain), T. Millington, W. Wilks, and T. Powell; T. Burns and C. Wooden; W. Dovey, W. Cromwell, F. Westbury, C. Osborne, F. Lewis, A. Comley, C. Richardson, and G. Griffiths.

CARDIFF RESERVES: J. Bass; L. Powell, T. Jones, T. Williams, and A. J. Burland; H. McLean and Gus Taylor; Con Scanlon (captain), D. Callan, P.O. May, Gus Lewis, A. Baker, J. Jones, W. D. Jenkins, and J. D. Thomas.

Referee: Mr. J. W. Paul, Newport

Scanlon kicked off for the Reserves towards the river end, with the sun in his eyes, and the play was immediately carried to the 25, where the forwards had a scramble in front of the posts, and should have scored, had not Jenkins kicked out rashly and put the ball out of bounds. Play for the first ten minutes was scrappy and uninteresting. From a scrum on the neutral line McLean got the ball from the Reserves and gave out to T. Jones, who threw out a wild pass to Williams, and in so doing stopped the Cardiffians drawing first blood. In the next moment Bass, the Reserves' new full-back, took a drop for goal near the centre, but the ball dropped a few inches short. Bass, the Reserves' full-back, let his side down badly through faulty kicking and handling. From a free kick Jones got the ball from Cardiff and transferred to T. Williams, who made a determined dash for the line, and after giving the "dummy" very cleverly to several of the Gloucester players sent out to Burland, the new left wing, who had the line at his mercy. He crossed, but was called back, having gone into touch.

INTERVAL SCORE:		G.	T.	Pts.
GLoucester II.	.....	0	0	0
CARDIFF RESERVES	.....	0	0	0

#### SECOND HALF

Straight from the kick-out the Cardiff forwards got possession and dribbled up to the visitors' 25, where CON SCANLON, the skipper, picked up smartly and scored under the posts. T. Williams failed to add the extra points.

The home team were now playing a winning game, and for the next five minutes kept the visitors strictly on the defensive. McLean was continually applauded for his tricky play, and L. Powell was also in fine form. From a line out on the visitors' 25 Scanlon got the ball, and gave out to Jones, who had no difficulty in putting BURLAND over in the corner. Bass failed to goal.

In the next minute McLean dropped for goal, he ball appeared to some to have gone over, but the claim for a goal was not allowed. Just after, however, BURLAND picked up from a scramble, and ran over with a neat try, and Gus Lewis landed a goal.

Play was in midfield when the final whistle blew.

FINAL SCORE:		G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF RESERVES	.....	1	2	11
GLoucester II.	.....	0	0	0

Chepstow

November 15<sup>th</sup> 1913

### Chepstow v. Cardiff Res.

At Chepstow. Teams—

Chepstow—Back, Hobbs; three-quarters, Matthews, Hill, Jack Keerton and R. Jones; halves, E. Morgan and Ivor Priest; forwards, Wyatt, Lewis, Dorrington, H. Jones, Watkins, Proctor, D. Jones, and W. Davies.

Cardiff Reserves—Back, Spencer, three-quarters, L. Powell, T. Jones, Eames and Burland; halves, G. Taylor and G. Jones; forwards, Con Scanlon, K. Jones, Callan, M. Davies, Coles, Cones, Jenkins, and Thomas.

The visitors kicked off and rushing well. A free gave relief and Matthew dribbling to Cardiff's 25. Matthews had twice hard lines in not scoring. Then from an opening by Hill Jones scored a try, Matthews converting. Close play followed.

Half-time—		G.	T.	Pts.
Chepstow	.....	1	0	5
Cardiff Reserves	.....	0	0	0
Chepstow re-opened. From a free, Spencer got a penalty goal. Fast and exciting play followed in neutral ground. Nothing further was scored though both sides in turn invaded.				
Final—		G.	T.	Pts.
Chepstow	.....	1	0	5
Cardiff Reserves	.....	0	0	0
*Penalty.				