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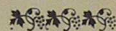
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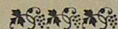
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## SPRINGBOKS ARRIVE

CAPE FOOTBALLERS' HOTTENTOT  
WAR-CRY.

"HE-GA-ME-LAIO-GEE WAH."

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

SOUTHAMPTON, Wednesday, Sept. 19.  
The South African football team which is to tour in this country arrived at Southampton on board the s.s. Gascon at eight o'clock this evening, twelve hours late. They were met by Mr. Rowland Hill, Mr. J. Hammond, who acted as manager of the team that went out in 1903, and by Mr. Richard Carolan, father of one of the South African team.

As we drew up on the tender by the side of the liner the members of the team were all leaning over the side, and they greeted us with their war-cry:

He-Ga-Me-Laio-Gee,  
He-Ga-Me-Laio-Gee,  
He-Ga-Me-Laio-Gee,  
Wah!

The first line was shouted three times by the captain, and then all the team joined in with the "Wah."

"This war-cry of ours," he said, "is a Hottentot hunting song. The first line is said by the hunter on seeing his quarry, the second when he draws his dart or spear, and the third when he comes up to his prey."

At the end of the war-song they gave three cheers for Mr. Hammond, whom they remembered.

Mr. Paul Roos, the captain, said that all the team were well.

The team's colours, he said, would be myrtle-green jerseys, with a gold collar. They would wear dark blue breeches and dark blue stockings, and the jersey would have embroidered in mouse-coloured silk on the left breast a springbok—a small African antelope, which is as typical of Africa as the kangaroo is of Australia.

### FORMATION AND "SCRUM."

When asked about training, Mr. Roos said that they did not do anything special, and in the matter of diet the only thing they were told to do was to keep off too many sweet things, and not to smoke excessively.

Mr. Roos told me that during the voyage they had had many consultations, and had had practice on deck every morning. They were all genuine South African born, and none of them had ever been in England except Hirsch, who was over here for three years while up at Cambridge University, where he was a prominent footballer, though he did not get his blue.

I asked him whether they had come to teach us lessons, as the All Blacks did. "No," he replied. "We are not pioneers of the game; we are only your pupils, and the best lesson we had was from the English team in 1903."

I asked him what formation they would use. "The same back formation as you do," he replied; "that is to say, four three-quarter backs, two half-backs, and eight forwards."

On being asked how they would pack in the scrum, he replied that they would pack three-three-two, and not three-two-three, as we do. That would be the only difference between their play and our play.

I asked him what he thought of the New Zealanders' methods. He said that he was quite sure that their formation of seven forwards was the best possible, and certainly better than ours, but he added, "I think ours is better than yours." He hoped they would have dry weather so that the ground they played on might be hard and fast, because in South Africa the ground is often like a running track. "If we have to play in the mud I am afraid our boys will find great difficulty with it."

The team, who at once left by special train for London, will practise on the ground of the Richmond Football Club, which has been placed at their disposal.

## "SPRINGBOKS" AT WORK.

SPEED AND FINE TACKLING  
SHOWN AT PRACTICE.

A RECRUIT FOR OXFORD.

There was a slight change from the usual daily routine of the "Springboks" yesterday. They spent the morning in discussing their experiences of the previous day.

At the invitation of the English Rugby Union many members of the party had been for a trip on the Thames on Sunday from Maidenhead to Windsor. As a rule these visitors are singularly unemotional, and never go to extremes of ecstasy or despair. Yesterday, however, an exception was made.

So delighted were the team with the beauties of the riverside scenery, the view of Windsor Castle, and the glories of Bray Reach that they could talk of nothing else.

During their idle moments, for the nonce, football topics and problems were put on one side, and the men were perfectly happy as they sat and chatted over their river expedition and the glorious scenery they had been shown.

In fact, so great a success was the outing that Mr. Carden, the manager, is contemplating a repetition of the trip shortly, as those who were unable to go are quite envious of their comrades' good fortune.

The scene of the practice was once more changed to Richmond yesterday, and under somewhat chilly conditions the first serious work was done.

Previously they have confined themselves entirely to kicking, running, and passing, but yesterday the whole party turned out and played a regular game, with the view of getting some idea of the probable team to meet the East Midlands in the opening match.

Those spectators who had not been particularly impressed by their previous work had good reason to change their opinion of the "Springboks" yesterday, when it came to an actual tussle.

There were two outstanding features in their play—their extraordinary speed and the determination and certainty of the tackling.

The forwards packed and broke up very quickly, and owing to their particular formation proved themselves remarkably adept at "wheeling," a manoeuvre they did not hesitate to practise even in their own "twenty-five."

But then they are so exceptionally speedy that they can afford to take these risks.

They pack in their 3, 3, 2 formation wonderfully cleverly, and are soon going to prove that it is far superior to the English method.

However, like the New Zealanders, they have apparently something up their sleeve as regards their packing, for when asked whether this order was never changed, Mr. Carden remarked with a cynical smile, "Ah, that is the one question I cannot answer, though I have been asked at least a dozen times. It is a secret of Paul Roos, but I think you will find them—well, at least, a little resourceful."

The weakest point that could be found in their play was the passing, much of which seemed to be very indiscriminate. But then it is difficult for a man to pass the ball without making a mistake when he is travelling at top-speed and is unable to distinguish friend from foe owing to the fact that both are clad alike.

There seems to be a doubt in some quarters as to the soundness of the visitors' defence, but this fact should be mentioned to them—the team are unanimous in regretting the absence of Stephen Joubert.

Only nineteen years of age, he is a most versatile player, and can kick equally well with either foot. He is an absolutely fearless tackler, and the "Springboks" state that he is the most brilliant footballer in South Africa.

Owing to professional studies his parents did not wish him to spend so much time on a holiday; hence his absence. However, it is good news for England that he will next season be an undergraduate at Oxford.

## A NOVEL USE FOR THEIR WAR CRY.

TACTICS THAT MAY HOODWINK  
THEIR OPPONENTS.

The "Springboks," originally suggested in the "Daily Mail," is now the officially-accepted name by which the South African football team will be known. The picture below represents one of these little animals, which is closely allied to the gazelle.

The springbok's head and back are covered with mouse-coloured hair, which shades away down to the legs, where it is a silvery white. It is an especial favourite name from its wonderful agility and jumping powers. In this respect its example is followed by the footballers who have taken it as their emblem.

The South Africans, finding the journey to Richmond rather long and tedious, on Saturday afternoon stretched their limbs and exercised their lungs on the football ground of the Merchant Taylors School in the old Charterhouse.

This playingfield, situated in its old-world surroundings, though conveniently near their headquarters, has the disadvantage of being very small, and the players,



in consequence, were extremely careful in their movements, for some very hard-looking ironwork that surrounds the field of play did not look inviting in the case of a heavy fall.

The "All Blacks" had a valuable asset in their own particular formation, which they had brought to such a high pitch of perfection, but the Springboks have a trump card which is almost unique.

As the backs fly up and down the ground at lightning pace, passing the ball from hand to hand with lightning-like rapidity, they call to one another in the Dutch tongue. Paul Roos, their captain, stands by and watches every item of the day's work with the keenest interest. He shouts to his men, encouraging and advising them, in the same native lingo, which conveys no meaning whatever to the puzzled spectators.

These footballers can talk English equally fluently, and so will be at a great advantage in being able to understand any directions given to their opponents, while their own commands are only comprehended by themselves.

Saturday evening was spent at the Crystal Palace, which was packed with thousands of holiday-makers enjoying the "Daily Mirror" festival.

The Colonials were absolutely astounded at the size of the building, and the crowd seemed to overwhelm them. One sturdy Dutchman, in expressing his surprise, added: "Why, if this lot had only been sent out to South Africa during the recent war, we should easily have been swamped."

As the evening wore on, and the time approached to return home, the various members found themselves scattered in all corners of the vast grounds.

One loud-lunged giant, being anxious, set up their peculiar war cry. This was immediately re-echoed from all corners, much to the dismay of the other visitors, but in this way they were quickly united once more.

Yesterday was spent quietly. Some of the party visited the Law Courts, and in the afternoon a trip was made on the Thames, Windsor Castle attracting their special attention.

This afternoon the team will go to Richmond once more, and to-night will attend the Alhambra. They leave for Northampton at midday on Wednesday, where they play the East Midlands on Thursday. Directly after the match they proceed to Leicester, and will stay there until the second match on Saturday.



Yesterday, however, they fairly revelled in the ground. Men went down, arising quickly, with a broad grin on their faces. "It did not arise in the least dangerous. It did not arise in the danger of fire in the matter. The Press to agitate in the name of humanity. He appeals in the name of humanity. He appeals by the use of gas is not unavoidable, but the terror and agony of fire. Railway accidents are, I suppose, un-

## AN ILL OMEN AT THE ZOO.

A REAL LIVE SPRINGBOK.

FULL-BACK.

A. Burmeister, Western Province.

THREE-QUARTERS.

A. Stegmann, Western Province.

H. A. De Villiers, Western Province.

J. G. Hirsch, Eastern Province.

J. Loubser, Western Province.

HALF-BACKS.

H. W. Carolin, Western Province.

F. Dobbin, Griqualand West.

FORWARDS.

P. Roos, Western Province.

W. A. Burger (The Border).

J. W. E. Raaf, Grigualand West.

D. J. Brink, Western Province.  
W. S. Merkel, Transvaal.

W. S. Morkel, Transvaal.  
D. E. T. Morkel, Transvaal.

P. A. Le Roux, Western Province.

H. J. Daneel, Western Province.

HOSPITALITY REFUSED.

In certain parts of South Africa the prickly-pear cactus is a veritable plague, and ls. a hundred would represent more nearly the price on the spot. The fruit is of a pinkish colour when properly ripe, and as a hot-weather fruit it has a certain sweetish succulency to recommend it.

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## "SPRINGBOKS" FIRST MATCH.

EAST MIDLANDS TO BE MET AT NORTHAMPTON TO-DAY.

The "Springboks," having completed a record week's sight-seeing, start upon serious business this afternoon, when they oppose a fifteen drawn from the East Midland clubs at Northampton.

The team for the first match has been chosen on the score of general fitness, and is not perhaps quite the best that the "Springboks" can put into the field, although the captain declares that as yet he hardly knows which is the best combination. One or two of the players have sustained slight injuries while practising, and others have not yet become thoroughly acclimatised. Except for the non-appearance of Krige, whom many consider to be the finest three-quarter in the team, the following side chosen for the opening match may be said to be fully representative.

### FULL-BACK.

A. Burmeister, Western Province.

### THREE-QUARTERS.

A. Stegmann, Western Province.  
H. A. De Villiers, Western Province.  
J. G. Hirsch, Eastern Province.  
J. Loubser, Western Province.

### HALF-BACKS.

H. W. Carolin, Western Province.  
F. Dobbin, Griqualand West.

### FORWARDS.

P. Roos, Western Province.  
W. A. Burger (The Border).  
J. W. E. Raaf, Griqualand West.  
D. J. Brink, Western Province.  
W. S. Morkel, Transvaal.  
D. F. T. Morkel, Transvaal.  
P. A. Le Roux, Western Province.  
H. J. Dancel, Western Province.

It will be noticed that the South Africans are playing with the Welsh formation of four three-quarter and two half-backs, and have not adopted the New Zealanders' tactics of three three-quarters, two five-eighths, one half-back, and a wing forward.

So little Rugby football has yet been played this season that it is impossible to form any idea of the relative strength of the various counties. On last year's form, however, the East Midlands were perhaps the weakest county side in the South of England, and they went through the championship competition without winning a single match. Those responsible for the arrangement of the "Springboks" programme, therefore, undoubtedly exercised a wise discretion in choosing this for the opening fixture.

The East Midlands side for to-day's match is, however, a far stronger combination than any that took the field last season. The inclusion of the brothers Milton—who received their football training at Bedford, but who are now living in Cornwall—will strengthen the team in its weakest point, for "C. H." is without a superior among English centre three-quarters, while "J. G." is certainly one of the best half-dozen forwards in the country.

### EAST MIDLANDS TEAM.

The full East Midlands team is as follows:—

### FULL-BACK.

P. Peppe (Bedford Grammar School).

### THREE-QUARTERS.

C. H. Milton (Cambridge).  
C. B. Atkinson (Bedford).  
E. E. Mobbs (Northampton).  
H. Harding (Northampton).

### HALF-BACKS.

P. Coles (Northampton).  
T. H. Preston (Northampton).

### FORWARDS.

F. W. White (Northampton).  
J. W. Warren (Northampton).  
J. Mason (Northampton).  
L. Johnson (Northampton).  
N. F. Morrison (Bedford).  
A. L. Rogers (Bedford).  
C. Franklin (Bedford).  
J. G. Milton (Cambridge).

## "SPRINGBOKS" WIN.

EAST MIDLANDS ROUTED AT NORTHAMPTON.

37 POINTS TO NIL.

The "Springboks," as the South African footballers are now commonly called, have come, and seen, and conquered—the East Midlands. Not much to do, perhaps; but still sufficient to show that they are a good workmanlike team, imbued with the best spirit of Rugby football, playing a keen, hard game with not overmuch science, perhaps, but instinct with life and vigour.

The one attribute of the team which most strikes the casual observer is the extraordinary keenness and hardness of their play. They are no kid-glove footballers, these South Africans; they do not mind receiving hard knocks themselves, but what they receive they return with interest, and those who would hope to succeed against them must not expect to escape scatheless from the encounter.

It is difficult from their first match to estimate the "Springboks" at their real value, but it can safely be prophesied that they will win a majority of the matches played during their tour. They possess all the attributes of first-class footballers—speed, strength, weight, and science—though perhaps that last quality has not yet been fully manifested. They were certainly not called upon to display it yesterday, for after the first twenty minutes of the game they had their opponents "stone cold"—to borrow a racing phrase—and just sauntered in with tries at their leisure.

Owing to the absence of the brothers Milton the East Midlands did not put a very powerful side into the field, and their lack of training rendered them helpless after the game had been for a very short while in progress. Their efforts while they lasted were, however, heroic, and deserved at least one try, and throughout the first quarter of an hour they almost kept the "Springboks" penned in their own quarters.

### NERVOUS START.

Palpably suffering from nervousness, the South Africans began in very shaky fashion. The forwards failed to get the ball in the "scrum," the backs fumbled on the rare occasions on which they obtained possession, and the flat went forth from the experts in the grand stand that these South Africans were a very much overrated team. In a few moments, however, the scene was changed. Hesitancy gave place to decision, and with the East Midland defence breaking down badly when put to the test the game became almost farcical.

The "Springbok" attack suddenly developed a sting which had been previously lacking, and with the men taking their passes cleverly while running at full speed, tries became frequent and free.

The hard ground and the bright, sunny day were, of course, all in favour of the "Springboks," who are used to such conditions; but, all the same, the fact cannot be denied that they played a game fully up to the average of English, and even of Welsh, form. Whether they are the equals of the "All Blacks" it is at present impossible to express an opinion. They did all that was required of them yesterday expeditiously, neatly, and in a manner that showed that they were not even giving of the best that was in them; but their excellence was more individual than collective, and they must be tested against a strong defence before their abilities can fairly be judged.

There is, however, a lot of talent in the team, at any rate in attack. What their defence may be like we do not at present know, and yesterday it was never once called upon.

To deal with individual members of the team. Burmeister, their full-back, is undoubtedly a very fine player. Cool, resourceful, a typical Dutchman. Cool, resource and manner, he possesses all the necessary qualities of a full-back, and it would take more than an East Midlander to fluster him.

### FINE PHYSIQUE.

The three-quarters yesterday were a particularly level lot, with Stegmann as the bright particular star. Stegmann is the Wallace of the South African team. Similar to the famous "All Black" in build and in appearance, he possesses almost an equal turn of speed and the same facile manner of handing off an opponent. He scored four tries yesterday, three of them as the result of good runs, and with anything like a clear run fifty yards off the goal line is always bound to be dangerous. Loubser, on the opposite wing, did not show up so prominently yesterday, but one delightful corkscrew run right through the thick of his opponents showed that he is also likely to be dangerous when opportunity offers. Thick set and sturdy, with determination writ large on his brow, he should score many a try before the tour ends.

Hirsch, the young Cantab, the Bean Brummel of the team, played a capital game in the centre, and if they have better men for that position they must indeed be useful, for he possesses both pace and discrimination. He scored a couple of beautiful tries yesterday, and had a hand in most of the others.

The half-backs did not impress the critics so favourably. They got the ball out all right, but they were very slow in doing it, and their passes were frequently lobbed instead of being sent waist-high. The forwards were yesterday stronger and heavier than their opponents, and therefore of necessity carried the "scrums," but so weak was the opposition that it is at present impossible to judge of their real capabilities. They certainly possess several men of very fine physique, notably Raaf, who, in addition to his weight, appears to have a good turn of speed and a nice appreciation of the finer points of forward play.

There was an attendance of about 6,000 spectators, and the enthusiasm, fierce when the "Springboks" were doing badly, gradually subsided as they gained the upper hand. There was, however, a hearty cheer when the South Africans left the field at the finish of the match, and a still heartier one when they returned to their quarters.

### DETAILS OF THE SCORING.

The first try was obtained by Stegmann in a loose forward rush. Carolin kicking a fine goal. Combined work among the three-quarters led up to the three following tries by Hirsch, De Villiers, and Stegmann, one of which Carolin converted; and at half-time the South Africans led by 2 goals and 2 tries to nil.

After changing ends, Stegmann quickly added two more tries, and later De Villiers, Loubser, and Hirsch also went over, Carolin placing two goals and Morkel one.

### ENTHUSIASM IN CAPETOWN.

CAPETOWN, Thursday, Sept. 27.

The news of the success of the South African Rugby team in their first match was received here with the greatest enthusiasm. The crowds which gathered in the streets to learn the result of the match loudly cheered the announcement of the victory.—Reuter.



## "SPRINGBOKS" AT LEICESTER.

### TO-DAY'S MATCH WITH THE MIDLAND COUNTIES.

#### INTERVIEW WITH THE CAPTAIN.

The "Springboks" play the second match of their tour against the Midland Counties at Leicester this afternoon. After their runaway victory over the East Midlands at Northampton last Thursday there is sure to be a tremendous crowd to witness the match, for the Midlanders have great faith in their side, and laugh at the idea of an "All Black" score being run up against them.

There had not been a great demand for seats on the Leicester ground up to Thursday night, but yesterday there was a big change. Mr. T. Crumie, the secretary of the "Tigers," stated last night that given a fine day everything pointed to the Welford-road ground being packed this afternoon.

#### MR. CRUMIE'S OPINION.

Mr. Crumie and several members of the Midland team saw the opening match at Northampton, and so his opinion of the team's abilities will prove of interest. He said that they had come to the conclusion that they were an exceptionally fast and sound team, and should do well when they get together. He added, however, that the Midlanders did not predict a success for them like that which attended the "All Blacks." The "Springboks" have not got that extraordinary unconventionality about their methods that proved such a valuable asset to the New Zealanders.

The team left Northampton yesterday morning, and arrived in Leicester about eleven o'clock, there being a good crowd to meet them. Almost immediately they visited the ground of the Leicester club, with which they were delighted, and said that they had never seen anything like our turf in their lives.

Paul Roos, the captain of the "Springboks," in reply to hearty congratulations on their initial success, said:

"Thank you very much indeed. We are, indeed, all delighted at the victory, and I feel a great weight off my mind. It was a fine game, and we all enjoyed it immensely. My boys were terribly nervous at the start, and I can only think that they were overawed by the seriousness of the position. In any case, I attribute our poor form during the first twenty minutes entirely to this. Well as our fellows played, there is great room for improvement, but the form was not bad for a first match. Towards the end we had matters pretty well all our own way, but I am sure our superior condition was chiefly responsible for this. Our opponents played a fine game, and kept going in splendid style right to the end, even when the position was hopeless. We all admired their pluck.

"I feel I must say a word," added Roos, "about the reception accorded us. It was magnificent, and we were quite carried away by it. It was the most impartial crowd that we have ever come across, and they are indeed good sportsmen, these Midlanders."

Asked what he thought were the weak points of the English play, Roos said, "It is too early to judge yet, but our opponents lost through their defence, which was very weak."

#### COMPLIMENT TO THE REFEREE.

Mr. Roos concluded his remarks on Thursday's game by complimenting Mr. Cartwright on his refereeing. "He is indeed a fine referee, and his decisions are delightful, as they are so completely governed by the spirit of the game."

"At the same time," he continued, "I mean to put several questions to the official in to-morrow's match, for it strikes me that there are two points over which you are much more lenient over here than we are in the Cape—knocks-on and feet up in the scrum. I certainly thought Mr. Cartwright was particularly lenient in this respect, but he is splendid in the promptness of his decisions, as nothing kills men more than being constantly hauled back after running some twenty yards."

About the prospects of to-day's match the "Springboks" captain did not say much, but he intimated that they all quite understood that to-day's task was a much more severe one.

"However," he added, "it is indeed hard luck on us that thus early in the tour we should be deprived of the services of three of our best three-quarters."

"Krieger and A. Morkel are still in London in the doctor's hands, and Hirsch, who played brilliantly on Thursday, is upstairs in bed. In the first match at Newlands he got kicked on the knee. This was again hurt on Thursday, and he now lies in bed with blood poisoning. The doctor says that at the best he cannot be out of bed before next Wednesday."

The team retired early to bed last night, and they are most strict in refusing hospitality. Ten o'clock sharp was the bed-time last night, and only those who are not playing accepted the invitation to the local theatre.

The South Africans team was selected last night as follows:

BACK.	
A. Burmeister.	
THREE-QUARTER-BACKS.	
A. Stegmann.	S. de Melker.
H. A. de Villiers.	J. A. Loubser.
HALF-BACKS.	
H. W. Carolin.	D. C. Jackson.
FORWARDS.	
P. Roos.	P. Le Roux.
J. Raaf.	D. Morkel.
W. A. Burger.	S. Morkel.
D. J. Brink.	D. S. Mare.

The match between the New Zealanders and the Midland Counties last year was not played until October 28, an evenly-contested game, the result of which was for a long time in doubt, being a victory for the "All Blacks" by 21 points to 5. If the "Springboks" can win by as large a margin this afternoon, they will stamp themselves as a good team indeed. Last year the Midland Counties made a capital show in the county championship competition, and only struck their colours to Devonshire, the ultimate winners. The following fifteen has been chosen to do duty for them this afternoon:—

BACK.	
C. E. Alexander (Coventry).	
THREE-QUARTER BACKS.	
J. H. Miles (Northampton).	
J. G. Cooper (Moseley).	
J. Bainbridge (Leicester).	
A. E. Hind (Nottingham).	
HALF-BACKS.	
J. Braithwaite (Leicester).	
L. Kirk (Nottingham).	
FORWARDS.	
V. H. Cartwright (Nottingham).	
C. H. Shaw (Moseley).	
W. L. Oldham (Coventry).	
R. F. Russell (Leicester).	
S. Matthews (Leicester).	
S. Penny (Leicester).	
A. Goodrich (Leicester).	
H. P. Atkins (Leicester).	

#### TO-DAY'S GAME AT LEICESTER.

#### VISITORS' PAGE TOO HOT.

### Victors by 29 Points to Nil

At Leicester. The South Africans made three changes from the team which beat East Midlands, Hirsch, who is suffering from an injured knee, giving place to De Melker, and Jackson and Mare taking the places of Dobbin, at half, and H. C. Daniel.

The visitors have already been unfortunate as regards their three-quarters, no fewer than three being hors de combat—Hirsch injured and Krieger and A. Morkel being on the sick list.

South Africans—Back, A. R. Burmeister (Western Province); three-quarter backs, A. C. Stegmann (Western Province), H. A. de Villiers (Western Province), J. de Melker (Griqualand), and J. A. Loubser (Western Province); half-backs, H. W. Carolin (Western Province) and Jackson (Western Province); forwards, P. Roos (Western Province), J. W. E. Raaf (Griqualand), S. Morkel, D. F. T. Morkel, D. Mare (Transvaal), W. A. Burger (Border), P. le Roux and D. Brink (Western Province).

Midland Counties—Back, C. E. Alexander (Coventry); three-quarter backs, J. H. Miles (Northampton), J. G. Cooper (Moseley), J. W. Bainbridge (Leicester), and A. E. Hind (Nottingham); half-backs, J. Braithwaite (Leicester) and J. Kirk (Nottingham); forwards, V. H. Cartwright (Nottingham), C. H. Shaw (Moseley), R. F. Russell, S. Matthews, S. Penny, A. G. Goodrich, and H. P. Atkins (Leicester), and W. Oldham (Coventry).

The crowd numbered about 10,000. The Africans kicked off against the sun and soon attacked Loubser being tackled by Hind. Douglas Morkel scored for the visitors in a forward rush after five minutes, Carolin placing a goal. Afterwards the Africans pressed again, but the Midlands broke away. After 15 minutes Carolin scored and placed a goal. A few minutes later Carolin cleverly dropped a goal, placing the Africans 14 points ahead. Play continued fast, but not of good quality. Midlands forwards made a good fight, but kicked too hard. Little back play was witnessed, the forwards having most of the game. Just on half-time Douglas Morkel scored, the place falling.

Half-time Score—		G. T. P.
South Africans.....	14	3 1 17
Midland Counties.....	0	0 0 0

\* One dropped.

Soon after changing ends Cartwright nearly scored, the Africans kicking dead just in time. Play for some time was even, but 15 minutes from the interval Melker, after clever passing, added a try. The Africans were penalised, and Cooper just missed goal. Afterwards Villiers dropped a goal and Carolin scored, D. F. T. Morkel placing the goal.

Final Score—		G. T. P.
SOUTH AFRICANS.....	29	5 2 29
MIDLAND COUNTIES.....	0	0 0 0

\* Two dropped.

Melker and Ol' in scored tries. De Villiers dropped a goal.

#### Comments on First Half.

South Africans start at a great pace. The work of the forwards in the loose was brilliant, and the general working up of the team a great improvement on the game at Northampton; also much cleverer behind.

Midlands had no chance against them from the start, the pace being altogether too hot.

Melker and Carolin scored converted goals. Carolin dropped a goal; D. F. Morkel scored an unconverted try.

#### Comments on Second Half.

Africans' backs indulged in several bouts of superb passing, the exchanges being clean, and delivered at top speed.

Midlanders played pluckily forward, but their backs were outclassed by the pace and finesse of the Colonials.

The kicking of the visitors was one of the features of the game.

Carolin played grandly at half.



## South Africans in Form

### SECOND MATCH OF THE TOUR Beating for the Midland Counties

At Leicester. Fully 18,000 spectators attended the Welford-road Ground this afternoon in gloriously brilliant weather. The ground was hard and firm, and the turf in splendid condition. There was no alteration in the sides, the teams turning out as forecasted. Teams:—

South Africans: Back, A. Burmeister; three-quarter backs, H. C. Stegmann, J. A. Loubser, H. A. de Villiers, and S. C. de Melkan; half-backs, H. W. Carolin and D. C. Jackson; forwards, C. Roos, D. Brink, P. le Roux, D. Mare, W. S. Morkel, D. F. T. Morkel, W. A. Burger, and H. W. A. Raaf.

Midlands: Back, C. Alexander (Coventry); three-quarter backs, J. H. Miles (Northampton), J. W. Bainbridge (Leicester), A. E. Hind (Nottingham), and J. G. Cooper (Moseley); half-backs, J. Braithwaite (Leicester), and L. Kirk (Nottingham); forwards, V. F. S. Cartwright (Nottingham) (captain), R. H. Russell, S. Matthews, S. Penny, A. Goodrich, and H. P. Atkins (Leicester), C. H. Shaw (Moseley), and W. Oldham (Coventry).

Both sides had a great reception, and there was considerable excitement, reminding one of an international match or a New Zealand visit. The popular entrances were closed to the public shortly after three o'clock. The war-cry of the South Africans elicited some amusement and applause, and the fine physique of the players was very noticeable as they took the field punctually to time. The Colonial captain kicked off, and the Midlands had to bustle a return back to the centre. From a long kick Burmeister was beaten. He partially recovered, but could not get the ball away. With a headlong dash the visitors forced the ball down, but Jackson kicked too hard, and Alexander made a clearance. Play was fast, and the South Africans put in some passing. Stegman giving Loubser a chance, but Kirk brought him down before he became dangerous. Some stiff play followed, and after ball had become loose Mare dived over the line for a good try, Carolin converting. This happened after five minutes' play. In the close scrummages the Colonials had the better of matters, and coming with a rush, were again dangerous. De Villiers crossed again, but the pass was forward, and he was re-called. Atkins made his mark, and returned to D. S. Morkel, but the kick at goal went wide. Another mark by Morkel was kicked to Miles, who foolishly made his mark at close quarters, and only a little ground was gained. The Midlands were forced back, and were quite unable to stem the hurricane dashes, until Cooper and Russell dribbled through to the Springbokken 25. A short stoppage followed, and a kicking duel between the rival backs was ended by Bainbridge kicking well to touch. There the home chances looked promising, but in a very few minutes the Midlands were called upon to defend. Indifferent marking was here noticeable, and several times the South Africans gained ground, escaping the notice of the half-backs. Several times off-side appeals were made against them, and it must be admitted that they trespassed dangerously near the limit. Ultimately, short passing close in sent Cardlin over, although the Midlands appealed strongly for a forward pass. Another goal fell to the foot of Cardlin, who was kicking in splendid style, with the tide of victory now fairly in their favour there was no holding the Springboks, who shortly afterwards sent dead from a mark by W. S. Morkel. Miles next muffed a return, and from a line-out the ball was tipped to Carolin, who cleverly dropped a lovely goal. This movement was splendid in its conception and execution. The Midlands now went down by means of short dribbles, and for the first time in the match the Midlands put in a bit of passing. Mare now left the scrum, acting as a flying forward, their captain realising that they were able to hold the scrum with seven men. For a time the Midlands held their own. Atkins, Cartwright, and Russell dribbling with considerable effect. In the line-out, however, they were completely at sea, and the ball was touched and tipped out in wonderfully accurate style. A poor clearance by Alexander led to D. Morkel making his mark, and this time Cardlin sent a little wide. Play simmered down a scrum enabled them to force their way through with seeming ease. Cooper got a nice pass from Braithwaite, and endeavoured to kick to Hind, but the attempt was a failure. Atkins was now playing wing forward, but the experiment was not a success, and just before half-time D. Morkel scored at the corner, failing at his own kick.

Half-time score: G. T. Pts.

South Africans ..... 3 1 17

Midlands ..... 0 0 0

Cartwright restarted, and there was no return, but this mattered little, as the ball to the 25 in successive scrums. A long kick by Burmeister was neutralised by off-side Englishmen when they failed to materialise a blunder by Burmeister, and just after the Midlands dribbled over, Cartwright failing to negotiate the try by inches. Several times Alexander found touch at foot. De Villiers and Stegmann were each prominent, as were Matthews and Bainbridge for the Midlands. The game was now considerably more even and, with all, exceptionally fast. Cooper had an opening for his wings, but lost possession in doubling inside. The home sides were apparently becoming more familiar with the methods of their opponents, and once Hinds saved in fine style. They were now playing closer to the Colonials, and spoiling their passes. Miles got a nice pass from Cooper, and kicked down to Burmeister, the last named touching dead with plenty of room to return. A lovely round of passing and re-passing ended in Melker scoring the best try of the game. Carolin's kick curling outside. Time after time the Colonials passed without gaining much ground, and resorted to touch kicking upon frequent occasions. Beyond vigorous tackling by both sides there was not a great deal of incident, but by short stages, the ball was worked into Midland quarters. Braithwaite relaying with a brilliant kick. Bainbridge further assisted, and the enthusiasm reached a high point when, first Russell, and then Miles, each endeavoured to get through. Russell beat Burmeister, but lost possession, and Miles, with one of his characteristic rushes, was just held inside. A stiff struggle followed, and the South Africans were penalised, no goal resulting. A quiet interlude was followed by a lovely dash by Melker, who was all but over, but the danger was only temporarily removed, and De Villiers dropped a goal from the succeeding scrum. Immediately following this reverse the Midlands went down, but hesitation lost the chance, and after fine passing Carolin went in again, Morkel converting. There was no further scoring, and the game ended.

Final score: G. T. Pts.  
South Africans ..... 5 2 23  
Midlands ..... 0 0 0

#### COMMENTS.

From the display given by the South Africans at Northampton on Thursday few people were prepared for the revelation which took place at Leicester this afternoon. Without going so far as to say that the present team of footballers are the equals of the "All Blacks" there is a striking similarity in some of the phases of their play. They are fast, very fast indeed, are already in magnificent condition and possessed of wonderful staying powers.

In passing they do not particularly shine, and are easily hustled out of possession, and, when strongly opposed, are apt to get flustered and erratic. However this may be there is no doubt, but their backs are an exceedingly smart lot. Time and again they were inclined to bore their wings to touch, but that they can pass and re-pass was evidenced by one or two of the tries which they registered this afternoon, notably the one gained by Melker in the second half.

So frequently is the whole team on the run that kicking is rarely indulged in, and the long, raking punts into touch are missing. That is to say, as a regular phase of play. One particular point was very noticeable, namely, the difficulty in tackling their men in motion. When a tackle is inevitable the man in possession wheels round as on a pivot and allows himself to be tackled by the buttocks, while his arms remain free to pass in any required direction.

At drop kicking they are very safe, and undoubtedly play for a position favourable for dropping.

The half-backs are not outstanding brilliant. They are helped immeasurably by the forwards, who, aided by their phenomenal weight and strength, wheel and rush their opponents off the ball, while the half-back has his work so simplified that he can hardly fail to be effective.

To speak generally their handling is good when on the run, and missed passes were few.

To the forwards, however, must the credit be mainly awarded. They are superb. It has been said that they do not greatly shine at dribbling. Nor do they, in fact. They have little dribbling to do. The rush and dash, the swamping of opposition, is sufficient for them, and if we do not see the closely-controlled rushes of the Irish team in a great season we see a dash and go, and a pertinacity which is remarkable. The quickness with which a collared forward is up on his feet and once more on the run is distinctly a feature.

The South Africans will defeat by far the greater number of sides by which they will be opposed. How to inflict that defeat is only a suppositions theory, but it appears possible that a side capable of holding a scrum without attempting to carry all before them would have a far better chance of dislocating their combination; in fact, a blocked scrum would be far more effective than the old style university rush. A team of really good backs, the Welsh side, for instance, would probably hustle them until their exchanges were inaccurate and indeed alive. With all their ability, there were even in this game under notice, when they were winning all along the line, signs of weakness in defence, and had the losers had an ounce of go left at these times more than one score would have resulted.



## TWO STRONG TEAMS FOR THIRD MATCH AT BLACKHEATH.

### WHY THE WET TURF MAY HAMPER THE VISITORS.

The Springboks play the third match of their tour this afternoon, when they will meet the Kent County team on the Rectory Field, Blackheath, the ground of the Blackheath Rugby Football Club.

The South Africans returned to London from the Midlands on Monday night, and yesterday they had their first experience of a typical wet day in England.

However, in no way dismayed by their damp surroundings, the team, under "Captain" Roos, went down to Richmond and spent a considerable time at practice in the afternoon. Naturally, since the men are now getting so much hard work in match play, nothing very arduous was undertaken, and nearly the whole team confined their efforts to running and passing in order to get accustomed to the wet ground and a slippery ball.

The team for to-day's game, which was chosen last night, is as follows:—

#### FULL-BACK.

A. F. Marsburg (Griqualand West).

#### THREE-QUARTERS.

A. C. Stegmann (Western Province).

H. A. de Villiers (Western Province).

S. C. de Melker (Griqualand West).

J. A. Loubser (Western Province).

#### HALF-BACKS.

H. W. Carolin (Western Province).

F. G. Doblin (Griqualand West).

#### FORWARDS.

P. Roos (captain) (Western Province).

W. A. Burger (Border).

D. J. Brink (Western Province).

W. A. Millar (Western Province).

D. Morkel (Transvaal).

W. S. Morkel (Transvaal).

H. G. Reid (Transvaal).

D. Mare (Transvaal).

The Springboks thus make four changes from the team that beat the Midlands, and this combination is a particularly formidable one. Dobbin comes back to half in place of Jackson, and Marsburg, H. G. Reid, and W. A. Millar are playing their first game of the tour in place of Burmeister, Le Roux, and Raaf.

Special interest will be taken in the form shown by Millar, as he is one of the finest all-round athletes in the team, and besides being a champion walker he has gained the highest honours as an amateur heavy-weight boxer.

The amended Kent team is:

#### BACK.

M. G. A. Edwards (R.N.C.).

#### THREE-QUARTERS.

G. G. Koop (Cambridge University).

H. F. P. Hearson (Cambridge University).

P. E. McEvedy (Guy's Hospital).

L. B. Stringer (Guy's Hospital).

#### HALF-BACKS.

W. Morgan (Guy's Hospital).

J. P. Jones (Guy's Hospital).

#### FORWARDS.

B. A. Hill (Blackheath) (capt.).

H. W. Stirling (Blackheath).

W. T. Cave (Blackheath).

J. E. C. Partridge (Blackheath).

R. K. McGillicuddy (Blackheath).

W. S. D. Craven (Blackheath).

R. H. Marriott (Blackheath).

S. McK. Saunders (Blackheath).

Owing to the fact that the Springboks are accustomed to play on such very hard grounds in Africa, it was thought that they would not be seen to advantage if the turf were wet.

Such, however, is not likely to prove the case, and certainly the men have not many fears on this point themselves, though they admit that such conditions are unusual for them. The only matter that was worrying the team last night was whether their trainer would be able to get their boots quite dry again in time for to-day's game.

It is good news that the invalids of the team are going on well. Paul Roos has quickly recovered, and is able to take his place to-day; "Japie" Krige, the "star" three-quarter, is now quite convalescent, and can practically play as soon as his services are required; and Jack Hirsch, who had to retire to bed with a bad knee after the Northampton match, is sitting up again.

The match will commence at 3.30, and will be under the charge of Mr. W. Williams.

## "SPRINGBOKS" HARD PRESSED.

### ONLY THREE POINTS SCORED IN THE FIRST HALF.

### A STUBBORN FIGHT BY THE KENT FORWARDS.

"SPRINGBOKS," 21 pts.; KENT, 0.

The "Springboks" were hardly seen at their best at Blackheath yesterday. They only defeated Kent by three goals and two tries to nil.

For the first half of the game it almost seemed as if the "Springboks" were going to lose. They certainly scored a try in the first five minutes, but the element of luck entered very largely into its obtaining, and with the Kent forwards more than holding their own it was anybody's game at half-time. The "Springboks," however, are notoriously bad beginners—this failing on their part will cost them dear one of these days—and the form which they showed after the interval was so immeasurably superior to that which they had displayed in the opening stages of the game that one could hardly believe it was the same team.

The forwards, galvanised into life by the demands of their captain, fairly beat the men of Kent at their own game. The ball was kept so close that the strong forward rushes, which had been so remarkable a feature of the Kent men's play in the first half, were stemmed almost before they had started, and the "Springbok" half-backs, who had been mainly occupied in the first half with falling on the ball, were able to get their three-quarters moving, and then the scoring began. As long as the Kent forwards could keep the ball among themselves there always appeared a chance of the Englishmen winning, or at least saving the game, but directly the play became open Kent always looked like a losing side. What our latter-day Rugby three-quarters lack is pace, and until they become at least three yards in a hundred faster than they are now they can never hope to cope with either South Africans or New Zealanders.

The Kent forwards worked heroically, but they could not perform the impossible. Pitted against men every bit as good as themselves, men who are as keen tacklers and equally good with their feet in the loose rushes, which formed so prominent a feature of the game, they had to perform the double task of beating the opposing eight and of keeping the ball among themselves and making ground by their own endeavours, instead of getting it out to their backs. The "Springbok" forwards, on the other hand, although always trying to make ground by their own unaided efforts whenever it was possible to do so, worked primarily for their backs, whose pace and cleverness they knew they could rely upon to clinch the scoring movement. Directly the Kent forwards were beaten—or rather held, for they were never really overwhelmed—the game was lost.

### CLEVER HALF-BACK.

The South Africans are fortunate to possess at the base of the "scrum" a half-back whose cleverness would bear favourable comparison with such giants of the past as A. R. Don-Wauchope or Alan Rotherham. The way in which Carolin tricked the opposing half time after time was marvellous, and it was hard lines on the Kent forwards that on almost every occasion on which they allowed their opponents to gain possession of the ball in the "scrum" the movement initiated by Carolin resulted in a try. There was really very little difference between the rival packs. Kent were quite as good as their opponents, and in the first half of the game, at any rate, perhaps a bit better; but directly the ball got among the backs there was no doubt which was the cleverer team. Without possessing the original methods of attack with which the "All Blacks" used to bewilder their opponents, the "Springboks" have, perhaps, even greater individual ability, and their pace is remarkable.

The try which Stegmann obtained shortly after half-time was the result of one of the most brilliant individual efforts seen on a football field for some time. The work which led up to it was nothing remarkable, and when Stegmann received the ball he was none too favourably placed for a score. Getting into his stride immediately, however, he ran round his opponents in a style which we unfortunately very rarely see nowadays. Handing off in the good old-fashioned style, he fairly beat Stringer and Edwards, the full-back, and romped round behind the posts in quite Stoddartian fashion. It was a bit of genuine old-fashioned football, which roused the spectators to enthusiasm, and from that moment Stegmann became the "star" man on the side.

There was one other try—obtained by Reid—which served to show the wonderful resource of the "Springbok" forwards. The opening was made by De Villiers, who, feinting cleverly, penetrated right through the Kent defence and threw the ball among the following-up forwards. Some hand-to-hand passing ended in Reid being given the ball with an almost clear run in, but the try was really the result of an effort in which almost every member of the team was concerned.

The try-getters were Carolin, Stegmann, Loubser, Millar, and Reid; the goals were kicked by Mare (2) and Carolin.

### ADDITIONS TO THE TEAM.

CAPETOWN, Wednesday, Oct. 3.

The South African Rugby Board will meet to-morrow to consider the question of increasing the numbers of the South African team in England.—Reuter.



# FOOTBALL EDITION.

7 P.M.

## TO-DAY'S GAMES

### RUGBY.

## DURHAM v. SOUTH AFRICANS.

## GREAT MATCH AT WEST HARTLEPOOL.

### DURHAM'S DETERMINED DEFENCE.

### WEIGHT AND STAMINA WIN THE GAME.

No match, since the memorable visit of the New Zealanders to the Friarage Field in October last, has attracted so much attention in Northern Rugby circles as that played to-day on the Victoria Ground, West Hartlepool, between Durham and the South Africans.

The tour of the visitors through the country has aroused keener interest than that which was evidenced in the earlier stages of the New Zealanders' campaign.

Whereas last season's visitors introduced a new feature into the game, viz., the different playing formation, which had the effect of nonplussing the efforts of some of the best tried exponents of the English method, to-day's Colonials played in our own style.

A comparison of the two teams which have done so much to revolutionise Rugby football in Great Britain can hardly be made at present. The difference in the style of play debars analogous criticism, but a comparison of the results of their first three matches will prove interesting. They are as follows:

#### NEW ZEALANDERS.

##### Points.

v. Devon	55 against 4
v. Cornwall	41 against nil.
v. Bristol	41 against nil.

Total ... 137 against 4

#### SOUTH AFRICANS.

##### Points.

v. East Midlands	37 against nil.
v. Midland County	27 against nil.
v. Kent	21 against nil.

Total ... 85 against nil.

There is a consensus of opinion that the "Springboks" are not quite up to the standard of last year's visitors, but at the same time, as a member of the team told our representative this morning, the New Zealanders appeared in the country and commenced business almost before their opponents were thoroughly prepared to meet such redoubtable champions, whereas the "Springboks" fame preceded them, and the warning note was, to all intents and purposes, sounded for the preparation of the home teams. As a consequence, the South Africans, having had to face what was considered to be a thoroughly organised and well-trained fifteen, the East Midlands, they exhibited no small signs of stage fright, from which they have not quite yet recovered.

Although this disadvantage has interfered materially with their class of play, in their three matches they have come triumphantly through their arduous ordeal. They have, however, been rather unlucky as regards injuries, and at present two players, both captains, are out of action. The home team, on the other hand, has been very fortunate, and has been able to field a strong team.

HALF-BACKS.  
J. KNAGGS (Hartlepool Rovers).  
J. SIVEWRIGHT (Hartlepool Rovers).  
FORWARDS.  
G. CARTER (Hartlepool Rovers).  
J. BOYLEN (Hartlepool Rovers).  
S. MOULE (West Hartlepool).  
G. SUMMERSCALES (Durham City).  
M. HALL (Westoe).  
H. HAVELOCK (Hartlepool Old Boys).  
J. ELLIOTT (Durham City).  
G. BURRELL (Winlaton Vulcans).

REFEREE: Mr. Gil Evans, Birmingham.

#### THE GAME.

Carolyn, for the visitors, kicked off, Taylor replying to De Melker, who missed the ball, which went into touch. From the ensuing scrummage, the visitors gained a lot of ground, but Taylor picked up smartly, and stayed their progress. Brilliant passing initiated by Knaggs, and followed up by Taylor, Chapman, and Nielson, led to the latter sprinting splendidly right to the crease, where he was brought down. Nielson was hurt in his endeavour to break through, and after a stoppage had to be

#### CARRIED OFF THE FIELD.

From a scrummage near the line Knaggs was given possession by the forwards, and, sending on to Taylor, the skipper dodged into position, and taking cool deliberate aim dropped a beautiful goal within five minutes of the start. Still fed nicely by the forwards, who were playing splendid football, more passing was indulged in, but failed at Chapman, and the Colonials, breaking away with a loose rush, brought Heal down with the ball. Reid gathered and romped over, for Mare to land a neat goal. Within a few more minutes, the forwards had again broken loose, and Raaf this time broke through, D. Morkel kicking a splendid goal. Play was intensely keen and fast, the home forwards doing well in the scrum, and Havelock and Hall doing

#### GRAND FOLLOWING UP.

Once again a loose rush threatened danger, but Ellwood brought down Stegmann finely, and his pass was stolen by Taylor, who punted to the centre, and safety. In the line out the visitors were smart, but the whistle brought them up twice when they looked like getting away. Then Sivewright punted finely from a pack, and Durham were making a good fight. Stegmann was again fed after fine passing, but Ellwood brought him down brilliantly. Havelock broke away in splendid style with the ball at his toes, but Marsburg gathered brilliantly, and ran fully 50 yards before giving Carolyn the ball. Then Burger broke away on his own from a line out, a part of the game in which the Colonials were easily first, and Durham nowhere. Yet

#### THE DEFENCE HELD OUT

wonderfully well under hot pressure, and Ellwood again proved the saviour of his side by a fine kick to touch from under the posts when absolutely surrounded by his opponents. Knaggs, too, picked up from a determined rush, and though tackled managed to find touch with a punt, following which Taylor and Marsburg exchanged long kicks, a minor to Durham ensuing. Off-side lost Durham ground, though the ball was undoubtedly out of the scrum. Play was very even hereabouts, for while the South Africans were stronger in the push, the ball did not come their way every time by a long way, and when it did Knaggs and Sivewright were there to spoil the efforts of Carolyn and Mare to open out the play. The pace had slackened somewhat, and scrums predominated awhile, Carolyn forcing a minor from

#### A LONG KICK.

De Melker found touch nicely at the home 25, but Carter, Knaggs, and Taylor repulsed them with a smart rushing dribble, play resting at the centre. Loubser ran brilliantly in and out through the Durham van, but he could not get through, though success came a moment later, Carolyn dropping a fine goal. At the other end Havelock, following up fast, found Marsburg with the ball, and he was only just prevented from crossing the crease. Off-side by South Africa gave Durham a chance, and Taylor crossed to Carter, who dropped at goal, his shot being too low to succeed. Then Knaggs tricked the opposition cleverly, and Marsburg missing, Durham looked like scoring, but Loubser came to the rescue and gained relief. Yet Durham were

#### NOT TO BE DENIED.

and splendid work by the forwards in the loose led up to a sustained attack, and Heal sent Stegmann into touch with the ball. When the Africans looked like relieving Taylor stepped in and found touch again, though Heal failed to go down once when he should. He made amends a moment later, for receiving from passing to Knaggs and Taylor, he sent Carolyn into touch, and then, when Chapman and Taylor looked like getting away,

Boylen out. Relief came through a loose rush, but when they looked like getting into the home half Sivewright punted away again. Not to be denied they returned by strong rushing methods, the same player again saving the situation by a fine individual bit of play. Ellwood, too, was there every time when called upon, while the home van were tackling like terriers and putting up a really grand

#### FIGHT AGAINST ODDS.

Twice or thrice the Colonials were all but over, but the defence performed valiantly, every man Jack of 'em working like a nigger. De Melker and Carolyn looked like doing the trick, but the last pass was forward, and Durham, through Knaggs, Heal, and Taylor, who passed prettily, got right away to the centre again. Play was always full of incident but it was never brainy, and no one appeared pleasantly surprised, at the exhibition. Carolyn tried at goal from the centre line, but his shot was a miserable failure, though it was the indirect means of another attack. Mat Hall at centre was doing yeoman service, and, with a fine tackle, he brought down Marsburg at the centre. At length De Melker

#### BROKE RIGHT THROUGH

the home backs, and when faced by Ellwood he handed over to Stegmann, who ran over with the last try, D. Morkel fittingly crowning it with a fine goal. This brought the final whistle. Final:

#### SOUTH AFRICANS:

4 goals (1 dr.) 1 try, ... 22 points.

DURHAM: 1 dr. goal, ... 4 points.

## NOTES ON THE GAME

#### BY "ATHLEO."

The Victoria Ground to-day seemed quite a Mecca, for all and sundry—all roads led there—and some made their re-appearance after many days. The Durham side, after undergoing so much chopping and changing, was looked upon with palsied pride as one which had fallen from the seats of the mighty, and which would afford an easy mark for the sprightly "Springboks."

The glorious victories with which our Colonial brethren have opened their campaign have prepared us for squalls, and, though we have been told their team is not so brainy, nor so polished, as the Antipodean team of a year ago, such information was but cold comfort, and I, like all the others there, expected Durham to be decisively defeated.

The first half started at a wonderfully fast pace, too fast to last long, and so it proved.

Yet it was not a brilliant game, there were no New Zealand tactics, none of their soundness behind the pack, no Wallace—ah! what memories the name recalls—to electrify the crowd.

None of these attributes to brilliancy, but thirty—nay, sad to say twenty-nine—for Neilson had been badly hurt—keen, hard-working, eager contestants.

What was lacking in skill was made up for in enthusiastic dash.

Ellwood had thus far covered himself with glory, for no man could have done better, and few, if any, as well.

The home third line had played magnificently on the defence, Mat Hall and Taylor breaking up the combination of the opposition times out of number.

Heal and Chapman, too, were ever on the alert, and Durham can, I think, flatter themselves that they have a sound, reliable defence.

Then, again, Knaggs and Sivewright won golden opinions by their strategy and clever spotting tactics.

When all is over, I cannot say that the Colonials are a great team—they acknowledge that themselves—but they are a combination of fifteen fine specimens of manhood, and as fit as the proverbial fiddle.

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v. Devon .....	55 against 4
v. Cornwall .....	41 against nil.
v. Bristol .....	41 against nil.
Total .....	137 against 4
SOUTH AFRICANS.	
v. East Midlands .....	37 against nil.
v. Midland County .....	27 against nil.
v. Kent .....	21 against nil.
Total .....	85 against nil.

There is a consensus of opinion that the "Springboks" are not quite up to the standard of last year's visitors, but at the same time, as a member of the team told our representative this morning, the New Zealanders appeared in the country and commenced business almost before their opponents were thoroughly prepared to meet such redoubtable champions, whereas the "Springboks" fame preceded them, and the warning note was, to all intents and purposes, sounded for the preparation of the home teams. As a consequence, the South Africans, having had to face what was considered to be a thoroughly organised and well-trained fifteen, the East Midlands, they exhibited no small signs of stage fright, from which they have not quite yet recovered.

Although this disadvantage has interfered materially with their class of play, in their three matches they have come triumphantly through their arduous ordeal. They have, however, been rather unlucky as regards injuries, and at present two players, both capable three-quarters, are hors-de-combat. Kridge, one of their finest backs, has recovered sufficiently from an attack of influenza to enable him to make his debut before the British public to-day, and his appearance in the team to meet the Northern champions in no small degree strengthened the visitors' confidence.

Up to last night it was very doubtful whether Jack Taylor, the West captain, would appear in the County team, and Dr. Campbell was chosen as full-back to allow Ellwood to fill the vacancy in the three-quarter line. Dr. Campbell, however, owing to an injured leg, could not turn out, and Taylor, after much persuasion, consented to take the field.

It will be remembered that the honour of first crossing the New Zealander's goal line last season fell to a Durham player, Clarkson, and it was hoped that to-day history would be repeated, and a Dunelmian would thus attain the enviable distinction of compassing the downfall of the "Springboks" citadel.

The glorious weather, the prospects of witnessing one of the finest matches ever played in the Hartlepoons, and all other indications this morning pointed to a huge attendance.

About an hour before the start there would be a crowd of fully 5,000 strong around the ropes. The time of waiting was pleasantly whiled away by selections from the popular operas and songs rendered by the band of the 4th Durham R.G.A. Volunteers.

A man in the crowd aptly christened the Colonials "Zam-Buks." He evidently thought they were going to "rub it in."

The weather was ideal, for with no sun and little wind, and that oblique across the field, there was every prospect of a good fast display of the handling code. Female beauty was in evidence in all parts of the enclosure, and their bright colours lent a wonderfully welcome enchantment to the view.

Precisely at 3 o'clock the sun broke through in all its brilliancy, while the crowd had increased to about 10,000, both ends being packed in typical Billingsgate style. Several of the Colonials who were standing down had provided themselves with a megaphone ready for the war song to greet their warriors as they came forth in full battle array to "do or dare."

The boards enclosing the ground were lined with spectators who had taken up uncomfortable positions on the top. Loud cheering from the thousands of throats greeted the advent of the Colonials, who were quickly followed by the home team.

#### SOUTH AFRICANS.

##### BACK.

(2) A. F. MARSBURG (Griqualand West).

##### THREE-QUARTER BACKS.

(5) A. C. STEGMANN (Western Province).

(6) J. A. LOUBSER (Western Province).

(3) J. D. KRIDGE (Western Province).

(4) S. C. DE MELKER (Griqualand West).

##### HALF-BACKS.

(1) H. W. CAROLIN (Western Province).

(7) D. S. MARE (Transvaal).

##### FORWARDS.

(15) P. ROOS (Western Province).

(21) D. BRINK (Western Province).

(22) W. C. MARTHEZE (Griqualand).

(23) J. W. RAAF (Griqualand West).

(24) W. S. MORKEL (Transvaal).

(25) D. F. T. MORKEL (Transvaal).

(26) H. G. REID (Transvaal).

(27) W. A. BURGER (Border).

##### DURHAM.

##### BACK.

D. ELLWOOD (Hartlepool Rovers).

##### THREE-QUARTER BACKS.

W. HEAL (Hartlepool Rovers).

J. TAYLOR (West Hartlepool).

P. CHAPMAN (Westoe).

N. C. NEILSON (Sunderland).

and Marsburg exchanged long kicks, a Taylor to Durham ensuing. Off-side lost Durham ground, though the ball was undoubtedly out of the scrum. Play was very even hereabouts, for while the South Africans were stronger in the push, the ball did not come their way every time by a long way, and when it did Knaggs and Sivewright were there to spoil the efforts of Carolin and Mare to open out the play. The pace had slackened somewhat, and scrums predominated awhile, Carolin forcing a minor from

#### A LONG KICK.

De Melker found touch nicely at the home 25, but Carter, Knaggs, and Taylor repulsed them with a smart rushing dribble, play resting at the centre. Loubser ran brilliantly in and out through the Durham van, but he could not get through, though success came a moment later, Carolin dropping a fine goal. At the other end Havelock, following up fast, found Marsburg with the ball, and he was only just prevented from crossing the crease. Off-side by South Africa gave Durham a chance, and Taylor crossed to Carter, who dropped at goal, his shot being too low to succeed. Then Knaggs tricked the opposition cleverly, and Marsburg missing, Durham looked like scoring, but Loubser came to the rescue and gained relief. Yet Durham were

#### NOT TO BE DENIED.

and splendid work by the forwards in the loose led up to a sustained attack, and Heal sent Stegmann into touch with the ball. When the Africans looked like relieving Taylor stepped in and found touch finely, though Heal failed to go down once when he should. He made amends a moment later, for receiving from passing by Knaggs and Taylor he sent play beyond the centre again. Chapman tackled finely twice in quick succession, when Kridge and Loubser looked like getting away. The visitors indulged a lot in kicking, but it was neither accurate in length or direction; in fact, Taylor outshone them in that direction, with ease. Heal muddled badly, and Stegmann looked certain to score, but Knaggs came in at the opportune moment and kicked away to safety. With play at the centre a welcome halt was called with the Colonials 10 points in front. Half-time:

South Africans: 3g. (1 dr.). 14 points.

Durham: 1 dr. goal ... 4 points.

Taylor started the second half for Durham, who were again blessed with the aid of Neilson. Carolin's reply was a poor affair, and Durham were at once in a very promising position. Kridge came away neatly, but Knaggs stayed his progress, and Heal kept play in the visitors' half by a neat kick to touch. Sivewright sent the Colonials back when they became aggressive, and then Neilson again retired. Marsburg sent to Ellwood, but the latter's kick lacked length, though it found touch all right. The Africans were now on the attack, but the defence was keen, and the forwards came away finely with a wheeling rush, and

#### RELIEVED THEIR LINES.

Sivewright got the better of the opposite pair, and gained further ground, and then when De Melker was in full sail for the line little Knaggs toppled him over beautifully. Still Durham were hard put to, though they tackled like demons, and scrimmage followed scrimmage five yards from the line. Ellwood and Chapman at length gained ground by passing and kicking, just as the ropes gave way in the far corner, and Knaggs had to be attended to opposite the Press box. Rain had now been falling since the interval, and the ball was becoming greasy, and naturally more difficult to handle. Sivewright tried hard to break through and make way for the men behind, but numbers overpowered him. Taylor

#### MARKED JUDICIOUSLY.

and found touch at the Colonials' 25, but a long kick bounded the wrong way for Ellwood, and he wisely conceded a minor. Sivewright was hereabouts in evidence with a fine screw kick to touch under extreme difficulties, and splendid and successful following up by Carter, Havelock, and Monle earned the hearty plaudits of the crowd. D. Morkel tried at goal from a penalty near the centre, but though the kick was powerful enough, the shot lacked direction. Mare marked in the next second, and the kick saw Taylor brought down with the ball near his own line. A free kick, however, removed immediate danger, and more marks of no advantage to either side followed quickly. Durham were

#### NOT AT ALL INFERIOR

so far as loose footwork among the forwards was concerned, but they naturally lacked weight. Loubser looked all over a scorer after a series of neat passes, but Ellwood again brought off another brilliant tackle bare inches outside the line, and Heal and Taylor dribbled right away to beyond the centre, from loose play following his pass. Marsburg, however, ran all the way back to the gather, and a second later Loubser scampered over with no one to oppose him, after capital transfers by Kridge and Carolin. D. Morkel

#### FAILED TO IMPROVE.

from a wide position. Then Taylor sent down to Marsburg with a long raking kick, the Africander replying weakly into touch. Durham were now attacking strongly, and only safe fielding and determined tackling kept

What was lacking in skill was made up for in enthusiastic dash.

Ellwood had thus far covered himself with glory, for no man could have done better, and few, if any, as well.

The home third line had played magnificently on the defence, Mat Hall and Taylor times out of number.

Heal and Chapman, too, were ever on the alert, and Durham can, I think, flatter themselves that they have a sound, reliable defence.

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This, to my mind, is the keynote of their success—superiority in weight and stamina. I do not wish to infer that the Durham men were not fit—my word, they were—but my point is they have not the opportunities to be so perfect in condition.

I must give both teams credit for keen unflagging energy and determination, and only once throughout the whole game did I see anyone shirk responsibility. Yet it would not be fair to mention names, for the same individual more than atoned for the one fault.

To my eye, there was far too much marking, too much wild, aimless kicking, and too much overrunning of the ball on the part of the Colonials to take the critical eye, but, as individuals, every man is clever in his department, especially the two centres.

I liked them both, and also Carolin, the half. They have a thorough knowledge of the duties appertaining to these respective positions, and, moreover, fulfil them to perfection.

Marsburg is a good custodian, but not a star. He misfielded once or twice very badly, while his kicking varied from good to bad, with a lot of indifferent interspersed with these.

Stegmann was the man I looked to for tries, but I must say he struck me as a plain fast man, a good taker of a pass, and a sure fielder and kick, but not a bit tricky when cornered, and lacking in initiative when placed in a responsible position.

Reid took my fancy in the line-out right from the first, and he did grand work in the other departments, too, though Raaf was but little behind him.

As a pack they were fine at sheer shoulder work, but the hookers were outhooked—if I may coin the word—for Durham got the ball as much as they did.

Their wheeling was strong, but they oft-times left the ball behind them. They do not spare themselves in following-up or in backing up their fellows, and of their dribbling nothing but that which is eulogistic can be said.

Passing was not a strong point with them, considering the opportunities they had, for very often the ball was sent behind the prospective recipient, and often either at his feet or over his head. Yet another man popped up to snap the chance every time, and thus the misses were not disastrous, as oft they well might have been.

Of the kicking I must say it was strong enough in all conscience, but the ball went upwards far too much to be of value, and both length and accuracy were lacking generally.

Summing the team up, they are all genuine grafters, and work hard enough to beat anybody, but a clever team—and I think they will find a few—given equal opportunities, will, I believe, prove their masters.

Of Durham nothing but praise can be bestowed. Right from the first they gave us of their best, and had it not been for the unfortunate mishap to Neilson in the first few minutes of the game there is no saying but that the score would have been much smaller on the Colonials' side.

I am very sorry to hear that Neilson is badly hurt, and there is some fear that the injury is internal—a great pity indeed.

Ellwood was brilliancy itself. His tackling could not possibly have been finer, and I think Stegmann will hold the youthful Rover in respectful memory for a few days to come.

In fact, I might nearly say, on the day's form, that we have a custodian worthy of any honours. Given health, and a continuance of such form, and nothing is so sure.

Taylor to-day was Taylor. He was not



# DURHAM, THOUGH DEFEATED, SPOIL THE RECORD.

## A DRAMATIC TEN MINUTES.

SPRINGBOKS, 22 pts.; DURHAM COUNTY (h), 4 pts.

The Springboks still continue their all-conquering career, and on Saturday, at West Hartlepool, secured their fourth victory in decisively defeating Durham—the ex-county champions—by 3 goals, a dropped goal, and a try to a dropped goal.

They are the keenest of Ruggers in the North of England, and from an early hour on Saturday people swarmed into the town from all quarters of Durham and the neighbouring counties, so that it was not surprising to find the ground packed with 12,000 people some time before the kick-off.

There was an unusual hum of excitement and expectancy about these brawny northern enthusiasts, for they remembered that their fellow-countrymen were the first to put up a fight against the All Blacks, the result of which looked creditable in black and white, while the first try scored against them was gained by Clarkson, whose name is still a household word in the locality by reason of that famous feat.

Many of the Durham men made no secret of the fact that they hoped to see the tide of defeat stemmed. Moreover, at one time—the game was scarce three minutes old—it looked as though their hopes were to be confirmed.

Few of those who were fortunate enough to witness the opening ten minutes of this match are likely ever to forget it. It was full of dramatic incident and rapidly-changing fortunes. As the teams entered the ground so tense was the excitement that the crowd almost forgot to cheer, except for one enthusiastic burst of admiration for Taylor, when it was realised that the great international had really decided to turn out.

Then, without a moment's delay, Durham had won the toss and Carolin had kicked off for the Springboks. Almost before some had really realised that the game had begun, the Durham three-quarters were flying for the visitors' line like lightning. The ball was being carried along to perfection by the left wing, and a score seemed almost certain.

### NEILSON INJURED.

Everything depended on Marsburg, the full back. Without a moment's hesitation he made up his mind, and flew at Neilson. There was a terrible thud, and though the movement had been stopped it was clear that the Durham man was badly hurt. After a short delay the fallen man was carried off the field, badly injured internally. No one was to blame, and it was one of those inevitable pieces of bad fortune.

The spectators had scarce recovered from this shock when a loud-lunged roar announced that the home team, pressing home their advantage, had scored. From a scrum on the visitors' "25" line the ball was passed out to Taylor, and this player, with a deft swerve and a quick feint, outwitted the defence and sent the ball sailing over the cross-bar with a perfect drop-kick. Though the Springboks looked almost surprised and disappointed, they never faltered for a moment. The ball was off again in a flash, the African forwards sweeping down the field in such formidable style that the best of defences might waver for a moment. They meant to secure victory, and succeeded. Before the game was ten minutes old they had twice swept over the line for two converted tries.

The aspect of the play was thus quickly and dramatically changed. Durham's lead had disappeared, and from that point the Springboks had won their fourth victory—and all this inside a quarter of an hour. Then for a time the pace slackened a bit, but just on half-time Carolin dropped the inevitable goal, and at the interval the Springboks were leading by 14 points to 4.

Rain appeared before the game was resumed, and caused the rest of the play—which had never been of the "eggshell" order—to be robust rather than scientific. Being unable to handle the wet ball with advantage, the Springboks' forwards kept the game much to themselves, and it was not until just on the close that Stegmann and Loubser got on the move to score further tries, one of which was converted.

During the greater portion of the second half, however, the South Africans were always there or thereabouts, and only the superb tackling of the Durham team kept the defeat from being much more decisive.

## AFRICANS' TOUR. Fourth Match v. Durham.

The South Africans played the fourth match of their tour this afternoon, meeting Durham at West Hartlepool. It was in the Durham match last year that the New Zealanders had their line crossed for the first time, when Clarkson scored the try, and the "All Blacks" won by 16 points to 5.

Of the Durham players who participated in that engagement seven were selected for to-day's engagement—H Havelock, G Summerscales, G Carter, counter—J Knaggs, J Taylor, and H Imrie—and T Hogarth, J Knaggs, J Taylor, and H Imrie—and Boylen was selected but did not play. Clarkson was an absentee, while the International, Imrie, and E. M. Harrison did not take part. N. C. Neilson (Sunderland) and E. Chapman (Westoe) come into the team.

Durham have won the county championship four times during the past seven years, and were only beaten in the final last year by Devon.

In the South African team J. D. Krige will turn out in the three-quarter line for the first time. On his day he is considered the cleverest and most dangerous three-quarter in South Africa; and also, when he is playing, Loubser's game is improved about 50 per cent. Krige has been ill up to now. All the other players have taken part in the previous games played during the tour.

### South Africans.

Back, M. F. Morsburg; three-quarter backs, A. O. Stagman, C. Loubser, J. D. Krige, and S. C. Melker; Half-backs, H. W. Carolin and D. S. Mare; forwards, P. Roos (captain), D. J. Brink, H. Reid, W. S. Morkell, D. F. Morkell, W. A. Burger, J. W. Raff and Marthezi.

### Durham County.

Back, Ellwood (Hartlepool Rovers); three-quarter backs, F. Chapman (Hartlepool Rovers), Heal (Hartlepool Rovers), N. C. Neilson (Sunderland), and J. T. Taylor (West Hartlepool); half-backs, J. Knaggs (Hartlepool Rovers), and H. Sivewright (Hartlepool Rovers); forwards, T. Hogarth (Hartlepool Rovers), G. Carter (Hartlepool Rovers), J. Boylen (Hartlepool Rovers), J. Donthie (West Hartlepool), Moule (West Hartlepool), M. Hall (Westoe), G. Summerscales (Durham City), and H. Havelock (Hartlepool Old Boys).

## THE GAME DESCRIBED.

The weather was ideal, and there were 10,000 spectators.

Carolin started for the visitors, Taylor returning into touch at the centre.

Scrummaging at the centre was followed by an invasion of Durham territory, but brilliant passing by Durham almost led to a score, Chapman just failing in the effort. Neilson was hurt.

From a scrummage Taylor dropped a brilliant goal amidst tremendous enthusiasm, this being the first score against the visitors.

The arrears were quickly wiped off, however, for a breakaway to the Durham line ended in a try by Reid. Mare converted.

Raff, after brilliant passing, added a second, Morkell converting.

Further fine combination by the visitors broke down, Taylor relieving.

The visitors continued to hold the upper hand. Though Durham defended valiantly weight was much in the Colonials' favour.

A long kick by Taylor compelled the visitors to concede a minor, and Durham were aggressive.

A spell of unexciting play followed and slight rain began falling.

Loubser made a tricky dash for the line, and the Colonials being in a strong position again, Carolin dropped a line goal. Carter failed dismally at a similar effort. Durham pressed at the interval.

Half-time Score— G. T. P.

South Africans..... 12 2 14  
Durham..... 4 1 0 4

† One from a mark.  
\* Dropped.

In the second half Stegmann scored two further tries, one of which was converted by Morkell.

Final Score— G. T. Pts.

South Africans..... 13 2 22  
Durham..... 4 1 0 4

† One from a mark. \* Dropped.

## Comments on the First Half.

Taylor came into the County team, Ellwood retaining his position as full back. Krige for the South Africans made his debut, and Marthezi came into the forward line vice Roos.

The opening was in favour of the Africans, but the Durham backs got possession, and after grand work transferred play to the Colonial line. Here Taylor secured, and after manoeuvring for an opening dropped a grand goal.

Then the Africans, showing wonderful speed and resource, got within distance of the Durham line. The first try was of a soft character, the Durham backs being at fault. Reid was the scorer; Mare goal.

The visitors were passing and repassing with wonderful rapidity, and their forwards were much faster than their opponents, but play was of a fairly even character.

Before half-time Raff scored a try, which was converted by Morkell.

## Comments on the Second Half.

Durham restarted without Neilson, and early on Knaggs was hurt, but resumed.

At the commencement of the half Durham got away in good style only to be sent back to their own line, where play was of anything but a finished character.

Rain commenced to fall, but did not damp the ardour of the players.

Free kicks fell to both teams, but without result. The African forwards pressed well, and from a penalty D. Morkell just missed goal.

Durham slacked somewhat.

Still another try was forthcoming, certainly the best of the afternoon, Stegman crossing after wonderful passing. Morkell converted at a difficult angle.

## South Africans Record.

First match v East Midlands—At Northampton, Thursday, September 27th. Result—

South Africans..... G. T. P.  
East Midlands..... 5 4 37  
Scorers—Stegman (4), Hirsch (2), Villiers (2), and Loubser. Carolin converted two, Stegman and Douglas Morkell one each of the tries.

Second match v Midland Counties—At Leicester, September 29th. Result—

South Africans..... G. T. P.  
Midland Counties..... 5 2 29  
Scorers—Carolin (2), Douglas Morkell (2), Melker (1). Carolin and De Villiers dropped goals, and Carolin converted three of the tries.

Third match v Kent—At Blackheath, Wednesday, October 3rd. Result—

South Africans..... G. T. P.  
Kent..... 3 2 21  
Scorers—Carolin, Stegman, Loubser, Millar and Reid. Mare converted two, and Carolin one of the tries.

Total for..... G. T. P.  
Against..... 16 10 109

## Remaining Fixtures.

October.

10—At Newcastle v. Northumberland.  
13—At Leeds, v. Yorkshire.

17—At Plymouth, v. Devon.  
20—At Bristol, v. Somerset.

24—At Richmond, v. Middlesex  
27—At Newport, v. Newport.  
31—At Swansea, v. Glamorgan County.

November.

3—At Gloucester, v. Gloucestershire  
7—At Oxford, v. Oxford University.  
10—At Cambridge, v. Cambridge University.

13—At Hawick, v. South Scotland.  
17—At Glasgow, v. Scotland.  
20—At Aberdeen, v. North Scotland.

24—At Belfast, v. Ireland.  
27—At Dublin, v. Dublin University.

December.

1—At Swansea, v. Wales.  
8—In London, v. England.  
12—At Manchester, v. Lancashire.

15—At Carlisle, v. Cumberland.  
19—At Richmond, v. Surrey.  
22—At Redruth, v. Cornwall.

26—At Newport, v. Monmouth County.  
29—At Llanelli, v. Llanelli.

January.

1—At Cardiff, v. Cardiff.



# SPRINGBOKS IN THE NORTH.

## TEAMS FOR FIFTH MATCH AGAINST NORTHUMBERLAND.

The Springboks arrived in Newcastle yesterday morning, where they will play their fifth match this afternoon against Northumberland.

The South African team contains several changes from the side victorious over Durham.

The teams will be:

### NORTHUMBERLAND.

BACK,  
C. F. Stanger-Leathes (Northern).

THREE-QUARTERS,  
T. Simpson (Rockcliffe),  
Noel Mather (Percy Park),  
E. W. Hall (Northern),  
J. Hutchinson (Durham City).

HALF-BACKS,  
B. R. Lunn (Gosforth Nomads),  
M. M. Snowball (Tynedale).

FORWARDS,  
A. Dodds (Rockcliffe),  
R. Turner (Rockcliffe),  
G. R. Cumberlege (Northern),  
J. H. Ritson (Northern),  
R. Beckerson (Percy Park),  
F. G. Spencer (Tynedale),  
R. H. Kirkup (Gosforth Nomads), and  
J. S. Emmerson (Tynedale).

### SOUTH AFRICANS.

BACK,  
A. Burmeister (Western Province).

THREE-QUARTERS,  
J. Le Roux (Western Province),  
J. Hirsch (Eastern Province),  
J. D. Krige (Western Province),  
J. A. Loubser (Western Province).

HALF-BACKS,  
F. S. Dobbin (Griqualand West),  
D. C. Jackson (Western Province).

FORWARDS,  
P. Roos (Western Province), captain,  
H. Daneel (Western Province),  
A. F. Burdett (Western Province),  
W. A. Millar (Western Province),  
W. A. Burger (Border),  
P. A. Le Roux (Western Province),  
D. J. Brink (Western Province),  
H. G. Reid (Transvaal).

In consequence of an attempt which has been made to obtain tickets for the Middlesex and South Africans' match—to be played at Richmond on October 24—by fraud, Mr. R. J. Hodgson, the honorary secretary of the Middlesex County Rugby Football Union, states that tickets can only be purchased from Mr. H. Rockett, the manager of Richmond Athletic Ground, or from Mr. Hodgson himself.

## Northumbrians v. South Africans.

Profiting by their experience of last season, when thousands were unable to enter the ground at North Shields to see the New Zealanders—and some thousands within the enclosure caught only fleeting glimpses of the play—the Northumberland Rugby Union have secured St. James's Park, Newcastle, for next Wednesday's encounter with the South Africans. The event is naturally arousing great interest, and a big attendance, for a Rugby game, that is to say, will be attracted to the home of Newcastle United. As to the Northumberland team, it promises pace at the third line, where the Northumbrians are rarely lacking in this important attribute, and safety at full back with C. F. Stanger-Leathes as custodian; but it is feared that not above mediocrity will the forwards prove, whilst at half-back they may be good or ill, with a pair unaccustomed to play together in Lunn and Snowball. The team for Northumberland is as follows:—C. F. Stanger-Leathes (Northern), T. Simpson (Rockcliffe), Noel Mather (Percy Park), E. W. Hall (Northern), and J. E. Hutchinson (Durham City); M. M. Snowball (Tynedale) and B. R. Lunn (Gosforth Nomads); R. Beckerson (Percy Park), F. R. Cumberlege and J. A. S. Ritson (Northern), F. G. Spencer and J. S. Emmerson (Tynedale), R. H. Kirkup (Gosforth Nomads), A. Kewney and R. Turner (Rockcliffe).

## 'SPRINGBOKS' FIFTH WIN

### "ALL BLACKS" SCORE BEATEN AT NEWCASTLE.

### SEVEN TRIES IN A QUARTER OF AN HOUR.

"SPRINGBOKS," 44 points; NORTHUMBERLAND (h), 0.

Under conditions rather adverse to fast play, on the ground of the Newcastle United F.C., yesterday, the "Springboks" scored a runaway victory at the expense of Northumberland's representatives, who were defeated by 4 goals 8 tries to nil. This beats the score of 31 points to nil made by the "All Blacks" against Northumberland last year.

There were about 15,000 persons present to see the match, and the general opinion of the spectators was rather in favour of the "Springboks" being an even better team than the famous "All Blacks," although Deans, Hunter, and Stead certainly did a few things better than the pick of those to which Krige, Hirsch, and Loubser treated us yesterday.

The work of the South African selectors is not to be envied, for they have such a wonderful supply of class three-quarters. Yesterday J. Le Roux proved himself as dangerous as Stogmann had shown him self to be previously, and Jackson and Dobbin were as good as any previous pair of half-backs.

### SIMPSON'S GREAT DEFENCE.

One cannot say too much in praise of Tommy Simpson's defence. Trout never watched and went for fly more closely than he did Krige and Loubser during his constant attendance on the deadly Western Province wing. He saved five or six tries single-handed, and Stanger-Leathes, the full-back, stopped at least four more.

The Northumbrian centres were wretched and the half-backs outclassed, though Snowball would make a fine "Soccer" player. Forward the losers played grandly, and Cumberlege was ubiquitous.

The Colonial tries were scored by Loubser, J. Le Roux, Brink, and J. Le Roux in the first half, and P. A. Le Roux, Burdett, Hirsch, Loubser, Jackson, J. Le Roux, Krige, and Loubser in the order named in the second half. Jackson (2), Roos, and P. A. Le Roux kicked the goals.

Mr. Marsh's refereeing was prompt and decisive, and the game was from first to last distinctly a "nice" one.

As to the method of scoring, as a rule the Africans heeled more quickly than usual, and to add to this essential, there was some grand taking of difficult passes by Krige; while Hirsch's fielding was as brilliant as a Kimberley gem. The three-quarters were, however, rather inclined to get out of position, and much of the reverse passing was badly timed. The giver often slowed up before passing, so that his wings got in front of him.

Burdett scored a good try in his first match, and this seems to be a custom among the "Gammilio Wahs," as one Northerner dubbed them.

Whether or not the advice of Carolin during the interval was stimulating, it must be said that the winners went off at a smashing pace in the second section of the game. They scored seven tries in very little over a quarter of an hour, and it was simply wonderful the way Northumberland's front rank stood the treatment. On the whole, the "Springboks" played grandly under conditions against good handling and fast running, and as each new player dons the antelope-adorned jersey, he shows that he is every bit as good as the man he has replaced.

The "Springboks" are going to make the four unions go all the way.

## THE ENGLISH CAPTAIN'S VIEWS.

Mr. V. H. Cartwright, the captain of the English Rugby team, has been interviewed as to his opinion of the play and possibilities of the South African contingent. Mr. Cartwright considers that they play the real game in a much cleaner fashion than the New Zealanders did. "Their style and methods," he added, "are more like those of the good old Rugby days." He does not think they will return with as good a record of victories as did the "All Blacks," and is most hopeful of the English team more than holding their own against them.

### SCORE TO DATE.

S. Africans	Gls.	Tr.	P.	East Midlands	Gls.	Tr.	P.
S. Africans	5	4	37	Midlands	—	—	0
(2 d.g.)	5	2	29	Kent	—	—	0
S. Africans	3	2	21	Durham (1 d.g.)	1	—	4
(1 d.g.)	4	1	22	Northumberland	—	—	0
S. Africans	4	8	44				
Total	21	17	153	Total	1	—	4

### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

WESTERN LEAGUE.			
PLYMOUTH A (h)	1	SOUTHAMPTON	0
[Burch.]			
READING (h)	2	CHELSEA	1
[McCafferty 2.]		[Windridge.]	
SOUTHERN COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP.			
MIDDLESEX (h)	3	HERTS	0
[Louch 1, S. H. Day 2.]			

### RUGBY.

S. AFRICANS	Pts.	NORTHUMBERLAND	Pts. Spec.
[Loubser 3 t, J. Le Roux 3 t, Brink, P. A. Le Roux, Burdett, Hirsch, Jackson, and Krige 1 t each, and Jackson 2 g, Roos 1 g, P. A. Le Roux 1 g]	44	0	10,000



ARE THEY AS GOOD AS  
THE ALL BLACKS?

Time was, before a canker—in the form of professionalism—crept into north country football, when the Yorkshiremen were as good as manv and stronger than most of their rivals. However, as the English Rugby Union knows to its sorrow, those days are gone never to return, and though the Yorkshire fifteen that did duty on Saturday was the strongest that had turned out for the county for some years, it could never make one iota of difference to the result, and the only question asked by the 9,000 spectators was, "To what tune are these Springboks going to rub it in?"

The comparatively small attendance was the one disappointing feature of the game. Nevertheless, those who did turn up came with hearts steeled to the fact that they were to see no closely contested battle, but rather, being Yorkshiremen, and therefore innately keen sportsmen, they wanted a practical lesson in "Rugby football and how to play it." And they got what they asked for.

Thus at half-time the Springboks were leading by two placed goals, one penalty goal, and three tries to nothing. Just before Mr. A. O. Jones (who made a capital début as a referee), whistled for the interval it looked as though more Springbok points would be added. Suddenly, from the ranks of the backs J. Le Roux got the ball and flashed like an arrow through the Yorkshire defence. It seemed impossible for him to go far. However, he swerved and wriggled on, and must have got through the whole Yorkshire team, only to be hauled up by the full-back.

Last, but not least, it would be useless to hazard a prophetic word on their resources, for all their players seem equally strong, plucky, and courageous, and each new man to make his appearance a little more so than the last.

Another remarkable feature of the gathering was the singing, and never was the National Anthem sung with greater fervour, and seldom has it been rendered by a gathering of its size with such splendid tone. The footballers of Yorkshire and South Africa possess powerful lungs as well as powerful limbs, and it did one good to hear the lusty way in which these Britons and Boers joined in singing "God save the King." It seemed, too, that the teams were trying to out-vie each other in the enthusiasm they infused into their singing of "For they are jolly good fellows."

## FOOTBALL AUTOGRAPHS.

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The members of the South African football team left their autographs in Leeds this morning.



## "SPRINGBOKS" IN DEVON.

### TO-DAY'S MATCH WITH THE CHAMPION COUNTY.

The "Springboks" are to-day called upon to meet the strongest opponents they have yet encountered. Devonshire, who last season won the county championship strictly on their merits, are probably the best county side in England to-day, and they have whipped up an exceptionally strong team for this afternoon's match.

The following fifteen stalwarts have been chosen to do duty for the champions:—

#### BACK.

F. J. Lillierap (Devonport Albion).

#### THREE-QUARTER BACKS.

A. J. R. Roberts (Exeter).  
D. G. Schulze (Dartmouth College).  
Lieutenant de Smidt (Plymouth).  
F. S. Scott (Bristol).

#### HALF-BACKS.

R. Jago (Devonport Albion).  
J. Peters (Plymouth).

#### FORWARDS.

E. W. Roberts (Dartmouth College).  
W. Mills (Devonport Albion).  
S. G. Williams (Devonport Albion).  
W. Cumming (Devonport Albion).  
Lieutenant Dix (Dartmouth College).  
W. Farr (Torquay Athletic).  
G. D. Roberts (Exeter).  
T. S. Kelly (Harlequins).

This appears to be a very useful combination, containing, as it does, at least seven or eight men fully up to international form. Lillierap, if not the best back in the country, is at any rate one of the first three. D. G. Schulze, who is now a master at Dartmouth College, is, of course, the Scottish full-back of last season, and his fellow centre, A. J. R. Roberts, is an old Cambridge "blue." The wing men, De Smidt and Scott, are runners of exceptional speed and strength.

But it is upon the skill and cleverness of their half-backs that the Devonians will place their chief hope. Both Jago and Peters gained their international caps last season, Jago appearing against Wales and Ireland, while Peters played in the Scottish match and had a great deal to do with gaining the victory for his side. The forwards are a sturdy and muscular set of athletes who will stand a deal of knocking about, and who can be relied upon to stay right through the eighty minutes of the game.

#### THE "SPRINGBOKS."

For this important fixture the "Springboks" will place what is practically their best side into the field, the following fifteen players having been selected:—

#### BACK.

A. F. Marsburg.

#### THREE-QUARTER BACKS.

J. A. Loubser.  
J. D. Krige.  
J. G. Hirsch.  
A. C. Stegmann.

#### HALF-BACKS.

H. W. Carolin.  
F. J. Dobbin.

#### FORWARDS.

P. Roos (captain).  
W. A. Burger.  
P. le Roux.  
D. Brink.  
W. C. Martheze.  
J. W. E. Raaf.  
W. S. Morkel.  
D. Morkel.

The "Springboks" had a fine reception on their arrival at Newton Abbot on Monday evening. Hundreds of people assembled outside the station, and when the Colonials left the train and mounted the charrabancas waiting for them they were loudly cheered.

The South Africans will stay at Newton until this morning, when they will travel to Plymouth for the match. Immediately afterwards they will return to Newton, where they will remain until Friday morning, then leaving for Taunton for the game with Somerset, after which they proceed to London. There will be one change in the originally selected Devon team, Lieutenant Dix, of the Dartmouth Naval College, playing for Northmore, who has not sufficiently recovered from injuries sustained in the Cardiff and Newport match last Saturday.

#### "SPRINGBOKS" FOR PARIS.

French sportsmen are anxious to see the "Springboks" play in Paris, and it is intended to issue a cordial invitation to the South Africans to visit Paris at the conclusion of their tour, an invitation which will no doubt be heartily accepted.

It has been decided not to add to the numerical strength of the team, as there are several South African players available in England, should their services be required.

Marsburg and Carolin can both play in the three-quarter line; while J. Alexander, a Western Province three-quarter, is at present in England, and A. Morkel, an international wing three-quarter, has not yet appeared in the third line.



## "SPRINGBOKS" STILL UNBEATEN.

### THEIR LINES CROSSED FOR THE FIRST TIME.

### DEVON FORWARDS FULLY TEST THE DEFENCE.

SPRINGBOKS, 22 pts.; DEVON, 6.

The South Africans won their seventh match all right. They beat Devonshire on the Devonport Albion ground before an excited and most enthusiastic crowd, numbering fully 20,000, but they conceded to the gallant Devonians the honour of being the first to cross their line, the final score being 2 goals 2 penalty goals and 2 tries to a penalty goal and a try.

To deal with the Devonians' try first, it came about directly after the Harlequin giant, Kelly, had broken away from a line-out from touch. He got past the right wing of the Springboks' third line, and bore down on Marsburg, well backed up by his own men.

The full back is not a man who waits. He floored Kelly before the pass was made, but the ball went loose. Eagerly the on-rushing pack were on to it after the best manner of a good Irish pack. From hand to hand it went as reinforcements, crowding up, downed man after man, until at last the captain of the Devonshire team, E. W. Roberts, was seen darting obliquely towards the left, ball in hand.

Marsburg literally threw himself at the flying figure. How he had extricated himself from the general tangle to enable him to do so will never be known, but he was that important fraction of a second too late, and Roberts had drawn first blood in the shape of a fair and square try.

Nobody appeared to care whether Lillierap kicked a goal or not, and to judge by his effort that fine full-back shared the general nonchalance, for the ball went thirty yards wide and scarcely rose an inch. With the same ball D. F. Morkel kicked four goals in four attempts.

The "Springboks" had to run uphill for the first half of the game, and the ground was heavy indeed from the rain of the night and the downpour three-quarters of an hour before the kick-off.

The heavy going stopped their progress, unaccustomed as they are to aught but granite going, and added to this was the opposition of a pack almost good enough for international honours, as it stands, and the sprightly vigilance of two half-backs with no qualms of conscience on the subject of off-side play.

On the whole the Devon halves needed to play in their best form, for they were directly and solely responsible for three of the "Springboks'" goals. Halves who do something exceedingly brilliant one moment and in the next give an insatiable opponent five points are not the best type of player. The Devon forwards were very chagrined at all their fine efforts being discounted by the midgets behind them.

#### THE STRATEGIC DOBBIN.

The first "Springbok" try came from the brain of Dobbin, who tricked Schulze and sent the ball far out to Hirsch, who was as usual handy, for the latter to give the powerful Stegmann a chance of the type that runner never loses. Carolin made a sad mess of the "place," even though he had a free kick, Kelly and Mills having charged too soon.

Then Dobbin himself proved a will of the wisp to Jago, De Smidt, and Lillierap. In turn, feinting to pass, "Uncle," as the others fondly call him, dodged these men one after another in old-time style, off his right and left feet alternately, and

trotted under the post, leaving Lillierap, who is quite unaccustomed to this sort of thing, mystified in the extreme.

The home team had several possible chances when the game was resumed, but when it came to attack there was no combination of any sort among the Devon backs, and the spoiling tactics of Krige and Hirsch quite completed their discomfiture. Marsburg was always there with characteristic dash when called upon, and for the first twenty-five minutes of the second period it was strenuous to a degree. There was no "kid glove" about it, but, to the glory of Devon and English football as it recorded, the tactics were thoroughly clean and straightforward.

A. J. R. Roberts's dash once nearly sent him over, but another Devon score was not to be, although the "Springboks" were not done with yet. Following a free to Devon for Carolin picking out of the scrum, the visitors got going from a lineout, and Martheze, dashing in, raced the three-quarters for possession of a long kick and won, Morkel doing the rest.

The whistle must have been agreeable for both sides, for surely never was such a gruelling and fast game fought out on such turf. It only remains to repeat the praise for the Devon pack, for it was the best county pack seen in England for years. There was not a single sluggard among the eight, and hang up to the finish they were going great guns. To particularise in this case is not only invidious, but hopelessly impossible.

There is no possibility of the Rugby game dying the death in the South-West of England if yesterday is a fair sample of what those regions can produce in the way of class players and in enthusiastic spectators on a wet day. The latter must, however, guard against a tendency to bad sportsmanship when the referee's decisions are against their favourites.

## THE HARDEST GAME SO FAR.

### STALWART DEVON FORWARDS, BUT POOR BACKS.

By E. J. VIVYAN (Old International).

The visit of the South Africans to Devonshire has been looked forward to with great interest, especially after their overwhelming defeats of the counties already met. A crowd of quite 20,000 witnessed the match and accorded them a proper West-country welcome when they appeared in the field. They had their strongest side out, as Devon's prowess was well known to them.

The South Africans are undoubtedly a fine set of men, their three-quarters being very fast, and they all pass with judgment. The halves also are good, Dobbin being a clinker.

The forwards are hard workers, but met their match in the Devonians. Marsburg is a great tackler at back, his kicking also being superb.

Had the Devon backs played at all like the forwards a different result would have been recorded. For fully three parts of the game the Devon pack held the upper hand, but the three-quarters were neither smart or fast enough to stop the fleet-footed visitors. Scott was the best of the four.

Jago and Peters were well looked after, and in Dobbin Peters had a rare handful.

Lillierap at back did all that one man possibly could do, and no fault can be found with him for the magnitude of the score.

Devon can be proud of the fight they put up. One of the "Springboks" told me after the match that it was by far the hardest game they had yet had to play. On the present form they should be able to account for the rest of the counties, but in my opinion they will meet with defeat when the counties are encountered.



## HOW MANY POINTS WILL THEY SCORE AGAINST SOMERSET?

### THE GLAMORGAN MATCH.

Having won seven matches off the reel and scored 209 points to 10, the "Springboks" to-day meet Somerset at Taunton. Somerset scarcely expect to check the "Springboks" winning career, but the New Zealanders scored less points against them last year than in most of their matches, and it is quite likely that the South Africans will not have astonishing figures.

The composition of the county side does not quite inspire confidence, especially in the light of the fact that the whole of the selected three-quarters are centres, and that there appear to be difficulties in the way of finding a full back. In all the six matches last year, Mead, who is going to play in the centre to-day, operated very well as full back, and some think that he should have been kept in that position. Probably he would have been, but for an accident to S. R. Nicholson, of Trowbridge, who has just joined the Bath team. Parker of Bridgwater has declined his place owing to an injured knee troubling him, and the most likely candidate is Z. Sims, of Taunton, unless Mead is asked to go back again and another three-quarter introduced.

The team is as usual gathered from the four winds, the committee having been most industrious in finding out men with birth qualifications.

There are not more than five or six men in the side playing week by week with Somerset clubs. The Bristol contingent, over whose intentions there has been much speculation, consequent upon the Bristol committee's endeavour to influence them to stop at home and help the club of their adoption against Devon Albion, numbered four originally—Shewring, Norman Moore, Larcombe, and Down, but the latter is ill in bed, and P. C. Hawkins, of Pontypridd, comes in as first reserve. Not a few consider that there are equally good forwards in Somerset.

Larcombe's interests are still mainly with his county, and the fact that he is now working at Taunton fully explains his acceptance of his place.

Shewring and Moore, however, have elected to play for club before county, and Somerset will be much weaker in consequence.

#### CLUB BEFORE COUNTY.

The new three-quarter will be S. H. Lockyer, a Swansea and Llanelly three-quarter, now a master at Sherborne School, and qualified for Somerset, as Dorset have no county side. The other forward will be Archer, of Guy's Hospital. Altogether there have been four changes in the side.

Somerset's hope is with the forwards. Outside there are a capital lot of "stoppers," but they cannot be expected to maintain an unbeaten defence for two periods of forty minutes against the pace and combination of the South Africans.

The match will be played on the new ground at Taunton, which has far better accommodation for a large crowd than the small enclosure which was used last year when the New Zealanders visited the county town.

The following is the revised team:—

#### BACK.

A. N. Other.

#### THREE-QUARTER BACKS.

R. Meister (Bath).

A. Mead (Bridgwater Albion).

Ralph Thomas (Penarth).

S. H. Lockyer (Sherborne).

#### HALF-BACKS.

J. Larcombe (Bristol).

W. M. Penny (Taunton).

#### FORWARDS.

R. Dibble (Bridgwater Albion).

T. Woods (Bridgwater Albion).

B. Hamilton (Penarth).

G. V. Kyrke (Marlborough Nomads).

G. Vickary (Aberavon).

H. Marshall (Weston).

P. C. Hawkins (Pontypridd).

H. Archer (Guy's Hospital).

The "Springboks" team was last night selected as follows:—

#### BACK.

A. Burmeister.

#### THREE-QUARTER BACKS.

J. Le Roux.

S. C. de Melker.

J. D. Krige.

J. A. Loubser.

#### HALF-BACKS.

D. S. Mare.  
F. J. Dobbin.

#### FORWARDS.

W. A. Neill.  
W. C. Martheze.  
H. C. Daneel.  
W. S. Morkel.  
P. Le Roux.  
W. A. Burger.  
H. G. Reid.  
A. F. Burdett.

#### THE FIRST GREAT TEST.

After to-day's match the "Springboks" will come back to London once more for their match with Middlesex next Wednesday, and then they will again go to the West for the first of their Welsh fixtures. After playing Newport next Saturday, on October 31 they will be put to a severe test for the first time, as they meet the following Glamorgan County team at Cardiff:—

H. B. Winfield (Cardiff), back; E. Gwyn Nicholls, R. T. Gabe (Cardiff), Teddy Morgan (London Welsh), and W. J. Trew (Swansea), three-quarter backs; Percy Bush (Cardiff) and R. M. Owen (Swansea), half-backs; W. Joseph (Swansea), D. Jones (Treherbert), W. Neill, J. Brown, and George Northmore (Cardiff), R. Thomas (Mountain Ash), H. Hunt (Swansea), and J. T. Williams (London Welsh), forwards.

This team is a wonderfully powerful one, and probably a much stronger combination than has ever represented Glamorganshire before. It will be noticed that Gwyn Nicholls has been chosen, and pressure is to be brought to bear in an attempt to get him to turn out once more.

This should be a matter for general satisfaction, for he is probably still the finest centre three-quarter in the British Isles, and no other man could play with Gabe as he can.

Percy Bush, in spite of the vacillating treatment he has received from some of the authorities, is at half with Owen, though some would have preferred to see the Cardiff player partnered by his club-mate David.

Trew is the only member of the back division who did not play in the famous Welsh team that beat the "All Blacks," though the forwards do not seem quite so formidable, as Joseph, Jones, and Williams were the only three to receive Welsh caps last season.

### NARROW VICTORY OVER SOMERSET.

[BY CENSOR.]

SOMERSET live up to their reputation of making matters warm for doughty opponents. Just twelve months ago they put in a surprisingly plucky game against the New Zealanders, who were surprised at winning by no more than 23 points to nothing; on Saturday they played the South Africans to a closer finish than any county the all-triumphant Springboks had experienced during their English tour, the score being fourteen points to nothing, and they were hardly that number to the good on the play, of which the sturdy western county had almost as much as the Colonials.

The result was considered very gratifying by the Somerset supporters, who were not particularly pleased with the possibilities of their selected side. They, however, had the satisfaction of seeing that their county could perform meritoriously without the assistance of the Bristol contingent, of whom only one, Larcombe, remained loyal to his country, as Harry Shewring, the English International centre, and Norman Moore, the forward who has also worn the Rose, preferred to stay at home and help Bristol against Devonport Albion, an action which was freely commented upon in an adverse spirit. Somerset proved again the truth of the old saying that there are as good fish in the sea as ever came out of it, and the splendid display obliterated any feeling that might have arisen as to the desertion of old friends.

#### WESTERNERS UNDERESTIMATED.

The South Africans apparently underestimated the capacities of Somerset, for they gave a rest to some of their men who are considered as particular star artists, including Stegmann, Carolin, Marsburg, and Paul Roos, their captain. The resources of their brigade were demonstrated by the capable substitutes who took the places vacated. At times their companions sitting on the touch line must have thought they had done unwisely in calling upon the reserves, for at several points during the match there was the possibility of Somerset proving more than enough for the Afrikaners. The game was played on the new recreation ground at Taunton, which has been excellently equipped from the spectators' point of view. The crowd numbered some 7,000 from all parts of Somerset, while Devon was also represented.

Somerset were the first to get the ball from the scrum, but Penny, in trying to break, was pulled down. Somerset's forwards soon gave a taste of their bustling qualities, and, in trying to pull them up, Burmeister, the South African full back, was knocked out and took no further part in the contest. Mr. Llewellyn penalised Somerset for Larcombe not putting the ball in straight, and Mare had no difficulty in annexing three points, the place being in the jaws of Somerset's goal. Some pretty sharp passing enabled Loubser to run round for a try, which Mare goaled. Thomas should have landed a penalty goal for Somerset, but missed the easiest of shots. J. Le Roux, whose corkscrew runs had been frequently in evidence, led up to a try by Burger which Mare failed to convert, and the South Africans were 11 points to the good at the interval.

For three-parts of the second half the Colonials were defending, and, though Morkel, who was deputising at full back in Burmeister's absence, showed a plucky disinclination to touch down, he was twice forced to do so, and it seemed once that Somerset had actually scored. Mead appeared to be over under the goal posts, but he slipped, and a splendid chance came to nought. Just on time, P. Le Roux scored an unconverted try.

#### A FORWARD GAME.

It was not a brilliant exposition of Rugby from the standpoint of those who are never satisfied unless there is continuous and sustained good back play, but the great majority of onlookers were perfectly content, for they saw Somerset—as Mr. Carden, the South African manager, described it—giving the redoubtable green jerseys a shaking up and a bit of a fright. It was essentially a forward game, and it was to Somerset's interest to make it so, for in this department they could hold their own, while outside they had not the combination or confidence to make an equal fight. As a defensive display Somerset's performance was magnificent. They went into the game with the idea of keeping down the points, and when the opportunities came to them to score they were unprepared to seize them. It was the certain, sharp tackling of Somerset that disconcerted South Africa. Their men were bowled over before they could open up the game.

Dibble, whose English cap should be a certainty again this season, led the county vanguard irresistibly. His clubmate, Woods, was never far behind him, while Vickery was a host in himself. The man who shone above all others in the loose for Somerset was Gerald Venables Kyrke. His dribbling and tackling were splendid, but he appeared to leave scrum work to his friends. Archer, the Guy's student, was in the first six, and Marshall made a promising début. At half-back Somerset were admirably served. Larcombe was fearless, and brought down Goliaths big enough to eat him, and was always on the ball, while Penny was neat-handed and sure-footed, kicking cleverly. When Mead made a bolt for the Colonial goal one wondered where his brother centre was. Had he been handy to take the pass Somerset must have scored, but Ralph Thomas was not there. The Penarth player's form was rather disappointing, and he sadly bungled the penalty shots, which should have given the county six points. He also neglected a dashing and speedy wing man in Lockyer. Dudderidge, the emergency full back, began nervously, but, on the whole, gave a plucky display and found touch well.

#### COLONIAL RESERVES.

The Colonials were not pleased with the form of their reserves, and it was evident some of the pack did not push for all they were worth, being too inclined to emulate their comrades who shine in the loose. Burger, Neill, and Le Roux were the most consistent forwards, but, as said before, the Colonial scrummagers met quite their match, and it was not a day for them to shine. Dobbin, who captained the team, was quick in feeding his backs when Mare could get the ball to him, but that was not often, and the lofty punts of the outside half were of yeoman service to his side. Krige, judging by accounts of his doings in previous encounters, was hardly up to par, and all the Colonial three-quarters fumbled passes now and again. Le Roux, with additional speed, would be a terror, for his zig-zag runs are immense. The whistling of the referee was rather overdone, and was much resented by the Springboks, not because it pulled them up, but because they thought it spoiled the game.

SOMERSET.—H. Dudderidge (Bridgwater Albion), R. Meister (Bath), A. Mead (Bridgwater Albion), R. Thomas (Penarth), S. Lockyer (Sherborne School), J. Larcombe (Bristol), W. Penny (Taunton), R. Dibble (Aberavon), G. V. Kyrke (Marlborough Nomads), E. Hamilton (Penarth), H. Marshall (Weston-super-Mare), J. Hawkins (Pontypridd), H. Archer (Guy's Hospital).

SOUTH AFRICANS.—A. Burmeister; J. Le Roux, S. de Melker, J. Krige, J. Loubser; F. Dobbin (captain), D. Mare; W. Burger, W. Neill, P. de Roux, W. Martheze, J. Raaf, W. Morkel, H. Reid, A. Burdett. Referee: Mr. A. C. Llewellyn, secretary, Glamorgan County.



## AFRICANS v. SOMERSET

### COLONIALS STILL TRIUMPHANT

### Somerset's Sturdy Game.

#### LOST OPPORTUNITIES.

#### Burmeister Has Rib Broken.

The Springboks, flushed with victory over six of the leading English counties, opposed the Rugby representatives of the Cider County at Taunton this afternoon, in the seventh match of their tour. The withdrawal of Shewring, Downs, and More, the three Bristol players, from the home side caused much disappointment in Somerset circles, as the team was materially weakened by their absence. Under these circumstances Ralph Thomas (Penarth) played in the centre, and Lockyer on the wing, while Hawkins (Pontypridd) and Archer (Bridgwater Albion) completed the pack.

The All Blacks in their first seven matches scored 247 points against seven. The South Africans have now made 209 against ten. The New Zealanders beat Somerset by 23 points to nil.

As the invasion of Wales by the South Africans is drawing nearer the Colonials are betraying anxiety as to the matches to be played in the Principality. It is also said that the Springboks are keenly anxious that Gwyn Nicholls should play.

Seven alterations were made in the visitors' fifteen from that which defeated Devon. P. Roos, their captain, who has so far participated in all the fixtures, took a well-deserved rest. Marsburg (back), Hirsch and Stegman (three-quarters), Carolin (half-back), and Brink and D. F. Morkel (forwards) also stood down. The teams were:—

#### Somerset.

Dudderidge (Bridgwater), back; R. C. Thomas (Penarth) R. Meister (Bath), A. Mead (Bridgwater Albion), and S. H. Lockyer (Sherborne College), three-quarters; J. Larcombe (Bristol), and W. M. Penny (Taunton), half-backs; R. Dibble (Bridgwater Albion), T. Woods (Bridgwater Albion), G. V. Kyrke (Marlborough Nomads), G. Vicary (Aberavon), E. Hamilton (Penarth), H. Marshall (Weston-super-Mare), J. Hawkins (Pontypridd), and H. Archer (Bridgwater Albion and Guy's Hospital) forwards.

#### South Africans.

A. Burmeister (Western Province), back; J. D. Krige (Western Province), S. C. de Melker (Griqualand West), J. Le Roux (Western Province), and J. Loubser (Western Province), three-quarters; D. S. Mare (Transvaal) and F. Dobbin (Griqualand West), half-backs; W. A. Burger (Borden), Raaf (Western Province), P. A. Le Roux (Western Province), A. F. Burdett (Western Province), H. G. Reid (Transvaal), W. S. Morkel (Transvaal), W. C. Martheze (Griqualand West), and W. A. Neill (Borden), forwards.

### THE GAME.

There were about 8,000 spectators. Raaf played for Daniel in the South African team. The Somerset side was weakened by changes, notable absentees being Shewring, Moore, and Down. Dudderidge, Bridgwater Albion, was full-back. After a free kick to each side the Somerset forwards broke away, tackling Loubser and Burmeister, the latter injured and carried off. Dudderidge blundered, let up South Africa, and Somerset being penalised in their own 25 Mare kicked a goal 10 minutes from the start. For a little while afterwards play was even, but the Somerset back was again at fault. Krige missed his pass, and a chance of scoring, but a minute later Loubser finished a passing movement by scoring, Mare placing a good goal. Afterwards the Somerset forwards worked down and their backs passed well, being checked by De Melker. Somerset had a penalty in a fair position, but Thomas failed. Somerset forwards continued to play well, keeping the game in the Africans' half for some time. Then the Africans' backs came away, but Stegman was well stopped by Lockyer, and Loubser slipped when dangerous. Just on half-time Burger scored after a good run.

Half-time Score—		G. T. Pts.
AFRICANS	2	1 11
SOMERSET	0	0 0

#### First Half Summarised.

Somerset had less much of the game as the Africans. The home forwards were very much better in the loose, while their backs easily checked plain passing movements.

Final Score—		G. T. P.
SOUTH AFRICANS	2	2 14
SOMERSET	0	0 0

\*One penalty.

#### Second Half Summarised.

Somerset, thanks to the superb work of the forwards, had all the better of the half, but could not press the advantage home chiefly through lack of head

### COMMENTS BY HAMISH STUART

Although Somerset as a county enjoys a well won reputation for ability to effect the happening of the unexpected, both on the football and cricket field, the South Africans were evidently of opinion that the home side would not add to their fame as a side of surprises at their expense at the game at Taunton today.

In any case they regarded the match with much less anxiety than last Wednesday's game with Devon, and made several changes in the side that beat the champion county. Paddy Carolin's omission at half was, it is said, due to his indifferent display against Devon, while Roos—whose name by the way, is pronounced as it spelt Roas—stood down. For the rest the Springboks side was as advertised except that Raaf came in the pack to replace Carolin.

Somerset had difficulty to the last with their side. Parker, full back, being unable to play, Dudderidge took his place, while Archer and Hawkins complete the pack.

The ground was in excellent order, and there was neither sun nor wind. The conditions were in fact ideal except that rain threatened.

The crowd hardly realised expectations, numbering some 8,000 at most.

Somerset got the ball in the first scrum, but nothing came of the chance, Penny holding the ball too long. A penalty for offside by Larcombe saw Krige make his usual high kick, but a follow-up did not come off, Dudderidge getting in a poor reply.

A great rush by Somerset forwards, in which two Springboks were hurt, was the next item of note. It was only checked in the African 25.

Burmeister had to leave the field, Morkel taking his place at back.

A clever kick by Dobbin seemed to have brought relief but for an offside tackle by Loubser.

The ball went back to its original place. A similar kick just after did bring relief, and Dudderidge fumbling badly, Somerset were pressed for the first time. Penalty for foot-up followed, and Mare kicked a goal from an easy place.

So far the game had been confined to the forwards. Somerset eight were holding their own, and were excellent in the loose.

Dobbin was in great form at half, his cleverness being so far the feature of Springbok play.

Their first passing movement broke down, the great Krige being at fault, and all but let Thomas clear away through a wild pass.

The next bout was better, Loubser going over for the first try at great pace. Mare kicked a very fine goal from a difficult angle.

The Africans were now going great guns and were getting the ball. Somerset's tackling was, however, excellent. The South Africans showed their usual tendency to be on the ball, and it was from a penalty for this fault that Somerset, for a second time in the match got to the African line.

Somerset forwards were playing finely at this stage, their dash in the loose sorely taxing the defence of the African backs. Once they were all but in, the rush being only checked in time.

The ensuing scrum saw Mare off-side, but Thomas made a mess of a very easy place.

Somerset subsequently more than held their own, the dash in the loose of the forwards being immense, while the spilling and tackling of E. H. Rees was very fine.

Africans were cool and opportune, but, for all that, seemed slightly demoralised by the unexpected opposition.

Many of their passes were forward, and this fault deprived them of at least two tries. Still, on the whole they deserved their half-time lead of eleven points, Burger going over with a try after scrambling play on the line.

#### THE SECOND HALF.

Burmeister, it ranspired at the interval, had the misfortune to break a rib.

On resuming, Somerset forwards continued to show great dash, and twice in quick succession were nearly in.

Mare was inclined to get off side and from a scrum on the line was penalised. Thomas missed a ridiculously easy place, just under the posts.

Somerset maintained the pressure, but did not keep their heads, else they must have scored. The fine defence of Dobbin notwithstanding.

The game was fast and exciting, but both sides were over anxious, and play, though hard, was scrambling.

#### Record To-Date.

Played.	Won.	Lost.	Points for.	Points against.
7	7	0	223	10



## A VISIT TO THE CASTLE AND ETON COLLEGE.

### THE ROMANCE OF THE SWISHING BLOCK.

The King's interest in the South African football team was manifested by his Majesty commanding that special facilities should be afforded the visitors to see everything of interest at Windsor Castle.

Not only were the "Springboks" admitted free to the State apartments, it being a day when payment is made by the public, but the King ordered that the private apartments should be shown to them.

The visitors arrived at Windsor shortly after half-past ten, and spent a delightful day at the castle and Eton College.

Mr. Roos, their captain, said to a "Daily Mail" representative that the day would never be effaced from their memories. The King's kindness in permitting the team to view the private apartments was, he said, very much appreciated, and they should never forget it.

All the "Springboks" spoke to the same effect, and they said they did not know which to admire most—the magnificent castle itself, the priceless treasures, pictures, tapestries, and furniture, or the magnificent views from the windows of the state apartments.

The visitors also viewed with interest St. George's Chapel and the Curfew Tower, where Canon Dalton gave them a brief history of the famous Herne the Hunter.

The South Africans were entertained to luncheon at the White Hart Hotel by some of the leading townsmen of Windsor, where the manager of the team, Mr. Carden, took the opportunity of saying how much the team appreciated the King's kindness.

Then came, perhaps, the most interesting part of the day's proceedings. Canon Lyttelton offered the "Springboks" a cordial welcome to Eton, and then conducted them to the historic playing fields, where a wall game between the Oppidans and the Hon. C. T. Mills's team of Old Etonians had just commenced. Canon Lyttelton, being an old player, was able to describe all the intricacies of the play. The "Springboks" thoroughly enjoyed it, and were surprised to learn that the sons of peers and nobles wore corduroy trousers and got themselves up like navvies in order to take part in the encounter.

#### THE WALL GAME.

Canon Lyttelton told the visitors that the origin of the game was lost in antiquity, and that goals were very seldom scored.

"It is a wonderful game," said a "Springbok," "but I don't quite understand it. I can see, however, why Etonians are always at the front. The wall game teaches manliness, and is the most vigorous I have seen."

The names of the old Etonians who fell in the South African war, recorded in the college chapel, were read with the utmost reverence, and the "Springboks" were also interested in the names of the old boys cut in the wooden panels of the upper school. The thing that interested the visitors most, however, was the famous swishing block in the headmaster's room. Canon Lyttelton told them that the block is now very seldom used. Only about five boys are now swished during a term, and then for only very serious offences.

How a well-known boy stole a block greatly interested the South Africans. "It was about fifteen years ago," said Canon Lyttelton, "and it was very cunningly done."

"Tell us the story," said the "Springboks," closing in round the headmaster, who thereupon related it.

"The boy," he said, "watched some visitors being shown through this room, and just as they left the apartment with the guide he rushed in and secured the block. He then ran with it down the stairs, and gave it to a man who was in waiting at the bottom of the stairs. He quickly wrapped it in brown paper and ran with the boy across the school yard to the boys' rooms. Here it was quickly sawn into pieces, which were then nailed up to the underneath part of a table and the cloth thrown over the table."

"And," added Canon Lyttelton, "although the police were on the scene within ten minutes, and searched the boy's rooms, they never found the block, which was afterwards put together again and conveyed to London by the boy who stole it."

The "Springboks" laughed heartily at the story. Tea was partaken of in the ancient college hall, after which they bade adieu to Canon Lyttelton, whom they thanked very heartily, and caught the five o'clock train to Paddington.

## SOUTH AFRICAN SCORERS.

### SPRINGBOKS TO VISIT WINDSOR CASTLE AND ETON COLLEGE.

The Springboks will not be seen in London again until October 23. From Leeds they travelled direct to the West of England, ready for their match with Devon, the champion county, at Devonport tomorrow.

On Thursday, October 25, the day following the Middlesex match at Richmond, the Springboks will visit Windsor Castle, when they will be shown through the State apartments, and the Royal chapels and stables.

Special facilities will, it is expected, be given to the famous South African footballers for seeing everything of interest at Windsor.

After viewing the Castle, the Springboks will be entertained to luncheon in the town, after which they will visit Eton College, over which they will probably be shown by the headmaster.

The South Africans will undoubtedly get a rousing reception from the Eton boys, and they will visit the famous playing fields, where they may be initiated into the subtleties of the "wall" game.

Though in actual figures the Springboks have not equalled the record of the All Blacks, who at the corresponding point in their tour had registered 231 points, they have now put together 187 points in six matches, and have registered twenty-five goals and twenty-three unconverted tries.

The following tables indicate at a glance the men who have mostly helped towards this big score:—

#### GOAL SCORERS.

Carolin	13	Roos	1
(including 2 dropped		P. A. Le Roux	1
and 2 penalty goals)		De Villiers	1
D. Morkel	4	(Dropped goal)	
Mare	3		
Jackson	2	Total	25

#### TRY SCORERS.

Stegmann	8	De Melker	1
Loubser	6	Millar	1
Carolin	5	Raaf	1
Hirsch	4	Brink	1
J. Le Roux	3	Burdett	1
P. Le Roux	3	Jackson	1
De Villiers	2	Krige	1
D. Morkel	2	Marthesse	1
Reid	2	Total	43

## RUGBY NOTES.

### WILL GWYN NICHOLLS PLAY AGAINST THE SPRINGBOKS?

Jack Bancroft, Swansea's full-back, has already kicked thirteen goals this season.

Percy Bush, the Cardiff captain, has just undergone the painful operation of having his tonsils cut.

The Newcastle United Club received £100 for the use of their ground for the match between Northumberland and the South Africans.

Harry Watkins, the Welsh international forward, will again play for Llanely, and turned out for them against Swansea last Saturday.

The Springboks prefer to play a game of seventy minutes' duration, but in the international matches they will have to play the eighty minutes.

The Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Alderman Robert Hughes, is going to use his influence to try to get Gwyn Nicholls to turn out for Wales against the South Africans.

For the fourth season in succession Mr. Gil Evans, the well-known Midland Counties referee, has been mutually agreed upon to officiate in the four Cardiff and Newport fixtures.

The interest in the coming visit of the Springboks to Wales is quite as keen as was the case with the All Blacks last year, and a gate of international proportions is expected in the match with Glamorgan.

In anticipation of an enormous crowd to witness the Glamorgan County and South African match at Cardiff on October 31, the Cardiff Club are expending £100 in barriers for the two sides of the football ground on the Cardiff Arms Park.



## SPRINGBOKS AT RICHMOND

### TO-DAY'S MATCH AGAINST MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

The "Springboks" make their second appearance in London this afternoon, opposing a strong team of Middlesex county players at Richmond.

It was in the match against Middlesex at Stamford Bridge last year that the famous "All Blacks" gave us the first real taste of their quality, defeating the metropolitans by thirty-four points to nil, and so confounding the critics. The Middlesex men had not, however, taken the trouble to train for that encounter, and their remissness in that respect was responsible for a good deal of the trouble. All that is now changed, and, win or lose, the Londoners will not be able to advance the plea of unfitness as an excuse for their shortcomings.

Mr. Paul Roos, the "Springboks" captain, is of opinion that the Devon pack is by far the best they have yet encountered. With regard to Burmeister's injury, Mr. Roos said that it would be December before Burmeister would be able to play again, as he is suffering from a fractured rib.

#### MIDDLESEX.

##### BACK.

C. Dixon (Rosslyn Park).

##### THREE-QUARTER BACKS.

A. C. Palmer (London Hospital).  
E. V. Oulton (Old Leysians).  
J. T. Timmins (London Welsh).  
C. E. Lewis (London Welsh).

##### HALF-BACKS.

A. L. Wade (London Scottish).  
J. J. Louwrens (Rosslyn Park).

##### FORWARDS.

A. F. Harding (London Welsh).  
J. F. Williams (London Welsh).  
J. C. Jenkins (London Welsh).  
F. T. Turner (Richmond).  
J. C. Geddes (London Scottish).  
F. Trewby (St. Bartholomew's Hospital).  
G. G. Taylor (Ealing).  
T. R. B. Bond (Harlequins).

#### SOUTH AFRICANS.

##### BACK.

A. F. Marsburg.

##### THREE-QUARTER BACKS.

J. A. Loubser.  
J. G. Hirsch.  
S. C. de Melker.  
A. C. Stegmann.

##### HALF-BACKS.

H. W. Carolin.  
D. C. Jackson.

##### FORWARDS.

P. Roos (captain).  
D. Brink.  
W. S. Morkel.  
D. Morkel.  
H. C. Daneel.  
D. Brookes.  
W. C. Martheze.  
H. G. Reid.

Gwyn Nicholls and Percy Bush have definitely declined the invitation to play for Glamorgan v. the South Africans. This will mean Trew going outside-half and H. T. Maddocks (London Welsh) coming in to the three-quarter line.

Mr. A. O. Jones will be the referee.

## "SPRINGBOKS" NARROW WIN.

### BACKS JUST SAVE THEM FROM DEFEAT BY MIDDLESEX.

#### A FORWARD ROUT.

"SPRINGBOKS," 9 pts.; MIDDLESEX, 0.

The "Springboks" went through their paces at Richmond yesterday with by no means altogether satisfactory results. They certainly defeated a Middlesex XV. by 9 points to nil, but had the Middlesex three-quarters only taken one half of the chances given to them, there is very little doubt that the Londoners would have won the match.

The Middlesex forwards took the game in their own hands from the start.

Quicker in packing, smarter in heeling out, cleverer and faster in the loose than the opposing pack, they soon had the game technically won, but when it came to practice they were unable to clinch the attack and add the necessary scoring points. If one pack of forwards can beat another it is any odds on that side winning the match is one of the best known axioms of the Rugby football world, but this was entirely falsified yesterday.

The Middlesex forwards, although carrying scrum after scrum, were so poorly supported by their backs that no scoring movement ever resulted from their strenuous and sustained endeavours. Time after time the forwards brought the ball down to well within the "25" line, only to find their efforts nullified by faulty passing on the part of the backs.

If the men had kept their positions better, perhaps things would have been different, but a wing three-quarter standing five yards in front of his centre can hardly hope to take the ball in an on-side position, and he is scarcely entitled to grumble when pulled up by the referee.

The game was interesting, inasmuch as it developed into a contest between two teams with totally different ideas as to the possibilities of Rugby football. The "Springboks" relied upon their hands, the Middlesex men upon their feet, and the feet had it in everything except the ability to score—which is, after all, a most essential feature of Rugby football, or, indeed, of any game.

Unfortunately, there is a sad dearth of scoring three-quarters in England at the present day. Centres and wings we have in plenty—some good, most indifferent—but the extra bit of pace and dash, without which it is impossible to obtain a score, is at the present time an unknown quantity among English backs.

#### WHERE ARE THE GIANTS OF THE PAST?

It is strange that this should be so, for in the past England has produced some of the speediest and most dashing three-quarters that have ever played Rugby football. The race of giants is surely not extinct, and, therefore, the fault must lie in the system and not in the men. Ever since the introduction of the four three-quarter game into this country we have not had a three-quarter who has soared above mediocrity, and the obvious inference is that the methods and not the men are to blame.

A little originality in attack yesterday, a little departure from the stereotyped plan of passing the ball right across the line and forcing the wing man into touch would have been sufficient to give Middlesex the victory, but the methods of the metropolitans were so obvious that their movements were broken up almost before they were started, and the lack of confidence which the men appeared to have in their own capabilities gave victory to the side which on the day's play were no better than their opponents.

There was one glaring instance of this in the first half when Lambert, the young Harlequin three-quarter—who played a capital game throughout—intercepted a pass and got clean away, with no one except the full back to beat. He seemed afraid, however, to trust to the pace which has served him in such good stead in club games, and instead of making the best of his way to the goal-line, looked about anxiously for the non-existent person to pass to until the opportunity for scoring had gone by.

The game was fiercely contested, almost too fiercely, perhaps, for there were at least half-a-dozen stoppages in the course of the match owing to injuries to players. J. L. Williams, the London Welsh international, sustained a severe injury to his shoulder, and had to be coaxed off the field by the doctor, but so great was his keenness, that after having the wound attended to he returned to the field, and took his part with the best of them.

The game was not a particularly interesting one to watch, neither side attempting many bouts of passing—the "Springboks" because their opponents would not let them, the Middlesex men because they were afraid to open up the play. There was, however, plenty of hard scrummaging, and some of the loose rushes made by the Middlesex forwards, led by Williams and Harding deserved, even if they did not obtain, success.

The kick by which D. Morkel obtained a penalty goal was a magnificent piece of work, being taken from well outside the half-way line and at a somewhat difficult angle. The tries were obtained by Brink and Loubser.



## "SPRINGBOKS" AT NEWPORT.

### FIRST TEST AGAINST COMBINATION OF CLUB TEAM.

The "Springboks" meet the Newport Club at the Welsh town this afternoon, and the match marks a very important fixture on their programme.

The game is particularly important for two reasons, chiefly because it will be the first test between the South Africans and the famous Welsh players, and secondly, because this is the first game in which our visitors' opponents are a club side, instead of a scratch fifteen. Newport, therefore, should have a great advantage in the combination that is the result of consistent practice and playing together.

Extraordinary interest is being shown in the game not only in Newport, but throughout Wales. The Newport team turned out for serious practice on Thursday, being "coached" by Hodges and Charlie Pritchard, and everything possible has been done to turn out the team as fit and well as possible.

It is anticipated that a great battle will be seen, as the Newport pack are playing uncommonly well, but the "Springboks" three-quarters should just pull them through.

The "Springboks" left London yesterday morning for Cardiff, where they will stay until after the Glamorgan match next Wednesday.

Efforts are being made to secure a fixture for the Swansea Club, and Mr. Perkins, the Swansea secretary, will meet the manager of the South African team at Cardiff to arrange matters.

E. Jenkins has come into the Newport side for Partridge, and as the fourth man in the three-quarter line is W. H. Gunstone, the home team will be as follows:

#### BACK.

D. J. Boots.

#### THREE-QUARTER BACKS.

S. Adams,

W. Thomas,

R. Plummer,

W. H. Gunstone.

#### HALF-BACKS.

T. Vile,

W. Martin.

#### FORWARDS.

C. Pritchard (capt.),

G. Boots,

J. Hodges,

E. Thomas,

W. Dowell,

E. Jenkins,

H. Wetter,

H. Davies.

Ten of the above played against the "All Blacks" last season, when the latter won by 6 points to 3.

#### THE SOUTH AFRICAN TEAM.

#### BACK.

A. E. Marsburg.

#### THREE-QUARTERS.

A. Stegmann,

H. A. de Villiers,

J. D. Krige,

J. G. Hirsch.

#### HALF-BACKS.

F. Dobbin,

D. C. Jackson.

#### FORWARDS.

P. Roos,

D. Brink,

J. Raaff,

D. Mare,

D. Morkel,

W. A. Burger,

D. Brookes,

P. A. Le Roux.

### SPRINGBOK REINFORCEMENTS.

CAPETOWN, Thursday, Oct. 25.

Owing to want of qualification, the Rugby Board disapproves of the suggestion of Mr. Carden, the manager of the South African team now in England, to play Brooks, of Rhodesia. The board is endeavouring to secure Joubert as full-back, and suggests Alexander as wing, and Williamson, of Oxford, as half-back, and is asking Mr. Carden for his recommendations on the subject.—Reuter.

## NEWPORT DEFEATED.

### SPRINGBOKS SURVIVE FIRST WELSH TEST.

#### MAGNIFICENT COLONIAL DEFENCE.

SOUTH AFRICANS, 8 pts.; Newport, 0.

As match follows match on the South African programme, the Springboks continue to prove by experience, coming safely out of each fresh test and ordeal, and on Saturday they got through their Welsh trial by defeating a strong Newport side by a goal and a try to nil.

Those who judge from figures may immediately jump in with the argument that is very prevalent at present that a team that can only beat a club side by eight points cannot possess a possible chance of success against a fifteen of international calibre.

Under these circumstances it might reasonably be expected that the thousands of Welshmen—including many old internationals and some of the best judges of the game in the world—who witnessed this struggle would have been in high spirits when it was all over with regard to future events.

However, such was not the case, and the general verdict was that the Springboks are a wonderfully fine team, and much stronger than they are supposed to be by those who only look for what is brilliant and individualistic in football.

In this first struggle against Welsh methods there is no gainsaying the fact that the South Africans were beaten for possession of the ball by the Newport pack, especially during the last hour of the game. And yet, though the struggle got more determined as it went on, and though Newport often hovered near the Springbok goal amid the cheers of the vast crowd, it cannot be said that the losers ever really looked like scoring.

Had the game lasted for another hour Newport would probably have been no nearer gaining an advantage than they were after the eighty minutes' play.

#### AFRICANS' WONDERFUL PACE.

Whenever their backs did get the ball, though they could command all the knowledge for which the Welshmen are so justly famous, they seemed paralysed before the extraordinary pace, unerring tackling, and adamant defence of the Springbok backs. And this, too, behind "undoubtedly the finest set of forwards in Wales," as an old international described the Newport pack.

The game opened somewhat sensationally, for, after play had been in progress less than ten minutes, Stegmann scored a beautiful try, in which he seemed to travel faster than ever, and though three of the Welsh backs tore after him, it was perfectly evident that it was always impossible odds on the Springbok scoring.

Three minutes later he was at it again, this effort being even more brilliant than the first, for in addition to again outpacing his opponents he ended up by swerving round Boots, the full-back, like a boomerang round a tree-trunk.

With Newport eight points down and the game not fifteen minutes old, it looked as though the Springboks were in for a big score, but this was not to be.

It has been suggested that these Africans have all along had a "bit up their sleeve," and there is also no doubt that they are particularly wide-awake and clever. This last fact is substantiated by the smart manner in which they rest their players and nurse their reserve forces.

#### A WINNING MARGIN.

They also fully realise that a difference of eight points confers a victory, and that this is all that a margin ten times as big could do.

There is no doubt that once the Springboks have got the lead they are content to ease up a bit, for, well as the Newport men played, it was generally agreed that had Dobbin and Jackson got the ball to their backs more often in the second half the winning margin could and would have been heavier.

The great Welsh players who watched the Springboks for the first time were quick to grasp this point in their play.

They realised, as well as the Africans do, that they cannot be beaten until the other side score. It is, then, in defence that the Springboks are so strong. "I have never seen such tackling, and their kicking is superb," were the words of a great three-quarter as he summed up the position.

Where all did so well in defence, it is difficult to individualise, but De Villiers and Stegmann were "all over" their men every time, and Krige was the best defensive three-quarter on the field.

While, if one of the Welshmen was lucky—or unlucky—enough to get past the third line he had to face Marsburg, who was superb and is probably the most recklessly plucky back that ever donned a jersey.

### A REAL GOOD TEAM.

#### "SPRINGBOK" BACKS UP TO BEST WELSH STANDARD.

By ARTHUR GOULD.

I had not had an opportunity of seeing the "Springboks" perform in any of the previous matches, but from the accounts I had read was led to believe they were very slow at passing.

This being so, it was rather a staggerer to us to find that our line had been crossed twice in the first fifteen minutes of the game, and with eight points against us in so short a time the match was practically won and lost.

Each of the tries was obtained by really good combination among the visiting backs, the passes being given and taken in a style quite up to the first-class Welsh idea. To the wonderful speed of the three-quarters the Colonials owe their victory, for they had not the best of it in the forward division, although giving lots away in the matter of physique and weight.

The Newport forwards more than held their own, and were much more clever in gaining possession than their opponents. Unfortunately for the home side, their backs were considerably beaten for pace, and could not take advantage of the many opportunities given them as a result of the grand work of the forwards.

Marsburg at full-back played a wonderful game for the visitors. His tackling was great, while his fielding of the ball when running at top speed was marvellous.

The three-quarter line is a good one, every man possessing considerable pace, and they all know how and when they should pass. The half-backs struck me as being the weak spot. By this I do not wish to infer that they are not good players, but they did not appear to be skilful in making openings for the speedy men behind them.

Stegmann is a wing who takes a lot of stopping, and if only properly fed would score heaps of tries. Krige in the centre was very nippy and clever, and was the best three-quarter on the field.

The forwards are a good level lot, with no end of dash and pace, but not clever in getting possession of the ball in the scrum, a defect that will be fatal when meeting teams possessing scoring backs.

On the day's play the South Africans deserved the victory, for they took advantage of the chances that came their way, while every credit is due to our men for giving the "Springboks" the hardest game during the tour. The visitors are really good, and it will take a strong side to lower their colours.



# SPRINGBOKS AT CARDIFF.

## FIRST GREAT TEST AGAINST WELSH TEAM.

### TO-DAY'S MATCH WITH GLAMORGAN COUNTY.

The Springboks play their second match in Wales, and the eleventh match of their tour, this afternoon at Cardiff, where they meet a fifteen representing Glamorgan County.

This will prove a very severe test to the visitors, and is by far the most important game on their programme until their first international match against Scotland on November 17.

Tremendous interest is being taken in the match throughout Wales, and there is little doubt that the Springboks will play before the largest crowd they have yet faced.

Though the Glamorgan team is undoubtedly a strong one, it is felt that the three-quarters may not prove strong enough to pierce the tremendously powerful African defence.

Stegmann, who received a nasty cut over the left eye in the Newport match, is sufficiently well again to take his place in the team.

In connection with this match the Great Western Railway are running a special train to Cardiff to-day, leaving Paddington at nine o'clock, at a return fare of seven shillings.

The Springboks have now won ten matches in succession and have only had their line crossed once, and have tallied 240 points to their opponents' 10.

The teams are:

#### GLAMORGAN.

##### BACK.

H. B. Winfield (Cardiff).

##### THREE-QUARTER BACKS.

E. T. Morgan (London Welsh).

R. T. Gabe (Cardiff).

W. Trew (Swansea).

H. Maddocks (London Welsh).

##### HALF-BACKS.

Owen (Swansea).

Toft (Swansea).

##### FORWARDS.

Brown (Cardiff).

Northmore (Cardiff).

Niell (Cardiff).

J. P. Williams (London Welsh).

D. Jones (Treherbert).

R. Thomas (Mountain Ash).

Josephs (Swansea).

Hunt (Swansea).

#### SOUTH AFRICA.

##### BACK.

A. F. Marsburg.

##### THREE-QUARTER BACKS.

J. A. Loubser.

J. Krige.

H. A. De Villiers.

A. C. Stegmann.

##### HALF-BACKS.

H. W. Carolin.

F. Dobbin.

##### FORWARDS.

P. Roos (captain).

D. Brink.

D. Morkel.

D. Brookes.

J. W. E. Raaf.

W. A. Burger.

W. C. Marteze.

W. S. Morkel.

Referee: Mr. A. O. Jones.

The following list gives the remaining fixtures at present arranged for the "Springboks," and does not include the proposed visit to France nor a possible match with Swansea:—

#### NOVEMBER.

3—Gloucester, v. Gloucestershire.

7—Oxford, v. Oxford University.

10—Cambridge, v. Cambridge University.

13—Hawick, v. South of Scotland.

17—Glasgow, v. Scotland.

20—Aberdeen, v. North of Scotland.

24—Belfast, v. Ireland.

27—Dublin, v. Dublin University or Leinster.

#### DECEMBER.

1—Swansea, v. Wales.

8—London (Crystal Palace), v. Eng'land.

12—Manchester, v. Lancashire.

15—Carlisle, v. Cumberland.

19—Richmond, v. Surrey.

22—Redruth, v. Cornwall.

26—Pontypool, v. Monmouth County.

29—Llanelli, v. Llanelli.

#### JANUARY.

1—Cardiff, v. Cardiff.

## "SPRINGBOKS" NARROW WIN.

### GLAMORGAN ONLY BEATEN BY THREE POINTS.

### DETERMINED TACKLING GAINS THE DAY.

'Springboks, 6'; Glamorgan (h.), 3.

Glamorgan, with its wealth of international players, has failed to check the all-conquering career of the "Springboks." They came very near doing it at Cardiff yesterday, and with a little luck might have actually succeeded in their endeavour, but fortune once again smiled on the side with the big battalions, and the South Africans won the match of their tour by two tries to one.

The game was really won in the first five minutes. The spectators had scarcely settled down after the excitement of cheering the entrance of the rival teams ere Stegmann, taking a beautiful pass from D. Villiers while going at full speed, waltzed round Maddocks, and, though tackled by Winfield, managed to grass the ball on the right side of the line. D. Morkel made an ineffective attempt to kick a goal.

#### BETTER THAN NEWPORT.

An almost identical programme was repeated three minutes later, only this time Stegmann galloped round right behind the posts, and there was no excuse for Morkel's failure to convert. This was even better than Newport, for the South Africans had in five minutes obtained a lead of six points, and the spectators, though naturally disappointed at the downfall of their favourites, cheered the Springboks to the echo for their magnificent play. The Glamorgan men appeared staggered by the quickness and precision with which their opponents started and carried out an attacking movement, and for a time their efforts to stem the tide of disaster were so feeble that one began to fear that defeat would end in rout and the ignominy of a record adverse score.

The Welshmen, however, soon pulled themselves together, and for the last hour of the game had quite as much of the play as their opponents.

It was only the superb tackling of the Springboks that prevented a score. Time and again the ball travelled right across the Welsh three-quarter line to either Morgan or Maddocks on the extreme wing, but at the same moment came also the burly Springbok to encircle the ball and player octopus-like in an embrace.

All the old Welsh dodges were tried, passing back from the wing to the centre, putting over the head of the opposing full-back or three-quarter, and kicking right across the field from one wing to the other, and it was from one of these last manoeuvres that Glamorgan gained their solitary try.

It did not come until late in the second half, when the Welsh cause seemed all but lost, and the 30,000 spectators were urging their men on with despairing frenzy to wipe some of the deficit off the slate and lessen the severity of the defeat.

Gabe, who played a cool and resourceful game throughout, adroitly drew the South African defence on to himself and passed to Morgan, who, cleverly slipping two opponents, punted right across the field. The Glamorgan forwards, following up hard, were on the ball like a flash of lightning, and Joseph, the star man in Swansea's fine pack, scrambled over the line just in time to touch down before half a dozen burly "Springboks" came dashing up, breathless and anxious, and flung themselves upon the recumbent form of the triumphant player.

#### CONFIDENT WELSHMEN.

Then the Welshmen "gave it tongue." Their national cocksureness, which had been kept in check for over an hour, reasserted itself, and quite 20,000 of the

30,000 people were confident of Glamorgan's ability to win the match after all. Winfield made a good mess of the kick, which, although taken from a fairly easy position, was charged down—in fact, the place kicking on both sides was the weakest point in the play—but with the Glamorgan forwards regularly obtaining possession of the ball in the "scrum," only three points against them, and still a quarter of an hour to go, it looked anybody's game. And so it was, for the "Springboks" had to work their hardest to maintain their advantage, and it was only the determination of their tackling which enabled them to win the match. When the South Africans are placed in their proper niche in the temple of football fame one superiority which they possess over all other teams will have to be conceded to them. Never were seen such deadly and determined tacklers, or a side whose defence it is more difficult to penetrate.

The Welshmen could do all but score, the "Springboks," although seldom gaining actual possession of the ball, were always in its vicinity, and the Glamorgan men who had the temerity to attempt to run with it met with summary and by no means gentle treatment.

Right up to the end was the interest maintained. The Welshmen made a number of desperate onslaughts in the last five minutes, but they were all unavailing, and the "Springboks" maintained their unbeaten record by the narrow margin of 3 points. On one occasion Winfield had a shot at goal from a penalty kick taken forty yards out, but the ball hit the post.

## 'SPRINGBOKS' AND 'ALL BLACKS.'

### AFRICAN BACKS SUPERIOR TO THE NEW ZEALANDERS.

By E. GWYN NICHOLLS.

Close marking by the "Springboks" three-quarters prevented our backs making much headway by passing. De Villiers especially was very alert in the intercepting of passes, his efforts in this direction being mainly responsible for the breaking up of the Welsh combination.

Finding the defence proof against passing runs, the wings resorted to cross-kicking, and it was an extremely well-judged punt by Teddy Morgan that enabled Joseph to eventually score.

There was not a lot to choose between the teams on the day's play. In the back play the "Springboks" were the cleverer; their passing was swift and sure, and seldom failed to gain ground. In tackling, too, the Africans were much the stronger.

It was a grand contest between the forwards. The visiting pack started in great style, but the Glamorgan lot stuck tenaciously to their task, and in the end were rather on top.

Comparing our present visitors with the "All Blacks" as a body of men, they are not one whit inferior; in fact, the "Springboks," if anything, are more athletic-looking, being less bulky and rather better proportioned.

In play, like the New Zealanders, they aim at making the game fast and open, but are more stereotyped in method.

Their forwards are not as clever in hooking, and are slower in breaking away from the scrums, but in the line-out they are equal in merit to any team I have seen. Their work in this department is really fine.

The Africans in a rush keep well together and use their feet, while the "All Blacks" would spread and handle the ball whenever possible.

The backs of the "Springboks," to my mind, can bear comparison, and their passing, according to Welsh ideas, is superior to that of the New Zealanders, being quicker and neater.

They certainly have not that abandon in their transfers, and are less likely to bring about the unexpected, but, with their speed and determination, and with a centre of Krige's calibre, capable of occasionally departing from the orthodox, they are just as dangerous.

If the "Springboks" had come into our midst with a strong formation, which would disorganise their opponents, they would be reckoned on all hands as great a team as the "All Blacks."



# **BOKS AT CARDIFF.** **MATCH v. GLAMORGAN.**

## **Colonials' Sensational Opening.**

TWO TRIES IN FIRST FEW MINUTES.

AFRICANS' LINE CROSSED.

Welshmen Lose by 3 Pts.

It was most fortunate that the conditions for the great match at Cardiff this afternoon were ideal—the sun shining strongly, there being just sufficient keenness in the air to make a hard game not unacceptable to the players, and the turf on the Cardiff Arms Park having made a good recovery from the recent heavy rains. Under these circumstances it was not surprising that there was a great crowd present and although it did not recall the wonderful sight witnessed on the park in the ever-memorable Wales v. New Zealand match, it was nevertheless a huge attendance, estimated at 30,000 people. Speculation prior to the match as to the probable result was rife, and it was noteworthy that few people of decided opinions either way were to be found. The South Africans, in spite of one might almost say because of their display against Newport last Saturday, were thought to be a doubtful quantity. Were they fully extended at Newport? "Did they have anything up their sleeve?"

These were questions which the average footballer in South Wales was asking himself. No one offered a decided answer to them. Then again how would the Glamorgan XV. shape? Were the forwards good enough to hold the Africans' front rank? Would the somewhat experimental back division prove equal to the occasion?

These questions indicate the state of mind in which the spectators anticipated the match. As to the mood of the crowd, it was decidedly cheerful. As usual, Welsh enthusiasm found its vent in the customary singing of the popular choruses, and although it would be an exaggeration to say that the excitement approached that which the New Zealanders' match with Wales engendered, the crowd was distinctly "lively," and nursed a secret hope that another no-able triumph would be gained for Welsh football. In every respect the match might be termed a semi-international, and certainly it was expected to furnish an undoubted guide to the prospects of the match Wales v. South Africa on December 1st.

Both sides were well represented, the visitors having paid the home county the compliment of turning out what could be fairly regarded as about their strongest possible team and whilst such notables as Gwyn Nicholls and Percy Bush were absent from the Glamorgan XV, the home players were considered to form a very strong combination. There was a large attendance of old Welsh internationals and Welsh Union officials, and seats inside the ropes were also found for the South Africans who were not picked for the match. The Lord Mayo and other well-known public men were also present, the attendance being as representative as at an international encounter.

The following gives the visitors' record to date:—

	For.	Against.
	G. T. P.	G. T. P.
East Midlands .....	5 4 37	0 0 0
Midlands .....	5 2 29	0 0 0
Kent .....	3 2 21	0 0 0
Durham .....	4 1 22	0 0 4
Northumberland .....	4 8 44	0 0 0
Yorkshire .....	4 6 34	0 0 0
Devon .....	4 2 22	0 1 6
Somerset .....	4 1 14	0 0 0
Middlesex .....	4 2 9	0 0 0
Newport .....	1 1 8	0 0 0
Glamorgan County .....	..	..
a One penalty. b One dropped. c Two dropped. d Two penalty goals.		

**Glamorgan County.**  
 Three-quarter forwards: (Cardiff) J. D. Jones, R. T. Morgan, and H. T. Jones; (Swansea) J. D. Jones, R. T. Morgan, and H. T. Jones; (Newport) J. D. Jones, R. T. Morgan, and H. T. Jones; (Cardiff) J. D. Jones, R. T. Morgan, and H. T. Jones; (Swansea) J. D. Jones, R. T. Morgan, and H. T. Jones; (Newport) J. D. Jones, R. T. Morgan, and H. T. Jones.

Amid Intense Excitement.

The ball came out, and Gabe gave Teddy Morgan the ball a tick too late, otherwise the wing man must have scored. As it was, he ran grandly and failed by inches to cross the line. Another drop at goal by Trew was a mistake, for Maddocks was unmarked, and a pass could have put him in.

**FINAL SCORE.**

SOUTH AFRICANS .....	0 2 6
GLAMORGAN .....	0 1 3

## **Running Comments** **BY "OLD STAGER."**

Fame of the South Africans, derived from demonstrated merit, attracted the greatest crowd which has ever assembled in Wales for a mid-week match. For two hours before the kick off the spectators rolled in, and in the absence of a band the long wait was beguiled with song—the refuge of the Cymry in time of stress. And to the Welsh on hussies they were anxious moments. It had been generally believed that Glamorgan would retrieve the reputation they lost at Swansea last year, when, with anything like skilled and even moderate backs possessed of speed, they would have beaten the New Zealanders.

For today's match the County was strongly represented, thirteen of the fifteen chosen turning out. Though Nicholls and Bush were the absentees and their substitutes were a big drop in class, while other members of the side were known not to have reached their usual form as yet this season, Nicholls' brainy attack and power to bind his "threes," as well as his sterling defence, and the Cardiff captain's brilliant opportunism were losses that would have turned the scale of opinion from doubt to practical certainty.

It was a keen-humoured crowd. After a stately hymn, a popular music hall chorus struck up in an unexpected quarter was sung with gusto, and then, to the tune of "Clementine," references were made to the leading lights of the Principality's football men from the first internationals to the present day, and the nimble Dr. E. T. Morgan—who to-day was facing Loubser, the flying man of the Africans—was specially honoured that try which he made against the New Zealanders, who lost the first match by it, being fondly remembered.

There could be no advantage to either side from the ground, and the weather conditions were not calculated to affect the quality of the play or to give much preferential treatment. The rain of Sunday and Monday had softened the turf, but the portion under the shadow of the grand stand which used to be cut up so badly was now in prime condition.

In no place was the field "holding," and nowhere was there the slightest trace of mud. It is true that the Africans consider they are able to do better workmanship on a perfectly dry ground, but one would imagine that they were accustomed to play on macadamised roads from some of their observations at Northampton, where the ground was really so hard that the ball invariably rebounded to great distances. The Africans, though their reputation as fair sportsmen is deserved, are hard tacklers to a man, and perhaps after all it was slightly advantageous to the lighter home backs that the turf was yielding.

A quarter of an hour before the kick off every seat had been occupied, and the popular stands were at least comfortably filled. Among the crowd were a larger number of the old internationals than are generally seen at the usual inter-country fixtures, and a special cheer went up for Frank Hancock, who had captained Cardiff when the club first introduced the four three-quarter system.

As the moments went by the tension on the crowd was such that there was almost absolute silence for minutes at a time.

The one change in the South African team was candidly stated to be not because Maritz, the replaced man, was really unfit, but that Miller, who has attained celebrity as a walker, and is going for the English championship next year, and is also a ball-puncher of note, was bang on the top of his form. On the Glamorgan side, five out of the fifteen are seasoned internationals.

## **First Half.**

When the ball was put in play a minute before time a cheer was raised, but it was staccatoed, the crowd expecting to hear, and being disappointed, the war cry, which was a feature of the New Zealanders.

The Africans kicked off against the sun, which at the time was obscured by grey clouds. The first kick was ominous. The ball fell in the home in goal, and Winfield conceded a minor penalty. This recalled memories of a kick-off by the same Charlie Reed in the match v. Wales at Newport in 1908, when after a long and hard-fought game, the Glamorgan full-back had to do the same thing. But it was considered that on that occasion the Welshmen gained victory by that touch of their own.

were now practically kept together. It was dangerous to stray from positions because of the speed of the African backs, and Brown and Jones, the biggest men of the side, did some good tackling, and Northmore and Hunt were at the head of a good dribble, which Carolin and Krige stopped. More fast play ensued, and the Africans were not now getting the better of it, despite their extra height, and the last few minutes before the interval were really exciting.

Brink had a talking-to from the referee for dangerously charging Winfield after he had kicked. With play about ten yards inside the African half they were twice penalised for feet up in the scrummage, and if Gabe had been within 50 per cent. of his form of last season it is hard to credit that all the scoring to half-time would have been done by the Africans. It was only now and then that Owen got the ball out from the forwards, but when he did, Gabe it was who broke down.

From a line out Neill started a passing bout, and the backs were well placed for effective attack. Trew ran ahead, and after feinting to go in towards the centre he threw to Maddocks, who, had he shown the dash which characterised his debut for Wales, would have scored, for Stegmann and De Villiers were unable to get to him and he gone off at full pace as soon as he received the ball. He crossed kick-d, but Marsburg got to the ball before the Glamorgan forwards, and picking up and punting with one movement he found touch with a beautiful kick.

There was nothing noteworthy until half-time, and at that stage De Villiers limped off with an injured ankle which was bandaged.

Up to this period the game had resembled very closely that at Newport on Saturday last. Both the scoring points had been gained early on, and while the home forwards had brought off some capital rushes, the home backs had not been given any real chance of showing that combined workmanship that seemed necessary to defeat the speedy defence of the three-quarters, and the courageous tackling of Marsburg. Toft had not been signally successful at outside half, but he was far from being the worst of the backs.

## **Second Half.**

De Villiers took his place on the resumption, and Glamorgan were soon attacking. On orthodox lines, that is to say, by back play after clean heels from the forwards, the attack was not sustained.

In the first five minutes, though, Glamorgan came within an ace of scoring a try, a long pass coming from the halves after a scrummage in the visitors' 25. Trew dodged effectively and showed resourcefulness of high degree by passing wide to Maddocks, who this time went ahead at top pace. He beat Stegmann this time and a try seemed a certainty, for Trew had run between touch and his right wing ready to take a pass if Maddocks was unable to round Marsburg.

But the full-back was not to be beaten and he brought down the London-Welshman, who received so severe a shaking that it was some minutes before he could resume.

Before the Africans could gain relief they were penalised for a glaring piece of offside work, and from a spot about 20 yards from the home right wing and 10 yards inside the African half Winfield essayed a place kick for goal.

The ball sailed away beautifully, and looked a goal all the way, but as in the case of his kick that would have saved the Cardiff match against New Zealand, he had the misfortune to land the ball only just missing its mark—in fact it rebounded from the near post.

In the next five or six minutes Teddy Morgan filled the picture. His play was marked by all his old time cleverness, and thrice he made positively brilliant picks-up and kicks. In startling fashion he wriggled through a bunch, and cross-kicked, but luck was dead out, for the defence had been nonplussed. Glamorgan were now playing far better together. They were more of a side than they had been at any stage of the game.

From another penalty, this time on the left wing, about the same distance from goal, Winfield had another shot. Joseph placed the ball with perfect coolness, but the ball was charged.

Glamorgan continued to do well, and were attacking instantly. Trew dropped for goal a long range, and almost brought it off. At this point the bulk of the crowd, being disappointed, and cheering frantically.

Just over twenty minutes had gone by when Glamorgan lost a try purely far high. An error in premature whistling by the referee, King had been collared, but not the ball, and had passed behind. There was an intermission by the Africans, but Glamorgan from it, and Marsburg having lost the ball Maddocks had broken up and had a clear course, without the slightest fear of being taken behind, when the whistle again sounded, and he was not allowed to cross the line because of rules by agreement. This rule is a bit of a nuisance.



South Africans.

Refer to, Mr A. O. Jones (Leicester).

## The Game.

### Again Scoring on the Other Wing.

Half time Score— G. T. P.

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## Clever Work at Glo'ster

### THE 'CESTRIONS OUTPLAYED

#### BY "FORWARD"

There was a great crowd on the Kingsholm Ground, Gloucester, and the Springboks were given as hearty a reception in the capital of the Cheese County as they have been accorded anywhere else. The South African team was not at the same strength as that which played against Newport and Glamorgan, De Villiers and Stegman standing out of the third line, and Koos, the captain, from the forwards. The conditions were ideal, the ground being in perfect order, while there was a complete absence of wind.

Teams:—

#### GLOUCESTERSHIRE:

Back.  
A. E. Wood (Gloucester).  
Three-quarter backs.  
H. H. Hudson (Gloucester),  
M. Neale (Bristol),  
J. Hyam (Devonport Albion), and  
C. Smith (Gloucester).  
Half-backs.  
F. Niblett (Cinderford), and  
J. Stevens (Gloucester).  
Forwards.  
J. D. Badell-Sirwright (Cheltenham),  
F. Holder (Gloucester),  
T. J. Richards (Bristol),  
T. Webb (Bristol),  
J. L. Mathias (Bristol),  
W. Ball (Bristol),  
G. Matthews (Gloucester), and  
Watkins (Cinderford).

#### SOUTH AFRICANS:

Back.  
A. F. Marsburg.  
Three-quarter backs.  
J. le Roux,  
J. G. Hirsch,  
J. D. Krige, and  
J. A. Loubser.  
Half-backs.  
H. W. Carolin, and  
F. J. Dobbin.  
Forwards.  
W. A. Burger,  
H. C. Daniel,  
W. C. Martheze,  
W. S. Morke,  
H. G. Reid,  
D. S. Mare,  
A. F. Burdett, and  
D. Brink.

### THE GAME

Mathias kicked off, and Krige replied with a neat put into touch. The usual scrummage followed the line-out, and a penalty was given against the home halves for off-side play, but no ground was gained from a high kick. The next scrum was carried by the 'Cestrians, but very little ground was made. Given the ball by Dobbin in midfield, Krige passed to Hirsch, who broke through brilliantly and gave at the right moment to Le Roux, who ran over on the left wing without meeting opposition and planted the ball behind the posts. The kick at goal was a failure. The Springboks by this early success practically put the

#### ISSUE BEYOND DOUBT

in the first five minutes, and after the kick-out they played with greater confidence and attacked vigorously. The home forwards were putting up a strong game, but the backs were weak. Play was taken to the Gloucester 25, and clever work by the Springboks in the line-out resulted in the backs obtaining possession, but Le Roux, who was the last to receive in a swift bout of handling, knocked on when he had the line at his mercy. Following some loose scrambling play Krige made his mark, and the ball was placed on the centre line for Morke, who put in a huge kick, which only barely missed the mark. From a scrum on the home 25 line Dobbin passed out to Krige, who doubled brilliantly and gave to Hirsch, who beat the opposing centre and gave to Le Roux, who sprinted over and scored in the corner. The goal kick fell short by a couple of yards. From the kick-out play settled down in the centre, but only for a moment, a magnificent round of passing started by Dobbin ending in Loubser going

#### OVER AT A TEEMENDOUS PACE.

Carolyn converted. This movement was quite up to the highest standard of Welsh three-quarter play, every man doing his share of the work in perfect style. Within a few minutes the South Africans attacked again, and Loubser receiving from Krige, was sailing over profitably when Wood, the county custodian, cut across and brought off

#### A GREAT TACKLE

a yard from the line. Smart kicking by Gloucestershire backs sent play into the visitors' 25, but the defence never looked like being beaten. Mars was brought out from the back as an extra three-quarter, but the manoeuvre was altogether too flattering to the county attack. Gloucestershire's play showed gradual improvement as the game progressed, but their aggressive work lacked finish. Just before half-time Gloucestershire had a chance given them of scoring, but Wild muddled it by clumsy handling.

	G.	T.	Pts.
Springboks	1	2	11
Gloucestershire	0	0	0

#### SECOND HALF.

From the restart, the Springboks went off with a bang, but they found the tackling too keen and resolute. Krige especially was playing on the top of his form, and it was a treat to watch his running. A score, however, was a long time coming. Dobbin put in a high kick over the line, and the forwards following up well beat Wood for possession, but Burger lost the ball on being tackled, and the Gloucestershire forwards were now worrying the Springboks considerably by their superior staying powers, and their three-quarters brought off a creditable round of passing, which looked like taking them through, until Marsburg came to the rescue with a grand tackle. In the next minute Krige

#### BROKE THROUGH BRILLIANTLY.

but his pass to Le Roux was knocked forward, when the latter had a clear course. A long stoppage was caused through an injury to Wood, and play was resumed inside the home 25, where the Gloucester forwards came through in capital style and dribbled to the centre, where they were stopped by Krige. Play was again taken back to the Gloucester 25, where Carolyn picked up in a loose rush and

#### DROPPED A MAGNIFICENT GOAL

with his left foot. Immediately after the kick-out Krige fielded on the centre line, and passed to Le Roux, who broke through at a rare pace, and threw himself over the line under the bar with Wood hanging on to him. Carolyn goal. The 'Cestrians were now hopelessly beaten, but showed no lack of pluck, and on one occasion came near scoring from a dribble, which was only stopped in the nick of time by the great Marsburg. Working their way down to the home 25.

The Boks pressed hard, and Hirsch, receiving from Dobbin, made a fearless dash through, but was held up on the line. The Gloucester forwards then dribbled into the visitors' 25, where Marsburg for once was wound wanting. Hudson picked up on the run, but was overtaken five yards from the line. He lost the ball on being tackled, and Hirsch, picking it up near his own goal-line, passed to Krige, who ran

#### NEARLY THE WHOLE LENGTH OF THE FIELD

at a lovely pace, and scored behind the posts. It was a great try, but the kick at goal was a failure.

	G.	T.	Pts.
South Africans	3	3	23
Gloucester	0	0	0

### POINTS OF THE GAME

- 3.5.—South Africans kicked off.  
5.10.—Le Roux scored unconverted try.  
3.20.—Le Roux scored the second unconverted try.  
3.21.—Loubser scored.  
4.10.—Carolyn dropped a goal.  
4.11.—Le Roux scored.

### "FORWARD'S" COMMENTS

Gloucester offered but a feeble resistance to the all-conquering Springboks, whose play to-day was more brilliant than I have seen in any previous match. Their forwards were packed better, and heeled out more cleanly and with greater precision, while the sub-magnificent, and pretty in the extreme as a spectacle, Krige especially was seen at his very best, and his play to-day confirmed the reputation he bears as a great centre.

Hirsch also played admirably as his co-centre, while the wings were nearly as perfect as they could be. Le Roux, in particular, showed great pace, and appeared to me to be faster than Loubser. He certainly put more abandon into his play than the right wing, and was absolutely fearless in going. For a time there were periods, but not many, when the African forwards were beaten in the tight, but the heeling of the 'Cestrians was slow and slovenly all through as compared with the quick, clean heeling of their opponents, and once the ball was out there was always a danger of a score.

The Bristol three were slow, but their tackling was determined, and but for that the visitors would have helped themselves to many more points. They were triers all the way, and Krige's great try was scored just on the call of time. Dobbin again played brilliantly at half, and, with Carolyn also in form, the Gloucester couple were completely outclassed. In fact, the whole of the South African team worked with machine-like precision, and my firm conviction is that they are improving in every game they play. They have for a certainty found their best form, and if they can maintain it, then, it will be a great team, worthy to rank with the conquerors of New Zealand last season.

In the short space of ten or eleven days they have improved out of all knowledge, and I cannot possibly reconcile their form against Newport, Glamorgan, and Gloucester with their very moderate display against Middlesex. The disparity is extraordinary, especially in a team of such tier as the Springboks are. The game was so entirely one-sided that all the comment necessary can be summed up in a sentence, the 'Cestrians were completely outclassed in every department, the African forwards being better in the scrum and in the line-out, the halves smarter and more resourceful, and the three-quarters speedier and cleverer. Wood, at full back, compared favourably with Marsburg, who did not show the same keenness to-day as he did at Newport and Cardiff.

The game was exhilarating as a spectacle, the Springboks being on their toes all the

time, while the exhibition of Krige alone was worth going a long journey to see.

### RESULTS TO DATE

The following comparison of the results of the first eleven matches played by the New Zealanders and the South Africans will be of interest:—

#### ALL BLACKS.

	F.	A.
v. Devon County	55	3
v. Cornwall County	41	0
v. Bristol	41	0
v. Northampton	32	0
v. Leicester	28	0
v. Middlesex	34	0
v. Durham	16	3
v. The Hartlepool	53	0
v. Northumberland	31	0
v. Gloucester	44	0
v. Somerset	23	0
v. Devonport Albion	21	3

#### SPRINGBOKS.

	F.	A.
v. East Midlands	37	0
v. Midland Counties	29	0
v. Kent	21	0
v. Durham	22	4
v. Northumberland	44	0
v. Yorkshire	34	0
v. Devon	22	0
v. Somerset	14	0
v. Middlesex	9	0
v. Newport	8	0
v. Glamorgan	6	3
v. Gloucestershire	23	0

#### MATCH AND MATCH.

	F.	A.
v. Midland Counties	21	5
v. Durham	29	0
v. Northumberland	16	3
v. Yorkshire	22	4
v. Devon	31	0
v. Somerset	44	0
v. Middlesex	40	0
v. Newport	34	0
v. Glamorgan	55	4
v. Somerset	23	0
v. Middlesex	14	0
v. Newport	34	0
v. Glamorgan	9	0
v. Somerset	5	3
v. Middlesex	8	0
v. Newport	9	0
v. Glamorgan	6	3

[The All Blacks did not meet East Midlands and Kent, nor Gloucestershire.]

#### SPRINGBOKS' REMAINING MATCHES.

Date	Where Played.
Nov. 10	Oxford University
" 13	Cambridge University
" 17	South Scotland
" 20	Scotland
" 23	North Scotland
" 24	Ireland
" 27	Dublin University
Dec. 1	Wales
" 3	England
" 12	Lancashire
" 15	Cumberland
" 18	Surrey
" 22	Cornwall
" 26	Monmouth County
" 29	Llanelli
Jan. 1	Cardiff

### SPRINGBOKS V MONMOUTH

Match to Be Played at Newport  
The South African match against Monmouth County on Boxing Day will be played at Newport.



## SPRINGBOKS' TOUR. Their Twelfth Match. GLOUCESTER COUNTY EASILY VANQUISHED.

In ideal football weather the South Africans this afternoon played the twelfth match of their tour, their opponents on this occasion being the representatives of Gloucestershire. Of course, a good deal of local interest was excited in the visit of the Colonials, and extra stands had to be erected on the Kingsholm enclosure for the accommodation of an unusually large crowd of spectators. All the reserved-seat tickets had been disposed of by Wednesday last.

With the exception of the Gloucester City Rugby Club, most of the principal clubs in the county cancelled their fixtures in order to allow the players to witness the game.

The team selected to do duty for the county only underwent one change, H. M. Butterworth, of Oxford, preferring to play for his 'Varsity against Leicester. His place in the three-quarter line was taken by C. Smith, the old International.

The fifteen was considered to be the strongest that could be got together, and while it was hardly good enough to inflict the first defeat on the Africans, it was hoped the all-conquering Springboks would be put on their mettle.

The Africans, after their strenuous game against Glamorgan, played a comparatively weak team, for compared with the side that played at Cardiff, there were eight changes. Stegmann, the "try-getter," J. Le Roux, and H. de Villiers stood down from the back division, and in the forwards Paul Roos, D. Brookes, W. Milner, J. W. E. Raaf, and D. Morkel found substitutes. Teams:—

### Gloucestershire.

Back, A. E. Wood (Gloucester); three-quarter backs, H. Hudson (Gloucester), M. Wyld (J. Hyam, Devon Albion), and C. Smith (Gloucester); half-backs, F. Niblett (Cinderford) and J. Stephens (Gloucester); forwards, J. D. Bedell-Sivright (Cheltenham), F. Holder (Gloucester), T. J. Richards (Bristol), T. Webb (Bristol), J. L. Matthias (Bristol), W. Hale (Bristol), Matthews (Gloucester), and Watkins (Cinderford).

### South Africans.

Back, A. F. Marsburg; three-quarter backs, J. Le Roux, J. Hirsch, J. Krige, and J. Loubser; half-backs, H. Carolin and F. Dobbin; forwards, W. Burger, H. Daneel, W. Martheze, W. Morkel, H. Reid, D. Mare, W. Burdett, and D. Brink.

Referee, Mr. F. J. Marsh, South Shields.

### THE GAME.

There were about 12,000 spectators. About six minutes from the start Le Roux, after passing by Dobbin and Hirsch, scored a smart try for the Colonials, Mare missing an easy place-kick. Afterwards play for some little time was in the centre, the County forwards holding their own. After a while the Africans came away with a burst into Gloucestershire's quarters. Loubser was collared in an attempt to break through, and Hirsch spoiled a chance by knocking on. From a mark Carolin missed kicking a goal from halfway. Then, after brilliant passing, Le Roux gained another try, falling from a long shot. Then Loubser scored, and Carolin placed a goal. The Colonial backs were too fast and clever for the home side, but Loubser was twice held up. Gloucestershire twice worked down by hard kicking and following up, but their backs could not do anything, their passing being weak. The Colonials' backs, however, played a fine game.

Half Time Score—		G	T	P
South Africans.....		1	2	11
Gloucestershire.....		0	0	0

After the interval Gloucestershire made a better fight, but the backs were weak. After twenty minutes Carolin dropped a fine goal and placed another from a try by Le Roux, who dodged over in clever style. In the last minute Krige added a try. The Africans' backs were far too clever for their opponents and passed light-heartedly.

Final Score—		G	T	P
SOUTH AFRICANS.....		3	3	23
GLOUCESTERSHIRE.....		0	0	0

\*One dropped.

In the second half, though Gloucester made a few good forward rushes and had chances the South Africans had all the better of the game and deserved their victory.

### COMMENTS BY HAMISH STUART.

The famous Stellenbosch third line is evidently reserved for such State occasions as last Wednesday. In any case De Villiers and Stegmann stood down, and their old partners, Krige and Loubser, were retained. There was another change in the Gloucester team, Wyld coming in place of G. Neale. The change was held to have weakened the team, though locally no hope of Gloucester succeeding where other counties had failed seemed to have been entertained.

There was neither sun nor wind, while the ground was in excellent order, so that the conditions could hardly have been more favourable. The South Africans say they were in no way handicapped by the Cardiff ground, though they add that their backs are not at their very best on grounds of the hardness of a cricket field in fine weather. To-day they have a fairly fast field, though not so fast as Richmond ground was in the Middlesex match.

The side for to-day's match could be called their second best side.

Joubert, I am told, is a perfect wonder at back, and can play anywhere except forward. He is a very little fellow, and the South Africans hope he will be in time for the match with Ireland on the 24th at Belfast.

Thanks to a fine kick by Krige the South Africans had the better of the usual exchanges, but Gloucester fairly carried the first scrum. Though the South Africans got the ball in the second they could do nothing with it.

Play for a time was confined to the forwards. When Gloucester did try passing it broke down so badly that the South Africans forwards got away, and a great kick and save by Hudson averted a try.

A score was soon forthcoming, however, for after Loubser had just failed to get through on the right after fine passing Hirsch made a good opening for Le Roux. The Gloucester backs seemed all at sea, and Hudson was cool enough to do his powers justice.

The Gloucester forwards, like other packs in recent matches, held their own, and were good in the loose, but to judge from the general form of the two sides, the issue of the match after the first ten minutes was not in doubt.

The handling of the South African backs was not, however, so accurate as at Cardiff, several movements breaking down through knocks.

Carolin gave one fine example of his place-kicking powers, just missing a goal from the centre. Just afterwards Le Roux got his second try, the defence being easily beaten.

The feature of the South Africans' play was getting the ball in practically every scrum.

The third South African try was the result of a fine bout of very quick passing which the Gloucester backs made a feeble attempt to check.

Dobbin was playing a particularly fine game and enjoyed himself thoroughly at the expense of Niblett and Stephens. He made the pair look very foolish by clever feinting.

Krige, too, was playing a fine game, his straight running and well-timed passing being beyond praise.

The Gloucester backs contented themselves with kicking, and seemed to lack confidence when they did get the ball. It was the forwards who placed Gloucester in attacking position for the first time, Bedell-Sivright breaking away finely and following up so fast that Marsburg got in a very poor kick. Gloucester could not maintain their position, however.

The ability of the South African backs was shown by the clever way in which they gained lost ground by kicking. Gloucester eventually returned to the attack, thanks to the forwards, the great Marsburg being at fault and nearly letting Moore clear away.

Gloucester improved towards the close of the half, but were throughout much the inferior side.

### Second Half.

The opening stages of the second half were rendered memorable by the South Africans' backs doing what they rarely do, and that is initiating attack on the open side from a kick in preference to kicking into touch. The movement broke down, in spite of a fine effort by Krige.

Gloucester lost a rare chance just after through lack of confidence essential to taking advantage of an opening. Krige then gave a rare example of his cleverness, tricking man after man, and timing his pass beautifully to Loubser, but the latter made a mess of the pass, at which the Africans are not adepts.

Marsburg was twice cheered at this stage for a fast follow up of a high kick and the tackling of Wood and just after for a characteristic save and kick.

Gloucester were playing better this half, but the defence prevailed against their moderate attack.

Krige may not be a Nicholls, but he is a player of very quick perception, as he showed ten minutes after the restart by picking up in the loose, going straight and quickly through, while the Gloucester men were looking at him.

Hirsch pulled his pass and a certain try was lost.

Hudson was playing a good game, and was much the best of the home three.

Carolin dropped a fine left-footed goal a quarter of an hour after the restart. He came one way and turned back, and the fact that he kicked for goal seemed to take the Gloucester men by surprise.

The South African forwards were using their feet more than in any previous match, but their footwork was moderate.

The next score was the result of a really wonderful effort of Le Roux, who worked his way in and out in a manner worthy of his Cape reputation.

Just after there came a fine bit of play, initiated from a throw-out, but Le Roux just failed to get clear.

South Africans were running all sorts of risks in attack, but the handling was so accurate that the risk was not so great as it looked.

Gloucester, though hopelessly in arrears, played up pluckily, and a great single handed dribble by Sivright might have yielded a score, for he beat Marsburg, and a touch down resulted.

This escaped rouse the South Africans, and another try followed, Hirsch crowning a good bit of passing by a fine dash over the line.

The finish was decidedly tame, and the match as a whole was too one-sided to be interesting.

### AFTER-THOUGHTS ON THE GAME.

After the strenuous struggle and thrilling game on Wednesday at Cardiff, the match was tame and uninteresting. In any case, it was too one-sided to be at all exciting. The South Africans almost throughout got the ball in the tight, and for the first time since the Devon match their forwards were not held, much less worn down. In the second half, on more than one occasion the home forwards made good rushes, while the backs had several chances, but the attack was never pushed home except once when a single-handed dribble by Bedell-Sivright nearly yielded a try. South African backs were able to convert the defence into attack, the clever and resolute way in which they did so being quite a feature of the game. Krige was especially clever in this way, and played his best game of the tour to-day. All the backs did well, but in such an easy match and with so many chances they might have well doubled the score. In a Loubser in handling was responsible for Le Roux and occasions. Such failure was unusual with

the South African three-quarters, as the Welshmen who saw them at Cardiff will be first to admit. Dobbin was in great form, and simply bewildered the home pair by his clever feinting and strong, straight dashes when he saw his way clear. Carolin was fair, but never approached the standard of his partner. The forwards all did well, and as already stated lasted better and had much more of the game all through than in any match since the game with Devon. Gloucester are, of course, only a moderate side. The backs combined poorly, and were much too slow for the speedy South Africans. Wood was sound at back, but the only class back in the division is Hudson. He was in no way responsible for the defeat of his side, and checked Loubser repeatedly. The best of the forwards were Bedell-Sivright, Matthias, and Holder. They were beaten in the tight, but were fair in the loose, though apt to overrun the ball. Except for the very pretty passing of the South African backs, who ran more risks than usual, the game was not a great one. It was too scrambling, and too one-sided, and hardly calls for any detailed comment. All that need be said is that with better backs Gloucester might have scored once or twice from chance openings in the loose, but it is at the same time doubtful whether the South Africans would have run the same risks in attack in a closer game and against more formidable backs.

### COMPARISON OF RECORDS.

The following summary of results indicates the scoring points in the first 12 matches played by the South Africans and New Zealanders respectively:—

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Pts. for.	Pts. agst.
South Africans.....	12	12	0	269	13
New Zealanders ..	12	12	0	423	10



## THE COLONIALS AT GLOUCESTER.

## THE WESTERNERS OUTCLASSED.

[BY CITIZEN.]

THE only appearance of the "Springboks" in Gloucestershire drew a record crowd to the County Town. Excursion trains brought in visitors from all parts, and after the Colonials' brilliant successes against Newport and Glamorgan last week the chances of Gloucestershire putting a check to the victorious career of the Colonials were very remote, and anticipations were fully borne out, for though playing a plucky game the County were completely outclassed by the speed and combination of the visitors, who gained a handsome victory by 23 points to nothing.

The Colonials made several alterations from the team which beat Glamorgan, Roos and Stegmann being prominent absentee. The early stages of the game were full of interest. The South Africans started in a manner that boded ill for the home county, and the defence was severely tested. Carrying the scrums, the Colonials heeled out smartly, and the backs combining beautifully, J. Le Roux was soon credited with a couple of fine tries, but neither was converted. The Gloucester front rank showed up well in the loose, but the back play was deficient, and any attempts to open out the game were soon nipped in the bud. Hudson and C. Smith were conspicuous for some sound tackling, and Loubser was twice brought down by Wood when he looked a certain scorer. At length Dobbin worked out a nice opening, and Krige feeding Loubser, the latter raced over with a good try, which Carolin converted, and at the interval the visitors held a lead of 11 points.

In the second half Gloucestershire showed an improvement, and the forwards once or twice burst away with good rushes, but the defence of the Colonials was equal to all demands. The South Africans made a number of spirited attacks, and Le Roux and Hirsch had hard lines in not scoring. Twenty minutes elapsed ere the "Springboks" added to their lead, and then Carolin dropped a clever goal with the left foot. This was followed by Le Roux scoring a great try, the extra points being added by Carolin. From this point play favoured Gloucestershire for a time, and once Marsburg was beaten, but Hirsch got back and saved. The county, however, then made another desperate effort to score only to see the ball go dead. Play in the last five minutes was evenly contested, but just before the end Krige intercepted in his own quarter, after a brilliant run, and scored a try. The place kick failed, the result being, South Africans, 3 goals (one dropped), 3 tries (23 points); Gloucestershire, nothing.

## CRITICAL COMMENTS.

The winners gave a truly delightful display, and the score rather under-estimated their superiority. The Colonials held the scrums, and, heeling repeatedly, Dobbin and Carolin had splendid opportunities of displaying their abilities, and they did not fail to take advantage. Both were wonderfully smart, and the Gloucester pair were completely overshadowed. At three-quarter the "Springboks" were in great form, and proved altogether too clever and fast for the opposition. Le Roux and Loubser, on the wings, ran brilliantly, and Krige and Hirsch, in the centre, were both resourceful. Hudson did an immense amount of defensive work for Gloucestershire, and was easily the best of the home backs. Wood had a lot to do at full-back, and could not be held responsible for the scoring, as he had no chance against the fleet-footed Colonials. Marsburg was safe for the visitors, but he was not often called upon.

The gate receipts amounted to £690, as against £570 taken at the Gloucester v. New Zealand match last season.

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**—A Wood (Gloucester); A Hudson (Gloucester), W Hyam (Devon Albion), T Wild (Lydney), C Smith (Gloucester); J Stephens (Gloucester), F Niblett (Cinderford); J L Mathias, W Bale, T J Richards, T Webb (Bristol), W Holder, G Matthews (Gloucester), J Watkins (Cinderford), and J Bedell-Sivright (Cheltenham).

**SOUTH AFRICANS.**—A F Marsburg; J Le Roux, J G Hirsch, J Krige, J A Loubser; H Carolin, J J Dobbin; W A Burger, H Daneel, W C Martheze, W S Morkel, H Reid, W Millar, and D Brink.

Referee: F W Marsh, South Shields.

## GLOUCESTER OUTPACED.

## WONDERFUL DISPLAY BY AFRICAN BACKS.

## BRILLIANT WORK BY DOBBIN.

SOUTH AFRICANS 23 pts., GLOUCESTERSHIRE 0.

Reduced to actual figures, twenty-three points, made up of two placed goals, one dropped goal, and three tries to nil, represents the margin by which the South Africans defeated Gloucestershire in the twelfth match of their tour.

However, it was one of those games the niceties of which cannot be accurately estimated by mere arithmetical methods, for the "Springboks" were so much superior to the Western county that with a bit more luck the South Africans might have won by a very large margin indeed.

From their first match it has repeatedly been suggested that it is difficult to gauge the actual strength of the Colonials, and the further they go the more they seem to improve. And as soon as any possible source of weakness is suggested it has invariably happened that the bogey has promptly been dispelled.

It was hinted that the "Springboks" were bad starters, and so just to dumb-found their critics they jumped in and beat such teams as Newport and Glamorgan before anybody had got properly warmed up to the play.

This theory dead, their detractors suggested that the forwards were not good enough. But had these pessimists been present on Saturday they would have had cause for some fresh hard thinking, for, though they were resting such cracks as Raaf, Roos, and Douglas Morkel in this match, the "Springboks" were superior even in the front brigade, except for a few minutes in the second half, when the battle was all over bar the shouting.

Gloucester kicked off, but Japie Krige—who was in tremendous form and made the spectators, who were informed that he is now nearing the "old crock" stage, wonder what he was like when a youngster—got the ball back to the centre with a fine kick. Here play hovered for a few minutes in a stern battle between the forwards, and then "Uncle" Dobbin, in return for the compliment of being "damped" down by a burly Gloucester forward, just pressed the button.

## SPRINGBOK BACKS IN MOTION.

Like a flash the clockwork-like machinery of his backs was in motion, and then—well, Gloucester had "to go through it," while the local crowd, like good sportsmen, rose and cheered to the echo what they realised was magnificent football.

Seldom have the "Springbok" three-quarters played more brilliantly, and, once in their stride, the Gloucester men could not live with them for pace, dash, and swerve.

It mattered not whether it went to Krige and Loubser on one wing or to Hirsch and J. Le Roux on the other. In each case they were through the opposition like water through a sieve or bullets through a cardboard target.

True, the "shots" sometimes missed the "target," but this was due to a couple of unfortunate knocks-on, and, towards the close, to a little over confidence. However, there was not a man in the crowd who had any doubt that these men knew what they were "shooting" at, and could do it in a most convincing and summary manner.

Intelligence is a tremendously valuable asset which these "Springboks" bring to bear on their football. In the first attack Dobbin swung the ball out to Loubser on the right wing. The player bounded for the line, but was promptly hauled down by Hudson, who on the day's play was about the best three-quarter in England.

Again this happened, but as "Uncle" Dobbin emerged from the thick of the fray for the third time he seemed to say, "No thank you, not again at present."

## A WONDERFUL LITTLE PLAYER.

This wonderful little player had quickly taken in the situation and had realised that this Hudson was the best back on the Gloucester side, and had, moreover, got his eye very keenly fixed on Loubser.

So on the third occasion, after a clever feint, the ball went—well, not to the right wing—but to the left, and in less space of time than it takes to record the fact Jacob Le Roux had scored a couple of brilliant tries on the other side, and the match was all over so far as Gloucester was concerned.

However, brilliantly as the "Springbok" three-quarters played, no third line can attack unless their halves do their part, and, moreover, do it well. It was in this department that the South Africans were pre-eminent, for in the brilliance of the play of Dobbin and Carolin, Niblett and Stehens were absolutely lost. Carolin played well, as indeed he always does, but even he could but admire the extraordinary skill of his little partner.

To sum the game up, it was Dobbin who won the match for the "Springboks." "How he is enjoying himself," remarked one of his comrades on the touch-line, and he was. He quickly realised the weakness of the opposition, and with his forwards working like men he simply "toiled" with the opposition.

First he would go on one side of the scrum, then on the other, or else, by way of a change, with a deft pretence at passing, he would take the defence off its guard, only to suddenly dart through them himself with the ball—well, not where his opponents thought it was.

It was a great exhibition of half-back play, and with their wonderful pace the "Springbok" three-quarters had everything in their favour, when generalised by such a master mind.

One special word of praise is due to Gloucester, and this to their full-back, Wood. He seemed to be the only man who could effectually cope with the dashing work of Hirsch and Le Roux. His tackling was strong and clean, and he played a game full of pluck and determination that would have been creditable in any company.

## "SPEEDIER THAN ALL BLACKS."

A well-known Gloucestershire international, writing of the match, expresses himself as follows: "The Springboks are very speedy, even speedier than the All Blacks, I believe, and if a Gloucestershire man did break away they had no difficulty in fetching him back."

"They are a fine lot of athletes, and they play the game as it should be played. Although vigorous, they are not at all rough."

"Gloucestershire were unable to fully extend them, and on Saturday's form there is no knowing what they are capable of doing if required. One thing is certain. The team that beats them will have to be in the pink of condition, and able to last right through a hard game."

"The All Blacks were perhaps more resourceful and original in their methods, and their attack had more variety, while their forwards opened out the game in better style than the Springboks, but the South Africans play an even harder game, and their tackling and fast following up are even more effective."

"Marsburg, the full-back, is the most daring man in the position I have seen, and if Joubert is better—well, he will be more than a marvel."

"I think that when Wales meet them, with a couple of Newport forwards in the pack, Percy Bush playing at outside half, and another centre instead of Trew, who should be on the wing, they will stand a capital chance of winning, but it will be no runaway victory."

## IRELAND v. SOUTH AFRICANS.

The following team has been chosen to represent Ireland against the South Africans, at Belfast, on November 24:—J. Heneberry (Garrrowan), capt.; H. Thrift (Dublin University), James Parke (Dublin University), G. Goffe (North of Ireland), and E. MacLennan (Cork), three-quarter backs; E. D. Caddell (Wanderers) and E. H. Robinson (Dublin University) half-backs; C. E. Allen (Corry), J. J. Coffey (Lansdowne), L. J. Knox (Lansdowne), G. Hamlet (Old Wesley), A. Tedford (Glenn), H. Wilson (Wanderers), Joseph Wallace (Wanderers), and M. White (Queen's College, Cork), forwards.



## SPRINGBOKS AT OXFORD.

### FIRST GAME WITH ENGLISH CLUB TEAM.

The South African footballers arrived back in London from the west on Monday, and to-day will go to Oxford, where they will meet the University fifteen.

This will be the Springboks' first match against an English club team, and considering the form Oxford have so far shown, the Dark Blues may put up a better fight than is generally anticipated.

It will be noticed that the Colonials have paid Oxford the compliment of picking a strong fifteen, and De Villiers and Stegmann are back in the third line, while Roos will once more lead the forwards after a welcome rest.

The teams will be as follow:

#### OXFORD UNIVERSITY:

##### BACK.

D. Davies (Jesus).

##### THREE-QUARTERS.

N. W. Milton (University).  
L. Parker (Christ Church).  
F. G. Steinthal (Trinity).  
T. B. Batchelor (University).

##### HALF-BACKS.

R. H. Williamson (Trinity).  
W. K. Flemmer (Trinity).

##### FORWARDS.

B. Cozens-Hardy (captain) (Trinity).  
W. W. Hoskin (Trinity).  
H. A. Hodges (Trinity).  
R. S. Wix (Brasenose).  
C. J. Gardiner (Trinity).  
N. F. Howe-Browne (Oriel).  
N. T. White (Trinity).  
A. A. Hoadley (Keble).

#### SOUTH AFRICANS.

##### BACK.

A. F. Marsburg.

##### THREE-QUARTERS.

Jacob le Roux.  
J. G. Hirsch.  
H. A. de Villiers.  
A. C. Stegmann.

##### HALF-BACKS.

D. C. Jackson.  
H. W. Carolin.

##### FORWARDS.

P. Roos (captain).  
W. A. Neill.  
H. C. Daneel.  
W. A. Burger.  
Piet le Roux.  
W. C. Martheze.  
J. W. E. Raaff.  
D. S. Mare.

### RUGBY JOTTINGS.

After the weak display of some of the international three-quarters in the Glamorgan and South Africans' match, a couple of the Pontypool "three" should gain international honours this season.

The record of matches between the Swansea and Newport Clubs for the past twenty seasons is as follows: Matches played, 63; Newport won, 26; Swansea won, 25; drawn, 12. Scores: Newport, 261 points; Swansea, 264 points.

It has been decided that the match between the South Africans and Monmouth County on Boxing Day shall be played at Newport, the Newport Club having consented to play their fixture with the Watsons (on the same day) in the morning.

## SPRINGBOKS TOO CLEVER FOR OXFORD.

### COLONIAL STRATEGY DEFEATS BRITISH PLUCK.

#### DARK BLUES' DASHING FORWARDS.

SPRINGBOKS, 24pts.; OXFORD U., 3pts.

Oxford University, in spite of the fact that they had six South Africans in their team, made no sort of a fight against the Springboks. In keeping the opposition score down to a goal, a dropped goal, a penalty goal, and four tries, while they themselves actually scored a penalty goal, they, however, did all that had been expected of them.

It was not a great game. The Springboks, after obtaining a good lead in the first twenty minutes, seemed content to rest upon their oars and watch the ineffectual attempts of the 'Varsity men to score against them.

There was one brief moment in the second half when the Dark Blues, carrying scrum after scrum and getting the ball out smartly to their backs, looked as if they must cross the South African lines; but the attack was too stereotyped, and the South African three-quarters had no difficulty in coping with it. The ball was hooked out to the "scrum" half, who flung it to his partner, by whom it was immediately transferred to the handiest centre, and then the time-honoured pastime of boring the wing man into touch before letting go was merrily proceeded with. These tactics presented no terrors to the Springboks, who simply awaited the course of events—tackled the wing man if he was more than ten yards from the touch-line at the time he received the ball, or else let him work out his own destruction unaided.

There was no originality about the play of the Oxford backs, and so orthodox were their methods that the wing man was always well covered before he received the pass which had so obviously been determined upon from the first.

#### FATAL INDECISION.

Once Parker intercepted a pass and broke right through the South African defence, but, undecided as to whether to go on on his own account or to pass the ball, he hesitated and—was lost. Hoskin, who was following up hard in anticipation of a pass was unprepared for the check, and when the belated pass at length arrived he over-ran it, received it neck-high, and unfortunately knocked on, and thus the best opportunity of scoring that was given to either side in the whole match was wasted.

In marked contrast to the indecision and poverty of imagination shown by the Oxford three-quarters in opening up schemes of attack was the brilliant play of the Dark Blue forwards. Men for the most part of slight build, wiry rather than sturdy, but exceptionally fast in following up, they showed remarkable cleverness in the loose. With the ball at their feet they swept up the ground in a solid phalanx, passing and repassing like an Aston Villa

front rank, but the attack was never clinched, and all their efforts to score proved abortive. The South Africans were at first nonplussed by the clever tactics of the Dark Blue light brigade, but after a while they allowed the enemy to spend their strength in futile effort, confident in the ability of their own defence and the to pierce their armour.

The points scored by the Springboks were for the most part obtained in the regulation manner. Twice Stegmann galloped round the opposing wing, and once Hirsch tricked the Oxford defenders by running right through the centre instead of giving the anticipated pass to Le Roux, who was following up attended by three Oxonians.

The best score of the day was the dropped goal obtained by Hirsch in the second half. Stegmann, foiled for once in his attempt to run round the opposing backs, being cleverly tackled by Davies, the Oxford custodian, immediately dropped the ball. Hirsch, dashing up, gained possession and adroitly feinting to pass secured a clear opening right in front of the Oxford goal and popped the ball over the bar. It was a brilliant piece of work and was deservedly cheered.

Stegmann scored two tries for the Springboks, Raaff one, Hirsch one, and De Villiers one. Mare kicked one placed goal, Carolin one penalty goal, and Hirsch one dropped goal. Batchelor kicked the penalty goal for the Dark Blues.

#### COMPARATIVE TABLES.

The tables below show the record of the team up to date, and also the results obtained by the New Zealanders in the eleven matches in which they met the same opponents.

The New Zealanders did not have fixtures with Kent and the East Midlands, and so in the eleven games in which it is possible to draw a comparison, it will be seen that the All Blacks have an advantage, for they scored 326 points to fifteen, and the Springboks have only collected 233 points against their opponents' sixteen:—

#### "SPRINGBOKS."

Sent.	S. Africans	G. T. P.	E. Midlands	G. T. P.
Sept. 27	S. Africans	5 4-37	Midlands	0 0-0
Sept. 29	S. Africans	5 2-29	Midlands	0 0-0
Oct. 3	S. Africans	3 2-21	Kent	0 0-0
Oct. 5	S. Africans	4 1-22	Durham	1 0-4
Oct. 10	S. Africans	4 8-44	Northland	0 0-0
Oct. 13	S. Africans	4 6-34	Yorkshire	0 0-0
Oct. 17	S. Africans	4 2-22	Devon	1 1-6
Oct. 20	S. Africans	2 2-14	Somerset	0 0-0
Oct. 24	S. Africans	1 2-9	Middlesex	0 0-0
Oct. 27	S. Africans	1 1-8	Newport	0 0-0
Oct. 31	S. Africans	0 2-6	Glam'gan Co.	0 1-3
Nov. 3	S. Africans	3 3-25	Gloucester	0 0-0
Nov. 7	S. Africans	3 4-24	Oxford Univ.	1 0-3
Totals		39 39-295	Totals	3 2-16

#### WHAT THE "ALL BLACKS" DID.

New Zealand	G. T. P.	Midlands	G. T. P.
New Zealand	3 2-21	Midlands	1 0-5
New Zealand	2 3-16	Durham	0 1-3
New Zealand	2 7-31	Northumberland	0 0-0
New Zealand	5 5-40	Yorkshire	0 0-0
New Zealand	9 4-55	Devon	1 0-4
New Zealand	3 3-23	Somerset	0 0-0
New Zealand	5 3-54	Middlesex	0 0-0
New Zealand	1 1-6	Newport	1 0-3
New Zealand	0 3-9	Glam'gan Co.	0 0-0
New Zealand	7 3-44	Gloucester	0 0-0
New Zealand	4 9-47	Oxford Univ.	0 0-0
Totals	41 43-326	Totals	3 1-15

#### CAMBRIDGE v. SPRINGBOKS.

The following fifteen has been chosen to represent Cambridge University against the South Africans on Saturday:—L. G. Scouler (St. John's), back; G. G. Koop (Calus), K. G. Macleod, C. G. Wright (Pembroke), and H. T. P. Pearson (King's), three-quarters; T. A. Godby (Magdalen) and J. V. Young (Emmanuel), half-backs; J. W. Alexander (Clare), R. B. Gebbing (King's), E. McCosh (Trinity), A. K. Evans (St. John's), W. G. Lely (Emmanuel), J. E. Mellor (Jesus), J. B. Carey (Calus), M. E. Delischart (Jesus), forwards.



## SPRINGBOKS AT CAMBRIDGE.

### TO-DAY'S MATCH AGAINST THE LIGHT BLUES.

Having defeated Oxford by 24 points to 3 the Springboks will to-day tackle the Light Blues.

When the All Blacks visited Cambridge they were called upon to play one of the hardest games of their tour, the students being beaten by only 14 points to nil. It is doubtful, however, whether the Cantabs are quite so strong this season as they were last. They have lost four or five of their most stalwart forwards, and two of their best three-quarters, and the new-comers are certainly not of the same class as the men whose places they take.

In Scouler, the Scottish International, the Varsity possess one of the finest full-backs in the four countries, and K. G. MacLeod and Hearson are two of the best defensive three-quarters of the day. The Varsity are, however, weak both at half-back and forward, and it is highly improbable that they will be the first to lower the Springboks' colours. The teams will line up in the following positions:—

#### CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.

##### BACK.

J. G. Scouler (St. John's).

##### THREE-QUARTER BACKS.

G. G. Koop (Caius),  
K. G. MacLeod (Pembroke),  
C. C. G. Wright (Pembroke),  
H. F. P. Hearson (King's).

##### HALF-BACKS.

T. A. Godby (Magdalene),  
J. V. Young (Emmanuel).

##### FORWARDS.

J. W. Alexander (Clare),  
R. McCosh (Trinity),  
R. B. Gibbons (King's),  
W. G. Lely (Emmanuel),  
M. E. Dellschaft (Jesus),  
J. E. Mellor (Jesus),  
A. E. Evans (St. John's),  
G. V. Carey (Caius).

#### SOUTH AFRICANS.

##### BACK.

A. F. Marsburg.

##### THREE-QUARTER BACKS.

A. C. Stegmann, J. D. Krige,  
H. A. de Villiers J. A. Loubser.

##### HALF-BACKS.

F. J. Dobbin, D. C. Jackson.

##### FORWARDS.

D. Morkel, H. G. Reid,  
W. S. Morkel, D. S. Mare,  
H. J. Daneel, D. Brookes,  
W. A. Millar, A. F. Burdett.

J. Wallace, the Irish international forward, will be unable to play against the South Africans on November 24 at Belfast, and the vacancy will be filled by G. Meildowie, of Malone.

Mr. H. H. Corley, of the Irish Union, will act as referee in the match between Scotland and the South Africans on Saturday next, November 17.

## "BOKS" V CANTABS.

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The second half opened in a manner which betokened better things for the university. The forwards packed better, and in the scrums held their own. It was when play opened out that the superiority of the Springboks was so marked. In one of those quick changes characteristic of the South African play, the ball was heeled out. The half-back had it away to his three-quarters, who, passing and re-passing, were away several times before the varsity formation was changed. Loubser would, undoubtedly, have increased the score but for a knock-on, while Krige and De Villiers and Dobbin also came very near to getting over the line. Hearson made a great effort to change the fortunes of the day. He burst clean through and dribbled well within the South African 25. In the ensuing scrum work Mellor was conspicuous. The speedy Koop, who received from Young, made a sprint along the touch-line, but the effort was in vain. The tackling of the visitors was much too keen. A forward rush entirely changed the outlook down the field. The visiting pack swept along, overcoming all opposition. Scouler was beaten, and Burdett was in the very act of dribbling over the line when M'Leod dashed up from behind and averted a score. Taking a leaf out of their opponents' book, the Cambridge forwards tried rushes, and with conspicuous success. Led by Alexander, they first worked to the quarter flag, and then, after a temporary check, ran within five yards of the line, Marsburg throwing himself upon the ball in the nick of time. Once again Cambridge were forced to act strictly on the defensive, and while in this position Young was ruled off-side. D. Morkel had another shot at a penalty goal, and again failed. Having made an excellent fight in this half, the light blues' defence suddenly gave way, and Jackson scored the softest try imaginable. He burst away from a scrum, and ran in quite unopposed. The place-kick was a failure. In the last five minutes the South Africans were continually pressing. Cambridge were visibly tiring. They could not keep up to the standard of the early part of the half. The line was crossed by Krige, and the points were further increased by W. Morkel's successful place-kick. By a last despairing effort, the light blues worked up to the Springboks' quarter flag, where they fell to pieces, and just on time Stegmann, following a pretty bout of passing, further augmented the total. W. Morel's place-kick was successful, and the South Africans won a one-sided game.

	Final score:	G.	T.	P'ts.
South Africans	.....	4	3	29
Cambridge University	.....	0	0	0



## Africans v. Cambridge University.

### COLONIALS' CAREER UNCHECKED.

With victories to the number of a baker's dozen standing to their credit, the South Africans this afternoon met the Light Blues in the 14th match of their tour. Twelve months ago the Light Blues put up a capital fight against the All Blacks, and in a game in which luck was dead against them the Light Blues only suffered defeat by 14 points.

Three days before, the All Blacks had met and defeated the Dark Blues by 47 points to nil.

This year the Varsity teams are not near so formidable as of yore. Except for the absence of J. G. Piet at half the Cantabs played their full strength. The team included seven old Blues.

The South Africans made numerous changes in the team which defeated Oxford on Wednesday last. Loubser and Krige took the places of J. Le Roux and J. G. Hirsch in the quarters; Dobbin took the place of Carolin at half; and in the forwards W. S. Morkel, D. F. T. Morkel, W. A. Millar, H. G. Reid, D. Brookes, and A. R. Burdett substituted Paul Roos, W. A. Neill, Piet Le Roux—who was badly knocked out in a collision with D. Davies at Oxford—N. E. Martheze, J. W. E. Raaf, and W. A. Burger—who got one of his fingers hurt in stopping a Dark Blue rush—in the forwards.

The teams were:—

#### South Africans.

Back, A. F. Marsburg; three-quarter backs, A. Stegmann, H. A. De Villiers, J. D. Krige, and J. Loubser; half-backs, F. Dobbin and D. C. Jackson; forwards, W. S. Morkel, D. F. T. Morkel, H. J. Daneel, W. A. Millar, H. G. Reid, D. Mare, D. Brookes, and A. F. Burdett.

#### Cambridge University.

Back, J. G. Scouler (St. John's); three-quarter backs, G. G. Koop (Caius), K. G. Macleod (Pembroke), C. G. Wright (Pembroke), and H. F. P. Hearson (Kings) (captain); half-backs, T. A. Godby (Magdalene) and G. V. Young (Emmanuel); forwards, J. W. Alexander (Clare), R. B. Gibbons (Kings), R. McCosh (Trinity), A. E. Evans (St. John's), W. G. Lely (Emmanuel), J. E. Mellor (Jesus), G. V. Carey (Caius), and M. E. Delis-chaff (Jesus).

\*Signifies a Blue.

The weather was fine, and there were 6,000 spectators present. After the recent rains the ground was rather soft. Playing with the wind, the Africans at once attacked, and five minutes from the start Loubser scored. Mare kicking a goal. From a long kick by Macleod the Africans touched down, but shortly afterwards Krige passed out to Stegmann, who, after a great run, in which he shook off Macleod and Scouler, scored, Mare placing a goal. The Africans' thus led, after ten minutes, by 10 points. Afterwards Cambridge forwards dribbled away, but were stopped by De Villiers, who got in a clever kick. Loubser with a fine run cleared Scouler, but was tackled by Macleod. Then, after further passing, Stegmann ran strongly, but was collared by Scouler. As the result of a blunder by Scouler, Jackson gained a try, but Mare missed an easy place kick. After 25 minutes' play Loubser, after clever play by Krige, scored, Douglas Norkel failing. Cambridge, by long kicking, got to the Africans' quarters, but were soon driven back. The Africans' backs passed cleverly, and Loubser and Stegmann in turn were dangerous. Then Cambridge pressed for a few minutes, but later the Africans had the best of play, Loubser nearly being in.

Half-time Score—		G. T. P.
South Africans .....	2	2 16
Cambridge .....	0	0 0

After the interval Cambridge did better, the forwards making some good rushes, but the Colonial defence was sound. After 25 minutes Jackson added a try after a clever run. Krige gained a good try, Mare kicking a goal. Shortly before the close Mare, who was taken out of the scrum, gained a capital try after passing, and placed a goal.

Final Score—		G. T. P.
SOUTH AFRICANS .....	4	3 29
CAMBRIDGE .....	0	0 0

### Second Half.

The South Africans took scrums in preference to a throw-out in the second half, the change in the policy being justified by the fact that they were now getting the ball much oftener than in the first half.

The backs were playing a daring game, but the Cambridge tackling was very sound, Macleod doing wonders. He had the easy pace of Stegmann.

As the half advanced, Cambridge forwards improved, and again began to get the ball, while their footwork was admirable.

Cambridge were playing a very strong game, but the South Africans nearly scored. A forward getting clear, Macleod raced after him, and held him just on the line.

Fifteen minutes after the resumption the Varsity forwards seemed for the time to have secured the upper hand, though the Africans occasionally got the ball. Macleod had now got the measure of Krige, and spoiled several movements.

The other Cambridge three-quarters were, however, much too slow. It was through an error by the left wing three-quarter and a half that Jackson got an unopposed try on the blind side 20 minutes after the resumption. He stole away, and ran in practically unopposed.

Krige's try was an example of what he can do for once in a way. He went in instead of passing.

Varsity forwards lasted right to the end. Their play and the fine defence of Macleod and the kicking of Scouler were the redeeming features of the University play.

It was the backs who won the match for the South Africans.

### AFTERTHOUGHTS.

Taking a broad view of the match, the game was one of those matches which Welsh crowds have so often seen a game, that is in which the losers have a lot of the play, but scoring power, thanks to the superiority of the winners' backs, has been confined entirely to one side. South African backs practically did as they pleased, and the score might easily have been more than doubled, but for the superb defence of Macleod, who did the work of the whole third line. Macleod saved many tries and it was not his fault that his side were so decisively beaten. Scouler kicked splendidly, but he had too much to do, and his tackling was not maintained at the same level throughout. Cambridge forwards were surprisingly good. How the South African forwards will do against a national pack remains to be seen, but if they can play no better than they did to-day then there backs will have to wait for chance openings for the most part for their opportunities. The famous Stellenbosch third line were not quite so good as they were in the first half at Cardiff. All the same they are a great quartette.

### The Records To-date.

The following summary gives the results of the first 14 matches played by the South Africans and New Zealanders respectively:—

	Played.	Won.	Lost	Ps. For.	Ps. Agst.
South Africans ..	14	14	0	322	16
New Zealanders ..	14	14	0	461	15

### COMPARISON WITH THE ALL BLACKS.

Below is a comparative table showing the results of the South Africans' matches corresponding with those played by the New Zealanders:—

	S. Africans.		N. Zealanders	
	For.	Agst.	For.	Agst.
East Midlands .....	37	0	32	0
Midland Counties .....	23	0	21	5
Kent .....	21	0	32	0
Durham .....	22	4	16	3
Northumberland .....	44	0	31	0
Yorkshire .....	34	0	40	0
Devon .....	22	6	55	4
Somerset .....	14	0	23	0
Middlesex .....	9	0	34	0
Newport .....	8	0	6	3
Glamorgan .....	6	3	9	0
Gloucestershire .....	23	0	44	0
Oxford University .....	24	3	47	0
Cambridge University ..	29	0	14	0
Total .....	319	16	404	15

The "All Blacks" did not meet East Midlands and Kent, and the above matches marked with asterisks denote the result of the New Zealanders' fixtures with Northampton and Blackheath respectively. Otherwise the results compare match for match.

### COMMENTS BY HAMISH STUART.

In spite of the heavy rain the University ground was in excellent order, while their was no sun, and a light breeze blew across the ground. There was no expectation of a Varsity victory in Cambridge Rugby circles, but it was hoped that the University would make as good a show as Oxford University.

Their forwards showed decided improvement in their match with Edinburgh last Monday, but they are not to approach the best University standard. The backs, on the other hand, are better all round than those of Oxford, Scouler and Macleod being the stars, though Koop is the moving force on the line.

The South Africans played their best third line—the Stellenbosch four—probably with a view to giving them some practice for next Saturday's International at Glasgow. The Springboks are making Edinburgh their headquarters when in Scotland, and will travel from there to Hawick and Glasgow for the matches in these places.

The Press arrangements were unfortunately not too good, a considerable portion of the field not being visible from the reporters' seats.

The University held their own in the opening scrums, but Scouler was early called upon to get his first taste of Stegmann, whom he tackled in great style.

Godby regained the ground lost, but for a time thereafter the game was confined to the forwards. The University eight were getting the ball, but wheeled without it.

The South Africans' first score was due to a mistake by Wright. He mis-kicked, and Loubser had a clear course. It was a curious try. The referee did not seem to be familiar with the rule as to halves and offside play, and penalised both Dobbin and Godby quite wrongly.

Scouler was playing a good game at back, one save being worthy of Marsburg at his best. Just afterwards he tackled Mare splendidly when clear away, but later however he missed Stegmann, though he got his hands on him.

Macleod seemed to drive Stegmann into touch, and the South African touch judge put up his flag, but the referee allowed a try.

Varsity forwards continued to get the ball, but backs got going it always looked a score, their being marvellously accurate, while the wings were in great form.

Macleod saved a try by tackling Loubser, while a moment later Scouler tackled Stegmann in fine style.

Just afterwards Macleod got clear away, but the referee pulled him up for no apparent reason. It was a clever bit of interception. Marsburg was kicking a very fine length, one of his replies to a long kick by Macleod being a real beauty. Scouler was puzzled by the high ball, and, hesitating, had to go over to try and clear, and he was tackled.

Subsequently Jackson wormed over a very soft try, but cleverly gained.

South African kicking was wonderfully good, while the combination of the backs reached a very high standard. The forwards could not get the ball, however, while the University backs could not turn their chances to account.

Macleod's kicking was of immense service, and it was a fine effort by the old Fettes boy that gave the Varsity their first footing in the African 25 after 23 minutes' play.

Just after Macleod again distinguished himself by a wonderfully clever mark made at top-speed, with the South African forwards on him.

The fourth South African try was the result of fine passing, Scouler missing Loubser when he seemed to have a good chance of tackling him.

So far it had been a case of the South African backs always looking like getting through every time they got the ball, so that it was the sort of game Welsh sides have often been called upon to play against teams of stout forwards but weak behind.

The value of pace was shown thirty minutes after the start. Loubser got clear, but Koop came right across and held him. A moment later Macleod made a fine opening for Koop, and the latter had but Marsburg to pass. Koop, however, in trying to kick over, burgled into Marsburg. A certain try was lost, for Macleod had followed up.

Just after Macleod did a great bit of defensive play—tackling Krige and pulling down Houbser in the same movement. It was a fine bit of work, and deserved the cheers it drew.

Macleod again distinguished himself a little later by a grand tackle of Dobbin. The South African half-time lead was entirely due to their backs.



## SPRINGBOKS GO NORTH.

### AFRICANS' FIRST APPEARANCE IN SCOTLAND TO-DAY.

The South African footballers left London at an early hour yesterday for Edinburgh, and to-day will make their bow before the Scottish critics at Hawick, where they oppose the South of Scotland.

This is the fifteenth match of the tour, and though the Scotsmen may prove fairly strong forward, the team is not a powerful one on form, and the Springboks are unlikely to meet with serious opposition in their first match on Scottish soil.

By playing this fixture on Tuesday instead of Wednesday, as had been their usual custom, the South African team will be able to have three days' complete rest before the all-important match next Saturday, when they meet the representative team of Scotland in their first international match at Glasgow.

The following teams will do duty in to-day's fixture:—

#### SOUTH OF SCOTLAND.

##### BACK.

Robson (Jed Forest).

##### THREE-QUARTERS.

Shannon (Hawick).

Haig (Hawick).

Scott (Galashiels).

Elliott (Galashiels).

##### HALF-BACKS.

Neil (Hawick).

McCrinack (Galashiels).

##### FORWARDS.

Kyle (Hawick).

McVittie (Langholm).

Scott (Langholm).

Fairburn (Melrose).

Aitchison (Galashiels).

Jardine (Jed Forest).

Waugh (Jed Forest).

Huggan (Hawick).

#### SOUTH AFRICANS.

##### BACK.

D. C. Jackson.

##### THREE-QUARTERS.

J. Le Roux.

J. G. Hirsch.

S. C. De Melker.

J. Loubser.

##### HALF-BACKS.

H. W. Carolin.

F. G. Dobbin.

##### FORWARDS.

W. A. Burger.

A. F. Burdett.

H. J. Daneel.

D. J. Brink.

W. C. Martheze.

W. A. Millar.

D. Brookes.

W. A. Neill.

Referee: Mr. Crawford Findlay.

### MARSBURG OUT OF LUCK.

An untoward happening befell Marsburg, the back, at Cambridge. He left his gold watch in London, but on the ground gave to his friend his gold chain, gold medal, and about £5 in coin, to take care of during the game. This friend safely placed it in his hip pocket, and joined in the speculation, but a thief cleverly lifted Marsburg's valuables.

Five hundred poor children of South wark are to be entertained out of the proceeds of the sale of South African picture postcards and photos.

## SPRINGBOKS WIN IN SCOTLAND.

### AFRICAN BACKS TOO SPEEDY FOR THE MEN OF HAWICK.

#### THE BORDERERS' RAID ON THE ENEMY'S LINES.

SPRINGBOKS, 32 pts.; SOUTH OF SCOTLAND, 5 pts.

The tremendous Scottish dash, for which their forwards are justly famous, has proved no more effective against the Springboks than the best methods England and Wales could employ, though the northerners had the satisfaction of scoring, and the South Africans yesterday won their fifteenth match by 4 goals and 4 tries to a goal.

It was a great disappointment for the South of Scotland when Kyle, who is one of the very best forwards in the country, could not play yesterday at Hawick. His place was taken by a local man—G. Johnson—who has a big reputation. The Springbok selection substituted D. S. Mare for Neill among the forwards.

Everybody in Hawick turned out to see the match, which was played on a very grassy ground, in which a furrow to mark the touch-lines had been cut some inches deep. This arrangement was much more ornamental than useful.

The match was one of the most interesting from the spectacular point of view that it is possible to imagine. Everybody anticipated good forward play on the part of the home team, but nobody expected quite such a desperate contest.

The exhibition given by the "South" pack must have delighted Walter Scott, if he unseen were watching it. Scarcely ever in the history of the game has a side with three goals and four tries on the wrong side of the balance against it and only fifteen minutes to go returned to the charge as these doughty descendants of the cattle-stealers did yesterday.

#### REMARKABLE FUMBLING.

But to the game. The beginning witnessed some brilliant spoiling by Neill and McCrinnick, some very in and out play by Hirsch and Japie Le Roux, who clearly were not in harmony, and some remarkable fumbling by the sturdy Dobbin.

Loubser, too, had the effrontery to miss a good pass, and just as the men of Hawick were beginning to wonder wherein lay the excellence of this team and how it was they had escaped defeat, Loubser went over on the right wing like a bolting rabbit.

He repeated this performance before the spectators were quite sure of the scorer's name, and when they had discovered that and admired Carolin's place kicking, while

sympathising with his hard luck in only just missing the goal with good kicks, Dobbin dodged over on the left for Carolin to again fail to add the points.

There was no more scoring in the first half. This form will scarcely win on Saturday, remarked one burly Scot, but visitors from London bade him "Bide a wee."

The second half was barely getting warm before Hirsch scored a wonderful try, the sinuosity of the eel and the angular zig-zag of the snipe being imitated to a marvellous degree. He was cheered to the echo, for the crowd were very sportsman-like.

The old Cantab showed his appreciation of the plaudits by giving us an encore, in which he repeated the last verse in great style. The "South" backs were quite thunderstruck by the charm of his movements, so much so that they seemed loath to hinder his progress. One try was converted, but in the other the desire of the kicker was not gratified.

#### THE PACE OF THE PASSING.

The indiarubbery Loubser was soon after this off like a ball from a golf club, and, jumping the final obstacle, scored his third try out on the right.

The pace of the passing it was that flummoxed the defence, for the Borderers' tackling was as sure and as steady as the adjacent flowing Teviot.

Nothing could, however, stop this hand-to-hand passing, the like of which Teviot dale had never beheld.

A tall, dark giant of a forward kneed and elbowed his way through, after apparently every one but Mr. Crawford Findlay and the Colonials' trainer had had a hand in the passing. And thus the score reached seven-and-twenty points to nil.

Then came the old-time Border raid aforementioned. It was irresistible, and it was magnificent. Surely no side can have done such a thing before.

It was no use the Colonials defending at the top of their form, for their marches were to be crossed all right, and their cattle stolen. It was writ in the book of destiny, and Johnson, of Hawick, was to score the try, and W. B. Jardine, the best place-kick in Scotland, was to add the extra points.

This was the first placed-goal against the Springboks on the tour. Jardine was not far off with a kick from the mark shortly after, but the bounce back from this attack was a case of Hirsch first, the rest nowhere.

Hirsch, however, thought that Martheze would like to score, so he gave him the ball, and Jackson kicked a goal. And then, for about the sixth time in the match, the whistle blew.

This was for "No side." Mr. Crawford Findlay having handled the play with the whistle of a master hand.

There were not more than two penalty kicks, there was no unfair or shady play on either side, and the Colonials have probably never had a tougher match. Well played both sides!

Sanguine Scotsmen are backing the Thistle on Saturday, but as a rule they are more canny where the coin is concerned.

Almost any of the "South" pack might be chosen to take Kyle's place in Scotland's front row. But it is rumoured that Geddes, of Middlesex and London Scottish, will get his "cap." The match at Glasgow is exciting tremendous interest in the Land o' Cakes.



## SPRINGBOKS V. SCOTLAND.

### FIRST INTERNATIONAL TEST AT GLASGOW.

The Springboks, having defeated every club and county opposed to them with almost ridiculous ease, play the first international match of their tour at Glasgow today, when they oppose a representative Scottish team at Glasgow.

The fifteens will line up as follows:

#### SCOTLAND.

##### BACK.

J. G. Scouler (Cambridge U.).

##### THREE-QUARTER BACKS.

A. L. Purves (London Scottish).  
M. W. Walter (London Scottish).  
T. Sloan (Glasgow Academicals).  
K. G. MacLeod (Cambridge U.).

##### HALF-BACKS.

P. Munro (London Scottish).  
L. R. Greig (Glasgow Academicals).

##### FORWARDS.

D. R. Bedell-Sivright (Edinburgh U.).  
W. P. Scott (West of Scotland).  
W. H. Thompson (West of Scotland).  
J. C. McCallum (Watsonians).  
L. M. Spiers (Watsonians).  
F. C. Geddes (London Scottish).  
H. G. Monteith (London Hospital).  
D. Frew (Glasgow High School).

#### SPRINGBOKS.

##### BACK.

A. F. Marsburg.

##### THREE-QUARTER BACKS.

J. Loubser. H. A. de Villier  
J. D. Krige. A. Stegmann.

##### HALF-BACKS.

H. W. Carolin. F. Dobbin.

##### FORWARDS.

A. E. Burdett. D. Mare.  
W. A. Burger. H. J. Danciel.  
D. J. Brink. J. W. E. Raaff.  
W. S. Merkel. D. Brookes.

Scotland's strength lies in her forwards, who can be relied upon to give the South African eight little rest. If the Springboks can withstand the fierce onslaught of the northern pack they will probably win fairly comfortably, and only in the case of their forwards being completely routed are they likely to be beaten. The superiority of their three-quarters in attack should enable them to win the match, even though they are only given half the chances of scoring afforded to the Scottish backs.

### WELSH RUGBY TOPICS.

## WILL SCOTLAND BEAT THE SPRINGBOKS?

### NOTES ABOUT THE TEAM TO DO DUTY AT GLASGOW.

Of the Scottish XV. chosen to play against the South Africans, only nine remain who played against the All Blacks last year. J. T. Simson, L. M. M'Leod, E. D. Simson, West, Russell, and Mackenzie have all dropped out, and the newcomers are Purves, Walter, Monteith, Spiers, Thompson, and Frew.

An international team can hardly give satisfaction to everybody, but most certainly the Scottish team as a whole is, with one or two exceptions, the best that could be got.

The three-quarter line is not a very strong one, but the players are about the best that are at Scotland's command, and while M'Leod and Sloan are as good as any in Britain, Purves and Walter have both improved on their last year's form.

It was most unfortunate that E. D. Simson, the Edinburgh University and International half-back, should have had his kneecap put out in his second match for the London Scottish. Simson first played for Scotland against England in 1902, since when he has not missed an International match.

Greig is certainly worthy of his place, but there is no getting away from the fact that Simson's absence will weaken the team considerably.

The forwards are a fine set of men, and the new players, Spiers, Frew, and Thompson are all players of the first order. All the same it is a pity that such fine forwards as M. R. Dickson and J. I. Geddes should have been passed over. Geddes is playing better than ever for the London Scottish this year, and it must say a lot for the forwards across the border if Geddes is only a reserve.

The fact of the match being played in Glasgow will, in a measure, account for the inclusion of Thompson and Frew.

A report of yesterday's match between the Springboks and the South of Scotland will be found on Page 9.

### THE NEW FOOTBAWL.

[According to a daily paper, the Cambridge forwards in Wednesday's match "were as garrulous as ever, the Edinburgh Academicals being beaten for loquacity in both tight and loose."]

As down the street at eve we went,

The Rugger blue and I,

"What happened in the match?" I asked,

"What did you beat them by?"

"They played a plucky game," said he,

"But we had all the skill;

We won by seven adverbs and

Ten adjectives to nil.

"They started by attacking,

But they got the miss-in-baulk.

They did their best, but couldn't stand

Our forwards' flow of talk.

Some feeble chit-chat of their own,

From time to time they tried,

But fifteen minutes from the start

They were a beaten side.

"So here's to Jones, who led our pack,

And here's to good old Smith,

Likewise to Johnson, whose remarks

Were always full of pith.

We'll simply shout down any team

That comes upon the scene,

Unless one day we have to play

A Suffragettes fifteen."

— "The Globe."



# "BOKS" WATERLOO

## Scotland Top Dog.

### A WIN AT THE TAPE

#### Marsburg Carried Off the Field

#### THE CHANCES OF WALES

The first real test for the Springboks opened this afternoon, when the strength of Bonnie Scotland was united at Hampden Park, Glasgow, to oppose the Colonials. Up to date the Afrikanders had successfully emerged from fifteen matches, totalling 354 points to a paltry 21 by the opposition. Scotland, it may be recollected, inaugurated the international series last season with the "All Blacks," when, after a memorable game, the points in favour of New Zealand were 12 to 7. As the victory of the "All Blacks" was only gained in the last ten minutes, there was some ground for optimism among the members of to-day's home team, for, seeing that the Springboks make their biggest effort early on, it was recognised that the style of play on both sides would be similar.

Unlike the other countries, Scotland is handicapped in early games of importance, for its representatives are mainly university men, who hardly get into their stride, as it were, before the season is well on.

Generally, the side selected gave satisfaction, especially in Glasgow, who, supplying a third of the side, fancy that the claims of the commercial capital in matters Rugby are at last being recognised.

The Springboks made Edinburgh their headquarters for the week, and are quite "at home" in the Scottish capital, where there is a strong colony of South Africans.

#### Plan of the Field

The teams lined out as follows:—

##### SCOTLAND.

Full-back:

Scoular.

Three-quarter Backs:

M'Leod. Sloan. Walter. Purves.

Half-backs:

Greig. Munro.

Forwards:

Bedell-Sivright. Scott. Thomson. M'Cullum.  
Spiers. Geddes. Monteith. Frew.

Forwards:

Burger. Brink. W. S. Morkel. Mare.  
Dancel. Raaff. Brookes. Burdett.

Half-backs:

Dobbin. Carolin.

Three-quarter Backs:

Stegmann. De Villiers. Krige. Loubser.

Full-back:

Marsburg.

##### SOUTH AFRICANS.

#### The Game

Played at Hampden Park, Glasgow, the spacious enclosure of the Queen's Park Football Club, the premier amateur Association club of Scotland. There were fully 30,000 spectators present to witness the doings of the hitherto unbeaten South African team. Changes were chronicled in the composition of both sides, Kyle, the Border forward, resigning from the home side, through injury, to let in Geddes, London Scottish; while at last minute Ross, the South African captain, had reluctantly for the same reason to give way to Burdett. During the past few days the weather in the North had been of a most unfavourable description, heavy rain falling almost continuously, which left the ground in a very heavy condition—a state of affairs which tended to favour Scotland's chances.

Half-time score: G. T. Pts.

SCOTLAND ..... 0 0 0

SOUTH AFRICANS ..... 0 0 0

The visitors were the first to become dangerous, but Scoular returned with a grand kick into touch, and M'Leod, on the other side, did similarly, which brought the game well into the South African ground. A series of scrums followed, the Scotch forwards, for the most part, proving their worth. During the first ten minutes the Colonials were never over the middle line, and the famous dash of their three-quarter play was never once in evidence, so tight was the game held. Brink retired hurt after ten minutes. Scotland still pressed hard, and, badly handicapped, the South Africans rarely got out of danger. Purvis and Munro, on the only two reliefs they had, sending them back again. Brink resumed, but Stegmann, on the other hand, was laid out. M'Leod had four attempts at a drop from penalties, but on each occasion failed.

FINAL SCORE:—

SCOTLAND ..... G. T. Pts.

SPRINGBOKS ..... 0 2 6

SPRINGBOKS ..... 0 0 0

Tremendous enthusiasm greeted Scotland's success, and the same enthusiasm seemed to have been imparted to the Scots' side. They now practically hemmed in their opponents, so much so, that Morkel was drawn out of the pack to assist in defending. Loubser, as he did once before, raised the South African hopes by dashing clear away, but Scoular, who was in fair form, brought him up in time.

#### Running Comments

[By FORWARD.]

It was rather disappointing to see so much vacant space on the huge ground at Mount Florida this afternoon, the attendance not exceeding 30,000 ten minutes before the start, while there is accommodation here for more than 100,000.

There is not another ground in the kingdom so magnificently provided with accommodation for the spectators, the points of vantage being perfect all round.

It was quite a Scottish gala day, the pipers of the 3rd Lanark being much in evidence in their parade round the ground during the preliminary period of the waiting, and the weird music of the pipes brought back recollections of the unhappy experiences of Wales at Iwerleith.

The turf had made a wonderful recovery from the drenching rain of Friday and the heavy showers of this morning. The weather was threatening all through the afternoon, and affected the light badly. Still, the conditions were far from being altogether unfavourable.

Carolyn started at 2.35, and Munroe made his mark. Exchange kicking was the order for the first few minutes, and this ended in Scotland's favour, Purvis finding touch on the South African 25 line.

From the next scrum the Scottish forwards dribbled to the line, but were called back for off-side, and a great chance was lost thus early.

By smart passing and kicking the Africans cleared their lines, but the Scottish forwards rushed them back to their 25, where the game was fought out with terrific energy.

Brilliant foot work by Scotland all but did the trick, Villiers saving the situation after Marsburg had failed.

Scotland forced the Springboks to touch down from a clever cross-kick by M'Leod. A miss by Scoular let in the 'Boks, and a penalty, given against the Scots, was taken by Carolyn, whose kick fell short by ten yards, and Scoular found touch at the centre.

THE SCOTTISH FORWARDS were beating their opponents badly in the loose, but the African backs were so much cleverer than the Scots that they were equal to the task of repulsing their fierce attacks. Brinn had to come to the touch-line with an injured ankle, and play was suspended for a time. The 'Boks could ill afford to lose him, as one of their best forwards, but he had to leave the field.

Immediately after resuming Scotland were penalised, but nothing came of a poor kick.

Scotland were having the better of the argument, and took play to the visitors' line, and, the ball coming out to Sloan, he missed a glorious chance of dropping a goal.

Scotland pressed, and forced play over the line, Marsburg only touching down in the nick of time. From loose kicking Scotland forced another minor.

The kick-out brought no relief to the South Africans, but a bad miss by Sloan in fielding the ball allowed the visitors to scrimmage at half-way. Bruik now returned, limping, but the Scottish forwards, rushing the scrum, took play to the Africans' 25. Here Stegmann was laid out for a minute.

Play was almost entirely confined to the forwards, and the 'Boks were having a real bad time of it.

Dobbin was again caught off-side, and the penalty only narrowly missed the goal.

M'Leod made a great effort to break through, but lost the ball five yards from the line. The same player, making his mark, dropped for goal, and only missed by inches.

All was against Scotland, who ought to have scored a couple of tries on play. Had they trusted a little more to their backs they might have done the trick, but the forwards were evidently determined to trust to their own powers.

Just before half-time the Scots came terribly near scoring from a forward dribble, after Marsburg had been bowled over. In the next minute the South Africans' custodian saved grandly by diving at the ball and stopping the Scottish forwards.

The interval came with no score, and the Springboks acting strictly on the defensive.

Scotland, on resuming in the second half, pursued the same tactics which had served them so well in the previous half. Forward they easily had the mastery of the opposition, and after a swinging scrum close tribbling brought them well up to the visitors' ground. Though their stay there lasted well, the Colonials at length got away. Loubser making the way. Scoular relieved finely, and, Walter passing to M'Leod, that player scored a try. M'Cullum failed to convert.

Scotland had every reason to be gratified with their play in the first half, but had now to play against a slight breeze. Play had not been in the Scottish half more than once in the initial portion, and the result of the game now depended upon the relative staying powers of the two sides.

The Scotsmen were early in the South Africans' 25, and there was intense excitement when a scrum was formed right on the line of the Colonials. Mare was brought out as a fifth three-quarter, but it seemed as if nothing could prevent Scotland scoring.

By easy stages, however, the Springboks relieved the pressure, and took play to the centre, where De Villiers tackled Scoular in possession, and robbing him of the ball, kicked to the Scottish 25, from where Bedell-Sivright came away with the ball at his feet, but he could not get it.

again made one of his famous dives and saved the situation.

The first bout of smart passing by the visiting backs took play to the Scottish 25, where Scoular saved by screw kicking into touch.

The Scottish forwards rushed back to the centre, and now came about a brilliant incident—the most brilliant of the game so far. Munroe, picking up in a loose scramble, punted across with his left, and M'Leod, on the right wing, running at full speed, caught the ball in flight, and, beating Stegmann and Marsburg, scored in the corner. It was a brilliant try and well deserved.

The Springboks rallied splendidly, and made a hot attack on the home citadel, but the heavy ground, which was cutting up badly, was all against the South Africans, who were driven back to their own quarters, where they had to defend for some time.

A dangerous round of passing was started by Dobbin, but the pass from Krige to Stegmann went wrong, and no ground was gained. Scotland were now doing all the attacking at the mouth of the Africans' goal, but the defence was great, and the Springboks' backs, getting possession, put in brilliant passing, and Loubser, after a great run, was only brought down by Scoular after a great tackle.

The Scotsmen were in danger for some minutes, as the 'Boks were beginning to find their passing game. The Scots, however, rallied magnificently, and by one of the finest forward rushes I have ever seen took the ball over the line, past Marsburg, and a try seemed a certainty, but Krige cut across from somewhere and just saved.

In attempting to stop the rush Marsburg was knocked out, and there were loud calls for a doctor.

The injury was evidently a serious one, all the players congregating round Marsburg as he lay on his back on the touch-line.

Morkel was brought out to full back. Another fierce forward rush by the Scottish forwards took play to the line, Morkel saving pluckily. But no defence in the world could stand against the Scottish forwards, who broke away from a scrum at the centre, and, taking the ball over the line, threw themselves on it in a bunch and scored the second try, which was thoroughly well deserved.

It was now all over. The Springboks had met their Waterloo, and they cannot complain of their defeat. There was only one team in it from the beginning, and against less brilliant defence the Scots must have put on a tall score. There was not one period in the game when the South Africans looked like going through.

The South Africans, benefiting by penalties, towards the closing stages of the game got into Scottish ground, but only to be repulsed by another terrific forward rush to the South African line, where Loubser saved by throwing himself on the ball. The whistle then sounded for the last time, and this was followed by a great outburst of enthusiasm. The better and the greater team had won in a manner infinitely more decisive than the score of two tries indicates.

Coming back to first principles, the play of the Springboks to-day was only up to that standard attained at Richmond against Middlesex, when I ventured to predict that they would go down to the first national team they would meet.

And now for a brief summing up. The terrific onslaughts of the Scottish forwards made one's heart beat quicker, and anything more delightful, more exhilarating, more perfectly thrilling I have never yet seen on the Rugby field. It was splendid, magnificent.

There was very little back play, the South Africans failing to adapt themselves to the slippery turf and the greasy ball. Their attempts at passing, with but three exceptions, were very feeble, and totally unworthy of their reputation.

The great failure of the side was De Villiers, who lost his head and nerve, with the result that the back play never developed itself.

Among the Scottish backs, M'Leod and Munroe were the heroes. They played with consistent brilliancy.

What about Wales?

Well, I think we have more than an even chance, after to-day's exhibition of the Springboks, but it must be remembered that at Swansea the ground will be drier and firmer than this at Mount Florida, and that might make all the difference in the world.

Still, I pin my faith on Wales.

Marsburg was so badly hurt that he had to be carried off the field in an ambulance, and was stated to be suffering from concussion of the brain. The great player has paid the penalty of his daring, some of his saves to-day being marvellous.



# BOKS BEATEN.

## SCOTS' GREAT GAME.

### Colonials' Forwards Routed.

The South Africans played the first International match of their tour on the Queen's Park ground at Hampden Park, Glasgow, this afternoon.

It will be remembered that last season Scotland had the honour of inaugurating a new series of Internationals by being the first country to oppose the conquest of the New Zealanders. On that occasion the Thistle gave the "All Blacks" a tremendous fight, but superior skill in the back division just turned the scale in favour of the New Zealanders, who at the finish of a fast, strenuous game were left victors by five points, the score being New Zealand 4 tries, Scotland 1 dropped goal 1 try.

Another interesting feature is that, following upon their defeat of the National side, the New Zealanders met and defeated a West of Scotland fifteen by 2 goals 4 tries to nil.

On the other hand the South Africans prefaced their match against the national fifteen with a victory over a South of Scotland team by 32 points to five, but notwithstanding the crushing defeat inflicted on the Border team the South Africans' Selection Committee, after a long sitting on Wednesday, made no fewer than eight changes in the team to play to-day. A. F. Marsburg took Jackson's place at full-back J. D. Krige, H. A. de Villiers, and A. Stegmann substituted J. S. Le Roux, J. G. Hirsch, and S. C. de Melker in the quartette. Carolin and Dobbin were re-selected at half, but in the forwards D. S. Mare, S. Morkel, and J. W. E. Raaff played in the places of Martheze, Miller, and Neill.

At the last moment Paul Roos, the captain of the side, who some time ago broke his collar-bone, decided to stand down, and his place in the pack was taken by T. Burdett, the captaincy devolving upon "Paddy" Carolin.

The original selection of the Scottish fifteen only underwent one change, W. E. Kyle, Hawick, being forced to withdraw for the same reason that kept him out of the South of Scotland match—an injured ankle.

Accommodation was provided for a huge crowd, and the number of tickets sold prior to the day of the match constitutes a record for a Rugby match in Glasgow. The teams were—

**Scotland.**

Back.  
J G Scouler, Cambridge University  
Three-quarters.  
A L Purves, London Scottish  
W M Walter, London Scottish  
T Sloan, Glasgow Academicals  
K G MacLeod, Cambridge University  
Half-backs.  
P Munro, London Scottish  
L Greig, United Services (captain)  
Forwards.  
D R Bedell Sivright, Edinburgh University  
W P Scott, West of Scotland  
W H Thomson, West of Scotland  
I G Geddes, London Scottish  
J C McCallum, Watsonians  
L M Speirs, Watsonians  
H G Monteith, United Hospitals  
G Frew, Glasgow High School

**South Africa.**

Back.  
A F Marsburg, Griqualand West  
Three-quarters—  
J Loubser, Western Province  
J D Krige, Western Province  
H A de Villiers, Western Province  
A Stegmann, Western Province  
Half-backs.  
H W Carolin, Western Province  
F Dobbin, Griqualand West  
Forwards.  
A F Burdett, Western Province  
W A Burger, Border  
J W E Raaff, Griqualand West  
D J Brink, Western Province  
H J Daneel, Western Province  
D S Mare, Transvaal  
D Brookes, Border  
S Morkel, Transvaal  
Referee, Mr H H Corley, Ireland.

During the past few days a good deal of rain had fallen, and there were some light showers this morning. The weather was indeed unsettled and dull, but rain was holding off. Before the start there was only a moderate breeze, but the ground naturally was soft and heavy, as had been known overnight. An hour before the start there were not many people on the ground, but as time went on the crowd rapidly gathered, and possibly when the whistle went there were 20,000 present, but on such a big enclosure, capable of holding five times the number, it was difficult to make a reliable estimate.

The start had been fixed for half-past 2, but it was six minutes after that time when the teams entered the field, the South Africans being accorded a fine reception. Winning the toss, Scotland played with the wind in the first half and Carolin kicked off for the Colonials. At the outset there was some kicking by the backs with little gain to either side. The South Africans were penalised, and with a good kick McLeod found touch in the Colonials' 25. The Scotch forwards were off-side, but the Africans gained little relief. However, the South Africans rushed to the centre, and Scouler was collared. The Scotch forwards made a capital dribble back, but Krige saved, getting in his kick, and the play for some time was in midfield. The forwards seemed fairly well matched. It was now beginning to rain, and the backs found some difficulty in handling the ball. The Colonials were penalised for kicking. Then Scotland dribbled down, and the ball was passed out to Walter, who was collared in the South African 25, then Greig made a cross-kick after the drop-out Scouler failed to field a long kick by Marsburg and let up the South Africans. Scotland were penalised, but Carolin's shot at goal fell short. Then came some sharp rushes by each set of forwards, the main bone of contention in the South African half, and for the time being the Colonials' forwards, led by Greig, were in the ascendant. On resuming Scotland were penalised, but Carolin kicked badly. Then Greig slipped through and passed to Walter, who was tackled, and the ball reached McLeod, who kicked across. The

Munro made an opening for Walters, but the latter held on too long, and a fine chance was lost. Just afterwards Munro cross-kicked cleverly, but Loubser only just managed to secure touch.

Then Marsburg had a high punt, and followed up for Scouler to misfield a very greasy ball, and nearly let the South Africans in.

The ball was very difficult to hold, and after fifteen minutes' play it was clear that the match might well turn on advantage being taken of some mistake due to the conditions.

The Scottish forwards were playing a rushing game and though the African backs got down pluckily to the ball they were clearly not at home, being puzzled by the clever crossing of the forwards.

In dribbling Brink was unfortunately hurt 15 minutes after the start and had to retire with an injured ankle.

On resuming, Greig broke away in the most clever fashion, but Walter again held on a little too long. It was a very clever bit of work by the Scottish captain.

Scotland had so far proved themselves the better side and had displayed all the expected superiority forward. The South African backs got no rope.

A very clever kick by Munro found touch just at the corner flag, while, just after, Walter tried a drop a goal, and MacLeod, who got on to the ball, was all but in.

South Africa were now pressed in their 25, and there, from a cross-kick by Munro, Scotland appeared to have scored by Purves. The latter was adjudged off-side, however, a case of hard luck for Scotland.

The Scottish forwards continued to hold the upper hand, their footwork sadly disconcerting the South African backs.

After 25 minutes' play there had been no scoring, though Scotland had all the game.

Both the South African halves were inclined to get off-side, and in consequence the Africans were frequently penalised.

Brink returned at this stage, but his reappearance made little difference to the Scottish forward holding the upper hand by a clever bit of work by Munro let the forwards away, but the rush was stopped through injury to Stegmann in trying to save.

The game so far had been hard, but not attractive, there being practically no passing, while the South African backs had not a single chance of attacking. They were kept on the defensive.

The expectation that the conditions would suit Scotland had so far been realised, though possibly the inability of the South African forwards to control the game had something to do with it.

The best bit of play in the half occurred after half an hour's play. Munro tricked Dobbin with a clever punt, recovered the ball, and passed to MacLeod, who beat Marsburg and passed to Sivright. The latter knocked on it turn, just after MacLeod grazed the posts with a fine drop.

Scotland were certainly having bad luck as well as all the game, or nearly so. Scotland were taken 16 yards instead of lining out, and with only five minutes to half-time Scotland had another rare chance through a mistake of Krige, but Sivright just failed to gather a few yards from the line.

Scotland were very unlucky not to have secured a winning lead at half-time.

## Second Half.

The second half opened with a lot of kicking by the backs. The South Africans got the ball in the earlier scrums, but the Scottish backs and forwards were too quickly on to them for movements to develop.

One movement quite broke down, Krige losing the ball, and the Scottish forwards rushing to the South Africans line, where the game raged amidst intense excitement for five minutes.

Now the Scottish passing movements failed thanks to the fine defence, and then a mistake by Scouler gave the Africans relief, and the game was taken to the centre.

Then Munro and Greig made a clever opening which a pass forward marred.

South Africans by a forward rush got pass the centre, while a forward rush, in which Spiers and Sivright were conspicuous, took the game again into African quarters.

A penalty might have given the Africans lodgment, but McLeod kicked into touch, and regained all the lost ground.

By a fine bit of concerted work the Africans came down again, but Scouler saved well, though the game was taken to the Scottish 25.

A great bit of work by Walters and Purvis brought relief, and the game was once more at the African 25.

Then a marvellous bit of work by McLeod gave Scotland a try.

Munro kicked high across, and McLeod taking the ball in the air, got clear, beat Marsburg, and scored a great try.

The reverse roused the South Africans, and they played up with desperate energy, and got to the Scottish 21st. Good kicking by the Scottish backs brought relief.

Good kicking had, in fact, been the feature of the game. That and the Scottish forwards broke up all attempts at African passing. Dobbin, in particular seemed demoralised. Once Stegmann got away, but a pass forward spoiled a chance.

Then came a tremendous rush by the Scottish forwards, which all ended by the ball going into touch a few yards over line.

Scotland, as in the first half, were having all the game.

South Africans were risking everything, passing in their own 25, but none of the movements went far owing to the excellent shooting of the Scottish centres and the quick breaking up of the forwards.

Once, however, Loubser got away, but was grandly tackled by Scouler. The movement had one result however. It gave the South Africans lodgment in Scottish territory.

Here the movement looked like yielding more, but De Villiers knocked on.

With 15 minutes to go Scotland led by a try, and the excitement was becoming intense, for there was always a chance of the South Africans' backs breaking



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S Morkel, Transvaal

Referee, Mr H H Corley, Ireland.

During the past few days a good deal of rain had fallen, and there were some light showers this morning. The weather was indeed unsettled and dull, but rain was holding off. Before the start there was only a moderate breeze, but the ground naturally was soft and heavy, as had been known overnight. An hour before the start there were not many people on the ground, but as time went on the crowd rapidly gathered, and possibly when the whistle went there were 20,000 present, but on such a big enclosure, capable of holding five times the number, it was difficult to make a reliable estimate.

The start had been fixed for half-past 2, but it was six minutes after that time when the teams entered the field, the South Africans being accorded a fine reception. Winning the toss, Scotland played with the wind in the first half and Carolin kicked off for the Colonials. At the outset there was some kicking by the backs with little gain to either side. The South Africans were penalised, and with a good kick McLeod found touch in the Colonials' 25. The Scotch forwards were off-side, but the Africans gained little relief. However, the South Africans rushed to the centre, and Scouler was collared. The Scotch forwards made a capital dribble back, but Krige saved, getting in his kick, and the play for some time was in midfield. The forwards seemed fairly well matched. It was now beginning to rain, and the backs found some difficulty in handling the ball. The Colonials were penalised for off-side, but De Villiers made a fine reply to MacLeod's kick. Then Scotland dribbled down, and the ball was passed out to Walter, who was collared in the South African 25, then Gray made a cross-kick and the ball going behind, De Villiers touched down. After the drop-out Scouler failed to field a long kick by Marsburg and let up the South Africans. Scotland were penalised, but Carolin's shot at goal fell short. Then came some sharp rushes by each set of forwards the inay being mainly in the South African half. Then Brink, one of the Colonials forwards, fell lame, and left the field. On resuming Scotland were penalised, but Carolin kicked badly. Then Greig slipped through and passed to Walter, who was tackled, and the ball reached McLeod, who kicked across. The move looked dangerous, but the South Africans cleared. Then with a long kick Munro found touch right in the South African line. The ball was kicked across to McLeod, who could only dribble into touch. The Scotch halves tried to get the ball away, but De Villiers intercepted and kicked. The kick however went across to Purves, who found touch in the Colonial 25. Then Munro tried a drop at goal, and Purves racing up nearly scored. Loubser only touching down just in time. The Scotch forwards, who seemed to move better the on heavy ground, continued to do well, and Marsburg had to touch down from a kick by McLeod. Directly afterwards, from another kick by McLeod, the South Africans touched down, and about this period, Brink, after an absence of about ten minutes, returned to the field, amid cheers. The game was now taken to the centre, but soon McLeod found touch at the African 25 line. Scotland were still playing the stronger game forward, and there was little play among the backs, the slippery ball being difficult to handle. From a penalty McLeod tried a drop at goal, but the kick went wide, and the Colonials touched down. Then, following up Munro's kick, McLeod secured and dodged through, but his pass was pushed on. A minute later McLeod from his own mark came very near dropping a goal. Towards the interval Scotland pressed. Marsburg missed his kick, but the Colonials cleared. However, from Greig's kick Krige had to touch down.

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Final Score—		Points.
SCOTLAND	6	
SOUTH AFRICANS	0	

**Summarised Comments.**

In the first half Scotland had all the play and none of the luck, the South Africans being routed forward. The defence was good, but Scotland were not.

The best bit of play in the half occurred after half an hour's play. Munro tricked Dobbin with a clever punt, recovered the ball, and passed to MacLeod, who bent Marsburg and passed to Sivright. The latter knocked on it turn, just after MacLeod grazed the posts with a fine drop.

Scotland were certainly having bad luck as well as all the game, or nearly so. Scotland were taken 16 yards instead of lining out, and with only five minutes to half-time Scotland had another rare chance through a mistake of Krige, but Sivright just failed to gather a few yards from the line.

Scotland were very unlucky not to have secured a winning lead at half-time.

**Second Half.**

The second half opened with a lot of kicking by the backs. The South Africans got the ball in the earlier scrums, but the Scottish backs and forwards were too quickly on to them for movements to develop.

One movement quite broke down, Krige losing the ball, and the Scottish forwards rushing to the South Africans line, where the game raged amidst intense excitement for five minutes.

Now the Scottish passing movements failed thanks to the fine defence, and then a mistake by Scouler gave the Africans relief, and the game was taken to the centre.

Then Munro and Greig made a clever opening which a pass forward marred.

South Africans by a forward rush got pass the centre, while a forward rush, in which Spiers and Sivright were conspicuous, took the game again into African quarters.

A penalty might have given the Africans lodgment, but McLeod kicked into touch, and regained all the lost ground.

By a fine bit of concerted work the Africans came down again, but Scouler saved well, though the game was taken to the Scottish 25.

A great bit of work by Walters and Purvis brought relief, and the game was once more at the African 25.

Then a marvellous bit of work by McLeod gave Scotland a try.

Munro kicked high across, and McLeod taking the ball in the air, got clear, beat Marsburg, and scored a great try.

The reverse roused the South Africans, and they played up with desperate energy, and got to the Scottish 21st. Good kicking by the Scottish backs brought relief.

Good kicking had, in fact, been the feature of the game. That and the Scottish forwards broke up all attempts at African passing. Dobbin, in particular seemed demoralised. Once Stegmann got away, but a pass forward spoiled a chance.

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#### COMMENTS BY HAMISH STUART.

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The weather, too, though unsettled, improved before the start, and altogether the conditions were better than the recent weather had promised.

There were no further changes in either side, and before the match the prevailing opinion was that the conditions would suit Scotland.

As, however, the South African backs have shown themselves to be exceptionally accurate handlers, Scotland would have to depend upon the pace and dash of her forwards, and it was feared they might fail to stay in the heavy going.

Throughout there was a big crowd, but the huge enclosure seemed empty in comparison with the vast throng when England played Scotland last April under Soccer rules. Then no fewer than 103,000 paid for admission alone. If ever Wales has a Union ground the Welsh committee should visit Hampden Park and study its beautiful arrangements particularly the marvellous system of pens, which make swaying by the crowd quite impossible. The other arrangements are simply perfect, every individual on the ground having a clear view of the game.

The total estimate of the crowd was 30,000 before the start, but the ground seemed quite empty except in the centre places. If this estimate be correct, then the attendance is a record for a Rugby match in Scotland.

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New Zealanders ..	15	16	0	540	15

#### COMPARISON WITH THE ALL BLACKS.

Below is a comparative table showing the results of the South Africans' matches corresponding with those played by the New Zealanders:—

	S. Africans.		N. Zealanders	
	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.
	For.	Agst.	For.	Agst.
East Midlands .....	37	0	32	0
Midland Counties .....	29	0	21	5
Kent .....	21	0	32	0
Durham .....	22	4	16	3
Northumberland .....	44	0	31	0
Yorkshire .....	34	0	40	0
Devon .....	22	6	55	4
Somerset .....	14	0	23	0
Middlesex .....	9	0	34	0
Newport .....	8	0	6	3
Glamorgan .....	6	3	9	0
Gloucestershire .....	23	0	44	0
Oxford University .....	24	3	47	0
Cambridge University ..	29	0	14	0
South of Scotland .....	32	5	22	0
Scotland .....	0	6	12	7
Totals .....	354	27	438	22

\* The "All Blacks" did not meet East Midlands, Kent, and South of Scotland, and the matches marked with asterisks denote the result of the New Zealanders' fixture with Northampton, Blackheath, and West of Scotland respectively. Otherwise the results compare match for match.

#### JOUBERT REACHES ENGLAND.

There landed at Southampton to-day Mr Joubert, the South African footballer. Mr Joubert, before leaving for Edinburgh, to join his comrades said the success of the South Africans in this country had aroused tremendous enthusiasm in South Africa, where it was hoped now that the team would even go one better and improve upon the record of the New Zealanders by being unbeaten throughout the tour. He would have accompanied the team in the first instance had it been possible. He was feeling quite fit, and he thought it possible he would play for his side in their next fixture on Tuesday. Very likely he would be selected to play three-quarter back, though full-back was his proper position. Mr Joubert, who is only 19, is slim, rather short, and boyish in appearance.

#### RISCA'S THIRD DISAPPOINTMENT.

Once more Risca have been disappointed, Victoria failed to put in an appearance, and there was no match. This is the third successive disappointment for Risca this season.

#### ABERDARE SCHOOL LEAGUE.

All the matches arranged to be played this morning were abandoned owing to the heavy rain.



## JOUBERT'S DEBUT.

### SPRINGBOKS PLAY THEIR LAST SCOTTISH MATCH TO-DAY.

At Aberdeen this afternoon the South African footballers complete their visit to Scotland, and play the seventeenth match of their tour against a team representing the North of Scotland.

Since Sunday evening it has rained almost incessantly in the Highlands, so the chance of the Springboks going for a record has been appreciably reduced.

Burmeister is able to play again after his mishap at Taunton four weeks ago, and the three-quarter line also includes Marsburg, who has recovered quickly, on the right, and Steve Joubert on the left wing.

Joubert has played with success in every position on the field except forward, and is reputed to be possessed of great pace.

It is probable that had the weather remained fine the Springboks would have laid themselves out to create the record of the tour in this match, but it does not trouble them much that they will again have a wet ball to handle.

All the wounded are doing well, but Mare will not play again. He has fractured the middle-finger bone in the back of the hand. This was done as he was touching down to save a try.

Marsburg would have gone on playing directly he recovered consciousness at Glasgow, and had, indeed, to be forcibly restrained from doing so.

The possibility of another soaking day at Belfast is not pleasant to the Springboks, none of whom had ever seen a football ground in such a state as the Hampden Park pitch was in on Saturday.

The impression left in Scotland after the match was one admitting of no doubt as to the result had the game been played under ordinary circumstances.

The teams will be as below:

#### NORTH OF SCOTLAND.

##### BACK.

Rennie (Pannure).

##### THREE-QUARTERS.

Bradshaw (Aberdeen Nomads).

Bisset (Aberdeen Nomads).

Watson (Pannure).

Williamson (Aberdeen Grammar School).

##### HALF-BACKS.

McIntyre (Pannure).

Buchart (Aberdeen Grammar School).

##### FORWARDS.

Robertson (Pannure).

McLean (Pannure).

Nicholl (Pannure).

Mitchell (Pannure).

Usher (Aberdeen Nomads).

Mill (Aberdeen University).

Pope (Aberdeen Grammar School).

Wallace (Aberdeen Grammar School).

#### SOUTH AFRICANS.

##### BACK.

A. Burmeister.

##### THREE-QUARTERS.

A. F. Marsburg. S. C. de Melker.

J. G. Hirsch. S. Joubert.

##### HALF-BACKS.

H. M. Carolin. D. C. Jackson.

##### FORWARDS.

D. Brookes. W. S. Morkel.

W. A. Neill. H. G. Reid.

P. le Roux. W. A. Millar.

W. C. Martheze. A. F. Burdett.

Referee: J. E. Gillespie (Edinburgh Academicals).

### CAPE COMMENTS ON DEFEAT.

CAPE TOWN, Monday, Nov. 19.

Commenting on the defeat of the South African football team at Glasgow last Saturday, the "Cape Times" to-day says: "South Africa was fairly and squarely beaten. It is useless regretting that the match was not played in fine weather. The team was selected with the knowledge that the majority of matches would be contested in similar weather. After fifteen successive victories it is fitting that defeat should come from such redoubtable opponents as the Scotsmen."

The "South African News" says that the Springboks made a determined and gallant fight.—Reuter.

## SPRINGBOKS WIN IN THE HIGHLANDS.

### THE WONDERFUL VERSATILITY OF MARSBURG.

SPRINGBOKS, 35 pts.; NORTH OF SCOTLAND (h), 5.

The Springboks played the eighteenth match of their tour at Aberdeen yesterday, defeating a North of Scotland XV. by four goals and five tries to a goal. They have now scored 389 points against 32 by their opponents.

"Aberdeen," wrote the historian, "is all granite, especially the faces of its inhabitants." Judging by the reception accorded the Springboks on the shores of the North Sea, either the face is not the mirror of the soul or this historian lied. Everyone vied with each other in hospitality to the tourists, who it was felt had not been treated kindly by Fate at Glasgow.

"Does it ever stop raining in Aberdeen?" asked a six-footer of the three-foot lift-boy when the team was finding its rooms on Monday night. "Only wan it snaes," laconically replied buttons.

It rained all Monday night, but turned out beautifully fine yesterday afternoon, and all Aberdeen and his guid wife were there to give these sporting Colonials a cheer.

The deft Carolin had to give way to the stolid Dobbin at half-back, as the Springbok vice-captain had omitted to see that his bed was not in a draught on Monday night, and was suffering from a terrible stiff neck in consequence.

Smith for Buchart at half and Faulkner for McLean in the pack were the only changes in the North fifteen, and punctually to time J. E. Gillespie, who is a fine referee of the quietly effective type that makes for good football, started the game.

Play settled down at half-way, and the opening movements showed that the Colonials were in for some more forward stopping. It was kick-and-rush, follow-up-and-down-him forward play by the home pack, and Dobbin very soon had his left thumb bleeding profusely.

#### A LITTLE SLIP OF A CHAP.

All eyes were on the latest addition to the team, a little slip of a chap named Stephen Joubert, who on the left wing looked incapable of stopping anything. The first opportunity he had of showing off his powers in defence, however, soon showed that his reputation is no myth. Feinting to go one way, he was back in his tracks directly, and brought off a fine left-footed kick seventy yards down the ground. Following up quickly, he tackled the Highland full-back, and thus early proved his ability. Thenceforward he was a prime favourite with the crowd.

The ball next came out to Marsburg on the right. It was his first opportunity in attack, and although the movement commenced at the half-way line, it resulted in a try for the South Africans under the posts.

Feinting and swerving in bewildering fashion, De Melker put on try number two near the posts, for Douglas Morkel to convert.

All-round good play enabled the Springboks to attack again, and Millar walked over on the left for Morkel to miss the kick at goal.

The recorder had no more work in the first half of the game, which ended with the Springboks leading by eleven points to nil.

Douglas Morkel restarted the game, and while the Highland backs were wondering which Colonial would get the ball, Jackson beat Smith and Watson on the left, and, although tackled, just managed to scramble over the line, being badly winded in the effort.

Douglas Morkel having lost his kicking boots at Richmond failed to convert this try from near touch, and missed two more kicks at goal.

Jackson's try was succeeded by a fierce onslaught by the whole North team. From a scrum near half-way, McIntyre, who played a great game throughout, got going and passed to Bradshaw. The home captain tricked one or two opponents and gave to Williamson, who showed great pace, repassed to Bradshaw, and from him the ball went by two forwards to settle into Pope's hands, for that player to score a try that a critical Welsh crowd would have cheered to the echo.

#### PILING ON THE POINTS.

The spear head whetted, the Highlanders went at it again. The Springboks had to hustle greatly at this stage of the proceedings, and besides kicking dead were forced to concede a minor. That was the end of their concession, however, for making the game more open the Springboks began to pile on the points rapidly. Marsburg was soon on the move, and then Burdett scored a capital try in which the team combination was perfect.

Hirsch had so far been noticeable for the excellence of his passing, but running like a stag from the half-way line he thought he might just as well have a try on his own account. And it was so.

Then De Melker, moving nippily on the right, punted over the opposing three-quarters' heads, for Marsburg to join in the fray. This player has figured prominently at full-back during the tour. Now he has been moved up to his right place at wing three-quarter, but on this particular occasion he thought he would show us what a capital forward he is. Until he touched down very cleverly a foot from the dead-ball line, he never handled the ball after it left De Melker's foot. He beat three men by dribbling only, and is said to have secured his South African international cap as a forward for the rest of the tour in consequence.

De Melker put on the final touch with the ninth try just as Mr. Gillespie was drawing his breath for the "no side" whistle.

The score is scarcely a fair criterion of the run of the game. The North played well enough to get three or four tries, and their tackling was very close and tenacious.

The Springboks leave for Ireland this morning, breaking their journey at Stranraer, and being due at Belfast on Thursday morning. The injured players are doing well, but Stegmann may not play against Ireland, and it is quite likely that Hirsch will be in the centre, with Marsburg on his wing and Joubert at full-back.

### GWYN NICHOLLS RETURNS.

Gwyn Nicholls has definitely decided to play in the Glamorgan and Monmouth match at Cardiff to-morrow, and will take the place of W. Trew, of Swansea. J. Brown (Cardiff) will fill the place of W. Joseph (Swansea).