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FOOTBALL.

ARRIVAL OF THE SPRINGBOK CAKE IN CARDIFF.

There was some excitement on Wednesday in the City-hall over the arrival of the celebrated South African cake, which has been sent over from Kimberley by the Cambrian Society there to be cut in honour of the Cardiff Football Club's historic victory over the South Africans at Cardiff on New Year's Day.

Upon being unpacked with the greatest

of the forthcoming big charity football match on the Cardiff Arms Park on March 13 was held under the presidency of Mr. Percy Bush. The match is to be between sides captained by Messrs. P. F. Bush and D. L. Evans, and the former stated his belief that he would be able to get all the members of the Cardiff premier fifteen to play for his team. Most of them had already promised. It was announced that the Reserves team would probably be strengthened by the inclusion of Ralph Thomas and Dr. Timms at three-quarter, and one or two first-class forwards. It was resolved to have several thousand tickets printed, and send men around with them for sale at Saturday's match between



THE SPRINGBOKS' CAKE.

[Western Mail Photo.]

gentleness and care, the cake with its adornments was found to have travelled well, and out of nine Springboks' heads which are peeping out of the sides of the cake only three were missing.

The cake is about 18in. in diameter and about 9in. in depth, and is glazed over with crystallised sugar.

Several members of the corporation accompanied the Lord Mayor to give the cake a civic reception, and his lordship was almost persuaded, but not quite, to take the first bite before the cake is placed in front of the fifteen hungry footballers.

In a letter to the Lord Mayor, Mr. Vincent Evans, secretary of the Honourable Society of Cymmrodorion, expresses the hope that his lordship will arrange for its being presented at the St. David's Day banquet in Cardiff, "as desired by our friends of the Cambrian Society in South Africa."

The Lord Mayor when asked if the cake would be cut next Saturday night said that he did not know quite what would be done, but indicated that it ought to be the privilege of the Cardiff Football Club to have the first cut. There is a shrewd suspicion that the cake contains some Kimberley diamonds, and if the Cymmrodorion could only be convinced that this is so there is no doubt they would be glad to have it on their table at the St. David's Day banquet on Saturday night.

On the other hand, the footballers would be equally reluctant to part with the precious stones without a struggle.

The cake is the gift of Mr. Mark Henderson, the proprietor of the "Star," of Kimberley, and was sent to this country by the Diamond Fields Cambrian Society with heartfelt congratulations.

Cardiff and Aberavon. The committee decided to insure the players.

Certain details as to the arrangements were left in the hands of the secretary, Dr. G. N. W. Thomas.

ENGLISH CUP RE-PLAYED TIES.

Several ties in the third round for the English Cup were re-played on Wednesday.

At Bolton before 50,000 spectators, Everton defeated the Wanderers by three goals to nil, the points being scored by Taylor, Abbot, and Settle. Everton had all the play in the second half.

Before 25,000 people at Brentford the home team suffered defeat at the hands of Crystal Palace to the extent of a goal to nothing, Roberts scoring with a long shot. For half an hour in the second half the home side had the better of the play.

Sheffield Wednesday beat Sunderland by a goal to nil, Simpson scoring a quarter of an hour from the close. The crowd numbered nearly 40,000.

Clifton-street Shop Assistants, 3 goals; Crwys-road Shop Assistants, nil.

Cardiff Thistles, 2 goals; Mr. Smith's Eleven, 1 goal. Langdon and Tucker (Thistles) and Thomas scored.

Taff's Well Wednesdays, 8 goals; Hepworth's (Cardiff), nil.

Cardiff Schools League (Association)—Albany-road, 5 goals; Allonsbank, nil. Helliwell scored three goals and Chivers two.

Marlborough-road, 2 goals; Moorland-road, nil.

Cambridge University v. London Welsh—Abandoned.

Edinburgh University, 19 points; Northern Universities, 6 points.

Navy, 15 points; Army, 14 points.

Hunslet, 36 points; Ruddersfield, 10 points. Oxford University, 33 points; London Irish, 8 points.

THE SPRINGBOKS' CAKE.



The cake has been presented to the Cardiff team by the "Kimberley Star" "in view of the final and smashing defeat of the visiting team." It has been sent on by the Diamond Field Cambrian Society to the Honourable Society of the Cymmrodorion of London, and by them forwarded to the Lord Mayor of Cardiff, who is making arrangements for its presentation to the Cardiff team.

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SPRINGBOKS' EXPENSES.

100 Guineas for Krige's Operation.

The financial statement made by Mr Carden, manager of the South African Football Team, to the South African Rugby Board, already published in the "Echo," left the promoters with a balance of about £6,000. The South Africans' total share of the gates was £9,618 17s 5d, but to this has to be added their share of the match v. England at the Crystal Palace, which amounts approximately to £2,300, so that nearly £12,000 was received in gate money by the Springboks. Included in various items on the debit side of the balance sheet are:—

	£	s	d
Hotel expenses.....	1688	15	3
Final week's expenses for teams at 12s 6d per diem.....	140	0	0
Wines and minerals for entire team during the tour.....	122	4	5
Tea and coffee, which were in all cases extras.....	103	14	7
Railway fares.....	631	18	1
Cabs and conveyances.....	122	2	7
Fees and tips at various hotels.....	117	14	0
Laundry.....	62	1	6
Outfit for team.....	236	19	0
Medical attendance.....	285	16	4
(This included the fee of 100 guineas for J. Krige's operation, and also £10 left with Mr John Hammond for W. S. Morkel.)			
Entertainment of officials and visitors.....	42	15	9
Entertainment of the team.....	72	15	1
Stationery.....	22	19	0
Cables, wires, and postage.....	35	19	0
Wages to A. Moon, the trainer.....	53	0	0
Donations and grants.....	16	7	5
(Ten guineas of this was donated to the hospital expenses of Neilson, who was badly injured in the Durham match.)			
Undries.....	43	3	2
Cash disbursed on landing of the team at various places on the outward and homeward journey.....	73	3	0

The Springboks' Cake.

At this juncture the ceremony of presenting the Kimberley cake to the captain of the Cardiff football team which beat the South Africans took place. Sir Marchant Williams, on behalf of the Honourable Society of Cymmrodorion in London, to whom the cake had been sent, asked the Lord Mayor to make the presentation. In so doing the Lord Mayor said the victory of Cardiff over the South Africans was a wonderful performance, as, with the exception of losing to Scotland, the visitors came to Cardiff with an unbeaten record maintained the country over. In this cake he saw a link between the Welsh people at home and the Welsh people across the seas. (Applause.) His Lordship then handed the cake to Mr P. F. Bush, the captain of the Cardiff Club.

Mr Percy Bush, in acknowledging the presentation, said that whilst they received the cake with great pride and pleasure, every allowance should be made for the loss of the game by the South Africans. It was the visitors' last match of their arduous tour, and it was played under conditions very different from those to which the Springboks had been accustomed. All the same, the Cardiff team were proud that they had to some extent restored the prestige of Welsh football. (Applause.) They also admired the manly bearing of their opponents, and their sportsmanship in defeat. In his opinion, the South Africans, by their sportsmanship on the field of play, and their gentlemanly conduct in their every-day life, had done a great deal towards healing the breach between Boer and Briton to a far greater extent than did many months of fighting and arbitration. (Applause.)

Other toasts were "The City and Trade of Cardiff" proposed by Mr Henry Radcliffe and responded to by Alderman Carey; "The Eisteddfod," proposed by the Hon. D. Webster Williams, and responded to by Dyfed; and "The Chairman," proposed by the Rev. J. Morgan Jones.

During the evening a capital selection of Welsh songs and duets was given by Miss Maud Parsons and Mr Dewi Michael, and Mr T. Bryant played several harp solos. The arrangements for the dinner were admirably carried out by Mr Isaac V. Evans, the Chief Inspector of Schools under the Cardiff Education Committee, who is the hon. secretary to the society.

THE SPRINGBOKS' GATE RECEIPTS.

The South Africans reached their Colonial home some weeks ago, and after their great deeds and greater reception they have told their story of the financial side of their tour. The figures presented to a meeting of the South African Rugby Board are not only interesting in themselves, but extremely suggestive from a comparative point of view. The list showing the share of the respective gates is as follow:—

East Midlands, £163 16s.; Midlands, £266 3s. 9d.; Kent, £354; Durham, £194 14s.; Northumberland, £210; Yorkshire, £182 14s.; Devon, £459 5s. 5d.; Somerset, £250 11s.; Middlesex, £383 10s. 2d.; Newport, £546 1s. 3d.; Glamorgan, £217 13s. 8d.; Gloucester, £406 9s.; Oxford University, £199 3s.; Cambridge University, £34 15s. 6d.; Scotland, £1,101 11s. 6d.; Ireland, £32 10s. 4d.; Dublin University, £234 4s.; Wales, £1,135 17s.; Lancashire, £274; Cumberland, £159 11s. 3d.; Surrey, £222 7s. 8d.; Cornwall, £157; Monmouth, £306 9s. 3d.; Llanelli, £211 7s.; Cardiff, £535 3s. 3d.; England (approximate), £2,500—total, £11,969 6s. 6d.

As the expenses amount to nearly £6,000, it is expected that a profit of £6,000 will be at the disposal of the Board for allotment. Probably £3,000 will be set aside as a fund in view of possible tours for the future.

It should be added that the reason of the Cardiff receipts only amounting to £535 3s. 3d. is that season ticket-holders were admitted, and they comprise some thousands.

S.A. CAKE FOR CARDIFF.

The South African football cake arrived in London on Monday, and will be transmitted by Mr. Vincent Evans to the secretary of the Cardiff Cynmroderion Society for presentation to the Cardiff Club.

HOW THE CAPE ARTIST WENT ASTRAY.

The following cartoons, with their letterpress, are re-produced from the issues of the "Cape Times" for October 31 and November 7. They illustrate the anxiety of the Afrikanders regarding Gwyn, while Glamorgan as "the crack Welsh team" is rich:—

"NOT HAVING ANY."



"The Lord Mayor of Cardiff, at the head of a deputation, recently waited upon Gwyn Nicholls, the great Welsh football player, and implored him to lead the van against the Springboks, but Gwyn declined, with thanks."

"ONE FOR WALES."



"The Springboks have beaten Glamorgan, the Crack Welsh team."

A SOUTH AFRICAN POSTCARD AND ITS SEQUEL.



OH! WHAT A SURPRISE, WAH!

FROM
SOUTH
AFRICA

FROM
SOUTH
WALES



JMS

THE TEAM WHICH DEFEATED THE SPRINGBOKS BY 17 POINTS TO NIL.



Top row: J. L. Williams, J. Brown, A. Brice, W. Neill, J. Casey, F. Smith, and the referee (Mr. Gil Evans).
Second row: E. Gwyn Nicholls, G. Northmore, P. F. Bush (captain), R. T. Gabe, and Reggie Gibbs.
Bottom row: Cecil Biggs, H. B. Winfield, R. David, and J. Powell.

[Photo—Wills, Cardiff.]

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THE VICTORIOUS CARDIFF PLAYERS.



Top Row.....Mr C. S. Arthur (secretary), J. Pugsley, L. George, D. Evans, J. McIntyre (attendant).
Second Row....Dr. Buist, J. Powell, J. Casey, W. Neill, J. Brown, A. Brice, Mr Gil Evans (referee), J. Nash (attendant), Mr J. Davies (touch judge).
Third RowH. B. Winfield, C. Biggs, G. Northmore (vice-captain), P. T. Bush (captain), R. T. Gabe, E. Gwyn Nicholls, and R. David.
Bottom Row ..R. A. Gibbs, J. L. Williams, and F. Smith.

(Photo. specially taken for the "South Wales Daily News" by A. & G. Taylor, Cardiff.)

SOME SNAPSHOTS OF THE GAME.



AN ELIXIR OF LIFE.



The Dragon (after a deep draught) :—" Ha ! most exhilarating. Haven't been up to the mark lately, but it gives me quite an appetite again. Pass the beef."
(Wales meet England next Saturday.)



WELSH GOAT:—WELL, INDEED, NOW, I HAVE TAKEN THE SPRING OUT OF HIM, LOOK YOU, AND THE BOK AS WELL. BUT IT TOOK THE WELSH CITY TO DO IT, YES, INDEED!

SECRET OF SPRINGBOKS' SUCCESS.

HOW THE AFRICANS OUTWITTED WALES.

A QUESTION OF FORWARD FORMATION.

The Springboks' tour is all but over, and the three remaining fixtures are against Welsh club teams.

After the decisive defeat inflicted on the representative Welsh side much interest will be taken in these matches, and many will be anxious to see whether the Springboks can reproduce their marked superiority against teams that to the highest degree possess that combination which is the essential life of the true Welsh game.

The victory over Wales was by far the greatest achievement of the Springboks' tour, and it will be remembered that the tourists when they first arrived on these shores made no secret of the fact that the one aim and object they had before them was the downfall of Wales.

As the tour progressed this hope increased and grew to confidence, until after the Glamorgan and Newport matches, which were decided prior to the Welsh international, many of the team said openly with cool confidence, but in no boasting spirit, "We are certain to beat Wales." So completely was this prophecy confirmed that it was clear the Springboks must have had some grounds for their confidence, and so they had.

Most of the critics who saw the match admitted that the Welshmen were beaten at all points of the game, including forward, but they could not discover how this superiority in the pack was brought about. The secret has now been explained, and truly it was a case of "diamond cut diamond," for the Welshmen had been outwitted at their own game. The Springboks beat Wales by hard and intelligent thinking, the outcome of which they put into deadly and telling practice.

In the ordinary course of events the Welsh forwards pack 3, 2, 3, and the Springboks' usual formation is 3, 3, 2. In each front rank, therefore, there must be one man who is only able to push with one shoulder, and, therefore, has a "loose-head," as the Springboks call it, for it will be readily understood that the six men in the opposing front row must fit in alternately.

WELSH "SCRUM" TACTICS.

In the Newport and Glamorgan matches the Springboks discovered that whenever it was the turn of the Welsh half-backs to put the ball into the scrum, an attempt was always made to do so on the side of the Welsh "loose-head," and that as a rule when it went the other side the man at the other end of the front rank would push it out again until in sheer desperation the referee would call out, "Try the

The Africans, of course, were also quick to grasp the fact that this plan was followed out, so that the ball might go straight against the leg of the centre man in the Welsh front rank, whence it would rebound clean through the middle of the scrum. This man would, of course, be the third from this side of the scrum, but fourth from the other.

Having discovered this, the Africans immediately decided to play the Welshmen at their own game, and whenever it was a Springbok throw-in Jackson would take it to the side where his men had the "loose-head," so that the ball might go straight to the feet of the corresponding middle man in the African front rank, and thence back through the scrum. Of course, this was not what the Welshmen wanted at all, with the result that Jackson found it a matter of the utmost difficulty to get the ball into the pack, the player proving himself very skilful and keeping it out.

Those who were present at the match will recall what a lot of delay there was in getting the ball among the forwards, until Mr. A. O. Jones, the referee, felt compelled to put the ball in the scrum himself on several occasions.

However, it was when on the instructions of the referee—or from any other cause—an attempt had to be made by the Springbok half-back to put the ball in from the unfavourable side of the pack that the deadly effect of the plan they had evolved was seen. Instead of leaving the ball to be thrown in on the side of the Welsh "loose-head," which was just what their opponents wanted, they changed their formation in a flash to 4, 3, 1.

One of the two Africans' forwards in the third line at once moved up to the end of the front rank, where the Welsh "loose-head" was. The Springbok pack thus had two loose-heads opposed to one, so that when the ball eventually got in the scrum it rebounded off one of the two centre men and was quickly heeled out.

Simple as the plan seems when explained, it completely nonplussed the Welsh forwards, who never quite grasped what was wrong until the match was over and their defeat a matter of history.

It will be interesting therefore to see whether the Welsh club sides—and many think Llanelli the strongest team in the Principality this season—are "puzzled" in the same way. Or perhaps the Springboks may produce yet another trump card as a parting gift.

OPERATION ON S. MORKEL.

S. D. Morkel, one of the South African team of footballers, at present staying in Cardiff, underwent an operation for appendicitis yesterday.

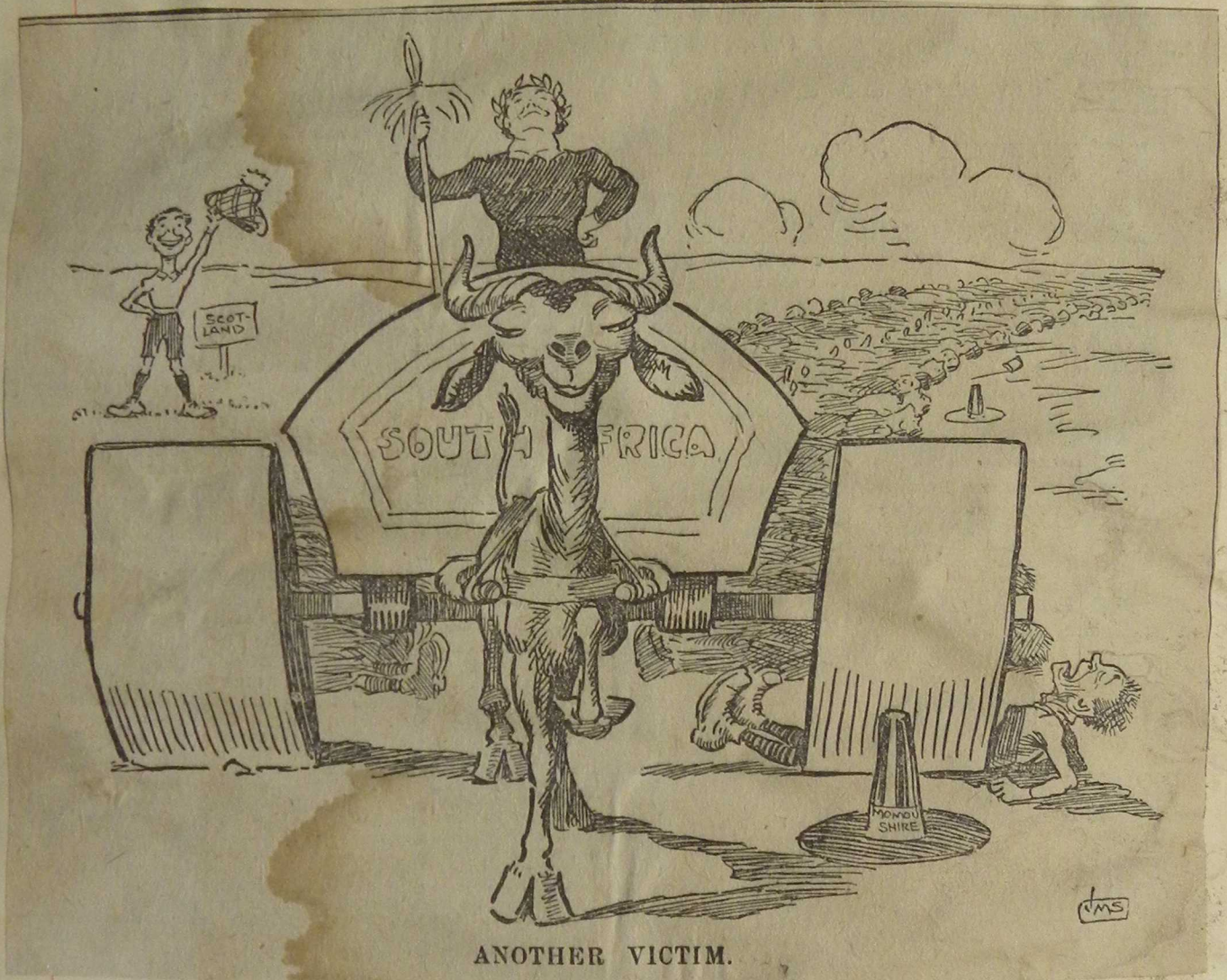
The operation was successful, and the patient is progressing favourably.

LLANELLY v. SOUTH AFRICANS.

In their match with the South Africans to-morrow Llanelli will be assisted by Gabe, the Cardiff and Welsh international, and Arnold, of Swansea.

The Llanelli fifteen will be as follows: Gordon-Thomas, back; R. T. Gabe, W. Arnold, Harvey Thomas, and D. W. Thomas, three-quarter backs; D. Lloyd and D. M. Davies, half-backs; D. Walters (captain), Lieutenant Dobbs, J. Watts, H. Watkins, H. Cole, W. Cole, T. Evans, and J. Auckland, forwards.

DRAGON'S GREAT REVENGE.



Surrey's Selection.

The Surrey committee are evidently determined to give the South Africans a great test when "The Springboks" make their final appearance in London next Wednesday, at Richmond. They have chosen a team composed of men who have already distinguished themselves in representative games, and the men invited have all signified their acceptance. The team will be as follows:—

G. H. Lyon (United Service), back; A. L. Purvis (London Scottish), J. G. G. Birkett (Harlequins), J. E. Raphael (O. M. Taylors), W. L. Lanage (United Service), three-quarters; A. D. Stoop (Harlequins), L. L. Greig (United Service) half-backs; A. Alcock (Guy's Hospital), A. L. Picton (United Service), J. R. Simson (London Scottish), C. Bourne (O. M. Taylors), J. C. L. Farquharson (Old Alleynians), H. E. Ward (Harlequins), A. H. Bissett (United Service), and D. A. Hutchison (London Scottish), forwards.

Mr. F. C. Potter-Irwin, of the Rugby Union committee, has been appointed referee.

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Cornwall's Contingent.

Next Saturday the South Africans have to travel down into the "Cornish Wilds" to tackle the county team at Redruth. C. H. Milton (three-quarter) is unable to play, owing to an injury sustained when playing against Somerset. The "Springboks" will have their work cut out to overcome the great strength and fierce energy of the Cornish forwards, and keen forceful defence of the backs. The selected team is appended:—

E. J. Jackett (Leicester), back; B. B. Bennetts (Penzance), B. Solomon (Redruth), W. Dean (Devon Albion), F. Carbis (Redruth), three-quarters; Wedge (St. Ives), Richards (Plymouth), half-backs; R. Jackett (Falmouth), J. G. Milton (Camborne Mining Students), Roskrow (Redruth), Tregurtha (St. Ives), Rev. Russell (Camborne), W. Howe Browne (Oxford), G. Roberts, and D. Brown (Penzance), forwards.

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A Mistaken Word.

By a curious mistake in deciphering a word in an article written by our Cape Town correspondent, Paul Roos, the captain of the South African team, was described as a typical "coloured" forward. The word should have been "Colonial," just that and nothing more; but when intelligent compositors make an error in solving cryptic caligraphy it takes a long paragraph to explain how the mistake arose. All who have seen Mr. Roos since he came to this country and know what a perfect "white man" he is in everything he does, including his splendid sportsmanlike conduct on the field, can understand that he and his friends are slightly annoyed at this mis-description, which happened so unintentionally.

South Africans in the North.

It is very feasible to suppose that the South Africans will be very glad when this month draws to a close and the 1st of January arrives. The severe strain which the international matches put upon their resources has left the Colonials with a contingent that is shorn of several of its stars. Still, it must not be supposed that the substitutes, or the available men, are not reputable footballers. They came to England as the pick of South Africa, and every man was supposed to be talented enough to be ranked as an international. Yet, it must be recognised that even men of the highest standard may possess degrees of merit in certain positions and with other players reach that acme of efficiency which skill and combination can attain. If there is anything the matter with the South Africans at all it is the general feeling of staleness which attends satiation. They have yet some stiff struggles to go through, and may be beaten. True sportsmen will probably wish them success in their remaining matches, if only for the sake of the good they have done to the Rugby game and as a reward for their grand conduct on the field and off.

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Lancashire's Luck.

If Lancashire had had a little more luck of the good kind on Wednesday last, at Fallowfield, they might have just drawn or even won their match against the South Africans. In the second half especially, after they had been battling against a fierce wind, the Lancastrians played a great game, in which the forwards rose in their might and smote the Colonials on the hip, if not the thigh. They hold the honour of being the only county to twice pierce the South African line, and they gave a display which roused the spectators to enthusiasm, despite the wretched conditions which prevailed. It was a great day for Lancashire footballers.

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Cumberland's Stern Struggle.

Journeying to Carlisle, the South Africans found a very fine lot of forwards awaiting them on Saturday. Loubser was not on the team. He was wearing a lovely black eye as the result of his collision with Kennard on the previous Wednesday, and others were wearing smiles and bandages as evidences of many battles. There was a big gathering of notabilities in the county, and the Association ground of the City club was splendidly patronised. A stubborn game resulted in a victory for the South Africans, whose fine back section found the weakness of Cumberland in the second half, and made good use of their discovery. The three-quarter line was exceedingly clever, and Hirsch in particular did splendid work. By twenty-one points to nothing the Colonials won, though the score does not quite represent the trend of play.

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THE MARCH OF THE MEN OF GWALIA.



General Nicholls leads the warriors of Wales against the African invaders at the Battle of St. Helen's, A.D. 1986.
(With abject apologies to the Welsh Heroes whose beauty is herein thus brutally outraged.)

Springboks' 'Who's Who'

POINTS ABOUT ALL THE PLAYERS

P. J. ROOS ("Paulus"), the South Africans' captain, and a great leader. Although he generally put his man down when necessary, he has a gentle way of doing it. A thoroughly genuine, hard-working forward, he is always reliable.

A. BURMEISTER is generally called "Burmie," and, next to Joubert, is considered the best man in South Africa for full-back. If not lightning-like he is never hurried, and the length and accuracy of his kicking are possibly the best features of his play. Has a quiet, almost stolid, temperament.

A. F. MARSBURG ("Marsie") is the tallest and second heaviest of the backs. Last season he did not have his line crossed once. As a sprinter, a quarter-mile man, and a hurdler he is a grand performer. Served with the Kimberley Regiment during the war.

J. A. LOUBSER ("Bobs"), the "star" wing three-quarter, is the fastest man in the team, has a grand swerve, and a rocklike defence. As a runner, he has won the inter-collegiate races at a hundred and 220 yards.



J. C. GARDEN (Boks Manager).

J. D. KRIGE ("Japle") is just Japle, the idol of his country's Rugby fans. No longer the great scorer on his own, he builds up opportunities for his companions, especially Loubser.

H. A. DE VILLIERS ("Boy" and "Bekkie") has one of the finest physiques imaginable. In a swerving run he is difficult to check; can drop a fine goal, and will go down on the ball whatever the personal risk. Is a useful all-round cricketer.

A. C. STEGMANN ("Stefie") only gained representative honours this last season in South Africa. He and Loubser are the pace men of the side, and Stegmann uses his great strength and dash with a purpose.

J. S. LE ROUX ("Kats" and "Jopie"), as a fleet "corkscrew" runner is like the New Zealander Hunter. Still, defence is probably his great point.

S. C. DE MELKER ("Staple") is a Diamond Fields "centre three," and member of a well-known Rugby-playing family. He has modelled his play on Krige's methods, and is a brilliant individualist.

J. G. HIRSCH ("Baron" and "Jack") was very well known at Cambridge as both a Rugby footballer and a cricketer, just missing his "blue" for each sport. Although an Afrikaner, he was at school at Shrewsbury, where he was a fine Soccer player. In attack his grand pace serves him finely. He is thoroughly "acclimatised" to heavy going, which is a great thing.

ANDREW O. MORKEK ("Tor-farmer") a few seasons back one of the swiftest men playing in South Africa. His kicking ability constitutes the most powerful feature of his play, but he is still a very dangerous man when he is on the move. He is also a safe full-back.

H. W. CAROLIN ("Paddy") is vice-captain of the team, and, although he has only once seen Ireland, is an Irishman in many ways. One of the most daring half-backs ever seen, and at following-up is always prominent. As a cricketer, has played against Lord Hawke's and the last M.C.C. team.

F. H. DOBBIN ("Uncle") is a delightful astute half-back, and makes a splendid foil to Carolin, who is all dash. "Uncle" is very quiet in all he does, but it is difficult to understand what he contemplates doing. Therein lies his cleverness. One of the few married men in the team.

D. S. MARE ("Gert-Gerald") is possibly one of the strongest halves who ever played. In fact, as a forward he is equally at home, and then has something to spare in his vigour. Is especially good at the wrestling arts, including the science of jiu-jitsu.

D. C. JACKSON ("Mary") is the makings of a really first-class half, but as yet has not the experience of some of the other players. Is one of the best cricketers in his province.

W. A. BURGER ("Bingo") quite in the first night of South African forwards. Like De Melker, he was only nineteen when he played against the British team. One of the best in the scrum, he is also one of the best on the ball in the loose.

J. W. E. RAAFF ("Klondyke"), the tallest man in the team, and one of the hardest working, fastest, and cleverest forwards the South Africans possess. He served throughout the war, and can play cricket well.

P. A. LE ROUX ("Pietie"), Although on the small side for a forward he is brilliant.

D. J. BRINK ("Kool") is a very imposing forward. He is as fast as any of the other members of the pack. Le Roux excepted, and in the loose and at the line-out he has to be very closely watched.

D. F. T. MORKEK ("Zulu"), the youngest member of the team, one of the best forwards, and a grand place-kicker.

W. S. MORKEK ("Takhar") is a better man in the scrum than his brother; in every department of the forward game he is a distinctive player. While a prisoner at St. Helena he organised a Rugby team in the prison camp, and differences were sunk in a friendly rough-and-tumble.

H. J. DANEEL ("Pietie"), There is the same unassuming confidence in Daneel's work as a forward as, when fourteen years old, he helped Riversdale to win the S.W. Districts Cup.

W. A. MILLAR ("Wam") is a particularly dashing and strenuous forward, and will be wanted to pit against beefy teams. He is a grand athlete. He did a 50 miles "stroll" once in great time, beating all comers. He also holds the heavy-weight boxing championship of Cape Colony. He was badly wounded during the war.

D. BROOKES ("Boltie" (churn). Where the work is hardest there will Brookes be found, and his height and strength are weighty factors.

W. C. MARTEZE ("Rajah" and "Bonzell"). As fast as an average three-quarter, he pushes a few stone above his weight. Is a fine runner, and has a valuable collection of prizes won. Served in the Kimberley Regiment during the war.

W. A. NEILL ("Piet"), the only "Springbok" not born in South Africa, but as he left Glasgow when he was a two-year-old he is Scotch chiefly by birth and in name. He has no end of skill and tenacity, and he will stand hard knocks all the time.

H. G. REID ("Opa") (grandfather) thinks Rugby football spells hard work, and when he makes an appearance he and Raaff are a striking-looking couple on the field.

A. F. BURDETT ("Barley") only played occasionally last season. A whole-hearted forward.

JOUBERT is not only the most versatile, but one of the most dazzling Rugby players his country has ever produced. He will be a great asset to Oxford University, where he will be in residence next season.

HEIGHTS, WEIGHTS, AND AGES

Name	Age	Height	Weight
Burmester	21	5 11	13 6
Marsburg	23	6 0	13 4
Loubser	22	5 8	12 0
Krige	27	5 7	10 10
De Villiers	23	5 9 1/2	12 0
Stegmann	22	5 11	12 7
J. S. Le Roux	23	5 11	12 6
De Melker	22	5 7	10 10
Hirsch	23	5 11 1/2	13 0
A. O. Morkek	24	5 10	12 9
Carolin	24	5 10	11 10
Dobbin	27	5 6	11 3
Mare	21	5 9	13 8
Jackson	21	5 9	11 9
Roos	21	5 11	14 4
Burger	21	5 11 1/2	14 0
Raaff	27	6 3	13 3
P. A. Le Roux	21	5 10 1/2	13 10
Brink	23	6 2	13 3
W. S. Morkek	26	5 11	12 7
Daneel	25	6 0	13 2
Millar	22	5 10 1/2	13 2
Brookes	23	6 1	12 10
Martezze	28	5 9	12 0
Neill	23	5 9	12 7
Burdett	23	6 2 1/2	14 0
Reid	24	6 10 1/2	12 9
Joubert	19	5 5 1/2	10 4

The Welsh Team

RECORDS AND PHYSIQUE

Name	Age	st. lb.	ft. in.
*J. C. M. Dyke	20	10 2	5 4
E. C. Nicholls	32	12 7	6 0
R. T. Gabe			
E. T. Morgan	26	11 0	5 7 1/2
*J. L. Williams			
R. M. Owen	28	9 3	5 3
Percy Bush	26	11 0	5 6 1/2
G. Travers	22	12 9	6 0
C. M. Pritchard	26	13 13	5 10
A. F. Harding	23	13 4	5 9 1/2
W. Joseph	23	13 10	6 1 1/2
J. F. Williams	25	13 4	5 10 1/2
D. Jones	25	15 4	6 1
*Dick Thomas	23	13 10	5 10
*J. C. Jenkins		13 0	5 11

* New caps.

Sharing the Booty.

The South Africans saw a Crystal Palace crowd on Saturday, and had the satisfying experience of playing a drawn game with England. The match was determined under conditions the reverse of pleasant, and the unfortunate injury to W. S. Morkel in the second half contributed in some degree to the sharing of the honours. Just before the equalising try England were attacking, and when the South Africans were a man short the score was made. After that proceeding the game resolved itself into a series of attacks on the South African line, but nothing further was registered, though the Colonials had to resort to all the artifices of defence to keep their line secure from further penetration. Very little open play was seen, and that of a poor quality. It was a day for the forwards, and the English eight gave an exhibition of hard and determined scrummaging and fine dribbling, which should ensure their selection for the next International, which is against France at Richmond on January 5.

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Lancashire Preparing.

Next Wednesday the South Africans go to Manchester to meet the representatives of the County Palatine. It is not anticipated that Lancashire will be able to succeed where other counties have failed, but there is a certain amount of confidence that a good game will be seen, and that the South Africans will have to use all their skill if they wish to succeed at Fallowfield. On the following Saturday the Springboks go to Carlisle to play Cumberland. There has been a change in the Lancashire team, and the following is the revised list:—

J. L. Kennard (Liverpool Old Boys), H. Fish (Kersal), T. W. S. Pollock (Liverpool), F. I. Dixon (Manchester), J. M. Allen (Liverpool), R. M. Symon (Liverpool Old Boys), G. L. Williams (Liverpool), C. E. Allen (captain), G. Leather, L. A. N. Slocock (Liverpool), G. Z. Pinder, J. Hunter, H. Whitehead, V. P. Gamon (Manchester), and H. Parker (Preston Grasshoppers).

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Cots for Colonials.

The information that at a meeting of the Rugby Board of South Africa in Cape-town a resolution was moved in favour of making a donation of £1,000 to found a "Springbok" bed in a London hospital comes most appropriately at the present time, for with half a dozen of the best men suffering from injuries, and Krige ordered to prepare for an operation for appendicitis, one cot seems quite inadequate. If the profit so far made on the tour is left to the hospitals of the several "nations" there will always be a warm welcome to the South African to come to this side again.

The Belfast Battle.

The South Africans managed to win in their tussle with the Hibernians at Belfast. It was a great and exciting struggle in which the Irishmen thrice crossed their opponents' line, and after being 9 points in arrears at half-time, rallied with rare determination in the second portion, and drew level ten minutes before "time." In those few minutes, however, the Colonials gained a questionable try, and those three points were quite sufficient to give the honours of the game to the South Africans. Basil M'Leur scored one of the finest tries ever gained, and his run three-parts the length of the field was a deed that roused the spectators to a high pitch of enthusiasm.

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The Welsh Team.

The Welsh Union selected a good side to meet the South Africans at Swansea next Saturday. There are a few surprises in the side, but apart from the usual club feeling on the matter, the team has received less criticism than on any other occasion. The inclusion of E. Gwyn Nicholls gained national approval, and the great three-quarter in the game for Glamorgan against Monmouthshire showed himself in excellent form. The preferring of Dyke to Winfield was a surprise, but the old international will not envy his younger rival, who has but to play his ordinary game to keep up the sequence of great full backs who have represented the Principality. All the other backs were certainties, but the exclusion of Neill from the forwards was not warranted on his form throughout the season, and particularly in last Thursday's County game. The forwards are not a great scrummaging lot, but their pace and cleverness are above the ordinary. The team is as follows:—

J. C. M. Dyke (Penarth), back; W. J. Trew (Swansea), E. Gwyn Nicholls (Cardiff), R. T. Gabe (Cardiff), E. T. Morgan (London Welsh), three-quarters; R. M. Owen (Swansea), P. F. Bush (Cardiff), half-backs; W. Joseph (Swansea), A. F. Harding (London Welsh), J. F. Williams (London Welsh), D. Jones (Treherbert), R. Thomas (Mountain Ash), G. Travers (Pill Harriers), C. M. Pritchard (Newport), and J. C. Jenkins (London Welsh), forwards.

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The South Africans' Good Fortune.

If the "all gate" arrangement was the same at Hawick and Aberdeen as at Glasgow, the South Africans should not readily forget their visit to Scotland. Their cheque will not be as large as the one the New Zealanders got (it was £1,700), but it will not be much short of that sum. The drawings at Hawick and Aberdeen amounted, in round figures, to £300, and though the Hampden figures have not yet been given to the public, it is calculated that the takings there were not less than £1,400, and that sum should about represent what the "Springboks" will receive from the Scottish Union. In other words, the Scottish officials have thrown away £2,000, as all that New Zealand wanted was a guarantee of £500, and a like sum, we have no doubt, would have satisfied the South Africans.

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The Africans' Score.

Two more victories have to be recorded for the South Africans as the effect of meeting the chosen of Oxford and Cambridge, and appended are tables showing the comparative records of the South Africans and the New Zealanders against the same clubs:—

Pts.		Pts.
S. A. (5 g. 4 t.) 37	E. Midlands 0	
S. A. (3 g. 2 d.g. 2 t.) 29	Midlands 0	
S. A. (3 g. 2 t.) 21	Kent 0	
S. A. (3 g. 1 d.g. 1 t.) 22	Durham (1 d.g.) 4	
S. A. (4 g. 8 t.) 44	Northumberland 0	
S. A. (2 g. 2 p.g. 6 t.) 34	Yorkshire 0	
S. A. (2 g. 2 p.g. 2 t.) 23	Devon (1 p.g. 1 t.) 6	
S. A. (1 g. 1 p.g. 2 t.) 14	Somerset 0	
S. A. (1 p.g. 2 t.) 9	Middlesex 0	
S. A. (1 g. 1 t.) 8	Newport 0	
S. A. (2 t.) 6	Glamorgan (1 t.) 3	
S. A. 2 g. 1 d.g. 3 t.) 23	Gloucester 0	
S. A. (1 g. 1 d.g. 1 p.g. 4 t.) 24	Oxford Univ. (1 p.g.) 3	
S. A. (4 g. 3 t.) 29	Cambridge Uni. 0	
322		16
Pts.		Pts.
N. Z. (3 g. 2 t.) 21	Midlands (1 g.) 5	
N. Z. (2 g. 2 t.) 16	Durham (1 t.) 3	
N. Z. (2 g. 7 t.) 31	Northumberland 0	
N. Z. (5 g. 5 t.) 49	Yorkshire 0	
N. Z. (8 g. 1 p.g. 4 t.) 55	Devon (1 d.g.) 4	
N. Z. (2 g. 1 d.g. 3 t.) 23	Somerset 0	
N. Z. (1 g. 3 t.) 34	Middlesex 0	
N. Z. (1 p.g. 1 t.) 6	Newport (1 p.g.) 3	
N. Z. (3 t.) 9	Glamorgan 0	
N. Z. (7 g. 3 t.) 44	Gloucester 0	
N. Z. (4 g. 9 t.) 47	Oxford University... 0	
N. Z. (1 g. 3 t.) 14	Cambridge Uni. 0	
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The South Africans in Scotland.

The South Africans will be in Scotland for practically ten days from to-day, their programme when in the "land of cakes" consisting of matches with the South of Scotland to-morrow, All Scotland on Saturday, and the North of Scotland on Tuesday next. The South of Scotland was selected early last week, the national fifteen was chosen on Saturday night, and the North team will be decided upon when the results of trial matches have been digested. The district teams, especially that representing the North, are unlikely to put up a very serious opposition to the visitors. The South team should do better, but the standard of the club game on the Borderland is lower than it was, and few of the individual players are outstanding men. Among the backs, Elliot, Gala, who was in the Scottish team at Richmond two seasons ago, is the best known. If he has fully recovered from a recent injury, Kyle, the internationalist, will lead a set of hardy forwards, the forward game on the Borders being at present more notable than the back play.

The Africans at Oxford.

Judged by their performances against the South Africans, Oxford are rather the better in the meantime of the two University fifteens, though their superiority is mainly to be attributed to the fact that the forwards are better together than the Cambridge eight. This is, of course, just what one would expect, simply because the Oxford pack are all Old Blues, whereas the Cambridge eight are a pack in the making. The Oxford forwards played a really great game against the South Africans, but the backs were only moderate; the over eagerness of the three-quarters to spoil at all costs proving fatal to their combination. Still, against ordinary opponents, Oxford are a really good side with no present pretensions to greatness.

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The Victory Over Cambridge.

The Cambridge forwards did fairly well against the Colonials on Saturday, but they played like what they were—a scratch pack. Their excellence in the loose was purely individualistic. As for the Cambridge backs, their general play was so moderate that the South Africans would have won by a much larger margin than 29 points but for the fine defence of Kenneth M'Leod. M'Leod was ubiquitous, but one man does not make a division, and though M'Leod saved at least three tries by sheer pace and determination not to give a man up even when pursuit seemed hopeless, he could not save his side. Sinclair, like M'Leod, had too much to do, but he was not quite at his best, though kicking very finely. The Stellenbosch third line confirmed the impression left by their play at Cardiff; their passing being accurate to a degree never surpassed and rarely equalled in British football.

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THE CONQUERORS FROM THE CAPE.

Cambridge University Bowldered.

[By ALMA MATER.]

PROBABLY the biggest crowd ever seen on the Cambridge ground assembled on Saturday for the South Africans' match. The Colonials made several alterations from the team which beat Oxford. Carolin is taking rest and Dobbin came in at half-back with Jackson, while the famous Stellenbosch combination, Loubser, Krige, De Villiers, and Stegmann, figured at three-quarters. Of the forwards, Roos (the captain), Brink, Raaf, and C. le Roux were standing down. Cambridge played their usual fifteen with the exception of T. G. Pitt (the Blue), who was superseded at half-back by J. V. Young.

THE GAME.

As usual, the South Africans were aggressive soon after the start. In less than ten minutes Loubser and Stegmann had obtained tries, both of which were converted. Any hopes of the Cantabs repeating their bold show against the "All Blacks" last year were thus early dispelled, for their rivals were for ever tackling, and only some really grand tackling by the Cambridge backs prevented further scoring. At this stage Scoular, the full back, "grasped" Stegmann and Loubser time after time in magnificent style and, save that the Varsity forwards held their own in the loose and made some occasional rushes, it was a case of the visitors being in the Cantabs' "25" all through the first half. Jackson and Loubser scoring further tries, neither of which were converted. The Light Blues appeared bewildered by the quick hand-to-hand passing of the opposition forwards and the almost machine-like manœuvres of their backs. So far they had been outclassed in everything save defence, and the teams crossed over with the score at sixteen points to nothing, and even this margin did not adequately represent the "Springboks'" all-round superiority.

Upon resuming, however, a change came over the scene, the Varsity forwards rising to the occasion in fine style. Chiefly by their efforts the play was transferred to the South Africans' quarter for the first time and for fully ten minutes the Cantabs were attacking. This raised the enthusiasm, and it was seen that the "Springboks" were now playing five men in the three-quarter line. For a time, try as they would, the Cantabs failed to pierce the enemy's defence, and after a while the South Africans let themselves go again. In quick succession Loubser, Krige, and Dobbin gained tries, two of which were converted, and when the final sounded the score read:—South Africa, 4 goals 3 tries (29 points); Cambridge, nothing.

CRITICAL COMMENTS.

The winners were overwhelmingly the stronger side, and rarely have they given a better all-round display. Their three-quarter line was the admiration of all, for they showed initiative, resource, speed, and a mutual understanding all through. The half-backs, especially Jackson, were very aggressive, nimble, and proved much too clever for their opponents. The forwards fluctuated a good deal, but in the main showed up better in the "scrum" than in the loose. What little Marsburg had to do at back he did well. During the first half, however, he was merely a spectator. Of the Cantabs, Scoular, at back gave a really great exposition; always cool and collected, he tackled and punted into touch in fine fashion, and saved his side on many occasions. All the three-quarter showed splendid defence, but as a line they lacked cohesion, very few of their well-devised plans being brought to maturity on this account. Neither Young nor Godley distinguished themselves a half, but Godley was the smarter, perhaps, and the forwards showed unexpectedly good form throughout, especially Alexander, Gibbins, M'Cosh, and Dellschaft. The frequently excelled in the loose, and quite held their own otherwise in a particularly hard-fought game. It was not their fault that the verdict went against them in such pronounced fashion.

SOUTH AFRICA.—A. F. Marsburg; A. Stegmann; H. A. De Villiers; J. D. Krige; J. Loubser; F. J. Dobbin; D. C. Jackson; H. Daniel; D. Brookes; W. S. Morkel; D. F. Morkel; H. G. Reid; W. A. Millar; A. Burdett; and D. Mare.

CAMBRIDGE.—J. G. Scoular (St. John's); G. Koop (Calist); R. G. M'Leod (Pembroke); C. G. G. Wright (Pembroke); H. P. P. Hearson (King's); T. A. Godley (Magdalen); J. Young (Emmanuel); J. W. Alexander (Clare); M. E. Dellschaft (Jesus); R. B. Gibbins (King's); R. M'Cosh (Trinity); G. v. Carey (Clare); A. Evans (St. John's); J. E. Mellor (Jesus); and W. G. Lely (Emmanuel).

Referee: — Marsh.

RESULTS OF THE WEEK'S MATCHES.

OXFORD, at OXFORD, Wednesday, Nov. 7.—South Africans, 24 points; Oxford, 3 points.

South African scorers:

Raaf, try; Carolin, no goal.
Stegmann, try; Carolin, no goal.
Stegmann, try; Roos, no goal.
Hirsch, try; Mare, no goal.
Carolin, penalty goal.
Stegmann dropped goal.
Villiers, try; Carolin, goal.
Oxford scorers: — Batchelor, penalty goal.

CAMBRIDGE, at CAMBRIDGE, Saturday, Nov. 10.—South Africans, 29 points; Cambridge, nothing.

Scorers:

Loubser, try; Morkel, goal.
Stegmann, try; Morkel, goal.
Jackson, try; Morkel, no goal.
Loubser, try; Morkel, no goal.
Loubser, try; Morkel, no goal.
Krige, try; Morkel, goal.
Dobbin, try; Morkel, goal.

South African scorers up to date:—

Try getters.	Goal scorers.
Stegmann	16 Carolin
Loubser	12 Morkel
J. Le Roux	7 Mare
Hirsch	6 Stegmann
Carolin	5 Jackson
De Villiers	3 De Villiers
Dobbin	3 Roos
Krige	3 P. Le Roux
Martinez	3
Brink	2
Jackson	2
Raaf	2
Reid	2
P. Le Roux	2
D. Morkel	2
Burger	1
De Melker	1
Millar	1
Burdett	1
W. Morkel	1

Still Sweet Success.

By the defeat of Glamorgan the South Africans have set a seal upon their prowess, and have ensured the success, from a "gate" point of view, of the remaining Welsh matches. From the social as well as the playing point of view there can be no two opinions, and, unless something very unforeseen happen, they will leave the country with a reputation that will cause their next visit to be eagerly anticipated, and, if necessary, secure the visit of a British team to South Africa. There are no regrets or disappointment at their victories over Newport and Glamorgan. Both were fine sporting games, excellently refereed, and the honours at the close were not monopolised by the victors.

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The Match with Wales.

Should the South Africans reach Swansea unbeaten on December 1 there will be many who will regret that the match was not fixed at Cardiff. Environment means much in a football match, and it is held by thousands that a Welsh team is more at home at Cardiff than at Swansea. From the real sporting point of view, it is well that the match is fixed at Swansea. The Cardiff ground, with its clayey soil, was by no means to the liking of the tourists last Wednesday, and they will be sure to welcome the light, sandy soil at Swansea, which will make their players yards faster on the run. Wales, however, may win the match, for there are probably half a dozen players to be brought into the side that represented Glamorgan. Maybe, Cwyn Nicholls will turn out, but the odds are all against it. Cliff Pritchard, Pontypool, is not out of question, while J. P. Jones, of the same club, has a good chance. Never, indeed, in the history of Welsh football has there been such a chance for a centre three-quarter, and a burly player, with defence as well as good attack, is certain to get his cap. A. F. Harding is almost sure of selection, while R. Thomas (Mountain Ash), J. C. Jenkins (London Welsh), and Rees Thomas (Pontypool) are other forwards who have excellent chances this season.

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Shamrocks v. Springboks.

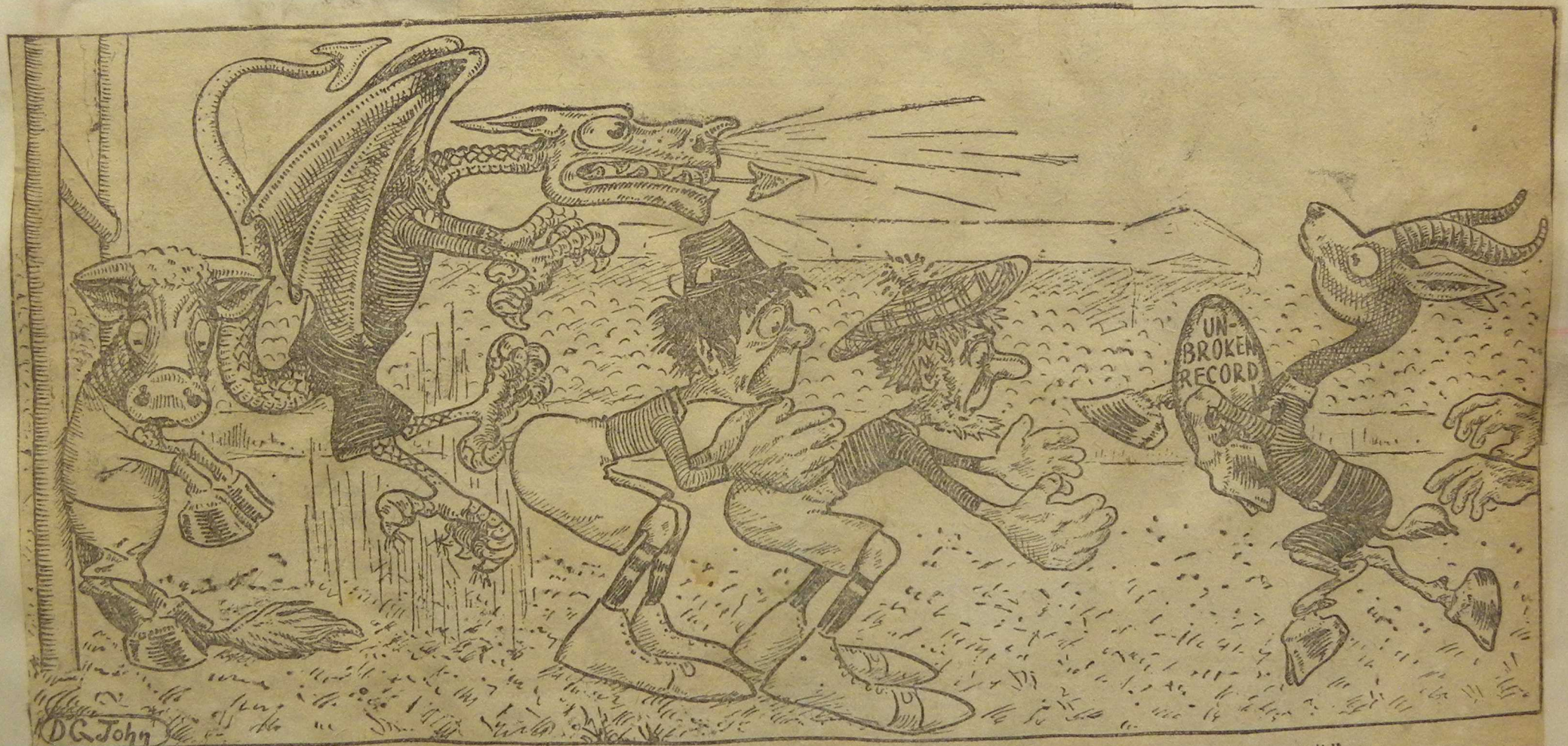
On Saturday evening the Irish Selection Committee picked the following fifteen to represent Ireland v. South Africans at Belfast, on November 24:—J. J. Henesy (Lansdowne), back; H. Thrift, J. C. Parke (Dublin University), R. P. Gotts (North of Ireland), and B. Maclear (Cork County), three-quarters; E. J. Caddell (Wanderers and Blackheath) and T. H. Robinson (Blackheath), half-backs; C. E. Allen (Liverpool and Derry), J. J. Coffey, H. J. Knox (Lansdowne), G. Hamlet (Old Wesley), H. Tedford (Malone), J. Wallace (Wanderers), H. G. Wilson (Glasgow University), and M. White (Queen's College, Cork), forwards. With the exception of Gotts all are old Caps. Of the forwards, Wallace has not played this year so far, nor has much been heard of Wilson. Robinson's reinclusion at half is something of a surprise, but with the candidates for the position of Caddell's partner being young and lacking in experience it is to be assumed that the selectors were guided by the principle of the ancient canine for the adamant highway. The side has been practically picked on last year's form, which is a drawback, but nothing else was possible under the circumstances, and viewed from that standpoint it is a good team.

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Africans v. Monmouthshire.

The fact of the Newport Club standing aloof from the Monmouthshire County Club has led to a difficulty over the matter of a ground to play the match with the South Africans on Boxing-day. Though the ground at Tredegar is a spacious one, it is felt that no ground in the county could offer the facilities that Newport could, or prove such a convenient centre for the great crowd that is expected to patronise the game. On the same day Newport have an engagement with the Watsonians, but it is expected that they will arrange to play their match in the morning and allow the County Club to meet the South Africans in the afternoon.

THE GAME OF THE NATIONS.



PAT (loquitur): "Stiddy yersilf, Sandy, me bhoy, and if nayther av us kin hold the craythur it's the old bird behind 'll be afther doing it."



EXCELSIOR I

(With apologies to the shade of Longfellow.)
 "Try not the pass," the old man said,
 "Dread dangers wait thee overhead;
 Beware the pine-tree's withered branch,
 Beware the awful avalanche."
 But loud the blithesome Bok replied,
 As swift he scaled the mountain side,
 "Excelsior!"

THE SOUTH AFRICAN PLAYERS.

A COMPARISON WITH THE NEW ZEALANDERS

Systematic High-Kicking and Quick Following-Up.

BY HAMISH STUART.

Exceptional pace, stamina, and individual cleverness, conjoined with some measure of combination—these are the playing assets of the South Africans, the qualities which have given them their striking series of victories over the seven English county sides encountered to date. Of finesse, in the Welsh sense, of novelty in method in the New Zealand sense, their play presents no trace. Indeed, in the matter of method their play presents only one novel feature, if novel feature it can be called. Reference is made to their practice of kicking high, either from a drop out or penalty, and of following-up so fast that they arrive at the waiting back at the same time as the ball. Other sides have done this before, but the South Africans are the first side to do it systematically and habitually, and, be it added, with a telling effect, to which their great pace and the fact that it is a regular part of their game, naturally contribute. Another novel feature of their play—and once more I use the phrase with diffidence—is that they play for safety under circumstances in which most modern sides—certainly all Welsh sides and the New Zealanders—would have initiated attack. Reference is made to attack from a drop-out or long kick that leaves one side of the field open, or gives the receiving back a chance of initiating passing by running into the open side. So far as my observation goes the South African backs always kick into touch under such circumstances, and never wilfully adopt any of the plans of attack offered by such circumstances. In this respect, if in no other, they are a very different side to the New Zealanders, who were, so to speak, a side of much wider opportunism and far more varied method than the Springbokkers.

Scrummage Work.

Leaving the general for the particular, the first, and by far the most obvious and striking difference between the South Africans and the New Zealanders is to be found in the scrummage work. Playing the customary eight forwards instead of the New Zealand seven, the South Africans pack in a style wholly opposed to British ideas as to how the inconvenient number of eight men can pack or be packed with best advantage. We pack 3-2-3. They pack 3-3-2. The result is that much of their real pushing power is lost—a defect that would be fatal if their forwards were lighter. Another effect is that in point of scrummaging power they are not to be compared with the New Zealanders. They are more easily held, and much more easily beaten for the ball, for there can be no question that the seven scrum is the best for heeling purposes, and that in the art of getting the ball and heeling quickly, the New Zealanders were all masters. I do not pause to consider their fairness or unfairness in any particular game. Nor will I endeavour to apportion the share of men and of method in their scrum work. The fact remains that in the tight the New Zealanders showed such supreme skill that how to beat them in the tight was the chief difficulty our sides experienced. This problem does not present itself in the case of the South Africans.

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do not share in the passing to anything like the extent the New Zealand forwards did, but they are equally good at starting their backs, particularly from the lines out. The great average height of the forwards helps them to get the ball and to pass back quickly. In point of concerted footwork (though they appear to practise the art in private) they are far inferior to Scottish or Irish forwards, though, as already stated their great pace and resolution make them formidable exponents of the kick and follow up game, and kick past and race for the touch style of securing tries. They are hard and resolute tacklers, with, however, a tendency to tackle too high, and to hold a man when he has not got the ball, or is dribbling. In this last respect they are not, of course, peculiar. Nevertheless, this feature, and an occasional unnecessary use of their strength, are the only blemishes in their play. Generally speaking, they are as scrupulously fair as the most ardent purist can desire; their faults are human, not personal. Indeed, good nature and ability to take and give hard knocks without loss of temper ensure their popularity. They have no tricks; no ways that are dark; what they do is done above board. They are fine foes and honest players, whom it is a pleasure to meet in the hot encounter.

Half-back Play.

There is nothing in the half back play that need keep Welsh halves awake o' nights. Carolin and Dobbin both play a plain, honest game, with a tendency towards the mechanical in the case of the former. The latter, however, wants watching. He is a half of the Munro type, with the same quickness of perception for an individual effort, but with less of the said perception for a collective opening. He even does more on his own, and runs as straight, when he sees it is the right thing to do, as did L. M. Magee. He is certainly not the equal of Roberts, the New Zealander, and I should place him a good bit below Simson, Munro, Owen, or Lloyd in all round excellence. Still, he is a great player, who is improving with every match, while his individualism makes him very dangerous. Carolin is merely a good, honest half, and, whatever he may become, has no present pretensions to greatness. There is no inter-half game in the Welsh sense, and for the most part the pair play the game in vogue in England in the nineties.

The Three-quarters.

Before considering the general differences between the back play of the New Zealanders and that of the South Africans, it may be laid down emphatically that the South African combination is of the plain order, and that the movements depend almost entirely for success upon the great pace and individual cleverness of the wing three-quarters. No movement is, so to speak, a try all the way, or nearly so (short of individual error) in the sense that can be said of certain Welsh movements, such as that which yielded Wales' try against New Zealand, or Cardiff's first try against the "All Blacks." But this fact does not diminish the dangerous character of the "threes" as scorers.

Welsh Pack Ought to Get the Ball.

A skilled Welsh pack that were not markedly overweighted would, I think, experience but little difficulty in beating the South Africans for the ball, while their heeling would be cleaner, and at the back of the scrum, whereas the ball comes slowly out of the South African scrum, and more often than not at the side. I admit that I have been puzzled by the fact that the South Africans get the ball so often as they do, but am inclined to attribute their possession to their opponents, so far, being but moderate exponents of the art, and in some cases to their superior weight and the quick push they get on, especially against packs that are tiring, as all the packs met, except the Devon eight, have so far done. Kent, for example, held them during the first half, but tired during the second. Devon held them throughout, were their superiors in the loose, so far as footwork went, and quite their equals in the tight. The Devon eight were, of course, a heavy and well-trained lot. They lasted out a very hard game to the very end. I shall be surprised, therefore, if Welsh packs—particularly the Glamorgan and National eights—do not succeed in beating the South Africans for the ball, and, generally speaking, in scrummage work. The great thing to be remembered is that Welsh eights have not got to solve the difficult problem which meeting the New Zealand seven entailed.

General Forward Play.

In general forward play the South Africans thanks mainly to their pace, are a formidable lot, both in attack and in defence. Their great pace enables the forwards to get across quickly, and though they are less systematic in sharing in attack and defence than the New Zealanders, they are almost equally effective, while they keep their heads. A long kick following a forward rush, often gives them tries, simply because their pace carries them past most backs and brings them first to the ball. Martheze's try at Plymouth on Wednesday is an instance in point. The forwards, he it is observed,

for the best wings (Stegman and Loubser) are very great individualists, of exceptional speed and cleverness. Both are into their stride at once. They are unusually quick starters, and hence are dangerous, even if they do not get their passes when already in their stride. Both are "over" like a flash, and it is to them that South Africa must look for success in their Nationals. The centres are good, but not great players. Whatever Krige may have been, he cannot, so far as I have seen him, be described as a great centre. He is merely good—nothing more. Hirsch is more versatile, while De Villiers is also his superior. All three are liable to be flustered when pressed, and I cannot see them checking Welsh movements, either by passive or active defence. As to the two full backs, we have nothing better in this country than either Marsburg or Burmeister. The former is the most daring, yet accurate back of the day. He does not seem to know what fear is, has great pace and dash, yet makes few mistakes for all his daring, tackles a la Gamlin, and is a long and sure kick, with a keen eye for the touch line. Burmeister is a back of a different type. He runs no risks, and plays entirely for safety. Both are national class, and, as already stated, we have not, and have never had their superiors. In this one position the South Africans are, I think, better served than were the New Zealanders.

General Back Play.

The New Zealand system of back play differs of course, from that of the South Africans, not merely in the arrangement and number of the backs, but in finesse. Attack could be developed both ways by the New Zealanders, and tries were secured by scientific movements more often than by pace and individual efforts. Still, both systems encourage individuality; the New Zealand system in the case of the five-eighths; the South African system in the case of the halves and wing three-quarters. There, however, the resemblance ceases. There are no intricate South African movements. The passing is plain, and the movements depend for their success upon pace and individual cleverness.

J. D. KRIGE—THE GWYN NICHOLLS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN TEAM.

(The only photograph of Mr Krige taken in this country.) (Copyright by the Electric Press.)



much has been expected of "Japie" Krige, who, by common consent, is the brainiest player among the tourists, and has been acclaimed the Gwyn Nicholls of the team. Without the fine physical proportions of the famous Canadian Krige—pronounced Kree-ge, with the "g" hard—must be an abnormally clever centre. He is five full inches shorter than Nicholls, being only 5ft. 7in., and weighs but 10st. 10lb. in trim. He has, however, great strength, his chest and loin development

being unusual. He was a great scorer "on his own" when in his teens, but he has developed into a wonderful binder of threes, and Loubser's reputation has been made through his playing on the wing to such a grand opening maker. Krige is 27 years of age and for a centre is particularly fast, for he is credited with 101.5 for a 100. Unfortunately Krige was down with influenza for the opening matches, but it is sincerely to be hoped that he will be in the team v. Wales if not against the Welsh clubs and counties.

EN PASSANT.

POEMS ON PLAYERS.

No. XCII.—CAROLIN, South Africans.

I mingled with the Springbok chteles,
And hearkened to their prattle;
I saw them arming for the fray—
Preparing for the battle.
"Gammillio gshee," they weirdly howled,
With voices clear and strong,
But in their lighter moments sang
The choros of a song:

Come, come, Carolin,
Come, come, Carolin,
Come!

Thou half-back smart and spry,
Just run us in a try.

Run, run, Carolin,

Run, run, Carolin,

Run!

Like rifle bullet from
A gun.

And when the six-foot heavy-weights,
Who constitute the pack,
Have shoved and wheeled the scrum, and
Heeled

The ball to some smart back;
And when that same smart back gets hold,
And o'er the ground doth fly.

The Springbok skipper makes his choice
Of one to goal the try.

Come, come, Carolin,
Come, come, Carolin,
Come!

With all your skilful tricks

Between the sticks,

Goal, goal, Carolin,

Goal, goal, Carolin,

Goal!

And all the Springboks smile

A smile!

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The South Africans.

If the South Africans have not caught the eye and pleased the critics in the same manner as the New Zealanders did, they are pursuing the glorious tenour of their way by scoring successes. Kent fared very badly at Blackheath on Wednesday, the condition of the men—the old excuse—being so bad that they fell easy victims in the second half. There was only a try to nothing at half-time in favour of the Colonials, but the final score was 3 goals and 2 tries (21 points) to nothing. At

West Hartlepool on Saturday Durham County with a weak contingent, further depleted after five minutes' play owing to an injury to Neilson, gave their visitors a very good game, in which there was no attempt to introduce drawing-room tactics. In the first half the South Africans had scored 17 points to a dropped goal, and for over twenty minutes after the interval Durham had a big share in the attacking. Then Krige, one of the cleverest players in the Colonial contingent, gave Loubser a chance, which materialised, and later Stegmann gained one of the best tries of the day. The final result was 22 points to four in favour of the South Africans. It is rather curious that already arrangements have been made by the South African Union to send some more men to England. Evidently, the best men were not selected, or those who have arrived are not yet acclimatised.

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No Money for Africa.

The Irish Rugby Union have solved the financial question of the South African tour in a style decidedly new and certainly equitable. Our Dublin correspondent writes:—The financial arrangement with the South Africans made by the Irish Union is that they are guaranteed a minimum of £100, and the maximum amount they can receive is a few shillings short of £160. These latter figures read peculiar, but they are calculated on the basis of 1-28th of the total estimated cost of the tour. This is £4,500 (the New Zealanders calculated on an expenditure of £4,000, though it is said to have mounted up to £6,000 in the end), and as they play 28 matches the Irish Union would go no further than to promise a proportionate share of the expenditure which the trip entails on the South African authorities—or, in effect, they guarantee their quota of the team's expenses. Scotland, probably for the sake of making a merit of consistency, are giving them the net gate, but if, as I hear, the match will take place in Glasgow, their generosity may not prove quite such a costly luxury as in the case of the New Zealanders last season. What the terms for the English match are I do not know, but as Mr. Rowland Hill and the shrewd lights of the Rugby Union think imperially, it is fair to assume there will be a £500 guarantee and further contingencies. These gentlemen, I believe, consider the Irish Union are treating the visitors a bit shabbily, but we are not alone amongst the home countries in holding that it is undesirable and not for the good of the game that there should be a repetition of the New Zealand performance of taking away with them a huge sum representing solid profit on the tour.

RUGBY NOTES.

MAKING READY FOR THE "SPRINGBOKS" IN WALES.

On their present form, the first real test for the Springboks will undoubtedly be the match against Glamorgan, at Cardiff, on October 31.

They will probably have to meet the following team, which contains twelve Welsh internationals: Back, Winfield (Cardiff); three-quarter backs, Gabe, Biggs, and Williams (Cardiff), and Trew (Swansea); half-backs, Owen (Swansea) and Bush (Cardiff); forwards, Joseph and Hunt (Swansea), Howell Jones (Neath), Niel, Powell, and Westcott (Cardiff), A. F. Harding (London Welsh), and Harry Jones (Penygraig).

This is how Mr. Harry Bowen, the well-known international referee, describes Carolin, the champion Springbok. "Of all the team he is the most 'All Blackish,' darting here and there, punting back intruders, silently gliding the ball away, and generally constituting himself a bulwark there is no breaking past."

This indeed is great praise from one of the foremost experts of the Rugger game.

Seven of the Durham team against the Springboks on Saturday last also played against the All Blacks.

The Scottish Rugby Union will give the total gate receipts to their guests in the match versus South Africans. They also did this in their match against the New Zealanders last season.

D. Gent, of Gloucester, the English international, broke his collar-bone playing against Swansea.

Basil McClear, the great Irish Rugger champion, turned out on Saturday against Glamorgan County. He marked Gabe with fine effect, the Welsh international not being able to raise a gallop.

Rugger must be in a bad way at Cork, for there were only 200 spectators at the match South of Ireland v. Glamorgan.

George Travers, the old Welsh international forward, is going to take the once smart Pill Harriers' team in hand again. Travers had thoughts of retiring.

T. W. Pearson, the old Welsh international three-quarter, who is now the engineer of the Alexandra Dock and Railway Company, Newport, was in the collision which occurred near Bassaleg last Friday. His name was given in all newspapers as Mr. Patterson.

During the progress of the Glamorgan League match between Mountain Ash and Merthyr, five players were ordered off the field for rough play.

The South Africans' Start.

In a very notable manner have the South Africans started their tour in Great Britain. In the first match—that against East Midlands, at Northampton—curiosity was particularly rife as to style and methods of the Colonials. They were so nervous and excited that it took them some time to settle down to business, and during that period they experienced a more than anxious time, for the East Midlanders pressed with vigour. With a little finish to their efforts they might have scored. However, once the South Africans broke through the defence of their opponents it was easy to repeat the operation, and a decisive victory was the result.

Lamenting at Leicester.

It was with more confidence that the South Africans faced the Midland Counties at Leicester, and they did not waste any time in putting the issue out of the realm of doubt. They piled up 17 points in the first half, by some splendid play, but in the second portion of the game they did not have such an easy journey, and the Midlanders attacked with tremendous energy and almost scored. However, before the final whistle sounded, twelve points had been registered, and the South Africans had gained their second success by a margin that was handsome, and which was made further valuable by the fact that there was nothing on the other side of the ledger.

The War Cry.

It may be interesting to prospective spectators to know that the South Africans have a war cry. They are not so theatrical in their methods as the Fernlanders, for at Leicester they grouped themselves in a corner of the ground before they entered the field, and while one young gentleman, wearing a typical South African hat, and carrying a megaphone, led the singing, the others joined in the last word of each line and finished up with a "Wah!" that was positively blood-curdling. This is the song that they sang O:—

Ghee gammillio gshee,
Ghee gammillio gshee,
Ghee gammillio gshee,
Wah!

It has a Zulu origin, and means that somebody is going to be tickled to death with the business end of a sharp spear.

The Next Matches.

On Wednesday the South Africans journey to Blackheath to meet the men of Kent. The Southern County Committee have selected a good team to meet the Colonials, as may be seen from the following list:—

M. G. A. Edwards (Royal Naval College), back; H. F. P. Hearson (Cambridge University), C. G. Wright (Tonbridge), P. F. M'Evedy (Guy's Hospital), and L. B. Stringer (Guy's Hospital), three-quarter backs; W. Morgan (Guy's Hospital) and J. P. Jones (Guy's Hospital), half-backs; B. Attil (Blackheath) (captain), H. W. Stirling (Blackheath), W. T. Cave (Blackheath), J. E. C. Partridge (Blackheath), R. K. McGilvuddy (Blackheath), W. S. D. Craven (Blackheath), R. H. Marriott (Blackheath), and S. M'Saunders (Blackheath), forwards.

The following Saturday they glide over many English counties, and appear at Durham City, with the object of collecting as many points as possible from the North Countrie. The Durham team is appended:—

Ellwood (Hartlepool Rovers), back; Heal (Hartlepool Rovers), Taylor (West Hartlepool), J. Harrison, and Imrie (Durham City), three-quarter backs; Knaggs and Sivewright (Hartlepool Rovers), half-backs; Carter, Hogarth, Boylen (Hartlepool Rovers), Duthie, Moule (West Hartlepool), Summerscale (Durham City), Hall (Westoe), and Havelock (Hartlepool Old Boys), forwards.

Duthie and Hogarth were, however, suspended for a fortnight, as the result of an incident during the Hartlepool Rovers v. West Hartlepool game, and Elliott (Durham City) and Burrell (Winlaton Vulcans) were selected as reserves, and will fill the vacancies.

Rugby Counties Sharing.

As was the case when opposed to the New Zealanders last year, Durham had the felicity of opening the English score against the South Africans on Saturday. There was a splendid attendance of spectators at West Hartlepool, and after the Colonials have received their share the balance will be divided between the Durham and Northumberland Unions. A similar process will be gone through on Wednesday, after the South Africans have met Northumberland. This fixture will be played on the Newcastle United ground, and should the weather be favourable there is no doubt a huge crowd will assemble. There is plenty of accommodation for a record Rugby gathering, and the kick-off is put off to four o'clock to suit business men and others from a distance.



