

Sporting News

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RUGBY FOOTBALL

ALL BLACKS HELD AT OXFORD

FROM OUR RUGBY FOOTBALL
CORRESPONDENT

It rained throughout the afternoon during the match between the All Blacks and the University at Oxford yesterday, but, if the weather prohibited a spectacular match comparable with that of 1924, it did not prevent a most determined struggle and a much more exciting finish. For a third time in the present tour the New Zealanders were glad to win by a single point. The All Blacks scored two goals (10 points) and the University a goal and a dropped goal (9 points).

There must have been a large number of uncomfortable people among the large crowd at Ifley Road—some seated only on planks lain on the sodden turf—but one imagines that few regretted the adventure. New Zealand had almost their best side in the field, and Oxford were not so full of great names behind the scrum as they were 11 years ago, but two things were enough—and it would be ungracious to include the weather—to keep the issue open. In the first place, the University had a good scrummaging pack, with plenty of fight in it, and if one fact has been established about the All Blacks of 1935 it is that they can be held everywhere if held in front. The word "can" of course has to be emphasized, and here one should mention the second thing which told heavily in yesterday's match, the splendid marking and tackling of most of the Oxford backs, helped by several outstanding forwards like H. M. Hughes and C. T. Bloxham.

SOUND CENTRES

If in Oxford's occasional rounds of passing which developed there were no swift touches of genius in mid-field, there was no lack of steadiness under pressure, and at least as much likelihood of effecting the break-through or the successful flanking movement as that revealed by the All Blacks—little Sadler excepted. But at half-back and in the centre Oxford stood up to it well, and so made the effort of their forwards worth while. McShane was apt to lob his passes, but the conditions demanded a certain amount of charity from a critic seated under cover. In the second half McShane sustained a hard cut on the head, and it was fortunate for Oxford that he belonged to the most durable and long-suffering type of scrumming worker. McShane was not away for long, and he was no passenger when he returned copiously bandaged. Perhaps the best feature of Grieve's play was his kicking.

Oxford first defended the goal-line at the Pavilion end, and defence it had to be for some time, although the forwards obtained a fair share of the ball. Gilbert soon took a long penalty kick at goal, and this time failed to show Oxford what he really can do. New Zealand still were pressing when the University broke the spell by means of a sudden pick up and run by Prince

Obolensky on the right wing. Obolensky has a rare turn of speed, and he had covered over 40 yards and had half rounded Gilbert when the latter recovered and upset his man. Effective scrummaging and some adroit kicking by Grieve and Walford helped to keep Oxford on the attack, and before a clever inter-change of passing on the blind side by Sadler and Mitchell helped New Zealand to relieve the situation. Cooper took a difficult penalty kick at goal.

At the end of 20 minutes' play, following several unsuccessful attempts to beat the University tackling by passing, Gilbert had another shot at goal, and this unexpectedly led to the first score by Oxford. The ball went dead, and Walford's drop out proved to be perfectly placed and with a skid in it that set his side on the attack at once. The forwards also then did their part perfectly, for they heeled out cleanly from a scrum in front of the posts and McShane's pass back to Grieve gave that player the chance of a lifetime. It was not an easy chance of course on such a day, but Grieve was the man for the part, and he dropped a goal that was well worth the four points it counted.

The New Zealand forwards, who, as usual, were always fast and full of spirit in the loose, then helped their side to a speedy recovery, and 10 minutes from half-time the score read 5-4 against the University. There was on this occasion a suspicion of slowness in going down to a New Zealand rush, and this just allowed McKenzie to dive over the line. Gilbert thereupon placed his first goal from a not too difficult position.

THE SECOND HALF

Oxford, however, staved off any further disasters and started the second half with a zest that promised well. They had to clear their lines and break up a passing move or two before the great thing happened—a try which placed them in front once more at the end of five minutes' play. It was hard tackling first and then a break away by Walford that caught New Zealand by surprise. Walford's pass to Obolensky touched an opponent and reached the latter when he had hardly an inch between him and the touch line. Several All Blacks in fact pulled up thinking Obolensky had stepped into touch, and this was to cost them dear, for the fastest runners on the field raced straight ahead from the "25" line and round to touch the ball down behind the goal posts.

Brett, an excellent forward, placed a goal and, for another 20 minutes, for all the temporary loss of McShane, Oxford threatened New Zealand with their second defeat. The All Black forwards then made their most determined effort, and, although the five-eighths and three-quarters could not find a way through or hold the passes that mattered, Sadler at last came to the rescue almost on his own. Sadler's was a blind side try of the kind that only the Sadlers can score. How so little a man got through in the face of such a desperate defence was not clear from a distance. Yet even then it was a try in a corner, and everything still depended upon Gilbert's place kick with a wet and now heavy ball. Gilbert, however, rose to the occasion.

The teams were:—

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.—J. L. Stuart Watson (Loretto and Brasenose), back; Prince Obolensky (Trent College and Brasenose), M. M. Walford (Rugby and Brasenose), R. F. Harding (Tonbridge and Brasenose), and G. R. Rees-Jones (Ipswich School and University College), three-quarter backs; C. F. Grieve (Ampleforth and Christ Church) and J. M. S. McShane (Sydney University, Australia, and New College), half-backs; J. H. Brett (Durham School and St. Edmund Hall), N. F. McGrath (Stonyhurst and University College), J. H. Pienaar (Stellenbosch University, South Africa, and Worcester), G. A. Reid (Uppingham and University College), G. D. Roos (Stellenbosch University, South Africa, and University College), M. McG. Gooper (captain) (Massey Agricultural College, New Zealand, and University College), C. T. Bloxham (King Edward VI. School, Nuneaton, and Oriel), and H. M. Hughes (St. David's College, Lampeter, and University College), forwards.

NEW ZEALANDERS.—G. Gilbert, back; N. J. Ball, C. J. Oliver, and N. A. Mitchell, three-quarter backs; T. H. C. Caughey and J. L. Griffiths, five-eighths; B. S. Sadler, half-back; C. Pepper, W. E. Hadley, A. Lambourn, S. Reid, R. M. McKenzie, F. Vorrath, J. Best, and A. Mahoney, forwards.

REFEREE.—R. B. Hunt.

NEW ZEALAND.
OXFORD UNIVERSITY.

10 POINTS.
9 POINTS.

ALL BLACKS AT OXFORD

TO-DAY'S MATCH

FROM OUR RUGBY FOOTBALL
CORRESPONDENT

Kick-off 2.30 p.m.

The New Zealanders have paid Oxford the compliment of picking almost their strongest available side for the match which will be played on the Iffley Road ground this afternoon.

No doubt they have borne in mind the brilliant efforts of the University fifteen of 1924, who at one time nearly ran the All Blacks of that year off their legs and in the end were beaten as much by the cruelly accurate kicking of Mark Nicholls as anything. The final score of 33 points to 15 certainly was not a fair commentary upon most of the play. Nicholls, who made five tries into goals and dropped two goals, accounted for 18 of the 33 points. The only outstanding player who could have been included to-day was G. F. Hart, a wing three-quarter of the highest class.

A SETTLED SIDE

Oxford, who so far have won four matches and lost one, already have called upon a score of players and yet looked more of a settled side than Cambridge, who have lost three of their five games up to date. Once more K. L. T. Jackson—now captain—has met with misfortune in the form of injuries, but it is something that M. M. Walford has proved an able centre and it is still more important that C. F. Grieve, who played at full-back in last year's University match and later in the stand-off position for Scotland, has recovered from the effects of concussion and already found an understanding with J. M. S. McShane as the link between the forwards and three-quarter line. There, on the wings, are to be found Prince Obolensky, who already has played against these All Blacks as a member of the Midland Counties team, and G. R. Rees-Jones, who has three Welsh caps to his credit.

Much, of course, will depend upon the way in which a University pack of some promise hold the enemy in front. So far, every side which has managed to pin the All Blacks down in the scrummage and, by getting a fair share of the ball and effective spoiling, has robbed the opposing backs of some of their confidence, has at least made a fairly close game of it. But Oxford, like every other side also, will pay a high price if their hooking and heeling are slow and their passing at all "blind." Their severest critics have never questioned the All Blacks' genius for seizing the fleeting opportunity and, by intensive backing up, making the very most of such chances.

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THE ALL BLACKS AT CAMBRIDGE

RETURN OF W. WOOLLER

FROM OUR RUGBY FOOTBALL
CORRESPONDENT

The New Zealanders, if one ignores the continued absence of J. R. Page from the first five-eighth, or stand-off, position, have picked their strongest back division to play against Cambridge this afternoon. G. F. Hart takes the place of N. J. Ball, who appeared in the three-quarter line at Oxford. The New Zealand pack, too, includes on this occasion its best winger, H. F. McLean.

It is clear enough that the All Blacks, with memories of that narrow victory by five points to nothing in 1924, are treating Cambridge with even more respect than they treated Oxford a week ago. The remarkable success achieved by Cambridge at Leicester on Saturday without G. W. Parker and W. Wooller behind the scrummage certainly would seem to warrant the respect. Should the University pack have settled down in the scrummage—as they needs must if they are to give their side a real chance—there is every prospect of as keen a struggle, wet or fine, as occurred at Ifley Road.

Much, too, will depend upon the fitness and form of Wooller, who, rather unexpectedly, has returned to the Cambridge team after a period of absence and suspense. One can now fairly assume that the reports as to an injured tendon Achilles were purely alarmist, but even an ordinary ankle injury in the case of a long-legged player like Wooller opens up the possibility of another breakdown. Fit and well, Wooller should help C. W. Jones to test the weak spots in the New Zealand centre pretty severely.

THE CAMBRIDGE TEAM

The Cambridge captain has awarded Blues to J. D. Low, of Dover and Jesus, scrummage half-back, and J. S. Young, of Dulwich and St. Catharine's, a forward.

NEW ZEALAND,

25 POINTS.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.

5 POINTS.

S MONDAY NOVEMBER

ALL BLACKS STILL WINNING

FORWARDS WELL HELD

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Before a crowd of 12,000 people at the Dean Court Ground, Boscombe, the New Zealanders beat Hampshire and Sussex after a keenly contested game on Saturday by a goal and three tries (14 points) to a goal and a penalty goal (8 points).

Once more the All Blacks owed their victory to the superior speed of their three-quarter line and to their extraordinary quickness in backing up. This latter virtue is of course the result of physical fitness to which no ordinary club player can hope to attain. Yet on this occasion it availed them not at all in the scrummages. Not only did a very determined and lively Counties pack, well led by C. O'N. Wallis, obtain much more of the ball, but the New Zealanders could claim no advantage in the lines-out. They were, indeed, decisively beaten in the scrummages and well held in the loose. The Counties forwards, three of them internationals, played a remarkably fine game, and, had their three-quarter line been as strong, they might well have won the game. G. J. Dean, besides doing a lot of defensive work, got the ball away to his partner in good style, some of his passes under pressure being of a high order. M. M. N. Corner, on the other hand, was at times rather slow, being caught with the ball more than once. Against this must be set the valuable try which he scored in the second half, thus making the game safe for his side.

THE COUNTIES' WEAKNESS

If W. T. Anderson appeared to kick too much it is only fair to remember that this was the surest method of driving back the New Zealanders. Wilson and Hodges, well as they tackled, had neither the speed nor the experience to beat such tried defenders as E. W. Tindill, C. J. Oliver, and T. H. C. Caughey. On the wings R. J. Whitworth and G. D. A. Landon made the most of their chances, and had little difficulty in holding Ball and Hart. The danger-point of the New Zealand attack lay in the manoeuvres of Oliver and Caughey, who quickly realized the weakness in the Counties centre. Oliver was the best player on the field, and whenever he had the ball a score seemed probable, especially during the first half, when the five-eighths formation seemed to puzzle the Counties defence. Neither full-back was at his best, but they improved as the game continued, although their kicking was not consistent.

New Zealand began with the wind and sun behind them, and, after some promising attacks by the Counties three-quarter backs, Tindill attempted to drop a goal. Anderson found touch near the half-way line, but from New Zealand's first clean heel Oliver slipped through, and Hart would have scored had not Ronald brought off a fine tackle. The try was only postponed, however, for McKenzie gathered a loose ball from the line-out and forced his way over. Gilbert had two attempts to kick a goal, the Counties charge being disallowed, and he failed with both. Almost immediately Landon beat Hart, handed off Tindill, and got into the visitors' half. Wilson found touch near the corner flag, and the Counties looked likely to score. The New Zealanders relieved with a long kick, and Hart, racing up, passed inside to Oliver. Caughey was at the latter's shoulder, and the three interpassed until Hart scored a try. After Whitworth had attempted to drop a goal a kick which failed to find touch led to a dribble by the All Blacks, and a foot pass to McKenzie gave them their third try. The Counties forwards were playing very well. Their loose work was improving, and passing between Newton, Boast, and Owen gained a lot of ground.

After the interval the Counties attacked strongly, so that only relentless tackling prevented a score. Long kicks by Ronald and Hodges kept the visitors penned in their own "25" until Newton forced his way over from a line-out for Owen to kick a magnificent goal from the touch-line. For a time the Counties had the better of the game, but presently Caughey's long stride took him up to Ronald, and, from a scrum, Corner crossed near the posts. Gilbert, who had made several attempts to kick goals, was this time successful. This score settled the match, but the Counties fought back gamely, and after Hordern and Kemp had stopped Collins on the line Owen kicked a fine penalty goal from half-way.

The teams were:—

HAMPSHIRE AND SUSSEX.—J. D. Ronald (Sussex), back; G. D. A. Landon (Sussex), A. D. Hodges (Sussex), I. D. M. Wilson (Sussex), and R. J. Whitworth (Sussex), three-quarter backs; W. T. Anderson (Hampshire) and G. J. Dean (Sussex), half-backs; C. R. Owen (Hampshire), D. J. Tarr (Hampshire), V. J. Pike (Hampshire), A. Boast (Hampshire), C. O'N. Wallis (Sussex), D. T. Kemp (Hampshire), P. C. Hordern (Hampshire), and N. J. Newton (Hampshire), forwards.
NEW ZEALANDERS.—G. Gilbert, back; G. F. Hart, C. J. Oliver, and N. Ball, three-quarter backs; E. W. Tindill and T. H. C. Caughey, five-eighths; M. M. N. Corner, half-back; J. E. Manchester, H. F. McLean, R. M. McKenzie, W. Collins, R. R. King, A. Lambourn, D. Dalton, and J. Hore, forwards.
REFEREE.—R. G. Langham.

NEW ZEALAND. 14 POINTS.
HAMPSHIRE & SUSSEX. 8 POINTS.



K. C. Fyfe, left-wing three-quarter, scoring Scotland's first try in the All-Blacks' first international match at Murrayfield, Edinburgh. Sadler, seen in front of Fyfe, is cutting across in an attempt to tackle

18 POINTS.
8 POINTS.

NEW ZEALAND.
SCOTLAND.

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RUGBY FOOTBALL

ALL BLACKS AT LEICESTER

FROM OUR RUGBY FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

To-day's match at Leicester is one that the New Zealanders may be relied upon to make a maximum effort to win, for in 1931 the combined Leicestershire and East Midlands fifteen were the only side to beat South Africa. The present All Blacks already have lost their unbeaten record, and, though the fact probably represents a load off their chest, they cannot be other than anxious to avoid any further discomfitures before they play their first international match, against Scotland, in a week's time.

Leicestershire and East Midlands, for their part, have a double incentive to bring off the double. Theirs was a great feat to beat South Africa, even though the latter were without their chief organizer of victory and had F. Louw, one of their best forwards, virtually incapacitated during the game.

THE VICTORY OF 1931

M. Francis, who was Osler's understudy in the stand-off position, did not fail in the matter of opening up the play. He was, indeed, more generously inclined in that respect than Osler, who always played up to a giant pack in whom he had a profound belief rather than to centres in whom presumably he had not. But, tactically, Francis was not an Osler, and the Midlands team had gained the astonishing lead of 19 points to six at half-time and still were 15 points ahead midway through the second period before the South Africans rose properly to the occasion. Then, a great crowd were given thrill after thrill as the touring team scored 12 points off the reel in the most brilliant manner—thus making the score read 24-21—only for the home side to fight back and score a penalty goal and a try in the last few critical minutes. So, in the end, a total of 51 points was scored in the only really spectacular match of the South African tour and the Midland team have obtained 30 of the 51.

The second part of the incentive is to be found in the natural hope of Leicestershire and East Midlands to improve upon the effort of the other Midlands team who ran the All Blacks to six points in the second match of the tour. The mainly Warwickshire pack on that occasion gave their opponents a real shaking-up, and it was only the weak back-play behind them that threw away the chance that Swansea later were to seize.

To-day's Midland team has been drawn chiefly from Leicester, Northampton, and Bedford clubs and has the inspiration of including five of the men who helped to beat South Africa four years ago. These players are the pair of half-backs, C. Slow and B. C. Gadney, R. J. Barr, at full back, R. G. Longland, and W. H. Weston in the scrum, all international players. Slow, it may be recalled, made his name as an "unknown" in the game of 1931, and although he has failed to sustain his reputation, his understanding with Gadney, the best scrum half in the country when fit and well, is a point of great importance.

NOTABLE SCRUMMAGERS

The Midlands, on the other hand, have no G. R. Beamish to lead their pack on this occasion and their three-quarter line has been weakened by the withdrawal of J. A. Tallent and K. C. Fyfe. The substitutes for these two internationals are V. J. Lytle, of Bedford, and J. B. B. Fox, of Leicester. The scrum includes some well-known men in E. S. Nicholson, England's hooker last season; J. Dicks, and F. Willsner, in addition to Longland and Weston.

The New Zealanders have made three changes in the side that routed Cambridge, E. W. Tindill taking the place of J. L. Griffiths as first five-eighth and C. Pepper and J. G. Wynyard appearing in the pack instead of J. Hope and S. T. Keid.

The visit of Oxford to Twickenham, where earlier in the term Cambridge came a cropper, and the meeting of Richmond and the still unbeaten London Scotsmen on the Athletic Ground are two outstanding fixtures in London. The Harlequins will be a much more representative side than that which went down to Richmond last Saturday. Even if Oxford are at full strength they will do well if they escape defeat. The discomfited Cambridge fifteen will be at home to Blackheath, who are a strangely ineffective combination this season.

London Welshmen are likely to be in full force at Herne Hill, where Newport will be the visiting team. A recent addition to the London Welsh three-quarter line is R. J. Williams, the South African cricketer.

TEAMS AND FIXTURES

NEW ZEALANDERS' TOUR

LEICESTERSHIRE AND EAST MIDLANDS v. NEW ZEALANDERS

AT LEICESTER (2.45)

LEICESTERSHIRE AND EAST MIDLANDS.—R. J. Barr (Leicester and Leicestershire), back; V. J. Lytle (Bedford), M. Crowe (Leicester and Leicestershire), J. B. S. Fox (Leicester), and T. D. Thevenard (Bedford and East Midlands), three-quarter backs; C. S. Slow (Leicester and East Midlands) and B. C. Gadney (Leicester and East Midlands), half-backs; R. J. Longland (Northampton and East Midlands), E. S. Nicholson (Leicester and Leicestershire), G. T. Dancer (Bedford and East Midlands), J. Dicks (Northampton and East Midlands), M. A. Robinson (Leicester and Leicestershire), F. Willsner (Bedford and East Midlands), D. L. K. Millman (Bedford and East Midlands), and W. H. Weston (Northampton and East Midlands), forwards.

NEW ZEALANDERS.—G. Gilbert, back; G. F. Hart, C. J. Cliver, and N. A. Mitchell, three-quarter backs; T. H. C. Caghey and E. W. Tindill, five-eighths; B. S. Sauer, half-back; C. Pepper, W. E. Hadley, D. Dalton, J. E. Manchester, R. R. King, R. M. McKenzie, J. G. Wynyard, and A. Mahoney, forwards.

NEW ZEALAND.

16 POINTS.

LEICESTERSHIRE & EAST MIDLANDS. 3 POINTS.

ALL BLACKS WELL HELD PENALTY KICKS DECIDE

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The All Blacks had to fight hard to beat the North of Scotland at Pittodrie Park, Aberdeen, yesterday by three penalty goals and a try (12 points) to two tries (6 points).

The game was played at a tremendous pace from start to finish, and it said much for the staying power of the Scots that they never weakened and were returning attack for attack at the end. The All Blacks had much the heavier pack, and often they shoved their opponents for yards, but it was late in the game before they secured anything more than their fair share of the ball. A. Mahoney, S. T. Reid, and J. G. Wynyard were the outstanding forwards, and behind the scrummage they were seldom able to develop their attack. M. M. N. Corner was inclined to hold on to the ball when he broke away. J. R. Page, trying hard all the time, could never escape the close marking of H. Lind, and D. Solomon and C. J. Oliver, when they got the ball, had generally to content themselves with punting ahead, so close were the attentions of the men marking them. G. Gilbert was splendid at back and his goal-kicking once again was of immense value to his side.

THE BRILLIANCE OF LIND

There was no weak link in the Scots' back division. J. A. Innes, at back, fielded the ball with supreme confidence throughout and on the whole found touch well. R. W. Boon was in his best international form in the centre, both in attack and defence, and the other three-quarters backed him up splendidly. H. Lind, playing at stand-off half-back, was the outstanding back in the game; in defence he completely bottled up Page, often with very hard tackles, and his saving and kicking, apart from one lapse that almost presented the All Blacks with a try, were as good as ever. In attack he cut through and intercepted brilliantly and only just failed to drop a goal. In a pack of forwards who played courageously P. Morris, J. I. Morrice, J. W. Hall, and G. D. Stroud were always good.

From the first scrummage H. Lind found touch grandly and there was some excitement when a pass to Oliver went astray and Morris led a dangerous forward rush. Lind next went through a gap, but he was poorly backed up. Play was carried quickly to the other end, where a mis-kick by Lind almost let the All Blacks in. From a penalty kick soon after Gilbert scored, to give his side the lead. Lind and Boon next took play to the All Blacks' line and Boon failed only by inches to level the scores with a free kick. Page and Corner tried hard to open up the game for the touring side, but the tackling was keen. There was more thrust about the Scots' attack, and J. K. Hunter broke through nicely, only to see Boon brought down at the moment he took the ball. Lind then intercepted a pass from Page; Boon carried on the movement, and R. S. Lind scored a well-deserved try, but it was too far out for Boon to convert. The Scots again attacked and a great roar welcomed another brilliant interception by Lind. The All Blacks worked back by kick-and-rush tactics and Page and N. Ball were held up only just short of the line. The All Blacks, however, obtained their reward when Gilbert kicked a second penalty goal from 40 yards out. Oliver and Solomon kicked judiciously, Ball once ran strongly on the left wing, and the All Black forwards shoved their way over the line only to lose the touch down. At half-time, therefore, the All Blacks led by six points to three.

The second half began with a run and kick by Boon, and Lind just failed with a drop at goal. Once again by a series of kicks the Scots levelled the scores when Stroud broke away, Hall handled the ball, and Hunter ran pluckily to get over for a try at the corner which, however, was not converted. The All Blacks recovered the lost ground, and once again when the Scots were penalized Gilbert kicked a goal. The All Blacks then strove desperately for a try, and it came at last, but only after a dozen attacks had been repulsed by the splendid tackling of Lind and Boon. From a pass on the blind side Oliver ran strongly to cross the line, but it was too far out for Gilbert to convert. An interception by Boon, a fine attempt to drop a goal by Hunter, and a final devastating tackle by Lind were the closing features of a fine game.

The teams were:—

NORTH OF SCOTLAND—J. A. Innes (Aberdeen Grammar School F.Ps), back; C. H. C. Brown (Dunfermline), J. A. K. Hunter (Gordonians), R. S. Lind (Dunfermline), and R. W. Boon (Dunfermline), three-quarter backs; H. Lind (Dunfermline) and A. I. Dickie (Gordonians), half-backs; R. D. Bain (Aberdeen Grammar School F.Ps), J. Bald (Dunfermline), J. W. Hall (Highlands), J. I. Morrice (Aberdeen Grammar School F.Ps), P. Morris (Perthshire), J. R. Ness (captain) (Dunfermline), G. F. Ritchie (Dundee High School F.Ps) and G. D. W. Stroud (Aberdeenshire forwards).

NEW ZEALAND—G. Gilbert, back; H. Brown, C. J. Oliver (captain), and N. Ball, three-quarter backs; D. Solomon and J. R. Page, five-eighths; M. M. N. Corner, half-back; W. E. Hadley, C. Pepper, G. Adkins, J. G. Wynyard, F. Vorrath, S. T. Reid, H. F. McLean, and A. Mahoney, forwards.

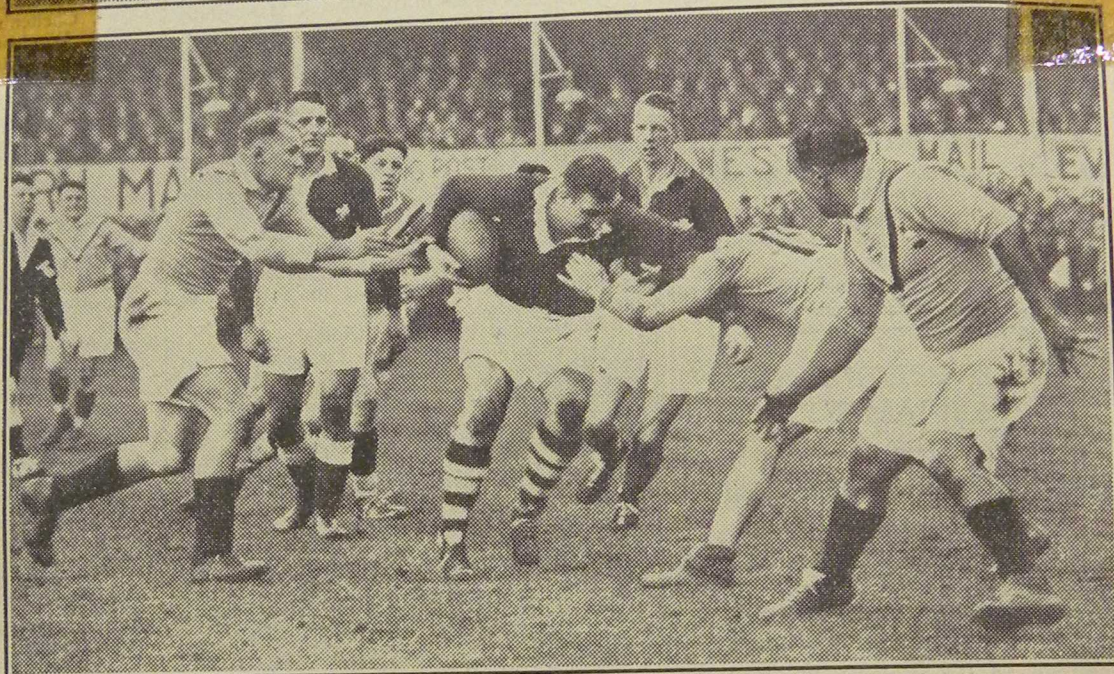
REFEREE.—W. Burnet (Hawick).

NEW ZEALAND.

12 POINTS.

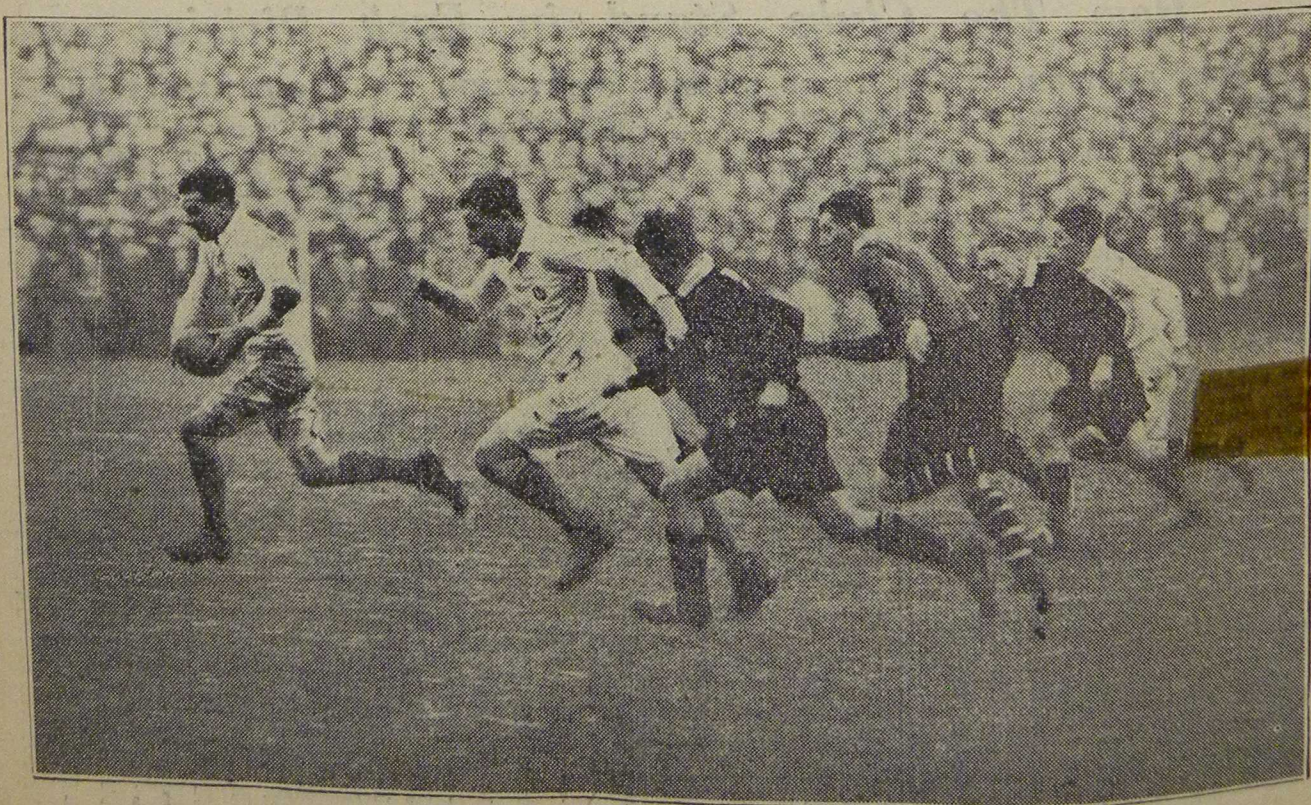
NORTH OF SCOTLAND.

6 POINTS.



RUGBY INTERNATIONAL MATCHES.—The top picture shows W. R. Logan, the Scottish half-back, breaking away in the game between Scotland and New Zealand at Edinburgh. The New Zealanders won by 18 points to 8. An incident in the game between France and Wales (Rugby League) at Llanelly is shown below.

THE RUGBY INTERNATIONAL AT MURRAYFIELD



W. R. Logan (Scotland) breaking away, with D. A. Thom coming up as support on his left, during the match on Saturday, when the New Zealand Rugby team beat Scotland by 18 points to 8.

IRELAND NEW ZEALAND



B. S. Sadler, the New Zealand scrum half, with the ball during Saturday's international Rugby match at Dublin. New Zealand won by 17 points to 9.



NEW ZEALAND WIN.—G. J. Morgan, the Irish half-back, getting the ball away to W. McC. Ross near the New Zealand line in the match in Dublin on Saturday. New Zealand won by 17 points to nine.

NEW ZEALAND CHANGES

TWO NEW FORWARDS

Only two changes have been made in the New Zealand team which beat Scotland for the game at Dublin, the prospects of which were discussed at length in *The Times* of yesterday.

One of the changes was enforced, for J. Hore was so badly injured at Murrayfield that he could not hope to play again during the tour. Hore's place in the front row of the scrum has been given to D. Dalton, a rather bigger and heavier man, of whom more might have been seen but for injuries. The other change, N. F. McLean for R. M. McKenzie, also may have been governed by the question of fitness, though McLean, who himself has only recently returned to action, might have been expected to replace A. Mahoney in the back row rather than the 15-stone McKenzie.

Of much greater consequence, of course, is the appearance of the names of both C. J. Oliver and J. L. Griffiths among the backs. Both must now be assumed to be fully fit again, unless the disturbing rearrangements that would have become necessary if either of them had withdrawn have led Mr. Meredith to take risks. G. F. Hart, too, must have recovered from his cold.

The Irish team is likely to take the field as selected.

TEAMS AND FIXTURES

NEW ZEALANDERS' TOUR

IRELAND V. NEW ZEALAND

AT DUBLIN (2.15)

IRELAND.—*D. P. Morris (Bective Rangers), back; *J. J. O'Connor (University College, Cork), L. Malcolmson (North of Ireland), *A. H. Bailey (University College, Dublin), and C. V. Boyle (Dublin University), three-quarter backs; *V. A. Hewitt (Instonians) and *G. J. Morgan (Clontarf), half-backs; *C. E. St. J. Beamish (North of Ireland and Royal Air Force), *S. Deering (Bective Rangers), T. B. Dunn (North of Ireland), *C. R. A. Graves (Wanderers), *W. McC. Ross (Millom and Instonians), *J. A. E. Siggins (captain) (Collegians), *S. Walker (Instonians), and C. O'N. Wallis (Wanderers and Old Cranleighans), forwards.

*An old International.

NEW ZEALAND.—G. Gilbert (West Coast), back; G. F. Hart (Canterbury), C. J. Oliver (Canterbury), and N. A. Mitchell (Southland), three-quarter backs; T. H. C. Caughey (Auckland) and J. L. Griffiths (Wellington), five-eighths; B. S. Sadler, half-back; A. Mahoney (Bulls District), J. E. Manchester (Canterbury), S. T. Reid (Hawke's Bay), R. R. King (West Coast), M. F. McLean (Auckland), A. Lambourn (Wellington), W. E. Hadley (Auckland), and D. Dalton (Hawke's Bay), forwards.

NEW ZEALAND 17 POINTS

IRELAND

9 POINTS.

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RUGBY FOOTBALL

THE ALL BLACKS IN IRELAND

FROM OUR RUGBY FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

The New Zealanders play two matches in Ireland, one this afternoon against Ulster, in Belfast, and the other in a week's time against the Irish international side, in Dublin.

The Irish team has yet to be picked, but the representatives of Northern Ireland, of course, are known, and, although they include a number of excellent men with English experience—and in one or two cases possessing a useful knowledge of the present New Zealand team—there is no reason to expect more than a hard game and another victory for the All Blacks. And, as one has come to note as a matter of course, a "near thing" in Belfast need not imply a New Zealand defeat in Dublin.

English interest in the match will largely centre round the form shown by D. A. Kendrew and J. G. Cook in the Ulster pack, for both are Possibles in the Trial game to be played at Moseley next Saturday. Bedford also will have V. J. Lyttle, a wing, in the match, and Lyttle, it may be recalled, was picked to play against the All Blacks at Leicester but could not appear. This, incidentally, let in J. B. Charles for a match which enabled him to show that he was worthy of a Rugby Union Trial, if no more. A. C. Turner, the Richmond scrummage half-back of last season, C. E. St. J. Beamish, of the R.A.F., who shared in a Midland forward triumph over the New Zealand pack at Coventry—while the latter still were scrummaging badly and hardly ever getting the ball—and W. McC. Ross, who was a prominent figure in the joint Yorkshire and Cumberland team at Gosforth, are other outstanding Anglo-Irishmen, as they may be called for want of a better word. Ireland will be anxious to see how V. A. Hewitt plays in the stand-off position, and J. A. E. Siggins and S. Walker—as well as Beamish and Ross—in the scrummage.

NEW ZEALAND. 3 POINTS.
ULSTER. 3 POINTS.

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RUGBY FOOTBALL

THE ALL BLACKS IN WALES

FROM OUR RUGBY FOOTBALL
CORRESPONDENT

The appearance of the New Zealanders at Aberavon in their twenty-fifth fixture—only Wales, the return with London Counties, and England remain—and the visits of Richmond and Cambridge University to Newport and Swansea respectively will focus a good deal of attention upon South Wales this afternoon.

The game at Aberavon may well prove a real test for the All Blacks as well as an extra trial for Welsh forwards. The forwards, indeed, represent the keys to hope and success both in the cases of the joint Neath and Aberavon XV. and that of Wales at Cardiff in a week's time. Whatever the backs may do or not do or undo, one thing is certain—no team, national or otherwise, can now hope to beat the New Zealanders on their recent form unless their forwards are held, and well held, too. Neath and Aberavon hope that what they did when they encountered the giant South Africans' scrummaging machine in 1931 they will do again to-day. Certainly they more than held the South Africans, who readily admitted they were fortunate to win at Neath by one goal and one penalty goal to one try, for their only try in the closing minutes was made possible by a knock-on that escaped the eye of the referee. Clearly also the New Zealanders, who have not met a Neath-Aberavon side before, are taking the match with the utmost seriousness. Injuries permitting, they are expected to field their best team. The Neath-Aberavon side will include an excellent full back in T. O. James, who played for Wales at Belfast last season, and as fast a three-quarter line as the All Blacks have encountered so far. The half-backs oddly enough are not a club pair. Among the forwards—who are confidently believed to be capable of doing better than those of Cardiff and as well as those of Llanelli and Newport, with a sneaking belief that even Swansea may be emulated—is Glyn Prosser, a player of above the average modern Welsh standard.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

ALL BLACKS WIN IN WALES

FROM OUR RUGBY FOOTBALL
CORRESPONDENT

The New Zealanders won a poor match against Neath and Aberavon at Aberavon on Saturday by two goals and one try (13 points) to one penalty goal (3 points), and, nursing a few more bruises perhaps, were able to return to Porthcawl with only the now distant defeat at Swansea to disturb their week's rest before the struggle with Wales at Cardiff.

It was not the conditions, nor the All Blacks, except in occasional acts of retaliation, nor even the Neath and Aberavon backs as a whole, for all their ragged handling, that made it a poor match. The responsibility lay chiefly with the local forwards, whose crude, rough-and-tumble efforts almost from the very start reduced much of the Rugby to the low level of all-in wrestling without rules. Sometimes, in the open, the play was worthy of the occasion, and each of the New Zealanders tries was a magnificent example of what they can do, first, in "making" the man-over in attack, next, in turning defence into attack in the grand manner, and, thirdly, in the sudden breakaway by one fast forward from a scrum formed close to the line. The Neath and Aberavon backs also developed several promising attacks, and perhaps failed more because of a lack of combination, understandable enough in a joint fifteen, than for want of speed and ability.

A GAME OUT OF CONTROL

But the less said about most of the forward play and the laxity of control round and about and inside the scrum the better. It would be a grave disservice to the finer side of Welsh Rugby to gloss over these unpleasant facts. Were they to occur again at Cardiff, which happily is not likely, it would be a calamity. Rough-and-tumble methods, as one saw in some of the glorious rushes in Dublin, and even at humble Aberdare, can be part, a legitimate part, of the Rugby game. But visiting teams, and especially touring sides from the Dominions, are entitled to something better than the scrapping and ungovernable mauling, not to mention offside play and illegal insertions of the ball into the scrum, that went on almost unchecked at Aberavon.

About 20,000 spectators ranged themselves around the excellent playing field of the Aberavon club, and many hundreds more obtained a distant bird's-eye view from the steep slopes of an adjoining mountain. Some of the latter lit fires to help ward off the intense cold. The frost of the morning had been defeated, so far as the playing field was concerned, by a covering of straw, and the going was no worse than treacherous for the runners who unwisely preferred a sudden turn to a straight dash for the line. Curiously enough, the Welsh runners made this mistake more often than their opponents. It was not surprising, however, that the All Blacks were quicker into a stride than the men of Neath and Aberavon, who, just before the kick-off, had spent at least five muscle-binding minutes in the cold, seated, waiting to be photographed.

The keen marking and tackling which distinguished the home side fell through the match, with the result that, smothered Oliver in the first passing move, but in the fourth minute, the ball was heeled back from a loose scrum and a quick exchange of passes sent Oliver over for a try, fairly wide out on the right. Sent is hardly the word, for Oliver, after passing to Mitchell, ran round on the outside for a return pass and so made himself the man-over. This clever try was not converted into a goal by Gilbert, and Neath and Aberavon, having warmed to their work, did most of the attacking for the next quarter of an hour. At first, their stand-off half could do nothing right, but eventually some excellent passing sent Powell away on the right. Powell hardly used his turn of speed to full effect, however, for he side-stepped Gilbert instead of trying to run round him, which he well might have done, slowed down to regain his balance, and was tackled by McLean, who had fallen back.

A BRILLIANT BREAKAWAY

A good deal of long kicking that just failed to find touch followed, and James, the Aberavon full back, who on the balance held his own pretty well with Gilbert, placed his side on the attack again by means of a good catch and run up-field. The New Zealanders, for whom the much-harassed Sadler played his usual good game, tried repeatedly to relieve a turbulent situation by passing, but the tackling and spoiling were too much for them. They were, indeed, still struggling in their own "25" when, suddenly, a loose kick went straight into the hands of Ball, who was standing unmarked almost on the left touch-line. Ball at once raced straight ahead and found the open. The defence closed upon him sufficiently to make him pass, but found the half-dozen pairs of hands that had raced up in support of Ball too much for them. Two or three All Blacks were brought to earth and another bumped, but the ball went loose and the movement went on, ending only when Griffiths raced over for a try that Gilbert made into a goal.

This second set-back made Neath and Aberavon redouble their efforts and, with the aid of a penalty decision in their favour and a good kick by James from 35 yards out, they reduced their opponents' lead to 5 points. In the 10 minutes remaining before half-time, a breakaway by Adkins nearly ended in a forwards' try for New Zealand, while a dodging run by Randall Lewis nearly succeeded. The second half involved very few describable incidents. It mostly was scrumage and maul, rush and counter-rush and passing moves that soon were submerged in a kind of hurly-burly that swept to and fro at tremendous speed. After 12 minutes, however, a nicely placed punt to touch by Griffiths enabled the New Zealand forwards to take up the assault, and one of their number, McLean, snatched a rather surprising try close to the posts for Gilbert to raise the score to 13 points. One says surprising, because, in the first place, the situation half-promised a dropped goal by Tindill, and, secondly, because the ball seemed to be squeezed out of the scrum in full view of the defending spoilers and yet McLean managed to gather the ball and dive over the line with no more than one man on his back.

Nearly 20 minutes of rush and scramble—and worse—and marked-down passing remained, neither side gaining any further advantage over each other. Neath and Aberavon mostly got the ball, but the reason did not always bear analysis. Vickery stood out as the best of the home forwards. In the New Zealand pack, one admired as usual the imperturbable efficiency of Hadley, an example to everybody so far as one could see.

The teams were:—

NEATH AND ABERAVON.—T. O. James (Aberavon), back; H. M. Powell (Neath), R. Lewis (Aberavon), J. Thomas (Aberavon), and J. Bevan (Neath), three-quarter backs; G. Thomas (Neath) and M. Baker (Aberavon), half-backs; Glyn Prosser (Neath), D. M. Evans (Neath), T. Morgan (Neath), H. Thomas (Neath), W. Vickery (Aberavon), H. Matthews (Aberavon), I. Bennett (Aberavon), and G. Williams (Aberavon), forwards.

NEW ZEALANDERS.—G. Gilbert, back; N. A. Mitchell, C. J. Oliver, and N. J. Ball, three-quarter backs; J. L. Griffiths and E. W. Tindill, five-eighths; H. S. Sadler, half-back; A. Lamborne, W. E. Hadley, G. Adkins, R. M. McKenzie, S. T. Reid, R. R. King, H. F. McLean, and A. Mahoney, forwards.

REFEREE.—D. Hiddlestone.

NEW ZEALAND.
ABERAVON & NEATH.

13 POINTS
3 POINTS.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

AN EASY WIN FOR ALL BLACKS

FROM OUR RUGBY FOOTBALL
CORRESPONDENT

The New Zealanders had another match up in the Welsh hills when they met a team styled Mid-District at Aberdare yesterday and won by three goals, one dropped goal, one penalty goal, and three tries (31 points) to two goals (10 points).

The fixture was a new one, and experimental at that, for the scratch side was drawn from a number of lesser-known clubs, and the All Blacks were invited to play the part of crusaders in the excellent cause of first-class Rugby football in one of the few towns in South Wales with an Association football tradition. Happily the day was beautifully fine, the going firm and true, and both sides, in their respective ways, in a sporting mood. Decisively beaten as they were in the end, the representatives of Pontypridd, Treorchy, Cilfynydd, Merthyr, Penygraig, Ystrad, and Aberaman were far from disgraced.

If much of their forward play had the true rough-and-tumble touch it also was legitimately keen, and occasionally an object-lesson to better-known Welsh packs in the important matter of heeling back from the loose scrummages. In the set scrummages they could hardly be expected to hook or heel so efficiently as the well-disciplined pack opposed to them, but at least they shoved hard, followed up, and rushed with a rare zest. One noticed two men especially in the breakaway, Leyshon, a good dribbler, and E. Carter, a forward after the New Zealanders' own hearts, always up with the ball and not easily held.

A WORRYING HALF-BACK

The Mid-District backs also were not to be despised. L. Davies, at the heels of the pack, was one of the liveliest of his kind and sometimes linked up cleverly with E. Tucker, the stand-off player, and the centres. As a spoiler, Davies considerably worried Corner. Perhaps he was lucky that the referee gave him so much latitude in various ways, but he and his fellow back at least faced the formidable forces in front of them with abounding confidence and energy. Really it was inferiority in pace and training that defeated most of their attacks and finally had them run off their legs in defence. The All Blacks, who gave few of their key men a rest, were held for a surprisingly long time, but scored some magnificent tries when they got going. Oliver's combination was strong, and when Caughey was hurt and retired to full back one

saw what Caughey might have achieved if he had been sent over to Great Britain as a centre. By opening the score with a penalty goal from the halfway line and making the first try into a goal Gilbert reached his hundredth point of the tour. Subsequently he raised his score to 102. To the delight of his fellows also H. E. Brown seized the chance to score a couple of tries.

The crowd was not quite so large as hoped for, but the ground enabled a tremendously fast game to be played, and perhaps the surprising thing was that the scratch team stood up so well and for so long. The Welsh forwards never missed a chance to harry the opposing backs, and the backs were no less quick to snap a chance. The two centres, G. James and T. le Clare, early on very nearly opened the scoring. The Mid-District defence was also keen enough when the New Zealanders attacked, and half an hour passed before a case of off-side gave Gilbert the chance to kick a penalty goal from halfway. This taste of success was an encouraging spur to the whole New Zealand side. The backs speeded up their running and passing and the forwards helped to exert a pressure that enabled Tindill to break through and send over the big forward King for a try that Gilbert converted into a goal. This in turn led to a tremendous revival of Mid-District energy, which nearly ended in a dropped goal by G. James, and the game was going at a rare pace when several New Zealand forwards suddenly fly-kicked their way through an open defence, and one of them, C. Pepper, got the touch down. Gilbert failed with the place-kick, but the All Blacks led at half-time by 11 points to nothing.

CLEVER TRIES

The speeding-up process was continued in the second half, but it was some time before a hard-pressed Mid-District defence broke down and let Oliver run through and up to the post for Corner to add the goal points. The score was quickly followed by a characteristic dropped goal by Tindill from a pass from a scrumage formed in front of the goal-posts, but the Welshmen were far from done with. Their best, as well as their most wearisome time, had to come. They were pressing when Le Clare sliced a drop at goal and E. Phillips, the right wing, not only followed up but somehow tricked Brown when he got the ball and tumbled down. Phillips rose so quickly that he broke loose and sent over G. James for a try from an inside pass. Le Clare kicked a goal, and the enthusiasm grew accordingly.

In the remaining 20 minutes, moreover, after Oliver had made another clever run and unselfishly given Mitchell a try, Phillips scored a second try for the Welshmen, and again Le Clare made it worth five points. Somehow in the loose someone had kicked the ball far ahead and over the All Blacks' goal-line. There was a pause as if the whistle was generally expected, and then Phillips and a badly limping Caughey went after the ball. Caughey's effort was little better than a trot. Phillips was all out for a dive at the rolling ball, and he succeeded under Caughey's very nose. Next Gilbert, with Oliver in support, sent Brown racing past a tired defence. Finally a grand effort by Mitchell enabled Brown to score again.

The teams were:—

MID-DISTRICT.—T. Williams (Pontypridd), back; E. Phillips (Pontypridd), G. James (Treorchy) (captain), T. le Clare (Cilfynydd) and T. Keegan (Pontypridd), three-quarter backs; E. Tucker (Pontypridd) and L. Davies (Cilfynydd), half-backs; R. Leyshon (Merthyr), E. Carter (Penygraig), F. Harding (Treorchy), T. James (Treorchy), L. Rees (Cilfynydd), W. Francis (Cilfynydd), R. Davies (Ystrad), and A. Thomas (Aberaman), forwards.

NEW ZEALANDERS.—G. Gilbert, back; N. A. Mitchell, C. J. Oliver, and H. E. Brown, three-quarter backs; T. H. C. Caughey and E. W. Tindill, five-eighths; M. M. N. Corner, half-back; F. Vorrath, J. Best, R. M. McKenzie, R. R. King, J. E. Manchester (captain), C. Pepper, D. Dalton, and A. Lambourn, forwards.

REFEREE.—A. E. Freethy.

NEW ZEALAND 31 POINTS.
MID-DISTRICTS OF WALES 10 POINTS.

Sporting News

RUGBY FOOTBALL

WALES v. NEW ZEALAND

FROM OUR RUGBY FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

The tour of the New Zealanders is fast coming to an end, for while they are playing Wales at Cardiff this afternoon England will be holding their second trial of men for the final match at Twickenham on January 4. The only other game remaining to be played will occur on Boxing Day, when London Counties will be offered another chance in a return fixture. The third meeting of Wales and New Zealand is in the nature of a "conqueror." As every one knows, the original game in 1905 saw the only defeat of the touring side of that year. As every Welshman and New Zealander, at any rate, remember, the invincible, if not so brilliant and dramatic, All Blacks of 1924 made ample amends for that narrow defeat at Cardiff by a try to nothing by outplaying Wales at Swansea to the extent of scoring two goals, a penalty goal, and two tries (19 points) to nothing. Whatever else the second game proved, it revealed the sore straits of Welsh Rugby in the days that followed the War. A decade later Wales hold a much better chance of victory, but it is significant—indeed, much more than that—that only one of to-day's back division is a regular playing member of a club in Wales itself. The rest are Welshmen resident in England or Scotland and, with the exception of E. C. Davey, the captain of the side, past or present Blues. By contrast, only one of the forwards is a University man and an Anglo-Welshman.

WELSH DIFFICULTIES

Furthermore, as if to emphasize the poverty of Welsh club football, made worse by the almost daily depredations of the Rugby League in combination with the industrial depression in South Wales, it is generally agreed that the best chances of Wales to-day lie in the pace and cleverness of the "exile" backs rather than the home-produced forwards. It may be that the Welsh pack selected from the seven different clubs of Swansea (2), Cardiff, Newport, Cross Keys, Neath, Llanelly, and London Welsh may settle down into an effective scrummaging machine—they have at least the physique to do so—but it is a matter for serious reflection that no one is confident that they can, while the most optimistic only hope that they may learn the lessons of the match before it is too late.

Actually, of course, there also is a danger, from the Welsh point of view, that the Welsh backs will be fatally slow to settle down as a combination. Certainly, if the scoring machine creaks at all badly, many hard words will be hurled at the Selectors for breaking the partnership of the famous "schoolboy" half-backs of Swansea. The younger of these prodigies, H. Tanner, remains, but W. H. T. Davies, who made those remarkable cuts-through a weakened New Zealand defence at Swansea early in the tour, has been passed over for the more experienced and rather more robust Cliff Jones, of Cambridge.

Again, so it can and may be said, the understanding of the Welsh and W. Wooller in mid-field has been severed by placing the latter on a wing instead of in the centre. Those who feel that way will be relieved to know that if things do not go well the Welsh captain has a free hand in the rearrangement of his team. Those, again, who believe that in essentials Idwal Rees is a sounder centre than Wooller, if lacking the Wooller stride in going for the line, will be surprised as well as disturbed if Davey has to reverse the positions of these two players. Many hopes, too, will rest in Davey's own dash and recently improved sense of linking-up and, above all, upon his devastating "crash-tackle," a weapon of offence as well as defence.

WITHDRAWAL OF CAUGHEY

T. H. C. Caughey, New Zealand's best second five-eighth, who encountered the Davey charge at Swansea, is by no means the only player not to relish the experience, but he will not be there, except as a spectator, this afternoon. Caughey recently injured a knee, and so, like unlucky J. Hore before the Irish match, he has had to drop out of the side which has come to be regarded as the New Zealand international fifteen. This has led to a most important rearrangement of the backs. C. J. Oliver moves from centre to five-eighth and makes way for N. A. Mitchell, who so far has been seen at his best on the wing. Oliver, for his part, has not played at five-eighth during the present tour, though he is by no means unacquainted with the position and may well be as dangerous there as at centre. D. Dalton, who took Hore's place in the front row of the scrummage, has reported fit.

These changes may have improved the chances of Wales, but they cannot alter the fact that New Zealand ought to be the better team, say, in the opening 20 minutes, if not throughout the match. If Wales can hold their own and escape serious punishment during that time they may win, but they still will have to find a fair answer to Hadley as a master-hooker, and avoid the mistakes of nearly every one of the New Zealanders' opponents up to date—Swansea, their only conquerors, being a notable exception—in throwing the ball about wildly, failing to find touch, inability, until too late, to combat the five-eighth formation, and, last but not least, intensive—but not unfair—marking of Sadler from the kick-off to "no-side."

And is it too much to expect both sides, and especially the Welsh forwards, who, after all, are included among the New Zealanders' hosts, not to dwell too much upon the past, but to think instead a little of the future and the good of the game itself? A great match as splendidly lost as it was cleverly won would go down in the records as a credit to both countries. A dog-fight, with the inevitable orgy of bad blood, cheating, and penalties—perhaps even an incident comparable with that of Twickenham in 1924—would be only an ugly memory. It would indeed be an intolerable affront to sport.

The teams will be:—

WALES

V. G. J. Jenkins (London Welsh), back; G. R. Rees-Jones (Oxford University), E. C. Davey (Sale and Swansea), J. Idwal Rees (Swansea and Edinburgh Wanderers), and W. Wooller (Cambridge University), three-quarter backs; C. W. Jones (Cambridge University) and H. Tanner (Swansea), half-backs; T. Rees (Newport), D. J. Tarr (Swansea), H. Payne (Swansea), E. Watkins (Cardiff), T. Williams (Cross Keys), Glyn Prosser (Neath), J. Lang (Llanelly), and A. M. Rees (London Welsh), forwards.

NEW ZEALAND

G. Gilbert (West Coast), back; G. F. Hart (Canterbury), N. A. Mitchell (Southland), and N. J. Ball (Wellington), three-quarter backs; C. J. Oliver (Canterbury) and J. L. Griffiths (Wellington), five-eighths; B. S. Sadler (Wellington), half-back; A. Mahoney (Bush Districts), J. E. Manchester (Canterbury) (captain), R. R. King (West Coast), S. T. Reid (Hawkes Bay), H. F. McLean (Auckland), D. Dalton (Hawkes Bay), W. E. Hadley (Auckland), and A. Lambourne (Wellington), forwards.

REFeree.—C. H. Gaddy (England).

WELSH TRIAL MATCH

PROBABLES.—V. G. J. Jenkins (London Welsh), back; J. Thomas (Aberavon), E. C. Davey (captain) (Swansea and Sale), J. Rees (Edinburgh), and B. E. W. McCall (1st Battalion, The Welch Regiment), three-quarter backs; W. Tanner (Swansea) and E. Richards (Weston-super-Mare), half-backs; E. Evans (Llanelli), D. J. Tarr (Swansea and Royal Navy), H. Payne (Swansea), H. Thomas (Neath), T. Williams (Cross Keys), G. Prosser (Neath), J. R. Evans (Newport), and E. Long (Swansea), forwards.

POSSIBLES.—T. O. James (Aberavon), back; E. Jones (Llanelli), G. Thomas (captain) (Neath), H. O. Edwards (Cardiff), and A. N. Other, three-quarter backs; Duggan (Aldershot Services) and B. Southway (Blaina), half-backs; B. Evans (Llanelli), E. Jones (Aberllynny), T. Rees (Newport), E. Evans (Northampton), E. Watkins (Cardiff), W. Harris (Swansea), W. Gascoigne (London Welsh), and A. M. Rees (London Welsh), forwards.

INTER-CITY MATCH GLASGOW v. EDINBURGH

AT GLASGOW (2.15)

The Welsh Trial match at Newport without W. Wooller, C. W. Jones, and now robbed of the presence of W. H. T. Davies, one of the Swansea pair of halves, and A. Bassett, looks a formal affair out of which almost anything might emerge.

WELSH TRIAL MATCH

PROBABLES WIN BY A POINT

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The Probables were only able to beat the Possibles by a single point in the Welsh trial match at Newport on Saturday, the Probables scoring two goals and one try (13 points) and the Possibles two penalty goals and two tries (12 points).

Within the next few days the Welsh selectors have to choose the team to meet New Zealand at Cardiff on December 21, and they will have a difficult task. It was expected that the Probables would easily beat the Possibles, but nothing of the sort happened. Indeed there was one long period of the game when the Possibles were the superior side. The greatest surprise of all was the failure of the Probables' pack to justify themselves. This feature was so marked that A. M. Rees, the leader of the Possibles' forwards, rightly chose in the second half to take a scrum in preference to a line-out. Some members of the Probables' pack did not seem to push their weight in order to reserve their energy for open play. In the loose A. M. Rees was the outstanding forward on the field, and others who played well were H. Thomas, T. Williams, E. Evans, E. Watkins, T. J. Rees, and W. Gascoigne.

The Probables were very strong in the centre, where C. Davey and J. I. Rees played really well, but the Possibles had a fine young player in this position in H. O. Edwards, who was one of the successes of the match. He was only a schoolboy last season, but may earn a Welsh cap this winter. McCall, of the Welch Regiment, who played on the left wing for the Probables, was magnificent in defence. There were two splendid full-backs in V. G. J. Jenkins and T. O. James, but Jenkins was a little the better. C. W. Jones, W. Wooller, H. M. Hughes, and W. T. H. Davies did not take part in the match.

The Probables started very strongly. J. Thomas made a great dash down the right wing for the first try, and C. Davey soon scored two more good tries. Jenkins twice converted, so that the Probables led by 13 points after 25 minutes' play. Then the Possibles had much more of the play. James kicked a penalty goal and Waters raced through for a great try before the interval. In the second half W. E. Harris scored a try and James kicked another penalty goal for the Possibles.

The teams were:—

PROBABLES.—V. G. J. Jenkins (London Welsh), back; J. Thomas (Aberavon), C. Davey (Sale), J. I. Rees (Edinburgh Wanderers), and B. E. W. McCall (1st Welch Regiment), three-quarter backs; H. Tanner (Swansea) and E. Richards (Llanelli), half-backs; E. Evans (Llanelli), D. J. Tarr (United Services), H. Payne (Swansea), H. Thomas (Neath), T. Williams (Cross Keys), G. Prosser (Neath), J. R. Evans (Newport), and E. C. Long (Swansea), forwards.

POSSIBLES.—T. O. James (Aberavon), back; E. L. W. Jones (Llanelli), G. Thomas (Neath), H. O. Edwards (Cardiff), and H. F. Waters (Pontypool), three-quarter backs; B. Duggan (Aldershot Services) and B. Southway (Blaina), half-backs; E. Jones (Aberllynny), B. Evans (Llanelli), T. J. Rees (Newport), E. Evans (Swansea), W. Gascoigne (London Welsh), and A. M. Rees (London Welsh), forwards.

REFEREE—T. H. Phillips, Pontypool.

THE WELSH TEAM

WOOLLER ON THE WING

The team to play for Wales against New Zealand at Cardiff on Saturday is given below:—

BACK

*V. G. J. Jenkins (London Welsh).

THREE-QUARTER BACKS

*W. Wooller (Cambridge University), *J. Idwal Rees (Edinburgh Wanderers and Swansea), *E. C. Davey (Sale and Swansea) (captain), and *G. R. Rees-Jones (Oxford University).

HALF-BACKS

*C. W. Jones (Cambridge University) and H. Tanner (Swansea).

FORWARDS

*A. M. Rees (London Welsh), *J. Lang (Llanelli), *G. Prosser (Neath), T. Williams (Cross Keys), *T. Rees (Newport), E. Watkins (Cardiff), D. J. Tarr (Swansea), and H. Payne (Swansea).

*A former international player.

Our Rugby Football Correspondent writes:—

The team had to contain what are generally described as surprises, for the simple reason that there was a generally recognized superfluity of mid-field backs—the position of scrum half expected—and quantity rather than quality in the case of the forwards. Upon the latter, who are now found to include four former caps, three of whom belong to the back row, rests the main responsibility in the third great struggle between Wales and New Zealand, and the best that can be said is that the Selectors might have gone farther and fared worse.

Schoolmaster Tarr presumably has been picked as hooker along with the Swansea man, H. Payne—why the selectors did not pick the whole of the Swansea front row while they were about it is not clear to the outside observer. V. G. J. Jenkins was likely to be chosen on his recent form. Fit and well, he can be a great full-back, though liable to seriously bad days when not in perfect condition.

The three-quarter line represents an almost inevitable compromise, and the chances are that the selectors have done wisely to prefer Idwal Rees to Wooller as a centre, and to make use of Wooller's stride and turn of speed on the wing. Both players demanded selection, and first-class wings are scarce in Wales at the present time. If things do not go well there could be an easy interchange of positions. Davey as a tackler could not be bettered in midfield. Rees-Jones, although rather slow off the mark, seems the best available man for the other wing.

Last but not least the half-backs. C. W. Jones has been preferred after all to W. H. T. Davies. The choice was so difficult and so full of possibilities for good and ill that one refuses to criticize the selectors. Jones is the more experienced, versatile, and slightly more robust player. Davies, the club partner of Tanner—an inevitable selection if fit—may well be the sounder partner and cleverer maker of openings in the classical style.



CLAUDE DAVEY.



The All Blacks opening out after a scrum.



"OUT OF MY WAY."—A Welsh forward finds it difficult to escape the clutching hands of both sides.



SOME OF THE NEW ZEALAND FOOTBALLERS "snapped" on the Royal Porthcawl Golf Links. Left to right: Brown, Mitchell, McLean and Griffiths.

NEW ZEALAND

Full Back	G. GILBERT (1)	West Coast
Threeqrtrs.—Right Wing	G. F. HART (2)	Canterbury
Centre	N. A. MITCHELL (7)	Southland
Left Wing	N. J. BALL (5)	Wellington
Five-Eighths—	C. J. OLIVER (3)	Canterbury
	J. L. GRIFFITHS (11)	Wellington
Half-Back	B. S. SADLER (12)	Wellington
Forwards—		
	A. LAMBOURNE (15)	Wellington
	W. E. HADLEY (14)	Auckland
	D. DALTON (16)	Hawkes Bay
	H. F. McLEAN (26)	Auckland
	S. T. REID (20)	Hawkes Bay
	R. R. KING (21)	West Coast
	J. E. MANCHESTER (25)	(Capt.) Canterbury
	A. MAHONEY (29)	Bush Districts



Referee:
Mr. C. H. GADNEY
(English Rugby Union), Leicester.

Welsh Touch Judge:
Mr. MORGAN MOSES,
W.R.U., Newport.
New Zealand Touch Judge:
Mr. J. HORE,
Otago.

* Denotes new Internationals—other players previously capped.

WALES

(A) VIVIAN G. J. JENKINS	Full Back	Bridgend and London Welsh
(E) W. WOOLLER	Left Wing	Cambridge University
(D) J. IDWAL REES	Left Centre	Swansea and Edinburgh Wanderers
(C) CLAUDE DAVEY, Capt.	Right Centre	Swansea and Sale
(B) G. R. REES-JONES	Right Wing	Oxford University
(F) CLIFF W. JONES	Outside Half	Porth and Cambridge University
(G)* HAYDN TANNER	Scrum Half	Gowerton County School and Swansea
Forwards		
(H) T. J. REES		Newport
(I) *D. J. TARR		Swansea and Portsmouth Services
(J) *H. PAYNE		Swansea
(K) TREVOR WILLIAMS		Cross Keys
(L) *EDDIE WATKINS		Cardiff
(M) GLYN PROSSER		Neath
(N) JIM LANG		Llanelli
(O) A. M. REES		London Welsh



WOOLLER striding away with the field tailing behind him. Hart, the fast New Zealand right-wing, has come nearest to overtaking him.

LOST CHANCES

It was not the New Zealand forwards' fault that Wales twice recovered and finally won on Saturday. Hadley and his fellows gave the backs every chance to win the match in the first half, while fairly holding their own in the second. Sadler, too, emerged from his ordeal with credit. But the Welsh marking and tackling were so keen and hard that very few passing movements got fairly under way. It is extremely doubtful if the absent Caughey would have weathered the storm so well as Oliver. Ball showed his worth as a wing by scoring both tries, and Hart made his one run like the finished artist he is. It was significant that the man who really made that run possible was Gilbert, whose all-round work established him as one of the great All Blacks.

Wales, for their part, without a really first-class scrummaging pack, accomplished almost a miracle in avoiding defeat, let alone in gaining a well-earned victory. Their defence failed only twice, and each time it cost a try. G. R. Rees-Jones, the offender, fully atoned by being up to score the two tries made possible only by Wooller's superb running and the punt ahead that not only well beat a defence operating on slippery ground but rolled right for the attack. Davey's dash and backing up accounted for the other try, which followed a remarkably clever punt ahead by Cliff Jones, who, along with the 18-year-old Tanner, triumphed over a most discouraging situation and looked the best pair of half-backs Wales have had for many years. Jenkins, at full-back, also did well in difficult conditions, and it is only fair to the forwards to grant that they steadily improved in every way. Equally commendable and worthy of their own as well as other people's attention was the fact that they managed to battle through such a game without many lapses from discipline. The admirable conduct of affairs by Mr. C. H. Gadney undoubtedly helped to make it a sporting encounter.

There were four distinct phases of the match and the first, which really covered the entire opening 40 minutes, was as critical for Wales as the last. Gilbert kicked off for New Zealand from the Town end, and evidence of what the players had to contend with came when Jenkins fielded the ball behind his own goal-line and fell, rather as moderate skaters are apt to fall. He had to touch down, and though in the subsequent play the ball occasionally reached Cliff Jones or even one of the centres, a quarter of an hour passed before Wales reached the opposing "25." Meanwhile the New Zealand heeling and passing had been ominously frequent, and one suspects

that the treacherous going, which the players visibly distrusted at first, had something to do with Oliver's failure to score or to send Hart over at the end of one movement. Jenkins's tackle hurled Hart into the straw and the crowd, who just previously had watched a long penalty kick at goal by Gilbert fall short, were able to take another breath of relief.

New Zealand's ascendancy in front, however, became more and more obvious and Wales had to stand up to attack after attack and watch Gilbert take another long shot at goal. Still, 20 anxious minutes passed, Tanner was not in the least subdued by an unfavourable situation, and Cliff Jones once got in a brilliant run that nearly carried him up to the posts. The established team was letting valuable time slip by and the scratch side, as Wales, after all, were, was escaping the penalty of defeat in the scrummage. Gilbert was able to take a drop at goal, but Jenkins had a slightly better chance to kick a penalty goal for Wales, and more and more the All Blacks' five-eighths had to resort to finding touch.

Then, suddenly, after 35 minutes, a round of passing saw Ball run round Rees-Jones and touch down a try before Jenkins could tackle him properly. Gilbert could not place a goal from a wide angle, and Wales, who attacked for most of the remaining five minutes, Wooller now having exchanged places with Idwal Rees, should have felt grateful that nothing worse had befallen them.

WALES TAKE THE LEAD

A clear indication of what might have happened if the Welsh backs had had their opponents' chances came like a couple of bolts from the blue early in the second half. From the first scrummage Tanner sent Jones away, and the latter lobbed his punt ahead so cleverly that a turning defence interfered with the only man who might have saved them, Gilbert. Davey was up in a flash and the ball bounced so nicely for him that he picked up in his stride and scored behind the posts for Jenkins to kick the goal. Two New Zealand heels, with nothing better in support than a quick kick to touch and an easily-rushed bout of passing, followed, and, then, in prompt reply to a rush, Wales opened an attack from their own "25." It promised little, but Wooller's stride and pace grew with every yard, and no one could lay an effective hand on him in the course of a truly great run which carried him right up to Gilbert. Then, he punted far ahead and started to win that race too. Actually, it was in the nature of a dead-heat, with Wooller overrunning the ball. There would have been no try if Rees-Jones had not backed him up in the most intelligent manner. Jenkins placed another goal and the score read 10-3.

This looked like a Welsh victory, and yet there was plenty of time for things to happen, and they did. The Welsh pack were improving, but the growing confidence of the backs was not without its dangers. Perhaps they dared to relax a little. At any rate, closely following a breakaway by Mitchell which nearly brought a corner try, Jones failed to find touch and Gilbert, from fully 50 yards out, scored four points with a powerful, low-trajectory drop kick. And before Phase Four had begun Gilbert had failed with a 50-yard penalty kick at goal, a run and kick ahead by Hart had forced a hurried touch-down, and a disastrous misfield by Rees-Jones had let Ball in for an easy try which Gilbert had no difficulty in making worth five points.

THE WINNING EFFORT

About 10 minutes were left for play, and the Welsh team opened a desperate assault on the New Zealand line. This cost them the services of Tarr, who was carried off the field unconscious. Two free kicks helped to sustain the pressure and then, with only three minutes left, passing was started from a line-out, and Wooller this time raced round, rather than through, the defence, to end up with another telling punt ahead. This bounced badly for Wooller and New Zealand, but not for the faithful Rees-Jones at Wooller's heels.

As already indicated, there were anxious moments yet for Wales, but, as it proved, a combination of stern tackling, improving forward play, grand running, and a clever use of the punt ahead on a ground that suited its use had won the day.

The teams were:—

WALES

V. G. J. Jenkins (London Welsh), back; G. R. Rees-Jones (Oxford University), E. C. Davey (Sale and Swansea), J. Idwal Rees (Swansea and Edmough Wanderers), and W. Wooller (Cambridge University), three-quarter backs; C. W. Jones (Cambridge University) and H. Tanner (Swansea), half-backs; T. Rees (Newport), D. J. Tarr (Swansea), H. Payne (Swansea), E. Watkins (Cardiff), T. Williams (Cross Keys), Glyn Prosser (Neath), J. Lang (Llanelli), and A. M. Rees (London Welsh), forwards.

NEW ZEALAND

G. Gilbert (West Coast), back; G. F. Hart (Canterbury), N. A. Mitchell (Southland), and N. J. Ball (Wellington), three-quarter backs; C. J. Oliver (Canterbury) and J. L. Griffiths (Wellington), five-eighths; B. S. Sadler (Wellington), half-back; A. Mahoney (Bush Districts), J. E. Manhester (Canterbury) (captain), R. R. King (West Coast), S. T. Reid (Hawkes Bay), H. F. McLean (Auckland), D. Dalton (Hawkes Bay), W. E. Hadley (Auckland), and A. Lambourne (Wellington), forwards.

REFEREE.—C. H. Gadney (England).

WALES 13 POINTS
(2 GOALS & 1 TRY)

NEW ZEALAND 12 POINTS
(1 GOAL 1 DROPPED GOAL & 1 TRY)

Sporting News

RUGBY FOOTBALL

A WELSH VICTORY

ALL BLACKS LOSE A GREAT GAME

FROM OUR RUGBY FOOTBALL
CORRESPONDENT

Welsh Rugby football bridged the years at Cardiff on Saturday when New Zealand were beaten by the odd point in 25—two goals and one try (13 points) to one goal, one dropped goal, and one try (12 points).

The story of the match unfolded itself with all the cruel relish of highly-spiced fiction. A ground hardened by frost and a treacherous surface added to the thrills and hazards. To the winners, even more than the losers, it was an uphill fight from the first kick to the last. Like 1905 in result, it was most unlike it in development. In 1905, perhaps the greatest of all Welsh sides won a grim struggle against the original All Blacks, by one try to nothing—the famous text-book try scored by Teddy Morgan. In 1935 a new and vastly different Wales achieved something equally great by different methods, methods which were more or less enforced on them by the course of the play and the state of the ground. New Zealand, as generally expected, got most of the ball, yet scored only one try by means of passing. Their other nine points were the result of Welsh mistakes and the greatness of Gilbert as a kick. Gilbert's dropped goal from almost halfway will live as long in the memory, or even longer, than Wallace's winning hazard at Swansea 30 years ago.

WOOLLER'S STRIDE

Wales, having escaped actual disaster in the first half while their forwards were settling down into a pack—the lessons in forward play were cheap at three points—suddenly sprang to effective life early in the second half. The chances in the open never were of the obvious kind, and the classical method of approach was next to impossible. But, in their use of Wooller's stupendous stride—now being used in mid-field—the cleverly placed punt ahead, and, last but not least, the close support offered to the man who had broken away, helped by the bounce of the ball, the Welsh backs showed themselves better opportunists even than their brilliant opponents.

Two tries, each made into a goal, turned Wales from a losing side into a winning one in a few minutes. Yet the battle was barely half lost and won. Crisis once more settled on the Welsh team, when under intense pressure mistakes were made, and a wonderful dropped goal by Gilbert, closely followed by a second try by Ball, seemed to spell bitter disappointment. There was a horrified silence when the score-board, which had to be rectified at the instruction of the referee, established the fact that Gilbert also had converted Ball's snatch-try into a goal and the score had changed from 10—3 in favour of Wales to 12—10 the other way round. None too much time remained, but the Welsh counter-effort, undeterred by the carrying away of Tarr, their hooker, on a stretcher, was to prove invincible, and 50,000 imprisoned spirits fairly broke loose when the winning try was scored.

Even then the result was not fully signed and settled, for in the last three minutes it was touch and go whether Wales would remain steady enough under the loose rushes and aerial bombardment by Gilbert to which they were subjected. When, at last, Idwal Rees, as heroic and telling a player in his way as Wooller was in his, caught the final skier and punted it deliberately into touch, a shouting crowd swept over the field and remained there for some time, singing what now seems to be accepted as the Welsh national as well as football anthem, "Land of My Fathers." Meanwhile it had been possible for Manchester, the New Zealand captain, to race across to shake hands with Davey, who had been hoisted on the shoulders of his faithful followers. In this way, a great struggle full of hard knocks and hair-raising incidents came to an end in a pleasant manner.

THE FINAL TRIAL

ENGLAND BEAT THE REST

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The Rugby Union held their final trial match at Twickenham on Saturday, when England gained an encouraging victory over The Rest by a goal, a penalty goal, and six tries (26 points) to a goal, a dropped goal, and a penalty goal (12 points).

The defensive weaknesses of the Rest's three-quarter line were so glaring that it would be easy to belittle the strength of England's attack, but straight running and accurate handling will try any defence, and for that reason it is only fair to judge England's performance at its face value. England's superiority started in the front row of the scrummage and ended with H. G. Owen-Smith in the full-back position. D. A. Kendrew worked very hard throughout the game, but he was completely out-hooked by E. S. Nicholson, who was very ably supported by R. J. Longland and H. Wheatley. In the lines-out and in the loose mauls A. Clarke and C. Webb were always in the thick of the fight, while P. E. Dunkley and E. Hamilton-Hill consistently worried M. M. Walford and G. J. Dean, and also got through a great deal of very useful constructive work. J. McD. Hodgson took D. H. Swayne's place after half-time, and although he increased the strength of England's pack his chief value lay in the excellence of his place-kicking, which until then had been deplorably weak. Of the Rest's forwards P. R. Couchman and R. Bolton were outstanding.

GADNEY AND CANDLER

Outside the scrummage B. C. Gadney was the inspiration of the England attack. The speed and accuracy of his very long passes gave P. L. Candler any amount of time and room in which to get his three-quarter line on the move, while his occasional breaks-away kept the opposing back-row forwards in a perpetual state of uncertainty. The way in which Candler took Gadney's passes was above reproach and he had the ability to draw at least part of the defence before getting rid of the ball. There was about the three-quarter line a nice mixture of brilliance and steadiness. P. Cranmer was perhaps a little inclined to neglect A. Obolensky, but when he did go through the centre he contrived to keep in touch with either R. A. Gerrard or Candler. Gerrard relied on hard and straight running for his openings, and he very quickly established a sound working understanding with E. J. Unwin on the left wing. Obolensky has clearly come into the side to stay. His chief asset was, of course, his speed, which left the opposing defence standing still, but in defence he did not suffer by comparison with anyone else on the field.

On the Rest's side M. M. Walford improved as the game went on, but he was generally a little inclined to lie too far back to take cleanly some rather hurried passes from G. J. Dean. The three-quarter line were given few attacking

THE ENGLISH TEAM

FEW NEW CAPS

The following team has been chosen to represent England against New Zealand at Twickenham on Saturday, January 4, kick-off 2.15 p.m.:—

BACK

H. G. Owen-Smith (St. Mary's Hospital).

THREE-QUARTER BACKS

Prince A. Obolensky (Oxford University).

P. Cranmer (Richmond).

R. A. Gerrard (Bath).

H. S. Sever (Sale).

HALF-BACKS

B. C. Gadney (Leicester).

P. L. Candler (St. Bartholomew's Hospital).

FORWARDS

D. A. Kendrew (Leicester).

E. S. Nicholson (Leicester).

R. J. Longland (Northampton).

C. Webb (Royal Navy and Devonport Services).

A. Clarke (Coventry).

E. Hamilton-Hill (Harlequins).

P. E. Dunkley (Harlequins).

W. H. Weston (Northampton).

Our Rugby Football Correspondent writes:—

There is hardly a surprise selection in the team, unless one is very easily surprised. The choice of key players was limited to start with, while the long experience of forwards like Weston and Kendrew was quite likely to carry them back into an England XV. The bulk and comparative lack of mobility of Clarke and Webb may alarm some people, but if England are to beat New Zealand they will have to get more of the ball than Wales did on Saturday, and great weight tells in the second row if the front is not apt to buckle, which hardly should be the case where Kendrew, Nicholson, and Longland are concerned. Dunkley has fairly earned his return to prominence, and his fellow-Harlequin, E. Hamilton-Hill, the only new man in the pack, should do well alongside him in the back row. Both Nicholson and Kendrew, one notes, are hookers of repute.

At half-back Candler has done well enough as the partner of Gadney to be given the important task of acting as pivot, and may yet surprise the disbelievers. At three-quarter back veteran Gerrard and the virile Cranmer would be hard to improve upon in these days, and it is clear that Prince A. Obolensky is the obvious man for the right wing. H. S. Sever, who also obtains his first cap, is the robust and determined, rather than fast, wing. If he does as well for England as he has done for the Barbarians big football should not be above his capacity. Needless to say, Owen-Smith, fit and well, had to return as full-back.

chances, and in defence did not distinguish themselves. C. W. Suter, however, a difficult task with considerable credit, but he clearly does not possess Owen Smith's knack of being in the right place at the right time.

The persistent heeling of their forwards enabled England to set up an immediate attack, and it was not long before Cranmer kicked a penalty goal with one of the few really good place-kicks of the match. The Rest then succeeded in driving back the opposition, and, following a good run by Walford, Bolton forced his way over the line. Couchman converted the try, but England's forwards then took complete control of the game, and with a beautifully balanced run Cranmer went through the centre. On meeting Suter Cranmer punted ahead and, gathering the ball in his stride, touched down. Gerrard kicked the last of England's goals, but a moment later Obolensky, who was up to carry on a dribbling movement by Gerrard, picked up the ball and raced away to the corner flag. Gadney then completely outwitted a somewhat bewildered defence, which made little or no attempt to stop him, and from an opening made by Candler Obolensky scored again. Just before half-time Gerrard, running straight and hard, tricked the whole defence, and, although the epidemic of bad place-kicking was continued, the Rest were a thoroughly demoralized side.

A beautiful reverse passing movement between Candler and Obolensky ended in Obolensky scoring yet another try, and following an excellent bout of passing Unwin forced his way over near the corner-flag. Bolton, Couchman, and Kendrew then succeeded in rallying the Rest's forwards and Walford, who was given his first real chance, dropped a goal with a magnificent left-foot kick. Gadney was then penalized for picking the ball out of the scrummage and a good kick by Couchman gave the Rest further consolation.

The teams were:—

ENGLAND.—H. G. Owen Smith (St. Mary's Hospital), back; Prince A. Obolensky (Oxford University), P. Cranmer (Richmond), R. A. Gerrard (Bath), and E. J. Unwin (The Army and Rosslyn Park), three-quarter backs; P. L. Candler (St. Bartholomew's Hospital) and B. C. Gadney (Leicester), half-backs; R. J. Longland (Northampton), E. S. Nicholson (Leicester), Harold Wheatley (Coventry), C. Webb (Royal Navy and Devonport Services), A. Clarke (Coventry), D. H. Swayne (Harlequins), P. E. Dunkley (Harlequins), and E. Hamilton Hill (Harlequins), forwards. J. McD. Hodgson (Leicester) took Swayne's place in the pack after half-time.

THE REST.—C. W. Suter (Old Cranleighans), back; L. A. Booth (Headingley), G. M. Seldon (Walsall), R. F. Harding (Oxford University) and H. S. Sever (Sale), three-quarter backs; M. M. Walford (Oxford University) and G. J. Dean (The Army and Harlequins), half-backs; A. H. Brigstocke (Plymouth Abdon), D. A. Kendrew (The Army and Leicester), G. T. Dancer (Bedford), P. Z. Henderson (Bristol), S. R. Couchman (Old Cranleighans), R. Bolton (Harlequins), D. L. K. Milman (Bedford), and W. H. Weston (Northampton), forwards.

REFEREE.—W. W. Wakefield.

ENGLISH TRIAL MATCH

PROBABLES V. POSSIBLES

AT MOSELEY (2.15)

PROBABLES.—H. G. Owen-Smith (St. Mary's Hospital), back; E. J. Unwin (Army and Rosslyn Park), P. Cranmer (Richmond), M. C. Lucas (London Scottish), and H. S. Sever (Sale), three-quarter backs; P. L. Candler (St. Bartholomew's Hospital) and B. C. Gadney (Leicester), half-backs; R. J. Longland (Northampton), W. J. Bird (Old Edwardians), Harold Wheatley (Coventry), A. Clarke (Coventry), P. E. Dunkley (Harlequins), W. H. Weston (Northampton), P. C. Hordern (Gloucester), and J. G. Cook (North of Ireland), forwards.

POSSIBLES.—W. R. Bond (Millom), back; L. A. Booth (Headingley), R. A. Gerrard (Bath), G. M. Seldon (Walsall), and J. B. Charles (Leicester), three-quarter backs; G. F. Williams (Moseley) and G. J. Dean (Army and Harlequins), half-backs; D. A. Kendrew (Army and North of Ireland), H. B. Toft (Waterloo), A. Walker (Coventry), G. T. Dancer (Bedford), J. R. Spear (Durham University), R. Bolton (Harlequins), D. L. K. Milman (Bedford), and R. Willsher (Bedford), forwards.

THE ALL BLACKS AT TWICKENHAM

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The All Blacks of 1935 make their first appearance on a London football field this afternoon when they meet a side representing London Counties at Twickenham. The New Zealanders are making four changes from the team that defeated Newport on Thursday. Gilbert pulled a thigh muscle in the closing stages of that match, and his place at full back will be taken by Solomon; Caughey replaces Griffiths at five-eighth; and Hadley and Winyard join the pack to the exclusion of Lambourn and Mahoney.

London Counties have a strong side, including eight international players. V. G. J. Jenkins, who was chosen for the Welsh Trial match at Neath, has been released by the Welsh Rugby Union and so is able to appear at full back. There is plenty of pace in the three-quarter line, with E. J. Unwin and H. L. V. Faviell on the wings, and H. Lind and R. C. S. Dick inside them.

Lind has been showing fine form this season at stand-off half-back for London Scottish, but, of course, plays in the centre for Scotland. A great deal will depend on the manner in which the London Counties throw their passes. If there is any wildness about it the All Blacks can be relied upon to score several snap tries, their favourite method of scoring, incidentally. They have now won 13 matches, losing only to Swansea, and, although they will be well tested this afternoon, it is not likely that they will be beaten.

NEW ZEALAND.

24 POINTS.

LONDON COUNTIES

5 POINTS.

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ENGLAND

FROM OUR S

The Rugby match at Twickenham saw England gain a victory over The Rest of the World and six tries (three converted and two dropped goals) for 24 points.

The defensive three-quarter line would be easy for England's attack to break down with accurate handling for that reason. England's performance was a row of the sort H. G. Owen mentioned. D. A. was throughout the match completely out of the picture who was very good. Longland and out and in the C. Webb were in the fight, while P. ton-Hill contributed. Ford and G. J. did a great deal of work. J. M. Swayne's performance, although he is not England's pack leader, is a mark of the excellence of his team. Then had been Rest's forward line. Bolton were

GADNEY

Outside the scrum, the inspiration of the team and accuracy of his passing. Candler any amount to get his three-quarter back-row forward. Gadney's passes are the ability to do before getting into the three-quarter line and steadiness. He is inclined to neglect his duties. He did go through the line in touch with the ball. Gerrard relied on his openings, and sound working into the side to on the left wing. Of course, his speed is standing still, but by comparison with the Rest's. On the Rest's side, as the game went on, he was a little inclined to some rather hurried three-quarter line

To-day at Moseley, the English Probables and Possibles, in spite of a withdrawal or two, will represent not merely the nucleus of the first English fifteen this season, but the characters in a fairly serious play. Keeness and loyalty will combine to make the players show their paces to advantage if they can before the assembled crowd and committee of Selectors. The Selectors, for their part, though only human, are unlikely to err through picking localities instead of men. In some cases they may have to make bricks without straw only to have the bricks hurled back at their devoted heads by unthinking people. They will fall into traps and, according to the crueller of their critics, experience undeserved good luck in picking the wrong man who obliges by playing above his real form on the great day. Form, indeed, and that intangible quality known as the big match temperament often are at variance, and one can only hope that the Selectors will have sufficient inspiration and imagination at their disposal so that the latter quality is detected and relied upon in preference to Trial match form.

ENGLAND'S CHIEF NEEDS

Broadly speaking, the English Selectors are chiefly in search of a stand-off half, a centre, and two wing three-quarters behind the scrum, and, as usual, a pack of forwards who can be solid without being too slow, with two men in the back row who will be up to the vital duty of giving Sadler as little rope as possible. In writing this, one assumes that the Selectors are hoping, almost with their hearts in their mouths, that H. G. Owen-Smith has indeed come back as a full back—for where are the others?—that P. Cranmer will be able to retain their confidence in one of the centre positions, and B. C. Gadney will do the same thing at scrum half. One quails with the Selectors at the thought of an English team at Twickenham on January 4 without each of these three players.

Meanwhile it is to be hoped that M. C. Lucas, who has played some good games as a centre for London Scottish—why London Scottish?—will justify his inclusion in the Probable midfield in preference to such as R. Leyland, who is now Cranmer's club partner. On the wings the Selectors are likely to be well satisfied if even one of the four men they have picked justifies his inclusion. Unfortunately the soundest of the four is L. A. Booth, who is past his best and now appearing as a Possible. H. S. Sever and E. J. Unwin, the Probable wings, are incomplete players, the one a hard tackler and determined runner, but slow for a wing, the other fast and keen, but wild and often a bad finisher. J. B. Charles on the Possible side might easily displace either of these two if he strikes his form against the All Blacks at Leicester.

Similarly, at stand-off half, one has to hope for two things to occur: (1) the ability of P. L. Candler to show at last that he is a pivotal player of international class as the partner of Gadney; and (2) a revelation that the reputation of H. F. Williams, of Moseley, has been well founded. Unfortunately, for the reliability of the test, Williams will be playing on his own ground. G. J. Dean should serve Williams with accurate enough passes if the hooking of H. B. Toft and the shoving and heeling of the other forwards allow. R. A. Gerrard and G. M. Seldon will be the Possible centres, and it would not surprise me if the former elects to play the kind of game that will carry him back into the English team. Slow as he is, Gerrard twice penetrated the All Black centre at Bristol, and his tackling has nothing effeminate about it. W. R. Bond, the Cumberland full-back, is an entirely new man.

The arrangements at forward were upset several days ago by the withdrawal of E. S. Nicholson, the Probable hooker, and of D. T. Kemp, now a Trojan again, who was in the Probable back row. The places of these two not unimportant players were to have been filled by two Midland men, W. J. Bird, of the Old Edwardians, and C. S. Harris, of Coventry, but the latter cannot play, sary. J. C. Cork, the Irishman, has become necessary now, and the Irishman of Ireland winger, let in R. B. ... Possible pack and ...

THE NEW ZEALAND TEAM

SOME UNEXPECTED CHANGES

The New Zealand team to meet England at Twickenham on January 4 was announced yesterday as follows:—

G. Gilbert, back; N. A. Mitchell, C. J. Oliver, and N. J. Ball, three-quarter backs; T. H. C. Caughey and E. W. Tindill, five-eighths; M. M. N. Corner, half-back; A. Lambourn, W. E. Hadley, J. Hore, S. Reid, R. R. King, J. E. Manchester (captain), H. F. McLean, and A. Mahoney, forwards.

Our Rugby Football Correspondent writes:—There are some notable, indeed remarkable, omissions from the side selected to play in the fourth of New Zealand's international fixtures and the last of the tour. Many people will be astounded to read that neither G. F. Hart nor B. S. Sadler will be seen at Twickenham, though appreciative enough of the fact that both Mitchell and Ball are first-class wings and Corner a scrum half with an international reputation. One must assume that there are sound reasons for the changes, but at least they are not very apparent.

The two other changes are much more understandable. The return of a sterling forward like J. Hore—who was injured at Murrayfield—inevitably displaces D. Dalton, and the inability of J. L. Griffiths to develop his attacking game at first five-eighth—in defence he often has been superb—has encouraged the offering of his greatest chance to E. W. Tindill. The last-named player, who was a scrum half-back before he joined in the present tour, has had his success as a partner to T. H. C. Caughey, and, as London Counties especially know only too well, he is a drop-kicker of genius. England will have to beware of those scrummages formed in front of the goal-posts.

For the rest it is good to learn that C. J. Oliver and Caughey will be fit to play after all. The former had been suffering from a torn shoulder muscle, and the latter from an injured leg. Caughey, Tindill, Corner, and Hore did not play at Cardiff, Caughey and Hore because of unfitness. Corner and Tindill have not previously appeared in an international match over here. The forwards are virtually the same pack as that which played against Wales. Lambourn, Hadley, Reid, King, Manchester, the captain, and Mahoney will have played in all four internationals, and Hore undoubtedly would have done so but for injury.



All Blacks leaving St. James's Palace after being received by the Prince of Wales.

THE ENGLISH TRIAL

SOME NEW CHOICES

The teams to represent England and The Rest in the English International Trial Match at Twickenham on Saturday are given below.

ENGLAND

BACK

H. G. Owen-Smith (St. Mary's Hospital).

THREE-QUARTER BACKS

Prince A. Obolensky (Oxford University), P. Cranmer (Richmond), R. A. Gerrard (Bath), and E. J. Unwin (The Army and Rosslyn Park).

HALF-BACKS

P. L. Candler (St. Bartholomew's Hospital) and B. C. Gadney (Leicester).

FORWARDS

H. Wheatley (Coventry), E. S. Nicholson (Leicester), R. J. Longland (Northampton), A. Clarke (Coventry), C. Webb (Royal Navy and Devonport Services), E. Hamilton-Hill (Harlequins), P. E. Dunkley (Harlequins), and D. H. Swayne (Harlequins), forwards.

THE REST

BACK

C. W. Suter (Old Cranleighans).

THREE-QUARTER BACKS

H. S. Sever (Sale), R. Harding (Oxford University), G. M. Seldon (Walsall), and L. A. Booth (Headingley).

HALF-BACKS

M. M. Walford (Oxford University) and G. J. Dean (The Army and Harlequins).

FORWARDS

G. T. Dancer (Bedford), D. A. Kendrew (Leicester), A. H. Brigstocke (Plymouth Albion), S. R. Couchman (Old Cranleighans), P. Z. Henderson (Bristol), W. H. Weston (Northampton), D. L. K. Milman (Bedford), and R. Bolton (Harlequins).

The "England" team contains nine of the men who represented the Probables at Moseley in the first trial—Owen-Smith, Cranmer, Unwin, Candler, and Gadney in the back division and Wheatley, Longland, Clarke, and Dunkley of the forwards. Nicholson, the hooker, was originally picked, but had to drop out because of examinations.

The one choice in the nature of a surprise in the "England" side is that of Webb, who played in only one international match last season, but who has shown remarkably good form in county games for Cornwall this season. Prince Obolensky, who takes the place of Unwin, who in turn is moved over to the other wing, was practically certain to be given a place.

Experiments are being tried in the "Rest" team. Suter, who has done so well at full-back for Surrey, is given a thoroughly well-deserved chance, and Couchman, another player to bear a big part in the advance of Surrey in the County Championship, is included in the pack.

The choice of Walford as partner to Dean at half-back is interesting. Walford played in the centre for Oxford in the University match, but he played at scrummage half-back for Rugby. R. Willsher, the Bedford forward, who scored three tries for East Midlands on Saturday, is not again called upon.

THE TRIAL MATCH

The English Selectors in their arduous task of finding a team capable of beating New Zealand and, when the latter have departed, of successfully challenging Ireland for the Championship, have deserved the good fortune of not having their second trial match disturbed by numerous withdrawals of players. Visitors to Twickenham this afternoon have every chance of witnessing a real match as well as an interesting test of individual players, with—it has to be presumed—the odds on England rather than The Rest. The crowd generally sympathizes with the Rest, but in sober fact it is a cruel blow as a rule when the second choices beat the first. On the other hand, even the Selectors can rejoice in a serious test of their potential English fifteen. No one hopes, for example, that H. G. Owen-Smith will elect to have one of his too disturbing days, yet sound full-backs are so few and far between that no one ought to feel regret if the Old Cranleighan, C. W. Suter, in his first trial, runs Owen-Smith close as a reserve. Incidentally, there always is the danger that Owen-Smith's leg injury will

return and the nerve as he has the skill of a substitute have to be called upon at the last moment. It will be well if Suter plays up to promise in the respect.

Then, of course, there is to be watched with intense interest and some anxiety the play of both stand-off halves. P. L. Candler, already an international, but only an experimental stand-off player and very liable to injury, and M. M. Walford, the Oxford centre, who represents even more of an experiment. Equally so—perhaps more than anything—there will be the vital battle between E. S. Nicholson and D. A. Kendrew as hookers, always taking into account the support given them by their respective packs. Upon the pack, indeed, nearly everything will depend when New Zealand are met, for they will have to combine solid scrummaging with quick hooking and heeling, and equally solid work in the loose with a capacity for liveliness in breaking up the enemy attacks. To that end the Selectors have picked the 16½-stone A. Clarke, of Coventry, and the slow but powerful veteran, Marinc Webb, as the second row of the England pack, with a Harlequin back-row behind them. Dunkley and Swayne one knows to be worth the trial, and it is not unreasonable to hope that the new man, E. Hamilton-Hill, will justify himself too. The Rest's pack is not lacking in weight, experience, and spoiling craft, and it may be that every man in the "England" eight will have to fight hard for his place.

For the rest, the return to prominence of R. E. Gerrard as a centre is no great surprise in these lean days, and it will be a great disappointment if a three-quarter line made up of Prince Alexander Obolensky—as fast as Gibbs and a much better tackler—Gerrard, P. Cranmer, and E. J. Unwin, erratic but also fast, fail to justify themselves in opposition to H. S. Sever, R. Harding, the Oxford Blue, G. M. Seldon, and L. A. Booth. It will be still more disturbing if B. C. Gadney, an obvious first choice, and Candler compare unfavourably with G. J. Dean and Walford as a pair of half-backs.

The teams will be:—

ENGLAND.—H. G. Owen-Smith (St. Mary's Hospital), back; A. Obolensky (Oxford University), P. Cranmer (Richmond), R. A. Gerrard (Bath), and E. J. Unwin (Army and Rosslyn Park), three-quarter backs; P. L. Candler (St. Bartholomew's Hospital) and B. C. Gadney (Leicester), half-backs; H. Wheatley (Coventry), E. S. Nicholson (Leicester), R. J. Longland (Northampton), A. Clarke (Coventry), C. Webb (Royal Navy and Devonport Services), E. Hamilton-Hill (Harlequins), P. E. Dunkley (Harlequins), and D. H. Swayne (Harlequins), forwards.

THE REST.—C. W. Suter (Old Cranleighans), back; H. S. Sever (Sale), R. F. Harding (Oxford University), G. M. Seldon (Walsall), and L. A. Booth (Headingley), three-quarter backs; M. M. Walford (Oxford University) and G. J. Dean (The Army and Harlequins), half-backs; G. T. Dancer (Bedford), D. A. Kendrew (The Army and Leicester), A. H. Brigstocke (Plymouth Albion), S. R. Couchman (Old Cranleighans), P. Z. Henderson (Bristol), W. H. Weston (Northampton), D. L. K. Milman (Bedford), and R. Bolton (Harlequins), forwards.

REFEREE.—W. W. Wakefield.

RUGBY INTERNATIONAL CAPTAINS



B. C. Gadney (England).



J. E. Manchester (New Zealand)

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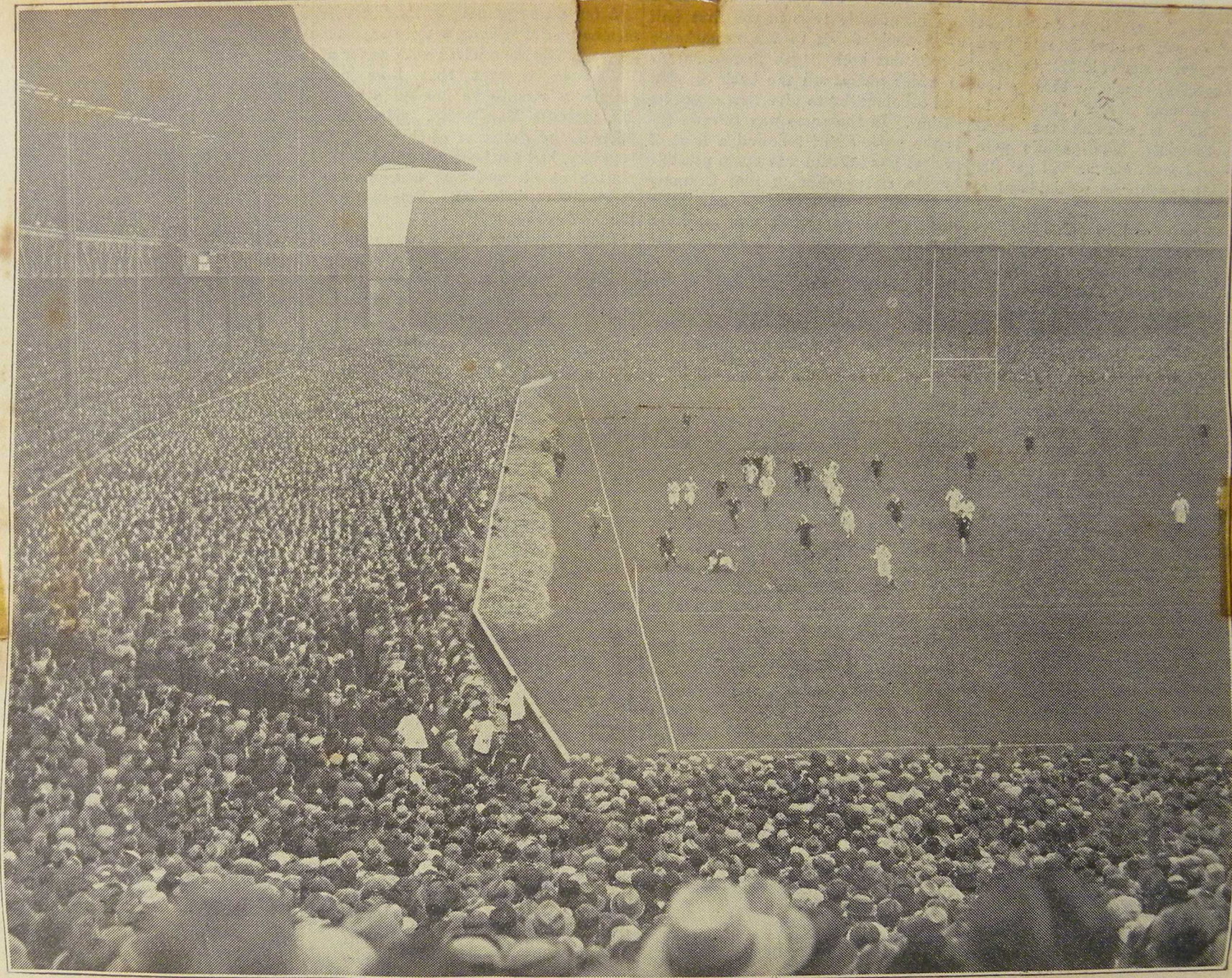
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THE ALL BLACKS AT TWICKENHAM



A view of the Twickenham ground during the match between England and New Zealand on Saturday. England won by 13 points to

THE ENGLISH TEAM



The English Rugby football team which beat New Zealand on Saturday. The names are (left to right), standing: P. L. Candler, E. S. Nicholson, R. A. Gerrard, E. Hamilton-Hill, A. Clarke, A. Obolensky, H. S. Sever, P. E. Dunkley, H. G. Owen-Smith, and Mr. J. Faull (referee). Sitting: P. Cranmer, R. J. Longland, D. A. Kendrew, B. C. Gadney (captain), C. Webb, and W. H. Weston.

ENGLAND'S FIRST WIN OVER NEW ZEALAND



Gadney (the English captain) makes a typical pass out from some loose play

A view of the Twickenham ground during the match between England and New Zealand on Saturday. England won by 13 points to 10.



PASSING from a line-out at Twickenham.

NEW ZEALAND RUGBY TEAM, 1935-36 TOUR.



(All Names reading Left to Right).

Back Row—N. A. Mitchell, C. S. Pepper, G. Gilbert, F. Vorrath, A. Lambourn, W. E. Hadley, D. Dalton.

Third Row—W. R. Collins, J. Best, R. R. King, A. Mahoney, J. G. Wynyard, H. F. McLean, S. Reid, G. T. Adkins.

Second Row—T. H. C. Caughey, M. M. Corner, G. F. Hart, J. E. Manchester (Captain), V. R. Meredith (Manager), C. J. Oliver (Vice-Captain), J. Hore, D. Solomon, R. M. McKenzie.

Front Row—J. R. Page, N. J. Ball, B. S. Sadler, J. L. Griffiths, E. W. Tindall, H. E. Brown.

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13 POINTS

NEW ZEALAND

NIL.



A New Zealand player with the ball about to be tackled by two England players at Twickenham.



Dunkley fails to convert England's first try. Owing to the angle at which the picture was taken the ball seems to be going outside of the far post; really it went straight for the middle, hit the centre of the cross-bar and rebounded into play

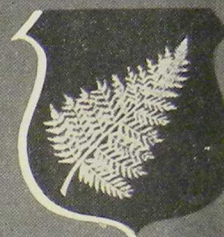


New Zealand get the ball away from a scrum in the international match at Twickenham.



Back Row—
Third Row—
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RUGBY REPRESENTATIVES
 BRITISH TOUR 1935-6



V. R. MEREDITH, Manager



"All Black" Team that defeated Wales, 29th November, 1924.



Seated in the centre is C. G. Porter, the Captain, who was unable to play owing to injury, and on his left is J. Richardson (holding ball), who led his side to victory. On Porter's right is G. Nepia, the famous full-back, while on the extreme left in the back row is Mr. S. S. Dean, Manager of the 1924 Touring Side. Kneeling on extreme left of seated players, is Colonel Brunton, Newcastle-on-Tyne, who refereed the match.
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