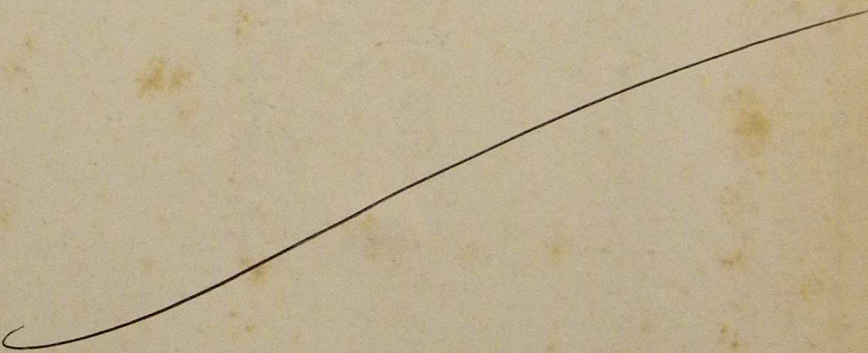


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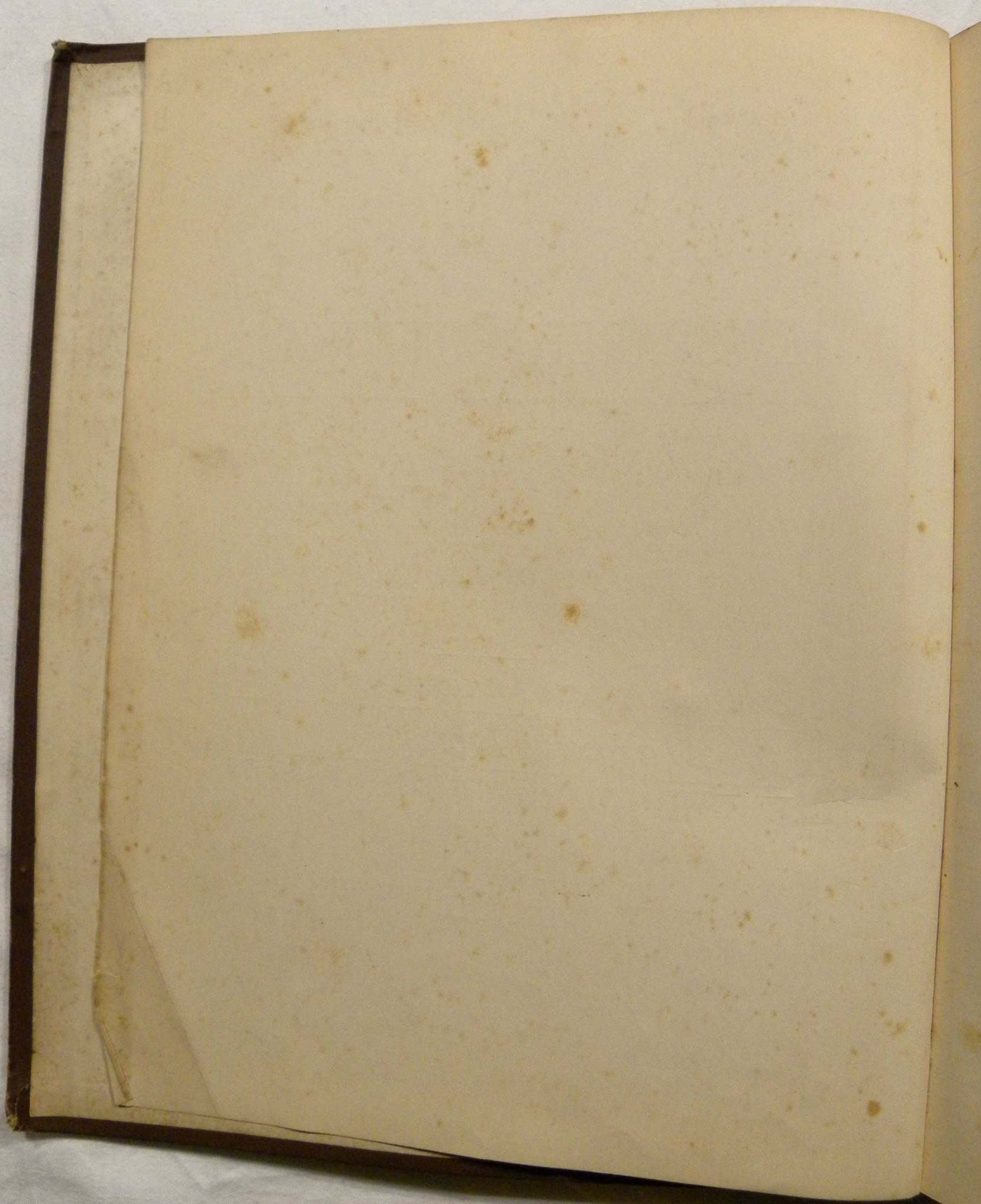


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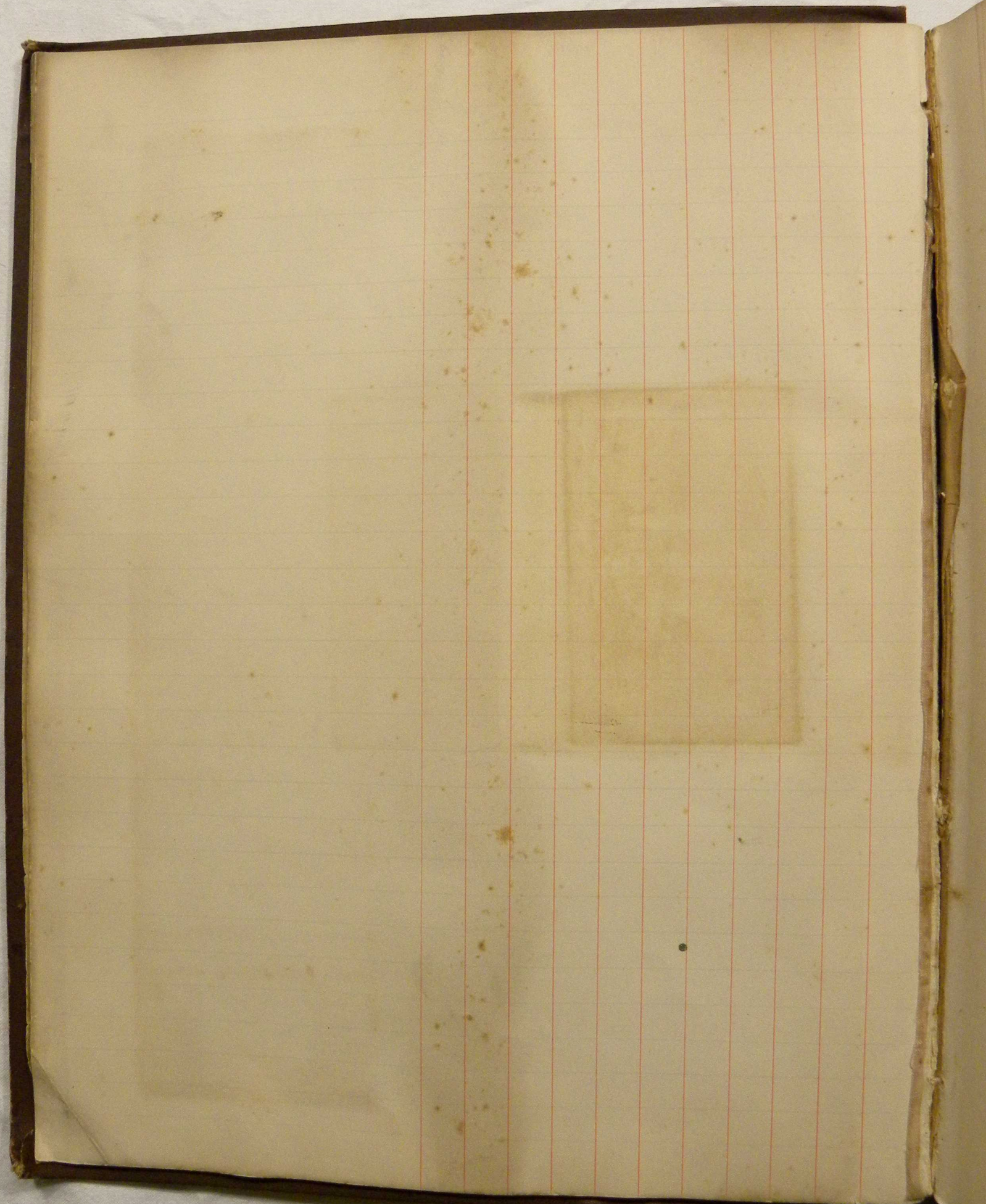
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CARDIFF FOOTBALL CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH LORD BUTE.

The annual meeting of the Cardiff Football Club was held at the Angel Hotel on Wednesday afternoon. Mr H. J. Simpson occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance of members, amongst those present being Messrs A. Duncan, J. P. Jones, G. F. Hill, W. Phillips, O. S. Arthur, H. M. Ingledew, R. Jones, F. Grogan, E. P. Biggs, W. M. Douglas, R. Duncan, T. M. Barlow, A. W. Morris, W. L. Yorath, F. Arman, W. E. Jacman, A. J. Robbins, W. Ropner, E. W. Mumford, and W. H. Treatt, honorary secretary.

The CHAIRMAN, in opening the proceedings, alluded to the slight difference which had existed between the club and Lord Bute. He did not think that Lord Bute understood the facts of the case, or they would not have had such difficulty to contend with. (Hear, hear.) It was mainly owing to the efforts of the hon. treasurer (Mr J. P. Jones) and to Mr Corbett and Sir W. T. Lewis that his lordship had consented to yield the point, and allow the club to charge for admission into the Cardiff Arms Park. They had a very heavy list of fixtures, and a very expensive one, because they had to contribute to the expenses of a great many clubs which were going to pay a visit to the town, and it was, consequently, an important point to them that the concession should be made. It would be necessary to point out to Lord Bute that it would be exceedingly desirable that his permission should be extended to future years. The club was not an individual enterprise. It was for the honour of the town that they had charged for admission. The money was spent for the benefit of the club, for keeping the ground in good order during matches, and for the development of football in the town, and he was sure that if his lordship understood the merits of the question, he would meet them in a generous spirit. (Applause.)

Mr W. H. TREATT, the hon. secretary, submitted the treasurer's report. From this it appeared that the gross receipts amounted to £1,211 5s during the past season. The principal items of this sum were £924 2s 7d gate money, £237 members' subscriptions, and £36 2s 6d ground tickets. There was a balance in favour of the club of £165 10s 7d, making a total of over £440 at the bank. A sum of £223 9s 9d had been given to other clubs as a share of gate receipts, £131 17s 7d went for railway fares, £125 2s 11d expenses at other matches, and £69 19s 8d in extension of the grand stand. The statement of accounts was received with applause and unanimously adopted.

The CHAIRMAN proposed, amid loud applause, that Mr C. S. Arthur should be captain for the coming season, in place of Mr A. F. Hill, who would be away for a considerable period. There being no opposition, Mr Arthur was appointed captain.

Mr C. S. ARTHUR, in thanking the meeting, nominated Mr Sidney Nicholls his vice-captain.

The election of committee was then proceeded with. There was one vacancy, that of Mr George Young, who had resigned, and the names of Messrs A. F. Hill, D. W. Evans, J. D. Evans, W. M. Shepherd, and Dan Jones were submitted for election. A ballot was taken, with the result that the following were elected members of the committee:—Messrs H. J. Simpson, 85; F. E. Hancock, 78; W. D. Phillips, 77; W. M. Douglas, 75; A. J. Hyatt, 72; A. Duncan, 65; A. F. Hill, 64. D. W. Evans received 43 votes; D. E. Jones, 43; W. M. Shepherd, 27; and J. D. Evans, 22.

Mr D. E. Jones was unanimously re-elected captain of the second fifteen. Mr J. P. Jones was elected hon. treasurer, and Mr W. H. Treatt hon. secretary. Mr A. F. Bland was elected joint secretary. As Mr Dan Jones was away, the nomination of a vice-captain was postponed. The following were elected the committee of the second fifteen:—Messrs R. Thomas, F. Grogan, E. P. Biggs, J. D. Evans, and W. B. Evans.

Mr C. S. ARTHUR moved a vote of thanks to Lord Bute for his kindness in allowing them to charge for admission to the ground, and to Mr J. S. Corbett and Sir William Thomas Lewis for their kind action in the matter.—This was seconded by Mr W. D. Phillips, and carried.

Mr W. H. TREATT announced that he had been requested by the Welsh Rugby Union Committee to state that in future the members of a club on whose ground an international match was played would have to pay for admission. He added that the first practice game would be played on the second Saturday in September.

Mr W. M. SHEPHERD gave notice that at the next general meeting he would move that the captain of the second fifteen should be an ex-officio member of the committee of the club.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the proceedings.

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CARDIFF v PENYGRAIG.

This match was played on the ground of the Pen-y-graig, in the presence of a goodly assembly of spectators. Cardiff, winning the toss, elected to play accordingly. Pen-y-graig in their favour, and accordingly, Pen-y-graig started the ball. Rees taking the kick-off. Fred Jones missed the return, and the opening scrimmage was in the Cardiff 25. Phillips passing to Rees, the latter ran close in to the goal, and Cardiff's position was seriously threatened. Jarman, however, got possession, and passing to Rosser Evans, the latter followed up a short run with a kick into touch at the centre, J. Lewis getting in a kick after the line out. Hughes returned in fine style. Llewellyn responded with a kick to touch near the centre, but after the line-out the Cardiff pack swept the ball into the home 25. The visitors here resorted to passing, but the wind carrying the ball at a critical juncture prevented them from scoring. Play ensued in the home 25. Here the ball hung for a long time, the home side's tackling being altogether too close to allow of scoring. Sweet-Escott taking a kick, the ball was intercepted almost as it left his foot, and swept rapidly up to midfield. He got back to it in a hurry, however, and, turning it into midfield, Fred Jones started a dribble, which left the ball once more in the Pen-y-graig 25. The ball being taken near the line, J. C. Evans effectively relieved by kicking to touch at half-way. The home side now exhibited some tricky passing, and at length succeeded in getting to the Cardiff 25. The score was but short-lived, play soon settling down in the centre. Here Pen-y-graig claimed and were allowed a free kick, from which nothing noteworthy resulted. The ball again approaching the Pen-y-graig line, J. C. Evans got in a clever saving kick, and thereafter the leather was sent to the Cardiff end. Hughes returned finely, and then, aided by a free kick, the Cardiffians closely invested the home line, and were several times within an ace of scoring. The game not relieved after a time and worked the ball out to neutral ground. Hughes now put in a fine kick, which Llewellyn returned to touch at the 25 flag. Tom Morgan ran to the centre, after the line out, but one of the Cardiff backs here got possession, and travelled close up to the line. The stay of the leather here was only momentary, the home side sweeping it away to the other end. J. C. Evans now got off, passing to Rees, who all but ran in at the corner. Mahoney, coming through a scrum, relieved the tension, and the Cardiff forwards speedily rushed the leather out to the centre. J. C. Evans here made tracks, but was pulled down before going far, and D. W. Evans took the ball up to the Pen-y-graig line. Driving their opponents back, Pen-y-graig, despite some capital passing between Rosser Evans and Pearson, worked out to the centre, and then, thanks to a kick from Prosser, invaded the Cardiff 25. A minute later the home side sent the ball across, and drew first blood in the shape of a minor. Following the kick-out, Lloyd sent the ball into touch. W. Morgan headed a splendid rush, and Rosser Evans missing a pass from Sweet-Escott, Davies kicked to the Cardiff 25. Thereafter Pen-y-graig pressed until half-time, when the ball was lying in the home 25, the score then reading:—

PENYGRAIG.....1 minor.

CARDIFF.....Nil.

On resuming D. W. Evans kicked off, and Pen-y-graig territory was invaded. Jarman, Rosser Evans, Pearson and Fred Jones put in some passing, but failed to score owing to a piece of muddling on the part of Biggs. After a scrimmage on the line to Pearson, the latter running in behind. Hughes landed a beautiful goal. Shortly after the ball being re-started, Pen-y-graig found their way to the Cardiff end, and Phillips, plunging through a crowd, forced the ball across, and just missed scoring. Rosser Evans, contriving in the very nick of time to touch in defence. Even play followed the kick out. A kick from Fred Jones took the ball to the Pen-y-graig 25. Fred Jones, Jarman, Sweet-Escott, and Rosser Evans put in some pretty passing, and Sweet-Escott kicking across, Pen-y-graig touched down. Neutral ground held the contest as after the kick-out, Sweet-Escott getting off passed to Rosser Evans, Pen-y-graig touched down when on the line, and as a result in the centre Jarman passed well out to Sweet-Escott. The latter ran close to the line, where he passed to Rosser Evans, who contrived to cross at the corner. The place kick, against the wind, failed. Play ensued in the centre. D. W. Evans, dodging about in a crowd, gained a lot of ground, and eventually the ball was got into a scrum in front of the Pen-y-graig citadel. Pearson got possession, and running just outside the home 25, and, running along the touch-line, scored another try near the corner. Hughes made a prize-worthy but ineffectual attempt to convert. Following the kick-out Lewis got away cleverly, and being well supported by Rees and Lloyd, the ball was taken to the Cardiff end. Here Rees passed to J. C. Evans, who sprinted clean in kick, but failed to convert. Lloyd took the place. Fast and exciting play ensued, Jarman dodging clear, nately failed to pick up. Had he done so another try for Cardiff was assured. Just afterwards the same man lost a second really good chance of scoring. J. C. Evans putting in a kick removed the ball from the Pen-y-graig end to the Cardiff 25, but Hughes was on the alert, and dodging out sent a trifle slow. Play thereafter went even and sweet, who gave the ball to Fred Jones. The latter failed to pick up. Shortly afterwards time was called, with the score reading as below:—

CARDIFF.....1 goal, 2 tries, 2 minors.

PENYGRAIG.....1 try, 2 minors.

The teams were composed as follows:—

POSITION.		CARDIFF.		PENYGRAIG.	
Back	.....	H. Hughes	.....	G. Llewellyn	.....
Three-quarter	.....	Sweet-Escott	.....	M. W. Rees	.....
Three-quarter	.....	R. Evans	.....	B. T. Lloyd	.....
Three-quarter	.....	J. Jones	.....	J. C. Evans	.....
Half-back	.....	Jarman	.....	Morgan Davies	.....
Half-back	.....	Merrett	.....	Walter Phillips	.....
Forward	.....	D. W. Evans	.....	Tom Morgan	.....
Forward	.....	Arthur	.....	D. H. Lewis	.....
Forward	.....	J. Mahoney	.....	Fred Casey	.....
Forward	.....	R. W. Williams	.....	J. Atkins	.....
Forward	.....	E. P. Biggs	.....	T. Thomas	.....
Forward	.....	G. Morgan	.....	J. Ross	.....
Forward	Gus Lewis	John Prosser
Forward	R. Thomas	John Lewis

Referee, Mr E. S. Richards.

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CARDIFF v PENARTH.

That the interest evinced in the match of the famous metropolitans with their rapidly rising neighbours the Penarthites was of the keenest and the most pronounced character was evidenced by the vast concourse which assembled on the ground of the Seaside on Saturday to witness their initial struggle. After the defeat administered to Newport and the capital stand made against Llanelly, it was thought that Cardiff would have all their work cut out for them; but even the most sanguine supporters of the team could not have expected them to porter of the formidable "blue and black" organisation, draw with the formidable G. Brown, their best forward was absent through a strain, received whilst training, and Lawday failed them at the last moment. Cardiff were also compelled to take the field without the services of Rosser Evans, whose place was taken by Merrett, but their strength was increased by R. Sweet-Escott, who played a champion game at three-quarters. The ground was in excellent condition for fast play. The teams faced each other as follows:—

POSITIONS.		CARDIFF.		PENARTH.	
Back	.....	H. Hughes	.....	H. E. Morgan	.....
Three-quarter	.....	R. Jones	.....	R. Garrett (capt)	.....
Three-quarter	.....	R. Sweet-Escott	.....	D. Radley	.....
Three-quarter	.....	N. Biggs	.....	G. Rowles	.....
Three-quarter	.....	G. Arthur (captain)	.....	J. Williams	.....
Half-back	.....	W. E. Jarman	.....	T. Hutchings	.....
Half-back	.....	J. Merrett	.....	F. E. Moore	.....
Forward	.....	S. H. Nicholls	.....	A. Williams	.....
Forward	.....	D. W. Evans	.....	T. Garrett	.....
Forward	.....	W. E. O. Williams	.....	J. Matthews	.....
Forward	.....	J. Mahoney	.....	P. O'Brien	.....
Forward	.....	W. F. Morgan	.....	A. Meers	.....
Forward	.....	E. P. Biggs	.....	J. Hayes	.....
Forward	.....	R. Thomas	.....	J. Mahoney	.....
Forward	.....	J. Williams	.....	J. F. White	.....

Umpires: Messrs J. P. Jones and J. S. Dewar.

Referee: Mr E. S. Richards (Swansea).

Cardiff won the spin, and chose to play with the sun and the wind—which blew rather strongly from the direction of the Gwrt-y-vil-road—at their backs. Garrett set the ball rolling with a fine kick, but D. W. Evans neutralised, the ball landing near the halfway flag, where Joe Williams received it and carried it into touch. On the throw-out the Penarth men went off with a capital loose rush, but the visiting forwards rescued, and D. W. Evans, Nicholls, and W. E. O. Williams headed a magnificent dribble, which took the leather well into the Penarth territory, where it was passed to Biggs, but the sprinter was floored before he could get away. Capital forward play was then witnessed, a chance for Charley Arthur being foiled by the Penarth skipper smartly turning the oval into touch. The home "ups," who played well together, gradually took the play into the Cardiff 25, but their stay there was only momentary, for Biggs came through with a burst. But again he was brought low. A long kick now drove the ball far into the Penarth side of the field, but Morgan was on the alert, and more than returned by a grand flying kick, which landed the ball near the Cardiff 25 flag. The Seaside, encouraged by the cheers of their partisans, redoubled their efforts, and, despite the strenuous efforts of the visitors to dislodge them, continued to invade the Cardiff lines. Rowles, fielding the ball in the open, with a fine sprint rounded his opponents, and planted the first try amidst vociferous cheers, which were renewed when it was seen that Matthews had succeeded in negotiating the major point. Following the kick-off, several loose scrums were formed slightly in the Penarth ground. Arthur secured from a pass by Jarman, and bringing off one of his characteristic corkscrews, gained about a dozen yards, then transferred to Biggs, who took the leather to within a short distance of the line. A grand rush now sent the ball over the goal-line, and Williams wisely kicked the ball dead. Succeeding the drop-out from the 25, Arthur lost a fine opportunity through miffing a pass. The home pack, who were in infinitely better fettle than the visitors, again made an incursion into their opponents' quarters, but D. W. Evans, by means of a long punt, transferred operations to the opposite end. J. Williams failing to field the ball, the visitors succeeded in dribbling the oval into close proximity to the Seaside's goal. A rush, in which Mahoney, Morgan, and the old Oxonian were conspicuous, was now rendered void through the latter player picking up when within two yards of the line. Garrett, ever to the fore, sprinted a short distance and transferred to Williams, whose progress was arrested by Arthur tackling him in fine style. The united play of the home front contingent was again responsible for changing the venue, and in a few moments a touch-in-goal was registered in favour of Penarth. Fast and exciting play ensued, the efforts of Arthur, Biggs, and Jarman to retrieve their position being thwarted by the close collaring of the home men. After a line-out near half-way Fred Jones got the ball, and dodging beautifully gained a lot of ground, and dodging yielding to Biggs, who seemed certain to score when he was tackled by Morgan and Rowles. Great excitement prevailed for some time. Cardiff besieged the Penarth citadel with great persistence, but hands of the sturdy Penarthites. Their position seemed to be impregnable. Scrambling play, in which the better condition of the home men told, followed, and when half-time was called the ball was in the centre. Half-time score:—

PENARTH.....1 goal.

CARDIFF.....1 minor.

On resuming after the customary interval, D. W. Evans set the ball in motion, and Cardiff following up quickly, some passing which reminded one of Cardiff's early days was exhibited by the visiting backs. This caused the ball to be taken far into the Penarth quarters, where it remained for a considerable time. Nicholls now headed a magnificent dribble, and, picking up the ball, he fought his way right through the thick posts, his plucky play drawing forth round after round of applause. Derivatives shouts announced after round of Penarth now warned to their work, and kept the play in the Cardiff territory. Brilliant forward play was now exhibited by Matthews, O'Brien, and Hayes for Penarth, for the visitors. From some loose play in the centre Garrett received the ball and came through a bunch of the Metropolitans, but was floored by Sweet-Escott. Radley then got off, but was floored by Sweet-Escott. Biggs too strongly the

the ball was once in the hands of the home side, and the home side now exhibited some of its tricks, and at length succeeded in getting the ball into the centre. The home side was but short-lived, play soon settled down in the centre. Here Penrygrais claimed a free kick, and then, aided by a free kick, Hughes returned lively, and then, aided by a free kick, the Cardiffians closely invested the home line, and were several times within an ace of scoring. The home side was relieved after a time and worked the ball out to a neutral ground. Hughes now put in a fine kick, which the Cardiffians returned to touch at the 25 flag. Tom Morgan ran to the centre, after the line out, but one of the Cardiff backs here got after the line out, but one of the Cardiff backs here got the possession, and travelled close up to the line. The stay of the leather here was only momentary, the home side sweeping it away to the other end. J. C. Evans now got off, passing to Rees, who all but ran in at the corner. Mahoney, coming through a scrum, relieved the tension, and the Cardiff forwards speedily rushed the leather out to the centre. J. C. Evans here made tracks, but was pulled down before going far, and D. W. Evans took the ball up to the Penrygrais line. Driving their opponents back, Penrygrais, despite some capital passing between Rosser Evans and Pearson, worked out to the centre, and then, thanks to a kick from Prosser, invaded the Cardiff 25. A minute later the home side sent the ball across, and drew first blood in the shape of a minor. Following the kick-out, Lloyd sent the ball into touch. W. Morgan headed a splendid rush, and Rosser Evans missing a pass from Sweet-Escott, Davies kicked to the Cardiff 25. Thereafter Penrygrais pressed until half-time, when the ball was lying in the home 25, the score then reading:—

PENRYGRAIS..... 1 minor.
CARDIFF..... Nil.

On resuming D. W. Evans kicked off, and Penrygrais territory was invaded. Jarman, Rosser Evans, Pearson and Fred Jones put in some passing, but failed to score owing to a piece of muffling on the part of Biggs. After a scrimmage of two, Jarman passed to Fred Jones, who transferred near the line to Pearson, the latter running in behind. Hughes landed a beautiful goal. Shortly after the ball being re-started, Penrygrais found their way to the Cardiff end, and Phillips, plunging through a crowd, forced the ball across, and just missed scoring. Rosser Evans contriving in the very nick of time to touch in defence. Even play followed the kick out. A kick from Fred Jones took the ball to the Penrygrais 25. Fred Jones, Jarman, Sweet-Escott, and Rosser Evans put in some pretty passing, and Sweet-Escott kicking across, Penrygrais touched down. Neutral ground held the contestants after the kick-out, Sweet-Escott getting off passed to Rosser Evans, who was brought down when on the line, and as a result Penrygrais touched in defence. Now from a scrimmage in the centre Jarman passed well out to Sweet-Escott, who, after getting clear, passed to Fred Jones. The latter ran close to the line, where he passed to Rosser Evans, who contrived to cross at the corner. The place kick, against the wind, failed. Play ensued in the centre. D. W. Evans, dodging about in a crowd, gained a lot of ground, and eventually the ball was got into a scrimmage in front of the Penrygrais citadel. Presently Pearson got possession just outside the home 25, and, running along the touch-line, scored another try near the corner. Hughes made a praiseworthy but ineffectual attempt to convert. Following the kick-out Lewis got away cleverly, and being well supported by Rees and Lloyd the ball was taken to the Cardiff end. Here Rees passed to J. C. Evans, who sprinted clean in amid cheers, and scored a try. Lloyd took the place kick, but failed to convert, the ball falling short. Fast and exciting play ensued, Jarman, dodging clear from a scrimmage, passed to Pearson, who unfortunately failed to pick up. Had he done so another try for Cardiff was assured. Just afterwards the same man lost a second really good chance of scoring. J. C. Evans putting in a kick removed the ball from the Penrygrais end to the Cardiff 25, but Hughes was on the alert, and dodging out sent the ball well back. Play thereafter was even and a trifle slow, Jarman passing to Sweet-Escott, who gave the ball to Fred Jones. The latter went on a bit, and then chucked to Rosser Evans, who failed to pick up. Shortly afterwards time was called, with the score reading as below:—

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Half-back.....	Merritt.....	Walter Phillips
Forward.....	D. W. Evans.....	Tom Morgan
Forward.....	J. Mahoney.....	D. H. Lewis
Forward.....	Arman.....	Fred Casey
Forward.....	R. W. Williams.....	J. Atkins
Forward.....	E. P. Biggs.....	R. John
Forward.....	T. Morgan.....	J. Rees
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Forward.....	R. Thomas.....	John Lewis

Referee, Mr E. S. Richards.

Half-back.....	J. H. Nicholls.....	A. Williams
Forward.....	D. W. Evans.....	T. Garrett
Forward.....	W. E. O. Williams.....	J. Matthews
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PENARTH..... 1 goal.
CARDIFF..... 1 minor.

On resuming after the customary interval, D. W. Evans set the ball in motion, and Cardiff following up quickly, some passing which reminded one of Cardiff's rainy days was exhibited by the visiting backs, in which Jarman, Sweet-Escott, Arthur, and F. Jones shone. This caused the ball to be taken far into the Penarth quarters, where it remained for a considerable time. Nicholls now headed a magnificent dribble, and, picking up the ball, he fought his way right through the thick of his opponents, eventually landing a try between the posts, his plucky play drawing forth round after round of applause. Derisive shouts announced the fact that Hughes had signally failed with the place-kick. Penarth now warned to their work, and kept the play in the Cardiff territory. Brilliant forward play was now exhibited by Matthews, O'Brien, and Hayes for Penarth, and Nicholls, W. E. O. Williams, Morgan, and Thomas for the visitors. From some loose play in the centre Garrett received the ball and came through a bunch of the Metropolitan, but was floored by Sweet-Escott. Radley then got off, but losing the ball and kicking too strongly the leather was driven dead. Disorganised play ensued for several minutes. The "Butcher Boys" still held the ascendancy, but their desperate onslaughts were met with tackling which in itself was "a sight for to see." Garrett took the ball to within a yard of the goal, and in another minute a melee took place across the line. This resulted in nothing material. With a mighty effort the ball was driven by degrees to mid-territory, where a fierce fight was waged with varying advantage. At length Sweet-Escott got possession, and made a clinking run, from which he scored a well-deserved try under the posts. Evans, the old "dark blue," was selected to take the kick, and when he landed a goal the Cardiffites (who were present in hundreds) gave vent to their feelings in frantic cheers. After the kick-off the Penarth backs showed vastly improved combination, their passes being given and received with marvellous precision. "Good old Saw-tine" did he nobly respond. A dribble led by Nicholls and D. W. Evans was nipped in the bud by Matthews, who put in a long punt. Radley followed up and lost a fine opportunity by kicking the ball into touch some 10 yards from the line. Loose play with varying result then took place, but a pass literally "chucked at" him by Moore and made tracks for the line, but was earthed by F. Jones. Sweeping the ball before them the Penarthites slowly got the ball down to the goal, and at length they which about a dozen men participated, took place, essayed the place, but this time he failed. The kick-off being well returned by Morgan, Biggs received the oval, and making use of his great speed, carried it to the 25 flag. Several rough scrimmages next occurred. Penarth still continued to force the fight and Garrett almost got in, but was nullified by Hughes. Thereafter to the foot of the referee's whistle the game resolved itself into a loose scrambling contest, mostly in the visitors territory.

FINAL SCORE:
PENARTH..... 1 goal, 1 try, 2 minors
CARDIFF..... 1 goal, 1 try, 1 minor

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NEWPORT v. CARDIFF.

The first match between these two teams this season took place at the Cardiff Arms Park in miserable weather. Cardiff was but poorly represented, whilst Newport, with one or two exceptions, played their full strength. The ground was soft, and rain fell at intervals during the game. D. W. Evans kicked off from the Westgate-street end, and Dauncey returned. Pearson replied, and play took place in the centre. From a scrum Rosser Evans picked up and handed to Arthur, who made a brief sprint. Shortly afterwards Rosser distinguished himself again, and a strong rush by the home forwards put Newport on the defensive in their own 25. Newport got away past the half, but Gus Lewis smartly sent the leather up and the Cardiff forwards, headed by W. E. O. Williams, Nicholls, and D. W. Evans made a splendid rush, which the visitors tried in vain to stop, and W. E. O. Williams ultimately landed a beautiful try between the posts. D. W. Evans failed at goal. After the drop-out Newport assumed the aggressive, but Arthur, by a short run, took the leather to the centre. After some interesting scrummaging Nicholls and Mahoney dribbled up to the Newport 25, where Davies saved in fine style. From a line-out Newport rushed down, and Gus Lewis replied with a strong punt. Jewitt, however, was equal to the emergency, and by a huge kick sent the leather down to the Cardiff 25. Newport pressed matters, and Webb, kicking over the line, compelled Lewis to touch down. Almost immediately after the drop-out, the visitors obtained another dead ball. D. W. Evans dropped out, but Newport returned to the attack, and some tight scrummaging took place in the Cardiff 25, in front of the goal. Webb received the leather, and as quick as thought landed a beautiful goal from the field amidst tremendous cheering by the Newport partisans. D. W. Evans restarted the ball, and play was at once resumed in the visitors' 25. Cardiff made a desperate attempt to score, and some excellent work was put in by Nicholls, Pearson, and Rosser Evans. The ball was handed to Jones, but he failed to take the opportunity, and it was knocked into touch within a couple of yards of the Newport line. From the line-out the visitors, headed by Phillips, made a fine rush to the Cardiff 25, where the leather was handed to Jewitt. The latter was smartly tackled by Pearson and Jones, and Lewis relieved. Webb again attempted the drop goal trick, Arthur, however, was too much for him, and he was grassed before he could accomplish his object. O. Arthur then made a splendid dribble, and Coslett improved by a smart run to the Newport 25. Through a mull by F. Jones, Cardiff were placed on the defensive, but Mahoney dribbled away again. Dauncey and Jewitt, however, played up well, and again rushed the ball to the Cardiff 25. Once the visitors looked like scoring, but Gus Lewis, with a well-judged punt, sent the leather into touch. Directly afterwards half-time was called, the score being:—Newport, one goal (dropped), and two minors; Cardiff one try. On resuming, after change of ends, Hansen kicked off, and D. W. Evans returned to the Newport 25. Webb replied, and the visitors' forwards following up well, transferred the play to the home 25. Cardiff worked down to the half along the touch-line, and the ball becoming loose, Coslett showed up in fine form. Mahoney made a brief run, but the ball was brought back. Play was resumed near the half, when Rosser Evans got away splendidly with a neat dribble. England stopped the rush, but he was tackled before he could relieve himself of the leather, and in a scrumage in Newport territory near the half, C. Arthur received the ball, and made a splendid run to the 25. Here, however, he was overwhelmed, and a scrumage ensued. Newport, with a loose dribble, got away to the half, and Coslett was instrumental in gaining a few yards. The scrummages were well contested, but Newport had a slight advantage. Ingledew handed to Jones, but the latter was unable to get away. Rosser Evans watched his man well, and it was a rare event that the Newport halves were able to do much. In the open, however, they had an advantage, Graham and Hansen being particularly strong. Scrummage after scrummage took place near the half, but for some time neither side gained any definite advantage. Pearson attempted to get away, but he was promptly collared, and a scrum was formed in the same old place. Coslett and Arthur attempted a smart bit of passing, but as the ball was thrown forward it resulted in nothing. A smart bit of play now took place by both teams, and a couple of excellent rushes were witnessed, but they terminated as usual within a few yards of the centre. Phillips and Day rushed the ball up well, but Nicholls, Mahoney, and Morgan dribbled back to the centre, where England picked up and, by a strong punt, transferred the game to the Cardiff 25. From the scrumage which ensued D. W. Evans broke through and dribbled past the half. Here Graham made a short sprint and attempted to pass, but the ball went dead at the 25. Another tight scrumage was formed, and Rosser Evans gained a few yards by his smart play. Newport seemed almost certain to score, but Lewis kicked into touch, and averted the disaster. Nicholls dribbled down to the visitors' 25, but Phillips quickly took it back again, and the ball went into touch. Rosser Evans and D. W. Evans headed a rush, but Hier Davies kicked into touch. Pearson directly afterwards sent the leather rolling to the Newport 25. Nicholls now had a splendid chance of scoring, but he lost the ball on being tackled. Cardiff now pressed severely, and W. E. O. Williams nearly got in, the defence of the visitors, however, was too good, and he was brought down close to the line. From the scrumage which ensued F. Jones received the ball and landed a try amidst tremendous enthusiasm. D. W. Evans took the kick and landed a beautiful goal. Time was then called, the score being:—Cardiff, 1 goal and 1 try; Newport, 1 goal (dropped) and 2 minors. The following were the teams:—Cardiff: Back, Gus Lewis; three-quarter backs, G. Arthur (captain), P. N. Jones, S. Pearson, and C. Coslett; half-backs, J. Rosser Evans and H. M. Ingledew; forwards, S. H. Nicholls, D. W. Evans, W. E. O. Williams, J. Mahoney, T. W. Morgan, R. Thomas, J. Williams, and Allen. Newport: Back, T. England; three-quarter backs, Dauncey, J. E. Webb, T. Hier Davies, and G. Jewitt; half-backs, P. Downe and P. Phillips; forwards, T. O. Graham (captain), J. Handen, H. T. Day, E. J. Williams, T. Edwards, T. H. Griffiths, T. Newcombe, and A. Boucher.

26th Oct 1889.

CARDIFF V. NEATH.

This match was played at Neath before a small crowd, in dull, cold weather. Neath started the leather from the town end, and a good return being made by Evans, play took place in the Neath half. Loose scrummaging took place, and F. Jones receiving a pass, had no difficulty in securing a try. The shot at goal was unsuccessful. After the drop out Cardiff pressed, and Arthur obtained a free. The kick at goal failed, and Neath now made a desperate attempt to score, and worked the ball down to Cardiff quarters. The visitors, however, with a strong rush, took the ball to the Neath line, where Brookham relieved with a flying kick. Directly afterwards Nicholls and Mahoney dribbled up well, and Arthur obtained another try. Evans made a good attempt at goal, the ball striking the attack and simply romped round the home team. From a scrum near the line Evans got another try, but his kick at goal fell short. Neath now played up better, but their efforts were of no avail against the stronger combination of Cardiff. The ball was once more taken up the Neath line, but Brookham again came to the rescue with a strong punt. For some time play took place in the centre. The home team now placed Cardiff on the defensive, but the ball was towards were too strong, and the ball was gradually worked up to the Neath stronghold. Neath tackled well, and Inglelew, who made a good attempt to get through, was brought down, and the score went into touch. Half time was then called, the score being—Cardiff, 1 goal, 2 tries, 1 minor; Neath, nil. Almost immediately after changing ends Neath pressed and rushed the ball up to the Cardiff line. Arthur mulled, and Jones got a try amid great enthusiasm. Morris landed a goal. At re-starting the home team made another brilliant rush, and were almost on the point of scoring when Pearson, with a flying kick, sent the ball to the centre. Neath, however, worked up again, and Hughes saved by kicking into touch. The home team now played brilliantly, and the game became exciting. Hughes made a huge mistake in holding the ball, and a scrumming took place in front of the Cardiff goal. Brookham received the leather, and quick as thought sent it over the bar amid screams of delight on the part of the Neath partisans. For some minutes play took place in the centre. Cardiff worked down, but the plucky Neath boys again rushed up to the visitors' 25. The game now proceeded in semi-darkness, and it was almost impossible to distinguish the players. The Cardiff forwards rushed down close to the Neath line, but Brookham returned with a splendid run. He, however, spoiled an almost sure chance of scoring by a kick, and Allen smartly sent the ball back to the centre. Tight play now took place in the centre, and a strong punt compelled Hughes to save. Cardiff were continually obliged to act on the defensive, and it was only at occasional intervals that they took the ball past in the centre. Allen played up well, and Inglelew worked hard, but all their efforts were of no avail, and no further point was added to the score. Time was soon afterwards called, leaving Cardiff the winners by one point, the score being—Cardiff, 1 goal, 2 tries, 1 minor; Neath, 2 goals, 1 minor. Teams:—Cardiff: Back, H. Hughes; three-quarter backs, C. S. Arthur (captain), F. N. Jones, T. W. Pearson, and W. Cosslett; half-backs, D. W. Evans and Inglelew; forwards, S. H. Nicholls, W. B. O. Williams, G. Lewis, J. Mahoney, R. Thomas, T. W. Morgan, J. Williams, and G. Allen. Neath: Back, Fred. McOrlath; three-quarter backs, George D. Trick, Tom Morris, W. Brookham, and L. Morris; half-backs, W. Thomas and A. Crose; forwards, Dr. E. Vernon Pegge (captain), R. Jones, D. Jones, H. Evans, J. Davies, S. Anthony, E. Hughes, and J. Michael. Mr. W. Wilkins, of Llanelly, was the referee.

2nd Nov. 1889

CARDIFF V. BRIGHOUSE RANGERS.

These two teams met in the Cardiff Arms Park. The weather was beautifully fine, and in consequence an excellent attendance witnessed the contest. The visitors were the first to make their appearance in the field. Their number and black striped costumes and white "knicks" set off their burly forms to great advantage. Cardiff shortly afterwards put in an appearance, and operations were quickly commenced. Cardiff won the toss, and the visitors kicked off with the sun in front. The leather was quickly formed into touch at half-way, and the first scrum was formed in the centre. Charley Arthur, on the leather emerging from the scrum, dribbled into his opponents' half. An interchange of kicks between Eastwood and Jones ended in the leather being sent into Cardiff territory. Tight scrums were here the order. Ultimately Arthur and Pearson, with a well-executed dribble, invaded the Rangers' half, and the ball was sent into touch near the 25 flag. Here Fred Jones obtained the leather, but was quickly upset, and he clucked very indifferently to Arthur, who, in turn, passed to Cosslett. The last-named, by a splendid effort, rounded his opponents, and succeeded in planting the ball behind the uprights. D. W. Evans took the kick and landed a beautiful goal. Two to one on Cardiff was now the cry. The visitors set the ball in motion, and operations were renewed at half-way. The visitors were unable to push the Cardiffians, and the captain yelled out to them to use their feet. The exclamation had the effect of putting the ball into the hands of Fred Jones, who picked up and sprinted in beautiful fashion across the line, gaining a second try. Hughes tried to do the trick from a difficult angle, but failed. After the kick out the Tykes mulled, and the Cardiffians looked perilously like scoring. A combined dribble relieved for a time, but Arthur and Pearson returned to the attack, and were again within an ace of scoring. A scrum was formed, near the 25 flag. Arthur and Pearson again showed some fine passing. Williams immediately afterwards got the ball and sprinted within a few yards of the Tykes' line. Here he foolishly passed, and a scrum was formed five yards from the Rangers' line. The visitors relieved gallantly, and some ineffectual passing of the Cardiffians sent the ball to half way. Arthur, however, shortly afterwards obtained possession, and put in a fine sprint. He was brought down on the line. The loose play which followed was in favour of the visitors. Abbey now got the leather from a loose pass of Pearson's, and sprinted right up to the Cardiff line. Tight packs here were the order. Merritt got hold, and relieved the pressure grandly by kicking into touch at the half flag. From the throw-out an excellent exhibition was made by the Cardiff three-quarters, and Pearson, by a fine, dodgy run looked all over a scorer. Hemmed in he clucked to Mahoney, who lost the ball. A Tyke got the leather, and kicked over the line. Abbey would not save, however, and kicked out. Nicholls, in subsequent play, obtained the sphere and sprinted over the rubicon, thus securing the third try for the home team. Evans again negotiated. Abbey's bold tactics of kicking out created a little discussion amongst the Rangers, but the captain's orders to "odd yer din" at once quieted the disaffected. For a time the centre held the contestants and repeated scrums were held, but no material advantage was gained by either team. Allen at last picked up the ball, and was cheered for a fine run. Abbey, at full back, grassed him, and kicked the ball into touch past the 25 flag. Half time was here called, the score being—Cardiff, 2 goals, 1 try; Rangers, nil. On resuming the Rangers rushed the ball to the Cardiff quarters, but Inglelew, getting hold, quickly relieved, and the centre again was the scene of play. A long punt by Eastwood sent the ball into the hands of Hughes, who failed to get in his kick, and the visitors exacted a touch-down. Directly after the kick out Cosslett received a nasty kick on his leg and had to be assisted off the field. Allen took his berth at three-quarters. On re-starting the Yorkshiremen went at the game with great vigour, and Eastwood, picking up, rushed at a great pace over the lines and got a try. The kick at goal, however, failed. On re-starting the game still raged in Cardiff quarters. A long kick by Brooke sent the ball again across the Cardiff line, but Pearson saved the try, and a second minor was added to the visitors' total. The kick out gave the black and blue no relief. The Tykes still penned them in their own half. Pearson was here playing a rattling defensive game, and at last succeeded in raising the siege to the centre. Play of a desultory character ensued, the fourteen Cardiffians holding their own well against their opponents. The visitors were not to be denied, however, and again rushed the ball up to the Cardiff line. Hughes failed to pick up, and the ball going across the line, Hughes at once fell on it and obtained the coveted try. Abbey converted. Fast and loose play in "no man's ground" was now the order. The excitement of the spectators was very great. Five minutes yet remained before the whistle tooted, and the score stood—Cardiff, two goals and one try, to the Rangers—one goal, one try, and two minors. The visitors' backs were playing up in fine style and passed very prettily. Two or three times danger threatened, but the Cardiff collaring was very safe, and prevented the men going very far. A long kick by a visitor sent the ball into touch near the Cardiff line, and once more the fears of the home team's supporters were increased. Arthur sent the players to midway, and by a fine run punt returned, and a futile kick of Hughes allowed the Tykes once more to invade the home line. Fierce play ensued within the 25. Step by step the Rangers got away, and at last forced the ball on to the line. Eastwood picked up and got a fine try accorded the visitors, the game ended in a draw. Score:—Rangers, 2 goals, 1 try, and 3 minors; Cardiff, 2 goals and 1 try. The teams were:—Brighouse Rangers: B. Abbey, back; S. Eastwood, F. Firth, A. Brooke, and R. Hartley, three-quarter backs; T. Lister and G. W. Clarke, half-backs; J. Richardson (captain), S. Samsden, W. Nicholl, T. H. Hughes, A. Brown, F. Wood, H. Hughes, and B. Hopton forwards. Cardiff: Back, H. F. N. Jones, T. W. Pearson, and J. Arthur (captain), backs, Merritt and H. M. Inglelew; forwards, S. H. Nicholls, W. B. O. Williams, D. W. Evans, W. T. Morgan, J. Mahoney, R. Thomas, G. Allen, and J. Williams. Referee, Mr. S. Richards.

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CARDIFF V. BURTON.

This annual fixture, which is the most popular played in Burton during the season, took place on Saturday before nearly 4,000 spectators. The Cardiff was in excellent condition. As will be seen, Cardiff had not quite their strongest team. Burton, with three exceptions, put in their full strength. Burton kicked off at 3.15. An incursion was made into Cardiff territory. Arthur made a grand run up the left, but Sully stopped him near the goal-line. For 15 minutes Cardiff kept the game in Burton's 25. Rosser Evans made two good runs, and Ingledew kicked with great judgment. F. Evershed relieved the pressure, but shortly after O. Williams got an opening and missed a grand opportunity of getting over. Instead he attempted to pass, and did this very widely. Cardiff worked the ball over, compelling Burton to touch down for the first time. Cardiff's backs were passing very nicely, and, considering they were a man lighter in the scrum, held their own in the forward department very creditably. Frank Evershed was applauded for a grand dribble nearly the length of the field, Marsden kicking over, and equalizing the minors. Richardson stopped a dangerous rush of Cardiff, and for a time play was fairly even. Burton, however, improved considerably in their play. Gorton became dangerous, but Jones saved nicely. Frank Evershed obtained a free-kick in consequence of Williams being off-side, but the ball fell slightly short. In attempting to stop a rush by the visitors forwards Richardson was hurt, and shortly after the whistle blew for half-time, nothing having been scored with the exception of one minor each. The passing of the Cardiff forwards was particularly good, with the exception of that of Williams, who was somewhat erratic. The game was very even up to this point, Cardiff pressing for a time, and then Burton considerably improved, and were certainly having the best of the game at half-time. Resuming, Richardson having retired, Bell went back into goal. Sully was the first to show up conspicuously by a fast run up the left. Jones saved and dribbled very fine. The home team rushed very judiciously and the game ruled in dangerous proximity to the Cardiff goal line. Cardiff's forwards, now that they were equal in strength, carried most of the scrummages, and by this means repeatedly gained ground. C. Allen took the ball quickly from the scrum, but Mayzer collared before he could get away. Jarman passed across to Pearson, who sent it on to Rosser, who played a pretty game, but Sully tackled him and considerable ground was gained by Burton. Frank Eversham passed to Duckworth, but Jones stopped in the nick of time. Deakin ran up and was tackled by Harris, but the former passed the ball nicely to Taylor, who enabled Gorton to get over and obtain a try. The try was a difficult one, but Sully negotiated it successfully amid the greatest excitement and applause. Immediately after Duckworth again made a grand run, but Ingledew was on him like a flash of lightning, and relieved momentarily. Rosser dribbled and gained much ground, Duckworth was slightly hurt, but continued to play. The ball was now well up in Cardiff's territory when it was kicked across to Sully, who made a splendid tricky run, and, evading Harris, got over and obtained another try. He took the kick himself, and again scored a grand goal. Burton, elated by this success, played with considerable dash, and displayed great judgment in their passing, and picked up smartly. Arthur got the ball away with a dodgy run, but he committed an error of judgment in not passing to Rosser Evans instead of kicking. Sully got through the forwards with a fast dribble, but Pearson put a stop to his career, and sent the ball back again. Allen, by a pass to Williams, got the ball dangerously near to Burton goal-line, and Arthur was within an ace of getting over. A series of dangerous scrummages took place in the mouth of Burton's goal until, by a splendid run, Evershed went nearly the length of the field, but again Pearson, who was playing in good form, stopped him. Scrummages followed near Cardiff's goal, where Sully, by a drop kick, scored a goal amid the greatest enthusiasm. After some mid-field play Marsden, by a powerful kick, again changed the venue, and Lowe by selfish play lost a fair chance of getting in.

FINAL SCORE :
BURTON 3 goals, 1 minor.
CARDIFF 1 minor.

The teams were :-

POSITIONS	CARDIFF.	BURTON.
Back	H. E. Harris	Richardson
Three-quarter	Arthur	Sully
Three-quarter	Rosser Evans	Marsden
Three-quarter	Jones	Lowe
Three-quarter	Pearson	
Half-back	Ingledew	Duckworth
Half-back	Jarman	Fordham
Forward	W. Williams	Eadie
Forward	J. Williams	F. Evershed
Forward	G. Allen	Mayzer
Forward	Evans	Lory
Forward	Mahoney	Taylor
Forward	Thomas	Deakin
Forward	Morgan	Reid
Forward	Gilbert Allen	Wara
Forward		A. Gorton

H. T. Day, and W. Wades. Referee: W. H. Gwynn.

UNITED HOSPITALS V. CARDIFF.

This match was played at the Cardiff Arms Park on Wednesday in the presence of a large assemblage of spectators. The visitors' skipper at the ball rolling from the river end of the field, and after several exchanges T. W. Pearson landed the oval in touch slightly beyond the 25 flag. After the line out those play succeeded, Evershed Ingledew secured the ball from a scrum, and after finding to pass he yielded to Arthur, who, and managed to plant the first try immediately behind the posts amidst the cheers of the crowd. D. W. Evans easily converted. No change took place in the aspect of affairs after the drop-out, and in a few minutes the home captain again tucked the leather under his arm, and eluding the who le of his opponents noched another try. D. W. Evans was again equal to the occasion. Nothing daunted, the Medicos played up with great dash, but the superior combination exhibited by the home men completely nonplussed them. Using their feet to much advantage, their forwards swept the ball into Cardiff territory, and despite the strenuous efforts of the homesters they appeared likely to stay, when F. N. Jones brought a momentary relief by charging down a kick from one of the visiting backs. Jarman was then much on evidence, and gained much ground by a tricky run along the edge of the touch-line. A brilliant rush, in which Gamble, Nesbit, and Challenor were conspicuous placed the Cardiff citadel in peril, Gus Lewis being collared by the first-mentioned before he could reach. A long punt by Dan Jones enabled the home men to raise the siege, and the centre became the venue for several minutes. Steele (one of the visitors' halves) was then very prominent, and elicited a cheer after cheer for his plucky play. The home forwards, though they were handicapped by playing one man less in the pack, thanks to concerted action, drove the invaders back, and W. E. O. Williams, coming through a scrum in magnificent style, propelled the leather for about a dozen yards, when, unfortunately, he turned it into touch. After the line-out the home "ups" took the ball on their own half, and the visitors' 25, where Sid Nichols, Mahony, and Williams headed a grand dribble, which resulted in the ball being swept over the line, when Mahony fell on it, registering yet another try. D. W. Evans again negotiated. Following the restart from the centre Cardiff at once assumed an aggressive attitude, and the spectators were treated to a really splendid passing among the three-quarters, which reminded one of Cardiff's painful days. Success being a grand display in the "Students' 25, F. N. Jones passed to Ingledew, who handed to Pearson, who in turn transferred to Arthur, the latter, after a cunning run, grounding the leather in a favourable position. The old Oxonian again did the useful with a splendid score. Encouraged by the plaudits of the spectators, the budding doctors now played with much better combination, and several times brought off a pretty bit of passing, though they lacked that precision which was the characteristic of that shown by homesters. Reid and the "two dark horses," one of whom (who gloried in the euphonious sobriquet of Gamble) it was whispered in the pavilion is an old Heathen, were mainly responsible for a hot attack on the Cardiff citadel, which was rewarded by a try, after a magnificent effort by "the unknown." An easy goal was placed. Half-time was soon afterwards announced, the score being :-

CARDIFF 4 goals
HOSPITALS 1 goal

On resuming after the lemon, which were smartly sought for, the same thing occurred as in the initial half. A long kick gave Denman, who figured in an international encounter for Wales a few seasons ago, possession. Making use of his great speed he carried the leather to within a few yards of the Cardiff line, where his progress was barred by Ingledew. A close fight succeeded, the Londoner penning Cardiff for a considerable time, and experiencing hard lines in not being allowed to score. Passing between Jarman, Dan Jones, and Arthur was the means of bringing about a change in the complexion of the game, the scene being rapidly transferred to the visitors' 25, which held the contestants for the next five minutes. The brilliant rushes of the "Medicos" brought relief, but this was not destined to be of long duration. For a gross infringement of the rules Cardiff were awarded a "fres" in the visitors' 25, and immediately in front of their goal. "D. W." sent the ball spinning between the uprights, his fine shot being greeted with loud applause. On the resumption of play the visitors carried the oval into Cardiff territory, where they in turn were awarded a "fres" for an off-side tackle. Reid took the shot, and made a praiseworthy attempt, the leather falling short. Arthur received, and was going off like a racer, when he was called back for having run out of the lists. Good play was next seen, the Cardiff defence being most brilliant. Attack after attack levelled at their position was repelled in a style which came as a surprise to frequenters of the park. Gradually the home pack worked to the centre, and a fast and exciting game took place within half a dozen yards each way of the division line. Playing with a wonderful dash and vigour Cardiff crossed the mark, but "No man's land" again became the arena, the change being due to an admirable "screw" of Reid's. Tackling of the old style was then shown by both lots of backs, and the fight was apparently very even. Jarman picked up from a scrum in the centre, and, passing to Ingledew, the latter put in a long punt, which enabled his forwards to get under the ball. "Denman" retaliated with one of his huge puns, which sent the ball dangerously near to the home line. Gus Lewis, the home custodian, was on the alert and promptly turned the ball into touch near the 25 flag. Following the line out, the Cardiff pack, playing unitedly, continued to hold the away in the tight scrums, and their superiority was evidenced by Mahony, Nichols, and Allen coming through a scrum and bringing off a brilliant dribble. Pearson was given a pass by Ingledew, and skirting the touch-line, he was not stopped until he had crossed the half-way. Do what they would the Medicos were unable to improve their score until another long kick of "Denman's" sent the oval to the home 25, where a severe tussle took place. Thereafter nothing worth mentioning occurred, and when the referee's whistle announced "no side" Cardiff were left the victors of a grandly contested game.

FINAL SCORE :-
CARDIFF 4 goals (3 from field), 1 minor.
HOSPITALS 1 goal, 1 minor.

The teams were :-

POSITIONS	CARDIFF.	UNITED HOSPITALS.
Back	Gus Lewis	A. S. Gwynn
Three-quarter	D. Jones	G. Marshall
Three-quarter	C. S. Arthur	R. Reid
Three-quarter	F. N. Jones	G. Denman
Three-quarter	T. W. Pearson	G. H. Steele
Half-back	W. E. O. Williams	G. Amble
Half-back	H. M. Gledis	G. Nichols
Forward	Sid Nichols	W. J. Shaw
Forward	D. W. Evans	D. W. Evans
Forward	W. E. O. Williams	R. W. Shaw
Forward	J. Mahony	J. Nesbit
Forward	W. T. Morgan	K. Evans
Forward	Gilbert Allen	C. Challenor
Forward	R. Thomas	A. S. Challenor
Forward	C. Allen	C. Nicholson
Forward		W. E. O. Gledis

Referee, Mr. E. H. H. H.

30th Nov. 1889

NEWPORT V. CARDIFF.

All the world and his wife turned out on the Newport ground to witness the second meeting this year between Newport and Cardiff, in dull, but, fortunately, dry weather. The ropes were literally crowded with spectators from both towns and the surrounding districts, all taking a gigantic and absorbing interest in the fray. After a sharp frost and a beastly thaw overnight, the turf was distinctly bad for play, the top being slimy and wet. D. W. Evans kicked off for Cardiff towards the nursery end, but as the oval went into touch it was returned. Making another attempt, he put the ball into the hands of Downe, who returned in touch near the centre, and scrummaging ensued, slightly in the Newport half. A drop by Webb when it came out was muddled by Morgan, the full-back, and operations between the forwards ensued on the visitors' side of the half line. The half backs on both sides had a very lively time for a few minutes, until at length Charlie Thomas was given possession from behind the scrum, and, getting off with a sweet rush, passed all the men and skipped in close to the posts with a lovely try. Webb's place failed. D. W. Evans re-started, and Charlie Thomas replied with a flying kick. George Thomas soon got possession from Ingledew's return, and sent the ball in touch at the Cardiff 25 flag, a move which Hier Davies improved by driving forward again in touch. Scrummages ensued close to the visitors' position, and Charlie Thomas and George of the same name dribbling ahead, took the oval close up. A scrummage was brought about, but when the ball came loose C. Thomas picked up, and quick as thought dropped a goal amid cheers. After their start Pearson dropped in touch at the Newport 25 flag. The home forwards came away with a fine dribble, but D. W. Evans and Biggs upset Charlie Thomas as he was attempting to get up the field. The Newport end became the scene, amidst hard straggling between the forwards, and at length Morgan, the Cardiff full back, had to drop in touch at the half from a long punt by Hier Davies. Operations continued in the middle for a time, the home forwards slightly gaining by a series of good rushes. Their whosling was very fine. Percy Phillips started an excursion up to the visitors' 25, which the Newport pack followed up with a good dribble, and George Thomas, who was given possession, was thrown in touch at the flag post. Rosser Evans, who was watching Jem Webb, caught the latter just as he got a pass, which might have brought disaster again to the visitors, and the venue was then changed to the middle. It was soon taken to the Cardiff 25 once more by a good dribble on the part of Newcombe. Rosser Evans then got off with a nice rush—the ball at his feet—but Tom England secured the oval, and dropped it with care up to the visitors' 25, where scrummaging ensued. Steam rose in a cloud from the forwards as they plodded away at the heavy pushes. D. W. Evans got a free and dropped in touch at the half, where the play was kept for a time, till Newport again made off with a spirited dribble. D. W. Evans then secured the oval and chucked to Arthur, who got off with a clinking run, but was thrown in touch at the home 25, and by a few interchanging kicks the centre was again reached. Hier Davies got possession and punted in touch in the Cardiff half, where George Thomas was smartly tackled by Pearson, but he was not to be denied. Taking a pass from Charlie he sailed at full speed to the line, but it was found he had gone in touch before crossing. D. W. Evans got away with a useful dribble, taking the ball at his feet well into the home territory, where, however, England stopped his progress. The Newport line was in considerable peril, but it, Davies came up opportunely with a flying kick in touch at mid-territory. A grand dribble by the who a Newport forwards took the play straight away up the field, and as it was going back T. Edwards got a free, from which nothing, however, resulted, the oval going in touch at the Cardiff 25 flag. At half-time the score was:—Newport, one goal and one try; Cardiff nil. Lemous having been served, Graham re-started, and D. W. Evans was upset before he could get in his kick. He received a nasty winder, and play was suspended whilst he was being rubbed. He had at length to be taken off the field. Play was resumed near the Cardiff 25 flag, where it was kept in a tight forward fight. A dribble over by Graham caused Cardiff to touch down. Things were still kept in the visitors' half, and a good many fierce attempts were made by the Newport men to score. Cardiff drove out to the open, but Percy Phillips dribbled again to the 25. D. W. Evans here resumed the fray, amidst cheers, though his ankle was visibly bad. Rosser Evans took a smart punt up to the home 25 flag, where, however, the ball did not remain long. Cardiff got a free in their own half by a bit of off-side play on the part of Percy Phillips. The home forwards, however, made another big dribble to the visitors' line, and, sending it over, Cardiff had to touch down. Play was still kept in the Metropolitan's ground, where George Thomas got a pass from Downe, and ran up within an ace of scoring. Fred Jones relieved to the open, but the vicinity of the visitors' goal again got the pressure. Relief was brought by means of a free, which Pearson took and put in touch at the half. A smart dribble by Newcombe was stopped by Morgan in the Cardiff 25. Play was suspended again temporarily in consequence of Pearson being placed hors de combat. Matters were now beginning to get dull, and with the ball in the Cardiff quarters no side was whistled. Final score:—Newport, 1 goal, 1 try, and 2 minors; Cardiff, nil. Teams:—Cardiff: Back, H. E. Morgan; three-quarters, C. S. Arthur (captain), W. E. Jarman, W. Pearson, and F. Jones; half-backs, H. M. Ingledew and G. Rosser Evans; forwards, J. Mahoney, D. W. Evans, W. T. Morgan, C. B. Allen, W. Allen, A. Lewis, and B. P. Biggs. Newport: Back, T. England; three-quarter backs, C. J. Thomas, G. Thomas, J. E. Webb, and T. Hier Davies; half-backs, T. Downe and H. Percy Phillips; forwards, T. C. Graham (captain), J. Hannon, T. H. Griffiths, T. Edwards, A. W. Boucher, T. Newcombe, H. T. Day, and W. Watts. Referee: W. H. Gwynn.

7th Dec. 1889

CARDIFF V. MOSELEY.

Between three and four thousand people assembled at the Cardiff Arms Park to witness the match between Moseley and Cardiff. Moseley having beaten Newport, according to paper form, were in favour of the visitors. Any money laid was slightly in their favour, but as the home team was slightly in their favour, previous combinations, there could be nothing from certainty as to the result. Moseley kicked off, like the first five minutes the battle raged in the centre of the ground. The Cardiff forwards made one or two good rushes, and at one time they looked very much like getting in, but Byrne, by a good flying kick, saved. Shortly afterwards Charley Arthur ran in from the centre, but D. W. Evans failed to convert. A splendid dribble by Hill seriously threatened the visitors' goal but Moseley, getting possession, rushed away once more to the centre, where Pearson (for Cardiff) and Byrne (for Moseley) were prominent. D. W. Evans getting the ball in the visitors' 25, passed promptly and the oval was transferred along the line with beautiful precision. The defence was good, but the home team were not to be denied, and from a loose scrummage in front of the goal Pearson ran round and grounded the ball in a position which prevented a goal resulting, notwithstanding the splendid kick of Hughes. The game now became very fast, Cardiff, however, getting the better of the open play, with the result that the game was confined to Moseley quarters for about five minutes. The Moseley forwards played all they knew, and amidst cheers rushed away to the centre, where S. O. Else saved splendidly. The home forwards continued to show their superiority, and delighted their partisans with their smartness and stamina. Moseley laboured strenuously to force the play into their opponents' quarters, but Jarman, Arthur, and Hughes, by some brilliant bits of play, neutralised all their efforts. The score at half-time was: Cardiff, two tries; Moseley, nil. On the resumption of play some long kicking resulted considerably in favour of Cardiff. The blue and blacks were forced back, however. The forwards were heeling out splendidly, but the Moseley halves started several good passes, and for some minutes Moseley were sufficiently well up to make a dropped goal possible in any loose play which took place. A splendid kick by Hughes relieved the pressure and the contest was removed to the centre. For some time the ball was kept rather confined, and very little advantage was obtained by either team. At length Robertson, after being collared, got in his kick, and Hughes touched down. This slight reverse gave new spirit to the Cardiff men, and they rushed away down in splendid style. Arthur, getting a pass from Ingledew at the 25, romped in and obtained a try near the corner. Hughes made a good shot for goal, the ball only going a foot or two wide of the post. In the play which ensued during the next few minutes Jarman played splendidly, completely deceiving his opponents on two or three occasions. Nicholls, getting possession near the 25, made a good run and passed to Hill, who galloped in and grounded the ball behind the posts, Hughes, amidst loud cheers, converting the point. A splendid pass by Fred Jones to Pearson gave the latter an opportunity of making a good run, but he lost the ball, and it was kicked over, a minor resulting. Directly afterwards Arthur took a splendid pass and obtained a try, which Hughes failed to convert. Afterwards Hill passed to Arthur, who, after a good run, lost the ball, but Ossett, being well up, picked up and obtained a try in the corner. Hughes made a good essay for goal, but the ball went a bit wide. Directly afterwards Jarman, with a splendid dodgy run, nearly got in, but this was not converted and the game ended as follows:—Cardiff, 1 goal, 6 tries, and 1 minor; Moseley, 1 minor. Teams:—Moseley: Back, Ossett; three-quarter backs, A. Rogers, F. Byrne, P. Yate, and W. Goodwin; half-backs, Dr. Robertson (captain) and F. Palethorpe; forwards, W. N. Mayne, E. R. Lyceet, E. N. Lyceet, V. E. Lean, W. Dawes, F. W. Bennett, R. Palethorpe, and H. Wigley. Umpire, Mr. W. Breen. Cardiff: Back, H. Hughes; three-quarter backs, C. S. Arthur (captain), F. N. Jones, T. W. Pearson, and J. Ossett; half-backs, W. E. Jarman and H. M. Ingledew; forwards, S. H. Nicholls, A. F. Hill, D. W. Evans, W. E. O. Williams, J. Mahoney, W. T. Morgan, G. Allen, and S. O. Else. Referee, Mr. E. S. Richards.

14th Dec. 1889

18th Dec. 1889

CARDIFF v GLOUCESTER.

This match was played at Gloucester in a thick and well nigh impenetrable fog, which rendered it absolutely impossible to distinguish individual play. The Cardiff team suffered from several absences, Gloucester, on the other hand, being represented by their best. The following were the team:-

POSITIONS.		CARDIFF.	GLOUCESTER
Back	.....	H. Hughes	Hughes
Three-quarter	.....	W. Coslett	C. K. Brown
Three-quarter	.....	C. Arthur	K. L. Crist
Three-quarter	.....	F. N. Jones	W. Ward
Three-quarter	.....	T. W. Pearson	T. Bagwell
Half-back	.....	H. M. Ingledew	S. Ball
Half-back	.....	J. Merrett	W. George
Forward	.....	W. E. O. Williams	A. F. Hill
Forward	.....	D. W. Evans	H. V. Page
Forward	.....	J. Mahoney	J. Williams
Forward	.....	W. T. Morgan	E. Collins
Forward	.....	A. F. Bland	G. Whitcombe
Forward	.....	E. P. Biggs	A. Collins
Forward	.....	C. Allen	A. Cronwell
Forward	.....	W. Allen	R. C. Jenkins

Referee, Mr J. Young, Newport.

Gloucester kicked off, and after some even play Cardiff pressed them on to their line. Bad passing lost the advantage, and Hughes (Gloucester) kicked up field. The Cardiff back returned to the centre, and the forwards playing well together took the ball, after a series of scrummages, to the Gloucester 25. Ball kicked to touch at the centre, and after a scrumage following the line out, Bagwell propelled the leather to the Cardiff 25. Page passed out hereabouts to Waller, who transferred to Brown, the latter disappearing in the gloom on the far side of the ground and in the direction of the Cardiff line. When next the players emerged into view the ball was well out to the centre. Bagwell got off, but was upset in the Cardiff 25. The Gloucester backs now resorted to passing, but in the face of vigorous tackling were unable to do anything. Mahoney dribbled to the centre after a bit, and here some even scrummaging occurred, a kick from Coslett into touch at the Gloucester 25 following. Some work in the gloom was the next notable incident, but the ball was speedily driven back to neutral ground. Cardiff then rushed on into the Gloucester 25, and so far as could be seen got close up to their line. Up to half-time nothing was scored.

On resuming Cardiff played an aggressive game and landed a minor. On the ball being sent out they continued to press until Brown ran out to neutral territory. Thereafter the players disappeared into darkness, but presently they came across the ground and Bagwell kicked into touch amidst loud cheers. Near the Cardiff line several scrummages ensued, in which the visitors more than held their own, the ball being forced out beyond the 25 flag. A lot of close work ensued in and about the vicinity of the visitors' 25, but owing to the ever-thickening fog it was simply impossible to see who were working and who were not. Two or three times the Gloucester men went on towards the Cardiff line and were lost to sight, but invariably the visitors rushed out. The game was in every respect a most extraordinary one. Looking on from the ropes one could dimly discern the shadowy figures of the players, but excepting when they came close to the touch-line there was no telling a Gloucester from a Cardiff man. The visitors fighting resolutely forced the play to the centre, and then both teams were lost to view on the far side of the ground. Nothing was scored right to the end. The game ended in a draw in favour of Cardiff.

FINAL SCORE—	
CARDIFF	..... 1 minor.
GLOUCESTER	..... nil.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY v CARDIFF

This match was played at the Cardiff Arms Park in wet weather, but in the presence of a large crowd. The visitors started the ball, and for some time play was in the centre, and as close and as even as could be. The Varsity pressing, Fred Jones kicked out to neutral territory. Hunter at this juncture had to be carried off the field. On resuming Cardiff, by some fine loose play, worked into the Oxford 25, and continued the visitors to the defensive. Fleming smartly intercepting a long pass out effectually relieved, and play dribbled down to the W. E. O. Williams and Hill then dribbled down to the Varsity 25, where Clowes turned the ball into touch. After the line-out Cardiff worked in, and Ingledew, getting off, missed a chance of scoring by passing to Pearson, when he might easily, as it appeared from the stand, have gone in himself. The visitors momentarily relived, but the home side again rushed down and landed a minor. Even play followed the kick out, Charley Arthur then got off, and kicking over the line followed up for a try, but instead of scoring kicked the ball dead. Oxford, although labouring under the disadvantage of being a man short forward, now pulled themselves together, and by degrees took the ball out to the half flag. D. W. Winton and Coventry being very busy on the skirts of the tight scrums. A wretched long pass back from one of the Cardiff halves threatened disaster for the home side, but Pearson averted the danger by kicking it to touch at the centre. The Oxford pack played very determinedly after the line-out, and once or twice forced the ball to the vicinity of the home 25. Coslett was here stretched out and retired, only to return as once. Longdon ran up to a near the Cardiff line, but W. E. O. Williams led off a dribble, which was taken up by Arthur, and the ball removed well past the centre flag. Clowes, however, kicked to touch at the centre. Hostilities were waged on even terms for a time until Pearson, with a fine kick, landed the ball in touch at the Varsity 25 flag. The Oxonians, spoiling the Cardiff passing once more, rushed up the field, but the Cardiff forwards came back with a fine dribble to touch near the line. At the line out Hill secured the ball, and, dodging through, landed a try amidst loud cheers. Hughes took the place, but failed to convert. Following the kick-out Cardiff played an aggressive game.

HALF-TIME SCORE:

CARDIFF	..... 1 try, 2 minors.
OXFORD	..... nil.

On resuming after the interval, E. P. Biggs, by a smart piece of following up, caused play to commence in the Varsity 25. The ball was worked up to the line, and Charley Arthur got in behind, but was called back. Eventually Cardiff secured a touch-in-goal. Oxford kicking out, scrummaging re-commenced in the centre. Resorting to passing, the Cardiff backs were unable to make headway, and play was even. Forcing their way to the Cardiff 25, the Oxonians got a free kick off a mark made by Budworth. Fleming took the kick, but the ball fell short and was sent to centre by Pearson. The packs resorted to rushing tactics, and Oxford having the best of it got to be Cardiff 25. Here Coventry got off, but was pulled down when looking dangerous. Oxford were now having the best of the game. The forwards were more than holding their own, and the backs trying the passing dodge, nearly came off once or twice. Clowes, at length, kicked over the home line, and scored a minor, the first point recorded in the Oxonians' favour. Directly the ball was re-started, they put on another, a big kick from Longdon, aided by the wind, causing Hughes to touch down. Oxford continued to press after the kick out, and now another delay occurred owing to the enforced retirement of Jarman, who, however, returned after about a minute had elapsed. Oxford put on a third minor, and following the drop-out were awarded a free kick in the centre. Nothing noteworthy came of this, but the Oxford forwards going well together rushed into the Cardiff 25. W. E. O. Williams headed a return rush, only to be stopped by Lewis at the centre, but the Cardiffians playing a splendid loose dribbling game went on to the Oxford 25, near which Charley Arthur made his mark. Hughes took the place, but the ball fell short. Fleming kicked out, the ball, backed by a strong wind, falling well down field. Pearson returned to the centre, but Fleming ran close to the home 25. Once more the Cardiff forwards, using their feet well, got out to the centre. Some slow and unexciting scrummages occurred, and then Fleming, spoiling a pass to Arthur, gained a bit of ground. Charley Arthur, however, started a fine return dribble, which took the ball well past the centre flag. The Oxonians working back A. F. Hill, supported by W. E. O. Williams and D. W. Evans, brought off a brilliant dribble, and scrummages followed in the vicinity of the Oxford 25. One of the Varsity forwards brought off a return dribble to the centre, and Budworth punted to touch in the Cardiff 25. The home side rushing out, Fleming kicked over the line, and following up compelled Hughes to kick the ball dead. Lewis replied to the kick out by sending the ball in touch in the Cardiff 25, but the home side rushed away to mid-field after the line out. Again Oxford forced and repeatedly looked like scoring.

FINAL SCORE—

CARDIFF	..... 1 try, 3 minors.
OXFORD	..... 4 minors.

The teams were:-

POSITIONS.		CARDIFF.	OXFORD.
Back	.....	H. Hughes	A. B. Lewis
Three-quarter	.....	C. Arthur	R. R. Clowes
Three-quarter	.....	F. N. Jones	C. J. W. Fleming
Three-quarter	.....	T. W. Pearson	J. S. Longdon
Three-quarter	.....	W. Coslett	
Half-back	.....	W. Jarman	R. F. de Winton
Half-back	.....	H. M. Ingledew	C. J. Coventry
Forward	.....	A. F. Hill	R. Lane (captain)
Forward	.....	D. W. Evans	R. D. Budworth
Forward	.....	J. Mahoney	E. H. S. Norton
Forward	.....	W. T. Morgan	R. S. Hunter
Forward	.....	A. F. Bland	A. Kaye
Forward	.....	E. P. Biggs	W. E. Browet
Forward	.....	C. Allen	L. J. Percival
Forward	.....	W. E. O. Williams	A. M. Patterson
Forward	.....		N. F. Henderson

Referee, Mr R. S. Richards.

21st Dec. 1889

NEATH v. CARDIFF.

Nothing could be more dreary than the weather in which the important fixture between Cardiff and Neath was played. The ground was sodden with the wet, and the rain fell with a dreary monotony the whole time. The attendance was seriously affected by the wretched weather, and the gate was probably the smallest of the year.

Neath kicked off, and Hughes made a splendid return, with the result that Cardiff at once invaded the Neath territory. The backs did not pass very carefully, otherwise scoring was imminent. A pass by Arthur was caught by one of the Neath men, and this transferred the game to the centre. H. Evans headed a splendid run down the whole extent of the field, but Cardiff replied by the same tactics. The ground was so slippery that it was impossible for either side to do much. It was difficult to hold the ball, and the scrums were nothing but a smush. When near the centre line Arthur made a pretty pass to Coslett, who kicked well up into touch. Cardiff here got a free kick for off side, without result. The visitors, by a smart dribble, reached the centre line, but Nicholls took possession and worked his way back. For a little time play was unexciting, the forwards doing all the work. Amid great cheering, however, Arthur made a clever pass to F. N. Jones, who in turn gave it to Pearson, the latter getting in. A splendid kick by Hughes from a difficult angle secured a goal. The kick-off placed Cardiff for a time on the defensive. They had forced their way to the centre when half-time was called. Twenty minutes only was played. The score then stood:

CARDIFF 1 goal.

NEATH Nil.

On the resumption of the game, play was not very interesting. Cardiff pressed for a little, but the game settled down for some time near the centre line. Arthur and Pearson made a pretty effort to break through, but the ground was too much for them. The Neath forwards played a rattling good game, and by dribbling carried the ball to the Cardiff 25. Charley Arthur got a splendid chance of putting in one of his big runs, but he slipped before he got far, and L. Morris, the visitors' back, by a splendid kick into touch brought the game to its former position. Neath played up with the utmost dash, and forced Cardiff to touch down. After the kick-out, Neath pressed hard and nearly got over. Once more they forced Cardiff to touch down. A minute later time was called.

FINAL RESULT—

CARDIFF 1 goal.

NEATH 2 minors.

The teams were as follows:—

POSITIONS.		CARDIFF.	NEATH
Back	.....	H. Hughes	Llewellyn Morris
Three-quarter	.....	C. S. Arthur	Geo. D. Trick
Three-quarter	.....	F. N. Jones	Dr. Rokely Hallam
Three-quarter	.....	T. W. Pearson	Walter Brookham
Three-quarter	.....	W. Coslett	Tom Morris
Half-back	.....	W. Jarman	Alex. Cross
Half-back	.....	H. M. Ingledew	W. Phillips
Forward	.....	C. Allen	Dr. E. V. Pegge (capt.)
Forward	.....	Gus Lewis	Richard Jones
Forward	.....	W. T. Morgan	David Jones
Forward	.....	J. Mahoney	Stephen Anthony
Forward	.....	A. F. Bland	James Davies
Forward	.....	S. H. Nicholls	John Michael
Forward	G. Allen	H. E. Hughes
Forward	W. Allen	H. Bevan
		Referee, Mr. E. J. Carfyle, Swansea.	

23 Dec. 1889

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RUNCORN v. CARDIFF.

This important engagement was brought off at the Cardiff Arms Park on Monday, but owing probably to the unfavourable weather the attendance was not so large as might have been expected. The ground, owing to the recent rains, was in a very bad condition, and there was a stiffish breeze blowing from the river end. In the Cardiff team there was one important change, Charlie Arthur, the "skipper," owing to an injury he received on Saturday, retiring in favour of R. Garrett. The home team had a very good set of forwards. The visitors had a hearty reception as they marched on the field about ten minutes past three. Cardiff won the toss and elected to play with the wind. Runcorn kicked off five minutes later, and the home team by dribbling and passing gained considerable ground. Coslett failed to take a pass and was pushed into touch. A fine dribble by Hill and a splendid run by Pearson took the ball close to the visitors' line. For several minutes play was confined to the visitors' quarters, but Runcorn, by some good combination, rushed away to the other end of the field, and the Cardiff back relieved by putting in a splendid kick into touch. A very wild pass by Crompton lost the visitors a lot of ground, and play was taken to the centre. A good kick by Pearson gave Cardiff the advantage of position. The ball travelled from one side of the field to the other, near the visitors' 25, and Hughes, getting it, made a good shot for goal, but the ball, though straight, fell just under the cross-bar, a minor resulting. After the kick-out Runcorn, by some good forward play, carried the ball to the centre, where, however, it did not remain long, and Runcorn for the second time during the game assumed the offensive. It was only for a short time, splendid kicks by Pearson and H. Hughes carrying the play into the Runcorn 25. The visitors' forwards had the best of the scrums which followed, and in a few seconds the Cardiff line was more seriously threatened than it had yet been. At half-time the score was—Cardiff, one minor; Runcorn, nil. After the interval Gayer and the visitors' three-quarters showed the spectators a splendid bit of passing, and Runcorn at once assumed the offensive. Cardiff were pressed, and a scrum was formed close on the line. D. W. Evans, after a short run, put in a magnificent kick, and following up, got the ball again and passed to Hill, who, defying several attempts to collar him, passed to Nicholls, who obtained a try, amidst enthusiastic cheers. It was a magnificent piece of play, and well deserved the demonstration with which it was received. Hughes's attempt for goal was not successful. Some splendid forward play in the centre followed the kick-out. Jarman, getting the ball, made a brilliant dodgy run and passed to Garrett, who in turn transferred to Pearson, the last-named getting a try in the corner. No goal resulted. Cardiff continued to have the best of the play, although the visitors offered a stubborn defence, and at length got away with a rush to the other end of the field, where Garrett pluckily saved, and the ball went into touch at the 25. After the ball was thrown out Crompton attempted to drop a goal, and although it was not successful it made matters look still more serious for Cardiff. Some good play on the part of Garrett and one or two others took the ball out to the 25, where Runcorn had a free, but the visitors' back, who essayed for goal, did not succeed, and Garrett by a good run sent the ball into touch at the 25. It was worked away to the centre, and eventually was again down in front of the posts, where Crompton picked up in a loose scrum, and dropped a very pretty goal. Nothing else resulted and the final score stood—Cardiff, 2 tries and 1 minor; Runcorn, 1 goal (dropped). Teams: Runcorn—Back, J. W. Broadbent; three-quarter backs, T. H. Davis, J. H. Crompton, Woods, and H. Hughes; half-backs, Abrams and E. W. E. Evans; forwards, W. Hughes, W. Faulkner, R. Dolan, A. Hampson, W. F. Hancock, W. H. Broady, W. Rigby, and J. Gayer. Referee, W. H. Gwyn. Cardiff: Back, H. Hughes; three-quarter backs, W. Coslett, F. N. Jones, R. Garrett, and Pearson; half-backs, W. E. Jarman and H. M. Ingledew; forwards, A. F. Hill, Bland, T. Morgan, J. Mahoney, G. Allen, C. Allen, D. W. Evans, and S. Nicholls.

4th Jan. 1890

11th Jan. 1890

CARDIFF V. CLIFTON.

Cardiff, with a very indifferent team, met Clifton on the ground of the latter in the presence of a small number of spectators. Baker kicked off, and Yorath made a splendid return into touch. Cardiff got the better of a couple of scrums, and some very uninteresting play followed in the centre, after which Biggs, getting the ball passed by Jarman, ran in and grounded it behind the posts, Yorath converting. The visitors' forwards made one or two good rushes, but the ball was brought back to the centre. A dribble by Hill (Cardiff) took the play close to the home line, but Birch, coming right through the scrum, sent the leather into touch at the 25. It was soon afterwards sent over, and a minor was registered in favour of Cardiff. Soon after the drop out Arthur, getting a pass from Ingledew, ran in, Yorath again converting. Ingledew failing to return Baker's kick, play settled down for a short time just outside the Cardiff 25. It was worked back to the centre. At half-time Cardiff was ahead by two goals and two minors to nothing. After resuming considerable play took place in the centre, some good passing by the visitors' three-quarters, being productive of no advantage. Some capital dribbling by the Cardiff forwards took the ball down to the home line, but a good kick by Hill (Clifton), which Gus Lewis failed to return, took the play to the centre. The forwards took the ball down to the 25, where Nicholls, getting possession, ran in, but the point was not converted. Cardiff afterwards wheeled the scrums well, and a free kick was conceded to them, but Hill (Clifton) making a good return into touch, no ground was gained. The visitors, however, continued to hold the advantage, but Clifton played a good defensive game. Vivian took a pass from Harry, and after a run punted into touch, gaining considerable ground. Biggs, getting the ball, made a good shot for goal, the ball only going a foot or so wide. Play was resumed in the Clifton 25. A magnificent run by Hooper transferred the leather to the centre. A good run by Williams made things look black for Clifton, but Hill, to whom the ball was passed, slipped directly afterwards, and Harvey went off like a greyhound, covering more than half the ground before he was brought down by Gus Lewis. Vivian got possession near the centre and ran in, Yorath converting. Final score:—Cardiff, 3 goals, 1 try, and 2 minors; Clifton, nil. Teams:—Cardiff: Backs, A. Lewis; three-quarter backs, C. S. Arthur (captain), J. J. E. Biggs, F. G. Vivian, and T. H. B. Yorath; half-backs, H. M. Ingledew and W. E. Jarman; forwards, S. H. Nicholls, W. E. O. Williams, A. J. Hybart, J. M. Honey, J. C. Baker, Gomer Thomas, A. F. Hill, and T. Harry. Umpire, Mr. Sheppard. Clifton: Back, Wilkinson; three-quarter backs, Hooper, Davies, Harvey, and Hill; half-backs, Graham and Hunt; forwards, Baker (captain), Leonard, Edwards, Birch, Press, Southby, Peck, and Garnett. Umpire, H. C. Hurst; referee, Mr. W. A. Chandler, Bristol.

Taylor's Kicked off at 3.25, and after the return a scrum was formed in the centre. A good kick by Keepings took the play to the visitors' 25, but J. Pearson, intercepting a pass, ran up to the Cardiff ground. The home forwards got the better of a succession of scrummages. D. W. Evans, Keepings, and Garrett rushed the ball down, but Garrett kicked a little too hard and only a minor resulted. A good run by Garrett took the ball well within the visitors' 25, and A. L. Davies, getting it from a line-out, dropped a beautiful goal amidst loud applause. Cardiff continued to have the best of the play, the forwards, though handicapped by one man, doing splendidly in the scrums. Keepings got a mark in the centre, and the return being charged down a scrum was formed at the visitors' 25. From a kick by Keepings Pearson got a free in the centre, but nothing came of it, and very desultory play took place in the centre. A rush by the visitors took the play to the Cardiff 25, but D. W. Evans dribbled down splendidly until Cornish saved in the centre. The visitors then got a slight advantage, but a free obtained by D. W. Evans again equalised matters. A dribble by Hill and Keepings took the ball well within the visitors' 25. Garrett, picking up, looked like getting in, but was collared, and the pass was muffed. Several scrums were formed in front of the goal, the half-time whistle then went, the score being:—Cardiff, one goal (dropped) and one minor; Old Merchant Taylors, nil. On operations being resumed the visitors failed to return, and by some rattling good play, Hill and Baker being most prominent, the Cardiff forwards rushed away into their opponents' 25. The ball was soon brought back to the centre, where some give-and-take play took place for several minutes, but the visiting forwards rushed down to the 25. A free kick conceded to the home team, which was well followed up by Baker, took the ball again to the centre. Scrummages were now the order of the day, no particular advantage being obtained by either side, but some good dribbling by the Taylors took the ball into the visitors' 25. The standard was paid in at the end of the first half, but the referee had been referred back to the standard of 1877. That had been one of the bones of contention—with regard to the inclusion of Clause 5 everyone agreed to. Clause 6 should determine what the word "net" was to include. Clause 5 was agreed to as that the committee itself had been agreed to as to what should be deducted. What difference as to the word "net." There was some

NEWPORT V. CARDIFF.

The third match of the season between Cardiff and Newport was played at the Cardiff Arms Park. D. W. Evans kicked off from the Racquet-court end, and Newport soon rushed down to the home 25. George Thomas, getting the ball, passed to Gould; he in turn transferred to Charlie Thomas, who obtained a try within two minutes of the kick off. England failed to convert. Cardiff afterwards played with a dash which surprised their own supporters, and soon rushed the ball to the visitors' 25, but Gould, by a good kick, sent it to the centre, where Hughes punted into touch. A capital punt by Rooney took the play well into the visitors' 25. Some open forward play resulted slightly in favour of Cardiff, and Charlie Arthur, getting the ball, ran in at the extreme corner. Hughes made a splendid kick for goal the ball going a foot or so wide of the post. After restarting, a good kick by Rooney gained to an invasion of the visitors' quarters, where a magnificent forward game was waged. A kick by Gould and a dribble by Hadden transferred the play to the home 25. A dribble by the Newport forwards carried the ball to the line, where George Thomas, getting a pass, ran in, England just missing the goal by a couple of inches. After some scrum in the centre Gould dribbled down to the line, but the ball was soon brought back to neutral territory. Pearson assisting by a splendid kick into touch. The game continued with varying fortune near the centre, and the half-time whistle was blown with the score as follows:—Newport, 2 tries; Cardiff, 1 try. After the usual breathing time, Cardiff played with irresistible dash, and soon sent the ball over, a minor resulting. Charles Thomas, intercepting a pass, put in a splendid sprint to the centre, but was so badly backed up that he had no one to pass to. Gould dribbled splendidly, and the ball going over, a minor was conceded to Newport. For some minutes the ball hovered between the 25 yards flags, the only advantage gained by Cardiff being in wheeling the scrums. The Newport three-quarters passed smartly across the ground, and George Thomas made a good run, but was splendidly brought down by Pearson. Newport, by some good combined play, carried the ball close to the home line, and Charlie Thomas was just going off when he was beautifully collared by Ingledew. A free kick conceded to Cardiff gained the home team considerable ground. Rooney, by a grand kick, sent the ball over, and England, although he had ample opportunities of coming out, touched down. Some very even play followed in the centre. A splendid dribble by the Cardiff forwards was the only noticeable feature. The ball was taken well into the visitors' 25, and Cardiff made strenuous efforts to equalise the score. A couple of kicks into touch relieved for a time, but Cardiff again rushed down, and England playing very badly, a scrum was formed on the line. Newport now had all their work cut out to defend their goal, until a kick by one of their backs sent the ball into touch at the 25. For the last ten minutes the visitors were sorely pressed, but Cardiff failed to get over, and the final score was:—Newport, 2 tries, 1 minor; Cardiff, 1 try, 2 minors. Newport: Back, T. England; three-quarter backs, A. J. Gould, C. J. Thomas, George Thomas, and T. Hier Davies; half-backs, T. Downe and Parfitt; forwards, T. C. Graham (captain), J. Hadden, H. T. Day, W. Watts, H. Powell, T. Edwards, T. Newcombe, and H. Packer. Umpire, Mr. Theophilus Harding. Cardiff: Back, H. Hughes; three-quarter backs, C. S. Arthur, T. W. Pearson, W. Cosslett, and E. Rooney; half-backs, W. E. Jarman and H. M. Ingledew; forwards, A. F. Hill, D. W. Evans, W. E. O. Williams, R. Allen, J. Mahoney, A. F. Bland, W. T. Morgan, and G. Allen. Umpire, Mr. William Sheppard. Referee, Mr. E. S. Richards.

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CARDIFF V. CLIFTON.
Cardiff, with a very different team, met Clifton on the ground of the latter in the presence of a small number of spectators. Baker kicked off, and Yorath made a splendid return into touch. Cardiff got the better of a couple of scrums, and some very uninteresting play followed. In the centre, after which Blake, getting the ball pressed by Jarrins, ran in and grounded it behind the posts. Yorath converting. The visitors' forwards made one or two good rushes, but the ball was brought back to the centre. A dribble by Hill (Cardiff) took the play close to the home line, but, being in a clogging right tangle, the scrum sent the leather into touch at the 25. It was soon afterwards sent over, and a minor scrum was registered in favour of Cardiff. Soon after the drop out Arthur, getting a pass from Ingledew, ran in, Yorath again converting, Ingledew failing to return Baker's kick, play settled down for a short time just outside the Cardiff 25. It was worked back to the centre. At half-time Cardiff was ahead by two goals and two minors to nothing. After resuming considerable play took place in the centre, some good passing by the visitors' three-quarters, being productive of no advantage. Some capital dribbling by the Cardiff forwards took the ball down to the home line, but a good kick by Hill (Clifton) which sent the leather into touch at the 25, again put the home side in command. The first medical gentleman waited upon.

This match was played at the Cardiff Arms Park on very greasy ground. The visitors made some alterations in their team, but they were, according to their own statements, quite as well represented as at Gloucester, where they were only defeated by a try. They adhered to their usual disposition of play, putting out only three three-quarters, Cardiff will be seen by the names, had to borrow all round in order to get anything like a team together. The visitors seemed a tall, little lot of fellows, and as they filed on to the field were received with hearty applause. The scrum was formed in the centre, and after the first scrum was formed in the centre, a good kick by Keepings took the play to the visitors' 25, but J. Pearson, in intercepting a pass, ran up to the Cardiff ground. The home forwards got the better of a succession of scrimmages. D. W. Evans, Keepings, and Garrett rushed the ball down, but Garrett kicked a little too hard and only a minor result was obtained by Garrett took the ball well within the visitors' 25, and A. L. Davies, getting it from a line-out, dropped a beautiful goal amidst loud applause. Cardiff continued to have the best of the play, the forwards, though handicapped by one man, doing splendidly in the scrums. Keepings got a mark in the centre, and the return being charged down a scrum was formed at the visitors' 25. From a kick by Keepings Pearson got into the centre, but nothing came of it, and very desultory play took place in the centre. A rush by the visitors took place in the centre. A rush by D. W. Evans dribbled down the play to the Cardiff 25, but saved in the centre. The visitors then got a slight advantage, but a free obtained by D. W. Evans again equalised matters. A dribble by Hill, W. Evans again took the ball well within the visitors' 25, and Keepings picking up, looked like getting in, but was collared, and the pass was nullified. Several scrums were formed in front of the goal. The half-time whistle then wound the score being—Cardiff, one goal (dropped) and one minor; Old Merchant Taylors, nil. On operations being resumed the visitors failed to return, and by some rattling good play, Hill and Baker being most prominent, the Cardiff forwards rushed away into their opponents' 25. The game was soon brought back to the centre, where some give-and-take play took place for several minutes, but the visiting forwards rushed down to the 25. A free kick conceded to the home team, which was well followed up by Baker, took the ball again to the centre. Scrimmages were now the order of the day, no particular advantage being obtained by either side, but some good dribbling by the Taylors took the ball into a dangerous position. The standard was set at a high level, but the referee decided that the players agreed that there was one of the bones of contention—with regard to Clause 6 everyone agreed to. Clause 6 included determining what the word "net" was to include. It was determined that the committee itself had been agreed to what should be decreed. What difficulty as to the word "net" there was some further as to the word "net" there was some

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The third match of the season between Cardiff and Newport, was played at the Cardiff Arms Park, and Newport soon rushed from the Raquet-court end, and George Thomas, getting the ball, passed to the home 25. George transferred to Charlie Thomas, who forced a try in turn within two minutes of the kick off. England followed to convert. Cardiff afterwards played with a dash the ball to the visitors 25, but Gould, by a good kick, sent it to the line, where Hughes punted into touch. A capital punt by Rooney took the play over into the visitors' 25. Some one forward played and resulted slightly in favour of Cardiff, and Charlie Arthur, getting the ball, ran in at an extreme corner, Hughes made a splendid kick for goal starting, and a kick by Rooney again led to an invasion of the visitors' 25, where a magnificent forward game was waged, and a kick by Gould and a dribble by Hadden transferred the ball to the home 25. A dribble by the Newport forwards carried the ball to the line, where George Thomas, getting a pass, ran in, England just missing the goal by a couple of inches. After some scrum in the centre Gould dribbled down to the line, but the ball was soon brought back to neutral territory. Pearson assisting by a splendid kick into touch, and the game continued with varying fortune near the centre, and the half time whistle was blown with the score as follows:—Newport, 2 tries; Cardiff, 1 try. After the usual breathing time, the half was played with irresistible dash, and soon sent the ball over, a minor resulting. Charles Thomas, intercepting a pass, ran in a splendid sprint to the centre, but was so badly tackled that he had no one to pass to. Gould dribbled up splendidly, and the ball going over, a minor was conceded to Newport. For some minutes the ball hovered between the two halves, the only advantage gained by Cardiff being in winning the scrums. The Newport three-quarters passed well across the ground, and George Thomas made a good run, but was splendidly brought down by Pearson. Newport, by some good combined play, carried the ball close to the home line, and Charlie Thomas was just going when he was beautifully collared by Ingledew, free play was conceded to Cardiff gained the home team considerable ground. Rooney, by a grand kick, sent the ball over, and England, although he had ample opportunities of coming out, touched down. Some very even play followed in the centre. A splendid dribble by the Cardiff forwards was the only noticeable feature. The ball was taken well into the visitors' 25, and Cardiff made strenuous efforts to equalise the score. A couple of kicks into touch relieved the time, but Cardiff again rushed down, and England playing very badly, a scrum was formed on the line. Newport now had to do their worst out to defend their goal, until a kick by one of their backs sent the ball into touch at the 25. For the last ten minutes the visitors were sorely pressed, but Cardiff failed to get over, and the final score was:—Newport, 2 tries, 1 minor; Cardiff, 1 try, 2 minors. *Newport:* Back, T. England; three-quarter backs, A. J. Gould, C. J. Thomas, George Thomas, and T. Hier Davies; half-backs, T. Downe and Harrit; forwards, T. C. Ham (captain), J. Hadden, H. T. Day, W. Watts, H. Powell, L. Edwards, T. Newcombe, and H. Packer. *Umpire,* Mr. Theophilus Harding. *Cardiff:* Back, H. Hughes; three-quarter backs, C. S. Arthur, T. W. Pearson, W. Gossett, and B. Rooney; half-backs, W. E. Jarmar, and W. Ingledew; forwards, A. F. Hill, D. W. Evans, W. E. O. Williams, R. Allen, J. Mahoney, A. F. Bland, W. T. Morgan, and G. Allen. *Umpire,* Mr. William Sheppard. *Referee,* Mr. E. S. Richards.

18th Jan. 1890

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CARDIFF v. BURTON.

These teams met for the second time this year at the Cardiff Arms Park. D. W. Evans kicked off, and Cardiff immediately assumed the offensive. Some good passing by the home three-quarters further improved their position, and Coslett got a mark in a fairly good place, but Hughes failed to register a goal. Arthur, taking a pretty pass by Ingle, where he was pushed into touch. Directly after the ball was thrown out Rooney, by a long pass, gave Pearson a try, which Hughes with a capital kick converted. Some very fast play followed at half way, but the home forwards dribbled down to the centre, but Arthur chucking to Coslett, the latter ran through the visitors and obtained a try in a good position, but Hughes failed to convert. After some considerable play in the centre Sully made a good run, and passed to J. Gorton, who, however, failed to hold the ball. Arthur, after a splendid run, passed to D. W. Evans, who transferred badly to Allen. He, however, picked up, and passing to Nicholls, the latter got in, Hughes converting. Burton now held a slight advantage, but good kicks by Pearson and Rooney took the ball to the centre. Cardiff now pressed, and Jarman got a mark in front of the goal, but Hughes just missed the post. At half-time the score read: Cardiff, two goals, one try, and two minors; Burton, nil. After the usual interval, J. Gorton, by a punt into touch, transferred the ball to the 25, where a free was conceded to Burton for off-side play, but nothing came of it, and some clever passing by the home three-quarters ended with a kick into touch close to the Burton 25. A run by Sully transferred the play to the centre. The game was continued with varying advantage in neutral territory, and then Cardiff again commenced to press, the passing of the home representatives being the most noticeable feature. Eventually Arthur, after a pretty run, passed cleverly to Pearson, who threw himself over in the corner, thus scoring the fourth try for Cardiff. Some most exciting play followed, Hughes, getting through a bunch, kicked and followed up and prevented a return in the visitors' 25. Jarman got in a tricky run, but was badly backed up. The Burton forwards dribbled beautifully down, and Arthur again came to the rescue with a run and a kick, but the Burtonians took the ball down to the half way with some clever footwork, and succeeded at last in getting a touch in goal. After some exciting play, of which the visitors got the worst, the ball was sent over their line, and a minor was registered in favour of Cardiff. Directly after Rooney and Arthur, by some beautiful play, sent the ball into touch within a yard of the line, but a long punt sent it back into touch at half way. The whistle was then blown, the final score being:—Cardiff, 2 goals, 2 tries, and 5 minors; Burton, 1 minor.

Teams:—Cardiff: Back, H. Hughes; three-quarter backs, C. S. Arthur, E. Rooney, T. W. Pearson, and W. Coslett; half-backs, W. E. Jarman, and H. M. Ingledew; forwards, G. Lewis, W. E. O. Williams, D. W. Evans, S. H. Nicholls, J. Mahoney, A. F. Bland, W. T. Morgan, and G. Allen. Umpire, Mr. W. M. Douglas.

Burton: Back, Ward; three-quarter backs, A. Sully, J. Gorton, H. Gorton, and Collings; half-backs, J. Stevenson, and T. H. Gavin; forwards, W. S. Eadie, F. Evershed, J. L. Mayger, F. Bell, F. Taylor, E. Evershed, J. Lloyd, and H. Yeomans. Umpire, Dr. Jennings.

Referee, Mr. W. H. Gwynn.

BLACKHEATH v. CARDIFF.

Yesterday was a red-letter day in the annals of the Cardiff Football Club, the far-famed Blackheath team for the first time in their history coming down to meet the local lads on the Cardiff Arms Park. The visit was in return for one paid the 'Heathens' by the Welsh Metropolitan last year. On that occasion Cardiff endured defeat, but a defeat which carried with it no disgrace, for though worsted in the tussle they upbore themselves so manfully as to win golden encomiums from the English critics both in the Press and outside the ropes. For to-day's encounter the home side played their full strength, with the exception of A. F. Hill, whose absence from the "scrums" was much to be deplored, whilst Blackheath, who on Saturday beat Somerset County by two goals to a try, had an unusually strong team in the field, as will be seen by a glance at their names. The weather was fine, but the going under foot could not have been worse. The immense amount of interest taken in the match was shown by the dimensions of the crowd, which for numbers would have been considered large at an international match. Hundreds of people came from Newport, Swansea, and other places in the district, and it need scarcely be said local folk were there in force, albeit the fact of the match being played on so inconvenient a day rendered it impossible for many to attend who would otherwise have been present.

The teams were:—

POSITIONS.	CARDIFF.	BLACKHEATH.
Back	H. Hughes	A. S. Johnson
Three-quarter	C. Arthur (capt)	A. E. Stoddart (capt)
Three-quarter	R. E. Garrett	P. Christopherson
Three-quarter	T. W. Pearson	R. L. Aston
Three-quarter	W. Coslett	G. C. Hubbard
Half-back	W. E. Jarman	F. C. Duckworth
Half-back	H. M. Ingledew	E. F. Rowsell
Forward	C. Allen	J. Hammond
Forward	D. W. Evans	G. L. Jeffery
Forward	W. E. O. Williams	P. Hancock
Forward	S. H. Nicholls	W. P. Carmichael
Forward	J. Mahoney	W. H. Mantle
Forward	W. T. Morgan	Clyne
Forward	A. F. Bland	W. C. Synes
Forward	G. Allen	Vernon

Referee, Mr. H. V. Page, Gloucester.

Both teams on entering the field were loudly cheered. Once drawn up in array for battle, little time was lost in getting to work. Precisely at 3.20 D. W. Evans kicked off for Cardiff, and the first scrum was on the visitors' side of the half way.

Pearson, on the ball emerging, turned it into touch. After a line out a scrum was formed, and S. H. Nicholls coming through was stopped by Aston. Ingledew now got the ball from a scrum and passed to Coslett, who transferred to Pearson, the latter sending the ball to touch in the 'Heathens' 25. The visitors played up manfully, but were unable to relieve. At length they were allowed a free kick, in response to which Pearson sent the ball back to touch again in their 25. Cardiff pressed until Christopherson got in a kick. A series of exchanges followed, Ingledew at length sending the ball into touch at the 'Heathens' 25. From a scrum after the line-out, the ball was passed to Garrett, who was at once held. Stoddart then relieved with a big kick. Hughes, however, got in an effective reply, and the Cardiff pack gained more territory. Nicholls being particularly prominent. A series of scrummages went on in the vicinity of the 'Heathens' 25, in which the home side had all the best of it, until Rowsell, getting the ball between his feet, dribbled finely down to the centre. D. W. Evans regained a few yards, and Ingledew was loudly cheered on forcing his way through a crowd and gaining more territory. Arthur then got away and passed to Garrett, who yielded to Pearson. The latter unfortunately failed to field the ball, which went into touch. A scrum or two followed the line out. Nicholls came through the last of these and aided by Morgan and Mahoney dribbled across, landing a try amidst a scene of wild enthusiasm. The ball was taken out to be placed, and Hughes taking some sawdust to Jarman, who was placing. Stoddart thereupon appealed, saying that Hughes had touched the ball. The appeal was disallowed, and the place, a failure, taken. On the ball being dropped out Arthur got possession, but was tackled, and play settled down in the centre. The 'Heathens' backs resorting to passing. Arthur kicked in and dribbled to Blackheath territory, where Aston saved. Stoddart sent the leather back to the centre, where Pearson ran across the ground and kicked to touch without making headway. Blackheath now began to play up, and took the ball to the neighbourhood of the home 25, but were driven back to the centre after a short run from Jarman, and some good dribbling headed by Mahoney. They returned, however, to the attack, and Hubbard stopping Ingledew in an attempt to make tracks, the Cardiff 25 was invaded. G. Allen took the ball out with a short dribble, but the visitors again came on, and Aston taking a pass from Christopherson, all but got in. The ball was worked close to the line, and then Aston picking up, fell across with it. Johnston took the place and landed a goal. The ball once more in motion Aston kicked to the centre, and Jeffery rushed down to Cardiff territory, where he was stopped by Hughes. Cardiff at once drove the ball back to neutral ground and Stoddart got in a kick, of which nothing came. This brought the game to half-time.

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HALF-TIME SCORE:—
BLACKHEATH 1 goal
CARDIFF 1 try.

On resuming play at once settled down in the centre. The Blackheath backs tried the passing game, and Christopherson ran clean across without gaining a yard, being pushed into touch precisely at half-way. After the line out the Heathens pressed, but Bland dribbled out to the centre, where Garrett prevented Christopherson from getting off. Jarman then received, and making a dodgy run he was not hauled down until he had carried the oval far into the Blackheath quarters. A good dribble, headed by Hancock and Synes, relieved, and the centre was made the scene of operations, thanks to a long punt by Hubbard. Using their feet in splendid style the visitors crossed the division line. Resorting to passing, the homesters transferred the venue to the neighbourhood of the centre, where Garrett stopped a rush in plucky fashion, and then, amidst the vociferous cheering of the crowd, brought off one of his characteristic cork-screws, which was the means of bringing about a close investment of the Heathens' citadel. Mahoney and Nicholls, who had closely followed up, then drove the sphere over the goal line, but Johnston wisely conceded a minor. After the kick-out several scrimmages occurred in the centre. Stoddart brought off a dodgy run, and Christopherson kicked to touch near the Cardiff 25. Ingledew steaming round a scrummage recovered a bit of ground, and then a rush, headed by Nicholls and Morgan, took the leather to the Heathens' 25. The visitors rushed out, but Cardiff returned to the attack, and Garrett, putting in a dribble, kicked hard when near the Blackheath 25, but following up nailed Christopherson before the latter could get in a kick. The ball was now forced right on to the line, and after a series of exciting scrimmages, Blackheath had to touch down a second time. Following the kick out, Stoddart picked up at the centre, but lost the ball after going only a few yards. Cardiff putting in good scrummage work forced the fight into the Blackheath territory. Offside play by Hancock gave Cardiff a free kick, but the ball was charged down by the offending forward, and Christopherson kicked up field. Pearson and he exchanged several times, the Heathen at length sending the ball in touch at half-way. Garrett was applauded for a clever piece of play, and Stoddart trying to set off, was driven back and eventually pulled over by Bland. Charley Arthur tried ineffectually to run, and Hancock and Jeffrey dribbled up to the Cardiff end, and the ball was taken into the 25. Hughes here stopped an ugly rush, and presently Cardiff were allowed a free kick, which resulted in the ball falling in touch near the centre flag. D. W. Evans after the line out punted to touch at the centre, and then followed a series of evenly-contested "scrums." Blackheath getting the ball loose, rushed to the home 25, where Hughes stopped them, and Garrett dodging out, the home forwards seconded his effort and took the ball to the centre. Christopherson recovered a few yards, but the home pack made up for it, and Jarman got a free kick. The return to this put the ball in touch at the centre, and time was then called.

FINAL SCORE.
BLACKHEATH 1 goal
CARDIFF 1 try, 3 minors

REMARKS.

The Cardiff men by their play exceeded the expectations of their most sanguine supporters. Rarely, certainly never during the present season, have the team been seen to such advantage. They were pitted against probably the strongest fifteen the Heathens have got together this year as yet. So far as play goes, they not only contrived to hold their own, but had in a marked degree the best of the struggle. Unfortunately the fates were against them in the matter of scoring, but if the saying holds good that a defeat is sometimes equal to a victory, never could it be better applied than in the present instance. Weakened by the absence of their heaviest scrummager, Hill, it was thought the home forwards would stand little chance, but so far from that being the case, they actually held their heavier opponents up all through, and as often as not beat them. The ground was all unsuited to running, and the greasy ball militated sadly against passing. This was the more to be regretted because Ingledew and Jarman at half completely beat the Blackheath couple, and on a dryer ground the Cardiff three quarters would undoubtedly have been busy. As it was passing was very slow, so slow, in fact, that the opposing backs were always on the recipient of the leather before he could do anything, and so the game settled down after the first few minutes into a dribbling match. At this game the home side were undoubtedly superior, and for the greater portion of the game looked winners all over. Indeed they had more than once very hard lines in not scoring, and Blackheath must be accounted lucky to win. They got but one chance, and that, it must be allowed, they utilized to the best advantage. The minor points, however, abundantly prove where the strength lay. For the winners Hancock and Jeffrey were always prominent forward. The halves were outplayed, and Stoddart at three-quarters had nothing practically to do. Christopherson frequently got the ball and, with Rowsell, played best of the quartette. Johnston was safe in goal. The Cardiff forwards played right in fully. Nicholls, Morgan, D. W. Evans and Mahoney being perhaps the pick. Ingledew was undoubtedly the best half on the ground, though Jarman worked hard and effectively. Pearson was the most useful of the three-quarters. Garrett coming next. Arthur was suffering from a damaged foot, but both he and Coslett were useful in stopping rushes. Hughes, at full back, was AI at Lloyd's. The tackling on both sides was superb, and the game all round was such a grandly contested one that it will long live in the recollection of all who saw it.

CARDIFF V. PENARTH.

The return match between these teams was played at the Cardiff Arms Park in beautiful weather. The couple of months past, Cardiff has been for a early in the season, Cardiff were only able to make a draw. Both organisations were well represented to day, and, as a good match was expected, there was a large attendance. D. W. Evans kicked off, sending the ball over, and the return being charged down. When the leather was thrown out Fred Jones got in, and, after a good run, passed to Arthur, who scored a try within a minute of the start. Hughes failed to convert. After considerable play near the visitors' 5, Pearson fast and exciting open play ensued in the centre of the ground. Garrett, W. A. Jones, and Hill being particularly prominent and a splendid kick by Pearson sent the ball into touch close on the Penarth line. The visitors soon relieved to the centre with a dribble, Hughes saving well. D. W. Evans dribbled a few yards back and Pearson kicked to the line, but H. Morgan made a good return and the ball went into touch at the half-way flag. Directly afterwards came one of the prettiest bits of passing which could be witnessed. Jarman, getting the ball, chucked to Ingledew, who transferred to Arthur. The last named again passed to Fred Jones, and he, transferring to Pearson, the latter got in, but the point was not improved, although Pearson, by running round, secured a good position. After the drop out, Fred Jones ran up to the line, and another touch in goal was conceded to the home team from a kick by Pearson. A long kick by Hughes gave Herbie Morgan a race after the ball, and Mahoney, following up splendidly, prevented a return, but the ball was dribbled back to the half-way, when Coslett getting it, made a capital run and grounded the leather behind the posts. D. W. Evans converting. The score at half-time was: Cardiff, one goal, two tries, and two minors; Penarth, nil. After re-starting W. A. Jones made a good run, but was badly supported. Penarth, however, were hard pressed and eventually D. W. Evans crossed the line and converted the try himself. Some very fast forward play followed in the centre, but a kick by Spear resulted in the ball going into touch at the 25. Some passing between the Penarth three-quarters lost ground, and some good play by W. E. O. Williams, Hill, and Coslett gave the last-named a try, which was not converted. Notwithstanding the heavy score against them, Penarth played a very plucky game, and a run by Spear took the oval into the Cardiff 25. The visitors played all they knew, and the forwards were quite able to hold their own. Cardiff, however, managed to take the ball to the half way, where D. W. Evans put in a capital run. Morgan getting a kick charged down, a scrum was formed close to the Penarth line. At length Hill, getting the ball from a line out, passed to W. E. O. Williams, who went in through a bunch. D. W. Evans converting. Just before the end of the game Hill missed a good opportunity to drop a goal and a free was afterwards conceded to the home team, but the place failed. The final score was:— Cardiff, 3 goals, 3 tries, 2 minors; Penarth, nil. Teams:—Cardiff: Back, H. Hughes; three-quarter backs, C. Arthur (captain), W. T. Pearson, Fred Jones, and W. Coslett; half-backs, H. M. Ingledew and W. Jarman; forwards, A. F. Hill, D. W. Evans, W. A. Jones, W. T. Morgan, W. E. O. Williams, A. F. Bland, J. Mahoney, and G. Allen. Penarth: Back, H. E. Morgan; three-quarter backs, R. Garrett, G. Rowles, D. Radley, and J. Spear; half-backs, Tom Hutchings and F. E. Moore; forwards, G. Brown, J. Lawday, J. White, A. Meers, Tom Garrett, F. O'Brien, A. Williams, and J. Matthews.

15th Feb. 1890

CARDIFF v. GLOUCESTER.

Played at Gloucester in the presence of a large number of spectators. In consequence of the international match, England v. Wales, five of the best Cardiff forwards were absent, but they had their full back division. Gloucester, on the other hand, was fully represented. Page started the leather at 3.30 and Jarman dribbled down to the 25. Immediately afterwards A. F. Hughes relieved with a kick, but some pretty passing between Arthur and Coslett took the leather back to the home quarters, the latter being well collared by Bagwell, who kicked into touch. The Gloucester forwards rushed away to the other end, where Powell looked very much like a scorer, but was pushed into touch by Coslett and one or two others. For the next five minutes Gloucester pressed, and some fine passing between Fowler, Bull, and Jackson resulted in several scrums being formed close to the visitors' line. A dribble sent the ball into touch at the 25, bringing a greatly desired relief. After some fast play in the centre, Charlie Arthur got the ball and ran in at the corner, Hughes making a splendid but unsuccessful attempt at goal. After the drop out a lot of close forward play took place in the centre, the three-quarters getting nothing to do except an occasional kick into touch. A good run by Bagwell threatened the visitors' line, but he passed to Ball, who was well collared. At half-time the score stood:—Cardiff, 1 try; Gloucester, nil. After re-starting, Gloucester rushed away down to the line, but Fred Jones, with a good flying kick, relieved to the centre. The ball was then passed right across the ground by the home forwards, but nothing came of it, and a capital dribble by the visitors' forwards took the play well into the home quarters, where some stubborn scrimmages took place. The Gloucester forwards got through, but Jarman saved well, and again the home team had to play their level best to prevent a score. For some considerable time the play was confined to the forwards. At length Healing by a dribble relieved to the centre, where a succession of scrums took place, the play being more than ordinarily uninteresting. Cardiff by some good combined play carried the game inside the home 25, but it only remained there for a few seconds before Gloucester rushed down to their opponents' line. A kick to the centre brought relief, A. F. Hughes failing to return, but George by a good run again threatened the visitors' line. The defence, however, was too good, and after a stubborn fight Ingledew relieved to the centre. The final score stood:—Cardiff, 1 try; Gloucester, nil. Teams—Cardiff: Back, B. Hughes; three-quarter backs, O. Arthur (captain), Fred Jones, T. W. Pearson, and W. Coslett; half-backs, H. M. Ingledew and W. E. Jarman; forwards, G. Allen, W. T. Morgan, J. Mahoney, W. Jones, C. Allen, E. P. Biggs, R. Thomas, and A. Lewis. Gloucester: Back, A. F. Hughes; three-quarter backs, T. Bagwell, C. E. Brown (captain), W. Jackson, and T. B. Powell; half-backs, S. A. George and W. Ball; forwards, T. Collins, A. Collins, A. E. Healing, H. V. Page, R. Jenkins, G. J. Witcomb, C. Williams, and E. Ellis.

22 Feb. 1890

CARDIFF v. MOSELEY.

This match was played at Moseley. Early in the game the visitors, with the assistance of Biggs, took up a good position, and almost scored, but Moseley retaliated. Some give and take play followed, during which Rogers and Hasluck showed to good advantage. Yates further improved the position, but had not. Oswald saved opportunely Cardiff would have had a chance of scoring. A combined rush by the Moseley forwards was frustrated by the Cardiff back. Ingledew passed to Arthur, who passed to Jones, who, after a tussle outside the line, got over. Hughes tried at goal, but failed. Play which followed was very fast, and consisted largely of return kicks between the three-quarters until Oswald saved in the nick of time. Following a rush soon after, Evans got over at the corner, but no goal was scored. Arthur (Cardiff) made a fine run just before half-time, and got the third try for Cardiff. Smith ran half the field when stopped by Pearson at a critical moment. Two brief visits were made to the Moseley quarters, followed by a minor point being scored by Moseley. Hasluck made a gallant attempt, but it was nipped in the bud. Some reckless Moseley men pushed them back for a short time. Two free kicks were given to Cardiff early in the second half, but they did not prove of much value until Jarman got hold of the ball. Some even play was witnessed for about ten minutes, and then Coslett made a dodgy run, which resulted in his getting over the Moseley line. Evans tried at the goal, but failed. Once more Yates made a good show for Moseley, and Cardiff rushed up to the Moseley quarters and remained there to the end. Result:—Cardiff, 4 tries; Moseley, 1 minor. The following composed the Cardiff team:—Arthur, T. W. Pearson, F. Jones, and W. Coslett; half-backs, H. M. Ingledew and W. E. Jarman; forwards, A. F. Bland, W. E. O. Williams, D. W. Evans, J. Mahoney, G. Allen, C. Allen, E. P. Biggs, and R. Thomas. Referee, Mr. Gill, Leamington.

1st March 1890

CARDIFF v. PENARTH.

Clifton having cancelled their engagement with Cardiff, the Penarth Club, who were due at Bridgend, decided to postpone that fixture in order to give the Welsh Metropolitan another game in the Cardiff Arms Park. Both the teams were weakened by a fairly drafts for the international event at Dublin. A fairly even game resulted as follows:—Cardiff, 1 goal; Penarth, nil. Teams:—Penarth: Back, H. E. Morgan; three-quarter backs, Joe Williams, D. Radley, J. Lambert, and G. Shepherd; half-backs, P. E. Moore and T. Hutchings; forwards, J. Lawday, P. O'Brien, T. Garrett, A. Williams, J. White, J. Hayes, A. Sweet, Escent, and A. Mears. Umpire: Mr. J. S. Dewar. Cardiff: Back, H. Hughes; three-quarter backs, C. Arthur (captain), T. W. Pearson, W. Coslett, and F. N. Jones; half-backs, W. E. Jarman and T. C. Edwards; forwards, W. T. Morgan, J. Mahoney, G. Lewis, E. P. Biggs, H. J. Taylor, C. Allen, A. Allen, and R. Thomas. Referee, Mr. H. J. Simpson.

8th March 1890

NEWPORT V. CARDIFF.

The fourth and last encounter this season between these veteran rivals was brought off at Newport. Cardiff, having won the toss, elected to play from the gymnasium end with the wind at their back, and Graham started with a kick which Jarman was made to hold. The Newport forwards, well followed up by Percy Phillips, got off with a grand dribble over the line, and Hughes was just tackled as he touched down to save. Cardiff still had to defend, being driven right up against their 25 position, and thence close to the line. Jarman, however, was instrumental in relieving the open, but there was still a strong siege laid on the visitors' position. W. E. O. Williams was the first man for Cardiff who, by a good dribble, took the oval across the centre line, but no material advantage came off, the Newport forwards, from out of a hot scrimmage, taking it back. Jarman then picked up and punted well into the home ground, and Charlie Arthur, coming up swiftly, passed to Goslett, who dropped over the line, and the ball went dead, resulting in a minor for Cardiff. Nicholls got away with a splendid rush straight to the Newport 25, and passed to Arthur, who was tackled in the nick of time by George Thomas as he was making for the line. Newport was now hard pressed, but from out of a scrum close to the home 25 the ball was shot out to Charlie Thomas, who cleared the opposing forwards, and then passed to George Thomas. The racer skirted the touch line, and got clear away to the line with the first try. England's place was a good attempt, but fell short. The Cardiff half was now the venue, and whilst the ball was situated thus half time was called, the score being:—Newport, one try and one minor; Cardiff, one minor. Ends having been changed, D. W. Evans re-started against the wind, and Webb mulling the return, the Cardiff forwards rushed up to the line. Arthur Gould and Charlie Thomas, however, brought the ball back with a nice dribble to the half, and Newport again pressed with much vigour, though the defence was stubborn. The struggle was principally between the forwards. The homesters, with Boucher in the van, set off with a grand dribble, taking every hie before them, and a try fell to Day near the touch-line. England's attempt at goal was a failure. The drop out was replied to with a kick from Day, who sent the oval over the line and Cardiff had to touch down. The visitors still had to defend, and Hughes, kicking dead, put another minor to the list for Newport. Immediately afterwards the mustard and blacking pack made tracks for the line, but a touch-down only resulted, another following soon after. Still Cardiff was hard pressed, and from a kick over by George Thomas, another minor resulted. Newport continued to have all the best of the game, penning the visitors completely in their own quarters. Nothing further, however, was scored, and the result was as follows:—Newport, 2 tries and 1 minor; Cardiff, 1 minor. Teams:—Cardiff: Back, H. Hughes; three-quarter backs, C. S. Arthur (captain), T. W. Pearson, F. N. Jones, and W. Coslett; half-backs, H. M. Ingle, and W. E. Jarman; forwards, A. F. Hill, S. H. Nicholls, D. W. Evans, W. E. O. Williams, A. F. Bland, J. Mahoney, W. T. Morgan, and G. Allen. Newport: Back, T. England; three-quarter backs, A. J. Gould, George Thomas, Charlie Thomas, and J. E. Webb; half-backs, T. Downe and H. P. Phillips; forwards, T. C. Graham, J. Hadden, T. Edwards, H. T. Day, W. Watts, H. Packer, A. W. Boucher, and T. Newcombe. Referee: Mr. E. S. Richards, Swansea.

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The Cardiff men made their appearance ten minutes after time, immediately followed by the Swansea sea team, and the visitors kicking off, play was at once taken to the home quarters, where a couple of lines-out occurred, and following a scrimmage from the second the ball was forced over, and Cardiff touched down to the drop-out, but in response Hughes replied to the loose, the home side forced the ball to the centre, where Charlie Arthur ran across the ground with the ball, but without gaining ground. Then a rush was headed by Nicholls and Williams, and they took the ball well into the Swansea quarters, where Bancroft intercepted. The Cardiff backs now resorted to passing, but Coslett missed a transfer, and David Gwynn contrived to turn the leather into touch near the home 25 flag. Several scrimmages ensued just inside touch, but the Cardiff forwards broke away to the centre, but the by Jere Edwards, a kick from whom caused their hasty retreat. Midway between the centre and quarter flags Cardiff obtained a free kick, the effect of which was to send play to the effect of which Jarman then passed to Fred Jones, and the latter to Arthur, who missed; but enthusiasm was aroused as Arthur immediately afterwards got possession and ran to the Swansea 25, where being well tackled he threw to Nicholls, who was pulled down a few yards from the line. But Cardiff continued to attack in, but the score was disallowed, and Swansea then forced play to the centre. The visitors' backs then tried the passing game, but Gwynn missed a chuck in his direction, and Pearson picked up landed the ball near the Swansea 25. After the line-out, Gwynn dribbled up to the centre; and then Pearce, after a scrimmage, kicked to the home 25, where Hughes was collared before he could get in his possession from Jarman and ran to the centre flag, where he was pushed into touch. Cardiff once more invaded the Swansea territory, and obtained a free kick. The ball was placed for Hughes, who sent it over the Swansea line, Bancroft's reply being into touch near the quarter flag. Following the line out Pearson kicked into touch near the visitors' line, and the Cardiff backs had a grand opportunity of scoring, but lost it through a failure of Arthur to take a pass, Gwynn kicking well up the field, Pearson returned the ball over the Swansea line, where Bancroft picked up, and sent it back grandly, Hughes being unable to do more than turn the ball into touch as the centre. Thereafter the home backs were busy, but the visitors' defence was too good. Eventually, however, a long kick by Hughes equalised the score—one minor each. Swansea, it should be mentioned, were now playing a man short, one of their forwards having had to retire as the result of a kick on the head. Following the kick-out play was in neutral ground, but only momentarily, Williams, Taylor, D. W. Evans, and Arthur, bringing off a combined rush to the Swansea 25 flag. Bancroft raised the short-lived siege by kicking up the field, Hughes sending into touch at half-way. Cardiff again attacking, Gwynn got in a kick, but Hughes was more successful this time, as his response caused Swansea to act on the defensive. Just outside the visitors' 25 Fred Jones snapped a pass intended for a Swansea man, and got to within a few yards of the goal line, where he passed to Arthur, who again missed; but Hill and Jones going up together swept the leather over the line, and between them scored a try, amid great shouting; and D. W. Evans had no difficulty in improving the occasion, putting Cardiff a goal to the good. On the ball being again set in motion from the centre it was forced into touch at the home 25. After the line-out the Cardiff forwards went away in splendid style, Hill, Williams, Nicholls, and Taylor heading a rush to the visitors' quarter flag, where Whapham got hold and ran back to the centre. It was now becoming manifest that Cardiff had more than a try forward. Over and over again they rushed the scrimmages, and had it not been for the good kicking and saving tactics of the Swansea backs, the visitors front division would have fared badly. Thanks mainly to the exertions of the backs, and to bad passing on the part of their opponents, Swansea at length worked their way into the home quarters; and at half-time play was at this point, the score being:—

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It was announced after changing ends that the Swansea man missing was T. Williams, who was suffering from a nasty cut on his head, and a play was resumed with the visitors still one short. On the ball being set in motion the opening scrimmage took place in Swansea territory, and almost immediately ran up to the line, and was within an ace of scoring. After a scrimmage Edwards got possession, and kicked into touch well down the field. After the line-out Charlie Arthur became the custodian of the leather, and, running near to the line, passed to Jarman, who was upset when only a foot from the mark. Cardiff closely besieged their opponents' citadel, and compelled Swansea to touch down. The drop-out brought the visitors little or no relief, the game being waged all in their 25, from which point the ball was again sent over and another minor was conceded. Following the drop-out Swansea managed to break away to mid-field, where some noisy play ensued, and another Swansea man was for awhile incapacitated, and play was stopped. A scrimmage was next formed, and Gwynn, getting possession, sent the ball dead with a long kick. Edwards failed to respond to the drop out and let the home side towards the visitors' quarters, where Cardiff were awarded a free kick and some kicking exchanges took place. Play then became very slow and uninteresting, scrummage following scrummage at the Swansea 25. A speculation kick from Gwynn, smartly followed up by himself, effectually raised the siege, and, indeed, had Arthur not promptly repaired a mistake by Hughes, the visitors might easily have become dangerous. Following some tame play in the centre, Gwynn kicked to the Cardiff quarter, but the home man promptly

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CARDIFF..... 1 goal, 1 minor.
SWANSEA..... 1 minor.

It was announced after changing ends that the Swansea man missing was T. Williams, who was suffering from a nasty cut on his head, and play was resumed with the visitors still one short. On the ball being set in motion the opening scrum took place in Swansea territory, and almost immediately ran up to the line, and was within an ace of scoring. After a scrum, Edwards got possession, and kicked into touch well down the field. After the line-out Charlie Arthur became the custodian of the leather, and, running near to the line, passed to Jarman, who was upset when only a foot from the mark. Cardiff closely besieged their opponents' citadel, and compelled Swansea to touch down. The drop-out brought the visitors little or no relief, the game being waged all in their 25, from which point the ball was again sent over and another minor was conceded. Following the drop-out Swansea managed to break away to mid-field, where some noisy play ensued, and another Swansea man was for awhile incapacitated, and play was stopped. A scrum was next formed, and Gwynn, getting possession, sent the ball dead with a long kick. Edwards failed to respond to the drop out and let the home side towards the visitors' quarters, where Cardiff were awarded a free kick and some kicking exchanges took place. Play then became very slow and uninteresting, scrumage following scrumage at the Swansea 25. A speculation kick from Gwynn, smartly followed up by himself, effectually raised the siege, and, indeed, had Arthur not promptly repaired a mistake by Hughes, the visitors might easily have become dangerous. Following some tame play in the centre, Gwynn kicked to the Cardiff quarter flag, but the home man promptly repelled the attack. Then Swansea had a free-kick, but it came to nought, although immediately afterwards the visitors effected a rush, and the minors were equalised after some scrambling play just outside the home line. After the drop-out operations were continued in the home quarters until an exchange of kicking sent the ball to the centre, and then Hill made his mark, and sent the ball into touch near the Swansea 25, where Whapham tried to bounce the ball into play, but was tackled. Jarman then passed to Charlie Arthur, and the latter to Fred Jones, who transferred to Pearson, who got to the line and made a timely throw back to Fred Jones, who was brought down. Still Cardiff pressed hard, and notwithstanding that they were allowed a free kick the visitors failed to raise the siege, although the ball moved rapidly from side to side of the ground. Swansea were now penned in the corner near their line on the grand stand side, but the ball becoming loose, Pearce and Edwards got in flying kicks and ran off to the centre, but beyond here they were not allowed to proceed, although there were interchanges of full kicking. Interest now ran keenly. The Cardiff backs attempting a passing boat, Charlie Arthur failed lamentably to pick up, and Gwynn, kicking in, with the assistance of one of the James's, brought about an invasion of the home 25. Cardiff, however, repelled the attack and removed operations to the centre once more. The ball here went into touch, and E. James, getting into touch, kicked, and throwing to Williams, the latter transferred to Pearson, who was not pulled down until well on towards the home line. Here scrummages ensued in dangerous proximity to the Cardiff line, but Pearson got in a fine drop to the midfield, and here play raged hotly, both sides trying hard to get away. Just on this, Fred Jones gave a smart pass to Pearson, but the latter was brought down at the Swansea 25, and the whistle sounded for "no side."

FINAL SCORE :
CARDIFF..... 1 goal, 3 minors.
SWANSEA..... 3 minors.

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CARDIFF V. WIGAN.

This important engagement came off at the Cardiff Arms Park in beautiful weather. There was a large gate, and the greatest interest was taken in the match. D. W. Evans kicked off, and directly after the return Sweet-Escott picked up beautifully and passed to Fred Jones, who transferred to Arthur, the last-named, by a splendid run, putting the ball behind the posts. The kick for goal was charged down by Bibby. Directly afterwards Wigan rushed down to the Cardiff quarters, and Hughes touched down. Wigan pressed, and Hughes again touched down after an attempt by Seddon to drop a goal. Directly afterwards Wigan got a free right in front of the goal, but Anderson failed miserably, and a touch down resulted. Two other minors against Cardiff followed, but Pearson, by some splendid short kicks and following up, just got over and scored another try amidst tremendous applause. Hughes kicked a splendid goal. Wigan pressed, and another minor was conceded to the visitors. Hughes saved by a couple of marks. Atkinson then got a fine catch, but no goal resulted. Some splendid play by Arthur, Biggs, and Pearson carried the ball to the line, Pearson having very hard lines for a try. Wigan were now pressed, but Butler made a splendid run to the centre, and had only Hughes to pass. "Sawdust," however, collared splendidly, but another minor was given before half-time, when the score was—Cardiff, one goal and one try; Wigan, seven minors. Directly after re-starting Pearson missed a kick, and R. Seddon had an easy try in the corner. Wigan continued to press, and Fred Jones saved by touching down. Cardiff then played up better, and a very fast game ensued in the centre. Wigan went away with a rush, but Pearson sent the ball into touch outside the Cardiff 25. Two or three free kicks were awarded to Cardiff, but nothing came of them. Atkinson took the ball to the Cardiff 25, where Jarman, who picked up, was pushed into touch. Some good play by Nicholls, Hill, and Allen took the ball down near the line, and Sweet-Escott, picking up, passed to Jarman, who transferred to Arthur, the last-named running in behind the posts, and D. W. Evans converted amidst loud applause. Final score:—Cardiff, 2 goals, 1 try, and 1 minor; Wigan, 1 try and 8 minors. Teams:—Cardiff: Back, H. Hughes; three-quarter backs, C. Arthur (captain), T. W. Pearson, F. N. Jones, and N. Biggs; half-backs, W. E. Jarman and R. Sweet-Escott; forwards, S. Nicholls, R. Thomas, W. E. O. Williams, A. F. Hill, G. Allen, H. J. Taylor, J. Mahoney, and D. W. Evans. Wigan: Back, Halliwell; three-quarter backs, Sievin, Seddon, and Anderson; half-backs, W. Halliwell and Mitchison; forwards, Atkinson, Butler, Brayshaw, Wardell, Dempsey, Telford, Bibby, Lobert, Seddon, and Horton. Umpire, J. Underwood.

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CARDIFF V. LEICESTER.

A match between these clubs was played at the Cardiff Arms Park on Monday, in the presence of about 5,000 spectators. The ground was in capital condition. Leicester were assisted by Byrne and Rogers, the Moseley three-quarters; R. H. B. Cattell, and the Moseley half; and W. D. Ludlow (Old Edwardians). With this assistance they were enabled to put a strong fifteen in the field. Cardiff, on the other hand, were weakened by the absence of Pearson, Mahoney, and Bob Thomas. The visitors kicked off with the sun and wind in their faces and at once assumed the offensive. Ashworth put in a splendid run, and directly afterwards Byrne crossed the line, but lost the ball, and a minor was registered against Cardiff. A kick by Coslett and a couple of strong rushes by the Cardiff forwards took the play to the visitors' quarters, where several tight scrums were formed. Cardiff pressed for to the centre. Some magnificent passing by the whole of the Cardiff three-quarters across the field and back again resulted in Norman Biggs being pushed into touch within a few yards of the line. Charlie Arthur, who had been most prominent in the above bit of play, got the ball and crossed the line near the posts. D. W. Evans, however, failed to convert. A long kick by Jarman resulted in a minor being conceded to Cardiff, and Gilbert Allen charging down the drop out. Leicester were again compelled to act on the defensive. By a long kick and good following up the visitors relieved to half-way, but Arthur ran down to the 25. Nield made a capital run, and passed to Coleman, who got up to the 25 before he was collared. Arthur returning into touch. The half-time whistle was then blown, the score standing:—Cardiff, one try and two minors; Leicester, one minor. The first part of the second half was confined to a great extent to the forwards, and was slightly in favour of Leicester. Cardiff relieved to the visitors' 25, but R. Cattell, by a splendid kick, sent the leather into touch at the other end of the field. A lot of fast play took place in the centre. A splendid kick by Ashworth sent the ball into touch close to the Cardiff line, but Sweet-Escott and D. W. Evans carried it back to a position of safety, and a splendid dribble by Nicholls took the play to the Leicester 25. The ball was, however, soon sent back to the half-way flag, where D. W. Evans brought off a dribble. Leicester again relieved, but Jarman, getting possession, passed to Norman Biggs, who ran in and secured a try in a favourable position. Hughes's kick for goal was, however, a failure. Some fast and exciting play followed in neutral ground. Coslett put in a very dodgy run, and runs by Arthur and Norman Biggs following, the visitors were pressed back on their line. G. Cattell returned with a run, and the play was again taken to the centre. Ashworth, getting a clear course, made a good run, but was well brought down by Hughes. E. P. Biggs, W. E. O. Williams, and Taylor again took the leather back to half-way, and Cardiff, gaining some further ground, Norman Biggs made a good attempt to drop a goal, the ball just going wide. Rogers then ran to the Cardiff line, where he was brought down by Norman Biggs and Hughes, and again the operations were transferred to the centre. When the whistle was blown Cardiff were victorious by two tries and three minors to one minor. Teams:—Cardiff: Back, H. Hughes; three-quarter backs, C. S. Arthur (captain), N. Biggs, W. Coslett, and F. N. Jones; half-backs, W. E. Jarman and R. B. Sweet-Escott; forwards, D. W. Evans, A. F. Hill, S. H. Nicholls, G. Allen, O. Allen, B. J. Taylor, E. P. Biggs, and W. E. O. Williams. Leicester: Back, M'Kenna; three-quarter backs, E. J. Byrne, F. A. Rogers, G. Cattell, and A. Ashworth; half-backs, R. H. B. Cattell and E. Nield; forwards, R. German, B. Wilkinson, W. D. Ludlow, L. F. Ward, J. G. S. Coleman, K. M'Alpin, W. R. Porter (captain), and W. H. Sturges.

Norman Biggs played in the last five matches and was very useful, though not so prolific a try-getter as of old. At half-back, Jarman played with all the skill and wiliness of younger days, and Ingledaw, brought over from the Second Fifteen after the loss of Rosser Evans, did so well as to earn for himself an international cap. Latterly, he, too, found himself unable to play, and the team were lucky in securing the aid of so good a man as Sweet-Escott. Forward Nicholls, Hill, D. W. Evans, and W. E. O. Williams were most prominent. Evans did most of the place-kicking, only the difficult angles being entrusted to Hughes. The latter, it should be stated, was probably at his best as full back this season. Of individual performances the most notable were Arthur's and Jarman's. The former scored three times against United Hospitals, and four each against Moseley (at Cardiff) and Cornwall County, while the latter obtained three against Exeter in the return match. Below will be found a tabulated statement of the season's matches and scoring:—

Where Played.	Cardiff Score.	Opponents.	Opponents' Score.
	G. T.		G. T.
Away	1 2	Penygraig	— 1
Away	1 1	Penarth (D)	1 1
Home	— 1	Huddersfield (L)	— 2
Home	1 1	Newport	1 —
Away	1 2	Neath	2 —
Home	2 1	Brighouse Rangers (D)	2 1
Away	— —	Burton-on-Trent (L)	3 —
Home	5 —	United Hospitals	1 —
Home	— 2	Gloucester	— 1
Away	— —	Swansea (L)	1 —
Away	— —	Newport (L)	— 1
Home	1 6	Moseley	— —
Away	— —	Gloucester (D)	— —
Home	— 1	Oxford University	— —
Home	1 —	Neath	— —
Home	— 2	Runcorn	1 —
Home	2 2	New Brighton	— —
Away	1 1	Exeter	— —
Away	3 1	Clifton	— —
Home	— 1	Old Merchant Taylors	— —
Home	2 2	Newport (L)	— 2
Home	— 1	Burton	— —
Home	3 3	Blackheath (L)	1 —
Away	— 1	Penarth	— —
Away	— 4	Gloucester	— —
Home	1 1	Moseley	— —
Home	1 —	XV. of District	— 1
Home	1 —	Penarth	— —
Away	— —	Newport (L)	— 2
Home	1 —	Swansea	— —
Home	4 3	Gloucester	— —
Home	4 4	Cornwall County	— —
Home	5 4	Exeter	— 1
Home	2 1	Wigan	— 1
Home	— 2	Leicester	— —
Home	3 2	Penygraig	— —
Total ..	46 51		14 14

Matches Played 36. Won, 26. Lost, 7. Drawn, 3.
*One goal dropped.

SCOTLAND v. WALES.

The much-looked for match between Scotland and Wales was played at the Cardiff Arms Park on Saturday afternoon, in the presence of an immense concourse of spectators. Excursion trains ran from the principal centres of population in South Wales, and brought large contingents from Newport, Swansea, Llanelli, Neath, and other places. To gauge with any degree of accuracy the numbers composing a crowd is proverbially a difficult task. It may, however, be safely said that the attendance at the Park could not have fallen far short of 10,000. And in all conscience many of them put in an appearance early enough. The kick-off was timed for three o'clock, but on the gates being opened at half-past one a steady stream of humanity at once commenced to pour in, and go in a hurry for the best places from which to view the encounter. By two o'clock the grand stand was packed, notwithstanding the high prices charged for admission, and in the cheaper parts of the field every inch of the ropes was lined, the two capacious stands were crowded to their fullest capacity, and the long array of trolleys continuing the line packed as full as they would hold. Occupied in discussing the chances of the rival teams the crowd endured the long interval of waiting with a degree of patience that proved unmistakably how keen was the interest they felt in the coming struggle. For those in the grand stand, or in its immediate neighbourhood, the tedium of waiting was relieved to a great extent by the Hungarian Band, who, drawn up in the enclosure, discoursed selections from Scottish airs and a number of popular compositions. Having duly undergone the inevitable ordeal of being photographed, the fifteens with commendable punctuality, as punctuality goes among football teams, stepped into the field at five minutes past three. The Scotchmen, looking particularly "fit," and led by their captain, MacLagan, were first to enter the lists, their appearance being the signal for loud cheers. Not less hearty was the reception accorded the home sides, following quickly on the heels of their opponents, and headed by A. F. Hill, the "skipper" for the day, they, too, defiled out from the enclosure into the field of play. Both sides wore their usual colours—the Scotchmen dark blue jerseys; while the Welshmen were resplendent in scarlet. Once brought face to face little time was lost in getting to work, and presently a loud cheer proclaimed the fact that the work had commenced.

DETAILS OF THE GAME.

It was just five minutes past the hour announced for starting when a shout greeted the advent of the stalwart representatives of the land of the Thistle into the enclosure, but the cheering was of the most lusty description when the ex-Cardiff skipper, Frank Hill, led his men inside, and by way of stretching his limbs punted the ball to the Scottish captain, the veteran MacLagan. A few minutes sufficed to settle the preliminaries, and fortune favouring the Scotchmen in the spin, the Welsh captain set the ball in motion from the Racquet Court end, but it was speedily rushed back by the Scotch forwards, and Stevenson snatching the ball from amongst the Welsh scrummagers made a dashing, dodgy run well across the centre line, and then passed to McIntyre, who was standing well out on the wing, and the latter, by a timely punt, sent the ball to the home 25, where it was received by Evan James, who propelled it to the centre. The Scotch forwards rushed forward again in a body, and the ball becoming loose the Welshmen apparently somewhat bewildered temporarily lost sight of the leather. Orr passing, after a loose scrimmage, to his confiere, the latter cleverly evaded all opposition, and to the delight of a large number of the onlookers got well round over the line and scored almost immediately behind the posts. McEwan was called up to take the kick for goal, but, amid terrific cheering, shot wide of the mark. From the kick-out the Welsh team gave decisive evidence that they realised the situation, while the scrummagers put in all they knew in combination rushes. Stadden and James were alert outside the mauls, and by passing and sure tackling the Welshmen reached the centre. Here, picking up smartly, Stadden passed to James, who promptly transferred to Arthur Gould, and the latter to Garrett. Each of the backs covered a lot of ground, and got to the Scotch 25, where the ball was yielded to Gould, who carried it close on to the visitors' lines, where he was upset, and the ball driven back to the centre. A tight maul followed,

ENGLAND V. WALES.

A SURPRISE AT DEWSBURY.

DEWSBURY is not the loveliest place in the world under the best of conditions, but on Saturday the town looked dismal enough in all conscience. Rain and sleet fell all the morning, and only the hottest of football enthusiasts could have been tempted to scale the heights of Crown Flatt to witness England and Wales meet in friendly rivalry after an interval of two seasons. At the top of the hill the weather seemed to be worse than ever, and instead of there being the usual Yorkshire crowd of ten thousand strong, the attendance would not reach half the number mentioned. It was indeed a dreadful day, and it was enough almost to give one the influenza to look at the ground, which was now covered somewhat with pools of water. There was no need to call upon any of the English reserves, but on the other side there were three alterations. Davies was away in London, so Percy Lloyd filled the vacancy, and the places originally allotted to Hill (who was hurt in the Scotch match) and Nicholl were taken by two other Cardiff men, Williams and Bland. Naturally enough, the Englishmen were the favourites, but there was plenty of applause for the Welshmen Stadden coming in for especial notice. The Dewsbury Committee made perfect arrangements for the match, and even went so far as to engage a brass band, who, as the opposing teams filed on to the ground, struck up "Auld Lang Syne," just by way of commemorating the settlement of the International dispute. Teams:—

ENGLAND.—W. G. Mitchell (Richmond and Guy's Hospital), back; P. H. Morrison (Cambridge University), A. E. Stoddart (Blackheath), and J. Valentine (Swinton), three-quarter backs; F. H. Fox (Somersetshire and Blackheath) and J. Wright (Bradford), half-backs; A. Robinson (Blackheath), P. F. Hancock (Blackheath and Somersetshire), J. H. Dewhurst (Richmond and St Thomas's Hospital), S. M. J. Woods (Cambridge University and Blackheath), R. D. Budworth (Oxford University and Blackheath), F. Evershed (Burton-on-Trent), J. H. Rogers (Moseley), J. L. Hickson (Bradford), and F. Lowrie (Batley), forwards.

WALES.—W. Bancroft (Swansea), back; D. Gwynn (Swansea), A. J. Gould (Newport), R. L. Garrett (Penarth), and Percy Lloyd (Llanelli), three-quarters; W. Stadden (Dewsbury and Cardiff) and C. J. Thomas (Newport), half-backs; W. E. O. Williams (Cardiff), A. Bland (Cardiff), D. W. Evans (Cardiff), W. H. Thomas (London Welsh), W. Bowen (Swansea), J. Meredith (Swansea), S. Thomas (Llanelli), and J. Hannen (Newport), forwards.

Referee: Mr. Rennie, Edinburgh Wanderers.

Blackheath beat Richmond—I mean Stoddart beat Gould—with the coin, and England during the first half had the assistance of wind and weather. With this advantage it was thought that Wales would have a rough passage during the first 40 minutes. The first few minutes of the game was occupied with scrambling play along the touch line on the far side, where England was twice penalised for "knocking on." Morrison kicked nicely, and Bancroft, not to be behind, replied in grand form. Stoddart then got tackled off-side and gained a lot of ground with a penalty kick; whilst Lowrie, Rogers, and Robinson carried the ball still further into the enemy's quarters. Bancroft came to the rescue again, and Stoddart, with a kick, caused Wales to touch down. Following the drop out the Welsh forwards, prominent among whom were Bland, W. H. Thomas, and Evans, came sailing down the field. Mitchell and Valentine between them stopped the rush, and Lowrie, Hancock, and Evershed supplemented their efforts. Wales, who, of course, were playing the four three-quarter game, now went in for some passing, which scarcely came up to expectations, but Gwynn with a run and kick got to mid field. The Englishmen, headed by Lowrie and Woods, here put in a fine dribble, which landed them on the visitors' lines. A tough scrum or two followed, and then W. H. Thomas came away with the ball at his toes, and Morrison, Stoddart, and Valentine obliged with some fine passing. Smart kicking between Gould and Valentine was cheered, and so was the Richmond man when he tackled Stoddart in splendid fashion. W. H. Thomas was next to the fore for "Gallant Little Wales," and Rogers, I think it was, failed at a place kick which had been granted for off-side play. Wales were considerably pressed just about this time, but their three-quarters and Bancroft defended wonderfully well. Stoddart registered a couple of touchdowns from long kicks, and when breathing time arrived, all that was scored was three minors for England; a state of affairs which appeared to give the greatest satisfaction to the red-jerseyed visitors. The players were too wet to cut much time to waste in changing ends, and while the Press and Committee were enjoying a cup of hot coffee (which was indeed a treat on a day like Saturday), the contending parties were at it again hammer and tongs. The Englishmen were first to press, and when Gould did clear his lines Mitchell was on the spot with a beautiful return. Just as the Welsh three-quarters came away with a fine combined bit of passing, and C. J. Thomas also showed up, Stadden following up and tackling Mitchell. From some unexplained reason the Englishmen

left the touch-line undefended, and Stadden taking in the situation at a glance, bounded the ball in play, slipped past Wright, and galloped to one another. Bancroft made a bold bid for the minor point, and then the visitors scored a having from a free kick. Wales were now up pluckily, and all but scored on several occasions. Time wore on, and at the call of "no side" the Welshmen had won by a goal. There was much jubilation in the camp of the visitors, and the players cut all sorts of capers in the wild excitement of the moment. The thirty men presented a curious appearance as they marched off the field, every player being covered from head to foot with mud.

COMMENTS.

To seriously criticise the individual play in a game fought on a quagmire and in pouring rain and sleet would scarcely be fair, but at the same time it should be stated that there were plenty of interesting points witnessed during the eighty minutes. The Welshmen put in all they knew, and with the wet ball showed some very good passing. The four three-quarter system worked well on Saturday, so it is pretty certain that it would do well on a drier ground. Gould, Garrett, and Gwynn all played very well, and Lloyd was not far behind them. I was rather impressed with Bancroft's play at full-back. He had not much tackling to do, but his kicking was superb. Stadden did some smart things at half-back, but he was not so good as C. J. Thomas, who got along very well. The Welsh forwards all did their work well, and even with a manless in the scrum they fairly held their own with the Englishmen. The latter were bigger and heavier, and made many good rushes, but ought to have done better than they did. Lowrie, Hancock, Evershed, and Robinson were about the pick of the front brigade. Wright was a failure at half-back, but Fox played capital, and when he had a chance fed his three-quarters. Morrison, what little he had to do, was accomplished in admirable fashion; but Stoddart did not come up to expectations, and missed picking up several times. Valentine put in some good kicks and smart saves, and Mitchell, at full back, has never been seen to greater advantage. He had any amount of work to do, and was always on the spot.

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IRELAND & WALES.

In delightful spring-like weather, the seventh international match between Ireland and Wales was played at Lansdowne-road, Dublin. Rain fell pretty smartly in the morning, but this soon cleared off, and having had very little effect on the ground, the sod was in every way favourable to a fast exposition of the game. The attendance, as might be expected under such propitious circumstances, was extremely large, and the enthusiasm amongst the spectators ran very high from beginning to end. The Welsh team arrived at the North Walls on Friday evening after enjoying a capital passage, but with everybody pretty well worn out with the tiresome journey. Early to bed was the order at the Gresham Hotel, where the visitors put up during their visit. The kick off was fixed for three o'clock, and the teams, having undergone the photographing process, made their way on to the ground a few minutes after the appointed time, each being warmly greeted by the spectators. The visitors were voted a most workman-like lot, and their opponents also appeared trained to the hour.

The following were the teams:—

NAME.	POSITION.	CLUB.
W. Bancroft	Back	Swansea
D. Gwynn	Three-quarter	Swansea
A. J. Gould	Three-quarter	Newport
R. L. Garrett	Three-quarter	Penarth
G. Thomas	Three-quarter	Newport
H. M. Ingledew	Half-back	Cardiff
C. J. Thomas	Half-back	Newport
A. F. Hill	Forward	Cardiff
T. C. Graham	Forward	Newport
A. E. Bland	Forward	Cardiff
D. W. Evans	Forward	Cardiff
W. H. Thomas	Forward	London Welsh
W. Bowen	Forward	Swansea
S. Thomas	Forward	Llanelli
J. Hansen	Forward	Newport

NAME.	POSITION.	CLUB.
D. R. Walkington	Back	Dublin University
T. Edwards	Three-quarter	Lansdowne
R. W. Johnston	Three-quarter	Dublin University
R. Dunlop	Three-quarter	Dublin University
A. G. Warren (capt)	Half-back	Lansdowne
J. C. McDonnell	Half-back	Dublin University
V. C. Le Fanu	Forward	Lansdowne
E. Doran	Forward	Lansdowne
E. W. Forrest	Forward	Wanderers
James Moffatt	Forward	Albion
R. Stevenson	Forward	Dungannon
J. Waites	Forward	Bective Rangers
W. Davis	Forward	Bessbrook
J. H. O'Connor	Forward	Bective Rangers
H. Galbraith	Forward	Albion

Umpire: Messrs J. R. Blood (Ireland) and W. H. Gwynn (Wales). Referee: Mr. E. Burnard.

Wales, losing the toss, kicked off against the wind, and almost immediately the Irish forwards broke away with smart rushes, but Stephen Thomas checked beautifully, and play for some time hovered about the centre. Gwynn punted to the 25, but then Dunlop made a grand run and Wales touched in defence. Another minor was announced as the result of Edwards' response to the kick out, and scrummaging at the Welsh 25 followed. D. W. Evans headed a rush to the centre, and Gwynn punted to Walkington, who was tackled near the line. The maul succeeding was very short, McDonnell passing out to Edwards, who punted to Bancroft. The latter was tackled near the Welsh 25 by Moffatt. Wales were now very hard pressed, and Dunlop picking up in the loose, grounded the ball behind amidst tremendous cheering. Roche landed a grand goal from a difficult place. Evans kicked off, and for some minutes the play was give and take. Eventually a splendid run of Dunlop's gave Ireland the upper hand, and Wales were very hard pressed till Thomas broke away with dribbling to the centre, where a lot of hard and fast play was indulged in. Thomas, Evans, and Gould were very prominent for Wales, but Dunlop, Edwards, O'Connor, Waites, and Stevenson always nullified their efforts; and the home side continued to have slightly the best of matters till the whistle sounded for half-time, the score standing:—

IRELAND 1 goal, 2 minors.

WARREN initiated the second half by kicking off into touch, and a lot of scrummaging followed the throw-in, neither side having much advantage. A "free" of Bancroft's, however, caused the Irish 25 to be invaded, and Wales looked very dangerous till Dunlop broke away with a capital dribble, and Warren, McDonnell, Edwards, and Doran got to the centre. Play was now very even for some minutes, but soon good kicking by Gould and Thomas renewed the siege and Ireland by touched down in self defence. The kick out was well the Irish posts. Ingledew checked out to Thomas, coming away from the succeeding scrummage, headed 25. The attacks on the Welsh stronghold were now very fierce, and again it seemed as if Ireland must then a clever punt by Gwynn changed the venue to the Welsh 25. From this it was gradually worked the leather back to the goal-line, where mauling of the ball out by the home forwards, however, provoked a lot of exchanges between the backs ensued, and with the result that within five minutes of this goal. From this G. Thomas got possession, and, stealing away, had the ball grounded between the Irish posts almost before the Irish backs were aware the ball was out of the pack. Bancroft took the kick, and had no difficulty in achieving the major point. A couple of minutes later no side was announced. A very fast game thus resulted in a draw.

FINAL SCORE:—
IRELAND 1 goal, 3 minors.
WALES 1 goal, 2 minors.

CARDIFF FOOTBALL CLUB.

THE ANNUAL DINNER.

The annual dinner of the Cardiff Football Club was held at the Angel Hotel last evening. Captain E. Cairn Fry, who captained the club in the season of 1877-8, presided, supported on his right by Mr C. S. Arthur (captain) and on his left by Mr Fleming Thomas, another veteran playing member of the club. Among others present were Drs Wallace and Plain, Messrs R. Mullock (hon. sec. Welsh Football Union), J. E. Jones, C. E. Parsons (auditor Welsh Football Union), J. H. Simpson (vice-president Welsh Football Union), W. D. Phillips (vice-president Welsh Football Union), A. Duncan (Match Committee Welsh Football Union), Theodore Harding (Newport Football Club), A. M. Ingledew, J. F. Jones (treasurer), W. H. Treatt (hon. sec.), Kedzie, sen., Newman (Newport), J. D. Evans, W. M. Douglas, R. Garrett (Penarth Football Club), C. J. Hybart, G. G. Spray (Cardiff Rowing Club), Gibson, and a number of others, together with most of the first and second teams.

At the conclusion of just one of those repasts which have made the Angel and Mr Bland's catering famous, the loyal and patriotic toasts were duly honoured, after which

The CHAIRMAN gave "The Club," remarking at the outset that it really seemed like toasting "our noble selves." He believed that, as a matter of fact, he was the actual founder of the club. (Laughter, and "Hear, hear.") Well, the actual originator of football clubs in Cardiff was Mr Campbell Cary—(hear, hear)—who started the Glamorgan Club, which was followed by the Cardiff Wanderers; and during the season of 1872-3 a meeting was held at the Swiss Hall, over which he (Captain Fry) was asked to preside; and in the result amalgamation was effected under the designation of the Cardiff Football Club. (Applause.) The game then was not as they found it to-day. The Cardiff Club had grown since then, and he thought that the "fighting" section owed its existence to Hancock. (Hear, hear.) But they all knew that it was not merely the playing members who did all the work; and he thought they owed their thanks to Mr Treatt. (Applause.) He (the speaker) was secretary of the club for two or three years before he became captain in 1877-8, but he recalled the fact that he never had any money. (Laughter.) Since Mr Treatt had taken the work in hand, however, the tide seemed to have turned, and although he did not say that a strong financial position was the best thing for a club, the Cardiff Club was really financially strong; and if they had not been in that position they could not have earned the fame which they now enjoyed. (Hear, hear.)

Mr C. S. ARTHUR, in rising to respond, was received with loud and prolonged cheering. On silence being restored, he said he begged to thank Mr Fry for the very kind terms in which he had proposed the toast, and also the company for the reception they had accorded it. On the whole the record of the club in the season just closed was not a bad one. (Hear, hear, and applause.) They had crossed the goal line of their opponents about 90 times, and out of 31 matches they had lost only seven. The scoring was not so high as in former years, but he did not think that was owing to any deterioration in their style of play, but rather to an improvement in the passing tactics of their opponents. (Applause.) They started the season with almost a new team, but he thought their success at the latter end made up for any shortcomings in the earlier matches. In conclusion, he must thank Mr Sidney Nicholls, vice-captain—(applause)—and the rest of the team, and also Mr D. E. Jones, captain of the second team, for the assistance they had rendered him. (Loud applause.) He further desired to thank the committee for the support they had extended to him during his captaincy, and also the company for the cordiality with which they had received the toast. (Loud applause.)

Mr D. E. JONES, who was also received with cheers, replied on behalf of the second fifteen.

Mr W. H. TREATT (hon. secretary), who also replied, said the improved position of the club in the football world was due to the improvement in their financial position, brought about by the increased support of the public. Then they were indebted to Lord Bute for the use of the ground — (loud applause) — year after year, and he thought they might take this, the first public opportunity they had had, of thanking him for allowing them to have the ground for yet another season. (Renewed applause.) He hoped it was not the last season by many that they would occupy the ground. (Applause.) They were also indebted to Sir William Thomas Lewis for having so much aided them to secure the ground. (Applause.) He thought that but for the intervention of the latter they would not have had the ground next season. They must also thank a very old football player — Mr Simpson — (A Voice: "Good old Joe" — for taking up the matter so warmly as he did. Referring to the committee, Mr Treatt claimed that they had done their work conscientiously, and although they had been called over the coals by the press, or, rather, by correspondents in the press, he could assure them that nothing had been done or decided in committee without being thoroughly thrashed out. The club now was in a thoroughly flourishing condition. ("Hear, hear" and applause.) They had been well supported; the money had rolled in, and the expenses, though high in the past season, had not exceeded those of previous years. They had been able to give a considerable amount to charities, and a great deal more, indeed, than was known, except by those on the committee. (Applause.) The committee, he should state, had now under consideration the erection of a large grand stand, to be placed on the popular side of the ground. (Hear, hear.) In conclusion he thanked them for the manner in which they had received the toast, and wished long life and prosperity to the Cardiff club. (Loud applause.)

Mr A. F. HILL proposed "The Press," and the toast was acknowledged by Mr M. S. Foulger (*South Wales Daily News*) in an amusing speech, followed by the *Western Mail* representative.

Mr H. J. SIMPSON proposed "The Visitors and Kindred Clubs," in the course of which he said they were always pleased to see the representatives of South Wales clubs at their gatherings; and he hoped the time would come when all trouble between two eastern clubs and a western rival would be ended. (Hear, hear.)

Mr THEODORE HARDING (Newport) was applauded on rising to respond. After expressing his regret that Mr Graham, captain of the Newport Club, was unable to be present, he went on to say that at Newport they always looked forward to their matches with Cardiff with very much pleasure, not so much because they considered them the matches of the season, but because they knew when they met Cardiff they might expect a thoroughly scientific and friendly match. (Loud applause, and a voice, "That's right, old man; you are keeping it up beautifully," followed by loud laughter.) The speaker next alluded to the subject darkly hinted at by Mr Simpson, and resumed his seat amidst applause.

Mr D. W. EVANS submitted "The Ladies," and Mr T. V. PEARSON responded.

Mr W. E. O. WILLIAMS, loudly called for, also responded, and in so doing, asked to be permitted to denounce as a pure fabrication the statement made by Mr A. J. Davies, of the Cardiff Harlequins, at the meeting of the Welsh Football Union held the other night.

Dr. WALLACE then gave the final toast on the list, "The Chairman," and said that although he could not claim to have been captain of a football team, he was an old player. He was playing over 20 years ago, when the game would hardly be recognised if compared with the game employed at the present time. In these days science was certainly at a discount. It was not considered an infraction to kick a man on the shins. (Laughter.) It was said that football was a dangerous game, and the advice had been given that fathers of sons should prohibit the game. He was in the happy position of being the father of sons, but his sons had induced him to attend football as played at Cardiff on Saturday afternoons, and from what he had seen he was satisfied that there was a great deal of science when the game was properly played. (Hear, hear.) Football had taken the place of cricket as a national game, and there was nothing to prevent any youth with nerve and muscle from playing football. (Hear, hear.) To achieve success as a football player it was absolutely necessary to practice self-denial. Training should be on a systematic scale, even to the extent of abandoning smoking, drinking, and other luxuries. (Applause.)

The CHAIRMAN felicitously replied.

Mr W. D. PHILLIPS, at the request of the chairman, then sang the "Evening Hymn," and, the assembly having troiled forth the time-honoured strains of "Auld Lang Syne," one of the most enjoyable of many enjoyable annual gatherings of the club was brought to a close shortly before 11 o'clock.

During the evening songs and recitations were contributed by Messrs R. Allen, B. Newman, D. W. Phillips, H. J. Taylor, A. J. Beer, E. Jarman, J. Gates, Ford, and S. Nicholls.

CARDIFF FOOTBALL CLUB.

Cardiff, July 19th, 1890.

Dear Sir,

The Annual General Meeting to receive the Statements of Accounts for the past Season, to elect Officers and a Committee, and for the consideration of the Bye-Laws and other business, will be held at the Angel Hotel, Cardiff, on Thursday, July 31st, at 7.30 p.m. sharp. We trust you will be able to attend.

Herewith is a Statement of Accounts to 30th June.

We are pleased to inform you that the Marquess of Bute has, through Sir Wm. Thomas Lewis, again kindly given us the use of the Cardiff Arms Park for the Season.

Thirty-four first fifteen and Twenty-eight second fifteen Matches
have been arranged for the coming Season.

Yours faithfully,

W. H. TREATT, } Hon. Secs.
A. F. BLAND, }

spring Wheat, No. 1, spot	105
Wheat, red winter, on the spot	101 1/2
Wheat, delivery June	98 1/2
Wheat, delivery Aug.	94
coffee, fair Rio	50

CARDIFF FOOTBALL CLUB.

SEASON 1889-90.

Receipts.			
	£	s.	d.
To Members' Subscriptions	246	0	0
„ Ground Tickets	46	1	6
„ Juniors' Tickets	5	2	6
„ Interest	13	0	6
„ Gate Receipts at 37 Matches ..	1,208	11	4

235

£1,518 15 10

Expenditure.			
	£	s.	d.
By Share of Gate to other Clubs ..	228	19	4
„ Railway Fares	102	6	1
„ Expenses at Out Matches	95	9	1½
„ Charities	150	19	9
„ Entertaining Visiting Teams ..	109	19	6
„ Match Balls, Jerseys, and Caps ..	46	7	0
„ Gatemen and Police—Season 1888-9	11	5	0
„ 1889-90	74	2	6
„ Telegrams and Postages	85	7	6
„ Incidental Payments	19	1	4
„ Printing and Stationery	11	14	8½
„ Fixing Railings, &c.	34	5	6
„ Insurance, Accidental and Fire ..	35	11	3
„ Cabs and Busses	25	19	0
„ Subscription to the Welsh Football Union	4	7	6
„ Honorarium to Mr. Treatt	1	1	0
„ Repairs to Ground	25	0	0
„ G. Lewis, Trainer	39	16	3
„ Expenses of Annual Dinner	12	3	0
„ Repairs, Fixings, Painting, &c. ..	6	11	6
„ Match Bills	49	16	11
„ Bill Posting	24	19	1
„ Medical Attendance	19	4	3
„ Referees' Expenses and Fares ..	7	1	0
„ Hire of Dressing and Training Rooms	11	14	4
„ Balance paid into Bristol and West of England Bank	12	16	6
„	358	4	5
„	£1,518	15	10

NOTE.—In addition to the sum of £150 19s. 9d., given to Charities by this Club, a further sum of about £150 was distributed amongst local institutions, being the receipts from matches played under the auspices of the Cardiff Club.

BALANCE SHEET OF THE CARDIFF FOOTBALL CLUB.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance from Season 1887-8 ...	272	0	1
„ Do. do. 1888-9 ...	165	10	7
„ Do. do. 1889-90 ..	358	4	5
	£795	15	1

	£	s.	d.
By Cash on Deposit at the Bristol and West of England Bank, Bute Docks ..	700	0	0
„ Cash on Drawing Account at the Bristol and West of England Bank, Bute Docks ..	95	15	1
	£795	15	1

JNO. P. JONES, *Hon. Treasurer.*
W. H. TREATT, }
A. F. BLAND, } *Hon. Secs.*

Audited and found correct,
JENKINS, CLARKE & Co.,
WESTGATE STREET, CARDIFF.

19th July, 1890.

THIS COMMENCES
SEASON.

1890-91.



20. 9. 1890

OTLEY v. CARDIFF.

The Otley team, which won the Yorkshire Challenge Cup a couple of seasons ago, visited Cardiff for the first time on Saturday, and their reception at the Cardiff Arms Park was of the most cordial description. Why the Cardiff Club took Otley on is somewhat difficult to understand, but the fixture having been made, local enthusiasts were bound to make the best of the situation. The fall of rain about mid-day was not calculated to enhance the attendance, although as the outcome of a somewhat unusual incident it was fully believed among the inner circle that the match would be considerably delayed. The Otley players' "tackle" was all put in one box at starting from the West Riding, but somebody omitted to label the locker, and in the result the accoutrements of the players went astray. After considerable effort, however, the visitors were enabled to turn out in orthodox "rig" of black knickers and white jerseys; and when play began—rather before 3.30, as announced—there was a fairly good attendance, though the stand side was poorly filled.

POSITION.		OTLEY.	CARDIFF.
Back	.....	S. Mawson	..... H. Hughes
Three-quarter	.....	S. Hopkins	..... F. N. Jones
Three-quarter	.....	J. Dawson	..... Pearson
Three-quarter	.....	C. Ritchie	..... N. Biggs
Three-quarter	.....	.....	E. P. Biggs
Half-back	.....	G. Summerscales	..... H. M. Ingledew
Half-back	.....	M. Wise	..... R. Sweet-Escott
Forward	.....	A. Briggs (captain)	..... Williams (capt.)
Forward	.....	C. Brown	..... D. W. Evans
Forward	.....	J. Macdonald	..... J. Mahoney
Forward	.....	J. Tenniswood	..... W. T. Morgan
Forward	.....	S. Robinson	..... H. J. Taylor
Forward	.....	A. Mawson	..... Gus Lewis
Forward	.....	R. Ritchie	..... W. Cosslett
Forward	.....	W. Bowman	..... J. S. Cullen
Forward	.....	J. Dean	.....

Referee—Mr J. Young (Newport).

Fully five minutes before the time announced for commencing Cardiff started the ball from the racquet-court end, and at once commenced to press, Fred Jones and Norman Biggs being each, on several occasions, near scoring. The defence, however, was remarkably good, and the visitors not only cleared their line, but brought about a fairly even game. Some delay occurred consequent upon Cosslett getting stretched out. On resuming Sweet-Escott dribbled to the visitors' 25, but after a scrummage M. Morris got possession and kicked to the centre. Biggs from here ran down to the Cardiff 25, but play was promptly removed to the centre. Cosslett got over some ground, and Pearson, with a clever punt, landed the ball near the visitors' line, where a scrummage was formed. The ball emerging, Sweet-Escott passed to Ingledew, who transferred to Norman Biggs. The sprinter, near the line, was compelled to pass to his brother. "E.P." failed to pick up, and Hopkins "nicking in" kicked down to the centre, and Pearson could do no better than turn the ball straight into touch at the half flag. From a line-out near the home 25 Mawson put in some tricky work, and got dangerously near the Cardiff line. Norman Biggs, however, stopped him, and sent the ball back to near the half flag. The Cardiff skipper hereabouts came through a scrummage and propelled the ball past the centre, only to have it returned to his 25. A kick from one of the home men returned to the centre, where Mawson (one of the Yorkshire county men) picked up and put in a grand shot for goal, the ball falling just within the bar and rolling over the goal line. Pearson promptly picked up, and with a splendid kick landed the ball in touch at the centre. For about a minute hostilities were decidedly even, the most notable feature being a fine piece of tackling on the part of Sweet-Escott. Ingledew, Norman Biggs, and Sweet-Escott, playing splendidly together, took the play into the Otley 25, where several tight scrummages took place. The visitors relieved, and Hopkins getting possession at the centre sprinted clean in on Pearson's wing, and scored a try amid cheering. Mawson's place kick, from a difficult angle, however, fell short. Following the drop-out Taylor obtained a free kick near his own quarter flag, and Mawson's reply being intercepted, hostilities proceeded in mid-field. Hereabout D. W. Evans secured another free kick, but thanks to some bungling the Tykes were enabled to work back to the centre and on to the home 25. Wise dodged and passed clear to Dawson, who missed a grand opportunity through failing to hold the ball. The Cardiff forwards, Morgan and Gus Lewis conspicuous, straightway rushed to the centre, when Norman Biggs picked up, and going at racing speed got close to the Otley line, where he was pushed into touch. Cardiff continued to press for a bit, Hughes being loudly cheered for a most effective reply to a long kick by Mawson. The home side was now having the best of the play, and repeatedly looked like scoring. After a series of tight scrummages close into the Yorkshiremen's line, Sweet-Escott passed out to Norman Biggs. The Cardiff failed to take the pass, but Fred Jones secured the ball, and passed to Pearson, who got well round, D. W. Evans taking the place landed a goal, and half-time was then called.

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OTLEY.....1 try.

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FINAL SCORE:—	
CARDIFF.....	4 goals, 1 minor.
OTLEY.....	1 try, 1 minor.

27. 9. 1890

CARDIFF V. SWINTON.

It was weather far more congenial for summer cricket than winter football which graced the Cardiff v. Swinton match on the Cardiff Arms Park. The sun shone brilliantly, a gentle breeze from the west making a most enjoyable afternoon. The reputation of Swinton needs no belauding in South Wales. In anticipation of an encounter as sharp, open and keen, there was, therefore, a capital gate, several thousand spectators lining the ropes. With the exception of Norman Biggs, Cardiff played their fullest team, popular Charlie Arthur and sterling forward Sid Nicholls strengthening last Saturday's team, which made such short work of Otley. Punctually at 3.30 Cardiff won the toss, and Swinton kicked off against the breeze and sun. Scrimmages in no man's land was the order of the first few minutes' play. Passes by Ingledew and Sweet-Escott landed the ball into the hands of E. P. Biggs, who got in a huge kick to the Swinton 25. Back to the centre it was scrimmaged by Swinton, but Pearson got in a huge punt, and Charlie Arthur ran Valentine into touch when pressed by Ingledew. Williams and Nicholls rushed the ball across, the first-named getting a splendid try in a favourable position. The try was disputed, but the referee ruled in Cardiff's favour. D. W. Evans kicked a goal. Swinton's kick off was splendidly charged down by Taylor, but the Swinton forwards went away with a terrific rush. Pearson smartly outwitted Valentine, who a moment later chucked right into a Cardiffian's hands. Swinton got over, but the leather was called back, and Cardiff got to the centre. A splendid exhibition of passing by the Cardiff three-quarters ensued, the ball being carried to the Swinton 25, where Cardiff not only held their own but pressed severely. Valentine and Marsh were ubiquitous in their efforts to stop the passing, and for a time they were successful. The former got away with some headlong rushes, which took a lot of stopping, and Hotchkiss carried a man on his back for twenty yards. Forward Swinton, playing a ninth man, rushed the scrums, but behind Cardiff went ahead. At half-way Swinton tackled off-side. Hughes tried for goal, and landed a minor. Another attempt was made a moment later, and Hughes saved splendidly in the midst of the whole pack. The Cardiff three-quarters again got away strongly, and Charlie Arthur twice got to the line only to be hauled back. Sweet-Escott committed the crime of picking out of the scrum, and was penalised when a score seemed inevitable. Half-time was called with the ball in Sweet-Escott's hands, at half-way flag, Cardiff leading by a goal and a minor to nil. The preliminary kicks, after re-starting, left the advantage with Cardiff, but the Swinton forwards rushed away with their accustomed vigour, Valentine, Paul, and Winterbotham aiding by big kicks. Pearson got away with another big run right past the centre, Marsh finally stopping his headlong career. By excellent forward work Swinton got to the Cardiff line, and evinced a determination to stay, but Marsh spoiled the little game by kicking too strongly and exacting an easy minor. A couple of moments later Marsh and Arthur had a splendid and exciting run for the Cardiff goal, the ball ultimately reaching the line, where the speedy Cardiffian averted disaster, and propelled the leather to the 25 flag. Pearson placed Cardiff still further ahead by a good kick to the centre, Cook making only a partial return. Swinton, however, were not inclined to lose heart, and the forwards, pegging away again, got to the Cardiff 25. Valentine, Marsh, and Bunby made ineffectual attempts to cross the rubicon, but the Cardiff tackling was sure. Through the aid of Sweet-Escott, Williams, and Taylor—the passing being neat and clean—the centre was again reached. D. W. Evans forged still further ahead. The tables, however, were speedily turned, and after Marsh had made an ineffectual attempt to get rid of the clutches of Charlie Arthur a second minor was registered. Cardiff were, however, by no means beaten, and a run by Pearson was instrumental in their 25 being reached. At the centre Valentine made his mark, and Pool took the place right in a line with the flags. The kick fell short, and Pearson brought the ball out, to have it dribbled to the centre in splendid style by Nicholls and Taylor. Pearson landed the ball right at the 25 flag. Here it stuck for several minutes. The whistle blew with the score thus:—Cardiff: 1 goal, 1 minor; Swinton: 2 minors. The following were the teams:—Cardiff: Back, H. Hughes; three-quarter backs, T. W. Pearson, E. P. Biggs, C. B. Arthur, and F. N. Jones; half-backs, H. M. Ingledew and R. B. Sweet-Escott; forwards, W. E. O. Williams (captain), D. W. Evans, S. H. Nicholls, J. Mahoney, W. T. Morean, H. J. Taylor, W. Coslett, and Gus Lewis. Swinton: Back, H. Cook; three-quarter backs, J. Valentine, J. Marsh, and W. Winterbotham; half-backs, M. Bunby and N. Hotchkiss; forwards, A. G. Pole, F. Lennox, D. Hatlam, W. Walker, T. Rothwell, A. Shangles, W. Evans, S. Hall, and G. S. Astall. Referee: Mr. F. J. Carlyle (Swansea).

4. 10. 1890

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CARDIFF V. PENARTH.

This match was played on the Penarth Ground. The teams turned out promptly, and it was then seen that the home representatives were in their full strength. Norman Biggs and Morgan were absent from the Cardiff team. Penarth kicked off from the town end against the wind, and after a line up in the visitors' 25 Penarth had a chance, but Garrett failing to take the leather, play settled in the centre. Ingledew and Arthur brought off smart sprints to the visitors' 25, and Arthur directly afterwards got possession, and, passing to Pearson, the latter got a try in the lower corner, Hughes failing to convert. Cardiff pressed, and several scrums were formed in the home quarters. A long kick by Hughes sent the ball into touch in goal. A stubborn forward fight ensued in the centre, and a long kick by Hutchings, well followed up, threatened the Cardiff goal. The visiting forwards worked the leather to the quarter flag. Arthur got in a good kick, and Gus Lewis collared Morgan before he could return, but for some illegality the referee ordered the ball back to the centre, where Ingledew, from a line up, sent it into touch well within the visitors' quarters. A good kick by Bayes again transferred the play to the half-way flag. By a smart bit of work Garrett gained a little ground. R. Sweet-Escott, passing to Arthur, the latter made a good run before he was collared by two or three of the opposing team. Shortly afterwards H. Morgan had a kick charged down, and Cullen got in at the top corner, Hughes making a good but unsuccessful attempt at goal. Cardiff pressed after the kick out, and, after some good passing by the visitors' backs, Pearson looked like getting in, but Rowles brought him down in the home 25. Directly afterwards Ingledew, by a dodgy run, got over, but Hughes just missed the major point. On re-starting the ball was rushed down to the visitors' quarters, only to be brought back by a strong forward rush. The homesters played a determined defensive game, and at half-time the score stood:—Cardiff, three tries and one minor; Penarth, nil. After the interval some long kicking ended in favour of Cardiff, and Pearson made his mark right in front of the goal. The ball was placed for Evans, but only a touch down resulted. R. Sweet-Escott and Ingledew gained considerable ground, but directly afterwards Rowles and Williams (Penarth) carried the leather close to the visitors' line. Herbie Morgan kicked over, and a minor was conceded to Penarth. Fred Jones stopped an awkward rush from the centre. Cardiff were pressed for a few minutes, but W. E. O. Williams brought relief by a run to the centre. Jackson kicked into touch well within the visitors' 25. Pearson made a splendid run to the other end of the field before he was brought down. Penarth had a free from off-side play, but little advantage was gained. The homesters, however, rushed away to the centre. Sweet-Escott (Penarth) carried the leather to the quarter flag, where he was grounded by Biggs. Very little change occurred for some time, the visitors having decidedly the worst of the game, and Penarth on two or three occasions all but scored. The ball was worked to the centre, but, Spear, by a useful kick, sent the leather into touch well within the visitors' 25. Rowles dribbled down to the line. Cardiff now had to put forward every effort to prevent their line being crossed. R. Sweet-Escott put in a good run and passed to W. E. O. Williams, who again transferred to Pearson, the last named getting close to the line before he was pushed into touch. The contest was now carried on with spirit in front of the Penarth goal, but some good kicking on the part of some of the homesters quietly transferred the leather to the other end of the field, where it was when the referee blew his whistle. Score:—Cardiff, 3 tries and 1 minor; Penarth, 1 minor. The following were the teams:—Cardiff: Back, H. Hughes; three-quarter backs, C. B. Arthur, F. N. Jones, Pearson, and E. P. Biggs; half-backs, R. B. Sweet-Escott and H. M. Ingledew; forwards, W. E. O. Williams (captain), D. W. Evans, Sid Nicholls, W. Coslett, Gus Lewis, Taylor, Mahoney, and Cullen. Penarth: Back, H. E. Morgan; three-quarter backs, R. M. Garrett (captain), S. Sweet-Escott, J. Williams, and J. Spear; half-backs, G. Rowles and T. Hutchings; forwards, J. Lawday, G. Brown, G. Middlemass, J. Hayes, J. White, J. Matthews, P. Jackson, and A. Mears. Referee, Mr. E. S. Richards, Pontypridd.

11. 10. 1890

CARDIFF V. MOSELEY.

Delightful weather favoured this match, played at Moseley. The home side were fully represented, but from the Cardiff team Pearson stood out, his place being taken by W. Sweet-Escott, of Penarth. As finally constituted the teams were—

POSITIONS.	CARDIFF.	MOSELEY.
Back	H. Hughes	A. Oswald
Three-quarter	C. S. Arthur	E. Byrne
Three-quarter	F. N. Jones	C. Robertson
Three-quarter	W. Sweet-Escott	A. Rogers
Three-quarter	E. P. Biggs	Jennings
Half-back	H. M. Ingledew	Cattell
Half-back	R. B. Sweet-Escott	Stone
Forward	W. E. O. Williams	Mayno
Forward	D. W. Evans	Rogers
Forward	J. Mahoney	Eagles
Forward	H. J. Taylor	Eaton
Forward	A. Lewis	Horton
Forward	J. S. Cullen	Lean
Forward	E. A. Hybart	Eddlemann
Forward	W. Cosslett	Althorpe

Cardiff losing the toss, D. W. Evans set the ball rolling, the sun shining brightly in the eyes of the visitors. The first scrimmage was on Moseley ground, but the ball was quickly removed to the centre. The Cardiff backs resorting to passing, E. P. Biggs ran into the Moseley 25. Dr. Robertson relieved with a big kick, but Hughes was on the alert, and Taylor following up his reply scored at the end of the line. Hughes failed to convert. On resuming play, Moseley, profiting by a couple of mistakes on the part of their opponents, got up to the Cardiff quarters, but were at once driven back to the other side of the half-flag. Fred Jones hereabouts putting in some good tackling. One of the home side then put in a big kick, landing a dead ball. Gus Lewis, taking a pass from Cosslett, ran in from the centre after the drop-out, but the ball was called back. Cardiff, nevertheless, pressed, until the home side, thanks to a penalty kick, were enabled to change operations to neutral ground. Cardiff then pressed once more, Sweet-Escott, Ingledew and Evans putting in good work, but the tackling was too good for them. The home side, working to the centre, Taylor dribbled back in fine style to their twenty-five. Arthur now dodged right up to the Moseley line, where he was collared, and some close scrummaging occurred just in front of the home goal. The Moseley back raised the siege, but at the centre Fred Jones got possession, and kicked to touch at the home 25 flag. Cardiff thereafter hotly attacked the Moseley line, but had to be content with a minor, Sidney Sweet-Escott, who took a pass from his brother, being forced into touch-in-goal. Following the drop-out, Cardiff continued to force the fighting, and as the outcome of a grand piece of passing between R. Sweet-Escott, Ingledew, Arthur, Fred Jones, and W. Sweet-Escott, the latter landed a try, which D. W. Evans failed to convert. After the drop-out, Fred Jones, Charley Arthur, and E. P. Biggs put in some good passing, the latter scoring. D. W. Evans again failed to convert.

HALF-TIME SCORE:—
CARDIFF..... 3 tries, 1 minor.
MOSELEY..... 1 minor.

In the second half Cardiff at starting had all the best of the game, but at length, thanks to good play on the part of Dr. Robertson, Moseley managed to bring about an invasion of the visitors' 25. For a time the Welshmen were hard put to. Lean received a splendid opening, and should have gone in easily. He elected, however, to kick, the outcome being a dead ball. Thereafter a lot of fast but rambling work took place in Cardiff territory, the home side in the end being awarded a penalty kick. J. H. Rogers took the place and landed a goal, amidst ringing cheers. In the ensuing play, the most noticeable incident was a fine run by Charley Arthur from the centre to the Moseley 25, where Biggs, taking a pass from Sweet-Escott, nearly got in. The home back relieved after a scrum by kicking to the centre, but the Cardiff backs, passing with machine-like precision, returned to the attack and eventually equalised the minor point. Just at the end Fred Jones all but got in. The game ended in a win for Cardiff.

FINAL SCORE:—
CARDIFF..... 3 tries, 2 minors.
MOSELEY..... 1 penalty goal, 2 minors.
Cardiff thus won by three points to two.

EXETER V. NEWPORT.

CARDIFF V. NEWPORT.

An enormous crowd turned out on the Newport ground to witness, in nice football weather, the first trial this season between the old rivals, Cardiff and Newport. There was some delay in the start. It was 3.45 before Hadden, for Newport, started operations, against the wind, towards the gymnasium end. A grand rush of the home forwards soon took the ball to the visitors' line, where it more than once went in touch. Cardiff gradually relieved to the open. A very fast, and somewhat rough, game ensued. Pearson dropped away in touch to the home 25, but without a moment's delay the Newport forwards got it back to the Cardiff quarters, where it stuck with a good many scrums. Newport showed themselves better forward. Ingledew brought it out to the open with a nice rush, but Percy Phillips soon checkmated. A brilliant dribble by the Cardiff forwards quickly transferred to the home half. A long punt by George Morgan, in reply to a kick by Hughes, again, however, brought operations into the visitors' territory. Ingledew, at the heels of the scrum, however, took an opening and sent the ball in touch in the home quarters, and the visitors looked like rushing in, but Bert Gould dropped back in touch. Pearson and Biggs made vigorous attempts to cross, and got within an ace of the line by means of useful passing, but the home defence was stubborn. Cosslett at length took a pass from Fred Jones, and scored at an awkward angle, from which Hughes kicked a grand goal amidst loud cheers. Newport, by a grand forward combined rush, went away to the Cardiff 25, where, in a heavy maul, T. Edwards, one of the home team, had to retire hurt. Newport was awarded a free outside the visitors' 25 flag, and England sent up a grand place, but only a minor resulted. Cardiff essayed a good deal more passing behind than Newport. The three quarters again ran up to the home line, and made several attempts to rush in. Newport's defence was again stubborn. Edwards got a cheer at this point on returning to the fray. Half time was then called. Score:— Cardiff, one goal; Newport, one minor. After lemon time Charlie Thomas kicked along the ground to the visitors' line, and Hughes only returned in touch at his own 25, where, after a scrum, Newport was awarded a free, but only a minor again came off. Immediately after the drop out Morgan sent the ball with a huge punt over the line, Cardiff again having to touch down. Newport had much the better of the pushing now in this half, keeping the visitors well in their own half. Charlie Thomas made a dive for the line, but was hauled down before crossing, and the ball being propelled over the mark, Cardiff touched down. Fred Jones and Biggs at length got off from the visitors' 25, but the latter was gallantly tackled by England at mid-distance. The home forwards repeatedly ran away with the blue and black pack, but their backs passed too slowly to bring off anything effective. Cardiff at length got a free for off side play, but Charlie replied, and sent the ball in touch in the visitors' half, and the blue and blacks had to act palpably on the defensive. Morgan was given possession, and attempted to drop for goal, but the ball did not rise, and only a minor resulted, making the fifth. The men galloped quickly from end to end. Day was first stretched out winded, and soon after Cosslett had to be taken off hors de combat, but returned with a bandage round his head. Hughes, the Cardiff back, had to save from a good punt over by Charlie Thomas and touch down for the sixth time. No side was thereupon whistled, Cardiff winning by a goal to six minors. Teams:—Newport: Back, T. England; three-quarter backs, G. A. Morgan, J. E. Webb, C. J. Thomas, and B. Gould; half backs, T. Downe and H. P. Phillips; forwards, J. Hadden, T. Newcombe, E. W. Sloper, T. Edwards, R. Packer, T. Pook, H. T. Day, and A. W. Boucher. Cardiff: Back, H. Hughes; three-quarter backs, C. S. Arthur, T. W. Pearson, F. N. Jones, and E. P. Biggs; half-backs, H. M. Ingledew and R. Sweet-Escott; forwards, W. E. O. Williams (captain), J. Cullen, S. H. Nicholls, J. Mahoney, W. T. Morgan, H. J. Taylor, W. Cosslett, and A. Lewis. Referee, Mr. W. H. Gwynne, Swansea.

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SWANSEA V. CARDIFF.

Fully six thousand people witnessed this match, played at the Cardiff Arms Park on Saturday. Owing to the rain, overnight the ground was very heavy. Both clubs were represented by their very best. The teams were as follow—

POSITIONS.		CARDIFF.	SWANSEA.
Back	.....	H. Hughes	W. Bancroft
Three-quarter	.....	C. S. Arthur	E. Evans
Three-quarter	.....	F. N. Jones	E. Thorogood
Three-quarter	.....	T. W. Pearson	Wharham
Three-quarter	.....	S. Sweet-Escott	Ivor Davies
Half-back	.....	H. M. Ingledew	D. James
Half-back	.....	D. W. Evans	Sweet-Escott
Forward	.....	W. E. O. Williams	Doan
Forward	.....	J. Mahoney	W. Williams
Forward	.....	H. J. Taylor	T. Williams
Forward	.....	A. Lewis	H. Bevan
Forward	.....	W. Cosslett	E. Charles
Forward	.....	S. H. Nicholls	D. Samuel
Forward	.....	W. T. Morgan	J. Samuel

Referee, Mr G. Rowland Hill.

Loosing the toss Cardiff kicked off, and Bancroft returning play settled down in the centre. A series of light scrimmages occurred hereabouts, until then got possession and kicked to touch near the Cardiff 25. At the line out the Cardiff forwards slightly relieved, but the Swansea men forced the scrummaging work and got well within the home 25. Charlie Arthur relieved with a grand kick to touch midway between the home 25 and centre flags. Several scrimmages followed the line out, in which Swansea had all the best, and a maul-in-goal occurred between D. Samuel and Ingledew, resulting in the Cardiff man touching down. Swansea pressed after the drop out, but the game was wholly confined to tight scrimmages in or about the Cardiff 25. For several minutes the home side were hard put to it, and Tom Williams nearly got in between the posts. Charlie Arthur got off, but was collared by Thorogood, when he had reached his own 25. Swansea, however, returned to the attack, and Ivor Davies, kicking over Cardiff touched in defence. Hughes dropped out and Bancroft's return was intercepted, play settling down in neutral territory. The Swansea forwards using their feet well gained some ground, but Charlie Arthur took the ball back to the centre. For an infringement of the rule regulating off-side play, Swansea were allowed a free kick, but gained little by it. The visitors were evidently bent on making a forward fight of it, and scrumage followed scrumage. Fred Jones then got off in grand style to the Swansea 25, where he was brought down by Thorogood. Swansea, however, quickly worked back to the centre, despite the capital return by Hughes to a big kick from Bancroft. D. W. Evans dribbled up the field, but in the visitors' 25 was intercepted by Bancroft, who found the touch-line at mid-distance. Tight scrummaging was again the order of the day. Thanks to the close tackling of their halves, and the brilliant footwork of their forwards, Swansea took the ball to the Cardiff line, and ere long Evan James got across and scored a try. Bancroft converted, the ball hitting the left-hand post, but falling over the bar. Nicholls at this juncture had to be carried off the field hurt. Even play followed the kick-off from the centre. The Swansea forwards, commanding a majority of men, thereafter rushed the ball to the Cardiff 25, but, thanks to the grand passing between R. F. Sweet-Escott, D. W. Evans, and Sydney Sweet-Escott, operations were removed to neutral territory. The Swansea forwards, backed by their halves, played in grand style, and Cardiff were once more forced to play a defensive game. An infringement of rules lost Swansea a lot of ground, and when half-time was signalled the ball was lying mid-way between the half and Cardiff 25 flags.

HALF-TIME SCORE:—

SWANSEA	.....	1 goal, 2 minors.
CARDIFF	.....	nil.

On resuming Nicholls rejoined his team. The Cardiff forwards went off with a rattle, but after a big interchange of kicks between Hughes and Bancroft play settled down in the home territory. Cardiff worked to the centre. Hereabouts R. Sweet-Escott passed to Charlie Arthur, who ran well down the field, passing to Pearson, who ran in a grand try. D. W. Evans failed to convert, the ball striking the bar. Following the kick-out Cardiff had all the best of the play, and scored two minors in rapid succession. The Cardiff forwards were now doing much better, and Pearson, intercepting a pass, kicked to touch near the Swansea line. Close scrummaging followed the line out. Utilising a penalty kick for off-side play on the part of Nicholls, Swansea got the ball to the Cardiff end, but Hughes returned, and Evan James's reply being intercepted, the visitors' territory was again invaded. Thorogood cleared their line by kicking to touch near his own 25 flag, and the Swansea pack getting away at the line-out took the ball to the centre. Swansea in their own 25 were allowed another penalty, but Hughes responded in fine style, and forced the visitors to act on the defensive. Ingledew passing on to Fred Jones, the latter passed out to Sydney Sweet-Escott, the result being the loss of a lot of ground. Nevertheless, Cardiff continued to press, the ball never getting past the half-distance flag. Ingledew passing to Charlie Arthur, the latter ran into the Swansea 25, where he passed to Pearson. The latter sending the ball over landed a minor. Even play followed the drop-out, the Cardiff backs resorted to passing, and Pearson ran clean into the Swansea 25. Hereabout Nicholls got possession and took the ball close up to the visitors' line, where a series of tight scrimmages took place, the Swansea line being hotly invested. A failure to take a pass on the part of Sydney Sweet-Escott lost Cardiff a good opening, but nevertheless they still kept Swansea strictly on the defensive. R. Sweet-Escott passed to Ingledew, Ingledew to Charlie Arthur, and the latter to Sydney Sweet-Escott, who got within a yard of the line. The Swansea line was now closely besieged. The Cardiff backs were very busy, and over for a long time was too good for them. At length they set the ball going, and, after it had passed through a dozen hands, Sydney Sweet-Escott became the equalising the score.

CARDIFF	2 tries, 3 minors.
SWANSEA	1 goal, 2 minors.

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CARDIFF V. PENYGRAIG.

Played at Penygraig before a large number of spectators, Cardiff kicked off against a slight wind, and Penygraig worked down to the visitors' quarters. After a tight scrumage Lewis obtained a try. Rees was unsuccessful in the attempt at goal. The kick-off was charged down, and Morgan had to save. The home team continued to press, and a tight struggle took place near the Cardiff line. Ingledew, Biggs, and Jones saved splendidly, and the ball was brought to the centre. Phillips made a good run, and the visitors' citadel was again threatened. Once or twice Cardiff got away to the centre, but the ball was promptly sent back to the 25, where numerous scrimmages were formed. Cardiff was over-matched in the forwards, and although they tried all they could they failed to get beyond the half-way. Penygraig rushed down once more to the line, and Watts kicked over. Only a minor resulted. Half-time was then called, the score being:—Penygraig, one try and two minors; Cardiff, nil. After changing ends, the home team made another fine rush, and the visitors were again pressed in their own corner. T. M. Jones, through slipping, missed an easy chance of scoring, and Pearson kicked into touch. From half-way J. C. Evans made a good run, and the game was again resumed within a few yards of the Cardiff line. Charlie Arthur now made a brilliant run, and the home half was invaded for the first time. From the throw in Pearson obtained possession, and after a splendid run obtained a try. Hughes failed at goal. Another piece of passing again put Penygraig on the defensive. Biggs obtained a free kick, and Hughes had hard lines in not being successful at goal, the ball striking the cross bar. Directly afterwards Biggs made another mark, and Hughes just missed the goal. Penygraig touched down. Cardiff now played up well, and another minor was placed to their credit. Directly afterwards Escott dropped a beautiful goal. Penygraig retaliated, and tight play ensued on the Cardiff line. Time was directly afterwards called, the score being:—Cardiff, 1 goal (dropped), 1 try, 2 minors; Penygraig, 1 try, 2 minors. The following were the teams:—Cardiff: Back, H. Hughes; three-quarter backs, C. S. Arthur, F. N. Jones, T. W. Pearson, and S. Sweet-Escott; half-backs, H. M. Ingledew and Selwyn Biggs; forwards, D. W. Evans, W. E. O. Williams, J. Mahoney, H. A. Taylor, A. Lewis, A. Arman, J. S. Cullen, and W. T. Morgan. Penygraig: G. Llewellyn; three-quarter backs, J. C. Evans, D. T. Lloyd, W. Phillips, and T. M. Jones; half-backs, M. W. Rees (captain) and John Evans; forwards, D. H. Lewis, R. Rowlands, F. Casey, R. John, W. Prosser, R. Ellis, W. Watts, and J. T. Davies. Referee, Mr. W. H. Gwynn.

5. 11. 1890.

LEEDS V CARDIFF.

The second match of the Yorkshiremen's tour was played at Cardiff on Wednesday, in grand weather, before a big crowd. Cardiff kicked off, with the sun shining brilliantly in their eyes. The visitors' backs failing to return, a scrimmage was formed in the Leeds 25. The visitors' forwards rushed to the centre, where Spivey got off and passed to Walker, who landed a try. The place-kick failed. Following the drop-out Charley Arthur put in a couple of good runs in succession, and for the space of several minutes Leeds were forced to play strictly on the defensive. Cope dribbled out to the centre, and a cessation of hostilities occurred owing to an accident to Summer, who had to retire. The ball being driven to the Cardiff line, Hughes relieved with a big kick, off which Walker made his mark. Fletcher took the place, and landed a minor. The Tykes had the best of it after the kick-out, and Cardiff were driven into their 25. Walker, taking a long pass-out from the "scrum," was grandly floored by Fred Jones, but after a scrimmage Speight got possession of the ball and kicked to touch near the line. Presently Munro broke across, and after a short-lived maul landed a try, which was not converted. After the drop-out Cardiff forced, but Speight, snapping up a pass, got off to the centre. Hereabouts Spivey passed to Fletcher, who gained a lot of ground by a big kick. Fletcher followed this up with another kick to the Cardiff line, but Hughes was on the alert and returned to the centre. The visitors here made a mess of a free kick, and after a scrimmage Charley Arthur got possession, and dodging everybody landed a magnificent try behind the posts. Hughes took the place, and amidst loud cheers landed a goal. Even play ensued after the kick-off from the centre, until Fowler, coming away, propelled the ball to the Cardiff 25. Here the ball went into touch. At the line-out the home pack broke away, and some fine passing between D. W. Evans, Williams, and Gus Lewis took the ball to the centre. Selwyn Biggs putting in some good play, the ball was taken to the Yorkshiremen's line. Walker, however, returned to touch outside his 25 flag. Even play ensued, and then Field punted to touch in the Cardiff 25. On the ball being thrown out Fred Jones dribbled to the centre, and half-time was then called.

HALF-TIME SCORE.

CARDIFF 1 goal.

LEEDS 2 tries, 2 minors.

On resuming Hirst kicked off, and the first scrimmage was in Cardiff territory. The visitors pressed, but Hughes and Pearson relieved in succession, and eventually Charley Arthur got to the centre. The Tykes' forwards rushed back to the home 25, and for a time Cardiff had a bit the worst of it. Cosslett now had to retire, but returned almost immediately, quite as quickly, indeed, as did the Yorkshireman injured in the first half. Still Leeds pressed, and the ball was taken right up to the home line, where several scrimmages occurred. Charley Arthur then got off with a dribble, but failed to pick up just when he had got clear. He passed with his foot, however, to Pearson, who put the ball into touch near the visitors' 25. Following the line-out Arthur ran across the ground, and presently Sydney Sweet-Escott took a shot at goal, and sent the ball over the bar. Unfortunately for Cardiff one of the Leeds men touched the ball in its flight, and so the point was disallowed. Leeds touched down and dropped out, and Fred Jones at once invaded their 25. Speight relieved with a dribble to the centre, from whence the ball was removed to the home 25. Eventually Leeds sent the ball over and Hughes touched down. Leeds had the best of it after the kick-out, but despite some good play on the part of Roger and Spivey they were unable to score. Capital passing between Ingledew, Fred Jones, and Arthur enabled the latter to get off to the centre, where Summersgale pushed him into touch. Roger ran to near the Cardiff line, but the home side quickly drove them back to just outside their 25 flag. Leeds again forced the fighting till Hughes found the touch-line near the centre. Walker, after some even play, punted across the Cardiff line, and Hughes touched down. Leeds continued to force the fighting, but Cardiff's defence was much too good, and after some play within a few yards of his line, Pearson cleverly dribbled out to touch at mid-field. Leeds again forcing, Charley Arthur ran from the home 25 to the other end, where he passed to Cosslett, who was passing lost Cardiff their advantage, but at the centre Arthur again got off and passed to Pearson, who scored behind the posts. Hughes took the place, but failed to negotiate.

FINAL SCORE :

CARDIFF 1 goal, 1 try, 2 minors.

LEEDS 2 tries, 4 minors.

The following were the teams :-

LEEDS.		CARDIFF.	
Back	F. T. Wilkinson	H. Hughes	
Three-quarter	R. Place	S. Arthur	
Three-quarter	M. Fletcher	F. N. Jones	
Three-quarter	T. Summersgill	T. W. Pearson	
Half-back	B. Walker	S. Sweet-Escott	
Half-back	H. Field	H. M. Ingledew	
Forward	H. Speight	Selwyn Biggs	
Forward	W. Cope	D. W. Evans	
Forward	C. T. Summer	W. E. O. Williams	
Forward	G. Fowler	J. Mahoney	
Forward	T. Hoyle	A. Lewis	
Forward	E. P. Munro	W. S. Morgan	
Forward	J. Holmes	W. Cosslett	
Forward	C. Spivey	H. Smith	
Forward	C. Hirst	C. Jones	
Referee, Mr J. Young, Newport			

Cardiff, it will be seen by the list of names, played one second fifteen man at half (Selwyn Biggs), and two of the Cathays Rangers forward instead of Sid Nicholls and Taylor.

8. 11. 1890

CARDIFF V. NEATH.

Played at Cardiff before 5,000 spectators. D. W. Evans kicked off from the Racquet-court end, and Hutchinson made a good return. Some fast play ensued in the centre. The Cardiff forwards for once held the scrums, heeling-out well to the backs; but the Neath collaring was good, and it was not until Nicholls and Selwyn Biggs brought off a clever dribble that the leather was taken into the Neath quarters. The visitors' forwards gained some ground, but Arthur, getting the leather, passed to Sweet-Escott, who, when surrounded by Neath men, made a splendid drop for a goal, the ball going only a few inches wide. A minor was conceded by Neath, who then rushed down to the home 25. By some very pretty passing between Sweet-Escott and Arthur considerable ground was gained. Immediately afterwards Arthur got possession and passed to Pearson, who again transferred to Arthur, and the latter, after a struggle, got in at the corner, no goal resulting. Some long kicking, in which Trick and Hughes took part, gained no advantage for either side. The Cardiff forwards, by a combined rush, took the play to the Neath 25, where John saved splendidly. In a few seconds the ball was in the other end of the ground, where some tight scrums resulted in favour of Neath. Passing, in which the whole of the Cardiff three-quarters participated, gave Sweet-Escott a chance, but he was brought down by Hutchinson close to the line. The ball was, however, sent over, and a minor resulted, after a maul. Directly after the kick-out Arthur nearly got in, Morris saving a certain try by bringing him down within two yards of the line. The visitors' forwards relieved to the centre, but Arthur again carried the ball well within the 25. Fred Jones, getting possession, passed to Sweet-Escott, who scored a try in a fairly good position, but Hughes failed to convert. At half-time the score was :- Cardiff, two tries and two minors; Neath, nil. On resuming the Neath forwards had the advantage of some loose play, but D. W. Evans, by a clever kick, sent the leather into touch at the centre. Pearson, taking a pass from Arthur, put in a good run, but not being backed up, a good opportunity of scoring was missed. Selwyn Biggs got a mark, which gained some ground, and a free was directly afterwards conceded to the home team. The ball was placed for Hughes near the centre, but only a minor resulted. Some brilliant passing, in which all the Cardiff three-quarters again took part, and handled the leather, most of them two or three times, gave Sweet-Escott a chance, and he, by a clever run, got in at the corner, but the point was not improved upon. Cardiff pressed after the kick out, and obtained a penalty kick, but the ball was charged down. Neath had the worst of the game, until Morgan and Williams got in a couple of useful runs. Cross kicked into touch at half way, and the Neath forwards, after the throw-out, rushed away to the Cardiff 25. Fred Jones ran down to the centre, and in some very exciting open play which followed the homesters got the advantage, until Cross, with a smart sprint, took the leather well within the home 25, where Arthur caught him and brought him to earth. Neath further improved the advantage thus obtained, and matters looked dangerous for Cardiff. A penalty kick, however, brought welcome relief. W. H. Williams dribbled close to the Cardiff line, but Fred Jones gained a few yards. The home team for several minutes were pressed, but Arthur, getting away well within his 25, defied all attempts at collaring, and got over the line amidst loud applause. Cross, who got over just at the same time, however, got possession and claimed a touch-down, which was allowed. Smith dribbled down, but Trick, by a splendid run, took the leather to the centre. Selwyn Biggs, with a splendid screw kick, sent the ball into touch close to the line. Neath took the play to the 25, but Arthur romped in and planted the ball behind the posts, Hughes converting. The whistle was then blown, the result being :- Cardiff, one goal, three tries, and four minors; Neath, nil. Teams :- Cardiff: Back, H. Hughes; three-quarter backs, C. S. Arthur, F. N. Jones, T. W. Pearson, and S. Sweet-Escott; half-backs, H. M. Ingledew and S. Biggs; forwards, W. E. O. Williams, D. W. Evans, S. H. Nicholls, J. Mahoney, W. T. Morgan, H. J. Taylor, W. Cosslett, and J. Smith. Neath: Back, F. Hutchinson; three-quarter backs, G. D. Trick, A. Cross, L. Morris, and W. John; half-backs, W. Thomas and H. Williams; forwards, Dr. E. V. Pegge (captain), E. Hughes, S. Anthony, J. Davies, A. Sims, H. Evans, E. Evans, and D. Watkins. Referee, Mr F. J. Carlyle, Swansea.

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CARDIFF V. GLOUCESTER.

Accompanied by some 600 ardent votaries, the unbeaten Welsh Metropolitans journeyed to Gloucester on Saturday to fulfil their initial engagement with the citizens. Both teams may be written as well represented, though the Cardiff men were still without the valuable services of R. Sweet-Escott at half, his place being filled by Selwyn Biggs. Gloucester have only once been beaten this season, and that by Swansea, when the scores at the end of a one-sided game read: 5 goals, 3 tries to 1 goal, 1 try. Great interest was taken in the match by South Wales, for though Gloucester have much improved since this defeat, the match was regarded as being a criterion by which to gauge the relative merits of Cardiff and Swansea, the two unbeaten first-class South Wales teams. The players were as follows:—

POSITIONS.	CARDIFF.	GLOUCESTER.
Backs.....	H. Hughes.....	A. F. Hughes
Three-quarter ..	T. W. Pearson.....	T. Bagwell (capt.)
Three-quarter ..	C. S. Arthur.....	W. H. Taylor
Three-quarter ..	F. N. Jones.....	W. Jackson
Three-quarter ..	S. Sweet-Escott.....	T. B. Powell
Half-back	H. M. Ingledew.....	W. George
Half-back	Selwyn Biggs.....	S. A. Ball
Forward	S. H. Nicholls.....	H. V. Page
Forward	W. T. Morgan.....	G. Osborne
Forward	H. J. Taylor.....	C. Williams
Forward	W. Williams (capt.)	J. Williams
Forward	W. Evans.....	G. J. Witcombe
Forward	J. Mahoney.....	A. Collins
Forward	J. Jones.....	A. Cromwell
Forward	J. Smith.....	R. C. Jenkins

Referee, Mr F. B. Holmes (Midland Counties Union).

Cardiff won the spin, and elected to play from the Beaufort end. Page setting the ball in motion for the homesters, Selwyn Biggs returned finely, and after a number of cross country kicks had been exchanged, Bagwell, with a punt, sent the leather into touch at half way. Williams secured from the line out, and the ball getting into the loose a capital bit of passing was witnessed between the visiting backs, Arthur carrying the oval far into the Gloucester 25. Good forward play was then put in, the Cardiff men working like horses and establishing their superiority in the tight scrums, Page and Williams being very conspicuous for the homesters. Ball getting possession from the skirt of a scrum in his own 25 the ball was passed smartly to Powell, who punted into the hands of H. J. Taylor, the latter being given a free kick, which being in a fairly good position was entrusted to Hugh Hughes, who sent it as straight as a line for the bar, though, unfortunately, it fell just a little short. A. F. Hughes returned. No relief was afforded by the drop-out, and a grand rush by the Cardiff forwards (headed by Nicholls, Evans, and Mahoney) took the game into close proximity to the home citadel; but Nicholls kicking too strongly over the line, Jackson promptly concluded to touch in defence. Almost immediately afterwards Nicholls was forced to retire, for, when charging a kick of Powell's, he came into collision with one of the opposing forwards. The great improvement in the Cardiff scrummagers was now rendered strikingly apparent, for they still continued to hold their opponents. Fast play took place in the region of the centre with varying advantage, Powell, Bagwell, Taylor, and Ball doing good service for their side, and pressing the Cardiffians. From a scrum near the home 25 Bagwell finely picked up and handed to Pearson, who passed to Jones, who in turn gave possession to Arthur the ex-skipper yielding so badly to Escott as to give Taylor an opportunity of intercepting, and the Gloucester sprinter carried the ball to within six yards of the line, where he was tackled by Hughes and Sweet-Escott. A loose rush by the home forwards then swept the ball over the line, C. Williams touching down and gaining the first point, Hughes making a good attempt for goal. From this to half-time the game was waged in Cardiff territory, the Gloucester backs beating the visitors at almost every point.

HALF-TIME SCORE.

GLOUCESTER.....	1 try, 1 minor
CARDIFF.....	1 minor.

With the change of ends the Cardiffians hoped for a complete change in the character of the game, for with the return of Nicholls and the consequent extra strength in the scrum they expected Cardiff to more than equalise. These hopes were, however, doomed to disappointment, for it soon appeared that the forwards had over-exerted themselves, and were unable to bear up against their opponents, who seemed in the pink of condition. After the kick-off the Cardiff men followed up very smartly, but after two or three scrums near the equatorial line the homesters got off with a rush, headed by Page, Witcombe, and Osborne, and propelled the leather to the visitors' 25, where Charlie Arthur secured, and going off in his characteristic style, seemed a scorer all over, when he was overtaken by Taylor, who hung on to his shoulders. Poor passing on the part of the Cardiffians was responsible for the remove, and again was their goal hotly besieged, first Powell, then Bagwell, and next Taylor getting to within a few yards, but only to be driven back by a punt by Pearson or Hughes. At length, by dint of the strenuous efforts of the Cardiff forwards, the venue was gradually transferred to the neighbourhood to "no man's land," much to the delight of the visiting section of the spectators, many of whom still maintained confidence in their pets. Beating the metropolitans at the skirts of the scrum, however, Ball and George handed the oval out with great dexterity to their three-quarters, who were consequently much better fed than their opposing quartette. Then occurred a singularly unfortunate accident to Charlie Arthur, who snapped a tendon in his thigh, which had been strained, and so prevented his scoring by causing him to halt when Taylor came along shortly after half-time. For some time Arthur limped along, but was quite unable to kick. A number of uninteresting scrums in the centre were followed by a series of pretty passes among Geo. Ball, Bagwell, and Powell, which gained considerable ground, and along pass to Taylor enabled that player to get close into the Cardiff quarters, when, after escaping Hughes, he was carried into touch by Sweet-Escott. A long pass out by Page gave Bagwell possession, and the veteran three-quarter fairly romped in without opposition and planted the oval behind the posts. Vociferous cheering came from five thousand throats, which was repeated when it was seen that A. F. Hughes had placed a goal. A more than usually good attempt on the part of Taylor to cross the line was thwarted by Hugh Hughes, who pushed the fleet-footed player into touch a foot from the line. Raid after raid was then made, but thanks to the splendid defence, put forward by Ingledew at half and Fred Jones, who played throughout like a Trojan, the Gloucester were kept at bay. Another misfortune, at a quarter of an hour before the conclusion, deprived the Metropolitans of the services of Charlie Arthur, whose place was taken by D. W. Evans. Do what they would, from this point the homesters were unable to score, and the call of "no time" left them the winners (under English rules) by 4 points to nil.

GLOUCESTER.....	1 goal, 1 try, 2 minors.
CARDIFF.....	1 minor.

FOOTBALL AT OXFORD UNIVERSITY.

*OXFORD UNIVERSITY V. CARDIFF.—In this match, played on the Christ Church Ground, at Oxford, yesterday, the dark blues had to put up with another defeat, although they had considerably the best of the game. With one exception the Oxonians placed the same team in the field as against Blackheath, Cookson taking the place of Kay at three-quarter back, vice Pearson and Arthur. The weather was fine but dull and there were close on fifteen hundred spectators present when at 2.50 Fleming kicked off. The exchanges gave Cardiff a slight advantage, but Coventry dribbled into the visitors' half, and a good run by Fleming gained further ground. Garrett, relieved, but North and Percival broke through the scrum, getting possession, ran into the "Varsity" half. Here several exciting scrummages were fought, Jarman at length got possession, and passed to Jones, who transferred to Biggs, and the last named crossed the line, Hughes being successful with the place-kick. This reverse put the Oxonians on their mettle, but play for a time was carried on in neutral ground. A rush by the home forwards, in which Percival, Hunt, and Cookson were conspicuous, was splendidly checked by Jarman, and Sweet-Escott returned to the centre. Here Coventry made a useful run, and a grand punt by Claus sent the ball well into the Cardiff "twenty-five," and some capital exchanges between De Winton, Fleming, and Claus ended in the last named crossing the line, but S. E. Wilson's shot at goal failed. On resuming, good passing by visitors to act on the defensive. Jones came to the rescue, but the home forwards quickly worked the leather back, badly, and Williams getting possession ran into the "Varsity" "twenty-five," the interval arriving with the score—Cardiff one goal. Oxford one try. With change of ends the fight for a short time was carried on in the home territory. Coventry at length relieved, Oxford carried, S. E. Wilson and Hunt being to the fore. Claus next made his mark, but S. E. Wilson's shot fell short. Claus then made his way into the Cardiff half, and Coventry gained further ground by a useful run, and the game was carried on in the Welshmen's "twenty-five," they being finally forced to touch-down. Continuing, Longdon kicked into touch in the visitors' "twenty-five," but Smith dribbled grandly back. North, Coventry, Percival, and J. Wilson put in some good work, and the visitors had to defend, and again had to touch-down. Claus and Fleming both made futile attempts to drop a goal, the Welshmen touching down in each instance. From now to the end of the game the Oxonians peened their opponents, and several times looked like getting in, but all efforts to do so were frustrated, and when the whistle finally sounded Cardiff had gained a lucky victory by one goal to one try.

Sides: Oxford University: *P. C. Cochran (Oriel) (back), *C. J. N. Fleming (Queen's) (captain), *P. R. Claus (Keble), and *J. S. Longdon (Jesus) (three-quarter backs), *R. F. C. De Winton (Keble) and *R. G. Coventry (Brasenose) (half-backs), *E. H. G. North (Keble), *L. J. Percival (Trinity), *A. M. Paterson (New), *J. H. G. Wilson (Queen's), S. E. Wilson (Trinity), W. Rice Evans (Jesus), E. Bonham Carter (New), R. W. Hunt (Corpus), and G. F. Cookson (Lincoln) (forwards).

Cardiff: H. Hughes (back), F. N. Jones, R. Garrett, S. Sweet-Escott, and N. Biggs (three-quarter backs), H. M. Ingledew and W. E. Jarman (half-backs), W. E. O. Williams (captain), D. W. Evans, S. W. Morgan, W. Smith, H. J. Taylor, T. Jones, W. Mahoney, and A. Lewis (forwards).

*A last year's blue.

Touch-judges: Messrs D. C. Greenless (Queen's) and W. H. Treatt (Cardiff). Referee: Mr W. M. Douglas (Cardiff).

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NEWPORT V. CARDIFF.

Fine weather favoured the second of the four matches between these old clubs set down for decision this season. Owing to the incessant rain of late, the Cardiff Arms Park was not at its best, though in much better condition than might have been expected. The attendance, it is almost needless to state, was an immense one. The spacious stands were filled to repletion, and every spot from which a view of the game could be obtained was closely packed. Before starting Newport ruled favourites, the absence of Charley Arthur, R. B. Sweet-Escott, and Norman Biggs from the Cardiff backs being thought to militate strongly against the chances of the home team, whilst Newport trotted out their full strength.

POSITIONS.		CARDIFF.	NEWPORT.
Back	.....	H. Hughes	T. England
Three-quarter	.....	T. W. Pearson	Geo. Thomas
Three-quarter	.....	E. P. Biggs	J. E. Webb
Three-quarter	.....	F. N. Jones	G. A. Morgan
Three-quarter	.....	S. Sweet-Escott	G. H. Gould
Half-back	.....	H. M. Ingledew	C. J. Thomas
Half-back	.....	W. E. Jarman	H. P. Phillips
Forward	.....	S. H. Nicholls	Graham (capt.)
Forward	.....	W. T. Morgan	J. Hannen
Forward	.....	H. J. Taylor	H. T. Day
Forward	.....	W. Williams (capt.)	H. Packer
Forward	.....	D. W. Evans	A. Bouchier
Forward	.....	J. McHoney	A. Henshaw
Forward	.....	Cus Lewis	T. Newcombe
Forward	.....	J. Smith	T. Pook

Referee, Mr. W. H. Gwynn (Swansea).

Newport winning the toss, D. W. Evans started the ball for Cardiff from the Raquet Court end and against the wind. Bert Gould, in response, sent the ball to touch near the centre. After the line-out Ingledew stopped a rush exactly in the middle. W. E. Jarman then passed out to Pearson, who transferred to E. P. Biggs, the latter travelling to the Newport 25. Newport relieved, but grand passing, between the Cardiff backs fairly roused the enthusiasm of the spectators, and after a really brilliant exposition of the handling game, Biggs, taking a pass from Pearson, ran in at the end of the line. A fine kick from Hughes fell short. Neutral ground was occupied after the drop out. The Cardiff backs again resorted to passing, every man of them handling the ball, until Fred Jones was upset in the Newport 25. Gould getting possession after a scrum kicked to the centre, where Hughes turned the ball into touch. Sweet-Escott, taking a pass after the line-out, ran and kicked to touch in the Newport 25, and just afterwards Williams ran in under the post, a feat greeted by tremendous cheering, renewed again and again upon Hughes converting. Even play ensued, neither side having much to boast of in the tight packs. Newport gained a little, but a bad pass from George Thomas to Morgan lost ground, and the Cardiff pack (headed by Morgan) swept into the visitors' 25. A bad pass-out from Jarman lost ground and, Bert Gould, intercepting a pass from Pearson to Biggs, was instrumental in removing play to the Cardiff end, where Morgan all but got in, being pushed into touch near the line. After the line-out Nicholls broke away with a fine dribble to the centre. Rain now commenced to fall. Day coming through a scrimmage, the ball was taken into the Cardiff 25, where several tight scrums occurred. Pearson relieved with a kick to the centre, where fast play occurred. Charley Thomas kicking down the field Hughes well replied. Newport now played up much better, their forwards holding the ball as tight as possible, while their backs effectively smothered the Cardiff passing. At length, from a scrimmage near the line, Charlie Thomas secured the ball and dodged in close to the posts. Webb easily converted. Neutral ground was occupied after the drop-out, and the rain which had momentarily ceased, again commenced to fall heavily. Rushing the tight packs, Cardiff worked into the home 25, where, however, Newport were allowed a free kick. Against the wind, nothing could be done with this, and Charley Thomas got a mark, as the ball fell in a good position. The kick was, however, charged down, and the game again became even. Play was now totally different in character to that witnessed at the start, Newport going in for tight scrumming tactics, at which they had the best of it. Their backs, too, were also greatly favoured by the wind. For a time Cardiff ground was occupied, and at length a kick from just outside the 25 across the line by Morgan compelled Hughes to touch in defence. The kick-out removed play to the centre, but only momentarily, the Newport forwards returning to the attack, and taking the ball close to the line. Here several scrums occurred, resulting in Charley Thomas scoring. The place failed.

HALF-TIME SCORE.

CARDIFF..... 1 goal, 1 try.

NEWPORT..... 1 goal, 1 try, 1 minor.

On resuming the first scrum was in Cardiff territory. The visitors resorting to passing, Fred Jones stopped a dangerous advance, but the Cardiff quarter was, nevertheless, invaded. Bad passing lost the visitors their advantage. Sweet-Escott, taking the ball from Pearson, ran well past the half flag. Newport working back to the middle Ingledew cleverly evaded the Newport halves, and passed to Pearson, who ran to the Newport 25, but lost the ball wildly back to Biggs, with a fair prospect of a try. Hannen relieved resumed their passing game, and looked very dangerous. In the nick of time George Thomas tackled Biggs, and then Hannen again ran to the centre, where Jarman felled him. The ball was taken into the Cardiff 25, but some grand dodging on to Pearson, who ran into the Newport 25, where he was pulled down from behind by George Thomas. The Newport spinner, a second later, got hurt and had to retire, his place being taken by Henshaw. Although thus weakened forward, Newport held their own gallantly in the tight scrums, and Graham jun. returned prettily to the centre. At this juncture George Thomas returned to his place at three quarters. Following on another dribble from Graham jun. the home forwards, Morgan and the ball was taken up to the Newport line. The visitors relieved, getting the ball out as far as their 25 flag. Newcombe then removed the ball to half distance, going on towards the Cardiff end, a scrum was formed near the Cardiff 25. Here Jarman passed to Pearson, the latter transferring to Sweet-Escott, who ran past the half flag, but was collared by Morgan. Charley Thomas removed play to Cardiff territory.

CARDIFF V. SWANSEA.

This eagerly-anticipated match took place at Swansea. It was feared that owing to the continued frost it would, like nearly every match throughout the country, have to be abandoned, but the ground, having been well covered, was in capital condition. The excitement over the match was intense, and there was the biggest crowd ever seen on the ground. Two loaded special trains arrived from Cardiff at two o'clock. The kick-off was fixed for three. Both teams had strong representation, but Arthur was absent from Cardiff, his place being taken by Hill, and a new man, Davies, of Pontardawe, had to be put in the Swansea three-quarters instead of Longdon. Deacon kicked off for Swansea, and D. W. Evans returned, play settling in the Cardiff 25. By fine passing Cardiff got away, but the Swansea three-quarters, following up, spoilt their chance, and took the play to the Cardiff line. Here Swansea pressed, and pushed the scrums for ten minutes, then Davies got a pass and tried to drop for goal, and Cardiff had to touch down, thus getting away from what seemed a certain try. Cardiff, by superior passing, now got away and looked threatening, but by fine collaring Swansea kept the play in neutral ground, but had to defend by spoiling the passing. Swansea went away with a rush and Bishop dropped beautifully for goal. The ball went against the side post, and Cardiff conceded a second minor. By really brilliant passing Hill got a try. The place kick failed. Swansea then got away, but by too hard kicking got a minor only. The try came at last, however, Bowen getting over in a rush. Bancroft failed at the place. Half-time:—Swansea, one try and three minors; Cardiff, one try. D. W. Evans kicked off for Cardiff. Bancroft returned, and Cardiff got a free, and sent the ball up to the line, Thorogood returning. James neatly got the ball out, and, passing, it was kicked down to the Cardiff half, and Williams and Bevan rushing over, the latter got a try. The place again failed. Bancroft sent the ball up to the line, and from the kick out Davies dropped a beautiful goal. Swansea now led by a goal and a try. A minor quickly followed, Swansea being apparently clean on the job, and doing all the pressing. Bishop got over, but lost the ball. Swansea now had Cardiff on their line and got across more than once, but the ball was called outside. At last Cardiff worked out a bit, and Sweet-Escott got a free, but from Thorogood's return Cardiff had again to touch down. Afterwards, however, Hill, Pearson, and Sweet-Escott made a fine show of passing, and took the play up to the Swansea 25, and from this time Cardiff regained something of their form, and got a try in front of the posts, which was converted. Result:—Swansea, one goal, two tries, and six minors; Cardiff, one goal and one try. Teams:—Cardiff: Back, H. Hughes; three-quarter backs, S. Sweet-Escott, A. M. Hill, F. N. Jones, and T. W. Pearson; half-backs, H. M. Ingledew and R. B. Sweet-Escott; forwards, D. W. Evans (captain), S. H. Nicholls, J. McHoney, W. T. Morgan, R. T. Duncan, H. J. Taylor, J. Smith, and A. Lewis. Swansea: Back, W. Bancroft; three-quarter backs, E. Thorogood, Davies, E. Bishop, and A. Whapham; half-backs, E. James and D. James; forwards, W. Bowen (captain), Tom Williams, W. Williams, H. Bevan, J. Samuel, D. Samuel, E. Charles, and T. Deacon. Umpires, Mr. W. M. Douglas (Cardiff) and Mr. Copus (Swansea). Referee, Mr. T. C. Graham (Newport).

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CARDIFF V. BURTON.

Played at Cardiff in fine but extremely dull and cold weather. The game was one of the poorest of the season. The following were the teams: — Cardiff: H. Hughes, back; C. S. Arthur, F. N. Jones, T. W. Pearson, and S. Sweet-Escott, three-quarter backs; H. M. Ingledew and R. B. Sweet-Escott, half-backs; D. W. Evans (captain), S. H. Nicholls, R. T. Duncan, J. Mahoney, W. T. Morgan, H. J. Taylor, J. Smith, and A. Lewis, forwards. Burton: H. C. Gorton, back; J. C. Gorton, T. Smith, and E. J. Smith, three-quarter backs; G. C. Fordham and E. Evershed, half-backs; A. Gorton, A. H. Yeomans, H. Mayger, A. L. Bolton, C. Heaton, F. L. Lloyd, Maitson, J. Githeroe, and J. C. Weston, forwards. Referee, Mr. H. S. Lyne, Newport. Cardiff won the toss, and Burton kicked off at 3.25. The game settled down in the Cardiff territory at once, and Ingledew and Sweet-Escott successively tried to get away, but Arthur gave a bad pass to Jones, and Burton forged ahead. Pearson, however, came through a whole host, and Ingledew putting in a kick, and following up smartly, the Burton 25 was reached. Play, however, was of the most scrambling character. Cardiff more than held their own in the scrums, and Smith dribbled to the centre, where, from a scrum, Ingledew initiated a splendid bit of passing which landed the ball finally in the hands of Charlie Arthur at the Burton 25. Away went the nimble Cardiffian until the line was reached. Tackled, he handed to Mahoney, who transferred to Gus Lewis, who had no difficulty in crossing the rubicon. Hughes landed an easy goal. Four minutes more only had elapsed when R. Sweet-Escott got possession on the Cardiff side of the half-way flag. Fred Jones, receiving a pass, went away in a great hurry, with S. Sweet-Escott in close running. The 25 reached, the ball was transferred to Sweet-Escott, who simply galloped in, leaving the Burtonians standing. Hughes landed a second goal. The cheers had barely died away when Charlie Arthur ran in at the extreme corner, but a minor only was given. Burton were still penned, much amusement being evinced by their futile efforts to get away. A second minor came from a kick by R. Sweet-Escott. Taylor put in a fine bit of tackling, but he was afterwards given offside. Gorton enabled his colleagues to reach the centre, but they were speedily driven back, and brilliant passing ended in S. Sweet-Escott reaching the line, where he was determinedly tackled by Gorton. Cardiff, however, meant to stay, and Pearson ran in, only to be called back. Ingledew, however, rushed through a whole crowd, and, getting a try near the posts, Hughes landed a third major point. With a rush the Burtonians reached the Cardiff line, and had a glorious chance of scoring. Hughes, however, saved gallantly in rapid succession, but E. J. Smith landed a minor from an attempted drop. The Burtonians again returned to the attack, but at the home 25 Arthur smartly snapped a pass, and handed to Fred Jones, who again got away splendidly. Clinging to the leather too long when tackled by the back, he lost an almost certain try by failing to pass to S. Sweet-Escott, but Arthur came up with his usual speed, and, picking up, notched a fourth try, which Hughes failed to goal. Then the whistle blew, Cardiff leading by three goals, one try, and two minors to one minor. Cardiff improved upon re-starting, and three or four minutes only had elapsed when, after two brilliant rounds of passing, Pearson ran in with comparative ease. The angle, however, was too severe for Hughes. Still penning their opponents, a moment later Ingledew ran in a sixth try from a scrum in the corner. Again did Hughes's kick fall short. The seventh try came after a determined siege of the Burton citadel. Charlie Arthur taking a pass from R. Sweet-Escott, and romping behind. Hughes easily converted. For the first time Burton reached Cardiff territory. T. Smith was smartly tackled by Hughes, but the ball was kicked over, and A. Gorton and Pearson raced for possession. The Burtonian had the advantage, and landed the visitors' first decisive point, from which a goal was easily placed by Smith. Cardiff meant, however, to have their revenge, and reached the Burton line in a twinkling. Thence, however, they were repelled with a huge kick. Smart following up gave Burton still further advantage, the home 25 being reached. Splendid passing between Pearson, Arthur, and Jones enabled the trio to race away from their own territory, and the latter to land an eighth try right on the line. Hughes's kick hit the post. Score:—Cardiff, 4 goals, 4 tries, and 2 minors; Burton, 1 goal and 1 minor.

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24 Jan. 1898.

SWANSEA v CARDIFF.

The third meeting for the season between these old rivals took place at the Cardiff Arms Park. Over night rain fell heavily, and continuing without cessation to-day, it was feared the match would have to be abandoned or postponed. Contrary to expectation, however, the teams decided to brave the weather, and though rain was still falling at the time advertised for the kick-off, some thousands of people, many of them hailing from Swansea, were not to be deterred from swarming on to the stands surrounding the ground. The Swansea team was as advertised, except that Williams went back instead of Bancroft, and Teddy Bishop standing out. Coke went to the centre, Whapham taking his place on the wing. From the Cardiff fifteen the absence were Hughes and Sidney Sweet-Escott. Thanks to the unpropitious weather outlook, the attendance was not so large as it would undoubtedly have been under happier conditions, but still it totted up to quite 4,000 people, a really good muster all things considered. On stepping into the arena, shortly after three o'clock, both teams were loudly cheered, and without delay the ball was set rolling and the tussle commenced.

The teams were:—

POSITIONS.	SWANSEA.	CARDIFF.
Back	Williams	E. Rooney
Three-quarter	J. Davies	C. S. Arthur
Three-quarter	C. Coke	F. N. Jones
Three-quarter	Whapham	A. M. Hill
Three-quarter	E. Thorogood	Pearson
Half-back	D. James	R. B. Sweet-Escott
Half-back	Blakemore	H. M. Ingledew
Forward	W. Bowen (capt.)	D. W. Evans
Forward	Deacon	S. Nicholls
Forward	T. Williams	W. T. Morgan
Forward	W. R. Evans	J. Mahoney
Forward	D. Samuel	H. J. Taylor
Forward	J. Samuel	J. Smith
Forward	H. Bevan	R. T. Duncan
Forward	E. Charles	A. Lewis

Referee, Mr W. Wilkins, Llanelly.

Swansea losing the toss, Williams kicked off from the Raquet-court end. D. W. Evans returning, the first scrum was at the centre. The rain had now given place to bright sunshine. Ingledew passing to Arthur, the latter failed to pick up, and was going off with a dribble when Blakemore took the ball off his toe and punted up field. Pearson, however, sent it back, and Bob Duncan gained a few yards at a line-out. Still play was decidedly even. J. Davies securing possession failed to get clear, and Sweet-Escott kicked to the Swansea line. Williams only partly returned and thereafter the visitors' 25 was invaded. Presently Arthur took a pass from Ingledew, and dodging cleverly through a bunch, scored behind the posts amidst a tumult of cheers, renewed again and again on D. W. Evans converting. A free kick to Cardiff followed the kick-off, but nothing noteworthy came of this, play settling down in neutral territory. Some pretty passing between the home backs took the ball into the Swansea 25, but on appeal it was ordered back. A. Hill then put in a big kick, and following up staggered Whapham, who was upset by Fred Jones, and the ball taken into the visitors' 25. Grand passing between Ingledew, Fred Jones, and Pearson left the ball in the hands of the last named, who was forced into touch when only a foot from the line. A good deal of tight scrummaging ensued, in which the boasted superiority of Swansea was not at all apparent, the game being confined entirely to their 25. Once they got the ball to the centre, but only momentarily, Ingledew kicking back to touch in their 25. After the line out Fred Jones picked up smartly and went slick in, scoring a try, despite the fact that two men grasped him on the line. Evans's "place" was a miserable failure. Following the drop-out Cardiff continued to press, and speedily worked into the Swansea 25. Sweet-Escott passing to Fred Jones, Arthur received the ball from the latter, and passed to Pearson, who ran in a try gained by a really pretty and finished piece of combination. The place-kick again failed. A fine run from Arthur was the first noticeable incident after the drop-out, the result being a renewal of the attack in the Swansea 25. Then, as the outcome of a free-kick, taken by D. W. Evans, Cardiff put on a minor, and quickly added at second. The drop-out brought Swansea no relief, and at half-time the ball was lying in touch within a foot of their line, the game from the start to the interval having been all in their territory.

HALF-TIME SCORE:—
CARDIFF 1 goal, 2 tries, 2 minors.
SWANSEA nil.

On resuming after the interval D. W. Evans started for Cardiff and, after the return brief play took place in neutral ground. Then the Cardiff pack went away in a hurry, the rush only being interrupted when the ball had found its way to the Swansea 25. Resorting to passing, the Cardiff backs made a plucky attempt to score, but a bad transfer to Pearson lost a good chance. Still passing well, however, the home backs twice attacked, and narrowly missed scoring. A free-kick allowed to the visitors took the ball to neutral ground; but Arthur put in a good run and passed to Pearson, who was upset in the visitors' 25. Thanks to a kick, Swansea worked to the middle, and play then became even for a time. Displaying rare all-round combination, the home side again attacked, and Swansea's chance rush, they swept down to near the Cardiff 25. Here Rooney failed lamentably to return a kick from J. Davies, and a second later, having to run out, he was collared a yard from the line. The home pack quickly rallied on the ball, but it was forced over, and Arthur Hill barely saved by kicking the ball dead. On the ball being sent out, Arthur Hill getting possession at the centre, punted up the field, but James got invaded the home 25. Rain was now falling heavily, and the ground began to present unmistakable signs of wear. In a good position Swansea were allowed a free-kick. Harry Bevan took the place, but the ball fell short. For a minute or so Cardiff were forced on the defensive. Sweet-Escott then got off and passed to Nicholls, who reached to the centre. The ball, however, was quickly brought back, whereupon removed operations to outside the home 25. The Swansea pack now commenced to exhibit some stubborn in the extreme. Making his mark, D. W. Evans found the touch-line near the half flag, but the "All White" forwards, using their feet well, rushed to the home 25 after the line-out, and Rooney only saved by falling on the ball a few feet from the line. Presently the ball was sent over, and Pearson had to touch in defence. Swansea got a free kick after the drop out, and were thus enabled to once more attack. Sweet-Escott getting away from the centre, and Sweet-Escott a rush which took the ball well up the field. Another free kick afforded Swansea considerable relief, and the ball eventually found its way to neutral territory. Here scrummaging followed scrummaging, and then Arthur Hill kicked broke away from the line out, and were dribbling away, shortly after which Arthur turned the ball in the opposite direction; and at this point the referee's whistle sounded "no side," and Cardiff had won a well played game as under.

FINAL SCORE.
CARDIFF 1 goal, 2 tries, 2 minors.
SWANSEA 2 minors.

CARDIFF v. NEWPORT.

DEFEAT OF THE CARDIFFIANS.

An enormous crowd turned up on the Newport ground to witness the third meeting this season of the old veterans, Cardiff and Newport. Towards the great concourse the Welsh metropolis contributed some 1,200 to 1,500, and Newport and the surrounding district sent in another 3,000 to 4,000. The afternoon was fine and breezy, but the ground, which had previously been littered with straw, had not had much chance to dry since the heavy downpours of rain during the week. Although Cardiff had on the previous Saturday so decisively defeated Swansea, the current price for spectators was only at evens. Hadden kicked off, and Packer, coming up before Arthur could seize it, rushed away, but lost the leather. Downe took up from the scrum, and the ball being kicked over, the first minor went to Newport. Escott got the ball out of a scrum, and, being missed by Percy Phillips, got away a few yards, which Newport with a good forward rush soon recovered. Newport's attempt to pass out behind, however, cost them dear. Moggridge was given first possession, then transferred to Gould, who chucked to Charlie Thomas, who, being rather slow, was upset in the centre by Fred Jones. Pearson picked up from a dribble by Percy Phillips, and, putting in a fine kick, caused England to return in touch in the home half. The Newport forwards, headed by Graham, soon rushed back over the equator, and from a scrum abreast of the visitors' 25 flag Downe passed out between his legs to George Thomas, who just rushed in with a try at the end of the line, from which no goal was scored. A long kick by Gould sent the oval in touch fifteen yards from the visitors' line. The Newport forwards showed themselves heaps better in the light and loose scrums, with the result that Cardiff was constantly pressed. Moggridge, getting a pass from Charlie Thomas and Gould ran up strong to within ten yards of the Cardiff line, where he was grounded, but as soon as the ball was loose another pass was given to Charlie, who, running up, transferred to George Thomas, and the flyer just had time to notch a second try at the end of the line, before Fred Jones and Hill were on him. England's place failed. Half time was immediately called, the score being:—Newport, two tries and one minor; Cardiff, nil. Lemons having been served out, The Newport pack quickly asserted themselves again and rushed to the open, and ultimately to the half, with a fine dribble. Cardiff was then fairly penned, but struggled well in a good defence. The ball was rushed over, but Rooney saved with only a minor. With the drop out Charlie Thomas sent back to Ingledew, who made his mark, and then dropped in touch. Hadden took the throw out, and, getting away with a rush, passed to Henshaw, who planted a fine try near the posts. England had no difficulty this time in pacing a good goal, amidst loud cheers. Pearson, getting possession from Arthur, kicked up in touch at the half. Arthur then got a lease for a good run, but passing somewhat wildly, Bert Gould picked up and replied in touch at the centre. A. M. Hill next got a nice pass, and looked dangerous, but England had him down abreast of the Newport 25 flag, and the ball was dribbled back to "no man's land." Arthur then got off with a fine rush, and was only grounded by George Thomas at the home 25. Arthur was hurt with a cut head, and had to retire. The Cardiff forwards were unable to hold on at the home quarters, but driving out to the centre Downe was hurt, and the game was suspended for a minute or two. Downe stood out and Pook took his place at half. Newport then rushed on with a strong return, and quickly invaded the Cardiff line, but the play was too wild to score. Whilst the ball, however, still hovered in the visitors' quarters, Gwynn blew his whistle, leaving the final score:—Newport, one goal, two tries, and two minors; Cardiff, nil. The teams were:—Newport: Back, T. England; three-quarter backs, George Thomas, C. D. Moggridge, Bert Gould, and C. J. Thomas; half-backs, T. Downe and H. P. Phillips; forwards, T. C. Graham (captain), J. Hadden, H. Packer, A. W. Boucher, A. Henshaw, T. Pook, T. Newcombe, and H. T. Da. Cardiff: Back, Rooney; three-quarter backs, C. Arthur, Pearson, A. M. Hill, and Fred Jones; half-backs, Ingledew and Sweet-Escott; forwards, D. W. Evans (captain), E. Biggs, J. Mahoney, T. Morgan, R. Duncan, Taylor, Smith, and Lewis. Referee, Mr. W. H. Gwynn.

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Result, Newport. 1 goal 2 tries to Nil

7. 2. 1891.

PONTYPRIDD V. CARDIFF.

The recently re-constituted Pontypridd Club paid its first visit to the Cardiff Arms Park on Saturday. The visitors succeeded in putting on the field their strongest team, but the home club, through the absence of Sweet-Escott, Ingledew, and Nicholls, were not so fortunate. Young's re-appearance in warpaint was hailed with cheers. Probably owing to the Newport v. Harlequins match at Penarth-road, the attendance was not a large one, and composed in a great measure of Pontypriddians, who followed each phase of the game with marked interest.

The following were the teams:—

PONTYPRIDD.		CARDIFF.	
Back.....	Alun Morgan	.....	E. Rooney
Three-quarter ..	George Barry	.....	C. S. Arthur
Three-quarter ..	Ben Lewis	.....	F. N. Jones
Three-quarter ..	Noah Morgan	.....	T. W. Pearson
Three-quarter ..	S. Hill	.....	G. Young
Half-back	C. Jones	.....	J. Merritt
Half-back	J. James	.....	W. Kingscote
Forward	Ack Llewellyn	.....	D. W. Evans
Forward	F. S. Miles	.....	J. Mahoney
Forward	J. R. Watkins	.....	W. T. Morgan
Forward	Ivor Howells	.....	R. T. Duncan
Forward	J. Evans	.....	H. J. Taylor
Forward	W. Williams	.....	J. Smith
Forward	J. Steele	.....	A. Lewis
Forward	J. Nicholls	.....	J. Arman
Forward	J. Nicholls	.....	J. Arman

Referee—Mr A. J. Ebyart.

Cardiff won the toss and elected to play from the Riverside end. W. Williams kicked off, and the home forwards, headed by Morgan, Mahoney, and Lewis, soon worked the ball into dangerous proximity to the visitors' line, and a sharp tussle took place for some minutes in the 25, Morgan at last breaking down the defence. D. W. Evans easily converted. The visitors played up pluckily after the restart, but the passing tactics of the home backs completely beat them, and ere many minutes had elapsed Young literally walked in and registered try No. 2, which, however, was not improved upon. Good play was contributed by individual Pontypridd men, Noah Morgan, Christmas Jones, Ack Llewellyn, and Howells, but the vastly superior combination of the home side enabled two more tries to be obtained by Pearson, one of which only was converted by the old Millhillian. Young, after a series of pretty passes, got a capital opening, and amid cries of "Shoot for goal, George," he dropped the third goal. Fred Jones was the next to come in luck's way, his try being well deserving of the round of applause which followed. Pearson easily converted, and proved his title to being regarded as a first-class shot by sending the ball right between the bars. When D. W. Evans had brought the number of tries to half-a-dozen, half-time was announced, the score, reading:—

CARDIFF.....	5 goals, 2 tries
PONTYPRIDD.....	nil.

For some time after the restart the visitors played up pluckily, their tackling being exceptionally good. Still the home men pressed, and soon D. W. Evans romped over the line, but the point was unimproved. Nothing daunted, the Pontypridd lads put forth a spirited defence, and their combination improving, they for the first time in the game put the Metropolitans on the defensive, Ivor Howells, Christmas Evans, and Steele being mainly instrumental in bringing this about. Rooney saved what looked like an ugly rush, and Fred Jones with a dodgy run evaded the threatened danger. The Pontypridd goal was then closely besieged, and three minors—two being very nearly tries—were added to Cardiff's credit. Through the bungling of the home three-quarters, the visitors' forwards, with a fine dribble, paid their second visit during the half to Cardiff soil, and Young and Rooney failing to save D. W. Evans fell on the ball, but only in the nick of time. From thence to the call of time Cardiff had matters all their own way, though only one more try was added to the score. Taylor crossing from a loose rush.

CARDIFF.....	5 goals, 4 tries, 3 minors.
PONTYPRIDD.....	nil.

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CARDIFF V. OLD EDWARDIANS.

Played at Cardiff. The visitors were two men short, and A. M. Hill (Cardiff), and Goss (Harlequins) supplied the vacancies. On starting Smith and Gus Lewis at once assumed the offensive by a good dribble, and shortly afterwards Duncan, getting the ball from a line up, dribbled down, Morgan getting a try, which was not converted by Pearson, who took the place. After some give and take play Arthur made a gallant attempt to get over, but was well brought down by Moore, Nichol, upsetting Ingledew, relieved with a kick to the centre, but Fred Jones dribbled back. After some good foot work he passed wide to the wing, and Adams saved. Cardiff, however, pressed, and some fast play ensued in the visitors' 25. Some smart passing by the Cardiff backs gave Sidney Sweet-Escott a chance, which he failed to take advantage of, and the ball was then taken back to the centre, where Short gained considerable ground with a punt into touch. Some long kicking resulted in favour of Cardiff through D. W. Evans following up well and collaring Moore in his own ground. The fantastic style of play attempted by the Cardiffians did not result in scoring, the Edwardians, when forced down on their line, tackling well. Arbluster, by a good run, got to the half-way flag, but Duncan retaliated, and directly afterwards passed the ball to Gus Lewis, who romped behind the posts. Pearson converted. On resuming, the Edwardians played up with more spirit. Sidney Sweet-Escott put in a good sprint, and Pearson, following up, nearly got over before he was brought down by Moore. Back to the centre went the ball, but Arman and Gus Lewis together took it well into the visitors' ground, and Ingledew, getting possession from a line up, passed to Nicholls, who grounded behind the posts, Pearson converting. At half-time the score was—Cardiff, two goals, one try, and one minor; Old Edwardians, nil. On re-starting, A. M. Hill put in a fine sprint, and kicked, Rooney returning well. D. W. Evans getting away from the centre, passed to Ingledew, who in turn handed to Fred Jones, the last-named getting behind, and Pearson converting. D. W. Evans, got in directly afterwards, Pearson's kick for goal was charged down. Short had now to leave the field. Arthur, after a smart run from the centre, passed to Pearson at the 25, the latter getting behind the posts, and D. W. Evans converting. The visitors had the worst of the next few minutes, and R. Sweet-Escott dodged through a crowd over the chalk, D. W. Evans again putting the leather over the bar. Pearson, after some passing, romped over at the corner, but instead of securing a try when he might, he attempted to get nearer the goal. He was pounced upon by two Edwardians, and lost the maul, a minor only resulting. Some very fast play followed, in which Cardiff had a great advantage, pressing the visitors down on their line, but no further point was obtained, the final score being:—Cardiff, five goals, two tries, and two minors; Old Edwardians, nil. The following were the teams:—*Cardiff*: Back, E. J. Rooney; three-quarter backs, C. S. Arthur, F. N. Jones, F. W. Pearson, and S. Sweet-Escott; half-backs, H. M. Ingledew and R. B. Sweet-Escott; forwards, D. W. Evans, S. H. Nicholls, W. T. Morgan, J. Mahoney, A. Lewis, R. Duncan, J. Smith, and J. Arman. *Old Edwardians*: Back, J. F. Moore; three-quarter backs, P. Adams, A. Short, A. M. Nicol, and A. M. Hill (substitute); half-backs, H. Goodnan and D. R. Evans; forwards, S. Fisher, W. A. Morris, F. Arbluster, H. Hope, F. Burges, A. Wood, C. Arton, and D. R. Goss (substitute).

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CARDIFF v. SWANSEA.

The match Swansea v. Cardiff was witnessed to-day by an almost phenomenal gate, the weather being beautifully fine. A large contingent arrived by special train from Cardiff. The teams were as published. Swansea did not play Bishop, but were much more fairly represented than on the occasion of the last encounter, putting all their ordinary team in the field. Williams kicked off at half-past three against the wind. Pearson returned poorly, and the first scrum took place in the Cardiff 25. A long kick threatened, but Pearson kicked down, and play went to the centre. D. James cleverly got away, but was collared on the line. Davies dropped for goal and Pearson kicked out. Swansea brought off some fine passing, but Davies lost judgment and failed to score. Swansea pressed eventually, and Evan James at last ran over the line. Bancroft converted. Cardiff got the best of the kick off, but the Swansea forwards got back to the line, and from a scrum Bowen got another try, which was converted. A big kick off with the wind forced Bancroft to touch down. The referee gave Cardiff a free, and Cardiff kicked in touch near the Swansea goal. Davies ran strongly, and the Jameses took the ball on to the Cardiff quarters. Arthur, Jones, and Sweet-Escott did some good passing, but the Swansea forwards dribbled away and got the ball once more on to the Cardiff goal line, where they stuck obstinately for some time. The Cardiff three-quarters now passed out, but Davies finely brought down Sweet-Escott. Swansea got a free, which took play to the Cardiff 25, and half time was called:—Swansea, two goals; Cardiff, one minor. Evans kicked off for Cardiff. Thorogood gave a grand return, and Swansea got straight away to the Cardiff 25. Davies kicked over and Rooney touched down. Cardiff now allowed Swansea to rush the scrums anyhow. Thorogood tried for a drop goal, and Cardiff touched down. Arthur and Pearson passed nicely and got away, and Jones made a good run to the other end. Davies finely returned to touch in the centre. Cardiff showed great improvement. Cardiff had rallied considerably towards the beginning of the half, but Swansea now again asserted supremacy. The ball travelled rapidly over the ground till the call of time, when no further scoring had been done. Result: Swansea, two converted goals and four minors; Cardiff, one minor. The following were the teams:—*Swansea*: Back, W. J. Bancroft; three-quarter backs, C. Coke, J. Davies, A. Whapham, and E. Thorogood; half-backs, E. James and D. James; forwards, W. Bowen (captain), W. Williams, Tom Williams, D. Samuel, J. Samuel, W. Deacon, E. Charles, and H. Bevan. *Cardiff*: Back, E. Rooney; three-quarter backs, C. S. Arthur, F. N. Jones, T. W. Pearson, and S. Sweet-Escott; half-backs, H. M. Ingledew and R. B. Sweet-Escott; forwards, D. W. Evans, S. H. Nicholls, W. T. Morgan, J. Mahoney, A. Lewis, R. T. Duncan, J. Smith, and J. V. Arman.

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GLOUCESTER v. CARDIFF.

There was a record "gate" on Saturday at the Cardiff Arms Park, when Cardiff and Gloucester played their return match. The only occasion upon which the Gloucester colours have been lowered this season was when an indifferent team visited Swansea to do battle with the "All Whites." For Saturday's match strenuous efforts had been made on both sides, but while Gloucester had their full strength out Cardiff had to take the field minus their best three-quarter—Charley Arthur. As finally constituted the teams were:—

The following were the teams:—		GLOUCESTER.	
POSITION.	CARDIFF.		
Back	E. Rooney	A. P. Hughes	
Three-quarter	T. W. Pearson	T. Bagwell (capt.)	
Three-quarter	A. M. Hill	W. Jackson	
Three-quarter	F. N. Jones	W. H. Taylor	
Three-quarter	S. Sweet-Escott	E. J. Ward	
Half-back	H. M. Ingledew	S. A. Ball	
Half-back	R. B. Sweet-Escott	W. George	
Forward	D. W. Evans	H. V. Page	
Forward	S. H. Nicholls	A. Cromwell	
Forward	J. Mahoney	A. E. Healing	
Forward	R. T. Duncan	C. J. Witcombe	
Forward	A. Lewis	C. Williams	
Forward	J. Smith	A. Collins	
Forward	W. T. Morgan	C. Jenkins	
Forward	H. J. Taylor	T. Collins	

Referee—Mr W. H. Gwynn, Swansea.

Precisely at 3.40 Gloucester, losing the toss, kicked off from the lower end, Page setting the ball rolling. D. W. Evans returned to touch at the centre. A scrimmage followed the line-out. From this George got the ball and transferred to Bagwell, who threw to Taylor, the latter being fairly brought down near the home 25 by Hill. Pearson at once kicked to touch at the centre, and after some even play the same man by a huge kick landed the ball in touch at the Gloucester 25. R. B. Sweet-Escott got off after the line, but passing badly to Ingledew, Bagwell snapped, it but was at once floored. Pearson then again got off and the Cardiff men passing well got right to the line. Bagwell ran out and passed to Collins, who chucked to Taylor. At the centre Rooney brought the latter down, and Fred Jones got in a fine kick to the Gloucester 25. For off-side play the visitors were allowed a penalty kick, in response to which Pearson sent the ball to touch near their 25. The Cardiff backs now resorted to passing, but were unable to make headway, and the ball after a lot of fast play found its way to the centre. Pearson missing a pass lost ground, but this was quickly recovered, and at the centre Cardiff were allowed a free kick. Then D. W. Evans got a free kick, and sent the ball out of bounds, loud cheers greeting the extraction of first blood. The kick-out was a wretched one, but Gloucester rushed up field only to be stopped by Sidney Sweet-Escott. Play was then decidedly even, the pace being as fast and furious as ever. A failure by Pearson to get in his kick let the enemy into the home 25, and the ball was sent dead, minor scoring being thus equalised. Following the drop out Cardiff visited the Gloucester 25, but Page raised the siege by a fine dribble to the centre. Fast and exciting play followed, the backs on either side tackling so well that honours were decidedly even. Hill, at length, got off with a fine run and kick, with the result that the ball was put in scrummage three yards from the line. Bagwell put in a punt off which Rooney made his mark, but D. W. Evans's place fell short and wide, and Gloucester removed the ball to half-way. Some good passing on the part of the visitors' backs looked like coming off, but Sidney Sweet-Escott was on the alert and brought Taylor down beautifully in the home quarters. The ball was quickly removed to the centre. The fight went on at the same old rattling pace, neither side being able to boast of any appreciable advantage. The tackling of both sets of backs was really superb, and against it the finest passing utterly failed to gain an inch. While the game was being hotly contested in neutral territory a serious mishap befell the Cardiff team, Tom Morgan being forced to retire. Just afterwards half-time was called in a game which was from the start ordinarily fast and exciting, the scoring being exactly level.

HALF-TIME SCORE:
CARDIFF.....1 minor.
GLOUCESTER.....1 minor.

On resuming Morgan, prodding by the intervening breathing space, was able to return to the field, and received an encouraging round of applause. D. W. Evans re-started, and after the reply the ball found its way to touch in the home 25. The home side relieved, but Gloucester came on again, and Jackson getting possession when decidedly off-side ran in under the bar. The referee allowed the score, and Jackson taking the place landed a goal. Even play ensued. The Gloucester forwards showed good form, and two dangerous rushes from them would have taxed a much older player than Rooney to stop. The "young un," however, on each occasion rose to the emergency and caused play to again settle down on even terms. Gloucester presently rushed down to within a couple of yards of the home line, but trying to get in by passing they lost ground and Pearson removed the ball to

FINAL SCORE:—

GLOUCESTER.....	1 goal, 1 try, 3 minors.
CARDIFF.....	1 try, 1 minor.

Played on Wednesday in the Cardiff Arms Park before a very decent Wednesday gate. Cardiff lost the toss, and were put on the defence with a strong sun in their faces. Charlie Arthur was too indisposed to play. This fact placed Pearson right centre, G. A. Young taking the right wing position. Penrygraig had Llewellyn and Rosser absent. After an interchange of kicks between Evans and Lloyd, the Penrygraig front rank came away with a rush. A long kick by Pearson relieved temporarily, but the ball was speedily returned, and Watts, following up well, upset Rooney in Cardiff territory. A series of pretty passes between the whole of the Cardiff backs removed the venue to the other end, where successive attacks were made on the fortress. Young and Pearson were particularly active. It fell to the halves, however, to draw first blood, R. Sweet-Escott kicking over, and compelling Lloyd to touch in defence. A moment later the same player got trickily away from the visitors' 25, and, threading his way through a little host, scored in so favourable a place that Pearson easily converted. Penrygraig, from the kick-off, reached the Cardiff 25, Pearson failing to kick away. R. Sweet-Escott, however, relieved to the centre. After some further play Penrygraig pressed their opponents, and scrum after scrum was formed right on the Cardiff line, but though the attack was severe, the defence was impregnable, and at last Pearson sent Penrygraig away pointless to the centre. The half-time score was:—Cardiff, one goal, one try and two minors; Penrygraig, nil. Phillips kicked off, but Cardiff made immediate headway, Tom Harry rattling away until both he and Lloyd had to struggle for possession. George Young got clean away with Pearson, but Lloyd returned from beneath the posts. Pushing and rushing with might and main, Penrygraig forced Cardiff to concede a minor. For a time Cardiff had all their work cut out to withstand the Penrygraig forward onslaught. S. Sweet-Escott brought relief by a long dodgy run. An interchange of kicks between J. C. Evans and Rooney left the advantage with the visitors. The attack, however, was very short-lived, R. Sweet-Escott initiating a brilliant round of passing, which ended in Pearson racing behind the posts with the whole pack after him—a really grand try, for which Fred Jones was, in the main, responsible. D. W. Evans easily converted. The game was not, however, over. Several attacks were made upon the Cardiff line, and at last Penrygraig's efforts were rewarded, Phillips rounding the pack, and scoring so favourably that Lloyd easily placed the ball over the bar. Further play was decidedly in favour of Cardiff, but the score underwent no further alteration, and the game ended:—Cardiff, two goals, one try, and two minors; Penrygraig, one goal and one minor. The teams were composed as follows:—*Cardiff*:—Back, E. Rooney; three-quarter backs, G. A. Young, T. W. Pearson, S. Sweet-Escott, and F. N. Jones; half-backs, H. M. Ingledew and R. B. Sweet-Escott; forwards, D. W. Evans, J. Mahoney, R. T. Duncan, A. Lewis, J. Smith, T. Harry, H. J. Taylor, and J. V. Arman. *Penrygraig*:—Back, Dai Lloyd; three-quarter backs, M. W. Rees (captain), J. C. Evans, T. Jones, and G. Rowlands; half-backs, W. Phillips and T. Foster; forwards, W. Watts, D. H. Lewis, R. Rowlands, F. Casey, E. Ellis, J. T. Davies, R. John, and D. Evans. Referee, Mr. T. Williams (London Welsh).

W. H. Thomas re-started, Pearson receiving and trickily sending the ball into touch opposite the grand stand. Following half a dozen line outs the Tipplers' forwards gradually worked their way up the field, but a dangerous rush was saved by Fred Jones. Again did the visitors press, and Lovering looked a scorer all over when he was earthed by Young. The Cardiffians defended their goal-line in plucky fashion, the custodian winning the plaudits of the crowd for the way in which he stopped the onslaught of the opposing three-quarters. Percy Lloyd being brought low on three occasions when within an ace of scoring. A pass from Sweet-Escott to Pearson enabled the International three-quarters to raise the siege; and after travelling to the 25, amidst vociferous cheering he gave up to Gus Lewis, and between them they got to the centre. A close fight was then witnessed, and for fully five minutes tight scrummaging ensued, in which Llanelly had only a slight advantage. Eventually the ball was worked into touch, and from the line-out Abel Davies got possession, the sprinter running clean around Arthur, only, however, to be tackled by Sidney Sweet-Escott. Next Orman and Lovering made tracks, but Fred Jones and Young proved too much for them. From the ensuing scrummage Ingledew gained much ground with a huge punt. Roberts was at home and ably responded in face of the opposition of the Cardiff forwards, who, now fairly awake, ran down the field like stags. A complete change had now taken place in the character of the game, the homesters playing with might and main. After some scrummaging near the Llanelly 25, Pearson got in a smart left-foot kick, and the forwards pinned Lloyd near the visitors' corner flag, ere he could put in his kick. A tight scrummage succeeded, and then the Cardiff three-quarters, thanks to a smart pass of R. B. Sweet-Escott, handled the ball in turn, Sidney Sweet-Escott getting within half a yard of the line, on the far side. The scrummage breaking up, Duncan picked up and crossing the line under the bar, touched down amidst a volley of cheers. The point was disallowed. No change was seen in the play from this point, and despite the undaunted irent put forth by the visitors they were compelled to use their every effort to keep the invaders. A good rush by the Llanelly forwards, headed by W. H. and R. L. Thomas, but this advantage was lost through one of the forwards illegally tackling a Cardiffian. The "free" was entrusted to Pearson, a rattling good kick only going about a foot wide of its mark. After the drop out the homesters maintained their ascendancy, and soon the long looked-for try was obtained through the sterling play of Fred Jones, who picked up from the open, and, clearing his men, handed it to the Arman, who without difficulty crossed the line, the making of the point being signalized by a loud cheering, renewed again and again when it was seen that Pearson had landed a goal. Nothing of moment occurred from thence to "no side," Cardiff then being left the winners of a splendidly-contested fight by a goal to nil.

FINAL SCORE:
CARDIFF..... 1 goal, 1 minor.
LLANELLY..... 2 minors.

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CARDIFF V. PONTYPRIDD.

Played at Pontypridd in the presence of a large crowd of spectators. The match, which was really the event of the season, was looked forward to with an extraordinary amount of interest. The Treforest brass band attended and enlivened the proceedings. Cardiff kicked off, and the oval was promptly returned by Christmas Jones. Loose play ensued, in which the home team made an excellent stand against their opponents. From mid-territory the ball was forced into the home quarters, and immediately Cardiff succeeded in scoring a minor. Upon the resumption of play Benny Lewis (Pontypridd) obtained the ball and sprinted well down the field. The ball was returned into mid-territory by the Cardiff backs. The play then became fairly even. The visitors rallying, play was forced into the home 25, and from a series of passes Kingscot obtained the ball and got over. Morgan attempted the conversion but failed. Renewing hostilities, play was again confined to the home 25, and some pretty passing on the part of the visitors' three-quarters was seen. Just before the call of half-time the visitors exacted a second minor. The half-time score was:—Cardiff, one try and two minors; Pontypridd, nil. In the second part of the game Cardiff had a decided advantage, and kept the oval well in the home quarters. From a bit of loose play Gus Lewis got the leather and crossed the line easily. The kick at goal succeeded. Play continued almost on the verge of the home goal-line, and the homesters had to put in all they knew to defend their citadel. Just when things were looking desperate the home team were successful in rushing the ball up the field, and Gould (Pontypridd), getting hold of the leather, ran well into the visitors' 25, where he was brought to grass. Play continued in mid-territory until the ball got into the hands of Fred Jones, who looked very much like getting over, but was collared on the touch line. Benny Lewis subsequently exhibited good form for Pontypridd, and a series of scrums were formed in mid-territory. The ball was next rushed into home quarters, and Alan Morgan saved admirably. Two free kicks were awarded the visitors, but nothing resulted. Final score:—Cardiff, one goal, one try, and two minors; Pontypridd, nil. The following were the teams:—Cardiff: Back, G. A. Young; three-quarter backs, F. N. Jones, D. Fitzgerald, J. E. Kingscot, and F. E. Grogan; half-backs, H. M. Ingledew and R. B. Sweet-Escott; forwards, S. H. Nicholls (captain), W. T. Morgan, A. Lewis, J. Smith, J. Mahoney, J. V. Arman, T. Jones, and J. W. Chiplain. Pontypridd: Back, A. Morgan; three-quarter backs, J. James, B. Lewis, J. Hill, and J. Appleby; half-backs, C. Jones and J. Hill; forwards, A. Llewellyn, W. Williams, E. Gould, J. Howells, J. Nicholas, J. Ewens, D. Hunt, and J. Steele. Referee, Mr. E. S. Richards, Swansea.

CARDIFF V. NEWPORT.

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Played at Cardiff. Both teams were indifferently represented, several of the first fifteens being unable to put in an appearance. Gus Lewis kicked off for Cardiff, and for the first couple of minutes Newport assumed the offensive. Pearson got in a couple of splendid kicks. Newport got possession, and Phillips, passing to Moggridge, he, Bert Gould, and Charlie Thomas handled the leather, but the round of passing was not successful. Directly afterwards Charlie Thomas dropped for goal, but only a minor resulted. The same player, getting a pass from Bert Gould, wriggled through a crowd of Cardiffians, and scored under the bar, England converting. Some very uninteresting play followed in the Cardiff quarters, the forwards doing most of the work. Pearson saved repeatedly. Cardiff had a penalty kick on the line, and made a gallant effort to raise the siege. E. P. Biggs, Ingledew, Fred Jones, and Sidney Sweet-Escott took the play to the other end of the field, but some judicious kicking, in which Newcombe was prominent, brought the ball to the line, Pearson just saving a try. Charlie Thomas again got in, England converting. The whole of the play was now in the Cardiff quarters, the home forwards being quite unable to hold their own in the scrum and give the halves a chance. Percy Phillips got possession in front of the goal, and passed to Charlie Thomas, who missed. Bert Gould, however, picked up and ran in under the bar. England easily put the leather over. Ingledew, getting possession at his own 25, passed to Pearson. Fred Jones and S. Sweet-Escott then got the leather, and the latter was pushed into touch by England and Charlie Thomas. A splendid rush by the Cardiff forwards was stopped by Charlie Thomas well in his own 25, and Dauncey kicked into touch. The Newport forwards relieved, but Pearson got in a magnificent run, cleverly passing Moggridge, but coming down before Bert Gould. Charlie Thomas ran down to the 25, and Moggridge sprinted along the line, getting within a couple of yards of scoring before he was pushed into touch. The half-time whistle then went, the score standing—Newport, three goals and one minor; Cardiff, nil. Graham re-started, and the exchanges resulted in the ball going into touch at the centre. The home forwards came down the ground with the ball, and Gould saved just in time. The play was again transferred to the home quarters, but Fred Jones kicked down, and England failing to return, the ball went into touch ten yards from the goal line. Cardiff now pressed for some minutes, and after some scrambling play the ball was sent over, and a touch in goal resulted. The Newportians then changed the venue to the other end of the ground, and Moggridge looked a scorer when he slipped, but almost immediately afterwards Gould passed to Dauncey, the latter almost getting in at the corner. The ball, however, was sent over, and a minor resulted. Fitzgerald collared Charlie Thomas on the line, and the ball was sent into touch near midway. For the next five minutes there was nothing in the game worthy of note, the play being of a most uninteresting description. Tom Harry then picked up in his own 25, and, after a run along the line, kicked into touch near the Newport line. Cardiff were again pressed in a few moments, Gould assisting by a smart kick into touch. A succession of scrums now took place close to the Cardiff line. A round of passing by the Newport three-quarters, Dauncey failing in the end to take the leather, brought a welcome relief to the homesters. The mustard and blacking pack soon rushed up again, and Moggridge, taking a pass from Parfit, got within a yard of the line. After the line up the leather was sent over, and another minor registered against Cardiff. Cardiff had to act on the defensive to the end, and the final score was:—Newport, 3 goals and 3 minors; Cardiff, 1 minor. The teams were:—Cardiff: D. Fitzgerald, back; T. W. Pearson, S. Sweet-Escott, F. N. Jones, and G. A. Young, three-quarter backs; H. M. Ingledew and R. B. Sweet-Escott, half-backs; W. M. Hornby, J. Mahoney, R. T. Duncan, T. Harry, W. T. Morgan, A. Lewis, J. V. Arman, and E. P. Biggs, forwards. Newport:—Back, T. England; three-quarter backs, Moggridge, C. J. Thomas, G. H. Gould, and B. Dauncey; half-backs, H. P. Phillips and F. C. Parfit; forwards, T. C. Graham (captain), J. Osmond, H. T. Day, H. Packer, T. Pook, A. Henshaw, A. W. Boucher, and T. Newcombe. Referee, Mr. F. Carlyle, Swansea.

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CARDIFF V. NEATH.

Played at Neath. Cardiff kicked off towards the town end, John missed a pass, and war was waged close to the Neath goal line. Combined play by Neath soon relieved to the half-way, where Cardiff were awarded a free. Tom Morgan returned, when a Cardiff man made his mark, Johns missing the ball. Play was again carried to Neath territory. From a line-out a scrum was formed. A Cardiff half got away but was floored. The ball coming towards Trick, he picked up, and made a brilliant run and kick, relieving the pressure. A Cardiff man made a mark, the ball going into touch on the half-way. For off-side play Neath was awarded a free. Cardiff territory was again invaded, and Neath looked like scoring, when good play on the part of Cardiff relieved to the Neath 25. Fred Jones made a good run and gained ground. Pretty passing by the Cardiff backs gained considerable ground, and enabled Pearson to get over the line, scoring a try, which he failed to convert. Tom Morgans resumed hostilities, and Young returned. Hutchinson kicked into touch, Williams passed to Trick, who kicked and followed up. The Neath backs now passed successfully, and play was carried to the Cardiff territory. Trick again distinguished himself and almost got over the line. The score at half time was:—Cardiff, one try; Neath, nil. Neath re-started, and Cardiff returned. A scrum was formed at the half-way flag, and Wat Thomas, getting off, attempted passing, but passed forward. A scrum was formed in front of the Neath post. Cross then relieved to half way, and Wat Thomas heading a dribble, almost reached the line, when Pearson, by a tricky kick, relieved to half way. Young tried to get away, but was promptly floored. Grand passing on the part of the Cardiff backs enabled Cardiff to reach the Neath goal line, but it was only a brief visit, and Neath again invaded. Cardiff brought off some of their old time passing, scoring a try, which was not converted. After the kick-out several scrums took place in neutral ground. Passing again did the trick for Cardiff, the place falling. Cross, Trick, and Ll. Morris, by combined play looked like scoring, Young saving by kicking into touch. Neath mis-seed their opportunity, and, after pressing and having hard lines in not scoring, time was called, leaving Cardiff the victors. Cardiff, 3 tries; Neath, nil. Teams:—Neath: Back, F. Hutchinson; three-quarter backs, G. D. Trick, Tom Morgan, W. John, and A. Cross; half-backs, W. Thomas and H. Williams; forwards, Dr. E. V. Pegge (captain), Ll. Morris, E. Hughes, J. Davies, H. Evans, S. Anthony, W. Jones, and J. Edwards; umpire, Mr. E. G. Jones. Cardiff: Back, D. Fitzgerald; three-quarter backs, T. W. Pearson, F. N. Jones, G. A. Young, and S. Sweet-Escott; half-backs, R. B. Sweet-Escott and J. King-cote; forwards, S. H. Nicholls, J. Mahoney, R. T. Duncan, J. Smith, T. Harry, A. Lewis, W. T. Morgan, and J. V. Arman. Referee, Mr. F. Carlyle, Swansea.

piece of passing took place between the home backs, but Young was unable to get through. Rowles relieved to the centre by a timely kick. Pearson sent the ball down to the 25 again, and half-time was called, neither side having scored a single point. After changing ends Pearson kicked into touch at the visitors' 25. Cardiff had a good chance to score, but they failed to avail themselves of the opportunity. Exciting play took place within a few yards of the visitors' line, but Morgan relieved by a smart dribble. Cardiff obtained a free in the centre, and long kicks having been interchanged, Fred Jones punted into touch near the line. Some smart passing followed all along the line, but Young again failed to score. Directly afterwards Fitzgerald registered a minor from the centre. Cardiff were now acting on the defensive, and Joe Williams had a good chance of getting in. He, however, lost nerve when Fitzgerald faced him, and, passing at the wrong moment, the point was lost. The home team again rushed the ball up to the Penarth line, but the visitors' defence was too good, and the leather again travelled to the centre. Directly afterwards another minor was placed to Cardiff's credit. Penarth made one final effort to score, but they were unable to do so. Time was then called, the score being:—Cardiff, 2 minors; Penarth, nil. Teams:—Cardiff: Back, D. Fitzgerald; three-quarter backs, T. W. Pearson, F. N. Jones, S. Sweet-Escott, and G. A. Young; half-backs, H. M. Ingledew and J. Kingscote; forwards, D. W. Evans, J. Mahoney, R. T. Duncan, A. Lewis, J. Smith, J. V. Arman, T. Harry, and E. P. Biggs. Penarth: Back, Shepherd; three-quarter backs, R. Garrett, Kirby, H. E. Morgan, and J. Williams; half-backs, Rowles and Hutchings; forwards, G. Hayes, G. Brown, G. Middlemass, J. Edwards, J. Matthews, A. Jackson, J. Lawday, and W. Cosslett. Referee, Mr. H. S. Lyne (Newport).

PENYGRAIG V. CARDIFF ROVERS.—Played at Penygraig on Wednesday. Final score:—Penygraig, one try and six minors; Cardiff Rovers, nil.

NEW BRIGHTON V. CARDIFF.

The second of Cardiff's Easter tide matches was played on Monday in the presence of a large crowd, were a strong team of New Brightonians. Their opponents, however, were weakened by the absence of Fitzgerald, who has been rendered *hors de combat* by a nasty kick lows:—

New Brighton.—Back, W. Barry; three-quarter backs, F. Plumptre, H. Roberts, E. P. Jones, and F. Edwards; half-backs, Q. J. Leitch (captain) and F. Fieldwick; forwards, W. Edgecumbe, H. W. Lowndes, A. M. Spink, W. A. Williams, W. D. Miller, R. E. Smith, G. Roberts, and J. J. Fanning. Cardiff.—Back, George Young; three-quarter backs, T. W. Pearson, F. N. Jones, S. Sweet-Escott, and C. S. Arthur; half-backs, R. Sweet-Escott and C. S. Ingledew; forwards, D. W. Evans (captain), H. M. Nicholls, J. Mahoney, W. T. Morgan, R. T. Duncan, A. Lewis, J. V. Arman, and J. Smith. Referee, Mr. J. S. Smith.

D. W. Evans kicked off, the ball being received by Barry, the visitors' custodian, who was collared ere he could return by Smith. Some loose scrimmages followed near the line, but the North Country forwards worked out of danger, and Edwards, passing out quickly to Plumptre, that player got through the home three-quarters, only, however, to be hauled down by Young. He passed out wildly, and Cardiff again crossed the division line, and in a few minutes, after a capital exhibition of the handling game, Nicholls drew first blood in the shape of a try. No goal resulted. Going away with a rush on the re-start, the Bootle forwards swept the ball before their toes, and made an inroad into Cardiff territory. A foolish kick by Edgecumbe lost them the advantage, Young responding by finding touch with a flying kick at the half-way flag. The Brightonians, however, soon assumed the aggressive, and the oval was driven into touch scarcely a dozen yards from the home line. On the throw-out Leitch got possession, and, dodging in rare fashion, he passed Ingledew, Arthur, and Jones, and then transferred to Jones, who was only stopped when within a yard of the line. For several moments the Metropolitanans were forced to act strictly on the defensive, Pearson giving his opponents a rare chance by punting against a strong wind from his corner flag. Adopting a looser style of play, the Cardiffians got out of danger, Ingledew bringing off a fine dribble, picking up and giving to Nicholls, the veteran forward galloping to the Bootle 25. Cardiff had now all their own way, Pearson, by failing to take his passes, losing two "dead certs." Then, as a result of a capital series of passes, Arthur sprinted across, and try No. 2, which also was unconverted, was registered. Plumptre had now to retire, and Smith was taken out of the scrummagers' ranks. Continuing to press, despite the plucky defence of Barry, and indeed the whole of the visiting backs, R. Sweet-Escott puzzled them, and waltzed behind the posts; Pearson landing a goal. Half-time left the score:—

CARDIFF 1 goal, 2 tries
NEW BRIGHTON nil.

Soon after the resumption the visiting forwards, led by Edgecumbe, Spink, and Miller, drove the ball over the home line, Pearson kicking dead. A change in the venue was soon made, Nicholls, Mahoney, Smith, and Morgan doing a bit of passing on their own account, the latter only being collared a foot from the line. Loose scrimmaging ensued, and then F. P. Jones relieved the New Brighton position by sprinting at top pace up the field. He dodged Young, and seemed all over a scorer, when overtaken by Pearson. Even play succeeded, the return of Plumptre being signaled with a round of cheers. Another raid was made by the homesters, but Leitch and Plumptre averted disaster, and took the ball to the centre, where a "free" was awarded their side for infringement of off-side rule. Barry was entrusted with the place, but the wind bothered him. Do what they would the visitors were unable to keep the Cardiffians to their own side of the ground, and Mahoney and Morgan dribbled close in. Plumptre and Fieldwick relieved, but again was their citadel besieged, and, following loose play in front of goal, Nicholls picked up and handed to Arman who gave up to D. W. Evans, the captain jumping in between the posts. Pearson negotiated. Almost immediately after the ball had been again set rolling, the home forwards brought off a fine combined dribble, and Nicholls picking up gave possession to Ingledew, who passed to Arman, who was charged by Barry and lost the ball. Nicholls was there, however, and was centring the ball for Fred Jones when he came into collision with Plumptre, both men being stretched. Nicholls with Plumptre, both men being stretched. Nicholls, however, recovered, but Plumptre was stunned, and had to be carried off the field. Straggling play ensued, and, after a pretty bit of passing between the three-quarters, Fred Jones handed to Gus Lewis, who planted in a favourable position, Pearson placing his third goal. Cardiff eventually won by 13 points to nil.

FINAL SCORE:—
CARDIFF 3 goals, 2 tries. 1 minor.
NEW BRIGHTON..... nil.

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BLACKHEATH v. CARDIFF.

The famous Blackheath team visited Cardiff on Saturday and opposed the Welsh Metropolitan. The weather was fine, but a keen biting east wind blew across the ground. There were about 6,000 spectators. The following were the teams:—

POSITION.	CARDIFF.	BLACKHEATH.
Back	D. Fitzgerald	E. Emly
Three-quarter	T. W. Pearson	A. E. Stoddart
Three-quarter	E. N. Jones	F. Christopherson
Three-quarter	S. Sweet-Escott	F. Aston
Three-quarter	C. S. Arthur	W. Lovelace
Half-back	H. M. Ingledew	H. Marshall
Half-back	R. B. Sweet-Escott	C. Duckworth
Forward	D. W. Evans	P. Coles
Forward	S. H. Nicholls	A. Allport
Forward	J. Mahoney	W. P. Carmichael
Forward	R. T. Duncan	G. B. Nichol
Forward	A. Lewis	A. Clyne
Forward	T. Harry	P. F. Hancock
Forward	W. T. Morgan	G. L. Jeffrey
Forward	J. V. Arman	P. Maud

Referee, Mr Holmes, Midland Counties Union.

Stoddart named the coin, and chose to play from the river end, with the sun behind his men. D. W. Evans set the ball rolling. On the second attempt, Stoddart received, and only just managed to put in his kick, Nicholls, D. W. Evans, and Mahoney being well up. Fred Jones punted in reply, and through a mull by F. Aston, Cardiff got up to their opponents' 25. Fine forward work by Jeffrey, Carmichael, and Maud, who put in all they knew, and took the ball to within a dozen yards of the Cardiff line. Pearson and Sweet-Escott relieved, but this proved to be only momentary. Stoddart and Duckworth between them again making things look hot for the home side. Scrimmaging took place almost in front of the Cardiff posts, and then the much-needed relief was brought about through a grand combined dribble, in which Nicholls, Morgan and Duncan were prominent. Loud cheers heralded this bit of play, but the hopes of the spectators, who now fancied that the home forwards would not be outrun, as they were outweighed, by their opponents, were soon doomed to disappointment. Rush after rush was made by the lusty Londoners, and the ball was driven in close proximity to the Cardiffians' lines. Marshall, however, injudiciously essayed a "drop"; his attempt being feeble in the extreme. Jeffrey soon afterwards took a palpably off-side pass and crossed the line, but was called back, much to the satisfaction of the crowd, by Referee Holmes. D. W. Evans brought relief by a tricky drop into touch, and Cardiff slowly but surely got up to the centre. Again were they driven back owing to the sheer strength exerted by the Heathens' front contingent the Cardiff goal was imperilled, first Fred Jones and then Pearson averting what was regarded as certain catastrophe. A fine defence was put forth, and though the visitors were strong forward, they were not so clever in getting the ball, and the home halves, being fairly awake, shone by comparison with Marshall and Duckworth. With the exception of a couple of "frees" for off-side tackling, and from which nothing of material importance was gained, no feature of interest was witnessed for fully five minutes, scrimmage following scrimmage with monotonous effect. The wind had now increased in force, and to this was due the erratic character of the Welsh passing. Blackheath again assumed an aggressive attitude, and got close into the home quarters. Tom Harry relieved with a low kick, followed up by a clicking sprint and drop of S. R. Sweet-Escott. Cardiff, amid encouraging cheers, rose to the occasion, and almost in the time it takes to write it had changed the venue to the neighbourhood of their opponents' citadel. Sidney Sweet-Escott, from a pass by his brother kicking into touch in goal, by his brother point being hailed with vociferous applause. Going away with a rush after the drop-out the Londoners' forwards reached the opposite side of the field. Stoddart, getting a pass from Duckworth, almost got behind, his progress being impeded by Pearson and Fitzgerald. The visitors continued to press, and Stoddart again got away and injudiciously passed to Aston, the latter being collared by Arthur. Shortly afterwards Fitzgerald got possession, and Cardiff's recruit won many more admirers by his tricky run and capital return. Do what they would Cardiff could not drive back the invaders, but fought gallantly, several brilliant bits of play on the part of Pearson, Arthur, and Fred Jones drawing forth peal after peal of applause. From the centre of the field, and in a line with the 25 flag, Stoddart made a catch from Tom Harry's toes, and although the spectators would not allow that he had made his mark the referee ruled that he had, and amid a hush of expectancy the veteran three-quarters dropped a magnificent goal. Nothing daunted by the reverse, Cardiff, if anything, showed to much more advantage than hitherto for several subsequent minutes. Rushing the visiting forwards, who appeared to have "spent" themselves, the home front got close in, and Gus Lewis carried the ball up to the line. Splendid passing was next witnessed, and as the result, Sidney Sweet-Escott crossed the line, and as being handed the ball by Arthur, who had it from Ingledew, the latter gaining possession from a tricky pass on the part of his confrere. Needless to state, this was received with cheer after cheer. Pearson's attempt at goal, though good in the teeth of a squall, was not successful. From thence to half-time the game was waged in desultory fashion, and when the interval for rest was announced, play was in neutral ground.

HALF-TIME SCORE:—

BLACKHEATH 1 goal (dropped).

CARDIFF 1 try, 1 minor.

Breathing time over. Cardiff's best defence was called forth, and the visitors' backs exhibited fine combinations. After a series of exceptionally smart passes, Christopherson was handed the ball, and was within an ace of scoring when he was grasped by Sweet-Escott. The ball had dropped from his grasp and was being run for by Lovelace. Pearson outran him, however, and turning the leather into touch, saved a certain try. Then the Cardiff men, set a good example by their captain, got away in a body, and for fully ten minutes made things very warm for the visitors—first "D. W.," then Arthur, then Sweet-Escott, and finally Pearson getting within measurable distance of the coveted goal, the old Millhillian slipping when but a yard from the Rubicon. Emly in goal was very safe, and several times found touch on the far side of his 25. Still, the Cardiffians, playing as they were from their favourite end, kept them strictly on the defensive. Several rallies were made by the visitors, but to no purpose, the Cardiff backs playing now as to their passing being such as to electrify their opponents. Arthur got possession from Ingledew, gave up to Escott, who transferred to Fred Jones, who returned to Arthur, the ex-skipper, covering a couple of dozen yards, and when about six paces from the line bamboozled Stoddart by giving to Pearson, who skipped across and planted try No. 2, though in scarcely a favourable position. D. W. Evans's shot at goal proved a failure. Following the restart, Cardiff maintained an all-round supremacy, and the play for the space of five minutes or so was wholly in the visitors' territory. Cardiff then commenced to press hard, but Christopherson snicking a pass intended for Sidney Sweet-Escott midway between the 25, and his own line galloped clean through a bunch of his opponents and planted the oval under the posts, this splendid feat meeting with warm applause. Stoddart's shot for goal went wide of the mark. The game now stood at five points to four in favour of the visitors, and much speculation was indulged in as to the probable result. The Cardiffians on several occasions evinced a tendency to nervousness, and passes were given when in calmer moments the ball and player would not have parted company. After play of a scrambling description, in which Cardiff were forced to retreat, F. Aston secured, and before one could ejaculate "Jack Robinson" he had registered Blackheath's second try, Stoddart converting into the major point. From this stage to the call of no-side Cardiff had matters all their own way, but sheer ill-luck prevented them from scoring. Tom Harry, Gus Lewis, and Pearson being scorers all over, when either through a fall or an unusually smart collar they were brought to earth. With the game—which was throughout of a fairly fast order—being fiercely waged in the Blackheath 25, "no side" was called.

FINAL SCORE:—

BLACKHEATH 2 goals (1 from free kick), 1 try, 1 minor.

CARDIFF 2 tries, 1 minor.

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31. 3. 1891 CARDIFF V. BARBARIANS.

In weather which was perhaps a trifle too sunny and sultry for football, the Cardiff fifteen on Tuesday concluded their Easter programme by taking on the Barbarians, otherwise the famous Blackheath team, re-organised and strengthened. After Saturday's game with Blackheath, in which Cardiff waged all the best of the fight, and Monday's defeat at Swansea, considerable interest attached to the meeting. There was, as a consequence, an assembly of 4,000 to 5,000 spectators. The teams entered the park as follows:—

Barbarians: Back, E. Emley; three-quarter backs, A. Rogers and P. Christopherson (Blackheath), R. L. Aston (Cambridge University), and C. A. Hooper (Gloucestershire); half-backs, H. Marshall (Blackheath) and Duckworth; forwards, C. B. Nicholl (Cambridge University), A. Allport, W. P. Carmichael, and P. Maud (Blackheath), T. Whitaker (Manchester), W. H. Manfield (Somersetshire), P. Coles, and A. N. Other.

Cardiff: Back, D. Fitzgerald; three-quarter backs, T. W. Pearson, F. N. Jones, C. S. Arthur, and S. Sweet-Escott; half-backs, H. M. Ingledew and R. B. Sweet-Escott; forwards, D. W. Evans, S. H. Nicholls, J. Mahoney, R. T. Duncan, J. Smith, J. V. Arman, A. Lewis, and H. J. Taylor. Referee: Mr. W. H. Gwynne. Cardiff lost the toss and were put to play against a blazing sun. An interchange of kicks between Fred Jones and Christopherson left the advantage with Cardiff. Rogers was, however, tackled off side, and the ensuing free kick removed the venue to the centre. Away came the Barbarians' front rank, and Fitzgerald, essaying to run, was pulled down within twenty yards of the line. Fred Jones and Arthur removed the pressure, and Pearson sent the advantage further home by a grand punt into touch. Ingledew neutralised, however, by holding the leather too long. Fitzgerald, almost from beneath the post, kicked into touch at the half-way. Magnificent passing by Fred Jones, Arthur, and S. Sweet-Escott took the leather right to the visitors' line. Equally useful if not such clean and finished passes took play to the Cardiff side of the centre in the twinkling of a second. Pearson, however, came to the rescue, and S. Sweet-Escott, dodging finely, got to the Barbarians' 25. Short-lived, however, was the siege, and, using their feet to some purpose, the Barbarians' forwards rattled ahead like greased lightning. A headlong rush of the home forwards, cemented by a couple of useful punts by Pearson, drove the invaders back home. The Barbarians, however, proved the stronger forward, and after a series of combined rushes and pretty passes, their efforts were duly rewarded, Christopherson passing on the line to Carmichael, who gave up possession to Marshall, who crossed beneath the posts with Fitzgerald and Fred Jones on his chest. The kick struck the post and fell over. Ensuing play was, if anything, in favour of the home team, Fitzgerald putting in a dodgy run, and Fred Jones and Arthur useful runs and punts. R. L. Aston ran strongly on the opposite side, but the Cardiff backs, passing smartly and correctly, asserted a slight supremacy, which was unfortunately nullified to some extent by the injury and retirement of D. W. Evans. Weakened forward, the Cardiff chance appeared to be lost, especially when Hooper and Christopherson put in a grand combined run and pass. Arthur, however, pulled over the Oxonian, and one of Pearson's long punts took the leather beyond the centre. Half-time was whistled, with Fitzgerald held within half-a-dozen yards of the Cardiff line. Score:—Barbarians, one goal; Cardiff, nil. D. W. Evans had recovered in time for the resumption of hostilities. Thus at their strength and with the sun at their backs, Cardiff went ahead at once. Fred Jones returned Carmichael's kick into touch at the centre. The Cardiff forwards, ruling splendidly, carried everything before them. Emley returned to the centre, whence D. W. Evans dropped a really grand goal from a most awkward angle—a feat which was received with vociferous cheers. Passing right across the ground by the Barbarians' three-quarters ring left them worse than when they started, and Emley rendered the disadvantage worse by a futile kick. A splendid series of passes on the other side enabled Pearson to reach within a yard of the line, where he was nailed. The pressure was gradually relieved, but a minute or two later R. Sweet-Escott handed to Ingledew, Ingledew to Arthur, and Arthur to Fred Jones, who, with S. Sweet-Escott in close running, bamboozled Christopherson and ran over without opposition. Pearson converted from a nasty angle. Cardiff now drove their supremacy home, Fred Jones, S. Sweet-Escott, and Ingledew between them carrying the leather to within a dozen yards of the Barbarians' line. Pearson bounced out from touch, and was crossing the rubicon, when the ball fell from his grasp. Charlie Arthur again turned the leather into touch at the extreme corner, and, rushing over, the try was awarded Gus Lewis. Pearson's kick fell wide. The Barbarians were unable to shake off the attack of the Cardiffians until a wild pass from Ingledew intended for Arthur was snatched up by Charlie

4. 4. 1891 CARDIFF V. SWINTON.

Cardiff were strongly represented at Swinton on Saturday. Swinton also had a strong fifteen doing duty, and as they were opposed to a team playing the four three-quarter game, which up to now has not worked well against them, the contest was a trifle more interesting. There was a good crowd present when the kick-off took place. Swinton were weakened at the last minute through Bumby and Hall crying off, the one through a slight illness and the other owing to family bereavement. The start was a late one, the ground being very bad in places. Following Valentine's kick-off, a good return took place, and the preliminary scrimmage went on in the home team's quarters. Bellant relieved by heading a dribble, which Rothwell backed up with a similar performance; and Valentine further helped to relieve with a good run. The visitors, not to be denied, indulged in some splendid passing, the outcome of which was that Pearson almost scored, but Paul brought him down. Then fluctuating play followed. Swinton were having the worst of it, the Welsh backs playing splendidly, and Escott, Jones, and Arthur made things look very dangerous. Paul at length put in an equally good and useful run, for which he was warmly applauded, and this was the means of the Cardiff quarters being reached for the first time. Brookbank, by wild passing, threw away the advantage gained, but Winterbottom averted what looked like being a dangerous rush, and then matters settled down again. The next quarter of an hour saw a determined encounter, each side playing up strongly, and on one occasion Hotchkiss got over. The ball was called back, and the homesters, making the most of their chances, again woke up the attack. Valentine getting hold of a try in his best style. Paul's attempt going very wide. The rest of the play in the first half was of a character in which Cardiff continued to distinguish themselves, but they could not break through.

HALF-TIME SCORE.

SWINTON 1 try.
CARDIFF nil.
With a try to the good Swinton attacked with vigour in the second half, and for some time a close pressure was maintained on the Cardiff lines. Escott eventually made a fine effort to retrieve the fortunes of his club, and the forwards playing up well, some hotly contested play ensued. Swinton asserted their superiority, however, their nine forwards overrunning the Cardiff eight. Harris supplemented their efforts, and some capital play took place, both teams giving a capital exhibition of football. Cardiff held their own until almost the close, when Swinton got the upper hand on the Cardiff line. Brookbank, picked up and passed to Valentine, who ran in Paul's kick at goal failing. Shortly afterwards Powell got over for the home team, but the place-kick again failed, and the game ended.

FINAL SCORE:

SWINTON 3 tries, 7 minors.
CARDIFF nil.
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CARDIFF v BURTON.

Played at Burton on Monday in showery weather and on a slippery ground. Both sides put strong teams in the field, Burton having the assistance of several Moseley men.

Teams.
Burton—Marsden, back; Sully, Ward, Lowe, three-quarters; R. B. Cattell and J. C. Gorton, half-backs; F. Evershed, E. Evershed, Maygar, Fordham, A. Gorton, Lycett, Ware, B. H. Cattell, and Yeomans, forwards.

Cardiff—Young, back; T. W. Pearson, F. N. Jones, R. B. Sweet-Escott, and S. Sweet-Escott, three-quarters backs; H. M. Ingledew and Kingscote, half-backs; D. W. Evans, Nicholls, J. Mahoney, R. T. Duncan, A. Lewis, J. Smith, J. V. Arman, and E. P. Biggs, forwards.

Burton won the toss and Cardiff kicked off against the wind, and in the first two minutes Burton looked all over like scoring, as a combined rush of the forwards carried the ball to the visitors' goal line. But a foul for offside enabled Cardiff to relieve. Immediately after Sully had a grand chance from a free kick, but shot wide. Cardiff now began to put in some very pretty work, and pressed Burton severely, causing them to act on the defensive. Ingledew passed grandly to R. Sweet-Escott, who put it smartly to his brother, and that player got in, but Pearson's attempt to convert struck the bar. Pearson shortly afterwards got nicely over, but Evans failed at goal.

HALF-TIME SCORE:

CARDIFF 2 tries.
 BURTON nil.

The first feature of the second half was a fine dribble by Nicholls, who passed to Ingledew, and that player very smartly in turn sent it on to Pearson, who again got a try. He took the kick himself, and scored the first goal. When the ball was restarted, some brilliant passing took place between Jones and Sweet-Escott, and the latter looked a certain scorer, but failed to hold the ball. The Cardiff forwards continued to rush the scrummages in pretty style, and got down to the Burton line time after time; but the Burton team, having strengthened their three-quarters by sending B. H. Cattell back, defended creditably. F. Jones made one of the prettiest runs of the afternoon, and passed to Pearson, who, for the third time, got in. His attempt at goal, however, proved futile. After varying mid-field play, the Cardiff forwards rushed up, and F. Evershed gave a foul, and Evans, who took the kick, unquestionably scored a beautiful goal, but, to the astonishment of everyone, the referee ruled otherwise. In the last ten minutes Burton played a much finer game, and when Evershed looked like scoring he slipped, and fell. Regaining himself, he again rushed the ball up, and up to the call of no side it was kept in the Cardiff territory.

FINAL SCORE:

CARDIFF 1 goal, 3 tries.
 BURTON nil.

MOSELEY v. CARDIFF.

That football dies hard was strikingly evidenced on Saturday, when a large crowd assembled at the Cardiff Arms Park to witness Moseley, the crack Midland team, play the final match of the season with the Welsh metropolitans.

The following players composed the teams:—

POSITION.	CARDIFF.	MOSELEY.
Back	D. Fitzgerald	Byrne
Three-quarter	T. W. Pearson	Nichol
Three-quarter	F. N. Jones	A. Rogers
Three-quarter	S. Sweet-Escott	Jackson
Three-quarter	C. S. Arthur	J. R. Cattell
Half-back	H. M. Ingledew	Dr Robertson
Half-back	R. B. Sweet-Escott	Goodwin
Forward	D. W. Evans	J. H. Rogers (capt.)
Forward	S. H. Nicholls	B. Cattell
Forward	J. Mahoney	T. Horton
Forward	R. T. Duncan	R. Palethorpe
Forward	A. Lewis	G. Arton
Forward	W. T. Morgan	Hulshaw
Forward	J. V. Arman	H. Baldwin
Forward	J. Smith	T. Pountney

Referee, Mr W. P. Carpmael (Blackheath).

Moseley started the game from the river, and Cardiff facing a strong sun, Pearson received, and with a huge punt landed the leather far beyond half-way. In the several scrummages which succeeded Cardiff showed to advantage, and the ball getting into the loose they rushed their opponents to their 25. Arthur was here given a neat pass by Sweet-Escott, and getting away finely he eluded the opposing three-quarters, and seemed like scoring when he travelled over the touchline. A good dribble led by Palethorpe brought relief, but Pearson soon obtaining a "free" almost dropped a goal, a minor only resulting. Again did the visitors succeed in clearing their lines but D. W. Evans and Nicholls took the ball on their toes up to pass the Moseley 25. A free was here given to Rogers for offside play, but Pearson in responding compelled Byrne to concede a second minor. Dribbling well the visiting forwards relieved the pressure, but having got considerably past the centre their chances were thrown away by erratic passing. Arthur and Fred Jones next carried the oval in turn over the division-line, and Sidney Sweet-Escott, with a long drop, exacted another minor. Play of a very scrambling description succeeded, the passing on both sides being feeble in the extreme. Every part of the field was visited, and then through some fumbling on the part of a couple of the Cardiff scrummagers one of the "Brum" three-quarters was given a rare chance and got through the home "centres." In trying to elude Fitzgerald, however, he lost possession, and Dr Robertson was given a good opening. Fitzgerald proved himself a good 'un and splendidly saved. Pearson followed up the good play of his custodian by punting beyond the visitors' 25 flag. Following the line-out, Nichol was given possession, but Mahoney charged down his kick, and followed it up so smartly as to prevent Byrne using his foot. From the succeeding scrum L. Sweet-Escott trickily skipped between the posts. Pearson failed to negotiate. Nothing daunted, the men from the Midlands played up in plucky fashion, and soon were having the better of the tussle, pressing the homesters to their own quarters for fully ten minutes. Ill-luck dogged them, however, and Dr Robertson, Rogers, and Nichol each experienced the proverbial hard lines in not crossing. From a scrum near the verge of the line Mahoney ploughed his way through and, backed by Gus Lewis and Arman, brought the much needed relief. Moseley again pressed, Rogers and Palethorpe dribbling into dangerous proximity to the home lines. Fitzgerald was at home, his defensive play eliciting cheer after cheer. Half-time was then called, the score reading:

HALF-TIME SCORE:

CARDIFF 1 try 3 minors.
 MOSELEY nil.

"A poor game, and anybody's at that," might be said of the preceding play, and for five or six minutes after the re-start this description also applied. Some idea of its disorganised character may be gathered from the fact that Fitzgerald fiddled the ball about a dozen yards off the line, and running to his 25 punted. He was then allowed to get under the ball and to run through the whole of the visiting team to their 25 flag, where he was stopped by Byrne. Give-and-take play ensued, the advantages gained by the home quartette being lost through the lethargy of the Welsh forwards, Mahoney, D. W. Evans, and Nicholls appearing only to be up to their work. A penalty kick awarded to each side resulted in no material advantage. Nichol then secured a minor for Moseley for kicking out of bounds from the 25 flag. Desultory play was next witnessed, and then the home forwards rose to the occasion and held their own, but now, strange to state, the backplay fell off, Arthur, who time after time failed to take his passes, and Ingledew being the worst offenders. A clinking dribble, led by Nicholls, Evans, and Mahoney, was grandly stopped by Byrne, and play seemed like settling in the home territory, after a general interchange of fall punting, when Arthur was handed the oval in his 25. Away went the Cardiff skipper at top pace, and out-running his opponents he eluded Byrne and, amid vociferous cheering, planted his eighth try this season under the posts. Pearson easily converted. From this point to the call of no side the game was devoid of interest.

FINAL SCORE:

CARDIFF 1 goal, 1 try, 5 minors.
 MOSELEY 1 minor.

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ENGLAND v. WALES.

A GOOD GAME ENDS IN A VICTORY FOR THE ENGLISHMEN.

At one time the fixture under Rugby rules between representatives of the Rose and "gallant little Wales" was looked upon as a soft thing for the former. Since the first match, however, matters have undergone a change, and the meeting now ranks as one of the best of the International contests. It may be interesting to state that the two countries first tried conclusions in 1880 at Blackheath. At that period football in Wales was almost in its infancy, and it was a rather difficult matter to get together a good representative team. The result was that the Welshmen suffered an overwhelming defeat by eight goals and five tries to nothing. This seems to have had a very depressing effect upon the moving spirits of football in the Principality, as two years elapsed before they again tried conclusions with the full strength of the Englishmen. During that period they seemed to have considerably improved, as evidenced by the reduced score against them, England this time, at Swansea, winning by two goals and four tries to nil. In 1884-5-6 they still narrowed the difference, whilst in 1887, at Llanelly, they managed after a sterling game to make a draw of it. Then occurred the unfortunate deadlock in International Rugby football, closed by the reference to arbitration, pending which it was agreed that the International fixtures should be resumed, and that the matches should be played according to the rules of the country in which the game took place. Accordingly, in the February of last year England and Wales met for the first time during three seasons. The match was decided at Dewsbury, and, it will be remembered, Wales gained a victory over their rivals by a try to nil, the defeat of the Englishmen being accounted for by the fact that the ground was simply a quagmire. Be that as it may, the representatives of the leek deserved the honours, as for seven years they had striven to lower the colours of the players who represented the rose.

Little wonder was it therefore the eighth meeting of the teams on Saturday last at Newport created the greatest interest, and the Welsh partisans were fully confident of the ability of their men in showing to the football world that the victory of the Welshmen at Dewsbury last year was not a fluke. Much to their chagrin, however, the result proved otherwise. It was the Englishmen's fourth appearance on a Welsh ground, their first at Newport, Swansea having previously been visited twice and Llanelly once.

Whenever a team is selected to represent either a county or country, there are a certain number of persons who must perforce immediately rush and vent their grievances in the Press. The present instance has been no exception to the rule, but in our opinion the selecting committees in both instances could hardly have done better. Not a single alteration took place on the English side from those originally selected, a fact which speaks volumes for the interest taken in the result by the players. A couple of changes, however, occurred in the Welsh team, accidents preventing R. L. Garrett (Penarth) and E. P. Biggs (London Welsh) from playing. Their places were fortunately ably filled by Percy Lloyd (Llanelly) and R. L. Thomas (London Welsh). It will be noticed that of the Englishmen six only were old Internationals as against ten on the home side.

Saturday's match furnished one of the best struggles yet witnessed, taking into consideration the state of the ground. It was at one time thought that the frost of the past three weeks would have caused the fixture to be abandoned, but through the care taken by Mr R. Mullock, the energetic hon. sec. of the Welsh Union, who had the field covered with straw, the turf was in much better condition than seemed at one time probable. The surface was rather greasy and slippery owing to the thaw of the past few days, but it was quite fit for play and free from the slightest apprehension of any accident taking place. Fortunately, too, the weather, although dull, was fine, and the interest taken in the result may be gathered from the fact that about 12,000 spectators, who had journeyed from all parts, witnessed the struggle. Shortly before the advertised time the teams took the field, their appearance being the signal for an outburst of cheers, the home side being the first to enter, closely followed by the Englishmen. A minute after half-past two Bowen, the Welsh captain, started

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from the entrance end, Alderson returning the ball into the centre. The English forwards here dribbled up, but Lloyd stopped the rush, and in trying to get away was well collared by Woods. From some loose play close to the Welsh "twenty-five" the home team were awarded a free kick for off-side, which gained them a little ground, and from an exchange of punts Arthur made his mark. Mitchell returned, and before Thomas could send the ball back to the centre he was brought to grass. A hot scrum ensued in the Welsh "twenty-five," loose play following, in which the ball was sent over the home goal-line, a minor resulting. Immediately on resuming Arthur got hold, and passing

last-named, with a grand run, dodging his rivals and gaining a try almost in the extreme corner. Bancroft took the place and landed a superb goal, amidst immense cheers from the supporters of the Land of the Leek. This seemed to rouse the Englishmen to renewed action, as immediately on resuming the visiting forwards carried everything before them, but the ball was called back for some informality. A scrummage five yards out was ordered, and from this the leather was quickly heeled out to Berry, who passed to Lockwood, and the latter again crossed over, but the ball was re-called owing to a throw-forward. Once more the Englishmen pressed, but a couple of penalty kicks to the Welshmen relieved matters, the ball dropping into touch in the centre. From the line out Budworth, Woods, Toothill, and Wilson between them obtained possession of the leather, and although they were temporarily checked, Budworth managed to force the ball over the line, thus adding another try for the visitors. Alderson placed a fine goal to the Englishmen's credit. Once again did the visiting forwards dribble in grand style, and seemed on the point of scoring until the rush was checked by the Welsh backs, and then in turn Arthur obtained possession of the leather and gained a lot of ground by a grand run to mid-field, Pearson taking a neat pass and carrying it further up to the Englishmen's quarters. Here tight "scrums" were the order of the day for a few minutes, when Woods coming through dribbled up splendidly until stopped by Gwynn close to the Welsh "twenty-five." "No side" was immediately called, with the final scores:—

ENGLAND..... 2 goals, 1 try, 3 minors.
WALES 1 goal

The teams were:

England: *W. G. Mitchell (Richmond) (back), *R. E. Lockwood (Yorkshire), F. H. R. R. Alderson (captain) (Durham) and P. Christopherson (Blackheath) (three-quarter backs), J. Berry (Lancashire) and W. R. M. Leake (Harlequins) (half-backs), W. E. Bromet (Yorkshire), *J. Toothill (Yorkshire), T. Kent (Lancashire), *R. D. Budworth (Blackheath), *D. Jowett (Yorkshire), R. P. Wilson (Lancashire), J. Richards (Yorkshire), E. H. G. North (Oxford University), and *S. M. J. Woods (Cambridge University) (forwards).

Wales: *W. J. Bancroft (Swansea) (back), *C. S. Arthur (Cardiff), T. P. Pearson (Cardiff), P. Lloyd (Llanelly), and *D. Gwynn (Swansea) (three-quarter backs), *H. M. Ingledew (Cardiff) and *C. J. Thomas (Newport) (half-backs), *W. Bowen (captain) (Swansea), *J. Hadden (Newport), P. Bennett (Cardiff Harlequins), *W. Rice-Ross (Swansea), E. V. Pegge (Neath), *D. W. Evans (Cardiff), *R. L. Thomas (London Welsh), and H. Packer (Newport) (forwards).

* An old International.

Touch-judges: Messrs E. T. Gurdon (president English R.F.U.) and A. Duncan (Welsh R.F.U.). Referee: Mr R. D. Kennie (Scottish R.F.U.).

RESULTS OF MATCHES.

- 1880-1 Blackheath, England won by eight goals and five tries to nothing.
- 1882-3 Swansea, England won by two goals and four tries to nothing.
- 1883-4 Leeds, England won by one goal and two tries to one goal.
- 1884-5 Swansea, England won by one goal and four tries to one goal and one try.
- 1885-6 Blackheath, England won by one goal and two tries to one goal.
- 1886-7 Llanelly, drawn (nothing scored).
- 1889-90 Dewsbury, Wales won by one try to nothing.
- 1890-1 Newport, England won by two goals and one try to one goal.

Of the eight matches played England have been credited with six, the match at Llanelly being drawn, while last February at Dewsbury the Welshmen scored a try (Stadden) to nil. The following are the

REMARKS.

TAKING everything into consideration the game on the whole was a very well-contested and exciting one, the best of good feeling prevailing throughout. That the better side won, however, goes without question. The superiority of the English forwards was manifested at an early period of the match, and to them must be awarded the credit of the victory. They invariably carried the "scrums," and the way they heeled out to the half-backs was a treat to witness. Woods was by far the best of the front division, but he was ably assisted by Budworth, North, Jowett, and Toothill. Berry and Leake, at half, played brilliantly, their passing being wonderfully smart and clean and their tackling excellent. Christopherson more than justified his selection, as evidenced by the manner in which he obtained the first two tries, whilst Alderson and Lockwood took full advantage of every opportunity afforded them. We have seen Mitchell play better on numerous occasions, but he collared in fine style, and hardly made a mistake. On the Welsh side the forwards were not in it with their opponents, although to their credit be it said that all worked their hardest, the most prominent being R. L. Thomas, D. Bowen, Hadden, and D. W. Evans. Ingledew and Thomas at half did very well, but were outclassed. Pearson and Arthur—who are club mates—played with brilliant combination, and were ably backed up by Gwynn. Lloyd, however, although possessing rare dash and speed, very seldom had an opportunity given him of distinguishing himself. Bancroft at back again displayed grand form, particularly in tackling, but his kicking powers were more than ever requisitioned, as time after time he saved his side a lot of ground by smartly punting into touch. The goal, which he kicked from a very difficult angle, was one of the best we have seen. From the result of the match it may seem to some people

the fact that about 2,000 spectators, who had journeyed from all parts, witnessed the struggle. Shortly before the advertised time the teams took the field, their appearance being the signal for an outburst of cheers, the home side being the first to enter, closely followed by the Englishmen. A minute after half-past two Bowen, the Welsh captain, started

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from the entrance end, Alderson returning the ball into the centre. The English forwards here dribbled up, but Lloyd stopped the rush, and in trying to get away was well collared by Woods. From some loose play close to the Welsh "twenty-five" the home team were awarded a free kick for off-side, which gained them a little ground, and from an exchange of punts Arthur made his mark. Mitchell returned, and before Thomas could send the ball back to the centre he was brought to grass. A hot scrum ensued in the Welsh "twenty-five," loose play following, in which the ball was sent over the home goal-line, a minor result. Immediately on resuming Arthur got hold, and passing beautifully to Pearson, the last named made a good run and kicked into touch in the visitors' "twenty-five." From the line-out the Welsh forwards obtained possession, and rushing up in fine style were within an ace of scoring, but a scrummage five yards outside the visitors' goal-line was the outcome. The English forwards by some excellent combined play took the leather back to the centre, where from an exchange of kicks the ball fell in neutral territory. Splendid passing between the Welsh backs for a little time threatened danger, but Lockwood with a good punt relieved matters. From a couple of tight scrummages in the centre the Englishmen came through and took the leather to the home "twenty-five," but Pearson and Arthur with a couple of excellent sprints once more compelled the game to take place in mid-field. Then exciting play occurred in the home quarters, in which Berry obtained possession of the ball, and passing very smartly to Leake the latter transferred it to Christopherson, who dodged a host of his opponents and gained a try. Alderson took the place-kick from a somewhat awkward angle and shot a magnificent goal. Resuming the visitors again threatened danger, but Bancroft with a splendid punt returned the ball to the centre, where Lockwood got hold, but before he could get away he was splendidly tackled by Arthur. From the scrum that ensued Leake passed out to Alderson, who punted towards the Welsh quarters, but Bancroft again came to the rescue, and returned the ball to the centre. An exchange of kicks enabled Christopherson to obtain possession, but when appearing well set for a good run he was cleverly pushed into touch within the home "twenty-five" flag. From the line-out the Welsh forwards rushed up, but were well stopped by Alderson. Woods, North, and Budworth then headed a fine dribble, and seemed on the point of scoring when Pearson, with a flying kick, sent the leather into touch in mid-field. It was not destined, however, to remain very long in this quarter, as the English forwards with another combined dribble assumed the aggressive, and the Welshmen for a little time had enough to do to defend their goal. This, however, they did in grand fashion, Bancroft, Pearson, and Arthur distinguishing themselves by numerous good punts into touch. Several exciting scrummages occurred, in which the visitors had the best of matters, but failed to rush the ball over the lines. Loose and exciting play then occurred in the home territory, and C. J. Thomas, one of the Welsh half-backs, in tackling an opponent slipped and slightly injured himself, but he was soon able to continue. From a tight "pack" Berry got hold and transferred smartly to Leake, and then fine passing between Alderson and Christopherson nearly resulted in the latter getting over, but he was splendidly collared on the line by Pearson. Then a magnificent rush by Bowen, R. L. Thomas, D. W. Evans, and Hannen transferred play to the visitors' quarters, but the pressure was only of a temporary nature, as Toothill, Bromet, Jowett, and Woods, coming through a "scrum" in grand style, carried everything before them before being stopped by Lloyd close to the home uprights. An exciting scrummage then took place, and the English forwards heeling out in fine fashion Berry, Leake, and Christopherson indulged in some smart passing, with the result that the last named again added a try for the visitors, which Alderson, however, failed to convert. Continuing, the Englishmen still pressed, Bromet once nearly getting in, but he was tackled by Pearson, and play was in the Welsh territory when half-time was called, with the score:

ENGLAND..... 1 goal, 1 try, 3 minors
WALES nil

On changing ends the game was as fast as ever. C. J. Thomas returned the ball from the kick-off, but Lockwood gained a lot of ground with a fine punt into the home "twenty-five." From the line-out the English forwards rushed up, and dribbling the leather over the line another minor resulted. Subsequently numerous scrummages occurred in mid-field, from one of which Rice-Evans got through and dribbled up a few yards, but Lockwood returned the ball into touch in the centre. Subsequently Kent obtained possession, but had not proceeded a dozen yards before he was splendidly collared by Arthur. Numerous tight scrummages ensued in the home territory, and the pressure was temporarily relieved by the Welshmen getting a free-kick awarded to them for off-side. By the aid of this they managed to transfer operations to the visitors' "twenty-five," where beautiful passing took place between the Welsh backs, which gained them further ground, but the visitors' forwards breaking through, a scrummage carried the ball back to the centre. Here exciting play occurred, in the midst of which the Englishmen were given a free-kick, but this availed them little, as the ball was charged down, and Bancroft, with a good punt, sent the leather further up into the visitors' territory. Then ensued the most exciting bit of play during the whole of the game. Grand passing took place between C. J. Thomas, Ingledew, Gwynn, Arthur, and Pearson, the

which he obtained the first two tries, whilst Alderson and Lockwood took full advantage of every opportunity afforded them. We have seen Mitchell play better on numerous occasions, but he collared in fine style, and hardly made a mistake. On the Welsh side the forwards were not in it with their opponents, although to their credit be it said that all worked their hardest, the most prominent being R. L. Thomas, D. Bowen, Hannen, and D. W. Evans. Ingledew and Thomas at half did very well, but were outclassed. Pearson and Arthur—who are club mates—played with brilliant combination, and were ably backed up by Gwynn. Lloyd, however, although possessing rare dash and speed, very seldom had an opportunity given him of distinguishing himself. Bancroft at back again displayed grand form, particularly in tackling, but his kicking powers were more than ever requisitioned, as time after time he saved his side a lot of ground by smartly punting into touch. The goal, which he kicked from a very difficult angle, was one of the best we have seen. From the result of the match it may seem to some people that the idea of introducing the four three-quarter system is a fallacy, but, on the other hand, it must be taken into consideration that with one man less behind the defence would not have been nearly so good. It is undoubtedly admitted that had the Welshmen played three three-quarters on Saturday they would have had a much bigger score compiled against them.

The teams dined together in the evening at the Westgate Hotel, a numerous company being present.