

WALES v SCOTLAND.

The ninth annual encounter between teams representative of the strength of Scotland and Wales took place at Raeburn-place, Edinburgh, on Saturday. It would be difficult to imagine a better day for the consummation of a match of such importance. The weather was dull yet fair, and the ground was in magnificent condition, and all over the teams faced each other on a fair field and no favour.

Since the original selection of the teams there had been changes in the personnel of both teams, the Scotch team having Darsie Anderson and G. T. Neilson in place of C. McEwan and Ker respectively, while G. Thomas and M. McCutcheon took the places of C. S. Arthur and D. P. M. Lloyd on the Welsh side, the full teams being—Wales: W. J. Bancroft, R. Garrett, D. Gwynn, G. Thomas, and M. McCutcheon, R. B. Sweet-Escott and H. Ingledew, W. Bowen, T. C. Graham, S. Nicholls, P. Bennett, D. J. Daniel, R. L. Thomas, W. H. Thomas, W. R. Evans, Scotland:—H. J. Stevenson (Edinburgh Academicals), back; P. R. Clauss (Oxford University), G. McGregor (Cambridge University), and W. Neilson (Murchiston), three-quarter backs; C. E. Orr (West of Scotland) and D. G. Anderson (London Scottish), half backs; M. C. McEwan, G. T. Neilson (West of Scotland), F. W. J. Goodhue (London Scottish), R. G. McMillan (West of Scotland), H. T. O. Leggatt (Watsonians), I. M. McIntyre (Vanderers), J. E. Orr (West of Scotland), J. D. Boswell (West of Scotland), and J. Dalgleish (Gala), forwards.

The attendance was a very large one, and there must have been more than 9,000 spectators present when McEwan kicked off for Scotland against the wind. After the opening stages Scotland settled down in Wales's 25, but a free kick for off side relieved the Welsh side. W. H. Thomas putting in a huge kick, a couple of short mauls followed, and on the ball coming out C. E. Orr started a run, and chucking to McGregor, the latter looked like getting away. On being tackled he passed to Neilson, who failed to catch it. Garrett, on the other side, had a short run, but was pulled down by Neilson. Scotland pressed hard, and had a good chance of scoring, but Darsie Anderson hung too long on the ball. As a result of the pressure, C. E. Orr picked up and grounded the ball over the line, but McEwan missed a comparatively easy chance of kicking a goal. Early in the game it was apparent that Wales were to be weaker in the maul than Scotland, but the backs, as if to reciprocate this, were playing a remarkably clever game, and Gwynn, G. Thomas, and McCutcheon had a rare run, when W. Neilson and Stevenson stopped the latter kicking well up the field, but was beaten in the interchange by Bancroft, who with a huge punt landed the ball in the Scottish 25. As the result of some splendid forward play Scotland were again pressing, McMillan and McEwan being specially prominent. The Welsh halves were defending pluckily, but their efforts were spoiled by the utter inability of the forwards to cope with the Scotchmen. Bowen, Rice Evans, and the Thomases played hard enough, but the others did not seem inclined to push strongly, and J. E. Orr at last got over, but again the wind interfered with the place kick, Scotland now leading by two tries to nil. After the kick-out P. R. Clauss made his mark, by which Scotland gained much ground, and were again in the Welsh territory, where Ingledew and Garrett were putting in some splendid saving. The latter intercepting a pass of Darsie Anderson's, again he and Gwynn had a smart run, but were hauled up by Clauss. On the other side C. E. Orr picked up and started a splendid piece of passing, in which he, McGregor, Clauss, and W. Neilson participated, but it only gained a very few yards. The game was here stopped for a few minutes owing to an accident to Clauss. So far the game had been a very interesting one, there being an almost entire absence of stiff mauling, and some of the passing runs had been very pretty. All through the first half, however, Scotland had the better of the play, and this superiority must certainly be attributed to Wales's weakness in the maul. Their backs were smart enough, but were generally tackled by the home forwards ere they could make much advance with their passing. Just before half-time, Wales had to concede a minor, the result of some strong forward play, and a minute later Darsie Anderson, a London Scottish player, grounded the ball behind. Boswell this time took the kick, but again failed. After some desultory play Clauss received a pass from McGregor, and outstripping McCutcheon got over, and McEwan took the kick, but failed.

HALF-TIME SCORE.
SCOTLAND.....4 tries.
WALES.....nil.

The second half started on the Welsh side of the centre line, but Thomas, by punting, transferred play to the other side. This was only momentarily, however, as Scotland, thanks to a lucky fly kick of Jack Orr's, and running by McGregor, were soon again pressing. Garrett saved repeatedly, but, as a combination, the Welsh failed. The halves were too much occupied in saving to have opportunities of passing, and in this respect Scotland had the pull, and Clauss, and W. Wilson had many good runs. A lot of uninteresting forward play followed, in which Scotland naturally had the better, and the Welsh players were kept on the defensive, in which the Welsh players were kept on the defensive, in which the Welsh players were kept on the defensive. After a lot of pressing, McGregor got the ball from a line-out, and smartly passing to W. Neilson, the young Murchiston school-boy dropped a lovely goal. The ball was no sooner kicked off than the Scottish forwards again came away with the dash which had characterised their play from the start, and, as a result, a pass from Goodhue, Leggatt got over and McEwan kicked a goal. Scotland were now leading by 2 goals and 4 tries to nil. Following this, the greatest enthusiasm was aroused by some really grand passing on the part of the Scottish players, in which nearly the whole of the backs participated. First McGregor and then Darsie Anderson were almost over, but finally a chuck forward settled the play for a time near midfield. Wales, despite that they were being continuously pressed, played up most pluckily, but could not stave off the repeated attacks of the Scottish three-quarters, and the ball being kicked out Stevenson smartly picked up and dropped a goal, Scotland now leading by 3 goals and 4 tries to nil. Following the kick-out the only really good piece of passing done by the Welsh three-quarters was shown with the result that McCutcheon almost got over. Scotland pressed until the very close, gaining one more try, which was not converted. The game ended in a decisive victory for Scotland.

FINAL SCORE:
SCOTLAND.....3 goals, 6 tries.
WALES.....nil.
Wales were beaten at every point of the game. Of the eight matches played, Scotland have won six, the 1894-5 fixture being a draw, while Wales won by a try to nil in 1837-8, at Newport.

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES.

WALES V. IRELAND.

This fixture—the last of the Rugby international matches for the year—took place on the Stradey ground, Llanelli. The weather, which had not augured very auspiciously during the morning, still threatened during the match. Good accommodation had been arranged for the visitors, who assembled to the number of 10,000 to 12,000. Stevenson kicked off, and the first scrum took place near the centre flag. Rooke headed a rush of the Irish forwards, who dribbled beyond the Welsh 25 flag. The Welsh forwards neatly retaliated by a dribble, and C. Thomas kicked finely up to the other end. Walkington returned to the centre, where the ball went into touch. A tough scrum took place on the opposite side of the ground, and Percy Lloyd nearly missed the ball, but turned it, and C. Thomas held it in the centre. Stephen Thomas and D. Samuels headed a splendid dribble, which threatened scoring, taking the leather into the Irish quarters. C. Thomas made a splendid dribble, and E. James picked up and looked like scoring, but was hewn down in the 25. Walkington saved. The Irish got a free, and punted into touch. E. James got the ball out and ran finely, then passed to C. Thomas, but Percy Lloyd failing to take a pass, Wells picked up and made a splendid run to the Welsh 25. Some fine passing took place amongst the Irish forwards, but James kicked and followed up, relieving the danger. Cameron got a free on the centre line. Bancroft made a grand return, and James by magnificent following up threw the ball into touch on the verge of the Irish goal line. The Irish dribbled away and Bancroft, being too close, was tackled when following the ball. D. James came off with a dribble, which enabled Wales now to decidedly press. Several scrums took place in Irish territory. Wales got a free in the centre, and W. H.

Thomas punted again into the Irish 25. James made a run out, but was brought down, and Garrett ran behind the posts, but the ball was called back. Directly afterwards the Welsh forwards made a rush, and D. Samuels got a try, D. James having been the means of starting the dribble. Bancroft converted, Stevenson kicked off, and W. H. Thomas replied. After some fast play Cameron got away and passed to Wells, who sent in touch well in the Welsh 25. Lee passed to Dunlop, who transferred to Wells, the latter taking the leather well on, but Bancroft finely replied, and further kicking took the play into the Irish 25. James passed out to Pearson, who muffed the ball, and the Irish relieved. James nearly got over, but the ball getting into Bancroft's hands, he neatly dropped a goal. James passed from the next scrum to C. Thomas, who failed to hold, and the Irish dribbled up to Bancroft. From a long pass out the Irish had a good chance of scoring, but lost it. From a line up Lee got across and engaged in a maul with Pearson, which lasted some minutes, Ireland getting a try, which was not converted by Roche, although from an easy point and without a charge. After the kick off Ireland dribbled down into Welsh territory. Garrett here made a fine run and passed to C. Thomas and Lloyd, but it got no further. Some fine passing by the Jameses and the Welsh three-quarters took the play to the Irish ground. Bancroft kicked over and exacted a minor. Half-time was then called, the score being—

Wales 2 goals, 1 minor
Ireland 1 try

R. L. Thomas kicked off, and the Welsh pressed at once, having the slope in their favour. After some good passing Percy Lloyd made a grand run. Walkington relieved by a fine kick, but shortly afterwards Charlie Thomas got a pass and kicked over, exacting a minor. Ireland kicked off finely into touch and took the play to the Welsh ground. Pearson saved a rush. The game was waged in neutral territory, but Cameron initiated some passing, which took the play up. W. H. Thomas finely dribbled away, and put a different complexion on the game, but C. Thomas failing to return, Roche swept down and took it on splendidly. After some pressure on the line Walkington got the leather and dropped a goal for Ireland. The Welsh captain kicked off into touch in the Irish 25. The best dribble of the day was, however, brought off here by Stokes and others, and scoring was only prevented by a miracle. D. and E. James dribbled away, and Nicholls collared the Irish back well in central ground. C. Thomas took a pass, and kicking up well, collared his man and took the play to the Irish goal line. By some very fast play the Irishmen again got away, and hung about the Welsh goal line for some time, but relief came from some good passing between the Welsh three-quarters. D. James here made a magnificent run right away to the 25, but not being fast enough to get in was collared from behind. Wales however, kept pressing, C. Thomas being conspicuous, but failing to score. D. James dodged across, but was pushed into touch-in-goal. The kick out took the play to the centre, and Ireland, playing up finely, took the play further on. Walkington tried for a drop goal, and Bancroft had to touch down. The game continued fast and furious, and two or three players were temporarily knocked up. Final score:

Wales..... 2 goals (1 dropped), 3 minors
Ireland ... 1 goal (dropped), 1 try, 1 minor.

Wales: W. J. Bancroft (Swansea), back; T. W. Pearson (Cardiff), R. Garrett (Penarth), C. J. Thomas (Newport), and Percy Lloyd (Llanelli), three-quarter backs; D. James and E. James (Swansea), half backs; W. H. and R. L. Thomas (Llanelli), J. Deacon, B. Samuel, and J. Samuel (Swansea), T. C. Graham (Newport), and Stephen Thomas and C. B. Nicholls (Llanelli), forwards.
Ireland: D. E. Walkington (North of Ireland), back; R. Dunlop and S. Lee (North of Ireland), and B. Wells (Bective Rangers), three-quarter backs; E. D. Cameron and O. J. Jameson, half-backs; R. Stevenson (North of Ireland) (captain), J. Roche (Wanderers), L. C. Nash, J. S. Jameson, R. D. Stokes, C. Nash (Queen's College, Cork), C. V. Rooke, J. Fogarty, and D. Dunville, forwards.
Referee, Mr. A. Rowsell, English Union.

RESULTS OF PREVIOUS MATCHES.

The previous matches between these nationalities have resulted as follow:—

- 1882 Dublin.—Wales won by one goal and two tries to nothing.
1884 Cardiff.—Wales won by one goal and two tries to nothing.
1887 Liverpool.—Wales won by one goal to three tries.
1888 Dublin.—Ireland won by two goals and one try to nothing.
1889 Swansea.—Ireland won by two tries to nothing.
1890 Dublin.—Drawn, each scoring one goal.

CARDIFF.

With their victory over Moseley on Saturday, Cardiff closed a season which was, in point of actual play, far more brilliant than appears on paper. To have lost nine matches out of 33 looks bad indeed for a team of the reputation of the Welsh Metropolitans. When it is remembered, however, that their fixture list was the most ambitious of any Welsh team, and, again, that they experienced a deal of bad luck during the season, the "bold blue and black" appear in a more favourable light. In two of their four matches with Swansea, the Welsh champions for the season, they were singularly unfortunate. The first one, played at Cardiff, resulted in a draw, Cardiff crossing Swansea's line twice as again once, but failing to convert either, while Swansea managed to convert the one solitary try they scored. Then in their second match with Swansea the "Metropolitans" would have won but for a field goal, erroneously described in the press at the time as a dropped goal. As it was, although Swansea beat them twice, as against one victory for Cardiff, the aggregate of the "All Whites" in the four matches played exceeded theirs by one point only. Between them and Newport honours were easy, each gaining two victories, though it must be admitted Newport's aggregate score in the four matches was the larger of the two. The London Welsh match was lost by two points—this being the first time the Londoners have beaten Cardiff—and both Gloucester matches were also lost. Defeat was again sustained at the hands of Blackheath, in a match in which the "Heathens" certainly had the best of the luck. Against Swinton, early in the season, a victory was scored, but recently the "Lions" equalised. So much for the losses. The credit side of the account can be seen by glancing below. It is noteworthy that eight out of the first nine games played were won outright, the other being drawn; and it is also worthy of note that immediately after the enforced retirement of the captain, W. E. O. Williams, owing to an accident which prevented him from playing again, the tide of misfortune commenced to flow. Later on, too, Charley Arthur became more fitted for the sick room than the football field, and too often in important matches men who could not well be spared were missing. In Williams's absence the team were ably captained by D. W. Evans, and considering that the majority of the men were new to first-class football they cannot be said to have done badly. The forwards, nearly all youngsters, showed a good deal of in and out form, but the backs, as ever, nobly battled for the honour of the town, and must still be regarded as the finest combination in the South Wales. Below we give the results of the season's matches:—

CARDIFF FIRST FIFTEEN.

OPPONENTS.	FOR.	AGAINST	RESULT.
Otley (h)	6. 7.	6. 7.	Won.
Swinton (h)	4 0	0 1	Won.
Penarth (a)	1 0	—	Won.
Moseley (a)	0 3	—	Won.
Newport (a)	0 3	1* 0	Won.
Swansea (h)	1 0	—	Won.
Pontypridd (h)	0 2	1 0	Drawn.
Pontypridd (a)	1* 1	0 1	Won.
Leeds (h)	1 1	0 2	Won.
Neath (h)	1 3	—	Won.
Gloucester (a)	—	1 1	Lost.
Oxford University (a)	1 0	0 1	Won.
Newport (h)	2 1	1 1	Won.
Swansea (a)	1 1	1* 2	Lost.
Burton (h)	4 4	1 0	Won.
Blackheath (a)	not	played.	—
London Welsh (h)	1 0	1 1	Lost.
Clapham Rovers (h)	not	played.	—
Old Merchant Taylors (h) ..	—	—	—
Burton (a)	—	—	—
Penarth (h)	—	—	—
Swansea (h)	1* 2	—	Won.
Newport (h)	—	1 2	Lost.
Pontypridd (h)	5* 4	—	Won.
Old Edwardians (h)	5 2	—	Won.
Swansea (a)	—	2 0	Lost.
Pontypridd (h)	2 1	1 0	Won.
Gloucester (h)	0 1	1 1	Lost.
Llanelli (h)	1 0	—	Won.
Pontypridd (a)	1 1	—	Won.
Newport (h)	—	3 0	Lost.
Penarth (h)	0 3	—	Drawn.
Neath (a)	0 2	2* 1	Lost.
Blackheath (h)	3 2	—	Won.
New Brighton (h)	2* 1	1 0	Won.
Barbarians (h)	—	0 3	Lost.
Swinton (a)	1 3	—	Won.
Burton (a)	1 1	—	Won.
Moseley (h)	—	—	—
Total	40 42	18 17	

Played, 33; won, 22; lost, 8; drawn, 2.

* Denotes penalty goal.

† One dropped goal.

SWANSEA.

With their victory over Blackheath on Easter Monday, Swansea wound up the most successful season they have ever enjoyed, and are easily first among Welsh clubs. Their record is really a grand one. In all they played 28 matches, of which 25 were won, 2 lost, and 1 drawn. For the club 52 goals and 47 tries were scored, as against seven goals and eleven tries, figures which speak for themselves. The two defeats were sustained at the hands of Gloucester and Cardiff. The Metropolitans, indeed, were the only Welsh fifteen that pressed the "All Whites" hard, for in four matches played they succeeded in winning one and drawing another. However, the "champions" managed to defeat them twice, and so had the best of the trials of strength, though by the narrow majority of one point only, taking the aggregate for the four matches. It is noteworthy that of the 28 matches figuring on the fixture card no fewer than 19 were played at home, and from all of these the fifteen emerged victorious. Leaving out the Welsh engagements, it cannot be said that the fixture list was remarkable for strength, the only notable "foreign" teams encountered being Blackheath and Gloucester. Next season, however, the energetic hon. sec., Mr Bryant, should experience little difficulty in improving matters in that respect. A team with the high reputation now enjoyed by Swansea will assuredly not have to go a-begging for engagements.

Turning to the men who so worthily upheld the honour of the club during the season, praise can be awarded without stint to the forwards, to whom mainly the long series of successes were due. Among the back division the brothers James at half were the bright, particular stars. These young players displayed marvellous form all the season through, and more than one match was won through their trickiness and vigilance on the skirts of the "scrum." The three-quarters underwent constant change, and were the weak spot in the team. Longdon, Pearce, Whapham, Ivor Davies, Jere Edwards, Thorogood, Bishop, E. Thomas, J. Davies, and Coke were all tried, the quartette finally depended upon being Coke, Thorogood, Whapham, and J. Davies. The frequent changes had its effect on the combination behind, which, on the whole, was not good during the early part of the season. Later on, though, there was a marked improvement in this respect. In Bancroft, the full back, the club had a veritable treasure. His displays on each and every occasion were simply beyond praise. As for the "gates," these beat all previous records. Crowds of ten and twelve thousand people were frequently induced to visit the ground, and the last great glorious victory, over Blackheath, which closed the season, was hailed with frantic delight by fully 20,000 persons, probably the largest assemblage ever seen on a Welsh football field. In W. Bowen the club were fortunate in possessing a captain who is not only a sterling player, but a skilful and popular general. He worked very hard to place his team in the proud position they now occupy, and deserves the heartiest congratulations. Below we give a table setting forth in detail the results of the season's matches:—

SWANSEA FIRST FIFTEEN.

OPPONENTS.	FOR.	AGAINST.	RESULT.
Neath (a).....	G. T. 1 0	G. T. —	Won.
Newport (h).....	1 3	2 1	Won.
Llanelli (h).....	3 1	—	Won.
Gloucester (h).....	3 3	1 1	Won.
Cardiff (a).....	1 0	0 2	Won.
Guy's Hospital (h).....	0 2	—	Draw.
Newport (a).....	0 1	—	Won.
Coventry (h).....	3 1	0 1	Won.
Llanelli (a).....	1 0	—	Won.
Cardiff (h).....	1 2	1 1	Won.
St. Thomas's Hospital (h).....	1 4	—	Won.
London Civil Service (h).....	2 4	—	Won.
Old Edwardsians (h).....	3 2	0 1	Won.
London Welsh (h).....	2 0	—	Won.
Devonport (h).....	4 1	—	Won.
Gloucester (a).....	—	1 1	Lost.
Exeter (h).....	1 4	—	Won.
Cardiff (a).....	—	1 2	Lost.
Penygraig (h).....	2 2	—	Won.
Neath (h).....	3 0	—	Won.
Exeter (a).....	1 1	—	Won.
Torquay (h).....	3 4	1 0	Won.
Cardiff (h).....	2 0	—	Won.
Newport (h).....	5 4	—	Won.
Llanelli (h).....	5 2	—	Won.
Newport (a).....	0 1	—	Won.
R.N.E. (Devonport) (h).....	3 4	—	Won.
Blackheath (h).....	1 1	0 1	Won.
Totals.....	52 47	7 11	

CARDIFF FOOTBALL CLUB.

DONATIONS TO LOCAL CHARITIES.

The Cardiff Football Club have made the following donations to local institutions:—

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The Infirmary.....	105 0 0
Hamadryad Seamen's Hospital.....	25 0 0
Nazareth House.....	20 0 0
Institute for the Blind.....	20 0 0
Deaf and Dumb Schools.....	20 0 0
Building Fund, New Seamen's Church.....	20 0 0
Eye Hospital.....	10 0 0
Missions to Deaf and Dumb.....	5 0 0
Society of St. Vincent de Paul.....	5 0 0
Cardiff Town Mission.....	5 0 0

£225 0 0

Mr Melville, of the School for Deaf and Dumb, Llandaff, begs to acknowledge with very grateful thanks the receipt of £22 2s from Mr Alderman Daniel Lewis, deputy-mayor; and £20, being a donation from the Cardiff Football Club, per Mr W. H. Treatt, hon. sec.

The treasurer of the Cardiff Institute for the Blind (Mr Robert Bird), has received from the Cardiff Football Club the sum of £20, per Mr W. H. Treatt, towards the funds of the above institution.

The Sisters of Nazareth beg to thank the members of the Cardiff Football Club for the sum of £20, thankfully received.

CLUB RECORDS FOR THE SEASON,

which, I flatter myself, is (thanks to the kind assistance of hon. secs.) of a pretty representative and complete character:

RUGBY RULES.

	For.	Against.
P. W. L. D. G. T. G. T.		
Albion (Devonport).....	29..24..2..3.....	44..61..7..3
Bath.....	13..10..7..1.....	22..30..13..15
Batley.....	29..12..14..3.....	27..41..31..25
Blackheath.....	20..12..8..0.....	30..33..13..15
Bradford.....	33..27..3..3.....	60..41..13..10
Broughton.....	27..9..13..5.....	12..31..17..30
Burton.....	18..7..10..1.....	18..19..17..33
Caledonians.....	18..12..2..2.....	15..21..6..5
Cambridge University.....	18..11..4..3.....	35..21..9..22
Cardiff.....	33..22..9..2.....	40..42..12..17
Cardiff Harlequins.....	27..14..9..4.....	26..31..15..12
Carlisle.....	26..12..9..5.....	13..21..18..19
Catford Bridge.....	14..7..4..3.....	13..14..6..10
Civil Service.....	14..6..8..0.....	7..8..9..20
Clapham Rovers.....	16..7..9..0.....	22..11..9..13
Co entry.....	19..12..5..3.....	18..30..9..12
Croydon.....	15..11..3..1.....	10..15..4..1
Dewsbury.....	38..17..15..4.....	23..39..25..21
Durham City.....	25..12..9..4.....	23..30..9..21
Ealing.....	13..11..2..0.....	40..14..6..4
Edinburgh Academicals.....	18..11..2..5.....	18..20..3..6
Gloucester.....	27..22..2..3.....	31..51..5..12
Guy's Hospital.....	19..3..12..4.....	13..15..18..23
Hullfax.....	36..19..14..3.....	33..35..23..27
Hampstead.....	15..7..7..1.....	9..16..17..13
Harlequins.....	15..6..7..2.....	6..9..10..12
Hartlepool Rovers.....	30..13..8..4.....	41..51..18..23
Hendon.....	37..23..9..3.....	41..55..23..19
Hunslet.....	37..23..9..3.....	40..47..18..22
Kensington.....	12..3..8..1.....	4..15..13..11
Kingston.....	17..6..6..5.....	6..9..11..10
Llanelli.....	23..12..13..3.....	16..32..22..27
Leicester.....	25..18..5..2.....	36..32..19..14
Lennox.....	19..14..3..2.....	27..18..7..5
London Scottish.....	15..13..2..0.....	31..14..4..7
Manchester.....	27..16..7..4.....	26..41..17..16
Marlborough Nomads.....	12..3..8..1.....	6..2..25..26
Middlesex Wanderers.....	15..4..11..0.....	10..11..18..26
Moseley.....	24..10..9..5.....	26..29..14..13
Neath.....	28..15..8..3.....	17..34..8..13
Newport (Mon.).....	27..17..3..7.....	30..34..17..14
Old Cheltonians.....	10..2..7..1.....	3..11..18..16
Old Leysians.....	18..7..7..2.....	13..15..19..13
Old Merchant Taylors.....	19..10..7..2.....	23..27..7..9
Oxford University.....	23..18..4..1.....	33..61..7..4
Pontypridd.....	31..18..10..3.....	27..61..15..31
Portsmouth.....	16..13..1..2.....	18..33..30..3
Richmond.....	14..3..11..0.....	7..4..20..18
Rockliff (Northumberland).....	23..18..5..0.....	—..—..—..—
Rosslyn Park.....	17..11..6..0.....	18..22..12..16
R.N.E. Coll. (Coopers Hill).....	18..9..8..1.....	18..20..10..10
R.M. Coll. (Sandhurst).....	15..10..4..1.....	34..19..9..10
Royal Naval College.....	19..10..6..3.....	16..15..18..16
Rugby.....	16..4..9..3.....	7..12..19..36
St. Mary's Hos. Ital.....	16..10..4..2.....	12..14..7..6
Salford.....	34..19..12..3.....	35..47..18..18
Saracens.....	11..4..6..1.....	10..27..8..3
St. Thomas's Hospital.....	13..10..7..1.....	19..21..11..22
Swansea.....	28..25..2..2.....	52..47..7..11
Swindon Rangers.....	15..6..5..4.....	19..10..4..9
Thurlow Park.....	35..25..7..3.....	37..41..10..12
Trojan (Southampton).....	13..11..1..1.....	12..14..1..3
United Services.....	17..10..3..2.....	27..37..6..6
Upper Clapton.....	15..10..3..0.....	22..20..5..6
Wasps.....	13..10..7..1.....	21..23..13..9
Wellington (Somerset).....	13..11..4..0.....	10..6..12..11
West of Scotland.....	14..13..0..1.....	18..17..1..6
York.....	38..14..19..5.....	29..33..31..38

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CARDIFF FOOTBALL CLUB.

ANNUAL DINNER.

The annual dinner of the Cardiff Football Club was held at headquarters, the Angel Hotel, last evening. Dr Thomas Wallace presided, and amongst the company, which numbered in all about sixty, were Messrs W. E. O. Williams (captain), D. W. Evans (vice-captain), D. E. Jones (captain 2nd XV.), W. H. Treatt (hon. sec.), J. P. Jones (hon. treasurer), F. Carlyle (Swansea F.C.), T. Graham (captain Newport F.C.), R. Garrett (captain Penarth F.C.), Nicholls (Cardiff Harlequins F.C.), W. D. Phillips, H. J. Simpson, J. A. Jones, A. Duncan, W. M. Shepherd, Gibson, A. F. Bland, G. J. Bland, P. Thompson, Cadenne (Gloucester F.C.), Mitchell, Prickett, and well-nigh the whole of the playing members of the club. Mr Bland, as usual, served a capital repast, at the conclusion of which

The CHAIRMAN proposed "The Queen and the rest of the Royal Family," a toast received with enthusiasm.

Mr WYNDEHAM JARMAN followed with a sentimental ditty, and was loudly encored.

The CHAIRMAN, on rising to propose "The Club," was received with applause. He confessed to a feeling of trepidation when he thought of the responsibility of submitting the toast, but he felt some confidence in the knowledge that the gentleman who sat on either side of him (Mr Williams and Mr Evans) were in a more acute state of "funk" than even he himself was. (Laughter.) He should like to bring within the compass of the toast the Rugby code exponents generally in Cardiff, because they could not but feel respect for at least two other local clubs which had done such good work. (Hear, hear, and applause.) With regard to the first team of the Cardiff Club, they might congratulate themselves upon a fairly satisfactory season. (Hear, hear.) They had all to deplore the unfortunate accident which deprived the club of the services of its captain—(hear, hear, and applause)—after the first 12 or 15 matches had been played. He (the chairman) was a cosmopolitan as far as football was concerned. He could enjoy a good game whether Cardiff was winning or losing; but he would perhaps be forgiven if he ventured to say that he thought it would be a wiser and more gentlemanly game if some of the premier teams of South Wales would instruct their half backs that it was not exactly in strict accord with the rules of the game to swing the ball behind the first rank of their own forwards. (Hear, hear, and applause.)

Bert Taylor next rendered in inimitable style, "We draw his club money this morning."

Mr W. E. O. WILLIAMS, the captain, who was enthusiastically received, after thanking the chairman for the kindly manner in which he had referred to his accident, said he was very much inclined to take the same view as the members of the Press had adopted when they reviewed the past season, that was to say, that the record of the Cardiff team was far more brilliant than it looked on paper. (Applause.) Notwithstanding the heavy number of defects they had sustained, he thought they compared favourably with the famous Hancock's team, whose fixture list was about 40 per cent. weaker than that of the past season. ("Hear, hear," and "No, no.") At any rate, Cardiff in the past season won with grace and lost with good humour—(laughter and applause)—and showed themselves true sportsmen. (Applause.) In conclusion, the speaker thanked the vice-captain (Mr D. W. Evans) for the assistance he had lent him, and for his services in leading the team after his (the captain's) accident. As for himself, his sole aim throughout had been to do his best for the team. (Applause.) He could never play again, even if he wished, but he hoped he might not be allowed to retire into utter obscurity, but he permitted to render to the club all the support which was in the power of an ordinary humble member. (Loud applause.)

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Mr ALEX. BLAND (assistant hon. secretary) also responded in a few humorous remarks.

Mr Paul Thompson played "The Death of Nelson" upon an instrument which was of a novel and amusing description.

Mr H. J. SIMPSON proposed "The Visitors and Kindred Clubs." He contended that the four three-quarter game was *the game*, and he looked forward to the time when it would be general throughout the country. (Applause.)

Mr W. D. PHILLIPS, the lion comique of the club, here interposed with a song about dancing and singing, which was received with rapturous applause.

Mr CARLYLE, responding for the Swansea team, said he could scarcely look upon himself as a visitor at Cardiff, where he had always been well and kindly treated. He bore testimony to the cordial relations existing between his club and Cardiff, and referring to what the chairman had said with regard to half-back play—which he thought was rather a slap at Swansea—he must remind them that the Swansea halves this year, although undoubtedly good, were very young. The duty of checking unfair half-back play rested with referees, who had ample power to deal with it. (Applause.)

Mr T. C. GRAHAM (captain of the Newport team), who followed, said that at Newport they always regarded their matches with Cardiff as among the most enjoyable and pleasant they played. (Loud applause.)

Messrs Garrett (Penarth), Cadonno (Gloucester), and F. E. Nicholls (Cardiff Harlequins) also responded, the latter expressing a hope that next year his club might have the pleasure of meeting Cardiff.

At this juncture Mr TREATT read, amidst laughter and applause, the following telegram from Mr R. Mullock, hon. sec. of the Welsh Football Union:—

Home, sweet home is the song of the sinner who cannot get down to eat your dinner.

Mr J. A. JONES next gave "The Welsh Football Union," coupling it with the name of Mr W. D. Phillips, one of the vice-presidents.—The toast was accorded musical honours.

Mr W. D. PHILLIPS responded. The company, he remarked, knew his modesty—(laughter)—but he had pleasure in saying a word or two in acknowledgment of the toast. Unfortunately, Wales was beaten by England, and very severely thrashed by Scotland, but it had not got the wooden spoon—(laughter)—which dubious honour had fallen to the "distressful country" on the other side of the Channel. ("Another injustice to Oireland?"—laughter.)

The CHAIRMAN afterwards proposed "The Second Fifteen."

Mr D. E. JONES, the captain, in rising to reply, was loudly cheered. In a brief speech, he aired a few of the grievances of his fifteen, saying that next year he hoped the committee would not interfere with them so much as they had in the past.

Mr PRICKETT followed with the song, "I'll be free and easy still."

Other toasts followed.

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best of the trials of strength, in the narrow majority of one point taking the aggregate for the four matches noteworthy that of the 28 matches figure fixture card no fewer than 19 were home, and from all of these the fifteen victorious. Leaving out the Welsh engagements it cannot be said that the fixture list was able for strength, the only notable teams encountered being Blackheath Gloucester. Next season, however, the hon. sec., Mr Bryant, should experience difficulty in improving matters in that a team with the high reputation now enjoyed Swansea will assuredly not have to go a long way for engagements.

Turning to the men who so worthily upheld the honour of the club during the season, praise be awarded without stint to the forwards, to whom mainly the long list of successes were due. Among the backs the brothers James at half the bright, particular stars. These young displayed marvellous form all the season and more than one match was won through trickiness and vigilance on the skirt "scrum." The three-quarters undulant change, and were the weak team. Longdon, Pearce, Whalley, Davies, Jere Edwards, Thorogood, Thomas, J. Davies, and Co. tried, the quartette finally decided being Coke, Thorogood, Whalley, and Davies. The frequent changes had its combination behind, which, on the whole, was good during the early part of the season, though, there was a marked improvement in this respect. In Bancroft had a veritable treasure and every occasion for praise. As for all previous seasons

CARDIFF FOOTBALL CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

On Monday night the annual general meeting of the Cardiff Football Club was held at the Angel Hotel. There was a large attendance of members, over which Mr Frank Hill presided.

The SECRETARY (Mr W. H. Treatt) read the annual report, in the course of which it was stated that during last season 39 players had represented the first team. (Applause.) A noticeable feature had been that F. N. Jones played in every match throughout the season. (Applause.) At the finish of the season the committee awarded caps to five of the players, viz., J. Smith, Sydney Escott, Gus. Lewis, E. P. Biggs, and J. Arman. There was a scheme on foot to induce railway companies to allow football teams to travel a double journey for a single fare. The Cardiff club had supported other clubs in this matter. If the privilege was extended, it would be of great assistance to smaller clubs. The two teams of the Cardiff club travelled 2,300 miles last season; and when, combined with this fact, they remembered the large numbers of people who followed the players, they would see that football meant a goodly harvest to railway companies. He was glad to say that the income of the club had expanded a good deal, while the expenses had expanded very little compared with previous years. They had been able to erect what was very necessary, namely, extra stand accommodation. Their stands would now accommodate about 6,000 people. They had also been able to vote a considerable sum to charities—£250. (Applause.) The report concluded with a reference to the unfortunate accident which befel W. E. O. Williams, the captain, who had the sympathy of them all. (Hear, hear.)

Mr JOHN GIBSON complained that proper precautions were not taken during the frosty weather to protect the ground. They might have been able, he said, to play several matches that were abandoned if the ground had been covered on several occasions. He did no blame the committee as a whole, except for delegating power to a single member.

The SECRETARY, in reply, stated that although the fixture card contained 31 matches, there was 33 actually played. He would remind them that they had to consider the players as well as the spectators—(hear, hear.)—and he knew that a large number of the players—he would not say the majority—approved of the action of the committee in postponing certain matches. Swansea had been mentioned. Well, it was not a fair comparison. (Hear, hear.) At Newport he saw a match played on Boxing-Day, and it was a perfect farce. Two players were injured in the first five minutes, and one of them did not play afterwards, and was not likely to play again. Then there was Gloucester. They salted their ground so much that no grass had since grown, and the club had received notice to quit.

On the motion of the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr GEORGE YOUNG, the report and statement of accounts (a *resumé* of which has already been published in these columns) were passed.

The SECRETARY proposed to add to the by-laws a regulation that no more than five caps be given to players in each team in any one season. The practice hitherto was for the committee to exercise their discretion on the point.—After some discussion, the secretary accepted the amendment of Mr J. P. Jones, seconded by Mr Shepherd, junior, that a rule stand that club caps be given to players in the first and second teams at the end of each season at the discretion of the committee.

Mr D. W. Evans, being the only player nominated, that gentleman was unanimously elected captain for the next season.—Mr Evans, in acknowledgment, promised to do his utmost to maintain the traditions of the club. He nominated Mr Fred. N. Jones as vice-captain.

Mr Selwyn Biggs was unanimously elected captain of the second 15. He did not nominate his vice-captain.

Mr J. P. Jones was unanimously re-elected hon. treasurer; Mr W. H. Treatt, hon. secretary; and Mr A. F. Bland, assistant hon. secretary.

On the motion of the CHAIRMAN, a vote of thanks was enthusiastically passed to Lord Bute and Sir W. T. Lewis for the use of the ground, permission having been given to use it next season.

Mr C. W. MELHUISH introduced the subject of stand accommodation, and complained that it was customary to issue far more tickets than the existing accommodation warranted.—The Chairman did not think it advisable to go to the expense of £300 for more permanent stands under the uncertain tenure of their occupancy of the ground.—On the motion of Mr Melhuish, seconded by Mr J. Gibson, the committee were asked to give the subject early consideration.

The ballot for the committee resulted as follows:—Elected—W. M. Shepherd, 75 votes; A. F. Hill, 73; C. S. Arthur, 66; W. D. Phillips, 65; H. J. Simpson, 66; A. Duncan, 60; and W. M. Douglas, 47. Not elected—W. E. O. Williams, 45; H. M. Ingledew, 34; W. E. Jarman, 29; C. Sandy, 11; J. Gibson, 9; H. C. Mills, 5. Mr W. E. O. Williams was on the committee last year. The following were on the committee of the 2nd XV:—A. H. Williams, 75; J. D. Evans, 71; D. E. Jones, 68; F. Grogan, 63. Not elected—C. Riches, jun., 28; T. Jones, 23; W. B. Howard, 5.

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CARDIFF v. NEATH.

After a brief interval, the match of the day, between Cardiff 1st and Neath, was commenced, both teams being loudly cheered as they entered the arena. The attendance by this time had largely increased, quite 4,000 people being present. The teams as finally constituted were:—

POSITIONS.		CARDIFF.	NEATH.
Back	.....	D. Fitzgerald	W. Brookham
Three-quarter	.....	W. S. Sweet-Escott	G. D. Trick
Three-quarter	.....	F. N. Jones	F. W. Phillips
Three-quarter	.....	Bowen	C. Steer
Three-quarter	.....	T. W. Pearson	E. Morgan
Half-back	.....	R. B. Sweet-Escott	Wat Thomas
Half-back	.....	J. Kingscott	A. Cross
Forward	.....	D. W. Evans (capt.)	H. Evans
Forward	.....	S. H. Nicholls	J. Edwards
Forward	.....	Gus Lewis	Llewellyn Morris
Forward	.....	J. Smith	W. Jones
Forward	.....	J. V. Arman	F. Hutchinson
Forward	.....	H. J. Taylor	James Thomas
Forward	.....	W. Watts	J. Brookes
Forward	.....	J. Cravos	T. Thomas
		Referee, W. Wilkins (Llanelli).	

Neath started the ball at 4.30 from the lower end. The kick was charged down and the homesteaders at once invaded the visitors' 25. Pearson made his mark, but nothing came of it, and the Neath forwards worked the leather close to the centre line. The Cardiff forwards dribbled back, and from a scrum on the line obtained a minor. After the kick-out, Cardiff attacked, and Pearson, taking a pass from Bowen, ran to within a few feet of the line, where he was pushed into touch. The visitors quickly raised the siege, but thanks to good play between R. B. Sweet-Escott and Pearson, were again driven back on their line, and another minor exacted. Llewellyn Morris sent the ball out, and an ugly rush from Cardiff was well and pluckily stopped by Steer. Neutral ground was then occupied. The game now settled down between the forwards, both lots showing good form in the loose. Thanks to a free kick, Neath gained a bit of ground, which Nicholls more than recovered with a long run, and despite a spirited effort of H. Evans to run out, the Neath 25 was invaded. The Cardiff backs, Bowen and R. B. Sweet-Escott conspicuous, tried hard, but ineffectually to score. The latter putting in a shot for goal landed a third minor, and the drop out brought the visitors much needed relief. Pearson by a clever punt to touch in the visitors' 25 renewed the siege. Kingscott, by passing forward, threw away a good chance, and for the fourth time in the match the game was momentarily stopped owing to an accident to a Neath man, the victim this time being Cross, who was the recipient of a kick on the head. Bowen now got off with a fine dodgy run, and passed to Pearson, who quickly re-transferred to the ex-Harlequin, the latter scoring. Pearson took the kick and landed a grand goal. The home side now put in a lot of passing, by dint of which they were enabled to hotly attack the Neath line. The game was being waged in the Neath 25 when the whistle signalled the arrival of half-time, the score reading:—

HALF-TIME SCORE.

CARDIFF	.....	1 goal, 3 minors.
NEATH	.....	NIL.

Breathing time over, the ball was again set rolling, and quickly settled down into scrummage at the centre. The visitors then broke away, and a scrummage was brought about right on the home line. A series of tight scrums ensued, in which both sides held their own well, and excitement ran high. Despite their best endeavours, the Cardiff pack were unable to push their opponents away, the ball being fought over within dangerous proximity to the goal line. Then by degrees the Neath pack asserted their superiority, after a gallant tussle, and sending the ball over, Pearson had hastily to save by touching in defence. Cardiff had the worst of it after the kick-out until R. B. Sweet-Escott put in a big kick, which was well followed up and led to an invasion for the first time since crossing over of the Neath 25. The visitors soon raised the siege, and a lot of slow, albeit tight scrummaging went on in neutral ground. In a spell of open play the Cardiff backs did not shine with their old-time brilliancy, their passing being wild, and tackling decidedly weak. The forwards, too, lined out badly, and, seeing how quick the visitors were to profit by the many errors made, it was surprising that they could do no more at this juncture than confine play to the centre. A slight improvement in Cardiff's back play was at length perceptible, but even then they failed to take full measure of their advantage at the critical moment, and had to be content with a touch-down. Following the drop-out Cardiff attacked once more, but were driven out to the centre by the Neath forwards. Here Bowen got the ball, and put in a good run, passing to Pearson, who was collared in the Neath 25. This onslaught was also beaten off, thanks to the never-failing vigilance of the visitors, and the ball once more found its way to the centre. Pearson put in a good run, and time was then called.

FINAL SCORE:

CARDIFF	.....	1 goal, 4 minors.
NEATH	.....	1 minor.

CARDIFF V. PENARTH.

Played on the new ground at Penarth in the presence of about 4,000 spectators. Cardiff kicked off, and the play was confined to the centre. Herbie Morgan kicked well into the Cardiff 25, but Fitzgerald made a capital return into touch. The Penarth forwards then rushed the ball down into the visitors' quarters, but Pearson, picking up, landed the leather in touch at the 25 flag. Directly afterwards Fitzgerald was called upon to save. Picking up close to his own line, he ran to the 25. Cosslett did a good deal of work, and a long kick placed Cardiff on the defensive. Morgan, Kirby and Shepherd made plucky attempts to get in, but the Cardiff backs played splendidly. Pearson particularly shining. Arman had to retire about this time, thus weakening the visitors' pack. After a succession of scrums, Arthur and R. B. Sweet-Escott brought relief by running and kicking, and the play for the first time was in the Penarth half of the ground. A long kick by Pearson sent the leather over and Matthews touched down. After the kick-out, Penarth had the better of a couple of scrums, and the game was hotly contested in the centre. R. B. Sweet-Escott kicked, and, following up, prevented the return, the play being now slightly in favour of Cardiff. Cosslett, getting a pass, ran down and passed to Morgan, who in turn transferred to Kirby, the latter being brought down by R. B. Sweet-Escott. Directly afterwards Kirby was within an ace of scoring. After a couple of scrums R. B. Sweet-Escott dribbled up and relieved the pressure. Cosslett, however, ran down to within a few yards of the line. R. B. Sweet-Escott again brought relief, the ball going into touch near the half-way flag. A kick by Pearson further improved the position of the visitors. In a couple of minutes the leather was again hovering around the Cardiff goal, but it did not remain there long. At half-time the score was—Cardiff, one minor; Penarth, nil. On re-starting Penarth gained a little ground by a free kick which was conceded to them. Arthur, however, by a run, and afterwards a dribble, carried the play into the Penarth 25, but the advantage thus gained was nullified by Fred Jones failing at an easy catch. The game was then hotly contested in the centre. Smith passing to Arthur, the latter ran and transferred to Pearson, who kicked down to the line. Arthur ran across the field, but S. Sweet-Escott missed the pass. Cardiff, however, continued to press, and R. B. Sweet-Escott sent the leather into touch close to the corner flag. Kirby, getting possession, ran half the length of the field. Fitzgerald missed him, and he looked every inch a scorer until Pearson, following up at racehorse speed, rolled him over, and S. Sweet-Escott carried the leather back to mid-way. Fitzgerald made a good shot for goal, and Penarth had to concede another minor as the result. Pearson ran down to the 25, where he was gassed, and R. B. Sweet-Escott, picking up, ran in, planting the ball behind the posts. Pearson converted amidst cheers. On re-starting Penarth pressed, and Morgan, kicking over, a minor was registered against Cardiff, Pearson failing to take the leather when kicked almost into his hands. Penarth again pressed, and Shepherd nearly got in. For the next few minutes the homesteaders looked dangerous, but when the whistle terminated a splendidly contested game the score stood:—Cardiff, one goal and two minors (five points). Penarth, one minor. Teams:—Cardiff: Back, D. Fitzgerald; three-quarter backs, F. N. Jones, C. S. Arthur, T. W. Pearson, and S. Sweet-Escott; half-backs, R. B. Sweet-Escott and S. Biggs; forwards, J. Smith, Gus Lewis, J. Arman, H. J. Taylor, W. Watts, T. Jones, T. E. Thomas, and J. Mahony. Penarth: Back, G. Matthews; three-quarter backs, W. Cosslett, G. Shepherd, H. E. Morgan, and H. Kirby; half-backs, T. Hutchins and G. Rowles; forwards, J. Hayes, J. Lawday, P. Jackson, J. White, G. Brown, J. Millward, J. Edwards, and W. P. Edington. Referee, Mr. R. M. Gurnett.

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MOSELEY V. CARDIFF.

As usual, on the occasion of the annual visit of the Moseley team, their match of Saturday with the Welsh Metropolitan in the Cardiff Arms Park was witnessed by an attendance rather above the average for the year. Both clubs were able to place strong teams in the field, Thomas, filling the vacancy on the home side, caused by the enforced absence of Arthur, rendered *hors de combat* in the match with the Seaside. Unfortunately the rain which fell in copious showers during the early morning made sure footing impossible, and the ball too greasy to admit of the free passing and open style of play generally witnessed in these encounters.

The constitution of the teams was as follows:—
POSITIONS. MOSELEY. CARDIFF.
 Back.....F. Byrne.....D. Fitzgerald
 Three-quarter.....F. Rogers.....C. S. Arthur
 Three-quarter.....Yates.....F. N. Jones
 Three-quarter.....Stone.....T. W. Pearson
 Three-quarter.....Cattell.....R. B. Sweet-Escott
 Half-back.....Goodwin.....H. M. Ingledew
 Half-back.....Cattell.....D. W. Evans (capt.)
 Forward.....R. H. Rogers (capt.).....S. H. Nicholls
 Forward.....Horton.....Gus Lewis
 Forward.....Arton.....J. Mahony
 Forward.....Lycett.....W. Watts
 Forward.....Deykin.....J. Smith
 Forward.....Ludlow.....H. J. Taylor
 Forward.....Davies.....T. H. Thomas

Mr. R. F. Richards, Pontypridd, Referee.
 D. W. Evans kicked off from the Raquet Court end, Byrne returned, the ball falling into the hands of Ingledew, who smartly kicked back, but the ball striking Gus Lewis, a scrimmage was held in the visitors' 25. From the scrimmage Ingledew threw to F. Jones, who made off to Pearson, the ball going in, when he badly passed to Pearson, the ball going into touch not far from the Moseley line. Cardiff had the best of the play for a few minutes, and Escott, fielding very smartly, threw out, and his brother, though in a favourable position, took a shy for goal the only result of which was a minor, wisely conceded. After the kick-out play again settled in the Moseley quarter, capital passing being witnessed between the Cardiff backs. By degrees, however, the Midland forwards worked out of danger, and Byrne, putting in a huge punt, turned into touch, as Yates was on him. The Cardiff forwards warming up to their work got now the best of the tight scrimmages, and time after time the ball was sent up to their backs, the good defensive play shown by Rogers, Cattell, Goodwin alone delaying a great change in the venue. From a pass by Escott Pearson got possession and kicked far down the field, and the home scrimmages, prominent among whom were Nicholls, Smith, and Thomas, soon afterwards, by smart following up, were instrumental in compelling the visitors to concede a second minor point. With the restart the visitors played with much dash and brilliancy, and it was necessary for the home backs to adopt an almost altogether defensive policy. First Rogers, then Stone, then Yates looked dangerous, and play was taken down to a position close to the home goal. Though hard pressed the home backs did not fail, and, thanks to the cleverness of Jones, Escott, Ingledew, and Pearson behind, the strain was relieved, though Fitzgerald, through an attempt to earn the plaudits of the gallery in exhibiting his dodging powers, almost brought his side to grief. Out of danger, the Cardiffians were still unable to do more than hold their own, the forwards at this stage being fairly evenly matched. A bit of tricky dodging of Goodwin's was followed by a run of F. Rogers, and a feeble attempt of Arthur's to bar his progress. Loose play ensued in the neighbourhood of the Cardiff 25; and on the ball emerging from a scrimmage, E. Sweet-Escott gave it a short kick, then picked it up, and after travelling about a dozen yards handed to his brother, who made tracks for the visitors' line. He dodged Stone and eluded the full back, and got fairly well around, and, amid deafening shouts of applause, scored the first try. Pearson's successful kick being similarly signalled, Rogers, the visiting captain, and English International forward, re-set the ball a rolling, but the kick was charged by Duncan, and at once was commenced a raid on the visitors' citadel. Again the Welsh front line show a slight superiority, but this was not utilised to the best advantage, rushing tactics being pursued, with the result that the home three-quarters were given little or nothing to do, and play beyond the granting of a free-kick to Moseley, immediately followed by a similar award to Cardiff, was devoid of interesting incident. When the whistle announced half-time the players were on the Moseley side of the division line.

HALF-TIME SCORE:
 CARDIFF 1 goal, 2 minors.
 MOSELEY nil.

The customary interval having elapsed, D. W. Evans recommenced operations and play altered in character, and for five or six minutes was fast and loose. The Cardiff forwards got the best of scrimmages after scrimmage, and nonplussed the visitors by their "wheeling." A couple of free kicks having been given for off-side play on each side, and from which nothing materially was gained, a long punt of Pearson's gave Cattell possession. He passed to Rogers, and he in turn to Stone, who gave away to Yates, the wing three-quarter skidding the touch-line, only, however, to be pulled down in front of the committee stand by Pearson. Play was stopped for a minute or two to enable Yates, who had been winded, to come to. On resuming, the visitors' backs put in a number of long kicks, from one of which Sydney Sweet-Escott made his mark, but his drop for goal fell low, a minor only resulting. Soon after the kick out Byrne put in a long run, which transferred play to central territory. Rain now fell heavily, and passing with anything like precision was out of the question. Indeed, the game for the second time became somewhat dull and uninteresting. Some of the forwards now appeared "done up." Rogers, Lycett, and Ludlow of the visitors thus exhibiting goal form, and few men only on the home side bearing up under the strain, for the ground had become exceedingly slippery and heavy going. Succeeding play in the centre in favour of the visitors, Arthur interposed a pass, and delighted those who have seen him at his best by getting clear of his men, then passing to Pearson, who simply combed in, and scored a splendid goal. The subsequent play was entirely in favour of the home team, who continued the Midlands to their 25. Taylor at one time appearing a scarer all over, when he was collected by the full back, Thomas, to long kicks by Rogers and Stone, the ball was taken up to Cardiff quarters, but Fitzgerald was at home, and apparently promising by his experience earlier in the match, kicked without ado, and was rewarded by general cheering. A few minutes were needed to find Cardiff again pressing, and after a number of scrimmages within half a dozen yards of the line, Ingledew had hard lines in not crossing the ball going into touch. The most unfortunate was E. Thomas, the sprinter being headed down by the full back when within an ace of scoring. Strongly tried hard in equal matters, but had not got further than their own 25 line when the "side" brought to a termination a game characterised more by stubbornness and individual good play than all round excellence.

FINAL SCORE:
 CARDIFF 3 goals, 4 minors.
 MOSELEY nil.

CARDIFF V. NEWPORT.

Enormous interest was manifested in the encounter between Cardiff and Newport at the Cardiff Arms Park. The heavy rain had made the ground very slippery, and, unfortunately, neither team was fully represented. K. B. Sweet-Escott and S. H. Nicholls were absent from Cardiff, and Charlie Thomas, A. J. Gould, and T. C. Graham from Newport. The match was witnessed by about 5,000 spectators. Cardiff, winning the toss, played with the wind at their backs, and at once assumed an aggressive position. England kicked up, and Selwyn Biggs, receiving the leather, was not allowed five yards. The referee sanctioned a free, and Biggs sent the leather into touch. Newport shortly afterwards had a free kick, from which D. W. Evans made his mark. He dropped for goal, but the leather just missed the post, and a minor only resulted. On the kick out the Newport forwards rushed away to the 25, but a flying kick by Sweet-Escott saved the Cardiffians. A loose rush of the Newport forwards gained some ground, and Fitzgerald picked up. Sweet-Escott kicked, and the ball again crossed the line, England just touching down in the nick of time. Up to this time—a quarter of an hour from the kick-off—the play was entirely in Newport ground. Parfitt, getting possession, passed to Gould, who in turn transferred to Dauncey. The leather bounded out of the latter's hand, and Sweet-Escott again put in a useful flyer. For the next minute Cardiff were pressed, and Heard, getting possession, looked dangerous, when he was splendidly brought down by Fred Jones. Fitzgerald kicked down cleverly, and England returned into touch at the centre. A free was conceded to Cardiff for off-side play, and D. W. Evans landed the leather into touch near the 25. The Newport forwards wheeled two or three scrums beautifully, but failed to get further than half-way, until Heard kicked up and Selwyn Biggs muffed. Pearson tried to retrieve this bit of bad fortune, but got into touch. Newport then rushed up to the line, where a scrum was formed. The Newport backs passed across the field, and Fitzgerald, taking the leather from a short kick, made his mark. He sent the ball into touch. D. W. Evans got a free for off-side play, and by a magnificent drop sent the ball into touch at the Newport 25. The Newport forwards then broke away to the centre. At half-time the score was:—Cardiff, two minors; Newport, nil. On re-starting the ball was quickly rushed into the Cardiff 25, where the blue and black had to work all they knew to prevent the Newport forwards from rushing through. Parfitt made his mark close to the touch line and the ball was placed for England. It fell short, and Pearson returned into touch near the centre. Cardiff were soon again on the defensive, England's long kicks into touch being most effective. The ball coming out from a scrum, Ingledew brought much needed relief by kicking into touch near the centre. Ingledew directly afterwards headed a dribble to the visitors' quarters, but the opposing forwards rushed down to the other end of the ground, and Newcombe kicked over, Fitzgerald touching down. A tropical shower now came on, and the struggle was continued in pools of water near the Cardiff line. In a loose scrum T. H. Thomas sent the leather into touch, bringing a greatly needed relief. The game was continued in the neighbourhood of the Cardiff line, and Fitzgerald had to concede another minor. On re-starting, Webb kicked into touch at the corner, but Cardiff got a free, and D. W. Evans sent the leather into touch. A rush by the visitors hardly pressed the Cardiff defence, and a scrum in front of the goal resulted in D. W. Evans kicking into touch. The Cardiff defence at this point was excellent. In a loose scramble Charlie Arthur got away, and Fred Jones got a mark at midway. The return was an excellent one, but Cardiff, encouraged by the shouts of their supporters, played with greater spirit than at any part of the game, and notwithstanding the disadvantage of a long kick, aided by the wind, rushed up to the Newport line, a header by Ingledew assisting considerably. A long kick by Heard sent the ball over. The final score was:—Newport, three minors; Cardiff, two minors. Teams:—Cardiff: Back, D. Fitzgerald; three-quarter backs, F. N. Jones, C. S. Arthur, T. W. Pearson, and Sidney Sweet-Escott; half-backs, H. M. Ingledew and Selwyn Biggs; forwards, D. W. Evans (captain), Gus Lewis, J. Mahoney, J. Smith, T. H. Thomas, W. Watts, H. J. Taylor, and T. Jones. Newport: Back, T. England; three-quarter backs, J. E. Webb, G. H. Gould, L. Heard, and H. B. Dauncey; half-backs, H. P. Phillips and F. C. Parfitt; forwards, J. Hadden, W. Watts, H. T. Day, F. Poole, W. Groves, T. Newcombe, J. Osmond, and A. W. Boucher. Referee, Mr. T. J. Carlyle.

17. 10. 1891

24. Oct. 1891

CARDIFF V. SWANSEA.

The first match of the season between the famous football teams of the two leading Welsh towns took place at Swansea. The St. Helen's Ground had received the biggest soaking which is remembered locally, and all the efforts to drain it had not resulted in quite clearing it of mud and water. A dry morning had helped to make it playable, however. The Cardiff excursion arrived shortly after two o'clock, bringing the team and a large number of supporters. The kick-off was fixed for 3.15, and the teams facing each other were composed as follows, more than one familiar Swansea face being absent through untoward circumstances:—*Cardiff*: Back, D. Fitzgerald; three-quarter backs, F. N. Jones, T. W. Pearson, C. S. Arthur, and J. H. Bowen; half-backs, H. M. Ingledew and S. Biggs; forwards, D. W. Evans (captain), Lewis, Smith, Mahoney, Taylor, Watts, Thomas, and Jones. *Swansea*: Back, Bancroft; three-quarter backs, E. Thorogood, J. Davies, Longdon, and A. Whapham; half-backs, D. James and E. James; forwards, W. Williams, H. Bevan (captain), E. Charles, J. Samuel, D. Samuel, T. Deacon, S. Rice, and F. Mills. The game was witnessed by the largest crowd (7,000 to 8,000) yet assembled this season at Swansea, and the weather was beautifully fine. Swansea won the toss, and played with their backs to a strong sun. Evans kicked off for Cardiff. Thorogood returned, and play settled down in the centre. Longdon made a short run, and the Swansea three-quarters attempted passing. Ingledew nicely got the ball out twice, but Bancroft returned to the centre, and then kicked up to Fitzgerald, who nicely returned to the same spot, Samuels attempting to pass out the Cardiff forwards got the ball and dribbled away, but Swansea got a free in the 25, and then dribbled away. Pearson nicely sent down once more, but Whapham kicked back, and Swansea rushed away to the Cardiff quarters. Davies made a fine run for Swansea, and Thorogood kicking up, Longdon made a fine follow up, and Pearson only just saved in the 25. Some foolish kicking by Swansea here allowed Fitzgerald to nicely return to the centre. Swansea again rushed away, appearing to have the game well in hand. For a bit of off-side play by Cardiff Swansea had a free kick allowed in front of the posts, but Bancroft missed a splendid chance. A good return by Cardiff again took the play to the centre, followed by a further dribble to the Swansea 25, but James passed out, and Thorogood and Davies, by good passing, got away to the other end, where some obstinate scrums took place nearly on the line. Swansea here got a free at a worse angle than the last, but Bancroft this time only narrowly missed scoring. Away went the all whites once more, and, after a brief check, dribbled up to the line. Coke was greatly missed during this time, Swansea having grand opportunities. The Cardiff forwards effected a good relief by a dribble, which was stopped just outside the 25 by Thorogood. Just afterwards Thorogood ran against Evans, and was temporarily injured. Soon afterwards, by some brilliant passing amongst the Swansea three-quarters, Thorogood scored in the corner, and Bancroft converted. Cardiff got the best of the kick-off, but Swansea rushed back, and by really magnificent passing Longdon got in and scored behind the post, Bancroft again converting. Cardiff again kicked off finely, and got to the Swansea ground. Biggs passed to Evans, and Evans to Pearson, who looked a scorer, but was re-called for a forward pass. Half-time was here called, the score being:—Swansea, two goals; Cardiff, nil. Deacon re-started for Swansea, and Evans replied. Swansea again got to Cardiff territory. Cardiff got a free about the centre, and sent up to the other half. Ingledew splendidly picked up, and passed, but the ball struck the referee. James picked out of scrum, and Cardiff got another free. E. James passed out, and Thorogood made a grand run, and no tackling would do for him for a time. A minute later he got another free and nearly got in. Swansea now continually pressed, and Bancroft, getting the ball, dropped a magnificent goal, and a fast and furious game was now waged. Whapham kicked over the line, and Fitzgerald sent in touch outside the goal line. Afterwards Cardiff kicked up, and Bancroft being floored at centre, the blue and black three-quarters showed some fine passing, and Pearson getting possession from Bowen, kicked up, and Bancroft sent out of bounds. Cardiff now played up in better style, and kept play on the Swansea side of the half-way flag for some time, till Jack Davies kicked down and removed the venue. Thorogood picked up and dropped a fine goal, making the fourth for the all whites. Cardiff got away for a minute, but Swansea again showed passing, and Whapham kicked over the line. Fitzgerald ran out, but could not remove the venue. Jack Davies, by a fine run, got within a yard of the line. Swansea pressed to the call of time, when the final score stood:—Swansea, four goals (18 points); Cardiff, nil.

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CARDIFF V. HUDDERSFIELD.
[FROM OUR OWN REPORTER.]

This important match was played at Huddersfield. Additional interest was taken in the fixture from the fact that it celebrated the opening of the new ground at Fartown. Quite ten thousand persons attended to witness the encounter. The Cardiff team travelled to Manchester on Friday night, and proceeded to Huddersfield on Saturday. They were not so strong as it was hoped they would be, D. W. Evans (the captain) and Sid Nichols being absent from the front division, while E. Hill filled the place of S. Sweet-Escott on the left wing. The match was watched by the Yorkshire county committee, and among the spectators were several well-known North country football enthusiasts. Cardiff won the toss, and Dyson kicked off, Fitzgerald returning into touch. Arthur ran to the centre and kicked, the ball being sent into touch. Sweet-Escott got the ball from a scrum, and a splendid bit of passing between him, Fred Jones, Charlie Arthur, and Pearson resulted in the later scoring in the corner. Pearson made a splendid kick for goal, the ball going a foot wide. On re-starting, the Huddersfield forwards rushed down splendidly, and Cardiff were pressed for a minute, but Pearson, by a backward kick, relieved to the 25. Naylor passing to England, and he to Hill, the latter made a gallant attack to burst through, but was brought down by E. E. Hill and Fred Jones, and directly afterwards Hill, for Huddersfield, got a mark in a favourable position, but England failed at goal, and Pearson, running out, kicked well into the home half. Garner muddled the return, and Cardiff rushed away to the home 25. Dyson then put in a smart sprint, and Wigglesworth, after a clever bit of work by Couper, got over between the posts and Thewlis converted. Some long kicking resulted in favour of Cardiff. Lloyd Roberts initiated a round of passing, in which Fred Jones, Arthur, and Pearson participated, the latter getting in again at the corner, this time successfully negotiating the goal from the touch line. Up to this point Huddersfield played three three-quarters, but they now put out a fourth, Paisley taking the position. Dyson gained quite fifty yards by a fine sprint, and Hill (Huddersfield) dropped for goal, Cardiff touching down. Lloyd Roberts put in a smart run, but the home forwards directly afterwards dribbled down to the 25. Another beautiful round of passing between the Cardiff backs resulted in a touch-down being conceded to the visitors, Arthur having hard lines in not scoring. Some fast but even play followed. Sweet-Escott, Roberts, Arthur, and Hill, took the ball to the home 25, where Fred Jones made a mark, but the kick was charged down. At half-time the score was:—Cardiff, one goal, one try, and one minor; Huddersfield, one goal and one minor. On re-starting, the Huddersfield forwards rushed up to the line, where a free was conceded to Cardiff. The ball was sent into touch. Huddersfield, however, pressed, and the game was stubbornly contested well within the visitors' 25. Dyson and Dickenson made smart runs, and at length Brook got over at the corner. England took the place kick, but the attempt was unsuccessful. The score, however, was now equal, and the game was continued under the enthusiasm of the spectators. The home forwards had the best of the scrums, and played with a determination which they had not hitherto shown. A bad pass by England resulted in Cardiff rushing up to the centre. Dyson, intercepting a pass, made off at racehorse speed, but was splendidly brought down by Pearson. In an open scrum, Lodge kicked over at the corner, and Kaye scored. England failed at the place. On re-starting the home-sters at once pressed. Arthur failing to take a pass, England got possession, and, chucking to Dyson, the latter got over. Thewlis converted. Huddersfield rushed up to the line, where they had a free kick conceded, but the ball went under the bar. After the kick-off Cardiff, by some vigorous all-round play, assisted by a dribble by Taylor, carried the leather down to the home 25. A long kick by Garner again changed the aspect of the game, Fitzgerald's return being very weak. Cardiff, however, worked away to the 25. Lloyd Roberts, Arthur, and Pearson figured principally. The game ended in a win for Huddersfield, the score being:—Huddersfield, two goals, two tries, and two minors. Cardiff, one goal, one try, and two minors. Teams:—*Cardiff*: Back, Fitzgerald; three-quarter backs, T. W. Pearson, C. S. Arthur, F. N. Jones, and E. E. Hill; half-backs, Lloyd Roberts and R. B. Sweet-Escott; forwards, Gus Lewis, H. J. Taylor, W. Watts, T. Smith, J. Mahoney, T. H. Thomas, T. Jones, and E. Davies. *Huddersfield*: Back, A. F. Garner; three-quarter backs, J. Dyson (captain), W. H. England and B. Hill; half-backs, G. W. Naylor, and J. Kaye; forwards, T. Dickenson, C. J. Jackson, A. Wigglesworth, H. Morris, and S. Couper. Referee, E. B. Holmes, Midland Counties.

31. 10. 1891

7. 11. 1891

CARDIFF V. SWINTON.

Played at the Cardiff Arms Park. Great interest was manifested in the game, quite 8,000 turning up to witness the encounter. The following were the teams:—*Cardiff*: Back, D. Fitzgerald; three-quarter backs, T. W. Pearson, C. S. Arthur, R. B. Sweet-Escott, and Norman Biggs; half-backs, H. M. Ingledew and Lloyd Roberts; forwards, D. W. Evans (captain), J. Smith, J. Mahoney, A. Lewis, T. H. Thomas, W. Watts, T. Jones, and H. J. Taylor. *Swinton*: Back, A. G. Paul; three-quarter backs, W. Winterbottom, J. Marsh, W. Pearson, and Harris; half-backs, W. Bumby and H. Brockbank; forwards, N. Hotchkiss, T. Rothwell, T. Lomax, A. Sharples, G. Sharples, S. Hall, T. Hallam, and W. Evans. Referee, E. S. Richards, Pontypridd. The teams faced each other at 3.26, and it was at once seen that the visitors had the advantage in weight forward. Swinton started, and the game settled down in the centre, where Swinton had a free conceded them. Pearson returned splendidly, and the ball went into touch at half-way. Some capital passing between Harris, Marsh, and Bumby took the leather to the Cardiff 25, where the last-named was splendidly brought down by Arthur. A free kick conceded to Cardiff was taken by D. W. Evans, who landed the leather in touch at the visitors' 25. W. Pearson sneaked a pass intended for T. W. Pearson, and gained considerable ground. Arthur brought off a brilliant run, but was well tackled by Winterbottom, and Swinton getting a free, Paul sent the ball into touch at the half-way flag. Brooksbank passing out well to Bumby, the latter gained about fifteen yards, and was brought down by Biggs. Cardiff were now pressed in close proximity to the line, where some scrambling forward play took place. A free kick conceded to Cardiff for off-side play resulted in "D. W." sending the ball into touch well in the visitors' half, thus bringing welcome relief to the home team. Ingledew then made his mark, and further ground was gained. The visiting forwards, however, having the best of the scrums, carried the play back to the centre, another free being obtained by Cardiff. Paul returned splendidly; but a good round of passing by Sweet-Escott, Arthur, and Norman Biggs resulted in another invasion of the visitors' grounds. Winterbottom brought down Biggs, and directly afterwards put a similar termination to a good run by Arthur. A free kick was conceded to Swinton, and the ball was placed for Paul, but the kick was not a good one, and Biggs returned into touch at the centre. For the next five minutes no advantage was gained, but then the Swinton forwards pushed their way through the scrums and pressed Cardiff badly. Winterbottom kicked over, and Fitzgerald touched down. Good passing by Harris, Bumby, and Marsh again pressed the Cardiffians, and it was only the splendid defence of the home team which prevented a score. A clinking run and kick by Pearson relieved to the centre. A poor kick by Fitzgerald let the visitors up to his own 25. Roberts got round the forwards, and, passing to Ingledew, the latter made a good run. Some fast back play ensued, the Cardiff three-quarters outwitting their opponents. Biggs dropped for goal, but the ball went wide, and Paul touched down. The Swinton backs, by some splendid all-round play, rushed up to the line, but directly after the half-time whistle was blown, the result at half-time being:—Cardiff, one minor; Swinton, one minor. Cardiff re-started, and play settled in the visitors' half. Biggs by a good run gained some ground, but was splendidly brought down by Winterbottom. Escott picked up, passed to Arthur, and he in turn transferred to Biggs, who made a grand run down to the visitors' line, but was brought down by Paul. Play was taken back to the 25, where Roberts, getting possession from a scrum, passed to Pearson, who clucked to Ingledew, and the last named to Watts, who scored near the posts. Pearson took the kick, but was unsuccessful. Directly play re-started the Cardiff backs were again on the alert, and some splendid passing was witnessed, but a throw forward prevented a certain score. Biggs romping in easily the referee ordered a scrum at the 25. Biggs got a mark outside his 25, and by a splendid kick Pearson landed a goal. Some fine back play was now witnessed in the Cardiff half. Sweet-Escott and Lloyd Roberts showing up splendidly. Lloyd Roberts picked up and passed in good style to Arthur, who, starting at the centre, eluded all the visitors, and scored between the posts. Pearson took the kick, but was again unsuccessful in scoring a goal. The ball was kicked down, and Paul receiving attempted to run, but was brought to earth by Sweet-Escott. Some very even play ensued for the next five minutes, and then the Swinton forwards rushed down to the home 25. Cardiff forwards, however, retaliated, and in several scrums simply walked through the Swintonians, and dribbled to their own 25. Arthur made a fine run, and Norman Biggs and Roberts shone in some grand offensive play. Swinton having all their work cut out to defend their line. Roberts then passed to Escott, who got another try, and D. W. converted. The final score was:—Cardiff, two goals, two tries (thirteen points), and 1 minor; Swinton, one minor.

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CARDIFF V. GLOUCESTER.

The old rivals at football—Gloucester and Cardiff—met for the first time this season on the Cardiff Arms Park. Owing to the wet weather the ground was rather heavy. Both clubs put strong teams into the field. At the time of the kick-off there were present about 6,000 spectators, 700 having come from Gloucester. Cardiff lost the toss, and Page kicked off, and the visitors following up well, the ball was kept in the home 25. A scrum was formed, and the ball being sent out by George to Bagwell, the latter scored near the posts. Jackson took the place, but missed. From a scrum near the Cardiff 25 Arthur handed to Sweet-Escott, who, after a good run, passed to Biggs, who ran into the visitors' half, where he passed to Sweet-Escott, who was collared. From a kick by Taylor (Gloucester) Fitzgerald made his mark and kicked into touch near half-way. Powell kicked down to the Cardiff 25. The ball was kicked down to Hughes, who slipped, but returned to half-way. Bagwell got off, but was collared by Lloyd Roberts. After some loose scrums Bagwell dribbled down, but was well tackled by Pearson in the home 25. Lloyd Roberts got off beautifully and passed to Arthur, who dribbled down to the 25. The ball was taken over the visitors' line, and Hughes touched down. After the kick-out some splendid passing between the home backs gave the ball to Pearson, who kicked into the Gloucester 25. A free was conceded to Gloucester, and the ball was landed near the half flag. Some good passing between the home backs gave Biggs a chance, but he missed and the ball went into touch in the visitors' half. A minute afterwards Taylor got the ball and passed to Sweet-Escott, who, after a grand run, handed to Pearson, who scored in the corner. The place kick failed. After the kick out, C. Williams kicked down, but Fitzgerald replied with interest. From a scrum near the Gloucester goal, Arthur obtained and handed to Sweet-Escott, who in turn gave to Biggs. The latter scored near the posts. "D. W." took the kick, but failed to send it over the bar. After the drop-out Gloucester rushed down to the home 25. Arthur made his mark, and Powell, taking the catch, muffed, and the ball was landed at half-way, where it was when half-time was tooted. After lemon sucking, Cardiff kicked off, and the forwards, rushing down prevented Ball returning. The Gloucester ups, however, rushed down to the Cardiff line and pressed the home team. The home team, headed by Arthur, made a burst and took the ball to the half-way. D. W. Evans, with a fine dribble, got the leather to the visitors' lines. Several scrums ensued, and Bagwell dribbled down to the quarter flag. Mahoney dribbled back to near the line, and Gloucester was severely pressed. D. W. Evans made a mark, but the ball was charged down and went into touch near half-way. Bagwell got away, and passed to Powell, who was collared near the home quarter flag. Gloucester pressed the home team, but the defence was too good, and the ball rushed to "no man's land." Ball ran up to the home 25, and the contest was again waged in dangerous proximity to the Cardiff line. Arthur, by a run and kick, brought relief to the centre. Some very even play next followed, but the leather, however, was kept too close to make it interesting. The Cardiff forwards dribbled down splendidly, and Watts was within an inch of scoring when Hughes brought him down, and a minor only was registered. Final score:—Cardiff, 2 tries, 2 minors; Gloucester, 1 try. Teams:—*Gloucester*: Back, A. F. Hughes; three-quarter backs, T. Bagwell (captain), W. Jackson, T. B. Powell, and W. H. Taylor; half-backs, W. George and S. A. Ball; forwards, G. Witcombe, A. Cromwell, H. V. Page, A. Collins, C. Williams, A. Henshaw, J. Williams, and C. Jenkins. *Cardiff*: Back, D. Fitzgerald; three-quarter backs, T. W. Pearson, R. B. Sweet-Escott, C. S. Arthur, and Norman Biggs; half-backs, H. M. Ingledew and G. Lloyd Roberts; forwards, D. W. Evans (captain), Cravos, H. J. Taylor, W. Watts, J. Mahoney, T. Jones, T. H. Thomas, and E. A. Hybart. Referee, Mr. Harding, Newport.

12. 11. 1891

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NEWPORT V. CARDIFF.

This return match was played on the new ground of the Newport Club, in the presence of a crowd which must have numbered at least 6,000 or 8,000. The afternoon was fine, and everything before the kick off augured well for a keen, stubborn match. Thanks to the care which Butcher, the ground man, had bestowed upon the new arena, the turf was in excellent condition. An enormous crowd arrived by excursion train from Cardiff. The mayor (Alderman H. J. Davis) occupied a centre seat on the new stand and declared the ground open. The teams were:—**Cardiff:** Back, E. J. Rooney; three-quarter backs, T. W. Pearson, R. B. Sweet-Escott, C. S. Arthur, and Norman Biggs; half-backs, W. E. Jarman and G. Lloyd Roberts; forwards, D. W. Evans (captain), A. Lewis, H. J. Taylor, J. Mahoney, W. Watts, T. H. Thomas, T. Jones, and E. A. Hybart. **Newport:** Back, T. England; three-quarter backs, A. J. Gould, G. H. Gould, C. J. Thomas, and L. Heard; half-backs, Percy Phillips and T. C. Parfitt; forwards, T. C. Graham (captain), J. Hadden, A. W. Boucher, W. H. Watts, H. T. Day, W. Groves, T. Pook, and T. Newcombe. At 3.8 D. W. Evans kicked off from the ballast end and centre operations continued in very fast form for some time, with nice passing on both sides. D. W. Evans, the Cardiff captain, was wounded, but resumed after a minute's rubbing. The home three-quarters then set about some passing, and made a slight incursion into the Cardiff half, but Roberts and Pearson took on a fine dribble well into the Newport half, where the play was kept for a time. Arthur Gould, however, punted back, and Heard, getting in a nice run, was pushed in touch at the Cardiff 25 flag. Lewis relieved with a grand dribble straight to the mid-line, where England fell on the ball and saved. The home forwards now came away in the scrums and gave the Cardiff backs all their work to defend. Parfitt crossed, but the ball was called back, and by a nice relieve the centre was reached again. A very hot game up and down the field, mostly kept open, but without any material advantage on either side, came off. At length Charlie Thomas kicked over the line, and Rooney touched down. Newport, by splendid forward work, pressed hard, and Charlie Thomas, from a pass, ran up, and looked like scoring, but was hauled down at the point, and only a minor resulted. After the re-start, Percy Phillips got away with a grand dribble to the line, where Newport was awarded a free, but nothing came from England's place, except further pressure on Cardiff's citadel, which was at length taken advantage of by Wallace Watts, who crossed with a try, but England failed at the place. D. W. Evans had to retire temporarily to re-arrange his attire. Following the drop out the Newport forwards rushed along again, but from a punt Taylor made his mark and kicked in touch at the half. Newport soon got back to the Cardiff ground, and Percy Phillips, getting possession, ran in with a try behind the posts, which England had no difficulty in goaling. Arthur was collared by Pook before he could return the fresh kick, and Cardiff was soon pressed again, until Norman Biggs sailed away with a good dribble. The homesters had again got on to the opposite line when half-time was called with the result:—Newport, 1 goal, 1 try, 3 minors; Cardiff, nil. At the interval it was found that D. W. Evans had broken some of his ribs shortly after the Newport goal was kicked. After the usual breathing time Graham kicked off, and after a feeble return by Pearson, Bert Gould ran up, skirting the line, and looked like scoring, but only a minor resulted. Arthur had a chance to get away, but when he was galloping to the Newport line the referee whistled him back for a forward pass. The Newport forwards swept on like a torrent, and a try fell again to Watts, which, however, was not converted. Cardiff now appeared to be thoroughly beaten. Forwards and backs attacked their line in succession. Bert Gould, from a nice pass given by Charlie Thomas, got in with another try, and England kicked a grand goal from a difficult angle. After the re-start Cardiff showed up for the first time dangerous, and by a series of good passes along the three-quarters, Pearson, who was the last recipient, ran in with a try, but failed at the place. A free obtained by Jarman sent the oval to the Newport line, where it hung for a minute or so, and then Percy Phillips relieved with a short dribble, and the visitors soon had to defend again for all they knew. At length Leonard Heard took a clean pass and ran in at the end of the line, but the try was not converted. With the loss of D. W. Evans, their captain, the Cardiff forwards were quite unable to resist the rushes of the mustard and blacking pack, and at the end of one of their rushing dribbles Arthur Gould raced in and planted another try near the touch-line, which was not goalled. Cardiff still had to defend. In the strong rushes of the Newport pack Lloyd Roberts and Sweet-Escott did a lot of useful saving. Out of another grand forward struggle and scamper to the visitors' line Percy Phillips was given possession, and ran in with a try near the posts, but the ball, from England's place, struck the bar and bounded off without a goal. Harry Day was next to cross with a try, but again England failed at the place. Centre play ensued, and as darkness was creeping on the whistle sounded no side, the score being—Newport, 2 goals, 6 tries, 4 minors; Cardiff, 1 try.

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CARDIFF V. COVENTRY.

The Coventry team visited Cardiff on Monday, and played the metropolitan team at the Cardiff Arms Park in the presence of several thousand spectators. The ground, owing to the overnight frost, was in a somewhat slippery condition. Coventry kicked off from the Riverside end, and for some minutes fast forward play ensued in the Cardiff 25. Several free kicks were obtained by Cardiff, but very little ground was gained. Coventry were awarded a similar privilege for off-side play, and A. C. Hill attempted at goal, but the ball was charged down. The home team worked up to the centre, where R. A. Rotherham got away, and handed to Lovitt, who transferred to Nicholl. The latter failed to take the pass, and the ball went into touch below the home 25. Cardiff were awarded a free in front of their own goal, and some relief was obtained by kicking into touch. The visitors still pressed, but Sweet-Escott got away, and handed to Arthur, who, however, was brought down before he could make good his opportunity. A smart piece of passing took place among the home backs, the ball eventually being obtained by N. Biggs, who dashed off. A. Frith, however, was too much for him, and the game resumed in the centre. From a scrum Sweet-Escott handed to Arthur, who, making a splendid run, landed the ball over the line amid great enthusiasm. Pearson converted. After re-starting, the home forwards, with a strong rush, again invaded the visitors' territory: but no further point of interest occurred up to half-time, when the score was:—Cardiff, one goal; Coventry, nil. After changing ends the home team, headed by Jones, Arthur, and Biggs, made a rush towards the Coventry goal, but Rotherham smartly saved by good collaring. From the half-way Norman Biggs got away in fine form, but, being pressed, he handed to F. N. Jones who grounded the ball behind the posts. Pearson missed at goal. From a line out near the centre the visitors' rushed up to the Cardiff 25. Norman Biggs received the leather from a scrum, and, making a splendid run, got down to within ten yards of the goal line, where he stumbled and was brought to grass by Hill. After some tight scrumming Lloyd Roberts secured the ball, and obtained a good try between the posts. Pearson converted. After the re-start the visitors placed their opponents on the defensive, but the pressure was not of long duration. A beautiful piece of passing was now witnessed between the home backs. Arthur got away and handed to Pearson, who threw to Roberts, but the latter player was unable to get through. Biggs again made a great effort to score, but he was overwhelmed on the line. Jones, Arthur, and Pearson again showed up well, but owing to a throw forward the ball was taken back. Half a minute afterwards, however, Arthur landed a fourth try. Pearson made a weak attempt at goal, the ball falling miserably short. After the drop out play took place in the centre, but nothing of note ensued. Time was then called, the score being:—Cardiff, 2 goals, 2 tries; Coventry nil. The following were the teams:—**Coventry:** Back, A. C. Hill (captain); three-quarter backs, R. A. Rotherham, D. Nicholl, A. Frith, and R. Lovitt; half-backs, A. Rotherham and Duckworth; forwards, Lea, J. Frith, J. Richardson, A. Dutton, J. Carpenter, D. Cash, W. Rice, and Bradshaw. **Cardiff:** Back, W. Coslett; three-quarter backs, T. W. Pearson, C. S. Arthur, F. N. Jones, and N. Biggs; half-backs, G. L. Roberts and R. B. Sweet-Escott; forwards, A. Lewis, T. Jones, H. J. Taylor, A. E. Hybart, S. Cravos, T. H. Thomas, J. Mahoney, and M. Davies. Line men, Messrs. C. Wareham and W. Sheppard. Referee, Mr. A. J. Gould, Newport.

28.11.1891

CARDIFF V. SWANSEA.

The heavy rain which fell deprived the return encounter between these clubs of a great deal of interest. The match was played on the Cardiff Arms Park. Teams:—*Swansea*: Back, W. Bancroft; three-quarter backs, J. Meredith, T. Blackmore, E. Thorogood, and A. Whapham; half-backs, more, E. Thorogood, and A. Whapham; forwards, W. Bowen (captain), H. Bevan, F. Mills, E. S. Rice, W. Williams, Mainwaring, and F. Deacon. *Cardiff*: Back, D. Fitzgerald; three-quarter backs, C. S. Back, T. W. Pearson, N. Biggs, and Fred Jones (captain); half-backs, C. Lloyd Roberts and H. Godwin; forwards, A. Lewis, T. Jones, J. Mahoney, T. H. Thomas, R. Davies, W. Watts, S. Coles, and E. Hybart. The ground was in a very spongy condition and led to the opinion being formed that accurate play would be at a discount. It was 3.20 before the Cardiff men stepped into the enclosure, closely followed by their opponents, close upon 5,000 spectators being present. Some little delay took place before a start was made, the toss being won by Cardiff. The visitors kicked off in the direction of the tennis court goal, the ball being carried into touch in the home ground. Roberts got away from a scrum and carried the ball to mid-field, where some hard work was put in by the opposing eight. The ball was thrown back to Biggs, but D. James was on him before he could get away, and his downfall followed. Pearson then got the ball from Roberts, and screwed into touch just as he was grassed. At this point Fitzgerald, without whom the game had been commenced, put in an appearance and took his accustomed position. Blackmore headed a dribble to the Cardiff line, where some toughly-contested scrimmages took place. Godwin got the leather out, and by a smart kick sent it up the field. Swansea, however, were not to be denied, and within a few minutes the battle was raging in dangerous proximity to the home goal. Some good passing was next shown by Swansea, Evan James threw out to Blackmore, and that player transferred to Whapham, who was only collared on the line. Some fierce scrimmages followed, but Cardiff worked away to the 25 flag. The game was most fiercely contested, and very soon the forwards and most of the backs were bespattered with mud from head to foot. The position of affairs was one to cause much anxiety to both home players and supporters. Evan James threw back to Whapham, who was collared before he could move. The Cardiff forwards rushed up the field, but Bancroft picked up neatly and returned well. Biggs made his mark, and punted up to the centre flag, the home forwards improving on the advantage by good play. For the first time something like an invasion of Swansea ground was made, but Bancroft was on the alert, and, picking up, sent the ball back into his opponents' territory, the return being spoiled. Pearson just after got a free kick, the ball dropping by the centre flag, but Swansea had the best of the argument that followed, their forwards again placing Cardiff on the defensive. However, the pressure was removed. D. James took the leather along, but Pearson picked up and sprinted away to neutral ground before he was collared. Some good kicks were then exchanged between the opposing backs, Fitzgerald dropping into touch. By dint of superior work in the pack the visiting forwards got dangerously near the home line again. Half-time was then called, the score being:—Cardiff, nil; Swansea, nil. Little time was lost before a resumption took place, the game for a time being confined to a series of scrimmages. At last the ball got out in the loose, and Thorogood, by a good kick, sent the leather into touch near the Cardiff line. The ball did not rest there long, but a good punt by Bancroft neutralised the efforts of the home forwards. More scrimmages followed, this department of the game being throughout the most prominent. The antagonism of the teams was keen in the extreme, and the ground was fought inch by inch. The ball was sent out to Whapham, who put in a smart dribble, but, owing to an informality, a return was ordered by the referee. Play got dangerously near the Cardiff goal, but Pearson, by a flying kick, sent the leather into touch at the centre. The ball was kicked out of a scrum, and Whapham, making a poor attempt to kick it, Jones was enabled to rush up and kick into touch in Cardiff ground. The Swansea forwards rushed back, but a counter-demonstration took place, and the ball was carried so dangerously near to the Swansea line that Thorogood kicked into touch. From the line out the ball was taken over, but Thorogood touched down. James then missed a return, and, amid exhortations from the spectators, Cardiff rushed the leather along with them. Pearson made a short run, but Thorogood was not to be passed, and brought him down. A fierce scrum took place near the corner flag, the ball going into touch. From the line-out Swansea made off into neutral ground. Godwin was collared before he could pass, and the Swansea forwards got the ball out in the loose and dribbled up the field. Biggs kicked back, but Bancroft returned equally well. Fitzgerald then having a turn and sending the ball into touch in Swansea ground. Pearson by a good run and kick placed the visitors still further on the defensive. The ball was kicked to the Swansea line, but Bancroft caught it and made a fine return, play following in neutral territory. Nothing more took place and the game ended. Score:—Cardiff, 1 minor; Swansea, nil.

5.12.1891

CARDIFF V. LLANELLY.

Cardiff met Llanelly for the first time this season at the Stradey Park, Llanelly. The weather was fair, and the turf was in fairly good condition, plenty of sav-
dust covering the worst parts of the field. There was a fairly good number of spectators present.

The following were the teams:—

POSITION.		CARDIFF.	LLANELLY.
Back	.....	D. Fitzgerald	H. Rees
Three-quarter	.....	T. W. Pearson	Percy M. Lloyd
Three-quarter	.....	E. E. Hill	W. Lovering
Three-quarter	.....	Fred Jones	Harry Bowen
Three-quarter	.....	E. J. Rooney	E. S. Lloyd
Half-back	.....	G. Lloyd Roberts	Ben Thomas
Half-back	.....	H. M. Ingledew	D. Hopkins
Forward	.....	Gus Lewis	R. Harry
Forward	.....	T. Jones	Steve Thomas
Forward	.....	J. Mahoney	D. Daniel
Forward	.....	T. H. Thomas	D. W. Nichol
Forward	.....	R. Davies	R. I. Thomas
Forward	.....	W. Watts	W. I. Ihu
Forward	.....	S. Coles	W. Morris
Forward	.....	H. J. Taylor	D. Davies

Umpires: Mr Bland (Cardiff) and Mr J. James (Llanelly). Referee: Mr E. Bishop, Swansea.

This was the first appearance of the Metropolitans at Llanelly since three years ago, and when they stepped inside the enclosure they were warmly received. The unfortunate dispute which existed between these old rivals was terminated early this year, and the reunion game between them at Cardiff last February resulted in the defeat of the Scarlets by a try. Llanelly won the toss, and elected to play up the gradient with a pretty high wind in their favour. Taylor kicked off for the visitors, and a few scrums occurred near touch in the home 25. Ingledew here passed to Rooney, who kicked high, but no advantage accrued. After a scrum some distance from the home citadel, the home pack used their feet most effectively, Lovering driving the oval to the centre touch. Another smart kick sent it still further, but the visitors gradually regained the lost ground. Lovering, Bowen, and Percy Lloyd brought the ball right across the field by short runs and passing, but the visitors were on the spot and prevented further progress. A pass to Rooney enabled him to reach mid-field, but here Ben Thomas smartly stole the ball. The Metropolitans, breaking through a scrum, got to the centre, but from here the oval was sent to Fitzgerald, who finely responded. Percy missed the ball on the hop and immediately after Cardiff got a "free" for an infringement. Harry Bowen responded well beyond his opponents' 25, where operations were briefly waged. D. Hopkins picked up here, passed to his confrere, and the latter to Bowen, but his pass to Lovering was foiled by Pearson, and the ball going onwards placed the Cardiff citadel in danger. Fred Jones, however, got possession, and brought relief by kicking to touch. A scrum was waged within a few yards of the visitors' line, and as Ingledew was about passing from behind he was very smartly prevented by Ben Thomas, the ball again going into the open. Percy Lloyd made a rush after it for possession with Hill, and both stumbled into touch. The home forwards continued to press, and went right up to the goal line. The splendid defence could not, however, be broken, and gradually the visitors were beyond the 25 into the open, Gus Lewis distinguishing himself. The visitors again broke the pack, but the ball was returned, and its progress stopped by Rooney, who plunged right into the players. For some time the Tin-platers kept well within their opponents' 25, and after a scrum, Lovering got possession, ran, and passed to Bowen, who in turn transferred to Percy. Before the latter was collared he kicked well across the line, and a race was made for possession, Fitzgerald kicking out of bounds—a feat which was applauded. Pearson re-started with a drop, after which operations were confined between the centre and visitors' 25 flag. Here Bowen got possession from a pass and kicked to Fitzgerald, who well responded. The home pack breaking through again carried the ball towards the line, but Pearson kicked into touch. The home forwards, however, would not be denied, and again reached the line. The defence was again too good, and from a kick Pearson got a "free" and kicked to the 25 touch. Half-time was then called.

HALF-TIME SCORE:

LLANELLY	.....	1 minor.
CARDIFF	.....	nil.

Lovering restarted, D. W. Nichol following up with a good kick to the Cardiff 25. After the line-out Ben Thomas got possession, passed to Lovering, he to Bowen, and the latter to Percy the other side of the field, but Hill sent him into touch. The home forwards rushed right up to the line amid much excitement, which was further increased as Percy Lloyd dashed through a bunch of his opponents to within a couple of yards of the line. He, however, was collared, but the home forwards, playing a very aggressive game, kept close to the line for some time. Relief was, however, secured, and operations were transferred beyond the 25. From a kick by Fred Jones, a mark was made by D. Hopkins, but no advantage accrued. The visitors then gained considerable ground, Gus Lewis leading a fine dribble, which was smartly stopped by Harry Bowen. A Cardiffian, after a scrum, kicked to Evan Lloyd, who fell down, but afterwards very sharply dropped to touch. Ingledew then stopped a very determined rush in the centre, after which Fred Jones stole a pass, but gained no material ground. Rowley Thomas, securing from a scrum, ran some distance, but Pearson sped after and brought him low, following it up with a kick to the centre touch. The visitors then sent the ball across the division line, but Harry Bowen made a splendid return close up to the Cardiff 25, after which Pearson took the kick for an informality. D. W. Nichol was prominent in the return. For about five minutes the game had been very evenly contested, operations being confined between the two 25's. The aspect of the game then changed, Rhys Harry dribbling beyond Cardiff's 25, and Llanelly looked like scoring. Thomas, for Cardiff, took the ball from a throw out and kicked some distance up the field, but a smart run by Ben Thomas again enabled the Scarlets to assume the aggressive. A kick, however, sent the ball to the centre, where delay. Lloyd Roberts passed to Fred Jones, and he to Pearson, and as the latter was being collared in lost the ball, otherwise he would undoubtedly have turned to the centre, and was deservedly applauded for his fine play. Pearson, from the centre, kicked to Harry Rees, who replied to the 25 touch. The home pack again driving the ball along, placed it in possession of Fitzgerald beyond the division line, where he responded to Rees, who again replied to touch, but the ball went to touch. From the centre the home forwards, commenced a dribble which was stopped by Jones. Play of a scrambling nature followed in Cardiff territory, Evan Lloyd, from a low kick by an opponent, sent the oval beyond the 25 flag. The possession and passed to Evan Lloyd, who kicked beyond the line and rushed after. Fitzgerald caught the ball and got into touch, Llanelly thus getting the second minor.

FINAL SCORE:

LLANELLY	.....	2 minors.
CARDIFF	.....	nil.

12. 12. 1891

*BLACKHEATH v. CARDIFF. DEFEAT OF THE WELSHMEN.

The visit of this crack Welsh club to the metropolis on Saturday excited more than ordinary interest, as it was well-known that the team was in all respects a good one. On the Rectory Field, however, they hardly upheld their reputation, for they were very decisively beaten by Blackheath by one goal and four tries to nothing. Cardiff in the first half made a splendid fight of it, the home team being only able to score a try, but in the second portion of the game the visitors were completely demoralised. The reason for the crushing defeat sustained by the visitors may be summed up in a short sentence—the extreme weakness of their half-backs. They seemed absolutely unable to cope with the smart tactics of the opposing pair. There were times, it is true, when the beaten halves played well by saving several fierce rushes, but one great mistake was made. When the ball was heeled out Roberts would invariably push it back again into the "scrum" instead of at once smartly passing out to give the three-quarters a chance. Of the latter Jones, Biggs, and Arthur were the best, but the whole lacked the combination of their rivals, a matter not to be wondered at when it is taken into consideration how the team has been changed and chopped about during the season, and perhaps the Cardiff committee will learn a lesson from Saturday's match. Nothing but praise must be awarded to the forwards, who played a thoroughly plucky game from start to finish. Blackheath have seldom been seen to better advantage, the passing amongst the backs being superb, the ball going from one to the other with the regularity of clockwork, a fact which speaks volumes for the four three-quarter system. In spite of the dull and threatening weather quite 5000 spectators lined the ropes, and although the ground was very slippery, the game was a good one and contested in the best of spirit throughout. Starting at three o'clock Hubbard kicked off from the pavilion end, and Fitzgerald returning play settled down close to the centre line. Carrying a scrummage the home forwards rushed up into the Welsh "twenty-five," but a fine dribble by Thomas and Lewis brought the ball back to the home territory. Hubbard, however, got away, and was only collared just in time by Fitzgerald in the visitors' quarters, where a series of tight scrummages took place. Ultimately Fegan obtained the leather from De Winton, and after cleverly dodging a host of his rivals, scored the first point for Blackheath within ten minutes from the start. Hubbard took the place, but failed to improve. Subsequently the home team again pressed, and time after time seemed to be on the point of scoring, but the tackling powers of the opposing backs were too good, whilst several free kicks awarded to Cardiff invariably brought relief, but half time arrived with Blackheath still leading by a try to nil. On resuming, the visitors following up well prevented a return. Several exciting scrummages took place in the home territory, and for a time the Welshman hard pressed their rivals, Arthur once making a brilliant run before being collared close to the home line. The latter's forwards, however, managed by combined play to relieve the pressure, and from here to the close the Heathens held the upper hand tries being put on in quick succession by De Winton (one), Hubbard (two), and Maud (one). Aston converting the first named only. Blackheath thus won by one goal and four tries (13 points) to nothing. The sides were:

Blackheath: W. B. Thompson (back), G. C. Hubbard, F. T. D. Aston, J. H. C. Fegan, and F. D'A. Thompson (three-quarter backs), R. F. C. de Winton and H. Marshall (half-backs), J. Hammond, A. Allport, W. P. Carpmal, H. B. Sedgwick, P. Maud, F. Evershed, A. C. Scott, and G. L. Jeffery (forwards).

Cardiff: W. Fitzgerald (back), E. E. Hill, C. S. Arthur, F. N. Jones, and N. Biggs (three-quarter backs), H. M. Ingledew and Lloyd-Roberts (half-backs), D. W. Evans (captain), A. Lewis, T. Jones, H. J. Taylor, S. Coles, T. H. Thomas, R. Davies, and W. A. Jones (forwards).

Touch-judges: Messrs R. S. Whalley (Clapham Rovers) and R. B. Sweet-Escott (Cardiff). Referee: Mr H. L. Ashmore.

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4 Tries 22: 8
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CARDIFF v. WEST HARTLEPOOL.

Played at Cardiff in excellent weather, and before about 3,000 spectators. The visitors turned up punctually at 2.45, the time the match was advertised to commence, but Cardiff, as usual, were late, and in consequence it was 3.15 before D.W. set the ball in motion, and Morfit returned. Cardiff got a free, and the ball was sent into touch at the visitors' 25. The visitors' forwards worked back to the centre, where Godwin passed out to Sweet-Escott, he, after a good run, chucking to Pearson. Cardiff pressed to the line, but the Hartlepool forwards again rushed away to the centre. Godwin got the ball out splendidly, but Jones missed the pass, and some even play ensued. T. H. Thomas brought off a pretty little dribble. Morfit, Clarke, and Greaves indulged in a round of passing, which gained a few yards, but Cardiff retaliated. Roberts passed to Godwin, who sent the leather along to Fred Jones, he, in turn, passing to N. Biggs, who ran round and scored amidst cheers. Pearson converted. In the next few minutes, West Hartlepool got the advantage, but the Cardiff backs carried the ball to the other end, where Pearson kicked into touch. Welsh missing a pass Norman Biggs ran up to the line. The ball went into touch, and directly after the line up Fred Jones ran across the ground, and, passing to Pearson, the latter got in at the corner. D. W. Evans's kick for goal failed. Some even play ensued in the centre, and Welsh kicked into touch. Some splendid passing, in which all the Cardiff three-quarters participated, resulted in Pearson running round behind the posts and afterwards improving the point. The visitors pressed down to the line, but the home forwards wheeling a scrum, Gus Lewis headed a dribble to the centre. A dribble and a run by Clarke again threatened the home line, but Fitzgerald relieved by a kick into touch at the 25. N. Biggs and another brought relief by a dribble, and then Roberts got possession, passed to Fred Jones, who chucked to Pearson, the latter again running round. Pearson converted his try, and the half-time whistle was then blown, the score being:—Cardiff, three goals and one try; West Hartlepool, nil. In the beginning of the second half the visitors had the advantage, and soon rushed the ball up to the 25. They then tried some passing, but gained no ground. Fitzgerald kicked into touch in neutral ground. Roberts then ran to the centre, but passed badly to Pearson. Hartlepool now put out a fifth three-quarter, Taylor dribbled well into the visitors' half, and Hughes dribbled back splendidly, but Pearson, put in a good kick and following up smartly, prevented the return. Cardiff got to within a few yards of its visitors' line. Greaves now sustained an injury to the knee, which necessitated his retirement. Welsh made a good run, and kicked, Fitzgerald returning. Hartlepool had a penalty kick allowed them in the centre, but nothing came of it. Pearson, getting the ball from Godwin, nearly got in, but the visitors then worked their way to the other end. Clark had a good opening, but J. J. E. Biggs brought him down splendidly. Some passing by the Cardiff backs again took the play down to the home quarters, where Fitzgerald dropped for goal, the ball going just wide. West Hartlepool touched down. From this point to the end of the game play was very even, the final score being:—Cardiff, three goals, one try, and one minor; West Hartlepool, nil. The following were the teams:—Cardiff: Back, D. Fitzgerald; three-quarter backs, T. W. Pearson, R. B. Sweet-Escott, F. N. Jones, and Norman Biggs; half-backs, Lloyd Roberts and D. Godwin; forwards, D. W. Evans (captain), A. Lewis, H. J. Taylor, J. J. E. Biggs, T. Jones, T. H. Thomas, R. Davies, and W. A. Jones. West Hartlepool: Back, M. Davine; three-quarter backs, G. Greaves, W. Welsh, J. Morfit, and M. Clark; half-backs, A. Coates and J. Cooney; forwards, J. Lovette, T. Hurworth (captain), E. Turnbull, J. Hopps, T. Pouton, J. Gibbon, Mulvey, and G. Hughes.

2nd Jan 1892.

CARDIFF V. PONTYPRIDD.

Played at Pontypridd in the presence of a good gate. The visitors kicked off, and the ball was returned by Alf Lewis, whose kick, however, was charged down. Play was forced on to the home goal-line. After a bit of smart play, however, the home backs relieved, and the leather was then rushed down the field and the homesters pressed their opponents until Bill (Cardiff) obtained, and by a smart run got into neutral ground. A fast game ensued, when the home forwards, headed by Ivor Howells, invaded the visitors' territory in fine style, and W. J. Davies, picking up, secured a try for Pontypridd. They's kick at goal failed. From a free kick a minor for the homesters was secured. After fast play in the centre Ben Lewis (Pontypridd) kicked magnificently, and the ball was returned by the Cardiff full back. J. E. James, of Pontypridd, charged down, and getting over nicked a second try for the home team. Alun Morgan's trial at goal failed. Half-time score:—Pontypridd, two tries; Cardiff, nil. In the second half Pontypridd played with great spirit, and they, crossing the line near the goal post, the enthusiasm of the spectators knew no bounds. Alun Morgan neatly converted. After fast play A. M. Hill secured from a magnificent bit of passing and crossed the line. Taylor took the kick from an awkward angle and was unsuccessful. Final score:—Pontypridd, one goal, two tries, and two minors; Cardiff, one try and two minors. Teams:—Cardiff: Back, H. Heywood; three-quarter backs, A. M. Hill, E. J. Rooney, C. Sheen, and F. N. Jones (captain); half-backs, Lloyd Roberts and H. Goodwin; forwards, H. J. Taylor, A. Lewis, W. Watts, E. Hybart, T. H. Thomas, J. E. Hughes, W. A. Jones, and R. Davies. Pontypridd: Back, Alun Morgan; three-quarter backs, Alf Lewis, Ben Tiley, B. Lewis, and W. J. Davies; half-backs, C. Jones and R. Merry; forwards, Ack Llewellyn, W. Williams, E. Gould, W. Bowers, J. R. Watkins, Ivor Howells, J. E. James, and H. Davies. Referee, Mr. E. S. Richards.

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Monday. 9. 1. 1893

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23. 1. 1892.

CARDIFF V. SWANSEA.

The third of the four matches arranged between these clubs took place at St. Helen's on Saturday. Out of the two already played one ended in a victory for Swansea, and the other a draw, hence the present contest was invested with much interest. The home fifteen have been materially altered of late, the most noteworthy change being the selection of D. Burnie to play at full back in lieu of Bancroft, the latter taking a place amongst the three-quarters. A crowd assembled on the ground numbering about 5,000. The ground was in capital condition.

The following were the teams:—

POSITION.	CARDIFF.	SWANSEA.
Back.....	E. J. Rooney	D. Burnie
Three-quarter.....	T. W. Pearson	W. J. Bancroft
Three-quarter.....	N. Biggs	C. Coke
Three-quarter.....	W. Cosslett	E. Thorogood
Three-quarter.....	F. N. Jones	W. Whapham
Half-back.....	H. Godwin	D. James
Half-back.....	J. Merritt	E. James
Forward.....	A. Lewis	W. Bowen (capt.)
Forward.....	T. Jones	H. Bevan
Forward.....	H. J. Taylor	P. Jones
Forward.....	W. Watts	Gammion
Forward.....	R. Davies	T. Deacon
Forward.....	W. A. Jones	A. Lewis
Forward.....	T. H. Thomas	S. Rice
Forward.....	E. A. Lewis	W. Davies

At 5.25 T. Deacon kicked off for the home team, and Merritt was stopped before he could return, and thereafter play ensued in the Cardiff half. Thorogood came off with a good run and looked a scorer all over till checked by Rooney. Swansea continued to attack, and then loud applause proclaimed the fact that Thorogood had dropped a goal from a pass by D. James some eight minutes after the start. After some scrambling play near the division line, Cardiff lost a little ground by erratic passing, but Pearson improved matters by taking a pass from Merritt and kicking into the home 25. Bancroft, however, at once returned; but Cardiff, by a series of scrums, light and loose, gained ground and took the oval by their opponents' 25 post. Out of a scrum Evan James ran ahead and crossed the half-way line, and the home ups rushed ahead in good style. A free-kick allowed Bancroft to land the ball into touch in the Cardiff quarters. After the throw-out Cardiff got a few yards forward, but Swansea at once renewed the attack. Pearson came in for genuine applause for a splendid run, by which he cleared several of his opponents, and finished up with a punt, which for the time completely altered the aspect of the game. In the home half a few packs were formed, but nothing was gained worthy of note. When the ball was heeled out Bert Taylor tackled Bancroft before he could put in one of his well-known kicks, and then Swansea came down with a sweep, the brothers James and Coke being conspicuous, and this made Cardiff act on the defensive, to the evident delight of the spectators, but the seige was soon raised as Godwin got the ball out of the scrum ran and transferred to Cosslett, who failed to take the pass. However, a minute afterwards Godwin, Cosslett, Fred Jones, and Norman Biggs ran and worked together well till the latter was held by the half-way post. The game was now very evenly contested in neutral ground, both sides playing up well. Coke made an effective run, and nearly scored. N. Biggs dribbled back several yards, and scrums were formed.

	HALF-TIME SCORE:	G. T. M.
SWANSEA	1 0 0
CARDIFF	0 3 3

After the usual breathing time Bert Taylor kicked off for Cardiff against the wind. Bancroft returned into touch at the half-way flag. Bancroft got his kick charged down, but regained cleverly, and F. N. Jones made his mark and kicked into touch in the Swansea 25. Swansea dribbled out a nely to the centre of the field. Burnie slipped and let Cardiff almost get over. Coke cleared, and then W. Whapham made a fine run along the touch line until tackled by Merritt. The game was now suspended for a few minutes owing to Cosslett having sustained an injury to his ankle. F. Jones missed a pass, and Pearson kicked dead, but a scrum was formed on the Cardiff line. From a pass Thorogood tried a shot at goal, but the ball went under and Cardiff touched down. Thorogood made a grand run from the centre play right up to the line, where he was brought down by Rooney and Pearson. Swansea now attacked vigorously, but W. Whapham got possession out of the home 25 and could not gain much ground. A rush by Cardiff, after a kick by Norman Biggs, left the ball in the home quarters, where scrums were formed, and when the ball was worked out the brothers James got possession and cleared the opposing ups and passed to Coke, who could not make any headway. Thereafter Thorogood, W. Whapham, and Bancroft handled the ball in turn, and the last named got very near the visitors' goal-line, and two minutes afterwards Bancroft again looked like scoring. Play continued for a few minutes near the Cardiff quarters. Bancroft passed to W. Whapham, who knocked on, and the ball was called

NEWPORT v CARDIFF.

In a perfect hurricane of wind, heavily charged with rain, these old antagonists met at the Cardiff Arms Park on Saturday between four and five thousand people witnessing the match.

The following were the teams:—

POSITIONS.	NEWPORT.	CARDIFF.
Back	T. England	E. J. Rooney
Three-quarter	G. H. Gould	T. W. Pearson
Three-quarter	A. J. Gould	Norman Biggs
Three-quarter	G. J. Thomas	R. B. Scott (capt.)
Three-quarter	E. Coulman	W. Cosslett
Half-back	F. C. Parlett	Lloyd Roberts
Half-back	H. P. Phillips	H. Godwin
Forward	T. C. Graham	H. J. Taylor
Forward	J. Hammon	Gus Lewis
Forward	A. W. Boucher	T. H. Thomas
Forward	W. H. Watts	T. Jones
Forward	W. Groves	R. Davies
Forward	T. Pook	R. A. Lewis
Forward	A. Henshaw	W. Watts
Forward	J. Osmond	W. A. Jones

Newport won the toss—no inconsiderable advantage, seeing that the Cardiffians had to face a strong wind. Bert Taylor commenced operations from the Rascot Centre end, and Arthur Gould returning into Cosslett's hands, the erstwhile Penarthian not being allowed to get under weigh before he was tackled by a couple of the Newport forwards. Then with a rush the ball was sent close into the Cardiff lines, Pearson on two occasions relieving cleverly by kicking up the field. Loose scrummage work succeeded, both lots of forwards showing good form on the heavy and much cut-up turf. The Usk-iders' front contingent, playing in unison, and wheeling the scrummages in splendid style, brought about a close siege of the home quarters, but some passing attempted by the Newport backs lost them a lot of ground, Norman Biggs collaring Coulman, and, by skilful manoeuvring, enabling his forwards for the first time to get into Newport territory. The unity and cleverness of the visiting forwards soon altered the complexion of affairs, though the Cardiffians seemed to be playing an unusually hard game. By dint of wheeling, followed by the kicking of the Goulds, when the ball was given air, Cardiff's lines were again invaded, and a "free" awarded Newport—seemingly for alleged off-side play by Sweet-Escott—gave to England an easy chance for goal. His kick was successful, and, though he was cheered, the referee received a general round of hooting, the award not being appreciated by the crowd. The reporters' box is at an angle with the spot where Escott stood, so that no definite opinion can be given by the Pressmen. Soon afterwards, despite the strenuous exertions of the Cardiff forwards they were for several minutes simply carted about the field, and a punt of Arthur Gould's being returned to Percy Phillips a few yards from the line by Rooney, Pook was given possession, and without much opposition the forward scored behind the posts. No material change followed the restart—England having placed a goal—and from the 25 Charley Thomas smartly ran in, the Newport full back this time failing to improve upon the point. Although ten points behind the Cardiffians now showed to considerable advantage, and the forwards having tumbled to the wheeling tactics of their opponents, steps were taken to stop it. Whenever the ball got fairly out, however, the Newportian backs put in punts for touch, and saved their forwards considerably. In the home 25 Coulman was given possession, and essayed a sprint, only to be shoved into touch by Biggs before he had travelled half a dozen yards. A free given to Cardiff was taken by Taylor, who judiciously sent the ball into touch opposite the grand stand. Pearson, responding to one of Bert Gould's kicks, sent into the Newport 25. Bert Gould muffed, and Watts and Taylor lead a dribble, Pearson getting hold of the ball from England's attempt to save, and landing a minor. Fast play followed. Another raid was made on Cardiff's citadel, and Arthur Gould looked all over a scorer when he was brought low by Sweet-Escott and Cosslett. He transferred to Wallace Watts, but the forward was off-side. Temporary relief was afforded through Pearson's kicking, but the Newportians started a dribble in the 25, and Norman Biggs failing to save, Osmond picked up and passed to Percy Phillips, who crossed in a most easy fashion.

From thence to the call of half-time there was no noteworthy incident.

	HALF-TIME SCORE:	G. T. M.
NEWPORT	2 2 0	
CARDIFF	0 0 1	

With the change of ends it was anticipated that the Cardiffians would be able to make a more creditable exhibition, the strong wind and biting rain having sadly handicapped the Cardiffians. Graham kicked off, and Rooney effectively replied. Coulman secured, but was carried into touch near the half-way line. Before the game was five minutes old, however, all hope that Cardiff would be able to pull the match out of the fire was regarded as doomed to disappointment, for the visitors' tackling was all that could be desired. Long kicks down the field by Rooney and Cosslett, which could not be well responded to by the Newportians owing to the strong gusts, gave Cardiff an opportunity of testing the visitors' defence. This proved all right, and England relieved to beyond the 25. A curious visit to Cardiff's territory followed, but Taylor, Watts, and Thomas, heading a capital dribble, changed the venue to the visitors' 25. Here Lloyd Roberts got possession, but a chance for Pearson to score was lost through the half-back's attempt to get clear himself. Within a couple of minutes the Cardiff forwards, now pulling well together, were off again. They got close into the Newport lines, but one of them (who could not be distinguished) kicking too strongly, England conceded a minor. The kick-out was followed by a good dribble by the Usk-iders, and the ball was sent over the Cardiff line, Pearson cleverly saving by kicking the ball dead. Desultory play followed, the ball travelling all over the field. Taylor then distinguished himself by leading a dribble, which took play to within a yard of the Newport line. Trick work by Percy Phillips and his confreres sent the invaders back to half-way, where give-and-take play ensued. The great exertion, more particularly in the initial half, now told a tale on Cardiff's forwards, and were it not for the splendid defence of Godwin, Escott, Pearson and Cosslett, Newport must easily have scored. Failing to cross the line after repeated attempts to score, Arthur Gould tried to drop for loose but fast play was next witnessed, and Bert Gould, taking a smart pass from his brother, looked a certain scorer, but accident, when he was pitted by Biggs, who pushed him into touch amid cheers. A fast and exciting game was concluded soon afterwards.

	FINAL SCORE:	G. T. M.
NEWPORT	2 2 1	
CARDIFF	0 0 2	

CARDIFF v. WAKEFIELD TRINITY.

The well-known Yorkshire club Wakefield Trinity, who have held the challenge cup of that county four times and have been in the final ties for that trophy no less than eight times, visited Cardiff and played them for the second time at the Cardiff Arms Park on Monday. The ground was in fair condition, notwithstanding the recent rains. The following were the teams:—Cardiff: E. J. Rooney, back; T. W. Pearson, R. B. Sweet-Escott, W. Cosslett, and Norman Biggs, three-quarter backs; H. Godwin and G. Lloyd Roberts, half-backs; A. Lewis, R. J. Taylor, T. Jones, T. H. Thomas, F. Colas, R. A. Lewis, Arman, and W. A. Jones, forwards. Wakefield Trinity: Morgan, back; Overton, Anderson, and Megson, three-quarter backs; Bedford (captain), Varly, and Thompson, half-backs; Booth, Whiteley, Harnell, Smith, R. Dawson, Pickering, Kaye, and Burley, forwards. Referee, Mr. A. J. Gould. Cardiff won the toss, and elected to play with the wind, and Paul Booth kicked off, a return being made to the centre. Cosslett and Biggs made a combined run to the Wakefield ground, where the latter was tackled by Morgan. A scrum ensued near the Wakefield line, a minor point resulting to Cardiff. The Wakefield forwards by hard work got up to the centre. Cosslett got hold from a scrum, and putting on speed, eluded all opposition, and grounded the ball behind the posts. No goal resulted. Morgan had next to save from a kick by Pearson, a similar point following close after. Taylor made his mark from a drop out, Cosslett's kick just dropping under the bar. Taylor was next to the fore, and getting over at the corner he scored a try. Cosslett failed at goal. Sweet-Escott tried a drop, but the ball did not rise, and went dead. Some more loose play in the centre followed. Cosslett received the ball from Godwin, but was slow in transferring to Biggs, who got well into the Merrie Citizens' 25 before he was stopped. Taylor and others dribbled over the line, but only a minor resulted. Wakefield, by reason of superiority in the forward division, got into Cardiff ground. Rooney kicked back, the ball going into touch. Harnell took the ball clean through the scrum, and dribbled half the length of the ground up to the Cardiff quarter. Rooney made his mark, and kicked to the centre. Half-time was then called, the score being:—Cardiff, two tries and six minors; Wakefield, nil. Bert Taylor set the ball rolling on a resumption being made and Cardiff attacked, Biggs almost getting in. Cardiff got a free kick, but it came to nothing. Pearson got the ball after it had passed through several hands, and reached the verge of the battlefield line before he was bowled over. A minute later the ball was taken over and Biggs got a try. Cosslett failed at goal. Overton kicked out and Cardiff were pressed for a time, several hot scrummages being contested in their ground. A prolonged struggle took place on the home line, the result being that Wakefield scored a try by Pickering. The ball was too slippery for a successful shot to be negotiated by Whiteley. A minor point followed. Roberts led the homesters to the halfway flag, but Wakefield were soon back, and Bedford, after a hard struggle, got over, the kick at goal failing. The home defence was severely tried and it was all they could do to keep Wakefield from getting over. Scrummages followed thick and fast. A minor was conceded by Rooney. In the last minute Cardiff got a dead ball. Result:—Cardiff, 3 tries, 7 minors; Wakefield Trinity, 2 tries, 2 minors.

13. 2. 1892

CARDIFF V. BRISTOL.

Played at the County Ground, Ashley-hill, Bristol. Bristol kicked off, and some wild play took place in the centre. Cardiff had a free for off-side play, but little ground was gained, and Bristol forced their way down to the visitors' quarters. Rooney had a lot of work to do, and saved splendidly on two or three occasions. Bristol lost ground by passing, and Rooney, putting in a kick along the line, landed the ball into touch at the centre. Lloyd Roberts, getting the leather, ran along touch and passed to Godwin, who scored in the corner. The kick at goal failed. A few seconds later Sweet-Escott got possession after some good passing and crossed the line with the second try, which was not improved upon. Cosslett got a fair catch outside the 25, and Pearson just missed the goal. After the kick-out Bristol, by some good forward play, got as far as mid-field, but Godwin, passing to Sweet-Escott, he cleared his men beautifully, and, transferring to Pearson, the latter scored in the corner. Pearson failed to convert. Directly afterwards Watts got over, but again the place proved too difficult, although Cosslett made a splendid effort. The ensuing play was almost entirely in the Bristol half, but the homesters played better, and Arthur and Turner made good runs, the latter getting right away from the centre over the line, but the ball was called back. Cardiff then pressed up to the line, but Arthur, getting away and jumping over Rooney, got down close to the visitors' 25 before he was rolled over by Pearson. Bristol improved the opportunity, and got down on to the Cardiff line. Half-time was then whistled, the score being:—Cardiff, four tries and four minors; Bristol nil.

Taylor initiated the second half with a fine kick, but Turner returned well, and Cosslett, failing to pick up, Sweet-Escott came to the rescue, and put in a fine, dodgy run. Some give and take play followed on the Bristol side of the centre line. Cardiff brought off some good passing, but the collaring of the Bristol three-quarters prevented anything more being done than the carrying of the ball across the field and back again. Lockey taking the ball from a line up, got right up to the Cardiff full back before he was collared. The game now became very fast and furious, the forwards on both sides playing with more determination than discretion. Cardiff wheeled a scrum beautifully, and gained about thirty yards before Marchant could stop the rush. Turner and Fennell made a couple of grand runs, and Cardiff were forced right on to their own line, where a scrum was forced. The visitors' defence was, however, too good, and the leather was soon carried back to the centre. Bristol again pressed, and Fennell got across, but the ball was called back. Directly afterwards it was rushed over, but only a minor resulted. Strahan then kicked over, and Rooney touched down. Thompson, by a splendid run, got through the defence and scored a try between the posts, Strahan converting amidst immense cheering. From this point to the end of the game the play was decidedly in favour of Bristol, the Cardiffians being penned in their own 25 nearly the whole time. Final score:—Cardiff, 4 tries, 3 minors; Bristol, 1 goal, 2 minors. Team:—Cardiff: Back, E. J. Rooney; three-quarter backs, R. E. Sweet-Escott (captain), W. Cosslett, T. W. Pearson, and A. M. Hill; half-backs, G. Lloyd-Roberts and W. Godwin; forwards, J. Taylor, T. H. Thomas, T. Jones, J. Arman, W. A. Lewis, H. Watts, R. A. Lewis, and R. Davies. Bristol: Back, W. E. Gibbs; three-quarter backs, G. Strahan, E. Fennell, C. S. Arthur, and H. Turner; half-backs, H. Marchant and W. J. Pearce; forwards, W. Thompson (captain), R. Lockey, J. Winter, W. Davies, J. Flowers, P. Ford, T. Duffet, and M. D'Alcazar. Referee, Mr. Fairbank, Clifton College.

24. 2. 1892

GLOUCESTER V. CARDIFF.

Played at Gloucester in the presence of about 3,000 spectators. Bert Taylor started for Cardiff, and the ball being well returned by Hughes, Biggs sent the leather into touch. Directly after the throw out Cardiff pressed down to the line. Some fun bling brought relief to the home team, but a Cardiff man being collared off-side a free was conceded and Cosslett made a fair shot for goal. George ran out and dropped, but Biggs made a capital return into touch. Gloucester now crossed the half-way line for the first time, but Pearson, picking up cleverly, stopped an awkward rush. Watts now got injured, and had to leave the field for a few minutes. Collins then found it necessary to take a rest, but soon returned. W. H. Taylor, getting a pass from Gough, kicked into touch well within the Cardiff 25. Roberts came away with a good dribble, and the forwards coming up put a very different complexion on the game. Jackson sent the leather into touch. Gloucester brought off some pretty passing, but lost ground each time, and Pearson, putting in some grand work from a line up, Ball, who was not watched, got away beautifully, and ran to within five yards of the line, where, on being collared by Rooney, he passed to Stephens, who scored a try for Gloucester. Jackson's attempt at goal was not by any means brilliant. The citizens had now much the best of the game, but Pearson, getting a pass from Godwin, sent the leather right along to the other end of the ground, Taylor kicking into touch at the home 25. Some very keen play ensued, and Cardiff made determined attacks on the Gloucester line. Pearson and Sweet-Escott put in pretty runs, and the latter, seeing his chance of getting in hopeless, landed the leather into touch. Jackson, Stephens, and Gough retaliated splendidly, Pearson eventually terminating the attack. Sweet-Escott got away beautifully, but George and Jackson brought him down. At half-time the score was:—Gloucester, one try; Cardiff, nil. In the second half a free kick was at once conceded to Gloucester, and the ball was placed for Jackson. Bert Taylor, however, charged it down, and Biggs, Sweet-Escott, and Pearson carried the leather to the other end of the field, where it went into touch. Some very fast play ensued in the centre. W. H. Taylor, getting possession, went round the crowd and passed Biggs easily. Rooney, however, came to the rescue just in time, and prevented what looked like a certain try. Cardiff had now to exercise their defensive tactics to the utmost. By a rush and kick by Norman Biggs they relieved to nearly half-way, but a free kick conceded to the home team put the visitors again on the defensive. Godwin got away with a dribble to half-way, where Stephens saved. A succession of scrums followed, the result of which was that Pearson, getting hold, landed the leather into touch well in the home half. The Gloucester forwards, assisted by their halves, again rushed down to the visitors' 25, but their stay there was not of long duration. Some very even play ensued near the centre line, neither side getting any advantage until Page kicked down to the line, Rooney returning to the 25. Gough passed to Stephens, who missed, and Pearson, after a smart run, kicked the ball over the line, a minor being the result. After the kick-out, Cardiff had a free kick, and the ball was placed for Cosslett, but before he kicked, Collins ran up and sent the leather well into the Cardiff quarters where the play was when the whistle terminated the game, the score reading:—Gloucester, one try; Cardiff, one minor. Teams:—Cardiff: Back, E. J. Rooney; three-quarter backs, R. E. Sweet-Escott, N. Biggs, W. Cosslett, and T. W. Pearson; half-backs, G. Lloyd-Roberts and H. Godwin; forwards, A. Lewis, H. J. Taylor, W. Watts, R. A. Lewis, T. Jones, J. V. Arman, R. Davies, and S. Cravos. Gloucester: Back, A. F. Hughes; three-quarter backs, W. Jackson, W. H. Taylor, W. Gough, and A. Stephens; half-backs, S. A. Ball and W. George; forwards, A. Cromwell, H. G. Brown, D. Phillips, A. Collins, H. V. Page, E. T. Higgins, C. J. Click, and G. F. Jones. Referee, Mr. Holmes, Midland Counties.

5.3.1892.

PONTYPRIDD v CARDIFF.

In ideal weather and on turf in excellent condition, this match was played at the Cardiff Arms Park on Saturday, in the presence of rather more than 3,000 spectators. It will be remembered that on the day of the England v. Wales match at Blackheath, a somewhat weak Cardiff 15 was beaten with consummate ease, but although the home team was differently composed to-day, neither Biggs nor Pearson were able to take part again. The re-appearance of Arthur and the captain, D. W. Evans, was hailed with cheers.

The following were the teams:—

POSITION.	PONTYPRIDD.	CARDIFF.
Back.....	Alun Morgan	E. J. Rooney
Three-quarter.....	A. B. Evans	R. B. Sweet-Escott
Three-quarter.....	Ben Tiley	C. S. Arthur
Three-quarter.....	Ben Lewis	V. Cosslett
Three-quarter.....	Alf. Lewis	A. M. Hill
Half-back.....	R. Merry	H. Godwin
Half-back.....	C. Jones	Lloyd Roberts
Forward.....	A. Llewellyn (capt.)	D. W. Evans (capt.)
Forward.....	W. Williams	H. J. Taylor
Forward.....	J. Hill	A. Lewis
Forward.....	E. Jones	W. Watts
Forward.....	J. B. Watkins	S. Gravos
Forward.....	J. Bowers	R. Davies
Forward.....	J. E. James	T. Jones
Forward.....	J. Nicholas	Palmer

Referee, Mr Jenkins, Newport.

The visitors winning the toss elected to play from the river end, Cardiff thus being compelled to face a strong sun, the wind being inconsiderable. D. W. Evans kicked off, the ball not being returned, the Cardiff forwards pressing heavily for a few minutes. Then, following a scrimmage, which they wheeled in good style, the Valleyites got away with a dangerous-looking rush, neatly stopped by Arthur, who carried the ball slightly in advance of the half-way line. Off-side tackling by Pontypridd gave Cardiff a "free," which enabled them to again invade the visitors' quarters. Relief was afforded by the trickiness of the scrummers, and a kick of Christmas Evans' was fortunately taken grandly by Rooney, who punted into touch. Play waged even for several minutes; then Godwin, Arthur, and Escott, by a series of passes, got close into the Pontypridd line. Tiley and Ben Lewis were mainly instrumental in bringing about the much-required relief, but the Cardiffians were only driven back temporarily, for Arthur, securing on his own side of the equatorial line, went right through the opposing backs and travelled to within a yard or two of the line, where he stumbled, Alun Morgan falling over him. A dribble, headed by Llewellyn, Williams, and Hill, relieved the pressure, and a forward punting down the field Pontypridd reached the far side of the half-way line, owing to a mull of Rooney's. Again was the Pontypridd citadel besieged, D. W. Evans and Lewis dribbling to the 25, and Arthur Hill following up the advantage by cleverly running and punting into touch, the ball falling about half-a-dozen yards off the goal-line. Cardiff were badly beaten in the line-out, and A. B. Evans was given opportunity to put in a high punt, which Rooney muffed, he being knocked over before he could respond, though he passed to Lloyd Roberts, the half-back feebly returning. This was succeeded by a sprint of Tiley's, but the home custodian atoned for his former faults by the plucky manner in which he brought low the fast man. A change came over the spirit of the game at this stage, and first Hill, then Lloyd Roberts, only narrowly escaped scoring. Having matters all their own way, it was, indeed, strange that Cardiff could not cross the line. Things continued in this style, Cardiff pressing hotly and Pontypridd defending skilfully, until A. Lewis got in a kick, which sent the ball into mid-field. Here Arthur obtained possession, and after covering the distance to the next flag, taking the opposing backs after him, he smartly transferred to Cosslett, who crossed in the corner. Escott failed at goal. On restarting, after some scrummaging midway between the Pontypridd 25 and the centre, Christmas got away with a dribble, and collided with Rooney before he could put in his kick. Play was suspended for a few minutes owing to the winding of the Pontypriddian. Then was seen a pretty bit of play; Goodwin ran away from a scrimmage and passed over his head to his confrere, who kicked into Tiley's hands, the latter eliciting a round of applause for a tricky punt into touch. Then followed a hot raid upon the Pontypridd goal, the home forwards beating their opponents hollow. Getting the ball in a favourable position, Cosslett shot for goal, only missing the point by a foot. A minor, however, was secured. Half-time was soon announced, the score being,

	G.	T.	M.
CARDIFF	0	1	1
PONTYPRIDD	0	0	0

With the change of ends it was felt that Cardiff, with the sun now at their backs, would add materially to their score—a feeling justified by the play of the next ten minutes. All was in favour of the blue and black brigade, the venue being confined to the visitors' quarters. Little real headway towards scoring could, however, be made, the Pontypriddians defending their position with marked skill. A round of passing, initiated by

Lloyd Roberts, in which Palmer, Arthur, Cosslett, Arthur, and Hill handled the ball, enabled the Roathite to spurt up to the line, but Alun Morgan prevented his getting over. A few minutes afterwards the ball was again travelling from hand to hand, and Arthur got away strongly, carried it to a spot less than five yards off the goal-line, and then passed to Hill, who scored. D. W. Evans failing to negotiate. Loose play ensued, and the visitors with a forward rush drove the leather over the line, being ordered five yards out. It was a matter of little difficulty for the Metropolitan to secure relief, their forwards rising to the occasion and rushing to the centre. A bad mull by Lloyd Roberts, followed by slowness on the part of Rooney, enabled the visitors to assume an aggressive attitude, and this time they refused to go back except by inches. A stubborn fight resulted in Cardiff reaching neutral ground, and then Arthur, with a fine cork-crow run, got far into the visitors' field of play, Arthur progressed a few yards, and then who galloped in and registered the third try kick, but his attempt, though good, proved unsuccessful. The game was for a scrambling nature after the drop-out, much laughter being occasioned by the pantomimic display of "acrobacy" derisively cheered, shouts of "Good old" being frequent. Succeeding a loose dribble D. W. Evans Cosslett easily placing a goal. Arthur all but scored before another two minutes had elapsed, and after "free," Cosslett failing to place a goal. The game soon ended as under:—

	G.	T.	M.
CARDIFF	1	3	1
PONTYPRIDD	0	0	0

12.3.1892.

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CARDIFF v SWINTON.

The Welshmen turned up at Swinton on Saturday and got a good reception. The ground was in very fair condition considering the keen frost prevailing during the week. Both teams were strong, the players being:

POSITION.	SWINTON.	CARDIFF.
Back.....	Paul	E. J. Rooney
Three-quarter.....	Pearson	R. B. Sweet-Escott
Three-quarter.....	Valentine	C. S. Arthur
Three-quarter.....	Winterbottom	V. Cosslett
Three-quarter.....	Ashton	A. M. Hill
Half-back.....	Harris	H. Godwin
Half-back.....	Brockbank	Lloyd Roberts
Forward.....	Rothwell	D. W. Evans (capt.)
Forward.....	Lomas	H. J. Taylor
Forward.....	Horsley	A. Lewis
Forward.....	Hotchkiss	W. Watts
Forward.....	Hall	S. Gravos
Forward.....	H. Sharples	R. Davies
Forward.....	G. Sharples	T. Jones
Forward.....	T. Hallam	Corn

Previous to a commencement a careful scrutiny of the ground was made, the visitors being very keen in their inspection, but offering no objection an early start was made. To militate against the Welsh system Swinton played four three-quarters, Ashton, of Penle-ton, officiating in that position. There would be 4,500 people present when at half-past three Evans started the game. At the onset Cardiff pressed, carrying the first few scrimmages, but Brockbank relieved with a nice piece of play which drew cheers. Then even play at mid-field raged, and Biggs muddled a good opening. This mattered little however. Shortly afterwards the Cardiff forwards fell away, and from a combined dribble Valentine followed up smartly and scored, Paul falling at goal. Following the drop-out Escott missed a kick, which gave Swinton another opening, and for a long time they pressed. The visiting forwards, well led by Evans, made several rushes, and Swinton being penalised for off-play, Cardiff came up field. Godwin was conspicuous for some smart play at half, and he, together with Lloyd Roberts, tackled vigorously. On the top of this Evans was again at the head of a dribble, and this was responsible for the Swinton 25 being reached. In this effort Evans was hurt, and had to retire for a time, thus handicapping his side. The next ten minutes were not answerable for anything remarkable, but Cardiff made a miserable mull by a piece of wretched passing between Lloyd Roberts, Escott, and Arthur. This placed the Swinton team on the Welshmen's line, and a bully ensuing, Hallam scored, Paul again falling. Evans by this time had left the field, his absence being very much felt, as he had played a splendid game. The consequence was that Swinton kept up the pressure with Harris and Winterbottom in a piece of lively combination. Five minutes off half-time the Cardiff lines were invaded, but Biggs managed to relieve, and the centre was reached. Here some tight scrimmages were contested, and Escott on one occasion looked like scoring. Winterbottom bowled him into touch, and just before the interval Evans reappeared. Ashton played havoc with a good opening. Here ends were changed.

	G.	T.	M.
SWINTON	0	2	0
CARDIFF	0	0	0

In the opening of the second half it went in Swinton's favour. They quickly attacked, but Lloyd Roberts was in evidence with a good dribble, and this for some time was the means of Swinton being kept at bay. The Cardiff backs next became conspicuous by a capital concerted action, by which Escott passed opportunely to Biggs, and the latter ran very strongly along touch. This was well replied to by Pearson acting in a similar manner, and from this a prolonged attack took place on the Cardiff lines. Thanks to Biggs, who again ran with good dash, and a lengthy dribble from Watts and Lewis the Welshmen were enabled to do part of the attacking, and for quite twelve minutes they had a bit the best of it. Another pass from Escott to Biggs saw the latter experiencing very hard lines, for he was almost in after a brilliant run, Paul bringing him down just in time. In an incredibly short period Swinton were once more at the other end making frantic efforts to cross, but this they were unable to do. Close on time Cosslett had to be carried off, evidently being badly hurt, and the visitors were very unlucky in this respect. There was little of moment from this up to the call of no side.

	G.	T.	M.
SWINTON	0	2	0
CARDIFF	0	0	0

Neach v. Cardiff.

19th March 1893

Missing

23rd march 1892

CARDIFF V. PENARTH.

Charming summer weather favoured the visit of the Penarth XV. to the Cardiff Arms Park on Wednesday for the first time this season. In the early part of the season Cardiff went over to Penarth to open the new ground, and defeated the Seaside by a goal to nothing at the same time. The return encounter was originally fixed for December, but Jack Frost put an icy veto on that fixture. The ground was in excellent condition. As a matter of fact, never before has it been so well rolled and prepared. For an off-day the attendance was capital. With two exceptions, the Penarth team was identical with that which sat under Swansea on Saturday. The Blue and Black also mustered a strong team, "Tottie" Escott and Watts being the only not big absentees.

The teams were thus constituted:—

POSITIONS.		PENARTH.	CARDIFF.
Back	.....	D. Fitzgerald	E. J. Rooney
Three-quarter	.....	H. E. Morgan (capt)	N. Biggs
Three-quarter	.....	R. Garrett	T. W. Pearson
Three-quarter	.....	H. Kirby	W. Cosslett
Three-quarter	.....	G. Shepherd	C. S. Arthur
Half-back	.....	T. Hutchings	G. L. Roberts
Half-back	.....	E. E. Moore	H. Godwin
Forward	.....	W. P. Edginton	D. W. Evans
Forward	.....	P. Jackson	W. Cope
Forward	.....	J. Lawday	H. J. Taylor
Forward	.....	T. Matthews	A. Lewis
Forward	.....	G. Brown	S. Cravos
Forward	.....	A. Nell	T. H. Thomas
Forward	.....	J. Millward	R. Davies
Forward	.....	Ellis	R. Guinea

Referee, Mr A. J. Gould.

The kick off was advertised for 4.30, but it was 15 minutes later when Penarth kicked off from the Racquet Court end with a strong sun in their faces. Cosslett's return was charged down, and the Seaside temporarily invaded Cardiff quarters. A kick of Pearson's, however, took play into the Penarth half. Fitzgerald made his mark from Pearson's kick, but he did not gain much ground. From a scrum near the half flag the Cardiff forwards broke away splendidly, but Herbie Morgan picked up and cleverly kicked into touch. A pretty round of passing was now brought off by the Penarth quartette, the oval falling ultimately into the hands of Shepherd, who, when pressed, kicked well down the field. The Blue and Black now thought it was their turn, but Pearson failed to hold a pass from Arthur, and the ball went into touch. In the succeeding line-out the visitors lost considerable ground. An interchange of kicks between Garrett, Rooney, and Hutchings resulted in another invasion of the Cardiff 25. Passing tactics were again adopted by the Seaside, but their handling was wild and erratic, and ground was lost rather than gained thereby. Lloyd Roberts elicited the cheers of the crowd for a skilful ruse by which he was enabled to clear the opposing half and throw to Norman Biggs, the latter judiciously finding touch in the Penarth territory. Roberts again secured and passed to Pearson, who kicked on to the Penarth line. Fitzgerald failed to hold, and a try seemed certain when the referee's whistle was heard ordering a cessation of hostilities. Pearson made a desperate effort to score, but was held by half a dozen of his opponents. Hutchings, the Penarth half, caught Roberts napping, and put in a powerful kick, which had the effect of transferring operations to half way. Only a temporary stay was made here, however, for Pearson put one of his well-known punts into touch a few yards outside the Seaside's line. A long kick along the ground came into Pearson's hands. The old Mill-hillian threw to Arthur, and the latter, dodging his opponents, got on the line, where he returned to Pearson, who was only prevented by ill-luck from scoring. As a result, a minor was conceded. The kick-out brought no relief to the visitors, and Cardiff, were soon hovering around the Seaside's line. Fitzgerald picked up on the line and injudiciously, albeit accidentally, "skied" his kick. R. Davies fielded this, and made his mark. Cosslett took the kick in an easy position, and sent the leather fairly between the uprights. The visitors now played up with redoubled vigour, and soon their efforts were to be rewarded, for a long kick of Shepherd's was followed up, and in the twinkling of an eye Millward was over with a try in the corner. Matthews made an attempt at goal. Desultory play followed, both sides in turn obtaining a temporary advantage. Half-time was then called.

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CARDIFF	G	T	M
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FINAL SCORE:
CARDIFF .. 1 converted goal, 1 field goal, 2 tries,
2 minors.
PENARTH .. 2 tries, 2 minors.

CARDIFF V. BARBARIANS.

Played at Cardiff before about 4,000 spectators. Directly after the kick off Lewis brought off a splendid dribble for Cardiff, but unfortunately only a touch in goal resulted. From a scrum in the centre the ball was picked out, and a free conceded to the visitors. Little ground was gained, and Godwin then dribbled down to the Barbarians' 25, where D. W. Evans, following up splendidly, spoiled any attempt at a return. The visiting forwards, by a grand rush, gained half the length of the ground, but Cosslett saved splendidly. Hubbard picked up in front of the Cardiff forwards and kicked to Rooney, who made his mark. He failed to find touch, but Wells did so in return. The Cardiff forwards rushed a scrum to the centre, where the Barbarians turned into touch. The visitors worked back a few yards, but some splendid passing between Roberts, Godwin, Pearson, and Arthur gained a lot of ground, the last named being tackled close to the 25 line. Some grand open play ensued, but fortune favoured the visitors who rushed the ball over, but only a minor resulted. After the kick out Roberts dribbled down splendidly, but the ball was worked back. Godwin initiated some passing, in which Roberts, Arthur, and Cosslett participated, but the latter passed miserably and no ground was gained. Pearson saved an awkward rush, and Cosslett collared D'Arcy Thompson when he looked dangerous. The Barbarians, who were now pressing, were not to be denied, and Wells, running up to the line, was well brought down by Rooney. The leather was, however, passed to Carpmiel, who grounded behind the posts, Johnstone converting. The ensuing play was very even. Roberts saw, getting the leather out, landed into touch near the Cardiff quarter flag. After a couple of scrums Hammond ran over, but was unable to put the ball down, and only a minor resulted. From a scrum in the centre Roberts passed to Cosslett, who, by a grand kick, sent it into touch well in the visitors' quarters. At half-time the score stood as follows:—Barbarians, one goal and two minors; Cardiff, one minor. At the commencement of the second half Cardiff pressed, and Rooney, by a splendid kick, sent the leather into touch well within the visitors' 25. The Barbarians worked back, but Arthur, by a smart sprint, again invaded the Barbarians' quarters. By some clever forward play the visitors not only relieved, but assumed the aggressive. A kicking duel between Biggs and Rooney followed, with the result that the leather was sent into touch outside the Cardiff 25. Surtees, taking the ball from the line up, gained a few yards, and the blue and black had all their work cut out to defend their line. D'Arcy Thompson sent the leather into touch close to the line, and directly afterwards some passing gave Biggs a chance, but Pearson and Rooney brought him down close to the line. Cardiff, by some good forward play, in which Thomas was prominent, relieved to the centre. Cosslett stopped a dangerous rush in front of the goal. Hubbard made a gallant attempt to get in, but Pearson brought him down, and Cardiff relieved to the half way. During a rally Robertshaw got hurt and had to retire. Still Cardiff had the worst of the encounter until Lewis and Thomas dribbled up to the centre. Another rush, in which Pearson tackled Biggs close to the visitors' line, elated the spectators, but the homesters had the worst of some long exchanges. Lloyd Roberts got away with a splendid dodgy run, going past most of his men before he chucked to Pearson. The latter got within an ace of scoring, when he was pushed into touch amidst immense excitement. The ball was at once thrown out, and a Cardiff man got over, but the ball was called back. The Barbarians now played with the greatest determination, and were soon on the home line. After a long struggle Wells got in, and Johnstone converted. From this point until the end of the game the fortunes of both teams varied, and when the whistle terminated hostilities the play was in the centre. Final score:—Barbarians, 2 goals, 2 minors; Cardiff, 1 minor. **Barbarians:** Back, A. S. Johnstone (Blackheath); three-quarter backs, G. C. Hubbard (Blackheath), P. Robertshaw (Bradford), E. P. Biggs, and F. D'Arcy Thompson (Blackheath); half-backs, H. Marshall (Blackheath) and C. M. Wells (Cambridge University); forwards, G. L. Jeffrey (Blackheath), A. Allport (Blackheath), J. Hammond (Blackheath), W. P. Carpmiel (Blackheath), C. B. Nicholl (Cambridge University), A. A. Surtees (Harlequins), W. H. Manfield (Somersetshire), and W. E. Newbigging (Middlesex). **Cardiff:** Back, E. J. Rooney; three-quarter backs, T. W. Pearson, C. S. Arthur, A. M. Hill, and W. Cosslett; half-backs, G. L. Roberts and H. J. Godwin; forwards, D. W. Evans (captain), W. Cope, H. J. Taylor, A. Lewis, T. H. Thomas, S. Cravos, R. Davies, and R. Guinea. Referee, Mr D. H. Bowen, Llanelly.

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CARDIFF V. NEWPORT.

A big crowd, which could be estimated at something like 8,000, turned upon the Newport Ground to witness the fourth and last encounter between Cardiff and Newport. The day was gloriously fine, the sun shining in summer-like brilliancy. The ground was very dry, but there was a slight, scudding wind. The teams fielded at 3.45 as follows:—*Cardiff*: Back, E. J. Rooney; three-quarter backs, C. S. Arthur (captain), P. Jago, W. Cosslett, and E. P. Biggs; half-backs, G. J. L. Roberts and H. J. Godwin; forwards, W. Cope, A. Lewis, B. Taylor, F. Thomas, R. Davies, S. Graves, R. Guinea, and J. Burke. *Newport*: Back, T. England; three-quarter backs, A. J. Gould, G. H. Gould, B. Dauncey, and E. Coulman; half-backs, H. Percy Phillips and C. J. Thomas; forwards, T. C. Graham, (captain) J. Hadden, A. W. Boucher, A. Henshaw, T. Fook, W. H. Watts, W. Groves, and J. Osmond. Referee, Mr. Cattell, Sheffield. Graham kicked off from the gymnasium end, and the Cardiff ground was quickly invaded. After a series of scrums, however, Cope got away with a rush from a tight pack, and took the ball in touch in the Newport half. The home forwards quickly came away, but the visitors were awarded a free for off-side play on the part of Henshaw. The ground was soon recovered by a run and kick on the part of Dauncey, but for a time give-and-take play was the order. Jago, as a centre three-quarter, put in some smart returns, but the home wheeling at length got the ball away to the Cardiff 25 where Biggs was upset before he could return. Gus Lewis ran up to the half from a scrum. The tackling was very close and stubborn. After a sharp rush on the part of the Newport forwards, the ball was passed out to Dauncey, who was playing on the left wing, and who, with a good turn of speed, got over with a try in the corner. Taylor dropped out, and immediately afterwards Arthur Gould was handed possession. He got off with splendid speed, eluding two Cardiff three-quarters, and passed to his brother, Bert, who dropped in touch at the visitors' 25 flag. The blue and black forwards put in some good defensive play, but immediately the ball got loose the Newport three-quarters were in attack again, Arthur Gould and Dauncey running well up. Eventually the blue and black front contingent was driven back, and Charlie Thomas, who was playing at half, dodged over with a try, which England made a great mess of in attempting to convert. A short time ensued in the centre after the drop-out, but the Newport forwards came away with a strong rush to the open, and Biggs, who attempted to pick up at the visitors' 25, was hauled down by Bert Gould. A free kick for Cardiff brought some relief, Biggs punting into touch at the Newport 25 flag. Newport got away to the open, when Graves took the ball well from the line and made tracks for the home citadel; but the defence was all against him. A minute later Biggs kicked over the goal line, and England touched down. Directly after the drop out the Newport forwards, well backed up by Percy Phillips, set off with a great rush, and an easy try fell to Graham between the posts, which England had no difficulty in converting. The Cardiff end was quickly attacked again, but a penalty kick for off-side play brought relief to the centre. Biggs and Rooney both mulled the attempts to save. Half-time score:—Newport, 1 goal, 2 tries; Cardiff, 1 minor. After the usual breathing time Taylor re-started, and a series of interchanging kicks ensued. Percy Phillips got away from a scrum with a fine run, and looked like nothing a try, but was grassed within four yards of the line, and the visitors' forwards came away with an open rush to the Newport 25. In the tight pack, however, the blue and black eight were swept away, and Henshaw dribbled into the Cardiff ground, where Arthur Gould picked up and dropped a neat goal amidst cheers. Lloyd Roberts got away from a centre scrum with the ball, and made tracks, but in passing chucked into the hands of Percy Phillips, who quickly transferred the venue to the visitors' 25, where a free brought the necessary relief. The Cardiff forwards now did a bit of creditable wheeling, but there was no useful following up, and the blue and black soon had to defend again. The defence was stubborn, though the Newport forwards were not to be denied. Hadden struggled over with another try. The place was taken by England, who sent up a well directed kick, which, however, went a trifle wide. The agony still continued, although the Cardiff forwards held up fairly. The home lot wheeled with precision, and from a fine rush Henshaw picked up and grounded a try behind the posts which England easily goal. Newport still attacked at all points with great vigour. Percy Phillips was next to score a try, which was not converted. Directly after the drop out Groves galloped away from a line up and scored another try nearly at the end of the line, but this again was not goal. Nothing further was notched, and the whistle sounded no side with the score thus:—Newport, 3 goals, 5 tries; Cardiff, 1 minor.

SWANSEA V. CARDIFF.

It must have been solely the glorious weather which attracted a larger gate than usual to the Cardiff Arms Park on Saturday, for if anything could be gauged by the recent performances of the Swansea and Cardiff teams, there could have been little doubt as to the result of the match. Swansea's team, as against Newport last week, was strengthened by the substitution of Pearson vice Jago, but Norman Biggs and Sweet-Escott were still away. The Swanseaites were more fortunate, for the place of Paul Jones, admittedly two good forwards, while Burnie, who occupied Whapham's position, is considered to be all but the equal of the veteran.

POSITION.		SWANSEA.	CARDIFF.
Back	.....	W. J. Bancroft	E. J. Rooney
Three-quarter	.....	C. S. Coke	T. W. Pearson
Three-quarter	.....	J. Davies	C. S. Arthur
Three-quarter	.....	E. Thorogood	P. N. Jones
Three-quarter	.....	D. Burnie	W. Cosslett
Half-back	.....	E. James	H. J. Godwin
Forward	.....	D. James	G. J. L. Roberts
Forward	.....	W. Bowen (capt.)	D. W. Evans (capt.)
Forward	.....	D. Mainwaring	W. Cope
Forward	.....	Alf Lewis	A. Lewis
Forward	.....	F. Mills	T. H. Thomas
Forward	.....	T. Deacon	R. Guinea
Forward	.....	S. Rice	H. J. Taylor
Forward	.....	P. Jones	J. Burke
Forward	.....	A. Russell	R. Davies

With a brilliant sun at their backs, but against a slight wind, the Swanseaites started the ball, Deacon's kick not crossing the line. From the subsequent scrimmage the visitors went away, but were stopped by Pearson, who picked up literally from Swansea's feet. Another scrum followed, and Swansea were given a "free" for the off-side tactics of Godwin. Bancroft's kick was replied to by Pearson punting along the touch-line, the ball landing near the 25 flag—a marvellous left-foot kick, which was deservedly cheered. Loose play followed the line-out, Cardiff having the advantage, and after a series of smart passes, in which the home half-backs and centre three-quarters handled the ball, F. Jones initiated a dribble and fielding grandly, passed to Cosslett who, scooping up the ball in tricky fashion, ran strongly and handing off his opponents in fine style, scored in the corner. D. W. Evans, although he made a good attempt, failed to negotiate. After the drop-out Cardiff, much to the satisfaction of the crowd, continued to press, and the ball was several times put over the line, only, however, to be called back for some informality or other. Being given a pass by Lloyd Roberts, Arthur made a brilliant run right through the Swansea quarters, was collared by Bancroft. A dangerous forward rush was neatly stopped by Cosslett and Guinea. Cope and Lewis came prominently to the front in a dribble, which ended in Bancroft running into touch in goal. Quite a number of loose scrimmages, hardly of a second's duration, followed, the brothers James getting away in a most wonderful manner, but the collaring was far too deadly to enable the visiting quarters to do much harm. The Swanseaites had not up to now been in Cardiff territory, with the exception of a visit lasting a few minutes soon after half-time. Play was proceeding in the visitors' 25, where it seemed destined to stay, when Evan James got possession, and handing to his brother, the ball was transferred to Coke, who had just crossed the half-way line when he was floored by Arthur, Pearson being close at hand. By degrees the Swanseaites forced back the Cardiff men, and after a round of short passes between the halves and quarters Burnie got possession and looked a scorer, when he was forced into touch. Trickily he "dipped" the ball, and was about to get away again when his progress was barred by Guinea, who had galloped across the field. Swansea now made a raid after raid on the Cardiff citadel and seemed bound to score, first Coke and then Thorogood getting to within a yard of the line. The defence, however, kept them at bay until David James "screwed" through, Bancroft kicking a goal amid vociferous cheering. D. W. Evans re-started his kick, enacting a minor point, another being added in consequence of a beautiful punt of Pearson's. The All White forwards now showed to better advantage, and forced their opponents to their own territory. Burnie securing in the 25, put in a long kick, Russell scoring a somewhat soft try by out running Rooney. There was little of interest in the game from this stage until half-time, which was announced with play in the Cardiff 25.

HALF-TIME SCORE:		G. T. M.
SWANSEA	.....	1 1 0
CARDIFF	.....	0 1 4

During the interval much speculation was indulged in as to the result, the opinion expressed previous to the opening of the game being entirely changed. Swansea, playing with determination, forced Rooney to concede a minor, another being exacted by a long kick of J. Davies, Rooney kicking dead. The referee was now severely criticised by the crowd, his several mistakes being attributed to hesitation and inexperience. Some of the humpkins, however, gave vent to their disapproval, and when Bancroft received a kick of Pearson's and claimed that the Cardiff forwards were off-side much hissing was indulged in. This section of the crowd were as wrong as their conduct was improper, for the Cardiff men were decidedly off-side, though Pearson might easily have removed that difficulty. In answer to Bancroft's appeal, Referee Packer ordered a scrimmage—a peculiar decision. The Swansea men, headed by their captain, then started arguing with the referee, but their foolish behaviour failed in its object, and surprise was loudly manifested at a old hand as Bowen seeking to upset a referee's decision, however wrong he may have felt it to be, on the field. After this the game was characterised by a good deal too much roughness, the Swansea captain being the chief offender, the crowd calling out that he be sent off the field. A wrangle ended in the visitor being warned. Play, which had been practically confined to the home half, now became fast and exciting, and after a strong forward burst Mainwaring passed to Deacon, who scored, Bancroft doing what was asked of him. Play became more even after the re-start, Arthur Cosslett and Fred Jones doing good work for Cardiff, and between them sending play close into the "All White" lines. Resorting to passing, the homesters got on several occasions to within a yard or two off from the coveted try, Cosslett being hauled down only half a foot off. Then, amid intense excitement, Godwin slipped over, but Cosslett just failed to convert. Forcing the fight the Swansea men rushed across the field, and soon the home 25 was the scene of hostilities, the ball at length being swept over the line and a general scramble taking place for its possession, the victor proving a Swansea forward, so yet another try was added to the credit of the "All Whites," and Bancroft converting the score, read 17 points to 4, "no side" being called immediately.

FINAL SCORE:		G. T. M.
SWANSEA	.....	3 1 2
CARDIFF	.....	0 2 4

13th April 1892.

LLANELLY v CARDIFF.

The fates do not smile upon the visits of the tin-platers to Cardiff. A few months ago the Scarlets had to return from the Welsh Metropolis without playing, owing to the state of the ground, which was covered with virgin snow. Wednesday's climatic conditions were hardly more favourable. Sleet fell heavily, and a biting wind made the spectators shiver on the stands. The teams were as follows:-

POSITION.		LLANELLY.	CARDIFF.
Back	H. A. Rees	D. W. Evans (capt.)	
Three-quarter	D. P. M. Lloyd (capt.)	T. W. Pearson	
Three-quarter	J. Conway Rees	C. S. Arthur	
Three-quarter	Owen Badger	F. N. Jones	
Three-quarter	J. Arthur	W. Cosslett	
Half-back	Ben Thomas	D. Thomas	
Half-back	D. Hopkins	R. B. West-Escott	
Forward	W. Watts	Gus Lewis	
Forward	D. W. Nicholls	H. J. Taylor	
Forward	S. Thomas	W. Cope	
Forward	Dan Davies	T. H. Thomas	
Forward	W. Morris	R. Guinea	
Forward	J. John	S. Cravos	
Forward	J. John	J. Burke	
Forward	Elias Jones	Sedgwick	

Referee, Mr Jenkins, Newport

Losing the toss, the visitors kicked-off from the river end. Bert Taylor failed to return, and a scrum was formed in the Cardiff 25. David Hopkins eluded the opposing halves and took the ball within two yards of the Cardiff line, where Elias Jones almost scored. Fred Jones stole a pass intended for Ben Thomas and relieved the Cardiff line by a timely kick down the field. Harry Rees returned into Pearson's hands. Llanelly shone in the succeeding scrum, and once more invaded the Cardiff 25. The home backs wheeled the scrum, but forgot to take the ball with them. Cosslett was cheered for a strong run. He was pushed into touch by Conway Rees. Passing by the Cardiff three-quarters lost ground, and Jack Arthur, stealing up, covered several yards before being overhauled by Pearson. Ben Thomas got away trickily, and looked a scorer all over. D. W. Evans pulled him down just this side from the end of the line. The home team were awarded, but the kick was charged down. The second kick was also charged down by Nicholls, who literally rushed over and scored in a favourable place. The kick at goal did not succeed. After the kick-out, the Cardiff three-quarters again started passing, but the splendid tackling of the Tin-platers prevented any advantage being gained—indeed, ground was lost. The Llanelly forwards, headed by Will John, Nicholls, and Stephen Thomas, rushed up the field, and again made things warm for the metropolitans. Guinea picked up, and put in a serviceable kick, to which Harry Rees returned by finding touch. A bout of passing by the home backs was again frustrated, Pearson being collared before he had gone a yard. Beautiful passing between Escott, Fred Jones, and Arthur resulted in an invasion of the Llanelly 25, and dodging in grand style, Arthur seemed likely to score, when he was tackled close in touch. For palpable off-side play on the part of Llanelly, the home team were awarded a free, and a minor resulted from D. W. Evans' kick. Play, after the kick-out, continued in the Llanelly 25, and only the sure tackling of the Tin-platers prevented the Cardiff backs from scoring. Half-time was soon afterwards called.

HALF-TIME SCORE:		G. T. M.
LLANELLY	.....	0 1 0
CARDIFF	.....	0 0 1

After the usual interval, Bert Taylor restarted for Cardiff. Conway Rees replied into touch. For supposed off-side play by the Llanelly halves, the tin-platers were again penalised, but Conway Rees returned the home skipper's kick. Percy Lloyd then got away splendidly, and wound up a strong run with a kick along the ground. To this only a poor return was made, and play was waged in the Cardiff 25. Pearson made his mark. Conway Rees received the kick, and, after a magnificent run, passed to Percy Lloyd, who just failed to drop on the ball. Only a minor resulted. Soon afterwards another minor fell to Llanelly from a clever kick by Badger. Jack Arthur beautifully returned the kick-out into touch close to the Cardiff line. A third minor—a close shave for a try—was conceded by the home team. Cardiff were now sorely pressed, and had to put forth all their powers to prevent the tin-platers from scoring. D. W. Nicholls secured from the line out and had a clear course, when the whistle called him back for some informality. The Cardiff forwards dribbled to half-way, but Stephen Thomas stopped the rush, and, by rare footwork, took the ball over the line, where disaster was only averted by a kick into touch-in-goal. Once again did Cardiff bring off a fine bout of passing and the Llanelly 25 was visited. Rees stole a pass intended for Fred Jones, and, putting on full speed, ran nearly the whole length of the field and gave up to Badger, who almost scored. Play was now being waged on the end of the line. By a mighty effort the home pack rushed to half-way, where time was called.

FINAL SCORE:		G. T. M.
LLANELLY	.....	0 1 4
CARDIFF	.....	0 0 1

16th April 1892.

HUDDERSFIELD v CARDIFF.

Beautiful weather favoured the return encounter between these teams at the Cardiff Arms Park on Saturday. Earlier in the season the Welsh Metropolitans journeyed to Huddersfield and were beaten. The teams were thus arranged:-

POSITION.		HUDDERSFIELD.	CARDIFF.
Back	England	E. J. Rooney	
Three-quarter	Dyson (capt.)	C. S. Arthur	
Three-quarter	Smith	F. N. Jones	
Three-quarter	Crowther	T. W. Pearson	
Three-quarter	Dickinson	W. Cosslett	
Half-back	Joe Kay	Merrett	
Half-back	Fred Dugdale	Godwin	
Forward	H. Lodge	D. W. Evans (capt.)	
Forward	Joe Bruke	Gus Lewis	
Forward	Wigglesworth	W. Cope	
Forward	Fox	Suethbridge	
Forward	Morris	T. H. Thomas	
Forward	Schofield	H. J. Taylor	
Forward	Hall	R. Guinea	
Forward	Robertshaw	Cravos	

Referee, Mr Carmichael

Huddersfield kicked off, and Bert Taylor returned. Kay, making his mark, sent the ball to the Cardiff 25. A beautiful pass from Godwin to Fred Jones was lost. A high kick by Dickinson fell into touch, and in the succeeding line-out the visitors showed to advantage. Cosslett misjudged a kick from one of the Huddersfield quartette, and the visitors were not slow to take advantage of the opening thus offered them. From a scrum near the line the Cardiffians rushed away splendidly, and raised the enthusiastic plaudits of the crowd by really clever dribbling. Joe Kay made off and threw to his confrere, but Merrett snapped up the pass, and gained valuable ground by a tricky run. Pearson outran Dyson, and securing the leather, put in a magnificent kick, which fell into touch within a few yards of the Huddersfield line. Cope headed a dribble, which took the ball over the line, and the visitors' custodian kicked dead. Pearson splendidly returned the kick-out. Passing between the Huddersfield backs brought about an invasion in the home 25. Rooney put in a miserable return to a kick by Dyson, and gave the visitors an opening. Off-side play, however, lost them the chance, and they were penalized. Cardiff now took a turn at passing, but Cosslett was collared before he could move. He managed, however, to put in a powerful kick. In the next minute Cosslett again secured from Fred Jones, and after a strong run scored amid a hurricane of cheers. "D. W." failed at the place. After the kick out, Charley Arthur brought off a pretty corkscrew run. The visiting forwards played a very strong game, and once again invaded the Cardiff half. Pearson saved by a kick into touch. Dugdale made a desperate effort to cross the line, but was pulled back. Pearson, who was here, there, and everywhere, then secured and, after eluding half a dozen of his opponents, kicked into touch near the half flag. This brought relief when it was sorely needed. Kay made his mark near the touch-line, England only just failing landing a goal. Dickinson afterwards kicked over the line, and the home team touched down. After the kick-out the visitors were awarded a "free," but nothing material came of the kick. From the 25 Cosslett cleverly picked up, and handing off in rare style reached mid-field, where he stumbled at the feet of the visitors' back. From a line out in the centre Godwin secured and ran trickily to a point dangerously near the visitors' line. Charley Arthur then picked up and raced across, but just failed to drop on the leather. This, however, did not much matter, for in less than a minute Fred Jones stole a pass, and giving to Arthur the latter crossed after a pretty run. The place kick again failed. For palpable off-side play on the part of Joe Kay, the visitors were penalised right in front of the post, but Cosslett failed to land the major point, only a minor resulting. Godwin threw behind, but the pass was not taken, and one of the visitors securing, looked a scorer all over, when he was hauled down by Fred Jones. A scrum was formed immediately under the Cardiff posts, and the crowd became anxious until Gus Lewis forced his way through a host of the visitors and dribbled to half-way, where half-time was called.

HALF-TIME SCORE:		G. T. M.
CARDIFF	.....	2 2 2
HUDDERSFIELD	.....	0 0 1

After change of ends, desultory play followed in the centre. Dyson kicked behind the goal, and Rooney judiciously touched down. Pearson wound up an interchange of kicks by finding touch in the Huddersfield 25. Merrett passed, but the pass was taken by Dugdale, who ran to the Cardiff half. From a scrum near the Cardiff line, T. H. Thomas broke through, and, after a strong run, kicked into touch near the half flag. Pearson ran round, but Kay brought him low. Dyson dropped for goal, but the ball fell wide. Much amusement was created by one of the Huddersfield forwards, who was about 20 yards off-side, rushing over the line, and dropping on the leather with a certain try, as he thought. For this informality, play was ordered back to where Dyson took his kick. In his anxiety to smother his confrere, Godwin got in front of the ball, and Cardiff were accordingly penalised in a dangerous position. England took the kick and all but sent the oval between the uprights. Rooney elected to touch down. Cope, Cravos, and Thomas broke away from a scrum in the Cardiff 25, and Arthur following up, reached the Huddersfield 25, when he was overhauled by Dugdale. Fred Jones was loudly cheered for a beautiful run from his own 25 to the other. When pressed he gave to Arthur, who transferred to Pearson, the latter being pushed into touch before he could go far. The home forwards then rushed over the line, and Huddersfield touched down. Cardiff soon afterwards touched down. Time was soon afterwards called.

FINAL SCORE:		G. T. M.
CARDIFF	0 2 3
HUDDERSFIELD	0 0 4

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RUNCORN v CARDIFF.

The Welsh Metropolitans played the last game of the season yesterday afternoon, their opponents being the far-famed Runcorn Fifteen. Earlier in the day heavy showers had frequently fallen, but at the advertised time for starting the sky was beautifully blue, and no rain fell throughout the match. There was a splendid gate, hundreds of trippers from the Hills forming part of the crowd. The visitors came down without Crompton, their centre, and three or four of their regular forward. With one exception the Cardiff team was identical with that which defeated Huddersfield on Saturday. Bert Tylor was the exception. Owing to indisposition he was unable to take his place, Burke filling the vacancy. The teams were thus constituted.

POSITION.	RUNCORN.	CARDIFF.
Back	Houghton	E. J. Rooney
Three-quarter	T. H. Davies	O. S. Arthur
Three-quarter	May	F. N. Jones
Three-quarter	Abrams	T. W. Pearson
Three-quarter	Pendlebury	W. Cosslett
Half-back	Hollingsworth	Godwin
Half-back	Robinson	Merrett
Forward	Faulkner (capt.)	D. W. Evans (capt.)
Forward	Lee	Gus Lewis
Forward	Riley	E. Cope
Forward	Hughes	B. Davies
Forward	Williams	Guinea
Forward	Gaylor	T. H. Thomas
Forward	Hampson	S. Cravos
Forward	J. Davies	Sneathbridge

Referee: Mr Carmichael, Blackheath.

Losing the toss, Runcorn kicked off from the Racquet Court end. Charley Arthur returned, and an interchange of kicks followed, the ball finally going into touch slightly on Runcorn territory. Merrett passed to Arthur, who did not go far ere he was collared. Passing between the Runcorn three-quarters lost ground, but afterwards Arthur passed to Pearson, who ran along the touch-line to the Runcorn 25. The Runcorn forwards rushed down the field, but Pearson pluckily picked up and passed to Arthur, who put in a small but serviceable kick. Abrams stayed off disaster by a high punt, which Rooney failed to hold. He was able to pick up, however, before much harm was done. In succeeding play the home forwards showed to advantage, and by pretty footwork took play to half-way. From a scrum Arthur secured, and after dodging beautifully passed to Fred Jones, who gave to Cosslett. The quondam Penarthite, however, did not take the pass, and lost a certain try. Operations were now suspended, Godwin, one of the home halves, receiving a nasty crack on the face. After desultory play, Fred Jones ran like a flash of lightning between the Runcorn centres, and looked a scorer all over, when he was earthed within a few yards of the Runcorn line. The visitors relieved by a series of kicks, and play was taken to the Cardiff 25. Here Merrett passed to Godwin, who transferred to Arthur. The latter, sailing along in his best style, eluded the Runcorn three-quarters, and then passed to Pearson, who found no difficulty in scoring a pretty try. Cosslett failed at the place. A touch-goal soon followed this. The kick out was returned into touch by Pearson, who later tried a shot for goal but without success. The Cardiff 25 was now invaded, Rooney failing to return a kick by Davies. The stay here was only temporary, Fred Jones taking a pass intended for Abrams and giving to Arthur. May picked up, and, after covering a lot of ground, passed to Pendlebury, and by combined forward play the ball was taken quite close to the Cardiff line. Pendlebury made a desperate effort to score, but he was thrown into touch by Pearson. Another attempt was more successful. Robinson passed to Davies, who gave possession to May, the latter scoring in a favourable position. The kick struck the post, and afterwards rebounded into play. Half-time was soon called.

HALF-TIME SCORE: G. T. M.
CARDIFF..... 0 1 1
RUNCORN..... 0 1 0

"D.W." restarted for Cardiff, his kick being returned into touch. Hampson ran to half way and throw to Davies, who was earthed in the Cardiff 25. Abrams and Davies started a dribble, and cleverly kicking sideways. May picked up, and scored a soft try under the posts. Hughes succeeded in landing the major point. This reverse did not discourage the homesters. On the contrary, they redoubled their efforts, and, after the re-start, hemmed the visitors in their 25. For handling the ball in the scrum Runcorn were penalised. "D.W." took the kick and sent the ball into touch within a few feet of the line. From the succeeding scrum Gus Lewis literally jumped over the line and scored amid tumultuous cheers, which were renewed when Tommy Pear sent the oval between the uprights, and thus equalised the score. The kick-out was followed by a pretty dribble on the part of Godwin. This had the effect of taking operation into the Runcorn 25. A kick along the ground transferred operations to more equable territory. Another long kick gave Runcorn a minor. In mid-field Cardiff were penalised, but Fred Jones replied to the kick by a run into touch. The Runcorn forwards had the best of succeeding play, and Davies was only collared after a pretty run in the nick of time. Cardiff were awarded another "free," Gaylor making his mark from the home captain's kick in a rather favourable position. The ball, however, went wide, and Fred Jones wisely touched down. Nothing further was scored, and the game ended in a draw.

	G. T. M.
RUNCORN	1 1 2
CARDIFF	1 1 1

THE CLOSING SEASON. RECORDS OF LOCAL TEAMS.

CARDIFF.

Yesterday saw the close of Cardiff's most unsuccessful season for years past. The returns show 30 matches played, 13 won, 14 lost, and 4 drawn. Starting only moderately well the club experienced decidedly bad luck; first the captain, and then almost every one of the other players falling victims either to accident or illness. Effective combination was, therefore, a thing that could hardly have been expected, and it is a positive fact that only on one occasion—in the match against Neath—did the team actually selected take the field. Then came the enforced rest during the frost, and the consequent lack of practice told a severe tale upon more than one of the players, particularly those in the front division. Individually the men have not shone as in former years, as witness the small number of Cardiffians who have assisted their country in this year's International matches. The forwards were, on the whole, a small and, in many cases, "a job lot." Men of the A. F. Hill type have been conspicuous only by their absence, and of the recruits, Cope, one of the most promising to first-class form. Of the new men, Rooney (full back), T. H. Thomas, S. Cravos, and Tom Jones (forwards) were drafted from the Second XV, having occasionally played for the premier team last year. Fitzgerald (full back), Godwin (half-back), Davies, Guinea, and Burke (forwards), came from St. David's. Watts is an old Penyrhais man, and Cops, though belonging to Cardiff, has been several years at Cambridge. Unfortunately it is feared he will not be available next season. Lloyd Roberts, who came to Cardiff fresh from the Llanovery School, where he captained the team, seemed at first a promising recruit, but it can hardly be said that he fulfilled the high expectations formed of him. It is a long time since the recruits turned out such a mediocre lot; and in no previous year has there been so much difficulty in getting anything like suitable men from the second string. With a view of making the 2nd's a real training ground the committee are considering—if indeed they have not already determined—to offer encouragement to the members in the shape of an Easter tour in the West of England.

The players who oftenest donned the blue and black jersey during the season were:—Fitzgerald and Rooney (full-back), F. N. Jones, C. S. Arthur, R. B. Sweet-Escott, W. Cosslett, and A. M. Hill (three-quarter backs); H. M. Ingledew, Lloyd Roberts, W. Godwin, and R. B. Sweet-Escott (half-backs); A. Lewis, T. H. Thomas, H. J. Taylor, D. W. Evans (captain), Mahoney, Smith, Watts, Guinea, Burke, Cope, Tom Jones, and S. Cravos. It is worthy of note that in the Swinton match at Cardiff the homesters beat the North country men by the largest score they had ever previously compiled against them, and that in the return match Swinton won by the smallest number of points they had ever made against the Cardiffians on their own ground. Several alterations had to be made in the original fixture card. The Penarth and Llanelly matches, postponed owing to frost-bitten ground, were played off subsequently. The arrangements with Moseley at Moseley, with Blackheath at Cardiff, and with Oxford University at Oxford, had to be abandoned for a similar reason. West Hartlepool, Wakefield Trinity, and Bristol were extra matches arranged after the opening of the season. Below we give a table showing the scores for and against the club in all matches played:—

OPPONENTS.	FOR.	AGAINST.	RESULT.
	G. T. M.	G. T. M.	
Neath (h).....	1 0	—	Won.
Penarth (a).....	1 0	—	Won.
Moseley (h).....	2 0	—	Won.
Newport (h).....	—	—	Drawn.
Swansea (a).....	—	4 0	Lost.
Huddersfield (a).....	1 1	2 2	Lost.
Swinton (h).....	0 2	0 1	Won.
Gloucester (h).....	0 1	2 6	Lost.
Newport (a).....	2 2	—	Won.
Coventry (h).....	—	—	Drawn.
Swansea (h).....	—	—	Drawn.
Llanelly (a).....	—	1 4	Lost.
Blackheath (a).....	3 1	—	Won.
West Hartlepool (h).....	0 1	1 2	Lost.
Pontypridd (a).....	0 1	1 1	Lost.
Old Merchant Taylors (h).....	—	2 0	Lost.
Swansea (h).....	—	2 2	Lost.
Newport (h).....	0 3	0 2	Won.
Wakefield Trinity (h).....	0 4	1 0	Won.
Bristol (a).....	—	0 2	Lost.
Gloucester (a).....	1 3	—	Won.
Pontypridd (h).....	—	0 2	Lost.
Swinton (a).....	0 3	0 1	Won.
Neath (a).....	2 2	0 2	Won.
Penarth (h).....	—	2 0	Lost.
Barbarians (h).....	—	3 5	Lost.
Newport (a).....	0 2	3 1	Lost.
Swansea (h).....	—	0 1	Lost.
Llanelly (h).....	0 2	—	Won.
Huddersfield (h).....	1 1	1 1	Drawn.
Runcorn (h).....	—	—	—
Total.....	16 31	23 35	
Matches played 30.	Won 13.	Lost 14.	Drawn 4.

NEWPORT.

When the whistle sounded after the Salford v. Newport match yesterday, the Unbeaten, in token that they had achieved an unbroken record, carried their captain off the ground shoulder high. In the evening an enthusiastic supporter of the Black and Amber emphasised the season's record by a champagne supper, and later on there will, as the public have been duly informed, be a presentation to each member of the 15 of a gold watch. A glance at the appended list will show that the team have met some worthy foemen. First of all, they have beaten the old score of the season, whom they met practically on the combination, and every Tinplate fell before the good fortune to draw other team which had not the good fortune to draw with them did likewise. These teams included Swansea, Swinton, Salford, Moseley, London Welsh, &c. It is almost a pity that Newport could not arrange a match, as the London Star suggested, with Blackheath or Richmond just for the purpose of rounding off an unbeaten record by victory or otherwise. Failing that test of prowess, Newport has every reason to be proud of the doings of the team, and will doubtless show it in a practical form. The season's record stands thus:-

OPPONENTS.	SCORE FOR.		SCORE AGAINST.		RESULT.
	G.	T.	G.	T.	
Llanelli (a)	1	2	—	—	Won
Devonport Albion (h)	2	2	0	1	Won.
Wellington (h)	4	3	—	—	Won.
Swansea (h)	1	1	—	—	Won.
Cardiff (a)	—	—	—	—	Drawn.
St. Helen's Recreation (h)	2	1	1	0	Won.
London Harlequins (h)	6	6	0	1	Won.
London Civil Service (h)	2	1	—	—	Won.
Swinton (h)	2	2	—	—	Drawn.
Swansea (a)	—	—	—	—	Drawn.
Cardiff (h)	2	6	0	1	Won.
Gloucester (a)	0	1	—	—	Won.
West Hartlepool (h)	3	4	—	—	Won.
Moseley (h)	1	2	—	—	Won.
Salford (a)	0	4	0	1	Won.
Penarth (h)	0	2	—	—	Won.
Old Merchant Taylors (h)	—	—	—	—	Drawn.
London Welsh (h)	2	1	—	—	Won.
Penarth (a)	2	1	—	—	Won.
Exeter (h)	4	8	—	—	Won.
Cardiff (a)	2	2	—	—	Won.
Llanelli (h)	1	2	—	—	Won.
Swansea (h)	—	—	—	—	Drawn.
Moseley (a)	4	6	1	0	Won.
Coventry (a)	3	3	—	—	Won.
R. M. E. Devonport (h)	5	3	—	—	Won.
Exeter (a)	6	5	—	—	Won.
Gloucester (h)	4	2	—	—	Won.
Swansea (a)	2	0	1	0	Won.
Cardiff (h)	3	5	—	—	Won.
Penarth (h)	5	5	—	—	Won.
Aberavon (h)	1	4	0	1	Won.
Salford (h)	6	5	—	—	Won.
Totals	75	89	3	5	

Matches played, 33; won, 23; lost, 0; drawn, 4

SWANSEA.

The match with Swinton on Easter Monday closed the Swansea football season, and the first fifteen have a very good record to show. They played 32 matches, won 23, lost 5, and 4 were drawn games, and compiled a score of 38 goals (6 dropped), 46 tries, and 65 minors, whilst their opponents got 9 goals (3 dropped), 10 tries, and 47 minors. This will allow the St. Helen's men the place of a very good second amongst the Welsh teams, Newport justly taking first position. The play of the team throughout has been uniformly good, and although five reverses were sustained, viz., two by Newport and one each at the hands of Swinton, Oxford University, and Gloucester, yet the defeats never approached a severe reverse. The most exciting encounters were with Newport. Four matches were arranged, two ended in drawn games and the other two in victories for Newport. Cardiff were defeated three times out of four matches, the other being a draw. Three were played with Llanelli, whilst Neath sustained two reverses. The brothers James and Bancroft have mainly contributed to this good result, but the forwards have worked well in spite of the frequent changes made in their ranks.

OPPONENTS.	SCORE FOR.		SCORE AGAINST.		RESULT.
	G.	T.	G.	T.	
Morriston (a)	1	1	1	0	Won
Pennygraig (h)	2	3	—	—	Won
Neath (h)	2	2	1	1	Won
Newport (a)	—	—	—	—	Won
Swinton (a)	1	0	1	1	Lost
Oldham (a)	0	3	—	—	Lost
Cardiff (h)	4	0	—	—	Won
St. Thomas's Hospital (h)	2	3	—	—	Won
Gay's Hospital (h)	4	2	—	—	Won
Newport (h)	—	—	—	—	Won
Coventry (h)	3	2	0	1	Drawn
Oxford University (a)	—	—	—	—	Drawn
Cardiff (a)	—	—	—	—	Drawn
Penarth (h)	—	—	—	—	Drawn
Gloucester (a)	1	1	1	1	Drawn
Llanelli (a)	—	—	—	—	Drawn
London Welsh (h)	1	3	—	—	Won
Old Merchant Taylors (h)	1	1	—	—	Won
Dowbury (h)	1	1	—	—	Won
Cardiff (h)	2	1	—	—	Won
Gloucester (h)	2	1	—	—	Won
Lampeter (h)	3	5	0	1	Won
Newport (a)	—	—	—	—	Won
Neath (a)	1	4	—	—	Drawn
Cardiff Harlequins (h)	1	3	0	1	Won
Llanelli (h)	1	3	—	—	Won
Penarth (a)	1	1	—	—	Won
Newport (h)	1	3	—	—	Won
Llanelli (h)	1	0	2	0	Lost
Cardiff (a)	0	3	—	—	Won
Salford (h)	5	1	0	2	Won
Swinton (h)	0	1	—	—	Drawn
Totals	38	45	9	10	

Matches Played, 32. Won, 23. Lost, 5. Drawn, 4.

ENGLAND V. WALES.

Any fears that might have been entertained as to the complete success of this the first international contest of the season were quite expelled by the fine weather that prevailed. There was a slight frost during the night, but the morning in London opened bright and fine, while at the Rectory Field, Blackheath, the scene of the match, the sun shone out. A fairly strong wind was blowing. An enormous crowd of people travelled down to Blackheath to witness the match. The gates were opened soon after mid-day, and although at that hour and for some time afterwards the company was not numerous, by one o'clock several thousands were on the ground, and the crowd went on increasing until, at half-past two, the attendance numbered over 10,000 people. As announced in Saturday's paper, the two Swansea halves (D. and E. James) could not, through indisposition, assist Wales, and their places were taken by Percy Phillips (Newport) and G. Rowles (Penarth). On the English side Percival, of Oxford, gave way to Allport, of Blackheath, and,

Taylor, of Northumberland, having hurt himself, stood down in favour of Emmott, of Yorkshire. The effects of a slight frost during the night had yielded to the bright sunshine, and the ground, having been covered up, was in capital condition. The teams took the field as follows, having previously been photographed:—
England: Back, W. E. Thomson (Blackheath); three-quarter backs, R. E. Lockwood (Yorkshire), F. R. Alderson (Durham), and G. C. Hubbard (Kent); half-backs, — Emmott (Yorkshire) and A. Briggs (Yorkshire); forwards, W. Yiend (Gloucestershire), A. Allport (Blackheath), F. Evershed (Midland Counties), W. E. Bromet (Yorkshire), J. Toothill (Yorkshire), W. Nichol (Yorkshire), T. Kent (Lancashire), J. Pyke (Lancashire), and E. Bullock (Lancashire).
Wales: Back, W. J. Bancroft (Swansea); three-quarter backs, R. Garrett (Penarth), A. J. Gould (Newport, captain), T. W. Pearson (Cardiff), and W. McCutcheon (Oldham and Swansea); half-backs, Percy Phillips (Newport) and G. Rowles (Penarth); forwards, T. C. Graham, A. W. Baucher, W. Watts, and J. Hannen (Newport), C. B. Nichol (Cambridge and Llanelli), J. Deacon (Swansea), R. L. Thomas (Llanelli), and F. Mills (Swansea).
Shortly before three o'clock the players entered the field. Alderson kicked off for England, Bancroft returning. Play settled down in the Welsh half. A free kick to Wales was rendered useless, one of the visitors getting off side, but the Welsh forwards broke away several times in fine style, and some pretty passing took place between Gould and Pearson, the latter being pushed into touch. Thomson, falling on the ball, stopped an awkward rush. Alderson, taking a free kick for off side, dropped neatly into touch near the Welsh line, but the pressure was relieved. The play continued very fast, the Welshmen naturally breaking up the scrummages very quickly, but the English halves prevented the Welsh three-quarters getting much chance. Once Gould got well away, but the pass was intercepted, and then Wales, being awarded a free kick in mid-field, Bancroft narrowly missed dropping a goal. Briggs then made a pretty run and, feinting cleverly, got right on to the line. Nichol crossed the Welsh line, but the ball was ordered back. Pearson next put in a brilliant run, but Thomson brought him down. Bancroft again took a place for a free, which was unsuccessful, but for a few minutes England was hard pressed. Nichol and Bullock headed a fine rush of the English forwards, and later on England nearly got in. Wales having to touch down. Again Hubbard put in a clever run, passing Pearson a second time; but Garrett intercepted his pass, and play went on in mid-field, until Briggs and Toothill dashed down the ground to the Welsh 25. The Welsh halves worked hard, but not very cleverly. England got right on to the Welsh line several times, and at length Hubbard scored right under the posts, Lockwood placing a goal amidst loud cheers. At half-time the score was:—

England..... 1 goal, 1 try.

Wales..... Nil.

The try to England was scored when Nichol got over, but two men handling the ball the place was not taken, the prevalent opinion being that the point had not been allowed. After some delay the second half commenced at 3.45. Hubbard was away having an injured eye attended to, and Evershed acted as three-quarter. Following an interchange of kicks, Wales pressed for a few minutes, but the English forwards carried the play to the other end. Gould, intercepting a pass, ran half way down the field, but Hubbard, who had returned, brought down Pearson, to whom the ball had been thrown. Again England worked their way down, the halves being very smart, whilst the forwards were much more formidable than the Welsh, especially when the play opened out. The ball being dribbled over the English line, Lockwood saved by kicking dead, but a minute later without any big run play was on

Totals 75 89 3 5
Matches played, 53; won, 29; lost, 0; drawn, 4

SWANSEA.

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OPPONENTS.	SCORE FOR.	SCORE AGAINST.	RESULT.
Morriston (a)	1 1	1 0	Won
Pennygraig (h)	2 3	—	Won
Neath (h)	2 2	1 1	Won
Newport (a)	—	1 1	Lost
Swinton (a)	1 0	1 1	Lost
Oldham (a)	0 3	—	Won
Cardiff (h)	4 0	—	Won
St. Thomas's Hospital (h) ..	2 3	—	Won
Guy's Hospital (h)	4 2	—	Won
Newport (h)	—	—	Drawn
Coventry (h)	3 2	0 1	Won
Oxford University (a)	—	1 1	Lost
Cardiff (a)	—	—	Drawn
Penarth (h)	1 1	1 1	Won
Gloucester (a)	—	1 0	Lost
Llanelly (a)	—	—	Won
London Welsh (h)	1 3	—	Won
Old Merchant Taylors (h) ..	1 1	—	Won
Dewsbury (h)	—	—	Drawn
Cardiff (h)	2 1	—	Won
Gloucester (h)	2 1	—	Won
Lampeter (h)	3 5	0 1	Won
Newport (a)	—	—	Drawn
Neath (h)	1 4	—	Won
Cardiff Harlequins (h)	1 3	0 1	Won
Llanelly (h)	1 1	—	Won
Penarth (a)	1 3	—	Won
Newport (h)	1 0	2 0	Lost
Llanelly (h)	0 3	—	Won
Cardiff (a)	3 1	0 2	Won
Salford (h)	1 2	—	Won
Swinton (h)	0 1	—	Drawn
Total	38 46	9 10	
Matches Played, 52. Won, 23. Lost, 5. Drawn, 4.			

Useless, one of the visitors getting off side, but the Welsh forwards broke away several times in fine style, and some pretty passing took place between Gould and Pearson, the latter being pushed into touch. Thomson, falling on the tail, stopped an awkward rush. Alderson, taking a free kick for off side, dropped neatly into touch near the Welsh line, but the pressure was relieved. The play continued very fast, the Welshmen naturally breaking up the scrummages very quickly, but the English halves prevented the Welsh three-quarters getting much chance. Once Gould got well away, but the pass was intercepted, and then Wales, being awarded a free kick in mid-field, Bancroft narrowly missed dropping a goal. Briggs then made a pretty run and, feinting cleverly, got right on to the line. Nichol crossed the Welsh line, but the ball was ordered back. Pearson next put in a brilliant run, but Thomson brought him down. Bancroft again took a place for a free, which was unsuccessful, but for a few minutes England was hard pressed. Nichol and Bullogh headed a fine rush of the English forwards, and later on England nearly got in, Wales having to touch down. Again Hubbard put in a clever run, passing Pearson a second time; but Garrett intercepted his pass, and play went on in mid-field, until Briggs and Toothill dashed down the ground to the Welsh 25. The Welsh halves worked hard, but not very cleverly. England got right on to the Welsh line several times, and at length Hubbard scored right under the posts, Lockwood placing a goal amidst loud cheers. At half-time the score was:—

England..... 1 goal, 1 try.
Wales..... Nil.

The try to England was scored when Nichol got over, but two men handling the ball the place was not taken, the prevalent opinion being that the point had not been allowed. After some delay the second half commenced at 3.45. Hubbard was away having an injured eye attended to, and Evershed acted as three-quarter. Following an interchange of kicks, Wales pressed for a few minutes, but the English forwards carried the play to the other end. Gould, intercepting a pass, ran half way down the field, but Hubbard, who had returned, brought down Pearson, to whom the ball had been thrown. Again England worked their way down, the halves being very smart, whilst the forwards were much more formidable than the Welsh, especially when the play opened out. The ball being dribbled over the English line, Lockwood saved by kicking dead, but a minute later without any big run play was on the Welsh line, and Alderson got over, the English captain himself placing a splendid goal. England then led by two goals and a try to nil. Directly after the kick off the ball was kicked over the English line and a try claimed, but not allowed. At length there was a display of the Welsh game, the whole four three-quarters taking part in some very pretty passing. It was not effective, however, Phillips dribbled to the line, but the forwards received. As time drew near, the Englishmen, for a few minutes, appeared to tire, but, responding to the exhortations of Alderson, they stuck to their work manfully, and Kent and Evershed at one time, and Bullogh and Nichol at another, headed two telling rushes. Once the ball was kicked dead over the Welsh line, when a try looked certain. At length Bromet got away, and passing to Evershed, the latter scored right under the posts. Lockwood easily worked a goal, and England now led by three goals and a try, to nil. During the last few minutes the play was still very fast and keen, England first pressing, whilst later on Wales got close once or twice. At the call of no side the score stood:—

England..... 3 goals, 1 try, 3 minors.
Wales..... 3 minors.

It is only fair to state that the score suggests a much greater disparity between the two teams than really existed.

PREVIOUS MATCHES.

- 1881.—At Blackheath. England won by eight goals and five tries, to nil.
- 1883.—At Swansea. England won by two goals and four tries, to nil.
- 1884.—At Leeds. England won by one goal and two tries, to one goal.
- 1885.—At Swansea. England won by one goal and four tries, to one goal and one try.
- 1888.—At Blackheath. England won by one goal and two tries, to one goal.
- 1887.—At Llanelly. Drawn, neither side scoring.
- 1888.—No match owing to dispute.
- 1889.—No match owing to dispute.
- 1890.—At Dewsbury. Wales won by one try, to nil.
- 1891.—At Newport. Eng and won by two goals and one try, to one goal.

they did not favourably compare with the northern players, claim to rank as one of the heaviest teams which have taken part in an international contest for years past. With the exception of the James Brothers and Conway Rees all the Welshmen had won their spurs. Evan James played against Scotland at Cardiff, but the great secret of their success has always been the skilful way in which they play into each other's hands.

The three-quarter and half-backs faced each other as below:—

Right wing	T. W. Pearson ..	F. R. Clauss
Centres	A. J. Gould	W. Neilson
	J. Conway Rees	
Left wing	W. McCutcheon	G. T. Campbell
Right half	David James	G. E. Orr
Left half	Evan James	D'Arcy Anderson

The following were the teams:—

Backs, W. J. Bancroft (Swansea); three-quarter backs, A. J. Gould (Newport), T. W. Pearson (Cardiff), W. McCutcheon (Oldham and Swansea), and J. Conway Rees (Llanelli); half-backs, E. and D. James (Swansea); forwards, W. H. Watts, J. Hadden, T. C. Graham, A. W. Boncher, and Percy Bennett (Cardiff Harlequins), C. B. Nicholl (Llanelli), V. Mills and T. Deacon (Swansea). Touch-line judge, Mr W. H. Gwynn. The Scotch were chosen, namely:—Backs, Stevenson (Academicals); three-quarter backs, Clauss (Oxford), W. Neilson (Cambridge), and Campbell (London Scottish); half-backs, Orr (West of Scotland) and Anderson (London Scottish); forwards, G. Neilson, J. Orr, Boswell, Miller (West), McMillan, Goodhue (London Scottish), Leggatt (Watsonians), Gibson (Royal High School), and Dalgleish (Glasgow). Touch-line judge, Mr David McAinslie; referee, Mr Hodgson (English Rugby Union).

THE GAME.

When Scotland kicked off the rain seemed to have spent itself into a thick Scotch mist. Wales faced the town end. Leggatt's kick was promptly returned by Bancroft, Clauss failing to respond. The Scotchmen had the best of the succeeding scrums, Boswell and McMillan showing up well. By this means play was taken to the centre line, but it was not destined to remain there long, for Evan James, passing to his brother, Gould was given possession, and had covered about a dozen yards when he passed too low to enable Pearson to take advantage of the transfer. The ball being centred, Graham and Nicholl got away, and Stevenson was collared ere he could return. Tricky play by D'Arcy Anderson transferred almost to the Welsh 25. Several scrummages took place at this point, much cheering proclaiming the fact that the Welsh eight were holding their nine opponents. A smart pass from Anderson to Campbell gave him a chance to punt into touch, but McCutcheon was there, and, recovering the ball on the verge of the line, shot into touch. Play settled down

near the centre line, and the ball going into touch being exhibited by both lots of forwards, the loose Wales got out of danger, but the ball falling to Orr, he transferred to his confrere, who handed to Neilson, the centre three-quarters eluding the touch-line, only, however, to be overtaken by Pearson and Conway Rees, both of them falling on him. The Welsh forwards, strange to say, although playing against odds, did not appear as much puffed as their opponents, and Graham, Hadden, Watts, and Nicholl dribbled after dribble, only to be stopped by the backs. Graham, on one occasion, had got to the Scotch 25, when he was seized by the legs, though he had passed the ball to Mills, the "All White" representative falling over the Scotchman. A change, however, soon came over the complexion of the game, and the Scotch forwards, as though they had recovered their wind, had matters all their own way. Time after time did the James's, Gould, or Bancroft have to save. The defence was so well maintained that beyond a minor point conceded by Bancroft after a long punt of Neilson's unbiassed dribble after one of the too frequent abortive wheels by the Welshmen took the value to within a yard of the Welsh line, where one of the forwards picked up and came within an ace of scoring, Pearson hauling him down pluckily. A series of scrummages followed, the Welshmen on two occasions wheeling, thereby gaining much ground. A punt of Gould's sent the ball into touch near the grand stand, and McCutcheon ran out of touch, the crowd jeering when he was called back by the referee. Play was of a more give-and-take nature for the next five minutes, the James's gaining large slices of territory through interpassing. The ball being skyed by Gibson Evan James got hold of it and passed to Conway Rees, who gave way to Gould, the latter passing to McCutcheon. After travelling about 20 yards McCutcheon lost his footing, but soon D. James got the ball, and a capital transfer to Conway Rees gave the old Llandoveryan an opportunity of showing his pace. Dodging Orr and Neilson, he was about to be tackled by Campbell, when he gave the ball to McCutcheon, who was stopped ere he could get well under weigh. Scotland now made a final effort, and, though their progress was time after time impeded, they got to the 25. Relief was brought by Bancroft punting into touch. Great excitement was occasioned by the desperate effort of the Scots to score, the gallant defence evoking the loudest cheers. Bennett, among the forwards tackling in no uncertain style. A long drop for goal was wisely answered by a touch in defence, and the play continued fast and loose, still close into the Welsh lines. By dint of the trickiness of their halves and three-quarters, the Welsh relieved to neutral territory, and Scotland looked like being evaded. Passing which could not be surpassed for smartness and neatness, and in which forwards and backs took part, called upon Bancroft several times to save. Pearson, however, by a long and clever kick along the touch-line, was instrumental in sending play across the equatorial line. Remarkably even play succeeded, and the game could not be regarded as won until the call of "No side." With the ball in Scottish territory, an interesting game, teaming with incidents of brilliant play, was ended, Scotland winning by seven points to two. It is significant as an indication of the excellent defence of the Welshmen that not a point was scored in the second half, in this respect the match resembling that played at Cardiff a few seasons ago.

FINAL SCORE:		G.	T.	M.
SCOTLAND	1	1	2	
WALES	0	1	1	

THE REFEREE MOBBED.

At the close of the game the referee (Mr Hodgson, secretary of the London Referees' Union, who had officiated for Mr Ashmore) was subjected to rough treatment at the hands of the crowd, who on several occasions during the match had expressed disapproval of his decisions. He was knocked over, but fortunately Arthur Gould and other players were about, and between them they beat back the crowd, which had defied the police. Mr Hodgson was accompanied to the Mackworth hotel in a cab by the Welsh captain. At the Hotel, while the conduct of the crowd was censured, it was generally felt that the referee had shown an imperfect knowledge of the rules. The most palpable instances were alleged to be his refusal to allow a free obtained by Evan James and his decision to disallow charging from a free kick.

Another correspondent gives the following account of the incident:—After the match a most regrettable scene occurred. During the game the referee frequently raised the ire of the crowd because of what they apparently considered his one-sided decisions. Immediately the whistle blew at the end of the match a person from the crowd rushed excitedly on the ground up to the referee, and he was followed by a large crowd. The result was the somewhat rough hustling of the referee. The Welsh team closed round him, and in trying to protect him Gould received on the jaw a blow intended for the referee. The police were quickly on the spot, and after great difficulty, the crowd having swelled to enormous proportions, the referee was safely escorted to the pavilion.

PLAYERS INJURED.

Several players were slightly injured, D. James getting an ugly crack over the eye, and one of the Scots being treated at the hospital for a bad cut on the forehead. All players assembled at the customary banquet, but owing to the "hard knocks" got in the game the James's and other Welsh players have been forced to abandon the Welsh Wanderers' Devonshire tour, which was to have started to-day.

PREVIOUS RESULTS.

Scotland, 7; Wales, 1; drawn, 1.
1892-3.—At Edinburgh. Scotland won by three goals to one.
1893-4.—At Newport. Scotland won by one goal and one try to none.
1894-5.—At Glasgow. Drawn, nothing each.
1895-6.—At Cardiff. Scotland won by two goals and one try to none.
1896-7.—At Edinburgh. Scotland won by four goals and eight tries to none.
1897-8.—At Newport. Wales won by one try to none.
1898-9.—At Edinburgh. Scotland won by two tries to one.
1899-00.—At Cardiff. Scotland won by one goal and two tries to one try.
1900-1.—At Edinburgh. Scotland won by three goals and six tries to none.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH.

THE DEFEAT OF THE WELSHMEN.

Grand weather prevailed at Dublin when this annual encounter was brought off. The Welshmen who arrived at the Irish Metropolis on Friday night, had a fine passage across St. George's Channel, and on putting in an appearance on the Lansdowne Ground, where the match was decided, looked very fit and well.

The following were the team:—Wales—Back, W. J. Bancroft (Swansea); three-quarter backs, A. J. Gould (e. plain, Newport), Bert Gould (Newport), Norman Biggs (Cardiff), F. E. Nicholls (Cardiff); half-backs, D. and B. James (Swansea); forwards, C. B. Nichol (Llanelli and Cambridge); A. W. Boucher (Newport); Watts (Newport), Hannon (Newport), T. Denon (Swansea), E. Mills (Swansea), H. T. Day (Newport), and Percy Bennett (Cardiff). Ireland—Back, T. Peel (Beckwith); three-quarter backs, Gardner (North of Wales), S. Lee (Beckwith Rangers), and R. Montgomery (Beckwith Rangers); half-backs; T. Thornhill (Wanderers) and F. Davies (Lansdowne); forwards, V. C. Le Fanu (Lansdowne), E. J. Walshe (Lansdowne), C. W. Rooke (Lansdowne), J. S. Jameson (Lansdowne), J. H. O'Connor (Beckwith Rangers), R. Stevenson (Beckwith Rangers), A. K. Wallis (Wanderers), T. Johnston (Queen's College, Belfast), and Roche (Wanderers). Touch Judges: Mr. Rees, Wales; Mr. Chambers, Ireland. Referee, Mr. Holmes, Moseley.

Ireland started the ball with a brilliant sun shining dead against them, and on Bancroft returning play settled down in the vicinity of the Welsh 25. Rooke eventually kicked over the line and Wales touched down. Following the drop-out the Welsh backs passed grandly, but the Irish forwards were remarkably quick in the tackling line, and fairly won the upper hand. Rooke, taking a pass from Le Fanu, ran down to the Welsh 25, and although the visitors' relieved, the home side, headed by Edwards, again came on and attacked. Stevenson all but scored, and the Welshmen were fairly penned in. "Go on, Ireland; give them some Guinness's stout," was the cry from one of the remarkably good-tempered crowd that excited a laugh, and the Welshmen were undoubtedly hard pressed. Montgomery came near scoring, but was upset by Bancroft, and Nicholls (Harlequins) obtained a little relief by kicking up field, but the Irish forwards, going through the scrums in grand style, carried all before them, and led to a fresh attack on Wales's position. David James getting the ball ran up the field at length, and for the first time since the start the Irish 25 was invaded, the game was now temporarily delayed owing to an accident to Le Fanu. On resuming, Wales attacked vigorously. Arthur Gould put in a clever run, but was stopped, and Johnstone kicked to the centre. David James passing to Evan James, the latter threw to Arthur Gould, who sent the ball to Biggs. The Cardiffian unfortunately failed to catch the ball, which was rather wildly thrown to him, and thus a good chance was lost. Nevertheless Wales pressed, and some fine work was put in by her halves and three-quarters, the Brothers James and Biggs especially showing well. Then came an exciting and really brilliant bit of play, which elicited loud yells of delight from the crowd. Biggs passing to Bert Gould, the latter missed the ball, which was seized by Lee and at once transferred. Nearly every man in the Irish team handled the ball in turn, and the game was taken right on to the Welsh line. Arthur Gould, by a clever bit of work, relieved, but Thornhill getting possession in the centre passed to Roche, who went well down the field and passed to Walshe, the latter scoring a try. A tremendous outburst of noise heralded this event. The place-kick failed. A little later Davies got the ball in the centre, and by a brilliant run, which was deservedly applauded to the echo, scored a try, which Roche converted. This particular run was undoubtedly one of the finest ever seen in an international match. The game thereafter was fast and furious, the Welsh backs, the Jameses, and Biggs always prominent working like niggers to make up for the deficiencies of the forwards, who were clearly beaten.

HALF-TIME SCORE.

	G.	T.	M.
IRELAND	1	1	1
WALES	0	0	0

On resuming after the customary interval, Thornhill ran in from half-way, but the ball was ordered back. Wales was allowed a free kick, which, taken by Bancroft, resulted in a minor, the ball falling under the bar. Following the kick-out, the Irishmen attacked hotly, but a free kick, taken by Arthur Gould, found touch at the centre. Then Bert Gould got possession, and kicked to the Irish 25. The Irish forwards repelled the attack, and a free kick allowed to Wales brought the visitors no advantage. A grand run by Norman Biggs was the next noticeable incident, but the Cardiffian just as he was looking dangerous was stopped by Peel. Arthur Gould a little time after took a drop at goal, but a minor only resulted. Wales thereafter exhibited good form, and for a time raised the hopes of their despondent supporters, but the Irish forwards were not to be contented, and ere long the ball was out in the centre. Arthur Gould by a clever dodging run got back to the Irish 25, but was stopped by Le Fanu. The Irish forwards then went out to the centre, and Thornhill getting the ball ran up to near the Welsh line. A minute later Walshe got hold of the ball and ran in, a big yell from the crowd heralding the event. The place kick failed. Afterwards the Irishmen made a vigorous onslaught, but were stopped by Bancroft, who kicked to touch outside the visitors' twenty-five. An accident to David James, who had a nasty collision with Peel, stopped the match for a bit, but the Welshman was able to go on, and won an encouraging cheer from the crowd as he picked himself up and restarted. From then on to the end the game was fairly even, the one incident worthy of note being a fine run by Edwards, who was chased and stopped by Biggs.

FINAL SCORE:

	G.	T.	M.
IRELAND	1	2	1
WALES	0	0	3

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FOOTBALL CELEBRITIES INTERVIEWED.

[BY THE INTERVIEWER.]

No. III.—MR. W. D. PHILLIPS.

To say that Mr. W. D. Phillips is, although the scene of battle knows him no more as one of the warriors, one of the best known men in Welsh athletic circles, would be but a very poor way of expressing the popularity of the subject of our interview this week. There is no man in South Wales who knows more about, or has done more for, Welsh football than Mr. Phillips. Talk to him, and you find him courteous, chatty, and brim full of facts concerning the game in South Wales from its earliest infancy. Preliminaries having been settled, the old veteran cheerfully assented to supply your interviewer with a few facts. In 1873, just within a year after leaving school, "Good Old Bill," as his old associates delight to call him, succeeded in establishing the Cardiff Wanderers, being elected the first captain. Carefully nursed, the then baby has now grown into what Cardiff football of to-day is. Three years later an amalgamation with the Glamorgan proved the turning point; the nucleus of the present Cardiff Football Club being thus formed. For several seasons Mr. Phillips could not be prevailed upon to accept the position of captain, but he at last succumbed to the pressure brought to bear upon him, and in 1879-80-81-82, we find him skipper of as merry a lot of lads as ever donned the blue and black colours. Football in those days was by no means the game it is to-day; Newport had an unbeaten record for several years, Cardiff taking second rank. The old veteran will go on to relate, if you only spare the time, what warm games used to be played between the teams, and will recall a reminiscence anent a game played between these two teams by electric light, when this sort of illumination was in its infancy. In 1880 his International honours came along, and we find that up to 1885—the memorable season known as Hancock's—he played regularly in the front contingent of the scarlet jerseys with the Prince of Wales' plume. When the old veteran definitely decided to retire from the arena, his old colleagues would not think of allowing him to slide from the public gaze without showing some appreciation of his manly qualities. A banquet preceded the presentation of a gold watch to "W.D." whose departure from the field where he had gained, in addition to many laurels, many a friend, everybody regretted. The Welsh Union knowing the sterling qualities of Mr. Phillips would not, however, allow him to depart altogether, and making him a vice-president his valuable services are still retained. Gentlemanly in his bearing, courteous to the finest degree, whenever a problem has to be solved everyone knows where to rush for counsel and advice in matters pertaining to football. Here's to your good health, my old hearty, and while football is football, may your shadow never grow less.

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CLUB RECORDS.—1891-2.
RUGBY RULES.

	For.					Against.				
	P.	W.	L.	D.	G.	T.	P.	G.	T.	P.
Aberavon	27	14	8	5	23	19	—	6	22	—
Barbarians	8	2	5	1	38	49	287	8	17	54
Bath	18	14	3	3	38	43	280	7	13	71
Blackheath	21	15	3	2	33	43	280	7	13	48
Blackheath (A)	23	17	4	2	33	47	257	9	6	66
Bowling	33	27	6	2	—	—	404	—	—	139
Bradford	35	24	7	4	42	41	278	17	23	129
Brighouse	41	39	6	5	—	—	362	—	—	132
Brighton	17	12	4	1	24	35	218	12	13	85
Bristol	28	21	5	0	—	—	358	—	—	98
Burton	24	10	14	0	12	26	99	21	27	166
Caledonians	15	11	3	1	21	29	162	2	6	24
Cambridge Univ.	19	12	6	1	37	14	209	16	21	120
Cardiff	31	13	14	4	15	31	139	25	35	189
Cardiff Harlequins	23	20	5	3	25	50	221	6	16	64
Cardiff Bridge	20	9	5	6	17	12	108	9	13	70
Charlton	18	10	4	4	15	31	141	4	14	48
Clapham Park	15	9	3	3	8	30	98	3	4	21
Clapham Rovers	20	5	13	2	8	12	56	23	37	183
Cleckheaton	28	15	9	2	—	—	166	—	—	108
Coventry	30	20	10	0	46	49	321	15	23	121
Croydon	19	11	2	6	19	28	152	2	9	27
Ealing	18	12	3	3	28	30	195	7	8	51
East Sheen	12	6	6	0	13	8	78	13	22	109
Gloucester	34	24	6	4	42	61	303	13	17	96
Guy's Hospital	17	11	4	2	26	31	188	11	16	72
Hallifax	40	25	10	7	—	—	337	—	—	145
Hampstead	19	11	7	1	21	31	167	17	18	120
Harlequins	18	4	12	2	5	13	50	19	20	109
Harlequins (A)	15	7	5	3	14	21	112	11	8	72
Heckmondwike	37	17	12	8	—	—	297	—	—	150
Hunslet	40	27	8	8	—	—	441	—	—	113
Kensington	18	9	3	6	13	23	109	7	2	39
Kingston	21	19	1	1	22	39	184	6	8	41
Leeds	39	31	6	2	—	—	493	—	—	163
Leicester	31	15	14	2	29	30	205	19	32	157
Lennox	15	8	4	3	7	11	67	3	10	35
London Scottish	18	13	3	2	26	22	172	5	7	37
Ludu, Scottish (A)	15	9	4	2	7	21	77	5	9	43
L. Parish Church	35	19	9	5	—	—	223	—	—	105
Manningham	39	22	11	5	—	—	223	—	—	135
Mariboro Nomads	15	8	7	0	16	22	124	12	14	87
Middlesex Wanderers	16	7	3	1	18	17	121	15	23	120
Mitcham	18	14	3	1	11	21	95	3	1	16
Mortlake	16	6	8	4	6	8	45	5	7	39
Moseley	24	9	15	0	24	28	169	20	22	139
Newport	33	23	0	4	72	95	636	3	5	25
Old Cheltonians	11	1	10	0	2	6	20	18	25	136
Old Edwardians	21	14	5	2	27	24	181	10	21	88
Old Leysians	15	3	10	2	10	10	68	30	37	223
Old Paulines	19	5	11	3	13	12	85	17	23	130
O.M. Taylors	24	13	3	3	21	29	160	4	6	31
Oxford University	19	13	5	1	20	41	180	8	6	52
Pharos	20	18	2	0	44	39	287	4	8	36
Polytechnic	16	10	3	3	17	17	116	6	9	47
Portsmouth	31	18	12	3	20	44	—	12	26	—
Portsmouth (A)	17	11	4	2	24	35	186	7	8	51
Richmond	16	4	12	0	6	7	35	23	20	180
Richmond (A)	13	7	3	3	18	17	124	6	10	49
Roslyn Park	20	7	10	3	11	28	111	17	17	116
R.I.F. College	14	9	4	1	17	17	114	4	5	27
R.M.C. Sandhurst	11	5	3	3	14	10	85	6	10	60
Salford	35	18	13	4	24	50	218	22	37	180
Saracens	15	10	3	2	9	26	96	2	8	26
St. David's Col- lege, Lampeter	16	5	5	6	3	26	76	6	17	62
St. Thomas's Hospi.	20	10	7	5	25	45	212	13	15	98
Southampton	14	7	3	4	12	29	115	3	5	24
Stratford-on-Avon	19	9	7	5	17	17	115	11	17	70
Swansea	32	23	5	4	38	45	258	8	16	60
Swinton	33	27	11	0	35	50	256	15	16	182
Thornton Heath	15	8	4	2	10	21	89	8	12	58
Thurlow Park	17	8	6	3	9	20	85	12	13	83
Tonbridge School	12	7	4	1	16	8	96	10	3	54
United Services	17	15	1	1	24	35	169	3	7	28
Upper Clapton	23	13	7	3	43	34	233	15	10	93
Viceroy	21	13	5	3	23	32	177	8	16	62
Wasps	12	9	7	2	8	20	80	12	11	81
Wickham Park	15	7	6	2	18	15	120	14	21	110
Wormholt	24	14	6	4	27	33	155	5	12	47

points:—
Half-time then parted the combatants, and when the ball had been started for the second time by Cardiff (the italics are mine) a wondrous change came over the game, and the boys, whose superior training now showed itself, came on the ball with a rush and obtained a try, which was speedily turned into a goal. This was twice repeated before Wales (sic) pulled itself together and carried the ball well out into the middle, where it remained for some time. For Cardiff, the two quarter backs, Fry and Fry, showed themselves in wondrously good form, performing many feats of prowess during the game. It would be ungrateful, too, not to recognise the services rendered their side by Morris and F. S. Thomas, veterans, and F. S. Traves, a novice, who all played wonderfully well, Traves' collaring being perfect.

Leaving out the minors, what did the College win by that day? Was it by three goals or a goal and two tries? A free copy of the football edition of the *Echo*, posted by yours truly, will be despatched every Saturday night throughout the coming season to the lady or gentleman who first solves the puzzle set out overhead. Verily, verily, football reporting has improved since the days of the scribe who described the first match between Cardiff and Cheltenham College.

The next report I find facing me is that of a match between Cardiff and Swansea, played at Swansea, when the latter won by a goal and a try to a goal. As this is the earliest recorded match I can trace between these old rivals, perhaps the names of the teams will prove interesting. Just observe the difference, ye lads, who are springing up in the disposition of the fifteens then as compared with now.

Swansea—E. Copes, back; F. C. Jones and E. M. Jones, half-backs; M. T. Jones, Ingram, and Richardson, quarter backs; Meager (captain), C. C. Chambers, Bath, R. H. Brown, H. Brown, Morris, Tuckfield, Ward, and Clarke, forwards. *Cardiff*—Cuthbert Riches, goal; T. F. Thomas and E. H. Foa, half-backs; W. G. Jones, *flying men*; E. C. Fry and W. Herbert, quarter-backs; B. Girding, J. A. Jones, L. Batchelor, E. Williams, E. Thomas, Reade, Robinson, A. Evans, and W. D. Phillips, forwards.

Going on to Cardiff's other matches that season I find they twice beat Rockleaze, which, for the benefit of the uninitiated, I may state, is somewhere near Bristol. Great Scott! Fancy Rockleaze taking Cardiff on now! And another notable victory, according to the reporter of the period, was that achieved over Pontypool (Pegler's). Who "Pontypool (Pegler's)" were is not made clear by the report. In this season, too, the South Wales Challenge Cup was first put up, and won by Newport, who beat Swansea in the final tie. Cardiff had a go for the pot and were knocked out by Carmarthen, who scored a disputed goal and three touches down to a try and two touches down. In the following season, under the captaincy of Mr R. H. Foa, Mr W. D. Phillips being vice-captain, the club did much better. Of 20 matches played they won 14, lost four, and drew two. They won against Merthyr, Blaenavon, Cowbridge School (2), Pontypool, Rockleaze (2), Aberdare, Swansea, 10th Glamorgan R.V. (a cup tie), Neath (2), E. Thomas's team, and Bristol Medicals. The teams that beat them were Cheltenham College, Newport (2), and lowest downfall of all, Newport 2nd.

Early in the next season, right on the threshold of it, in fact, one comes across another smashing up of Rockleaze—a club, by-the-bye, which appears to be about as largely in evidence now-a-days in the football world as is the Irish Wolfhound in doggy land, only less so—and then we pass on to a meeting between Cardiff and Newport at the Park. The reporting here again is obscure. A good deal of what pressmen term "writing round" the subject has evidently been put in, but anyhow, Cardiff claimed a win by a try and two touches-down to a disputed try and one touch-down. Since no less an authority than Mr Vassall laid it down once in a match I shall have something to say about later on that a team cannot win by or count a disputed try, this particular match played on September 8th, 1879, is interesting, seeing that it was the first time Cardiff ever beat Newport, that is supposing Mr Vassall's ruling to be correct. At the time the match was played, be it remembered, the referee system had not been introduced. Each side trotted out a sixteenth man—I beg pardon, I mean umpire—and when the sixteenth men differed who was to decide? In this instance, it seems they agreed to differ. The umpires were Mr W. G. Jones (Cardiff) and Mr R. Mullock (Newport), and as the match is in some sense an historical one I may as well give the names of the teams. They were made up as follows:—

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OPPONENTS.	RESULT.	SCORE		SCORE	
		FOR.	AGAINST	FOR.	AGAINST
Wakefield Trinity.....	Lost.	G. T. 0	G. T. 1		
Clifton.....	Won.	1	4	0	1
Cardiff Rangers.....	Won.	1	1	0	0
Cheltenham College.....	Lost.	0	1	4	3
Pontypriidd.....	Won.	2	4	0	0
Swansea.....	Won.	1	0	0	0
Neath.....	Won.	4	4	0	0
Newport.....	Lost.	0	3	1	0
Swansea.....	Won.	2	1	0	2
London Harlequins.....	Won.	1	7	0	0
Gloucester.....	Won.	0	2	0	0
Llanelli.....	Won.	0	4	0	0
Queen's College, Cork.....	Drawn.	0	1	0	1
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Newport.....	Won.	0	2	0	0
Weston.....	Drawn.	0	1	0	1
Moseley.....	Lost.	0	3	1	0
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Neath.....	Disputed.	0	3	*2	0
Clifton.....	Won.	3	2	0	0
London Harlequins.....	Lost.	0	1	0	4
Swansea.....	Won.	5	2	0	0
Moseley.....	Won.	0	4	0	0
German Gymnasium.....	Won.	3	2	0	0
Total.....		27	53	9	14

Matches played, 24; won, 15; lost, 6; drawn, 2 disputed, 1. The asterisk denotes the disputed match.

Regarded from any point of view the foregoing is a capital record, and it was the best compiled by a Welsh club that season. The one big blot on the copy book was the crushing defeat sustained at Cheltenham in the early part of the season. The school that year were very strong, and Cardiff, as I well recollect, had a poor team out. How the defeat was wiped out at the next time of meeting, in the ever memorable year of Hancock's captaincy, will be set forth in a future article. The team during the season underwent constant changes, and for a long time were hampered by the want of a reliable full back and place-kicker. Bad place-kicking lost well-earned victories against Newport and Moseley, where the conversion of a solitary try by the enemy upset three tries scored in each instance by Cardiff. That right trusty old back, Barlow, had been placed *hors-de-combat*, and for a long time no fitting successor to him could be found. Several men were tried and found wanting, and then, in a lucky hour, the club pitched upon Hughes, and from that hour the full back difficulty was solved. Of Hughes's performances as a place-kicker I shall have something to say in my next article. Before I finish with the season of 1884-5, however, I must not forget to mention that it was in this season the ever-memorable match took place between the first and second fifteens, the second fifteen winning by a goal, dropped by O. J. Evans, and a try to nil. The second fifteen had been going very strong under the captaincy of C. James—indeed, they wound up the season undefeated, and remained so for fully three years later—and well do I remember the tumultuous cheering that greeted their performance that day. Drawn principally from the then lately defunct Canton Club, the second team included such men as O. J. Evans, W. M. Douglas, Jarman, A. Hybart, R. T. Duncan, A. Emery, A. F. Bland, and A. Sant, each and all of whom were forthwith transferred to the ranks of the first fifteen, where they joined another old Cantonian in "Buller" Stadden, and formed the backbone of Hancock's team in the season following.

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The rulings and decisions of the referees in these later days are not always accepted with the cheerfulness and unanimity one would like to see, but be the existing system good or bad it is at any rate an immense improvement on the old one of umpires, who could never see anything to the detriment of the side of which they were really the most important members. Going over these musty chronicles of the matches of the past, one cannot fail to be struck with the large percentage of cases where one side left the field in a huff before the call of time. And even in the games that were played out it is not uncommon, rather otherwise, to find every single point scored disputed. A case in point was the challenge cup tie played between Cardiff and Lampeter that season, at Llanelli. In the earlier stages of the competition, I should mention, in passing, Cardiff had defeated Llandaff. "During the match," we are told, "constant disputes took place between the players and umpires, and out of the hour and a half devoted to the game, at least 10 or 15 minutes were consumed by these disputes." Verily those were the days of win, tie, or wrangle, and no mistake.

In the following season (1880-81) the match list shows a little improvement on the earlier programmes. Rockleaze, the Redoubtable, figures twice on the card, as do Newport, Swansea, and Neath, but the club, going from home, played Moseley for the first time, and drew with them. They also played the Irish Wanderers at Newport, and lost a very rough game by a try. In this season, too, Wales played its first international match with England, the champions of the Rose winning by 8 goals and 5 tries to nothing! Three Cardiff men figured in the defeated team, viz., B. B. Mann, R. E. Girling, and W. D. Phillips. The great achievement of the season, however, was the defeat of Newport in the semi-final for the Challenge Cup, by one goal, one touch down, to two tries, one touch-in-goal, and one touch-down. This game

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WELSH FOOTBALL CLUBS.

CARDIFF.—II.

[BY "OLD STAGER."]

In my previous article, it will be remembered, I followed the fortunes of the Cardiff Club from the time of its formation up to the close of the season 1884-5. And let me say here, before proceeding further, that I am attempting in these articles to do nothing more than bring out what appear to me to be the most striking events in the progress of the club season by season. To attempt to deal with the past achievements of the club in detail would be a task as herculean as wearisome; and, besides, would require the setting aside of more space than my sub-editor could afford.

The season of 1884-5 will always, to my mind, stand out as the real starting point of the club as we now know it. Then, for the first time, Cardiff did really come well to the front in the football world. The game, by that time, had fairly caught on, and became the pursuit of the masses, who in earlier days had been content merely to look on from outside the ropes. Clubs were springing up all over the town, composed in the main of lusty youths, many of them working lads or sons of working men, sound of wind and limb, and brimful of pluck and ambition, qualities which must be possessed by any lad who hopes to shine in the football arena. I have already recounted how in that season the second team recruited almost entirely from one of these minor clubs, the old Canton Club, upset in a pitched encounter the first fifteen. The result was the precipitate retirement of many of the older members of the premier team, who, like true patriots, recognised that their day was gone, and that the younger men were better fitted to maintain the football reputation of the town. And the Cardiff man, whether by actual birth or adoption, has yet to be found who would not make a big sacrifice to see Cardiff first in whatever it undertakes. The close of the season witnessed the retirement of the last of the Mohicans—I mean old hands—in the person of Mr W. D. Phillips. Mr Phillips for the first three years of the club's existence had honourably filled the position of vice-captain, he captained the first team in 1879-80, 1880-81, and 1882-83, and was again vice-captain in 1883-84 and 1884-85. Virtually the founder of the club, he had always been and, I am glad to say, still is one of its staunchest supporters. His retirement was not allowed to pass without notice, and at the annual dinner—perhaps, by the way, the most enjoyable festive gathering in the annals of the club—he was presented with a handsome and costly gold watch in recognition of his services. It has been my good fortune to attend many a dinner of the Cardiff Club, but I cannot recall one that could for swing and go and jolly good fellowship compare with the gathering that assembled at the Angel that night. The late Mr Courtenay Clarke was one of the company, and when I say that he was in his best form Cardiffans of an earlier growth will not require to be told that there was no lack of merriment.

At the same dinner, too, honour was done to another devoted supporter of the club, Mr W. H. Treatt, the hon. secretary, who also was made the recipient of a gold watch. Mr Treatt, both as a player and in his capacity as secretary, had done much to bring the club into the haven of success and prosperity it then reposed in. Becoming vice-captain and hon. secretary in the season of 1882-3, he brought with him to the ranks of Cardiff the pick of the old Roath Club, and it is simple truth to say that to his exertions much of the credit is due for the present sound financial state and all-round standing of the organisation.

And so with a capital record gained on a vastly improved programme closed the season of 1884-85. Cardiffians expected much of the next season. They had for captain Mr F. E. Hancock, a Somerset man of established renown, who had shown in the matches of the season that had gone before that the high reputation which had preceded him was not unmerited. How he and his fifteen acquitted themselves, is it not chronicled large in the memories of every Cardiff lover of football?

Hancock's ever memorable season opened on October 5th, 1885, in a match against 17 of the district. The Cardiff team of that day was made up as follows:—



Black"—by the way, I should like to mention that to "Bulle" Stadden is due the credit of inventing that historic appellation—and the Timplaters. Suffice it to say that the faith I reposed in the Cardiffians, after witnessing every match they had so far played, was not misplaced, and to the no small bewilderment of the spectators, they won by six goals and four tries to nothing. The victory has ever since been known as the "Llanelly massacre." Turning back over the files of the *South Wales Daily News*—all right of access to which is not reserved, very conveniently, too, for some folk—I find I expressed myself, after some preface, thusly about the match:—

Of the game itself there is little to say. For the first few minutes play was even enough, and it really looked as though the contest would be the close affair that had been prophesied. The visitors early commenced the passing tactics they understand so well, but the home forwards were fresh, and bearing down upon the visiting halves nullified all their attempts to pass well out. Had they continued this style of play the match might have ended differently. However, as the game progressed, Llanelly appeared to tire, and although they on several occasions got the ball, principally owing to very fine kicks by Bowen, to the Cardiff line, they were unable to beat the undaunted defence presented by the visitors' forwards, or to pen their opponents for any heads for a moment, but taking advantage of every opening, succeeded before half-time in registering a goal and a couple of tries. In the final half the play of the Cardiff men improved wonderfully, and they gave the home team a real taste of their quality. The backs commenced to send the ball round in wide circles—to the evident discomfiture of the Llanellyites—and the forwards supporting the back play by well-executed rushes, it was clear Cardiff were in for another big score, and they finally left the field victorious by six goals, four tries, and four minor points to one minor point.

Llanelly played four three-quarters, and, if my memory serves me rightly, have done so ever since.

Passing by a big win over Gloucester, I come to a very important match—the meeting between Cardiff and Moseley on December 7th, 1885. Now, we all know that it was Moseley who enjoyed the distinction of upsetting Cardiff's record at the very end of the season, when to the unmitigated disgust of all who hate to see a good record spoiled they won at the Park by two goals to a try. It has always been accepted in Welsh football circles that had Cardiff won that match they would, like Newport last year, have really earned the title allowed them by courtesy of "Invincibles." Now I want to make good and fair confession. It comes somewhat late in the day, but better late than never. Ever and always I have not lost sight of the little fact that when Cardiff met Moseley, their first meeting for the season, at Moseley, on December 7th, 1885, the result was—Moseley, one goal; Cardiff, one disputed goal and two tries. Bear in mind that in those days a goal, whether dropped or got from a try, as Moseley's was, beat any number of tries, and where do we land? I reported this match—I was the only representative of a Welsh newspaper present, in fact—and I well remember all the circumstances. But I shall not trust to memory, but falling back once more on our files, reproduce that portion of my report published at the time which deals with the matter. Cardiff, when the dispute arose, it should be borne in mind, were already two tries to the good. The report goes on:—

Arthur, bringing off another fine run, planted the ball behind Moseley's uprights. A dispute occurred over the place kick. Hancock was engaged in placing the ball for Hughes, and a Moseley man, thinking, presumably, that it had been deposited on the ground, charged out. The Cardiffians raised cries of "Go back." He paused for an instant a yard or so from the ball, and Hancock, who did not appear to observe what was going on, at this juncture put it down. The Moseley man ran up, and, before Hancock had removed his hand, kicked the ball away. Cardiff contended that the man had no right to be out of goal before the ball was placed, and therefore brought the ball back and placed it a second time, Hughes sending it over the bar. Up to this point the game had proceeded without a referee in the absence of Mr H. Vassall, who had been engaged to officiate in that capacity, but the services of Mr Carruthers, an old Llanelly player, were now requested, and the game continued.

Anyone present or taking part in the match will, I venture to think, admit the foregoing to be a pretty accurate description of the incident. In the second half of the game Mr Vassall turned up—his absence at starting was due to a drunken caddy driving him to Ferry Bar (the Aston Villa ground), instead of Moseley—and in that half Hancock sent a nasty kick in the ribs, and was practically useless. Right at the end Mylius ran in for Moseley a lovely try, and Albert Smith converted. Well, to make a long story short, the Moseley men entertained us that night at the Grand, Birmingham, and in private conversation waived the question of the disputed goal. I stated this in my notes on the game, and also said that Mr Vassall on the facts being put before him expressed himself as in favour of Cardiff. Judge of my surprise when a few days later I received the following:—

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Over the names of the district team let me draw the kindly veil of oblivion. They were beaten by six goals, three tries, and three touches down to nil. This was a pretty good start, but after all it was only a trial go, and it yet remained to be seen what the team would do in a fair and square tussle. Happily, we had not long to wait. Two days later Runcorn, then on tour in South Wales, came to the Cardiff Arms Park and left it licked by five goals, two tries, and two touches down to nil. So far as Cardiffians were concerned, that particular match—by the way, the first one in which Mahoney ever figured for Cardiff—set every doubt at rest as to which would be the champion team of Wales. It was not so much the score Cardiff won by as the easy way they rattled it together that induced this feeling of confidence. The four three-quarter game, introduced by H. J. Simpson during his captaincy, as I have already laid stress upon, had evidently been well thought out by Hancock, and no pains were spared on his part to inculcate his followers with an intelligent idea of how it could be played to advantage. The forwards allowed the other side to push, and concentrated their energies on heeling out to Jarman and Stadden. The latter straightway sent the ball to the three-quarters, and then the fun began. The new game, in fact, came as quite a revelation to the oldest followers of the sport. Hitherto we had been accustomed to games of heavy, tight scrimmages, varied with an occasional run from a three-quarter, who invariably hung on to the ball like grim death until he was collared. Now we saw the ball career gaily in the open from hand to hand and fifteen men working together like a well-oiled machine. The change was agreeable, it got talked about—I wrote a lot about it—and the attendances at the Park began to look up. But to get on, Clifton, on their own ground, fell to the tune of one goal and three tries to nil, and it is worthy of note that never since have they managed to make a show against Cardiff—a team that in earlier times they used to walk round. Then Swansea fell, beaten by two goals and three tries on their own ground—A. J. Stuart came out for the first time that season and superseded Young—and next R. A. College, Cirencester, were taken on and beaten by four goals and a try to nothing. This latter match is fixed in my memory for various reasons. To begin with, it was the first visit of Cardiff to Cirencester. We journeyed up on a raw and wet day, and had to drive from Kemble to the College, a distance of about three miles, in a brake. The men had changed in the train and it being a very cold day the drive was anything but a pleasant one. The College had enjoyed an unbeaten certificate the season before, and among other feats of prowess had beaten such teams as Gloucester and Cheltenham College, the fifteen that pulverised Cardiff. Hence we were rather dubious as to the result. As very often, more often than not, happened in those days, I was the one solitary soul among the spectators hailing from Cardiff, and while the Collegians were urging on their side I, all forgetful of the gravity of deportment that ought to characterise a man of my age and habits, was rushing along the touch-line alternately taking shorthand notes and cheering for Cardiff with a vigour that the greatest crank on the Park could not have surpassed. I remember this only because I think it will serve to show that while Hancock was about the most popular captain that ever led a Cardiff team, and certainly one of the most faithfully supported, he was not the kind of man to stand any nonsense from any member of his team, however skilful a player. Just before the close of the game Stadden made his mark, and without more ado took an unsuccessful drop at goal. Never again did he or any other man in the team venture on such a liberty. Hancock didn't say much, but what he said was straight and to the point, and old "Buller" was made to feel precious uncomfortable.

There, I must hurry on and not bore the reader with these little side recollections. Having got over the Cirencester match, the team were called upon a week later to face their old rivals, Newport, at the Cardiff Arms Park. It was felt that this would put them face to face with the severest test they had yet endured, but, contrary to expectation, they won again in hollow fashion by six goals, two tries, and one touch in goal to two touches down. With the exception of the big drubbing administered to the Uksiders a couple of seasons before by Blackheath, this was the tallest thrashing Newport had ever got, and fairly staggered both losers and winners. Newport had not yet become enamoured of the four three-quarter game; indeed they were the last of the Welsh teams to adopt it, and for two seasons, after all the others had followed Cardiff's lead, they stuck to the English disposition of the men, though occasionally they coquetted with the new style. In this match they preferred to play three halves, as will be seen from the lists and placings of the players, which I give below:—

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LEA AND FOWLER, Hons. Secs.
M. F. C.

Mr Vassall's letter was as follows:—

Dear Fowler,—I could not possibly have decided a question of fact which occurred before I reached the ground. I hold that a match cannot be won by a disputed goal, and, therefore, I said that legally the match ended in a win for Moseley by one goal to three tries. Any opinion that I may have expressed after the game, as a private individual, on the merits of the dispute has nothing to do with my decision, which was a win for Moseley.

To this I made answer in these columns:—
In giving the above communications I must express my surprise that a club of the reputation of Moseley should take advantage of what was, to put it mildly, a very shady piece of play on the part of one of their number, and claim a victory over a team at all points their superior. With regard to Mr Vassall's letter, most people will hold that as he was not present when the dispute occurred, he cannot, as referee, give any legal decision on the point at all. As a private individual he could, and did, after the game, express an opinion on the merits of the game, and I challenge him to say whether that opinion was not in favour of Cardiff.

So ended the Moseley dispute. It was a case of umpire against umpire, no referee being present, and the Cardiff team ignoring Mr Vassall's "legal" decision on a point that cropped up while he was down at Perry Bar, always regarded the match as a victory and counted it as one. For my own part, while I entertain no possible, probable shadow of doubt that the charge-out of the Moseley man was a gross piece of "hanking," I incline to think that had Cardiff got home at the end of the season the record would not have been accepted by the English Union. Mr Vassall was a big man among them in those days.

But—there. I have been wandering away through columns of space, and at the present rate of progress will never get through Hancock's season and those that followed it. Let me say
(To be continued.)

THE STATE OF TRADE.

THE TINPLATE TRADE.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday.—There is nothing new report of this market. News reaches us of Wales of the stoppage of numerous mills, and threatened stoppage of many more, but even creates no stir, nor draws forth any new business. Our poor trade is just about as lifeless as it could be, and no one is yet able to see the Reports are circulated that a few more of makers intend erecting works in the United States, to take advantage of the preferential on black plate, an action which is viewed with much disfavour, as in less than two months result of the Presidential election will be known and the future policy of our manufacturers can then be more easily defined. Some attempts have been made at business this week in terms, but exceedingly low prices. There has also been something done in C 14 x 20 Bessemer cokes of good class at 12s f.o.b. Liverpool for delivery to December. Canada still keeps quiet, as also San Francisco and the Continent. We quote prices same as last week, viz.:—C 14 x 20 Bessemer cokes, 11s 9d; C 14 x 19½, 12s 1½d; squares and odd sizes, 12s and 12s 1½d basis; Siemens cokes, 12s 3d; squares and odd sizes, 12s 6d basis charcoal tins, 12s 9d and upwards, according to quality and finish; and tines, 22s to 26s double box, all f.o.b. Wales.

THE IRON TRADE.

WOLVERHAMPTON, Saturday.—The manufactured iron branch is the department of the trade which gives occasion for most concern at date. Apart from an occasional increase in the orders received at one or two works, the general level of the trade continues dull and unsatisfactory, and the works are only at about half production. The exports of manufactured iron and steel to foreign countries last month, as evidenced in the Board of Trade returns, give cause for a little more assurance, since, although the volume of trade is less, prices seem to be somewhat better in some instances. The total quantity exported last month was 259,625 tons, a decrease of 12,584 tons, or 4 per cent., as compared with last year, while the value was £1,680,174, being an increase of £45,482, or 2 per cent. For the eight months, however, terminating with August there is a total decrease of 245,899 tons in quantity, and £4,583,732, or 2 per cent. in value. In pig iron the month decline, as compared with last year, is 11 per cent.; bar and angle 12 per cent., in railroad iron 22 per cent., in wire 31 per cent., in telegraph wire 75 per cent., a fractional amount in cast iron wrought, over 41 per cent. in old iron, and in galvanised iron 12 per cent. There is a small increase in hoops and sheets, and an increase of 14 per cent. in unwrought steel. What is mainly required to improve the local iron market at date is an increase in the demand from Australia, South America, and India. The sheet-iron mills are very irregularly employed and the continued lack of demand for galvanised corrugated sheets is a serious matter to these producers. Some of the bar mills are doing a little more, but in other localities the conversion of bar into hoop mills is still proceeding, hoops being a more profitable production. Prices of bars keep at 28 for best, 26 15s for medium, and 25 15s for common. Hoops are 26 10s easy, and tube strip 26 2½d. Sheets are 26 15s 6d to 27 for singles, 27 5s to 27 10s doubles, and 28 for tens. Galvanised sheets are 27 5s to 27 10s f.o.b. Liverpool, 24 gauge common sorts and 212 10s best sorts. Steel stamping sheets—singles are 29 10s, and steel nail sheets about 27 10s as minimum. In the pig-iron trade the improvement recently noted is upheld, and the sales of the last month have filled up the books of Midland and local makers for three months or so ahead. Producers are now, therefore, pretty much independent of further business for a while, and prices have been advanced. Staffordshire hot-air all-mine pigs are 62s 6d to 65s, part-mine 44s 6d to 45s, and common sorts 37s 6d to 39s. The local make will shortly be increased by the blowing in of two additional furnaces, which will have a production of 600 tons a week. Midland pigs are quoted firm at 45s for Derbyshire, and 47s 6d to 48s for Lincolnshire, delivered to the works.

NEW YORK PRICES.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)
New York, Saturday.—Money easy. Stocks opened a fraction lower, the market subsequently became inactive, and closed dull, but fairly steady. Cotton futures closed strong, owing to the Government bureau report; spot quiet but steady, and unchanged. Petroleum quiet but firm all day. Lard has been generally quiet on local covering, but opened weak and closed but firm.



APPLICATIONS

G. F. DUTTON, ENVILLE VII

THE STATE OF TRADE.

THE TIN-PLATE TRADE.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday.—The number of mills closed and closing has not, so far, affected prices, which are just as low to-day as ever they have been in the history of the trade. The Board of Trade returns, lately issued, show that the world is taking practically the same quantity of plate this year as it did two years ago, so that if the services of a large proportion of the mills can be dispensed with and yet the total output be as large as it was two years ago, then it follows that when all the mills were working we must have been over-producing—too many mills have been at work. We do not compare the figures of this year with those of 1891, because that year was abnormal, on account of the McKinley Act becoming operative. A few transactions have taken place this week in C 14 x 20 Bessemer cokes wanted for immediate shipment by a vessel just closing, for which somewhat full prices were paid. There have also been a few orders for third rate charcoals for Canada and elsewhere at so low as 12s 6d to 12 9d. The oilmen still keep very quiet both in America and Russia. A few orders for black plate came to hand and were placed at prices of 11-12 shillings more than anything else. Charley

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Cardiff, in fact, came very well, exceptionally well, indeed, through a big undertaking, and although they could do no better than draw with Newport a fortnight later—their next match—a victory over Neath by five goals and five tries to nothing—reassured their supporters. And then after a draw with Gloucester came a knock down. Swansea, at Swansea, the only time the teams met that season—bad weather prevented the match at the Park from being played—beat them by two goals and a try to a try, and later on Newport beat them by a try and Swinton by a goal and two tries. These and a defeat at Llanelli were the only losses of the season, and as a set off the club in addition to the wins I have enumerated gained such victories as seven goals and two tries to nothing against the Royal Agricultural College (Cirencester), three goals and six tries against Fenarth, four goals and six tries against Clifton, and six goals against Nottingham. The record at the end of the season was:—Matches played, 28; won, 20; lost 5; drawn three.

Comparing them with last season's record the figures seem respectable enough, but coming on top of the performance of Hancock's fifteen they were regarded as far from satisfactory. In the following season, however, the club, under the captaincy of G. A. Young, were destined to do much better. A Young, who had been with the club two years, and who had played in the first two matches of the season, was the only player to play in all the matches of the season.

FOOTBALL.

HISTORICAL SKETCHES OF
WELSH CLUBS.

CARDIFF.—III.

[BY "OLD STAGER."]

In my last article I went a bit fully into the first meeting between Cardiff and Moseley in the season 1885-6, but not, I venture to think, too fully. For, apart altogether from the uncertainty in which the result was left, the match deserves special notice if only from the fact that then for the first time Hancock's team saw their line crossed. What a record was theirs up to their visit to Birmingham! They had played eight matches against teams which included the pick of South Wales and our friends from Gloucester, and had scored 34 goals (all converted from tries, mind you) and 22 tries to nothing. Even at Moseley, it must be remembered in their favour, they crossed their opponents' line three times to once, an achievement that under existing rules of scoring, left them absolute winners of the match, setting aside the validity of their disputed place kicks.

The next engagement was with Liverpool. The match was played at Cardiff on Boxing Day, and the Liverpoolians brought down a very strong team. Among their fifteen was E. P. Alexander, a Welsh international, and for that matter one of the best forwards Wales has ever turned out. On the other hand, Cardiff had to embark on the tussle without their captain, Hancock, and the redoubtable and burly A. F. Hill. The home side, however, played a brilliant game, A. J. Hybart (forward) and Charley Arthur and W. M. Douglas (three-quarters) in particular distinguishing themselves, and won a grand game by three goals to nothing. Three or four days later they had a hard nut to crack in the London Welsh. The latter, if I remember aright, formed that season, were on tour in South Wales, and they brought to Cardiff the strongest team they could possibly get together. Pryce Jenkins, the old Carmarthen boy and Blackheathian, whose name will ever be remembered among Welsh football men, if only for his famous try at Newport, which won for us against Scotland, was in at back, and the three-quarters were C. G. Taylor, another Blackheath man and Welsh international, Jordan, of Newport and Blackheath, and ubiquitous A. J. Gould. Figuring among the forwards was Tom Williams, the old Cardiff three-quarter, who just then was residing in London. The "exiles," strengthened as they were by friends from the enemy nearer home, made no secret of their intention to let Cardiff down, and right manfully they tried so to do, but all to no purpose, Cardiff's combination and science proved in the end too good for individual brilliance, and two more tries to nil were added to the proud record. The one regrettable feature of the game was a nasty accident that befel A. J. Hybart, a young forward who had shown such marvellously good form since his inclusion in the ranks of the "Bold Blue and Black" that International honours for him were assured. As it was, he received a terribly severe kick, that caused him to be carried unconscious from the field, to be seen no more in the arena that season.

Coming to the next match, against Gloucester, it will be seen from the table below that Cardiff again had their line crossed, and that they won by the narrowest of majorities. That particular match, however, took place on the same day that Wales were playing England at Blackheath, and when I state that the Welsh team included W. M. Douglas, W. Stadden, A. F. Hill, D. H. Lewis, and G. A. Young, Gloucester's bold show is more than a trifle discounted. One has only to glance at the record of the matches immediately following to see that the team were still as strong as ever. Following Gloucester comes the return with Newport, and the score four goals and a try to nothing shows that the six goals and two tries win of the earlier match was no fluke. Newport this time left no stone unturned to win. C. H. Newman, the old captain who in earlier days had so often led them on to victory, was brought down from Durham to play centre three-quarter. H. J. Jordan, at that time playing for Blackheath, came down specially from London, and A. J. Gould, too, was there. The Newport

team, Cardiff, on the other hand, puffed up by their achievements of the season, and especially a big win over Neath a week before, had let things go to the dogs, and, perforce, paid the penalty. Playing four three-quarters, the visitors stopped the passing early in the game, and it then became a tussle between the forwards. The Cardiff pack rose to the occasion, and had certainly the best of the fight. The backs, however, unable as in all other games of the season to send the ball about from hand to hand without interference, lost their heads and the match. Wins got two openings, and his great speed enabled him to turn them to the best use, and, in the end, to the unutterable woe of the 3,000 odd folk looking on, Cardiff's record was smirched, and they were no longer invincible. Still their performance must always stand out in the annals of the Rugby game as among the very best. Of the 27 matches played, they won 25 right out, and lost but one. Then look at the scoring—70 goals and 61 tries against three goals and one try. It must be remembered, too, that every goal gained in the season was placed from a try. That gives 131 times across the enemy's lines to four—a performance which speaks for itself. What Cardiffians thought of it was shown at the annual dinner of the club at the close of the season, when where each of the men who had contributed to build up the record was made the recipient of a handsome and costly gold medal, subscribed for by all classes of the community.

One often hears comparisons drawn between Hancock's team and those that have followed it. I have heard it said, for instance, that the "Invincibles" won as easily as they did because they encountered teams that did not know how to pass. Granting that, what does it prove? They took the game as they found it played, and, being men of resource, they improved upon it in such fashion as to revolutionise football in South Wales. Is it too much to suppose that these selfsame men who so easily accomplished so much would not have been equal to improving upon the present game? The long and the short of it is that to the Cardiff team of 1885-6 we owe much of the vast improvement since witnessed in Welsh football. They had the courage, or the wisdom, call it which you will, to discard the old style of tactics and strike out in a new line for themselves. Their enterprise brought them well-merited success, and the men who figured in the team, and principally among them all Hancock, can point with pride to the fact that every Welsh team now-a-days is treading directly in their footsteps, and that the bitterest opponents of the four three-quarters game across the border find it expedient to swallow their theories when they meet Welsh fifteenes.

The present article would not be complete without the following tables, which set forth the matches and scores for the season, and names of try getters. Attention should also be drawn to the wonderfully fine kicking of Hughes, on his form that season, the finest place-kick Wales has ever possessed. The whole of the goals, it should be mentioned, were placed by him:—

OPPONENTS.	RESULT.	SCORE FOR.	SCORE AGAINST.
XVII. of District.....	Won.	G. T.	G. T.
Runcorn.....	Won.	6 3	0 0
Clifton.....	Won.	5 2	0 0
Swansea.....	Won.	1 3	0 0
R.A. College, Cirencester.....	Won.	2 3	0 0
Newport.....	Won.	4 1	0 0
Llanelli.....	Won.	6 2	0 0
Gloucester.....	Won.	6 4	0 0
Moseley.....	Won.	4 4	0 0
Liverpool.....	Won.	11 2	1 0
London Welsh.....	Won.	3 0	0 0
Gloucester.....	Won.	0 2	0 0
Newport.....	Won.	0 2	0 0
London Harlequins.....	Won.	4 1	0 0
Llanelli.....	Won.	3 3	0 0
Dewsbury.....	Won.	0 1	0 0
London Harlequins.....	Won.	3 0	0 0
R.A. College, Cirencester.....	Won.	0 1	0 0
Cardiff Harlequins.....	Won.	2 5	0 0
Swansea.....	Won.	2 6	0 0
Cheltenham College.....	Won.	2 3	0 0
Clifton.....	Won.	7 5	0 0
Swansea.....	Won.	2 3	0 0
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W. Jarman.....	13	A. J. Saint.....	13
W. D. H. Lewis.....	27	A. J. Hybart.....	10
W. Stadden.....	27	R. T. Dunsan.....	9
J. Mahoney.....	27	H. W. Jones.....	9
A. F. Blundell.....	22	W. D. Evans.....	7
G. A. Young.....	27	A. Ansell.....	5
W. B. Norton.....	11	A. Price.....	2
A. B. Thomas.....	9	C. J. Evans.....	1
Q. D. Kedzie.....	26	W. Morris.....	1

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Passing over the London Harlequins' match—friend Bland of the Angel knows 'em—next we come, in the language of the showman, to the Llanelly return. Here Cardiff showed a lamentable falling off. Their tremendous win down on the Timplaters' very own dung-hill had led them to under-rate their opponents, and undoubtedly such an unprecedented run of phenomenal successes as had fallen to their lot induced them to stop off training. Then, again, the match was played on a very wet day, and on the Cardiff Arms Park. We know what that classic enclosure can be like when the rain is really a-coming down. The ground, in short, was too heavy and greasy for the handling game, and the Llanelly men, trained to perfection as they were and fully alive to the fact that a loose game would not suit them, went in for smothering tactics—very wisely, too—and the result was that Cardiff won by a try only, said try being gob rather luckily for Cardiff by George Young. Llanelly folk crowded more than a bit over this pull down of Cardiff's lead; and casting my mind back to the match, which I can remember as though it had been played yesterday, I am ready to admit that they had something to chortle about. Unfortunately for them, paper form almost immediately put the Timplaters out of the running. Down to South Wales, and first of all to Llanelly, came Dewsbury, then at the top pinnacle of fame, and they took on the scarlet clad men and beat them in a hard game by a goal.

On the Monday the "Tykes"—about the cockiest species of "Tyke" by-the-way—if I except our own particular "Tyke"—I have ever come across, travelled up to Newport. As they were to meet Cardiff on the following day, a number of Cardiffians and, singularly enough, among them, "Buller" Stadden, went up to see how they would shape against the Usksiders. I had been instructed by my chief to go up to report the match, and in the Great Western—the hotel I mean, and not the station—I met, just before the train started, Tom Williams, the ex-Cardiffian and London Welshman. Tom was about to start for home, which is Llwynypia, but, with a little persuasion, I got him to accompany me to Newport. When we arrived we turned into the Tredegar, there to find the Tykes strutting about after the manner of the North-country teams—you all know what I mean—and talking very largely. There, too, we met Bob Gould, rather down in the mouth because one of his forwards had backed out. Happy thought! "Why not play Tom, here," I suggested. The suggestion was snapped at. Tom did play, and scored a try, and as Dewsbury, after all their talk, could do no more, the game ended in a draw. As I have said, Stadden was one of the Cardiffians who witnessed the match, and in the light of after events it is funny to recall how after the game he stalked in among the somewhat downcast Tykes and offered to bet two pairs of knickers, an international jersey, and sundry other articles of his outfit against "two d" that Cardiff would win next day. How little we thought then that the next season would see "Buller" in the ranks of the despised!

I recollect Newport's draw with Dewsbury, because I really think I am entitled to some little credit for bringing it about—what do you think?—and I have equally good reason, perhaps, for remembering the crushing defeat the Yorkshiremen sustained at the hands of Cardiff on the following day. All the morning of that day, Tuesday, February 9th, 1889, I spent in the Crown Court at Cardiff, reporting the earlier stages of the trial of the Swansea men.

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London Harlequins	Won.	2	5	0	0
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Cardiff Harlequins	Won.	2	3	0	0
Swansea	Won.	7	6	0	0
Cheltenham College	Won.	2	3	0	0
Clifton	Won.	0	1	0	0
Swansea	Won.	0	1	0	0
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I recollect Newport's draw with Dewsbury, because I really think I am entitled to some little credit for bringing it about—what do you think?—and I have equally good reason, perhaps, for remembering the crushing defeat the Yorkshiremen sustained at the hands of Cardiff on the following day. All the morning of that day, Tuesday, February 9th, 1886, I spent in the Crown Court at Cardiff, reporting the earlier stages of the trial of the Swansea man, Thomas Marsh, for the murder, under peculiarly brutal circumstances, of his little girl. I was relieved by a colleague about ten minutes before the time the match was to take place at the Park, and I shall never forget the striking contrast—at one minute sitting within a foot of a miserable wretch undergoing trial for his life, and the next finding oneself in the midst of a hustling and excited crowd, not one of whom probably gave a thought to it that only a stone's throw off a fellow man was being slowly but surely drawn to the scaffold by the inexorable weight of evidence.

Hullo! What cheer! Let us on, Cardiff, as "Buller" and everybody else had predicted they would, won easily by three goals (all from tries), and so much for Dewsbury. They have been to South Wales since, but never have they succeeded in getting on another match with Cardiff. It is matter of history how at the end of the season two Cardiff men, Stadden and Stuart, discovered that work was easily obtainable at Dewsbury, and, strange to say, there and then the Cardiff Club discovered that they can command a full and respectable programme without including Dewsbury in their list of engagements.

The most notable match I can recall next in order, was the game with Cheltenham College, wherein the defeat of the previous season was wiped out and obliterated for ever. Cardiff took up a weak team, several of the forwards being absent, but the way they set about the College was something to remember. Seven goals and five tries to nothing was the melody that sent the boys to sleep, this being the biggest achievement of the season. After that Swansea, whose captain, poor old Sam Goldsworthy, now gone, bent on improving his team, asked extra matches for, twice got very near doing the trick, but it was reserved for Moseley to finally upset the appeasement and spoil the good thing.

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The season of 1889-90, Charley Arthur being captain, saw the club commence badly. Starting with a narrow win over Penryn—taken on for the first time—they were painfully reminded of their weakness when, a week later, they could only make a draw of it with Penarth. Then they went down before Huddersfield, the winners of the Yorkshire Cup that year, and although a victory over Newport by a goal and a try to a dropped goal came as a solace, a narrow shave with Neath and a draw with Brighouse Rangers, followed by defeat at the hands of Burton, put them all out of conceit with themselves. United Hospitals and Gloucester were defeated, but then came two heavy blows, Swansea and Newport in turn beating them. Up to now the team had played eleven matches, of which five had been won, four lost, and two drawn. Not a brilliant record to say the least of it. The lane that has no turning must be a long one, however, and Cardiff, although not quite home, were getting near the turn. The team were re-organised, old players like A. F. Hill and A. F. Bland were brought back, more attention was paid to training, and the result was seen in a run of successes against such teams as Moseley, Oxford University, Runcorn, New Brighton, Exeter, Clifton, and Old Merchant Taylors. Newport here stepped in with a win, but Burton were substantially defeated, and the first visit of Blackheath to the Park, though it ended in a licking was virtually a triumph, the home men only losing by a goal to a try in a game in which, so far as actual play went, they had all the best. Indeed so well did they acquit themselves that the Heathens there and then agreed to give them home and home fixtures annually. A third defeat—the third for the season at the hands of Newport—was followed by a win over Swansea, the record at the end being matches played, 35; won, 26; lost, 7; drawn, 3.

The following season—1890-91—was closed with a victory over Moseley, the club having played in all 35 matches, won 22, lost nine, and drawn two. The record looked none too good for a team of the reputation of the Welsh Metropolis, but when it is remembered that their fixture list was the most ambitious of any Welsh team that season, "the bold blue and black" appear in a more favourable light. In two of their four matches with Swansea, the Welsh champions for the season, they were singularly unfortunate. The first one, played at Cardiff, resulted in a draw, Cardiff crossing Swansea's line twice, as against none, but failing to convert either time, whilst Swansea managed to convert the one solitary try they scored. Then in their second match with

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A PAID SECRETARY TO BE APPOINTED.

The next item on the agenda was a motion by Councillor J. P. JONES that Bye-law 4 be so altered that the offices of honorary secretary and assistant honorary secretary be abolished, and

That a secretary be appointed annually at the general meeting from out of the general body of members at a salary of £50 per annum, who shall not be allowed to vote as a member of the committee nor as an officer at any meeting.

Mr. J. P. JONES, in submitting the resolution, remarked that, although the secretarial duties had been well performed in the past, the club was increasing in membership, and he was strongly of opinion that it had now become a necessity that the club should appoint a paid secretary, who would be subject to their directions.

Mr. D. E. JONES seconded the resolution.

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Mr. GIBSON asked if the payment of a gentleman as secretary would debar him from playing.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, it would debar him, not only from playing, but also from acting as a linesman.

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APPOINTMENT OF CAPTAIN, &c.

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A vote of thanks to the chairman for his impartial conduct in the chair having been recorded, the proceedings terminated.

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CARDIFF FOOTBALL CLUB.

ADJOURNED GENERAL MEETING.

The adjourned general meeting of the Cardiff Football Club for the purpose of electing officers, &c., was held at the Angel Hotel, Cardiff, on Friday evening. Mr. W. D. Phillips in the chair. Only a small number of members were in attendance, and after the Secretary had read the minutes of the last meeting, which were signed, the election of officers was proceeded with.—The Chairman announced that the name of Mr. J. P. Jones was the only one received for the post of treasurer, and that gentleman was, therefore, elected.—The election of secretary, for which Messrs. O. Arthur and W. Douglas were the candidates, was then proceeded with, the result being:—Arthur, 58; Douglas, 55. Mr. Arthur was, therefore, declared duly elected.—The election of the committee (numbering seven) of the first fifteen, on going to the meeting, resulted as follows:—W. D. Phillips, 98; W. Douglas, 98; A. F. Bland, 81; W. E. Jarman, 76; W. M. Shepherd, 75; S. Nicholls, 74; A. Duncan, 58; F. N. Jones, 55; H. M. Ingledew, 44; J. Gibson, 39; A. J. Hybart, 38; and J. D. Evans, 30. The following gentlemen were elected members of the match committee:—W. D. Phillips, W. Douglas, W. E. Jarman, and A. F. Bland.—Mr. W. M. Shepherd proposed, and Mr. J. P. Jones seconded the proposition, that the club place on record its regret at the retirement of Mr. H. J. Simpson and Mr. A. F. Hill from the committee, with an expression of its appreciation of their past services.—The subject of the retirement of Mr. W. H. Treatt, the late hon. sec., was introduced by the Chairman, who stated that during the past ten or twelve years Mr. Treatt had rendered splendid service to the club, to which he had proved as true as steel. He (Mr. Phillips) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Treatt, a proposition that was seconded by Mr. J. P. Jones, who suggested that the club should show its appreciation of the services rendered by the late hon. sec. in the shape of a fitting testimonial.—An album containing the photos of those members of the club with whom Mr. Treatt had been identified during his long and honourable career was suggested. The committee were authorised to carry out the suggestion of Mr. J. P. Jones.—Mr. Treatt thanked the club for the vote of thanks, and said that he should value most highly an album such as had been suggested.—The Chairman said Mr. Treatt had been nominated as secretary of the Welsh Rugby Union, Mr. Mullock having signified his intention of resigning, and he had no doubt that Mr. Treatt would receive the heartiest support of every member of the Cardiff and district clubs.—The election of the members of the second fifteen match committee resulted as follows:—Messrs. R. Harper, J. Arman, E. B. Howard, and A. H. Williams.

NEATH V. CARDIFF.

Played at Neath, in the presence of 2,000 spectators. There was no change in either team, the players being:—Cardiff:—Back, J. Murray; three-quarterbacks, T. W. Pearson (captain), W. Cosslett, J. Elliott, and E. P. Biggs; half-backs, H. J. Godwin and S. Biggs; forwards, A. Lewis, T. Jones, Q. D. Kedzie, S. Cravos, J. Spavin, W. Davies, J. Guinea, and J. Burke. Neath:—Back, J. Davies; three-quarter backs, G. D. Trick (captain), Charles Steer, L. L. Morris, and E. Morgan; half-backs, W. Thomas and Alce Cross; forwards, F. Hutchinson, J. Edwards, H. Evans, T. Thomas, J. Thomas, G. Lewis, J. Brooks, and J. Reynolds. Referee, Mr. Copus, Swansea. Edwards kicked off for the home team with the wind in their favour, Pearson replying a loose scramble of the forwards taking the ball into touch. From the second scrum Neath initiated the passing, Llewellyn Morris knocked on, and from the scrum Pearson gained ground by a punt to touch. Several scrums were fought on the half-way line, and then Trick and Wat Thomas by

a dodgy little run, carried play to within a couple of yards of the Cardiff goal line. Selwyn Biggs returned to the 25 line, and Neath were again passing when Elliott returned with a feeble kick to touch. Gradually Neath forced the play on to the visitors' goal line, where the Cardiff backs had a big handful to stop the constant attacks of the home team. Cosslett made a mark, and relieved. A kick of Trick's being charged down, the visiting pack rushed the ball up the field and into touch at half-way. A couple of scrums were then fought out, and from the last Selwyn Biggs passed out to Elliott, who transferred to Pearson, the Cardiff captain running half the length of the field and scoring in the corner. The kick at goal failed. This point seemed to infuse a little of the old-time dash into the blue and blacks, and on re-starting play was soon in the home half. Forward, however, Neath had a trifle the best of it, and showed more combination in working the ball down the field. Just inside the Cardiff 25 some loose play took place, and Steer, picking up, dodged Elliott and Cosslett and got over at the corner. The try, however, was not converted. Several mulls by the Neath backs let in Cardiff, and after Murray had saved a rush very smartly the play gradually worked on to the Neath lines again. Murray picking up smartly checked a dangerous rush. Passing by the Cardiff backs took play across the field. No ground was gained and passing, in which each of the Cardiff three-quarters took part, brought play back to its old spot. A mark for Neath and a free for Cardiff resulted in the latter's favour, and half-time saw play in the Neath 25, with the score reading:—

Cardiff 1 try
Neath 1 try

On re-starting, Cardiff rushed the ball into touch at the home 25 flag. E. P. Biggs made a mark from a long punt by the Cardiff back. The visitors' custodian gained ground by a return kick, and Trick, rushing down on the wing, looked like scoring, but he was forwarded by the 25 flag, where Neath scored a free for off-side play by a Cardiff forward. E. P. Biggs returned the pressure, and following up his kick, forced the ball into touch at half-way. Cosslett was temporarily knocked out, which occasioned some little delay. On resuming Neath pressed hard, and a pass out by one of the halves was taken by three or four of the Neathites. A few minutes later, however, Pearson missed and gave Wat Thomas a chance, the little half scrambling over between the posts. Morris kicked the goal. The play now developed into a very rough character. Neath did most of the pressing, only the sterling defence of Murray and E. P. Biggs saving Cardiff from disaster. Forward Cardiff appeared a trifle the stronger of the two, and rushed several of the packs in rare style, but elsewhere they appeared weak, and all their passing failed to gain much ground. Twice Murray saved well, and on several occasions Biggs got the ball away to his backs, but at a critical moment something occurred to spoil their chance. A line-out in mid-field fell to Hutchinson, who put in a long kick. E. P. Biggs was next given a chance, but he was disposed of before going a dozen yards. Trick next attacked for Neath, and a few minutes later Wat Thomas, by off-side play, gave Cardiff a chance to relieve. Another free was shortly afterwards awarded to Cardiff. Still Neath pressed, and smart play by the backs resulted in Trick scoring a minor. Cardiff carried a scrum, and Pearson on going along with a splendid dribble picked up on the line and scored a try, Cosslett failing at the place. Still attacking, Cardiff pressed, and time after time the visiting backs got on the line. At last a forward rush took it over, and Burke scored a third try for Cardiff, which was not, however, converted. Final score:—

Neath 1 goal, 1 try, 1 minor
Cardiff 3 tries

CARDIFF V. SWANSEA.

It goes without saying that a big crowd turned up at the Park to witness Cardiff perform against the redoubtable all whites in this the blue and black's first home match of the season. Something like 5,000 persons were present when the men lined up as follows:—

Cardiff: — Back, J. Murray; three-quarter backs, T. W. Pearson (captain), J. Elliott, W. Cosslett, and E. P. Biggs; half-backs, H. Godwin and Selwyn Biggs; forwards, A. Lewis, R. Guinea, J. Burke, Q. D. Kudzie, S. Cravos, T. Jones, J. Spavin, and W. Davies.

Swansea: Back, W. J. Bancroft; three-quarter backs, D. Burnie, J. Davies, Gil Evans, and C. Coke; half-backs, Tom Blackmore and T. Beynon; forwards, F. Mills, R. G. Edwards, D. Mainwaring, Paul Jones, S. Rice, T. Russell, Alf Lewis, and Arthur Lewis.

Mr. R. A. Lewis, Penarth, acted as referee.

Cardiff, winning the toss, elected to play from the river end, Bancroft starting the play. Pearson replied, and the Swansea wing misjudging the receipt of the ball play settled in the visitors' quarters. Blackmore collared a man off-side, and a scrum took place on the Swansea line. Bancroft was next grassed before he could reply to a kick from the home forwards, and several tight scrimmages were fought out in the visiting 25. A free to Swansea was productive of but little relief, and play as Swansea would the dash and combination of the Cardiff pack held Swansea on the defence. A stray kick by Cosslett at last lifted the siege, by a minor being registered against Swansea, and immediately on the kick out Pearson gained a free, which again compelled Bancroft to touch down in defence. Then Swansea had a look in, and after twice getting the ball into touch in the home half, Bancroft put in a lovely punt that found touch well inside the home 25. Here a succession of scrums were fought out, neither side gaining an inch. At half Swansea were having a trifle the worst of it, the pair occupying the Jameses place being a trifle slow in getting the ball away. Gil Evans made one very brilliant save, and that, too, at a time when Cardiff looked certain to get through. Forward Cardiff still required a little polishing up, and several times were beaten by the Swansea wheeling tactics. Some smart exchange kicking between the backs ended in favour of Cardiff, and then Pearson and Elliott made the run of the match. The first named gave the ball to Pearson, who went down the wing like a streak of greased lightning; on the 25 line he beat Coke, and then, coming to Bancroft and a Swansea forward the Cardiff captain punted over the Swansea back's head, Pearson and Elliott both followed up, but Bancroft, just in the nick of time, kicked dead. Pearson and Bancroft then exchanged kicks, and Selwyn Biggs, receiving the ball from the Swansea man, put in a long punt over Bancroft's head, the ball rolling into touch in goal. The succeeding play was in the visitors' quarters, and from a scrum in front of the Swansea posts Cosslett had a chance, but ran to the centre instead of going to the wing. Elliott made the same mis-

take, and then Bancroft kicked into touch in goal, the half-time score reading:—

Cardiff 5 minors.
Swansea Nil.

Gus Lewis re-started for Cardiff, and Mills got collared before he could get in the return. The home team initiated some passing, but no advantage resulted, the Swansea tackling being too close. Blackmore got the leather away to the centre. The Cardiff forwards went away with a rush, but Coke saved splendidly. J. Davies kicked down to the 25, and, following up well, spoiled the return. Selwyn Biggs taking the ball from Bancroft was not allowed five yards. A scrum was formed close to the Swansea quarters. Some open play ensued, and the Cardiff halves getting the leather heeled out to them passed it along with better precision to the three-quarters. Very little advantage was gained by either side, a free conceded to Swansea for on-side play only resulting in a few yards being obtained. Some long kicking showed Murray's weakness in this department of the game, and one of his punts was charged down. Pearson, however, came to the rescue, and Gus Lewis following up splendidly Bancroft was knocked over in mid-field before he could return. Some passing, in which Cosslett and Elliott took a prominent part, aroused the enthusiasm of the spectators, but some yards were lost to Cardiff. Pearson then sneaked a pass from Beynon to Coke, and kicked into touch. Swansea went down with a rush, but Evans kicked a little too hard, and Pearson turned the leather into touch in goal. The referee decided that Pearson kicked before the leather was on the line, and a scrum was ordered five yards off. A hard tussle ensued on the line, but Pearson, getting away, put in a splendid run and kick, following up so well that the return was prevented. In a few seconds Swansea were placed on the defensive, but their forwards relieved to the 25. The ball was worked back to the centre, where some scrambling but very determined play took place. Elliott saved splendidly. Jack Davies took the leather and dodged into the home 25 before he was pushed into touch by Cosslett. The Cardiff forwards relieved to the quarter flag, where a free was conceded to the home team, and Pearson landed in touch at mid-way. Here the forward tussle was continued. One of the Cardiff men kicked to Bancroft, who returned with interest. The Swansea forwards rushed a scrumage beautifully, but Tom Jones saved on the home quarter line. Beynon banded the ball out from the scrumage to Jack Davies, who, after clearing his men gallantly, transferred to Burnie. The latter was pushed into touch, and the forwards took the play back to the centre. Here Gilbert Evans sneaked a pass intended for Elliott, and having only Murray to pass ran in a try close to the posts. Bancroft converted. On re-starting, Cardiff had rather the better of the play, but the whistle terminated a very evenly-contested game with the ball in mid-field.

Final score:—
Swansea 1 goal
Cardiff 6 minors

CARDIFF V. MOSELEY.

Ever since that eventful April 17 seven years ago, when Cardiff, with up till then an unblemished record, were defeated by the "Brummagem" lads on the Cardiff Arms Park, a large amount of interest has always centred in a match between these teams. Perhaps as we think of Cardiff's past glories and bemoan that one fateful April day, and so go to the match with the pleasurable hopes of seeing the Blue and Blacks take a bit more revenge on the Moseleyites. It is strange, too, that since that day Moseley have never had a chance with Cardiff, and on every occasion that the teams have met, Moseley, whether the match be played here or at Birmingham, have had to retire defeated. About the nearest squeak Moseley have had of repeating their winning performance was, if I remember rightly, the season following the invincible one, when a very tight match resulted in Cardiff winning by two or three points; but since then, strange to say, they have never had a

look in, and, stranger still, Mylins, the man who did all the mischief in the one match lost on the park, has never since done anything to make his name famous in the Welsh football world; and such is the incongruity of things, my friends. Today's Cardiff team at the last moment had a couple of changes made in its composition, Norman Biggs being seen out in place of his brother, E.P., whilst Kedzie was absent from the forwards, his place being filled by a new man named Tustin. Moseley were strongly represented. The weather was anything but favourable, and the number of spectators was, consequently, not very large. The following were the teams:—**Moseley:** J. F. Byrne, full back; T. Powell, A. F. Green, A. Rogers, and E. Smith, three-quarter backs; D. H. Cattell and W. H. Rowlands, half backs; R. Lyett, E. H. Cattell, R. Challoner, F. Pountney, A. H. Colville, E. Ash, F. Eagles, and — Ebsworth, forwards. **Cardiff:** Back, J. Murray; three-quarter backs, T. W. Pearson (captain), J. Elliott, Norman Biggs, and W. Cosslett; half backs, H. J. Godwin and Selwyn Biggs; forwards, A. Lewis, T. Jones, R. Guinea, J. Burke, S. Cravos, W. Davies, J. Spavin, and T. Tustin. Referee, Mr. J. H. Murray, Swinton. An important change in the local team was the trial of Trevor Powell, late Gloucester man, who was tried at three-quarter back. Moseley started the game punctually at half-past three, and a long kick landed the ball a few yards from the goal line. After some give-and-take play, Cardiff gained the advantage, and Moseley, in their turn, had the same from a line out. A Moseley half secured and looked dangerous. Moseley pressed, but Pearson saved. A series of scrimmages followed, the Cardiff three-quarters having a nice bit of passing, in which Pearson gained them a lot of ground. A little later he nearly kicked a goal. Later Powell obtained possession, and sent in a long shot which gained loud applause. Pearson, however, again afforded relief. Up to this period, 25 minutes after the start, play had been pretty even. It was fast and scientific. From a free kick which Cardiff was given Byrne secured, and after a run kicked into Cardiff quarters. Norman Biggs, however, took the ball, and the advantage gained by Moseley was only slight. A free kick by Cardiff sent the ball over the touch line in Moseley quarters, but Lyett relieved. Cardiff continued to press, and a pass from Selwyn Biggs to Norman Biggs very nearly brought about a first score for the visitors. A scrumage followed just near the goal line, but the home forwards relieved. Cardiff, however, were still aggressive, and Norman Biggs almost managed to get over again. Play settled down in the Moseley 25, and at half-time the score stood:—

Cardiff 2 minors

Moseley 1 minor

In the second half the weather was much pleasanter, and a run of Colville, five minutes after re-starting, was only stopped just on the line. Soon afterwards Moseley got a free from which Byrne put in a shot which almost registered a goal. The home fifteen now had the better of the game, but Pearson was the means of getting the ball down the field, and the local men had to save again. The ball, however, was soon forced back, and the Birmingham team played up with fresh courage. The home forwards played well, but the Cardiff backs were prepared for the attacks of their opponents. Norman Biggs passed to Pearson, and the last-named player ran well, but was surrounded on the touch-line. Byrne put in a fine kick, and the opposing back secured and ran for about twenty yards before kicking. Just afterwards Moseley had a chance, and Cattell, rushing from a scrumage, passed to Smith, the latter passing to Rogers, who, however, spoiled the pick up. Soon afterwards Pearson and Elliott saved well, and later on a fine piece of play on the part of the Cardiff three-quarters resulted in their drawing first blood. From the loose Biggs secured and passed to Elliott, Elliott dropped the ball, but, picking up again, re-passed to Biggs, who got over the line in a very clever style. Pearson was unsuccessful in getting the major point. Soon after Pearson crossed the line, but the kick failed, and the game ended:—

Cardiff 2 tries 3 minors
Moseley 2 minors

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Newport 15.10.92

CARDIFF V. NEWPORT.

Played on the Cardiff Arms Park before 10,000 people. The teams were:— Cardiff: Back, J. Murray; three-quarter backs, T. W. Pearson (captain), J. Elliott, N. Biggs, and E. P. Biggs; half backs, H. J. Godwin and Selwyn Biggs; forwards, A. Lewis, T. Jones, R. Guinea, J. Burke, T. Thomas, J. Spavin, S. Cravos, and W. Davies. Newport: Back, T. England; three-quarter backs, A. J. Gould, Bert Gould, B. Dauncey, and L. Heard; half backs, Percy Phillips and F. C. Parfitt; forwards, T. C. Graham (captain), J. Hanneu, A. W. Boucher, J. Osmond, H. T. Day, T. Pook, W. Groves, and W. H. Waite. Referee, Mr. W. H. Gwynn, Swansea.

Newport having lost the toss Graham kicked off from the Raquet end against the sun, Pearson returning into touch in the home half. The Cardiff forwards carried the first scrum, but Percy Phillips punted up, and Pearson was thrown in touch near the same spot. Newport soon began the passing game, but gained no ground, Arthur Gould missing a pass. The picks had a very heavy grueling, until Godwin got off and, passing to Norman Biggs, the flyer was soon under weigh. He passed to E. P. Biggs, who ran smartly along the touch line, until he was hauled down by England at the Newport 25. Thence Arthur Gould got possession, and put in a long punt, which Murray failing to pick up smartly he was pulled down by Graham in the home quarters. A fine open game ensued, the home forwards showing good footwork. Arthur Gould was given a pass, but was brought down by N. Biggs just as he transferred to Dauncey, who ran to the centre. A series of free kicks on either side was allowed, and once again Murray failed to pick up a long punt from England, and was held outside the home goal line. The ball was got out in the loose, and then Pearson intercepted a pass from Bert Gould, dashed along, and passing Heard and England scored a grand try about half-way between the goal post and the touch flag which E. P. Biggs failed to goal. Almost immediately after the drop out Percy Phillips got away smartly and rushed up, giving some splendid passes right up to the line, but only a minor resulted from a big combined rush on the part of the Newport forwards. The play was very fast. The visitors' forwards rushed up to the home line, and, sending it over with a grand dribble, a try was obtained in the rush, though Elliott tried to save by kicking dead. England's place failed. The Newport forwards rushed again, Percy Phillips and Parfitt being better at half than the opposing pair with their skidding rushes. After a spell of struggling close to the home citadel Elliott cleared the line with a useful kick, England having touch at the centre by way of reply. A sweet round of passing from Bert Gould to Arthur Gould, and thence to Dauncey, gave the last-named a chance to run in, but it was found he had gone in touch. From the scrum the ball came out, and the same process was repeated to the other wing man, Heard notching a try in the corner, which England grandly goalied. From the kick off T. Thomas ran up strong, but was hauled down by Waite, and soon after Cardiff was given a free. A. Gould replied and Murray again muffed. He was brought down, but the line was saved, and open give and take play ensued. Newport's wheeling stood them in good stead in the scrums, but when it came to a solid even push there was little to choose. Arthur Gould was not up to his usual standard in passing, some of his chunks being smartly taken by the Cardiff three-quarters. Operations were now kept dead in the home half, the homesters acting for the most part on the defensive, which they did with vigour, their tackling being very smart. Heard at length got a mark, and England sent up a splendidly directed place, which fell short, and Cardiff touched down. Percy Phillips got the oval away from the scrum, and dribbled by the help of Heard to the home 25, when the Goulds and Dauncey got possession, the last-named going to within an ace of the line, when he lost the leather. Half-time was then called, the score being:—

Newport..... 1 goal 1 try 2 minors
Cardiff..... 1 try

Ends having been changed, Gus Lewis re-started, and a lot of long punting opened the real fray as a preliminary in Percy Phillips clearing the scrum with a nice dribble, and overturning Murray before he could pick up. Elliott, however, kicked back to the centre, where a close forward game was witnessed, Newport getting a trifle the better of the

deal. Percy Phillips at last got off with a skidding rush to the line, and handed to his confrere Parfitt, who sailed in with a try, which was not goalied. A change of venue was brought about by a good punt from E. P. Biggs into touch at the Newport 25. A good forward rush of the visitors relieved the pressure to the centre. Norman Biggs picked up from a dribble towards the home line, and, outracing Boucher, put in his kick to the Newport 25, England finding touch in return. A very smart round of passing between the two Goulds, Percy Phillips, and Heard soon carried the fray back, and from the forward struggle in the home 25 Percy Phillips gave Bert Gould a pass, and he slipped in with a try like lightning. The goal was not kicked. E. P. Biggs saved well when the Newport forwards were getting off with their tricky wheels, and his brother Selwyn at length put in a good relieving punt to the Newport 25. The mustard and blacking pack got away with their rushing work again, but Pearson smartly picked up well and saved what looked like a hot try. Percy Phillips got a smart pass from Parfitt from the scrum, and was only held on the line by Norman Biggs. A free was allowed to Cardiff, which brought much needed relief to no man's land. Another attack by Graham's brigade was saved by Elliott falling on the oval in the nick of time. "Murray's alive," shouted some of the crowd as he brought Dauncey down when the wing man rushed up, and afterwards dropped out from the line. Bert Gould ran up from mid-field, and was just brought down in time to avert another try being registered. From the line up Hanneu fell over in possession, but the referee called for a scrum, in which the blue and black forwards well cleared the danger of the awkward position. Still the pressure was in the home quarters, but the defence was stubborn. Norman Biggs, Gus Lewis, and Elliott got off, and England was over-turned in the centre before he could get in his kick. Arthur Gould took a free given to Newport, and dropped in touch. A good saving game on the part of Cardiff was still played, but there was a little combined aggression, such as characterised the exertion of Newport. A couple of "frees" towards the close left little between the two, and the end came with the score:—

Newport..... 1 goal 3 tries 2 minors
Cardiff..... 1 try

Forward..... T. C. Graham
Forward..... T. Jones
Forward..... T. Thomas
Forward..... T. Pook
Forward..... T. Murray
Referee, Mr. A. J. Gould, Newport.

Pontypridd won the toss, and A. Lewis opened play from the treforest end. Sullivan picked up smartly, and landed the ball into touch at half-way. From the scrum following the throw out Sullivan again got possession, and a tricky pass to J. Forster enabled the late Penrytraig to get a dozen yards across the division line, where he was tackled. Several scrimmages followed. The home forwards succeeded in heeling the ball on each occasion, and close collaring by Norman Biggs and Elliott alone prevented the half-backs getting away. From a scrum near half-way Escott gave to Selwyn Biggs, but his pass to his brother was intercepted by Vickers, who was downed by Norman Biggs before he could move. Tight scrimmages succeeded, the Cardiffians now showing to much more advantage, and Escott and Biggs were not slow in giving the ball to the three-quarter backs. S. Biggs passing to his brother, the three-quarter transferred to Harris, who ran to within half a dozen yards of the line, where he was floored by Alun Morgan. Several hot raids by Norman Biggs were repulsed by Morgan, who on one occasion returned from the feet of the opposing forwards to half way. A couple of "frees" were awarded, one to each side, but no great advantage resulted from either. Cardiff continued to press, and after a bout of pretty passing, in which Escott, Selwyn Biggs, Norman Biggs, and Pearson contributed, the Cardiff captain looked like scoring when he was finely tackled by the home custodian. Do what they would, the homesters were unable to relieve their position, and for fully ten minutes play was centred in the neighbourhood of the 25. Dickinson temporarily relieved with a screw punt, but Elliott, with a screw punt, sent play back into their 25. Vickers, fielding from a dribble, punted far down the field, and Ivor Davies twice mulling, things looked dangerous for Cardiff, for half a dozen forwards were on the ball. Norman Biggs came to the rescue, and play was soon in the same spot. Desultory play ensued, a free being given to Pontypridd for off-side play. Succeeding loose play in mid-field, and in the vicinity of the home 25 line, Selwyn Biggs secured possession, and cleverly feinting to Escott, caused both opposing half backs to devote their attention to his colleagues and sent the ball like a flash to Norman, who after dodging Green and Dickinson transferred to Elliott, who crossed in fine style. Pearson's effort, though a good one, was unsuccessful. The same order of affairs prevailed for several minutes after the drop out, and then Sullivan kicked into the Cardiff 25, the ball being splendidly followed up by his forwards. By means, principally of a kick from a free catch, Escott sent play across the division line and Gus Lewis, Cravos, and W. Davies, leading a dribble, the former picked up and seemed likely to get a clear course when he was stopped by Dickinson, who jumped him to the ground. Hanneu, who jumped him to

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Newport having lost the toss Graham kicked off from the Raquet end against the sun, Pearson returning into touch in the home half. The Cardiff forwards carried the first scrum, but Percy Phillips punted up, and Pearson was thrown in touch near the same spot. Newport soon began the passing game, but gained no ground, Arthur Gould missing a pass. The picks had a very heavy grueling, until Godwin got off and, passing to Norman Biggs, the flyer was soon under weigh. He passed to E. P. Biggs, who ran smartly along the touch line, until he was hauled down by England at the Newport 25. Thence Arthur Gould got possession, and put in a long punt, which Murray failing to pick up smartly he was pailed down by Graham in the home quarters. A fine open game ensued, the home forwards showing good footwork. Arthur Gould was given a pass, but was brought down by N. Biggs just as he transferred to Dauncey, who ran to the centre. A series of free kicks on either side was allowed, and once again Murray failed to pick up a long punt from England, and was held outside the home goal line. The ball was got out in the loose, and then Pearson intercepted a pass from Bert Gould, dashed along, and passing Heard and England scored a grand try about half-way between the goal post and the touch flag which E. P. Biggs failed to goal. Almost immediately after the drop out Percy Phillips got away smartly and rushed up, giving some splendid passes right up to the line, but only a minor resulted from a big combined rush in the part of the Newport forwards. The play was very fast. The visitors' forwards rushed up to the home line, and, sending it over with a grand dribble, a try was obtained in the rush, though Elliott tried to save by kicking dead. England's place failed. The Newport forwards rushed again, Percy Phillips and Parfitt being better at half than the opposing pair with their skidding rushes. After a spell of struggling close to the home citadel Elliott cleared the line with a useful kick, England finishing touch at the centre by way of reply. A sweet round of passing from Bert Gould to Arthur Gould, and thence to Dauncey, gave the last-named a chance to run in, but it was found he had gone in touch. From the scrum the ball came out, and the same process was repeated to the other wing man, Heard notching a try in the corner, which England grandly goaled. From the kick off T. Thomas ran up strong, but was hauled down by Watts, and soon after Cardiff was given a free. A. Gould replied and Murray again mulled. He was brought down, but the line was saved, and open give and take play ensued. Newport's wheeling stood them in good stead in the scrums, but when it came to a solid even push there was little to choose. Arthur Gould was not up to his usual standard in passing, some of his chucks being scantly taken by the Cardiff three-quarters. Operations were now kept dead in the home half, the homesters acting for the most part on the defensive, which they did with vigour, their tackling being very smart. Heard at length got a mark, and England sent up a splendidly directed place, which fell short, and Cardiff touched down. Percy Phillips got the oval away from the scrum, and dribbled by the help of Heard to the home 25, when the Goulds and Dauncey got possession, the last-named going to within an ace of the line, when he lost the leather. Half-time was then called, the score being:—

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NOTICE.

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CARDIFF V. PONTYPRIDD.

A large crowd assembled at the Taff Vale Grounds, Pontypridd, on Thursday to witness the first of this season's matches between the Cardiff and home clubs. Last year it will be remembered the homesters succeeded in beating a rather scratchy Cardiff team at the Treforest field, but the Welsh Metropolitan won the return engagement somewhat easily. This year both clubs are much improved, the homeclub through amalgamation with the Maritime. A proof of the interest evinced in the encounter was the crowded "special" which was run from Cardiff. The teams were composed of the following players:—

POSITION.	CARDIFF.	PONTYPRIDD.
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Forward	Gus Lewis	J. O. Bowers
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Forward	W. Spavin	I. Emsworth
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Referee, Mr. A. J. Gould, Newport.

Pontypridd won the toss, and A. Lewis opened play from the Treforest end. Sullivan picked up smartly, and handed the ball into touch at half-way. From the scrum following the throw out Sullivan again got possession, and a tricky pass to J. Forster enabled the late Pontypridd to get a dozen yards across the division line, where he was tackled. Several scrimmages followed. The home forwards succeeded in heading the ball on each occasion, and close collaring by Norman Biggs and Elliott alone prevented the half-backs getting away. From a scrum near half-way Escott gave to Selwyn Biggs, but his pass to his brother was intercepted by Vickers, who was downed by Norman Biggs before he could move. Tight scrimmages succeeded, the Cardiffians now showing to much more advantage, and Escott and Biggs were not slow in giving the ball to the three-quarters. S. Biggs passing to his brother, the three-quarter transferred to Harris, who ran to within half a dozen yards of the line, where he was floored by Alun Morgan. Several hot raids by Norman Biggs were repulsed by Morgan, who on one occasion returned from the feet of the opposing forwards to half way. A couple of "frees" were awarded, one to each side, but no great advantage resulted from either. Cardiff continued to press, and after a bout of pretty passing, in which Escott, Selwyn Biggs, Norman Biggs, and Pearson contributed, the Cardiff captain looked like scoring when he was finely tackled by the home custodian. Do what they would, the homesters were unable to relieve their position, and for fully ten minutes' play was centred in the neighbourhood of the 25, Dickenson temporarily relieved with a screw punt, but Elliott, with a screw punt, sent play back into their 25. Vickers, fielding from a dribble, punted far down the field, and Ivor Davies twice mulling, things looked dangerous for Cardiff, for half a dozen forwards were on the ball. Norman Biggs came to the rescue, and play was soon in the same spot. Desultory play ensued, a free being given to Pontypridd for off-side play. Succeeding loose play in midfield, and in the vicinity of the home 25 line, Selwyn Biggs secured possession, and cleverly feinting to Escott, caused both opposing half backs to devote their attention to his colleagues and sent the ball like a flash to Norman, who after dodging Green and Dickenson transferred to Elliott, who crossed in fine style. Pearson's effort, though a good one, was unsuccessful. The same order of affairs prevailed for several minutes after the drop out, and then Sullivan kicked into the Cardiff 25, the ball being splendidly followed up by his forwards. By means, principally of a kick from a free catch, Escott sent play across the division line and Gus Lewis, Cravos, and W. Davies, leading a dribble, the former picked up and seemed likely to get a clear course when he was stopped by Dickenson, who jumped him to the ground. Huge kicks by Sullivan and Vickers drove play to the Treforest end, where a scrum was formed, and the Cardiff forwards, after a long and hard struggle, secured possession, and a free was given to them. The Cardiff forwards, after a long and hard struggle, secured possession, and a free was given to them.

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HALF-TIME SCORE: G. T. N.
CARDIFF..... 0 1 0
PONTYPRIDD..... 0 0 2

Hope re-started, kicking with a short kick towards the near touch-line, Connelly getting under the ball, but being stopped from getting off by Selwyn Biggs, and Elliott. Three tight scrums followed in Cardiff territory. Then Selwyn Biggs got away, and being closely followed by Tom Jones, Davies, and Guinea, the venue was changed to the homesters' 25, but Morgan maintained his reputation by saving in most plucky fashion. Uninteresting play succeeded, mostly confined to the forwards, the venue being within a dozen yards of each side of half way. For some minutes the only noteworthy incidents were two good saves from forward rushes by Ivor Davies, the close tackling of N. Biggs and Elliott for Cardiff, and Vickers for Pontypridd, and the hugging tactics of Tudor Forster, who played most eddily. After something like 10 minutes had elapsed, Tudor Forster atoned for his many faults by getting away with the ball in wonderfully smart fashion in the 25, and dodging right up to the Cardiff line. Here exciting play was witnessed, Pontypridd experiencing decidedly hard lines in being sent back, one of the Cardiffians touching in defence. Murray returned the drop-out, and soon afterwards distinguished himself by intercepting a pass designed by Selwyn Biggs for his brother. Close play followed, the homesters getting much the better of matters. Murray was going well for a try, when Pearson took him into touch far beyond the 25 flag. The venue was changed to the Pontypridd side of the division line by a series of smart transferences between the visiting three-quarters, Harris being grassed by Morgan, who was rewarded with a general shout of applause. In the succeeding scrum Spavin infringed the off-side rule. Morgan took the place-kick, but a fair catch was made by Norman Biggs, who also succeeded in obtaining the ball on its being returned. Trying to dodge away, Biggs was stopped by a couple of forwards, and he passed out to Elliott, the ball being taken by Dickenson, and disaster was imminent, when Pearson secured touch almost at half-way. Pressure was again excited by the Pontypriddians, and Stead led a dangerous-looking dribble, stepped by Guina and Spavin. Burko came through the following loose scrum, and gained half-a-dozen yards, when he passed over his shoulder to Elliott, who put in a fine punt, which Morgan returned. A capital display of general passing among the home backs—the first yet exhibited by them—gave Murray an opportunity of showing his speed, but he was promptly stopped by Pearson and Norman Biggs, who pushed him into touch opposite the grand stand. On the line-out, after bungling by the forwards, Elliott secured in the loose, and, with a strong burst, broke clean away into the home 25. Failing to dodge Morgan, he held the ball, to one of his colleagues being anywhere near him. From this point no point of interest, excepting a run of Harris's, arose. "No side" leaving the visitors victorious by three points to none.

FINAL SCORE: G. T. N.
CARDIFF..... 0 1 1
PONTYPRIDD..... 0 0 3

CARDIFF V. BRISTOL.

This match was played on the Gloucester County Ground, Bristol, before about 4,000 spectators. The teams faced each other as follows:—
Cardiff: Back, D. W. Evans; three-quarter backs, T. W. Pearson (captain), Norman Biggs, W. Cosslett, and J. E. Elliott; half backs, S. Biggs and R. B. Sweet-Escott; forwards, A. Lewis, R. Guinness, W. Davies, T. Tustin, J. Burke, S. Cravos, T. Jones, and J. Spavin. **Bristol:** Back, W. Mackay; three-quarter backs, S. E. Penner, K. Ashford, A. Gibson, and H. H. Turner; half backs, S. W. Hunt and W. Pearce; forwards, W. Thompson (captain), T. C. Davis, J. Winter, F. Deane, W. Birch, T. Duffett, W. Vesper, and P. Lockyer. Referee, Mr. E. C. Lead, Wellington. A. Lewis started operations, and the forwards rushed down at once to their opponents' 25, Pearce saving in grand style. The leather was worked back to the centre, where Pearson put in a good kick to touch. Bristol had rather the better of some all-round play, and R. B. Sweet-Escott then got away with a dribble, but was collared in attempting to pick up, Birch getting the leather kicked up to Evans, and the old stager scooped up the oval beautifully, and gained some ground before he was brought down, no opportunity being allowed for a kick. Bristol, however, pressed slightly until Elliott found touch at the centre. Pearce passed out to Gibson, who landed the leather in touch close to the Cardiff line. In some loose play Gus Lewis picked up, and, after a good run, handed to Norman Biggs, who improved matters considerably before he was collared. Bristol then got a free, and Ashford sent the oval into touch near the visitors' line. The pressure was at once removed, and Pearson got in a good punt to the home 25. As the leather touched a Bristolian, who attempted to charge it, the visitors were put on side and rushed it over, but only a minor resulted. After some even play in the centre, Escott and others brought off a grand dribble, and Escott, picking up, passed to Pearson, who just missed. Norman Biggs then got in a dodgy run down to the home quarters, but Pearson again missing a pass, Lockyer headed a fast dribble on to the line, where Cravos prevented what looked like a certain try. In a few seconds the leather was back at the centre, the Cardiff back assisting by a useful kick. Turner then got away and, dodging his men beautifully, had only Evans to pass. The latter, however, brought him down. Bristol got the best of some open play in the visitors' 25. Elliott, intercepting a pass, ran to the other end of the field, but nobody being near enough to support him he was collared by Turner. Back to the centre the leather went, and then Pearson ran down to the line, Mackay upsetting him. Directly afterwards Gus Lewis picked up in the open and crossed, but a scrum was ordered five yards from the line. The leather was again rushed over, but only a minor resulted, and at half-time the score stood:—Cardiff, two minors; Bristol, nil. On re-starting, the fast open play, which characterised the first half, was continued. Pearson kicked rather too hard, and Mackay saved by touching down. Directly afterwards Selwyn Biggs got away from the centre with a grand run. He was hauled over by Mackay. Close to the line he dropped the ball, and Guinness and Davies by some neat footwork got it over, the former scoring in the corner. By a grand kick Pearson converted. R. B. Sweet-Escott and Norman and Selwyn Biggs repeatedly assailed the home citadel, and only just failed to get over. Guinness then made a snarl run, and was only brought down a yard from the line. Cardiff had distinctly the best of the play, but Bristol showed themselves to be rich in resource at the critical moment. Hunt made things look awkward for Cardiff by a long kick, but Elliott, following up well, prevented what look like a certain score. Bristol had a free conceded for something which was not apparent to the spectators, and the ball was placed for Ashford, but the Cardiff forwards charged and prevented the kick. Sweet-Escott then made his mark in a good position, and Pearson landed a goal. After some fast open play in the centre Sweet-Escott got away splendidly, and after a good run handed to Pearson, the skipper crossing without difficulty, but failing to convert. Good open play about the centre followed, and Pearson, picking up, put in a fine punt under difficulties. Mackay failed to take the leather, and it went into touch. Some splendid passing between Sweet-Escott, Elliott, and Pearson was the feature of the next few minutes, and Cosslett getting a chance for the first time nearly got in. Directly afterwards the Cardiff skipper romped, over but again failed to improve. Another minor fell to Cardiff, and then Elliott, failing to take the leather after a long kick, made things look bad for the Welshmen. Norman Biggs, however, came to the rescue, and held the oval. Pearson brought off a capital dribble, and just missed adding to the score. Cardiff continued to have the best of the game, and won by two goals, two tries, and four minors to nothing.

CARDIFF V. LLANELLY.

After the improved form shown by Cardiff a week ago, when they played havoc with the Bristol men, expectations ran high, and the fact of the team being stronger than had been the case for some time past attracted a crowd of not less than 7,000 people to the Cardiff Arms Park. The last occasion on which the teams met was at the Stradey Park, Llanelly, and there the tin-platers were victorious by a try to nil. It was a few minutes past the advertised time when the teams lined out, as follows:—
Cardiff: Back, D. W. Evans; three-quarter backs, T. W. Pearson (captain), J. E. Elliott, N. W. Biggs, and E. P. Biggs; half backs, Selwyn Biggs and R. B. Sweet-Escott; forwards, Tustin, T. Jones, R. Guinness, J. Burke, S. Cravos, J. Spavin, W. Davies, and A. F. Hill. **Llanelly:** Back, Harry Rees; three-quarter backs, Percy Lloyd (captain), E. Lloyd, O. Badger, and D. H. Bowen; half backs, Ben Thomas and D. Evans; forwards, S. Thomas, D. J. Daniel, D. W. Nichol, J. John, D. Davies, W. Morris, E. Jones, and R. W. Harry. Referee, Mr. J. Young, Newport.

Cardiff, winning the toss, chose to play from the river end, Llanelly kicking off against a strong breeze. Norman Biggs's reply to the kick off was muddled, and the ball found touch by the Llanelly 25 flag. Badger was the first to save for Llanelly, and stopped a dangerous rush by finding touch well up the field. Then Percy Lloyd got a pass from Evans and travelled strongly up the wing, but after eluding two or three Cardiffians he was called back for some infringement. Sweet-Escott gave Cardiff their first chance, but after the ball had been smartly passed between two or three of the home men a forward pass within ten yards of the goal line stopped further progress. Cardiff, however, were still pressing, and the halves, adopting the Jaaness' tactics of one working the scrums, started a couple of rounds of very smart passing that had on each occasion bad luck in not being rewarded. Half-way between the 25 and half-way lines Hill got the ball from the scrum and passed to Elliott; the centre man, travelling well, passed a couple of opponents, and passed to Pearson on the wing; the captain first got past Evan Lloyd, and then handing off Harry Rees, crossed in the corner and grounded the ball between the posts, Norman Biggs converting the point. A temporary cessation of play now took place owing to the Llanelly halves having collided, D. Evans being laid out. On resuming Pearson and Elliott were soon under weigh, but keen tackling put the latter into touch. Scrum after scrum was fought out on the Llanelly side of the half-way line, the Cardiff forwards generally having the best of the packs, but what looked like off-side play by the Llanelly halves prevented Escott getting the ball away. Two smart kicks by Ben Thomas gained considerable ground, and then the last-mentioned gave Evan Lloyd a pass, which took him up to D. W. Evans. Lloyd passed this player by punting over the ex-Cardiff captain's head, but Elliott saved on the line, although a few minutes later a minor had to be conceded. Almost immediately on re-starting Norman Biggs picked up in the open, and, clearing the Llanelly men in beautiful style, ran three parts the length of the field, grounding the ball in the corner. Pearson's kick failed. This success seemed to put heart into the Cardiffians, and the quartette displayed some grand trickiness and resource. Sweet-Escott again got the ball away, and after Selwyn Biggs and each of the three-quarters—except Pearson—had handled, Norman Biggs's speed again stood him in good stead, and, after getting clear of his opponents, he outran Harry Rees and again got over. Leaving it almost too long in his endeavours to touch down, he was tackled behind the posts, but Sweet-Escott got the point, which Pearson failed to convert. Then, without going out of the Llanelly half, Cardiff were again pressing, and in a few minutes Elliott was over with a try half-way between the goal and touch posts, which Norman Biggs successfully placed. Pearson was the first to place the Llanelly line again in danger with a punt, which found touch about five yards off the touch-in-goal flag. Here a scrum was formed, and Sweet-Escott got the ball away to his partner, who, however, was tackled, and had to pass back to Escott, who put in a punt, which forced a minor. At half-time the score stood:—Cardiff, two goals, two tries, and one minor; Llanelly, one minor. On re-starting the Cardiffians were the first to assume the aggressive, and after a temporary relief the Cardiff pack wheeled a scrum grandly, Hill dribbling back over the half-way line. The tin-platers were then awarded a free for off-side play by Sweet-Escott, but gained little ground, nor did Evans improve matters, as a punt of his only moved play up another half-dozen yards. The blue and black quartette, however, were soon again in evidence, and Elliott, from a pass by S. Biggs, took play over the half-way line. Hill was next conspicuous with a dribble that took play over the Llanelly 25 line, and from a scrum formed about six yards out Sweet-Escott got over with a pretty try, but E. P. Biggs failed to convert. In getting over Sweet-Escott got a kick on the head and had to retire, Cardiff going on with only fourteen men, play being quickly transferred to the Llanelly end of the ground. Gradually the hard-working Cardiff pack worked their way into the Llanelly 25. Here Sweet-Escott had to again retire, Selwyn Biggs playing out deep from the scrum to assist the three-quarters. Gradually the packs were formed closer and closer to the line until at last Selwyn Biggs was given an opportunity; he passed out to Norman Biggs, who in turn transferred to Pearson, who rounded the full back and scored in a favourable position, E. P. Biggs failing at the place. Harry Bowen dropped out, E. P. Biggs returning. Harry Rees made his mark and found touch at the centre. Playing a terribly hard scrimmaging game Llanelly, by sheer hard work and indomitable pluck, carried play over the half-way line. Here Ben Thomas again gave his skipper a chance, but again Norman Biggs overhauled him and pulled him down within five yards of the Cardiff line. But as on previous occasions the superior packing of the Cardiff eight again came to the rescue and play was soon worked outside their 25, but a long kick by Evans at last forced Cardiff to concede a minor. Final score:—
 Cardiff 2 goals, 4 tries, 1 minor.
 Llanelly 2 minors.

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UNITED HOSPITALS V. CARDIFF.

The second match of the United Hospitals' tour took place at Cardiff before about 5,000 people. Both teams suffered from absences. The Hospitals were short of Hancock in the forwards, his place, however, being filled by Duggins (Guy's Hospital). Cardiff suffered more severely by the absence of both R. B. Sweet-Escott and Selwyn Biggs, the two old timers, Jarman and Rosser Evans, again turning out to assist their old club in the emergency. The forwards were, perhaps, strengthened by the inclusion of A. Bland and Gus Lewis, who took the places of Tustin and W. Davies. When the teams took the field they were observed to be as follows:—

Cardiff: Back, D. W. Evans; three-quarter backs, T. W. Pearson, N. Biggs, J. Elliott, and E. P. Biggs; half backs, Rosser Evans and W. E. Jarman; forwards, A. Lewis, R. Guinea, T. Jones, A. F. Hill, A. F. Bland, J. Burke, S. Cravos, and J. Spavin. **Hospitals:** Back, W. Hancock; three-quarter backs, E. T. B. H. W. Hancock, A. Rotherham, and J. W. Ensor; half backs, M. P. Jones and W. Hood; forwards, W. Thorman (captain), W. Ashford, J. Sedgewick, J. Civer, E. T. Shorland, R. S. Rowlands, W. Elliott, and Duggins.

Cardiff won the toss and elected to play with a slight wind in their favour. D. W. Evans returned from the hospitals' kick-off, finding touch by the half-way flag. From the line out a forward rush took play into the visiting 25, but before the play was a few minutes old the hospitals initiated a smart run, which resulted in Bell eluding Pearson and D. W. Evans and getting a splendid try near the corner flag. Hancock landed a line goal. By a series of line outs the visitors worked past the 25, one of their men getting away in good style. Norman Biggs smartly brought him down, however, and scrummaging once more took place between the centre and the 25 flags. Tom Jones got away, and was only stopped within a few yards of the hospitals' line. Here a couple of hard scrums were fought out, smart saving by Rosser Evans, Jarman, and Pearson keeping play inside the 25. A forward dribble, during which both Pearson and Rosser Evans missed, transferred the venue into the home 25, where Norman Biggs, taking a pass from Jarman, ran into the hospitals' half. Apparently, he had a clear field, but Hancock and Ensor were too fast for him, and compelled him to part. Gus Lewis was the first to place the visitors' lines in real danger by a dribble, which took the ball to within a foot of the line, where he was forced into touch. The opportunity given by the line out was, however, missed, Hancock, with a long punt, transferring play to touch at half-way. A penalty for the visitors' halves picking out of the scrum was taken by Pearson, who made a good shot at goal; but only a minor resulted. Cardiff were now applying a continuous pressure. Forward, they managed to just about hold the scrums, but the effectiveness displayed in this department was more than neutralised by the same show of the halves. From a scrum on the Hospitals' side of the half-way line Jones got the ball away. Eluding Elliott he passed to Hancock, who, dodging both Norman Biggs and D. W. Evans, ran half the length of the field, and scored near the posts with but the faintest opposition. The kick at goal was successful. At half time the visitors were pressing Cardiff hard. The score stood:—

Hospitals..... 2 goals
 Cardiff..... 1 minor

On re-starting the return was muddled and a scrum was formed in the visitors' 25. A forward scramble took the ball up to the hospitals' line, where out of a general melee Elliott, who was playing half in place of Rosser Evans, got over in the corner. The angle was difficult and the try was not converted. Aided by Elliott, Jarman was now displaying some of his old time trickiness, and repeatedly placed the hospitals' line in danger. Afterwards Jarman again gave Elliott a chance, and the ex-Llandaff man scored beautifully close to the post. N. Biggs had no trouble in converting. Encouraged by their success, Cardiff were now playing a brilliant game. Pearson, N. Biggs, and E. P. Biggs made run after run, but Rosser Evans, to whom the ball generally came at the finish, was never capable of doing what was asked of him. The hospitals played a very close, keen game, and tried as much as possible to prevent the ball having air. Jarman, as usual, was responsible for initiating the next attack, Pearson and Elliott carrying the play near the hospitals' 25 line. A free kick to Cardiff on the extreme wing was taken by Pearson, who had a grand elevation, but only managed to shave the post on the wrong side. A minor resulted. Play now travelled to the Cardiff half, where, after a couple of attempts, quarters a chance. Norman Biggs secured, and, had a clear field, and easily outdistancing the back, scored in the corner. The kick was a failure. Still keeping play in the Hospitals' half, Jarman and Elliott were again responsible for an attack, of the forwards obtained possession and scored another try. The attempt at goal proved futile. Time was then called, the score being:—

Cardiff..... 1 goal, 3 tries, 2 minors.
 Hospitals..... 2 goals.

CARDIFF V. SWANSEA.

Played at Swansea. Teams:—**Cardiff:** Back, D. W. Evans; three-quarter backs, T. W. Pearson (captain), J. E. Elliott, Norman Biggs, and E. P. Biggs; half backs, R. B. Sweet-Escott and Jarman; forwards, A. Lewis, A. F. Hill, R. Guinea, J. Burke, W. Davies, J. Spavin, T. Jones, and S. Cravos. **Swansea:** Back, Bancroft; three-quarter backs, Thorogood, Whapham, Gilbert Evans, and Burrows; half-backs, Blackmore and Rice; forwards, Mills, Mainwaring, Arthur Lewis, Edwards, Russell, Alf Lewis, P. Jones, and Smith. The match was timed to commence at half-past three, and a few minutes after this time Cardiff led the way on to the ground, which was by no means in as good condition as usual owing to the heavy rains. Bancroft kicked off for Swansea from the town end. After some stray kicking on both sides the first-mentioned player found touch at half-way. Elliott, Norman Biggs, and Pearson did some passing, and the latter kicked up into touch. Rice got away from the next scrum, but only travelled three yards, and the ball going to Bancroft he landed in touch at half-way. The Swansea forwards worked splendidly away to near the 25 flag, where Swansea got a free kick, and Thorogood kicked into touch close to goal line. Several hard scrums took place in the Cardiff 25, and the Cardiffians got two frees, but the Swansea forwards dribbled away. Cardiff now got two chances. Sweet-Escott passed badly to Norman Biggs in the first case, and then gave his backs another chance, but it was again muddled, and Bancroft saved by kicking into touch near the line. The pace was very hot, but the Swansea forwards managed gradually to push out of danger. Rice got the ball from a scrum, and kicked down to the Cardiff half. Biggs got a pass from Cravos, and kicked into touch in the Swansea 25. The Cardiff three-quarters, by good passing, got close up to the line, but Thorogood kicked down, and, from a big return by Evans, Bancroft touched down. Cardiff pressed for a time, but Whapham ran down and relieved, and the forwards got away with a splendid burst to the Cardiff 25. Swansea wheeled a scrum, but Pearson picked up finely and sent up to Bancroft, from whose return Elliott got a mark. Blackmore and Rice now rushed down, and Whapham took the ball to the line, where a try seemed inevitable, but Gil Evans failed to take the ball, and Cardiff got relief. Thorogood spoilt some Cardiff passing, and Burrows kicked down to the line. After some open play Biggs kicked over the line, and Swansea touched down. Swansea had apparently recognised that, with the weak half-back department against them, a loose, rushing game by the forwards would have its effect, and they got speedily down to the other end. Half-time was called, the score reading:—

Cardiff..... 2 minors
 Swansea..... Nil

Gus Lewis restarted for Cardiff, and Thorogood took the ball prettily back to the centre. The Cardiff three-quarters brought off several attempts at passing, but the collaring was too close, and Swansea, as in the first half, continued to have on the whole the best of the game. Whapham made two tries to get in at the corner, Swansea now making the hottest attack of the afternoon. Blackmore got away in full cry for the line, but the pass on the line did not reach its destination. Thorogood at last dropped for goal, but just missed the posts. Only a minute later, however, a line out was formed just outside the Cardiff 25 line, and Mills securing the ball, passed smartly back to Thorogood, who essayed another shot, which, as seen from the grand stand, was a goal; but the referee ruled that it went under the bar, so no point resulted. This decision was badly received by the crowd, who urged on the all whites to "Kill 'em," "Kick their heads off," "Gouge 'em," and such like expressions. And these cries, together with a natural annoyance on the part of the players, made the game of a rougher description than ever. A series of hard scrums followed, and then Escott, Elliott, and Pearson brought off a bout of passing, which ended in the latter kicking into touch by the half-way flag. From the next scrum formed Elliott, N. Biggs, and E. P. Biggs handled the latter putting in a strong run down the wing, but when within half a dozen yards of the Swansea line he was forced into touch. Bancroft, with a run and punt, transferred play to the other end, where a pass from Rice should have put Gil Evans over; but Norman Biggs was too fast for him, and brought him down a few yards from the line. Then another incursion was made to the home quarters, where Bancroft was again compelled to touch down. After a series of long kicks Mills and Blackmore for Swansea and Tom Jones for Cardiff were each conspicuous with clever dribbles; but neither of them got past the 25 flags before the ball was sent into touch. Only a few minutes remained to play, and, with the increasing dusk, the spectators encroached on the field of play. Cardiff were pressing at this time, and, at last, a pass out from a scrum formed just inside the Swansea half gave Pearson and Norman Biggs an opportunity. The last-mentioned obtained possession when in the Swansea 25, and easily sprinting round Bancroft, who had to come from the other side of the field, the Cardiff captain got over the line and registered the only try of the match, the point, however, being unconverted. In the few remaining minutes Swansea played more desperately than ever. A. F. Hill seemed to be singled out by Swansea as an object for specially severe treatment, and no chance was lost of tackling him low and endeavouring to bring the Cardiffian down on the nose of his back. Once the Swansea forwards rushed play to within a dozen yards of the visiting lines, but the Cardiff defence was good, and at the call of time play was in mid-field, the score standing:—

Cardiff..... 1 try, 3 minors
 Swansea..... 2 minors

GLOUCESTER V. CARDIFF.

These old rivals met for the first time this season at Gloucester. A lot of interest was centred in the encounter, and the game was watched by a large number of spectators. The teams were as follows:—*Cardiff*: Back, D. W. Evans; three-quarter backs, T. W. Pearson (captain), J. Elliott, N. W. Biggs, and E. P. Biggs; half backs, R. B. Sweet-Escott and Selwyn Biggs; forwards, A. Lewis, A. F. Hill, R. Guinen, T. Jones, J. Burke, T. Tustin, S. Cravos, and J. Spavin. *Gloucester*: Back, A. F. Hughes; three-quarter backs, S. W. Jackson, Bagwell, Taylor, and Bartlett; half backs, S. George and Ball; forwards, Jenkins, Clork, Rice, Collins, Evans, Wellings, Huggins, and H. Goodman. Mr. Holmes, of Birmingham, was the referee. Walter George started operations for Gloucester, and after E. P. Biggs's return had been muddled play settled in the home half, where a pass out from the scrum by Sweet-Escott gave the Cardiff backs their first chance. E. P. Biggs, however, spoilt the opportunity by giving a bad pass to his brother. Loose scrambling work in each half followed, Jackson being conspicuous by coming through for Gloucester with the ball at his toe, but in attempting to pick up he knocked on. A bout of passing next brought Cardiff into the Gloucester half, but a long bad pass from one of the forwards resulted in E. P. Biggs knocking on when picking up. After a combined attack by the Cardiff three-quarters George came through for Gloucester with a dribble, and Jackson further improved matters by a long kick into touch midway between the Cardiff goal line and the 25 flag. A forward rush, headed by Gus Lewis, transferred the play to the half-way line, where, after a couple of lines out, Elliott had to save. He lost the ball, however, and George carried play close to the Cardiff line. Here Wellings obtained possession and handed to Jackson, the latter dodging two or three opponents and scoring in a favourable position. The try, however, was not converted. On resuming, play was soon in Gloucester territory, and after a few exchange kicks D. W. Evans, in attempting to save, collided with Bagwell, the Cardiff full back being hurt. The delay was but short, and from the first scrum formed a free was awarded to Cardiff, and Pearson, shooting at goal, forced a minor. Then Cardiff infused a little dash into their play. Twice they carried the scrum in fine style, and from the third pack Sweet-Escott gave Selwyn Biggs a lovely chance, and the last-named, after getting clear away from his opponents, hesitated when a try seemed certain. If he had either ran on or passed to Norman. But instead of this he threw to a forward on the wing, and the chance was lost. Only a minute or two later, however, Sweet-Escott made his mark inside the Gloucester 25, and Pearson placed a lovely goal. Resuming, with two points' lead in their favour, Cardiff made things hum a bit. First Gus Lewis and Hill came through, but nothing further was scored, and at half-time the score stood:—

Cardiff..... 1 field goal, 1 minor (4 points).
Gloucester 1 try (2 points).

Resuming in the fast decreasing light Cardiff soon commenced the attack, and, after a couple of attempts, Selwyn Biggs got the ball from the scrum to Sweet-Escott, who, dodging the Gloucester three-quarters, who happened to be standing very close, ran down to the line, but, passing the ball to a three-quarter, it was lost. Out of the loose kicking that ensued Pearson was handy and scored a try, which was not converted. Almost immediately on re-starting Elliott, with a grandly judged kick, found touch well inside the Gloucester 25, and from the scrum formed here Selwyn Biggs secured, and, easily eluding the Gloucester half, who was playing off-side, he added another try for Cardiff, which, however, like its predecessor, missed being goal. Then the Cardiff crowd who were assembled on the humble "tanner" side struck up, "We'll give 'em 'Ta-ra-Boom-de-ay," and Cardiff, catching the spirit of the refrain, went at it with a will, with the result that the Gloucester full back's kick was charged down, and two or three Cardiffians went over the home line in a lump, Selwyn Biggs adding the third try of the match, which was converted. Next Gloucester, by a free kick, got into the Cardiff 25, and amid cheers and cries of "Go it, Glarster," the city men tried desperately hard to score. The visiting forwards, however, were much too smart for the Gloucester eight, and play was soon in mid-field. Another free kick to Gloucester gained no ground, Pearson finding touch in reply at mid-field. Free after free now fell to Gloucester, but on no occasion were they dangerous, either the irresistible rushes of the Cardiff forwards or the clever kicking of the three-quarters taking play back to the Gloucester territory. With only a few seconds to play Pearson got away and looked a certain scorer, but Hughes just managed to rush him into touch before the Cardiff captain reached the line. The final score stood:—

Cardiff 2 goals, 2 tries, 1 minor.
Gloucester 1 try.

CARDIFF V. DUBLIN WANDERERS.

Played on the Cardiff Arms Park before 5,000 spectators. The weather was fine, but dull. The ground, however, was in excellent condition. The teams were as follows:—

Cardiff: Back, E. P. Biggs; three-quarter backs, T. W. Pearson (captain), J. E. Elliott, Norman Biggs, and W. Harris; half backs, R. B. Sweet-Escott and Selwyn Biggs; forwards, A. Lewis, A. F. Hill, R. Guinen, J. Burke, T. Tustin, W. Davies, S. Cravos, and J. Spavin. *Dublin Wanderers*: Back, C. Evans; three-quarter backs, C. Kenny, T. H. Gifford, and C. Burdud; half backs, T. Thornhill (International) and T. Wallis; forwards, R. Johnston, A. Wallis (International), J. Martin, J. Arvagh, C. Allevne, T. Crean, R. Manning, M. Caraher, and W. Meldon. Referee, Mr. A. J. Gould, Newport.

The visitors having won the toss, Gus Lewis started for Cardiff, the ball going into touch by the visitors' 25 flag. The visitors, with the extra man in the scrum, rushed the first pack, and close forward dribbling took the leather into the Cardiff 25. A succession of line-outs and scrums took play on to the half-way line, where Cardiff carried their first scrum. Even thus early in the game the superior line-out tactics of the Irishmen were as marked as on the occasion of the last International match in Dublin. Sweet-Escott was the first to start a really dangerous bout of passing, the ball travelling right along the line to Harris on the wing, who was stopped in the Wanderers' 25. An equally clever round of passing was started by Selwyn Biggs, which saw the ball again handled by all the three-quarters, Pearson eventually being thrown down on the opposite wing, but without any ground having been gained. After a temporary cessation of play owing to one of the visitors being injured, a scrum was formed outside the Irish 25 line. Sweet-Escott and Selwyn Biggs started a run, which ended in Pearson getting the ball, the Cardiff captain eluding the Irish full back and scoring in a favourable position. The try, however, was not converted. A series of hard scrums in mid-field ended in Gus Lewis coming through with the ball at his toes and dribbling well into the Irish 25. Another round of passing went right across the field. Harris, although receiving a bad pass from Norman Biggs, recovered himself, and gained ten to fifteen yards. Here a loose scrimmage ensued, Cardiff going over the Irish line in a body, Tustin falling on the ball, and securing the second try, which N. Biggs converted. On re-starting, Kenny returning a kick of Pearson's found touch by the Cardiff 25, where one of the Dublin forwards got away from the line-out and ran down to E. P. Biggs, who averted the danger until his forwards could get up. A pass out to Pearson enabled the latter, with a heavy kick, to move play over the half-way line. Then Kenny got away with a clear lead, but was overhauled by Pearson, and the Irish three-quarter dropping the ball Norman Biggs picked up, and, putting in a short punt over the opposing forwards' heads, he followed up and obtained possession, and running past Evans, with half a dozen yards to spare, Biggs scored between the posts and converted his own try. On re-starting the visit to the Cardiff quarters was a very brief one, and from the first scrum formed Gus Lewis came along the line with a splendid dribble, which again put the Wanderers on the defensive. Despite their having none the best of the forward fight, the visitors were at last compelled to take a man out of the pack to cope with the Cardiff passing, playing him as a wing forward. This had the result of materially hampering the Cardiff halves, with the result that the passing was not so frequent as before. At half-time play was in the Cardiff half, the score standing:—

Cardiff..... 2 goals, 1 try.
Dublin Wanderers..... Nil.

On commencing the second half, Pearson and Kenny exchanged kicks, which ended in favour of the visitors, the ball going into touch by the Cardiff 25 flag. From the line out Gifford worked up and got through, but Elliott pulled him down when within a dozen yards of the line. A scrum for ed here was well carried by Cardiff, Gus Lewis and Tustin coming through and dribbling over the half-way line. Passing by the Cardiff three-quarters carried the ball right across the field, and Harris, collaring Evans before he could get in his kick, pulled him into touch in the Irish 25. Sweet-Escott improved matters by kicking into touch another ten yards lower down; but here Gifford got a chance and dribbled up to E. P. Biggs, who saved well on the half-way line. After some stray kicking a scrum was formed at this point, where, at the second attempt, Sweet-Escott got the ball away to Selwyn Biggs. From Biggs it went to Harris, and thence to Norman Biggs, who, feinting to pass to Elliott, got clear through the Irishmen and up to the line, where he passed to Pearson, who had no difficulty in rounding the ball behind the posts. Norman Biggs took the place kick, but the ball not having sufficient elevation struck the crossbar. Only a few minutes later Cardiff were again pressing, and Gus Lewis, picking up from a loose scrimmage inside the Wanderers' half, scored by the side of the post, Norman Biggs converting the try. The game now slackened considerably. Cardiff, however, were still doing all the pressing and a mark by Sweet-Escott carried play dangerously near to the Wanderers' line, but stray kicking by the Irish backs relieved to outside their 25, but the charging down of a kick Cardiff soon forced the visitors to concede a minor. Play during the last few minutes was very even, each side tackling very keenly. A grand bout of passing, however, in the last few minutes of the game saw Pearson apparently go over in the corner, but only a minor resulted. This was followed by another minor from a long kick by Biggs. Final score:—

Cardiff..... 3 goals, 2 tries, 4 minors.
Dublin Wanderers Nil.

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CARDIFF V. PENARTH.

Played on the Cardiff Arms Park before 4,000 people. Teams:—*Cardiff*: Back, E. P. Biggs; three-quarter backs, T. W. Pearson, Elliott, N. Biggs, and W. Harris; half backs, A. Lewis, A. F. Hill, R. Guinea, S. Cravos, W. Davies, J. Spavin, and W. Tustin. *Penarth*: Back, Rees; three-quarter backs, R. M. Garrett, H. E. Morgan, G. Shepherd, and H. Alexander; half backs, T. Hutchings (captain) and Lambert; forwards, Percival, Stoddart, A. Nell, G. Brown, P. Matthews, P. Jackson, E. Ellis, and J. Lawday. Referee: Mr. Ack Llewellyn. Winning the toss, Cardiff elected to play towards the Racquet Court end. The ground was in a terrible state, and running, or even standing, with any degree of certainty was practically a matter of impossibility. N. Biggs was the first to place the visitors' lines in danger with a dribble that looked like scoring, but Rees saved when nearing the line. Several scrums were next fought out in the Penarth 25, and, after a couple of ineffectual attempts to handle the slippery ball, Sweet-Escott slung out a pass that gave his quartette a chance. The throw to Elliott was a bad one, the ball falling short and low. Norman Biggs managed to pick up, however, and running to within ten yards of the line, transferred to Harris, the St. David's man running very strongly and scoring almost behind the posts, Norman Biggs converting the try. Almost immediately on resuming play was again in the Penarth 25, the visitors having all their work cut out to prevent Cardiff scoring. The passing game was necessarily hampered by the wet state of the ball, besides which the halves on both sides were playing a very much off-side game. The next point scored was from a scrum well inside the Penarth 25. The ball came out rather unexpectedly, and before Penarth understood what was the matter Selwyn Biggs was close on the goal line with the ball in his possession, and after a couple of passes Norman Biggs scored a try, which was not converted. This was followed only a few seconds later by a forward rush, which took play down to the line, Pearson getting over in the corner, although being tackled by the full back. The try was not converted. Hardly had play been re-started before scrummaging was again taking place just outside the Penarth line, and Selwyn Biggs, repeating his former trick, got clear away from the scrum, and scored the fourth try in the corner, the point again failing to be converted. Despite the heavy scoring, Penarth could do nothing towards stopping the rush, and hardly five minutes had elapsed before a forward rush again took the ball over, Norman Biggs managing to convert. This was followed by a try from Selwyn Biggs, who received a pass from Sweet-Escott from a scrum formed about five yards from the line. This point also was converted by Norman Biggs. Then for the first time Penarth got up to the Cardiff 25 line, Shepherd managing to upset E. P. Biggs before the latter could put in his kick. Sweet-Escott, however, soon started a dribble, which brought play to the centre. Half-time score:—Cardiff, three goals and three tries; Penarth, nil. Commencing the second half the play slowed down considerably. Cardiff were first the aggressors, clever kicks by Sweet-Escott and Harris putting the ball into touch well in the Penarth half. Then the referee for the first time during the match recognised the flagrant off-side play of the Penarth halves by awarding Cardiff a free. All enthusiasm in the game, however, by both spectators and players alike, seemed to have died. Cardiff were having matters entirely their own way in every department, and were taking things in a very cool fashion. Matthews, Jackson, and Shepherd were the only Penarth men who seemed to make the least show against them. Forward the blue and black eight were rushing the Penarth men clean off their feet, but the backs found it impossible to pick up the oval owing to its greasy condition. A wrestling match between Pearson and Dicky Garrett aroused some little enthusiasm amongst the crowd until Selwyn Biggs repeated his old trick of getting away from the scrum and running up to the full back, where he passed to A. F. Hill, who scored the seventh try, which Norman Biggs converted. Then Penarth brought off the first round of passing which they had shown during the match. Shepherd received the final pass close by the half-way flag, but Harris's speed and tackling were too much for the Penarth man, and he was forced to kick. E. P. Biggs replying cleverly to touch. Harris was next conspicuous with a dribble, which carried play into the Penarth 25. The visitors then seemed to liven up a bit, and managed to get down to the Cardiff 25, but E. P. Biggs was not called upon to handle until Alexander put in a long punt, which the Cardiff custodian sent back to touch at half-way. Final score:—
Cardiff 4 goals, 3 tries.
Penarth Nil.

NEWPORT V. CARDIFF.

Played at Newport, before 12,000 people. Teams:—*Cardiff*: Back, E. P. Biggs; three-quarter backs, T. W. Pearson (captain), J. Elliott, N. Biggs, and W. Harris; half backs, R. B. Sweet-Escott and Selwyn Biggs; forwards, A. F. Hill, A. Lewis, R. Guinea, T. Burke, Cravos, Spavin, T. Jones, and W. Davies. *Newport*: Back, T. England; three-quarter backs, F. H. Dauncey, A. J. Gould, Bert Gould, and F. W. Cooper; half backs, H. P. Phillips and F. C. Parfit; forwards, T. C. Graham (captain), J. Hadden, A. W. Boucher, W. H. Watts, T. Pook, W. Groves, A. E. Henshaw, and H. Packer. Referee, Mr. W. H. Gwynn, Swansea. Newport won the toss, and Gus Lewis, for Cardiff, kicked off at 3.10 from the ballast end. Cardiff were the first to rush away, England being downed by two or three of the forwards before he could get in a return kick. A. J. Gould got away with a dribbling rush, but was called back. The Newport pack broke away from a scrum, but Elliott saved at the centre. Newport still had the better of the forward play, Henshaw getting away from a scrum in the centre and Harris being upset as he tried to save with a kick. Percy Phillips made off from the squish with a grand rush, and Biggs was collared before he could save. Phillips repeated the trick, and passing to Cooper, the new wing man dashed along for a corner try, but was pushed into touch near the line. Cardiff, who were still pressed, did some good defensive work, but Arthur Gould, just outside the goal, got the ball and ran over with a try with E. P. Biggs and a couple of forwards on top of him. The try, which was allowed, was beautifully goalled by England, and the sun came out as Pearson re-started. Percy Phillips and Boucher soon got the ball in the loose, the first named watching the scrum well and passing to Boucher in good style. Play was brought up to the visitors' 25, but the ball soon came out of the scrum. Again Cooper was given an opportunity of showing his pace. He shot past Harris and scored a clinking try, but no goal followed. Play settled in the centre, and Selwyn Biggs got away with a grand run, and passed to his brother, and then the ball was sent to Harris, who missed his chance. Newport were soon again near the visitors' line, Bert Gould and Dauncey sailing up after a nice round of passing. Cooper next rushed up after a long start, and was only collared by E. P. Biggs within a foot of the Cardiff line. Harris got the ball away to the 25 flag, when a lot of scrums were formed. Selwyn Biggs and then Sweet-Escott came away with a good dribble, but the ball was kicked too hard, and England sent back into touch to the centre. Henshaw and Packer came through the scrum, the former taking the oval on with his feet to within a dozen yards of the line, where E. P. Biggs was overturned by A. Gould. The ball was at length rushed over, and E. P. Biggs kicked it dead. Soon after the drop out Parfit got away from the scrum with a grand rush, and when about to be collared passed to Bert Gould, who transferred to Arthur, the latter in turn passing to Cooper. The wing man raced away, but was hauled down by Harris. No sooner had the ball got loose again than it went all along the Newport three-quarters, and Dauncey, getting possession last, ran behind the posts with the third try, which England easily converted. On re-starting Tom Jones and Hill were conspicuous. Sweet-Escott gave a pass to Norman Biggs, who got in a good corkscrew run, and when tackled threw forward. Newport soon transferred play from their own half. They had not as yet been pressed, but got away almost all the time with grand wheeling rushes. A good deal of the defence in these cases fell upon Elliott, who showed a lot of resource in the difficult part he had to play. A run to the line by Percy Phillips just failed by a few inches in grounding a try. The ball was called back to mid-field for off-side tackling on the part of Newport, but it was only a momentary relief for the visitors, the home forwards making rings round the Cardiff eight. Percy Phillips followed up the advantage thus gained by a good dribble. The Cardiff pack relieved to the 25, and Norman Biggs, getting a pass, punted up to mid-field, where England got possession and planted the oval in touch. Half-time was then called, the score reading:—Newport, two goals, one try, and one minor; Cardiff, nil. Graham re-started operations, and Elliott fielded the kick, but failed to return. The ball was rushed down, and Packer then kicked in touch in Cardiff's 25. Norman Biggs got off a little, and took a long trot up the ground, but Cooper sent the ball in touch in no man's land. A free was given Newport, but England's kick failed. A good pass from Sweet-Escott to S. Biggs set the Cardiff backs on the go. Pearson was given the chance, and looked like scoring, dashing along the line. Bert Gould, however, put him into touch six yards from the home citadel, and very rapidly the venue was changed. The whole of Newport's team seemed to handle the ball, and a good try fell to Graham, who picked up within a few yards of the line. No goal resulted. After the drop-out Sweet-Escott got away and passed to Hill, who was tackled by England in the Newport half at mid-field. Percy Phillips got possession at the heels of the forwards, and throwing a swift pass to A. Gould, that player got off at his best speed, eluding E. P. Biggs and Harris, and planted a magnificent try near the posts, which England easily converted. Gus Lewis kicked off, and Arthur Gould returned into the

inside the Penarth line. The ball came out rather unexpectedly, and before Penarth understood what was the matter Selwyn Biggs was close on the goal line with the ball in his possession, and after a couple of passes Norman Biggs scored a try, which was not converted. This was followed only a few seconds later by a forward rush, which took place down to the line, Pearson getting over in the corner, although being tackled by the full back. The try was not converted. Hardly had play been re-started before scrummaging was again taking place just outside the Penarth line, and Selwyn Biggs, repeating his former trick, got clear away from the scrum, and scored the fourth try in the corner, the point again failing to be converted. Despite the heavy scoring, Penarth could do nothing towards stopping the rush, and hardly five minutes had elapsed before a forward rush again took the ball over, Norman Biggs managing to convert. This was followed by a try from Selwyn Biggs, who received a pass from Sweet-Escott from a scrum formed about five yards from the line. This point also was converted by Norman Biggs. Then for the first time Penarth got up to the Cardiff 25 line, Shepherd managing to upset E. P. Biggs before the latter could put in his kick. Sweet-Escott, however, soon started a dribble, which brought play to the centre. Half-time score:—Cardiff, three goals and three tries; Penarth, nil. Commencing the second half the play slowed down considerably. Cardiff were first the aggressors, clever kicks by Sweet-Escott and Harris putting the ball into touch well in the Penarth half. Then the referee for the first time during the match recognised the flagrant off-side play of the Penarth halves by awarding Cardiff a free. All enthusiasm in the game, however, by both spectators and players alike, seemed to have died. Cardiff were having matters entirely their own way in every department, and were taking things in a very cool fashion. Matthews, Jackson, and Shepherd were the only Penarth men who seemed to make the least show against them. Forward the blue and black eight were rushing the Penarth men clean off their feet, but the backs found it impossible to pick up the oval owing to its greasy condition. A wrestling match between Pearson and Dicky Garrett aroused some little enthusiasm amongst the crowd until Selwyn Biggs repeated his old trick of getting away from the scrum and running up to the full back, where he passed to A. F. Hill, who scored the seventh try, which Norman Biggs converted. Then Penarth brought off the first round of passing which they had shown during the match. Shepherd received the final pass close by the half-way flag, but Harris's speed and tackling were too much for the Penarth man, and he was forced to kick, E. P. Biggs replying cleverly to touch. Harris was next conspicuous with a dribble, which carried play into the Penarth 25. The visitors then seemed to liven up a bit, and managed to get down to the Cardiff 25, but E. P. Biggs was not called upon to handle until Alexander put in a long punt, which the Cardiff custodian sent back to touch at half-way. Final score:—

Cardiff	4 goals, 3 tries.
Penarth	Nil.

but the ball soon came out of the scrum. Again Cooper was given an opportunity of showing his pace. He shot past Harris and scored a clinking try, but no goal followed. Play settled in the centre, and Selwyn Biggs got away with a grand run, and passed to his brother, and then the ball was sent to Harris, who missed his chance. Newport were soon again near the visitors' line, Bert Gould and Dauncey sailing up after a nice round of passing. Cooper next rushed up after a long start, and was only collared by E. P. Biggs within a foot of the Cardiff line. Harris got the ball away to the 25 flag, when a lot of scrums were formed. Selwyn Biggs and then Sweet-Escott came away with a good dribble, but the ball was kicked too hard, and England sent back into touch to the centre. Henshaw and Packer came through the scrum, the former taking the oval on with his feet to within a dozen yards of the line, where E. P. Biggs was overturned by A. Gould. The ball was at length rushed over, and E. P. Biggs kicked it dead. Soon after the drop out Parfit got away from the scrum with a grand rush, and when about to be collared passed to Bert Gould, who transferred to Arthur, the latter in turn passing to Cooper. The wing man raced away, but was hauled down by Harris. No sooner had the ball got loose again than it went all along the Newport three-quarters, and Dauncey, getting possession last, ran behind the posts with the third try, which England easily converted. On re-starting Tom Jones and Hill were conspicuous. Sweet-Escott gave a pass to Norman Biggs, who got in a good corkscrew run, and when tackled threw forward. Newport soon transferred play from their own half. They had not as yet been pressed, but got away almost all the time with grand wheeling rushes. A good deal of the defence in these cases fell upon Elliott, who showed a lot of resource in the difficult part he had to play. A run to the line by Percy Phillips just failed by a few inches in grounding a try. 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Arthur Gould let the ball slip, but England came up in the nick of time and relieved beautifully. The Newport forwards soon got the ball away and brought a sharp game up against the Cardiff line. Sweet-Escott, however, snapped a pass intended for A. Gould and saved a probable try. Norman Biggs took up the advantage and punted in touch at the half-way flag, where the play hung a bit dead until the Newport forwards commenced again their rushing tactics, and E. P. Biggs was overturned close to the line with the ball in his possession. A temporary relief came until Cooper took the ball again on to the line; but only a minor resulted. Soon after the re-start A. Gould took a drop for goal, but the ball went wide, and another minor was notched. Cardiff were then in their 25, and Henshaw dashing away from the scrum at a great pace eluded all the tacklers, and romped in with a grand try under the bar, which England goalied. Pearson got away after the drop out, and when held by A. Gould carried the crack Newportonian in his grasp. The home forwards beat off the attack, and a centre game was waged. When dusk was beginning to creep over the ground, Hill, Jones, and Davies got away with a good dribble, but the visitors failed to hold the advantage. After that Arthur and Bert Gould quickly transferred to the visitors' half. Final score:—

Newport.....	4 goals 2 tries 4 minors
Cardiff	Nil

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*CARDIFF V. BLACKHEATH. VICTORY OF THE WELSHMEN.

The visit of the Cardiff fifteen to Blackheath on Saturday excited considerable interest amongst the followers of the Rugby game, as it was thought that it might give an idea as to what may be expected from Newport when that crack club makes their appearance at this ground in March next, and although the day was the coldest experienced by footballers during the present season; there were fully 5,000 spectators assembled to witness the match. The ground, where well covered with herbage, was in fairly good playable condition, but in places where the ground was a trifle bare, the sound of the players' feet was as plain as if they were wearing clogs. Previous to starting the game the teams were photographed, so that it was just three o'clock when they entered the field. Cardiff, who won the toss, playing from the Pavilion end. The Welshmen, as usual, played four three-quarter-backs, and on this occasion their example was copied by Blackheath, although with doubtful advantage, as it was evident they were not accustomed to the short passing, the ball several times being muddled in consequence. Fegan kicked off for Blackheath, and the ball being badly returned, the forwards rushed up, and a scrum ensued in the visitors' twenty-five. Sweet-Escott got the ball, and transferred to Elliott, who punted along the line into touch and gained some ground for his side. Some loose play followed, and twice in succession Blackheath were awarded penalty kicks for off-side play of their opponents. Johnson in the second one attempting to kick a goal, but the ball went just wide of the post. The visiting forwards now made a good rush and took the ball up the ground, where, after some scrummages in the home half, the ball was worked into the twenty-five, and threatened danger. Marshall, however, picked up cleverly, and after dashing past some of his opponents, transferred the ball to Stoddart, the latter getting into the visitors' twenty-five before he was pushed into touch. Following the throw out some exciting play was witnessed, the passing between the whole of the visitors' back division being very clever, although not much ground was gained by it. A rush of their forwards proved to be of more use, and play was transferred into the home twenty-five, and the ball being sent over the line, Johnston touched down for Blackheath. The visitors still pressed, and Pearson, getting the ball from Elliott, made a sharp run and got behind. Norman Biggs took the place kick, a difficult one, which, however, he successfully negotiated, the performance being deservedly applauded. This reverse seemed to rouse the home club to further action, and Marshall picked up, and finding no one near to pass to, made a dashing run down the ground before he was collared by Elliott, and fell heavily. The play now ruled very fast, the ball being worked from one end of the ground to the other, and brought back again. Marshall and Hubbard being prominent. Bonham-Carter soon after got possession, and by a clever run obtained a try. The kick, apparently an easy one, was taken by Johnston, who failed to convert. A lot of work was now done by the forwards on both sides, and it was quite clear that the visitors could hold their own in the scrums, but nothing further was obtained by either previous to half-time, when ends were changed, with the score one goal to a try in favour of Cardiff. Directly after the restart the visitors rushed the ball down the ground, and Elliott obtained a try, from which Norman Biggs obtained a goal. Blackheath now played up well, and Marshall got behind, but Elliott touched down. A little later, Marshall, picking up, passed to Hubbard, and the latter got in, but Johnston again failed at goal. The home club continued to show in good form, Fegan, Mordant, and Lohden each trying to break through, but their efforts were not rewarded. Stoddart, however, shortly after made a run worthy of his best days, and cleverly scored a try. Johnston, on being called upon to take the place, seemed a bit dubious, and evidently wanted one of the others to try, but, making the effort himself, registered a goal. From this point right up to the finish the play was very exciting, the friends of both teams cheering lustily, but nothing further was scored, and Cardiff won by two goals to one goal and two tries—ten points to nine points. Referee, Mr. H. L. Ashmore. Sides:—

CARDIFF.—D. W. Evans (back), W. Harris, T. E. Elliott, Norman Biggs, and T. W. Pearson (three-quarter-backs), G. Lloyd-Roberts and R. B. Sweet-Escott (half-backs), A. F. Hill, J. Burke, T. Tustin, R. Guinea, W. Davis, T. Jones, S. Cravos, and A. Lewis. BLACKHEATH.—A. S. Johnston (back), A. E. Stoddart, J. H. C. Fegan, G. J. Mordant, and G. C. Hubbard (three-quarter-backs), H. Marshall and R. F. C. de Winton (half-backs), W. P. Carpmael, W. Cope, E. Bonham-Carter, P. Maud, G. F. Scott, A. Allport, J. Hammond, and P. C. Lohden.

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CARDIFF V. NEATH.

Played on the Cardiff Arms Park, before 5,000 people. The following were the teams:—Cardiff: Back, D. Fitzgerald; three-quarter-backs, T. W. Pearson (captain), J. Elliott, A. M. Hill, and W. Harris; half-backs, R. B. Sweet-Escott and S. Biggs; forwards, A. Lewis, A. F. Hill, W. Davies, J. Burke, T. Jones, S. Cravos, J. Spavin, and W. Cope. Neath: Back, J. Davies; three-quarter-backs, Trick, E. Morgan, W. Jones, and M. "Reynolds"; half-backs, Wat Thomas and Alec Cross; forwards, Hutchinson, H. Evans, G. Lewis, T. Thomas, J. Brooks, J. Thomas, J. Edwards, and H. Jones. Referee: Mr. Jenkins. Newport, Hutchinson started for the visitors.

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Cardiff Won

2 Goals 10pts

to

1 Goal

2 Tries 9pts

Values

1 Goal = 5pts

1 Try = 2pts

and Elliott returned the ball going into touch by the halfway flag. Cardiff at the start were playing a man short in the scrum, but in the first pack formed held a slight advantage. A few minutes later, however, A. M. Hill came on the field, and took Cope's place in the three-quarters, the Blackheath man then going into the pack. Alec Cross started the passing that ended in "Reynolds" obtaining possession on the wing and punting. Fitzgerald muddled and let Neath to the 25 line, where the visitors obtained a free, and tried for goal, but the drop fell short, and Pearson relieved to half-way. Here two or three scrums were fought out, and Gus Lewis eventually came away with a dribble, but Cross saved cleverly by dropping on the ball. Attacks were then made by the Cardiff quartette, Pearson and Harris each travelling to the Neath 25, where they were put into touch. For the next few minutes hard scrummaging took place outside the Neath 25, but "Reynolds" relieved to near half-way. Both backs were painfully weak, Davies for Neath kicking wildly to touch without gaining a yard of ground, Fitzgerald kicking weakly straight up the field. Marks by each side ended in play settling in midfield, where Cope came through the pack and dribbled into touch another dozen yards higher up. A free to Cardiff and another weak kick to touch by the Neath full back gained the Cardiffians another few yards, but after a scrum or two had been fought out Wat Thomas again put his backs in motion and play was again removed to half-way. Several times the Cardiff pack got the ball, but keen watching by Thomas and Cross seldom allowed Sweet-Escott to get the ball away, or at least to give a pass with anything like precision. M. "Reynolds" was at last instrumental in removing play into Cardiff quarters by a long kick, which Fitzgerald did not seem in a hurry to return, and badly muddled, by a short, low kick, which nearly let Neath over, the ball eventually going into touch about three yards from the Cardiff touch-in-goal flag. A delay of five minutes took place owing to a Neath man being hurt, and his having to retire from the field for a while. After some scrummaging in this position a kick by the Cardiff forwards to Trick ended in Sweet-Escott putting the Neath captain down before he could reply. A mark by Fitzgerald was well cleared by Trick, and then Pearson and Elliott each attempted kicks, which were charged down. Following this, the intercepting of a pass to "Reynolds" nearly put Harris in, the latter being pushed into touch about three yards from the line. Trick relieved the pressure by a clever, dodgy run, which took the play over the half-way line, an awkward pass to his wing man ending by Harris rushing the ball to touch. A forward dribble by the blue and black brought play again on the Neath side of the half-way line, when another cessation of play took place owing to a Neath man being hurt. On re-commencing Cardiff twice got the ball, but on each occasion Sweet-Escott and Biggs were put down before they could part. At the third time, however, Biggs got the ball away to Elliott, and thence to Harris; but the pass went a little wide, and Harris kicked to touch well inside the Neath 25. A smartish bit of work by Pearson passing back to Fitzgerald when the visitors were dangerous allowed the latter to get his kick in and evoked wild yells of approval. Pearson being tackled off-side when taking a kick from Davies, the Cardiff captain elected to take the ball back in front of the Neath goal. At half-time play was in mid field, the score being:—

Cardiff..... Nil.
Neath Nil.

On re-starting, A. M. Hill replied to Davies's kick by punting into touch in the Neath 25. From the line out a forward rush by the visiting eight brought play to within a couple of yards of the Cardiff 25 flag. A temporary return to half-way, and then Harris was shoved into touch by his own 25 flag. Cross, however, further put the homesters on the defensive by a long kick, which Fitzgerald allowed to go into touch within a yard of the Cardiff goal line. A. F. Hill and W. Davies came away with a good dribble, which A. F. Hill turned into touch when outside his 25 flag. Here several terribly hard scrummages took place, which ended in the ball going out to Trick, who made a bad attempt at dropping a goal. Evan Morgan, however, looked like going in, but Pearson travelled right across to the opposite wing, and saved grandly. Neath were now doing all the pressing, their forwards repeatedly getting the ball and their halves feeding the backs cleverly. Cardiff were working hard, but never seemed to have a chance. Out of one of the scrummages in front of the Cardiff posts Trick got a pass from Wat Thomas, and, travelling right through the Cardiffians, went to within a couple of yards of the home line, when Tom Jones, displaying a-tounding pace, overhauled him and pulled him down. A. F. Hill gave his backs a chance from the line out, but A. M. Hill dropped the ball just as the run looked like commencing. Another attempt, however, was better taken advantage of, and Elliott got through to the 25, where he passed to Pearson, who was, however, unable to get further. Here a scrum was formed, and Sweet-Escott started the passing that went clean along the line to A. M. Hill, who, running strongly, gave Harris his chance when inside the Neath 25. The old St. David's man easily handed off the full back, and got over in the corner, grounding behind the posts. Pearson, however, failed at the place. This point seemed to put a little spirit into the Cardiffians, and the attack instituted in the beginning of the first half by Neath was for a time kept up by Cardiff. Forward they were doing a bit better, whilst the backs seemed to work more in unison. Another forward rush by Neath looked like scoring, Fitzgerald missing, but Harris was handy and saved pluckily. Keeping up the attack Neath pressed Cardiff sorely, only grand defensive work by A. M. Hill and Harris keeping the visitors out. Play was still in the home 25, but tackling Fitzgerald off-side afforded relief, and the venue was changed to nearer the half-way. From here Pearson got off, but Davies just caught his leg and brought him down when opposite the Neath 25 flag. Just before time was called Neath were awarded a free, but Harris replied well. Final score:—

Cardiff..... 1 try.
Neath Nil.

24. 12. 92

CARDIFF V. MOSELEY.

Played at Cardiff before 3,000 people. The teams were as follows:—**Cardiff**: Back, D. W. Evans; three-quarter backs, T. W. Pearson, N. Biggs, J. E. Elliott, and E. P. Biggs; half backs, R. B. Sweet-Escott and S. Biggs; forwards, A. Lewis, A. F. Hill, J. Burke, W. Cope, W. Davies, S. Cravos, J. Spavin, and R. Davies. **Moseley**: Back, W. H. Rowlands; three-quarter backs, A. Rogers, W. Millan, F. Cattell, and F. S. Hunter; half backs, C. S. Payne and E. H. Cattell; forwards, E. C. Lycett, W. H. Davies, T. O'Gorman, W. R. Rowlands, Halden, Baldwin, E. Elsworths, and Davies. Referee, Mr. J. Ashton, Lancashire County Union, Moseley, winning the toss, elected to play from the racquet-court end. Gus Lewis started for Cardiff, and the forwards, following up with a dash, carried play right on to the visitors' goal line. The Cardiff quartette were early in motion, and displayed some exceedingly clever combination. A forward rush by Moseley brought play back to the home 25, where Sweet-Escott started a bout of passing that carried play into the visitors' territory. From the next few scrums that were formed the Cardiff forwards on each occasion secured the ball, and smart passing out by Sweet-Escott and Biggs gave the quartette several chances, which they utilised with good effect. From a line out close by the Moseley 25 flag clever dribbling by Gus Lewis and A. F. Hill took play closer to the Moseley line, where A. F. Hill picked up and gave to E. P. Biggs, who was, however, pushed into touch when within a foot of the line. Moseley relieved the pressure by the good kicking of their backs, and transferred play to half way, where they were awarded a free. Despite the offside play of the Moseley halves, the referee evinced a distinct objection to penalising the visitors, although the slightest infringement by Cardiff was invariably penalised. Play of a scrambling nature took place in mid-field, where Cardiff again started passing which put Moseley on the defence. D. W. Evans received one kick from the Moseley full back and running up the field to his three-quarters, started a round of passing. Keen tackling by Moseley kept them out, but still keeping up the attack the forwards from a line out started a forward rush, which enabled Selwyn Biggs to obtain possession and pass to Elliott, who ran over and scored about ten yards from the post. Norman Biggs easily converted. On re-starting play settled for a time in mid-field, when an attack was made on the Cardiff line. Excellent defence by D. W. Evans, Elliott, and Norman Biggs relieved to midway, where Cardiff again had several chances, which were on each occasion spoiled by the promptness of the referee's whistle. A scrum on the Moseley 25 line gave Cardiff their next opportunity. A forward rush enabled Cravos to pick up and start a bout of passing, which eventually got to Norman Biggs, who made a magnificent corkscrew run, and again crossed the Moseley line. The try was not converted. From the drop out Cardiff again attacked, and some passing along the Cardiff line gave E. P. Biggs a chance. Running strongly, he got over in the extreme corner, but by the up-lifting of the touch judge's flag he had apparently been in touch. Good forward play by Moseley relieved to mid-way, where play was at half-time, the score standing:—

Cardiff 1 goal, 1 try.
Moseley Nil.

On commencing the second half Cardiff started the attack, and by good combined play got well within the Moseley 25. Rowlands relieved to half way, and Rogers by good kicking moved play still further into Cardiff territory. D. W. Evans saved magnificently. Clever forward work took play on to the half-way line, where Selwyn Biggs obtained possession and started a run with Pearson down the wing, which ended in the Cardiff captain getting over and grounding behind the posts. Norman Biggs easily converted. Moseley during this half had thrown out an additional three-quarter, besides which their halves, realising that they had no chance, were simply setting themselves to smother the Cardiff passing. Despite these tactics, however, Biggs and Sweet-Escott were more than able to cope with the opposing pair, and, after Pearson had got over from what the referee declared a forward pass, Selwyn obtained the ball, and, nipping away from the scrum, scored in the corner. The try, however, was not converted. Cardiff were now playing magnificently, and immediately on re-starting were again in the Moseley line were at length rewarded by Sweet-Escott passing out to Selwyn Biggs, who in turn transferred to Norman Biggs, who scored a try that he himself converted. The next point was secured by A. F. Hill. D. W. Evans, replying to a kick by Rogers, put all his men on side by the ball touching the Moseley full back. A forward rush sent the ball into the Moseley 25, where A. F. Hill picked up and scored in the extreme corner. The kick by Norman Biggs fell a little short. A temporary visit was made to mid-field after the drop out, but the Cardiff forwards were much too strong for the Moseley men, who were unable to make any progress, and play was soon in front of the Cardiff line. A scrum was formed, and the Cardiff forwards, after a short struggle, secured the ball, and, nipping away from the scrum, scored in the corner. The try, however, was not converted. Cardiff were now playing magnificently, and immediately on re-starting were again in the Moseley line were at length rewarded by Sweet-Escott passing out to Selwyn Biggs, who in turn transferred to Norman Biggs, who scored a try that he himself converted.

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CARDIFF V. BARBARIANS.

The contest between Cardiff and the crack London team, the Barbarians, came off on Monday afternoon on a good ground and in brilliant weather. A considerable amount of interest was excited in the tussle, it being the general opinion that the game would be a very close one. To the great surprise of the tremendous concourse of onlookers present—nearly 12,000 in all—Cardiff had infinitely the best of matters throughout, as will be seen from the description of the game given below. There was only one alteration in the names of the Cardiff team, J. J. E. Biggs donning the blue and black jersey vice W. Cope, who was unable to appear in the arena owing to an injury to one of his ears. The Londoners, however, came down minus several men, Field, Hubbard, Conway Rees, Maturin, Allport, and Lohden being all absent. Good substitutes were, nevertheless, forthcoming, and a glance at the names will show that the visitors trotted out a warm lot to contend with. Nearly a dozen International men took part in the game, the great majority of them belonging to the visiting team. The following players did duty for their respective sides:—

POSITIONS.	CARDIFF.	BARBARIANS.
Back	D. W. Evans	H. B. Boucher
Three-quarter	T. W. Pearson (capt)	A. E. Stoddart
Three-quarter	Norman Biggs	J. H. Fegan
Three-quarter	J. E. Elliott	T. Smith
Three-quarter	E. P. Biggs	F. H. Reynolds
Half-back	R. B. Sweet-Escott	Poolle Hughes
Half-back	Selwyn Biggs	C. M. Wells
Forward	A. F. Hill	S. M. J. Woods
Forward	A. Lewis	P. Maud
Forward	J. Burke	W. P. Carmichael
Forward	J. J. E. Biggs	E. Hancock
Forward	R. Davies	E. Bonham-Carter
Forward	W. Davies	C. B. Nicholl
Forward	S. Cravos	F. Carmichael
Forward	J. Spavin	P. Madfield

Referee—Mr Wilkins, Llanelly.

*Internationals. †1892-3.

At 3.10 Pearson led his men on to the scene of action, being closely followed by the Barbarians, a loud cheer greeting the appearance of both teams. Cardiff won the spin of the coin, Gus Lewis kicking off from the river end, and Wells misjudging the ball Cravos was upon him before he could pick it up. Reynolds, however, came to the rescue and managed to get in a kick to just beyond his own 25 flag. The Cardiff back resorted to passing. Pearson, who was the last to receive from Elliott, got in one of his characteristic kicks, the ball falling into the hands of Boucher. The latter player sent the ball back with interest to the centre, and the visiting forwards, by dint of good following up, broke away into a dribble, and D. W. Evans failing to pick up, the old Cantab, C. B. Nicholl, rushed over the line and succeeded in notching the first try of the match. The attempt at goal proved abortive. Nothing daunted by this reverse, Cardiff presented a bold front on the restart, Gus Lewis and J. J. E. Biggs succeeding in dribbling the ball to the visitors' 25, where the ball unfortunately went into touch. The visiting forwards worked out at danger to between their centre and 25 flags, where Selwyn Biggs got hold of the ball and threw to Pearson, who in turn gave up to Norman Biggs, but A. E. Stoddart had his arms encircled around the sprinter's waist ere he could move a yard. The Cardiffians were not repulsed for several moments, Gus Lewis nearly dribbling across on one occasion. Temporary relief was at last brought by Wells, who smartly intercepted a pass intended for Selwyn Biggs and kicked to the centre. Elliott and Selwyn Biggs got off grandly, the latter flooring Boucher before he could put his boot to the ball, a scrum being formed near the Barbarians' line. Elliott was at this juncture given a splendid opportunity of scoring, but he failed to hold the ball, S. M. J. Woods and Hancock carrying it between them to beyond the quarter line. It was soon taken back again, Selwyn Biggs from a pass by Sweet-Escott covering half a dozen yards before he was brought down. Keeping up the attack in magnificent style, the efforts of the blue and black brigade were at last successful. T. W. Pearson running in with a fine try amidst loud cheers. Norman Biggs was called upon to take the place, but his kick went wide. Exchange kicking between the backs succeeded the drop-out, which ended in favour of Cardiff, who continued to pen their opponents in their 25. At last a fine forward rush by Woods, Nicholl, and Maud propelled the ball up the field, and D. W. Evans missing the ball, Stoddart and Fegan took it on, but E. P. Biggs, who had gone in hot pursuit, managed to get up in time to kick the ball dead, a certain score being thus thwarted. Reynolds was conspicuous on the resumption of hostilities for a good run, Pearson bringing him down splendidly. From a scrum in the centre Elliott was given the ball and threw to Norman Biggs. The flyer, after drawing Stoddart and Smith around him, transferred trickily to his brother, "E. P.," who, with a grand burst, succeeded in registering try No. 2. The place kick was again entrusted to Norman Biggs, but that player failed to put the ball over the bar, the angle being a very difficult one. The enthusiasm of the onlookers was now at its height, and they cheered lustily. Restarting, Cardiff once more made an invasion into the visitors' quarters, Gus Lewis, J. Biggs, and Cravos being particularly prominent. The onslaught on the visitors' citadel was kept up in a very spirited fashion for the space of several minutes, until another brilliant bout of passing, in which Elliott, Norman Biggs, and Pearson participated, resulted in the old Mill Hillian scoring his second try during the game, loud cheers again greeting his performance. No goal resulted. On resuming, E. P. Biggs kicked finely from his own 25 into touch, beyond the visitors' quarter flag, and Cardiff once more took up an aggressive attitude. A "free" awarded the visitors brought much-needed relief, play being removed to the centre, where a series of scrammages took place, E. P. Biggs ultimately making his mark, and finding touch near the visitors' 25 flag. From the scrum following the line of Pearson was given the ball, and nearly got over again. Thereafter play continued to proceed on the Barbarians' side of the division line until the referee's whistle sounded.

CARDIFF 2 tries, 2 goals.
BARBARIANS 1 try, 1 goal.

The customary interval over. Hancock was the first to kick, the ball going into touch. A lot of kicking followed, the backs of both sides being much engaged. The Cardiff forwards, after a short struggle, secured the ball, and, nipping away from the scrum, scored in the corner. The try, however, was not converted. Cardiff were now playing magnificently, and immediately on re-starting were again in the Moseley line were at length rewarded by Sweet-Escott passing out to Selwyn Biggs, who in turn transferred to Norman Biggs, who scored a try that he himself converted.

On commencing the attack, and by a combined play got well within the Moseley 25. Rowlands relieved to half way, and Rogers by good kicking moved play still further into Cardiff territory. D. W. Evans saved magnificently. Clever forward work took play on to the half-way line, where Selwyn Biggs obtained possession and started a run with Pearson down the wing, which ended in the Cardiff captain getting over and grounding behind the posts. Norman Biggs easily converted. Moseley during this half had thrown out an additional three-quarter, besides which their halves, realising that they had no chance, were simply setting themselves to smother the Cardiff passing. Despite these tactics, however, Biggs and Sweet-Escott were more than able to cope with the opposing pair, and, after Pearson had got over from what the referee declared a forward pass, Selwyn Biggs retained the ball, and, nipping away from the scrum, scored in the corner. The try, however, was not converted. Cardiff were now playing magnificently, and immediately on re-starting were again in the Moseley line. A series of hanging scrums on the Moseley line were at length rewarded by Sweet-Escott passing out to Selwyn Biggs, who in turn transferred to Norman Biggs, who scored a try that he himself

converted. The next point was secured by A. F. Hill. D. W. Evans, replying to a kick by Rogers, put all his men on side by the ball touching the Moseley full back. A forward rush sent the ball into the Moseley 25, where A. F. Hill picked up and scored in the extreme corner. The kick by Norman Biggs fell a little short. A temporary visit was made to mid-field after the drop out, but the Cardiff forwards were much too strong for the Moseley men, amongst whom were several wingers, and play was soon in front of the Moseley goal posts. Here both halves came round the scrum after Sweet-Escott, but the little Cardiffian proved much too sharp for them, and nipped away on the left wing, where he gave E. P. Biggs a pass that carried him over in the corner. The kick at goal had a grand elevation, but went a few feet wide. From the drop out Cardiff were soon telling Moseley the "old, old story." Sweet-Escott repeated his performance of sliding away from the scrum, despite the pressing attention of the Moseley pair, and got well down to within measurable distance of the line before he parted with the ball to A. F. Hill, who had very little difficulty in crossing the Moseley line. The kick failed. Five minutes after the drop out the referee, for the first time out of many flagrant occasions, awarded Cardiff a free. Smart following up prevented the return, and Norman Biggs, again obtaining possession, crossed the line after a dodgy run. The kick, however, met with no success. The final score was:—

Cardiff 3 goals, 6 tries, 1 minor.
Moseley Nil.

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HALF-TIME SCORE :		G. T. M.
CARDIFF	0 3 0
BARBARIANS	0 1 1

The customary interval over, Hancock restarted the game, Pearson replying to his kick by finding touch near the centre flag. A lot of kicking followed amongst the backs of both organisations, the advantage laying with Cardiff, Elliot being instrumental in sending the ball to near the visitors' 25. Stoddart, it was now seen, had taken up his position in the centre, and a fine round of passing, which he had initiated resulted in Smith running in the home 25 flag, where he was forced into touch by Pearson. Sweet-Escott, whose tricky play frequently elicited applause, relieved by a kick along the ground. Wells immediately afterwards got the ball, which was handled by Stoddart, Fegan, and Smith in turn, but Pearson crossed the line when he had travelled far into the home 25. The visiting scrummagers now made strenuous efforts to get across the home line, Woods and Hancock being always well to the fore. Cardiff put forth a stubborn defence, and J. J. E. Biggs made his mark. Nothing came of this, the ball being called back for some infringement, but it was not long afterwards to Sweet-Escott got off brilliantly, and being well picked up by the home forwards, he picked the ball up near the visitors' 25, and, with astounding rapidity, threw it to T. W. Pearson, who ran across with what proved to be the last try of the game, with a couple of opponents hanging on to him. Again the kick at goal was unsuccessful, although the effort to goal by Norman Biggs was a very good one. Following the drop-out, play settled down in neutral territory, where Sweet-Escott was responsible for a clever pass out to Selwyn Biggs, who smartly transferred to his brother, Norman, but the latter, after gaining a considerable amount of ground, lost the ball. Gus Lewis was at hand, however, and took it on to near the visitors' line, where Cardiff made attempt after attempt to score, and the visitors to properly cope with the onslaught decided to bring out a man from the scrum to strengthen their quartette. This had the desired effect, for after stopping Norman Biggs, Elliot, and Pearson from getting across, Stoddart got in a flying kick to the centre. The home forwards, headed by A. F. Hill, rushing the scrummages splendidly, took the ball back to the visitors' quarters, Pearson nearly crossing the line. E. P. Biggs, from a mark, made a good shot for goal, but Stoddart ran out and kicked beautifully to the home 25. Play was not destined to stay here long, for Norman Biggs got away, and was stopped by Woods near the visitors' line. The Barbarians had again to act strictly on the defensive until a free brought relief to the centre. The London forwards gradually worked the ball down the field, but Pearson saved, when they had reached the home 25, by putting in a judicious kick over the division line. Passing splendidly, the Cardiff back carried the ball right up to the Barbarians' line, Pearson dashing across with what appeared to be a try. The ball was brought back, however, to near the 25 flag, and play ensued here for a little time. Hancock, Woods, and Nicholl now came away with a fine dribble right over the equatorial line, but their onward career was checked by Norman Biggs, who picked up and got in a good kick to the visitors' 25 again. The only notable feature from now on to the call of time was a fine run by J. J. E. Biggs, who was brought down near the line. The game eventually resulted as under:—

FINAL SCORE :		G. T. M.
CARDIFF	.....	0 4 0
BARBARIANS	.....	0 1 1

REMARKS.

Cardiff won, and handsomely, too. Never for one moment did the most ardent of their supporters predict such a win; in fact, doubts were entertained at the commencement of the game whether they would pull the match out of the fire at all. Anyhow, they managed to do the trick all right, and the victory they gained was thoroughly well deserved. The home backs were far and away better in every respect to their opponents, running, kicking, passing, and tackling in fine style. E. P. Biggs and Pearson were perhaps the pick of the quartette. Both halves did well, E. B. Sweet-Escott particularly so. Forward, Cardiff had a powerful set of fellows to contend with, but right manfully they stuck to their opponents and succeeded in actually carrying several of the scrums. Hill, Biggs, and Cravos being very conspicuous throughout. Evans did fairly well as a custodian. Hancock and Woods did an immense amount of work for the visitors' forward. Wells, Fegan, and Stoddart being in good trim behind the scrum, although the latter did not get many chances. Brecher acquitted himself creditably at full back.

COVENTRY v. CARDIFF.

Coventry, a Midland organisation which has succeeded in vanquishing such teams as Richmond and Gloucester this season, continued their South Wales tour by meeting the Welsh Metropolitans at the Cardiff Arms Park on Monday. The opening match of the tour with Swansea ended in the defeat of the visitors by 14 points to nil, but notwithstanding this a lot of interest was excited in the encounter, there being a good attendance for an off day. There were two alterations from the team which represented Coventry at Swansea, G. Carpenter taking up his accustomed position in the pack, vice E. Burnie, and Houghton playing in the three-quarters. Cardiff were not fully represented forward, Wynde and Palmer, of the second team, filling the places of R. Davies and Tustin. The ground was in a terribly sloppy condition, owing to the thaw, and the players experienced much difficulty in holding the ball.

POSITIONS.	CARDIFF.	COVENTRY.
Back	D. W. Evans	C. D. Pole
Three-quarter	Norman Biggs	A. H. Frith
Three-quarter	T. W. Pearson (capt.)	J. Ward
Three-quarter	J. E. Elliot	Houghton
Three-quarter	E. P. Biggs	
Half-back	Selwyn Biggs	A. Slater (capt.)
Half-back	R. B. Sweet-Escott	A. Sanders
Forward	A. F. Hill	J. R. Bradshaw
Forward	A. Lewis	J. Hill
Forward	S. Cravos	J. O. Hollick
Forward	R. Guinness	C. Lea
Forward	J. Burke	G. Carpenter
Forward	W. Wynde	J. J. Richardson
Forward	H. Palmer	E. C. Richardson
Forward	W. Davies	E. M. Jones
		W. Rice

Referee, Mr F. N. Jones, Cardiff.

It was nearly half an hour after the advertised time when the teams entered the arena, C. J. Hill starting operations from the Ruoquet-court end. The ball fell into the hands of Norman Biggs, who found touch between his own centre and 25 flag. From the succeeding scrum A. F. Hill came away with a splendid dribble to the visitors' 25, where he picked up and handed to E. P. Biggs, who was forced into touch. Coventry worked out to the centre, but Hill and Norman Biggs again got off, Pole putting in a timely save. Cardiff were not to be denied, and Pearson following up the ball well, trickily baffled Frith, kicked over the line and scored a well-earned try, which Norman Biggs failed to improve upon. D. W. Evans replying well to the drop out, play immediately settled down on the visitors' side of the division line, where some fast play ensued. R. B. Sweet-Escott, picking up from a scrum near the visitors' 25 line, cleverly eluded Sanders and gave up to Norman Biggs, the sprinter, passing neatly to Elliot, the old Llandaffite, had no difficulty in crossing the line. Norman Biggs again failed to convert. A. F. Hill was conspicuous on the restart for a good burst down the field, but he unfortunately lost the ball when near the line, which went into touch. From the throw out Norman Biggs gave a long swinging pass to his brother E. P., but Pole collared him splendidly. Coventry now got over the division line, Ward and Frith frustrating Pearson and Elliot from making much headway. A magnificent dribble from the visitors' 25, in which Palmer, W. Davies, and A. F. Hill participated, took the ball right down to the visitors' 25, where Norman Biggs picked up, and, with Slater hanging on his back, scored a try. Again the place-kick taken by Pearson was unsuccessful. Restarting, Pearson and E. P. Biggs showed up very prominently, the former kicking to the visitors' 25. Coventry relieved to the centre, where Norman Biggs, picking up amidst a bunch of opponents, dodged in splendid style several Coventry men, and then threw to Gus Lewis, who, after a good run, notched the fourth try. D. W. Evans converted, loud cheers greeting both performances. Restarting, Coventry momentarily invaded the Cardiff 25, but Biggs and Cravos relieved well to beyond the centre, where R. B. Sweet-Escott and E. P. Biggs nearly scored. Pole averting disaster by turning the ball into touch. The Coventry forwards relieved with a good rush to the centre, where Pearson got in one of his characteristic kicks to the Coventry 25. From the succeeding line-out Norman Biggs got away, but was confronted on the line by Pole. The "flyer" nevertheless unselfishly transferred to his brother, E. P. Biggs, who scored a try, which was not converted. Cardiff again pressed on the resumption of hostilities, Palmer nearly scoring. The interval shortly afterwards arrived.

	HALF-TIME SCORE.	G.	T.	M.
CARDIFF		1	4	0
COVENTRY		0	0	0

Gus Lewis restarted the game, but an indifferent return was made, the Cardiff forwards dribbling in close proximity to the visitors' goal, where Pole saved grandly. A bout of passing by the Cardiff backs was thwarted by Houghton, and the Midlanders rushed to the centre. Cardiff again brought off some excellent passing, E. P. Biggs being stopped just in the nick of time. Frith relieved to the centre, where Norman Biggs, making a pass intended for Houghton, ran splendidly to near the visitors' goal, where he was collared by Pole. Norman, however, managed to get the ball into touch.

BLACKHEATH v. CARDIFF.

This, the sixth, engagement between these clubs was decided at the Cardiff Arms Park on Saturday, in splendid weather, both for players and spectators. Cardiff were as fully represented as at any time this year. Cope, who was originally picked, being on the sick list, was replaced by Wynde, the second XV, forward, who was first seen in the premier pack in the Coventry match. The "Heathens", though certainly a strong team, were not so strong as had been expected by those who remembered the All England XV of a few seasons ago, and who had sufficient site-organism to believe that the London compo-wipe out the Welshmen's recent but narrow win—one point only, 2 goals to 1 goal and 2 tries—at Blackheath in December last. From the back division the most notable absentees were Fegan and De Winton, S. M. national, and Finlayson, being missing from the scrum-mangers. There was a consensus of opinion that the homesters would just about beat their opponents, but there was little hope that they would succeed in making much of a score. In four of the five previous matches the "Heathens" have proved victorious, Cardiff's back division having singularly broken down on each occasion. When under A. F. Hill's captaincy, Field, they succumbed to a thrashing defeat by a couple of goals and the same number of tries to a solitary minor. When next they met the game resulted in what was generally admitted to be a moral victory for Cardiff, whose score was a try and three minors to a goal. In March, 1891, at Cardiff, the score showed a win for the visitors by two goals, one being from a free kick by Stoddart, 1 try, 1 minor, to a brace of tries. It was in the last match played that the biggest thrashing was administered, Cardiff then going under pointlessly to the tune of a goal and four tries.

There were fully 10,000 people present when, at a few minutes after three o'clock, the teams entered the enclosure, a warm reception being accorded to them. They lined out as follows:—

POSITIONS.	CARDIFF.	BLACKHEATH.
Back	D. W. Evans	A. O. Jones
Three-quarter	Norman Biggs	A. E. Stoddart
Three-quarter	T. W. Pearson (capt.)	F. J. Arcy-Thompson
Three-quarter	J. E. Elliot	W. H. Devonshire
Three-quarter	E. P. Biggs	G. C. Hubbard
Half-back	Selwyn Biggs	H. Marshall
Half-back	R. B. Sweet-Escott	Easterbrook
Forward	A. F. Hill	W. Carmichael (capt.)
Forward	A. Lewis	J. Hammond
Forward	S. Cravos	Lieut. Maud
Forward	R. Guinness	A. Allport
Forward	J. Burke	E. Bonham Carter
Forward	R. Davies	P. H. Hancock
Forward	W. Davies	F. F. Clynne
Forward	W. Wynde	Poleworth

Referee: Mr H. M. Ingledew, Cardiff.

Cardiff kicked off against a strong wind, Hubbard returning inadequately, a scrimmage was held in the Blackheath 25. The ball being smartly heeled out, Escott passed to Biggs, who threw to his brother, and Norman, after dodging the opposing centre, passed to Elliot, who threw wildly towards Pearson. J. Arcy-Thompson got under the ball, and was away at top speed. Confronted by Evans he strove to elude the custodian and was collared from behind by Pearson before he could again get into his stride. Things looked bad for Cardiff, for it appeared to take a long time to send play back to mid-field, Hill and Lewis succeeding in doing so by a clinking dribble. Then after wheeling a scrimmage the Heathens, led by Hancock and Poleworth, got again into the Cardiff 25, and after pressing hard Easterbrook, the Scottish half, passed out quickly, and after the ball had been handled by a couple of the backs Hubbard all but got in, and on being tackled by N. Biggs he threw to Devonshire, who crossed the line, but unfortunately was off-side. In the following scrimmage Cardiff were penalized, and Stoddart, electing to have the ball placed, landed a beautiful goal. Cardiff rallied for a minute or two, but their exhibition was clumsy in the extreme. Hot raids were made on their position, Norman Biggs and Elliot saving repeated rushes, but when there was a chance to get away it was lost by extremely clumsy passing, slow and inaccurate. After a clever dribble to the Cardiff 25, one of the forwards transferred with his foot to Stoddart, but before the veteran could do anything, Pearson was on the ball, and judiciously put in a flying kick across the field, evidently with the intention of giving E. P. Biggs possession. Hubbard jumped for the ball, and with a splendid and clear run in he scored. Stoddart converted. No improvement was evidenced in the display of the homesters, the halves being woefully weak, and soon play was again in close vicinity to the Cardiff goal-line. Elliot saved well a yard off the line, but with a forward rush Blackheath's second try was gained, one of the scrum-mangers falling on the ball. Stoddart again converted. Cardiff, despite the 15 points now registered against them, now infused more vigour into their play, and, amid the frantic cheers of the vast crowd, Norman Biggs, after a pass from Escott, looked a scorer all over, but was tackled a couple of yards off the line by Jones. Blackheath's 25 was the scene of the play for the next five minutes. Norman and Selwyn Biggs coming near to securing the much wished for try. Did they but start scoring hope was strong that the match was not yet lost. For off-side play the visitors were penalized, and in their 25 Pearson attempted to place a goal. The ball was charged down, and Hancock and Campbell swept it onwards, but D. W. Evans tipped the dangerous-looking dribble by kicking into touch. For the first time in the match the home forwards beat their opponents, and a fast game was centred in the visitors' 25. Here, after inter-passing between the home halves, Elliot secured, and after a short run he transferred to Pearson. The old Millhillian, in turn, chucked to the Llandaffite, and after transfers in this way, fully half a dozen in number, the Cardiff captain crossed amid ringing cheers. Norman Biggs failed to convert, the shot being a ridiculously easy one. With the restart the Heathens again had the best of matters, Stoddart now on the left wing and Hubbard being hard to stop. Then came a much appreciated change, the homesters carrying the scrum-mangers, and their halves more than holding their own, the three-quarters were kept busy, though yet when the ball got among them the Heathen backs beat the Cardiffians at their own

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HALF-TIME SCORE.		G.	T.	M.
CARDIFF.....	1	4	0	
COVENTRY.....	0	0	0	

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FINAL SCORE:		G.	T.	M.
CARDIFF.....	3	6	1	
COVENTRY.....	0	0	0	

REMARKS.

As the score indicates, Cardiff achieved an easy victory by 33 points to nil. Hardly on one occasion did the visitors have a look in, Cardiff acting on the aggressive nearly the whole of the game. The Midlanders were beaten at all points, this being especially evident behind the scrum, where the Cardiff men gave a brilliant display. D. W. Evans acquitted himself admirably as a custodian, whilst Norman Biggs, Pearson, Sweet-Escott, and Elliott played a dashing game. Forward, too, Cardiff held the upper hand. A. F. Hill, Gus Lewis, and Cravos being conspicuous throughout. Pole was undoubtedly the "shining light" of the visitors' side, and but for his plucky play the score, big as it is, would have been considerably augmented. His collaring was very good, and time after time he brought his man to the ground splendidly. The three-quarters did not come off with any passing at all, this halves being completely out of the running with the Cardiff pair. Frith, Slater, and Ward were about the best of them. Bradshaw and Hill played a hard game forward.

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HALF-TIME SCORE:		G.	T.	M.
BLACKHEATH.....	3	0	0	
CARDIFF.....	0	1	0	

On changing ends a brilliant sun burst out, and this was likely severely to handicap the visitors. With a grand burst the home-ers went away, and after being given a pass by Escott on the 25 line Elliott carried the leather to the line, shouts announcing that he had crossed, but this was not so, a scrimmage being ordered five yards out. By a really magnificent dribble, after a wheel, Hancock took the ball out to the 25 line, and here Marsh, to whom it was transferred by the foot, picked up and had got almost to half way when he was collared by Hill, who, having robbed him of the ball, passed, though on the ground, in wonderfully smart fashion to Pearson, who kicked into touch much below the 25 flag. Cardiff now pressed in earnest, and it was ill-nick alone that prevented a smart bout of passing in the well-known Cardiff style, ending in E. P. Biggs scoring. Do what they would, the Heathens could not send back the invaders in Cardiff's forwards, among whom Hill and Lewis were particularly prominent, had the better of half a dozen scrummages in succession and got close into lines. Escott then got rid of Marshall easily and threw when only a few yards off scoring to Norman Biggs, who shot over like lightning and scored, the point being signalized by loud cheering, repeated again and again when the same player landed a fine goal. Blackheath within the next few minutes had the best of matters, but Cardiff's tackling was now a treat to witness, and the burst over the homesters passing with precision again baffled the visitors. Following "gruelling" play on the Blackheath side of the centre-line a scrummage ensued hereabouts, and the Davies's breaking away, the ball was passed to N. Biggs, who, however, lost his footing, and so missed a certain try. The next scrummage ended in Cardiff's favour, and Selwyn Biggs passed to Elliott very quickly, the Blackheath halves now being often beaten. After feinting, Selwyn passed to Elliott, who had covered the 25 line when he passed to his captain, who, hotly pursued by Hubbard, scored in so good a position that Norman Biggs negotiated without difficulty. With excitement at fever pitch, the score being equal 13 points, the game was resumed, and it was fast, the Cardiff men proving to be in grand condition. They pressed very hard for the whole of the next ten minutes, Jones, the custodian, saving time after time. A mark gained by Elliott ended in the registering of a minor point, another following in a few seconds, this one being a narrow shave for a try, N. Biggs losing the ball over the line. The sun had long since gone behind a cloud, Cardiff's excellence alone accounting for the fact of the Heathens acting strictly on the defensive. Another minor was gained by Cardiff when but for Escott's failure to hold the ball over the line, a try would have been scored. Jones, the custodian, falling on the ball. By long kicking, generally well replied to by Evans, the visitors got out of danger. Hill, with a fine dribble, took the ball back to the 25 line, and there picked up, but there was no one to take his pass, or another try was at the mercy of the Cardiffians. Blackheath now elicited loud complaints from the crowd for their apparent attempt at "waiting" tactics. Cardiff still pressed, and Elliott, from the 25, galloped in, the point not being improved upon by N. Biggs. A few minutes only had elapsed before Pearson got over, only to be called back, but within the next three minutes the same player scored after his run of the year in the corner, Norman Biggs converting. Fairly even play followed, but Cardiff looked like going away with a rush again, when the ball was kicked into touch midway between the centre and the Blackheath 25 line. "No side" was then announced, Cardiff being the winners by 21 points to 13 of a game of as pretty and excellent a character as any of the previous matches between the clubs.

FINAL SCORE:		G.	T.	M.
CARDIFF.....	3	2	3	
BLACKHEATH.....	3	0	0	

CARDIFF V. SWANSEA.

The third match of the season between the above clubs took place at Swansea on the morning of the 26th. The weather, after a very dull morning, proved to be dry, and the two teams turned out in good strength, on a ground which, partially covered with straw, proved to be in good order. The teams were as follow:—

Cardiff.—Back, D. W. Evans; three-quarter backs, T. W. Pearson (captain), J. E. Elliott, N. Biggs, and E. P. Biggs; half backs, R. B. Sweet-Escott and Selwyn Biggs; forwards, A. F. Hill, A. Lewis, R. Guinea, J. Burke, W. Davies, S. Cravos, R. Davies, and W. Wynde. — **Swansea.**—Back, W. J. Bancroft; three-quarter backs, W. J. Bancroft, E. Thorogood, A. L. Whapham, and J. Davies; half backs, T. Blackmore and T. Beynon; forwards, D. Samuel, J. Samuel, Arthur Lewis, F. Mills, S. Rice, R. Thomas, and T. Russell. Referee, Mr. W. Wilkins, Llanelly.

Gus Lewis started for Cardiff, and from Rice's return a scrum was formed in mid-field, where Blackmore failed to take a pass out from Beynon. Another pack, formed within a yard of the first, saw the home forwards again get the ball. Beynon gave Blackmore a pass, which enabled the latter to put his quartette in motion, Bancroft kicking when just over the half-way line. D. W. Evans only saved by rushing into touch with the ball in his possession. Determined scrummaging by the Cardiffians gradually worked play to the half-way line, where the visitors were awarded a free that gained them a few yards more. From a scrum close on the Swansea 25 line Mills and Blackmore came away, dribbling to the Cardiff half. Here some loose kicking took place, after which play again settled at mid-way. From here Blackmore came around the scrum, and eluding Pearson travelled to the Cardiff 25 before he was pushed into touch. Here Swansea were awarded a free, and Bancroft essayed a drop, which went to E. P. Biggs, who travelled about ten yards from his goal line when he was forced into touch. More scrummaging followed on the visitors' side of the half-way line, and then the ball coming out on the Cardiff side of the pack saw Beynon come around and snap it up. Running on he passed to Whapham, who was pushed into touch by D. W. Evans. Another bout of scrummaging in mid-field saw the Swansea halves still holding a superiority over the Cardiff pair, and Beynon again started passing, which nearly let Thorogood in. On the 25 line Swansea secured a free kick, and Bancroft, with a grand attempt, just failed, but exacted a minor, and kicking by Jack Davies brought a second minor within a couple of minutes. Still displaying superior power in their front rank, Swansea were doing the most of the pressing. Swansea secured a free, which Bancroft took and dropped for goal, the ball seemingly going 4 ft. to 5 ft. under the bar. "A minor" said one or two of the crowd, but to the surprise of all Mr. Wilkins gave it as a goal, a verdict as much a surprise to the Swansea players and crowd as to the Cardiff men. On re-starting Swansea took up the attack, and for some few minutes play was in the visiting half until Wynde and Gus Lewis came away with a dribble that Hughes stopped cleverly, and good kicking by the Swansea custodian again put the visitors on the defence. A cessation of play for some five minutes now took place owing to an injury to D. W. Evans, who had to retire from the field. E. P. Biggs going back in Evans's place, and Gus Lewis going out on the wing. With one man short in the front rank Cardiff now had all the worst end of the stick, the all whites being constantly pressing. Some scrambling play in the Cardiff 25 gave Swansea their next chance, and, from a pass out by Blackmore, Bancroft dropped a lovely goal, about which there was not the slightest doubt. Thrice after this E. P. Biggs had to save attacks on his line, the Cardiff backs seeming to be completely demoralised. Beynon was getting the ball from his forwards time after time. Besides which, he was running clean through the opposing backs, who seemed to stand still and let the Swansea men do just as they liked. A few minutes before half-time D. W. Evans again came on the field. The half-time was called, with the score standing—Swansea, two goals (one dropped and one penalty) and two minors; Cardiff, nil. Bancroft commenced the second half for Swansea, and Cravos was hauled down in his own half before he could reply. R. B. Sweet-Escott started the first round of passing, which came across to E. P. Biggs, who was pushed down on the half-way line. Playing with fine dash, the home pack carried play into the Cardiff 25, when Blackmore got right on to the line, and, after two or three scrums, Beynon forced another minor for Swansea by kicking into touch in goal. A temporary check to Cardiff from the drop out, and then Pearson with a flying kick found touch over the half-way line. A breakaway by Bancroft and Beynon was checked by the referee's whistle, but Swansea, not to be denied, were soon again attacking, and a fine chance checked by a knock on. Still they were not to be denied, and were soon close on the visiting 25 line. Bancroft relieved grandly with a clever run, to the Swansea full back, where his pass to Norman Biggs was the latter pulled down. Scrumming they followed on the home goal line, and from here they got a pass, with which he put Pearson in the corner. E. P. Biggs falling at the place. With this the referee called Cardiff.

CARDIFF V. BRISTOL.

Bristol journeyed to Cardiff to fulfil their return engagement with the home club. The initial encounter played at the County ground, Bristol, it will be remembered, resulted in Cardiff administering a defeat to the Bristolians to the tune of two goals, two tries, and four minors to nil. Bristol since then have improved considerably, and a close game was therefore anticipated. The visitors brought their strongest team, Willcocks, the well-known Devonshire county man, assisting them behind the scrum. Cardiff, on the other hand, were not fully represented, A. F. Hill and Norman Biggs being engaged doing duty for "gallant little Wales" at Edinburgh, while S. Cravos and R. Davies were also absent, their places being filled by Palmer and Spavin. It will be noticed that young Gwyn Nicholls, an ex-Star three-quarter, who is a very promising player, was given a trial, he filling Norman Biggs's place. The veteran Alec Bland once more donned the blue-and-black jersey, vice A. F. Hill. The ground was in fair condition, and a large concourse of spectators watched the contest. At 3.30 the teams filed out into the field of play, and faced each other as below:—

POSITION.	CARDIFF.	BRISTOL.
Back	D. W. Evans	W. A. Mackay
Three-quarter	T. W. Pearson (capt.)	E. Jenner
Three-quarter	J. E. Elliott	B. W. L. Ashford
Three-quarter	F. O. Nicholls	H. B. Willcocks
Three-quarter	E. P. Biggs	J. M. Turner
Half-back	R. B. Sweet-Escott	F. W. Hunt
Half-back	Selwyn Biggs	W. T. Pearce
Forward	A. Lewis	W. Thomson
Forward	R. Guinea	T. Capenhurst
Forward	J. Burke	T. S. Duffett
Forward	Palmer	A. W. Ford
Forward	W. Davies	W. H. Birch
Forward	A. Bland	W. S. Vosper
Forward	W. Cope	P. F. Dewar
Forward	J. Spavin	T. O. Davies

Referee, Mr. W. T. Jenkins, Newport F.C.

A few minutes after the advertised time Thomson started the ball from the Racket Court end, Elliott finding touch near the centre. From the line-out a scrum succeeded, a clever bout of passing resulting in E. P. Biggs travelling to beyond the centre. Here Selwyn Biggs picked up and threw to his brother, who travelled far into the Bristol 25, where he was well collared by Mackay. The visitors relieved their lines by a kick, the ball falling into D. W. Evans's hands, who threw the ball very low to Elliott, who failed to pick up, and Ashford kicking along Jenner smartly picked up, and, out-racing Pearson, who was in hot pursuit, he scored a fine try, which Ashford, with a good kick converted, amidst cheers from the onlookers. Give-and-take play resulted for some time after the re-start, Pearson eventually getting off and putting in one of his characteristic kicks to near the visitors' line, but Mackay was at home, and returned to the centre. Cardiff were awarded a free for palpable off-side play on the part of one of the Bristol men, and the ball was taken to the visitors' 25, where Cardiff made strenuous efforts to cross, E. P. Biggs being within an ace of scoring on several occasions. Another free was given to Cardiff, but a good shot at goal fell short. Exchange kicking amongst the backs followed, but the advantage ultimately lay with the visitors, Turner finding touch beyond the centre. Cardiff came away well, and Pearson made a fine run down the field, but his pass when near the line, intended evidently for Elliott, was snapped up by Ashford, who kicked to the centre. A smart pass out to Elliott by Sweet-Escott culminated in Gwyn Nicholls getting off splendidly and passing to E. P. Biggs, who was, however, collared near the Bristol 25. "E. P." however, again got hold and rushed across with a try, which Pearson failed to convert. It was not long after the drop out ere another brilliant round of passing by the Cardiff backs was seen, Pearson, who was the last to receive, scoring a clinching try. The same player took the place, but was not successful in converting the point. Turner was conspicuous on the drop out for a good sprint up the field, but he was brought low by E. P. Biggs when near the home 25. Ashford, from the line-out, took a shot at goal, and Evans conceded a minor. Cardiff pressed on the resumption, Selwyn Biggs and Pearson nearly scoring, but on two occasions Pearson had his passes intercepted, and a free awarded to the visitors brought much needed relief, but Cardiff again returned to the attack, and a long, swinging pass out to E. P. Biggs by Escott just inside the visitors' 25 resulted in "E. P." sprinting in with a good try. Evans converted. Leading by six points, the Cardiffians still made matters warm for the visitors, Pearson and Elliott carrying the ball between them to the Bristol 25. The Cardiff forwards now exhibited rare dash. Cope, Davies, and Lewis being very prominent, and Cardiff were still attacking the visitors' goal when the interval was announced.

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FINAL SCORE:

	G. T. M.
CARDIFF	2 3 3
BRISTOL	1 0 1





