

CARDIFF. RESERVES
1898/₉ - 1903/₄



Cardiff Reserves. Season 1898-99.

Sept 17. Cardiff Reserves 2nd v. Cambridge 1st.

Bristol 2nd
Oct 1.

BRISTOL v. CARDIFF A.

A capital crowd turned up to see these second teams play at Bristol. Cardiff kicked off against the sun. Play immediately settled down in mid-field. A good bout of passing nearly resulted in the home side scoring, but Cardiff rallied, and a grand run by Bush looked like giving Cardiff the lead, but he was grandly tackled by Bartlett and was unfortunately hurt and had to leave the field. Interval, nil. The second half opened with a clean sheet, which however was soon tarnished, Ricketts scoring a lovely try between the posts. After a brilliant run through nearly all his opponents Winfield goal. Ricketts again had a brilliant run and let Jones in with another try, which Winfield goal. From a line out one of the forwards scored, another goal resulting. Bartlett kicked a grand penalty goal.

	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	5 0 0
Bristol	1 0 0

Gloucester 2nd
Oct 15

CARDIFF RESERVES v GLOUCESTER A.

At Gloucester, in damp dismal weather. After a hot attack Sweet-Escott scored for Cardiff right behind the posts and Winfield goal. Gloucester replied with a corner try by Manley, Griffiths failing to convert. Subsequently Sweet-Escott passed to Ivor Jones, who raced down the field and got over in the corner, the kick at goal from a difficult angle failing. This was all the scoring in this half, Cardiff leading at the interval by eight points to three. Changing over Gloucester had most of the play, but could not score owing to bad handling, several opportunities being lost in this way. For the last quarter of an hour play was fought out close to the Cardiff line, but the home side failed to cross. The visitors' defence was very good or scores would have been inevitable. Gloucester were beaten behind the scrum, but held their opponents forward. Sweet-Escott, Ivor Jones, and Gunn excelled.

	G. T. M.
Cardiff	1 1 0
Gloucester	0 1 0

Neath 2nd
Oct 8.

CARDIFF RESERVES v NEATH 2ND.

The Cardiff Reserves turned out for the first time this season to-day, when they met Neath Second X.V. at the Cardiff Arms Park before a fair number of spectators. Matches between these combinations have always been warmly contested, both teams being fairly level in their exposition of the game. Past experience therefore gave body to the expectation that to-day's contest would be sternly fought. The teams fielded as follows:—Cardiff Reserves—Back, H. B. Winfield; three-quarter backs, J. Williams, Wayne Morgan, Ivor P. Jones, and F. F. Bush; half-backs, C. Kestell and C. M. Ingledew; forwards, E. H. Gunn (captain), W. McIntyre, T. Davies, W. Robertson, W. Neill, F. J. Box, C. Spackman, and W. Hines. Neath—Back, B. Reynolds; three-quarter backs, T. Llewellyn, A. Mills, G. W. Brooks, and A. Hopkins; half-backs, W. Rees and R. Frayne; forwards, C. Abbott (captain), H. Jones, J. Hughes, R. Richards, T. Hughes, E. James, Dan Davies, and W. Gabriel. Referee, Mr A. T. James, Newport.

Midway in the season the game would have been voted a dull and featureless one. For a start, however, very fair form was shown, especially in the second half. The first portion was pointless, neither side showing the alertness and resourcefulness necessary to carry an attack to a successful issue. Cardiff chiefly offended in this respect, for they had abundant opportunities, which if properly utilised, would have had a corresponding score value. There was a material change in the second half, the home three-quarters showing much improved form, and correcting the error rarely absent from their play in the first 30 minutes. Once fairly in their stride, they had the game very much in their own hands, and tries came in quick succession. The halves picked up neatly, and as a rule got the three-quarters into motion with despatch. The scorers, Morgan, Williams, and Ivor Jones, played a creditable game, and went over the line at a good turn of speed. There was not much to choose between the forwards, who played a fair game. Neath made a good show for preference, their dribbling at times being very clever.

	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	2 1 2
Neath Seconds	0 0 3

Newport 2nd Oct 22

CARDIFF RESERVES v NEWPORT 2ND.

Whilst the Premiers were doing battle at the Cardiff Arms Park, the Cardiff and Newport second strings faced each other at Newport. The following were the teams:—Cardiff—Back, H. B. Winfield; three-quarter backs, J. Williams, Ivor P. Jones, W. Williams, and C. Spackman; half-backs, C. Kestell and G. Hughes; forwards, E. H. Gunn (captain), J. Hines, T. Davies, Willoughby, F. J. Box, W. Robertson, J. Common, and W. Neill. Newport—Back, W. A. Williams; three-quarter backs, S. Jenkins, T. Allison, W. R. Jenkins, and F. W. Huggest; half-backs, W. G. Jones (captain) and Harvey; forwards, C. D. Phillips, J. E. C. Partridge, F. J. Edmunds, A. E. Jones, G. Lang, H. S. Williams, J. Russell, and A. Williams.

	G. T. M.
Cardiff	1 0 1
Newport	0 0 3

*Dropped.

Cheltenham Ball (A) won 69.27 36-111

No Cuttings

Presumed no 5 Goal Score but if
Came possibly for H.B. Winfield

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Swansea 2nd
Nov 5 1898

Barry Nov 16/98

SWANSEA SECONDS V. CARDIFF RESERVES.

Played on the Cardiff Arms Park before a fairly large crowd. The weather was wet, and the ground itself was in a very sodden condition. At the last moment there were two changes in the home team, viz., Kestell replacing Heaven at half, and G. Gunn going on in place of Neill in the pack. Both sides came to the place of Neill in an unbeaten record. The start, owing to the late arrival of the visitors, did not take place until half an hour after the advertised time. The teams faced each other as follows:—Swansea Seconds: Back, D. Austin; three-quarter backs, D. Davies, R. M. Owen and Davies; and Fuller; half-backs, D. M. Lee, Frank Heavan; forwards, Percy Hill, Mog Lee, A. Smith, S. Jones, D. Thomas, E. Morgan, Gomer Harris, and A. Ball. Cardiff Reserves: Back, H. B. Winfield; three-quarter backs, W. Morgan, J. Williams, I. P. Jones, and W. Hughes; half-backs, C. H. Kestell and G. Williams; forwards, E. H. Gunn (captain), G. Abbott, T. Davies, F. J. Box, A. Owen, T. G. Liver, W. Hines, and J. Common. Referee, Mr. T. England, Newport.

The visitors won the toss, and Gunn kicked off from the ragged court end, with a glaring sun in the face of his team. A rull in the visitors' 25 gave the homesters a chance, but only a minor result. After the drop-out the Abertawe men came away with a rush, and one of their pack indulging in too vigorous a tackle, was promptly warned by the referee. Several scrums were fought out on neutral ground. The home forwards neeling out well gave the halves good chances but the tackling was too keen to allow of much display amongst the three-quarters. Wayne Morgan, by smart following up, prevented what might have been a dangerous burst. The visiting pack were now going great guns, and kept play in the home territory for some time. At last, Kestell very smartly relieved, and play went to half-way, and from thence the homesters broke away and carried hostilities well into the enemy's camp. Several scrums were then fought out, and Kestell gave his three-quarters many good chances, which were not improved upon, owing to the erratic transfers—in fact, with the one exception of Wayne Morgan, the home third line were not at all up to form. At last, from a determined rush, they got over in the extreme corner, but Winfield failed to secure the major point. Upon resuming, the visitors were penalised for off-side play, and Winfield made an attempt to drop a goal, which only scotched the second minor. Afterwards the homesters seemed to wake up, and were bringing off round after round of pretty passing, which nearly resulted in a score. Swansea, at last, raised the siege, and play settled down in neutral territory for a while. From a scrum the visitors broke away, and their left wing was only pulled down on the home line. Half-time score:—

	G.	T.	M.
Cardiff Reserves	0	1	2
Swansea Seconds	0	0	2

After lemon sucking, Winfield managed to find touch at the half-way, and, from a scrum, the home halves got away with a pretty round of inter-passing, which nearly landed them over the line. From a penalty kick at the 25 the home custodian only missed the coveted points by about two inches. Led by their captain, the home forwards were going very strong, and, aided by the halves, got right under the posts, but Swansea, with a lucky kick, relieved to the 25. The Cardiffians, not to be denied, fairly rushed in a body over the line, and, with Gunn underneath, at least six of the homesters covered the leather. Winfield on this occasion safely piloted it between the sticks, thus putting the homesters eight points ahead. Resuming, the visiting pack made strenuous efforts, but they were now very plainly "pumped." At this juncture the "Evening Express," containing the half-time score of this premier teams, was being rapidly bought up by the spectators, and the cheering was indeed great. From some fast open play one of the visitors kicked across the field, and the right wing scooping up, raced over with a try in the extreme corner, but the kick for goal was not successful. Ivor Jones got nicely away from the half-way line, but was poorly backed up, and play settled in the Swansea 25, where several determined scrums were fought out. For some time play was dangerously near the visitors' fort, and Cardiff had hard lines on one occasion in not getting over. With a continued hot attack by the homesters rrrrr up to the whistle, the game ended with the following score:—

	G.	T.	M.
Cardiff Seconds	1	1	3
Swansea Reserves	0	1	2

Cardiff Reserves v. Barry.

The wretched weather was against a big attendance to witness this match, but for all that there was a decent crowd at the Cardiff Arms Park to-day. The turf was rather greasy from the rain.

Teams:—Barry:—Back, J. Jones; three-quarter backs, A. Jenkins, W. Hughes, J. Deans, and C. Lewis; half-backs, J. Davies and A. Ringwald; forwards, W. Yeo (captain), W. Driscoll, P. Cloake, F. Lewis, G. Jones, D. Thomas, F. Legg, and C. Yeo. Cardiff:—H. B. Winfield; three-quarter backs, W. Morgan, J. Williams, I. P. Jones, and W. Williams; half-backs, J. Heaven and C. Kestell; forwards, E. H. Gunn (captain), N. McIntyre, F. J. Box, E. Davies, A. Owen, G. Common, N. Robertson, and F. Tint.

The teams fielded over half an hour late. Barry won the toss and defended the River goal, Gunn kicking off in a downpour of rain. Poor returns saw Barry pressed at the outset, and after scrummaging in the corner the ball was sent out on the right, ultimately reaching Ivor Jones, who rounded his men and scored behind the posts. Winfield converted. Again Cardiff resumed the pressure, and a breakaway by the visiting forwards was checked by Winfield, who snapped up smartly and kicked into touch in their ground again. From the line-out Barry got going and reached the home quarter, but they did not stay there long. The ball hovered about midfield for a time, and then one of the visitors kicked over the line and scored a minor. Winfield and Jones then had an exchange of kicks, the latter finding touch in his own ground. The players by this time were soaked through, and it was difficult to move without slipping or to handle the ball with accuracy. The Cardiff forwards dribbled up again, and Gunn tackled J. Jones with the ball. He let it slip, and T. Davies pounced on it and scored. Winfield placed another goal. Soon after this Kestell scored by following up a kick by Williams, but no goal resulted. A minor point from a shot at goal by Winfield next followed. Just before the interval Cardiff secured another minor.

	Half-time Score—	G.	T.	M.
Cardiff Reserves	2	1	3
Barry	0	0	1

With rain still falling, Yeo set the ball going again. A few exchanges and a scrum or two were seen, and then Cardiff made off along the left and put another try to their credit. The Barry forwards then dribbled over the home line, but Ivor Jones raced up and kicked dead. Again Barry got into position, but their efforts to score lacked finish, and the ball was kicked away. By this time there was very little method in the play, the efforts of both sides consisting mainly of meaningless scrambles. Pulling themselves together the home backs set to work and Williams got over on the right, the kick at goal failing. Barry responded gamely, but Winfield stopped an ugly rush. The ball was sent over the Barry line, and a hot race for possession resulted adversely to Barry, Winfield placing another goal. The game was finished in dismal gloom, Barry having got away to neutral ground.

	Final Score—	G.	T.	M.
Cardiff Reserves	3	3	3
Barry	0	0	2

REMARKS.

On such a day as was experienced this afternoon the game carries no observation with it beyond the statement that both sides played pluckily under most discouraging circumstances, and that Cardiff deserved their victory, though Barry certainly had hard luck in not scoring anything.

Wimples 1C

Wimples 209

Moseley 2nd.

Nov. 19. 1898.

Cardiff Reserves v. Moseley 2nd.

A more handful of spectators assembled at the Reddings, Moseley, when the Cardiff Reserves paid their annual visit to Birmingham. Teams:—Cardiff—Back, Winfield; three-quarter backs, Morgan, Lewis, J. Williams, and W. Williams; half-backs, Hughes and Kestell; forwards, Gunn, Box, Davies, Owen, Hine, Common, Robertson, and Gulliver.

Moseley—Back, Cottam; three-quarter backs, Wood, Smith, Birtles, and Mitchell; half-backs, Holmes and Brown; forwards, Parkes, Bence, Grier, Sanders, Tangye, Birtles, Done, and Rowe.

Gunn started for Cardiff, and Wayne Morgan was immediately afterwards instrumental in finding touch in the Moseley 25. A pretty passing movement ended in Davies scoring in the corner. Winfield failed at goal. On the restart Moseley pressed, but Gunn relieved to halfway, where a free kick was awarded the homesters. Play again settled down in the Cardiff half. A good run by W. Williams brought relief to halfway, but the Moseley men aided by a long kick by Birtles brought play once more in Cardiff territory. The Cardiff forwards continually got the ball away to the backs, but many good chances were lost by bad mulling. A run and kick by Wood brought play to the Cardiff line, where several scrums were fought out. Moseley continued to hold the visitors, and eventually Down dropped a grand goal for Moseley. The Cardiffians afterwards put more life into their play, Williams and Morgan being brought down on the line. The play of the visiting backs was however, on the whole, very slovenly. Eventually, Wayne Morgan succeeded in crossing. Winfield again failed.

Half-time Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	0 2 0
Moseley 2nd	.....	*1 0 0

Winfield put in a grand kick in reply to the kick-off, and as a result Wayne Morgan was forced into touch in goal. Play was again taken to the home line, and Kestell dashed over in the corner. Winfield converted with a fine kick. Cardiff again pressed, and W. Williams scored, but Winfield failed at goal. The pressure was kept up by the Cardiffians, and from a determined rush inside the 25 Davies scored, and Winfield converted. There was now only one team in it. The homesters were clearly a beaten team. J. Williams afterwards scored, after the only really brilliant round of passing in the match, and Winfield converted. Kestell afterwards experienced hard lines when by a good run he deserved to score, but Box soon afterwards added three more points, but Winfield failed at goal.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff	.....	3 4 0
Moseley	.....	*1 0 0

*Dropped.
REMARKS.

The game was almost entirely devoid of interest, and the only brilliant effort was the one which culminated in J. Williams scoring. The Cardiff backs in the first half were very slovenly, but their play improved in the second half. Winfield was in good form, but was not by any means brilliant, and was no better than his vis-a-vis. The visiting halves did not enhance their reputation, but their play in the concluding stages of the game was surprisingly good, and the third line continually experienced hard lines. Forward the visitors had much the best of matters, and had they been adequately supported by the backs a much larger score would have been piled up. Davies, Gunn, and Owen were the pick. The Moseley men played well in the first half, and had a fair share of the play, but in the second moiety they were badly beaten. Birtles at three-quarter was a tower of strength to them, and his grand tackling was a treat.

Winfield 3C.

Newport 2nd.
Nov 26 1898.

Cardiff 2nd v. Newport 2nd.

These teams played at the Cardiff Arms Park before a sparse attendance of spectators. The homesters immediately became aggressive, Wayne Morgan bringing off a fine run down the left wing. The ball failing to rise sufficiently with an attempt at drop goal by W. Williams, Manchip scored and raced up field, but his kick when overhauled did not find touch, and Ivor Jones returned to well over the half-way line. A series of scrums near the visitors' goal followed, but although Cardiff were within an ace of scoring on several occasions, relief was given at the crucial moment. Hughes at last broke through the defence and scored on the left wing. A good kick by Winfield just failed. The visitors' full back muffed after this, and Cardiff were again dangerous, Ivor Jones bringing off a pretty run, but his pass to Wayne Morgan went wrong. After Jim Williams had just saved a try for Newport by kicking dead—a "touch and go" race having taken place on the left wing—the Cardiff forwards rushed down the field, and Ivor Jones securing a neat pass from W. Williams, paced round, and this time Winfield successfully converted. Another try was added after this by Jim Williams after outpacing several of the homesters' three-quarters. Winfield converted. Just before half-time Winfield just failed by inches to drop a goal from a free.

Half-time Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	2 1 2
Newport Second	.....	0 0 1
From some indifferent and scrambling play after the restart W. Short, for the visitors, scored, and the try was converted. Cardiff now kept the visitors to defensive, and ultimately a wild pass by Manchip was snapped up by W. Williams, who scored. The place kick failed. Then Heaven scored an unconverted try. Jones, for the visitors, made a mark in dangerous proximity to the homesters' goal, but Jenkins's kick failed. This was the only opportunity Newport had to the call of time to improve their score. W. Williams, for Cardiff, added another try, which Winfield failed to negotiate.		

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff 2nd	2 4 3
Newport 2nd	1 0 2

Winfield 2C.

Cowbridge 90
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CARDIFF RESERVES v. COWBRIDGE.
The invincible record of Cardiff met a Cowbridge fifteen at the Cardiff Arms Park. It was a great day in the initial stages of the game that Cardiff would have an easy victory, for with a strong wind in their favour, coupled with the dash which has been characteristic of the home team this year, scoring quickly came.
With their opponents outclassed in every department of play, Cardiff made the game one which, from a spectators' point of view, was full of incidents of an amusing character. The home team were not in one tight corner throughout the game, while their opponents were kept on the defensive from start to finish. Cardiff therefore made the most of their opportunities, and the score of 34 points to all is by no means an extravagant one on the day's play. It can at least be said for the visitors that they showed fight to the finish, but were sadly beaten. It will be of interest to know that the Cardiff Reserves this season have scored no less than 204 points, while there are only 18 points against them.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	5 3 9
Cowbridge	.....	0 0 0

Penarth 210
Dec. 11.

Penarth A v. Cardiff Reserves.
Played on the Penarth Club's ground. The ground was in a very poor condition. Penarth commenced play and following up smartly prevented Winfield from returning. For some time the home team kept up a hot attack, but the Cardiff backs here got in motion and Hestell scored. Cardiff now had the better of the game, although Penarth were far superior forward, but could not equal the backs of the visitors. A scrum was formed near the centre, from which Box started a dribble, which J. Jones continued dribbling and finally scored, followed soon after by another 3 points. Both tries were converted. Shortly afterwards half-time was called.

Half-time Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	2 2 0
Penarth	.....	0 0 0

Cardiff resumed play, and immediately commenced an attack in the home team's quarters. Give-and-take play followed at centre, where Chessman followed well, and ending Jones, kicked well into touch. The game was soon waging in the home team's quarters. Cardiff making desperate efforts to score, but were unable to break through the determined tackling of the home team, and Penarth rushed matters well into the visitors' 25, but play was not destined to remain here long, and a good run by D. Jones quickly reversed the position of play and T. Williams fell over with a try, which was well converted. Winfield converted. Give-and-take play followed, when L. Jones again got possession and rounded his opponents and fell over in the corner. Time was soon afterwards called.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	3 5 0
Penarth	.....	0 0 2

Barry Dec. 14

Barry v. Cardiff Reserves.
Played on the Jubilee Field, Barry Dock. There was only a small number of spectators. Both teams were fully represented as follows:—
Barry—Back, J. Winch; three-quarter backs, W. Kingley, W. Gameson, T. Dowdeswell, and D. Thomas; half-backs, G. Williams and T. Slocombe; forwards, W. Driscoll (captain), F. Barile, I. Lewis, F. Lewis, Yeo, F. Dyer, E. Legg, and W. Tame.
Cardiff Reserves—Back, H. B. Winfield; three-quarter backs, Wayne Morgan, J. Williams, Ivor Jones, and W. Williams; half-backs, J. Evans and C. Kestell; forwards, B. Neale, A. Bowen, P. Davies, F. Box, G. Conner, F. Hoynes, Robertson, and Cullimore.
Referee—Mr Ben. Lewis, Pontypridd.
Owing to the late arrival of the Cardiff team it was three-quarters of an hour after the advertised time before Driscoll kicked off for Barry. Cardiff returned to touch at the halfway flag, where play remained for some time and was of a scrambling nature. Cardiff were now awarded a free kick. The ball was returned into touch at halfway. Then Cardiff were awarded another free. Winfield took the kick and dropped for goal, the ball going wide. Barry were forced to touch down in defence. Heaven gave out the ball to Williams, who went over in the corner. Winfield failed to convert. Barry dropped out and Cardiff failed to return. After this incident play was of a loose character until half-time arrived.

Half-time Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	0 1 1
Barry	.....	0 0 0

In the second half the home team were favoured by the gradient. Wayne Morgan at once drove the home team to the quarter flag, where Thomas was responsible for relieving the slight pressure that was exerted upon the Barry line. The game was chiefly confined to the forwards during the next few minutes. Williams, one of the home halves, playing a very strong game both in attack and defence. Gameson also shone in the ranks of the home men. At length a round of passing between the visiting three-quarters saw Lewis cross in the corner with a try, which Winfield majorised with an admirable kick. The Cardiff second string now set about attacking very resolutely, and the ball being sent over by Winfield attempting a drop at goal, the home back kicked out. This kept the visitors still on the attack, although Thomas, one of the home three-quarters, by means of a long kick sent play beyond the 25. The home forwards were the mainstay of the home team, now Cardiff's front rank being unable to get the ball to the backs. A minor fell to the visitors from an attempt at goal by Ivor Jones, and then Barry rushed down the field, Williams being unfortunate in not bringing off a score.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	1 1 2
Barry	.....	0 0 0

REMARKS.
The game was by no means interesting, and was too brief to be thoroughly appreciable. Cardiff would undoubtedly have run up a tall score had the backs been given opportunities. Their forwards, however, failed to make any conspicuous headway, the home eight beating them in the loose and tight mauls. At three-quarter and at back Cardiff clearly were the better of the two teams. Winfield's display was par excellence, and compared with that of the Barry back was as order to chaos. Williams and Ivor Jones played well together, while for Barry Thomas at three-quarter, Williams at half, and the whole of the forwards were exceptionally powerful.

STROUD v. CARDIFF RESERVES.
There was a record gate at Stroud on Monday to witness the contest between the unbeaten Cardiff Reserves and the home club. Stroud has been very unfortunate this year, and it was their intention if possible to lower the colours of the Cardiffians. The teams were on the whole fairly well represented. Stroud started operations, and for a time held the upper hand. Then from a line-out Cecil Biggs, a brother of the renowned Welsh International, got away, and by a judicious kick sent the ball into touch far into the home 25. Cardiff were now holding the upper hand, and Wayne Morgan, after a round of passing initiated by Biggs, ran in a corner try. No goal resulted. Box was the next to score, Winfield's shot, although a good one, going awry.

Half-time Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff	.....	0 2 6
Stroud	.....	0 0 0

In the second half the game varied a lot, and towards the close some exciting incidents were witnessed. Butcher, of Stroud, was unfortunately injured, and thereupon an excited spectator attacked one or two of the Cardiff forwards, and some smart exchanges took place. Peace was restored ultimately, and on the game being resumed Common forced his way across again. The place-kick was unsuccessful.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	0 3 7
Stroud	.....	0 0 0

REMARKS.
It was a good game, but towards the end much unpleasantness was displayed all round. The Cardiffians were superior, and thoroughly deserved their win. Young Biggs has the making of a good man, and did excellently, while as for the others one and all were in their best form.

No Score given

unplayed 1C

Stroud Dec. 16

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1C

Wayne Morgan 11
F. Box 11
Common 11

Cardiff Reserves v. Stroud.

These teams met at the Cardiff Arms Park. Box kicked off for the home side, who at once invaded the visitors' 25, where a series of hard scrummages were fought to half-way, and afterwards Ivor Jones, securing from a line-out, made a pretty run, and successfully eluding his v.s.-vis. ran right up to Healey, the visitors' back, before passing to Bush. The latter player scored easily, and Winfield placed a goal. The heavy state of the ground militated considerably against Cardiff's passing game, and for some time the home pack were having slightly the worse of matters, the heavier weight of the visitors asserting itself. When the ball came loose Bush led a dribble to the visitors' 25. Here it was kicked back to Winfield, who putting in a short punt to the right wing followed up and thus placing his side in play. Jim Williams seized his opportunity and dashed round the posts. The shot at goal failed. Healey afterwards got away from a scrum, and when pressed threw well out to Bush, who, doubling his opponent in good style, ran in from half-way with Cardiff's third try, which Winfield successfully converted.

Half-time Score— G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves 2 1 0
Stroud 0 0 0

Restarting the visiting forwards had slightly the best of a series of scrums and dribbles. Winfield, however, was at all times equal to the occasion, and saved from a couple of dangerous rushes. The Cardiff forwards then gave their three-quarters another chance, and the ball coming out to Hughes it was passed out to Ivor Jones, who, going at top speed, threw to Jim Williams, who scored. Winfield's shot failed. After a short stay in the home side's side of half-way the visitors, owing to the superior play of Cardiff quarter line, were again on the defensive, and when they had been forced to within a few yards from their goal-line, Hughes, varying his style of play, ran round the touch-line side of the pack and scored without opposition. A goal resulted. Cardiff after this considerably improved in their forward play, with the result that their three-quarter line had full scope for bringing off rounds of passing. In two of these bouts they were successful. Jim Williams scoring on both occasions after the ball had been handled by several of his confederates. Winfield was only successful in negotiating one of the two place kicks.

Final Score— G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves 4 3 2
Stroud 0 0 0

REMARKS.

The tall score which Cardiff were enabled to put on is due to the far and away superiority of the rear division. It would appear in the initial stages of the game that the visitors would be able to entirely spoil Cardiff's game owing to their superior weight forward, and would thus make the play one for the forwards only. The pull they had in this direction, however, was nullified by the smart manner in which Hughes and Healey utilised their opportunities once the ball was sent out to them. When the home three-quarters got under weigh the visitors were completely at a loss to know what to do. It would be invidious to single out any of the home side for distinction, as all played a remarkably clever game. For the visitors the forwards were the redeeming feature of their side. The other players were nowhere.

Jim Williams 4 T.
Bush 2 T.
Hughes 1 T.

Wimples notes for 300 out of 400

Jan 7th. Canton
No Cutters

Whitchurch v. Cardiff Reserves.

At Whitchurch before a good crowd. The visitors were strongly represented, and the teams lined out as follows:—Whitchurch: Backs, P. Rowlands; three-quarter backs, P. Blake, John, Glendinning, Williams; half-backs, D. Chislett and W. Salmon (captain); forwards, Boyer, P. Norton, V. Taylor, W. Broad, J. Stephens, W. Nicholls, T. Harris, and W. Amos. Cardiff Reserves: Backs, Morgan; three-quarter backs, W. Williams, J. Williams, I. Jones, and P. E. Bush; half-backs, C. Kestell and Hughes; forwards, T. Davies, Wilson, A. Owen, C. Spackman, Gulliver, J. Box, L. Fildes, and G. Common.

Box commenced operations and Salmon found touch with the return near half-way. Even play ensued. Cardiff gained possession in the scrums and started passing, a smart effort by Ivor Jones being spoiled by a knock on. The home pack worked out of danger. Williams got away but Rowlands tackled him grandly. The Reserves pressed but could only obtain a minor. Salmon, by a smart kick, found touch at half-way. Play continued here for some time, and Jim Stephens was conspicuous for a smart dribble. Eventually Hughes scored for Cardiff.

Half-time Score— G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves 0 1 0
Whitchurch 0 0 0

Cardiff Reserves v. Bristol 2nd.

These teams met on the Cardiff ground, which was sodden by the recent rains. Cardiff kicked off from the Racquet Court and against a stiff breeze, and the visitors failing to field the home forwards carried the ball well into the 25. Loose play followed without material advantage to either side, both backs having to save from some dangerous dribbles. Cardiff ultimately worked up to the visitors' quarter flag, and here Bristol were for some time put on the defensive. The Cardiff halves frequently attempted to bring off a bout of passing with their three-quarters, but the conditions were against the code, and what would wrong time after time. A good defence was maintained, and when the ball at last got loose a pass amongst the home three-quarters fell short. Marsh, the visitors' centre quarter, made a splendid run and dribble down the field. He successfully beat young Winfield, the full back, and was only knocked into touch a few yards from the scoring line. Bristol raised the siege for some time, but ultimately Hughes sent the ball to half-way. Horobont Kestell, securing from a scrum, passed to Hughes, who in turn yielded to Bush, and this player after a dashing run sent the ball to H. Hunt, who scored. W. Williams took the place from a difficult angle, but the kick, though a splendid attempt, just failed. Cardiff continued to press after the restart, but a free kick for the visitors improved their position. Then Marsh, the Bristolian, again distinguished himself. Getting the ball from his half he broke through the opposing quarters, and a la Pearson, made a short punt which well up to Winfield, jun., and had it not been for the speed of W. Williams the try was a certainty. Williams power overtook the Bristolian and sent the ball into touch. Cardiff then broke away, and after a series of dribbles, Hughes, when near the line, wisely acted on his own rather than risk a pass, and successfully scored the second try. Williams failed to convert. Half-time was then called.

Half-time Score— G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves 0 2 0
Bristol 2nd 0 0 0

A series of scrums followed the opening of the second half in the home side's territory. The Bristolian forwards, assisted by the judicious kicking of Marsh, got back to the centre. They were not allowed to remain here long, for the home scrummers getting the best of their opponents heeled out the ball and gave Kestell the opportunity of putting his confederates in motion. The leather travelled right along the line from one player to another in rapid passes, and then back again to the centre, the visitors only stopping the invasion when the Cardiffians had got well up to the goal-line. Play continued in favour of the home side for the next ten minutes, but the scoring came slowly. Ultimately Kestell got over from loose play on the left wing, but the try was not converted. Bush afterwards made a good run and only just failed getting over, and a little later an improvement in the score was again almost brought about by W. Williams making a drop for goal, the ball only just missing, and a minor was conceded. Marsh frequently after his eaved his side from disaster, but play on the whole was of a one-sided character, the home side repeatedly bringing off rounds of passing which, however, failed at the crucial moment. A good opportunity for a penalty goal was afterwards lost by the too eager home side getting before the ball when Bush had a splendid chance at a drop goal. The game continued greatly in favour of the Cardiffians when the whistle blew.

Final Score— G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves 0 3 1
Bristol 2nd 0 0 0

REMARKS.

In the initial half of the game the players on both sides were very evenly matched, but in the second half it resolved itself into a strictly defensive game on the part of the Bristolians, who were completely bottled once the ball got into the hands of the home three-quarters. The packs seemed to be fairly even, although the knack of getting the ball out to the halves was greatly in favour of the Cardiffians. Particularly was this noticeable in the second half, with the result that the home three-quarters were continually in motion. The surprise was that the score was not considerably more, but the slippery state of the ball militated considerably against accurate passing. Hughes and Kestell made the best of their opportunities and showed to advantage against the opposing halves. The home three-quarters gave a splendid exhibition both in the individuality of their play, when an opening presented itself, as in their combination, and to single out a particular player for distinction would be invidious. For the visiting backs the only man who showed brilliance was Marsh. Indeed, his running and kicking were of the best, and his efforts were better supported in it is reasonable to suppose that several tries would have stood to the credit of his side. He made two brilliant runs which deserve mention. At full back there was not much choice. Winfield, jun., who made his debut for the Reserves in this position, gave a very creditable performance.

Neath A
Feb 11

Neath A v. Cardiff Reserves.

This game was played at Neath in wet weather. Cardiff kicked off with the wind and rain in their faces, and after some exchanges a scrum was formed in Cardiff territory, but nothing tangible resulted. Cardiff were awarded a free kick, but nothing resulted beyond a scrum near the line. For picking up out of the scrum Neath were again penalised, but the kick gained very little ground. Scrummage was the order of the day. From a scrum in Cardiff territory the visitors got away, but Rees returned into the visitors' ground. A free kick was awarded to Neath, and D. Thomas sent the ball over the line, a minor resulting. Play rolled in the Cardiff 25 and scrummages and rushes were continual. D. Thomas, by a strong kick, exacted another minor for Neath. The home team were now going great guns, and it was only the stern defence of the visiting backs that kept them from getting over. From a subsequent scrum the Neath forwards rushed the ball over the line, a minor following. A fine run by J. Williams put Neath on the defensive, but only for a few moments, for the home forwards, with a fine rush, took the ball within a few inches of the Cardiff line. A penalty kick was given against Cardiff, but only a minor resulted. Play still continued near the Cardiff goal line, but a fine burst by the visiting forwards took play to mid-field.

Half-time Score—		G. T. M.
Neath A.....	0 0 4	
Cardiff Reserves.....	0 0 0	

On resuming Neath rushed the ball over the Cardiff 25. From the line out the visiting captain relieved, but D. Thomas tackled him in excellent style. From the succeeding scrum W. Williams dribbled over the halfway line. Cardiff seemed to suddenly wake up and rushed the ball into the Neath 25. The home forwards got back again. A scrum followed, and the ball coming out on the home side the Neath backs essayed passing, but the slippery condition of the ball did not allow of any success. Scrums and rushes followed, and W. Williams picked up and raced down the field in fine style, but was hauled down near the line. Cardiff were now having the best of the game, but Neath rushed the ball along again and the visiting custodian was compelled to concede another minor. On resuming again Neath rushed the ball over the line, but the referee ordered a scrum outside. The Cardiff forwards took the ball along, and J. Williams made a strong run in addition, reaching the 25 before being brought down. Cardiff now attacked strongly, and the Neath goal was in danger, but by plucky play the visitors were kept out. D. James initiated a grand dribble on behalf of the home team, but the ball went into touch-in-goal. Exchanges now took place in which Neath had the advantage. From a line out in the Neath 25 Powell received and threw to W. Williams, who dribbled over the line and grounded the ball. This was the first and only try of the match, and Winfield converted. Nothing more resulted, and Cardiff won an exciting game.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves.....	1 0 0	
Neath A.....	0 0 7	

Gloucester 16
Feb 18

Cardiff Reserves v. Gloucester 2nd.

These teams met at the Cardiff Arms Park before a fairly large number of spectators. Cardiff immediately invaded the visitors' 25, but Kingscote and Stephens sent play to the centre. From a subsequent scrum Cardiff broke away, and the ball being kicked hard a race for possession took place, which resulted in Gloucester kicking dead. Play in favour of Cardiff followed, their repeated bouts of passing causing the visitors some considerable trouble. Ultimately Kestell broke away from a scrum, and when tackled threw well out to Williams, who scored. Winfield successfully converted. There was a good spell of desultory play after this. Then Wayne Morgan, securing from a flying kick, made a strong run, and although he had two or three men endeavouring to pull him down succeeded in crossing over. Winfield converted from a difficult angle.

Half-time Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves.....	2 0 1	
Gloucester 2nd.....	0 0 0	

On resuming Cardiff at once took up the aggressive. Kestell made a fine run and gave to Wayne Morgan, who, however, failed to get through. Williams a minute later secured, and after a pretty sprint doubled his opponents and scored behind the posts. Winfield's kick was charged down. Ivor Jones was afterwards conspicuous for a splendid run, and had his pass been taken scoring was a certainty. The same player essayed a drop at goal a few minutes later, but the ball just missed its mark. Play of a one-sided character in favour of Cardiff continued to the call of time.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves.....	2 1 2	
Gloucester 2nds.....	0 0 0	

REMARKS.

The game was throughout in favour of the home-sters, and the wonder is that a bigger score was not placed to their credit. Gloucester with a beaten pack had no possible chance behind, but when the three-quarters had an opening they lacked the combination which the Cardiffians showed, although the latter have considerable room for improvement, erratic passing in many instances throwing away good openings.

Newport
Feb 18

Cardiff Reserves v. Newport A.

The Cardiff and Newport second teams met on the Uskside enclosure this afternoon. Cardiff attacked immediately after the start, and the backs got away and ran to within the home 25, where they were stopped. The home side made a poor kick, and Cardiff got possession and took the ball to the line and a try was awarded, and the major points were added. Newport then played up better, and for some time the Cardiff 25 was the scene of hostilities, but only a minor resulted. Cardiff then gained the centre, and W. Williams got possession, and after a big run he scored a second try in the near corner. The place kick failed. Cardiff continued to press and J. Williams scored a try, which was converted. Just before the interval Cardiff scored a fourth try.

Half-time Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff.....	2 2 0	
Newport.....	0 0 1	

Cardiff took up the attack immediately after the restart, and Newport were hard pressed. After the visitors had exacted a minor W. Williams got possession, and handed over to J. Williams, who scored, and the place-kick was successful. Cardiff continued to attack hotly, and after two of the visitors had been brought down close to the line the Cardiff forwards broke away from a scrum, and scored. Winfield converted. Play was then more even, but towards the end Cardiff again attacked, but could not score.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff.....	4 2 2	
Newport.....	0 0 1	

REMARKS.

The score is a correct indication of the game. Cardiff showed much superior combination to that of their opponents. The visiting backs were seen to advantage. They took their passes cleanly and showed considerable resource when in difficulties.

Wimpsey 16

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Swansea 2nd v. Cardiff Reserves.

Played at Swansea before a large crowd. The visitors came on the field with an unbroken record, whilst Swansea 2nds sustained a defeat at Cardiff in the initial encounter. Therefore much interest was centred in the match. Teams—Cardiff—Back, W. I. Winfield; three-quarter backs, J. B. Smithson, J. Williams, H. Davies, and W. Williams; half-backs, G. Restall and J. Murphy; forwards, H. Gunn, W. Robertson, A. Rogers, H. Wiltshire, J. Common, A. Owen, D. Edwards, and A. Hoarne. Swansea—Back, Ivor Llewellyn; three-quarter backs, E. Strong, E. Jenkins, J. Rees, and D. Davies; half-backs, S. Howells and W. Rees; forwards, W. J. Hill (capt), W. Lee, A. Smith, E. Morgans, T. Evans, A. Ball, D. Thomas, and T. Crocker.

The game commenced at 4.30. Swansea forged ahead and Stroud scored. Hill successfully negotiating Cardiff with a forward rush, took the ball over and Gunn scored, but the place-kick failed. Cardiff, playing with the wind, kept up a long-sustained attack, and Smithson scored a try. The kick for goal failed. Swansea now pressed, Ball scoring. No goal resulted. The visitors now pressed Swansea close on their goal-line, and half-time was called.

Half-time Score—		G. T. M.
Swansea 2nd	.....	1 1 1
Cardiff Reserves	.....	0 2 1

After the restart play continued very even. A forward rush enabled Cardiff to press, a try being eventually scored by W. Williams, the kick at goal failing. After this Swansea pressed and penned the visitors in their own 25. Rees eventually scoring a brilliant try, which was successfully negotiated by Hill. After this Cardiff by a forward rush removed operations to the Swansea 25, but Swansea by combined play relieved, and play continued in neutral quarters until the call of time.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Swansea 2nds	.....	2 1 0
Cardiff Reserves	.....	0 3 0

REMARKS.

A very even and well contested game, the scores about representing the relative merit of the teams. The game was a very fast and open one, the result not being assured till the referee's whistle announced the finish. The Cardiff three-quarters were better individually, but not in combination, than the Swansea three-quarters, and their halves and full backs superior to the Abertawe men. Forward Swansea had a slight lead.

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Ebbw Vale v. Cardiff Reserves.

These teams met at Cardiff in beautiful weather and before a more than ordinary number of spectators for second fifteen matches. Teams—

Cardiff Reserves—Back, H. B. Winfield; three-quarter backs, W. Morgan, J. Williams, J. B. Smithson, and Chant; half-backs, G. Restall and G. Hughes; forwards, E. H. Gunn (captain), D. Edwards, J. Box, T. Davies, A. Owen, G. O. Common, W. H. Robertson, and H. Wiltshire.

Ebbw Vale—Back, J. Giles; three-quarter backs, W. Gameson, J. Keston, J. Evans, and D. Jones; half-backs, D. J. Thomas and W. James (capt); forwards, A. Rodway, J. H. Pugh, C. Evans, A. Evans, J. Waters, J. Brain, H. Lyons, and T. Jones. Referee, Rev. J. S. Longdon, Aberdare.

Gunn kicked off against a strong sun, and the ball being followed up smartly D. J. Thomas's kick was charged down. The visitors' forwards, after being once repulsed by a judicious kick into touch by Winfield, got play to the centre, and here Lyons was rendered hors de combat from a nasty kick on the head. A penalty kick was given to Cardiff, and Winfield found the touch-line well into the 25. Then Hughes made his mark and a further slice of ground. Giles got possession hereabouts, and Gameson following up well beat Chant, but lost the ball and Smithson kicked back. The Ebbw Vallians now raised the siege. Lyons now returned to play.

Scrummage Wayne Morgan was given a chance, but he was well taken from behind. Winfield saved from a dangerous forward rush, and Wayne Morgan sent play to the centre a minute later with a good kick. A bout of passing followed with the homesters, but Williams was forced into touch. Cardiff had now worked up to the visitors' half, but several chances to score were missed. The visitors were for the next ten minutes kept strictly on the defensive, and Giles was repeatedly called upon to save his side. Ultimately from a scrummage in the visitors' 25 the ball was sent out to Chant, and he, after beating his vis-a-vis, passed to Wayne Morgan, who with a strong burst scored in the corner. Winfield failed at goal. D. Evans now came out of the pack to substitute J. Evans at three-quarter, the latter player being hurt. Restarting, Ebbw Vale got well past the centre, and D. J. Thomas essayed a drop at goal, but the ball went wide and a minor was conceded. Then the visitors had an opportunity, a penalty kick being given in a good position, but D. Evans's kick fell short. Half-time was then called.

Half-time Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	0 1 0
Ebbw Vale	.....	0 0 2

Pugh restarted operations, and Winfield replied with interest. The visitors were now somewhat handicapped with one man short in the pack, and for some considerable time Cardiff raised the siege. The defence was hard to beat. Then after several penalties had been given to both sides, the referee being very keen on "legs up" in the scrum, some loose play ended in J. Williams scoring a try, which Winfield successfully converted. The visitors afterwards pulled themselves together and invaded the homesters' territory and got behind the posts. Here the ball was driven back to Giles, who attempted a drop goal. Cardiff forwards then followed up a kick, and preventing a return a scrum was formed in the visitors' 25. The ball came out to Hughes, who passed to Kestell, who dodged his opposing half, ran in at an angle, and scored. Winfield kicked a fine goal. Gunn got over after this from some loose play, but the ball was called back. The homesters were not to be denied, and again, after a bout of passing, J. Williams scored behind the posts. The position was easy, but Winfield's kick was charged down. From this to the call of time play continued in favour of Cardiff, but no scoring was made.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	2 2 2
Ebbw Vale	.....	0 0 2

REMARKS.

The game was a very fast one, and well contested. The score was the biggest registered against the Ebbw Vallians this season, and is a true index of the superiority of the homesters, although had they availed themselves of all the opportunities given the score would have been at least two tries more. It is however a failing with the Cardiff second string to spoil undoubtedly good openings by erratic passing and today's play was no exception to the rule. At back Winfield shone when compared with Giles, but the latter player showed he had good kicking powers. At half Hughes was the most conspicuous for his side and D. J. Thomas for the visitors. In the three-quarter line Gameson put in some good defensive work, and more than once proved dangerous but he was poorly supported. The home lot were too prone in indulging in hand-to-hand passing, and then it was done much too soon. Had they adopted the tactics of first fifteen players by running well up to their opponents before parting with the ball a heavier score would no doubt have resulted. The quartette, however, proved all round superior notwithstanding their faults. Forward Cardiff had a slight pull. Gunn, Box, and Owen being conspicuous, while A. Evans, Pugh, and Lyons proved very prominent for the visitors.

*Wayne Morgan 15
J. Williams 12, 11
Kestell 11
Winfield 10, 10*

Cardiff Reserves v. Newport 2nds.

Played on the Cardiff Arms Park. The Cardiff gun string have easily demonstrated their superiority over their opponents, whom they beat at Newport on the last occasion by the huge score of 4 goals 2 tries to nil. Rain was falling heavily when the following turned out before a small number of spectators—

Cardiff Reserves—Back, H. B. Winfield; three-quarter backs, W. Williams, J. Williams, Ivor Jones, and Wayne Morgan; half-backs, G. Hughes and C. Kestell; forwards, E. H. Gunn (captain), E. J. Box, Robertson, A. Owen, T. Davies, H. Wiltshire, E. Edwards, and W. Rogers. Newport A—Back, A. H. Pearce; three-quarter backs, F. T. Marsh, White, W. A. Williams, and Llewellyn; half-backs, G. B. Wade and W. Priest; forwards, J. White, Morris, A. T. Roberts, F. Smith, G. Pritchard, J. Jones, C. R. Sells, and Norman.

Referee, Mr. S. Roberts.

Gunn started for the homesters, and the ball was returned to the centre, where scrumming ensued. Scrambling play ruled until the homesters obtained a free. Winfield took the kick, and the ball being well returned the Newport forwards visited Cardiff's 25. Ivor Jones obtained, and running well up the field punted. W. Williams raced ahead and grazed his man, before he could put in a return. A few exciting incidents occurred, J. Williams and Wayne Morgan almost getting over. Winfield next distinguished himself by clearing his opponents, and having hard lines in not getting over. He had cleared the Newport halves and three-quarters, and had he been attended a score would have been certain. With rain still falling the state of the ground and ball was shocking, and much amusement was caused by the players slipping. Hughes on one occasion sliding yards whilst effecting a save. Beyond a minor for Newport the interval arrived with a blank sheet.

Half-time Score—		G. T. M.
Newport 2nd	.....	0 0 1
Cardiff Reserves	.....	0 0 1

Newport restarted, but Cardiff, aided by a dribble by Gunn, soon assumed an aggressive attitude. Llewellyn, however, removed the visitors by dribbling well up the field, and was only prevented from doing mischief by W. Williams, who kicked to touch in his own 25. Gunn next came into prominence by dribbling half the length of the field, but unfortunately he kicked too hard, a minor resulting. Hughes received from a scrum, and sending out to W. Williams the latter broke off, but was pushed into touch by Llewellyn. Cardiff were now pressing severely, and a cross-kick by Winfield saw Jones obtain. Quickly transferring the ball to J. Williams, the latter gave up to his brother, who was again forced into touch close to the line. An abortive attempt at goal resulted in a minor for Cardiff. This was quickly followed by another after a shot at goal by Winfield. A passing movement was initiated by Hughes, Jones, J. Williams, and W. Williams handling. The latter player took the ball splendidly with one hand and made a determined effort to cross. He was tackled a yard off the line, but with good judgment he threw back to his brother, and the latter fell across with a try, which Winfield failed to convert. Cardiff were having the best of matters when time arrived.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	0 1 5
Newport 2nd	.....	0 0 1

REMARKS.

To comment upon the game under such adverse conditions would be invidious. "Mudbarking" would be a better term than football. Occasionally the Cardiff three-quarters and halves showed brilliancy, but that to a slight degree. W. Williams was the star of the wings, whilst Ivor Jones was the best of the centres, being closely followed by J. Williams, who stuck well by his brother, thus winning the match. For Newport, Llewellyn in the three-quarter and Pierce at full back deserve mention.

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Cardiff Reserves v. Taunton.

At Taunton in summerlike weather before a fair crowd. The home-players played Gamlin, the English International, at three-quarter, and were well represented, whilst the visitors were without Winfield and two forwards. Great interest was centred in the game, but being market-day the game suffered considerably. Taunton kicked off and from the first scrummage Cardiff were penalised. The kick fell short, and Bush pointed to touch. Immediately afterwards another penalty was awarded the home-players, and Gamlin placed a beautiful goal. Subsequent play was in favour of Cardiff. Kestell ran well, and gave to Ivor Jones, who scored under the posts. No goal resulted. The fleetness of the visitors completely nonplussed Taunton, and the referee, undoubtedly owing to his inability to follow the fast play, gave some very queer decisions. Kestell played finely for Cardiff and had hard times

in not crossing on several occasions. Gamlin was in grand defensive form and saved repeatedly. Kestell eventually crossed and Gunn converted. The visitors again scored before the interval. Withshire displaying excellent judgment in taking advantage of a mull by the home back. Gunn was again successful with the kick.

Half-time Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	2 1 0
Taunton	.....	*1 0 0

Penalty.

The brilliant forward play of the visitors was mainly responsible for keeping the home-players on the defensive for fully five minutes on the restart. Taunton relieved, and Gamlin ran to within a yard of the line, but Bush tackled grandly. Play then ruled well within the Cardiff 25, and a penalty in favour of the home-players added three points to their score. Gamlin again placing a beautiful goal. The Cardiffians then asserted their superiority, and the spectators were highly delighted by their accurate passing. A foul by the Taunton full-back caused his side to be penalised. Gunn placed a goal from the touch-line. Kestell was immediately afterwards literally carried out of play by Gamlin. He had crossed the line, but Gamlin, to the amusement of everyone, carried him out of bounds. Taunton then pressed and Gamlin crossed, but failed to convert. Play thereafter was very fast, each end being invaded in turn.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	3 1 0
Taunton	.....	*2 1 0

*1 Penalty. *2 Penalty.

REMARKS.

What Taunton would have done without Gamlin is indeed hard to say. He was the saviour of his side, and although Ivor Jones paid him great attention with conspicuous success the burly fellow had so much to do from the halves that Taunton may congratulate themselves on the fact that he assisted assisted them to-day. He was head and shoulders over the others, none of whom call for special mention. The teams were evenly matched in the tight scrums, but in the loose Cardiff were the better lot. Kestell was the best half on the ground, whilst Ivor Jones was perhaps the pick of the three-quarters. His defence was good, and although opposed to Gamlin he did splendidly. J. Williams and Lewis also did well. The game was the fastest played on the ground for years. The Cardiffians handled the ball marvellously well, and completely outplayed Taunton outside the pack.

CARDIFF RESERVES v. BRIDGWATER ALBION.

At Bridgwater in lovely weather. The home-players commenced against the wind and immediately pressed, but the defence of the Cardiff backs was splendid. They could not, however, keep the Albions out for long, and a forward rush ended in a try for the home-players, but no goal resulted. The attack was kept up at the restart and another try was registered, but again the kick was a failure. The Cardiffians were badly beaten at forward in this half, but the defence of the backs saved their side.

Half-time Score—		G. T. M.
Bridgwater Albions	.....	0 2 0
Cardiff Reserves	.....	0 0 0

The Cardiff forwards on the restart warmed to their work in grand fashion, and had most of the play. Hughes and Kestall took advantage of the chances given them by the front rank, and put their three-quarters in motion continually. The passing was splendid, and Max Williams crossed after Kestall, Hughes, and Ivor Jones had handled. The game had hardly been restarted when Ivor Jones received from Hughes and scored a brilliant try, but neither was converted. Jones again had a fine opening, but was selfish and missed a certain try. The visitors had much the better of the second half, and pressed for nearly the whole time.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Bridgwater Albions	.....	0 2 0
Cardiff Reserves	.....	0 2 0

Remarks.

The play of the visitors in the second half was as brilliant as it was poor in the initial moiety. Every man did well, and the back play was par excellence. The Albion defence was good, Slingston at half and Sealey three-quarter being fine. The result is very creditable to Cardiff compared with the results of the Maesteg and Bridgend games.

FOOTBALL RECORDS

CARDIFF RESERVES.

The record of the Cardiff Reserves for last season is one of which they may be proud. They have played 22 matches, won 14, lost 4, and drawn 1, scoring 7 goals, 11 tries, 24 points, against 7 goals, 7 tries, or 13 points. At the commencement of the season they showed fine form, and were unbeaten until March 4, when Swansea Seconds defeated them at Swansea by two goals and one try to three tries. This was on the day that the Welsh team was routed at Edinburgh, and the team against Swansea Seconds included no less than eight strangers, owing to the demand made by the first team for reserve players against Swansea. The Swansea Seconds also suffered, but to a very small extent compared to their visitors, and the win, by thirteen points to nine, was distinctly unfortunate. In each team crossed their opponents' line Dr. ... times, which suggests that the game was very even one. Under such circumstances, therefore, the Reserves are to be sympathised with, and it is worthy of note that the Swansea men were the first to offer their sympathy. During the season the team has again demonstrated its use to the premier team, and the players should next season be of even more value to the seniors. Winfield, at full back, has been in great form, and his displays behind the first team have always been far and above the form expected of a reserve team man. Ivor Jones, at three-quarter, has also been a first-rate substitute for Gwyn Nicholls, whilst Wayne Morgan, at the commencement of the season, merited his place as reserve wing. At half Hughes came off splendidly, his display for the first against Tudhoe stamping him as far above the average, and on each subsequent occasion he has played for the premiers he has come out of the ordeal very successfully. Forward Spackman and Neill will probably get their first team caps, whilst Box and Hines should certainly be heard of in future. The team is composed of all young players, and the committee have been most particular in introducing young blood into the team. The local clubs contain plenty of good men, but they are in most cases too old to train on for the premiers. Consequently, it is, perhaps, the wiser plan to make way for younger men, a course which the committee has adopted with such conspicuous success. Amongst the clubs defeated may be mentioned Newport Seconds (four times), Bristol Seconds (twice), Gloucester Seconds (twice), Barry (twice), Stroud (twice), Neath Seconds (twice), Cowbridge (twice), Pont-y-moile, Swansea Seconds, Cheltenham College, Moseley Seconds, Penarth Seconds, Canton, Whitechurch, Ebbw Vale, Taunton, and St. Peter's, whilst the game v. Bridgwater Albion was drawn. Mr. A. M. Ricketts was appointed captain, but, on being transferred to the first team, the duties of captain were discharged with every credit by Mr. E. Harry Gunn. Appended are the matches and scores, with scorers:—

Date.	Opponents.	Scores.					
		For.	Agst.				
1898		R'st.	G.	T.P.	G.	T.P.	
Sept. 24	Cowbridge	W	0	2	6	0	0
Oct. 1	Bristol Seconds	W	3	0	15	1	0
Oct. 8	Neath Seconds	W	2	1	13	0	0
Oct. 15	Gloucester Seconds	W	1	1	8	0	1
Oct. 22	Newport Seconds	W	*1	0	4	0	0
Oct. 29	Cheltenham C'lyge	W	6	2	26	0	0
Nov. 5	Swansea Seconds	W	1	1	8	0	1
Nov. 12	Barry	W	3	3	24	0	0
Nov. 19	Moseley Seconds	W	3	4	27	*1	0
Nov. 26	Newport Seconds	W	2	4	22	1	0
Dec. 3	Pont-y-moile	W	0	3	9	0	0
Dec. 10	Cowbridge	W	5	3	34	0	0
Dec. 17	Penarth Seconds	W	3	5	30	0	0
Dec. 24	Barry	W	1	1	8	0	0
Dec. 26	Stroud	W	0	3	9	0	0
Dec. 31	Stroud	W	4	3	29	0	0
1899							
Jan. 7	Canton	W	16	4	37	0	0
Jan. 14	Whitechurch	W	*1	1	7	0	0
Jan. 21	Bristol Seconds	W	0	3	9	0	0
Feb. 11	Neath Seconds	W	1	0	5	0	0
Feb. 18	Gloucester S'conds	W	2	1	13	0	0
Feb. 25	Newport Seconds	W	4	2	26	0	0
Mar. 4	Swansea Seconds	L	0	3	9	2	13
Mar. 11	Ebbw Vale	W	2	2	16	0	0
Mar. 25	Newport Seconds	W	0	1	3	0	0
Apr. 1	Taunton	W	13	1	16	\$2	1
Apr. 5	Bridgwater Albion	D	0	2	6	0	2
Apr. 8	St. Peter's	W	3	0	15	0	1

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*Dropped. †Penalty. ‡One penalty. §Two penalties.

Played, 23; Won, 22; Drawn, 1; Lost, 1.

SCORERS.

J. Williams, 21; W. Williams, 16; Ivor P. Jones, 12; Wayne Morgan, 10; G. Hughes, 7; C. Kestell, 6; T. Davies, 5; G. O. Common, 4; A. M. Ricketts, 4; E. H. Gunn, 3; C. Owen, 3; C. Spackman, 2; F. J. Rox, 2; P. F. Bush, 2; W. H. Robertson, 2; F. Hines, 2; and C. Sweet-Escott, F. Lewis, J. Heaven, H. Hunt, J. B. Smithson, A. Wiltshire, and A. Rogers, 1 each.

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St Pauls
District Senior League
Sept 23rd 1899

A GOOD START AT CARDIFF.

(By "OLD STAGER.")
The practical opening of the Cardiff Club's season took place on Saturday, when for the first time, at all events in recent years, two serious matches were played. The experimental first team were pitted against a fifteen representing the cream of the various clubs affiliated to the Cardiff District Union. The weather of the morning had promised an afternoon much more suitable for football than any in this month. When play started there was a somewhat cold and gusty wind, and not so large as it would have been but for the novel features of the sports at the Quins, and possibly the Band of Hope demonstration. It was hoped that these two matches would discover substitutes for the several vacancies in the forward rank among the premiers.

TAUNTON v. CARDIFF RESERVES.

This match was a little more interesting than usual for the reason that all on the Cardiff side were competing for places in the Reserves, many of the regular members standing down, presumably by instruction. Kemp, who last played splendidly for Penarth Club, and W. D. Smith, late of the now disbanded Barry Club, were among the scrummers, and were the most likely candidates to secure their places, and the former, unless he fails to keep up the standard at the end of last season, ought to get in to the firsts after a very short stay in the Reserves. The players lined out as follows:—

Taunton—Back, Sylvester; three-quarter backs, Mein, Abbertfield, Cope, and Wood; half-backs, Hoskins and Woodman; forwards, Howie, G. Gregory, A. Gregory, Philpott, Hoskins, Winter, Paul, and Woodman. Cardiff Reserves—Back, Neville Thomas; three-quarter backs, F. F. Bush, Cecil Biggs, J. Williams, and G. O. Common; half-backs, C. Kestell and J. H. Lee; forwards, F. S. Coppock, H. S. Coppock, A. Rogers, W. M. Kemp, D. Edwards, W. D. Smith, G. Okenden, and J. Wheeler. Referee, Mr. B. Tiley, Mountain Ash.

For the opening 20 minutes there was no incident of note, excepting that the visitors were stronger forward, but were beaten behind the scrummages, and Lee as well as Kestell showing a little bit more than ordinary smartness at half, the three-quarters were given numerous chances. Several times, however, the ball came awkwardly to Common, and several fine openings were lost, and Cardiff were on the attack for most of the time. However, young Thomas (Penarth) showed his merit whenever the visitors got away. The only scoring point until half-time was fast approaching was a penalty goal shot from near the 25 yard by Fred Bush. From five yards beyond halfway a few minutes afterwards the visitors were allowed a penalty kick, and Winter with a grand effort nearly succeeded in equalising the score. Just on the interval, after Winter had nearly dropped a goal for Taunton, Common added a try from a pass by J. Williams, the acting captain for the day.

Half-time Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff	.....	1 1 0
Taunton	.....	0 0 1

Soon after the restart the visitors swept play to the home 25, and here Lee was penalised for an off-side tackle. Within a couple of minutes a pretty bit of play between Lee, Kestell, and Biggs, the latter at centre three-quarter taking the ball full on the run and then dashing away changed the venue to the visitors' quarters. Always by means of forward rushes the visitors gained ground time after time, but there was a conspicuous absence of unity behind their scrummage. Offside by the half opposite Lee gave Williams a chance to gain a lot of ground with a judicious kick, and before the visitors could drive the invaders back Lee got a nice pass from Kestell, and gained a try, which Bush converted. A minor came from a screw punt by Bush, which too far was to allow his forwards any hope of scoring from fast following up. The visitors once more by showing greater vigour in the pack worked to Cardiff quarters, and a poor pass by Cardiff gave the Taunton left wing three-quarter possession of the ball, with a straight run in from nearly halfway. He lost his head and his chance by a foolish ally all their own way, and ought to have added Lee once broke away beautifully, but passed out instead of running slick in, and a minute afterwards Kestell—his confere—made the same mistake. Cardiff were pressing very hard when Lee again got away, and this time did the right thing at the precise moment, for being unable to avoid a centre three-quarter he threw to Bush, who scored a try in a good position, but one from which he failed to land a goal. A couple of minutes only had elapsed when Kestell showed a good deal of resource in getting clear, and earlier on, for he had benefited by his experience. Bush this time goal. From now until the finish the game was a regular scramble.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff	.....	3 2 0
Taunton	.....	0 0 1
One penalty.		0 0 1

F. F. Bush 1 Penally
2CC

Common 15
Lee 15

No 4 TB
JCB

CARDIFF RESERVES v ST PAUL'S.

The first match on the Cardiff Arms Park to-day was between St. Pauls and the Reserves.

The teams lined out as follows:—Cardiff—Back, Neville Thomas; three-quarter backs, F. F. Bush, W. Williams, C. Kestell, and Wayne Morgan (captain); half-backs, C. Kestell and J. H. Lee; forwards, F. J. Box, W. M. Kemp, D. Edwards, A. Rogers, F. S. Coppock, J. Wheeler, F. W. Ovenden, and G. O. Common. St. Paul's—Back, J. Buhr; three-quarter backs, P. Longhin, Fowler, Corporal Andrews, and J. Connel; half-backs, J. Murphy and D. Warner; forwards, T. McCarthy, L. Doyle, D. Thomas, Bryan, D. Cotter, J. Connel, L. Moran, and J. Dawson.

Cardiff kicked off against a strong wind. A rush in which Biggs, Kestell, and Bush were prominent took play to St. Paul's line. Corporal Andrews broke away, but Bush returned to touch near the line. A rush by the Irish forwards was nearly checked by Neville Thomas. The Cardiff forwards were now shaping better than in any previous match this season. W. Williams, after a good run, passed to Wayne Morgan, who was tackled and passed out, a kick over the line resulting in a minor. Another minor followed immediately from a drop at goal by

Bush. Kemp was now prominent for smart play. After a dribble Box, the St. Paul's left centre, secured and punted safely to touch. Cardiff now pressed severely. Wayne Morgan was splendidly tackled by his vis-a-vis when he looked like scoring. Wheeler, in trying to pick up the ball near the St. Paul's line bungled, but Fred Bush was at hand and scored a try which he failed to convert. After good kicking by Biggs under pressure, W. Williams, holding the ball on a return, lost a lovely chance of letting Wayne Morgan walk over on the left wing as for the moment he was quite unmarked. Williams however made a wild dash to get through a bunch, with the almost inevitable result that man and ball were held. After this two fine forward rushes were seen. St. Paul's getting long past halfway, but Cardiff soon returned to their visitors' quarters, Andrews, and Connell for St. Paul's, Kemp, Box, and Wheeler for the homeites being the leaders. A free to St. Paul's well inside their 25 gained but little ground. A kick afterwards St. Paul's were penalised for off-side, and the ball was placed for Cecil Biggs. The wind, however, sent the ball astray. Connell fielded in his goal mouth. Some pretty passing by the Cardiff backs, in which Williams, Biggs, and Bush participated, nearly resulted in the latter scoring, but he was tackled by Buhr on the line and swung into the field of play. Connell was conspicuous for some good forward play, the ball being taken to the Cardiff side of halfway. Wayne Morgan spoiled a fine opportunity of scoring by passing forward. Cecil Biggs made a dash for the ball from a line-out, but lost it.

Half-time Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	0 1 2
St. Paul's	.....	0 0 0

On the restart Cardiff forwards got well away, Box in the van, but Corporal Andrews made a fine rush, but was checked by Neville Thomas, who punted to touch. The brothers Coppock led a surprisingly fast dribble unchecked for nearly 40 yards. A return was made by St. Paul's, but Cecil Biggs fielded the ball a foot from touch and less than two from the oncoming forwards. With the coolness characteristic of his famous brothers, he did the best thing possible—carried the ball into touch. Cardiff were given a free at halfway, the ball being sent to touch well inside the St. Paul's 25. From a scrummage near the St. Paul's line Lee scored, and Fred Bush with a beautiful kick converted. A splendid dribble by several of the Cardiff forwards took play back again to the St. Paul's line, and the ball coming into the open Cecil Biggs secured and after a good run feinted to pass to his wing and went over with ease. Fred Bush failed to convert. On the restart the Cardiff forwards, headed by Wheeler, started a dribble, but Buhr returned well to touch. The Cardiff forwards were playing up in splendid style, wheeling several scrummages in succession. Connell made his mark on the 10 yards line, the Cardiff side of halfway. The ball was placed for Corporal Andrews, and the ball going over the line Biggs touched down, St. Paul's, who had the advantage of weight in front, now pressed severely, and it was some time before Cardiff relieved. Buhr then had a kick charged down by F. S. Coppock and Common, and Cardiff carried play to a little over halfway. F. S. Coppock, Wheeler, and Common were prominent among the Cardiff forwards for a good dribble, but Buhr robbed them of the ball and kicked to touch. The home pack were off again soon after, and Common scored in their corner. Bush made a good attempt, but failed to convert. Time was called shortly afterwards, and Cardiff had won a hard but well deserved victory.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	3 3 0
St. Paul's	.....	0 0 1

Fred Bush
FF
Bush 15
F Bush 16

Lee 15
Biggs 15

Common 15

F. F. Bush
1 Conn

*Bushol 2nd
Oct 30th 1899*

**CARDIFF RESERVES v. BRISTOL 2ND.
FOUR YEARS' RECORD CONT.**

These teams met on the Cardiff Arms Park, and the game was played under conditions which were somewhat unfavourable to football, the recent rain having made the field slippery and heavy going. The following were the teams:—

Bristol—Back, L. Bartlett; three-quarter backs, H. Heaven, T. Burras, N. Warr, and G. Carter; half-backs, F. G. Rice and A. Hal; forwards J. L. Mathias, A. Harris, H. T. Webb, R. L. Thomas, W. Durbin, W. Garrod, J. Crook, E. A. Blizard. (capt.) Cardiff—Back, N. Thomas; three-quarter backs, — Lundy, J. Williams (captain), G. F. Biggs, and F. F. Bush; half-backs, C. Kestell and J. H. Lee; forwards, Edwards, Brothers, Coppock (2), W. M. Kemp, Ovenden, A. Rogers, W. Nield, and G. O. Common.

The visitors started operations, and the ball was returned to the centre, where several scrummages were evenly fought out. Loose play followed, kicking being indulged in somewhat freely. Bristol gained material advantage, and worked down to the home team's 25 line. Here one of the Cardiff three-quarters essayed to set play back to the centre with a kick, but the ball shot at an angle, and Carter for the visitors, who was not marked, took the opening splendidly and scored. The kick from a difficult angle failed. Shortly afterwards Carter had another opportunity and brought off a splendid dribble from the centre and his chance of scoring was only spoiled in the nick of time. Cardiff now played with a little more vim, and the venue was changed to the Bristol 25. Biggs showing up prominently by several error runs. A minor was here exacted, a near thing for a try by Biggs. The visitors, however, were not to be denied, and soon made matters warm for the home team, Neville Thomas being frequently called upon to save, his tackling of Heaven on one occasion when the latter was in his full stride being a plucky effort and deserved the applause it elicited. A free kick for Cardiff brought little relief. J. Williams had an opportunity, but was unfortunate in knocking on and a good opening was lost. Lundy next was conspicuous in preventing a return by Bartlett, and this advantage was followed up, but although the Cardiffians made strenuous efforts to equalise the defence was too good.

Play of a very fast description followed the resumption of the game, and for a time Cardiff kept play the right side (for them) of the halfway line. The visitors, however—a far superior second combination, by the way, than that which has visited Cardiff during recent years—were playing to a man for all they were worth, and time after time brought off dangerous rushes. In one of these Carter again brought off a neat dribble up the field, and was only spoiled by Kestell when well up to the goal line. Then for a period a change came over the play, and the Cardiff men seemed to awaken to the possibilities of a defeat. The hand-to-hand passing which last year characterised their play was now freely indulged in, and it was only the hardest of luck that prevented the home team from scoring on at least two occasions. A free kick to Cardiff to a good position was given, and the ball was placed for Biggs, but the effort just failed and a minor resulted. The game was continued at a very warm pace, the home team playing for all they were worth to equalise. Then shortly from the call of time an incident occurred which raised the ire of the partisans of the home team to the point of exasperation. The home team were pressing, and about midway between the 25 line and the Bristolians' goal the ball was kicked by one of the home lot to the right wing. Bush took the ball as it fell, and with a dash successfully traversed the distance between defeat and at least equalisation of the score. At the same time the whistle sounded and to the amazement of the spectators what appeared a try beyond dispute was disallowed and a free kick given to the visitors. A few minutes afterwards time was called, leaving the visitors victors by 1 try to nil.

Final Score— G. T. M.

Bristol 2nd..... 0 1 1
Cardiff Reserves..... 0 0 2

As soon as the whistle sounded the call of time the pent-up feelings of those who probably had, in sporting parlance, "a bob on," found expression in a good deal of booing, and Mr Webb, the referee, was surrounded by these so-called "sportsmen," who for the moment were threatening vengeance. Mr Webb, however, was quickly surrounded by a coterie of players of both sides, and found a safe passage to headquarters. The fact that it is exactly four years to the month since the Cardiff seconds string suffered defeat on their own ground, and then by the Newport Seconds, the disallowed try has broken a splendid record. It is therefore of more than usual interest to know the versions of both referee and player as to the correctness of the ruling.

Mr Webb, seen after the match by our representative stated that he gave judgment against Bush owing to the fact that he was, when Mr Webb saw him take the catch, seven yards in front of the players. He did not know who kicked the ball, but when the catch was made Bush was beyond question off-side, and on these grounds he disallowed the try.

Bush's version coincides with that of the referee so far as being in front of the players when the catch was made, but he maintains that when Jim Williams kicked the ball he was behind him and ran up. Mr Webb, he says, was quite right in ruling him off-side if he did not see the run, but that he did run and made as fair a try as could possibly be he still adheres to.

*Whitchurch
Oct 7th 1899*

WHITCHURCH v. CARDIFF RESERVES.

At Whitchurch, before a good attendance, and in ideal football weather. Both teams suffered from absentees.

Final Score—

G. T. M.

Cardiff Reserves..... 1 2 0
Whitchurch..... 0 0 1

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St Andrew's
Oct 14 1899

CARDIFF RESERVES v. ST ANDREW'S.		
Through the disbanding of the Barry Rugby Club the Cardiff Reserves were left with a vacant date, and this was offered to St. Andrew's, a local junior organisation.		
Final Score—	G. T. M.	
Cardiff Reserves.....	1 2 1	
St. Andrew's.....	0 0 2	
* Dropped.		

Newport 2nd
Oct 25th 1899

NEWPORT 2nds v. CARDIFF RESERVES.		
Half-time Score—	G. T. M.	
Cardiff Reserves	0 1 5	
Newport 2nd	0 0 1	
Final Score—	G. T. M.	
Cardiff Reserves.....	0 3 6	
Newport 2nd	1 1 3	

REMARKS.

The win by Cardiff by one point (3 points to 2) just indicates the relative merits of the teams on the day's play. At times it would appear that the home-players were going to swamp the visitors, when by one of those peculiar twists in the fortunes of football the opposing pack would have their opportunity, and not being slow to utilise it matters were quickly equalised. There was not much to choose between the sides, but the little there was in favour of Cardiff. Neville Thomas showed to advantage as compared with H. J. Thomas, the visitors' custodian. At three-quarters J. Williams, the Cardiff captain, was certainly the best on the field, but Goss for the visitors was frequently conspicuous. Honours were evenly divided at half and forward.

Cheltenham College
Oct 25th 1899

CHELTENHAM COLLEGE v CARDIFF A.		
At Cheltenham, in favourable weather, before a large attendance. The following represented Cardiff A:—Back, N Thomas; three-quarter backs, J Williams (captain), F Lewis, W Williams, and C Biggs; half-backs, G Kestell and A Tresize; forwards, Box, Common, Wallace, Howman, Hill, Coppock, Wiltshire, and Owen.		
Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff A	3	1 0
Cheltenham College	2	0 0

No Score

Moseley 2nd
Nov 4th 1899

MOSELEY 2nd v CARDIFF RESERVES.		
These teams met on the Cardiff Arms Park, and the match was witnessed by a good number of spectators. The kick-off was advertised for 3.30, but it was quite half an hour after this time when Moseley entered the field. The delay presumably was owing to the late arrival of the train. Teams:—		
Cardiff—Back, Neville Thomas; three-quarter backs, J Williams (captain), Fred Lewis, C F Biggs, and W Williams; half-backs, G Kestell and A Tresize; forwards, A Owen, F Wiltshire, C R H Wallace, H Hill, F S Coppock, George Howman, and G O Common. Referee, Dr. Badger, Gadoxton.		
Moseley—The names of the players on the visitors' side were not available before the match.		
Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	0	7 3
Moseley 2nds	0	1 0

No Score

*Gloucester 2nd
Nov 11th 1899*

CARDIFF RESERVES v GLOUCESTER 2nd.

Played on the Cardiff Arms Park. The weather was bright, though a strong wind prevailed. Gloucester kicked off against the sun and wind. Cardiff immediately pressed, but Gloucester relieved to halfway. Scrambling play by the visiting forwards resulted in the ball being swept over the Cardiff line, a minor resulting. Cardiff immediately went away on the restart and pressed vigorously. From a scrum close to the Gloucester line Kestell scored and slipped over with a try, which remained unconverted. The pressure was still kept up, and soon afterwards Cardiff were credited with another try. The kick was successful. Neville Thomas at back was playing a cool, safe game, kicking with excellent judgment. A kick from a mark on the halfway line narrowly missed a goal, and brought Cardiff their second minor. Wallace was now conspicuous for some good play, it taking four or five of the visitors to pull him down. The Gloucester forwards were playing a splendid game, though their backs invariably let them down, being unable to field the ball. Gloucester essayed passing in their own 25, the result being that Cardiff added another try, Cecil Biggs this time failing to convert. Shortly after one of the Gloucesters was injured and had to be carried off.

Half-time Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	1 2 3
Gloucester 2nd	.....	0 0 1

Gloucester pressed on the restart, and looked like scoring, but a foolish kick by one of their centres cut the opportunity, and a minor only was gained. Gloucester seemed determined to score, but a free brought Cardiff relief to the 25. From here the ball was swept to halfway, and a magnificent round of passing among the Cardiff backs resulted in Jim Williams scoring behind the posts. Biggs converted. Gloucester now had a lock in, and after a fine run their right wing three-quarter scored a try. No goal resulted. Directly after the kick out Cardiff rushed over the halfway line, and Owen, after a splendid sprint scored, Cecil Biggs converting. All interest in the game had now evaporated. Just afterwards Gloucester scored their second try, the place kick being successful. A shot at goal by one of the visitors resulted in a minor being added, a second following immediately after. Gloucester would not be deterred, and just on the call of time scored again, the kick failing.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	4 2 3
Gloucester 2nd	1 2 2

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notes to
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*Swansea 2nd
Nov 18th 1899*

VISITORS.

SWANSEA 2nds v CARDIFF 2nds.

These teams met at Swansea on Saturday. Teams: Cardiff Reserves—Back, Neville Thomas; three-quarter backs, J. Williams (captain), W. Llewellyn, F. Lewis, and W. Williams; half-backs, C. Kestell and A. Treasize; forwards, G. O. Common, F. J. Box, A. Owen, C. R. V. Wallace, A. George, A. Hill, W. Plowman, and A. Will-hire.

Swansea 2nd—Back, Arnold; three-quarter backs, E. Stroud (captain), Rees, Lewis, and Jowett; half-backs, W. Spooner and G. Howell; forwards, Green, Gus Nettell, Oker, Mackrill, Sid Jones, Bill Jones, A. Ball, and T. Harris.

Ball kicked off for Swansea, and smart play by Howell put the Whites in their opponents' territory, where they penned the visitors for some time. The Cardiff forwards, however, relieved to halfway by a rush, but by a grand run by Lewis Swansea again pressed, and Green scored a try, which Spooner failed to convert. Cardiff now played up and removed play to the home citadel, but Howells by a splendid run again put his side on the attack. Smart play by Stroud enabled Jowett to score the second try for the home team, Spooner converting. Following up a free kick Sid Jones scored, Spooner again converting.

Half-time Score—		G. T. M.
Swansea 2nds	.....	2 1 0
Cardiff Reserves	.....	0 0 2

Cardiff restarted, and Swansea immediately resumed the aggressive, having hard lines in not scoring on more than one occasion. By rushing tactics the Taffsiders removed play to the home team's 25, but their efforts to score were futile, and the Swansea men, rushing up the field, put their line out of danger. The Whites were now continually pressing, and only the splendid defence of the visitors kept them from scoring. The home forwards had complete control of the scrummages and gave the ball out with regularity to their halves, but although strenuous efforts were made the Whites could not add to their score, and by combined play the visitors got into the home territory, but the Whites soon relieved. Time was now called.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Swansea Seconds	.....	2 1 4
Cardiff Reserves	.....	0 0 2

REMARKS.

The game was a very pleasant one to witness and more or less exciting throughout. The Cardiff men were outclassed in every department, and the score about indicates the relative merits of the contestants. For the visitors Neville Thomas played a splendid game, as also did J. Williams and Lewis, whilst Box was the pick of the forwards. For the home team Arnold played a faultless game, whilst Stroud and Howells were often conspicuous. The forwards all played splendidly, and it would not be fair to individualise.

W. Brown

Newport 2nd
 Dec 25th 1899.

Ebbw Vale
 Dec 9th 99.

NEWPORT 2nd v CARDIFF RESERVES.		
Played at Newport in the presence of 500 spectators.		
Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff	1	0 1
Newport	0	0 6
TREDEGAR.		

CARDIFF RESERVES v EBBW VALE.		
The contests between these teams in recent years have been more than usually interesting owing to the fact that the visitors have been able to put into the field teams which have more than held their own against other combinations throughout the Valleys. Like the Reserves, they have been defeated but once this season, and that by Mountain Ash, the Ebbw Valians having had the misfortune to lose through injury the assistance of two of their players in the second portion of the game. Both sides to-day were fully represented, the teams being constituted as follows:—		
Cardiff Reserves—Back, Neville Thomas; three-quarter backs, J Williams (captain), W Williams, F Chant, and F F Bush; half-backs, C Kestell and A Tresize; forwards, A Owen, C R V Wallace, G O Common, M Hugh Morgan, W Hill, A George, R Grey, and W J Hart.		
Ebbw Vale—Back, J Giles; three-quarter backs, J Evans, J Kerton, Hunt, and Harris; half-backs, Barry and Beynon; forwards, Redway, J Davies, J Brain, J Davey, J Williams, E Owen, Kemp, and Watkins.		
Half-time Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	1	1 3
Ebbw Vale	0	1 2
Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	1	1 3
Ebbw Vale	0	1 2
TREDEGAR v BLAINA.		

*Lowbury
Dec 16th 99.*

*Chepstow
Dec 23rd 99.*

*Handwritten
Gosh*

Chepstow v. Cardiff Reserves.

Chepstow. Cardiff kicked off, and Edwards re-
sued to touch. After a while Cardiff worked down
the Chepstow 25 and, pressing, were conceded a
try. From a scrum close to the Chepstow line
a forward got over with a try, not converted. Camper
was hurt and temporarily retired, and during his
absence Traill secured from the loose in the Chep-
stow quarters and scored, Bush converting.

Half-time Score—

	G.	T.	M.
Cardiff Reserves.....	1	1	2
Chepstow	0	0	0

Resuming, play was for a few minutes fairly even,
but Cardiff succeeded in getting into Chepstow's
lines. J. Williams tri d a shot for goal, but the ball
struck the post. A series of scrummages followed in
the Chepstow 25, Cardiff being several times within
an ace of scoring. Chepstow at length worked down,
led by a dribble by Thompson, but their stay in Car-
diff ground was short. Chepstow made two or three
incursions. Thomas got hold of the ball, but failed
to hold it, and the Chepstow forwards rushing up
Dyson got over with a try, but H. Edwards failed to
convert. Soon after time was called.

Final Score—

	G.	T.	M.
Cardiff Reserves	1	1	3
Chepstow	0	1	0

REMARKS.

Play commenced about half an hour late, and Car-
diff requiring to get home, only 40 minutes were
played. The game was mostly forward, what little
passing there was was done by the Cardiff backs. In
the first part of the game the visitors had the best of
it, but afterwards Chepstow fairly held their own,
whilst in the second half they played up with more
dash, and had time permitted would probably have
rendered a better account of themselves notwith-
standing the superior calibre of the visitors.

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Pontymore
Dec 30 '99.

Cowbridge
Jan 1 '100

PONTYMOILE v CARDIFF RESERVES.

At Pontymole. The homesters started, and for some time kept the visitors on the defensive, F Bush and Thomas saving by clever kicking. A free brought Cardiff near halfway, and then Biggs cross-kicked to P Bush, who scored. The homesters again forced the pace, but were driven back time after time by long kicking. The half closed with a splendid run by P Jones, in which he covered three-parts of the field.

Half-time Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	1 0 0
Pontymole	.....	0 0 0

The second half was not as interesting as the first, there being but few attempts at passing. The homesters seemed to get the better of matters forward, but the Cardiff backs were very keen in defence, and from a poor return ran over in the far corner.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	1 1 0
Pontymole	.....	0 0 0

Goal keeper not
quoted

*Two Dropped.

Cardiff Reserves v. Cowbridge.

This game was played on the Cardiff Arms Park in a downpour of rain. The field was in a terrible condition, and the players presented a deplorable spectacle. If there is one spot softer than another on a football field a thousand chances to one on that piece of ground the bulk of the game will be fought. The match this afternoon was no exception, and both sides favoured a soft piece of ground in front of the grand stand to wage the majority of their scrummages. It was a veritable runaway match, wherein dribbling and fast following up were the factors in building up the Cardiffians' score. The tries were scored by P. F. Bush (2), Max Williams (1), Ricketts (3), Cecil Biggs (3), P. F. Bush (1), and J. Williams (1).

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	7 4 0
Cowbridge	.....	0 0 0

P. F. Bush 2 Tries
Max Wms 1
Ricketts 3
Cecil Biggs 3
P. F. Bush 1

No Goal keeper
quoted

Abergavenny
Jan 13th 1900

ABERGAVENNY v CARDIFF RESERVES.
 Played in Stanley's Field, Abergavenny. After the
 leather had been started both teams played a fast
 game, and they followed directly by scoring an un-
 converted try each. Several minors were notched,
 Abergavenny having had luck in not getting over.

Half-time Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	0 1 0
Abergavenny	0 1 0

Upon the resumption of the game the home cap-
 tain played a fine game. The Reserves scored, and
 Jack Williams managed to get away, this being con-
 verted by Bush. Both sides made some good work,
 and were hard pressed on several occasions, but
 neither side was able to get over again.

Final Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	1 1 2
Abergavenny	0 1 2

Bush
1 Con

Bristol 2nd
Jan 20th 1900

BRISTOL 2nd v CARDIFF RESERVES.
 Played at the County Ground, Bristol, before a
 good attendance. The Welshmen were without
 Common and Hutchings. Bristol having started
 they soon obtained the advantage by good forward
 work. The Cardiff three-quarters played a pretty
 game, and on one or two occasions got away splen-
 didly. Once a try was certain, but Jones threw into
 touch when Lewis could have easily got in. They
 continued to hold their own till Bristol relieved with
 a fine passing movement. At last, however, Cardiff
 after pressing strongly were rewarded, Evans cross-
 ing the line.

Half-time Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff 2nd	0 1 0
Bristol 2nd	0 0

In the second half Cardiff again took up the attack,
 and for a while the Bristol defence kept them from
 scoring. At last Gray got over and obtained a try,
 Biggs' goal kick being again ineffectual. Cardiff
 continued to be the attacking party, and displayed
 some capital combination on the quarter line.
 Williams eventually with a dodging run scored be-
 hind the posts, and Biggs, this time landed a goal.
 work, but again play settled in dangerous quarters.
 For Cardiff another try was added by Biggs, Jones
 for a while Bristol were seen in some aggressive
 falling with the goal kick.

Final Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Seconds	1 3 0
Bristol Seconds	0 0 0

REMARKS.

After Bristol's win at Cardiff earlier in the
 season the match came as a great surprise to the
 home supporters. Bristol made one of their poorest
 displays. Dodd was exceedingly poor at back for
 Bristol, while for Cardiff Neville Thomas made a
 splendid show. In the three-quarters too they were
 superior to the home lot, while the Cardiff forwards,
 especially in the second half, were far quicker on the
 ball.

Bush
1 C

Chepstow
Jan'y 27 1900

Whitechurch
Feb'y 3rd 1900

Cardiff Reserves v. Chepstow.

These teams met on the Cardiff Arms Park before a large number of spectators. Chepstow were unfortunate in being unable to play their full team, having to find several local substitutes, and were then one man short. The ground was in wretched condition for the passing coda, but notwithstanding this the great superiority of the home lot enabled them to indulge frequently in three-quarter tactics with varying success owing to the slippery state of the ball. Play was principally centred to the forwards, who resorted to open dribbling, and the manner in which they out-classed their opponents gave rise for considerable excitement amongst the onlookers.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	6 2 0
Chepstow	.....	0 0 0

*One dropped.

No Score given

WHITECHURCH v CARDIFF RESERVES.

Played on the Cardiff Arms Park in dull, cold weather, snow threatening. The ground was very heavy. The game throughout was a forward one. The Whitechurch pack held the upper hand, but failed to take advantage of their opportunities. The only brilliant incident in the match was the single-handed effort by Bush that resulted in Cardiff's only try. Of the backs Cardiff's quartette were the best, Ivor Jones and Bush being the most prominent. Williams and Neville Thomas kicked well, especially the latter, who saved his side on numerous occasions.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	0 1 0
Whitechurch	.....	0 0 2

Swansea 2nd
City 10th 1900

Moseley 2nd
City 17th 1900

**EFFECT OF THE FROST.
MATCHES POSTPONED OR ABANDONED
RUGBY.**

**LOCAL MATCHES.
TREHERBERT v TREORKY.**

The League match between Treherbert and Treorky, which was fixed to take place at Treherbert this afternoon, has been postponed owing to the bony state of the ground and because it was covered with snow. This morning the ground was considered fit for play, but about 1 o'clock a severe snowstorm, the most severe which has been experienced this season, and which continued for several hours, came over the valley. All the hills and the lower ground were covered with snow to a depth of three or more inches.

Mountain Ash v. Penygraig.
Cardiff Reserves v. Swansea 2nd.

CARDIFF RESERVES v MOSELEY 2nd.

At the Reddings before a small number of spectators. The opening stages were in favour of Cardiff, and Lewis scored a try five minutes from the start. Bush converted. Shortly afterwards a clever dribble by Hart resulted in Ricketts crossing, and Bush again goaled. Bush failed to convert the next try by Biggs, and the game then became uninteresting, forward rushes being the order. Bush and Williams relieved the monotony by fine runs, the former experiencing hard lines by falling to ground after crossing.

Half-time Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff	2	1 0
Moseley	0	0 0

Immediately after the restart Bush again failed to score after crossing, he this time infringing the boundary. Play then became poor, the visitors slackening down considerably. Williams scored the only try in this half after a good burst, and Bush converted.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	3	1 0
Moseley 2nd	0	0 0

Newport 2nd
Feb 24 1900

Gloucester 2nd
Mar 3rd 1900

NEWPORT 2ND V. CARDIFF RESERVES.

This match was played on the Cardiff Arms Park in fine weather, though the ground was very heavy as the result of recent rain. When the teams fielded it was seen that the Reserves were strengthened by the inclusion of Selwyn Biggs, who had missed the Newport train, and Ricketts. Newport also were well represented. There was an unusually large crowd present for a Reserve match when Newport, who kicked off, Cardiff started passing in their own 25, but Goss, one of the Newport three-quarters, intercepting a pass, dodged over with a fine try, which he himself converted. From the kick-out Cardiff rushed down a shot for goal, resulting in a minor Ricketts, who was playing centre, was prominent for some excellent work, but was well tackled by Goss when he looked like getting over. Selwyn Biggs secured from a scrum, and dodged through with a try close to the posts, Bush failing with the kick. A fine effort by Gould, who ran right up to the full back, was nullified by his co-centre failing to take the ball when he had a clear course. Newport were penalised for offside play on the part of their halves, the ball going to touch close to their line. Play was kept up in the Newport 25, and after exceedingly hard lines Cardiff were rewarded, Ricketts getting over in the corner and dodging his way behind the posts. Bush, with a good kick, converted. The Cardiff forwards were beating out with the regularity of clockwork, J. Williams and Selwyn Biggs getting away time after time, but the defence could not be penetrated. Half-time now arrived.

Half-time Score— G. T. M.

Cardiff Reserves	1 1 2
Newport 2nd	1 0 0

After the restart some fumbling play on the part of the Newport full-back seemed likely to prejudice his side, Goss saving by kicking across to touch just in time. Gould then dribbled away in good style, but was pushed into touch at halfway by Ricketts. Exciting play followed on the Newport line, Cardiff making strenuous efforts to score. From a penalty for offside tactics by the Newport halves Bush tried to place a goal, but the kick was charged down, and the visitors relieved to the centre. Exchange kicking between P. Lewis and Gould resulted in the latter finding touch in the Cardiff 25. Selwyn Biggs got away and passed to Ricketts, the latter covering half the length of the field, and then transferring to W. Williams, who was pushed into touch in the visitors' 25. Selwyn Biggs, from a penalty kick almost in front of the posts, dropped a pretty goal. An unfortunate incident now occurred, Gould, the Newport centre, receiving a nasty kick on the head while tackling one of the Cardiffians, and being forced to leave the field. Cardiff seemed determined to score again, Ricketts and then Cecil Biggs being held up on the line. J. Williams secured close to the line and dodged over, Bush converting. Directly afterwards Bush took a shot for goal, but failed, and Hart following up well scored a good try. Bush failed to convert. Time was then called.

Final score— G. T. M.

Cardiff Reserves	3 2 2
Newport 2nd	1 0 0

*One penalty.

Shiraz 17 + 18

Pinned 17

Bush 10

GLOUCESTER A V. CARDIFF RESERVES.		
At Gloucester before a moderate attendance.		
Final Score—		
Gloucester A	G. T. M.	
Cardiff A	0 2 0	
	0 0 0	

Bush 10

Pontymoile
Mch 10th 1900

Abergavenny
Mch 17 1900

CARDIFF RESERVES v. PONTYMOILE.

A fairly large crowd attended on the Cardiff Arms Park to witness the game between these teams. The weather was fine and dry. A long delay took place before the teams fielded, the homeaters having to "rummage" about for nine substitutes, while the visitors were also seven men short. The game started in vigorous fashion, the tackling being very keen. Hart, one of the home scrummagers, was prominent for smart following up. The efforts of some of the "surfers" to play the game at this point afforded great amusement to the crowd. Pontymoile pressed, and Jones, the right wing, seemed likely to score when he was brought down from behind by Lewis. At this point one of the home halves sustained injuries to his leg and had to retire. This necessitated a re-arrangement of the home backs, Neville Thomas going half and one of the centres to full back, while Hart was brought out of the pack to centre. The latter signalled his appearance in his new position by making a dashing run and then transferring to Thomas, but the latter's pass to the wing was not taken and a good opportunity was lost. D. P. Jones, Pontymoile, was temporarily laid out, but soon resumed. Cardiff gained a minor from a drop at goal. Just on half-time Grey was hurt while tackling one of the visitors.

Half-time Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	0 0 1
Pontymoile	0 0 1

The game throughout the first half had been unduly rough, several men being injured, while immediately on the restart Grey was again injured. He, however, pluckily stuck to it. The referee came in for some hostile criticism on account of a few rather queer decisions, mainly to the disadvantage of Cardiff. A great deal of bad feeling was now being shown, several of the visitors on one occasion making deliberate attempts to injure Neville Thomas. Cardiff pressed, and a kick by the visiting back rebounding from one of the homeaters, Owen secured and scored, Neville Thomas converting. Hart intercepted a pass in his own 25, and ran strongly past half-way, where he transferred to Lewis, but the latter's pass went astray. Hart was injured when tackled. Cardiff again essayed passing, the left wing man being thrown into touch. Grey's shoulder was causing him great suffering, and eventually he had to retire. Cardiff were now only playing thirteen men. Time was fast approaching, and Pontymoile made vigorous efforts to score, but without success.

Final Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	1 0 2
Pontymoile	0 0 2

Nev Thomas
1 Con

CARDIFF RESERVES v ABERGAVENNY. At Cardiff.

Final Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	4 5 1
Abergavenny	0 0 0

No Goals
Quinted

*Mch 24th 1900
 Newport*

as much to do with the victory as anyone.
CARDIFF 2nd v NEWPORT 2nd.
 Whilst the premiers were doing battle at the Cardiff Arms Park the second strings were engaged on the Uskdale enclosure.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Newport	.....	0 3 2
Cardiff	.....	0 0 0

*DROPPED. *OWN GOAL.

*Mch 25th
 Roath*

ROATH v CARDIFF RESERVES.
 The Reserves gave a game to the local district club on the Cardiff Arms Park. Mr Justice Bucknill was an interested spectator. The weather was fine and the turf dry. Both teams were well represented, Griff Hughes turning out for the Reserves. Roath directly the game commenced went off with a rush, and their forwards dribbled to the Cardiff line. Here he was pulled down. Scrummaging ensued at the centre. A lot of scrambling play followed in which Roath showed to best advantage. C. Winfield, a brother of H. B. Winfield, who was playing full-back for the Reserves, extricated himself from some awkward positions very cleverly. A bout of passing by the Roath backs seemed likely to end in a score, but P. Lewis threw the wing man into touch just past the 25. The visiting forwards commanded the ball in the scrummages and heeled out repeatedly. Their backs, however, were unable to avail themselves of the opportunities presented them. In defence Roath were superb, tackling with keenness and keeping Cardiff penned in their own quarters for a considerable time. From a scrum close on the Cardiff 25 Roath scored and Grey slipped over with a fine try. The kick for goal was charged down. Cardiff worked to halfway on the drop-out, but time after time faulty passing spoiled chances for them. Half-time now arrived.

Half-time Score—		G. T. M.
Roath	.....	0 1 0
Cardiff Reserves	.....	0 0 0

Cardiff started the second half, and the forwards rushing down tackled the man with the ball before he could kick. A bout of passing by the home backs—the first to bring them any advantage during the game—carried play to the visitors' 25, where Roath were penalised for offside play on the part of their halves. The shot for goal resulted in a minor. Griff Hughes was hampered to a great extent by the offside tactics of the Roath halves. Cardiff were given a free for this offence, the kick by Cecil Biggs exacting a minor. E. Thomas, one of the visiting centres, secured and travelled some distance before being pulled down. Roath were given a free and kicked into the hands of George, who promptly dropped a goal, thus giving Cardiff the lead. This reverse seemed to put new life into the visitors. They went off with renewed dash and penned Cardiff inside their 25, and scoring was only averted by the concession of a minor. A free kick, supplemented by some fine play by W. Williams, brought relief to Cardiff. Good passing by the Roath backs carried play back to Cardiff quarters again, where a series of scrums ensued, which Roath wheeled or broke up, just as suited them. A minor relieved the pressure. Cardiff forwards managed to heel out a few times, but the backs were all at sea, and the passing broke down on each occasion. There was no further scoring.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	1 0 1
Roath	.....	0 1 2

*DROPPED.

REMARKS.
 Roath, after having by far the best of the play, were robbed of victory by a lucky dropped goal. The Reserves, on the day's form were hopelessly beaten in all departments save full back.

*Apr 16th 1900
Taunton*

*Apr 16th 1900
Bridgwater. Albion*

TAUNTON v CARDIFF RESERVES

Taunton before a fair number of spectators. Taunton commenced, and Biggs found touch in the home 25. The game shortly afterwards opened out, and Cardiff tried passing, but E. N. Lewis was pushed into touch on two occasions when within an ace of scoring. Several chances were missed by the Cardiff backs through faulty passing, and although the game was all in favour of the visitors, the only score at half-time was a dropped goal by Ivor Jones.

	G. T. M.
Half-time Score—	*1 0 0
Cardiff Reserves	0 0 0
Taunton	

*Dropped.
Hart commenced the second half for Cardiff, and taking advantage of a mull by the home back he scored a fine try, which Biggs failed to convert. The game now became monotonous and several nice chances were missed by Cardiff. Ivor Jones, however, again distinguished himself by a brilliant run, and passing at the right moment to Hart, that player again crossed, but Biggs failed. Taunton pressed a little afterwards, but were never dangerous, and a disappointing game ended in a win for Cardiff.

	G. T. M.
Final Score—	*1 2 0
Cardiff Reserves	0 1 0
Taunton	

REMARKS.

The narrowness of the ground, possibly had something to do with the smallness of the score, the number of times the visitors' wings were thrown into touch being surprising. Every passing movement from the scrum ended in touch. The teams were evenly matched forward, and Barry at half for Cardiff made a promising debut. Ivor Jones and Biggs did well at three-quarters, but the wings were sadly handicapped by the ground. Barnicott, for Taunton, did well at three-quarters, and Phillipott was probably the best of a fair lot of forwards.

CARDIFF RESERVES v. BRIDGWATER ALBION.

Saturday's eight points to three victory over Mountain Ash gave the Albion every confidence for this game at Bridgwater. A high wind blew right across the ground, and accurate passing was almost impossible. The first half was very even, but Albion held the advantage in the matter of points, Kingston scoring a somewhat lucky try, which was unconverted. On resuming Cardiff pressed, and Ivor Jones scored a pretty try after the only good passing of the match, but Biggs failed to convert. Cardiff still pressed, but could not add to their points. Hart had an injury to his knee. Albion then pressed, and a penalty against the visitors resulted in Bell kicking a goal. No side was called immediately afterwards.

	G. T. M.
Final Score—	*1 1 0
Bridgwater Albion	*1 1 0
Cardiff Reserves	0 1 0

*Penalty.

Remarks.

The homesters were lucky in winning, for the Cardiffians certainly had the best of the game, and the high wind militated greatly against their open back play. The forwards played well, and had quite as much of the play as their heavier opponents. Ivor Jones and Fred Lewis were the pick of the Cardiff three-quarters, and Williams was prominent at half. The best home back was Kingston, the County half, his defence being fine.

Record

Cardiff Reserves.

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1899.			G. T. P.	G. T. P.
Sept. 16	Taunton	won...	3 2 19	0 0 0
" 23	St. Paul's	won...	1 3 14	0 0 0
" 30	Bristol 2nd	lost...	0 0 0	0 1 3
Oct. 7	Whitechurch	won...	1 2 11	0 0 0
" 14	St. Andrew's	won...	1 2 10	0 0 0
" 21	Newport 2nd	won...	0 3 9	1 1 8
" 28	Cheltenham Coll.	won...	3 1 18	2 0 10
Nov. 4	Moseley 2nd	won...	0 7 21	0 1 3
" 11	Gloucester 2nd	won...	3 2 19	1 2 11
" 18	Swansea 2nd	lost...	0 0 0	2 1 15
" 25	Newport 2nd	won...	1 0 5	0 0 0
Dec. 2	Mackintosh	won...	12 6 26	0 1 3
" 9	Ebbw Vale	won...	1 1 8	0 1 3
" 16	Cowbridge	(Abandoned.)		
" 23	Chepstow	won...	1 1 8	0 1 3
" 30	Pontymoile	won...	1 1 8	0 0 0
1900.				
Jan. 6	Cowbridge	won...	7 4 47	0 0 0
" 13	Abergavenny	won...	1 1 8	0 1 3
" 20	Bristol 2nd	won...	1 3 14	0 0 0
" 27	Chepstow	won...	1 3 33	0 0 0
Feb. 3	Whitechurch	won...	0 1 3	0 0 0
" 10	Swansea 2nd	abandoned.		
" 17	Moseley 2nd	won...	3 1 18	0 0 0
" 24	Newport 2nd	won...	3 2 19	1 0 5
Mar. 3	Gloucester 2nd	lost...	0 0 0	0 2 6
" 10	Pontymoile	won...	1 0 5	0 0 0
" 17	Abergavenny	won...	4 5 35	0 0 0
" 24	Newport 2nd	lost...	0 0 0	0 3 9
" 31	Roath	won...	1 0 4	0 1 3
Apr. 7	Ebbw Vale	won...	1 0 5	0 0 0
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" 15	Bridgwater Albion	lost...	0 1 3	1 1 6

Totals..... 47 54 386 ... 8 17 89
* One penalty or dropped goal.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS.

Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Pts For.	Agst.
30	25	5	0	386	89

Scorers:—J. Williams, 15; C. F. Biggs, 10; F. F. Bush, 10; W. Williams, 7; F. Lewis, Ricketts, and Kestell, 5 each; Hart, 5; P. F. Bush and Common, 4 each; Trezise and Owen, 3 each; Lee and Plozman, 2 each; Ivor Jones, Box, Rogers, Chant, Wheeler, Evans, Grey, Auckland, and Dutton, 1 each.

CARDIFF RESERVES.

The record of the Cardiff Reserves, although hardly so good as last season's, shows them to be capable of commanding the greatest respect from all the clubs on their fixture list. The season opened very badly, for, notwithstanding a nineteen-points win over Taunton and a fourteen-points win over St. Peter's, the district champions, they unaccountably succumbed to the Bristol Seconds. Several changes were then made by the committee, and the team gained a succession of victories until the Swansea Seconds defeated them at Swansea on November 19. The form from then until March 3, when Gloucester was visited, was all that could be desired, and showed the quality of the team, but about that date the first fifteen were compelled to draw upon the Reserves, and great difficulty was experienced in getting capable substitutes to fill the vacancies. However, at the last moment in many cases, substitutes were found. Gloucester Seconds and Newport Seconds defeated the Cardiffians in March, and Pontymoile, Abergavenny, and Roath were beaten in the same month, and Ebbw Vale and Taunton in April. The value of such a second team to the Cardiff club cannot be over-estimated. Seven years ago the second team was in such a bad state that local aid had to be sought for by the premiers. Now things have changed, and the first players are all from the second team—a record which those connected with the seconds are proud of. The captain, Mr Ivor Jones, has been in the team on but four or five occasions this season, he being selected for the premiers, and in his absence the team has been very ably captained by his vice, Mr J. Williams. Subjoined are the scores, &c.:-

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Season 1900-1901

*Dinas Powis
Sept 22nd 1900*

*Bristol 2nd
Sept 29th 1900*

CARDIFF RESERVES v DINAS POWIS.
At the conclusion of the game between the Cardiff
Premiers and the representatives of the Cardiff
District League the Reserves opposed Dinas Powis.
Final Score— G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves..... 3 0 1
Dinas Powis..... 1 0 0

BRISTOL 2nd v CARDIFF 2nd.

A large attendance was present at the County
Ground, Bristol, to witness the match between
Bristol 2nds and Cardiff 2nds. The sky was some-
what threatening, but the ground was in excellent
condition for good play.

In the first half both teams were good. The
visitors showed strong offside tactics, which placed
them slightly at a disadvantage. Their combination
was good, almost unassailable. Winfield at back was
excellent. In the second half Heaven's play for
Bristol was open to criticism. It was impossible to
say whether the Welshmen or Bristolians were the
best. In fact both were best, the only pity being
that Cardiff got offside too much whereby they lost
several chances.

Final Score— G. T. M.
Cardiff 2nd 1 0 0
Bristol 2nd 0 1 0

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Weston Super Mare
Oct 16th 1900.

Moseley
Oct 13th 1900.

CARDIFF RESERVES v WESTON.

These teams met for the first time this season on the Cardiff Arms Park. There was a stiff breeze blowing across the field, which somewhat militated against the kicking qualities of both sides; but the weather was otherwise propitious for football. Weston were unfortunate in being unable to bring some of their best players, and in addition were obliged to engage two substitutes. The following constituted the teams:—

Cardiff Reserves—Back, D Thornley; three-quarter backs, Ivor Jones, C E W Jones, Trehanne, and Fred Lewis; half-backs, Kestell and Hughes; forwards, Grey, Hill, Davies, Hart, Edwards, A'Hearn, George, and C Wallace.

Weston—Back, C Harris; three-quarter backs, Morris, Marshall, Stephens, and Gibbs; half-backs, J Haines and J Hossey; forwards, Phillips, Heyland, Parker, Gillmore, Painter, Porter and two other local players.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves.....	3	7 0
Weston	0	0 1

MOSELEY (2nd) v. CARDIFF (2nd).—At the Beddington side, and won by 1 goal 2 tries (11 points) to 0. Teams:—Moseley: Hottings, back; Somerville, Rev. E. M. Baker, Smith, and Dinnelow, three-quarter backs; Chamberlain and Barnett, half-backs; Sanders, Deykin, Rowe, Baylis, Walshe, Brain, Evans, and Bigwood, forwards.—Cardiff: Winsfield, back; Lewis, Trehan, Jones, and Williams, three-quarter backs; Restel and Hughes, half-backs; George, Gray, Davis, Hart, Hill, Edwards, Hine, and Common, forwards.

Newport 2nd
Oct 20th 1900

NEWPORT 2nd v CARDIFF 2nd.

Whilst the premiers were doing battle at the Cardiff Arms Park the Cardiff and Newport 2nd strings were facing each other on the Uelside enclosure, in the presence of a fair number of spectators. Newport were unable to put out their full strength. Teams:-

Newport A—Back, P. T. Davies; three-quarter backs, G. Spillane, H. Chapman, C. Lewis, J. Fulton; half-backs, F. W. Huggett and W. Bennett; forwards, C. W. Griffiths, C. Jenkins, G. Pritchard, G. Parfit, J. Gear, T. Hadfield, A. Mogford, and T. Shore.

Cardiff A—Back, W. Winfield; three-quarter backs, A. M. Ricketts, I. Jones, J. G. Treharne, and W. G. Usher; half-backs, C. Kestell and H. Davies; forwards, R. J. Auckland, W. McIntyre, R. Grey, T. Davies, D. Hill, W. J. Hart, L. George, and D. Thomas.

Referee, Mr D. John, Pontypridd.

Cardiff were the better team on the day's play, and fully deserved their win. In the opening half the visiting pack beat the opposing eight and gave their backs plenty of chances, and the Cardiff backs made much more of their opportunities than did the Newport men.

	Final Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff	12	4
Newport	0	0

Swansea 2nd
Oct 27th 1900

CARDIFF RESERVES v SWANSEA 2nd.

These teams met at the Cardiff Arms Park. Considerable interest was manifested in the tussle on account of the fact that neither team has so far this season suffered defeat.

Swansea—Back, Peter Lockman; three-quarter backs, T. Jenkins, D. Harries, W. Gardner, and P. Daglan; half-backs, D. Davies and W. Reynolds; forwards, J. Croker, W. Jones, D. Morgan, D. Thomas, D. Price, G. Little, Ball, and T. Davies.

Cardiff Reserves—Back, W. Winfield; three-quarter backs, A. Ricketts, I. Jones, E. Treharne, and W. T. Lewis; half-backs, C. Kestell and G. Hughes; forwards, R. Grey, R. Auckland, T. Davies, B. Hill, W. Hart, W. McIntyre, L. George, and D. Thomas.

Referee, W. A. Martin, Newport.

The credit of a win by so handsome a score is entirely due to the Reserve forwards, who, on the day's form, far excelled any of their previous performances this year. In the initial half of the game honours were pretty evenly divided all round, and the falling away of the Swansea men in the second half is almost inexplicable, notwithstanding the splendid exhibition of the home forwards. But therein lies the secret of the win. Cardiff's second strings are known to contain a couple of ding-dong players, such as Davies, Grey, and McIntyre, and led by these and with a determination to win, the home forwards put the combination of the visitors entirely out of gear. It was surprising that they did this so successfully, and had anyone seen the first half of the game only he would be hard to vince that such was really the case.

	con	Final Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	3	4	1
Swansea 2nd	0	1	1

Cheltenham College
Oct 31st 1900

Bristol North
Nov 3rd 1900

Cardiff A v. Cheltenham College.

At Cheltenham in fine weather. Teams:—
Cheltenham—Back, Kenworthy; three-quarter backs, Young, Pruett, Handy, and another; half-backs, Allen and Groves; forwards, Fry (captain), Whittall, Turnbull, Greer, Robertson, De Lacovich, Pearce, and Talbot.

Cardiff—Back, Winfield; three-quarter backs, Lewis, Jones, Tuckey, and Usher; half-backs, Kestell and Williams; forwards, Hill, Hart, Grey, Thomas, Wheeler, George, Common, and Macintyre.

Referee, G. Romans.

Cardiff was the first to attack, but Kenworthy relieved with a good kick to touch. Cardiff still pressed, and F. Lewis got over with the first try. Winfield converted. Soon after from a pass by Kestell Lewis scored again. Winfield failed with the kick. Enabling play was in College lines, and Hart, Jones, and Common scored tries, Jones converting one.

Half-time Score—		G.	T.	M.
Cardiff Reserves.....	2	3	0	
Cheltenham	0	0	0	
Final Score—		G.	T.	M.
Cardiff A	7	4	0	
Cheltenham College	1	0	0	

Winfield and Jones
quite only for 2 C.A. out
of seven scores

to try
Lewis 15
Kestell
Hart
Jones
Common

CARDIFF 2ND v BRISTOL NORTH.		
Played on the Rovers' ground, Bristol, before a fair crowd.		
Final Score—		G. T. M.
Bristol North	0	1 0
Cardiff	0	0 0

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*Gloucester 2nd
Nov 17 1900*

CARDIFF RESERVES v PENTYCH.

These teams met at the Cardiff Arms Park. There were four or five substitutes in the home pack, and the standard of forward play was in consequence considerably below the level of the lot which met and defeated the Swansea 2nds a fortnight since.

Cardiff Reserves	G. T. M.
Pentyrch	2 1 1
	0 0 0

GLOUCESTER A v CARDIFF RESERVES.

Played at Gloucester in fine but cold weather, before a fair attendance. Last year's games resulted in one win each. Gloucester were not at full strength owing to the first team taking their men. Teams:— Gloucester—Back, Curtis; three-quarter backs, Lane, Woodcock, Goddard, and Sid Harris; half-backs, Parham and Morgan; forwards, G. Smith, Bland, Day, A. Smith, Westbury, Howard, Harris, H. Curtis, and Fowke.

Cardiff—Back, Winfield; three-quarter backs, Whale, Gray, Williams, and S. Williams; half-backs, Brown and Treseze; forwards, Davies, Hill, James, George, A. Herne, Edwards, Auckland, and Hine.

Cardiff 2nd	G. T. M.
Gloucester	1 1 0
	* 1 0 0

* Penalty.

Changing over Cardiff early attacked. Whale looked like scoring, but was pushed into touch. Morgan, however, relieved, and Cardiff defended. Parham and Lane nearly scoring. The forwards, however, brought relief with a fine breakaway, in which Abernethy and Hine were conspicuous. The centre was again the venue, and Cardiff were again forced to defend, and Lane was nearly over. Winfield saving. Hard fought play at centre followed to the end of the game, which was concluded in darkness.

Cardiff 2nd	G. T. M.
Gloucester	1 1 0
	* 1 0 0

* Penalty.

Newport 2nd
Nov 24 1900

Pontymoile
Dec 1 1900

CARDIFF RESERVES v NEWPORT 2nd.

Considerable interest was manifested in the return match between the second strings of the Cardiff and Newport clubs, and for a second fixture the attendance was quite a record one for the Cardiff Arms Park. When the clubs met earlier in the season the Welsh Metropolitans gained a very easy victory. On the other hand the Uksiders have been going none too strong. For the match under notice both fifteen underwent considerable changes, Cardiff lacking the services of A'Hearn and W. James in the forwards, their places being filled by D. Evans and Collis (Loudouns), whilst Newport gave trials to Barrett and Wetter in the rear line. As reconstructed the teams lined out as follows:-

Newport 2nd—Back, Walker; three-quarter backs, B Duckham, Barrett, Wetter, and D P Davies; half-backs, Huggett and W Priest; forwards, C W Griffiths, H S Williams, G Lang, G Spillane, G Pritchard, G B Hadley, A Walsh, and F Shad.

Cardiff Reserves—Back, C Grey; three-quarter backs, G Whale, E G Treharne, S Williams, and J Williams; half-backs, G Hughes and A Brown; forwards, W J Hart, L George, W McIntyre, R J Auckland, Collis, F Edwards, F Hine, and D Evans.

Cardiff showed their superiority in all departments of the game, and with play of such a one-sided character criticism is out of the question. Suffice it to say that Whale was the most prominent man on the Cardiff side, each of the tries scored being through his brilliant play. Auckland, McIntyre, and Collis were very prominent in the front rank. Until his accident Duckham was the most useful man on the Newport side, the other players only displaying a very mediocre knowledge of the game. As the score indicates Cardiff were the better fifteen throughout.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	0 6 0
Newport 2nd	.....	0 0 1

CARDIFF RESERVES v PONTYMOILE.

With a clean sheet up to date the visit of Pontymoile to the Cardiff ground was an event which was anticipated with considerable interest. The visitors, with the exception of Mountain Ash last week, when there was a draw, had beaten all comers. The feeling of their supporters, however, to-day was that the home lot would be successful in defeating them, though not without a good tussle. Both teams put out their best players and lined out as follows:-

Cardiff Reserves—Back, Winfield; three-quarter backs, Treharne, C Biggs, Ricketts, and Whale; half-backs, Hughes and Kestell; forwards, McIntyre, Hine, Hill, E T Davies, Edwards, Auckland, Hart, and George.

Pontymoile—Back, Williams; three-quarter backs, D A Jones, Ben Williams, G Davies, and Roberts; half-backs, Protheroe and Taylor; forwards, Bunny S Thomas, S Flood, G Powell, C Lewis, Wallace Jones, T Walters, and M Bumble.

Referee, Mr T. England.

It was expected that the game would be very evenly contested. It was; but the circumstances which prevailed to make it so were such as to reflect more credit on the winning side than would have been the case had not a series of accidents prevented the home lot playing their full complement right through. In the first half several of the Cardiff players suffered from minor injuries, which of necessity must tell on the performance of the players concerned. Grey early had a bandaged head, while Treharne, who played a sterling game, sustained such injuries to his knee that his services were not available in the second half. This was unfortunate, for from whatever cause or combination of circumstances, the bulk of defensive and attacking work fell to his wing. It was a great pity, for on the left wing Whale who promises well, had practically nothing to do throughout the game, and to those who know his points his lack of opportunities was deplorable. It could not be expected that Grey, with his injury, could do himself justice as a substitute for Treharne. Biggs, Ricketts, and Hughes did a lot of work in the second half, and indeed had it not been for the smartness of the home three-quarter line the result would be different reading. Forward the visitors decidedly had the pull, and it is to them that the tries scored for Pontymoile were mainly due. Had, however, Cardiff been able to play their full team in the second half what advantage the visitors held forward would have been neutralised by the better back play.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves.....	2	1 2
Pontymoile	1	1 2

Dec 8th 1900

Chepstow

CARDIFF RESERVES v CHEPSTOW.

These teams met at the Cardiff Arms Park. Both sides suffered from absentees, but the substitutes were of the best. The record of the visitors to date was good, having suffered defeat but twice out of nine contests, and while they did not anticipate winning on this occasion they nevertheless were determined to give the home team a good game.

The game was a very interesting one, and in the first half there was little to choose between the teams. With the change of ends, however, it became apparent that the visitors were beaten in the forward line, and thus the home three-quarters were kept busily engaged. Escott was easily the best half on the field. At three-quarters there was not much to choose between the home lot. For Chepstow H. Edwards was easily first. His far reaching and judicious kicking assisted his side materially. At full-back honours must be divided, both Winfield and B. Williams doing their work well. The forward play was in favour of Cardiff, and all did their share of the work. The visiting front rank played pluckily right through, although in the second half they were payably beaten.

	Final Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	2 3 2	
Chepstow	0 0 0	

Dec 13th 1900

Dinas Powis

CARDIFF RESERVES v DINAS POWIS.

For the second time in the history of these clubs they met to try conclusions. The match was played on Dinas Powis Common, and the turf was in excellent condition, and there was a good crowd assembled.

Teams:—
Cardiff Reserves—Back, W. Winfield; three-quarter backs, Whale, C. Jones, C. Thomas, and F. Lewis; half-backs, J. Barry and Brown; forwards, McIntyre (captain), Hay, E. T. Davies, George, Edwards, Hine, W. Royle, and Auckland.

Dinas Powis—Back, C. Trott; three-quarter backs, D. Thomas, H. Williams, G. Jones, and C. Davies; half-backs, T. Franks (captain) and E. Davies; forwards, E. Franks, L. Millar, E. Davies, A. Trott, H. Davies, D. Ford, A. Franks, and W. Coombes.

Referee, Mr E. Phillips, Cadroxton.

It was a game in which Cardiff Reserves showed lamentable weakness forward and at half-back, the pivots upon which any set of three-quarters must necessarily operate. With the exception of McIntyre and T. A. Davies the members of the pack seemed to exert themselves very little. The match was of a very scrambling character, the Dinas Powis men showing rare pluck and not a little smartness. Franks, their centre three-quarter, proved a player of sterling merit, both in defence and attack, while the half-backs were more than a match for the Cardiff pair, who clung to the ball with grim determination.

	Final Score—	G. T. M.
Dinas Powis	1 0 2	
Cardiff Reserves	* 1 0 4	

* Penalty.

Dec 22nd 1900
Whitchurch

CARDIFF RESERVES v WHITCHURCH.

These teams met on the Cardiff Ground, and lined out as follows:—

Whitchurch—Back, J Chard; three-quarter backs, D J Tuckett, T Llewellyn, B John, and Williams; half-backs, P Chard and G W Stevens; forwards, E Boyer (captain), J Stephens, W Amos, W Adams, P Richards, T Holtham, W Holtham, and J B Glendonning.

Cardiff Reserves—Back, Winfield; three-quarter backs, Ricketts, E W Jones, Whale, and F Lewis; half-backs, G Hughes (captain) and A Brown; forwards, Mitchell, Tom Dobson, Edwards, Young, Hart, Edwards, Auckland, and Hill.

Cardiff started operations from the Raquet Court end, and the return kick being a poor one the first series of scrums were fought out on the visitors' 25 line. From this position the homesters broke away, and within a few minutes Fred Lewis scored the first try from loose play. Winfield failed to negotiate. Play in the centre and of an even character and Ricketts made a pretty run, and after a series of interchanges the visitors had again to defend a hot attack, which they did successfully, Chard ultimately sending the ball back to the centre. Hereabouts one of the home forwards got away with a smart dribble, and was only stopped when well up to the line. A penalty was given to Cardiff, and which was due to the offside tactics of the visiting halves. Winfield took the place kick in a good position and landed a goal. Shortly afterwards the visiting halves gave their three-quarter line a chance, but Johns failing to take his pass, Ricketts and Whale kicked up the field, and outpacing Chard both players fell on the ball simultaneously. Winfield failed at goal. Play in favour of the homesters continued until the call of time.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	2 1 0
Whitchurch	.....	0 1 0
*One penalty.		

Dec 29th 1900
Bristol 2nd

CARDIFF RESERVES v BRISTOL 2nd.

The Cardiff second string engaged Bristol 2nds on the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon before a good attendance. Cardiff turned out as advertised with the exception that Griff Hughes played three-quarter and A. G. Bush replaced his brother. Bristol were well represented. Play was largely confined to the forwards. The first bit of interesting play was contributed by Griff Hughes, who made a smart opening, and after covering a long distance threw out to Fred Lewis, who when in difficulties repassed to his centre. A score seemed imminent, but the defence for the time prevailed. Shortly after Courtis, who was one of a bunch who dribbled over the Bristol line, fell on the ball and scored a try, which Winfield converted. Play, which was extremely poor in quality, ruled somewhat in favour of Cardiff, and Ricketts, as the result of a dashing run, scored Cardiff's second try. Winfield's kick failed, Fred Lewis receiving from Hughes a couple of minutes before half-time ran across with a well-earned try, which Winfield converted.

Half-time Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	2 1 0
Bristol	.....	0 1 0

In the second half a lot of dull, uninteresting play was seen. Bristol now showed an improvement, but the efforts of their backs were not successful, a very large number of their transfers being intercepted by the home centres. After five minutes' play the home forwards got away, and Ricketts outdistancing the opposition scored a smart try, which Winfield converted. Bristol territorially were holding their own at this time, but their attacking efforts were tame and seldom dangerous. Hughes and Ricketts of the home backs, on the other hand, were continually aggressive, and the last named close upon time scored his third try in the far corner. The kick failed.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	3 2 0
Bristol 2nd	0 0 0

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Dec 26th 1900
Abergavenny

ABERGAVENNY v. CARDIFF RESERVES.

This game was played at Abergavenny before a large crowd. Cardiff won the toss and were soon on the aggressive, a try resulting. The kick at goal was a failure. The Abergavenny players soon worked down to the Cardiff line, where Jenkins landed a penalty goal. After the restart Abergavenny again attacked, and the forwards playing a grand game let the ball out and Ellison dodged over. Jenkins converted. The remainder of the game was all in favour of Abergavenny, whose forwards were superb.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Abergavenny	.....	2 2 0
Cardiff Reserves	.....	0 1 0
*One penalty.		

Jan 12th 1901
Ponhymoile

CARDIFF RESERVES v PONTYMOILE.

The return match between these old rivals had been looked forward to with a considerable amount of interest, but unfortunately both teams turned up several men short, the homesters, however, being the worst off in this respect. The following were the teams:—

Pontymoile—Back, Walker; three-quarter backs, Jones, Williams, Evans, and Brimble; half-backs, Taylor and Jones; forwards, Thomas, Bunney, Flood, Lewis, Groves, Palmer, Jones, and Stone.

Cardiff—Back, Winfield; three-quarter backs, Lewis, Jones, Davies, and Thomas; half-backs, Brown and Tresize; forwards, Hind, Hart, George, Edwards, Evans, Young, Sproule, and Auckland.

The visitors started, but had for the first ten minutes to defend their own line from repeated forward dashes by the home team. Walker was conspicuous for some fine kicking to touch. Evans scored from open forward play. The next few minutes ruled in favour of Cardiff, a try being scored by Edwards.

The fog was so thick on the restart that hardly anything could be seen of the game. Both teams attacked alternately, but the homesters did most of the pressing. The result, however, was a draw.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Pontymoile	.....	0 1 0
Cardiff Reserves	.....	0 1 0

Jan 19 1901

Moseley 2nd

CARDIFF RESERVES v MOSELEY 2nd.

These teams met on the Cardiff Arms Park. There was a strong wind blowing across the field, and the ground was little better than a quagmire. The teams lined out as follow:-

Cardiff Reserves—Back, W Winfield; three-quarter backs, F Lewis, C J Thomas, H Davies, and E G Treharne; half-backs, Browne and Treasie; forwards, L George, W Hart, E T Davies, D L Evans, Edwards, Auckland, B Ellis, and J W Spradale.

Moseley—Back, Talbot; three-quarter backs, Dunslow, Somerville, Butler, and Patterson; half-backs, Chamberlain and Hartnell; forwards, Brain, Rowe, Baylis, Walsh, Wheeler, Young, Collis, and Lindsay.

Moseley's kick off against the wind was a failure, the ball only skidding a few yards. Cardiff at once took up the aggressive, but for a considerable time play on both sides was of a mediocre character. Several attempts to get away by the home three quarter line were futile, although the opportunities were good and the defence "so-so." After Winfield had made a poor shot for goal from a mark a series of scrummages were waged in and about the visitors' 25, and Browne from one of these getting the better of his opponent rounded the neck, and with a straight run scored without much difficulty. Winfield converted. A heavy drizzling rain now swept over the ground, making the footing of the players still more precarious. An infringement gave Winfield another opportunity to place a goal from a favourable position, but the ball fell wide of the mark. From this point to the call of half-time many humorous incidents occurred on account of the slippery state of the ground and ball, but there was not much "football" in it. There were several near things for the home lot, but luck was against them, and only minors resulted. Treharne made a very commendable attempt to drop a goal, but without result.

	Half-time Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	1 0 4
Moseley 2nd	0 0 0

Soon after the restart Talbot was called upon to save several dangerous rushes, and this he did with great success. With the wind in their favour Moseley for the first time were able to invade the Reserves' territory, and Winfield was forced to concede a minor. The impossibility to hold the ball, and players with a little pace on sliding yards when attempting to pull up, caused fun for the spectators. As showing what an important part the wind played in the game, Cardiff were now for the most part, as Moseley were in the initial stages of the game, kept on their own side of the half-way line. Twice Somerville had the opportunity to make a score from place.

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Feb 9 1901

CARDIFF RESERVES v BRISTOL NORTH.

This interesting fixture, to which considerable interest was attached owing to the defeat inflicted on the Cardiff players by the visitors at Bristol earlier in the season, was played this afternoon on the Cardiff Arms Park before a fair attendance. Cardiff from the very outset asserted their superiority especially in the back division. Selwyn Biggs and Franks, who played at half-back, proved far too smart for their vis-a-vis notwithstanding the glaring offside predilections of the latter. Cecil Biggs was in good form, while Griff Hughes, who figured at three-quarters (which was, by the way, his old position during his school-days at Llandovery), displayed all his characteristic smartness and resource. Tries for Cardiff were scored by Young (1), Howell Davies (1), Cecil Biggs (1), and D. Edwards (2).

	Final Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	2 3 0
Bristol North	0 0 0

Feb 16th 1901
Whitchurch

WHITCHURCH v CARDIFF RESERVES.

At Whitchurch.

Whitchurch—Back, Thomas; three-quarter backs, Chard, Llewellyn, John, and Tuckett; half-backs, Chard and Stevens; forwards, Boyer (captain), M Moss, Holham, Stephens, Evans, Russell, Adams, and Richards.

Cardiff Reserves—Back, Winfield; three-quarter backs, Lewis, Howells, Treharne, and Thomas; half-backs, Thomas and Brown; forwards, Hart, Hines, Evans, Young, George, Auckland, Edwards, and Sproule.

Intercepting a pass, John ran in for the homesters with a fine try five minutes after the start, Chard converting. Resuming the visitors renewed the attack, and had hard lines, securing two minors. Even play ensued, and from a penalty Winfield nearly scored. The homesters retaliated with a fine bout of passing, Llewellyn being tackled in the nick of time. Exciting play followed, Neville Thomas clearing with a smart run. Play afterwards settled down in the centre.

Half-time Score—		G. T. M.
Whitchurch.....	1	0 0
Cardiff Reserves	0	0 0

Boyer restarted for Whitchurch, and play was fast and exciting. Chard was nearly over for the homesters after good passing. Eventually Cardiff cleared, and Treharne scored. The action of the visiting touch judge in first raising his flag and then withdrawing it was much criticised by the crowd. The homesters, after the restart, broke away, but were repelled by Winfield, and Cardiff scam away again, the right wing scoring a good try. Neville Thomas was penalised for off-side tactics, but nothing was gained, and the whistle sounded.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	0	2 0
Whitchurch	1	0 0

Feb 23rd 1901.
Newport 2nd

NEWPORT 2nd v CARDIFF 2nd.

Whilst the premier clubs were doing battle at Cardiff the second strings tried conclusions at Newport. Owing to the late arrival of the Cardiff team the game was not commenced until 45 minutes after the advertised time. Newport were assisted by Lieut. Bert Gould, of Brabant's Horse, who is an old Welsh International, and who is now on furlough, and H. Packer.

The game was of a give-and-take character, each side attacking in turn, but Cardiff had the most chances, and the two attempts at goal were both in exceptionally favourable positions.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff	0	0 2
Newport	0	0 1

*Match 2nd 1901
 Gloucester*

*Match 6th 1901
 Chepstow.*

GLOUCESTER A V CARDIFF RESERVES.
 Played on the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon in a downpour of rain. In the opening stages of play the Cestrians proved slightly superior, and forced a minor within a few minutes of the start. For Gloucester the left centre made some smart runs, while on the home side Treharne was conspicuous. The Cestrians continued to have the advantage, and attacked hotly close on the Cardiff line, where they forced a second minor—a near thing for a try. Cardiff hereafter retaliated, and after an extremely near bout of passing by Lewis and Treharne, the last named scored an excellent try, which Windfield with a good kick just failed to convert. The Cardiff forwards now showed up well, Owen being especially conspicuous.

Half-time Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves.....		0 1 0
Gloucester 2nds.....		0 0 2

The opening stages of the second half were in favour of Gloucester, whose forwards had lasted better than their opponents. A well-directed but unsuccessful drop at goal by the Gloucester's right three-quarter was followed by repeated onslaughts by the visiting forwards on the Cardiff goal. The Cardiff defence however prevailed, although the visitors deserved to score.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves.....		0 1 0
Gloucester 2nd.....		0 0 2

Remarks.

Weather and ground conspired to make the game a very unpleasant one for players and spectators. Cardiff in the first half had somewhat the pull, but hereafter the Cestrians held the upper hand, especially at forward. A draw would have been a more correct index to the game.

CHEPSTOW V. CARDIFF RESERVES.

Played at Chepstow on Wednesday afternoon. The visitors were anything but a strong team, although they were superior to the homesters. The game throughout was principally a forward one, very little passing being resorted to. In the first half Barry scored a try for Cardiff. Result:—Cardiff Reserves, one try; Chepstow, nil.

Match 9th 1901
Rushgrove

Match 16th 1901
Roath

Cardiff Reserves, 3 goals 2 tries; *Penttyrch, 1 try.

CARDIFF RESERVES v ROATH.
At the Cardiff Arms Park.
Final Score—
Cardiff Reserves G. T. M.
Roath..... 2 4 0
0 0 0

*March 23rd 1901.
Newport*

*March 30th 1901.
Swansea*

NEWPORT 2nd v CARDIFF 2nd.

The Cardiff Reserves played Newport 2nd on the Cardiff Arms Park.

It was a fairly interesting game. In all departments of play, notably in the finer aspects of forward and back play, the home team were considerably the better lot. The goal-kicking of the Cardiff team was lamentably weak.

	Final Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	0	8 0
Newport Seconds	0	1 0

CARDIFF 2nd v SWANSEA 2nd.

At Swansea in fine weather. Much interest was centred in this match because in the first encounter at Cardiff the home team defeated their opponents by three converted goals and four tries to one try, this being the only reverse sustained by the Swansea 2nd this season. Teams:—

Swansea 2nd—Back, Dyson Williams; three-quarter backs, T Jenkins, R Bayliss, D Rees, and W Gardner; half-backs, H Williams and T Davies; forwards, P Hill (captain), A Ball, D Thomas, G Taylor, S Jones, W Batten, G Williams, and D Davies.

Cardiff 2nd—Back, W J Winsfield; three-quarter backs, B Trehearne, C Thomas, A Licketts, and F Lewis; half-backs, A Brown and T Frank; forwards, Brown, J Lewis, B Hill, D Evans, L George, R Auckland, A G Jones, and F Hine.

A game devoid of interest, and of the rough and tumble nature. The backs on both sides made little efforts to combine to bring off bouts of passing. There was little to choose between the teams, Swansea winning just on the call of time. Trehearne and Licketts showed good individual form at three-quarter, whilst Brown at half was smart in passing out. For Swansea Jenkins and Gardner did well, whilst Harry Williams was resourceful at half.

	Final Score—	G. T. M.
Swansea 2nds	0	1 0
Cardiff 2nds	0	0 0

WJ Winsfield

Apr 6th 1901.
Taunton

TAUNTON v. CARDIFF RESERVES.
At Taunton. Cardiff came with a weak team, none of the picked three-quarters turning out. However Jones scored for them and a goal was kicked, while Gregory scored an unconverted try for Taunton. In the second half Taunton scored twice through Gregory and Sylvester, and Cardiff had had hard lines in not doing so on at least two other occasions.

Final Score—	Points.
Taunton.....	9
Cardiff Reserves.....	3

Apr 8th 1901
Weston

CARDIFF RESERVES v. WESTON.

At Weston before a large crowd. The visitors started well, the backs bringing off a very pretty bout of passing, which took the game right to the line. Cardiff pressed hard, but could not get through. Franks had to retire through a kick over the heart, and then Cardiff got behind, but grounded over the dead-ball line. Cummings dropped a splendid penalty goal from the centre of the field.

Half-time Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves.....	*1 0 0
Weston	0 0 0

*Penalty.

With the advantage of the wind Weston began well on the resumption, but their passing lacked finish. Cardiff were much smarter in handling, and several times covered considerable ground by their three-quarter play. The home back averted a certain try by a grand tackle, and then Weston attacked, but only a minor accrued. Weston missed a very easy opening, but immediately afterwards Needs scored an unconverted try, and next forced Cardiff to save twice.

Final Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves.....	*1 0 0
Weston	0 1 0

*Penalty.

Penylan
Apr 26th 1901.

CARDIFF RESERVES v PENYLAN.

This match, which was played after the Neath game, was witnessed by a large crowd. Penylan opened play, and a loose rush by the Cardiff forwards took the venue to Penylan's line. Here Ricketts, Lewis, and Russell, tried to break through, but failed, and Penylan worked out to the centre. Aided by the nippy play of a smart pair of halves, Penylan further improved their position and Richards almost penetrated the Reserves' defence. They rushed along in promising style, and Russell, cutting across only saved the situation in time by smartly punting over his head. W Jenkins, of the Maes, then came on the field to assist the Reserves, who up to date were a man short. His arrival seemed to have much effect, for with loose passing that was, however, spoilt by knocks on which were not seen by the referee, the Reserves went right back to the other end, and Ricketts handing off one or two threw the ball to Common, who scored the initial try of the game. The point was not improved upon. Richards, for Penylan, shortly after dropped a goal from the 25 line, and thus placed his side ahead.

Half-time Score—		G. T. M.
Penylan.....	1	0 0
Cardiff Reserves.....	0	1 0

*Dropped.

Resuming Cardiff pressed hotly for some time, and Ricketts and Trehanne almost brought off a score between them. Then after nearly all of the Cardiff backs handed Lewis received, and with the opposition clear beaten scored a fine try, which was splendidly converted. Penylan were not done with though for their forwards were playing a strong game, and made the most of the pace. The Reserves had all the best of succeeding play, but failed to add to their score.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves.....	1	1 0
Penylan.....	2	0 0

* 2 Dropped.

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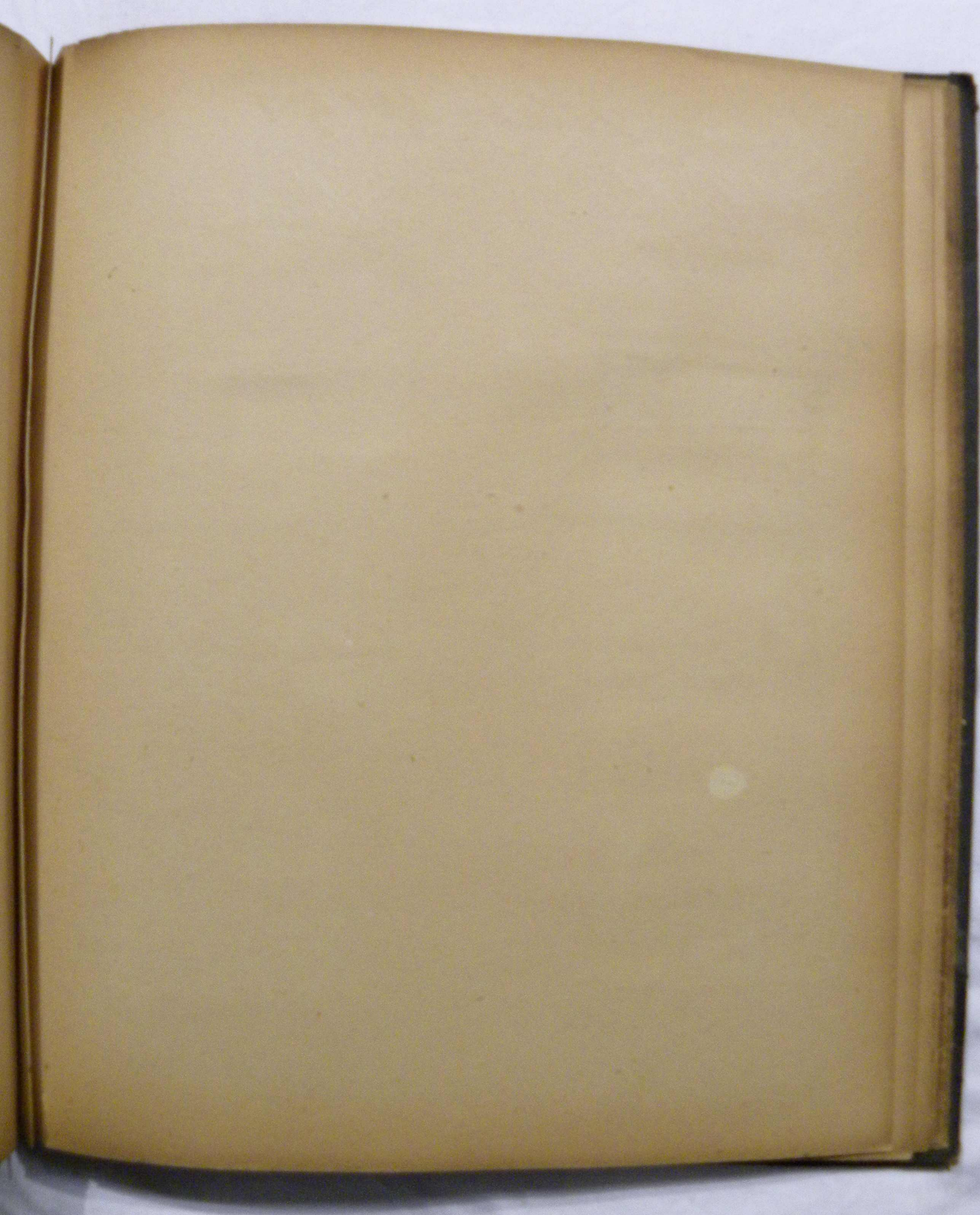
CARDIFF RESERVES.

Owing to the frequent calls for recruits for the premier team the Cardiff Reserves' record is not good in comparison with the average returns. It is, however, gratifying that the second string has trained so many men for the firsts, for this achievement justifies the running of the team far more than the possession of an unbeaten certificate at the end of the season.

Date.	Opponents.	Result.	For.	Against.
1900.		G. T. P.	G. T. P.	
Sept. 22..	Dinas Powis	won	3 0 15..	1 0 5
" 23..	Bristol 2nds	won	1 0 5..	0 1 3
Oct. 6..	Weston	won	3 7 39..	0 0 0
" 13..	Moseley	won	1 2 11..	0 0 0
" 20..	Newport	won	1 2 11..	0 0 0
" 27..	Swansea	won	3 4 27..	0 1 3
" 31..	Cheltenham College	won	7 4 47..	1 0 5
Nov. 3..	Bristol North	lost	0 0 0..	0 1 3
" 10..	Penttyrch	won	2 1 13..	0 0 0
" 17..	Gloucester	won	1 1 8..	*1 0 3
" 24..	Newport	won	0 6 19..	0 0 0
Dec. 1..	Pontymoile	won	2 1 13..	1 1 8
" 8..	Chepstow	won	2 3 19..	0 0 0
" 15..	Dinas Powis	lost	*1 0 3..	1 0 5
" 22..	Whitchurch	won	*4 15..	1 0 5
" 26..	Abergavenny	lost	0 1 3..	*2 2 14
" 29..	Bristol 2nd's	won	3 2 21..	0 0 0
1901.				
Jan. 12..	Pontymoile	drn.	0 1 3..	0 1 3
" 19..	Moseley 2nds	won	1 2 11..	0 0 0
" 26..	Abergavenny	Postponed.		
Feb. 2..	Chepstow			
" 9..	Bristol North	won	2 3 19..	0 0 0
" 16..	Whitchurch	won	0 2 6..	1 0 5
" 23..	Newport	drn.	0 0 0..	0 0 0
Mar. 2..	Gloucester	won	0 1 3..	0 0 0
" 6..	Chepstow	won	0 1 3..	0 0 0
" 9..	Penttyrch	won	3 2 21..	0 1 3
" 16..	Roath	won	2 3 16..	0 0 0
" 23..	Newport	won	0 8 24..	0 1 3
" 30..	Swansea	lost	0 0 0..	0 1 3
Apr. 6..	Taunton	lost	1 1 8..	0 3 9
" 8..	Weston	drn.	*1 0 3..	0 1 3
" 20..	Penylan	drn.	1 1 8..	*2 0 8

* One penalty. † Dropped.

Played 31, won 22, lost 5, drawn 4; points for 399, against 91.



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Wesleyan Super Mare
Sept 21st 1901

Sept 28th 1901

CARDIFF RESERVES v WESTON.
Played on the Cardiff Arms Park, and resulted in a
win for Cardiff by 1 try to nil.

TAFF'S WELL AND DISTRICT v CARDIFF
RESERVES.
These teams met at Cardiff Arms Park, the game
following up the Cardiff North match. Treharne,
who had played for the Cardiff premier team, also
turned out for the Reserves.
Final Score—
Cardiff Reserves G. T. M.
Taff's Well 2 1 3
0 0 0

Bristol 2nd
Oct 5th 1901

Cheltenham College
Oct 12th 1901

BRISTOL 2nd v CARDIFF RESERVES.
These teams met at the Cardiff Arms Park. A
drizzling rain prevailed, which made the turf some-
what slippery. The teams lined out as follow—
Cardiff Reserves—Back, Theo. Jones; three-
quarter backs, Wax Williams, W H King, E
O Treharne, and W A Jones; half-backs, N S
Thomas and W Carde; forwards, W G Rees, R Auck-
land, J H Brown, F Hine, A Spackman, W Hart, D.
Edwards, and D L Evans.
Bristol 2nd—Back, Shewring; three-quarter backs,
A R Liffon, W Arbery, Evans, and Heaven; half-
backs, Rice and M Arbery; forwards, Marks, Brook-
man, Thomas, Stubbs, Gibson, Burnett, Durbin, and
Davies.
Neville Thomas and Carde, getting the best
of the opposing halves, did a bit of interpassing, and
the latter scored, Treharne placing a goal.
Final Score—
Cardiff Reserves G. T. M.
Bristol 2nd 1 0 2
0 0 0

CARDIFF A v CHELTENHAM College.
At Cheltenham. Teams—College—Back, Quill,
three-quarter backs, Kenworth, Exham, Baudy, and
Taylor; half-backs, Grove and Winterbotham; for-
wards, Gatacre, Camde, Furze, Wedd, Griffiths,
Harris, and Wild.
Cardiff—Back, A Windfield; three-quarter backs,
W Jones, T Fletcher, G Tychard, and W King; half-
backs, Williams and Neville Thomas; forwards, W
Hart, D Edwards, D Evans, L George, F Hine, J
Brown, A Spackman, T Scott.
Referee, A. Hughes, Gloucester.
There was only one team in the field from start to
finish. The visitors' forwards carried the scrum-
mages every time, being far too heavy for the home
pack, while their three-quarters were much faster
and altogether better in the loose. Grove at half and
Kenworthy at three-quarter played well for the
College, but the boys were out-classed.
Final Score—
Cardiff A G. T. M.
Cheltenham 5 0 0
0 0 0

Newport 2nd
Oct 19 1901

CARDIFF RESERVES v NEWPORT 2nd.

These teams met on the Cardiff Arms Park. Owing to some slight misunderstanding the visitors came somewhat late, and it was 3.45, three quarters of an hour after the advertised time, when the teams fielded as follow:-

Cardiff-Back, Winfield; three-quarter backs, W Jones, W King, E Treharne, and R Gibbs; half-backs, W Williams and Neville Thomas; forwards, R Auckland, A Spackman, W Hart, D Evans, D Edwards, T Hines, W Scott, and Fiew George.

Newport-Back, A R Pearce; three-quarter backs, F Ellis, A Barnett, Rev. E M Thorp, and E Spillane; half-backs, G R Wade and F W Huggott; forwards, H S Williams (captain), A C Morris, I C Studley, A Walsh, W Brind, T Taylor, C Jenkins, and T Phillips.

Final Score-	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	4 1 2
Newport 2nd	0 0 0

*One dropped.

Swansea 2nd
Oct 26 1901

CARDIFF 2nd v SWANSEA RESERVES

At Swansea, the teams being represented as follows:-

Cardiff Reserves-Back, Jones; three-quarter backs, W A Jones, W H King, R A Gibbs, and E G Treharne (captain); half-backs, Ward and Thomas; forwards, George, Spackman, Hind, Hart, Edwards, Evans, Auckland, and Scott.

Swansea 2nd-Back, Dyson Williams; three-quarter backs, Jowett, Bayliss, Morgan, and Phillips; half-backs, Davies and Williams; forwards, Percy Hill, S Bevan, E Morgan, S Jones, G Williams, G Taylor, G Thomas, and S Jones.

Final Score-	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	1 1 0
Swansea 2nd	0 1 0

Moseley 2nd
Nov 2 1901

CARDIFF RESERVES v MOSELEY 2nd.

At Cardiff Arms Park.

Final Score-	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	*1 2 0
Moseley 2nd	0 0 0

*Dropped.

Taff's Well
Nov 9 1901

Taff's Well v. Cardiff Reserves.-At Taff's Well.

Result-Cardiff Reserves, 2 goals 5 tries to nil.

Gloucester 2nd
Nov 16th 1901

CARDIFF RESERVES v GLOUCESTER A.
While the Cardiff premiers were looking on as spectators on the fog enveloping Kingsholme—"that cemetery," as it has been called, "of Welsh hopes and aspirations"—the Reserves engaged Gloucester's second string on the Cardiff Arms Park. Within a couple of minutes of the call of time, Parham got over in the far corner with a try, which Gardner, with an excellent kick, converted, thus giving his side a lead of two points.

Final Score—	G. T. M.
Gloucester 2nds	1 0 0
Cardiff Reserves	0 1 0

Newport 2nd
Nov 23rd 1901

CARDIFF RESERVES v NEWPORT 2nds.
Owing to the late arrival of the visitors, this match at Newport was not commenced until half-an-hour after the advertised time.
The game was stubbornly contested. Cardiff showed more science and combination than their opponents. Newport showed any amount of pluck and determination, but did not make so much of their chances as did the Cardiff men. This was especially so on the part of the Newport three-quarter line, which compared badly with the Cardiff three-quarters.

Final Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	*1 1 4
Newport	0 0 1

*Dropped.

Roath
Nov 30th 1901

ROATH v CARDIFF RESERVES.
There was a fair gathering of spectators to witness the match between Cardiff Reserves and Roath. Cardiff turned out as picked, but in the Roath team Dixon took the place of Halliday at half. The game, generally speaking, was rather below the usual standard of a Seconds match. The advantage was clearly on the side of Cardiff. Treharne, Neville Thomas, and Gibbs being among others prominent. Young did very well at back. For the visitors Buhr played a safe game, Gray and Dixon also being in evidence. Cardiff's combination was if anything the better.

Final Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	1 2 1
Roath	0 1 3

Cwmcarn
Dec 7th 1901

CARDIFF RESERVES v CWMCARN.
These sides met this afternoon at the Cardiff Arms Park before a small crowd. Teams:—
Cardiff—Back, Young; three-quarter backs, Wax Williams, Guy Treharne, W A Jones, and King; half-backs, N Thomas and Cecil Biggs; forwards, Hart, Spackman, Nell, Evans, Gray, Northmore, Jenkins, and Auckland.
Cwmcarn—Back, W Dennis; three-quarter backs, H Sykes, E Boudier, T Bacon, and W J Male; half-backs, W Reardon and T Doyle; forwards, T Perkins, J Bacon, O Hyde, J Hyde, T Rogers, W Rogers, H Griffin, and W Hicks.
Cwmcarn had considerably more of the game than the scoring indicates. Their forwards gave a very creditable show, but the back division was weak, especially in attack. The Cardiff three quarters, on the other hand, were quite brilliant at times, Treharne, Biggs, and Williams being continually conspicuous. The homesters deserved all the points they scored, and won owing to their superior finesse all round.

Final Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	*3 3 2
Cwmcarn	0 1 1

*Penalty.

Caerphilly
Dec 24th 1901.

CARDIFF RESERVES v CAERPHILLY.

The Cardiff Reserves, owing to the fixture with Bristol North falling through, played Caerphilly on the Cardiff Arms Park. The attendance was very sparse.

Caerphilly proved excellent substitutes for the Bristol team, and there is no reason why the fixture between the sides should not be continued.

	Final Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	1	0
Caerphilly	1	0

Penylan
Dec 21st 1901.

"Lost"

Chepstow
Dec 26th 1901.

CHEPSTOW v. CARDIFF RESERVES.

At Chepstow on Boxing Day. Cardiff played three substitutes. Chepstow kicked off, and pressed. Cardiff relieved finely, and Treharne got over, but lost the ball. The game ruled very even, but at half-time nothing was scored. In the second half both sides tried hard to get over, but the tackling was good. Cardiff's passing was always stopped. Towards the end the home forwards nearly did the trick.

	Final Score—	G. T. M.
Chepstow	0	0
Cardiff Reserves	0	0

Remarks.

The game was finely contested. Unfortunately Cardiff had to play three substitutes, and were one short all through. Cardiff's only real chance was when Treharne failed to pass to Tom Jones, who had a clear run in. Neville Thomas, for Cardiff, and George Williams, for Chepstow, were the shining lights. Priest played splendidly for the homesters. The forwards were evenly matched. Cardiff were a little superior behind, but after all a draw about represents the difference between the teams.

Penarth Old Boys
Jan 1st 1902.

CARDIFF RESERVES v PENARTH OLD BOYS.

This fixture was played on Wednesday on the Cardiff Arms Park before a small attendance. The homesters, who showed superiority in all phases of the game, ran out winners by 2 goals 7 tries to nil. Tries were scored by "Wax" Williams (2), Cecil Biggs (2), Hart (2), Guy Treharne (2), and Gibbs (1). The feature of the game was the brilliancy of Wax Williams and Treharne on the right wing and the individual skill shown by Biggs. Some of the movements of the right wing, both in design and execution, were faultless, and evoked repeated applause from the crowd. Penarth showed pluck and fair defensive ability, but in the finer phases of play they were completely out-manoeuvred.

*Cwmcaru
Jan 7th 1902.*

*Whitechurch
Jan 11th 1902.*

CARDIFF RESERVES v CWMCARU.		
At Cwmcarnu.	Final Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	0	1 0
Cwmcaru	0	0 0

*Caerphilly
Jan 18th 1902.*

CARDIFF RESERVES v CAERPHILLY.		
At Caerphilly. After a very keen and exciting game Caerphilly in the first half scored a try, and in the final half Cardiff Reserves scored a try. Referee, B. Tilly, Mountain Ash.		
	Final Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	0	1 0
Caerphilly	0	1 0

CARDIFF RESERVES v. WHIT- CHURCH.

This match between Cardiff Reserves and Whitechurch was played at the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon, the teams being represented as follow:—
Cardiff Reserves—Back, H. Young; three-quarter backs, H. Gibbs, Trehearne (capt.), A. Gay, and H. Davies; half-backs, Ryan and Stephens; forwards, Hines, Jenkins, Coppock, Summerhayes, Kirby, Stukler, D. Edwards, and R. Anckland.
Whitechurch—Back, W. Richards; three-quarter backs, D. J. Tuckett, T. Llewellyn, T. John, and J. Williams; half-backs, G. Stephens and C. Wiltshire; forwards, T. Holtham, J. Stephens (captain), F. Richards, Salmon, J. Pike, W. Broad, and W. Evans.
Referee, C. F. Thornley.

The sides folded quite half an hour late. Play was opened by Cardiff, but in the first few minutes Whitechurch forced them back to their own 25, and John Crossed the line with a try.

Fast play followed, Cardiff having slightly the best of matters and forcing a minor.

Half-time Score—		G. T. M.
Whitechurch.....	0	1 0
Cardiff Reserves.....	0	0 1

Following the restart Cardiff pressed, and again forced a minor. Fast play ensued, the ball travelling up and down the field, the home side still having the advantage. The visitors' backs tackled well, but eventually Gay crossed in the right corner, the kick for goal failing. A few moments later Jenkins succeeded in getting over with the home team's second try. The game now was of a five-and-take character till just before time, when the visitors with a fine burst invaded Cardiff's territory, and after a capital run J. Williams crossed over.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	0	2 2
Whitechurch	0	2 0

*Bristol 2nd
Jan 25th 1902*

CARDIFF RESERVES v BRISTOL 2nds.
At Bristol. Owing to recent snow and a thaw the ground was very heavy.
Cardiff did not bring a strong team, three of their men playing for the Cardiff First team. Bristol Second, however, were well represented, and had the best of the first half, and in the first part of the second they went very near scoring several times. The dropped goal which gave the visitors their victory was very questionable, and the referee's decision was not received at all favourably, he being loudly hooted for some minutes. Young dropped a goal for Cardiff.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	*1 0 0
Bristol 2nd	11 0 0
*Dropped *Penalty		

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*Chepstow
Feb 8th 1902*

CARDIFF RESERVES v CHEPSTOW.
The Cardiff Reserves, weakened in the back division owing to the inclusion of several of their players in the side doing duty for the Premiers at Newport, engaged the Chepstow Club at Cardiff Arms Park.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	1 2 8
Chepstow	.....	0 0 1

*Gloucester 2nd
Feb 13th 1902*

CARDIFF RESERVES v GLOUCESTER 2nds.
This match, which was to have been played at Gloucester, was postponed.

*Newport 2nd
Feb 22nd 1902*

*Abandoned
owing to Snow "International"*

Moseley 2nd
March 1902

Moseley Seconds, nil; Cardiff Reserves, one goal, one try.

Swansea 2nd
March 15th 1902

CARDIFF RESERVES v SWANSEA 2nd.

The Cardiff Reserves this afternoon engaged the Swansea Second string on the Cardiff Arms Park. The teams were:-

Cardiff Reserves—Back, W F Young; three-quarter backs, W H King, H Davies, M Wayne Morgan, and E G Treharne; half-backs, D Ryan and P Uresize; forwards, H Hutchings, W Jenkins, H S Coppock, D L Evans, F Hines, R Auckland, R George, and W Beer.

Swansea—Back, Wren Harris; three-quarter backs, Jowett, Morgan, Baylis, and Harris; half-backs, H Williams and D J Lewis; forwards, W Hill (captain), Silo Jones, E Morgan, W Taylor, George Taylor, G Williams, J Phillips, and Phillips.

Referee, Mr Crawley, Cardiff.

The attendance was good and the conditions were favourable to accurate football. The opening stages were all in favour of Swansea, whose forwards combined better. Their tackling was very effective, and in the art of following up they were very efficient. Playing with the wind they were able to pin Cardiff in their own 25 for a considerable time, and once the full-back put in an excellent drop for goal, which narrowly missed the objective. Cardiff then suddenly rallied, and King made a long run along the touchline, which put a very different complexion on the game. The Cardiff quartette, Treharne, Morgan, and Davies being prominent, made several efforts to get through, but the tackling was too keen. Swansea again return to the attack, but now that the Cardiff forwards were doing better they could make no great headway. Wayne Morgan started the three-quarters repeatedly, but they failed to make the most of their opportunities. Young at full back won repeated applause for his long kicks to touch. Later on, however, he waited for the ball to "dip," with the result he lost possession, and a second later his kick was charged down. Silo Jones, who was playing a very hard game, followed up smartly, and was able to score a try far in the corner. The try was not improved upon. Young was injured in the impact, receiving a nasty crack on the head, which necessitated his retirement. The Swansea backs on the restart showed smart combination, and excellent passing by them resulted in another try being registered through T. Phillips. The kick failed.

Half-time Score—	G. T. M.
Swansea.....	0 2 0
Cardiff	0 0 0

Young resumed on the restart of play. Jowett, who was playing wing to Morgan, had been particularly active in the first half and still required a lot of watching. Cardiff utilised the wind with good results in this half. Play had throughout been vigorous, and the game was not many minutes old ere Hill, the clever Swansea forward, was hurt, and had to leave the field, apparently in great pain. The Cardiff forwards afterwards came away with a dangerous dribble, but Harris saved in brilliant fashion. A minute later Hines was over with a try, which Treharne failed to negotiate. Cardiff now had plenty of chances, but the play of the backs was very uncertain. Baylis and Harris defended gallantly for Swansea, and the play of the full back was always reliable, although once in kicking in front of his own goal he made a bad mistake. Cardiff were awarded a free, but W Morgan failed with the kick. Cardiff afterwards pressed hotly, but the defence of the Swansea men then got into Cardiff 25, and here gave a magnificent exhibition of the handling code, quite half the team transferring. The ball was taken over the line by Morgan and Lewis, and a try appeared to have been won—and apparently a well-deserved one—but the referee ordered a scrum made outside. The Swansea backs continued to shine, but severely, but they were inadequately supported by their backs, and when the whistle sounded Swansea had worked out of danger.

Final Score—	G. T. M.
Swansea 2nd	0 2 0
Cardiff Reserves	0 1 0

REMARKS.

Swansea on the day's play deserved their win especially when it is remembered that Hill, their captain, had to retire early in the second half. The Cardiff pack, although scarcely as resourceful as their opponents, gave plenty of opportunities to the backs in the second half; and it is entirely due to the failure of the third line that the home side failed to pull the match out of the fire. Their perilous efforts at attacking at this period were gallant to the extreme. The Swansea side is one of more than ordinary strength, and the passing movement in the second half, in which half the team participated, will be allowed by every true sportsman to be one of the finest exhibitions of the handling code seen on the park this season. For the visitors every man did well. The complete tackling of the third line and close watching, was always reliable, and Lewis, whose attack contained more sting than any player on the field, deserves special mention for invaluable service to his side.

Whitchurch
March 8th 1902

CARDIFF RESERVES v WHITCHURCH.

At Whitchurch. Prior to the match the Whitchurch Brass Band played selections. Teams:- Whitchurch—Back, Porter; three-quarter backs, Martins, Williams, Thomas, and J Tuckett; half-backs, Steyer, Evans, Williams, Pike, and Rugman. Broad, Boyer, and Wiltshire; forwards, Salaman, Broad, Boyer, Evans, Williams, Pike, and Rugman.

Cardiff Reserves—Back, W F Young; three-quarter backs, M Wayne Morgan, H Davies, E G Treharne, and W H King; half-backs, Gailfiths and D Ryan; forwards, F Hines, R Auckland, D Evans, H S Coppock, Beere, L George, Totterdale, and A Jenkins.

The visitors commenced operations, and their superior weight in front soon enabled them to attack. Their backs had numerous chances, but in spite of fine work by Wayne Morgan and Ryan failed to penetrate the home defence. A fine kick by Thomas put Whitchurch in a good position, but Young kicked over and saved. From a subsequent loose forward rush Auckland crossed for the Reserves, Treharne converting.

Half-time Score—	G. T. M.
Reserves	1 0 0
Whitchurch	0 0 0

From the restart play for a time ruled even, but the superiority of the Reserves was not long in asserting itself. So much were the home forwards outweighed that scarcely once did they give their backs possession, with the result that the Cardiff backs were very busy in attacking. Ryan and Treharne crossing, the latter converting his own try.

Final Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	2 1 0
Whitchurch	0 0 0

Newport 2nd
March 1902

Newport 2nd v. Cardiff 2nd.—Whilst the premiers did battle at the Cardiff Arms Park the second strings tried conclusions at Newport. Final score—Cardiff, 3 goals 1 try 1 minor; Newport, 1 try 2 minors.

March 29th 1902.
Taunton

CARDIFF RESERVES v TAUNTON.
At Taunton in dry, though dull weather, with the ground in excellent state. The visitors opened the scoring immediately after the start, Jones securing an unconverted try. Coppock, a Cardiff man, was injured, and the visitors played one short, as did Taunton in the second half. At half-time Cardiff led by 14 points to 5. Arnold (Taunton) got a try soon after the restart. Shorrocks greatly distinguished himself on the Taunton side. Final score:— Cardiff Reserves, 23 points; Taunton, 15 points.

April 3rd 1902
Romilly

CARDIFF RESERVES v CARDIFF ROMILLY.
Final Score— G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves 0 1 0
Cardiff Romilly 0 0 0

REMARKS
By their mediocre display it is evident that the Cardiff Romilly—the conquerors of Canton—were either suffering from extreme nervousness, or else they went on to the field a beaten team at the start. They showed nothing like the vigour they displayed in their League matches. To be charitable, it is far preferable to put their play down to nervousness, a fact very much to be regretted, especially as in the West End they are considered the champion Senior League XV. Guy Treherne seemed more at home with the Reserves than he did with the Premiers. Power shone well at half, whilst George and Hines were the best of the Reserves pack. If all the Romilly pack showed the form that Morris and Rees did the result would have been far different. Stodley was the best of the losing three-quarters, whilst Young outshone Wood at full-back. Taken altogether the game was very disappointing, no combination being shown on either side.

March 31st
Weston Super Mare

CARDIFF RESERVES v WESTON-SUPER-MARE.
At Weston. For the first twenty minutes Weston had much the better of play. A foul by the visitors under goal enabled Weston to land three points from the penalty. Just before the interval the visitors scored a try, placing the teams on an equality. Subsequently the visitors proved much smarter, and ran in two cleverly converted tries, winning by 13 points to 3.

Final Score— G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves 2 1 0
Weston-super-Mare * 1 0 0
*Penalty.

April 12th 1902
Penylan

CARDIFF RESERVES v PENYLAN.

This fixture, in which considerable interest was excited, was played on the Cardiff Arms Park. Both sides were strongly represented. Penylan were assisted by their old member, W. C. Rees, of Cardiff Firsts, and among the Reserves were Hart and Hines, the first-named having recently several times assisted the premiers, and the latter having made appearances last season. The teams were:—
Penylan—Back, H. Massey; three-quarter backs, G. McGrath, D. Evans, D. Stevens, and M. Fletcher; half-backs, H. W. Hyde and T. Jones; forwards, B. T. Jones, D. Edwards, B. Stumbley, B. Roper, L. Williams, W. C. Rees, W. Evans, and A. Lewis.
Cardiff—Back, Young; three-quarter backs, G. Treherne, H. Davies, W. H. King and Charles Jones; half-backs, R. Powell and D. Ryan; forwards, Hart, Hines, George Pyne, A. Lewis, Auckland, Summerhayes, and D. Evans.

Penylan kicked off, and their forwards, led by W. C. Rees, followed up swiftly and prevented a return. The opening stages of play were confined to the forwards, and each side appeared to be bent upon keeping the ball as close as possible. The monotony was once relieved by Theo Jones, who ran cleverly ahead, and threatened the Reserve line. A fine kick by Massey, the Penylan full-back, was applauded, and then the Reserves' forward work got for the first time into Penylan's 25 and forced a miscalculation. On the restart the Cardiff left wing, composed of Davies and King, did some clever attacking work, but Massey was again reliable and impeded their progress with a fine kick to touch. King was conspicuous for a tricky run, and then the Cardiff forwards severely pressed their opponents. Summerhayes once came away at a great pace and looked a certain scorer. The defence of Penylan, notably that of the left wing players, was always sound, and just before half-time the venue was changed by quick following up to the Cardiff 25. There W. C. Rees got away smartly, but his progress was impeded by the Cardiff forwards, who went for him in a bunch.

Half-time Score— G. T. M.
Cardiff 0 0 1
Penylan 0 0 0

The first feature of the second half was a very fine run by Power. His pass, when in difficulty, to Jones was well taken, but the touchline was gained, and further progress was impeded. Young, the Cardiff ensign, then received the ball from a kick and made a very fine but unsuccessful shot at goal. The visitors thereafter improved, and, thanks to their forwards, put Cardiff on the defensive. The home backs were now very erratic, and when the play was removed to the other end of the field they displayed much of the same hesitancy. Several rosy chances presented themselves, but the Cardiff players failed to take advantage of them. Although with King's kicking no fault could be found, Power then secured possession, and skirting the scrum when it seemed better policy to pass out, won his way over with a smart try. Treherne sent in an excellent shot from a difficult angle, but the ball fell just a trifle short. Hyde afterwards for Penylan made a clever run along the touch and kicked to allow his forwards to follow up. Lewis of the Mackintosh held and sent in a fine kick to touch. The Cardiff three-quarters started another passing movement, and they managed things more cleverly this time, with the result that King forced his way over. Treherne converted.

Final Score— G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves 1 1 1
Penylan 0 0 0

REMARKS
The game was disappointing, and notable chiefly for the number of opportunities thrown away by both sides. Good combined play was altogether absent, although occasionally some glimpses of smart individual play was shown. But the players forfeited the good opinion formed of them the next moment by their hesitancy and inability to seize their opportunities. Cardiff Reserves deserved their win, and displayed on the whole a superiority in all phases of play. Penylan were pastmasters, and have played many a smarter game this season.

Cardiff Football Club.



Reserves'

1902

Easter Tour.

MATCHES.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29th -

Taunton.

EASTER MONDAY, MARCH 31st -

Weston-super-Mare.

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RESERVES' RECORD.

1901/02

OPPONENTS.		Results.	Points for.			Points against.		
			G.	T.	P.	G.	T.	P.
1901.								
Sept. 21	Weston-Super-Mare	Won	0	1	3	0	0	0
" 28	Taffs Wells	Won	2	1	13	0	0	0
Oct. 5	Bristol 2nds.	Won	1	0	5	0	0	0
" 12	Cheltenham College	Won	6	3	39	0	0	0
" 19	Newport 2nds.	Won	*4	1	22	0	0	0
" 26	Swansea 2nds.	Won	1	1	8	0	1	3
Nov. 2	Moseley 2nds.	Won	*1	2	10	0	0	0
" 9	Taffs Well	Won	2	3	19	0	0	0
" 16	Gloucester 2nds.	Lost	0	1	3	1	0	5
" 23	Newport 2nds.	Won	*1	1	7	0	0	0
" 30	Roath	Won	1	2	11	0	1	3
Dec. 7	Cwmcarne	Won	+3	3	22	0	1	3
" 14	Caerphilly	Drawn	1	0	5	1	0	5
" 21	Penylan	Drawn	Not played			Frost.		
" 26	Chepstow	Drawn	0	0	0	0	0	0
1902.								
Jan. 1	Penarth Old Boys	Won	2	7	31	0	0	0
" 4	Cwmcarne	Won	0	1	3	0	0	0
" 11	Whitechurch	Drawn	0	2	6	0	2	6
" 18	Caerphilly	Drawn	0	1	3	0	1	3
" 25	Bristol 2nds.	Won	*1	0	4	+1	0	3
Feb. 1	Scotland v. Wales	Won	International.			0 0 0		
" 8	Chepstow	Won	1	2	11	0	0	0
" 15	Gloucester 2nds.	Postponed	Frost			0 0 0		
" 22	Newport 2nds.	Abandoned	Inter. Soc.			0 0 0		
Mar. 1	Moseley 2nds.	Won	1	1	8	0	0	0
" 8	Whitechurch	Won	2	1	13	0	0	0
" 15	Swansea 2nds.	Lost	0	1	3	0	2	6
" 22	Newport 2nds.	Won	3	1	18	0	1	3
" 29	Taunton	Won	*3	3	23	3	0	15
" 31	Weston-Super-Mare	Won	+2	1	13	+1	0	3
April 5	Romilly	Won	0	1	3	0	0	0
" 12	Penylan	Won	1	1	8	0	0	0
			39	42	314	7	9	58

* Drop Goal.

+ Penalty.

‡ Mark.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS.

Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.
28	22	2	4

LIST OF TRY GETTERS.

E. G. Trehanne, 14; W. H. King, 11; F. Hines, 6; W. Jones, 3; W. Hart, 4; H. Davis, 4; W. Gibbs, 3; N. Thomas, 3; W. Williams, 3; V. Jenkins, 3; D. Ryan, 3; L. George, 2; H. Hutchins, 2; C. Biggs, 2; D. Evans, 2; D. Griffiths, 2; R. Power, 2; W. Card, 1; Kirby, 1; R. Auckland, 1; W. Morgan, 1; C. Jones, 1; A. Mitchell, 1.

Season 1902-1903

Whitchurch
Sept 20th 1902

CARDIFF RESERVES v. WHITCHURCH.

Played at the Cardiff Arms Park after the premiere match. The teams were—

Whitchurch—Back, F. Boothby; three-quarter backs, E. Jones, D. Jones, E. Brady, and W. Williams; half-backs, J. Evans and W. Jones; forwards, J. Stephens, D. Pike, B. Wiles, W. Evans, J. Rugman, W. Jenkins, C. Hawkins, and G. Page.

Cardiff Reserves—Back, H. Young; three-quarter backs, H. King, E. Trehanue, E. Brady, and Spencer; half-backs, E. Jones and D. Rees; forwards, R. Auckland (captain), W. Neill, H. Summerhayes, F. Coppock, H. Coppock, Meyrick, Priest, and Pyne.

It was a runaway match. Whitchurch played like men dazed after the first point, and the final was 1 goal 5 tries to nil. Neill, Auckland, and Meyrick played well to the front among the winning pack, who worked well together. The Cynon Stars halves were nippy, but they had ample chances and very little opposition. Jones was the better of the pair. King was erratic at three-quarter. Often he took his passes splendidly—usually his weak point—and he sprouted fast, but he was too fond of punting into the open, and by his following up, only to find the ball kicked over his head, wasting a lot of energy. Young at full back was not seen at his best, but he played creditably. The Coppocks should be given fair trial. They have all the physical qualifications essential. The scorers were King (2), Trehanue, Evan Jones, W. Neill, and H. Coppock.

Mackintosh
Sept 27th 1902

Cardiff Reserves v Mackintosh.

Played on Cardiff Arms Park. The Macks had much the better of play until the closing stages. Ernie Jones scored a try for them, which Fitzgerald converted. D. Griffiths scored a try for Cardiff, which was unimproved. The visitors held greatest advantage forward, playing with greater cohesion. Neill and Jenkins, the old premier team forwards, were in the Reserves' pack, but neither came out much on top. Neill seemed not to exert himself, but his handwork was good, and Jenkins must have been in good nick, for he was going great guns towards the end. The game seemed likely to end in a win for the Macks, when Hube Harding was awarded a dropped goal, which some of the Macks disputed. Harding was the pick of the centres, and Litchfield the best of the wing players. Playing without his regular partner the Cynon Star half was poor.

Final score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	1 1 0
Mackintosh	.....	1 0 0
*Dropped.		

Bristol
Oct 4th 1902

Cheltenham College
Oct 4th 1902

BRISTOL 2nd v. CARDIFF 2nd.

Played on the County Ground, Bristol, in seasonable weather. Both sides were well represented, the teams being:—

Cardiff—Back, Young; three-quarter backs, King, A. W. Jones, Gay, and Litchfield; half-backs, Ryan and Cochran; forwards, Auckland, Neill, Summerhayes, Harding, Franks, Hines, Johnson, and Willis.

Bristol—Back, Shewring; three-quarter backs, Straker, Evans, Arbery, and Gibson; half-backs, Arbery and Bartlett; forwards, Marks, Dodds, Durbin, Yeoman, Griffiths, Kibbey, Bird, and Stubbs.

Final score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff 2nd	.....	1 3 0
Bristol 2nd	.....	0 0 0
*Penalty.		

Discontinued—
Cardiff Reserves, 6 goals (2 dropped) 4 tries;
Cheltenham College, 1 try.
Litchfield scored 1 goal; D. Griffiths scored 1 try.
Newport A, 1 try; Cheltenham College, 0.
Rovers, 2 try; Mackintosh, 0.

Newport 2nd
Oct 18th 1902

NEWPORT 2nds v. CARDIFF 2nds.

Whilst the premier combinations were doing battle in the Cardiff Arms Park, the Newport and Cardiff Seconds strings were engaged on the Ushide enclosure.

Cardiff showed to much better advantage than their opponents in the first half; their combination was much superior, and they therefore made more use of their opportunities, hence the two tries which were scored before the interval. Newport combined more together in the second half and played with much more dash and vigour.

	G. T. M.
Cardiff	0 2 0
Newport	1 0 0

Chepstow
Nov 1st 1902

CHEPSTOW v. CARDIFF RESERVES.

This match was played at Chepstow. Teams:—Chepstow—Back, C Bigley; three-quarter backs, H Edwards, H Ellis, R Huggett and T Hobbs; half-backs, B Edwards and C Edwards; forwards, C Curator, C Holley, T Spencer, P Morgan, W Dunn, H Jones, H Holley, and W Wyatt.

Cardiff—Back, Fitzgerald; three-quarter backs, A Gay, Litchfield, Walker, and W E Davies; half-backs, Griffiths and Ryan; forwards, Auckland, Willis, Somerhayes, Hind, Harding, Doyle, Thomas, and Lloyd.

The match, as the score shows, was a one-sided one. The weakness of Chepstow in the back division was accentuated by Ellis, Chepstow's most reliable three-quarter, falling ill early in the game. In the first half the home forwards fairly well held their own in the scrummages, but the visiting backs thoroughly outclassed the home forwards, and were almost entirely responsible for the scoring.

	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	1 5 0
Chepstow	0 0 0

Swansea 2nd
Oct 25th 1902

CARDIFF RESERVES v. SWANSEA 2nd. Cardiff's Record Sullied.

There was a fair attendance of spectators at the Cardiff Arms Park to witness the game between the second strings of the Cardiff and Swansea Clubs. Neither side had up to date tasted the bitters of defeat, consequently the game was imbued with more than ordinary interest. The teams lined out as follows:—

Reserves—Back, D Fitzgerald; three-quarter backs, W King, A Gay, R Thomas, and Litchfield; half-backs, R Power and D Griffiths; forwards, R Auckland (captain), J Willis, H Summerhayes, J Lewis, D Evans, W Thomas, E Owen, and P Hines.

Swansea 2nd—Back, Wren Harris; three-quarter backs, Phil Hopkins, Arnold, Rapsey, and Coad; half-backs, D J Lewis and Rhys Rees; forwards, Hill, W Ambrey, Geo Taylor, J Williams, Tom Evans, Phillips, A Jones, and Perkins.

Referee, Mr W R Mills, Llwynypia.

	Half-time Score—	G. T. M.
Swansea 2nd	0 0 2	
Cardiff Reserves	0 0 0	

Play had only been in progress a few minutes when an unfortunate incident occurred. "Ginger" Thomas who throughout had been playing a magnificent game, collided with one of the Swansea forwards. The collision necessitated the old Grenadier Guardsman retiring from any further participation in the game. With only fourteen men playing Cardiff were now at a serious disadvantage, still they pluckily stuck to their work and kept the All Whites on the defensive for some time. From some loose play in the Swansea half the All Whites forwards came away with a dribble which brought play to the Cardiff 25, where Phil Hopkins picked up, and dodging Fitzgerald, scored a try, which Arnold failed to convert. From now until the conclusion of the game Cardiff were compelled to act on the defensive, Swansea forwards simply playing with the Welsh Metropolitan. Time was called with Swansea still pressing.

On the day's play Cardiff were beaten, and deservedly too. Swansea held the upper hand throughout. Forward Cardiff held a slight advantage until the unfortunate accident to "Ginger" Thomas, that is so far as the tight scrummages are concerned. Once the ball got loose, however, it was all Lombard-street to an orange on the All Whites. Time after time did the Cardiff forwards get the ball only to be robbed of it by either Lewis or Rees, who combined capitally at half-back, the Glamorgan county man completely outwitting Power and Griffiths, who throughout the game seemed to lack the nous necessary against such a tricky pair as the Swansea men. Until his injury "Ginger" Thomas was far and away the best forward on the field. Hines, however, displayed fine form, and will without a doubt again secure his place in the first fifteen ere many weeks. Auckland, the captain, too showed up prominently, but he will have to tutor his men a bit more in the art of packing, otherwise Saturday's defeat will not be the only one. The half-backs have been already dealt with. W. King and A. Gay were the best of a moderate quartette of backs, the former, however, must abandon that habit of loose kicking. It nearly cost him a try on Saturday. The Swansea fifteen played remarkably well, the forwards in particular showing excellent form. It was at half and three-quarters that the All Whites excelled, Arnold and Phil Hopkins (Pontardawe) being simply superb on the right wing. To sum up, Swansea won, and won cleverly. On the day's play they were immeasurably superior to Cardiff, and ought to have made a larger score.

	Final Score—	G. T. M.
Swansea 2nds	0 1 3	
Cardiff Reserves	0 0 0	
Cardiff Reserves	0 0 0	
Tredogan	0 0 0	

Gloucester 2nd
Nov 15th 1902

Gloucester 2 nd	0	3	4
Cardiff 2 nd	0	1	0
Bristol	1	0	0
Cardiff 2 nd	0	0	0
Gloucester 2 nd	2	4	0
A.	1	0	0

Caerphilly
Nov 29th 1902

CAERPHILLY v. CARDIFF RESERVES.

Cardiffians Third Defeat.

Unusual interest was taken in this match at Caerphilly, quite a record gate being present to witness the first game of the season between these clubs. The Reserves were compelled to reconstitute the fifteen which did so well against Newport 2nd last week. W. Williams, an old veteran, being pressed into the three-quarters, whilst Thomas, of the Londons, filled Coughlin's place at half, E. Franks (Dinas Powis) and D. Davies (Canton) filling vacancies in the front rank. The Caerphilly team turned out as selected.

Half-time Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	0 0 2
Caerphilly	0 0 0

Rain was falling throughout the second half. For a short period Caerphilly pressed hotly, but the attempts of the Brothers Norton to get away from the scrum completely failed, the ball being so difficult to hold. E. Williams eventually got possession, and running strongly he got well up to the Caerphilly 25, where he put in a kick which beat Butler, and splendid following up by the Cardiff forwards brought the venue to the Caerphilly goal-line. Here Ryan trickily beat both the Brothers Norton and got across with a try, which Fitzgerald failed to convert. Play after this was of a give-and-take character, being principally confined to the forwards. About ten minutes from the finish of play Caerphilly came away well, and from a lot of loose play on the Cardiff goal-line Jack Jones scrambled over with a try which Addicott failed to convert. After this innumerable free kicks were awarded both side, from one of which Addicott, of Caerphilly, again distinguished himself by splendidly following up, and securing possession raced across with Caerphilly's second try. Try as they would the Reserves could not equalise, and thus they sustained their third reverse of the season.

Final Score—	G. T. M.
Caerphilly	0 2 1
Cardiff Reserves	0 1 3

Newport 2nd
Nov 22nd 1902

CARDIFF RESERVES v. NEWPORT 2ND.

Whilst the premiers were engaged at Newport, the second strings met for their second meeting on the Cardiff Arms Park. Up to date Cardiff Reserves have played nine matches, seven of which they have won, the other two, viz., against Swansea 2nds and Phil Harriers, being lost. Newport Seconds, too, have participated in seven games, five wins and two losses being credited to them. When the clubs met at Newport a few weeks ago Cardiff were successful by two tries to a goal. The attendance when a start was made at 3.15—quarter of an hour after time—was considerably below the usual crowd. Both sides suffered from absences, the most noticeable being the non-appearance of the brothers Norton.

With the second moiety of the game played in semi-darkness it is practically impossible to give a fair criticism of the day's play. Suffice it to say that Coughlin and Ryan completely outshone the Newport halves who play a very so-so game. Forward too, Cardiff held a great advantage. Hines, Doyle and E. J. Auckland being ever to the forefront Syd Rees was the best of a very weak quartette of three-quarters, whilst Fitzgerald at back played superbly. R. B. Griffiths was the shining light of the Newport back division, time after time outwitting his opponents by his clever dodging tactics. Unfortunately his conferees failed to support him in a proper manner. Vile has the making of a good half-back if he will only sink that individual notion which he possesses, once he had a rare opportunity of running across, but preferred to take a shot at goal, a certain score thus being lost. J. W. Dunn and Tydesley were the best of the forwards, the old Hartlepool player showing once again that he has lost none of that dash which characterised his play previous to his departure some few seasons ago from the Uskside to the North. Mr Wayne Morgan, W.R.U., officiated as referee.

Final Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	0 1 0
Newport 2nd	0 0 0

Newport Player's Injury.

The Newport full-back was removed to the Queen's Hotel, and examined by Dr. W. G. Williams, who is himself a footballer. The doctor found that the player was suffering from a fractured shoulder blade.

Chepstow
Dec 13th 1902

CARDIFF RESERVES v. CHEPSTOW.

The Reserves deserved to win. There was a certain amount of evenness between the two packs, but at half, three-quarter, and full-back they were by far better than their opponents, and a bigger score would have more accurately represented their superiority.

Final Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	1 2 3
Chepstow	0 0 0

*Pontnewynydd
Dec 20 1902*

PONTNEWYNYDD V. CARDIFF RESERVES.

The flourishing junior team in the Eastern Valley met for the first time at Pontnewynydd the Cardiff second team. The visitors did not bring a fully representative team, and played one forward short. Franks, Jenkins (forwards) and Jones (three-quarter) were absent, but the places of the two latter were taken by Huggett and Ford respectively. Chapman, of Newport seconds made his first appearance for Cardiff at centre. The homesters had their usual team with the exception of Watkins, a reserve who played centre.

	Final Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	0 4 0
Pontnewynydd	.....	0 0 0

Remarks.

The visitors had the best of the game although they were several of their ordinary players short, they had two good substitutes in Chapman, of the Newport Seconds, playing at half, and Huggett, of Chepstow, on the wing. The former did particularly well and was conspicuous for some very tricky work. Huggett also played a splendid game. Fitzgerald was safe at back. On the Pontnewynydd side Powis and Sam Lloyd gave a good account of themselves, the former putting in some good kicking. Lamb at full-back did well.

*Cowbridge
Dec 27 1902*

CARDIFF RESERVES V. COWBRIDGE. Coughlin Hurt.

Cardiff Reserves went down to Cowbridge to play the premier team of the ancient borough. The game proved of an interesting character. Cowbridge were stronger in the forward line, but at three-quarter they were outclassed by much faster men. The game ended in a win for the Reserves by 9 points. Towards the end of the first half for the Cardiff Premiers, who has played for the Cardiff Reserves, was simultaneously tackled by the two centres, and was forced to leave the field for about a quarter of an hour. The scorers were Litchfield, Rees, and Huggett. Cowbridge were without C. Thomas at half-back, but his substitute, Herbie Thomas, played a remarkably good game.

	Final Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	0 3 0
Cowbridge	.....	0 0 0

*Caerphilly
Jan 3 1903*

CARDIFF RESERVES V. CAERPHILLY.

Two Players Ordered Off.

Statement by the Referee.

At Cardiff Arms Park before a large crowd. In the first engagement between the two clubs at Caerphilly the homesters won by two tries to one. The teams lined out as follow:—

Cardiff Reserves—Back, Young; three-quarter backs, Rees, Huggett, Fitzgerald, and Litchfield; half-backs, Coughlin and Ryan; forwards, R Auckland, W Hart, H Hines, D Reed, Davies, H Summerhayes, C Doyle, and E Franks.

Caerphilly—Back, Butler; three-quarter backs, G Reddick, T Evans, B Brady, and W Addicot; half-backs, brothers Norton; forwards, S Evans, W Lille, W Probert, A Westhead, J Jones, W Jones, J Kinsey, and D Thomas.

In the first half the Reserves were continually attacking, and before a quarter of an hour's play had lapsed Litchfield had crossed twice and Reed once, Young converting Litchfield's second try. The game was kept open, and being served well by Coughlin and Ryan the home three-quarters brought off several bouts of passing. The Nortons were too well matched to get their backs in motion, and the consequence was that on the visitors' side play was practically confined to the forwards. During some loose play Litchfield obtained possession and got on the line, where a scrum was formed. The ball was passed out to the backs, and Fitzgerald just before the half-time whistle went dropped a fine goal.

	Half-time Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	* 2 2 0
Caerphilly	.....	0 0 0

* One dropped.

During the opening stages of the second half the visitors played with more dash than in the first half, and the game was of a more even nature, but there were incidents of a rough character, and the referee (Mr J. Phelps, Barry) ordered Auckland (Cardiff) and M. Norton (Caerphilly) off the field. Auckland protested that he had been assaulted, but the referee held to his decision, and for the remainder of the game each side only played 14 men. On three or four occasions the game was suspended through injuries to players. For five or ten minutes Caerphilly were dangerous, but a fine burst by the home forwards, and a clever run by Syd Reed took play down to the visitors' line. After a few moments, however, the pressure was relieved, and when the final whistle went play was in mid field.

	Final Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	* 2 2 0
Caerphilly	.....	0 0 1

* One dropped.

Remarks.

The heavy ground affected the pace of the play, and made it difficult to handle the ball, but during the greater portion of the time the match was very interesting, and the Reserves were easily the better team. At half Coughlin and Ryan played with greater skill than the Brothers Norton, and acting as they undoubtedly were behind a superior pack, they were continually feeding their three-quarters. Coughlin was particularly in good form, being always sure on his feet and smartly. Litchfield was prominent among the backs, and Young at full was a safer custodian than the Caerphilly full. In pace the home pack were faster than the opposing side, and they wheeled better, but in weight there was little to choose between the forwards on either side. Seen with reference to the suspension of he saw the ball fall or throw from Auckland into Norton's face, and that afterwards the Caerphilly half struck the Cardiff forward in the face. He was not, he added, in a position to state that Auckland threw the ball deliberately at Norton, but under the circumstances he felt he had no alternative but to treat both players alike, and thus ordered both off the field.

*University College
Jan 10 1903*

CARDIFF 2nd V. UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

Played at the Cardiff Arms Park, before what was under the circumstances a large crowd.

	Half-time Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff 2nd	.....	1 3 0
University College	.....	0 0 0
	Final Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff 2nd	.....	3 5 0
University College	.....	0 0 0

Whitchurch
Jan 17 1903.

Wounded
"Frost"

Maindee United v. Bolton Juniors.
West-Endpool v. Old Leysians.
Yasid v. Resolven.
Castelford v. Munningham.
Abertillery v. Cardiff St. David's.
Whitchurch v. Cardiff Reserves.
Dinas Powis v. Caerphilly.
Newport Celtic v. Bedwas.
Llanes v. Tonrhyndol.
Yasid v. Resolven.
Newport A v. Pontypool.
Cardiff v. Grange Stars.
Dinas Powis v. Cynon Stars.

Pill Harriers
Jan 31 1903

PILL HARRIERS (NEWPORT) V. CARDIFF A.

These teams met for the return match on the Harriers' ground in fine weather to-day, and before a good gate, but the wind was variable and nullified exact play. The following were the teams—

Cardiff A—Back Owen; three-quarter backs, Litchfield, Rees Chapman and Huggott; half-backs Fryer and Coughlin; forwards, W Hart, Davies, Hines, Gill, Evans, Coughlin, Evans, and Huggins.

Pill Harriers—Back, W Dunn; three-quarter backs, L Llewellyn, C Welter, C H Manship, and D Seer; half-backs, W Moses and W Harvey; forwards, G Travers (captain), J Carpenter, H E Baldwin, G Jones, J Williams, A Innes, F Stone, H E Baldwin.

Referee, Mr G. Jones, Cwmbran.
Travers, the home skipper, started operations, and the visitors made a determined invasion, but H Welter put in a long punt, finding touch with unerring surety. For the next ten minutes the Harriers were making determined efforts to clear their line, but they failed, and from a scrum near the goal post E Coughlin dashed over and notched the first try of the game. The Harriers then pressed and kept up a persistent invasion and had hard luck in not scoring. Before half-time arrived Litchfield got a pass and outpacing his opponents ran in cleverly. The Harriers strove to retrieve matters, and Seer all but took the ball over, whilst Harvey took a penalty for off side, and sent the ball finely for the bar, but the wind took it and it struck the cross-bar and fell inside. Carpenter ultimately got over.

Final—Pill, 1 goal 2 tries; Cardiff 2nd, 2 tries. Harvey scored twice, saving Pill's ground record for 5 years.

Pill Harriers. 6 Van Snow Rees

Pontypool
Jan 24 1903

CARDIFF RESERVES V. PONTYPOOL.

At Cardiff in miserable weather, before a small crowd of spectators. Teams—

Cardiff—Back, F Wood; three-quarter backs, H Huggott, S Rees, W Chapman, and W Litchfield; half-backs, G Hughes and Ryan; forwards, W Hart, F Hines, E Harding, D Davies, H Summerhayes, J Macintyre, W Gill, and D Evans.

Pontypool—Back, C Cunningham; three-quarter backs, D Jones, T Jenkins, C Lloyd, and E Davies; half-backs, Reardon and Doyle; forwards, Price, G Powell, T Stone, W Jones, G Carr, H Truman, M Brimble, and G Watkins.

Referee, Mr W A Martin, Newport.

It was far from being an interesting game, play for fully three-parts of the match being confined to the forwards. In this department the Pontypool eight more readily adapted themselves to "soppy" ground than did the Cardiff lot, with the result that they were able to give Reardon and Doyle—two old Pill Harriers men—the ball more often than the Cardiff pack were able to do. In the latter portion of the game, however, the Pontypool pack seemed to be fagged and slowed down considerably. The Cardiff backs, however, failed miserably in their attempts to penetrate the visiting defence. Hines, Hart, and C. Lloyd tackling very keenly. Hines, Hart, and Summerhayes were the best of the Reserves pack, whilst Ryan was repeatedly saving his side from disaster by his daring tactics in stopping the Pontypool rushes. F. Woods at back was the only redeeming feature in the Cardiff backs' display.

Final Score—

Pontypool.....	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves.....	1 0 4
	0 1 7

Canton
Winnies of Shroveton League
Feb 7 1903

CANTON V. CARDIFF RESERVES.

The Cardiff Reserves this afternoon played their first match this season with the Canton Club.

The opening stages of play favoured Canton, whose forwards showed to good advantage. The first bout of passing came from the Canton side too and for a time the Reserves' defence was severely tested. Young and Ryan were conspicuous for their sound defensive work, and thanks to the effort and to a combined movement by the Reserve forwards the pressure was waged in the Canton 25. Here the Cardiff back division got into their stride, and the right wing, Huggott, once crossed the line. The point was not allowed, however, as there had been a palpable knock on. Cardiff still pressed and Rees once looked like putting his man in when he was collared in possession. The going was extremely heavy and players slid as if they were on ice. The result was that the character of play did not reach a very high standard. Rees once relieved the monotony with a good run down the field. Coughlin and Ryan were having the better of the argument at half and continually set their backs in motion, but the greasy state of the ball and the keen tackling of the Canton men prevented a score. Ryan, who had played a capital game at half at last beat the defence and scored in the corner. Chapman failed with the kick. Coughlin shortly after made a good but unsuccessful drop for goal. A bit of scrambling play followed and a flying kick by the Canton custodian being charged down, Chapman ran over with a try. The place kick failed.

Half-time Score—

Cardiff Reserves.....	G. T. M.
Canton.....	0 2 0
	0 0 0

The second half opened auspiciously for the Reserves, for the game was now minutes old when Summerhayes darted over with a try. In ensuing play the Harriers rendered excellent service for their side. The Reserves, however, were superior in the forwards, and it goes without saying that the Reserves pair of halves made the best of their chances. Once the Reserves quartette handled wonderfully well considering the state of the ball, and Rees on another occasion all but got over. The Canton quartette showed capital defence, and once the full-back extricated himself in very clever fashion, and gained a lot of ground for his side. While soon after this got down the field with a dribble for Canton, and the Reserves were compelled to kick out of bounds. Hugh Harding, whose defence had been very fine, then distinguished himself by putting in a clever kick in the Reserves 25. Shortly afterwards Northmore, who was well backed up by his colleagues, romped over with a try which was this time converted. Playing with excellent dash the Reserves added two more tries through Reed and Hines.

Final Score—

Cardiff Reserves.....	G. T. M.
Canton.....	1 5 0
	0 0 0

REMARKS.

The Reserves fully deserved their victory, although the score rather exaggerates their superiority. They adapted themselves better to the conditions than their opponents, and their play had more finish about it, although Canton at times showed good football.

Bristol 2nd
Feb 14th 1903

Cardiff Reserves.....	2	3	0
Bristol Reserves.....	0	1	0
*One dropped.			

Newport 2nd
Feb 21st 1903

NEWPORT SECOND v. CARDIFF SECOND.
Played at Newport in a heavy storm of wind and rain. Both sides were strongly represented, but the conditions of the weather and the slippery state of the turf made both handling and running extremely difficult. Up to half-time there was nothing of advantage to either side, and the teams crossed over without a single point being scored. Soon after the opening of the second moiety Litchfield, the Cardiff left wing, got a pass and went over with a try, which was not converted. Harding, one of the Cardiff forwards, was hurt, and had temporarily to retire, but during his absence Jennings, using his length and pace to advantage, got over with a second try, which Coughlin converted. Shortly after this Vile made a pretty opening for Newport, from which Griffiths ran in with a try, and the full back converted. This was all the scoring.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff 2nds.....	1	1
Newport 2nds.....	1	0

REMARKS.

Newport has done so poorly this season that the wonder will arise in the minds of those who have almost given up following them that they were not defeated by more than three points. They, however, played an improved game in this encounter. There was little to choose between the forwards or halves but in the second half, when Cardiff had the wind the visiting three-quarters were the better lot and quite deserved their victory.

Gloucester 2nd
Feb 25th 1903

Cardiff Reserves.....	1	2	2
Gloucester 2nd.....	0	0	0
Newport 2nds.....	0	0	0

Pontypool
Mar 7th 1903

PONTYPOOL v. CARDIFF RESERVES.

Cardiff Reserves played their return match with Pontypool at the Monmouthshire town. The previous match at Cardiff on January 24th resulted in a win for Pontypool by one goal to a try. A number of absentees in both teams necessitated several changes. Just before half-time Pontypool, who had been pressing hard, got possession, and their quartet being set in motion W. Jenkins dropped a pretty goal, putting his side ahead by four points.

Unlike the first half the second moiety was characterised by a good deal of open play. Once the visiting forwards brought off a pretty dribble all the length of the field, but Carr, one of the home forwards, touched down in the nick of time. After this Pontypool pressed until the end of the game.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Pontypool.....	1	0
Cardiff Reserves.....	0	0

*Dropped.

Remarks.

Although Pontypool won by four points and had the best of the game throughout it should be stated that the Cardiffians played an exceedingly meritorious game. The visiting halves were particularly active, and Yong, the custodian, saved time after time. For the homesters Ponty Jones and Evans were the pick of the quartette, and Price, Truman, and Thomas in the pack.

Newport 2nd
 Men 21st 1903

CARDIFF RESERVES v. NEWPORT SECONDS.

The attendance on the Cardiff Arms Park to witness the game between the second strings of Cardiff and Newport was only a moderate one. Cardiff lacked the services of Harding, who filled the vacancy in the premiers caused by Spackman standing down, Harry Wiltshire, the Roath forward, once again donning the colours for the Seconds. Newport had their full strength out.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	3	3 4
Newport Seconds	0	0 1

Remarks.

A twenty-four points to nil victory for the Reserves speaks for itself. Criticism of any player would be superfluous; suffice it to state that from the start to the finish Cardiff were the superiors. Beaten forward, Newport had no earthly chance with Coughlin and Ryan showing their best form behind the Cardiff scrum. Vile and Bennett did their best to remedy their forwards' faults, but the opposing pair were too smart. Auckland, Summerhayes, Hines, and Wiltshire, the Roath recruit, were the pick of eight good forwards, all of whom, however, played well. Frank Young at back was fair. He must, however, give over his gallery play, otherwise he may be seen amongst the juniors.

Cardiff
 April 11th 1903

Cardiff Reserves	*1	2	0
Cowbridge	0	0	0
*Penalty.			
At 2 0			

Swansea 2nd
 Rich 25th 1903

SWANSEA 2nd v. CARDIFF 2nd.

Swansea were the better team from the start to the finish. Perhaps only twice did the visitors attack. The combination of the home backs was greatly superior to their opponents. Forward matters were more equal. The game was a fast, open one, little scrummaging taking place. Lockman and Young played a sound game as custodians. Arnold was the best three-quarter for the homesters. Litchfield and Chapman were prominent for the visitors. At half the home pair distinguished themselves, whilst Ryan for Cardiff was good offensive and defensive.

Final Score—		G. T. M.
Swansea 2nds	2	2 0
Cardiff Reserves	0	0 0

*One penalty.

Newton Abbott
 April 11th 1903

Cardiff Reserves	*1	0	0
Newton Abbott	*1	0	0
*Penalty.			

Weston Super Mare
April 13th 1903

Penryn & Gwdd
Abandoned
April 18th 1903

Abandoned

WESTON-SUPER-MARE v. CARDIFF
RESERVES.

At Weston.	Final Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	2	0 0
Weston-super Mare	0	0 0

Whitchurch
April 25th 1903.

WHITCHURCH v. CARDIFF
RESERVES.

These teams met at Whitchurch in favourable weather for the last fixture of the season. Sutherland started for Whitchurch with the wind at their backs. The home forwards worked together splendidly, and good play by Morgan and Power took play to the centre. Some minutes later there was a fine bout of passing by the home backs, but Litchfield intercepting cleared splendidly. The villagers continued to play a strong game, especially forward. A mistake by the home backs enabled Cardiff to attack, and Litchfield scored a smart try. The homesters wheeled a scrum beautifully, and Richards kicking to Llewellyn the latter fielded well and scored. The kick at goal failed. Cardiff's kick out was feeble, and Jenkins dribbled to the visitors' line, Solomon scoring a try, which Llewellyn majorised.

	Half-time Score—	G. T. M.
Whitchurch	1	1 0
Cardiff Reserves	1	0 0

With a lead of eight points to five, Whitchurch forwards played up in wonderful fashion, Power repeatedly beating Cochlin. Once the Roath halves got possession, and trickily eluding the Cardiffian got well down to the Cardiff half, where he gave over to his old clubmate—Charlie Hill—who kicked well inside the visitors' 25. Clever footwork by Summerhayes, Northmore, and Hines, witnessed Cardiff again attacking. A close dribble by the forwards was responsible for Hines equalising for Cardiff. Whitchurch attacked hotly after this, Huggett and Litchfield being especially prominent for their fine defence. Boothby, on the other side, was equally prominent in attack, his kicks to touch being deservedly applauded. With only a couple of minutes remaining for play Whitchurch were doing most of the pressing. Once W. Llewellyn had a shot at goal from a penalty, but the kick, although a good one, fell short. Whitchurch were still attacking when time was called.

	Final Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	1	1 0
Whitchurch	1	1 0

1902/3

RESERVES' RECORD.

1902.	OPPONENTS.	Result.	Score for.			Score against.		
			G.	T.	P.	G.	T.	P.
Sept. 20	Whitchurch ...	Won	1	5	20	0	0	0
" 27	Mackintosh ...	Won	*1	1	7	1	0	5
Oct. 4	Bristol 2nds. ...	Won	+1	3	12	0	0	0
" 11	Cheltenham College ...	Won	+6	4	40	0	1	3
" 18	Newport 2nds. ...	Won	0	2	6	1	0	5
" 25	Swansea 2nds. ...	Lost	0	0	0	0	1	3
Nov. 1	Chepstow ...	Won	1	5	20	0	0	0
" 8	Pill Harriers ...	Lost	0	0	0	1	3	14
" 15	Gloucester 2nds. ...	Won	1	0	5	0	0	0
" 22	Newport 2nds. ...	Won	0	1	3	0	0	0
" 29	Caerphilly ...	Lost	0	1	3	0	2	6
Dec. 13	Chepstow ...	Won	1	2	11	0	0	0
" 20	Pontnewynydd ...	Won	0	4	12	0	0	0
" 27	Cowbridge ...	Won	0	3	9	0	0	0
1903.								
Jan. 5	Caerphilly ...	Won	*2	2	15	0	0	0
" 10	University College ...	Won	3	5	30	0	0	0
" 17	Whitchurch ...	Abandoned (Frost)						
" 24	Pontypool ...	Lost	0	1	3	1	0	5
" 31	Pillgwenlly Harriers ...	Lost	0	2	6	1	2	11
Feb. 7	Canton (winners of District League)	Won	1	5	20	0	0	0
" 14	Bristol 2nds. ...	Won	*2	3	18	0	1	3
" 21	Newport 2nds. ...	Won	1	1	8	1	0	5
" 28	Gloucester 2nds. ...	Won	1	2	11	0	0	0
March 7	Pontypool ...	Lost	0	0	0	*1	0	4
" 21	Newport 2nds. ...	Won	3	3	24	0	0	0
" 28	Swansea 2nds. ...	Lost	0	0	0	+2	2	14
April 4	Cowbridge ...	Won	+1	2	9	0	0	0
" 11	Newton Abbott ...	Drawn	+1	0	3	+1	0	3
" 13	Weston-super-Mare ...	Won	2	0	10	0	0	0
" —	Pontnewynydd ...	Abandoned.						
" 25	Whitchurch ...	Drawn	1	1	8	1	1	8
			30	58	313	11	13	89

* Drop Goal. † Penalty. ‡ 2 Dropped Goals.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS.
Played 29. Won 20. Lost 7. Drawn 2.

List of Scorers.

Try-getters—W. Litchfield, 13; D. Ryan, 7; E. Cochlin, 6; A. Gay, 6; R. Huggett, 5; F. Hines, 5; H. Summerhayes, 4; S. Rees, W. King, W. Neill, D. Griffiths, W. Walkey, R. Auckland, E. Harding, and D. Reed, 2 each; E. G. Treharne, H. Coppock, E. Jones, W. A. Jones, W. Gerrish, T. Richards, H. Walkey, E. Franks, C. Doyle, Northmore, F. Chapman, E. Jennings, D. Warner, Murray, Stollery, and W. Jenkins, 1 each.

E. Cochlin kicked 7 goals from tries and 2 penalty goals; F. Young, 5 converted goals, 2 penalty goals, 1 drop goal; F. Chapman, 4 converted goals, 1 penalty goal; W. Jenkins, 4 converted goals; R. Auckland, 1 converted goal; D. Fitzgerald, 1 converted goal, 1 drop goal; H. Harding, 1 drop goal.

Season 1903-1904

Sept 19th 1903
Whitchurch

Sept 26th 1903
Grange Stars

CARDIFF RESERVES v. WHITCHURCH.
Cardiff second string opened their season by meeting Whitchurch at the Park, on the conclusion of the seniors game. Both sides suffered from absenteeism.
The match was not really interesting, and only one man stood out well ahead of his fellows—Evans, the recruit from Pill. Lewis, at half, was not seen to such advantage as last week.
Final Score— G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves 0 1 0
Whitchurch 1 0 0

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Cardiff Reserves 0 1 0
Grange Stars 0 0 0

Oct 3rd 1903
Bristol 2nd

Oct 10th 1903
Pill Harriers

CARDIFF RESERVES v. BRISTOL 2nd.
There was an excellent crowd present on the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon to witness the game between the Cardiff and Bristol second strings. Both sides had undergone several changes.
Final Score— G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves 2 5 0
Bristol Seconds 0 0 0

PILL HARRIERS v. CARDIFF RESERVES.

The Cardiff Reserves took a fair team to Newport to meet the Pill Harriers, the champions of the Monmouthshire League. The latter were also fairly well represented. Teams:—

Cardiff Reserves—Back, Winfield; three-quarter backs, Harrison, W. Jones, and Litchfield; half-backs, Tresize and Davies; forwards, Jennings, Ham, Brown, Reed, Summerhayes, Rumbelow, Evans, and Hague.

Pill Harriers—Back, Holey; three-quarter backs, Ryan, Llewellyn, Buckley, and Cousins; half-backs, Harris and Moses; forwards, Travers, Carpenter, A. R. Williams, Fred Jones, Frank Jones, E. Thomas, R. Dudley, and H. Davies.

Referee, Mr. Rowe, Chepstow.
The game started at hot pace, both sides in turn bringing off some pretty bouts. There was, however, too much eagerness for scoring. Cardiff had the benefit of the first scrum, and Tresize getting away smartly set the quartette going. Their effort was pretty until Carpenter forced Harrison to find touch. A moment later Travers led a pretty dribble, and for a time the visitors were kept to their own 25. There was, however, no scoring, the defence, particularly that of Evans, Jennings, and Litchfield, being very keen.

In the second half the game was again hotly contested, each side in turn gaining the upper hand. On one occasion Buckley, the home centre, got over, but was called back, the final pass being adjudged forward. "Passy" Jones, with a capital run, almost scored for Cardiff, and were it not for a fine tackle by Holey, the home custodian, Cardiff would no doubt have won.

Final Score— G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves 0 0 0
Pill Harriers 0 0 0

REMARKS.
A fast game, full of exciting incidents from start to finish. In the first half one could hardly say that there was much difference between the teams, although a careful analysis of the forwards would give the balance in favour of the home team. Their passing, however, was very erratic, and several efforts which looked like resulting in tries, were lost by this. Harrison, in the Cardiff quartette, was closely watched and had few chances, but despite this he brought off a few top-speed runs, but generally he was forced to find touch. Ryan and Buckley were the best of the home backs. It is largely due to Holey that the Harriers' ground record is still intact.

Oct 17th 1903 *Newport 2nd* **CARDIFF RESERVES v. NEWPORT 2nd.**

Played on the Cardiff Arms Park before a fair crowd. The teams were—

Cardiff—Back, W. J. Winfield; three-quarter backs, W. H. Harrison, W. E. Gunstone, W. A. Jones, and W. Litchfield; half-backs, W. E. Lewis and D. Tresize; forwards, D. L. Evans (capt.), H. Summerhayes, Rumblelow, D. Reed, J. McIntyre, E. Lewis, J. Hague, and Maclean.

Newport—Back, J. Hares; three-quarter backs, L. Thomas, O. Jones, W. Price, and E. Scott; half-backs, W. Bennett and F. Huggett; forwards, J. Jenkins, D. Climo, C. Williams, W. Hick, P. Bland, E. Jenkins, and W. Adams.

The opening stages of play favoured Newport, whose forwards combined well. The backs, too, showed a good understanding, but some bad passing between them once nearly let Cardiff in.

The form of the Reserves was most gratifying to their supporters. All through the game, and in all phases of play, they proved superior to their opponents, and if they can only maintain their form they should have an extremely prosperous season. The pack heeled out cleanly, and the backs showed a thorough understanding. The new men justified their selection. Gunstone in particular playing a very sound and attractive game, while Lewis—if in the first half he showed a tendency to hesitate—improved greatly in the second half. Newport's forwards fared fairly well in the open, but in the three-quarters, although they showed good defence, failed to combine, and there was nothing like the sting of the home quartette in their attack. The Newport custodian deserves mention for his good kicking and resolute tackling.

	Final Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	2 3 0	
Newport 2nd	0 0 0	

Oct 24th 1903 *Swansea 2nd* **SWANSEA 2nd v. CARDIFF 2nd.**

The game was played in a storm, accompanied by blinding sheets of rain, and the ball was so greasy that the players were quite unable to handle it. Thus all passing and combination by the three-quarters were entirely frustrated. In fact it was a scrappy game devoid of noteworthy incidents, the forwards keeping the ball amongst them. For the major portion of the game the contest was far too rough. Really there was more roughness than science imported. As to the play of the victors, Lockman did well under the circumstances, and worked very hard. The two home halves—Beca and Rasey—outclassed Tresize and Stephens, the opposing pair. At three-quarter Phil Hopkins, Coad, and Aubrey did some good individual work. Rhys Ieoch scored the only try. Forward the players were much alike. For Cardiff Winfield at back was weak in defence, and eventually gave the try away to Swansea. Litchfield and W. A. Jones were very smart. Gunstone and Harrison were most prominent amongst a pack which tried their level best to stave off defeat.

	Final Score—	G. T. M.
Swansea 2nd	0 1 0	
Cardiff Reserves	0 0 0	

Oct 31st 1903 **Cardiff Football Club.**



Cardiff Reserves

Moseley 2nd,

At Moseley, November 7th, 1903.

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Nov 7th 1903 *Moseley 2nd* **MOSELEY 2nd v. CARDIFF RESERVES.**

Beautiful weather favoured this match at the Reddings, Moseley. Cardiff turned out as selected and the home club was strongly represented.

The game was by no means an interesting one, the off-side and kick-and-rush tactics of the home-sters rendering any attempt at passing quite useless. In the loose the home forwards were excellent, but were deficient in the scrums. In the second half the Welsh men should have put on a big score, but the home-sters played a very successful spoiling game, and good passing was at a discount. For Cardiff Winfield was safe at back, but the three-quarters were not seen to advantage. Harrison's try was clever, his speed being very fine. Gunstone and Stephens were not a success at half, but the forwards proved a formidable lot, and on the whole the visitors were decidedly unlucky in not registering a larger score.

	Final Score—	G. T. M.
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Moseley 2nd	0 0 0	

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	Final Score—	G. T. M.
Swansea 2nd	0 1 0	
Cardiff Reserves	0 0 0	

Oct 31st 1903 *Mackintosh* **CARDIFF RESERVES v. MACKINTOSH.**

There was no feature calling for special comment in the play, and the score fairly well represents the difference in the sides. Gunstone's performance at half was watched with interest, and when everything is taken into consideration he acquitted himself very creditably. A half-back is not made in a day, but Gunstone with practice is likely to develop into a good man in this position. Harrison on the wing for a long time had few opportunities, but when they came he gave a good account of himself. The run by which he scored his try in the second half was an extremely fine effort.

	Final Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	0 2 0	
Mackintosh	0 0 0	

Nov 7th 1903 *Moseley 2nd* **MOSELEY 2nd v. CARDIFF RESERVES.**

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	Final Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	0 1 0	
Moseley 2nd	0 0 0	

Gloucester 2nd
Nov 24 1903

Cardiff Reserves	1	3	0
Gloucester 2nd	1	0	0
From a mark. (Penalty).			

Swansea 2nd
Nov 28 1903

CARDIFF RESERVES v. SWANSEA 2nd

The teams were:-
Cardiff - Back, W J Winfield; three-quarter backs, W H Harrison, W A Jones, W H Gunstone, and J L Williams; half-backs, Bence and Tresize; forwards, Reed, Rumbelow, Sumnerhayes, Jennings, Evans, McLean, Ted Lewis, and Brown.

Swansea - Back, Peter Lockman (captain); three-quarter backs, F Davies, W Rapsey, W Hill, and W Aubrey; half-backs, Rhys Bees and Lewis Jenkins; forwards, Tom Evans, Phillips, Hunt, Webb, Mumbles Davies, Connick, Ben Harris, and E Morgan.

Referee, Mr T. M. Davies.

The opening stages proved exciting. Lockman failing to field the Cardiff forwards all but crossed. Play was waged stubbornly in the Swansea 25, and here Evans of Swansea was ordered off the field apparently for threatening a player. The tackling on both sides had been too keen for good attacking, but once the Cardiff backs, Bence, Gunstone, Jones, and Williams, handled beautifully, and the last named all but scored. Cardiff got a number of free kicks in a favourable position, but the kicks failed. Harrison once broke clean through the Swansea centre, but Lockman saved splendidly. Close on half-time Macintyre received an injury to his head and left the field.

Half-time Score-	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	0 0 0
Swansea 2nd	0 0 0

Play in this half was very desultory, and territorially Cardiff, as in the first half, held the advantage. Several times the Cardiff three-quarters handled splendidly, and all but broke through. The defence was, however, excellent.

Final Score-	G. T. M.
Swansea 2nd	0 1 0
Cardiff Reserves	0 0 0

REMARKS.

The game proved one of the most exciting of Reserve matches seen on the Park for a long time, and to this the spectators' exuberance contributed not a little. Play was too keen to be interesting, and not once nor twice was there too much vigour imparted into it. Into the circumstances that led to the ordering off of Evans, of Swansea, there is no need here to enter. The absence of such a good player certainly prejudiced the All Whites considerably, and the stubborn defence they offered, with 14 men during critical times was worthy of the highest praise. Still, in the second half the Reserves had distinctly hard lines in not being able to equalise for Harrison on a number of occasions all but broke through.

A Disappointment.

During the closing stages of play on the Park the news was circulated that Cardiff had won by a goal and a try to one try. A scene of great enthusiasm followed, cheers being raised all round the enclosure. The disappointment of the spectators was great when the "Echo" was brought up giving the correct final score.

Newport 2nd
Nov 27 1903

CARDIFF A v. NEWPORT A.

The second meeting between the Newport and Cardiff second strings took place on the Newport ground.

Teams:-
Cardiff A - Back, W J Winfield; three-quarter backs, W H Williams, W H Gunstone, W A Jones, and H L Ferrier; half-backs, A Tresize and D L Evans; forwards H Jennings, E Rumbelow, H Sumnerhayes, M Jones, T McLean, D Edwards, J McIntyre, and J Harrison.

Newport A - Back, J Hores; three-quarter backs, R R Griffiths, L W Thomas, F W Huggett, and R C Huggett; half-backs, W Bennett and W J Martin; forwards, G Spillane, H G Thomas, A P Bland, W Johnson, C Jenkins, F Evans, Hicks, and Conway Williams.

Final Score-	G. T. M.
Newport A	2 1 0
Cardiff A	1 0 0

*1 dropped 1 penalty. (Penalty).

Chepstow
Dec 5 1903

CARDIFF RESERVES v. CHEPSTOW.

A strong Reserve team played Chepstow at Cardiff Arms Park on Saturday. The homesters included in their ranks Dr. Timms, who played centre to J. L. Williams, Gunstone and Harrison composing the other wing. The opening was sensational, Jennings scoring a capital try from a forward rush ere the game was a couple of minutes old.

Final Score-	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	3 5 0
Chepstow	0 0 0

REMARKS.

The game was in the nature of a runaway affair, and calls for little comment. In all departments the home lot were greatly superior, and had they exerted themselves in the second half they would have doubtless greatly increased the score. The most gratifying features of the match was the happy combination of David and Tresize at half, the consistently fine form of Gunstone in the centre, and the determined bursts of Harrison. Chepstow were distinctly unfortunate in having Wyatt (centre) and Dunn (forward) rendered practically useless during a great part of the game.

*Pontypool
Dec 12 1903.*

CARDIFF RESERVES v. PONTYPOOL.

Pontypool, who have this year an unbroken record, played the Cardiff Reserves on the Park this afternoon. The home side included Percy Bush who, showing his customary sportsmanship, turned out at the last moment to aid the Reserves. The teams were:-

Cardiff Reserves-Back, W J Winfield; three-quarter backs, W Harrison, J Williams, Percy Bush, and A Kelt; half-backs, A Trezise and F Davies; forwards, D Evans (capt), D Reed, W Jennings, H Summerhayes, H Rumbelow, T Lewis, E Jennings, and T Maclean.

Pontypool-Back, L G Coleman; three-quarter backs, Ponty Jones, Jack Evans, Chick Jenkins, and F Parkhouse; half-backs, Reardon and Doyle; forwards, J Price, T Stone, A Truman, W Jones, Blackwood Jones, R Thomas, G Carr, and W Powell.

The Pontypool team brought down with them a strong muster of supporters. The opening stages were uneventful and it was apparent from the faulty handling on both sides that the ball and ground were all against good football. The visitors found their way to the Cardiff 25, and here Reardon, getting the ball away, gave nicely to Hoyle, the latter dodging his way over amid loud Pontypool cheers. Jenkins converted with an excellent kick. Ponty Jones, who had been an object of great interest to the crowd, then became conspicuous with a brilliant run. He showed rare speed, and beating all opposition scored a fine try.

Half-time Score-	G. T. M.
Pontypool.....	1 1 0
Cardiff Reserves	0 0 0

The second half opened with an excellent dribble by the Reserves, in which Bush and Summerhayes led. Bush a few seconds later made a good but ineffective effort to kick a penalty goal. Coleman played finely at back, and Winfield, who not been at all times safe put in several good returns in their half. Cardiff showed better form but the character of play was extremely ragged. Rumbelow made a mark in a fairly good position, but Bush was not able to negotiate with the heavy ball. Cardiff after this attacked but Ponty Jones relieved with a clever kick. Winfield stopped a dangerous Pontypool rush in brilliant style, and the warfare was carried to the visitors 25.

Final Score-	G. T. M.
Pontypool.....	1 1 0
Cardiff Reserves	0 0 0

REMARKS.

The rain spoiled what must have proved an extremely interesting contest, for both sides under ordinary conditions are capable of playing football of a high class. Unfortunately rain fell during the whole time, and scientific football was consequently out of the question. Passing was at a discount, and the game for the most part developed into a scramble. Pontypool in the first half showed distinct superiority, both in the back and forward divisions. In the second moiety play was more even, and the Cardiff forwards on several occasions all but scored. The first try for the winners was the result of cleverness on the part of Doyle, who played a capital game at half; and the second a brilliant individual effort by Ponty Jones, who threaded his way through in irresistible style. Percy Bush, who played at a great disadvantage to himself, did a lot of saving work, but was never really set going. Pontypool on their play deserved to win, and one can only repeat the regret that the conditions were not more favourable for a bright open exhibition.

*Whitchurch
Jan 9 1904*

*Abandoned
" frost "*

*Cowbridge
Dec 19 1903.*

CARDIFF RESERVES v. COWBRIDGE.

Final Scores-	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves.....	0 2 0
Cowbridge	0 1 0

REMARKS.

Cardiff played three substitutes, and McLean was brought out to the wing, J. L. Williams playing centre. The game was little better than a scramble, and the Cowbridge men succeeded very well in spoiling any attempts at passing. Gunstone, Franks, and Davies were the pick of the Cardiff backs, the two halves being very nippy. It would be unfair to name any of the forwards on either side, for they all did well. Spencer, for Cowbridge gave McLean a lot of trouble. It was a most disappointing game.

ABANDONED BY - GARRON - GARDNER

*Whitchurch
Jan 9 1904*

WHITCHURCH v. CARDIFF RESERVES.

At Whitchurch. Both sides suffered from absences, the Reserves especially so.

Final Score-	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	0 0 0
Whitchurch.....	0 0 0

REMARKS.

Whitchurch have never yet beaten Cardiff Reserves. They should have done so to-day. Although having all the better of the play some of their backs were either excited or selfish when the time came to part with the ball. The forwards played well throughout. No praise can be too great for the plucky stand made by the Reserves under adverse circumstances.

BRISTOL SECOND v. CARDIFF SECOND.

At Bristol before a poor gate. Both teams were at fair strength, but Cardiff were without Gunstone and Williams. At the start Cardiff pressed, and a run on the right wing caused a tussle in the home 25, Morgan scoring for the visitors, but it was not converted. The homesters then improved, but the visitors intercepting a pass made a dangerous rush on the left wing, which, after a tussle, ended in a try by Davis, which was not improved upon. From the kick out Cardiff worked down on the right wing, and McBreath ran through, the kick proving successful. Bristol afterwards pressed, and a lot of successful work on the right wing followed. The visitors were gradually driven back, and a try was scored through Straker, but the kick failed.

	Half-time Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff	1 2 0
Bristol	0 1 0

In the second half Bristol pressed and got well into Cardiff territory. Cardiff by good kicking saved the situation, and after a rush on the left wing McLean scored a try, the place-kick failing. Bristol pressed and worked down to the line, Yeoman scoring an unconverted try. From play in midfield Cardiff obtained, and the forwards rushed through easily, the try being converted. Later McLean again got through and scored. The remainder of the game was in the visitors' favour.

Cardiff had the best of the game all through, their kicking and fielding being much superior to their opponents, who in fielding were very poor. McLean played an excellent game for the visitors, whose combination and passing was all that could be desired. The homesters would have done much better if they had followed up better, but they were palpably the weaker team. Cardiff thoroughly deserved their victory.

	Final Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	2 4 0
Bristol 2nd	0 3 0

CHEPSTOW v. CARDIFF RESERVES.

At Chepstow in heavy rain. Teams:— Cardiff—Back, Winfield; three-quarter backs, McGrath, Trezise, Chivers, and Windsor; half-backs, Franks and Davies; forwards, Evans, Summerhays, Rumbelow, Hern, Jones, Jennings, McIntyre, and Harrison.

Chepstow—Back, H Edwards; three-quarter backs, Ellis, Beasley, Jones, and Comper; half-backs, Priest and Priestley; forwards, Holley, Dunn, Jones, Spencer, Farnall, Wyatt, M Holley, and Lloyd. Referee, Mr Pollock, Abercarn.

Chepstow kicked off, and after some even play in the centre the visitors pressed, but the defence was excellent. Main by a good run nearly got over, and Chepstow could not get relief. After Ham, McGrath, and Franks had experienced hard lines, Summerhays scored in the corner. Rumbelow's kick struck the post and rebounded into play. The visitors continued to press, and Rumbelow scored an unconverted try. From a line-out Cardiff continued to press up to half-time.

	Half-time Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	0 2 0
Chepstow	0 0 0

Playing with the slope Chepstow showed improved form, and for some time play was very even. The visitors broke away splendidly on more than one occasion, but the chances were lost through attempting to pick up the ball, which was too slippery. From a penalty Edwards gained the first minor for Chepstow, and then Cardiff, by good passing and excellent kicking by Winfield, assumed the aggressive and continued to cause the homesters trouble until the call of time.

	Final Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	0 2 0
Chepstow	0 0 0

REMARKS.

Considering the heavy ground and the climatic conditions the game was interesting. The Cardiffians were by far the better team, and should have put on a heavy score in the first half, but too frequent attempts to pick up the ball saved Chepstow many tries. Ham, Rumbelow, and Summerhays were the pick of the forwards, the former showing up well in open work. Of the Chepstow eight Holley was the pick. Frank Davis had an easy time, but the three-quarters were well matched. Winfield showed excellent form at back, his touch kicking and fielding being exceptionally good.

CARDIFF RESERVES v. CAERPHILLY.

There was a fairly good attendance of spectators on the Cardiff Arms Park to witness the game between these clubs. Both sides suffered from absences.

	Final Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	2 4 0
Caerphilly	0 1 0

Cardiff Reserve Forward Going.

It is understood that D. Reed, one of the Cardiff Reserve forwards, played his last game under Welsh Rugby Union rules this afternoon, he having, so he states to a correspondent, signed the professional form for Hull Kingston Rovers, for which town he proceeds this evening. Reed, who has been out of employment for some time, was one of the most promising Cardiff recruits, and his decision to go to the Humber town is much regretted. Reed states that he has signed on for £35 bonus, with, of course, the usual employment.

CARDIFF RESERVES v. CARDIFF COLLEGE.

At the Cardiff Arms Park before a small gate. Teams:—

Cardiff College—Back, D. A. Morgan; three-quarter backs, N. Riches, T. G. Cule, E. G. Treborne (capt), and R. V. Lewis; half-backs, E. D. Richards and Gray Morgan; forwards, J. R. Dobson, H. G. Williams, Alf. Griffiths, Tai Morgan, W. T. Jones, W. H. C. Matthews, C. Snackman and A. N. Osher.

Cardiff Reserves—Back, W. J. Winfield; three-quarter backs, Windsor Jones, W. H. Gunstone, T. Maclean and Edgar Thomas; half-backs, T. Franks and D. J. Stephens; forwards, D. L. Evans (capt), H. Summerhays, Harrison, E. Jennings, Jones, W. Ham, J. McIntyre, D. Pike.

Referee: Mr H. G. Care, W.F.U.

Cardiff kicked off, and by loose forward play to the College's line R. B. Lewis brought relief by a dribble, and uninteresting play followed at half-way. Two minors came to the College: one by a kick and the second through a forward dribble—a very near thing for a try. Then the homesters took play to the visitors' end, and Danny Stephens scored after some good passing; Winfield failed at goal. The efforts of the players to obtain a foothold on the wet ground caused a good deal of amusement. Accurate passing was quite out of the question and the game became a series of loose rushes. A free kick to the College was fielded by Gunstone who ran to the 25, but the pass to Thomas was muffed. Ham was at this time very prominent for Cardiff and gave his backs many chances that came from the half-backs, and on one occasion Windsor Jones only had to take his pass, for he had a clear field. No relief came to the College, and a round of passing merited a score to Cardiff, for the ball was extremely difficult to hold.

	Half-time Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	0 1 0
Cardiff College	0 0 0

The "Echo" of the half-time score at Swansea was received first before half-time, and was received by a round of cheers. Aided by the wind Cardiff pressed, and a free kick taken by D. L. Evans kept play inside the College's 25, where some mud-larking took place from which no side could claim an advantage. Gunstone made a fine attempt to drop a goal, but as a result only a minor resulted, and from the drop out the visitors by a capital dribble took play to the home line. Some good forward play caused Cardiff a deal of trouble, but eventually relief was gained by a rush followed by capital work by the three-quarters, in which Maclean and Jones were conspicuous. Heavy rain now added to the discomfiture of the players, but the Cardiff forwards were too good, and Pike scored an unconverted try. Then Jennings scored after a capital run, but again the place failed. The amusing gambols in the mud continued, and Maclean crossed after the best bit of play of the match, but again Winfield failed to goal. No relief came to the College, and Gunstone then scored, Winfield goaling from a difficult angle.

	Final Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	1 4 0
Cardiff College	0 0 0

SWANSEA 2nd v. CARDIFF 2nd.

Played at Swansea before a good gate. The weather had been showery in the morning, but just prior to the start it cleared. The ground was in good condition, the high wind having dried it. The teams lined out as follow:—Swansea 2nd.—Back, J. Bancroft; three-quarter backs, Davies, Hopkins, Rapsey, and Morris; half-backs, R. Rees and Jenkins; forwards H. Hunt, B. Evans, A. Jones, E. Morgan, Webb, D. Davies, Aubrey, and E. Harris.

Cardiff 2nd.—Back, W. J. Williams; three-quarter backs, J. Maclean, J. McGrath, W. Pullen, and W. Jones; half-backs, F. Davies and C. Frank; forwards, D. L. Evans (captain), J. McIntyre, E. Jennings, E. Summerhayes, A. J. Harrison, D. Pike, E. Lewis, and E. Rumbelow.

Mumbles Davies kicked off against a strong wind for Swansea. A few well-timed punts enabled the visitors to attack in the home 25. Frank sent the ball out to Jones, who tried a drop at goal, a minor resulting. Cardiff soon returned and forced matters near the home goal-line. McIntyre got possession and scored just behind the posts, and Winfield easily converted. The remainder of the first half was contested on more even terms, each goal being visited in turn, but no further score came until half-time.

Half-time Score—

	G. T. M.
Cardiff	1 0 0
Swansea	0 0 0

Restarting, the homesters made a bold bid to score, but E. Hopkins knocked on when in the act of crossing. The visiting forwards relieved temporarily with a fine dribble to halfway. A strong cold wind was blowing and the All White backs were prevented from passing accurately, otherwise Swansea must have scored. The homesters were awarded a penalty for off-side tactics by Davies, the Cardiff half-back, and Bancroft landed a goal. A few minutes later Rees Rees picked up from a melee in front of the Cardiff goal and crossed, Bancroft failing to majorise. Nothing further of note transpired until the call of time.

Final Scores—

	G. T. M.
Swansea	*1 1 0
Cardiff Reserves	1 0 0

*Penalty.

REMARKS.

In the first half Cardiff played with a gale at their backs, and only crossed the home line once. On the change of ends it was anticipated that Swansea would make more use of the wind and win easily. This anticipation was not realised, however, no doubt on account of the looseness of the play of the home quartette. Rapsey played splendidly in defence, but was badly wanting when it came to passing. Taking a survey of the whole game Swansea deserved their very narrow victory, as for the most part in the second half they continually pressed. The Cardiff forwards were a splendid lot, especially Evans and Pike. Their quartette, however, was very moderate. Franks put in a large amount of defensive work, while Davies made some very clever openings, but received no support from the quartette. Winfield had plenty of work to do, but came out of the ordeal with credit. For Swansea Mumbles Davies and Arthur Jones were always to the front. All the Swansea forwards played a strong game, but at times did not combine. Rees and Jenkins at half-back were very smart, and Bancroft's brother at full-back kicked well. The home three-quarters did not show their usual combination, but no doubt this was due to the very strong wind and the slippery ground.

CARDIFF RESERVES v. NEWPORT SECONDS.

The inclement weather was practically responsible for such a meagre attendance being present on the third match between the Cardiff and Newport Reserves. Gunstone was an absentee from the Reserves, having been called upon to assist the Premiers at Newport. The Usksiders were strongly represented, Adams of the Firsts, appearing at centre three-quarter. A regular Scotch mist was falling when just after 3 o'clock the teams lined out as follows:—

Cardiff Reserves.—Back, W. J. Winfield; three-quarter backs, Windsor Jones, W. Pullen, T. McLean, and G. McGrath; half-backs, F. Davies and T. Franks; forwards, D. L. Evans (captain), H. Jennings, E. Rumbelow, H. Summerhayes, J. McIntyre, E. Lewis, D. Pike, and J. Harrison.

Newport 2nd.—Back, W. Manchip; three-quarter backs, R. Griffiths, R. Huggett, Syd Adams, and S. Williams; half-backs, Priest and Beaumont; forwards, F. Evans, Johnson, Hicks, C. Jenkins, Tydesley, Diamond, Casey, and Wilkes.

Referee, Mr. Everson, W.F.U.

Try as they would neither side could gain a major point, a very evenly contested game ending in a draw.

Final Score—

	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	0 0 0
Newport 2nd	0 0 0

GLOUCESTER 2nd v. CARDIFF RES.

At Gloucester to-day. On account of the late arrival of the visitors the kick-off was seriously delayed. The first score was made by Summerhayes, Evans failing to goal. Franks afterwards crossed; the kick was again unsuccessful. Subsequently D. Stephens dropped a goal, the Cardiffians leading by 10 points after having played as many minutes.

In the second half Arthur Williams contributed the most brilliant bit of play of the game, but was collared on the line.

Final Score—

	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	*1 2 0
Gloucester 2nds	0 0 0

*Dropped.

REMARKS.

The surprisingly good play of the visitors at the start was too flattering to be maintained, and, although they were the better team all through they completely failed to add to their score. The home defence was good, Lucas and the full back being capital, but the Cardiffians should have scored three or four times in the second half, the points being lost through failure to take passes, or by slight infringements of the knock-on rule. Indeed several times the referees stopped play quite unnecessarily. However, the visitors are to be congratulated on their fine display. The forwards completely mastered the scrums, and shone in open work. Franks at half was the best man on the field, and with his partner Davies gave a splendid exhibition of half-back play.

Handwritten note:
Handwritten
best man
on the field.

*Pill Harriers
Mch 5 1904*

*Cowbridge
Mch 12 1904*

CARDIFF RESERVES v. PILL HARRIERS.

Gwyn Nicholls Turns Out for Reserves.

The peculiar weather experienced at Cardiff did not in any way deter an excellent crowd being present at the Cardiff Arms Park to witness the return game between these clubs. At the last moment it was announced that Summerhayes was an absentee from the Cardiff pack, his place being filled by T. McLean, whilst Stockden deputised Fred Davies at half. Teams :-

Cardiff Reserves—Back, W J Winfield; three-quarter backs, G McCraith, E G Nicholls, Dr A T Timms, and Arthur Williams; half-backs, Franks and F W Stockden; forwards, D L Evans, D Pike, E Rumbelow, J McIntyre, E Lewis, W Pullen, E Franks, and T McLean.

Pill Harriers—Back, T Haley; three-quarter backs, R Ryan, L Llewellyn, M Buckley, and C Cousins; half-backs, W Moses and W Harvey; forwards, G Travers, J Carpenter, W Williams, Fred Jones, E Thomas, Frank Jones, M Mulcahy and H Williams.

Referee, Mr Pawley.

With the ground practically a mud heap scientific play was out of the question. Pill were, however, much stronger forward, and despite the defensive tactics of Timms and Arthur Williams, the Pen-y-graig recruit, Cardiff were for a long time having a rather warm time. Gwyn Nicholls, whose play was being watched with the keenest interest in view of next Saturday's International, kicked well down the ground, and the Cardiff forwards taking up the movement, E. Lewis scored a scrumbly try, which W. J. Winfield failed to convert.

Final Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	0 1 0
Pill Harriers	0 0 0

CARDIFF RESERVES v. COWBRIDGE.

"Pussy" Jones—Redivivus.

At the conclusion of the International Schoolboys match the Cardiff Reserves played a return fixture with Cowbridge, Gwyn Nicholls, the Welsh captain, with a view of again testing his injured knee, assisted the Cardiffians, as also did "Pussy" Jones. Nicholls is still far from fit.

Nicholls again showed that chariness of being collared, which was such a conspicuous feature of his play on Saturday week against the Pill Harriers. The Reserves won, as of course it was anticipated that they would, a trifle easy, the final score being 16 points to nil in favour of Cardiff.

Final Score—	G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	2 2 0
Cowbridge	0 0 0

*Newport 2nd
Mch 19 1904.*

NEWPORT 2nds v. CARDIFF RESERVES.

Played at Newport to-day, when the teams were:

Newport — Back, P T Davies; three-quarter backs, S H Williams, E Seer, J J Huggett, and R B Griffiths; half-backs, W Priest and Jones; forwards, Conway Williams, Gus Jones, W Johnson, W Hicks, Kettlesley, Uzzie, C Jenkins, J Casey, and another.

Cardiff Reserves—Back, W King; three-quarter backs, G McCraith, J Williams, T McLean, and W Gunstone; half-backs, T Franks and Culverwell; forwards, Summerhayes, Rumbelow, Jennings, Franks, McIntyre, Pullen, Lewis, and Nash.

Final Score—	G. T. M.
Newport Reserves	0 2 0
Cardiff Reserves	0 1 0

REMARKS.

Play was even in the first half, but the second half Newport did nearly all the attacking. Several times the Cardiff line was in danger, but the Newport attack was slipshod, and the "Usksiders" tackling was frequently feeble, so that the Cardiff men were able to relieve, but they were never dangerous. Newport forwards had a slight pull, and fed their backs more often than did the Cardiff pack. Gunstone was the best three quarter on the field, and did invaluable service to his side.

*T Franks
1/2 back*

Swansea 2nd *Apr 9 1904* **CARDIFF RESERVES v. SWANSEA 2nd.** Cardiff at Last Successful.

The last of the quartette of games between the Cardiff and Swansea second strings, which took place on the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon, proved one of the most enjoyable and interesting in the whole annals of both clubs. Swansea's record has been one which few Reserve clubs can boast of. Cardiff, however, seems to have been their bete noir, although this season Aberdare in a friendly were the first to lower their colours. When a start was made just after 3.40, the crowd was a fairly good one. Cardiff with an unusual vim on the part of their forwards at once took up a warm attack on the Swansea citadel. Swansea pack, however, were quite equal to the Welsh Metropolitan and despite the efforts of the Swansea halves Davies and Franks were oftener enabled to give their three-quarters an opportunity of scoring. Clover tackling by Hopkins Davies and his confreres was responsible for no tangible score accruing.

Half-time Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	0 0 0
Swansea 2nd	.....	0 0 0
The game had only been in progress five minutes before McLean popped across after a lot of loose play on Swansea's territory, the kick at goal falling. Swansea played up pluckily after this, but were decisively beaten forward. Their back division's defence, however, was extremely good, and although Cardiff did their utmost to pierce it it proved impregnable. Towards the close Swansea had a few minutes at attack, but failed to improve their position, Cardiff thus indicating the second defeat of the season upon the "All Whites."		
Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	0 1 0
Swansea 2nd	.....	0 0 0

Caerphilly
Apr 16 1904

CARDIFF RESERVES v. CAERPHILLY.

At Caerphilly. The homesters kicked off, and at once assumed the aggressive, but were penalised in the opening moments of the game in Caerphilly's 25, which was of little avail to the visitors. The homesters now had the best of the game until Jones, who failed to pass from a scrum, almost let the visitors in. Twice the homesters were almost over the Cardiff line, but sound defensive play prevented scoring, and Caerphilly were sent half way down the field, where from a forward rush from a scrum Nicholas crossed for the homesters. Reddick failed to negotiate. From now up to the call of half-time play was decidedly in favour of the homesters, who held their ground but failed to add to the score. J. Williams caught the ball and was racing down the field in fine style, but was prevented from scoring by Ireland.

Half-time Score—		G. T. M.
Caerphilly	.....	0 1 0
Cardiff Reserves	.....	0 0 0
On the restart play was waged for some time in the home 25. Caerphilly were frequently penalised for trivial offences, but failed to improve matters. From a scrum Fred Davies received and crossed. The homesters worked with a will, Adcock and Hawkins playing brilliantly, and were well on the way to scoring, but were penalised. Play was being waged in the visitors' quarters on the call of time.		
Final Score—		G. T. M.
Cardiff Reserves	.....	0 1 0
Caerphilly	.....	0 1 0

Pontypool *Apr 9 1904* **PONTYPOOL v. CARDIFF RESERVES.**

The return fixture was played between these teams at Pontypool. The last match resulted in a win for Pontypool by eight points to nil.

Pontypool—Back, L. Coleman; three-quarter backs, Ponty Jones, Parkhouse, Jenkins, and Martin; half-backs, Reardon and Doyle; forwards, Price, Dowell, Stone, Fifeild, W. Jones, Truman, R. Thomas, and Lamb.

Cardiff Reserves—Back, W. Winfield; three-quarter backs, William Pullen, Gunstone, and McGrath; half-backs, F. Davies and Franks; forwards, Evans, Shrood, Brown, Moon, Longford, Pike, Lewis, and R. Davies.

Referee, Mr G. H. Jones.

Cardiff kicked off down the gradient, Pontypool playing fourteen men for some time. The opening stages went in favour of the visitors, who brought off several pretty movements, both in passing and foot-work. Eventually Pontypool asserted themselves, and for about 15 minutes kept up a hot attack near the Cardiff line. The defence was too good, however, to admit of any scoring.

Half-time Score—		G. T. M.
Pontypool	.....	0 0 0
Cardiff Reserves	.....	0 0 0
After the restart Pontypool got the best of matters, and penned their opponents for the first 20 minutes. From a long line-out Trueman passed to Jenkins, who, after a short run, throw out wide to Ponty Jones, and the latter scored a very clever try, which was not converted. Soon after, from a scrum in front of goal, Ponty Jones again scored. The kick for goal failed. Next Martin, following up well, dribbled the ball away from a Cardiff man, and scored, Jenkins converting. Shortly before time was called Pullen scored for Cardiff, Winfield converting.		
Final Score—		G. T. M.
Pontypool	.....	1 2 0
Cardiff Reserves	.....	1 0 0

REMARKS.

The game was a pleasant one to watch, and well contested from start to finish. Play was of a fast and open character, and many brilliant moves were seen on both sides. The cleverer play of the homesters gave them the victory. Cardiff showed up well in the first half, but fell away considerably afterwards. The packs were fairly evenly matched, but Pontypool lasted better, and had matters nearly all their own way towards the end of the game. The home halves were easily the best, Reardon being far and away the best half on the field. The home three-quarters were more combined than the visitors, who put in too much individualism to make their play effective. Coleman was the better of the two custodians.

Reardon
Doyle
Played at
half back
for
Pontypool

Records Season 1903-1904

CARDIFF RESERVES.

Date.	Opponents.	For.	Against.
		G. T. P.	G. T. P.
1903.			
Sept. 19.	Whitchurch.....	Dr'n	0 1 3.....1 0 3
" 25.	Grange Stars.....	Won	0 1 3.....0 0 0
Oct. 3.	Bristol Seconds.....	Won	2 5 25.....0 0 0
" 10.	Pill Harriers.....	Dr'n	0 0 0.....0 0 0
" 17.	Newport Reserves.....	Won	2 3 19.....0 0 0
" 24.	Swansea Seconds.....	Lost	0 0 0.....0 1 3
" 31.	Mackintosh.....	Won	0 2 8.....0 0 0
Nov. 7.	Mossley Seconds.....	Won	0 1 3.....0 0 0
" 14.	Gloster Seconds.....	Won	1 3 13.....1 0 3
" 21.	Newport Seconds.....	Lost	1 0 3.....2 1 10
" 28.	Swansea Seconds.....	Lost	0 0 0.....0 1 3
Dec. 5.	Chepstow.....	Won	3 5 30.....0 0 0
" 12.	Pontypool.....	Lost	0 0 0.....1 1 8
" 19.	Cowbridge.....	Won	0 2 6.....0 0 1
1904.			
Jan. 2.	Abandoned.....		0 0 0.....0 0 0
" 9.	Whitchurch.....	Dr'n	0 0 0.....0 3 9
" 16.	Bristol Seconds.....	Won	2 7 31.....0 1 3
" 23.	Caerphilly.....	Won	2 4 22.....0 0 0
" 30.	Chepstow.....	Won	0 2 6.....0 0 0
Feb. 6.	University College.....	Won	1 4 17.....0 0 0
" 13.	Swansea Seconds.....	Lost	1 0 5.....1 1 6
" 20.	Newport Seconds.....	Dr'n	0 0 0.....0 0 0
" 27.	Gloster Seconds.....	Won	1 2 10.....0 0 0
Mar. 5.	Pill Harriers.....	Won	0 1 3.....0 0 0
" 12.	Cowbridge.....	Won	2 2 16.....0 0 0
" 19.	Newport Seconds.....	Lost	0 1 3.....0 2 6
" 26.	Swansea Seconds.....	Won	0 1 3.....0 0 0
April 2.	Pontypool.....	Lost	1 0 3.....1 2 11
" 9.	Caerphilly.....	Mar	0 0 0.....2 1 3
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CARDIFF RESERVES.

Promising Recruits for the Firsts.

PROGRESS ON RIGHT LINES.

Never has a season been commenced under less favourable auspices and finished so successfully as the one under notice. It is not hard to remember the days when Danny Jones, the old time captain of the then Seconds, who was committee, captain, and general manager of the side, but it is difficult to forget his work, and the present Reserves team is now a monument to the wonderful energy which Jones displayed in his day. The waning interest in local football was checked; the success of Cardiff Seconds nourished it; the enthusiasm displayed by the consistency of such teams as St. David's, Cardiff Star, Cardiff Rangers, Canton, and one or two other local clubs created the spirit which culminated in the sound principles which have for eight or ten years governed the doings of the Cardiff Reserves. To train on men for the Premiers is the fundamental idea, even at the expense of being less successful statistically, and this season's work is perhaps the crowning point to date, and stands out pre-eminent amongst its predecessors as a season distinctly successful for the young player.

The value of the Cardiff Reserves is not shown by the results of its matches, but its value to the Premiers is clearly demonstrated by the number of players being trained. Very few Reserve teams can point to such a promising fifteen. The average age is just 22 years, and it cannot be said that any single member does not possess promise for a future in the Premiers. A record has been established in the number of new caps awarded, 12 players having qualified this season. Altogether 83 players have been tried—another record.

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Gunstone also showed his value, and has been a valuable reserve to Gwyn Nicholls, whilst Harding's place in the Premiers has never been in danger. Ham has shown capital form ever since his inclusion in the ranks of the Premiers.

On no single occasion has the team played as selected, the demands of the Premiers being heavy all through the season, and on more than one occasion nine changes have been necessary. This is an instance of the difficulties under which the season has been gone through. With such talent available next season should prove very successful for both Cardiff teams.

The Season's Record.

		Score		Score
		for	Against	
		G. T. P.	G. T. P.	
1903				
Sept. 19	Whitechurch....d	0 1 3	1 0 3	
25	Grange Stars...w	0 1 3	0 0 0	
Oct. 5	Bristol II....w	2 5 25	0 0 0	
10	Pill Harriers...d	0 0 0	0 0 0	
17	Newport II....w	2 3 19	0 0 0	
24	Swansea II....l	0 0 0	0 1 3	
31	Mackintosh...w	0 2 6	0 0 0	
Nov. 7	Moseley II....w	0 1 3	0 0 0	
14	Gloucester II...w	1 3 14	1 0 3	
21	Newport II....l	1 6 3	12 1 10	
28	Swansea II....l	0 0 0	0 1 3	
Dec. 5	Chepstow...w	3 5 30	0 0 0	
12	Pontypool...l	0 0 0	1 1 8	
19	Cowbridge...w	0 2 6	0 1 3	
1904				
Jan. 2	Moseley II.—abandoned			
9	Whitechurch...d	0 0 0	0 0 0	
16	Bristol II....w	2 7 31	0 3 9	
23	Caerphilly...w	2 4 22	0 1 3	
30	Chepstow...w	0 2 6	0 0 0	
Feb. 6	Cardiff College w	1 0 5	1 1 6	
13	Swansea II....l	0 0 0	0 0 0	
20	Newport II....d	0 0 0	0 0 0	
27	Gloucester II...w	1 2 10	0 0 0	
Mar. 5	Pill Harriers...w	0 1 3	0 0 0	
12	Cowbridge...w	2 2 16	0 0 0	
19	Newport II....l	0 1 3	0 2 6	
26	Swansea II....w	3 1 3	0 0 0	
Apr. 9	Pontypool...l	1 0 5	1 2 11	
16	Caerphilly...d	0 1 3	0 1 3	
		19 48 235	7 15 71	

* Penalty.
 † Dropped.

Played 28, won 16, lost 7, drawn 5.
 Triers scored by—W. A. Jones 6, W. H. Harrison 6, T. McClean 6, H. Summerhayes 5, W. H. Gunstone 4, H. Jennings 4, G. McCraith 4, Wayne Morgan 3, R. David, A. Treaise, D. L. Evans, D. Timms, T. Franks, Rhys Davies, W. Jenkins, 2 each, W. Ham, Litchfield, H. Jones, F. Davies, D. Read, W. Jones, Rumbelow, D. Stephens, D. Pike, E. Lewis, A. Williams, R. John, W. Pullen, 1 each. Goal dropped by D. Stephens.

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