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which a Joint Committee had been set up and certain proposals were brought forward by that committee.

THE PROBLEMS.

The report of the Joint Committee into the financial position and organisation of the club showed that the loss on the working of the club was recognised only at the end of November last. The problems before the club were—to increase the revenue in all sections, to decrease expenses while maintaining the efficiency and activity of sport, and to reorganise the administration of the club with the object of preventing further loss.

SEASON TICKETS INCREASE.

To this end the committee proposed the following increase in the charges for season tickets:—Boys, 5s 9d to 6s; enclosure, 12s to £1 1s; ladies, 12s 6d to 15s; and stand, £1 1s to £1 11s 6d. The estimated annual increase to be thus obtained was £375.

A deputation had waited upon the Welsh Football Union to ask for an increase of the share of the gate from the New Zealand v. Cardiff match, but no reply had yet been received.

It was recommended that the football section, being not only the largest revenue-earning section but the largest expenditure section, the closest watch be kept on the expenditure, especially with regard to away matches, and the cost of gatemens, police, and training.

NEW COUNTY CRICKET ARRANGEMENT.

A new arrangement had been made with the Glamorgan County Cricket Club for 1925 which was expected to produce an increased revenue of £250, and the cricket section had also arranged to decrease their expenditure by about £50.

Under the tennis section the increase of subscription from £2 2s to £2 12s 6d (already in operation) was proposed plus an entrance fee of £1 1s for new members, and this was estimated to produce an increased revenue of £85. For junior members, 12-16 years of age, £1 1s was suggested, and 10s 6d during the summer holidays.

Following the expenditure of nearly £1,000 on the construction of a bowling ground, expectations were not realised, the special revenue being only £9 9s, and the importance of getting new members was stressed whilst the formation of a club in toto was suggested. The estimated increased revenue for 1925 was £100, and a similar revenue was expected from the new baseball section.

DEBENTURE HOLDERS' RESOLUTION.

The debenture holders had passed a resolution agreeing to the suspension of the redemption fund for a period of five years from January 1st, 1925, and this obviated for that period the necessity of providing the annual repayment of £700, while as the result of an appeal, conducted by Mr F. L. Perry and Messrs Ingledew, the club's hon. solicitors, the club's assessment had been reduced from £800 to £300. There was an estimated annual saving of £350.

MANAGEMENT CHANGES SUGGESTED.

Several important recommendations were made in respect of administration, the chief of which were (a) that the management committee be reduced to 12 members (exclusive of directors and vice-presidents), and that such members should hold office for three years, and during the period of five years from May 1st, 1925, should be nominated by the directors of the Cardiff Arms Park, Ltd., the first nominations to be made out of the members of the present management committee, and to include a fair representation from all sections of the club; (b) that the finance committee be abolished and its powers transferred to the management committee; (c) that sectional committees and sectional secretaries be responsible for their sectional activities but so that every action pledging the name, reputation or financial liability of the club be submitted to, and authorised by, the management committee; (d) that the ground staff be reorganised.

LAWN TENNIS.

Upon this report being considered by the meeting the reversion to the old tennis subscription of £2 2s was carried on an amendment, it being shown that the extra charge had resulted in a loss of membership.

Regarding the proposals with respect to the election of the Management Committee, several speakers felt that this would mean a loss of democratic control, and the chairman, whilst expressing his sympathy with this viewpoint, appealed to the meeting to adopt the recommendation of the Management Committee, and not to force any amendment, whilst Mr F. L. Perry stated that in effect what the directors were asking was that they should be trusted in the matter for a period of five years.

An amendment that the Management Committee number 20 having been lost, the recommendations as a whole were adopted, with the exception of the alteration in the tennis subscription.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The vice-presidents, Messrs W. M. Douglas, W. J. Spiller, A. L. Davies, W. G. Bowden and Dr. J. J. Buijt were re-elected, as were the auditor and the hon. treasurer, Mr A. F. Bland.

Replying to a vote of thanks to the auditors, Mr Sweeting said he felt at one time as if the burden of the club was almost too much to lift up, and it was now up to the supporters of the club and all who loved amateur sport in Cardiff to help them through their difficulties.

THE SILVER LINING.

Invited by the Chairman to make a statement regarding the club's position up to April last, Mr Robathan said there had been considerable improvement, and if the rate of progress was maintained during the next five years, the club would be on a sound financial basis. But they would have to do all they could to get new members and keep down expenses. The proposals made had already borne good fruit.

Mr Sweeting said he hoped in a year's time they would have a nice surprise.

On the motion of Major F. Shannons, a recommendation was sent to the directors that the club support the Cardiff City Council in the event of the weir on the river Taff.

The chairman was accorded a vote of thanks on the motion of Mr F. L. Perry.

enthusiasm of those present, however, there can be no doubt that Rugby with a few is a very much live subject in the summer months.

The chief business was the election of a committee of twelve to represent the Rugby section, and while there were no surprises voting was keen for the last place, Mr. G. H. Lewis, a keen worker in the ex-schoolboy movement, being just beaten by Mr. Johnny Thomas, the old half-back, who is a welcome addition to the committee. The only other new member is Mr. Gerald Heslop, better known for his services with Penarth, and his selection was very popular. Messrs. Thomas replaced are Mr. Ifor D. Thomas and Mr. L. C. ("Jack") Walters, who did not offer themselves for re-election.

Mr. W. J. Spiller presided, and was supported by Mr. W. M. Douglas, Dr. W. G. Williams, Mr. W. Bowden, and Mr. H. E. Sweeting.

At the outset the meeting cordially thanked Mr. T. Johnson (last season's captain), Mr. D. E. Davies (vice-captain), and Mr. Trevor Arnott (captain of the seconds) for their work. It was then announced that Mr. J. A. Powell, the only nominee for the captaincy of the section team, had withdrawn his name. After a discussion and an appeal to Mr. Powell to reconsider his decision the meeting passed a resolution that Mr. Powell was in every way a suitable man to fill the vacancy of the seconds. It was decided to leave the matter to the new committee.

The new captain, Mr. D. E. Davies, was then invited to the front, when the Chairman remarked that to be elected captain of a team of the calibre of Cardiff was an honour above any prize, and to be elected unanimously was one which any one might prize even more. He wished Mr. Davies every success in winning matches and in the quality and style of play.

Mr. Davies said he appreciated the honour conferred upon him, and it would be his endeavour to carry out the highest traditions of the Cardiff Club. (Hear, hear.)

COMMITTEE INCREASED TO 'TWELVE.

Mr. J. J. Robathan said that in view of the fact that the nominations were sent in before it was finally decided to alter the procedure, he thought the Rugby section should form their own sectional committee without any reference to previous nominations. He proposed that the committee should consist of nine, inclusive of the captain and vice-captain of the first and the captain of the second team. He considered that more than nine was a cumbersome figure for the committee.

Mr. J. Alexander seconded. The Chairman said the management committee had thought the previous number (nine) insufficient and decided on twelve.

Mr. I. T. Austin proposed an increase in the number to twelve, saying that this should not include a captain and vice-captain. He thought a smaller number could not dispose of the business satisfactorily.

Mr. A. Hopkins seconded. Mr. A. J. Nicholas—a member of the Welsh Football Union. He is not one of the nominations?

Mr. Ridgway Fitzgerald: He is representing a district and not this club, although nominated by this club.

Mr. Frank Wood: Can we have some idea of what is the number necessary to carry on the work efficiently?

The Secretary (Mr. C. S. Arthur) said there was plenty of work for the committee last year. He did not think twelve too many for them.

Eventually, it was decided that the committee should consist of twelve.

On a question being raised as to the attendances at the match committee meetings after Christmas last season, Mr. James Batstone remarked, "I don't think we missed many meetings before or after."

Mr. F. W. Piper's query regarding the attendances was answered by the secretary, who said they were about 80 per cent.

FIXTURES WITH THE UNIVERSITIES ADVOCATED.

During the counting of the votes, the Chairman invited members to raise points of interest to the athletic club—particularly those relating to the Rugby section—and there were many responses, kicking off after the advertised time was one, and the chairman said they had not had much to complain of in this respect last year.

One speaker pointed out that he had raised the point before regarding a greater number of English sides appearing on Cardiff's fixture list. He said that he noticed Swansea had Oxford and Cambridge for the coming season. In Cardiff the people would dearly love to see the universities visit them. He suggested the universities might be secured for season 1925-27.

The answer from the chair was that the fixtures for next season had already been made, but with regard to the universities they could only give Cardiff mid-week games.

During a discussion which followed the chairman announced, amid applause, that he had just been informed by the captain that he had nominated Mr. W. J. Delahay as his deputy.

The voting for the committee resulted as follows:—

Elected: Mr. Idris Richards, 76; Dr. Williams, jun., 75; Messrs. W. H. Jenkins, 73; J. Batstone, 72; H. A. Cornish, 71; J. Murray, 69; D. L. Evans, 68; J. Hopkins, 67; Gerald Heslop, 64; W. J. O'G., 61; Ridgway Fitzgerald, 59; and J. Thomas, 50.

Non-elected: G. H. Lewis, 49; R. W. Jobn, 33; D. E. Radcliffe, 23; Martin Richards, 22; and H. C. Hancock, 12.

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REAL TESTS PROBABLE

CHANGED POLICY FOR THE TRIALS.

"OLD STAGER" EXPLAINS
W.R.U. DECISION.

English Method Copied.

At a meeting of the committee of the Welsh Rugby Union, held at the Queen's Hotel, Cardiff, last evening the dates and venues of the trial matches to be played next season were fixed as follows:—

Probable Welsh XV. v. East, at Pontypool, October 29th;

Probable Welsh XV. v. West, at Carmarthen, November 19th.

Probable Welsh XV. v. Anglo-Welsh, in London on December 3rd.

Probable Welsh XV. v. The Rest, at Cardiff on January 7th.

Concealed behind the rather colourless official report of the Union's proceedings given above (writes "Old Stager") is a change of policy which might well have far-reaching effects upon the future of Welsh Rugby. That change, too, ought to lead to a substantial improvement in Welsh national sides; and no one ought to criticise it merely because it follows closely upon the methods adopted by England, and especially so having regard to the fact that those methods assisted in bringing to England a period of almost unexampled prosperity. In the past the policy of the Welsh Union has been from putting their Probable Welsh field until the final trial.

The outcome of that policy has been that Welsh national sides have rarely, if ever, of recent years played together more than once before being opposed to the chosen of other countries. In the coming season the games which we have been accustomed to regard as preliminary and largely useless "trials" will be supplanted by real tests, and the Probable Welsh XV. will play four matches before meeting England.

The alteration in the arrangements should certainly be the means of strengthening Welsh play in the direction where it has been weakest of recent years—combined play behind the scrummages. The plan that has been adopted closely resembles a suggestion I made some months ago to the effect that future "trials" should be between a Probable Welsh XV. and the leading Welsh sides. The new method will certainly add an air of reality and earnestness to the trials that was previously lacking, and it is symptomatic of the care and oversight that are now being shown towards Welshmen who play in England that in the coming season we are to have the innovation of a Welsh trial match in London.

I also understand that the Welsh Union last evening commenced another very necessary task, that of revising the list of Welsh referees and removing the names of those who ought to be taken off. That procedure was one that I devoted an article to last season, and it is a very necessary work in the interests of the game.

Rugby Admission Charges.

Cardiff Athletic Club are advertising their football season tickets, and I note the charge for the enclosure is to be £1 1s. An addition on last season's of 12s. As one who has attended Rugby matches at Cardiff for the last 25 years, and who has usually purchased a season ticket for the enclosure, I feel I am entitled to say that under the present conditions this is simply atrocious.

Having regard to the fact that the Soccer attraction is so strong in the city, one would have thought that they would have encouraged the interest in Rugby, instead of doing their best to kill it.

I am leaving the "stand" supporters take up their own case, but feel quite in sympathy with them, as the time does not permit this unreasonable demand any more from them than from—
JUST A WORKING MAN.
Caerphilly.

Rugby in France.

REMODELLING GAME ON NEW ZEALAND LINES.

Paris, Friday.—The "Auto" in a long article discusses the relative advantages and disadvantages of remodelling French Rugby on the lines of play adopted by the All Blacks.

"The mediocre results of our international Rugby season," the paper writes, "have earned the just reproaches of all critics, and the poor technique of our Rugby has given French amateurs furiously to think. The salient fact of the season was the mastery of the New Zealanders.

Their triumphal tour showed the great value of their plan—the individual initiative, the rapid understanding of every member of the team of the idea underlying the action of the man with the ball, the swift execution of attacks directed against the weakest point in the defence, have incited others to endeavour to imitate these brilliant masters of the game.

"As a remedy against the falling off in the technique of our game the adoption of the so-called New Zealand rules has been suggested."

The "Auto" sets forth the 1.0 rules, the first of which states that when the ball is thrown in from touch it must be thrown into play at least ten metres from the touch-line, this distance to be reckoned perpendicularly from the line, and the second of which provides that the ball can only be kicked straight into touch when the side attacked is within its own 25 line.

The first of these two rules is to be applied in France next season, and the "Auto" estimates that the council of the French Rugby Federation would achieve a useful sporting reform by rendering the application of the rule obligatory in future championship matches.

It is considered, however, that the second rule is beyond the present level of French Rugby on account of the physical effort needed. Kicking into touch is at present regarded as a means of attack for the purpose of gaining ground and as a means of defence for sending the ball offside.

The writer remarks that on several occasions he has discussed the two rules with well-known British referees and they agree with him that while the immediate adoption of the first rule was to be recommended the second rule, they considered, demanded too great an effort from the players.—Reuter.

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CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB (RUGBY FOOTBALL SECTION).

SEASON TICKETS

1925-26

Will be on Sale between 5.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. at Grand Stand Box, County Club Entrance (Cardiff Arms Park), on FRIDAY, 14th, MONDAY 17th, and FRIDAY, 21st inst. STAND, reserved not numbered ... £1 11 6 ENCLOSURE AND ROPES ... £1 1 0

G. S. ARTHUR
General Secretary.

Phones: Llandaff 261, 75. Grams: "Spot," Ely-Glam

RUGGERITES READY FOR THE FRAY.

WHEN CARDIFF WILL HOLD THEIR FIRST TRIALS.

Team's Newcomers.

So far as can be seen at this point the prospects of the Cardiff R.F.C. are full of promise.

S. J. Craves, who last season assisted the Premier side on several occasions, has been elected captain of the second fifteen.

Training will commence on the 18th inst., and public trials will be held at Cardiff Arms Park on the 29th and the 31st inst. Until the middle of October B. R. Turnbull, who secured his Welsh cap last season, will be available, and a newcomer to the three-quarter line will be George Slade, the Bath wing.

Cliff Williams, the Llanelli forward, who is a member of the Glamorgan Police Force, is now stationed near Cardiff, and it is expected that he will join the Blue and Blacks.

Last year's skipper, Idris Richards, had intended retiring, but as the pack would be without a leader now that Frank Stephens has gone North, he has agreed to continue playing, at least for a time.

The committee has handed over 100 copies of the history of the Cardiff Club, prepared by Mr C. S. Arthur, the secretary, and these will be sold for the benefit of the Supporters' Ex-schoolboy team, which will also benefit from the proceeds of the sale of the official programme. The ex-schoolboys will be allowed to train on the Park on Wednesdays.

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Trevor Preece
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Cardiff Athletic Club.

MR C. S. ARTHUR TO CONTINUE AS SECRETARY.

Cardiff sportsmen, and many of those outside the city, will be glad to hear (writes "Saracen") that Mr C. S. Arthur has agreed to continue in office as the secretary of the Cardiff Athletic Club.

It will be remembered that some time ago Mr Arthur tendered his resignation owing to the pressure of work, but upon representations being made to him agreed to suspend this pending a definite decision.

Mr Arthur, who has been secretary of the club for 33 years, has now been prevailed upon to continue in that capacity with Mr L. T. Watters as his assistant. Mr Watters has, therefore, resigned his seat on the committee, and will now devote as much of his time as possible to this work. He has already shown that he is well-adapted for it, and takes the keenest interest in the club and its affairs.

Cardiff Athletic Club.

At the ANNUAL MEETING, held on the 24th July last, the Members had the financial position of the Athletic Club fully placed before them, and it was pointed out that to enable the Club to pay its way it would be necessary to increase the prices of certain tickets, and the following are a list of the prices:—

Consolidated Ticket	- - -	£4 4 0
Combined Ticket	- - -	£2 2 0
Grand Stand Season Ticket	- - -	£1 11 6
Enclosure and Rope Ticket	- - -	£1 1 0
Ladies' Ticket	- - -	15 0

The Consolidated Ticket entitles the holder to view and play in all sections.

The Combined entitles the holder to view in Cricket and Football, and have a Reserved and Numbered Seat in the Grand Stand during the Football Season, and have a voice in the affairs of the Football and Cricket Sections, also a Vote.

Grand Stand Tickets entitles the holder to view Football Matches only, and to have an Unreserved Seat in the Grand Stand.

The difference between the Grand Stand Season Ticket and the Combined is only 8/6, so that purchasers are advised to consider this before purchasing, as for the extra 8/6 they obtain far greater privileges.

The Enclosure Ticket has been increased from 12/6 to £1 1s. This has been deemed necessary, and it is earnestly hoped that supporters of the Code will take up these tickets, and help the Committee in their endeavour to put the Club on a sound financial basis.

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GETTING IT READY FOR HOBBS.

17/8/25



Trevor Preece, formerly of Neath, the new Cardiff groundsman, preparing the wicket for the Glamorgan v. Surrey match to-morrow.



NO WONDER HOBBS STAYED AWAY!—Groundsmen mopping up water from the wicket at Cardiff Arms Park to-day, where Glamorgan should have started their match with Surrey.—(Photo: South Wales Echo.)

Cardiff Athletic Club FOOTBALL SECTION AND THE FINANCES

(To the Editor, Evening Express.)

Sir,—As chairman of the special committee of directors and club members who reported in the early part of this year on the club finances, may I be permitted to correct a not unnatural misapprehension which apparently exists amongst the supporters of the rugby football section of the Cardiff Athletic Club.

It is assumed that the football section was run at a profit of some £2,000 for the year and that it is, therefore, hard luck on the football supporters that the football tickets should be increased in order to provide, as it is thought, for the needs of cricket, tennis, bowls, &c.

The fact is that the apparent profit of £2,000 was more than wiped out when the football section was debited with their proper proportion of the cost of capital and the overhead expenses of the club. The auditors reported that, on a fair and proper allocation of all costs between the various sections, the football section showed a loss of £1,243 11s. 7d. for the year.

The huge sum of money (£30,000) required to preserve the Cardiff Arms Park for amateur sport, and therefore the continuance of rugby football on that park, was only possible to be obtained by the united effort and co-ordinated support of all sections of the Cardiff Athletic Club, and, although the football section is, of course, the largest revenue earner, it is also the largest spender.

In accordance with the report of the special committee, the tickets of all sections of the club had to be increased, and the committee are, I know, very grateful for the cordial and wholehearted support which their recommendations have received from all sections.—I am, &c.,

HUGH M. INGLEDEW

WITH THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE PUBLISHER OF *The Times*.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

THE ALL-BLACKS' GAME.

METHODS AND MEN.

Reprinted from *The Times* of Saturday, January 31, 1925.

A GREAT many people in a great many different ways have endeavoured to account for the long-sustained success of the All Blacks of 1924-25, who eventually succeeded in going one better even than the All Blacks of 1905-6.

Some of the reasons given are too obvious to be laboured—they were almost painfully apparent long before that last decisive battle at Twickenham. A few people claimed to have discovered secrets that were dark; others, again, revealed the kind of secrets that have to be enclosed in inverted commas, secrets that were neither dark, nor bright, nor noticeably helpful. It all amounted to this—that the careful training of a fine type of man, skilful backing up in attack and in defence—otherwise team work—the constant keeping of the ball in play, as opposed to our overdone tendencies to kick, and, perhaps, the extra man "out," properly applied—all these things no doubt gave the New Zealanders certain advantages, particularly against sides like that of England, for example, who were not teams at all in the true sense of the word. England, admittedly, were most unfortunate in having to break up the real team that had done such yeoman service during the last few seasons; it was doubly unfortunate, too, that some of the surviving players had passed their best. None of these facts, however, affects the general argument. It merely emphasizes the lack of imagination of the Rugby Union, who, in the face of a serious challenge, arranged only one trial game of any value, and so left the selectors to make bricks without straw and send a scratch side into the field to face a team of method and ideas.

It is not without significance that the All Blacks themselves declared that Ox-

ford University and Newport and, then, Cambridge and, then, Ireland—most of whose players knew each other's play well—troubled them most. Then came the close-knit "spoiling" packs of the West Country, early in the tour. England's brilliant offensive during the first thrilling half-hour at Twickenham undoubtedly disturbed the All Blacks more than they care to admit—frank as they generally are about their opponents' ability or lack of it—but the fact that it produced only one try, and shortly was replied to by 17 points, is not unfairly said to tell its own story. All along, then, one does discover that the All Blacks feared combination and method and new ideas more than men. It is an impression that should impress us as well.

AN EXPOSITION BY M. J. NICHOLLS.

One now owes to M. J. Nicholls, whose grasp of the modern game of Rugby made him invaluable to his side, a slightly deeper insight into the purely technical side of the Rugby as played by the All Blacks. Most sides, of course, have their pet particular moves and counter-moves and dodges, so that the word "secrets," as applied to Nicholls's brilliant exposition of the New Zealand game, varied as it had to be during the tour, is rather too melodramatic. For the benefit of the writer, who very humbly endeavours to pass on the information, Nicholls gave a detailed explanation of:—

- (1) The principles upon which the seven forwards pack and operate against a pack of eight.
- (2) The defence of the backs.
- (3) Several methods of attack.

One much regrets that it is not possible to reproduce in an article of this kind some highly interesting diagrams by means of which Nicholls supports his

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...night Cardiff played Hoath-road, and Cardiff won by nine men. The Cardiff team (seated)—J. Brown, J. C. Lewis, Jack Powell (former Welsh Rugby International). Standing—L. Batstone, W. Powell, J. McJennett, W. Bonn, and A. Williams.—(Photo. F. Seymour.)

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ideas of back play. Rugby is not a chess-board game, but, for all that, chessboard tries have been scored and, by much the same means, prevented.

Nicholls's first contention is that the holding of eight forwards by seven is not due to superior physique, or even stamina. It is due to a scientific method of packing—in which each man has his appointed place, a particular manner of placing his feet, and also of directing his weight to the utmost possible advantage.

To start with, the two men in the front row have to be about 12½st. in weight and be nearly as possible the same height, approximately 5ft. 9in. As Nicholls puts it, "Nuggetty men, with strong necks and good broad shoulders." Packing is effected on the centre man of the opposing scrum, the hookers endeavouring to get their heads under the middle man's chest. If this is done, the hookers, when the full pressure is applied, cannot get out of position, and the opposing hooker suffers an intolerable strain upon his neck. Nicholls does not attempt to carry the theory of hooking much farther, for he admits that "as the law is to-day, although quite simple in theory, hooking is most difficult in the actual game." The lock, or the big fellow who holds together the two hookers, directs the scrummaging and screwing of the scrum. His back must be straight, but not too long, in order to serve its purpose. He keeps his feet apart in the scrum in order to facilitate the passage of the ball. Much of this, of course, is common knowledge to players, if not to every spectator.

The mission of the outside men in the second row is rather more complicated and the explanation of it correspondingly more interesting. These men, says Nicholls, must, as near as possible, be of the same height and weight and complete the heaviest row in the scrum. It is this row which takes the push. The outside men, however, do not push straight ahead, but inwards—that is, between the two hookers. The inside foot must be kept up and prevent the ball from coming out at the side of the scrum. The outside foot is farther back, the leg and thigh being kept in the same straight line. The foot itself is placed at an angle of 45deg. to the scrum, so that should the scrum be required to break up quickly the outside men on standing up are facing half-left or half-right, as the case may be, and yet be able to spring out without first having to shift the feet. In the scrum, like all good forwards, they are expected to watch the ball all the time that it is in. The back row men pack on the lock; they link up before

getting down, and place their inside feet just behind lock's feet. Their outside feet are as those of the outside men in the second row. Their weight rests upon the lock alone, though their outside arms encircle the side row men.

It is in this way that the New Zealanders claim to have established a more or less perfect wedge formation, with four men in the scrum who do all the pushing. The hookers and lock are not expected to put any real weight in at all.

DEFENCE.

According to Nicholls, the All Blacks of 1924-25 had only a few set defensive movements.

The first involved the responsibility of each man in marking one opponent from the set scrummages. The wing forward marked the scrum half-back on the open side, and, in his own half of the field, was responsible for marking the blind side on all occasions. Near the goal-line, the full-back also took the blind side. The first five-eighth set the depth of the defence for the other backs. As soon as he moved up, so did his partner and all the three-quarter backs. The claim is made that, with a straight line of backs, no time or ground is lost in getting to the opponent with the ball. The further object is to keep inside each opponent, and so force the attack outwards all the time.

The All Blacks clearly believe that the scrum half-back and first five-eighth are sufficient to stop forward rushes; it is even expected that the former should be capable of doing it himself, and so leave both five-eighths on their feet. The importance of this is emphasized by Nicholls's own explanation of R. K. Millar's first try for London in the match at Twickenham. Nicholls himself was compelled to stop a rush, and, the London pack having heeled out quickly, there was thus the extra man available in attack. All that was needed to produce a score then was clean giving and taking of passes. On other occasions, with both five-eighths on their feet, the defence, for their part, required only to tackle the man with the ball, the rest of the team meanwhile running as fast as possible to the danger point. A point in defence, after an attack has been developed, is this: The half-back who has passed the ball always follows up immediately behind, in case the man with the ball should drop it or should the next pass be intercepted.

In countering an attack from a set scrum, in the course of which "Y," a left centre, is assumed to have broken through, past the one New Zealand centre, the latter's wing man would not pursue Y, but would confine his attention to the

wing. Y is left to the full back in conjunction with the pursuing five-eighths and centre. It also is expected that one forward at least will have broken up and fallen back directly the ball has been lost. Play in New Zealand has clearly proved that the slowest forward can get back to one or other of the corner flags before the attacking centre can get so far.

ATTACK.

Although New Zealand encourages method in attack, it also encourages variation. The most successful method in Great Britain, for example, was the very latest to be developed. It came about, ironically enough, owing to the dispensation concerning the rule affecting kicking to touch, granted to New Zealand and New South Wales by the Rugby Union. It is, however, no set attack, but merely an elaboration of the situation in which an attacking back division finds itself with no touch line available for a runner in distress. Nicholls declares the earlier games of this style to be amusing to watch, but out of it, after all, came success.

Above all, the New Zealander relies more upon penetration than upon the outnumbering theory. The penetration must be as close to the scrum as possible. This does not generally apply to the scrum half-back, who, however, is expected to vary his methods. As in defence, the first five-eighth sets the depth of the movement, and by keeping level with that player not a moment is lost in the act of passing. Similarly with the punt ahead, which is never tried if the attacking formation be deep. Practically straight passing at top speed is aimed at. One or other of the five-eighths is the player expected to draw the defence or to get up to make the extra man. Tactical punting follows the usual lines, and it is

interesting to learn that, much as the All Blacks hate losing possession of the ball, they consider they have lost nothing by using the short punts ahead for suddenly changing the direction of attack or by using the long punt ahead for "rattling" certain players or for lulling others into a sense of false security. In any case, the short punt ahead is generally preferred to the mere passing without a preparatory opening. They even fear the inevitable tackle that forces the runner to drop the ball and give the defence the chance to break away and score—as they themselves have so often done.

The principle of backing up, however, is based upon passing the ball before being tackled, and then upon intelligent anticipation of the spot where a fellow player will encounter serious trouble. Nicholls, as, of course, every other competent observer will agree, declares that this concentrated backing up by backs and forwards alike was one of the main causes of success during the recent tour.

One further point is made. In attack, each All Black endeavours to get outside of the man he himself is marking. This has been found to assist straight running. It is granted, however, that an opposing stand-off half-back can make this very difficult by quickly getting up to his man. Should he be at all slow in doing so, the first five-eighth can draw the inside centre, who, if he attempts to tackle, leaves open a gap for a fast second five-eighth of the type of Cooke.

This exposition of the All Blacks' use of their own formation does not pretend to be complete, but at least it indicates, and occasionally explains, more than one of their successful movements—in attack and defence. And, in any case, it may be of interest to clubs and individual players who wish to keep abreast of the times.

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BASEBALL.

Grange Cup Final.

CARDIFF'S DECISIVE WIN.

Cardiff deserved their victory in the final of the Grange Cup at the Cardiff Arms Park at night when they defeated Roath-road brotherhood by nine men to bat. They were the better side all-round, though the Roath men put up a really good show against more polished play.

Roath were first at the crease, and gave early promise of putting up a stubborn resistance. R. A. Griffice, the Cardiff Corinthian Soccerite scoring freely off Denning.

H. Taylor, too, inspired confidence by sending Denning well into the cheap stand for 4 with his first stroke, but before the end of the round Williams, T. Dobbins, and L. Dunster were sent back without adding to the score. By the end of round three half the side were dismissed for 40.

DENNING'S TELLING WORK.
 Denning, who had now found his length, pitched in fine style, and the next four men could only augment the score by three runs.

Taylor, last man in, closing the innings by returning a ball to the Cardiff pitcher, who had bowled throughout, and in the last round accounted for five batsmen for as many runs.

Jack Powell made a useful beginning when Cardiff went in to bat, lashing Williams to the outfield to travel the whole distance round for four, but still Williams pitched with accuracy as the second advanced, and at the close he had not an extra against him.

The score stood at 29 for the loss of W. Powell, J. Brown, and J. C. Lewis, when Williams, who had pitched, unpenalised by extras, was displaced by Taylor.

The latter made a difference of three men in the Cardiff side by the close of the third visit to the pegs, Attley, Williams (A.), and Denning all failing to his enticing slow balls.

But a great stand was made by Jack Powell, W. Boon, and J. McJennett, who, hitting out freely as last three in, took the score from 46 to 62 before closing with W. Boon leading the score-sheet for 11, McJennett and Jack Powell being only one run behind the W.B.U. secretary with ten apiece.

The Cardiff pitcher, T. Denning, came out on top in Roath's second effort, pitching throughout, and preventing the batsmen reaching double figures by his well-judged deliveries.

The best effort was made by Dunster, who put on six, and was holding when the innings closed. Roath lost three in the first round, and were fortunate to retain A. Peel, who was missed in a easy catch to W. Boon at No. 3 base when the score was 12.

Only 23 had been obtained when V. Williams was caught by McJennett in the slips. With the next ball Denning had Sid Peel caught by Brown in the off slips, and F. E. Dodding followed to add nothing to the score. R. A. Griffice was not quick enough to reach No. 1 base when missing Denning's next.

A. Peel then hit well out into the far field to bring home Dunster and Dodding, and to score 3, but the side quickly fell away and were all out for only 23, actually obtained off hits, the remaining eight runs being recorded against Denning for "bads," until 21 was retired as the side's total.

This left Cardiff only 13 to get to win. Jack Powell got to No. 2 from his first stroke, but with Brown being based as third man, and later with Boon based on No. 2, neither player scoring, eight men visited the pegs before the final winning hit was made by J. C. Lewis, after an extra had drawn level. Cardiff thus winning by nine men to bat.

Mr. A. A. Bruton, president of the W.B.U., presented the cup to Jack Powell, the winners' captain after the game. Scores:—

Roath—V. Williams 0-2, F. E. Dodding 2-3, R. A. Griffice 11-5, T. Dobbins 0-3, L. Dunster 6-6, H. Taylor 3-0, T. Morris 3-0, A. Peel 3-5, V. Williams 3-1, A. Pepperell 2-0, S. Peel 4-1, extras 6-5; totals 45-31.
 Cardiff—J. Powell 13-2*, J. C. Lewis 1-2*, P. Attley 3-1*, J. Brown 1-0, A. Parker 6-2*, J. McJennett 10-1*, W. Powell 6-2*, W. Boon 11-0, I. Batstone 7, T. Denning 2, extras 5-5; totals 62-15.
 Cardiff won by nine men. * signifies not out.

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OPENING RUGBY THRILLS IN SOUTH WALES.

CARDIFF DEFEATS A DISTRICT XV.

RESULTS OF OTHER TRIAL MATCHES.

Swansea's Victory.

CARDIFF 1-5-20, CARDIFF AND DISTRICT 0-1-3.

As usual, Cardiff opened their season at Cardiff Arms Park by entertaining a Cardiff and District XV. Play was not exactly of first-class standard, and a number of notable exponents showed an absence of skill and speed, caused doubtless by lack of recent practice. The Cardiff side were superior principally because of the better understanding which existed between the backs, several of whom occasionally revealed flashes of brilliance, which only needs to be sustained to bring them into the prominence which they formerly enjoyed. The work of the forwards in the loose was haphazard and straggling, and the Cardiff side was denied any advantage which might have accrued to it through the full use of its experienced backs, by reason of the fact that the heeling was quite as slow and unmethodical in the Cardiff side as in the District. None of the District players attained a degree of proficiency sufficient to warrant their inclusion in the premier side, though in one or two instances there were indications of promise. Danny Davies, after almost a season of enforced rest, was nearly up to his usual standard and played a characteristic game, while the work of the Cardiff centres was particularly polished and dazzling on occasion. The three-quarters on both sides were inclined to take matters far too easily, treating the game largely in the spirit of levity, and none of them on yesterday's showing enhanced their reputations.

The Cardiff tries were scored by J. BROWN, CLIFF WILLIAMS, P. RAYER (2), TREVOR NICHOLAS and B. R. TURNBULL. Davies converted one of the tries scored by Rayer. The lead was reduced by H. SHARP (St. German's). Teams:—

Cardiff—D. Collins; T. Nicholas, B. R. Turnbull, R. A. Cornish, P. Rayer; W. J. Delahay, D. E. Davies; E. Marsh, E. Spillane, S. Hinam, J. Burns, Cliff Williams, K. Turnbull, Tom Lewis and J. Brown.

District—J. Blackmore (Roath Park); F. Kempson (Loudons), P. Smith (Roath Park), G. W. Harrison (Queenians), T. Brown (Llandaff North); H. Fussell (Llanishen), A. Phenix (Loudons); M. Jacobs (Llandaff City), D. J. Bowen (Senghenydd), T. Dacey (Canton), H. Sharp (St. Germans), C. Ireland (Romilly), J. Smith (Baptists), D. Samuels (Llandaff North), and D. Lewis (Romilly).

SWANSEA 0-1-2 MORRISTON 0-0-0.

CARDIFF RESERVES v. GRANGE BAPTISTS.

The Cardiff Reserves team to meet the cup winners of the Cardiff and District League, Grange Baptists, at the Cardiff Arms Park on Saturday, will be:—R. C. Evans; (from) C. Harris, W. Patch, J. Roberts, T. A. Brown and H. Corsi; T. Driscoll and S. Barnes; (from) S. C. Cravos, E. Marsh, K. Turnbull, C. O'Leary, F. Lee, R. Howells, T. Sharp, A. Morris, J. Blake, and T. Ireland.

BRIDGEND 5-5-40, PONTYCYMMER 1-0-5.

THE RUGBY GAME

CARDIFF'S MATCH WITH DISTRICT UNION.

BRILLIANT TRY SCORED BY B. R. TURNBULL.

By "AJAX."

	G	T	Pts.
Cardiff	1	5	20
Cardiff and District Union XV.	0	1	3

A feature of Cardiff's match with the District Union XV. on Wednesday night was the intelligent manner in which the representative side played to the new rules. They should a sound grip of the revised laws.

Although Cardiff won by an overwhelming margin the League side put up a spirited fight, and the game was not so one-sided as the score would indicate. The Union team were stronger in front, and in men like Sharp, Ireland, and Smith there was some promising material. Their backs appeared to be unsettled.

Making allowance for some tame efforts, the Cardiff men gave an encouraging exhibition. There were flashes of penetrating back play and strong forward work. There was an opportunity to note the speed of Hinam and Cliff Williams in the breakaway and the effective scrimmaging of Jim Brown, Burns, and Spillane.

The tit-bit, however, was the brilliant try scored by B. R. Turnbull. Receiving in his opponents' 25 he burst through in thrilling fashion. Delahay and Danny Davies worked smoothly at half-back. Delahay once had to leave the field with a cheek-bone injury, but was able to return. Happily, the injury will have no serious complications.

Arthur Cornish, without over-exertion, demonstrated his fitness, and Nicholas and Rayer, on the wings, took their chances well. Collins showed confidence in defence.

Cardiff's tries were scored by Burns, Cliff Williams, Rayer (2), Nicholas, and Turnbull, one of which was converted by Danny Davies. Sharp scored the Union's only try.

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Referee: Mr. J. Rees, Aberaman.

TEAM TO OPPOSE BRIDGEND.

Against Bridgend at Cardiff Arms Park on Saturday Cardiff's team will be selected from:

B. O. Male or D. Collins; T. Nicholas, R. A. Cornish, B. R. Turnbull, P. Rayer, J. Roberts; W. J. Delahay, D. E. Davies; I. Richards, Cliff Williams, S. Hinam, T. Lewis, J. Brown, E. Spillane, J. Burns, R. North, E. Marsh, K. Turnbull.

"BIG FIVE" OF RUGBY.

MR. ROLAND THOMAS NOT RE-ELECTED.

OLD PLAYERS CHOSEN

MR. GWYN NICHOLLS & MR. WYNDHAM JONES.

By "OBSERVER."

Meeting at Cardiff on Thursday evening a full match committee of the Welsh Football Union chose the following selection committee (or "Big Five."):-

- *Mr. Wyndham Jones (Merthyr Vale).
- Mr. T. D. Schofield (Bridgend).
- *Mr. Gwyn Nicholls (Cardiff).
- Mr. D. B. Jones (Swansea).
- Mr. J. Garrett (Cwmbran).
- *New members.

There will be jubilation mixed with sorrow—and probably some anger—at the choice of the Welsh Union members, and straightaway I must voice my regret at the "dropping" of such a fine sportsman as Mr. Roland Thomas and my surprise at the passing over of Mr. Harry Packer.

The selection of two old internationals in Messrs. Gwyn Nicholls and Wyndham Jones will cause satisfaction among those who deprecated the action of the full committee last year, but others are of opinion that if changes were to be made the other old international, Mr. Packer, should be brought in. He was in sole charge of the British team which toured South Africa last summer, and after this display of faith by the Rugby Union it will be hard to explain why in Wales he is not considered good enough to have a voice in the selection of the national side.

They will be justly entitled to ask questions at Newport, and, indeed, many other clubs will be wondering why a candidate who played for Wales seven times in her prime days and who had power to send from South Africa for players he named should be unfitted for the task of helping to select the Welsh team.

MEN WHO INSPIRE CONFIDENCE.

It might be expected too much of a Welsh Rugby governing authority to make a complete change, and perhaps I have made more than is necessary of the opinion of Mr. Packer. The fact that the great "Gwyn," an idol with all Rugby followers, and another international are on the selection committee will drive away the feeling that the national team will be chosen through local influence.

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Last season we did not have the men

THE RUGBY CODE.

PONTYPRIDD'S GROUND OPENED.

GWYN NICHOLLS' XV. WIN BY TWELVE POINTS.

	G.	T.	Pts.
Gwyn Nicholls' XV. ...	*1	3	12
Pontypridd	0	0	0

* Penalty.

One of the greatest Rugby attractions in Pontypridd for several seasons past was the encounter at Ynysyngarad Park on Thursday, when Mr. E. Gwyn Nicholls' XV. played the local team to mark the opening of the new ground—regarded as one of the finest of its kind in the whole of South Wales.

There was a large attendance when Councillor D. L. Davies (chairman of the council) kicked off. Pontypridd attacked repeatedly in the first half, and prominent among the forwards were Police-constable Gwilym Jenkins, the new captain, and Stock. Not long after the start there was a brilliant bout of passing among the visiting players, and Morris, the home full-back, after tackling Jeremiah, was injured and was unable to resume for some minutes. A little later John Roberts was sprinting grandly down the field on the left when Morris, who was perhaps too daring, got in his way and was accidentally kicked on the side of the head. Gwilym Jenkins took his place, and a fairly long period elapsed before the full-back was able to continue. Despite the mishap, Morris showed better form than ever. Notwithstanding the fact that the visitors were a bigger and a speedier and a more experienced lot of men, they did not score quickly, but eventually Cornish got over with an excellent try. Johnson failed to convert. Soon afterwards Johnson kicked a penalty goal. In the second half Roberts and Rees scored for the visitors.

Pontypridd: J. Morris; P. C. Cross, Connelly, Teddington, and Pevall; W. Jenkins and Gordon; A. Thomas, Griffiths, Davies, Stock, D. Elliott, Ivor Williams, P. C. Gwilym Jenkins, and Cummings.

Gwyn Nicholls' XV.: D. Hopkins; *Cornish, *Turnbull, *Johnson, and John Roberts; *Delahay and Jeremiah; *Idris Richards, *Steve Lawrence, *Cliff Williams, *Hinnam, Tommy Lewis, E. Marsh, S. Rees, and P. Turnbull. * International.

PONTYPOOL NOT EXTENDED MONMOUTHSHIRE POLICE.

	G.	T.	Pts.
Pontypool	2	3	12
Monmouthshire Police	0	0	0

Pontypool's first official match played at the Recreation Ground on

CARDIFF RUGBY

TRIAL GAMES TO-DAY

RECRUITS FROM WIDE AREA

Many Aspirants to Fame

By OBSERVER.

One of the touch judges on the Cardiff Arms Park at the trial matches of the club to-day was wearing a straw hat! This gives an idea that Rugby made a premature debut for season 1925-26, but judging by the crowd this was not so. The weather though fine was not too warm. Inside the ropes sat the Cardiff Club selectors watching the aspirants intently. The teams for the first game were:-

WHITES "A":—R. E. Evans (Welch Regt. and Swansea Uplands); W. Edwards (Llanharan), J. Litchenberg (Loudons), W. L. Veal (St. Ives) and C. Harris; J. S. Morgan (Cinderford) and G. Richards (Bryncethin); Tom Burns (Cardiff), T. J. Cole (Llantrisant), S. Smith (Roath-road Brotherhood), Ivor Jones (Bargoed), J. Shepherd (Bargoed), J. L. Veal (St. Ives), Tom Rowe (Bargoed), and T. Lewis (Cardiff).

STRIPES "A":—J. E. Lloyd (Whitchurch); A. C. Curran (St. Brennan's College), G. Lewis (Old Millhillians), J. Osborne (St. Germans), and G. Richards (Whitchurch); T. Driscoll (Torquay) and T. J. Parsons (Grange Lyndons); J. Burns (Cardiff), G. Mills (Canton), W. Hail (Ynysybwll and Mountain Ash), A. Morris (Penarth), W. J. Patch (Ynysybwll), T. Laird (Dukinfield), Rees Howells (Glamorgan Wanderers), and F. Lee (Cardiff).

Referee: Mr. A. D. Thomas.

There was nothing very brilliant about the game in the first half, and, as a matter of fact it was inclined to be ragged. There were flashes in the pan occasionally, but for the most part an absence of combination quite proved the stumbling block.

Then at last Richards, who had shown once or twice that he was capable of doing better than his colleagues, broke through on the left flank and secured a really good try. Evans just failed to convert.

The stripes did not deserve to be behind, and they thoroughly deserved the score which came from MILES. The latter received from Rees Howells, who drew the defence before parting with the ball, and the position was an easy one for DRISCOLL (formerly of Penylan) to convert.

Evans, the full-back from the depot of the Welsh Regiment, and W. H. Rowlands were the men who caught the eye most during the first half.

At times Driscoll gave glimpses of class, but he was handcapped through his failure to knock things off with his partner.

	G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF STRIPES ...	1	0	5
CARDIFF WHITES ...	0	1	3

The game was much more evenly contested in the second half after the selectors had made some changes, and the game ended in a draw of 16pts. all.

JIM BURNS and TOM BURNS, the later a schoolboy international, had the unique experience of scoring a try and kicking a goal apiece.

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So many applications for positions in the rear divisions were received that the Cardiff committee decided to play a second game, several of the old hands being seen among the forwards.

Second Trial Game

The teams for Cardiff's second trial game were:-

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So many applications for positions in the rear divisions were received that the Cardiff committee decided to play a second game, several of the old hands being seen among the forwards.

Second Trial Game

The teams for Cardiff's second trial game were:—

CARDIFF STRIPES "B": T. Patterson and A. Blakemore (Roath Park); J. Vincent (St. German's), Norman Green (Penarth), J. Roberts (Cardiff High School), and E. W. Scaman (Cardiff District); Robin Cornish (Cardiff) and S. Barnes (Cardiff); J. Spillane (Cardiff District), H. Watkins (Llanishen), E. Sherrin (Llanishen), R. Wilson (St. Alban's, Cardiff), M. Regan (St. Alban's), B. Wilson (Cardiff Supporters), N. Taylor (Lyndons), and C. Taylor (Grange Baptist).

CARDIFF WHITES "B": H. T. Lee (Llanharan); J. Munn (Llandaff), H. Corsi (Cardiff District), J. Patch (Ynysbwll), and W. H. Rowlands (Whitchurch); W. Bowcott (Llandaff) and R. Cross (Romilly); S. Hinan (Cardiff), E. Spillane (Cardiff), J. E. Billing (Cardiff University), T. Radmilovic (Penarth), Colin Ross (Cardiff Tauntonians), Wilson (Supporters), Jones (Supporters), and Brown (Supporters).

The committee decided to give the three full-backs a trial, Blakemore going on in the second half.

As in the other game, play was not very scientific, but presently the Whites, who had been defending stubbornly, suddenly roused themselves, and JOHN ROBERTS, who had just previously been to the fore with a smart kick when pressed, raced for half way to score a fine try. He easily converted.

Again the Stripes attacked, and again the Whites got out of difficulties through the smartness of Roberts. The old High School boy, finding his wingman hemmed in, cut across and quite deceived the opposition. It was only by a fraction that he was beaten in a dash for a try.

Patch was continually catching the eye, and Bowcott, the Llandaff lad, was often seen to advantage. He tried to open up the game and several times went with a bang.

The Stripes led at the interval by five points.

	G.	T.	Pts.
STRIPES "B"	1	0	5
WHITES "B"	0	0	0

SECOND HALF.

Up to now this had been a far better game than the first, the backs at all times being anxious to give the ball plenty of air. There were passing bouts at every opportunity, and the man with the ball always went hard for the line.

James, the old Monkton House boy, was prominent with some loose work, and the Whites got a well-deserved try through Rowlands.

Presently the Stripes, by dint of hard work, got a footing in the Whites' territory, and Roberts was just in time in a dive for a rolling ball.

ROBERTS got another try later on, but the best score of the game came when CORSI raced right through the opposition to touch down behind the posts. Rowlands got another and this was also unconverted.

Then Corsi got over again but was recalled for a forward pass.

	G.	T.	Pts.
WHITES	2	2	15
STRIPES	0	1	3

PLUCK I

During the first half of one of the trial games on the Cardiff Arms Park to-day the referee (Mr. A. D. Thomas) received an accidental kick on the knee. After receiving attention at half-time he carried on and officiated in a second game.

Cardiff & District Union Trial

The Cardiff and District Rugby Union played a trial game on the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon to select a team to play Cardiff next Wednesday. Teams:—

Competitive XV.: Lovell (Cardiff Foundry); B. Nicholls (Canton), Bartlett (Gasonians), H. Curtiss (Romilly), P. Barnes (Cardiff Foundry); Mori and Parsons (Grange); G. Ireland (Romilly); T. Lacey (Canton), A. Phinca (Loudons), Tom O'Neill (St. Peter's), H. Sharpe (St. German's), D. Lewis (Romilly), and F. Wyatt (Gasworks).

Non-competitive: H. S. Williams (Claremont); T. Brown (Llandaff North), J. Harrison (Old Queensians), Blackmore (Roath Park), J. Rickford (Barbarians); B. Tinsell (Llanishen), Rowlands (Whitchurch), Farnell (Babaas), F. Sharran (Llanishen), N. Jacobs (Llandaff North), D. Samuels and F. Ireson (Llandaff North), H. Watkins (Llanishen), E. Fielding (Claremont), and Foster (Babaas).
Referee: Mr. Dick (Leworthy), W.R.U.

FOOTBALL.

Yesterday's Games.
CARDIFF'S GOOD DISPLAY.

(By "OLD STAGER.")

CARDIFF 1-5-20, PILL HARRIERS 0-0-0.

Much of the satisfaction which would normally have attached to Cardiff's 20 points win over the Pill Harriers, at the Cardiff Arms Park last evening, was denied to the victors because of the fact that the vanquished were handicapped through losing the services of Walsh, one of their forwards, owing to a damaged shoulder, long before half-time, while a few minutes after the resumption they were placed under the further disadvantage of having to continue without having the aid of Marshall, their custodian, who twisted his knee in endeavouring to step aside from an ordinary tackle. It was inevitable that Cardiff should win under such circumstances; indeed, Cardiff showed sufficient cleverness over and above that displayed by the men from Usk-side to make it abundantly clear that they would have been easy victors in any case. Pill, while good in parts, were far from being the Pill of old. Sporting and persevering to a degree they certainly were, but they seemed to me to be lacking in that guile that comes from experience: what I mean by that is that they continually refrained from ordering their defence in a manner which would enable them to deal effectively with any attacks which deviated from the obvious and orthodox. The consequence of this was that men like Delahay, Danny Davies, and B. H. Turnbull—experts at diverting the point of an attack by sending out passes in the opposite direction to that in which they were expected—were often able to make the Harriers' defence look poorer than it actually was, while the neatness with which they executed these efforts rightly brought them well deserved applause. Danny Davies, I should add, ran with greater resolution and effect than he has done for a considerable period, and it was unfortunate that Rayer (who otherwise played a sound game) should have shown a tendency to mishandle a number of the passes Davies gave him, thereby dislocating the pretty combined work of which his colleagues seemed capable. Rayer, however, has the making of a fine centre—as I pointed out last season—and should be persevered with in that position. John Roberts was a greater success on the wing that he has ever been when playing for Cardiff in the centre, while Trevor Nicholas, in addition to doing good work in a general way, showed real artistry in the placing of his cross-kicks. Roberts had the stronger opponent to guard, for Manley played finely, showing plenty of initiative and possessing praiseworthy characteristics in defence.

Pill did best in front. Their forwards, when eight were available, did reasonably well in the tight, and were better than Cardiff in the loose, some of their footwork being splendid. They were a fairly even lot, too—much more so than Cardiff. K. Turnbull played his best game for Cardiff, showing more football brains, as well as safer hands than are usually seen in Welsh football to-day. North and Burns also did something to justify the promise which they have shown.

Before passing to a record of the scores a tribute should be paid to Richardson for the able manner in which he filled Pill's last line after the departure of Marshall. At centre he was quite ordinary: as a custodian he was an outstanding success.

Cardiff lost the toss and played against a stiff wind in the opening half, during which only one score was recorded—and that a remarkable try by B. H. TURNBELL, who ran half the length of the field, hotly pursued all the way, in order to make the most of an opening by his brother, who cut clean through before passing to his centres. Pill had to contend with rain as well as wind in their faces in the second period. RAYER, who had had a share in the first try, scored the second by charging down a kick by Marshall, and dribbling over near the posts. Trevor Arnott kicked the goal. Cardiff's next try was the outcome of an opening by Danny Davies and a cross-kick by Nicholas. HINAM gathering, after Arnott and Rayer had missed the ball, and racing across. Clean and accurate passing subsequently produced a try for JOHN ROBERTS, and soon afterwards T. BURNS reaped the reward from a passing bout initiated by Danny Davies, crossing in the extreme corner. JOHN ROBERTS obtained the concluding try, being given a clear run in by Turnbull, who feinted to burst for the corner, and then sent a pass inwards to his wing, who had come up in support on the "wrong" side of him. Teams:— Cardiff—D. Collins; Trevor Nicholas, P. Rayer, B. H. Turnbull and John Roberts; W. J. Delahay and D. H. Davies; S. Hinam, Cliff Williams, R. Turnbull, R. North, T. Burns, E. Spillane, Trevor Arnott and Con O'Leary. Pill Harriers—A. Marshall, R. Osmond, G. Gray, W. Richardson and G. Manley; J. P. Clarke and W. Waters; J. Lennan, W. Jackson, J. Ross, W. Carter, H. Rick, W. Walsh, W. H. Davies and H. Clarke. Referee—Mr J. Thomas, Penrhynweiber.

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BLACKBURN ROVERS' AMAZING WIN

CARDIFF'S FIRST MATCH
RAPID SCORING AND THE NEW RULES

Bridgend Entertained

By OBSERVER.

More depressing conditions than those under which Cardiff entertained Bridgend on the Cardiff Arms Park to-day could not be imagined.

A drifting rain, which changed occasionally into sharp showers, knocked on the head any hopes that were entertained of even a fair attendance. The wretched weather apparently damped the spirits of even some of the most enthusiastic ones, for ten minutes before the advertised time for the kick-off there were only a score or so of the hardy ones braving the elements on the cheap side.

There were also big gaps in the grandstand, and the crowd at this time did not number more than a thousand or so.

Cardiff had to make one change at the last moment through T. Lewis being unable to get away from his police duties, and his place was taken by G. Miles, a Canton youth. Teams—

CARDIFF: B. O. Male; T. Nicholas, B. R. Turnbull, R. A. Cornish, and P. Rayer; W. J. Delahay and D. E. Davies; Idris Richards, S. Hinam, Cliff Williams, G. Miles, J. Brown, E. Spillane, J. Burns, and R. North.

BRIDGEND: A. Roberts; J. Curtis, W. H. Jones, D. H. Davies, and Cyril Thomas; Ivor Jones and T. Lewis; S. Lawrence, W. Elward, Job Davies, W. Watkins, J. Harris, W. White, T. Brown, and G. Hopkins.

Referee: Mr. R. Pollock, Newport.

THE GAME

There was an increase in the attendance when the weather cleared before the teams fielded, and when Daph Davies led the Bridgend men on there were about 3,000 people present—a miserable figure for such an engagement.

Job Davies tried to cut across for Danny Davies's kicks, but Cornish threw himself into a bunch of opponents to make a mark from the Bridgend forward's cross-kick. His attempt at touch near the line came to nothing through the smart return.

Then Cardiff had a turn of attack and once "Tut" Roberts fumbled badly near his own line and carried the ball across with Rayer in attendance. Bridgend's turn came through a dribble led by Job Davies and things looked bad for the home team, despite heroic dives for the ball by Danny Davies and Male.

On two occasions Cardiff got clear of danger, first through a smart kick by Male and then a short dribble by Cornish, but on each occasion they were sent back to the danger zone through kicks by Daph Davies.

The latter nearly sent Cyril Thomas enough on the left, but Rayer was safe, and racing along, cross-kicked.

REFEREE AND NEW RULE.

Then came the first occasion on which the new rules were tested. Male just managed to catch the ball on the brink of the touch-line, and kicking away under difficulties, sent the ball into the open. White tried to field the ball, failed at the first attempt, and was promptly collared by Cardiff men who were standing by the referee ordered a scrum, 20 yds. back where Male had kicked from. The rule states that a man is on side if where in front of the kicker an opponent will not lunge for the ball.

Bridgend at this point should have been a couple of scores to the good, W. H. Jones and Roberts were wide in shots at penalty goals, and then the first-hand made a glorious burst which in five minutes out of ten would have produced a try. Unfortunately for his side the pass was intercepted.

The visitors continued to press strongly, and it was a relief to the home spectators when the Cardiff men showed themselves from their lethargy. A forward dribble with Hinam, Cliff Williams, and Collins in the van, except along and the Bridgend 22 was crossed by a bit of clever work by two Cardiff forwards and the home side was sent up.

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Bridgend at this point should have been a couple of scores to the good. W. H. Jones and Roberts were wide in shots at penalty goals, and then the first-named made a glorious burst which in nine times out of ten would have produced a try. Unfortunately for his side his pass went abegging.

The visitors continued to press strongly, and it was a relief to the home spectators when the Cardiff men roused themselves from their lethargy. A forward dribble with Hinam, Cliff Williams, and Spillane in the van, swept along and the Bridgend 25 was reached; a bit of clever work by two Cardiff forwards and the home side was 5pts. up.

On the Cardiff line there were some exciting incidents, the Bridgend forwards and backs combining in an effort to batter their way through. It was more by good luck than judgment that the home men kept them out.

At an unexpected moment Miles, who had come into the Cardiff side at the last moment went off with a bang and at the right moment sent a long pass to Jim Burns who was calling on his left. BURNS though tackled hurled himself over for a try. Though the angle was a difficult one MALE just managed to send the ball over the bar for a goal.

This unexpected success put new life into Cardiff and despite the greasy nature of the ball they essayed a bout of passing in which the whole of the three-quarters took part. It ended in Nicholas being bundled into touch by Daph Davies who was playing a great game against his old club.

Again Bridgend had a turn at attack and after good work by their captain W. H. James was all but through being a little forward when a pass came his way. It was a free kick which drove them back, and then after a dash by Hinam the home three-quarters were again seen in motion. Trevor Nicholas just failed to get clear and then interval was called.

Half-time score:	G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF	1	0	5
BRIDGEND	0	0	0

SECOND HALF.

Right at the start of the second half the visitors attacked strongly. They got into a good position, thanks to the nice direction of a penalty kick taken by Daph Davies. Their forwards might have got a try in a dribble, but overran the ball when they had the line at their mercy.

NEW RULES AGAIN.

Then came a glaring case of the value of one of the new rules, and Mr. Pollock quickly seized upon it. Rayer broke away on the right and sent in to Turnbull, who made headway before giving to Cornish. He punted over the head of Roberts, but the latter wilfully impede him, and the referee promptly awarded a penalty at the spot at which the ball had alighted. Male failed to get a goal from this, though the position was not a difficult one.

Back came Bridgend, and though it was a penalty goal which allowed them to reduce the deficit they were well worthy of the points if the punishment for off-side was rather severe. The kick was from right in front of the goalposts, and ROBERTS had no difficulty in reaching the objective.

By far the best incident of the game was to follow. Passing by the Cardiff backs looked like ending in Rayer being thrown into touch, for the right flank was well covered by Bridgend men. At an unexpected moment Turnbull changed direction, and with a glorious burst had the opposition in two minds. He drew some defenders and then gave to Cornish, who threw himself towards the line, hitting the corner flag as he scored. Male made a splendid but ineffective attempt to convert.

Cardiff's forwards did some fine loose work again, but Bridgend got into their stride, and for a while things were going badly for the home side once more.

Then a high cross-kick from the left saw the ball drop awkwardly for Roberts and BURNS came galloping up to take it. The forward showed a clean pair of heels as he dashed over with his second try. MALE, this time, made no mistake about his attempt at conversion.

BRIDGEND'S ADVANTAGE.

Following this there was nothing very sparkling about the play. Bridgend had a big advantage in the scrums, but their backs failed to make the most of their opportunities.

Their forwards, however, were also doing good work in the open, and they showed the advantage of quick following up when they chased a loose kick. Male failed to clear it, and in a general mêlée it rolled over the line. ELWARD, who was well up, won in the dash for the touch-down. It was a well-deserved try, but White unaccountably failed to convert from the easiest of positions.

Cardiff nullified this with a somewhat unlooked-for try. Danny Davies went through with a dash, but was tackled. He got the ball clear, and on Rayer kicking it over the line his captain regained his feet and dived before a Bridgend man, who thought he had ample time to touch down for a minor. DANNY DAVIES was awarded a try, but the Bridgend supporters apparently thought he should not.

Male failed to convert. This was close of time, but Cardiff added to their total.

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Turnbull took a pass at his toes, and gave to Nicholas, a cross-kick. SID HINAM was racing around the line. MALE converted.

Final score:	G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF	3	2	21
BRIDGEND	*1	1	6

COMMENTS.

Even the most enthusiastic of Cardiff supporters must have been sorely disappointed with the home side's display in the first half. Nothing they tried seemed to pan out as desired, and for long stretches they were hotly pressed. More by good luck than skill they kept out the eager Penybont men whose play was a positive revelation. Until the tide turned in the second half most of us were turning our thoughts to the future and the prospects of the home club were indeed dismal.

They gave a lifeless display, forwards and backs muddling through their pieces. Then came the great change and it was a tip-top side we saw, oft-times giving a really sparkling exhibition of Rugby football. Soft going and a wet ball should not hamper them in the slightest and each member of the back division showed initiative when stereotyped passing would not have gained ground.

The forwards, apart from their slackness in the first half were very much in evidence in backing up their three-quarters and their anticipation of cross-kicks brought about a couple of scores. They considerably hampered the Bridgend defence through their dashes up the centre of the field when their backs were developing a flank attack.

All through the game the rain fell, and it may have been the fact that they had the wind in their faces that caused the disorganisation of the Cardiff men in the first half, but against this it must be said that the visitors did not seem to feel the handicap nearly so much when they changed over.

The four centres on view gave of their best, with Turnbull taking the honours so far as attack went. Some of the passes he took would have got astray with any other man on the field. On one occasion he was stumbling as a hastily flung pass came his way, but he not only took the ball, but recovered to run past a couple of opponents and pave the way for a score. He showed rare judgment when he timed the burst which led to Cornish scoring.

Cornish found his best form, and it can be safely said that Cardiff has not had such a pair of centres for many years. The Cardiff right centre was always on his toes and snapped up all the opportunities that came his way.

On the other hand Daph Davies was seen more to advantage in defence than attack, though once or twice he went through in characteristic fashion. His touch kicking, particularly when the Cardiff men tried to get out of a tight corner they were in early in the game, was of inestimable value to his side. He is still a great player, and a capable leader of the young side the new Bridgend committee have got together. His co-centre, W. H. Jones, did much good work, but there was not the cohesion that was seen in the Cardiff third line.

Nicholas was more in the picture than his opposite number, Curtis, but his frail build is a big handicap. Cyril Thomas, Bridgend's international wing, did not have as many chances as Percy Rayer, who appeared slow.

Roberts and Male were sound full-backs, with the Cardiff man the more spectacular. The Bridgend man could not be held responsible for any of the tries, and, in fact, his clearances saved his side a good deal of trouble.

Of the forwards, Hinam, Williams, and Burns were the men who most caught the eye for Cardiff, and Steve Lawrence, Bob Davies, and White were Bridgend's best.

Burns was once warned by the referee for a too-bearty tackle, but on the whole, whilst the game was a keen one, it was played in the right spirit. The new rules could not be judged on the day's play, but the advantage of the game was clearly seen, and the disadvantage of an incomplete knowledge of them was also noted.

To sum up Bridgend should not have lost by such a big margin, and had they scored a dozen points in the first twenty minutes no one would say otherwise than that they richly deserved them.

If somewhat ragged at times, it was a game well worth watching, and the crowd—the number rose to five or six thousand during the first half—went away satisfied.

Half-time score:	G.	T.	Pts.
PONTYPOOL	1	2	11
RISCA	0	0	0

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BLACKBURN ROVERS' AMAZING WIN

ARTHUR CORNISH'S GREAT TRY AT THE PARK.

Cardiff and Pontypool in Spectacular Game.

Home Team's Early Lead: Visitors' Second Half Rally.

(By "OLD STAGER.")

Pontypool's visit to the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon was calculated to provide Cardiff with their first real test of the season. Throughout the long period of years that the clubs have figured on each others' fixtures cards, Pontypool have won at Cardiff on only one occasion—the season when they rejoiced in the possession of a "terrible eight"—but they have always been sufficiently strong to compel Cardiff, and all other teams, to treat them with the utmost respect.

For to-day's game the conditions were well-nigh perfect, while the teams were, to all intents and purposes, the best the clubs could place in the field. True, Cliff Richards, the Pontypool wing, had to stand down owing to an injured hand; but that was at least partially balanced by the absence of Rayer from the Cardiff quartette. The crowd was less than 5,000 when the game started, and a good proportion of those were from Pontypool and the Monmouthshire Valleys. Teams:

CARDIFF.—B. O. Male; T. Nicholas, B. R. Turnbull, R. A. Cornish, and John Roberts; W. J. Delahay and D. E. Davies (captain); Idris Richards, S. Hinan, Cliff Williams, K. P. Turnbull, J. Brown, E. Spillane, J. Burns, and K. North.

PONTYPOOL.—C. Ford; R. Bosley, Ivor Jones, E. Vaisey, and H. James; L. Crane and E. J. Rees; H. Williams, E. Oliver, G. Pritchard, W. Matthews, K. Richards, W. Morgan, B. Butler, and T. Daniel.

Referee: Mr M. Moses, W.R.U. (Machen). Pontypool set a good example in the first minute of the game, for when Crane gathered from Idris Richards's opening kick he started passing. Things worked well until Vaisey missed a none too easy pass. His error placed Cardiff in possession, and twice the Cardiff backs emulated Pontypool's example in the matter of passing, only to be met with the sturdiest defence.

Still, play was well inside the Pontypool half, and remained there until after B. R. Turnbull had been penalised for refusing to play the ball. The situation definitely changed in favour of Pontypool through good touch finding by Harry James and Oliver, while the former rather discounted his earlier good work by vainly dropping at goal from a range and an angle that almost foredoomed his effort to failure.

FORWARDS FINE EFFORT.

Cardiff's forwards, with Burns, Hinan and Cliff Williams leading, covered over half the length of the field with dribbling and handling, but Danny Davies threw away the strong position won by "ballooning" the ball with a fly-kick, which was much harder than it ought to have been. A similar effort in dribbling, and handling by Cardiff's forwards, brought a reward; when the movement had got to within five yards of the Pontypool line it looked like breaking down, and twice in as many seconds Cardiff men, who seemed certain to score, were bowled over. At last, however, the ball reached CLIFF WILLIAMS, who threw himself over with a try, which Male failed to convert.

REMARKABLE INCIDENT.

Pontypool, showing remarkable pluck, quickly went to the attack, and Ivor Jones, running with determination and showing real thrustfulness, almost got through. Trevor Nicholas extricated Cardiff from their immediate difficulties, and a moment later figured in a rather remarkable incident which led to another score.

The ball had been punted high in the direction of Nicholas and Basley, and the honour of securing it fell to the Cardiff man, who unexpectedly found himself in possession with only four in front of him. Nicholas promptly punted over Ford's head, but he and the Pontypool full-back collided, and Mr Moses sounded his whistle for a penalty for obstruction. While Nicholas and Ford were lying injured on the ground Turnbull dribbled the ball over the line and claimed a try, but Mr Moses rightly decided to adhere to his decision to award Cardiff a penalty kick, though he would have been justified in giving them a penalty try. MALE took the penalty kick and landed a goal.

A GREAT TRY.

Any amount of spice and variety was introduced into the play, and within a few minutes of Harry James being knocked over the corner when endeavouring to force Cardiff's line, Pontypool were again hard pressed. At this time the ball came out smartly to CORNISH who, although literally surrounded by Cardiff men, went on and on until he scored a great try as a just reward for his determination and cleverness. Male had been kicking the goal. Cardiff conceded their superiority, and were still in the interval.

By the time the second half opened the attendance had reached 10,000. Pontypool opened the second period with inimitable dash, and it was this factor that deprived them of an immediate reward, for Vaisey would probably have got through had it not been that his momentum was too great to enable him to gather a loose ball.

Cardiff gained some relief through Ford knocking on when endeavouring a long raking kick from Cornish, but a powerful and pretty run by Evans Rees definitely adjusted the balance in favour of Pontypool, several of whose forwards, and notably Matthews, were held up on the line.

KALEIDOSCOPE CHANGES.

In the shortest possible time Cardiff converted the strictest of defence onto a strong attack, and had Eynon been able to gather cleanly from a cross-punt by Trevor Nicholas, he must have added to Cardiff's lead.

With lightning-like rapidity the outlook again changed in favour of the Monmouthshire lads, and the crowd yelled its delight at the free-and-easy and joyous manner in which both sides threw the ball about.

Pontypool, definitely on top at this period, could do everything except score, and Cardiff's supporters heaved sighs of relief when Cornish brought off a spectacular dribble which imperilled Pontypool's line and which was saved through Harry James exercising his great speed sufficiently to successfully interfere with Cornish and Danny Davies.

PERSISTENCY'S REWARD.

Cardiff, however, seemed to have shot their bolt, and except for a few spasmodic and ill-sustained attacks they were generally on the defensive. One great burst by Oliver came within an ace of being turned to account by Harry James. Such prolonged pressure, however, was bound to produce a score, and at long last BUTLER crossed with a try, which was a tardy recognition of the superiority the Monmouthshire men had shown for some time.

The goal kick was not a difficult one, but Vaisey missed it, so that Cardiff's lead was reduced to eight points. This rebuff roused Cardiff to greater effort, and Cliff Williams and Turnbull figured prominently in a dribble, which was stopped by Vaisey just in time. Pontypool quickly cleared their lines again, and the concluding minutes saw them banging away at Cardiff's citadel, which defied their efforts.

Final—CARDIFF *2 1 11
PONTYPOOL 0 1 3
*One penalty.

COMMENTS.

If Rugby results were dependant upon general play instead of actual scores, Pontypool would have been victors instead of vanquished this afternoon. They had a bad period, of which Cardiff took full advantage, in the opening half, but they made a splendid recovery, and for quite the greater portion of the game they gave Cardiff ample employment in defending their line. Cardiff's defence stood the strain remarkably well, though it seemed to me that it owed much of its apparent strength to the inability of Pontypool to develop any marked cleverness or subtlety in attack. Indeed, the difference between the two back divisions when in possession was most striking, for while the Cardiff men had that little extra cleverness which makes scoring a possibility, their opponents could do nothing that was outside of the orthodox, while they lacked the speed in the centre positions to make orthodoxy a paying proposition.

If one was inclined to be hypercritical it would be an easy matter to make out a strong case in support of the seeming laziness of Cardiff's forwards in the second half. Instead of doing that I take the view that credit must be given to Pontypool's forwards for being particularly well-disciplined, and for being thoroughly in love with their work in the loose. They were consistent and persistent, and those were the characteristics which compelled Cardiff's forwards to take second place except in their periodical breakaway, in which they showed greater pace, daring and initiative than did the Monmouthshire men.

The football taken in the ball, was good, and though the ball was thrown about with freedom, there were too many mistakes in handling to make the game a great one. Pretty and exciting it was, and Cardiff won on merit simply and solely because their attacks were better delivered than Pontypool's.

It was not a game which individuals shone. Cornish was the making of Cardiff's back division, and Male, though not at his best, was in front of Ford. Harry James was the best of Pontypool's backs, with Bosley a great trier. In front Pritchard and Matthews for Pontypool, and Williams and Brown for Cardiff, were the men I liked best.

FRANK STEPHENS A LOOKER-ON.

Frank Stephens, the old Cardiff forward, who became a professional early this season, is on a visit to South Wales, and saw the Cardiff-Pontypool game to-day.

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Cardiff may be popular at the home crowd showed signs when they had to wait for the visitors. Again, it is to find that Cardiff upon a local threequarter, Cardiff men travelled passing port without stopping to pick up. The Cardiff elms looked jaunty, and at Ashley Hill a Lewis, a former captain of had been refused admission to the team (though invited to the captain), was asked to out of their difficulty. He tried, though pointing out not done any serious training of years.

EXCELLENT DISPLAY.
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irresistible. They more than their short-comings in the scrums by their fire and dash in the open, and a Cardiff pack has rarely held such a commanding advantage over another eight of the calibre of the Bristol front rank men. True, they were slow in settling down, but once having found the measure of their opponents there was no holding them and their pace increased rather than slackened as time went on. With the going so heavy one would have expected to see the game slowing down towards the end. The secret was that Cardiff took a team and Danny Davies is a happy man in having a band of players anxious to give of their best. This is seen in their assiduous attention to training.

On Saturday the forwards came again and again in response to their leader's calls and there was not the slightest sign of fatigue when the final whistle was sounded. In every forward movement Cliff Williams and K. Turnbull were well to the fore, and the opinion expressed that the ex-Llanelli player had not fully recovered from the effects of his operation can be immediately dispated. W. J. Ould, making his first appearance of the season, shone as an extra back when called upon, and he relieved several awkward situations through runs and touch kicks.

A GAME OF THRILLS.
Though the line was only crossed once it was a game packed with thrills, forward rushes—carefully drilled affairs, not the helter-skelter type—alternating with passing bouts. These latter were quite good considering the state of the ball and the ground, and it was only brilliant defence that held them up. When Bristol looked dangerous in the first quarter-of-an-hour John Roberts appeared at the right moment to harass them, and twice he got in long kicks to send them back. Then he came charging up to help in a movement which originated in a nicely-judged punt by Delahay. He gathered, ran on, and gave at the right time to Tom Johnson, who showed his best form as he sprinted around Stinchcombe to score wide out.

From then until the interval and right through the second half Cardiff were always on top, and were very rarely out of home territory. The game seemed won and lost, and many people were leaving the ground when the unexpected happened. There was a rally by the Bristol side, but the efforts to get through were being easily countered. Then Delahay was detected on the wrong side of the scrum, and from the resultant free kick Hore kicked a penalty goal from an easy position.

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Bristol: B. S. Chantrill; E. Stinchcombe, J. A. Tucker, R. C. Pickles, and Dr. P. G. Evans; L. J. Corbett and C. P. Carter; F. J. Coventry, J. S. Tucker, M. V. Shaw, A. T. Hore, W. D. Francis, W. Bryant, Dr. H. L. Sheppard, and J. K. Morman.

Referee: Mr. J. Trollops (London).

HOME SIDE'S CONVINCING WIN

By OBSERVER.

Though the weather was threatening, and there were gusts of wind, the rain held off prior to the game between Cardiff and Swansea on the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon, and the fact that many people had waited to see what the conditions would be like was shown, when, just before the advertised time of the kick-off, there came a great increase in the somewhat meagre attendance.

There was a great cheer for Swansea when they fielded before time, a splendid example to other visiting sides. The crowd was then about 12,000.

SWANSEA: R. Davies; D. Burns, G. Thomas, Dr. P. O. Davies, and J. E. Watkins (capt.); S. Davies and Albert Owen; D. Parker, Tom Rees, Tom Parker, E. A. H. Jones, Dr. Bertram, J. H. John, C. Parker, and Alf Parker.

CARDIFF: B. O. Male; T. Johnson, J. Roberts, B. R. Turnbull, and P. Rayer; W. J. Delahay and D. E. Davies; Idris Richards, S. Hinam, Cliff Williams, K. P. Turnbull, J. Brown, E. Spillane, J. Burns, and W. J. Ould.

Referee: Mr. F. Richards (Pontymer).

THE GAME

There were thrills right at the start, for when Alf Parker was tackled in possession Cardiff tried passing, and this nearly proved disastrous. The movement never looked like developing through the close attention and the quick following up of the Swansea forwards, and ground was lost with each pass. Then Dai Parker was short with a shot at a penalty goal, and the next moment Percy Rayer was seen to advantage when he dribbled on after charging down a kick by Burns.

Later on, Dr. Davies, after colliding with a colleague, was caught in possession by a couple of Cardiff forwards, and then the home side started passing which broke down when Rayer was brought to earth by K. Davies.

Teddy Spillane was applauded for a smart save when he dashed back to clear when a pass from the line-out went astray and the next moment Tom Johnson was in favour with a splendid kick to touch from a penalty.

CARDIFF NOT CONVINCING.

Up to now Cardiff's form had not been convincing, they were apt to fumble even the best of passes, though it must be said that they were hampered by a tricky wind against them.

Occasionally they seemed to be on the point of showing their best form, and once Roberts and Johnson started in promising fashion. When the wing man was tackled the ball went loose, and with the forwards well up it seemed that a score was certain. A wild pass came from a melee on the All Whites' line, but it was a visitor who snatched up the ball and danger was averted.

One pleasing feature was the quick following up of the Cardiff forwards, and E. Davies was frequently harassed by the attentions of Cliff Williams, Burns, and K. Turnbull.

There was a roar of appreciation from the crowd when K. Turnbull started the best bout of passing to date. Johnson almost caught the visitors napping with his cross-kick, and then, after the right-winger had made a hopeless mess of a penalty shot, the Swansea left flank nearly got through after Delahay had been floored when trying to break through. Elwyn Watkins and Dr. Davies were well to the fore at this point, but the pair were outwitted by Johnson when they attempted to make the best of a cross-kick by Albert Owen.

BROWN INJURED.

Presently Swansea bucked up and it was a fiery pack of forwards which descended on the Cardiff backs as they attempted passing. Each man receiving the ball round himself tackled immediately and the left ended up perilously near the Cardiff line. Unfortunately Brown was injured and had to be assisted from the field.

This unexpected disaster seem to spur on the Cardiff men, and there was a rousing dribble headed by R. Turnbull. It went half the length of the field and on Burns getting possession he was just hauled down in time. Then Rayer failed to get clear after averting in and receiving a pass from his captain, and then a score came.

Danny Davies was well wide of the mark when he dropped for goal, but on the full crossing the uprights TOM JOHNSON came flying up to touch down. The scorer failed to convert.

It was a new Cardiff team we were now seeing and it was not in the least surprising when they went further ahead. There was a scramble in front of the Swansea goal posts and the ball was sent out to the hands of K. Turnbull. Roberts sent on to OULD, who "arrived" at an opportune moment, and the forward was the first of four for the All Whites backs, the second behind the posts, but Male sent the ball wide in attempting to convert.

Several times the Swansea forwards were recalled for off-side but nothing came of the kicks. Burns and Thomas made a brave show on the right, but Rayer tore after the flank men to nip the movement in the bud.

Cardiff, with their fourteen men, were

more than holding their own when the interval came.

Half-time score:	G.	T.	Pls.
CARDIFF	0	2	6
SWANSEA	0	0	0

SECOND HALF.

It was noticed when the game was resumed that Dr. Davies was absent through injury and Rees took his place at centre. Very early Cardiff got going, and just as a heavy rainstorm came on the backs were seen in action. The ball went with a swing from hand to hand, and PERCY RAYER, although tackled by the Swansea full-back, just got over the line for a try. Male failed to convert from wide out.

The next incident of note was a great attempt by Roberts, sending his wing man well covered he made tracks for the line, and was only brought down in the nick of time. Just afterwards Ossie Male was just wide with a shot at a penalty goal. Rayer twice in a couple of minutes was held near the 25 line when making tracks for the line.

This was followed by a valiant effort by Johnson and then HINAM caught the defence unawares when he slipped through the defence. MALE this time had no difficulty in converting.

By now the Swansea men were hopelessly beaten and their efforts were solely confined to keeping Cardiff out. Delahay, Johnson and B. R. Turnbull each caused anxiety before the visitors got out of a difficult position through the aid of a couple of penalties. What ground was gained, however, was lost through a splendid dribble by B. R. Turnbull.

One man had stood out over all the others during the game. I refer to R. DAVIES, and he met with a wonderful reception when, during a brief Swansea attack, he fielded a wild kick and dropped a good goal.

Cardiff retaliated with a pretty round of passing, but Roberts made the mistake of going for the line when the better policy was to pass to Johnson.

Just afterwards the final came, with play at mid-field.

Final score:	G.	T.	Pls.
CARDIFF	1	3	14
SWANSEA	1	0	4

OBSERVER'S COMMENTS.

This was a strangely unexciting game. Rarely was play of an exciting character, and it was only on a few occasions that the crowd was roused.

Cardiff must be given full credit for their victory, for they were much more superior to the visitors than the score indicates. Perhaps the situation would be better described if one said that the All Whites were so many points worse than Cardiff for the later by no means gave a convincing display. It was, in fact, the worst exhibition I have seen a Swansea team give for many years.

They possess a good pack of forwards built up around the Parker clan but excepting the full-back their backs are as weak as it is possible to imagine.

R. Davies only came into the team this season and judging him on to-day's form I have not seen him before—I immediately wrote him down as a worthy successor to the Bancrofts and Joe Rees. He is the most promising full-back I have seen this season and I am not making a mistake when I venture to predict that, barring accidents, he will have an international cap this season.

Davies can take a ball at any angle; he can stop a rush, and the heaviest and fleetest of straight runners cannot evade him when he has a reasonable chance. Swansea committeemen must indeed be thankful for finding the finished article for such a vital position. Davies is a great full-back.

Only a few of the Swansea team caught the eye. Dai and Tom Parker worked like Trojans in front, but there was such little support from their backs that all their energy came to naught. Burns, it is true, did one or two clever things on the right wing, but, like his captain, he suffered through the poor service inside.

Male did not have a tenth of the work done by Davies, for he was always on the winning side, and the man who stood out in the Cardiff rear division was "Bobby" Delahay, who was constantly harassing us at the right moment to start an unexpected passing movement or to thwart a budding attack by the All Whites.

Of the forwards Spillane, who cannot be as old as we first thought, was an outstanding figure—working like a ferrier in the open, both in attack and defence. Next to him Cliff Williams, who took some time to settle down when he left Llanelli, was a glutton for work, and Ould was splendid as a connecting link when passing was about to commence. His try was as good as anything done during the day.

It must be remembered that Cardiff had only fourteen men when they secured a couple of tries, and this reflects the weakness of Swansea. Both teams played a men shoot through-out the second half, but the injuries to Dr. Davies and J. Brown were not serious.

SWANSEA PLAYER'S PLUCK.

It transpired after the Cardiff-Swansea match that Dr. Davies the visiting centre had fractured a rib. He played for quite half an hour after sustaining this injury and did some excellent work.

CARDIFF'S TRIUMPH

THRILLING FINISH TO A GREAT GAME AT NEWPORT

BLUE AND BLACKS' DETERMINATION

By OBSERVER.

One could not wish for better weather conditions than those prevailing at Newport to-day for the first meeting of the Uskside club and Cardiff. A sun which was more suggestive of summer than autumn shone. The ground was in excellent condition, and there was almost an entire absence of wind.

The only drawback was the fact that there had to be a re-organisation of the Cardiff three-quarter line, consequent upon injuries to R. A. Cornish and B. R. Turnbull, and the absence from South Wales of J. Roberts, Harry Howe and H. Corsi were brought into the centre positions, and Jack Powell to the left wing; the other flank being occupied by T. Johnson.

While the prevailing conditions favoured a fast, open game, the huge crowd from Cardiff—and it was like old times to see excursion trains from the city—were by no means optimistic regarding the chances of their side. As a matter of fact Cardiff stock went down with a bump when the changes were announced.

There were about 16,000 present at the start.

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Referee: Mr. W. J. Llewellyn (Bridgend).

THE GAME.

It was noted when Cardiff started operations that Danny Davies, the Cardiff captain, had his right leg bandaged.

Vincent Griffiths, from the first scrum pass by Dowdall, set his three's in motion, but a penalty kick by Male retrieved the position, and presently young Corsi outwitted the would-be Newport tacklers, to get across the field to pass to Johnson. Unhappily for the visitors the ball went astray, but the next moment the Cardiff forwards appeared to carry all before them as they dribbled over the line.

A smart bit of work by Galsworthy held them up when a try was imminent, and then Vincent Griffiths repelled the eager Cardiff men with a touch kick just after Johnson had missed an awkward ball.

Later on Spillane won applause for a smart touch kick when Newport appeared to be getting out of a tight corner, and when Everson won a kicking duel with Male, the Cardiff left, with a burst, regained the lost ground. A great break-away by Corsi followed, but he spoiled it by holding on with a couple of men in attendance.

Newport commenced an attack which only ended when Delahay was penalised. EVERSON had no difficulty in kicking a goal, and Cardiff were thus undeservedly three points in arrears—undeservedly because they had done most of the pressing to date.

The Cardiff forwards went great guns after this, giving the Newport pack absolutely no mercy in the loose. All their best efforts, however, came to nothing. Corsi and Howe did some clever work when the home men looked like working out of their dangerous position, and it was the handicap of the sun in their eyes that caused them to attempt touch-kicking that led to Cardiff being driven back. Everson invariably found touch when he needed kicks.

It was now a very thrilling game. P. Turnbull twice in a couple of minutes set his backs going, but the passing was methodical, although ground was gained. When the home men retaliated Johnson easily dealt with Harold Davies when the latter tried to get going. Newport could not stand up to the Cardiff pack, and the Cardiff forwards tried to pass between the legs. The Cardiff forwards pouncing on it like a pack of hounds and helping matters on.

Howe further improved things with a touch-kick, and Male retired in the good work with a great touch-kick when going at full tilt. He was, however, subsequently wide of the mark when he attempted to kick a penalty goal. Trevor Jones was responsible for the Cardiff side being all the pressing in the loose, and they were undoubtedly the best of the game. The Cardiff forwards were really gaiting for work and always had the ascendancy over the Newport pack, whom I have seen far more than they were today.

through the visitors having a numerical advantage, Dowdall being still off. Three Cardiff bouts of passing provided thrills, but they never looked like producing a score because of snare defensive measures.

Then Dowdall made his re-appearance, and Male was roundly applauded for what was little short of a wonderful mark. He failed with an attempt at goal, however, from long range, but the ground gained by Cardiff put them in a position to get another try. The visitors nearly equalised, and there was some hard play on the Newport line, and in a general mix-up E. MARSII went over. Male just failed to bring the scores level with his kick at goal.

Cardiff's star was now in the ascendant, and they gave the home men no quarter. They were repulsed, but a great burst by Howe saw them almost over again and a further effort by Newport to get out of their difficulties was met by a smart mark by Powell.

CARDIFF GO AHEAD.

As a matter of fact the Newport men appeared to be tied up in a knot. They were being hurried at all points and it was not at all surprising when they finally obtained the lead. It is true that Dowdall had been compelled to play away from the scrums but Vincent Griffiths was more than holding his own with Harold Davies as his outside.

Cardiff went ahead in surprisingly simple fashion. Delahay, slipped round the scrum and when he passed to DANNY DAVIES the latter had only to throw himself down to score. MALE placed a neat goal, thus putting Cardiff three points ahead.

Keeping Newport on the defensive Cardiff had no difficulty in doubling the home score. A bout of passing seemed likely to break down when Danny Davies found himself out off, but the Cardiff captain recovered.

Short punting, and Everson and Casey found themselves in a hopeless tangle and an awkwardly bouncing ball JACK POWELL came up at top speed to gather and touch down, for MALE to convert.

There now seemed to be no hope for Newport, for there could be no shadow of doubt that they were beaten in all departments. Danny Davies was wide with a drop goal attempt, and then came the unexpected.

Newport had been playing what could only be described as desultory football. Suddenly the forwards went away with a bang. Half the length of the field was gained, and then Vincent Griffiths secured. He had the Cardiff defence completely beaten when he passed to STOCK, who got over with the best try of the game, and a really glorious score. Everson unaccountably failed to convert.

Though time was going on, the Usksiders were by no means finished with, and they played like men possessed to wipe off the five points deficit. Kicks from marks by Male and Delahay alone saved the visitors' line, and it was a relief to the Cardiff supporters when touch-kicks set Cardiff on the attack again. Once Jack Powell just failed to beat Andrews in a chase after a rolling ball over the Newport line.

A spirited burst by the home forwards came, but they had shot their bolt, and the whistle blew with Cardiff deserved winners, by sixteen points to eleven.

Final score:	v.	T. Pts.
CARDIFF	.....	2 2 16
NEWPORT	.....	* 2 1 11

COMMENTS.

There were not many people among the few thousand who went up from Cardiff to-day that anticipated seeing the visitors triumph where so many had failed, but not even the least biased of the Newport supporters would deny the fact that the five points' victory was thoroughly deserved.

There were breaches in the Cardiff back division which one would only expect to see in a first game of the season for straightway it must be said that the Cardiff forwards paved the way for victory.

They were really gaiting for work and always had the ascendancy over the Newport pack, whom I have seen far more than they were today. The Hathways and Casey were about the only men who lived up to the reputation of the Newport pack, and by the most part of the game they were the most part of the game. The Cardiff forwards were really gaiting for work and always had the ascendancy over the Newport pack, whom I have seen far more than they were today.

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Howe further improved things with a touch-kick, and Male helped in the good work with a great touchfinder when going at full tilt. He was, however, subsequently wide of the mark when he attempted to kick a penalty goal. Perhaps the slight wind was responsible for his failure.

Cardiff were doing all the pressing at this stage and they were undoubtedly unlucky when Newport went further ahead.

Johnson backed Andrews when the latter attempted to field a short punt, but Harold Davies secured, and with a great run from half-way paved the way for the next score. At the right moment he gave to STOCK, who had no difficulty in getting over. It was a splendidly executed movement and well deserving of the point, EVERSON converting.

Cardiff appeared disorganised after this, and Vincent Griffiths was well worthy of a try when he went off with a solo dribble and failed to get clear, and the next moment a similar reward met a smart exhibition by Goldworthy, the centre being just tackled in the nick of time.

There came a revival by the Cardiff men and Johnson appeared to have a chance of getting a try when he short-punted over the Newport full-back's head. A penalty kick against Newport appeared inadequate punishment for the infringement by Everson, though it gave Newport an attacking position. Newport had the misfortune to lose Dowdall at this point and George Hathway went to the inside half position.

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CARDIFF GO AHEAD.

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COMMENTS.

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EARLY SCORE.

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Now, if that is the worst one can do against them they must be a very fine side. And as I have said before, the Cardiff team seen in action this season is stronger than any that has represented the club since the war. Fast forwards, who can do their share of hard work in the tight, and backs who are more speedy than most, and (substitutes included) who work with a perfect understanding of each other's play, are the factors which have allowed Cardiff to be the only big club in South Wales to escape defeat so far this season. It would be advisable, for, though they have prospective inevitables, for, though they have overcome some of the best, they have many stiff hurdles to surmount during the present month. Again, they have lost the services of Turbulla, who have gone to Cambridge, and Roberts is due to join them. It would be a remarkable thing if a trio of Cardiff players got their Rugby "blue" in the same year.

BEAUTIFULLY EXECUTED MOVEMENTS.

There were times during the game when the Cardiff players appeared slack, but they were always better than the opposition—except for brief periods at the beginning and the end. At times they were positively brilliant, and their first two scores were the outcome of beautifully executed movements which had the defence beaten from the time the first pass was made. It must not be thought they entirely overplayed the Albion. The latter were hard workers throughout—perhaps lacking in speed and cleverness—but full of grit and energy. They were in their own territory for most of the time, but they kept pegging away and a little luck in the last few minutes might have given them victory. Seven points behind they came with a great rally, and there was the greatest excitement when, after reducing the deficiency to two points, they appeared likely to snatch victory. Once, indeed, Nicholas tore clean away from inside his own quarters, and had he shown resolution he would certainly have scored a try. As it was he turned his head, looking for a faster colleague, and Cornish overtook him. This was a fitting conclusion to what had been a hard game.

Throughout there was not a single unsightly incident. There were injuries—they are inevitable in such a grim struggle—but it was always clean, and players and spectators must have found it enjoyable. Though, perhaps, not as great a game as the one at Newport, there was plenty of excitement. It was just the kind of game to please the crowd.

PLAYERS WHO IMPRESSED.

The fight put up by the visitors prompts one to say that they constituted the best Devon side seen since the war, and they certainly proved the most formidable opponents Cardiff have faced in their games to date. G. H. Jago is a splendid right wing, and he was never balked when attempting a touch kick. He frequently got his side out of difficulties with screw punts when the fast Cardiff men were on him. Rowe, the visiting full-back, while not brilliant, was never flurried when the Cardiff forwards were on his trail, and he did all that was asked of him. Of the Cardiff men Johnson and Cornish were the most dangerous, though Delahay

concerned, that he has kicked for many days. In the second half Idris Richards, Cliff Williams in with a try, and it came the turn of the dashing Devon men. Jago rounded off a nice day's work with a try which Sanders converted, time relieved the spectators. Plymouth Albion: G. Rowe; G. Jago; W. D. Hutchins; A. L. Nibbs; and W. R. Syms; E. E. Richards and Hoskin; F. W. Sanders (capt.); J. Boddy; L. R. Stephens; S. Beddy; Stanbury; G. H. Richardson; R. Spar; and T. Eastcott. Cardiff: B. O. Male; H. Howe; J. Roberts; R. A. Cornish; and T. Johns; W. J. Delahay and D. E. Davies; I. Richards; S. Hinam; Cliff Williams; Lewis; E. Marsh; E. Spillane; J. Bu; and C. O'Leary.

IMPORTANT PROPOS.

CARDIFF MAY FIELD T FIRST-CLASS SIDES.

The position of the Cardiff Rugby has not been so flourishing, from the point of available playing talent, as at present since the days of Hancock, forty years ago.

There is an exceptionally large number of first-class players available, and matters now stand there is a glut of men for all positions. Among the wards the competition for places is keener than that among the backs.

The club can hardly drop experienced and tried players from the first team as a result new talent is often kept in background.

As a consequence of this glut of it is proposed to discuss at the meeting of the Cardiff Rugby Club, the advisability of running first-class teams.

This would be an entirely new feature in Rugby circles in Wales, but a method now carried on successfully in the Blackheath Club.

This team would have a fixture made up of matches with clubs such as Maesteg, Abertillery, Treorky, T. T. Penygraig, Briton Ferry, &c., which, from the point of view of profit, could not afford to play matches Cardiff Reserves.

It would also mean that there would be a first-class fixture played on the Arms Park every Saturday afternoon.

In a conversation with a Mail reporter Mr. W. T. Morgan, man of the Cardiff Rugby Club, that the matter would come up for discussion at the next meeting of the Cardiff Rugby Club Committee to-day (Monday).

Asked for a personal opinion, Morgan said that he did not think the view of his official position, that he discuss the matter before the committee.

thanks to the fine football played by them in their games this season—and, of course, to their unbeaten record to date—was seen at Gloucester to-day, over 1,000 people making the journey by the excursion train, while many hundreds went by road from South Wales. Unfortunately, Cardiff were without Johnson and Powell in the three-quarter line, otherwise the team was at full strength. There was present the largest crowd of the season and the weather conditions pointed to a fast game.

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Referee: Mr. M. H. Locke (Somerset County).

Play was scappy at first and when a passing movement might have developed among the Cardiff backs Delahay failed to take an awkward pass, but presently there was a roar from the crowd when Danny Davies broke through in glorious style. His flank men were, however, covered and the next moment Dr. Taylor came dashing through the Cardiff backs. He was soon pulled up, however, and there were more sparkling passing movements among the Cardiff backs.

The visiting forwards were heeling from nearly every scrum and it was surprising that their three-quarters could not get going. There was a general slackness in the Cardiff ranks which lasted a couple of minutes, and a really fatal lapse for a score came against them.

EARLY SCORE.

They had been driven back to their own 25 and a wild pass was flung out from a forward. Corsi claimed a mark, but was pulled over, and in the resultant scramble VOYCE was awarded a try. MILLINGTON converted. Cardiff hardly deserved to be in arrears, and they made gallant attempts to get on terms. Cornish, with a neat punt to the line, gave Harding a chance, but Millington cleared somewhat luckily. Then Cliff Williams in a solo dribble made headway, but after Corsi had had a shot at goal from a mark charged down, the Gloucesterians got out of danger. Still they were fortunate on one occasion when Burns got over, the young Cardiff forward being recalled for a forward pass.

Just afterwards a visiting forward was cautioned by the referee, who also called the Cardiff captain to warn the men. Gloucester seemed to bear a charmed life, for all the hard work by the Cardiff men came to nought. Still, their backs knew how to use the touch-line, and in a kicking duel Cardiff's deficiency was in this phase of the play.

There was a long period of dull play in the home 25, and then came a thrilling rush by Voyce and Co., but when this broke down we saw Delahay tearing away. The Cardiff inside half showed amazing speed as he gained half the length of the field, but Corsi, who was in attendance, was just over the touch line as he broke for the line. There followed hot exchanges in the Gloucester line, and Danny Davies and Cornish nearly got through.

It was left to SID HINAM to open Cardiff's account. From a line out he deceived the defence by swerving in when they expected him to pass out, and he went over without opposition. Male failed from an easy angle to convert.

Gloucester, however, came again and after a temporary repulse drew a timely mark by Ossie Male they went further ahead. This time there was mulling at the half-way line. After Cardiff had heeled VOYCE charged down a kick, but dribbled on and, gathering the ball in his hands as he approached Male, he knocked the Cardiff full back over to race in near the posts. Millington failed with the kick.

The home men were now having the better of matters and there were some thrilling incidents when play was well in the Cardiff territory, but the defence prevailed until the interval, although the visiting line had many narrow escapes.

Half-time score:	G.	T.	Pts.
GLOUCESTER	1	1	8
CARDIFF	0	1	0

SECOND HALF.

Misfortune befel Cardiff at the opening kick of the second half, Jim Brown receiving a knock, and having to be carried off the field. Despite this disadvantage the visitors played up pluckily, and as a matter of fact the seven forwards more than held their own, and when the Gloucester backs tried long passing Male was always safe.

When Gloucester at last looked like getting into their stride again, Danny Davies burst through and sent Harris and Corsi going, and the youngsters were unlucky in not gaining a try.

Cardiff's only reward was to force a runner, but they returned and gave Gloucester a hard grinding near their home line. Try as they could, however, they could not overcome the superiority of the opposing side. Weight and numbers told, and they were at last driven back. On their own line they defended stubbornly, sometimes reaping the benefit of wild passes by the opposition.

Reward came to Cardiff when Delahay got his side off difficulty by a smart burst

clean through and had Millington in two minds as he passed to his captain, DANNY DAVIES had arrived at the right moment and he touched down for a try which OULD converted.

With the scores level there now followed some hard play. For a while Cardiff had only thirteen men, Spillane having joined Brown with an eye injury.



W. J. OULD.

who saved Cardiff record with a fine conversion kick.

This had now become an amazing game. Spillane had returned and depleted Cardiff worked like Trojans, completely overshadowing the home team, passing bouts nearly getting them through a great defence. A short punt over the line by Cornish and a drop shot at goal by the same player did not meet the rewards they deserved. Gloucester got out of their difficulties through conceding a minor. The game ended with the crowd in a frenzy of excitement.

Final score:	G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF	1	1	8
GLOUCESTER	1	1	8

By OBSERVER.

Those who were fortunate to see to-day's game will look back upon it for many a day to come. There was a record at stake, but that was forgotten in the midst of an exciting game as I have seen since the war. Cardiff started like a disorganised band of players rather than as a team, but the loss of Brown seemed to inspire them, and a draw was a flattering verdict for the Cestrians.

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One man stood out above all others on the Gloucester side. I refer to Tom Voyce, who is as good as ever he was, and is assured of going through with the English sides this year. He was always outstanding, and was never content to do the ordinary roving business.

The fact that Cardiff were kept out might be attributed to the wonderful defence of Gloucester. The four threes were hanging on the men opposed to them before the latter could get into their stride. It was a different story in the second half, though. Then it seemed that the Cardiff men, realising that they had their backs to the wall, through the absence of one of their number, fought like tigers.

It was Tom Voyce, the forward, who did most of the tackling. Without Voyce to-day, things might have gone very badly for Gloucester. Millington was good, but not the equal of Male, and Hughes, the right centre, was often in the picture with nippy bursts, but nothing came of these. Dr. Taylor's best was some very fine touch kicking, but he made very few attempts to open up the game, and thus his colleagues behind had very few opportunities. It was a great game, thoroughly enjoyed by all.

FINAL FOOTBALL.

CARDIFF HELD AT KINGSHOLM.

Strenuous Game Ends in a Draw

Eight Points Each.

For their important match with Cardiff at Kingsholm, Gloucester were in a difficulty in fixing up the three-quarter line owing to the disablement of four players, viz., Loveridge (broken collar-bone), Crowther (splintered rib), Saxby (damaged shoulder), and Thomas (septic leg). Experiments had to be made to meet the situation, and the Selectors' choice fell on R. A. Riley, who figured at centre with Hughes, and A. E. Hopcroft for the wing position. Riley was making his debut for the senior City team, but Hopcroft had made an occasional appearance at centre. Combination at three-quarter has not been a distinguishing feature of the play of the Gloucester team this season, and with two new and inexperienced men in the line some anxiety was felt as to how they would shape against so strong side as Cardiff.

The Welsh Metropolitans, whose last win at Kingsholm was as far back as October, 1910, came with an unbeaten record, but they, too, had to play three reserve three-quarters in Howe, Corsi, and Harding. Howe and Corsi were in the victorious Cardiff Fifteen which defeated Newport a few weeks ago, and Harding is a former Newport player who has been assisting the Reserves. The afternoon was fine and the attendance, some 5,000, including 600 Cardiff supporters, was easily the biggest of the season. Teams:

GLOUCESTER.

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CARDIFF.

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HALF-BACKS: D. E. Davies and W. J. Delahay. FORWARDS: Idris Richards, Cliff Williams, S. Hinam, T. Lewis, J. Brown, J. Burns, B. Spillane, and W. Ould.

Referee: Mr. A. J. Lock (Somerset).

The Game.

The teams lined out five minutes late, and both met with a hearty reception from the crowd. Voyce kicked off for Gloucester, the ball going to Harding, who was only partly tackled and struggled away to gain a few yards. Play opened at the centre until the Cardiff forwards broke away, and later Delahay started passing. The ball went along the line to Howe, who was pushed to touch in time. Taylor gained relief with a useful effort, but Cardiff opened out again, a bad pass to Harding going astray. Play was very fast, with both sides showing good form. A penalty to Gloucester gained some twenty yards, and further headway was made with a useful rush. Cardiff were closely pressed, and there was some anxious passing which enabled Gloucester to gain possession, and with a dashing burst the City forwards went right to the line. There was a scramble, ending in the ball being kicked over and VOYCE's play. Millington headed a neat punt, and Gloucester were five yards up. Cardiff continued, and the Welshmen showed up strongly with clever handling. Howe at first passed to Millington, but he failed to

exchange of kicks. At the scrum Delahay was too quick for Milliner, and twice robbed the City scrum half after Gloucester had heeled. Just now there was bad handling on both sides, the tension being very great. An attack on the Cardiff left failed, but the Welshmen were giving the ball plenty of air, though the aggressive movements lacked the old-time finish. A big loose rush by the City, headed by Voyce, took Gloucester well down, but later they were robbed of the ball and Cardiff broke away. Millington, however, stopped his man and forced him to throw forward. Milliner was twice conspicuous for sound work, but Cardiff gained an advantage and but for blundering, should have scored. A well-judged kick by Male put Cardiff on the attack, and from a line-out HINAN secured and, beating the defence, scored in a good position. Male failed at goal, and Gloucester still had a two points' lead.

Gloucester resumed, and centre play followed. The City maintained their position with good kicking, and the forwards made one determined burst which looked dangerous. Harding, however, stepped in and, gathering the ball cleared effectively. A neat bit of work by Riley kept Gloucester at mid-field, and then VOYCE came into the picture with a great effort. Beating the Cardiff outsidies with neat footwork, the International followed up and gathered the ball on the run. He only had Male to beat and with a strong hand-off the City captain cleared his opponent and raced hard, scoring a magnificent try amidst tremendous cheering. Millington failed at goal.

This further success gave the City renewed confidence, and for the next few minutes Cardiff had a very hot time. The City rushed their opponents off their feet in the loose, and the Cardiff line had a narrow escape. A break through by Taylor secured a lovely opening but the next pass was captured by an opponent, and a good opening was lost. Gloucester held the upper hand till the interval, Taylor distinguishing himself with some fine kicks.

HALF-TIME.

GLOUCESTER 1 goal, 1 try. CARDIFF 1 try

In the last ten minutes before half-time Gloucester had been going great guns, and during this period Cardiff were out played. It was stirring football, and Voyce's try sent the crowd in ecstasies. Cardiff restarted the game, and in attempting to charge the return Brown fell awkwardly and injured himself, necessitating his leaving the field. Resuming, the Gloucester forwards broke away finely from a line-out, but over-ran the ball and Davies saved. In some loose play Cornish got in a lucky punt, and Voyce, who ran back and gathered, was pulled down at once. Kicking by Gloucester did not gain any ground, as the ball in each case went straight to Male, who fielded accurately and sent to touch. Useful forward rushes made headway for Gloucester, but the position was lost through failure to gather. A visitor picked up and raced clear with Howe in attendance. There was a series of inter-passes, but the situation was saved at the critical moment. From a kick over the line Hopcroft concentrated on the Cardiff scrum, and passed to Harding, but the latter could only kick straight to touch. A big punt by Taylor put Gloucester on the 22 line, but they played too fast, and a scrum was set up a strong attack. Howe had a fine run, and with the scrum half the Welshmen were again on the attack. The Cardiff forwards were again on the attack, but they were stopped by the Gloucester forwards, who were again on the attack. The Cardiff forwards were again on the attack, but they were stopped by the Gloucester forwards, who were again on the attack.

the move. There was some clever passing between Corsi and Howe, but touch was given. The Welshmen redoubled their efforts to gain the ascendancy, and the struggle forward was fast and furious. Voyce kicked out well from a line out but Male safely fielded and sent to touch close in. A fruitless drop at goal by Cornish, however, gave Gloucester relief, and with the drop out the ball bounced to touch well over the half-way line. From a scrum Gloucester heeled, and Milliner fed Taylor, but Riley, the next to receive, ran into a couple of opponents and was upset. Cardiff secured and burst away, but Taylor tackled his man beautifully. The doctor next came into prominence with a lovely punt to touch, ten yards from the goal line. Here was a chance for Gloucester, and Hemmings dribbled well, but Male cleared nicely under pressure. Just before the end Cardiff made a meritorious effort to win the game, but following some clever passing Voyce got back and effected a timely tackle.

RESULT:

GLOUCESTER ... 1 goal, 1 try (8 pts.) CARDIFF 1 goal, 1 try (8 pts.)

Remarks.

Another red-hot game, in which, as last week, Gloucester were saved by the magnificent play of the forwards. Outside the scrum Cardiff were far ahead of the city as an attacking force yet their combination and handling, brilliant as it was up to a point, broke down badly at times. It was remarkable that Gloucester, as the play went, were able to take and hold the lead for such a long period. But it would have been hard luck on Cardiff to have lost their record, and it was fitting that the brilliant movement initiated by Delahay was crowned with success and led to the Welshmen equalising the points.

Gloucester did far better than I expected, and to share the honours of the game reflected the greatest credit on the team, disorganised as it was at three-quarter. There were a few individual efforts this afternoon on the part of the Gloucester backs which stood out prominently, but as a combined unit they ill-compared with their Welsh opponents. Milliner did wonders in defence, but he was no match for Delahay in the matter of initiating attacks or clean and accurate service. Delahay was as sharp as a needle, and more than once got possession and opened out after the ball had been heeled by the Gloucester forwards. On his form to-day, Wales will need the Cardiffian again this season. Davies worked in perfect harmony with his partner, and it was not his fault that the numerous movements he initiated failed to yield scoring points. Taylor was too closely watched to do much in the way of attack, but he kicked splendidly in the second half and aided the forwards appreciably.

The Cardiff three-quarters were fast and nippy, and their failure to thrust home the many chances of scoring they had must be put down to over-anxiousness. Cornish and Corsi were clever in the centre, and Harding and Howe on the wings showed plenty of dash and determination. The backing up also was excellent, and it was rarely a man was not up to take a re-pass. The Welshmen, perhaps, missed the experience of Johnson and Howell, the two Internationals, but the reserves are players of real ability, and Gloucester could do with one or two of the same merit. As previously remarked the Gloucester backs did practically nothing in the way of combined movements, but individually Hughes got through a lot of good work, and Riley by no means shaped badly. Brown and Hopcroft, on the wings, suffered through want of real chances in attack.

Forward, Gloucester put up their best display of the season, and their work in the loose gave the Cardiffians many anxious moments. There were occasions when the rival packs were inclined to lose their heads, and the referee had to administer a caution. But Mr. Locke kept a firm hold of the game, and prevented anything serious happening. Voyce had fine support from the whole of his colleagues, and the International himself did great things, apart from the two tries he scored. His second effort was a thriller, and the spectators simply rose in appreciation when, after handing off Male, he raced round behind the posts. Read put in a tremendous amount of hard work, and was very distinguished. Hemmings and Ayliffe were very distinguished. The backing up was fine, and the Cardiff forwards were very fast and nippy. The Cardiff forwards were very fast and nippy, and their failure to thrust home the many chances of scoring they had must be put down to over-anxiousness. Cornish and Corsi were clever in the centre, and Harding and Howe on the wings showed plenty of dash and determination. The backing up also was excellent, and it was rarely a man was not up to take a re-pass. The Welshmen, perhaps, missed the experience of Johnson and Howell, the two Internationals, but the reserves are players of real ability, and Gloucester could do with one or two of the same merit. As previously remarked the Gloucester backs did practically nothing in the way of combined movements, but individually Hughes got through a lot of good work, and Riley by no means shaped badly. Brown and Hopcroft, on the wings, suffered through want of real chances in attack.

CARDIFF'S RECORD

RESERVED IN THRILLING GAME AT BLACKHEATH

A BRILLIANT SECOND HALF

By OBSERVER

The only change in the side was caused through Johnson, last season's captain, having to cry off, A. V. Harding taking his place. Thus the Cardiff side was identical with that which did so well at Gloucester. There was a large crowd when the teams took the field.

It was stated that Cardiff had eight internationals in the side, and that the home side had only one—Stewart, of Ireland.

BLACKHEATH: D. J. King-Turner; C. H. O. Wynne, R. G. Hopkins, R. B. Maxwell, and A. J. Fush; W. E. Kendall and J. T. Kemp; A. Rendall, F. H. X. Gwynne, H. R. Saunders, I. M. B. Stewart, D. C. D. Ryder, W. E. Pratten, A. D. Oldfield, and G. M. Lee.

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After some heavy rain the weather conditions were ideal at Blackheath to-day.

THE GAME

Starting with a striking sun in their eyes Cardiff got going through a dash by Idris Richards, and his captain further improved matters with a solo dribble. Danny Davies had a futile shot at a drop-goal. There was evidence that the visitors had learned a lesson from their visits to Blackheath, for there was no mistake about their tackling.

They nearly lost a good attacking position through a penalty awarded against them, but Male replied with a beautiful touch-kick.

Then there was more hard work for the Heathen's defence. The Cardiff backs were not doing too well, but suddenly there was some snap passing. This was too orthodox to produce a try, and CORSI endeavoured to batter his way past a couple of opponents. He managed to wrench away from his would-be tacklers, and cut in to drop a neat goal.

Four points down after only ten minutes' play the home side came on in a rush, but their movements were hampered by some neat passing. Foote once being brought down ten yards out, and Kemp also was flogged as he tried to swerve around Danny Davies.

It was Cliff Williams who was eventually instrumental in getting Cardiff back on the attack.

CARDIFF BACKS LIVELY.

The ex-Llanelli international gained 30 yards in a dribble. Corsi saved trouble with a timely kick, and Cornish, with a typical burst, was all but through the defence, after a pretty pass between the legs from Delahay. Cardiff were having all their own way, and were well worth another score. It was not to be, however, and Blackheath received a gift score.

A wide pass was sent out on the Cardiff side of the scrum near the English club's 5, and Hopkins snapped it up. He was tackled by Male, but got the ball away to GWYNNE, who, after a run from half-way scored beneath the posts. KEMP had no difficulty in securing the lead with a converted kick.

Immediately Cardiff broke away to the attack, but though they were awarded three penalty kicks they failed to get back the lead. Twice Ould was just wide with the penalty kick.

Up-to-date they had had practically all the play, but try as they would they could not regain the lead. On two occasions Danny Davies tried short punts, but the ball dropped awkwardly and when the men behind him tried passing they found themselves too quickly covered to do anything effective. The Cardiff forwards were doing terrific work, and at last there came a deserved success. Ould was responsible for a great burst which nearly ended in Harding getting through. The ball was net and, on it being kicked wildly by OULD, the latter promptly high punted over the line. Gwynne had ample time to clear, but muddled the ball, and the policeman, following up his kick, touched down for a try. He just failed to score from a difficult angle. There was some further neat play, but no more scoring came before the interval.

Half-time score:	G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF	1	1	7
BLACKHEATH	1	0	5

There was a thrill right at the restart, for after a dribble by Brown there were some hot exchanges on the Blackheath line. Once Ould failed to take a pass with the line at his mercy, and just after Danny Davies was hurt in a collision for a try.

last season's debacle, but they slackened down.

Things livened up when Ould made a fine dash, and then Cornish was nearly through when he got going.

Then came unexpected success to Blackheath. A wild kick was not reached by Ossie Male and when he gained possession he was pounced upon by a couple of home forwards. He saved his line momentarily by holding on to the ball, but the referee,



ARTHUR CORNISH.

Who made some brilliant bursts and scored a try to give Cardiff a pronounced lead.

Mr. A. E. Freethy, of Neath, awarded a penalty, a rather drastic punishment for an act 40 yards from the line. Kemp failed to convert. Blackheath were nearly in on two occasions, but the defence held out to the end, though once it was only a wonderful mark by Delahay that stopped Blackheath.

Final score:	G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF	3	1	17
BLACKHEATH	1	1	8

*Dropped.

COMMENTS.

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By "OBSERVER."

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It was stated that Cardiff had eight internationals in the side, and that the home side had only one—Stewart, of Ireland.

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THE GAME

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They nearly lost a good attacking position through a penalty awarded against them, but Male replied with a beautiful touch-kick.

Then there was more hard work for the Heathen's defence. The Cardiff backs were not doing too well, but suddenly there was some snap passing. This was not orthodox to produce a try, and CORSI endeavoured to batter his way past a couple of opponents. He managed to wrench away from his would-be tacklers, and cut in to drop a neat goal.

Four points down after only ten minutes' play the home side came on in a rush, but their movements were hampered by some neat passing. Foote once being brought down ten yards out, and Kemp also was felled as he tried to swerve around Danny Davies.

It was Cliff Williams who was eventually instrumental in getting Cardiff back on the attack.

CARDIFF BACKS LIVELY.

The ex-Llanelli international gained 30 yards in a dribble. Corsi saved trouble with a timely kick, and Cornish, with a typical burst, was all but through the defence, after a pretty pass between the legs from Delahay. Cardiff were having all their own way, and were well worth another score. It was not to be, however, and Blackheath received a gift score.

A wide pass was sent out on the Cardiff side of the scrum near the English club's 5, and Hopkins snapped it up. He was tackled by Male, but got the ball away to WYNNE, who, after a run from half-way scored beneath the posts. KEMP had so difficulty in securing the lead with a converted kick.

Immediately Cardiff broke away to the attack, but though they were awarded three penalty kicks they failed to get back the lead. Twice Ould was just wide with the penalty kick.

Up-to-date they had had practically all the play, but try as they would they could not regain the lead. On two occasions Danny Davies tried short punts, but the ball dropped awkwardly and when the men behind him tried passing they found themselves too quickly covered to do anything effective. The Cardiff forwards were doing terrific work, and at last there came deserved success. Ould was responsible for a great burst which nearly ended in Harding getting through. The ball was lost, and on it being kicked wildly to OULD, the latter promptly high punted over the line. Gwynne had ample time to clear, but muddled the ball, and the policeman, following up his kick, touched down for a try. He just failed to goal from a difficult angle. There was some further neat play, but no more scoring came before the interval.

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CARDIFF	1	1	7
BLACKHEATH	1	0	5

*Dropped goal.

There was a thrill right at the restart, for after a dribble by Brown there were some hot exchanges on the Blackheath line. Once Ould failed to take a pass with the line at his mercy, and just after Danny Davies was hurt in a collision as he was just beaten in a race for a try. This gave the home side much needed relief, and suddenly there was a roar as Gwynne made a dash on the right flank only to knock on, thus saving Cardiff being in arrears.

There followed a dribble by Hinam and then good kicking by Davies and Male saw Cardiff in an attacking position.

There were calls of "send him off," when a Cardiff forward was singled out by the referee for being too keen, but only a caution was administered. Cardiff kept hammering away and at last reward came to them. There was some poor passing, and then ARTHUR CORNISH suddenly swerved inwards and found himself beyond Turner for a well deserved try. OULD converted.

OULD, THE UBIQUITOUS.

The cheering had hardly died away when from some neat play OULD dashed through with a second try. He was deservedly applauded for this, and also for the splendid kick with which he converted. A dozen points to the good Cardiff looked like securing ample revenge for



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Who made some brilliant bursts and scored a try to give Cardiff a pronounced lead.

Mr. A. E. Freethy, of Neath, awarded a penalty, a rather drastic punishment for an act 40 yards from the line. Kemp failed to convert. Blackheath were nearly in on two occasions, but the defence held out to the end, though once it was only a wonderful mark by Delahay that stopped Blackheath.

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RECORD PRESERVED

CARDIFF AND ABERAVON FIGHT A FIERCE BATTLE

SOME THRILLING INCIDENTS

By OBSERVER

Keen interest was taken in the meeting of Cardiff and Aberavon to-day, especially in view of Cardiff's unbeaten record this season.

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When the teams fielded it was noticed that Johnson had a large piece of plaster on his left cheek. It was his first appearance for a month, and he received a warm greeting from the crowd, which now numbered close on 20,000.

THE GAME.

It was ten minutes after the advertised time when Danny Davies started the game with the sun (which suddenly came out) facing the Cardiff team.

Right at the very start there was a roar for an incident which augured well for the rest of the game. Idris Richards slung out the ball and it travelled along and at the right moment Johnson cross-kicked. Up came the Cardiff men in a body to rush the ball over the line. With the crowd cheering wildly for what they thought was a try, the referee rightly ordered a scrum for off side.

After more Cardiff passing had failed at the crucial moment Aberavon took a turn and for a while the home men had a brisk time defending. Corsi with a great effort got them momentary relief and there was an unpleasant moment for the home supporters when Burns was penalised for holding on to the ball. Jeremy was just short in a shot at a penalty goal and later on there were times when Cardiff's defence seemed bound to capitulate under the pressure of the eager men of the West. Will Hopkins nearly got them through with a dash and cross-kick and then Ould, through sheer determination, got 30 yards of valuable ground.

VERY FAST GAME.

The game then became almost too fast to describe. Every attempt by the Cardiff backs to get into their stride was met with resolute tackling, and the visiting forwards were always on the ball. Once it was a great burst by Johnson from his own line that relieved Cardiff.

At the end of only a quarter of an hour's play Cardiff had the bad luck to lose Howe, who had to receive the attention of Dr. J. J. Buist. This seemed to spur on the Cardiff men, and a glorious dash by Ould, who went aside two Aberavon men, almost put Cardiff ahead. He was collared in the nick of time, and just afterwards the referee called the two packs together to speak to them about their tactics in the fight.

For a while the fourteen Cardiff men more than held their own, but Randall, Jeremy, and Co. were doing some fine work in the loose, and when they started dribbling again it was only a palpable infringement by a Cardiff man that allowed a score.

Sparkling passing by the Cardiff backs came within an ace of producing a score, Johnson's short punt bouncing awkwardly when the defence was completely beaten.

The game was now being fought out in a desperate manner with Cardiff always at least equal to their task. Once Davies found Lee almost too good for him, and on another occasion a pass from Idris Richards had only to be taken for a score to be registered. However, the interval came with the scoring sheet blank.

Half-time score:	G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF	0	0	0
ABERAVON	0	0	0

Aberavon were in a desperate plight at the very opening of the second half, and three times in three minutes they only saved their line with wild fly-kicks to touch. Next it was a blunder by the referee in awarding a free kick for offence which stopped Hinam for having a possible try. However, it was bound to come, and Johnson was the hero in the movement which produced it. He practically buried himself through a couple of opponents and

furious, and Cliff Williams was the next casualty, having to be assisted from the field by a couple of ambulance men.

The game had been far too keen to be pleasant for the last half an hour, and it was not surprising when the referee had to administer a severe caution to an Aberavon forward. The latter was lucky not to receive marching orders.

As time wore on the excitement was terrific. Ben Davies was nearly over after a great burst on the right, and it was a dash by Ould, carried on by Burns, and Cornish, that again put Cardiff on the attack. Again, there was a stoppage for injury, Sullivan having to receive attention.

Just afterwards came the final with Cardiff's record intact.

Final score:	G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF	0	2	6
ABERAVON	0	1	3

OBSERVER'S COMMENTS.

Cardiff's record is still intact, but some members of the crowd which was the biggest of the season, must have wished at times to-day that it had gone long ago. Aberavon came to take it, but while I would not for a moment suggest that they



came to take it at any price I must say that some of their forwards were too keen in their methods for the enjoyment of the spectators.

On the other hand, I must say that some of the Cardiff men are finding the burden of a record too much for them, and there does not seem the same spirit prevailing in their play as in the opening games.

For all that the uncertainty of the ultimate result kept everyone at the highest pitch of excitement. There were long periods when a terrific struggle took place between the forwards—periods when play was more keen than clean. Out of these would emerge a passing movement which set up a roar from the spectators.

At the start we saw glorious passing, and settled down to an enjoyable afternoon's sport. Well, it was not so enjoyable as the opening minutes gave us reason to expect, but if it was not the open game we hoped for it was a thrilling one, one to be remembered for some time. For the most part a stern forward battle, it sometimes resolved itself into a pretty game with great efforts by the wing men. Then we saw what a grand game it might be if victory was not so precious.

There was a mixture of disappointment and delight among the crowd at the end—disappointment because it was more strenuous than pretty, and delight because they had been lulled during every moment of it.

The number of injuries to-day exceeded the total sustained in all the Cardiff games to date, and while some of them were due to pure accidents, others were caused by actual roughness. Almost invariably a man was tackled more heartily than was

TWO TEAMS.

Cardiff R.F.C. Decision.

EXPERIMENT TO BE TRIED.

At a meeting last night, the Cardiff Athletic Club decided to try the experiment of running two first-class teams next season, and a fixture list will be drawn up accordingly and submitted at a subsequent meeting for review.

At the meeting it was stated that of the views obtained from outside clubs, 90 per cent. were in favour of the movement.

The decision is one which obviously will start a controversy in Welsh Rugby circles, and that is to say what will be the views of other clubs? Questions will assuredly be raised as to which fifteen shall play the leading sides in Welsh, and for that matter English, sides, and which shall play the "lesser lights" who will appear on the list of fixtures.

Some such experiment has been in vogue in England hitherto, such as in connection with the Blackheath Club, but for Wales it is unique, and doubt must always attach to anything that is unique in football.

Undoubtedly Cardiff is in the position this season of fielding two fifteens capable of extending the best of sides, but the question is, will they be able to do so in the future? Lean periods take their turn, and—well, sufficient is conveyed therein to express what might happen.

Differences have existed as to the desirability of taking the step suggested, but apparently the majority of the club members or supporters—whoever have been circularised, as reported, on the matter—think fit to suggest that the experiment shall be tried.

THE GATES.

From a gate point of view—and this is a big matter considering the present financial position of the Cardiff Athletic Club—it is a wise move, for it will mean dispensing with the Reserve side, so that every week throughout the whole season "first" team games will be staged.

From a playing point of view, the present season lends itself to such an experiment, for such is the extent of the talent available at Cardiff that the difficulty experienced by the Selection Committee is not as to who they shall choose, but who they shall leave out.

This state of things is not such as is usually enjoyed by any side—probably Cardiff, nor any other Welsh club, has been in such a happy position before in their whole history—and that being the case it is only feasible to conjecture whether the same condition of affairs will continue to rule in the future.

Still, from the point of view of clubs who have a yearning to include Cardiff on their fixture list, the idea is a good one, and without committing ourselves to a definite expression of opinion on the matter, all we can wish is success, if the idea be decided upon.

Cardiff's Engagements.

PLAYERS v. BARTS & ABERAVON.

The Cardiff team to meet St. Bart's at the Cardiff Arms Park on Wednesday will be selected from:—B. O. Male; A. V. Harding, R. A. Cornish, H. Corsi, H. Howe and J. H. John; W. J. Delahay, D. Davies and G. Richards; Idris Richards, S. Hinam, C. Williams, W. J. Ould, E. Spillane, E. Marsh, F. Lee, S. Cravos, T. Arnott and T. Burns.

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RESERVES' SIDE.

The Cardiff Reserves team to play against Aberavon Seconds at Aberavon on Saturday will be selected from:—T. Lee; J. John, E. Smith, M. Evans, C. Harris and T. R. Brown; T. Driscoll and G. Richards; S. C. Cravos, T. Arnott, F. Lee, W. Palmer, T. Burns, T. R. Smith, M. Regan, Dr. J. F. Wilde, J. Blake and T. Sharp.

CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB

(Football Section).

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KEEN CONTEST

Ex-Schoolboys' Rugby Match

CARDIFF DRAW WITH NEATH

The match between Cardiff ex-Schoolboys and Neath ex-Schoolboys at Cardiff Arms Park to-day had been eagerly looked forward to by the Rugby enthusiasts of Cardiff, it being the first visit of the wonder team of Wales to the city since the days when the schoolboys of Neath were invincible, in 1922-23. Included in the visiting side were nine former school-boy internationals.

The Cardiff boys have also a good record, being defeated only twice in 17 matches. Earlier in the season at Neath the home boys were defeated by 39 points to nil. Since then they have improved, and hoped to give Mr. Freethy's boys a hard game.

CARDIFF EX-SCHOOLBOYS: T. Stone; T. Seaman, J. Kane, D. Davies, and W. Morgan; W. Goodman and J. Coughlin; T. Burns, P. Hayes, J. Cunningham, D. Williams, W. Coles, J. Stickler, N. Fender, and A. Sexton.

NEATH EX-SCHOOLBOYS: W. Evans; C. Beynon, G. Bevan, Sam Bates, and D. Rees; W. Thomas and T. Walters; Howie Jones (capt.); T. Day, I. Bevan, P. Green, C. Harris, W. Morris, J. Peat, and R. Williams.

Referee: Mr. J. H. Rees (Maesteg). There was every indication of a good crowd being present, over 5,000 being present a few minutes before the kick-off.

Burns kicked off for Cardiff, Bevan replying to the kick by finding touch near the centre. From the first scrum the home boys heeled, and Coughlin kicked to touch in the visiting 25. Fender led a rush, and play was taken to the visitors' 25. Here Neath got possession, and things looked dangerous for the home boys when Bates started passing, but Bevan failed to take his pass.

Then, from some loose play, Coughlin put the home boys on the attack again, and play was taken to the visitors' line, where some hot scrummages took place, and eventually the home side forced a minor. From the drop-out Goodman started his backs going, and, after Davies had given the "dummy," Morgan failed to take his pass when a score looked certain.

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A fine kick by Bates again put the visitors out of danger, and Williams, receiving near the half-way, broke clean away and, running up to Stone, gave out to HOWIE JONES, for that player to score near the posts. Bevan failed to convert.

The home boys on the run of the play did not deserve to be five points in arrears, having had the better of matters up to now, but it was evident that the Neath pack were much faster than the home boys.

When Stone kicked to the open one of the visiting forwards started his backs going, and Bath, giving the dummy to Kane, things looked dangerous again, but Bevan failed to take his pass with the defence beaten. Fender led a rush to the visiting twenty-five after this, and Denverkens made a fine run for the visitors, but when about to swerve the home full-back he found Stone capable of stopping his progress.

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From a scrum, the home backs started passing, and Morgan looked all over a scorer, but Rees made a brilliant tackle near the flag. Neath were penalised on their 25 line, and Fender made a fine effort to kick a goal, the ball just dropping in under the bar. After some keen exchanges near the Neath line, the home boys were penalised, and Bevan found touch near the home 25.

Half-time score:	G.	T.	Pts.
NEATH EX-BOYS	0	1	5
CARDIFF EX-BOYS	0	0	0

SECOND HALF.

At half-time the attendance had reached 10,000. In the first half the sun had been a big handicap to the home boys. The Cardiff boys heeled from the first scrum, and Morgan made a gallant attempt to break through, but was held up by numbers. Once Morgan slipped when in a bad position.

Play was continually on the Neath line, the home forwards playing in brilliant fashion, and it was a question of how long the visiting boys' line would be intact. Once Evans kicked, but Stone drove them back to their line, where they sustained by the home boys nearly met with success. From a line-out the home boys went away in a body. One of the forwards touching down for a try, which Fender failed to convert.

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Half-time score:	G.	T.	Pts.
NEATH EX-BOYS	0	1	3
CARDIFF EX-BOYS	0	0	0

SECOND HALF.

At half-time the attendance had reached 19,000. In the first half the sun had been a big handicap to the home boys. The Cardiff boys leaped from the first scrum, and Seaman made a gallant attempt to break through, but was held up by numbers. Once Morgan slipped when in a fine position.

Play was continuous on the Neath line, the home forwards playing in brilliant fashion, and it was a question of how long the visiting boys' line would be intact. Once Evans fly-kicked, but Stone drove them back to their line, where another onslaught by the home boys nearly met with success. From a line-out the home boys went away in a body. One of the forwards touching down for a try, which Fender failed to convert.

This success was well earned, the visiting boys being rarely out of their own half during the second half of the game.

J. KANE, the home centre, was the scorer of the home try. The crowd were raised to a state of excitement over this score, and went wild with delight when, following a forward rush SEAMAN went over for another fine try. Fender failed to convert from a difficult angle.

Bates made a great effort to get through, but the tackling of the home boys was very keen.

The Neath boys tried hard to save their record, and, after Bates had been very prominent with some smart bursts, BEVAN broke away and outpacing all opposition, scored near the posts. The same player failed to convert, the ball striking the upright.

The boys had played a hard game, and the final came with

Final score:	G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF EX-SCHOOLBOYS	0	2	6
NEATH EX-SCHOOLBOYS	0	2	6

COMMENTS.

It was a really great Rugby treat that these boys served up on the Park this afternoon. The Cardiff boys surprised their own supporters, and it looked at one period of the game as if they would be the first to lower the colours of Mr. Freethy's invincibles. But the Neath backs were the boys who saved their record, Bevan and Bates being particularly brilliant with some of their bursts, while their defence was simply great.

For Cardiff Stone was a good full-back, finding touch with some huge kicks and tackling in fine style. Their three-quarters were slow compared with their opponents, and kicked too often when they should have passed.

It was the forwards who played a wonderful game, and it was a revelation how the Neath line escaped in the first twenty minutes of the second half. Fender was the outstanding figure, well supported by Williams and Burns.

For Neath Howie Jones was the best on view, and his leadership pulled his side together in the closing minutes to save their record. Walters, at outside half, was very good, but the pick of the backs on both sides were Bevan and Bates, who, whenever they had the ball, were always dangerous.

It was a thrilling game, particularly during the second half, and a draw was a fair reflex of the play, which rested between the Cardiff forwards and the brilliant Neath backs.

GONE AT LAST!

CARDIFF LOSE THEIR RECORD AT PORTSMOUTH PENALTY OF SENDING WEAK TEAM

By OBSERVER

Richards, Burns, and Williams, three of Cardiff's best forwards, were unable to turn out at Portsmouth to-day to defend the club's record against the local United Services team, which at present is a pretty warm proposition. There had been heavy rain overnight, but the weather cleared, and there was quite a good crowd present.

PORTSMOUTH UNITED SERVICES: Midshipman A. Sellar; Lieut. M. W. Foy, Lieut. C. R. Garrett, Lieut. Doan, and Lieut. M. Richmond; Lieut. W. P. Reed and Lieut. F. E. Chevallier; Lieut. C. F. Halloran, Lieut. W. F. Browne, Lieut. W. G. Agnew, Lieut. G. C. E. Branson, Lieut. P. F. W. Williams-Powlett, Lieut. R. C. Harry, Capt. J. Daniel, and Capt. Dunn.

CARDIFF: O. Male; Tom Johnson, R. A. Cornish, H. Corsi, and J. H. Harding; Danny Davies and W. J. Delahay; Amott, R. Marsh, Brown, Lewis, S. Hinam, Spillane, M. Regan, and W. J. Ould.

Referee: Major H. E. Wilkins.

Though the turf had been liberally treated with sand it was on the soft side.

THE GAME.

Early on Cardiff were seen to advantage and Delahay and Cornish excelled in passing but the Services got into their stride with a dribble. A wild kick saved Cardiff and then there was tremendous excitement when both Delahay and Thompson were held up on their different wings.

There came an unexpected turn in the affairs when Foy went tearing away on the right. The Cardiff tackling was woefully weak, three men missing him before Male grazed him in fine style.

The Cardiff defence appeared to be in a knot, but at an unexpected moment, Danny Davies got the ball away when the Services men heeled and Johnson nearly caused disaster for the home side with a high punt. Daniel just cleared. From a splendid mark at half-way Male was just wide with a drop kick, and later on Spillane nearly scored when he charged down Sellar's kick.

Up to now play was inclined to be very scrappy, Cardiff having the better of it temporarily. They were not getting the ball as often as they should, but Delahay nullified this through his close attention to Chevallier. Once the Cardiff man nearly dribbled through, only a wonderful pick-up by Sellar saving the home side.

Soon afterwards Male luckily cleared for Cardiff after failing to take a wild pass from Delahay, who was harried by the Services forward. There was a fierce battle for honours going on between the forwards making play somewhat dull. This was relieved by a great dash by Rees, but he was pulled up by Male. Hinam dribbled away and passing started. In this Corsi and Harding handled prettily, and, although the movement started in Cardiff's 25, the left-centre was nearly through after handling for the third time.

Cardiff, on the run of the play, had certainly deserved to be leading, but towards the end of this half they fell away. A wretched pass by Danny Davies nearly let the opposition in, and it was a splendid touch kick by Johnson that won them some relief.

To say the least, the Cardiff men were lacking in fire and as last their line fell. More wretched attempts at tackling saw BARRETT sailing through three or four Cardiff men for a try in the corner. Halloran filled with the kick.

This was close on half-time, and there was no further scoring before the whistle rang.

Half-time score:	G.	T.	Pts.
UNITED SERVICES	0	1	3
PORTSMOUTH	0	1	3
CARDIFF	0	0	0

Heavy rain fell during and after the interval, and the players presented a bedraggled appearance.

Starting with tremendous vim the home men made every endeavour to increase their lead. With their forwards heeling regularly and passing briskly there was always imminent danger that they would increase their lead. The efforts of the Cardiff backs to get out of a tight corner were met by long touch-kickers by Sellar, who was a tower of strength to his side.

Presently came a Cardiff rally and after a smart touch kick by Danny Davies, Johnson nearly scored when he led a dribble. By now it seemed the Cardiff men were coming into their own, and there was some strenuous work on the home line.

Once the visiting forwards were spoken to by the referee, but the game continued to be desperately keen.

A Services man was detected deliberately tripping a Cardiff man, but, although the spot was immediately in front of the posts, Ould failed to draw the scores level. Then again came the Services, and it was the luckiest thing in the world when, after a cross-kick, Cornish collared Garrett and

threw him clear after he had crossed the Cardiff line. Ould, who had been taken from the scrum at half-time, had not been such in the picture, and though Cardiff got to halfway, they nearly let the Services in again. Only another great tackle by Male prevented a score.

Later, Halloran stumbled over the ball over the Cardiff line.

The game now seemed lost to Cardiff and when the Services started passing again it seemed that all was over.

Down made headway and RICHMOND running strongly from halfway, swerved inside Male to score. Hall converted.



OSSIE MALE, who played a fine game for Cardiff.

With only five minutes to go, Cardiff were five points behind and were saying "goodbye" to their unbeaten record.

As time wore on Cardiff made desperate efforts to save the game. An effort by Cornish nearly got them a score, but the next minute Male had to concede a minor. Shortly afterward came the final whistle.

Final score:	G.	T.	Pts.
UNITED SERVICES	1	1	3
CARDIFF	0	0	0

COMMENTS.

Cardiff lost their record at Portsmouth to-day to a better team. No other reason can be given for the defeat, for, although they were good at times it was the team play of the home side that always kept them back.

Perhaps it was the fact that the Services adapted themselves to the condition better than their opponents, but, almost from the very start, it seemed that the first reverse of the season was to be received.

Well, it has come at last, and not even the most ardent of Cardiff's supporters will begrudge Portsmouth United Services their victory, because they proved a team of sportsmen.

It was a hard game in the mud, but, if it was desperately keen all through, it was also clean.

The game became sometimes rather more vigorous than it might have been if there had not been so much mud. The test has been among Cardiff people that a dogged fight would break the sequence. We must, therefore, be thankful that it was such a game that we saw to-day that removed the burden they have been labouring under the last few weeks.

To Lieutenant Halloran went the chief honours of the day, for it was his inspiring leadership of the Services' forwards that paved the way for Cardiff's defeat. His battle-cry was heard all through the piece, and he was always in the thick of the forward battle, which was generally in progress.

Another home forward who caught the eye was Captain Dunn, of the Welch Regiment, and Midshipman Sellar was a host in himself as full-back, but he was no whit better than Mill who worked like a Trojan.

The chief Cardiff weakness lay at forward, where, without Joris Richards, the eight men were like a rabble. Behind them Delahay worked his hardest, chiefly by signalling tactics, because the men in front could not gain possession in the scrums.

Cornish and Johnson were also at their best, but there was no cohesion, and as I have said before, the record went better side.

CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB
FOOTBALL SECTION.
PORTSMOUTH SERVICES
v.
CARDIFF
SATURDAY, NOV. 7th, 1925.
AT PORTSMOUTH.

Headquarters: QUEEN'S HOTEL, SOUTHSEA

Seldom has football held so slender a way with the British sporting public as was the case to-day. In almost every case the attendance represented a better

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6th.

Leave Cardiff G.W.R.	4.35 p.m.
Tea	5.0 "
Dinner	7.45 "
Arrive	9.45 "

Charabanc meets train for Queen's Hotel, Southsea.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7th.

Breakfast	...	...	9.0 a.m.
Lunch	...	...	12.30 p.m.
Charabanc to Ground	...	...	1.45 "
Kick off	...	...	2.45 "
Dinner	...	...	6.0 "
Supper (Sandwiches)	...	...	11.0 "

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8th.

Charabanc leaves Hotel for Station	8.15 a.m.
Train leaves Portsmouth	8.50 "
Breakfast	9.0 "
Lunch	1.0 p.m.
Tea	4.30 "
Arrive Cardiff	5.35 "

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KEEN RUGBY RIVALS

CARDIFF SPECTATORS CHEER THE NEWPORT TEAM

THE TAFFSIDERS' LUCKY WIN

By OBSERVER.

There was something of an international flavour about the large queues lined up at the Cardiff Arms Park just before the kick-off in the game between Cardiff and Newport, and the crowd was easily a record for the season. There were at least 25,000 present when the game started in weather which was cold, but dry. As a matter of fact, conditions could not have been better. Among the spectators were Mr. Justice Shearman, who is engaged at the Glamorgan Assizes.

NEWPORT—W. Everson; G. E. Andrews, D. Graham Davies, A. Stock, and H. J. Davies (capt.); E. G. Dowdall and V. M. Griffiths; Dr. W. J. Roche, N. C. Macpherson, T. Jones, W. Friend, N. Casey, D. Jones, M. Burke, and R. Hathway.

CARDIFF—B. O. Male; T. Johnson, R. A. Cornish, H. Corsi, and A. V. Harding; D. E. Davies (capt.) and W. J. Delahay; Idris Richards, S. Hinam, Cliff Williams, J. Brown, J. Burns, W. J. Ould, T. Lewis, and T. Arnot.

Referee: Mr. W. J. Llewellyn, Bridgend. That the Cardiff people do not share the view of the Harlequins in labelling the Usksiders as the "bad boys of rugby," was shown in the warm-hearted cheer which greeted Harold Davies and his men.

Right at the very start Newport secured a footing through a Cardiff man being caught off-side, but a similar penalty got Cardiff out of danger and then came thrill No. 1. Passing by the Newport three-quarters looked like bringing something tangible, but a wretched trosser saw Cornish nip in and kick over the line. Harding was only just beaten by Andrews in his race to touch down.

I did not think the referee was justified in giving a penalty against Cardiff when a couple of men raced around the scrum near the Cardiff line. Mr. Llewellyn adjudged them off-side, and HAROLD DAVIES had no difficulty in kicking a goal.

Within a few minutes had taken the lead. Sparkling passing saw Johnson just fail to beat the defence with a cross-kick, and the next second Delahay, with the best "dumpling" I have seen for a couple of years, was nearly through. The Cardiff men were not to be denied, and, in a scramble J. BURNS secured a try. OULD gained the extra points.

There were more good things to follow. First a hot dribble led by Friend and Roche nearly got home, and then Tom Jones was just held. Next a wild pass from Johnson when he was tackled near the line nearly let Newport in, and then came a great effort by Andrews and Graham Davies, which was just frustrated in time.

On the whole the home men were lucky to preserve their narrow lead. Once glorious passing by Andrews and his side colleagues had the defence completely beaten, and it was only a pass slightly forward that held the Monmouthshire men out.

All the good things of the game were coming for Newport, and for a quarter of an hour or so, the home men were playing second fiddle. A free kick taken by Johnson, and then a nice touch-down by Male, gave the Cardiff men an attacking position for a few minutes, but the visiting men were too clever for them.

Tom Jones was dominating the situation in the line out, his quick passes back being made the most of by the men behind him. It was only Cardiff's resolute tackling that held them out.

Cliff Williams and Danny Davies relieved the situation with a neat bit of lark, the movement breaking down when Johnson was almost away, and then Cornish was just wide with a drop at goal.

Newport retaliated through Harold Davies, and then the game became as thrilling as one could wish for. The Cardiff men seemed to rouse themselves to the most form, and only forward passes held them out.

All the while the Newport backs were doing their utmost, but for long had it seemed that their efforts were to be rewarded. Male missed a high kick, and B. also dribbled on. The ball went across the line, and Graham Davies appeared to touch down. The referee, however, disallowed the points, apparently because Davies, who was going at full tilt, knocked

the ball down as it was rolling. Just on half time Everson was only just short with a penalty shot at goal.

	G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF	1	0	5
NEWPORT	1	0	3

SECOND HALF.

Newport restarted like a winning side, Andrews and Dowdall making great efforts to get through, and Everson being wide with a penalty kick.

Then Delahay set Cardiff going with a beautiful burst, and there was some desperate work on the Newport line until their forwards got into their stride again.

Judicious touch-kicking put Cardiff on the attack, but the position was lost when Cornish was very wide with a drop at goal. This proved costly for Cardiff, who had to defend desperately for a while, Harold Davies and Graham Davies were well to the fore, and it was during this hot attack that Corsi and Harding kept their end up when Andrews received chances.

Newport lost Burke for a couple of minutes, and during his absence Harding was just beaten in a race for a rolling ball over the Newport line.

As time wore on Newport strove with all they knew to get the deciding score, passing movements were checked by keen tackling, and cross-kicks all went astray.

After some of the finest tackling I have seen for many a day, Newport early won the day through a penalty kick by Everson, the ball just going wide. In the gathering gloom a titanic struggle was fought out in Cardiff's quarters, but the defence prevailed to the end.

	G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF	1	0	5
NEWPORT	1	0	3

OBSERVER'S COMMENTS.

This proved the best game of Rugby seen on the Cardiff Arms Park this season, and let it be said at once that Newport did not deserve to lose. Doing nearly all the attacking they strove with might and main to push the game out of the fire, and had they been the first to lower the home side's colours on the Cardiff Arms Park this season no one could have grumbled.

The game was strangely reminiscent of the New Zealand match at Newport last year, for in the last quarter of an hour Newport, baulked by an heroic defence, had recourse to all the wiles of Rugby football in their efforts to pierce the defence.

In a nutshell, the game revolved round an enterprising attack on the part of Newport, and a tenacious defence by the home side. It was only rarely that the man with the ball was not taken and the slightest slip by Cardiff's backs would have meant disaster. But they never wavered, and on the whole I thought their defence the best displayed for some time.

All through Harold Davies and his men were seeking openings, but there was no sign of that weakness by the Cardiff backs. Still, there was always a glorious uncertainty and the vigour crowd seen at a club match at Cardiff for twelve months were kept at the highest pitch of excitement until the final whistle.

It was a hard fought game in which there was plenty of vigour, but there was not a single incident to which exception could be taken. Crows of the magnitude we saw to-day will always be attracted to see such football, and the two sides are to be congratulated upon their performances.

Tom Jones was Newport's best forward, but he had splendid support from the youngsters brought in. Harold Davies was the guiding spirit in attack with Andrew, the most dangerous wing on the field, and full-back Everson enhanced his reputation by being more solid than Male, while Dowdall and Griffiths worked better as a pair than the Cardiff halves.

The Cardiff backs were seen best in defence, and the amount of tackling they had to do—and which they did so successfully—kept them busy throughout the afternoon. There was an unexpected weakness at forward, but Williams and Birch came to the fore with much good work, the ex-Llanelli man playing his best game of the season.

FLOREAT, SWANSEA

DECISIVE VICTORY ACHIEVED OVER CARDIFF

The Swansea committee took the precaution of placing a thick layer of straw on the St. Helen's pitch for the game with Cardiff. Had they not done so frost would most assuredly have caused the postponement of this attractive fixture.

The All Whites have shown great improvement since they were badly defeated Cardiff. The latter were without John-

The weather was cold but dry and there were about 12,000 present and (a reminder of the past), a couple of long queues outside.

SWANSEA: D. E. Evans; A. E. Watkins (capt.), R. Jones, D. Barter, and S. Phillips; A. L. Perkins and J. Jones; D. Parker, Alf Parker, J. H. John, C. Hopkins, T. Rees, W. Fall, M. Rice, and D. H. Jenkins.

CARDIFF: B. O. Male; T. Parry, A. Cornish, H. Corsi, and A. V. Harding; W. Delahay and D. Davies (capt.); Idris Richards, E. Marsh, S. Hinam, J. Brown, J. Burns, T. Lewis, T. Arnot, and E. Spillane.

Referee: Mr. J. Wetter (Newport).

THE GAME.

There was a hearty cheer for Mr. Jack Wetter, the old international, on his first local appearance as referee.

There was a slight thrill at the start when, after Cardiff's passing had broken down, S. Phillips almost got through for Swansea, being just tackled by Harding.

The latter did further good work with a charge down and tackled, and then it was Cornish who saved Cardiff when he cut across to spoil Elwyn Watkins when the latter was in full cry.

Later Male, somewhat luckily, held up an attack with a fly-kick, and then, after Swansea had only been held up through forward passes, J. JONES swerved in from a scrum and dropped a beautiful left-foot goal.

Swansea preserved their lead, for they had proved more enterprising, but when Evans missed the ball Hinam was nearly through with a dribble.

Then the All Whites came again and a case of obstruction by Cardiff's left flank man saw DAI PARKER kick a great goal from 40 yards' range.

For a while Cardiff attacked, but their passing movements were easily countered by the Swansea men, until Delahay and Davies upset the defence.

Davies went to the left, but his partner made for the other flank, and Cornish just got over. Male failed with a kick from a wide angle.

The visitors had now livened up, and had Parry passed inward instead of trying to beat the full-back there might have been another score for them.

When the home men again got into their stride they gave Cardiff an anxious time defending. Danny Davies just dropped back in the nick of time, when Elwyn Atkins short-punted and then only the stern tackling of Barter and Phillips kept the Cardiff line intact.

There was an angry outburst directed against Mr. Jack Wetter because he had judged Dai Parker off-side, but the crowd was in good humour the next moment when Barter found himself in possession after a cross-kick. He swerved through the Cardiff right flank and around Male to score a capital try under the post. J. Jones failed to convert.

Cardiff were now playing like a beaten side, but there was a shade of luck about Swansea's next score. A high kick down left Male with abundant time to score a rolling ball, but he muffed the ball three or four times, and the eager Swansea pack were upon him. E. C. Phillips ran in under the post.

Again the goal-kick failed. There was no further scoring until the interval.

	G.	T.	Pts.
SWANSEA	2	2	33
CARDIFF	0	1	3

SECOND HALF.

Harding was almost over in the first minute of the second half, when he raced along the touch-line and short-punted, and later on Male was just wide with a penalty shot at goal. Then Cardiff had to take their turn at defence again.

When Cardiff looked like getting out of their own territory J. Hopkins forced them back into their own 25 with a kick to touch. Then there was some difficulty with the placing of the ball in the scrum, and the referee obliged.

Cardiff lost Cornish, and, strangely enough Phillips. Play became very dull and unenjoyable, with a long series of scrums. For a long while Cardiff held their own, with nearly hit Brown in, but the pass immediately he was off the field they started to attack.

Once Burns, who had gone to the last line, made a gallant attempt to get through, but was bundled into touch by

was adjudged a forward one. Back the went on the defence again, but their end of bitterness was not yet full.

There came two fine bouts of passing and from the second of these, ROY TONKS passed over with a try, which Dai Parker failed to convert, although the angle was the easiest possible.

As time wore on Cardiff revived and attacked briskly. In a scramble Lewis



W. J. DELAHAY, who shone in defensive work for Cardiff, was awarded a try, and this again roused the ire of the crowd. Mule failed to convert.

	G.	T.	Pts.
SWANSEA	2	3	33
CARDIFF	0	2	6

* One dropped, one penalty.

COMMENTS.

Cardiff's second defeat of the season was just as thoroughly deserved as the first a fortnight or so ago. They met a side infinitely better than themselves in all departments save the half-back line.

From start to finish Cardiff was a well-beaten side, and the wonder is that the margin of points against them (the biggest for many season with the All Whites) was not very much larger.

Everything Cardiff tried broke down. Passing was woefully weak, and the forwards found themselves against an active side which would not let them settle down to their usual style of play. It is true that Cornish was on the field for the greater part of the second half, and he would have been useful in the last quarter of an hour, really to the Cardiffians. But long before this the visitors' deficiencies had been so obvious that I cannot imagine them saving the game.

Swansea fielded the best team they have had for many a day, and judging on to-day's form they will give the best side in the country a splendid run.

For Cardiff Delahay had a pretty busy afternoon, but he shone principally in defence, but most of his work went astray as a result of the close attention of Barter and company.

Of the forwards Lewis and Richards stood out before the others, and Burns was seen to advantage when playing off the wing. Male was not so sound as usual, but A. V. Harding played his best game since he has been with the Cardiff club.

His defence was a revelation. There is just one other thing which might be mentioned. The attitude of a section of the crowd towards the referee, Mr. Wetter. The latter was bouled four times during the afternoon for giving penalties against Swansea when those making the demonstration could not possibly have seen what the infringement was. Apart from this the game was a very pleasant one, and, though very hard, the spectators did not get the better of the players.

There should be many more such victories as to-day's, for Swansea are a well-balanced and understanding team. Their well-won victory was not due to the brilliance to any particular individual, but rather to the excellent team play. They seemed to work with complete understanding throughout, and when it came to attacking out individuals it is a hard task. Barter was a real beauty, being solely due to his initiative.

The outside-half, J. Jones, as a stand-off, has solved a problem which has caused the local committee some anxiety, and he will improve for, he is still a youngster. G. H. Evans, who was a reserve international last season, is a full-back, and he did not make a mistake of the forwards, the brothers P. together with J. H. John, were outstanding in all the hard work which went to the defeat.

THRILLING RUGBY

CARDIFF TEN POINTS DOWN AND THEN WIN

By OBSERVER

There was a gloom over the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon because of the death of that great sportsman, Mr. C. S. Arthur, secretary of the home club. The Cardiff and Llanelly players wore black armbands, and the crowd, perhaps 12,000 at the start, was remarkably quiet, and it was some time before one noticed that there was no band present.

LLANELLY: Cliff Ward; Idris Thomas, Tom Loveland, Albert Jenkins, and Ernie Finch; Arthur John and Ned Samuel; Evan Phillips, Emrys Griffiths, Fred Harries, Will Lewis, Wyndham Hopkins, Rees Thomas, Iorwerth Jones, and Bobbie Evans.

CARDIFF: B. O. Male; A. V. Harding, T. Parry, D. E. Davies, and T. Johnson; W. J. Delahay and G. Richards; Idris Richards, S. Hinam, Cliff Williams, J. Burns, W. J. Ould, E. Spillane, T. Lewis, and F. Lee.

Referee, Mr. T. Vile, Newport.

THE GAME.

An interception by Arthur John was the first incident of note, and then, after some good work, came the first score. Emrys Griffiths broke away grandly, and the ball travelled New Zealand fashion along to the right to TOMMY LOVELAND, who scored a splendid try wide out. The goal kick failed.

Delahay and John proceeded to have a rare tussle at the scrums, and there was some calling on the part of the Llanelly contingent—from the excursion trains brought them—at the manner in which the Cardiff inside was putting the ball in the scrums. Eventually Delahay was penalised.

Little ground was gained by this, and Cardiff seemed to put more vim into their play. A burst by Burns carried on by Ould gave Johnson a chance, but he was well held. Then came Cardiff's best passing. First the right flank and then the left both within an ace of scoring, on the second occasion Harding only being beaten by a tackle a couple of yards out.

Another penalty kick against Cardiff, and then a smart touch kick by Loveland paved the way for Sospan's next success.

Poor passing by their backs was easily held up, but suddenly ALBERT JENKINS found himself in the position he likes best, and he promptly dropped a beautiful goal from thirty yards' range.

Cardiff were to go still further behind. Iorwerth Jones broke clean through. He should have been tackled but made great headway before sending out to colleagues who were eager to render a hand. Eventually the ball reached FRED TIARRIS, and he raced in with a try which sent the visitors' supporters delirious with joy. Loveland again failed with the kick but sufficient harm had been done to enrage the visiting crowd to break into the strains of "Sospan Fash."

Cardiff responded with a brisk attack and at the right moment Ould came through from a scrum and sent to Johnson. By a great effort the wing man held it and scored in the corner. Ould failed with the kick.

Almost the next moment Ould broke away through and Johnson nearly had another try after a 30yd. run by the policeman.

Up to now it had been exhilarating football with Cardiff perhaps unlucky to be so far behind.

They made desperate efforts to get on terms and at last reward came to them. Burns went with a strong run and HINAM arrived in time to take his pass and just manage to hurl himself over with a try. Ould again found the angle too much for him.

There were more good things to come but despite splendid work by the Cardiff forwards and backs there was no further scoring before the interval.

Half-time score:	G.	T.	Pts.
LLANELLY	1	2	10
CARDIFF	0	2	6

SECOND HALF.

There was a thrill right at the start when Finch, receiving from a line-out went clean through. Nothing came of it and the same fate met a pretty round of passing in which he was the guiding spirit.

A run and kick by Spillane and then passing by the Cardiff backs roused the home spectators and they were in a perfect frenzy when OULD hurled himself over with a try. The scorer failed to take the lead for his side though the position was an easy one.

When Llanelly returned to the attack Albert Jenkins was low with an attempt at a penalty goal from half-way, and then there was a roar when Danny Davies broke clean away. He had only young Ward to beat but he swerved the wrong way and was well held.

Reward was, however, to come to the

citizens, but it came in unexpected fashion. Davies had caused a loose scrum to be formed and the ball was kicked wildly across the field. CLIFF WILLIAMS came up at top speed, gathered, and went over in the corner.

There was not a dull moment in subsequent play and when Jim Burns got into stride excitement was at fever pitch. He was pulled down from behind and later there was a roar when Johnson touched down only to be called back.

Then came the seventh try in really



SID HINAM, Who played a good game and scored one of Cardiff's tries.

sensational fashion. Harding and Spillane worked the short line, and Delahay, receiving, managed to get in a low cross-kick. It seemed a fruitless quest for JOHNSON when he chased the ball, but he beat both Ward and Finch to score in the extreme corner. Ould failed with his fifth attempt.

From now on to the finish, through their superior weight and cleverness, Cardiff did nearly all the pressing, but there was no further scoring, despite a gallant attempt by Albert Jenkins just on time.

Final score:	G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF	0	5	15
LLANELLY	1	2	10

OBSERVER'S COMMENTS.

If all Welsh club meetings were like this game to-day!

From start to finish there was not a dull incident and every moment there was a thrill with the unexpected always happening. Every minute of the game found the spectators pouring their appreciation of the good things served up. It was in every sense, glorious Rugby.

Twenty-five points were scored and this total might easily have been doubled or even trebled for the game throughout was fought out on one or other of the goal-lines, mid-field play being almost entirely absent.

Llanelly have visited Cardiff too rarely in the past and it is indeed good news that starting next season two home and two away games will be played. We could do with more clubs like Sospan for they play Rugby as it is meant to be played and they are always certain of a hearty reception when they visit Cardiff.

In many respects it was an extraordinary game. At first Llanelly simply swept all before them and when they had a lead of ten points we saw Cardiff's ground record sailing over the Taff. To wipe off that margin and eventually win by five points was no mean achievement.

Cardiff won through the superior weight and staying power of their forwards. They could do very little behind the scrum, and their three-quarters and halves at their best were very poor in combination. However, the good work of the forwards more than made up for their deficiencies and Llanelly after a magnificent start closed a badly beaten team.

Hinam and Burns did wonderfully well for Cardiff, and other forwards in the picture were F. Lee and Ould (Cardiff), and Iorwerth Jones, Evan Phillips and Will Lewis (Llanelly).

Beyond mention of Ward and Harding, I will not further individualise. The youngster Llanelly had at back played like a veteran and he did not make a single mistake. Bert Harding was outstanding as a wing, and the crowd soon singled him out. He did splendidly in both attack and defence.

REMARKABLE CARDIFF TRIBUTES.

SPORT IN ALL ITS BRANCHES REPRESENTED.

Mr. Charles Suckling Arthur, known to many thousands as "Charlie Arthur," secretary of the Cardiff Athletic Club and a Welsh Rugby international of thirty years ago, was laid to rest at Cardiff Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon.

Sportsmanship is a quality that knows no class, and at the funeral of Mr. Arthur the Docks magnate and the labourer met to pay tribute to a gentleman who had been a figurehead in sport in South Wales during the last four decades.

From Mr. Arthur's residence to St. Edward's Church, Blenheim-road, where a short service was held, there were lines of people, and right along the route to the cemetery there were many thousands to pay their respect to one whose name has been linked with Rugby since the 'eighties.

Among the mourners were many whose names are household words in the world of sport, and not only Rugby but every branch of sport was represented; there were well-known figures from Cardiff City A.F.C. (Mr. Arthur was at Ninian Park the week preceding his death), as well as Rugby players and officials, cricketers, tennis players, and bowlers.

The Rev. D. J. Jones (vicar of Roath) officiated at the service at St. Edward's and at the cemetery, being assisted by the Rev. H. Wellington (priest-in-charge, St. Edward's, where Mr. Arthur was a sidesman for many years).

MASS OF FLORAL TRIBUTES.

Floral tributes were received from many clubs and public bodies. Every sporting club in South Wales sent one, and many came from Rugby footballers outside Wales.

The wreath from the Cardiff Rugby footballers was a striking tribute, bearing the club colours of blue and black. One from the Bristol Rugby Club reminded those present of Mr. Arthur's association with that organisation just before the close of his football playing career.

The family mourners were:—Mr. W. Arthur (son), Mr. F. M. Arthur (brother), Messrs. L. P. Norman and C. Norman (brothers-in-law).

Amongst those present at the church were Mr. W. T. Morgan (president of the Cardiff Athletic Club), Mr. Arthur L. Davies (vice-president, Cardiff Athletic Club and president of tennis section), Messrs. Walter E. Rees, J.P. (secretary Welsh Football Union), H. Packer (Newport), Gwyn Nicholls, T. Schofield, Dr. Rooy Jones, and Mr. W. J. Llewellyn representing the Welsh Rugby Union), Mr. W. J. Llewellyn (representing Welsh referees), Messrs. D. E. Davies, G. Cravos, T. Johnson, T. Arnott, Idris Richards, and W. J. Ould (representing the Cardiff Rugby teams), Messrs. Aubrey Baker and D. Callan (representing the ground staff of the Cardiff Athletic Club), Mr. E. C. Perkins (representing Swansea and District Rugby and Cricket Clubs), Mr. A. G. Stanley (Cardiff and District Rugby Union), Sergeant W. T. Farnham (Glamorgan County Constabulary Athletic Club), Messrs. Fred Stewart and Syd Nicholls (Cardiff City A.F.C.), Mr. D. C. Hopkins (Llandaff R.F.C.), Mr. Andrew Brown (Cardiff Caledonian Society), the Rev. E. L. Collins (Mission to Seamen), Dr. W. G. Williams, Mr. Leonard Rea (Cardiff Royal Infirmary), "Observer" (Western Mail and Evening Express), Dr. J. D. Williams, Captain Hurrell, Commander J. R. Schofield.

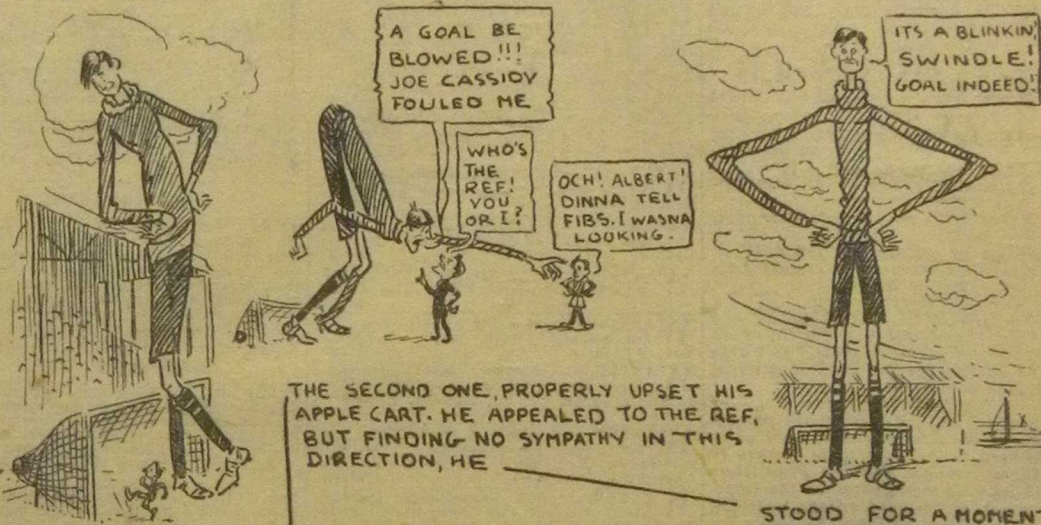
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THREE OF "HANCOCK'S YEAR."

Three figures commanded attention. They were Mr. Alec HIND, Mr. W. M. Douglas, and Mr. A. F. Hill, who were in the Cardiff team with the late Mr. Arthur during "Hancock's year," the greatest season in the history of the club.

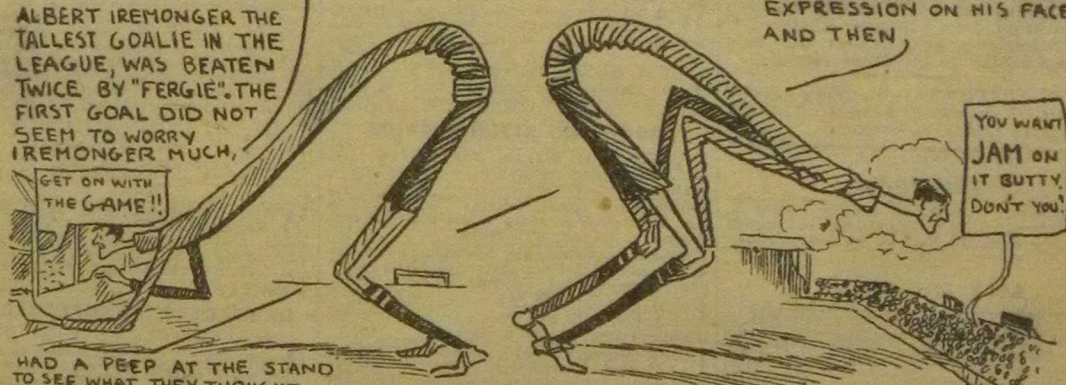
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STOOD FOR A MOMENT WITH A DISGUSTED EXPRESSION ON HIS FACE AND THEN



HAD A PEEP AT THE STAND TO SEE WHAT THEY THOUGHT ABOUT IT. NOTHING DOING

HE TRIED THE BOB BANK, BUT EVERYONE SEEMED AGAINST HIM, SO HE GAVE IT UP.



THE CROWD WERE DELIGHTED WITH THE GAME. THERE WERE THRILLS IN ABUNDANCE, AND EVEN

MR CHARLIE ARTHUR THE POPULAR CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB'S SECRETARY, HAD TO ADMIT, THAT SOCCER AT ITS BEST, CREATED QUITE AS MUCH EXCITEMENT AS RUGBY.



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REMEMBER '86

MOSELEY FAIL AT CARDIFF

SEVEN HOME BACKS BEAT EIGHT

It is many years since Moseley last visited the Cardiff Arms Park and it was surprising to find that the crowd to welcome them to-day numbered less than 10,000.

There were several changes in both teams and a welcome re-appearance was made in the Cardiff ranks by Willie Ireson, the Glamorgan County policeman who incurred the displeasure of the Welsh Football Union last March. The visitors were minus the two brothers Huins (John was playing in the English trial), Parry, Dr. Milward and P. S. Jenkins. Teams:—

MOSELEY:—J. A. Pritchard; D. H. Payne, E. M. Kilbane, E. Spencer, D. N. Bryn, R. H. Orcutt; H. Pratt, W. H. Hill; M. Barker, H. E. Markwick, C. Gummer, J. Wylie, C. J. Bryne, J. R. McDowell, R. N. D. Walker.

CARDIFF:—B. O. Male; A. V. Harding, D. E. Davies, R. A. Cornish, T. Johnson; W. J. Delahay, G. Richards; Idris Richards, S. Hinam, F. Lee, E. Spillane, W. J. Ould, J. Burns, K. P. Turnbull, W. Ireson.

THE GAME.

Smart kicks by Orcutt and Spencer gave Moseley an early footing and after some good defensive work there was some smart passing by the visitors. Pratt slung the ball over the heads of several colleagues and after being once held ORCUTT dived over in the corner with a well-earned try. Hill failed to convert.

Moseley thoroughly deserved their early lead, but Cardiff spurred and a great run by Ould almost brought the equalising score. Later a try might have come to Cardiff had D. E. Davies passed instead of kicking. Just afterwards the Moseley team went away in full cry, and it was a forward pass and not Cardiff's tackling that stopped them.

Still, Cardiff continued to press, and after Johnson had proved ineffective as a penalty goal-kicker from half-way, Delahay and Harding each made brave endeavours to get over.

After Ould had failed at a penalty goal from an angle much more easy than the last, K. P. Turnbull set a passing movement going, but this was purely mechanical and easily held. Then Delahay set



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Payne was just held up by Male. When the visitors hurried just afterwards, only the failure of Hill to hold a pass prevented a score.

Half-time score:	G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF	2	0	10
MOSELEY	0	1	3

SECOND HALF.

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A brilliant lead by Johnson caused the crowd and he later encouraged and lost the ball near the goalposts before he was held.

There was more skill play and then on the Cardiff side Johnson and Cornish at their best. The latter made headway and sent the ball into the goal, but the referee's decision was in favour of the Moseley players.

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Acrobatic feats by Johnson roused the crowd, and he thrice recovered and lost the ball near touchline before he sent it dead.

There was more dull play and then we saw Johnson and Cornish at their best. The centre made headway and sent to his wing and the smart interpassing that followed ended in CORNISH scoring wide out. Ould failed to convert.

Moseley had the misfortune to lose McDowell who went to the dressing room and Delahay retired for a few minutes, returning with a bandaged head.

The light was falling, but we could not fail to see a great dash by K. P. Turnbull which saw the threequarters going in great style. A pass went astray, however, and the movement broke down.

In the closing stages the Cardiff men, playing eight forwards to six, over-ran the opposition and it was well for Moseley that they possessed a good defence. Ould was held inches out and Cornish was stopped just as he was about to ground the ball.

Gwyn Richards had gone inside half, Delahay retiring, and Ould went to the centre.

Final score:	G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF	2	1	13
MOSELEY	0	1	3

COMMENTS.

After ten successive victories Moseley went down to Cardiff to-day. Their eight back formation failed and it was solely due to this that they were deservedly beaten.

Thirty-nine years ago they beat Cardiff in the latter's last game of the season. By so doing they stopped the Lanside club from achieving a very prized possession—an unbeaten record. During the last couple of weeks the visit to Cardiff has been eagerly discussed in the Midlands, and the cry has been "Remember '88." When Moseley opened the scoring to-day it seemed that they were to be the first to secure a win over Cardiff on the Cardiff Arms Park this season, but their early success proved but a flash in the pan.

A drizzling rain fell throughout and this handling was at a discount. The eight back formation has often aroused great controversy, and to-day Moseley suffered considerably through playing only seven in the pack, particularly when they lost one of their forwards.

It was not a game one could enthuse over for there were very few bright incidents. Johnson and Cornish did some clever things and Male caused much trouble his kicking being far better than Pritchard's.

McDowell, Gummer, and Orcutt were Moseley's best, and in the Cardiff ranks none were better than K. P. Turnbull, who played the game of his life, and Burns and Hinam. If the Welsh selectors can find eight superior to this trio then nothing will hold them in the international net.

BIG SURPRISE FOR CARDIFF.

Coventry Capture Ground Record.

SUPERIOR PACE THE DECIDING FACTOR.

(By "OLD STAGER.")

At Cardiff
Coventry, one of the best sides in the Midlands, made their initial appearance at the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon. Included in their side were two former Cross Keys players, Ossie Hicks and A. H. ("Tosh") Evans, and also R. V. Howell, who captained Cardiff University before taking a scholastic appointment at Coventry.

The most interesting fact in connection with Cardiff's side was the inclusion of Flight-Lieut. J. S. Chick, of the Harlequins, a native of Whitechurch, in the pack. Chick was invited to play in a Welsh "trial" last season, but declined the invitation. Another matter of moment in the Cardiff side was the playing of B. R. Turnbull, who formerly played centre for Cambridge, Cardiff and Wales, at full back—the place which he occupied for Cambridge in this year's Varsity match. The conditions were quite good, and the crowd was about 8,000. Teams—

Cardiff—B. R. Turnbull; A. V. Harding, D. E. Davies (Captain), B. A. Cornish, and W. J. Ould; D. J. Delahay and G. Richards; Idris Richards, S. Hinam, Cliff Williams, J. Burns, K. Turnbull, W. Ireson, M. Regan and Flight-Lieut. J. S. Chick.

COVENTRY—G. Pitcher; H. Lees, J. W. Kingston, H. J. Pemberton, and J. M. Wale; O. Hicks and W. E. Lole; T. Coulson, A. H. Evans, F. Ford, R. V. Howells, N. Pugh, J. Wheatley, F. West, and A. Wyman.

Referee—Mr J. Megins, Pontyclun.
Coventry had youth on their side, particularly in the pack, and started operations with that impetuosity which associates with youth. Twice in quick succession they presented B. R. Turnbull with opportunities of distinguishing himself by means of clean catching and good kicking. On the third occasion on which he was tested he was not so fortunate for the ball partly eluded him, and he had to force his way through a bunch of opponents in order to save.

PEMBERTON'S SMART RUN.
Almost in the next moment Turnbull was in an even worse plight. Hicks had dribbled away from the scrum after Cardiff forwards had heeled, and Pemberton, fielding when well on the run, went straight through and had two colleagues on his right unmarked. B. R. Turnbull, in an obvious endeavour to drive them across the field, slipped just at the moment when Pemberton sent the ball on to HOWELL, who ran across with a try in the extreme corner. Wale failed to add the extra points.

Cardiff put more life into the subsequent play, but it was unavailing, while when they were driven back they welcomed a penalty which was awarded them for a foul committed upon B. R. Turnbull right under his own posts.

SKILFUL COMBINATION.
The best bit of combined play so far came from Cardiff when Chick fielded from a cross punt by B. R. Turnbull, and Cornish, Danny Davies and Harding joined in some pretty handling. Coventry replied with a somewhat similar movement in which Pemberton, Wale and "Tosh" Evans joined, and which came precious near to again breaking Cardiff's defence.

Wale with Ould each failed with attempts to place penalty goals for their respective sides, while Ould also lost a splendid chance of obtaining a try when he dropped a splendidly delivered pass from Cornish when the course was practically clear.

THE EQUALISER.
DANNY DAVIES, however, brought the scores level by placing a penalty goal from 30 yards' range from straight in front of the posts. Cardiff had a splendid opportunity a moment later, but Lee intercepted Danny Davies' pass to Harding, and would have

scored had not B. R. Turnbull charged down his effort to punt ahead.

Notwithstanding the loss of Ford, who received a nasty kick in the head, Coventry contrived to more than hold their own, and Wale narrowly failed with yet another attempt at placing a penalty goal.

Half—CARDIFF	11	0	3
COVENTRY	0	1	3

†Penalty.

Ford returned just after the interval with his head in bandages, but he was not in time to participate in a Coventry attack which caused Cardiff considerable trouble before it was definitely held.

Cardiff got back into an attacking position through Cornish showing a special aptitude for taking advantage of mistakes in handling by Coventry. Cornish and Ould also participated in a pretty combined effort, which ended in the former claiming a corner try, which Mr Megins had first awarded and then withdrew his award on the representation of the Coventry touch judge, who ruled that the touch line had been infringed inches from the goal line.

FINE HANDLING.

Cardiff ought to have gone ahead during the next few minutes, and would have done so had they refrained from "lob" passing. At the next attempt at combined work a movement started by Chick, they eradicated this error, and after six men had handled DANNY DAVIES crossed in the corner with a try.

Ould failed with the kick.
Two minutes later Pugh took advantage of a dropped pass by Cornish and dribbled on. Several of his colleagues quickly came to his assistance, and the ball steered across the line FORD obtained a try, which was not improved upon.

That was not all. A cross kick by Lee placed Cardiff in difficulties, and the ball went bobbing about without anyone being able to hold it, until LEE dashed up and scored near the posts, for Pemberton to convert.

UNAVAILING EFFORTS.

Time was fast ebbing away, with Cardiff five points behind, and a penalty goal by DANNY DAVIES, though welcomed by Cardiff's supporters, did not mean the saving of the ground record.

Cardiff pressed for a time in an endeavour to save their record, but were driven back and were firmly defending when the end came.

Final—COVENTRY	1	2	11
CARDIFF	12	1	9

†—two penalties.

COMMENTS.

Coventry are a smart side—a better side than Welshmen have given them credit for. One of the most striking features regarding them is that their average age cannot far exceed 20 years—a strong argument for those who contend that Welsh ex-schoolboys are being kept out of first-class football all too long.

Victory was due to the sprightliness of youth, rather than to any lengthy experience. It was quite a good game, and Coventry must consider themselves fortunate in winning. Seeing they were beaten in the scrummages and they neutralised that deficiency largely through utilising the "rope" that was given to their halves, who, like their centre were past masters at intercepting.

The whole side was well balanced, and while not outstandingly shifful were sound in every department. Cardiff's heavier forwards were less effective than their opponents in the loose, and Richards was the weak spot behind the scrum, with Danny Davies as the best of all the attacking backs.

CARDIFF R.F.C.'s SPORTING LETTER.

The secretary of the Coventry Club has received the following letter from the secretary of Cardiff regarding Coventry's win at Cardiff Arms Park on Saturday:—"I should like to say how much our players enjoyed the game with your fine team. We all feel that on the day's play the better side won. I sincerely hope that when we come to Coventry next season we shall be able to give you as good a game—with the same result for the visiting side."

TURNBULL THE STAR

CLEVER CARDIFF BACKS; BRISTOL FORWARDS GOOD

By AJAX.

Bristol for their New Year visit to Cardiff were shorn of much of their strength. Corbett and Pickles, their two "star" backs, and Shaw and Tucker of the forwards, were away at Twickenham in the English trials.

There was also another important alteration. Tucker had to go from outside half to right centre instead of Dr. Evans, who is laid aside by indisposition, Babbington coming in from a local team to the skirts of the scrum.

Cardiff were strongly represented, B. R. Turnbull being at left centre, and Danny Davies back at his own position at outside half. John Roberts could not play in the three-quarter line. Teams:

CARDIFF: B. O. Male; T. Parry, B. R. Turnbull, R. A. Cornish and T. Johnson; W. J. Delahay and D. E. Davies; Idris Richards, S. Hinam, Cliff Williams, J. Burns, W. J. Ould, K. Turnbull, T. Lewis and W. Ireson.

BRISTOL: B. S. Chantrell; R. G. B. Quick, E. L. Stinchcombe, J. A. Tucker and T. G. Spooks; J. V. Lucas and T. P. Babbington; F. J. Coventry, A. T. Hore, A. S. Prowse, Dr. H. L. Shepherd, W. G. Francis, J. K. Morgan, E. Sullivan, and W. H. Hale.

Referee: Mr. W. H. Harries (Risca).

Bristol got the fight advantage, when Coventry led his forwards in a short dribble. The Cardiff backs tried handling, but the greasy ball proved too much for the effort to be sustained. But the breakdown was not in any degree disquieting, as Danny Davies, after feinting twice, got well up to the Bristol line, and it was more by luck than design that a transfer from Ould was frustrated.

Bristol were executing some effective footwork in the open, and Francis and Morgan were applauded for a clean endeavour in this respect. In fact, it was the start of a movement of tension for the Cardiff defence. After Male had once smothered it the ball roiled loose, and by dropping a pass Tucker lost a reasonable score.

With the aid of a lengthy touch-finder by Male, Cardiff were able to come back on a fresh offensive, but a glaring score went astray when Cornish dropped the ball in front of the line after Johnson had broken through. The Cardiff forwards got their say into matters, however, and CLIFF WILLIAMS dashed over with a try, which Danny Davies surprisingly failed to convert from close range.

Considering the state of the ground, the Cardiff backs were handling appreciably well, and twice in succession Danny Davies was conspicuous with individual efforts, but Cornish, who made an excellent burst, lost the ball from his own short punt, and a minute later Johnson, whose artistic kicking had been a delight, narrowly missed going over. Eventually, Turnbull made a brilliant effort at right-centre. The ball was lobbed out, but after he had taken a difficult re-pass from Parry and crossed, Turnbull was recalled for touch infringement. The line-out, however, saw him away on a clever cross-run, and Cornish, who accepted, sent JOHNSON over with a try which Male did not convert.

Barely had the excitement of this score subsided when Turnbull and Parry again came brilliantly away together. They interpassed before Cornish had the ball, but the latter seemed to have a penchant for short punting. Chantrell pluckily held up a scoring movement.

Male next just missed a penalty with a good kick from an awkward angle.

Half-time score:	G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF	0	2	6
BRISTOL	0	0	0

SECOND HALF.

When the second half was resumed the players were much mud-bespattered. Cardiff got on to the aggressive with a good piece of dribbling, in which Kenryn Turnbull, Hinam, and Lewis were prominent, but with the ball kept in the open the Bristol forwards made an equally effective

reply. Delahay was smart in getting in a relief kick, and there followed another "Turnbull thrill." Kenryn Turnbull sent his brother "B.R." away, and the Cambridge man made a pretty run, but a reverse pass by Cornish was bottled before it could be carried on. Billy Ould came to the front with a quick flash of individualism, and after he had received the able assistance from Johnson, he dashed through with the best try so far. The ball struck the upright from Male's attempt at conversion. Cornish at this stage had to receive attention to his arm, but was able to carry on.

Bristol's first score came from a penalty. Cardiff were penalised for offside play, and with an excellent kick, A. T. Hore sent a heavy ball between the uprights. Encouraged, Bristol placed the Cardiff line in danger, but led by Idris Richards, the Cardiff forwards broke up the attack.

Lucas, from the base of the scrum, helped Bristol to take an offensive position. Male fumbled a few yards outside his line, and it was touch and go when the Bristol forwards bent to it until Delahay put in an accommodating run before clearing to touch. There was a peculiar incident at this stage. In racing after the ball that had come loose from the forwards, B. R. TURNBULL beat two backs to score a try. In throwing himself over he knocked over the corner flag. The Bristol touch-judge signalled for a touch in goal, but he was correctly overruled by the referee, who awarded a try, which was not converted. At the other end Hore made an unsuccessful attempt to kick a penalty for Bristol.

In the closing stages the Bristol forwards kept play in the Cardiff quarters, and ultimately they had a deserving try through LUCAS, which was not converted.

Final score:	G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF	0	4	12
BRISTOL	*1	1	6

* Penalty COMMENTS.

Notwithstanding the unfriendliness of a mud-laden ground and a greasy ball both sides contributed thrills to this game that made it enjoyable up to the last minute. In fact, considering the conditions, it was a splendid spectacle.

So far as the scoring goes it does not give Cardiff an exaggerated victory. Bristol, no doubt, would be the last to gainsay this, but it would have been a gross injustice to the Bristolians had they been obliged to retire leaving the Cardiff line intact.

Everyone wholeheartedly applauded the last-minute try by Lucas, which was a fitting reward for the skilful playing in the loose by the Bristol forwards right through the piece. Hore, Prowse, and Francis were their best men in front. With the forwards to-day held in the teeth of a stiff struggle, it was the Cardiff backs that settled the issue.

Each try was brilliantly secured, and Ould's score, when he received through in company with Johnson, was more like a back's effort than that of a forward.

B. R. Turnbull was the outstanding man, his bursts being a feature of the game. His try in the second half was perfectly legitimate. When he knocked over the corner-flag the referee was in the best position on the field to see that he was clear of the touch-line. It is happy to reflect that the referee was strong enough to overrule a contrary opinion held by the Bristol touch-judge.

Delahay played a stern game in defence, and Danny Davies contributed some praiseworthy individual performances. Kenryn Turnbull was fine in the rushes for Cardiff, as was Hinam, Ould and Lewis.

To sum up, Bristol, with their depleted side, put up a resolute fight, and they had nothing to be ashamed of in their line being crossed four times in the exhilarating manner it was by Cardiff.

Cardiff were easily better than their opponents behind the scrums, and were consequently able to more effectively exploit the finer side of play.

CARDIFF AWAY

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By AJAX.

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It was a happy saloon company that travelled down with Cardiff to-day. The teams had the pleasure of the company of Captain Lionel Lindsay, M.V.O. (Chief-constable of Glamorgan), Mr. W. Jones (the Deputy Chief-constable), and Superintendent Rees Davies. Cardiff were without Arthur Cornish, W. J. Delahay and Sid Hinam. They are three men chosen for Wales, while Bryn Phillips, Aberavon's captain, stood down, and Anderson came in on their right to take the place of Ben Davies, who has gone North. Harry went to the centre, Harding coming to the wing for Cardiff, while Poole of the Glamorgan Wanderers was at inside half.

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Referee: Mr. F. Richards, Pontymlister. Both the Chief-constable and his deputy were able after a while to be present for the kick-off.

There was an immediate thrill in response to the kick-off by Aberavon. K. Turnbull received and he threw back to W. J. Ould to make one of his characteristic rushes. Ould was only brought to the ground when he had reached the Aberavon 25. With a quick recovery Aberavon broke away from three successive scrummages and Male made a fine save when harassed. Male was again called to defend his line, and on this occasion he had a slight injury to his ankle, but was able to resume after attention.

With the play swinging rapidly from one end to the other both defences were tested in turn. In the short space of five minutes Male came twice in for applause for his accurate touch kicking. From one of his kicks, however, Aberavon gained advantage from the line out. H. Davies made a burst for the Aberavon three-quarters to handle.

The forwards hurled themselves on the Cardiff defence, and it was this impetuosity that led them to off-side play, which lost them a good chance. Jeremy made a good attempt to land a penalty but B. R. Turnbull fielded. Danny Davies collided with another player and as a result the Cardiff line was nearly crossed.

Anderson, on the right wing, had a chance to show his mettle, but when he was on the run Parry tackled him. The Aberavon backs now kept the Cardiff defence absolutely busy. Anderson and Rowlands made brilliant runs in turn but each time they were tackled, and after W. J. Hopkins had failed to drop a goal Danny Davies relieved. For the first twenty minutes Cardiff had been obliged to face anxious times on the defensive role. Man after man was brought down, but eventually the line fell before an excellent forward rush. Charlie Pugh cleverly dribbled to enable BOB RANDALL to throw himself over with a try, which Jeremy failed to convert.

With the forwards beaten in the scrummages Cardiff were unable to get down to team work. Danny Davies on one occasion made a brilliant effort to work a scoring position, but Parry was too wild with the ball. Again Danny Davies skilfully fented. Turnbull took the ball, but although he made a plucky run he was hauled into touch. Johnson made one of his clever dashes, but after he had sold Charlie Rowlands the "dummy" he was smothered in possession. At this stage both Danny Davies and Ould had to receive attention.

Quite unexpectedly Cardiff had a fine try. Danny Davies gave Harding a chance. This young wing took it and placed PARRY over with a try which JOHNSON converted with a great kick. The Cardiff backs, thanks to the initiative of Danny Davies, were now doing much better. Indeed, Cardiff were now playing on something like form. B. R. Turnbull all but put Harding over after a burst.

There came, however, a brilliant incident from the Aberavon side. P. H. David gave a perfect "dummy" to ANDERSON, who raced in with a try which was not converted. Ould had now to retire.

Half-time score: G. T. Pts.
CARDIFF 1 0 5
ABERAVON 0 2 6

It was ascertained at half-time that Ould had ruptured a cartilage underneath the ribs. He received attention from a doctor, who was called from the grand stand, but was unable to resume.

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With W. J. Hopkins playing skilfully, the three-quarters had ample scope, and it must be said that the whole line combined effectively, and the four tries were brilliantly scored. Shorn as they were of a great deal of their strength, however, Cardiff are to be complimented on putting up such a good fight.

It so happened that in their disorganised state they found Aberavon at tip-top form. Danny Davies, like W. J. Hopkins on the other side, played the role of pivot with real cleverness, and the backs, although spasmodic, put in some good contributions.

Parry, in the centre position, performed splendidly and his two tries were real gems. Johnson, on the wing, was very much in the picture with his kicking and bursts. Whilst they knuckled down to their task in their usual resolute way, the Cardiff pack were on against eight strong scrummagers on the other side, and thus they found added a distinct disadvantage after giving due allowance to the loss of W. J. Ould.

Burns was the best forward, being good in breaking away from the line-out. After Parry's first try the Cardiff forwards gave promise of making one of those decisive second-half recoveries that have proved so valuable on so many occasions this season, but misfortune, however, came their way when W. J. Ould had to retire, and thus a man was lost to their side who was a host as a forward and a back. W. J. Ould has sustained rather a severe injury, which is likely to keep him out of the field for the next three weeks.

CARDIFF'S TASK

Drawn Game With Bath

The ground at Bath had been protected with straw for this important match with Cardiff this afternoon. Considering the severe weather, the ground was in good condition. Both teams appeared to be strong, but it was certainly a pity that the international game at Cardiff was the visitors of Cornish Delahay. The Bath Burgess, of the Sor and Cobb, the "

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WALE'S INTERNATIONAL AT CARDIFF

WALES DRAW IN A GRIM AND DOUR BATTLE

ENGLAND SCORE FIRST, BUT FAIL TO STAY

After one of the dourest struggles in the whole of the long series of Rugby international matches between England and Wales, a drawn game was played at Cardiff Arms Park to-day in the 38th encounter, the scores being one try each.

The scorers were: WAKEFIELD, who registered a try for England after the game had been in progress for 37 minutes, and ANDREWS, who scored the equalising try amid terrific excitement. Neither try was converted.

The occasion was remarkable in more than one respect. Never before have the gates of the Cardiff Arms Park been besieged by such a huge crowd of Rugby enthusiasts, and only the tact and skilful handling of the excited concourse prevented a serious situation arising.

Another remarkable feature was the referee's handling of the game. He early aroused the ire of the crowd by the number of penalties he awarded against Wales, and subsequently by his refusal to allow—not once, but on many occasions—what were apparently certain scores by the Welsh side.

This, surely, must be the unluckiest Rugby match in which the Principality has ever figured. The heroes of the game were the Welsh forwards, who once they settled down, played gloriously, well backed up by Delahay.

England have won the last three matches. Out of 37 games England have won 19 and Wales 16, two having been drawn. England have only once won a match at Cardiff, that being in 1913.

EXCITING SCENES ON THE GROUND

By "OBSERVER"

"Here is the first sign of the revival of Welsh Rugby which we are to experience in the immediate future," was the thought that ran through my mind as I took my seat on the Cardiff Arms Park and saw 10,000 happy men and women in position two hours before the most-talked-of meeting between Rugby teams representing England and Wales we have had for many years. The enthusiasm in this game has known no limits. Club Rugby has shown such a decided improvement this season that naturally the followers of the code have looked for a better standard in the national side.

This pointed to being a very orderly crowd and when 20,000 had found their position the Chief-constable of Cardiff (Mr. James A. Wilson, O.B.E.) remarked to me "It is a good humoured gathering." Outside the Deputy Chief-constable (Mr. W. W. Harrison, M.B.E.) had promptly stopped all vehicular traffic when he saw the congestion at the ticket-boxes, and presently it was seen that this was a wise measure. In the meantime the St. Alban's Band had been rendering selections and hearty applause followed each item and the crowd found amusement in the vigorous arm-waving of the instrumentalists in their endeavours to keep warm.

A NIP IN THE AIR. And there was a nip in the air. A wintry sun shone on the famous ground over which had littered some straw and hay which had escaped the attentions of the men which had been on duty from six o'clock this morning until noon. The covering laid down saved this international game for Cardiff today. Firm ice was on the ground and the players were not in any danger of slipping.

that the team had been improved by the inclusion of the absent Glamorgan policeman "capped" since the war.

But we had ceased by now to give our reasons for expecting certain things to happen and the crowd now, three-quarters of an hour before the kick-off, 30,000 strong was out to enjoy itself.

A selection of Welsh airs from the popular band received due approval and there was a gratecheer for "A'r Hyd y Nos." Perhaps the crowd was more cheerful than patriotic for they were not roused to vocal effort until "The Toy Drum-Major" and "Show me the way to go home" were rendered.

The grand-stand was now beginning to fill, and it was a sign that the capacity of the cheap side-accommodation was being taxed when the chief-constable gave orders for small boys to take seats on the grass in front of the railings.

While the band was giving a spirited rendering of a fox-trot, Wakefield, the English captain, made a tour of the pitch, digging his heel into suspicious patches. Apparently satisfied, he returned amidst cheers to the pavilion.

PEOPLE LOSE THEIR HEADS.

The crowd exerted great pressure at the barriers and the chief-constable kept them confined to the railings, ordering the first baton to sit down. This was obeyed, but presently people seemed to lose their heads and well-dressed men and women came flocking on to the ground and it seemed hopeless that the rabble—for it was nothing else—could ever be controlled again, and that play would be interfered with. However, there was tact among the handful of policemen, and to the accompaniment of ironic cheers, the foolish ones were persuaded to squeeze back into their original positions.

"Cwm Rhonda" had been struck up in the meantime, and the rest of the crowd in thorough good humour struck up with it.

CHIEF-CONSTABLE ORDERED.

Still, Cardiff citizens had their admiration for the chief-constable greatly enhanced at the manner in which he was handling a most difficult situation, and there was loud and hearty cheering for him when he picked up a constable who had been pitched into the water by the crowd and pitched him over to his proper place. Those who had taken up positions near the pavilion and behind the bushes in the park were also in the habit of a reference to the chief-constable.

Among early arrivals on the ground were Mr. J. H. Thomas, M.P., Mr. Mardy Jones, M.P., Sir Clement Kinloch Cooke, Bart., M.P., and Lady Kinloch Cooke, Mr. Arthur Evans, M.P., and Mr. Lewis Lougher, M.P.

Crowds Besiege Cardiff Arms Park

The Westgate-street entrance to the Park presented a wonderful spectacle, about 3,000 people attempting to gain admission. One set of gates were broken and about a thousand gained admission to the outside of the ground.

Some enthusiasts were determined to see the game and climbed up trees. On the branches of one tree there were 22 adherents.

THE TEAMS

The teams lined up as follows:—

- Wales
 - FULL-BACK. D. B. EVANS (Swansea).
 - THREEQUARTERS. G. ANDREWS (Newport), A. STOCK (Newport), R. A. CORNISH (Cardiff), ROWE HARDING (Swansea), Capt.
 - HALVES. W. J. DELAHAY (Cardiff), R. JONES (Northampton).
 - FORWARDS. F. LEWIS (Cardiff), D. M. JENKINS (Treorchy), S. HINAM (Cardiff), J. H. JOHN (Swansea), D. JONES (Newport), T. HOPKINS (Swansea), B. PHILLIPS (Aberystwyth).
- England
 - FULL-BACK. H. G. GARDNER (London), J. H. HARRIS (London).
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The subsequent drop-out nearly caused the downfall of England, for Bryn Phillips fell on the ball right on the corner flag.

INTENSE EXCITEMENT.

There was only a couple of minutes to go when there was a premature roar from the crowd. Bryn Phillips took a hasty drop at goal, the ball going just wide. Excitement now passed all bounds, when Harding and Lewis chased the ball. After another futile drop shot it seemed that try had been made, but the referee ruled otherwise—and he was in a better position to judge than most of us in the press, light that now prevailed.

Temporary relief came to England through Evans mistiming a loose kick, but Wales came back again through a dash by Andrews. The plight the Englishmen were in was shown by the eagerness with which they used the touch line before the final game with Wales unlucky.

FINAL SCORE:

	G.	T.	Pts.
WALES	0	1	3
ENGLAND	0	1	3

Observer's Comments

When Wakefield opened in the first half I thought "now the rot has set in," but it was not so, and when the game ended up the Saxons were the luckiest band of men who ever escaped defeat on Cardiff Arms Park. How they held the fiery Welsh forwards in the second I do not know. Wales can never have such an unfair final score on the board as they had to-day; from the day's play they were a clear dozen points ahead on merit.

More often than not it was luck rather than skill which enabled the Englishmen to hold up attacks. The dive for the ball by Rowe Harding, the Welsh captain, in the last quarter of an hour would have gained a try 89 times out of a hundred.

To put it bluntly, the Englishmen should congratulate themselves upon emerging from the field without an adverse balance of at least a dozen points. In this case, it is not difficult to explain why Wales did not win; it was lack of steadiness when the Welsh forwards were putting forth super-human efforts, and when they had the Englishmen absolutely at their mercy; and there was a big element of bad luck when they were thwarted.

WALES "STOPS THE ROT."

Still, I suppose we must not grumble, for after twice being beaten in successive years Wales has stopped the rot. That they did not do more and achieve a handsome victory—which they thoroughly deserved—because of some sport will look with more confidence to the future in view of the display of the team as a whole to-day. There were weak spots, it is true, but after such a fine performance as that of to-day it is unfair to belittle the efforts of any who took part in such a magnificent struggle.

DELAHAY'S UBIQUITY.

For instance, young Evans seemed to find the occasion too big for him, but while he was not a Baneroff he did not let his side down; as a matter of fact, he effected some wonderful clearances. If I would single out any player for special mention it would be Delahay. He was ubiquitous. This bundle of energy seems to thrive on hard work, and the knocks he received seemed to spur him on for further efforts. And this was many knocks, a greater number than one would see in club Rugby. It was no uncommon sight to see Delahay wildly impeded, and once he received more than his share of attention when he went along the scrum to tackle Worton.

It might be misinterpreted—perhaps regarded as an excuse for the failure of Wales to win—if I pointed to any deficiency the referee displayed, but it may be said that while Mr. Acton had an eagle eye for discerning any Welsh infringements, or imaginary ones, he was loath to penalise those English forwards who showed a marked tendency to get on the wrong side of the scrum. Had at least one Englishman received marching orders, it would not have been surprising in full view of the crowd and—happily for himself when the referee was unsuspected—passed his fist on the face of an opponent when the ball was a good 30 yards away.

WAKEFIELD'S BURST.

Wakefield with a great burst from the line who got the harassed Englishmen. He almost got clear, and he created the effort.

Followed some dull play at half-time, but was deliberately tripped by an Englishman when he tackled Worton as he was getting the ball away. The referee's methods, said, and Stock had to be taken back to the wing. However, the centre was soon back again, and the ball was away the English forwards were injured, but quickly resumed.

ROUSING WELSH PACK.

There was a fine fight for England. Kittermaster was tackled behind by a near the spot when Delahay drove high over the referee awarded a scrum back for the Welsh team were well on the ground certainly did not desert. We were led, and they looked like a Cornish party rounded off the move.

	Wales.	England.
	Pts.	Pts.
3.22—Wakefield scored a try for England; not converted	—	3
Half-time score	0	3
SECOND HALF.		
3.59—Andrews scored a try for Wales; not converted	3	—
Final score	3	3

"An Inspiring Sight"

MR. J. H. THOMAS, M.P.: I think it was a magnificent match. The weakness in the Welsh team was at outside-half and in the full-back division. The forwards played magnificently and the last fifteen minutes of the game was an inspiration as well as an inspiring sight. I think the result was a fair criterion of the play and equal judgment on the merits of both teams.

LORD KENYON: I thoroughly enjoyed the game, although I do not know much about Rugby. The passing of the English three-quarters was very gifted. I was also impressed with the fine display given by the Welsh forwards. They were two very good teams and it was a very close game.

COL. SHEEN: A very disappointing, though fast, game. The ground was a bit slippery and affected the play. I think Wales had jolly hard luck not to win, especially in the second half. So far as England was concerned I was very much struck with Wakefield's dash through and do not think he was well supported.

DR. TOM WALLACE: It was a good game, and the result was just about a reflex of the play. Bryn Phillips was easily the best forward on the field.

COL. O'BREE: I think the Welsh forwards were faster than the English, but our backs were rather weak. The right conclusion of the game was a draw.

SIR SAMUEL INSTONE: I enjoyed the game very much, and I really think the result is an accurate reflex of the play. It was a proper ending.

The MAYOR OF NEWPORT (Mr. Cyrus T. Clisitt, J.P.): It was a most interesting game and most keenly fought. I think the Welsh forwards delighted the crowd. There was one failure in the Welsh team, and that was at full-back. The result was a fair decision.

MR. CONWAY DAVIES: Wales were very unfortunate to fail to score at least twice in the last twenty minutes. Whatever faults they may have had in the first half, they were more than redeemed in the second, and nothing but ill-luck prevented them from gaining a decisive victory. The Welsh forwards more than held the English, and in the back division, K. Jones more than justified his choice. Delahay was easily the outstanding man on the field.

Rowe Harding, though he had few opportunities to take—played the best defensive game of his career. There appeared to be a weakness in the Welsh centres, and, although the Welsh full-back did not let down his side, so far as letting the English through, he more than justified the newspaper criticism of his selection. In the English side, neither Wickes nor Francis seemed to be up to form. Wakefield led his pack with his usual skill and dash, and Voyce was thoroughly himself. Burton will certainly appear on the wing again for England.

BISHOP OF BOCKINGHAM:

On the run of the game Wales should have won. In the first half I consider that the English three-quarter line were far superior, but the marking of Hamilton-Wickes, absolutely frustrated any efforts on happened at Twickenham last year the his part. In extraordinary contrast to what Welsh forwards were always on the ball, and I should say that Delahay played an extraordinarily vigorous game.

Mr. W. J. WATTS (old Welsh international, late of Leicester and now secretary of the London Welsh Rugby Football Club): Wales deserved to win as a result of their very fine rally during the second half. The only weak spot in the Welsh side was the full-back. As a pair the half-backs, Delahay and Jones, should be equal if not better than any pair in the four countries. The Welsh forwards were brilliant in the loose, but lacked a good hooker. What about Idris Jones, and Rees, of the London Welsh, as full-back, for the next international?

Voyce's Injury
ENGLISH WING FORWARD'S LIP CUT

At the close of the game it was ascertained that T. Voyce, the English forward, had sustained an injury to the lip. He slit his lip in the course of the game, and in the dressing-room was examined by Dr. W. G. Williams, who later inserted a couple of stitches in the wound.

W. J. DELAHAY (Welsh international): It was a good game, and I cannot say more than that.

W. POWELL (the ex-Welsh Guardsman and Welsh trial inside-half): Wales were unlucky to lose. I think Delahay crossed with a fair try. Delahay was a great back.

Mr. T. H. VILE (Newport): It was a triumph for our selection committee. It was a simply fine game and we had the Englishmen well beaten in the last quarter of an hour. Wales had a great pack.

Mr. W. J. LLEWELLYN (Bridgend): Wales certainly ought to have won and the forwards were brilliant. With possibly a change or two our side ought to be kept intact to go to Scotland. The side showed their worth to-day and the soundness of the Big Five's selections was justified.

Mr. D. H. DAVIES (Vice-President Welsh Football Union): I was sorry when the whistle went. It was a glorious game. We deserved to win.

Mr. A. H. WILLIAMS (ex-Vice-President Welsh Football Union): I am pleased; and we want a full-back. Mr. Humphrey LEYSHON (Vice-President Welsh Football Union): Bryn Phillips was a wonder.

Mr. W. T. MORGAN (Vice-President Welsh Football Union and Chairman, Cardiff Club): Talk about Cardiff mud should cease after the fine state of the ground to-day; and also talk of Welsh decadence in Rugby, too!

Mr. W. A. BROWN (Secretary of Welsh Schools Union and Vice-President W.F.U.): It was exciting and Wales did well.

Mr. DAN JONES (W.F.U.): "Stick it Welsh" was not forgotten, and our fellows lived up to it, especially in the second half.

CAPT. NEWTON JONES (W.F.U.): We have turned the corner, and should emerge well out of the International tourney.

MR. J. S. JONES (Lampeter), W.F.U.—Wales were all triers. Another ten minutes would have brought victory. Our forwards were great—regular triers!

MR. ROLAND P. THOMAS (Llanelli), W.F.U.—Voyce and Wakefield were valuable assets to England. Our fellows lasted to the last minute. Welsh stamina and pluck were in evidence.

MR. T. W. HERBERT, W.F.U.—We were unlucky not to win.

MR. HARRY PACKER (Newport): The game was fast, exciting, and good. Our fifteen did splendidly in the second half and to the very last second, too.

MR. TOM BENNETT (Tandu), vice-president W.R.U.: Delahay and Bryn Phillips were the heroes of the match.

MR. J. E. DAVIES (London Welsh), vice-president W.F.U.: Well done, Wales! You deserved a better fate. Victory should have been yours on the play.

MR. ERNEST DAVIES, Vice-President, W.F.U.: Delighted at the play, but disappointed that we did not get what we deserved—victory. The forwards were fine.

Dr. ROCYN JONES, C.B.E., J.P., Vice-President, W.F.U.: Glad to see that Cambria has turned the corner, and the palm days are returning. Our side were great in the second half.

S. HINAM (Welsh forward): It was a great game and our forwards were brilliant.

D. JONES (Welsh forward): Our forwards played a great game and I enjoyed myself immensely.

B. JONES (Welsh outside-half): It was a very hard game in which neither quarter was asked nor given. I think that if we had won by an odd try it would have been a fair result. The enthusiasm of the crowd was striking.

DR. W. G. WILLIAMS: The Welsh forwards played splendidly. The referee, although he might have been fair on the whole, was weak in several of his rulings.

CAPT. WALTER E. REES (Secretary of the Welsh Football Union): It was a hard gruelling game. I think our fellows were unlucky.

Dr. J. J. BUIST: It was a hard game. Delahay was the heart of the Welsh side and the full-back was the opposite. We had to play sixteen men.

R. A. CORNISH (Welsh Three-quarter): It was a good fight from beginning to end. I think we were one better than the Englishmen, and were unlucky not to have come out as victors.

W. J. HOPKINS (Captain Aberavon team): Wales were in great form, and deserved to certainly win.

TOMMY JOHNSON: A very good game. Delahay was the best man on the field. Wakefield and Voyce also played a great game. Some of the referee's rulings were very bad.

A. ROBSON (English forward): All I can tell you is that it was very rough. Very! Don't ask me any more.

R. HAMILTON-WICKES (English Three-quarter): I think the result is a fair reflex of the game.

AUBREY BAKER (trainer to the Welsh team): It was a very fine game, and Wales deserved victory.

T. LEWIS (Welsh forward): I enjoyed my first international, and we were unlucky not to have come out with the balance in our favour.

J. H. JOHN (Welsh forward): I will put it that England are extremely lucky to have gone away with a draw.

Mr. L. C. WATERS (secretary of the Cardiff Club): There was not much in it in the first half, but in the second Wales played like a winning side. Delahay played the greatest game of his career.

in their attacking and scoring appeared imminent.

A FITTING END.

With England the leaders on the run of the play at half-time, and Wales the superior in the second half, a draw was a very fitting ending to the match.

I am very reluctant at all times to criticise the referee, for I know how difficult his job is, and, moreover, how thankless it is. But to-day it is possible to comment upon him. In my opinion the occasion was too big for him. His may be quite satisfactory in club football, but in to-day's game his errors of commission and omission were real handicaps to the teams.

I do not question his motives in the slightest, but unfortunately Wales was the greater sufferer. The advantage rule was never applied, and knock-ons and offside infringements were sometimes noticed and sometimes not.

TOM VOYCE CRITICISED.

Another impression that was unpleasant was the way Voyce did his afternoon's work. Delahay, for instance, would be able to say heaps of things that would not be nice about this Gloucester forward. The legitimate work he did was very good, and he is a rattling good forward, but his greatness is overshadowed by questionable tactics.

Wakefield is a fine type of forward who does not seem to weaken with years. At his age one would expect him at times to be a bit "foxy," but he puts every ounce into his work from kick-off to tosside.

Worton, at inside half, was good all through and pined Kittermaster with bags of chances, but the latter was a pure automaton. Never once did he essay to break through before parting. In this respect I was disappointed with him. On the other hand R. Jones tried his utmost to break through, but just failed on each occasion. He was quite nippy in defence and his screw-kicking saved Wales on many occasions.

He should certainly be persevered with at outside-half. He has the makings of a pivot that we have been in need of.

I was one who was disappointed that Powell was not selected, but Delahay played his part excellently, although he was sadly neglected by his forwards. It was rather pathetic to see Wales beaten on almost every occasion in the scrummages.

Aslett and Francis did a lot of running, but lacked that finality that is so essential to success.

Hamilton-Wickes showed that he would be very dangerous if he were played in his right position, on the right, because he cannot kick with his left. Every time he had to manoeuvre for position to enable him to use his right. Burton possesses plenty of dash, and only wanted chances to be very dangerous.

Catcheside, after one or two runs, the style of which reminded me of Poulton-Palmer, showed that he would have been of more service to England at centre than at full-back.

THE WELSH BACKS.

Rowe Harding and Andrews were the best of the Welsh three-quarters. The former tackled with grim earnestness and ran back always to help the defence when it was sorely tried. Andrews did a good afternoon's work if only for the way he picked up the ball from his toes and showed the greatest grit in running over with the equalising try.

Cornish and Stock, apart from the weakness in punting mentioned above, tackled well to keep the English three-quarters out.

In attack they were not so successful. D. E. Evans, at full-back, I was really sorry for. He struck a bad patch at the beginning when he failed to field a high kick, and he never seemed to recover afterwards. He effected many good tackles and in this phase did his part well.

CARDIFF'S VISITORS.

The Great Western Railway Company alone brought in 8,000 people into Cardiff to-day for the match. Probably twice as many travelled on the various Valley lines into the City.

CWMAYON V. MORRISTON

At Cwmavon. CWMAYON: J. Jones; J. Abbott, Greenway, Greenway (W.), and E. Wilkins; C. Daniels and J. Cochran; W. Morris (capt.), D. Owen, C. H. Griffiths, D. Lewis, E. V. Morris, T. Rogers, E. Davies, and N. John. MORRISTON: W. T. Rees; A. Elliott, D. White, D. Hanney, and D. N. Phillips; A. Phillips and C. E. Rees; E. Evans, J. B. Rees, T. James, G. White, H. Harris, R. Thomas, D. Jones, and J. E. Griffiths. Referee: D. W. Prosser (Neath Abbey). DANIELS dropped a beautiful goal for Cwmavon, and shortly afterwards A. GREENWAY scored an unconverted try for the home side.

	Half-time:	G.	T.	Pts.
CWMAYON	1	1	7	—
MORRISTON	0	0	0	—
* Dropped goal.				
	Final score:	G.	T.	Pts.
CWMAYON	2	1	12	—
MORRISTON	0	0	0	—
zDropped.				

	Half-time score:	G.	T.	Pts.
WESTON-SUPER-MARE	0	2	6	—
ABERGAVENNY	0	0	0	—

STILL FIGHTING.

Though Mid-Rhonda have now been knocked out of both the F.A. and the Rugby Cup tournaments they are still in the running for the South Wales and Mon. trophy, and meet Bridgend in the third round proper on Monday, January 25. The draw favoured Bridgend, but they have been induced to change the venue to the Athletic Grounds, Mid-Rhonda.