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THE WALES FOOTBALL

CARDIFF v. WESTON.

Visitors Victorious. EXCITING PLAY IN CLOSING STAGES.

At Weston-super-Mare. This was Weston's opening match of the season, but the crowd was comparatively small. With one exception Cardiff sent over the scheduled team, W. Palmer taking the place of F. Corter in the pack. Weston were without E. A. Richardson, who is going abroad, R. Hemburrow taking his place. The ground was in excellent condition, and the weather fine, but dull. Teams:—

CARDIFF—A. Williams; J. H. John, D. E. Davies, F. Corsi, G. H. Morgan; Howard Poole, T. A. Davey; T. Arnott, E. Spillane, F. Lee, D. D. Davies, A. R. Richards, E. Marsh, T. Burns, and W. Palmer.

WESTON.—H. J. David; L. J. W. Ewens, R. H. Clayton, R. W. Hemburrow, J. Connelly; W. J. Wring, A. T. Laws; L. W. Biggrove, D. A. H. Roberts, H. C. Painter, H. J. Hill, H. Astell, E. N. Wolse, F. W. Sloman, and J. H. Beard.

Weston started, but the Cardiff three were soon in motion, John being well tackled on the right wing by Laws after pretty handling. Weston were holding their own in the scrums, but when Wring got the ball back smartly Laws held on too long.

Cardiff then attacked, but their handling was none too sure. Cardiff lost Davey through injury. For the first quarter of an hour the game was well contested. The Weston forwards had much the better of the game after this, and Cardiff were lucky when they prevented a score after Roberts had dribbled over. Williams just managing to touch down.

Weston were awarded a free, but Wring sent wide. Cardiff should have scored with the three-quarters perfectly placed, but after a bout of passing John failed to take the final transfer. Lee brought off a great run for Cardiff, but was beautifully brought down by Hemburrow.

Davey returned after a quarter of an hour. Cardiff got away with a delightful movement, D. Davies sending JOHN in with a great try. Williams made a good but unsuccessful attempt at goal. After Davey's return Cardiff were much the superior team, and should have scored on one occasion, but Davey held on too long.

Weston made occasional bursts, but could do little as a combined force.

Table with 2 columns: Team, G, T, Pts. Half-CARDIFF 1 0 5, WESTON 0 0 0

Weston went away in great style at the opening of the second half and scored within two minutes. The forwards, headed by Roberts, got going, and LAWS securing cork-screwed his way through in perfect style practically behind the posts, but Wring missed an easy conversion kick.

Laws was responsible for some pretty touch kicking for Weston, who again put them on the attack, but a free kick against Weston for a scrum infringement nullified the advantage. Still Weston were doing well against strong opponents, and Evans had a fine chance but kicked over the full-backs head.

Play became very exciting and D. Davies was well in for Cardiff, Axtell bringing off a great touch.

Still Weston were holding their own well and showed good back play, when Wring, Laws and Rex Clayton passed brilliantly, but Connell knocked forward at the critical moment.

Then Cardiff came down again and in a forward scramble MARSH went over with a try, Williams kicking a goal from the touchline. Weston were fairly well beaten at this stage, and were on the defensive practically the whole of the time. RICHARDS scored again, following a cross-kick by Arnott, but Williams did not convert.

Table with 2 columns: Team, G, T, Pts. Final-CARDIFF 2 1 13, WESTON 0 1 3

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CARDIFF V. PONTYPOOL

Disappointing Form and a Drawn Battle

BY OBSERVER

Just half an hour before the start of the game between Cardiff and Pontypool on the Cardiff Arms Park to-day a sharp shower fell, and the attendance was materially affected, there being only a couple of thousand present when the teams fielded.

Cardiff turned out as selected, but Pontypool, after failing to get Tommy Dean from Blaenavon, called upon T. Evans to work the scrums. Evans, by the way, played last season for St. James's Ex-Schoolboys.

The weather cleared just as the teams fielded.

PONTYPOOL: Cliff Ford; W. Richardson, Ken Thomas, Cliff Richards, H. L. James; T. Evans, R. Cullis; Cecil Pritchard, Haydn Williams, W. Matthews, Ben Butler, H. Newcome, C. Richards, J. Atkins, W. Morgan.

CARDIFF: B. O. Male; John Roberts, B. R. Turnbull, D. M. Williams, Llew Williams; W. J. Delahay, Gwyn Richards; Idris Richards, R. Barrell, W. Ireson, J. Burns, T. Lewis, W. Watkins, K. R. Turnbull, C. O'Leary.

Referee: Mr. Jack Wetter (Newport).

THE GAME.

There was a shock for Cardiff at the start when Matthews instead of responding to the kick off with the usual attempt at a return to touch dashed up the centre of the field. He gained much ground, and when his forwards heeled from three successive scrums things looked black for Cardiff.

Once Male was tackled in possession after a high kick by Harry James, but after Cliff Richards had failed to hold a pass when favourably placed, Cardiff attacked.

Kevin Turnbull almost got through from a line out, and it was a good thing for the visitors when Cliff Ford made a mark with three Cardiff forwards dribbling clear.

The Monmouthshire men certainly deserved reward for their subsequent efforts, and after a plucky attempt by Osie Male to hold a dribble Harry James was the most unfortunate of players to miss a try through a pass being too high for him. A mark by Male, who followed with a nice touch kick, relieved the heavy pressure on the Cardiff line, but the visitors were certainly worth a score.

Cullis made a game effort to get through, and it was a wonderful tackle by Delahay that held him.

The men of Gwent kept up a brisk pressure in the rain which had fallen almost from the start, but their centres were prone to kick.

Much needed relief came to Cardiff when after a quarter of an hour, during which they were strictly on the defensive, their backs at last found their form. John Roberts cross-kicked and it was luck for the visitors that Ken Thomas got back.

Up to now the Cardiff forwards had been badly beaten in all departments. Once they roused themselves and Burns and Barrell caught the eye. Later on, after Male had failed at an attempt at a penalty goal, the home forwards were again seen to advantage. However, they failed to get to the objective, and the Pontypool men, surely the most unlucky side of the day, again attacked.

It was a most slovenly Cardiff side opposing them, and how the line remained intact was a miracle. No one seemed to be able to do the right thing, and up to half-time not once had Cardiff thought it worth while to develop an attack towards the flank held by the brothers Williams.

Table with 2 columns: Team, G, T, Pts. Half-time score: CARDIFF 0 0 0, PONTYPOOL 0 0 0

The rain cleared off at half-time and Cardiff who had made no use of the slight breeze in the first half had to contend with quite a strong sun.

Cardiff had seemed incapable of scoring in the first half, but their forwards put more ginger into their play now, and two fine rushes were seen. One carried the ball over the line, and there was an appeal for a try, but it was disallowed.

Both Cardiff centres made some bad blunders after this; each seemed incapable of a pass. They were not alone to blame, for practically the whole team seemed at sixes and sevens. Fortunately for them Male was at his best, and he effected some fine saves.

One solo dribble by Burns relieved a dull game, but Ford, who had been always a thorn in the side of Cardiff, was again safe.

A gallant effort by Male to kick a penalty goal from long range was followed by passing by Cardiff, which ended in them conceding a minor, James kicking wildly when Roberts was tackled.

Then, after a nice run by Gwyn Richards, John Roberts seemed to have an opening, but he elected to give a wild pass to the centre, when he had a chance of getting clear.

From now on Cardiff seemed a badly beaten side. They were kept penned on their own line, and there was a sigh of relief when John Roberts was seen careering away on the right flank. His cross-kick all but got a try, but Pontypool would have been decidedly unlucky had a score been registered against them.

The end came with the game just as scrappy as ever, and Cardiff were very lucky to hold their line intact.

Table with 2 columns: Team, G, T, Pts. Final score: CARDIFF 0 0 0, PONTYPOOL 0 0 0

OBSERVER'S COMMENTS.

One of the worst exhibitions of Rugby I have seen a Cardiff team give for many a day was my impression of to-day's game.

The forwards never got into their stride, and it was painful to see their puny efforts against the whole-hearted work of the opposing eight. Coming on top of the displays last Wednesday and the previous Saturday it was most disappointing.

K. P. Turnbull and R. Barrell seemed the only men with any conception of the right type of forward play to counteract the efforts of the opposition.

Pontypool did not bring a pack that can compare with many that have lowered Cardiff's colour, but each man worked his hardest.

Cardiff might have lost their ground record, not because of their own deficiencies, but because of the mad kicking of the opposing backs.

Time after time Cullis kicked when the obvious thing to do was to pass to his centres. The wings were invariably nicely placed, but they were rarely seen in possession.

Ford and Male were the only men on the field who lived up to expectations, both rendering their sides invaluable services.

Their kicking was always clean, and never once did they let their sides down. The only other man to be singled out of a most disappointing game is Ben Turner, who was always in the picture. He was a typical Pontypool forward and that is the highest praise I can bestow upon him.

It is hard to believe that his side which so richly deserved to beat Cardiff to-day lost to Risca last week.

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THRILLING RUGBY AT CARDIFF

Bristol Lose : Free Scoring Game.

FOUR PENALTY GOALS AND SOME GREAT TRIES.

(By "OLD STAGER.")

For the second time this season Cardiff had two home games on their programme to-day, the one being agst Bristol, and the other against Skewen. The Bristol game was played first, and that in weather which would have made cricket far more acceptable than football. B. R. Turnbull had to stand down from the Cardiff side owing to a damaged knee; and in his absence John Roberts was able to resume in his normal place at centre.

The game provided Bristol with their first real test of the season, and it was, therefore, not at all surprising to find them experimenting—J. A. Tucker, a centre playing at full-back, and places being found in the back division for Burland and Babington, youngsters of promise, R. Thomas, in Bristol's pack, is the former Pontypool and Aber-tillery forward. The attendance—the largest of the season—was about 6,000 when the teams fielded. Teams:—

CARDIFF—Trevor Lee; Llew Williams, D. E. Davies, John Roberts and A. V. Harding; W. J. Delahay and Gwyn Richards; Idris Richards, R. Barrell, D. G. Davies, J. Burns, F. Lee, A. R. Richards, K. P. Turnbull and W. Falmer.

BRISTOL—J. A. Tucker; E. L. Stinchcombe, D. Burland, L. J. Corbett (capt.) and R. G. Quick; C. B. Carter and T. Babington; M. V. Shaw, F. J. Coventry, A. T. Hore, Dr. H. L. Sheppard, W. G. Francis, R. Thomas, J. K. Norman and W. H. Hale.

Referee: Mrs T. Bennett, W.R.U., Tondy.

The opening minutes was a remarkable mixture of disappointing play and brilliance. Two or three players on each side made vain attempts to find touch, and when the ball went to Delahay he started a bout of passing instead of endeavouring "to show the others how to do it." Away the ball went to the left, passing through the hands of three or four Cardiff players until it reached Danny Davies, who surprised the defenders by changing the direction of the attack by means of an inside pass to John Roberts.

John Roberts ran right into J. A. Tucker's arms and then returned the ball to DANNY DAVIES, who threw himself over with a try, with the making of which he had had a great deal to do. Trevor Lee failed with the kick. More good football quickly followed. Car-went to the attack again, and F. Lee showed marked judgment in positioning himself to make the best possible use of a cross-kick by John Roberts. A subsequent pass in the movement, however, was intercepted by J. A. Tucker, who got the ball away to Quick, and that at a time when the wing was able to run around the opposition until only Trevor Lee remained in front of him.

A GREAT BRISTOL TRY.

Instead of endeavouring to roun dthe Cardiff custodian, Quick, on reaching the centre, cross-punted, and though there were several attempts at checking Bristol's progress none of them succeeded, and HALE rounded off the movement with a great try, which Hore failed to goal.

In the next minute Cardiff were attacking again, and Babington being penalised for holding the ball TREVOR LEE placed a penalty goal. Two minutes later the positions were reversed, Cardiff losing the lead and Bristol taking it, as a result of BABINGTON dropping a smart goal, the ball striking one of the uprights and rebounding into the field of play.

TREVOR LEE'S FINE GOAL.

Still the rate of scoring continued to be fast and furious, TREVOR LEE again placing a glorious penalty goal almost from the touch-line. Cardiff, who were having a trifle the better of the general play—all of which was further ahead, and that as a consequence of their being awarded a penalty try, which in my view was not justified.

Cardiff were pressing hard when J. A. Tucker, holding on his own line, attempted a relieving kick. One of the Cardiff forwards was up in time to partial charge the kick, and Delahay and Quick both went in pursuit of the ball. The latter got there first, only to be ruled offside, and Delahay was awarded a penalty try.

It was however, only when the goal-kick had failed that the players and spectators became aware of what the actual decision had been, for the Bristol men lined up at the "25" to drop out—after an unsuccessful shot at a penalty goal as they thought—and only became acquainted with the actual state of affairs when they were ordered to the centre.

SPLENDID COMBINATION. The difficulty that continued to be experienced was that of keeping pace with the score. Bristol's turn to add to their points, long overdue according to the rate of scoring, came, and was taken full advantage of, QUICK getting an unconverted corner try, after the best combined movement of the day.

Cardiff's response was swift and sure. They were vigorously defending when Delahay surprised his opponents by opening up a round of passing which ended with the ball reaching Harding, who covered half the length of the field, and looked to have a fair chance of scoring, when he was "cut off" and pushed to touch 20 yards from his objective.

While still on the ground, with his feet in touch, he sent the ball into the field of play to Delahay, who immediately transferred to PALMER, who raced in under the posts, and was awarded a try which was not improved upon.

Half—CARDIFF 12 3 15
BRISTOL *1 2 10
† Two penalty goals. * Dropped goals.

The attendance had increased to 12,000 by the time the second half opened, and all were on the tip-top of expectancy, anticipating a continuance of the brilliant play and the riot of scoring. Both Cardiff and Bristol, however, had the unusual experience of each delivering an attack without securing any reward. Bristol, however, persisted, and gallant and determined efforts to get through were made by Quick and Stinchcombe, the latter wrenching his knee when brought down inches from Cardiff's line.

Danny Davies was instrumental in relieving the pressure upon Cardiff, but what he did merely provided Len Corbett with the opportunity of showing that he is quite as clever as when he was engaged in serving England's national side. Dashing and wriggling he made ample headway to reach just his balance of play in favour of his side, and a few minutes later he vainly endeavoured to exploit the position, for his drop at goal was unsuccessful.

At last, Cardiff definitely ended Bristol's pressure, and that as a consequence of a magnificent run by F. Lee. His pass, however, was not accepted, but the ball wandered on until it reached Llew Williams, who came within an ace of adding to the score at the conclusion of a dashing run. Then Cardiff opened up on the right, and after John Roberts had narrowly failed to achieve the desired end, DELAHAY darted across with a try which was not improved upon. That score was quickly countered, HORE placing a fine penalty goal.

Cardiff's response was yet another penalty goal, TREVOR LEE securing the points from a penalty given against Carter for unfair putting in at a scrummage. Lee was, however, a trifle short with a long range drop at goal, and Llew Williams failed to gather the ball with a clear course. Cardiff were still attacking when the end came.

Final—CARDIFF 13 4 21
BRISTOL *2 2 13
† Three penalty goals. * One dropped, one penalty.

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CARDIFF II. v SKEWEN.

More Spectacular Play.

EXCITING INCIDENTS AND SCORES.

(By "OLD STAGER.")

At Cardiff. Following the match between Cardiff and Bristol, Cardiff played Skewen on the Cardiff Arms Park. Teams:—

CARDIFF—B. O. Male; Tom Johnson, W. Goodwin, D. M. Williams and T. Seaman; H. M. Bowcott and Howard Poole; M. H. Evans, E. Marsh, P. Ryan, H. Sharp, W. J. Ould, F. Porter, W. Watkins and Trevor Arnott.

SKEWEN—E. James; D. Harris, J. Francis, G. Richards, and H. Rowlands; C. Richards and O. Saunders; W. Richards, A. Whitelock, Tom Davies, H. Trigger, L. Nicholls, A. Davies, G. Williams and D. Richards.

Skewen opened strongly, but an absence of polish prevented them from making the most of their opportunity. Male, however, had to move swiftly and to exercise all his usual cleverness in order to extricate his side from their difficulties.

That done, the Cardiff forwards, with Arnott leading, swarmed to the attack. Their backs took up the good work, and with play close to Skewen's line, the defence was taken completely by surprise, when Ould suddenly changed the direction of the expected attack and passed to GOODWIN, who had a clear run in under the posts for a try. Male easily goal.

In subsequent play Porter distinguished himself with a smart dribble, while Johnson made a couple of characteristic efforts which were only frustrated by means of excellent tackling by Harris.

Cardiff withstood further pressure, and when they broke away Gwynne Richards, in pluckily checking them, was badly injured. He was attended by Dr. Tom Wallace, and was later assisted off the field by ambulance men, only to resume after receiving attention.

The Skewen three-quarters brought off a couple of pretty rounds of passing, and Rowlands made a fine dash, which would have proved extremely inconvenient to Cardiff had not Ould's pursuit of the Skewen wing been successful.

The Skewen forwards gained further ground with some good rushing, and W. RICHARDS, receiving in a line-out, at which he was unmarked, threw himself over the line for a try which was not improved upon.

Half—CARDIFF 1 0 3
Skewen 0 1 3
Skewen opened the second half in a business-like way, W. Richards leading a dribble, which was only checked just in time. Johnson endeavoured to relieve the pressure by some huge kicking, but failed to find touch. Gwyn Richards replied with a perfectly judged kick to touch near Cardiff's cover play. A "mix-up" followed and WHITELOCK, securing possession, mare his way over with a corner try, no goal resulting.

Cardiff endeavoured to make amends by means of combined work and were well on the way of doing so, when with play near the centre, GWYN RICHARDS intercepted and outdistancing pursue Skewen's third unconverted try.

The Cardiff forwards made the most of some errors in handling by the Skewen backs, and POOLE, securing in front of the posts, dropped a smart goal, which made the scores equal.

Cardiff followed up this success with some smart handling initiated by Male close to his own line and culminating in POOLE racing across with a try between the posts, after the defence had been cleverly beaten. Male easily kicked the goal.

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ALL WHITES' FINE VICTORY.

Cardiff Beaten at St. Helens.

SWANSEA SHOW VASTLY IMPROVED FORM

(By "Old Stager.")

At Swansea.
Swansea's recent unsatisfactory performances were probably responsible for the comparative lack of interest taken in to-day's visit of Cardiff to St. Helens. Cardiff, in view of their achievements, had a settled team, and a settled policy; but the All Whites were driven to several experiments in the hope of remedying their weaknesses.

Perhaps the most important experiment was that of playing W. J. Trew, a son of the famous international, at outside half, while a further experiment was involved in sending Roy Jones from the centre to the wing, and in replacing him by the Swansea captain, Elwyn Watkins, who went from the wing to centre. The conditions were good, but the crowd did not number more than 2,000 when the game started. Teams:—

CARDIFF—B. O. Male; Llew Williams, D. E. Davies, B. R. Turnbull and T. Johnson; W. J. Delahay and Gwyn Richards; I. Richards, J. Burns, F. Lee, Tom Lewis, R. Barrell, W. Palmer, K. P. Turnbull and W. Watkins.

SWANSEA—D. Hopkins; H. R. Rowlands, B. Barker, J. S. Watkins and Roy Jones; Ivor Matthews and W. J. Trew; J. H. Johns, D. Parker, Tom Hopkins, D. R. Jenkins, D. Roach, E. Long, M. Rice and B. Jones.

Referee—Mr R. Fern, Blaengarw.

Swansea backs showed a welcome improvement in the opening minutes, Trew getting them going in a promising manner, and half a dozen men handed before Roy Jones was compelled to punt ahead. Male fielded from that kick, but held on too long and was penalised. Dai Parker took the kick from close to the touch line, but a strong wind at his back detracted the ball which went wide of the goalpost.

Play, however, continued to be wholly favourable to Swansea, and remained so until Long had been unlucky saving to an infringement on the touch line, in having a try disallowed.

FINE SAVES.

Danny Hopkins also had an abortive long range shot at goal from a penalty, whilst when Cardiff broke away Hopkins used his sprinting powers, and a powerful punt as a means of driving them back.

Johnson made a sensational save under pressure, extricating himself and his side from a position of great difficulty. Bernard Turnbull and Danny Davies seconded his efforts with some dashing play, which caused the Swansea centre to move smartly, but Cardiff were being consistently beaten for possession in the tight, and the endeavours of their backs did not remove the necessity for strict defence, except for a few minutes at a time.

Once Rowlands was almost over with a try, whilst J. H. John knocked on when a yard from the Cardiff line.

SPLENDID PASSING.

When Cardiff eventually succeeded in freeing themselves of their labyrinth their three-quarters contributed some passing that was

worth seeing, and Long and Elwyn Watkins deserved the cheers they received for perfectly sound tackling of Llewellyn Williams and Johnson.

A penalty against Cardiff for off-side in the loose readjusted the balance in favour of Swansea, and the crowd, now in the region of 5,000, yelled its delight as each side in turn contributed passing which was of first rate quality.

Male brought off another positively glorious save, and he and all his colleagues in the back division found the greatest difficulty in holding yet another Swansea attack, which was delivered with thoroughness and variety, and really deserved to succeed.

Hopkins missed a fairly easy shot at a penalty goal, and Swansea were still struggling desperately within a yard of the Cardiff line when the interval arrived.

Half—SWANSEA	0	0	0
CARDIFF	0	0	0

Swansea opened the second half with the same splendid initiative and determination they had shown earlier.

When Male had a kick charged down right under his own posts Swansea would unquestionably have scored had not Mathews interfered when he was off-side.

As it was, Kenneth Turnbull got his side penalised through getting off-side when winging.

at the scrummage beneath the posts, and BRUCE BARTER gave Swansea a three points lead by kicking a penalty goal.

SPECTACULAR MOVEMENT.

That was not all. Swansea, encouraged by their success, attacked with tremendous resolution, and though Male and others defended finely, no defence could hold out definitely against such blows. When success at last came to Swansea it was spectacular and thoroughly deserved.

Hopkins, fielding in his own half, initiated some movements which were carried on by Trew, Watkins, Barter and Roy Jones, whilst when the last-named sent the ball back inwards to Bruce Barter the defence was well beaten and a try consequently accrued to BARTER. Dai Parker failed to add the goal point.

Cardiff, try as they might, could not get properly moving, and after they had exhausted themselves in a brief attack Roy Jones went galloping away, and when he punted ahead there was a race between him and Male for the ball over the line. The Cardiff custodian got there just in time.

FISTICUFFS AND HANDSHAKES.

Swansea continued to provide the "champaign" of Rugby, and it was a pity that J. H. John and Barrell should have come to blows right in front of the grand stand. Mr Fern intervened, and the trouble ended with the offenders shaking hands.

When operations were again resumed Cardiff were in the midst of delivering an attack which promised to produce all that could be hoped for, but Tom Hopkins made a magnificent interception, and the next moment Cardiff were fully applied in defence. This time Male was swept aside like straw, but Turnbull covered him magnificently and saved.

Play continued to be contested at a great pace right until the end, and the nearest approach to a score was when Male missed a penalty goal.

Final—SWANSEA	†	1	6
CARDIFF	0	0	0
† Penalty goal.			

PILL HARRIERS AT CARDIFF.

High Scoring.

HOME TEAM'S SUPERIORITY.

(By "SARACEN.")

Pill Harriers, to-day's visitors to Cardiff Arms Park, can usually be depended upon to put up a stiff fight and, therefore, it was to be regretted that in this, their stiffest engagement so far, they were unable to field their strongest side, the regular fullback, outside half and one threequarter being away through injury. The attendance numbered about 3,000.

Teams:—
CARDIFF—A. Williams; T. Seaman, E. Corsi, H. Howe, and J. H. John; H. Poole and T. A. Davey; D. G. Davies, A. R. Rickards, F. Porter, W. J. Ould, E. Spillane, T. Burns, V. Griffiths, and T. Arnott.

PILL HARRIERS—F. James; E. Watson, Coulson, W. Osmund, and G. Purnell; J. Morgan and B. McCarthy; J. Lenane (captain), M. O'Brien, H. Higgins, W. McNab, W. Carter, H. Clarke, W. Chave, and P. Davies.

Referee—Mr J. Megins, Portyclun.
The visitors commenced against a stiff breeze and almost immediately Cardiff made progress through a good breakaway by Poole. This won for them a strong position in Pill's 25, and from a subsequent line-out BURNS neatly eluded a couple of Pill forwards and crossed with the first try within five minutes. Williams' attempt at conversion was wide. Selfishness on the part of Daley on two occasions spoilt promising movements, and some poor handling on the part of the Harriers' backs might easily have proved more costly than it was. McCarthy, for instance, threw out one wild pass which a colleague missed and Poole took instead.

The latter wriggled his way through and with the defence well beaten gave to HOWE, who got over with the second try, Williams converting. Ould came very near, but not near enough, to a goal from a subsequent penalty, and though Cardiff continued to do the bulk of the pressing it was not very attractive Rugby that came from either side. The visitors' best contribution thus far was a handling bout amongst their forwards, but what ground they thus gained was soon lost when Corsi raced away after a smart interception.

On both sides there was too much kicking and a too frequent use of the touch-line, whilst although conditions were favourable the players seemed indisposed to trust their hands.

The third try was a "soft" affair, for James, after fielding, allowed himself to be robbed of the ball by D. G. DAVIES, who scored, Ould failing to improve. Something better came in the next minute, when a combined movement amongst the home forwards gained much ground before it broke down when Ould took a forward pass. From this position, however, the Cardiff forwards went over in a bunch, ARNOTT scoring and Williams kicking a goal.

Half—CARDIFF	2	2	16
PILL HARRIERS	0	0	0

Ould, who was playing a good game in the loose, almost forced his way over when he gathered a stray ball, and then play was held up when Mr Megins sustained a bump on the nose which needed a constant application of his handkerchief. He was able to dispense with the proffered services of a trainer, however, and when play was resumed, Cardiff's next attack was delivered through good forward dribbling.

They had reached a position 30yds from the line when the Harriers were penalised, and from an awkward angle, and against a stiff breeze, OULD placed a really fine goal. Pill got their next try through a miskick by one of the Cardiff backs, for OSMUND was able to take the ball from a cross-punt instead of John, and cross with an unconverted try.

Final—CARDIFF	4	2	24
PILL HARRIERS	1	2	9
* One penalty.			

YSTRAD MYNACH v. PONTLOTTYN.

The home team opened well, but found stern opposition in the Pontlottyn backs. The Ystrad Mynach backs started weakly, but improved as the game advanced. Both goals were hotly attacked, but neither side could score.

Half—YSTRAD MYNACH	0
PONTLOTTYN	0

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CARDIFF CONQUERED

Great Triumph for Swansea in the Rugby Arena

BY OBSERVER

Though the weather conditions were almost perfect, the crowd came in rather slowly at St. Helen's to-day.

SWANSEA: D. Hopkins; H. R. Rowlands; A. D. Watkins; Bruce Parker; Roy Jones; Ivor Matthews; W. J. Trew; J. H. John; D. Parker; Tom Hopkins; D. R. Jenkins; D. Roach; E. Long; W. Rice; Ben Jones.

CARDIFF: B. G. Male; Phil Williams; D. E. Davies; D. R. Turnbull; Tom Johnson; W. J. Delahay; Tom Richards; Idris Richards; J. Burns; F. Lee; J. Lewis; R. Barter; W. Palmer; K. P. Turnbull; W. Watkins.

Referee: Mr. Fern (Blaengarw).

THE GAME.

We were all anxious to see how young Trew shaped, and he gave us a taste of his quality when he made the most of the first chance presented by Matthews. He timed his pass nicely, and sent out to the right wing. Roy Jones kicked at the right moment, and in holding up the movement, Male was penalised. Dai Parker did surprisingly well in the first ten minutes, and they were certainly putting more vim in their play than I saw at Penarth. The home forwards were heeling splendidly, and young Matthews was making the most of his chances. It was only the splendid defence of the Cardiff men which held up a side which was obviously attempting to re-habilitate itself in the eyes of the spectators. Roy Jones was just wide with a drop kick from the touch line. Later, after nice work by Johnson, Parker was again short of the objective with a penalty kick. For the first time Cardiff got out of their own quarters, but Danny Hopkins sent them back with a beautiful kick. All the while the ball was coming outregularly on the Swansea side of the scrum, but there was the old weakness at centre, coupled with the splendid defensive work by D. E. Davies and J. Turnbull. When the Cardiff backs did get chances, the slight breeze against them, and the fact that they had the sun in their eyes seemed to obstruct them and they failed to hold their passes.

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SWANSEA	0	0	0
CARDIFF	0	0	0

SECOND HALF.

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his threes in motion. The ball travelled easily from end to end, and Roy Jones flung inwards at the right moment to BARKER, who scored. Some of the Cardiff men, who had cut across, slowed up at the final transfer, apparently think it was forward.

Parker failed to convert. Desperate endeavours were made by Cardiff to avert defeat, but their attempts at passing were easily held up. They certainly attacked hotly, but they talked string. Once Turnbull might have been dangerous, and he passed to Dodson.

And then there was a transformation in the play, Male just saving Cardiff by kicking the ball dead from Roy Jones. On another occasion it was a smart pick-up and touch by Danny Davies that saved the visitors.

PLAYERS CAUTIONED.

Things now became rather hot, and there was an unseemly incident in front of the grand stand when a player from each side engaged in a few hard punches. The referee did not take the extreme course, but called the players aside to administer a word of caution.

Later on, Barter was injured for the third time, but again he resumed. As time wore on Cardiff seemed nothing but badly beaten team. They spurted occasionally, but they were never dangerous. Once, indeed, Hopkins running up from near his own line almost sent Roy Jones over again, the wing being just knocked into touch.

Male missed with a penalty kick, and the final came with Cardiff attacking but deservedly behind.

Final score:	G.	T.	Pts.
SWANSEA	1	1	6
CARDIFF	0	0	0

COMMENTS.

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CARDIFF ROMP HOME

Pill Harriers Lose by 15 Points

By AJAX.

Following the practice of playing the available players round Cardiff placed a strong side in the field against Pill Harriers at Cardiff Arne Park this afternoon. Notably was the inclusion of Billie Ould in the pack. Pill Harriers were unfortunate in having to make changes in the backs. Mitchell and Manley and Clarke were absent from the full-back and half-back positions respectively owing to injuries. Trevor Morgan was given a trial at inside-half. He is a young product of Newport schools football.

CARDIFF: A. Williams; T. Seaman, E. Corsi, H. Howe, J. H. John; Howard Poole, T. Alan Davey; Trevor Arnott, A. R. Rickards, F. Porter, W. J. Ould, D. G. Davies, T. Burne, E. Spillane, V. Griffiths.

PILL HARRIERS: P. James; G. Furnell, R. Osmond, P. Coulson, E. Watson; T. Morgan, B. McCarthy; J. Lenane, M. O'Brien, H. Higgins, W. McNab, W. Carter, H. Clarke, W. Chave, P. Davies.

Referee: Mr. J. Meggitt (Pontyclun).

THE GAME

A stiff wind that was blowing against them did not deter Pill Harriers from following up their kick-off with effective forward dribbling. Lenane showed his inclination to open up the game, but McCarthy mistimed his throw back in the Cardiff 25. When Pill were trying to get under a kick-out, Howard Poole, the Cardiff inside-half out through on his own. He worked the dummy before he got in a cross-kick, but despite his plucky dive for the line, after retrieving a fast ball twice, he was held out.

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Pill had tasted blood, and to the surprise and consternation of the Cardiff defence, Lenane led his forwards in a determined rush. Although several men were tackled OSMOND finally got the ball to score a try, which James did not convert.

Pill were putting some spirit into their football, but the play of their backs was not comparable to the fast combination of the Cardiff men when they got going. Ould was playing out as an extra man in the Cardiff backs, and his usefulness in this respect was demonstrated when twice he made excellent attacking openings.

Ould augmented the score by kicking a fine penalty goal. Following some enterprising solo work, Coulson gave Pill Harriers a try, which was not converted.

Final score:	G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF	4	2	24
PILL HARRIERS	1	2	9

COMMENTS.

What strength Pill Harriers had to-day was in front, and it is reasonable to say that had their backs taken the chances given them, the play of the side as a whole would have been more fruitful. The backs were weak and could not introduce passing when needed, and had they a reasonable aptitude for combination, Pill would almost certainly have opened the scoring before the second half. Led by Lenane, Pill's forwards played a hard game to a man, and taken through and through were better than Cardiff in the scrums.

It was the enterprising play of the backs and the greater pace of the side as a whole that was the decisive factor in Cardiff's favour and gave them a victory, every point of which was merited. Indeed, had the forwards been as reliable at heeling in the first half as they were later in the game the debit would have been heavier against Pill Harriers. Tommy Burns played one of the best games I have seen him play, and Ould did some splendid kicking. The backs acquitted themselves to a man. Poole and Dovey are a resourceful pair, who are improving in their understanding of each other. The quartette were forceful and fast, with Howe, by reason of his initiative, the pick. Corsi also did some praiseworthy bursts, and Williams was sound in his fielding and defence, considering the fiery attacks of the Pill forwards.

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ONE POINT IN IT

Cardiff and Newport In a Desperate Battle

BY OBSERVER

It was like old times to see about 10,000 people present at Rodney-parade Ground this afternoon, when under ideal weather conditions, Newport entertained Cardiff.

CARDIFF: B. O. Male; Llew. Williams, D. E. Davies, J. Roberts, and B. R. Turnbull; W. J. Delahay (capt), and Gwyn Richards; Idris Richards, Jim Burns, D. G. Davies, T. Lewis, W. J. Ould, W. Watkins, K. P. Turnbull, and Mitchell Griffiths.

NEWPORT: W. Everson; H. Vaughan, A. Stock, H. J. Davies, and G. Andrews; D. G. Dowdall and V. M. Griffiths; Tom Jones, Dai Jones, H. Phillips, D. Wagstaff, W. Friend, Dr. Roche (capt.), J. Collins, and Tom Roberts.

Referee: Capt. Burge (Penarth).

THE GAME.

We saw glorious Rugby in the first few minutes after Ossie Male had been well wide in an attempt at a penalty goal. There were two rousing passing movements by the Cardiff backs. Later on Vincent Griffiths, with a smart drop kick, got his side out of a difficult position, and Ossie Male was in the picture with a smart kick from near his own line from a pass from Turnbull. The crowd was not justified in their booing of the referee when he penalised Andrews for passing off the ground. Little advantage was gained by the kick, and when the Usksiders started passing they lost ground through their hurried transfers. The Cardiff forwards were giving quite a good service from the scrum, but in the loose the home pack more than held their own when Tom Jones went away with a great burst, and when he was foiled Stock was just wide with an attempt at a drop goal. Things had been going none too well for the Usksiders, but the latter came with a surprising burst, and Phillips had the easiest chance to score, but lost the ball. Newport were not to be denied, and in a hurly-burly DAI JONES barged his way over with a try which EVERSON converted.

On the run of play Cardiff certainly did not deserve to be five points in arrears, and their backs made game efforts to get on teams. Bobbie Delahay was conspicuous in one movement, but all the best efforts of his side came to naught. Though the forwards heeled consistently, Cardiff were hauled at every turn by a dour defence. A great effort of the Cardiff men to get on terms eventually met with due reward. There was some sparkling passing, and JOHN ROBERTS, after being held once, flashed in to score, and MALE converted from quite an awkward angle.

Cardiff went ahead, and DANNY DAVIES received a great ovation when he raced in with the next score. Some fine passing had taken place, and John Roberts managed to get his transfer to Davies, and, despite the attention of Vaughan and Everson, staggered over the line. Male failed to convert from quite an easy position.

The game was held up for a while owing to an injury to Tom Roberts, and when he returned Newport got into an attacking position through a penalty kick. Burns and Lewis were instrumental in getting Cardiff out of a tight corner, and it was fortunate for Newport that Everson was safe. Gwyn Richards and Delahay initiated a beautiful round of passing, but this ended with Llew Williams being held up by Andrews and Everson. Just before the whistle blew the Cardiff right flank went over with a bang, and John Roberts was unlucky in not getting his chance with the Newport defence in a hopeless tangle.

Half-time score:	G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF	1	1	3
NEWPORT	1	0	5

The Cardiff men grew far more clever than their opponents, but within five minutes from the re-start they lost the lead which was slackness on the part of the visitors, when Collins flung the ball out to Vincent Griffiths, and the latter

sent out a long ball which allowed HAROLD DAVIS a clear run in. Everson failed to convert almost from the touch-line. Everson might have put his side ahead with a long range penalty kick, but on the other hand, Llew. Williams and Gwyn Richards were equally unlucky when Cardiff started a brisk attack.

A change in the situation came in an unexpected manner. Newport were always second best, and when their forwards took control of a passing movement the Cardiff defenders were quickly in position and the movement seemed destined to the fate of others. Suddenly, however, TOM ROBERTS answered in to drop a beautiful goal to give his side a four points lead. Just afterwards Newport had the misfortune to lose Tom Roberts, but though they had to defend briskly they held up Cardiff's best attacks. When Roberts returned it was to find his side defending stubbornly. As a matter of fact Newport were on the defence for quite a long period, and it seemed only a question of time before the arrears would be wiped off. Then Harold Davies was nearly through in an unexpected dash by the Newport side, and later on there was some beautiful passing among the majority of the home side. As time went on Cardiff made strenuous efforts to pull the game out of the fire. The half backs worked like troglodytes, but it was Kevin Turnbull who quickly did the trick.

At long last reward came to them, and it was a blind side movement initiated by the captain who saw ROBERTS fly through with a try in the corner. Cardiff failed to take the lead despite a great kick by Ossie Male. There were more thrills to follow, and in a brisk Newport attack Vincent Richards failed with a pot shot at drop goal.

Final score:	G.	T.	Pts.
NEWPORT	2	1	12
CARDIFF	1	2	11

* One dropped goal.

COMMENTS.

That Cardiff did not deserve to lose on the run of the play, no one will deny, for on the run of the play, they were a good half dozen points better than the opposition. The forwards heeled from most of the scrums, and did very well in the loose, and behind them Gwyn Richards and Bobby Delahay opened out the game in splendid fashion. The Cardiff half-backs did all that was asked of them and it was no fault of theirs that the fine work of the forwards was not made use of. It was the splendid defensive work of Newport which won and lost the game. In this respect, a special word of praise is due to Tom Jones, who was always dropping back to the assistance of his threequarters. Dowdall and Griffiths were no match for the Cardiff pair of half backs, chiefly because of the poor services they had from their forwards, but they were constantly popping into the Newport picture with splendid defensive work, and Griffiths had quite a busy afternoon dealing with the ever resourceful Richards, who played his best game since joining the Cardiff club.

It was not his fault that there was no more scoring by his side, for he always made headway before parting with the ball. While I say that Newport were lucky to win I must give credit to their forwards, who despite the fact that they were beaten in the scrums, did splendid work in the open, particularly in the line-out. If the ball came out on the Cardiff side of the scrum, on the majority of occasions it is safe to say that in the line out it went to the Black and Amber packs on almost every occasion.

None worked better than the veteran, Tom Roberts, Collins, and the two Jones', and in the Cardiff front line the men who caught my eye were Idris Richards, Burns and Dai Davies, who seems to have taken a new lease of his football life. Male and Everson did all that was asked of them.

CARDIFF'S BETTER COMBINATION

Victory Over Mountain Ash

By AJAX.

There was only a small crowd at Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon for the kick-off in the Cardiff v. Mountain Ash match. Owing to a business engagement Trevor Arnott was out of the Cardiff pack, Jacobs coming in as a substitute. The only other Cardiff change was Harding instead of Johnson.

MOUNTAIN ASH: P.C. Bennett; T. James, G. Morgan, Dr. Griffith, E. M. Davies; E. Foote, P. V. Hughes; G. Retter, St. Rees, T. Edwards, J. Simmonds, T. Griffiths, J. Fryer, H. Mills, M. Ambrose.

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Referee: Mr. J. B. James, Treorchy.

THE GAME.

A wild pass among the Cardiff forwards when they were endeavouring to introduce passing in reply to the Mountain Ash kick-off, led to the Valley men invading the home 25. There was momentary danger when the ball was fumbled by the home defence, but, with the stride of a greyhound, John raced with the ball from behind a scrum until he was bowled into touch. Mountain Ash made sporadic forages into Cardiff's territory, but there came a brilliant movement from the Cardiff end which ended in a try being scored by J. H. JOHN that was equal to the best seen on the park. Bowcott was the initiator with a deceptive burst. John cleverly took his transfer, to combine in interpassing with Tom Parry, before he raced over the line with a try under the posts, which TREVOR LEE converted.

Jim Fryer was conspicuous for Mountain Ash with useful individual kicking. He placed the ball in touch well in the Cardiff 25, and resultant play saw the Cardiff line closely pressed. Phil Hughes had hard luck in not getting through after twice showing commendable opportunism, and again he had the mortification of failing to land a penalty from a good position.

Mountain Ash, in the next few minutes, showed their aptitude to develop the attack. Their forwards were given a fairly clean service from the scrums, but twice their backs did not have the necessary speed to clear the Cardiff defence. James, when he had a reasonable chance, was overtaken and tackled by Harding, and Phil Hughes was losing time through his penchant to turn around before parting with the ball.

Howe and Harding with a spirited bout of passing, enabled Cardiff to raise a siege that had been far from comfortable. Harding put in a punt, but when the forwards were getting under the ball Retter made a good mark. Next Bowcott dribbled splendidly from his own quarters. He was going strong with plenty of men in support, when Bennett calmly marked his time to scoop up the ball, and worm his way through. Had the Mountain Ash men not been so erratic in passing—a forward knocked on—they should have had a score.

Incidents that followed made a comedy of errors. Twice the venue of attack fluctuated, first a Cardiff man snapping up a pass from an opponent that Cardiff were more polished in their methods of attack, and HARDING scored a try in which speed baffled the opposition. TREVOR LEE converted.

Mountain Ash were certainly deserving of a score, and there was a moan of commiseration with Phil Hughes from the spectators when Hughes cleverly stole the ball on the Cardiff side of the scrum. He raced through only to fall a victim to a safe tackle by Trevor Lee when the line was well in reach.

Half-time score:	G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF	2	0	10
MOUNTAIN ASH	0	0	0

SECOND HALF.

The crowd had materially improved when Cardiff re-started, and Harding distinguished himself with a cross-field run. Howe took the transfer splendidly, but stumbled when going strongly. All the bad luck that was going against Mountain Ash, and when a series of mistakes were committed in the Cardiff defence the visitors were extremely unfortunate in not being able to have a try.

Eventually they had a score, which was loudly cheered. James, on the left wing, carried a pass from George Morgan over the line, and when he lost the ball FOOTE was in position to pounce upon it and score a try. George Morgan failed to convert.

Phil Hughes made an opening from the base of the scrum for D. Griffiths to cut through, but when the latter attempted to

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John

CARDIFF v. NEWPORT.

One Point Divides Teams.

FLUCTUATING PLAY IN KEEN GAME.

At Newport. Newport met Cardiff at Newport to-day for the first time this season. It was their 164th encounter, and of these 31 games had been drawn. In the others the Usksiders had obtained a margin of 16 more victories than Cardiff to their credit.

To-day both sides turned out as selected other than K. P. Turnbull taking the place of R. Barrell in the Cardiff pack. This did not materially affect the side. Teams:—

NEWPORT—W. Everson; H. Vaughan, A. Stock, H. J. Davies, and G. Andrews; E. G. Dowdall and V. M. Griffiths; Dr. W. J. Roche (capt.), Tom Jones, D. Jones, H. Phillips, R. Herrera, W. Friend, J. Collins, and T. Roberts. **CARDIFF**—B. O. Maile; J. Roberts, R. R. Turnbull, D. E. Davies and Llew Williams; W. J. Delahay (capt.) and Gwyn Richards; Idris Richards, J. Burns, E. J. Davies, T. Lewis, W. J. Ould, K. P. Turnbull, W. Watkins, and V. Griffiths.

Referee—Capt. A. S. Burge, Penarth. At the last minute Herrera, the Welsh international, failed to turn out, and his place was taken by D. Wagstaffe.

In less than a minute Newport were penalised, but Maile failed with the kick. Then Delahay set his three-quarters going from a line-out, and the ball went all along the line, but Stock, the home centre, stopped further progress.

Another kick to touch by Vincent Griffiths relieved the pressure, but the Cardiff forwards returned to the attack, and some splendid passing was witnessed. Another penalty against Newport brought considerable booing from the spectators—an unusual thing at Newport—but little was gained by the kick. Then Tom Jones, Dai Jones and Dr. Roche and other Newport forwards got going, but Llew Williams and D. E. Davies checked them.

NEWPORT SCORE FIRST.

A long kick by Dowdall which Delahay failed to field again put the Newport side in a good position, and Tom Roberts all but got over.

From the subsequent scrum Delahay relieved, but Harold Davies sent the ball back, and for a time there was a keen struggle on the line.

A bunch of Cardiff forwards bungled in receiving the ball, and TOM JONES rushed up to score a try, which Everson converted.

The visiting inside half was quick in his transfers, but the three-quarters were unable to pierce the defence until Turnbull sent a smart pass out to ROBERTS.

The latter went off at top speed. He was stopped, but shook himself free and dived over the line. Maile converted, and the scores were equal.

CARDIFF TAKE THE LEAD.

Two minutes later the home defence was again called upon to deal with a Cardiff attack as the result of a movement in which Richards, Turnbull and D. DAVIES handled. The latter crossed for a try, which Maile failed to convert.

After this Newport, with Collins, Roberts, Roch, and Dai Jones in the van, rapidly worked their way down the field, but their stay in the visitors' 25 was but temporary.

Half—CARDIFF 1 1 8
NEWPORT 1 0 5

In less than three minutes after the restart Newport scored their second try. Cardiff had heeled, and the subsequent attack did not make much progress. Then Vincent Griffiths got possession in the loose, and seeing Stock marked he threw out a long pass to HAROLD DAVIES

(the home ex-captain), who raced away and scored an unconverted try, which made the total equal.

EXCITING PLAY.

Subsequent play was fast and exciting. Cardiff invariably securing the ball from the scrum. It was on one of these occasions that Delahay promptly set his three-quarters going, but the defence was keen and progress limited.

Newport gradually worked their way up the field, and from some passing in the home 25, the ball went out to TOM ROBERTS. He essayed a pass, but being in a grand position, changed his mind and dropped a beautiful goal. This put the Usksiders four points ahead.

A few minutes later Tom Roberts was injured and had to leave the field. Cardiff now put on strong pressure, but Griffiths relieved with a kick to touch.

A CHANCE LOST.

Following a penalty against Cardiff, Everson brought further relief. Idris Richards, Ould, and Marshall, with the ball at their feet, relieved in the home 25.

Here Dougall got possession and transferred to Harold Davies. The latter, when in difficulty, punted on.

Andrews, racing up, looked all over a scorer.

The ball, however, dropped awkwardly and bounced away for Cardiff to relieve. Newport returned the pressure for some time, and their backs brought off some pretty movements.

Time after time the Cardiff eight got possession, and although the ball went along the Cardiff line simply there was always a Newport man there to put an end to it.

CARDIFF'S FINAL EFFORT.

Tom Roberts, who had now returned, was again seen leading a dribble, which B. R. Turnbull scotched. Then there was another magnificent rush by the Cardiff forwards.

From the next scrum on the line Cardiff again secured and ROBERTS got over in the corner. Maile made a splendid effort to convert, but the ball struck the upright and bounced on the wrong side.

In the last few minutes Newport were pressing hard and Griffiths essayed a dropped goal, but the ball went wide.

Final—NEWPORT †2 1 12
CARDIFF 1 2 11
†—one dropped.

COMMENTS.

It was a really magnificent game, full of thrills and excitement, and well up to the usual standard of the games played between these famous rivals. It could be said at the outset that the Newport pack were beaten by the Cardiff eight, and this was the foundation for the Cardiff attack throughout the game, whilst Delahay seldom made a mistake in setting his quartette going.

In open play, however, the home forwards made the visitors go all the way, and Tom Jones, Dr. Roche, Collins and Roberts were frequently in the van with splendid dribbling. Idris Richards, Burns, Lewis and Ould were frequently in the picture for Cardiff.

The visitors' halves were seen to greater advantage than the home pair, but that was mainly because Dowdall had fewer opportunities. Roberts, Cardiff's young wing, gave a polished exhibition, and it was dogged determination which led to his score. Delahay was the "star" of the Cardiff side, and both full-backs gave a creditable exhibition.

John
2-10-26

CARDIFF v. MOUNTAIN ASH

Was Referee at Fault ?

A GROUND RECORD KEPT.

(By "SARACEN.")

Although defeated at Swansea last week, Cardiff reached the second month of the season with their ground record intact, and it was not anticipated that it would go to-day, when Mountain Ash were the visitors. Teams:

CARDIFF—Trevor Lee; A. V. Harding, H. Rowe, T. Parry, and J. H. John; H. Poole and H. M. Bowcott; W. Palmer, A. R. Rickards, F. Porter, E. Spillane, G. Miles, H. Sharp, D. McArthur, and M. Jacobs.

MOUNTAIN ASH—P. C. Bennett; T. James, G. Morgan, Dr. Griffiths, and E. M. Davies; E. Foote and P. V. Hughes; G. Retter (captain), S. Rees, T. Edmunds, J. Simmonds, T. Griffiths, J. Fryer, H. Mills, and M. Ambrose.

Referee, Mr J. B. James, Treorchy. The attendance was disappointing, for at the start there could not have been more than a couple of thousand present.

The opening stages were marked by some bad passing by both Bowcott and Poole, but the former quickly made amends when he cut out a beautiful opening, and a round of passing between him, Miles, and J. H. JOHN ended in the wing scoring under the posts for Lee to convert.

The visitors retaliated by means of good passing, but it was too mechanical to be effective and served but to gain ground which was quickly lost again. Repeated use of the whistle caused numerous stoppages and then Bowcott showed that he could use his feet as well as his hands when he led a splendid dribble. It was neutralised, however, by some really good work by Bennett, who took the ball from the feet of Bowcott, gathered it and sent his backs away to relieve the pressure temporarily.

Cardiff's outside half soon came into prominence again when he, Howe and Harding joined in combined work, which ended in HARDING running well for 30 yards before he got the second try, which Lee again converted. Mountain Ash's nearest approach to a score came when C. Morgan broke through in a promising fashion, but he slipped with only Lee to beat and lost the ball. Cardiff's play was patchy, especially in front.

Half—CARDIFF 2 0 10
MOUNTAIN ASH 0 0 0

Strong running by Poole, keen tackling by Mountain Ash and a good save by Trevor Lee and an unconverted try by E. FOOTE, the ex-Schoolboy international, marked a busy five minutes at the opening of the second half. Bustling forward play led up to Foote's try, for he gathered from the feet of his own forwards, and darted across in the corner. Mr James appeared to be at fault in some of his decisions, notably when he failed to detect a forward pass by the visitor's left centre, and wrongly adjudged a transfer from Parry to Harding to be forward, and then Poole came into the limelight with a clear interception which checked a lively movement by the Old Firm's backs.

At this point came a surprise score which was well deserved. The Mountain Ash forwards brought off a nice dribble, and when they had reached the home 25, S. REES gathered and coolly dropped a goal, reducing Cardiff's lead to three points. Lee subsequently had two attempts at a penalty goal, but was wide of the mark. Mountain Ash did the bulk of the heeling, thanks to ragged Cardiff packing, whilst Foote was quite the equal of Poole, and it was evident that Bowcott was still troubled by his shoulder, rendering him of very little use in defence. Quite the best thing the Cardiff forwards had done here led to a try by PALMER, the foundation for which was laid by Rickards and Spillane. Rickards had the biggest share in it, for though he might have gone over himself, he did the right thing in passing to Palmer for the latter to score under the posts. Lee got his third goal.

Final—CARDIFF 3 0 15
MOUNTAIN ASH †1 1 7
† Dropped.

COMMENTS.

Cardiff deserved their success by reason of the superiority of their backs, for even though Mountain Ash were a little the better in front, there was not the same extent of difference. The standard of play generally was above that in the match with Pill Harriers, but still left a good deal to be desired, notably a much-needed improvement in the scrummaging of the home pack. Palmer and Richards were the best of them, and behind the scrummages Bowcott (despite his handicap), Poole, Harding and Lee did well. Retter, Rees, Dr. Griffiths, and Foote were the pick of the Mountain Ash side.

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OCTOBER 9th.

Depart Cardiff General Station, 9.25 a.m.
Lunch in Dining Car, Mid-day.
Arrive Birmingham (Snowhill), 1.20 p.m.
Charabanc 1.25 p.m. to Moseley Ground.
Kick-off, 3 p.m.
Dinner with Moseley Club.
Sandwiches, 11 p.m.

OCTOBER 10th.

Breakfast, 9 a.m.
Charabanc to Snowhill to catch the
11.45 a.m. train.
Lunch in Saloon, 1 p.m.
Arrive Cardiff, 3.53 p.m.

CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB.
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MOSELEY
v.
CARDIFF

SATURDAY, OCT. 9th, 1926.

KICK-OFF - 3 p.m.

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MOSELEY MATCH

Cardiff's "Other" Side
Go Under

By "OBSERVER."

Cardiff visited Moseley to-day.
Moseley: J. H. Pritchard; E. Parry, D. H. Payne, R. L. Dodson, and R. H. Orcutt; E. N. Byrne, and A. Inglis; J. Wylie, P. S. Jenkins, A. T. Markwick, C. J. Byrne, J. R. McDowall, R. N. G. Walker, M. Barker, and E. Usber.

Cardiff: A. Williams; B. R. Harris, D. M. Williams, H. Howe, and A. V. Harding; C. A. Davey, and Howard Poole; T. Arnett, R. Spillane, R. Sparrow, S. C. Cravos, M. Porter, Marsh, P. Burns, and Vickary.
Referee: Mr. P. H. Stevens (North Midlands).

From the very start Moseley were nearly over, Dodson giving the dummy in beautiful fashion to the Cardiff centres. Fortunately A. Williams was safe with the tackle. Almost immediately afterwards, D. M. Williams, when confronted by Pritchard, sent a long pass inwards, but the ball was knocked on when the defence seemed beaten. The Moseley backs were set in motion, Inglis cut out an opening for Orcutt, who was held by Williams only inches from the Cardiff line. This was the second escape of the Cardiff men, whose play up to now had not been convincing.

Davey showed in a subsequent bout of passing, that Cardiff were decidedly unlucky in not getting ahead. D. M. BYRNE was held up, but struggled on to score wide out. C. H. Byrne failed with the kick, and almost immediately Cardiff equalised. From the kick-off, Pritchard was tackled in possession, and failing to play the ball was penalised. A. WILLIAMS easily kicked a goal. Moseley set up a rousing pace after this, and it was bad luck that they failed to score after half the team handled. Their reward, however, was not long delayed, for perfectly timed passing had the Cardiff defence in a hopeless tangle and ORCUTT dashed through the corner. Markwick failed to convert.

Half-time score:	G.	T.	Pts.
MOSELEY	0	2	6
CARDIFF	*1	0	3

*Penalty.

Cardiff made a brave effort to wipe off the deficit at the opening of the second half, but were met by a stubborn defence. Cardiff came through with some brilliant passing. Davey, D. M. Williams, and Harris handled neatly, but without gaining the desired objective.

Cardiff had been having most of the play, but could not pierce the defence. At long last Cardiff drew level. They had been keeping the Moseley men busy defending, and suddenly E. MARCH dribbled over with a try, and Williams failed with a kick. Davey showed a tendency to hang on to the ball too long on one occasion, and then came the best move of the match. All the Moseley backs handled, but Orcutt stepped into touch with the defence beaten.

There was more sparkling passing among the home backs, and it ended in ORCUTT scoring behind the posts. PAYNE converted, and thus put Moseley five points ahead. Cardiff seemed to lose all heart after this reverse, and nothing they attempted seem to plan out properly. They went from bad to worse, and the climax came when after A. Williams had fielded behind his own line he dropped the ball, and PAYNE pounced on it for a try which was not converted.

Final score:	G.	T.	Pts.
MOSELEY	1	3	14
CARDIFF	*1	1	6

*Penalty.

COMMENTS.

Cardiff lost at Moseley to-day to a better side. There was always something lacking in their methods, and there were times when they looked very weak. The forwards gave quite a good service from the scrum, and Howard Poole and Davey made the most of their opportunities, especially with the reverse pass. The centres were weak, and though Hardy did one or two clever things, the three-quarter line was never comfortable. There was no thrust about the wing men, and I thought Harris would have got at least one try had he shown more go. Williams behind was equal to all that came his way, but he lacked pace. There was no one on the Cardiff side that could be compared with Orcutt, who was always troubling the Cardiff men. The Cardiff forwards worked hard, but there was a lack of fire about their work in the open. At times they appeared lifeless, and not one seemed to work with a clear understanding of his fellows.

They were disjointed, and with the exception of Arnett and Spillane, could not be compared with other Cardiff backs this season.

MOSELEY'S FIRST WIN.

By the way, this was Moseley's first win of the season, and the large crowd present cheered to the echo at the end.

E. Evans
9/10/26

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RUGBY AT CARDIFF

Glorious Try Scored by Jim Burns

By AJAX.

Llanelly brought with them a good contingent of supporters to support them in their first meeting of the season with Cardiff at the Cardiff Arms Park to-day.

A south-westerly wind blowing from the Canton end from goal post to goal post was likely to be a factor in the game. Ken Bowen came into the Llanelly team instead of Tom Evans.

LLANELLY: Cliff Ward; Ken Bowen, Syd Hay, A. Jenkins, and E. Finch; Bryn Roberts and D. O'Connell; Ivor Jones (captain), Alf Parker, Bob Evans, Watcyn Thomas, Emrys Griffiths, Rees Thomas, Gil Evans, and Iorwerth Jones.

CARDIFF: B. O. Male; Llew Williams; D. E. Davies, B. R. Turnbull, and John Roberts; W. J. Delahay and Gwyn Richards; Idris Richards, Tom Lewis, D. G. Davies, J. Burns, W. J. Ould, W. Watkins, K. R. Turnbull, and V. Griffiths.

Referee, Mr. T. D. James, Treorchy.

THE GAME.

When the Scarlets fielded a few minutes late it was evident that their partisans were in strong force.

A section on the cheap side, sporting red "berets," struck up "Sospian Fach." Play had a promising initiation. Ivor Jones kicked off for Llanelly against the wind, but with commendable anticipation John Roberts fielded the kick, and side-stepping placed it in touch in the Llanelly 25.

Cardiff heeled from the first few scrums, and from one of these the three-quarters got splendidly into motion. Danny Davies, however, overran his pass, but, quick to cover his centre, Llew Williams gathered, and it was only a plucky tackle by Ward, which temporarily laid him out, that saved the line.

Twice with successive kicks Male tried to get the Cardiff attack concentrated with accurate kicking to touch. From one of the line outs the quartette opened out, but B. R. Turnbull's pass to Danny Davies was too hard to hold.

Dai John led the way into Cardiff's territory, but when next the Llanelly backs tried to measure the Cardiff defensive with handling Dai John lost the ball. The Scarlets were wisely adapting themselves to the proper method of attack under the handicap they were facing. Albert Jenkins and Ivor Jones punted high, and when the Sospian forwards swarmed under the ball, Ivor Jones was only caught a few yards from the line. It was a near thing for Cardiff.

At this point it was essential that Llanelly should heel the scrums, but Cardiff were beating them at this, and it enabled Gwyn Richards to break away, and John Roberts who took the transfer was brought down by a stiff tackle by Finch when going hard for the line.

Then we had a flash of a clever piece of forward enterprise that brought Cardiff's first score. Taking the ball sharply into his arms in a line-out in Llanelly's 25 JIM BURNS side-stepped his way through with a glorious try, which Ossie Male converted.

Llanelly had a free-kick that gave them slight relief, but despite the effectiveness of their forwards in the loose dribbles—Gill Evans was prominent in this phase—the speed of the Cardiff backs and their adaptability to develop combination sent them quickly to their own 25.

There was a pretty bout of passing when Delahay made an opening. Danny Davies made one of his characteristic bursts, but John Roberts's exploitation was no avail in face of the fan-like defence the Scarlets were practising.

John Roberts, notwithstanding his grit, could not get past Albert Jenkins and Finch, the Llanelly left flank, but after Delahay and Gwyn Richards had tried the feinting business Roberts had bit of his own back. When Finch was bringing him down he threw the ball out, and D. G. DAVIES made grab for it and simultaneously dived over with a try. Male did not convert.

The Scarlets were being penned in their own quarters and there was a thrilling moment when B. R. Turnbull and Danny Davies came brilliantly through. Unfortunately, the line was broken and regained clear.

Jim Burns was showing a fine example of the art of following up, and his individualism in this respect was a source of embarrassment to Llanelly.

Male next failed to land a penalty from an easy position. It was a hopelessly beaten Llanelly line that we next saw. The Cardiff backs extended a few yards outside

the line, but Danny Davies dropped the ball when the line was at his mercy.

	G.	T.	Pts.
Half-time score:			
CARDIFF	1	1	3
LLANELLY	0	0	0

SECOND HALF.

The first half had been in Cardiff's picture, but although the Scarlet forwards made immediate use of the wind the Cardiff pack were holding their opponents with their continued domination of the scrums.

Male made a rousing save in the teeth of a Llanelly onslaught, and with the ball coming out on the Cardiff side we saw the calculations of the tin-platers upset by some clever work by Gwyn Richards and John Roberts.

The visitors were obviously confused by the individual brilliance of John Roberts. He and Gwyn Richards seemed to be always hitting it off in each other's company, and there came a dramatic Cardiff score. Ward was penalised for not playing the ball after a punt by Roberts. Delahay took the kick, and before Llanelly knew what had happened the astute Delahay had tapped the ball into his own hands and sent TOM LEWIS over with a try. MALE converted with a great kick.

The first score that Llanelly had was a penalty try. Finch had gone through on his own, and before he had time to accept the ball, HAY, who was in front of the line was tackled. The referee did perfectly correct to give a try. Albert Jenkins failed to convert.

EXCITING EPISODES.

When the forwards were at grips fists were once seen to flash. The game was getting excitingly hot, fanned by the howlings of partisans.

Cardiff next had a shock, and a Llanelly score came about in a very peculiar and humorous manner. Finch broke away from the defence, and with the Cardiff men all up in attack, when he was confronted by Male, Finch transferred the ball to IVIR JONES. The Llanelly forward had to cover half the length of the pitch before reaching the line, and he was only just in time to touch down when Delahay, who had raced at his heels, was on top of him. Albert Jenkins converted.

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

COMMENTS.

One can forgive what little feeling that crept into an exciting finish to an exciting game, and there is not a Llanelly partisan that could quarrel with such a hard-earned victory going to Cardiff.

The eight points lead that they had established by half-time left Cardiff none the strong south-westerly and combating the forceful Llanelly attackers. But, Cardiff came up to their occasion, their backs, after making allowance for frequent slips, turning the endeavours of a splendid pack to account.

The Llanelly forwards could well take to heart the determined and successful way in which the Cardiff octette scrambled to-day. On an average of nine times out of ten the Cardiff men heeled to enable Delahay and Gwyn Richards to work cleverly and harmoniously behind.

Llanelly had plenty of weight in men like O'BBIE Evans and Ivor Jones. They had good forwards for loose play like Gill Evans and Iorwerth Jones, but they were beaten hollow for possession, and in the art of feeding the backs the game was won and lost.

Indeed, had Danny Davies been sofer with his hands to-day—he cannot be blamed for being slightly off—the score would certainly have been heavier against Llanelly.

We did not see much of the Llanelly backs as an attacking force, and the Jones' try was the best piece that was contributed from that quarter.

The Cardiff backs were quicker to combine and sharper to recover from the defensive, and not even the relentless defence of Albert Jenkins and Finch was sufficient to keep young John Roberts subdued. He did some brilliant things, and singing out forwards from a sound pack. Tom Lewis and Jim Burns were the best.

It was a tribute to the defence of both sides that the scoring in a fast game was kept so close and low. Male was the strong man in Cardiff's defence, and Jenkins and Finch tackled well for Llanelly. The referee did the proper thing in awarding a penalty try to Llanelly as Hayward was grossly obstructed.

MOSELEY v. CARDIFF.

Taffsiders in the Midlands.

CLOSING SCORES SEAL VISITORS' FATE

At Moseley.

A large crowd assembled to welcome the re-appearance of Cardiff on the Moseley ground after over 20 years. A strong wind swept across the ground, which promised to make accurate play very difficult. Cardiff were without Parry, but otherwise were strongly represented. Moseley fielded substitutes for Hains, Pratt, and Browning. Teams:—

MOSLEY—J. A. Pritchard; Parry, D. H. Payne, R. A. Dodgson and Orcutt; B. M. Byrne and A. Inglis; J. Wylie, P. S. Jenkins, H. E. Warwick, C. J. Byrne, J. R. McDowell, R. N. V. Walker, M. Barker and G. A. Usher.

CARDIFF—A. Williams; C. B. Morris, D. M. Williams, H. Howe and A. V. Harding; T. A. Davey and Howard Poole; T. Arnett, R. Spillane, R. Barrell, S. C. Cravos, F. Porter, E. Marsh, T. Burns and H. R. Richards.

Moseley, who faced the wind, opened briskly, and keen forward work took play to the Cardiff line, and Dodgson was nearly over after a solo run. Dai Williams broke away cleverly, but was smartly pulled up by Pritchard.

Moseley were well holding their own, and clever touch-finding by Inglis and Bryne put them on the attack again, only to find A. Williams safe. Inglis sent Orcutt away with a well-timed pass, but he was forced into touch by A. Williams a yard from the line.

A quick passing movement by the Welsh three was smartly pulled up by Inglis, who was showing up prominently. Parry punted over for Moseley, but A. Williams beat him for possession and touched down.

Keen following-up by the Moseley forwards led to D. N. BYRNE racing over wide out, and C. T. Byrne's place kick fell just short. Cardiff drew level immediately, A. WILLIAMS kicking a penalty goal after an infringement by Pritchard. Cardiff were now having the better of keen play, but the Moseley defenders stood firm.

Dodgson got well away, and the movement was carried on by the Moseley forwards, but broke down through a forward pass by Payne. Clever passing enabled ORCUTT to cross near the corner, quite outpacing the Cardiff defenders. Warwick's kick against the wind was narrowly wide.

Cardiff then got in a strong attack, but Pritchard relieved.

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CARDIFF	1	0	3

†Penalty.

On the resumption play was confined to the Moseley line for some time. The Cardiff forwards followed up well and broke up Moseley's attempt at combination. Orcutt raised the siege with a long run, but he was forced into touch by Harris. The Moseley line then had a narrow escape, Howe and Davey breaking away only to be stopped by Pritchard.

Cardiff forced the pace. Orcutt just outpaced Harris after Poole had kicked over the Moseley line and Inglis saved an awkward situation by smartly picking up and finding touch, when Barrell and Harding were pressing him close.

Harding was nearly over on the other wing in the next minute, but Pritchard brought him down. MARSH forced his way over for a clever try. A. Williams failed with the kick, the scores being levelled after 55 minutes play.

Pritchard picked up cleverly, robbing D. Williams of an almost certain score. Orcutt raced clean through for Moseley and touched down, but he had stepped into touch. Moseley regained the lead, however, a few minutes later, Orcutt's speed being the determining factor. Payne and Parry initiated an attack, and the ball passed right out to ORCUTT, who raced clean around the Cardiff defenders to touch down behind the posts. Payne easily added the goal points.

Play in the concluding stages mostly ran in Moseley's favour and Parry and Orcutt came near to augmenting the home side's total, and PAYNE made victory sure with a splendid try a few minutes from the end, bursting through from 20 yards out. The wind carried the same player's kick just wide.

Final—MOSELEY	1	3	14
CARDIFF	1	1	6

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COMMENTS.

Moseley's first victory of the season was well obtained and Cardiff never looked like carrying off the spoils except for a brief period after the interval, when they exerted strong pressure. Orcutt was the outstanding figure on Moseley's side, and his speed always proved too great for the Welshmen. He was well supported by Parry and Inglis, the latter giving his best exhibition as scrum half.

Forward the advantage as with Cardiff, Marsh, Spillane and Richards doing most effective work, and three-quarter work for Cardiff was good in mid-field, but frequently broke down near the Moseley line. D. M. Williams was the most successful in attack, but Harding rendered great help to A. Williams in a strong defence.

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CARDIFF v. LLANELLY.

Visitors Beaten in Keen Game.

FINCH PROMINENT IN SCARLETS' RALLY.

(By "Old Stager.")

At Cardiff.
Anything more disconcerting to scientific Rugby than the heavy wind which swept from end to end of the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon would be difficult to imagine. This distributing factor, too, was all the more regretted because Llanelly fielded a strong back division, and because, like Cardiff, the Scarlets prefer handling to forward play. The attendance was disappointing, the crowd when the game started numbering only about 6,000. Teams:—

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Referee—Mr T. D. James, Treorchy.

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Llanelly, however, soon found ways and means of turning defence into attack, and Albert Jenkins and Dai John both had hard lines with shots at goal from long range. Then Cardiff went dashing away again, Gwyn Richards, Turnbull, and John Roberts combining to perfection and getting well into Llanelly's quarters.

DELAHAY'S STRATEGY.

As soon as they got there Roberts punted ahead and Ward, in his anxiety to save when pursued by Roberts and Turnbull, held too long and was penalised. Delahay took the kick, and, catching the defence napping, he took one of his "special penalty kicks." He sent TOM LEWIS over with a corner try. Male converted with a wonderful kick against the wind.

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RUGBY FOOTBALL.

MOSELEY'S FINE VICTORY OVER CARDIFF.

MOSELEY 14pts., CARDIFF 6pts.

By a score of one goal and three tries to a penalty goal and a try, Moseley defeated Cardiff at the Reddings on Saturday in the revived match between sides which represented the mellow traditions of Rugby football. Why there should have been such a wide hiatus in the fixture lists no one really seems to know, but the veterans love to tell one of the thrilling contests of the past, the sporting struggles for supremacy, and to forget that the clubs had been strangers for so many seasons. All these cheery memories were revived on Saturday night when Moseley entertained their old-time rivals, who, like Mr. Pickwick and his jolly party, gave the toast to future meetings. In this catalogue of stories, Mr. Spiller, Cardiff's vice-president, recalled the famous match of 1886, up to which time the Welsh team's line had been crossed once only during the season. Moseley were the last opponents—they scored three times, won the game, broke Cardiff's record, and the ladies wept. Can one imagine our shingled generation being so demurely lachrymose? It is interesting to note that S. C. Cravos, a member of Cardiff's pack on Saturday, is a son of one of the players who represented the Welsh side on that memorable afternoon some forty years ago, and to observe again how Rugby history repeats itself. There were the Byrnes and a Payne to recall the Moseley of other days, all happy sidelights in a match of unusual sentiment.

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FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
BIRMINGHAM, Monday.

The Swan Hotel, one of the most famous coaching inns in England, which has retained many of its original characteristics, although it stands in the centre of the busy city, is doomed.

This historic building at the corner of New-street and High-street still has part of the old coaching yard, and a 16th century atmosphere still lingers in the quaint old rooms.

It is almost crowded out of sight by surrounding buildings, and it is nearly impossible now to see what it looked like in 1550, when it stood by itself in fields—the starting point of the coaches that ran through Warwick and Aylesbury to the Red Lion, in Aldersgate-street, London.

No women are allowed to eat, drink, or sleep in the place, and it is a hard-and-fast rule that no commercial travellers shall bring their wives there. The dining-room contains one long table, and before a guest takes a seat for a meal he observes the old custom of bowing to the "president" at the head of the table and saying, "May I dine with you, Mr. President?"

This same old hostelry and several other buildings close by on a piece of ground known as the Quadrant have been purchased by the corporation for £116,000, so that they may be demolished and so abolish the "blind corner" which now troubles drivers of vehicles coming up from the Bull Ring into High-street.

The lease of the Swan expires in 1929, and then this famous inn, which has been the temporary home of many thousands of travellers, will close its doors for the last time.

Although no women are allowed in the Swan it is run by women. The proprietress is Mrs. Annie Butler, and 14 of her staff of 17 are women.

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CARDIFF v. GLOUCESTER.

'Cestrians Meet Their Waterloo.

HOME TEAM SHOWS MORE THRUST.

(By "SARACEN.")

At Cardiff.

Gloucester, with an unbeaten record, and Cardiff, with a ground record, were opposed to each other for the first time this season at Cardiff Arms Park. The conditions favoured a bright display, for whilst the rains of the past few days left the turf soft, there was no sign of mud.

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Several members of the Welsh Rugby Union occupied seats in the stand.

Gloucester were penalised immediately following Idris Richards' opening kick, and a neat touch funder by Male gave them a strong position. Milliner had to receive attention for an injury to the hip, and resumed limping badly. The first three scrummages gave Cardiff possession, but they could do little with it once, because D. E. Davies sent a wretched pass to Williams, and again because they found the Gloucester forwards fast enough to prevent any advantage from the cross-kick.

It was a purely solo effort which brought the first try, and the chief credit for it was due to Gwyn Richards. He gathered a loose ball in the centre, broke through beautifully after the manner of Percy Bush, and sent on to J. H. John. The latter did his part before transferring to OULD, who crossed wide out with a try Male could not convert.

The visiting custodian was given plenty to do in the first ten minutes, and was proving himself quite sound, as was shown when Cardiff threatened danger following a nice dribble by Ould, whilst the Richards-Ould combination was again effective when their side was forced to defend in the next minute.

TURNBULL'S TWO TRIES.

Male brought off a timely tackle of Crowther and then, play being quickly transferred to the 'Cestrian line, perseverance brought Cardiff the second try. The ball was suddenly cross-kicked to the left, and in turn Llew Williams, Richards, and D. E. Davies were brought down, but not before they got the ball away. B. R. TURNBULL was the last to receive, and he got over with Thomas hanging on to his heels. Male failed to convert.

Cardiff's forwards were doing really well, with Ould often to the fore, whilst Richards of the Gloucester defence, in the flesh of the Gloucester defence. He showed how to give and take a pass at this point, when a round of passing amongst the home backs until Idris John in possession. He galloped away to TURNBULL for the centre to get the third unconverted try.

Male earned the applause he got when he gathered from the feet of the opposing forwards and broke through to change defence into attack and Cardiff being allowed to profit from off-side, were nearly over again just before the interval.

Half—CARDIFF	0	3	0
GLOUCESTER	0	0	0

During the interval Mr Lewis doffed his coat for a white jersey, and it was noticed that Cardiff were able to dispense with Ould's services in the scrummages. Gloucester imparted a little more "ginger" into their play, and Tom Voyce, in attempting to force his way over, was pushed into touch a few yards out. SHORT, however, got the ball at the line-out, and though he should have been stopped went straight through under the posts, Millington converting.

A word of warning to a couple of forwards was followed by good work by Thompson and Millington, but they were unsupported, their forwards being well in the rear when they should have followed up, and Male thus had plenty of time to make a clearance.

CONCERTED EFFORT.

A clever piece of work by Richards paved the way to another score, for though he was on the ground he gathered the ball and enabled Danny Davies to break through, the movement ending with J. H. John being pushed into touch at the corner flag. It was not long delayed, however, for Cardiff, heeling in the Gloucester 25, there was a full round of passing, culminating in Llew Williams crossing in the left-hand corner, giving Male little chance of adding the extra points.

Bad luck attended a good effort by one of the visiting forwards soon afterwards, for though he claimed a try, Mr Lewis rightly ruled that he had knocked on first. Still, it was a good effort, and, anyhow, a try came almost immediately.

VOYCE "TROT'S" OVER.

VOYCE secured possession in front of the posts, and apparently because they considered he was offside a couple of Cardiff men made no effort to stop him and he was allowed to trot over. Millington badly failed in his attempted conversion.

Gloucester were now doing such better, but they were still having the worse of the argument, and it was their own laxity which enabled RICHARDS to score Cardiff's fifth unconverted try after a combined moment between Ould Burns and himself, a partial tackle failing to hold the Cardiff half.

Final—CARDIFF	0	5	15
GLOUCESTER	1	1	8

COMMENTS.

Whatever hopes of invincibility Gloucester may have had this season perished this afternoon, when they met their Waterloo at Cardiff Arms Park. And they could not justly complain at their fate. No one with an unbiased judgment would urge that they were the equals of their vanquishers, and once more one of the foremost teams in England has met with its first defeat in Wales.

Gloucester may themselves take a good deal of the blame for their defeat, for apart from the famous Tom Voyce and one or two others their pack gave an indifferent display and were manifestly inferior to Cardiff in the loose. In dribbling, following up, and fielding their backs took second place, and despite an improvement after the interval found the opposition more than they could hold.

Cardiff's forwards showed a welcome improvement. Nobody did better in the loose than W. J. Ould, whilst Burns and Tom Lewis gave a sound all-round display. But one of the most pleasing features of the match was the success of Gwyn Richards, who has never done better for Cardiff. With Turnbull and Male, he was the best of Cardiff's backs, whilst Gloucester can thank George Thomas, the ex-Treherbert player for his very material share in keeping down Cardiff's score.

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AY. OCTOBER 16. 1926

TREHERBERT v. CARDIFF.

Forwards Shine. TWO POINTS' WIN.

At Treherbert. The visit of the Blue and Blacks to the Upper Rhondda roused tremendous enthusiasm, a record gate witnessing the game. The weather as fine and the turf, despite recent heavy rains, had held very well with the exception on one or two bad patches.

Teams:—

TREHERBERT—R. Rees; A. Beech, J. Preece, Tom Parry, J. John; Glyn Parry, J. Moses; Tom Williams, H. Shire, D. Morgan, W. Williams, George ohn, Glyn John, Reg. Watkins, and W. J. Ishmael.

CARDIFF—P. Lee; D. M. Williams, W. Goodwin, E. Corsi, T. R. Brown; W. T. Delahay, T. Allan Bayey; Trevor Arnott, K. P. Turnbull, E. Spillane, W. Palmer, T. Porter, T. Burns, J. Ryan, and M. Jacobs.

Referee—Mr John Thomas, Penrhynceiber.

Promptly to time Arnott kicked off for Cardiff and the home forwards made it early evident that they were all out to provide a fast game. Through holding on to the ball during a terrific forward rush Cardiff were penalised and RON REES opened the home score with a penalty goal. Immediately afterwards, Delahay set his backs in motion, and a keen bout was witnessed, but the home team tackled well and averted danger. Fielding from a penalty kick the home full-back hesitated in his kick, and Cardiff were placed in an attacking position. Later the home team was penalised, and a lovely kick just missed its mark. Cardiff continued to press and smart following up for a high punt saw the home backs beaten, and DAI WILLIAMS crossed for Cardiff with a smart opportunistic try. With the scores level the game continued at a very fast pace. Offside infringements gave Treherbert a penalty kick, but no further score accrued.

Treherbert continued to press, and Cardiff being again penalised, Ron Rees just missed with a lovely kick. The home forwards were irresistible in their terrific rushes, and the Cardiff line was once more in danger.

The visiting three, however, got into action, and after beautiful passing, Dai Williams secured, and from his own twenty-five made a brilliant run and appeared to score, but the referee ruled otherwise.

Play continued to be fast and keen. In a smart movement by the home forwards, Cardiff were obliged to kick wildly to clear. Treherbert's pressure ended with a futile attempt at a dropped goal.

A minute later Cardiff were again called upon to save their line and conceded a minor. The visiting forwards started a fine passing movement, which again gave Dai Williams a chance to show his remarkable speed. After a great run he was finely tackled by Parry. The same player shortly afterwards gave the crowd a thrill with a smart run, but he was beaten by numbers and stopped.

Treherbert brought play to the Cardiff 25. Delahay was injured and required attention. PREECE scored a try for Treherbert. Just before the final whistle sounded JACOBS scored for Cardiff.

Although the game was keen and vigorous it was played cleanly and in excellent spirit, and after a short delay for a temporary knock-out one had a glimpse of Delahay at his best in opening up play, but he was not supported and the movement came to naught. From a scrum the home backs kicked too strongly, and Cardiff conceded a minor.

Another home rush forced Lee to kick to touch. Delahay again attempted to open up play, but his final transfer was weak. The visitors brought off another spirited effort, which ended in JACOBS crossing over with a fine try, Lee adding the extra points with a fine kick.

Immediately on the resumption, Treherbert attacked and Moses brought off a brilliant run but only a minor resulted.

Treherbert kept up the pressure, and Reg. Watkins almost got over. Delahay secured and brought off a good run. Following his transfer, the visiting left wing ran for about 50 yards, but was tackled in grand style by Rees. Treherbert replied with a great effort, and TO MWILLIAMS, running strongly, beat the defence after an excellent opening by Glyn Parry.

Half—CARDIFF	1	1	8
TREHERBERT	*1	0	3

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Final—TREHERBERT	*1	2	0
CARDIFF	1	2	11

COMMENTS.

The Treherbert forwards played a sterling game, and were ahead of the visiting eight. Delahay did nothing to enhance his international fame, and we missed the generalship to be expected from one with such a brilliant reputation.

CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB.
(RUGBY SECTION).

BLACKHEATH
v.
CARDIFF,

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23rd, 1926,
at the
RECTORY FIELD, BLACKHEATH.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23rd.

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Lunch in Dining Car	... 12.0 p.m.
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Kick-off	... 3.0 p.m.
Charabanc to Bedford Hotel after match	
Dinner	... 6.45 p.m.
Supper (Sandwiches)	... 11.0 p.m.

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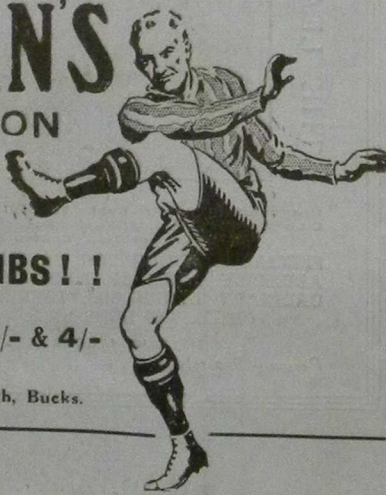
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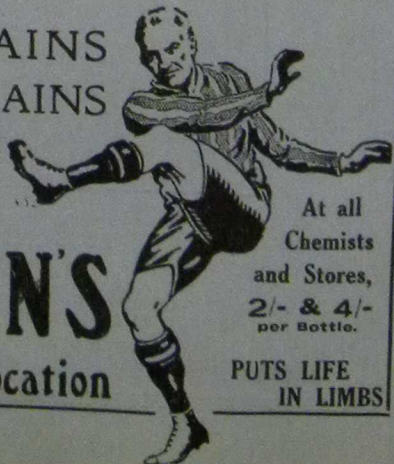


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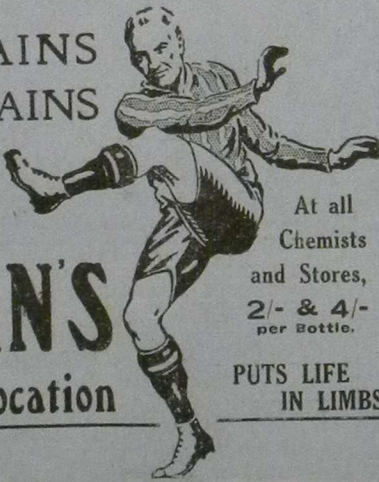
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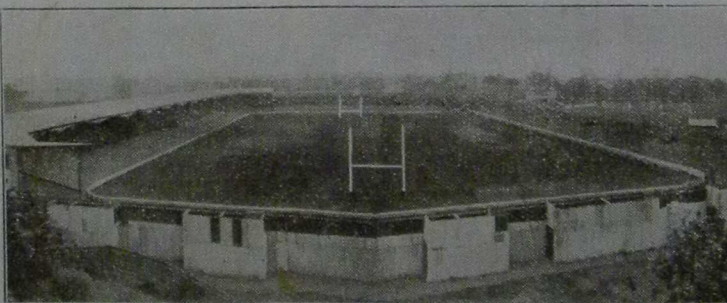
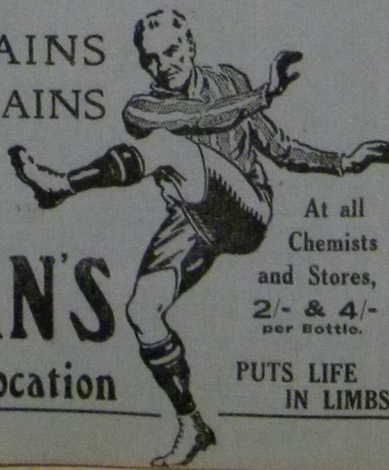


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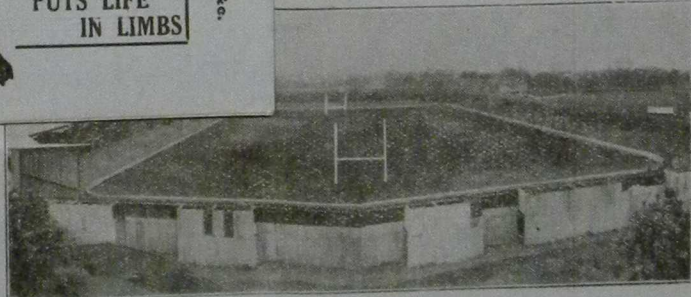


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CARDIFF v. SWANSEA.
St. Helen's Defeat Avenged.
GLORIOUS SCORING MOMENTS.
 (By "Old Stager.")

At Cardiff.
 Five weeks ago Swansea sprang a surprise by being the first side to defeat Cardiff. Since then Swansea has put up several good performances and an equal number of poor ones, but it was hoped that they would make a great effort to consolidate their position by winning at Cardiff this afternoon. However, illness and injuries caused them to field a side which could only be regarded as a shadow of the best All Whites team, and the indications, therefore, were that Cardiff would avenge themselves for their former reverse.

In the Cardiff team R. A. Cornish made his first appearance on the Cardiff enclosure since emerging from his retirement, though he was on the right wing instead of in his old place at centre. The conditions were quite good when K. P. Turnbull kicked off for Cardiff, with the sun in his eyes, in the presence of a crowd numbering 7,000.
CARDIFF—B. O. Male; R. A. Cornish, D. E. Davies, B. R. Turnbull, and T. Johnson; W. J. Delahay and Gwyn Richards; Tom Lewis, D. G. Davies, J. Burns, F. Lee, W. Watkins, K. P. Turnbull, M. O'Regan, and R. Barrell.

SWANSEA—Danny Hopkins; H. R. Rowlands, Roy Jones, Fred Rees, and D. Burns; Ivor Matthews and W. J. Trew; J. H. John, J. Gray, D. R. Jenkins, W. Faull, M. Rice, E. Long, Jack Rees, and D. Roach.

Referee—Mr W. J. Llewellyn, Bridgend.
 Cardiff forced a minor in the opening minute, and were wholeheartedly attacking a second later when Cornish rounded Rowlands and cross-kicked, only to see his forwards throw their chance away by getting offside. Danny Hopkins worked the short punt trick from the penalty, and after running well, found touch at great length.

Dribbles, in which Rice and Long were prominent, served as means for the improving of Swansea's position, and for some minutes play, though brimful of interest, was well out of the danger zones. Then Roy Jones got his foot to a loose ball, and drove it through to Male, who had to field a rolling ball under difficulties, and was pulled over before he could get in his kick. As he fell he sent the ball to Delahay, who was equally unable to kick before being tackled. He threw out a wild pass intended for Johnson. As it happened, however, Burns, the Swansea wing, seized upon it, and it was only a great piece of defensive work by Johnson that prevented a score.

A CLEVER MANOEUVRE.

Swansea lost their strong attacking position when Ivor Matthews vainly dropped at goal, for Cornish took advantage of the mistaken effort to dart away, and to initiate a series of passing movements which proved sufficiently profitable to Cardiff to win for them a strong position. Cornish went one better by bringing off a smart manoeuvre close to the touch-line, and which enabled him to clear the way for TOM LEWIS to make a dash which carried him over with a fine try. Male added the extra points with a glorious kick from the touchline.

PRETTY DROPPED GOAL.

For some minutes after the score, Swansea had the better of the general play, and Fred Rees and Trew had the hardest of hard luck in failing to slip through. With play still in Cardiff's half, the Cardiff backs worked in perfect unison, and Cornish, after playing his part well, cross-kicked with excellent judgment, and only a knock-on robbed Danny Davies of a score.

The position which Cardiff had secured, however, was a strong one, and when Danny Hopkins kicked to the open with the object of securing relief, MALE held and dropped a pretty goal. Cleverness on the part of Gwyn Richards quickly forced Swansea on the defensive again, and Male, by consistently good touch-kicking, kept them there until he had failed with a shot at a penalty goal. Shortly before the interval, Cornish lost a simple try through dropping the final transfer in a passing bout. He made no such mistake, following a gorgeous run and opening by Gwyn Richards, and was unlucky to stumble after jumping over Danny Hopkins.

Half—CARDIFF	.....	2	0	0
SWANSEA	.....	0	0	0
* One dropped.				

The crowd had increased to 12,000 when operations were resumed, and Swansea sprang a surprise. Rowlands went away with the ball at his toes, and thought it constantly threatened to go to touch it never did so, so that when he fielded with only Male in front of him he had no difficulty in sending JOE GREY in with a try. Danny Hopkins missed the goal.

That reverse brought out that was best in Cardiff, and produced a try of the type that was fairly common 20 years ago, and which is described as "truly Welsh." Starting passing when close to their own line, the Cardiff backs went on and on, and when Turnbull threw himself into Danny Hopkins' arms at midfield, just as he placed CORNISH in possession there was no one left to cover the wing, who outpaced pursuit and scored one of the best tries of the season. Male set the seal upon the effort by kicking a goal.

Two minutes later the Cardiff halves, by clever reverse passing, produced a chance for JOHNSON, who ran nearly half the length of the field for a try, which was not improved upon.

JOHNSON'S GREAT RUN.

Hopkins, who had changed places with Fred Rees, was the means of ending a period of pressure by Cardiff by bursting straight through and driving the ball down the centre of the field, but whatever chance of scoring Swansea had—and it was a good one—disappeared when Cornish was tripped. Swansea maintained the position they had won until Matthews narrowly missed another drop at goal. Then Cardiff got going again, and JOHNSON rounded off a great run along the touchline, in which he handed off four would-be tacklers, by scoring a corner try, which was not improved upon.

Periods of supremacy, first by Cardiff and then by Swansea, followed, whilst just before the end Danny Hopkins, by following a loose ball down the centre of the field, worried the Cardiff backs so much that he was responsible for taking the play right from one end of the field to the other.

Final—CARDIFF	.....	13	2	20
SWANSEA	.....	0	1	3
† One dropped.				

COMMENTS.

The football was of the character which delighted the hearts of all who love Rugby, and especially of those who can recall the games of 20 or more years ago, when Welsh backs won the games for their sides by the identical methods which Cardiff so profitably employed against Swansea.

None can question either the brilliance or the success of Cardiff's backs, and the only consideration which tempts one to be moderate in expressions of praise and commendation is that one has to recognise that against sterner opposition—against even Swansea's normal strength behind the scrummage—Cardiff's graceful penetrative movements may well have been shattered before they had developed to the extent that was possible this afternoon.

For skilful play, and as a combined force, Swansea was well behind, and Cardiff's excellence, therefore, stood out in far brighter lines than would have been possible had the standards of the opposition been higher. The perfect understanding between Delahay and Gwyn Richards, and the manner in which they varied the orthodox with the reverse pass, was the mainspring of Cardiff's success, though that could not have matured as it did had it not been for the support and the cleverness— to say nothing of the mutual confidence—displayed by all the men further back. Johnson was perhaps the best of a good lot, and on to-day's showing must be recognised as still being the best wing at Cardiff's disposal. Cornish was also an unqualified success on the wing.

Swansea's hastily improvised rear division had a rough time, and was serviceable only because of the individual abilities of certain of its players, notably Hopkins, who played an aggressive and useful game in the centre in the second half. Trew and Rees also showed some ability at opening up the play.

The difference between the packs was not great, and the men who did best were Lewis, Turnbull and Barrell for Cardiff, and Rice, Long and John for Swansea.

30.10.26

CHELTENHAM v. CARDIFF.
A Close Call.
VISITORS' ONE POINT WIN.

Cheltenham added a new page to their history to-day when they met Cardiff for the first time. Some 30 years ago they held fixtures with Cardiff Reserves, but before to-day they never encountered the full strength of the Welsh Metropolitan. Great interest was taken in the game, and there was a big crowd. Teams—

CHELTHENHAM—Watson; Hunt, Moore, Statham, and Goring; Bloodworth and Dyer; Preece, Jukes, Harry, Worgan, Fletcher, Spayt, Coulston, and Hobbs.

CARDIFF—Williams; Harding, Corsi, Francombe, and Seaman; Poole and Davey; Arnott, Spillane, Porter, Marsh, Ryan, Griffiths, Palmer, and Cravos.

Referee—Capt. Blackwell, Gloucester.

Cheltenham were without Vaughan and Riley in the back division, and Cardiff substituted Harding for D. N. Williams, Corsi for Parry, and Seaman for Johnson at three-quarter; while Palmer and Cravos came into the forward ranks instead of Ould and Seaman.

Cheltenham were smartly away and scored after three minutes' play, HART getting over near the corner. It was a brilliant movement, but the goal points were not added. For a time, Cheltenham, who swung the ball about very nicely, held the upper hand, and Cardiff backs saw very little of the ball, inasmuch as Cheltenham largely controlled the scrums. However, as the game progressed, more was seen of the Cardiff backs, and they developed several very smart attacks. Eventually, following some safe open play, HARDING ran through to score near the corner flag.

Williams took the kick and goaled a very fine shot. Some lively play followed, and towards the interval Dyer, gaining possession in the loose, sent COULSTON through to score behind the post. Hart took the kick, but failed badly to add the points.

Half—CHELTHENHAM	.....	0	2	6
CARDIFF	.....	1	0	5

There were 3,000 spectators present when the game was resumed. Cheltenham were quickly away, and following a line out near the Cardiff line they almost scored, Corsi intercepting a pass by Bloodworth to Moore right in front of the post. Some fine open play was seen on both sides, and Cardiff began to develop some very hot attacks. Davey playing brilliantly behind the scrum, initiated many fine movements, and eventually forcing some close play in front of the Cheltenham line RYAN forced his way over and scored. Williams again took the kick and converted a lovely shot.

Cheltenham went to the attack again, and following a fine passing movement STEPHAN ran through and, beating one opponent after another, scored behind the post. Bloodworth, the Cheltenham skipper, this time took the kick, the conversion of which would have brought the home side the lead. He failed badly, however, and shot underneath instead of over the bar. In the concluding stages play became fast and exciting, but Cardiff, though hard pressed, held out.

Final—CARDIFF	.....	2	0	10
CHELTHENHAM	.....	0	3	9

COMMENTS.

The game, played in perfect condition, was one of the best seen on the Cheltenham ground for a long time. While Cardiff were the faster side, Cheltenham put up a surprisingly fine show, and may be deemed unlucky to have lost, inasmuch as Bloodworth and Hart missed two easy kicks the conversion of which would have given Cheltenham the lead.

Williams, the Cardiff back, in addition to kicking two very fine goals, played a remarkable fine game at back, and was far better than Watson, the Cheltenham back, who was very shaky in defence. On the Cheltenham had the better of the forwardly, and their work behind was especially good.

30.10.26 Express

CARDIFF V. SWANSEA

Johnson Redivivus ; Cornish Plays Finely

GAME OF BACKS V. FORWARDS

BY OBSERVER

At Cardiff.

Though the weather conditions were ideal there were barely 5,000 spectators on the Cardiff Arms Park to-day, despite the fact that Swansea provided the opposition.

Swansea had to make six alterations through injuries received against the Maoris, and Roy Jones was the only regular three-quarter present, and he was at centre.

Cardiff were without Llew Williams, who was in the strenuous trial match at Pontypridd, Tom John taking his place.

SWANSEA: D. Hopkins; D. Burns, F. Rees, J. Jones, and H. R. Rowlands; J. H. John, J. Grey, D. Roach, D. R. Jenkins, W. Faulk, M. Rice, E. Long, and J. Rees.

CARDIFF: O. Male; R. A. Cornish, D. E. Daves, B. R. Turnbull, and T. Johnson; W. J. Delahay and G. Richards; W. Watkins, K. J. Turnbull, M. O'Regan, R. Bartrell, N. Lewis, D. R. Davies, J. Burns, and F. Lee.

Referee: Mr. W. J. Llewellyn, Bridgend.

Very early on the Cardiff backs were seen to advantage and Cornish was to the fore with a smart cross-kick. It was unfortunate that his forwards were adjudged offside, for the subsequent penalty allowed Swansea to get out of a tight position. Burne was conspicuous with a dash on the right wing, and Fred Rees was to the fore with a neat catch and touch-kick.

All the time the Swansea forwards were playing well, not only giving a good service from the scrums, but doing well in the line-out.

Delahay nearly let his side down when he passed between his legs, and D. Burns had only to crawl over the line after being partially tackled to secure a try. Arthur Cornish gave the home side much needed relief, when he dashed away after Mahews had failed to drop a goal from a somewhat easy position.

Male made a gallant effort to land a penalty goal from half-way, and then came the opening score. Cardiff had been pressing hard on the right flank, and suddenly TOM LEWIS dashed through from ten yards out. Though the kick was from the touch-line OSSIE MALE increased the lead to five points.

Cardiff had matters all their own way subsequently, and K. P. Turnbull was unlucky when he was pulled up for a forward pass with the defence beaten.

Ivor Mathews had to receive attention after an injury, but he soon resumed. After some woefully weak attempts at tackling by the Cardiff forwards, Male saved a very awkward situation with some neat side-stepping and a long touch-kick, and then Cardiff were unlucky not to go further ahead when following fine passing, Danny Davies knocked on after Cornish had cross-kicked.

A further score was not long delayed, however, for MALE, fielding a loose kick, took his time to drop a splendid goal.

Cardiff would have gone further ahead had Gwyn Richards sent out an acceptable pass when he broke up an attack by the All Whites, short-punted, regained possession, and ran up to the full-back.

All the time the Swansea pack was heeling from most of the scrums, but still Cardiff held the upper hand. Male was wide with a shot at a penalty goal, from what seemed an easy position, and B. R. Turnbull nearly got a try with a smart burst. He was at fault a little later when he delayed a pass to Cornish, who was nicely placed.

Cornish, just before the interval, made a magnificent effort to get through, following good work by Delahay and Richards.

Half-time score: G. T. Pts. CARDIFF 2 0 3 SWANSEA 0 0 0 *One dropped.

Swansea made a change in the second half, Danny Hopkins and Fred Rees exchanging places. This had an immediate effect, for in the first few minutes the three-quarters were seen to advantage and following a dash by Rowlands JOE

GREY scored near the posts. Hopkins failed to kick a goal.

Cardiff soon retaliated, for after Male had failed with a penalty kick at goal, three-parts of the length of the field, B. R. Turnbull hung on till the last moment and A. CORNISH had a clear run in, though hotly pressed from behind. MALE converted.

There was more to follow, for close on the heels of this Delahay cut away from his own twenty-five, and gave to JOHN-SON, who, running from half-way, got over in the corner. Male this failed with the kick.

A penalty kick by Male gave Cardiff a firm footing near the Swansea line, but Danny Hopkins went flying away, and it was odds on a score when Cornish, who was racing back towards his own line, was tripped up. The referee promptly whistled for a penalty, though the act seemed accidental.

Once Trew threw a certain try away when he held on too long with the defence beaten. His forwards all through had been giving the backs plenty of the ball, but the nearest they came to scoring was when Ivor Mathews missed his second chance of a dropped goal.

At last Cardiff got going again, and JOHNSON deserved the roar of cheering which greeted his efforts, when, after handing off an opponent in his best style, he rounded Rees and with a run from half-way scored in the corner. Male found the angle too much for him.

Later on Johnson proved yet again that he is not a spent force when he brought D. Burns down in no half-hearted fashion.

Towards the end play was very dull, Swansea holding a territorial advantage, but failing to drive it home. K. P. Turnbull enlivened the proceedings when he broke away from his own line, but from this till the end it was very poor football we saw.

Final score: G. T. Pts. CARDIFF 3 2 20 SWANSEA 0 1 3

OBSERVER'S COMMENTS.

Cardiff seemed ample revenge for their first defeat of the season at St. Helen's, and while the game did not reach the high standard of some of the encounters between the clubs it was a bright one until the closing stages.

Yet once again I saw the Swansea forwards heeling consistently from the scrums to backs who were absolutely incapable of a scoring effort. Cardiff were badly beaten in the scrums, but Delahay held Mathews in subjection, and Gwyn Richards had little difficulty with W. J. Trew.

When I first saw Trew just over a month ago he struck me as a lad of promise, but against the Maoris I had my doubts as to the wisdom of his sudden promotion from the ex-schoolboy ranks to first-class football. That impression was confirmed to-day and I think the Swansea selectors should allow him to graduate through their second fifteen. He has ability, is speedy, and plucky, but experience counts for a good deal.

It was a pity that the Swansea three-quarter line had to be re-arranged through the heavy toll taken at the Maoris game last week, but from what I have seen of their backs I doubt whether their full strength would have made any difference to to-day's result. Even the transferring of Hopkins to centre at half-time failed to stop the rot.

Strangely enough the outstanding successes of the day were Cornish and Johnson, both of whom had "retired." Johnson used his burst with great effect and Johnson emerged from his shell to the great delight of his host of friends. He not only caused roars of applause for his sprints for the line, but frequently brought D. Burns down with his famous effort of for J. H. John had a splendid pack of forwards at his command and it would be unfair to individualise. K. P. Turnbull proved the most brainy of the Cardiff front rank men and Tom Lewis was a good second. Behind was Male in his happiest mood.

In conclusion I must say that in to-day's game there were obvious lessons regarding the selection of the team to meet the Maoris next week.

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CHELTENHAM V. CARDIFF

Visitors' Narrow Victory

At Cheltenham.

CHELTHENHAM: W. Watson; W. Hart, E. Moore, C. Statham, H. Goring; B. Bloodworth, E. Dyer; W. Preece, R. Jukes, C. Harry, R. Wordan, F. Fletcher, D. Stayte, A. Coulston, J. Hobbs.

CARDIFF: A. Williams; A. Harding, E. Corsi, A. Francombe, T. Seaman; H. Poole, T. Davey; T. Arnott, E. Marsh, V. Griffiths, S. Cravos, E. Spillane, W. Palmer, F. Porter, J. Ryan.

Referee: Capt. Blackwell (Gloucester).

There was a crowd of about 2,000 when Arnott kicked off for Cardiff. The game started in the centre, where Cheltenham worked to the Cardiff line, and Dyer started a capital round of passing which ended in HART scoring a try within four minutes of the start. The same player failed to convert. Following this, Cardiff were penalised, and Hart nearly landed a goal with a magnificent kick.

Cardiff now took up the attack, and some passing by Harding and Corsi took play close to the Cheltenham line, but Dyer relieved with a good kick.

In the ensuing play Cardiff strongly pressed, and Poole made a fine effort to score but failed. Keeping up the pressure HARDING obtained from a forward rush, and although keenly tackled fell over with a try for the visitors, which Williams converted with a fine kick. Some capital footwork by the home forwards took play again to the Cardiff line, but the visitors were soon back to the centre. Here Dyer obtained, and made a fine opening for COULSON to score behind the post for Cheltenham, Hart again following with an easy kick.

Half-time score: G. T. Pts. CARDIFF 0 2 6 CHELTHENHAM 1 0 3

After the interval Cheltenham were early attacking, and a splendid chance to score was missed. Both sides missed good opportunities to score, and on one occasion Poole went over, but the try was disallowed. Just afterwards RYAN picked up in the loose and scored for Cardiff, Williams again goaling.

The game continued very fast and open, but principally among the forwards, and several of the players were temporarily injured through keen tackling. Cheltenham tried desperately hard to increase their score, and after several attempts STATHAM beat several of the opposition and won over with a brilliant try for Cheltenham, but again the kick for goal failed.

Final score: G. T. Pts. CARDIFF 2 0 10 CHELTHENHAM 0 3 9

COMMENTS.

The game was splendidly contested throughout, and Cheltenham undoubtedly had more of the game than the visitors, but did not make such good use of their chances. They had the game in their hands on two occasions, but failed to add the extra points with the goal-kick, while Williams landed two beautiful goals with two attempts and won the game for Cardiff, who made frequent mistakes in their passing movements, and it was generally agreed that Cheltenham were unlucky to lose.

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MAORIS SURPRISE CARDIFF.

TOURISTS' TACTICAL VICTORY.

Home Side Outgeneralled.

SPEED PROVES THE DECIDING FACTOR.

(By "Old Stager.")

Whatever views the Maoris may have formed in regard to the welcome which Wales has accorded them, it is certain that after their experiences of to-day they will think rude things, even if they do not actually say them, regarding the vagaries of our climate. Of that they had had some experience prior to to-day—in fact their lapses against Paris, Harlequins, and Devonshire have been partly attributed to the climate, —and the effects of strange food; but the chances are that they had not previously come across such changeable weather as was vouchsafed to Cardiff within a few hours to-day.

MIXED WEATHER.

In the early morning we had typical grey November weather; then came light showers as a prelude to a deluge; while shortly before the match was timed to commence the sun waged a determined battle with leaden grey clouds, through which it shone occasionally. Early this morning the turf of the Cardiff Arms Park was perfect. After the morning downpour it looked as though "the Park" would regain its evil reputation for mud; but an hour before the start it looked distinctly good, though it was obvious it was on the heavy side.

The trouble was, however, that the weather conditions had caused the faint-hearted in Rugby affairs to revise their plans, and the consequence was that half an hour before the start there was not more than 6,000 present, and that at a time when it had been expected that the ground would have been filled. Of course, it is possible, too, that the heavy defeat which the tourists sustained against Devon on Wednesday had had the effect of reducing their "drawing" power, though the novelty of their appearance at Cardiff—they were the first Maori side to play at Cardiff since 1888—ought to have counterbalanced that to some degree.

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was contested in real earnest close to the centre line. There Danny Davies got possession and tried to burst his way through. He met with some success, for the Maoris' tackling was below what it might have been, and the Cardiff forwards, encouraged by this fact, went away in great style with Watkins leading.

They were held up a dozen yards from their objective, where Delahay succeeded in tempting Haupapa to come round the scrummage quicker than is permissible. Male tried for a penalty goal, but though the angle was an easy one he missed it.

The Cardiff forwards had the better of some rushing work in the loose; but when the backs tried handling they lost ground, and Cardiff were tied down to the defence until Gwyn Richards and Cornish worked the short side of the scrummage in a way that manoeuvre should be done. As a consequence of that Cornish got down to the centre before cross-punting, and Felurser was only just in time to field the ball and get it away to touch just before Warson was upon him.

A PENALTY GOAL.

The Cardiff forwards continued to give unmistakable evidence of their work and though some of the play was scrappy Cardiff continued to hold the upper hand. B. R. Turnbull under difficulties tried a "blind" shot at a dropped goal, which went wide and low. However, Cardiff's attacking position was not thrown away by his effort and when the Maoris were penalised MALE placed a fine three points goal.

The Maoris, finding the state of the game far removed from what they desired, set up a strong attack. Lockwood almost got through by means of a single-handed effort. Temporarily the Maoris were beaten back, but that happening was only the prelude to the most brilliant piece of play of the match.

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A miskick by Lockwood was the prelude to further trouble for the Maoris, for Turnbull managed to get the ball away from a melee to Cornish, who made ground with a strong run. Cornish also dribbled through, but Falmassos fielded from his long kick ahead and managed to bring relief.

That relief, however, was of short duration, for Johnson went galloping away, and was within a yard or so of the Tourists' line when Pelham upset him and forced him to touch with a beautiful ankle tackle.

Mistakes in handling by Cardiff's backs prevented the Maoris' forwards with opportunities to dribble away, and as those opportunities were readily seized upon, Cardiff's hold upon the game was definitely broken. Male and Danny Davies did some good defensive work; and when Cardiff at last got moving, there was a great tussle of strength between Johnson and Falmassos, the Maoris' wing refusing to yield to the wriggles of the Cardiff men.

MAORIS FURTHER AHEAD.

Gwyn Richards enlivened the proceedings by making a great single-handed effort which enabled him to gain 20 yards and carried him right through, but he was overwhelmed from behind. Cardiff's attempts at handling the greasy ball, which had never met with much success, definitely produced disaster in the next few minutes.

Dropped passes gave the fast Maoris forwards chances they had been waiting for to dribble through, and at last they actually got the ball across the Cardiff line at the conclusion of one of their dribbles. Cornish, however, had ample time to touch down, but he dived over the top of the ball, and before he could recover DI WI NEERA pounced upon it for a try. Pelham lifted the ball over the bar for the extra points, and with only a few minutes remaining for play it was obvious that with the Maoris 10 points in front the game had already been won and lost.

As it happened, the tourists took no risks. They delivered attack after attack, and Cardiff, making scant use of a couple of penalty kicks, they were able to retain a territorial supremacy. A high punt by Male, following the third penalty kick, placed the Maoris in a quandary for a moment, but they recovered themselves, and when the final came they were just inside Cardiff's half.

Final—MAORIS 3 1 18
CARDIFF 1* 2 0 8
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Many better games of football have been seen on the Cardiff Arms Park than that of this afternoon, which led to the somewhat unexpected defeat of Cardiff. That defeat, too, was one which ought never to have been recorded, and which would have been an impossibility had Cardiff's tactics been as good as their play. Cardiff had the game in their hands, and they threw it away simply because they were badly led and because they lacked football brains. On a day such as to-day, with handling far more of a gamble than a certainty, a team such as Cardiff—possessing an undoubted superiority forward—ought never to have persisted in endeavouring to set up the type of combined attack which, generally, is only successful when the conditions are favourable.

Why the Cardiff forwards should have almost constantly played for their backs is a mystery; why Delahay should have persisted in endeavouring to secure success by means of orthodox combined attacks is a greater mystery still.

SPEED AN ASSET.

Such tactics against a speedy opposition were foredoomed to failure. The Maoris had that speed, especially as far as a few of their forwards were concerned, and all they had to do was to wait for Cardiff to make mistakes in handling and to profit by those mistakes. That the Maoris did, and did right well. Cardiff played the better football in the constructive sense; they made the running practically throughout; and it was their utter disregard of the circumstances and the conditions which proved their undoing. The Maoris were content to defend, to wait for the chances which they knew were bound to come when Cardiff attempted handling; and in the end these tactics proved to be easily the most profitable to be employed on heavy ground, and with a greasy ball. The Maoris' victory was one of tactics rather than of constructive play.

SAFETY FIRST TACTICS.

The standard of play was rarely particularly high. The best of it without a doubt was that which came from the Cardiff backs on the few occasions when they succeeded in handling with certainty and effectiveness when they were not on the run. Their opposition made no endeavour to emulate them in that direction, and, in any view, played badly. The most disappointing game that I have seen in this country since the Cardiff backs in the game that attracted a heavy attendance at Neath, the Maoris did played but little. They were all through out to play, to attack, and to make their own side of their opponents. It is not to be wondered that this was a game of attack that

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A penalty against Cardiff robbed them of the advantage thus gained, and when the Maoris started passing things looked quite dangerous for the Welsh club until Lockwood dropped his pass. Even then the All Blacks had the better of matters, and continued in that happy position until Love broke the Welsh scrum rule and was penalised, Male taking the kick and sending the ball into touch inside the Maoris' half.

VIGOROUS PLAY.

Whatever chance Cardiff had of improving their position disappeared when Lee was penalised for tripping, and play, which was more vigorous than scientific, proceeded almost without incident well out of the respective danger zones. Cardiff were getting the ball out of the scrummages, but Delahay seemed incapable of making good use of it, and Cardiff delayed making headway until Male had cleverly eluded the oncoming Maoris forwards as a preliminary to finding touch at considerable length.

The Cardiff forwards strengthened Cardiff's position with a pretty rush; and when Pelham failed to gather from a high punt by Johnson things looked awkward for the tourists. Lee threw that chance away by kicking too hard, giving Pelham ample time to claim a touch down; but Cardiff were soon back in their opponents' quarters once again. They got there as a result of a full round of passing, in which all of Cardiff's backs, with the exception of Johnson, handled. Cornish, who was the last to take in the movement, cross-punted, and Lockwood and Pelham were in difficulties, from which, however, they managed to extricate themselves.

BOTH SIDES SCORE.

A moment later Lockwood was again tackled in possession almost under his posts, and the ball going loose, it was driven across the Maoris' line, when **DANNY DAVIES** pounced upon it for a try. Male had no difficulty in kicking a goal; and after a quarter of an hour's play Cardiff were five points up.

The Maoris' response was swift and sure, within two minutes they were on the Cardiff line, Falwasser, with a pretty effort, almost cleared the way for Mete, who had run round him and who was bundled into touch by Johnson. A second later a similar movement between Mete and LOVE broke down Cardiff's opposition, and the latter crossed with a try which was deservedly applauded. Pelham's kick almost from the touch line was wide of the mark and Cardiff still led by two points.

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A KEEN STRUGGLE.

Pelham made no such mistake when K. P. Turnbull was penalised for getting off-side when doing some "winging," and Cardiff welcomed the relief which came to them when Male found touch at full length from a penalty against Haupappa at a scrumage.

The relief, however, was short-lived, for D. G. Davies was penalised for tripping, and Pelham found touch on the verge of the Cardiff line. Haupappa receiving from his forwards, tried to force his way over, but was held by Cornish, and a moment later Delahay screw-punted out of danger.

The winging proclivities of the Maoris' forwards were not exactly to the liking of the Cardiff pack, and on one occasion, by taking advantage of the way in which the Maoris' side at the scrumage had been weakened, the Cardiff forwards were able to gain over half a length of the field, and that by wheeling the scrumage and dribbling on.

A NARROW SQUEAK.

Male, who had all along been kicking extremely well, strengthened Cardiff's position with a full-length kick, and Cardiff ought to have gone ahead from one or two combined movements which followed. First of all, Gwyn Richards was only just held, and that just under the posts, while Cornish—from a chance prepared by Delahay, Gwyn Richards, and Turnbull—actually crossed the Maoris' line, but only after colliding with the corner flag.

A penalty against Cardiff brought the tourists some relief, and for some minutes the crowd expressed its disapproval of the tactics of the Maoris' backs, who, not content with standing square with the scrumage, were often actually in front of it.

Male's touch-finding robbed the Maoris of any advantage which might have accrued to them from yet another penalty kick, and for some time Cardiff continued to bang away in the Maoris' quarters. At last Gwyn Richards unduly delayed a pass to Turnbull, with the consequence that the centre was unable to take it, and the Maoris' forwards were able to kick through. Away they went in full cry with the ball at their toes, and it was with difficulty that they were held up twenty yards from Cardiff's line.

MAORIS SCORE AGAIN.

When the ball came loose from the malee which followed, Johnson threw out a wild pass, and the ball went bobbing about until it reached Danny Davies, whose kick was charged down by Mete. The last named was also at hand to field the ball a yard from Cardiff's line and to place DR. WI NEERA in possession for him to dive over with a try.

FINE DEFENSIVE KICKING.

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SPEED AN ASSET.

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SAFETY FIRST TACTICS.

The standard of play was rarely particularly high. The best of it without a doubt was that which came from the Cardiff backs on the few occasions when they succeeded in handling with certainty and effectiveness when they were well on the run. Their opponents made no endeavour to emulate them in that direction, and, in my view, played easily the most disappointing game that I have seen from them on this tour.

Of initiative in the sense that initiative is usually understood at Rugby, the Maoris displayed but little. Their policy all through was to play for safety and to profit from the slips of their opponents. In one sense, it may be argued that this was a state of affairs that was forced upon them, for they were almost constantly harassed by the knowledge that Cardiff's forwards could control the scrummages and could almost at will deprive them of the essential for attack—the ball.

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FATAL ERRORS.

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THE BRIGHTER SIDE.

Outside the general condemnation of the tactics pursued by Cardiff one has little to say by way of criticism of Cardiff's individual backs. Without exception they all contributed much that was worth while seeing, but why they should have readily resorted to long passing and lob passing with the ball in the condition it was is incapable of a reasonable explanation.

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On the few occasions when the Cardiff forwards took matters into their own hands and went ahead with dribbles or rushes, the Maoris were placed at a considerable disadvantage, though one was bound to admire the manner in which the seven Maoris' forwards, and notably Rika, Manherd, and Stewart, settled down to the heavy work in the loose. Tom Lewis stood out for his work in the tight and the loose in the Cardiff pack, and next to him came D. G. Davies and Watkins.

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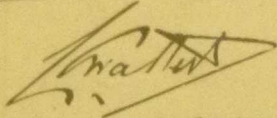
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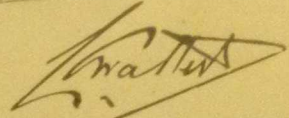
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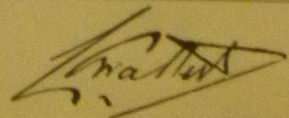
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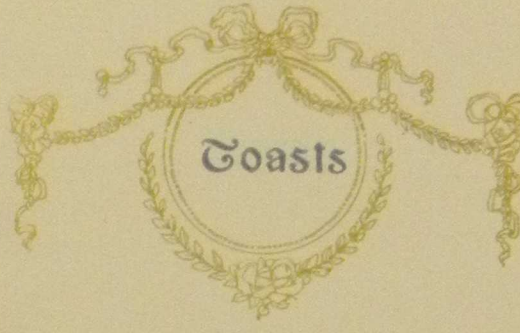
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“The Cardiff Football Team.”
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“The Referee.”

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The Lord Mayor Elect
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requests the pleasure of the Company of

Mr. S. C. Watters

at Luncheon, at the City Hall,

on Tuesday the 9th November, 1926.

at 1.15 o'clock.

R. W. P. To-
The Lord Mayor's Secretary,
City Hall,
Cardiff.

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SATURDAY.

Depart Cardiff (General)	9.40 a.m.
Lunch	12.0 m.d.
Arrive Rugby by L.N.E.	1.16 p.m.
Charabanc to Coventry	
Kick off	2.45 p.m.
Dinner Queen's Hotel Coventry	6.0 p.m.
Sandwiches	11.0 p.m.

SUNDAY.

Breakfast	9.0 a.m.
Dinner	1.0 p.m.
Tea	4.30 p.m.
Supper	8.0 p.m.

MONDAY.

Breakfast	9.0 a.m.
Depart for Rugby by Charabanc	10.45 a.m.
Depart Rugby L.N.E. for Leicester	11.47 a.m.
Arrive Leicester	12.9 p.m.
Lunch Grand Hotel, Leicester	12.30 p.m.
Kick off	2.45 p.m.
Dinner Grand Hotel	6.0 p.m.
Sandwiches	11.0 p.m.

TUESDAY.

Breakfast	9.0 a.m.
Lunch Grand Hotel	12.30 p.m.
Depart Leicester Central	2.28 p.m.
Tea Dining Car	4.30 p.m.
Arrive Cardiff (General)	6.46 p.m.

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CARDIFF v NEWPORT.

Usksiders Bite the "Mud."

RICHARDS' GREAT 'SOLO' & CORNISH'S TR

("By SARACEN.")

At Cardiff.
 No matter what they may have done previously, meetings between Cardiff and Newport are always interested with an exceptional interest and a piquant uncertainty. Thus far this season, Newport's record has been one of inconsistency, and on paper Cardiff seemed likely winners of the second game of the series which took place at Cardiff Arms Park more especially since E. G. Dowdall and W. Friend were absent from the Newport side.

Expectations, however, have been so often falsified that it was recognized that anything might happen. Considering recent heavy rains the ground was in good condition, and there were about 6,000 spectators at the start.

Teams—
CARDIFF—B. O. Male; L. Williams, D. E. Davies, B. R. Turnbull, and R. A. Cornish. W. T. Delahay and Gwyn Richards; Idris Richards, Tom Lewis, D. G. Davies, J. Burns, F. Lee, W. Williams, R. Barrell, and E. Marsh.

NEWPORT—W. Everson; G. Weare, G. Goldsworthy, A. Stock, and Harold Davies; C. J. Jerman and V. M. Griffiths; Dr. W. J. Roche, Tom Jones, R. C. Herrera, Tom Roberts, H. Phillips, D. Jones, M. Burke, and W. Lewis.

Referee—Mr W. J. Llewellyn, Bridgend.
 Cardiff lost the toss and Dr. Roche started against a fair breeze. The crowd was not long waiting for its first thrill, for after some exchange kicking which left play at the centre Danny Davies contributed one of those excellent bursts of which he is capable, and then with the line at his mercy spoilt things by throwing a wretched pass to his wing.

In this position Tom Jones was penalized for offside, but Male failed to place a goal from a moderately easy position. The turf soon began to churn up badly, and its effect was noticeable when B. F. Turnbull slipped; and on a second occasion failed to take his pass when well placed.

Till now play had been confined almost exclusively to the Usksiders' half, but Cardiff's attack was inferior to their opponents' defence, an instance being when Herrera cleverly brought relief.

A SMART TRY.
 Cardiff, however, refused to relax their hold, and at length were ahead with a well-deserved try. From the base of the scrummage the ball travelled from Delahay to Turnbull, who, as he was falling, contrived to pass to Cornish. Harold Davies went for the Cardiff wing, but CORNISH, by cleverly side-stepping and swerving, completely deceived the defence, and went over under the posts for Male to convert.

Territorially, it was all Cardiff's game, and had not the Newport defence been resolute and sure they must have scored at least twice more. As it was, good tackling and clever covering, coupled with uncertainty on the part of the home backs, brought no further score before the interval.

Half—CARDIFF 1 0 5
 NEWPORT 0 0 0

GWYN RICHARDS' GREAT EFFORT.
 Cardiff began the second half in promising style, and carried play to Newport's line with a rousing forward rush. Burns, Lewis, and Barrell leading. They got rather more than an equal share of the ball from the scrummages, too, but once again keen tackling and good kicking, especially by Harold Davies and V. Griffiths, kept them out.

Cardiff, however, were shaping the more

confidently, and the crowd had some such as it delights to see. With the outside the Newport 25 GWYN RICHARDS got possession, and by a clever piece of deceptive running he literally made round the Newport defence to score the best tries seen on the ground this season after running fully 30 yards. Richards' effort well deserved the applause it brought, and Male's kick was only a trifle wide.

Now, for the first time, the Usksiders showed their real strength, and paid initial visit to Cardiff's line. Off-side by them a penalty, but Everson's kick, a one, just went under the bar.

The well-pleased crowd were kept on the tip-toe of enthusiasm, and presently they had another "plum." Cardiff developed an attack on the right, and gathering smartly in the loose Delahay showed his skill and experience in eluding several would-be tacklers until he could get the ball away to CORNISH. The latter went all out for the line, and scored Cardiff's third try, which Male failed to convert.

Newport lost little time in replying for their forwards used their feet to good purpose in dribbling to Cardiff's line. Here the ball was worked out to H. DAVIES, who was temporarily unmarked, and the wing opened Newport's account with a try which Everson converted with a nice kick.

QUICK SCORING.

The visitors found these methods paid, and presently they were back in Cardiff's quarters, Richards touching down just in time. Quickly the sting was taken out of their attack, and with play back at the centre B. R. Turnbull succeeded where Danny Davies failed in breaking through cleanly. At the right moment he sent to CORNISH, and the international romped over with his third try, Male's kick failing to add the extra points.

Once again Newport retaliated with a try through PHILLIPS after a forward rush, but though it was in front of the posts Everson failed to convert.

Final—CARDIFF 1 3 14
 NEWPORT 1 1 8

COMMENTS.

If more of the games between Cardiff and Newport were like this one they would be going every one. A well-pleased crowd left the Park satisfied with a good afternoon's sport, and an exhibition of rugby that was worth venturing out on a dull day to see.

The surprising thing was that with ground and ball heavy there was so much open play and quite good handling. Newport's defeat could be traced to two main causes—weakness behind the scrummages and a slack period at the opening of the second half.

But the outstanding and most pleasing feature of the whole display was Richards' brilliant try, in which he proved that the exploitation of the "dummy" and the swerve are not lost arts in Wales. Apart from this the accuracy of his handling was little short of amazing, and he proved beyond doubt that a greasy ball can be taken and given with greater sureness than many people would have us think.

Cornish was another who shone in attack, and his resolute running was a big factor in Cardiff's success. Both packs did well, and Male again proved his right to be regarded as one of the finest fullbacks in Welsh football.

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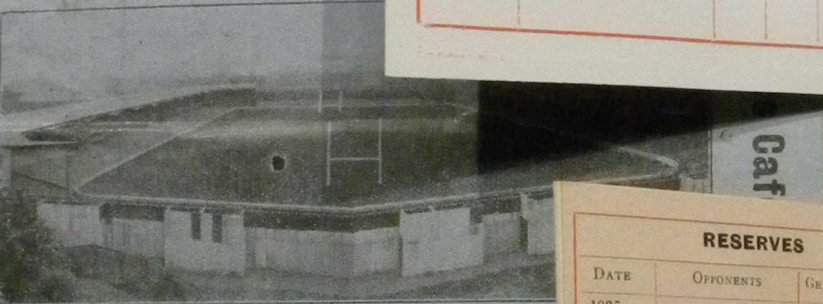


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1926	OPPONENTS	League	Gd	Result
Sat., May 1	Capt. v Vice Capt.			
" " 8	Beechwood ..			
Thurs. " 13	Commercial Travellers ..		Away	
Sat. " 15	Grange ..		Home	
" " 22	Penarth ..	WBA	Home	
Tues. " 25	Wattstown ..	WBA	Away	
Sat. " 29	Windsor ..		Away	
Wed., June 2	Barry Central ..	WBA	Away	
Sat. " 5	Penarth B.V. ..		Home	
Wed. " 9	Dinas Powis ..	WBA	Home	
Sat. " 12	Cardiff ..	P.L.	Away	
Wed. " 16	Barry Romilly ..	P.L.	Home	
Sat. " 19	Bridgend ..		Home	
" " 26	Radyr ..	P.L.	Away	
Wed. " 30	Penhill ..	P.L.	Home	

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Sat July 3	Penylan ..	P.L.	Home	
Wed. " 7	Dinas Powis ..	P.L.	Home	
Sat. " 10	Cardiff ..	P.L.	Away	
Thur. " 15	Cardiff Press ..		Home	
Sat. " 17	St. Fagans ..		Home	
" " 24	Bridgend ..		Away	
Wed. " 28	Beechwood ..		Home	
Sat. " 31	Mackintosh ..	P.L.	Home	
Thur. Aug 5	Cardiff Press ..		Home	
Sat. " 7	Penhill ..	P.L.	Away	
Wed. " 11	Wattstown ..		Home	
Sat. " 14	Mackintosh ..	P.L.	Away	
" " 21	Penylan ..	P.L.	Away	
Wed. " 25	St. Fagans ..		Away	
Sat. " 28	Radyr ..	P.L.	Home	

WBA.—League Games.
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DATE	OPPONENTS	GRND	RESULT	DATE	OPPONENTS	GRND	RESULT
1925				1926			
Sept. 5	Cup Winners ..	Home		Jan. 2	Bristol II ..	Away	
" 12	Chepstow ..	Home		" 9	Aberavon II ..	Home	
" 19	Bristol II ..	Home		" 16	England v. Wales ..	C'diff	
" 26	Swansea II ..	Away		" 23	Spillers' Athletic Club ..	Away	
Oct. 3	Newport II ..	Home		" 30	Treorchy ..	Away	
" 10	Llanharan ..	Home		Feb. 6		Home	
" 17	Gloucester II ..	Home		" 6	Scotland v. Wales ..	Edin.	
" 24	Skewen ..	Home		" 13	Gloucester II ..	Away	
" 31	Aberavon II ..	Away		" 20	Cup Winners ..	Home	
Nov. 7	Pontyclun ..	Home		" 27	Newport II ..	Home	
" 14	Newport II ..	Away		Mar. 6	England (Boys) ..	C'diff	
" 21	Swansea II ..	Home		" 6	Treorchy ..	Home	
" 28	Kenfig Hill ..	Away		" 13	Ireland v. Wales ..	S'sea	
Dec 5	Spillers' Athletic Club ..	Home		" 13	Chepstow ..	Away	
" 12	Bryncethin ..	Away		" 20	Newport II ..	Away	
" 19	Llanharan ..	Away		" 27	Skewen ..	Away	
" *26				April 3	Bryncethin ..	Home	
				" *5	Taunton ..	Away	
				" 5	France v. Wales ..	Paris	
				" 10	League Winners ..	Home	
				" 17	Kenfig Hill ..	Home	
				" 24	District Union finals ..		

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CARDIFF v PORTSMOUTH S.

Thrilling Rugby at the Park.

HOME SIDE PREVAIL IN EXCITING GAME.

(By "Old Stager.")

At Cardiff.

The Portsmouth United Services, the first to defeat Cardiff last season, were visitors Cardiff this afternoon. They brought with them the full side chosen for the game, and Cardiff also did them the honour of fielding a selected. The ground was in remarkably good condition, bearing no visible traces of the recent heavy rains, and the one disturbing factor when the game opened was a slight wind from the River Taff end. Teams:—

CARDIFF—B. O. Male; Llew. Williams, D. Davies, B. R. Turnbull, and R. A. Cornish; W. J. Delahay and Gwyn Richards; Idris Richards, Tom Lewis, D. G. Davies, J. Burns, F. Lee, W. Watkins, R. Barrell, and E. Marsh.

PORTSMOUTH SERVICES.—Midshipman K. A. Sellar, R.N.; Lieutenant A. B. Usher, R.N., Lieutenant R. B. Maxwell, R.A., Sub-Lieutenant J. A. Walsh, R.A.N., and Lieutenant M. Richmond, R.N.; Sub-Lieutenant S. P. Davies, R.N. and Lieutenant T. S. Lee, R.N.; Lieutenant R. D. Fricker, R.N. (captain), Lieutenant D. Orr Ewing, R.N., Lieutenant G. L. Dickens, R.N., Lieutenant J. H. Dale, R.N., Flying Officer A. Hesketh, R.A.F., Lieutenant-Commander P. M. Dawson, R.N., Sub-Lieutenant J. K. Walton, R.A.N., and Lieutenant d'E. G. Chamberlayn.

Referee: Mr G. Romans, Gloucester.

When the game started the attendance was little over a thousand, and was distinctly disappointing. Cardiff opened with two pretty passing bouts, each of which broke down when play reached the wings. Cardiff, however, went strongly to the attack, thanks to some splendid dribbles by D. G. Davies and Burns, and the Services had reason to be grateful to Sellar for the splendid way in which he dealt with those dribbles.

A brilliant individual effort by Gwyn Richards almost carried him through; as a matter of fact he was absolutely clear, with only three or four yards to go, when he was pulled down from behind.

THE SERVICES SCORE.

The Services speedily rid themselves of their difficulties, the dribbling of their fast forwards turning them back to midfield, where Male bravely endeavoured to deal with a bunch of them. As it happened he was unable to get the man in possession, and when Dawson passed to RICHMOND the wing man was free of all opposition. He was fast enough to elude a distance pursuit, and scored a good try, this Dawson goal.

Cardiff lost no time in going to the attack again but they were deprived of any chance of immediate success through Turnbull vainly dropping at goal. They ought, however, to have scored when Danny Davies made a clear-cut opening for Llew Williams, but the wing man dropped the final pass.

FRUITFUL INTER-PASSING.

Cardiff continued to exert pressure, and after Arthur Cornish had been pulled down within a few yards of the line, a perfect piece of inter-passing between Gwyn Richards and LEW WILLIAMS ended in the latter scoring a beautiful corner try. Male missed the goal by inches.

Further endeavours by Cardiff to attack by passing were frustrated, and Dale, one of the Services forwards, replied by giving one of the finest examples of ball control in dribbling ever seen on the ground. His effort did not bring success, but it was the means of enabling the Services to set up a determined attack, in which Davies, Lee and Usher shone. The attack was beaten back, and Male initiated a bout of passing which gained three parts the length of the field, and which ought to have brought Cardiff further success.

That success was only temporarily withheld, for when the Cardiff forwards gave their half-backs possession DELAHAY and Gwyn Richards cleanly outwitted the defence by inter-passing, and the former scored between the posts. Male kicked the goal.

Further attacks by Cardiff followed, and when their passing broke down the Services forwards dribbled through cleverly, and had not Cornish covered Male and brought off a brilliant save, they must have scored.

SOME THRILLS.

Back went Cardiff to the attack, and although they were temporarily held, the ball was ultimately got away from a line-out and Gwyn Richards managed to carve out another another corner try by LEW WILLIAMS. Male kicked a splendid goal, almost from the touch-line.

Further thrills came in the next few minutes, and this time from the Services. First of all, their backs cut through and handled splendidly, and when they were held a couple of forwards took a hand in the passing. Twice the direction of the attack was

altered, and in the end LEE went over beneath the bar with a try. Dawson had no difficulty in goaling.

Temporarily, Cardiff looked like adding to their lead, but they were taken by surprise when the Services dashed away and placed Walsh in possession when he was near midfield, and that at the moment when he was clear owing to the Cardiff defence being spread-eagled, WALSH was fast enough to get clean through to score a try, which Dawson goal.

Half—PORTSMOUTH SER... 3 0 15
CARDIFF 2 1 13

Cardiff were first to attack on resumption, and ought to have scored from a great dribble. As it was they were just held, and the chance was lost when Barrell fielded and threw out a pass which Llew Williams could not reach. That gave Usher the chance to dribble back to midfield, and his forward, following his example, soon forced Cardiff into a strictly defensive position.

A rush by the Cardiff forwards readjusted the position, but the midfield play was of short duration, for the Services' forwards, dribbling grandly, forced Cardiff back and were unlucky in being robbed of a score through the alertness of Male in touching down.

A "KANGAROO" TRY.

The Services, however, were in most determined mood, and when RICHMOND was placed in possession he rounded Cornish, jumped over Male, and scored a corner try, which was not improved upon. With the Services enjoying a five points lead, play became keener, though there was still an abundance of incident to delight the crowd of about 5,000.

Male and Sellar each gave splendid exhibitions of "gathering" and kicking, and though the bulk of the play was against Cardiff for a time, matters were ultimately levelled when Barrell led a rush which carried play into the Services' half.

CORNISH'S GREAT EFFORT.

A couple of efforts by the Cardiff halves to open up the play proved fruitless, but ultimately they managed to place CORNISH in possession, and he, running diagonally and with great determination, succeeded in worming his way through the defence for a fine try. Male kicked the goal, and the teams equally shared 36 points—a remarkable position.

Still, Cardiff were not satisfied. They pressed grimly, and were met with an equally grim defence. Once Cornish appealed for a penalty try, but the appeal went unheeded. Cardiff, however, would not give up, and at the conclusion of a rush, which was led by TOM LEWIS and Marsh, the former secured a try to which Male added the extra points. Play right to the end was in keeping with the high standard set earlier.

Final—CARDIFF 4 1 23
PORTSMOUTH SERV. 3 1 18

COMMENTS.

If Cardiff continues to be provided with Rugby of the type of this afternoon, it will soon become necessary to forget to criticise in order to devote one's time to the task of coining new laudatory expressions. It was real Rugby—clean, clever and determined football: just the kind of football the crowd delights to see. The rewards that came for the good work, too, were unstinted: over 40 points were registered, without any semblance of a fluke about any one of them; and the only regret one feels is that a team which did so excellently as the Services did should have been defeated.

On the surface it may seem, from the fact that the defences were broken on nine occasions, that there was something lacking in defence, but, as a matter of fact, that was not so. The defences were strong and resolute, and all the tries were rewards for skilful attacking work of quite a high order.

How little there was between the teams is shown by the scoring, and as there was not a weak spot in either team it is unnecessary to refer to individuals. Cardiff relied mainly upon the correct execution of the methods that were formerly known as "truly Welsh"—methods in which the forwards were subservient to the interests of the backs.

The Services, on the other hand, though having the aid of a back division capable of holding its own in any company, placed most reliance upon the dribbling of its forwards—and that dribbling might well serve as a pattern to all the Welsh packs I have seen. Dale was the star artiste in ball control, but his colleagues were also extraordinarily good. It was a great game, brilliantly played.

Cardiff Athletic Club

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CARDIFF V. SERVICES

Exhilarating Contest at the Park

BY OBSERVER

Faithful Cardiff Rugby followers did not expect that after the rain of the morning the sun could shine upon Portsmouth Services on their annual visit to the Cardiff Arms Park to-day, and there were not a thousand people present at the time of the kick-off.

The ground had made a wonderful recovery after the "deluge" of the past couple of weeks, and the weather conditions at the commencement were ideal. The Services were without some familiar faces, several internationals having been transferred to foreign stations and others were on strike duty. Teams:—

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Referee: Mr. G. Romans, Gloucester.

THE GAME.

Attempts by Cardiff to open up the game were successful, but a couple of bright passing movements did not carry them far. When the forwards took the situation in hand with dribbles they first found Sellar too clever for them, and next Lewis kicked too hard.

Gwyn Richards enlivened the proceedings with a solo run and neat punt, and he was unlucky to be pulled down from behind. The Services had been having the worst of the argument, but suddenly they took advantage of some slackness by the Cardiff backs at half-way and took the lead. Their forwards dribbled smartly and at the right moment RICHMOND gathered and showed a clean pair of heels to the opposition to score wide out, DAWSON converted.

Llew Williams might have got a try just afterwards when the Cardiff backs passed, but he missed an awkward ball. On the other flank Cornish, after good work by D. E. Davies, was only just held in time, and then came a score for the home side.

Gwyn Richards had been a shining light to date, and there was some clever inter-passing between LLEW WILLIAMS and his inside man, which saw the former Treorchy man over in the corner. Male was just wide with the kick at goal.

After Marsh had been stopped by the clever Sellar, when he looked like getting clear with a dribble at the other end, Ewing was stopped by Gwyn Richards in the nick of time as he was going off with a solo dribble.

Cardiff certainly deserved to take the lead just afterwards, for most of the aggressive work had come from them. D. E. Davies made headway with a burst, but his flank was well covered, and then came DELAHAY at the right moment to score from a return pass. This time MALE converted.

It was proving an exhilarating game of Rugby, the players of both sides giving of their best. Burns was once almost clear with a dribble, and again it was young Sellar who prevented a score. Later a Cardiff went further ahead, thanks to the initiative of Gwyn Richards. He made tracks for the line from 25 yards out, and LLEW WILLIAMS was over before the defence could recover.

The visitors immediately responded, and they had the defence hopelessly out of position when T. S. LEE, receiving from Maxwell, went over from the posts. DAWSON again converted.

The Cardiff forwards were doing some splendid work in the open, and some of their dribbles would have carried them through a less resolute defence than that possessed by the Portsmouth men.

However, the Services were always on the alert to snap up opportunities, and just on half-time Maxwell intercepted when Cardiff started passing at half-way, and J. A. WALSH won flying away to score in the corner. DAWSON converted with a magnificent kick.

Half-time score:	G.	T.	Pts.
PORTSMOUTH SERV.	3	0	15
CARDIFF	2	1	13

SECOND HALF.

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forwards once more just failing to get past Sellar.

Male signalled his return with some neat kicking, and when the Portsmouth forwards swept through the defence with the ball at their toes it was D. E. Davies who got back to save the situation by conceding a minor.

However, the Services were not to be denied, and RICHMOND, though tackled by Male, hurled himself over with a try following a blind-side movement. Dawson found the angle too much for him.

Cardiff attacked after this, but there was not enough ginger in their efforts. The nearest they came to scoring was when Llew Williams received ten yards out, but he was well covered. Five points down, his side struck a bad patch, the Services' forwards heeling from quite a number of successive scrums and doing quite well in loose dribbles. The best done by Cardiff in response to this was a dribble by Frank Lee, which Usher cleverly stopped by hooking to touch.

After this Cardiff warmed up, and their subsequent score was well earned. Gwyn Richards cut through cleverly, and ARTHUR CORNISH put the finishing touches through sheer grit. MALE brought the scores level with a splendid kick.

This success had the desired effect on the home men, who came again with great determination, the forwards doing great things in the loose, and once almost breaking through the stubborn defence through their weight. However, the most they could do was to force a minor. The backs, too, had improved and took part in some sparkling passing movements.

Eventually reward came to them though it was the forwards who put the finishing touches. Three or four of the home pack swept through, and BARELL was awarded a try. MALE increased the lead with his fourth goal of the day.

Sheer grit should have given Dale a score when the visitors responded, but Male and Llew Williams smothered him as he was getting clear just on the final.

Final score:	G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF	4	1	23
PORTSMOUTH SERVICES	3	1	18

OBSERVER'S COMMENTS.

My only regret to-day was that so few people saw such an attractive game—there were not more than 5,000 present, though rain held off throughout.

The five points separating the sides at the finish just about sums up the superiority of the home side, though until the last minutes the Servicemen were always dangerous, eager to seize upon any stray passes and on their toes all the time.

It was, however, in front that Cardiff won the day. At one period the forwards seemed to have shot their bolt, but they revived, and towards the close had the game well in hand. Strangely enough, they did not show their best form until the Portsmouth side held the lead the second time, but there could be no holding them after that. D. G. Davies, Lee, and Lewis were then well to the fore in loose dribbles, which always caused trouble for the defenders.

The outstanding man of the day was Gwyn Richards, who on his form is well worthy of a trial by the Welsh Rugby Union. He has made vast strides since he joined the club last season, and there can be few more thrushful stand-off halves in the country.

More than this former Brynethin youth, he is an ideal partner for Delahay, who, by the way, got through a tremendous amount of work to-day.

We saw two full-backs of the highest order and because he had more work to do than Male, the Servicemen, Sellar, was the more prominent. He played without flourish and was in no small measure responsible for keeping the scores so close. His best was seen when stopping forward rushes.

There is no need to make further mention of individuals beyond singling out J. H. Dale, who in appearance and style resembles Tom Joyce. England have here a ready-made successor to the Gloucester forward. It is rare that we see the ball full speed, and in addition he possesses a perfect pair of hands.

Mr. George Romans, of Gloucester, was called upon to take charge of the game through this being the first occasion on which the two teams had played under the International Board rules and right well did he officiate. To him belongs the deal of it.

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CARDIFF VERSUS PONTYPRIDD

Close Battle Ends in a Draw

Pontypridd, the visitors to Cardiff Arms Park to-day, are the only Welsh club faced with the strong opposition of the Rugby League in South Wales, but in spite of this fact the committee of the amateur club are in no way despondent and the team have up to date done very well against some of the best Welsh clubs.

They fielded a strong team for to-day's game. Cardiff, on the other hand, included several new comers, three of whom were drawn from the Cardiff and district clubs.

PONTYPRIDD: Dan Collins; Burgess, W. Harrison, Sid Barnes, T. Isaac; Lew Davies, J. Patch; R. Elliot (capt.), J. Cummings, F. Kempson, A. Thomas, T. Coles, P.C. Lett, S. James, S. Lott.

CARDIFF: Trevor Lee; E. N. Morgan, G. M. Francombe, Vic Cravos, Bert Nicholls; Howard Poole, T. Alan Davey; V. Griffiths, E. Spillauer, W. Horrocks, J. Ryan, H. Sharp, S. C. Cravos, M. O'Regan, A. Cundy.

THE GAME.

Tim Cummings kicked off for Pontypridd in ideal football weather. From the first scrum the visitors attempted to open up the game, but Francombe stopped the movement by intercepting a pass, and the home forwards dribbled into the visitors territory.

With play at half-way Llew Davies was penalised at the scrum, Lee gaining a good slice of ground with the resultant kick. Pontypridd were getting a fair share of the ball from the scrums, and good kicking saw them carry play to the home half.

A smart pick up S. Cravos saw the home backs off with passing, but Francombe's pass to Noel Morgan was very badly given with the result that the visiting forwards were able to dribble away. Lee gained considerable ground from a penalty, and with play in the visiting twenty-five the home backs started passing, but although Noel Morgan made a great effort to score he was pushed into touch a yard from the line.

Weak play by the Cardiff pack saw the visitors relieve the pressure, and when one of the home forwards got offside Collins tried to place a goal from half-way, but failed badly.

The visitors contributed what up to now was the brightest piece of play. Llew Davies started his backs going from inside the Pontypridd twenty-five, and Isaacs made a fine run for the line, but when he passed inside Vic Cravos intercepted the pass and kicked to touch.

With play in front of the home posts the visitors were awarded a penalty, and J. Cummings landed an easy goal to put the visitors three points ahead after twenty-five minutes' play.

The home forwards used their feet to advantage after this, but their efforts lacked sting.

Again the visitors provided a bright movement, and had Harrison not lost the ball things would have looked awkward for Cardiff. Sid Cravos raised the hopes of his side with a smart breakaway from his own twenty-five, but when faced by Collins he passed to Francombe, who dropped the ball when a score seemed certain.

Collins earned applause with some fine kicking when Francombe short-punted him an attempt to go through.

Half-time score:	G.	T.	Pts.
PONTYPRIDD	1	0	3
CARDIFF	0	0	0

SECOND HALF.

Cardiff forwards rushed play to the visiting line immediately after the resumption, but their play was of a scrambling nature. Noel Morgan was prominent with a run, but after rounding Isaacs he was hounded in by two or three of the visitors.

On several occasions the ball was got out to the home backs, but they made a hopeless mess of things, and the bustling tactics of the visitors despatched them in several promising attacks.

Sid Cravos broke away from a line-out, but when he passed to Horrocks, that player lost a certain try by dropping his pass. The home side were having the better of the game now, and although they made desperate efforts to score, the visitors' defence was too good. Vic Cravos made a fine effort to go through, but was held up by numbers.

Fine kicking by Dan Collins enabled the visitors to come out of the danger zone. Jim Burns broke away with a fine dribble, but Collins again came to the rescue, and although tackled, managed to put the ball to touch. In vain did the home side try to wipe out the debit, but Bert Nicholls, after receiving a bad pass, nearly reached the objective, but a fine tackle by Collins kept the ball on the line stopped the Cardiff progress.

At last Cardiff met with reward, BERT NICHOLLS dashing over after receiving from Poole. Lee failed to convert. The final whistle came immediately after with the scores level.

Final score:	G.	T.	Pts.
CARDIFF	0	1	3
PONTYPRIDD	1	0	3

COMMENTS.

Cardiff forwards, and indeed, with the exception of Trevor Lee, were not at all up to the mark in their play.

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CARDIFF v PONTYPRIDD

Honours Even.

A LAST-MINUTE THRILL.

(By "SARACEN.")

Included in the Cardiff team which met Pontypridd at Cardiff Arms Park to-day was E. Noel Morgan, brother of Guy Morgan and a nephew of Dr. Teddy Morgan, whilst Dan Collins, the ex-Cardiff back, assisted Pontypridd. Teams:—

CARDIFF.—Trevor Lee; E. Noel Morgan, G. H. Francombe, V. Cravos, and Bert Nicholls; Howard Poole and T. A. Davey; H. Sharp; J. Ryan, E. Spillane, T. Burns, W. Horrocks, A. Candy, M. O'Regan, and S. Cravos.

PONTYPRIDD.—Dan Collins; J. Burgess, T. Isaac, Sid Barnes, and T. Harrison; L. Davies and J. Patch; R. Elliott, J. Cummings, A. Thomas, T. Coles, S. Lott, S. James, F. Kempton, and P.C. Lett.

Referee.—Mr J. Thomas, Penrhiwceiber. Owing to the similarity in the club colours of the respective sides, Cardiff fielded in white. Their forward work was good enough to give them an early advantage, but this was entirely lost through bad passing amongst the backs, and especially Vic Cravos. The two new wings, Nicholls and Morgan, however, soon showed that they had ability, especially the latter, and Pontypridd's effective tackling was the right method to employ.

Bad as the passing was amongst the home backs, it was even worse on the Pontypridd side, and play was very scrappy until Burgess livened it up with a bright run on the left. This left the visitors in a good position, and when Cardiff were penalised CUMMINGS gave them the lead with a penalty goal. Spillane led his forwards in several short, sharp bursts, but did not receive adequate support from his backs, especially in the centre. On the other side Isaac contributed a clever burst without the ball, which he lost on the way.

Pontypridd were having slightly the better of matters, and Collins helped them on one occasion by doing the work of a centre and full back. Pontypridd were pressing at the interval, when Sid Cravos brought relief with a 30 yards run on his own.

Half—PONTYPRIDD	.....	1	0	3
CARDIFF	.....	0	0	0

†Penalty.

Good mark by Cravos and Spillane, and a charge sprint by E. N. Morgan, gave Cardiff a strong position on the resumption, but again the centres were at fault, and Cummings and P.C. Lett were able to dribble away. Collins' defensive work was always a feature as much as the fact that the Cardiff wing had to find their own chances. Even Poole's attempt to open up the play failed partly because his own handling was far from what it might have been.

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Final—CARDIFF	0	1	3
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COVENTRY v CARDIFF

Great Game With Midlanders.

WELSH BACKS DELIGHTFUL PLAY.

At Coventry.

COVENTRY.—G. Pitcher; S. J. Harley, H. J. Pemberton, L. Bowkett, and H. Lee; O. Hicks and W. E. Lale; N. Pugh, A. H. Evans, T. Coulson, R. V. Howell, E. Ford, H. Wheatley, F. West, and A. Wyman.

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The renewal of an acquaintance relinquished over 14 years ago is always an interesting event, and with Coventry now at their zenith the visit of Cardiff was a real tit-bit for the Midlanders. Enthusiasm is carrying Coventry well into the front rank, and they were eager to meet the experience and skill provided by the Welsh Metropolitan. It was natural, therefore, that the game attracted a record crowd numbering 12,000. The weather was gloriously fine and sunny. Cardiff kicked off against a slight breeze.

There was a great deal of open play in the early stages of the game for the marking was much too close, and, furthermore, the forwards kept the ball tight. Some very hot scrummaging took place, and honours also almost equal on either side. If anything, the home pack were a little more mobile and were more eager to use their feet. Delahay once started a movement which was carried out by Turnbull, John and Williams, but Pemberton brought down the wing before the movement had got into the home 25. The touch kicking by Bowkett helped the home side a lot, and took the play to mid-field, where Hicks, Coulson and Lee made headway, although Male brought the movement to a full stop just inside the Cardiff 25.

The cheering of the big crowd was heartening, for, although they were naturally elated when the Coventry fifteen were pressing, they were not dumb when the Welshmen advanced. A particularly hearty cheer was given to some clever dodgy work by Delahay, who held up a Coventry foot rush in daring style and made some ground before he was grassed.

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COVENTRY	0	2	6

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Coventry never quite gave up hope of getting on terms again, and they played with great determination. None the less, Cardiff were now in command, and JOHN settled matters by going over for the final try, and in the end Cardiff proved winners by two placed goals, one dropped goal and one try to Coventry's three tries.

Final—CARDIFF	12	1	17
COVENTRY	0	3	9

†One dropped.

COMMENTS.

The eagerly anticipated game at Coventry did not disappoint. Early it looked as though Coventry's fiery zeal was going to carry the day. The coolness of the Cardiff fifteen, however, gradually wore them down. One liked the dash of the Coventry forwards in the loose, and the ingenuity of Hicks, Bowkett, and Pemberton in defence.

The Cardiff backs were sound in defence and methodical in attack. Cornish's dropped was a marvel, and Richards' first try was clever in another way. Turnbull and John did some fine work, as did Delahay; while Male's kicking was never more valuable to his side.

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CARDIFF v NEATH.

All Blacks Unlucky To Lose.

VISITING FORWARDS IN GREAT FORM.

(By "SARACEN.")

At Cardiff.
Neath, who have enjoyed a moderately successful season so far, were visitors to Cardiff Arms Park to-day, where the young backs were up against others with a blend of experience and youth. Their chief absentee was George Barclay, whilst B. R. Turnbull and Idris Richards were away from the home side. The attendance was disappointing, there being no more than 3,000 present at the start, which took place shortly after 2.30 p.m. Teams:—

CARDIFF—B. O. Male; Llew Williams, D. E. Davies, J. H. John, and R. A. Cornish; W. J. Delahay and Gwyn Richards; Tom Lewis, D. G. Davies, J. Burns, F. Lee, W. Watkins, K. P. Turnbull, R. Barrell and E. Marsh.

NEATH—Tom Bowen; Dan Jones, Gwyn Parker, Emrys Jones, and Sam Jones; J. Owen and E. Matthews; D. Pascoe, A. Lemon, G. Edwards, T. Arthur, T. Hoilindale, Hector Davies, Tom Evans, and Evan Harris.

Referee—Mr R. Fearn, Blaengarw.
The start was uninteresting, though Pascoe came near to making the most of a penalty after offside by Barrell and a knock-on close to his own line by Male. Those who were not aware of the speed possessed by Dan Jones, however, were soon to get an illustration of it. Neath heeled from four out of the first six scrummages, some of these taking place in Cardiff's 25. The ball went all along the line till it reached DAN JONES. Jones immediately made for the line, and running with splendid resolution swerved past Male and crossed with the first try, which Pascoe should have converted, but failed.

QUICK SCORING.

Cardiff were slow at breaking-up, and Neath backs, therefore, had more time than they should have had to get moving. Twenty minutes after the start, Cardiff forwards showed what they were capable of in the loose, and a good dribble, with Lewis, Marsh and Barrell in front, brought its due reward when BARRELL went over for Male to convert.

Having thus warmed to their work, Cardiff improved and soon an opportunistic try came the way of GWYN RICHARDS. The Cardiff half profited from some loose passing on the part of Parker and Dinny Jones, and nipped in between them to intercept and cross the line under the posts. Male converted.

NEATH'S SECOND SCORE.

Neath continued to do practically all the heeling, and had their halves made the most of their chances it would have had the reward it deserved. As it was, several of them went astray before Fam and Emrys Jones got moving on the right. Male should have heeled

the wing, but JONES easily side-stepped him and run in under the bar. Pascoe added the extra points.

Half—CARDIFF	2	0	10
NEATH	1	1	8

Bowen, who had all along been doing well, proved his worth to Neath soon after the resumption when he made no mistake in stopping Cornish, who must otherwise have got over.

At the other end Dan Jones made another useful run, and it had to be conceded that the All Blacks were having as much of the game as Cardiff at this stage. Delacey was strangely at fault on several occasions, and Cardiff owed the next score to a splendid piece of work by Burns.

Danny Davies and Richards found themselves hemmed in, and Burns broke through before sending a well-timed pass to CORNISH, who, as a result, was able to romp over behind the posts, Male again converting.

A NEATH TIT-BIT

But the choicest bit was yet in store—and it came from Neath. Cardiff were well inside the visitors' half when Matthews got possession. He got off the mark with alacrity, and weaving his way, first this way and that, completely baffled the defence with an excellent burst before sending on to HECTOR DAVIES. Matthews had gained fully 50 yards, and Davies had but to run to score. Pascoe's kick taken from a difficult position, failed.

A bad miss by Danny Davies nearly let Emrys Jones through, and there was some doubt as to whether or not Richards should have been penalised for refusing to play the ball, the Neath committeemen loudly insisting that he should.

At all events, Cardiff were certainly fortunate to be ahead, and time was called with Neath behind when they might easily have been ahead.

Final—CARDIFF	3	0	15
NEATH	1	2	11

COMMENTS.

Cardiff will not obtain any luckier victories than they did this afternoon, for Neath were clearly entitled to an equal share of the spoils. They did not get it, but at all events they have the satisfaction of knowing that the best movements of the match came from them. Cardiff missed both Turnbull and Idris Richards and particularly the latter, for out of the many scrummages they did not get possession on more than three occasions.

Neath's young side gave a highly creditable display and their chief need is a little more steadiness and accuracy in passing. Matthews was a frequent offender in this respect but his brilliant burst at the close atoned for much.

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SOUTH WALES FOOTBALL

TREORCHY v CARDIFF

Aided by Luck.

TREORCHY GO DOWN

At Taenmawr. Treorchy, in cold, crisp weather.

Notwithstanding the counter attraction, New Zealand v. Wales at Pontypridd, there were about 2,000 present when a prompt start was made. In view of the excellent record of both teams this season a good fast game was anticipated. Treorchy made three changes, W. D. Davies instead of Broughton, J. B. Jones instead of T. Parry, and E. Meredith instead of B. Bollege. Teams:—

TREORCHY—F. Owen; A. Boxall, J. B. Jones, P. C. D. Thomas, and J. Thomas; C. Boxall and E. W. Jones; Dan Thomas, P. C. J. Hole, W. D. Davies, D. R. James, E. Meredith, G. Collins, W. J. Ishmael, and W. Thomas.

CARDIFF—A. Williams; B. Nicholls, A. V. Harding, G. Franklin, and P. Seaman; H. Poole and P. A. Davey; P. Amott, F. Porter, F. C. Cravos, E. Griffiths, T. Burns, J. Spillane, J. Ryan, and W. Horrocks.

Referee—Captain S. H. Trigg, Taffs Well.
Treorchy kicked off and Francombe was tackled before he could return. From the resultant scrum the visiting backs got away smartly, and a lovely bout of passing ended in Nicholls being forced into touch on the line. A smart movement initiated by E. W. Jones saw the Treorchy backs get away, and the Cardiff line was in danger for a time. Treorchy were getting good service from the scrum, but the visiting defence was very sound.

Following a scrum, Fred Owen tried a drop goal, which failed by inches, the effort bringing loud applause. A forward rush by the Cardiff pack ended in a brilliant save by Owen. The referee at this stage had occasion to speak to both sets of forwards with reference to their tactics.

The home forwards started a splendid bout of passing, and were only stopped when Francis intercepted. Cardiff crossed following a nice round of passing, but the linesman ruled Seaman in touch; the referee concurred. They did not have to wait long, however, for HARDING romped home with a fine try. A. Williams failed with the kick. The Cardiff forwards used their weight unduly and were able to force the home eight as they liked.

A forward rush resulted in CRAVOS crossing with the Cardiffians' second try. A solo run by BOXALL resulted in that player scoring after a fine exhibition of the dummy. D. R. James failed with the kick.

This surprise score nettled the Cardiffians and their backs gave an excellent display of Welsh football. They were unfortunate at half-time for the whistle sounded when they were on the home line.

Half—CARDIFF	0	2	6
TREORCHY	0	1	3

On the resumption the home back combined splendidly, and a certain try was averted only by a deliberate act of obstruction by a Cardiff forward. Vauxhall was unfortunate in losing the ball with only the back to beat. Cardiff were penalised for a scrum infringement, but forwards soon carried play into the home 25. Cardiff were awarded a penalty kick for the same reason and A. WILLIAMS landed a splendid goal.

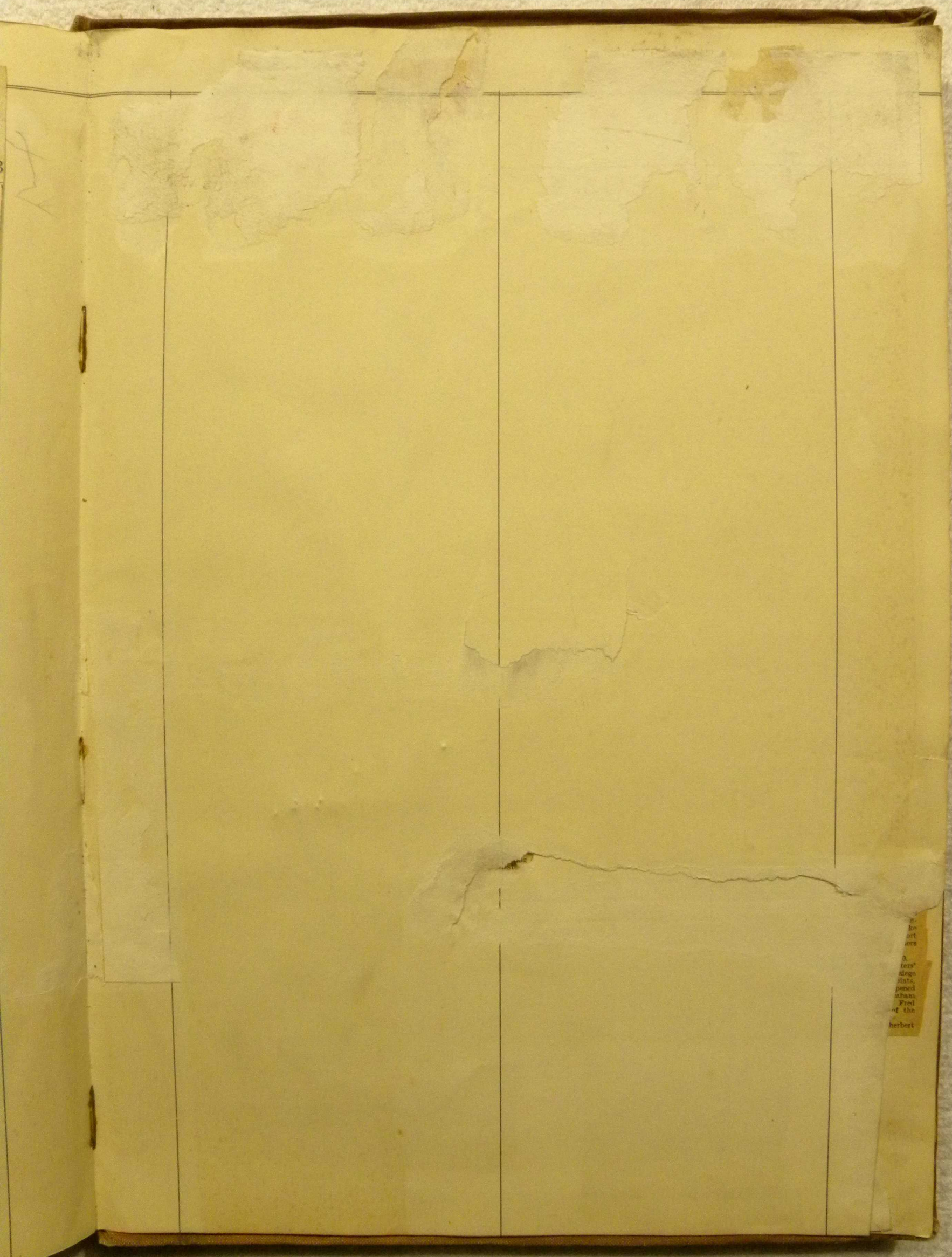
A sensational score came the way of Cardiff soon afterwards; a Cardiff forward picking up the ball from a melee on the line and was awarded a try. A. Williams failed to add the extra points. Play was conferred to the forwards for some time, and Cardiff were again penalised at the scrum. The free kick awarded Treorchy gave them much needed relief.

Boxall crossed for Treorchy, but was called back by the referee, the crowd showing its displeasure by booing and hissing. S. Spillane was injured in a tackling encounter, and was obliged to receive attention by both trainers. A sensational race for possession between Wyndham Thomas and Arthur Williams resulted in Williams getting the ball, thus relieving the situation. The home team were certainly not beaten, for just on time J. B. JONES crossed with a beautiful try.

Final—CARDIFF	1	3	12
TREORCHY	0	2	6

COMMENTS.

Cardiff showed their superiority, but the luck was with them. A. Williams, at full-back, was a tower of strength, whilst Ted Spiller was Cardiff's outstanding forward. The Cardiff backs had a pull in strength, which they used to advantage. Fred Owen served Treorchy well at full-back, whilst



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LLANELLY v. CARDIFF.

Tinplaters Get Revenge.

KEEN DUEL AT STRADEY PARK.

At Llanelly. Always big favourites at Llanelly, Cardiff were given a rousing reception by an excellent crowd. The conditions for the match were ideal. The Tinplaters were beaten at Cardiff two months ago.

Changes were necessary in the home side, Dia John was an absentee owing to an injury at Penarth last Saturday, and his place at outside half was taken by Tom Evans, Hay coming into the right centre position as a reserve. Llanelly gave a trial on the right-wing to G. Bregazzi, a Pontardulais wing, otherwise Llanelly were at full strength. Cardiff fielded as selected.

LLANELLY—E. Thomas; E. Finch, A. Jenkins, S. Hay and C. Bregazzi; E. Jenkins and Tom Evans; I. Jones, E. Griffiths, I. Jones, Bobbie Evans, L. Thomas, F. Harris, A. Parker and H. Morris.

CARDIFF—B. O. Male; R. A. Cornish, B. R. Turnbull, D. E. Davies and L. Williams; W. J. Delahay and G. Richards; T. Lewis, R. Barrell, J. Burns, W. Watkins, F. Lee, W. T. Turnbull, E. Marsh and F. Porter.

Referee: Mr T. H. Vile, Newport.

Cardiff attacked momentarily after the kick off, but Llanelly got on the aggressive mainly through a lengthy kick by Albert Jenkins, which was supported by a rush on the part of the home forwards. From a line-out there followed a splendid concerted movement on the part of the visitors.

Delahay quickly set his forwards in motion from a scrum in the Llanelly 25, and Turnbull and Cornish made good progress, the ball being finally sent along to D. E. Davies, but the last named's pass to J. Williams was forward, and the movement, which was a good one up to then, was upset.

Good work by the Llanelly forwards, in which Harry Morris and Ivor Jones were prominent, regained the lost ground, and when Albert Jenkins tried to place a goal from a penalty he failed to raise the ball.

GRIFFITHS SCORES.

Llanelly now continued to hold the advantage, and a splendid individual effort on the part of Emrys Griffiths from a line-out in the Cardiff 25 led to a score. GRIFFITHS took the ball cleverly and dodged his way through to score a try, which Ivor Jones failed to convert.

When later Llanelly were hard pressed Hay cleared temporarily, but with Cardiff regaining a footing in the Llanelly 25 Gwyn Richards took a drop at goal, but failed. Delahay was frequently prominent, and started a number of passing bouts, but the Cardiff handling up to this point was disappointing. In quick succession both lines were hotly bombarded, but the defences withstood the strain.

As the game proceeded play brightened up considerably, both sides showing a tendency to open out play. Passing was now of a more accurate character, but the defences were sound. Male and Lewis Thomas in turn distinguished themselves.

When, on one occasion, just before the interval, Lewis Thomas found himself hard pressed, he made a gallant effort to clear his line in the course of which he was "laid out" and had to leave the field. Hay went to the full-back position, while Emrys Griffiths came out of the forwards to the centre.

On resuming play Cardiff got a free kick, but Male's effort at goal was unsuccessful. After a long period on the defence, Llanelly

forwards went out with a great rush, and as a result ALF PARKER scored Llanelly's second try, which Albert Jenkins failed to convert. Cardiff were attacking when the interval was called.

Half—LLANELLY	0	2	6
CARDIFF	0	0	0

After the interval E. Thomas was able to resume. Llanelly were kept defending for a time, the Cardiff forwards being responsible for some good work, in which Jim Burns and Porter were prominent. Gwyn Richards made one spectacular burst, in the course of which he beat several Llanelly players, but was brought down by Ewart Thomas within a few yards of the line.

At this stage of the game Cardiff were doing practically all the pressing, and it looked as though they must get through the home defence when three of their forwards with the ball at their feet went away with a dribble for the Llanelly 25. Hay, however, cut in to save what looked like an awkward situation for the Scarlets, and a free-kick to the home side relieved the pressure.

During a short spell in the attack Llanelly were given another free-kick, as a result of which Ivor Jones narrowly failed to place a goal.

Back to the attack again, the Cardiff pack brought off a splendid bout. Cornish appeared to have a clear course to the line when Finch ran across and brought him down in great style. For a few minutes Cardiff literally bombarded the Llanelly line, and after a series of onslaughts WATKINS crossed with a try, which Male failed to convert, the ball striking the upright.

After this reverse Llanelly took up the running once more, and Hay sent out a pass to Finch, who ran well for the line, but was recalled for a forward pass. On a few occasions after this Llanelly all but got through the Cardiff defence, and an attempt at goal from a penalty by Albert Jenkins came near the mark. Cardiff rushed to the other end and were attacking strongly at the final whistle.

Final—LLANELLY	0	2	6
CARDIFF	0	1	3

COMMENTS.

It was a keen game, fought at a very fast pace throughout. The forwards had a big say in the argument, and the Cardiff pack were on the whole more reliable than the Llanelly eight.

Territorially the visitors held a distinct advantage, but that they did not cross the Llanelly line is a tribute to the Llanelly defence. Llanelly did better in the first half, and their lead by 6 points at the interval was well merited.

There were times when the passing of both sides was distinctly good, and well up to the standard associated with games between the two sides.

Llanelly made good use of their opportunities in the first half, while Cardiff had a number of chances later in the game, but were unable to avail themselves of them.

Delahay, who was the live wire of the Cardiff side, frequently initiated attacking movements in which Turnbull and Cornish were often a source of danger. Male was frequently tested, but never found wanting. On the Llanelly side, Jenkins, Evans and Thomas defended well.

CARDIFF v Echo

ABERTILLERY

Dramatic Win.

VISITORS SPRING SURPRISE.

(By "SARACEN.")

For some unaccountable reason there was an exceedingly poor attendance at Cardiff Arms Park despite the fact that Abertillery, who had won ten matches in succession, provided an attractive fixture. When a start was made shortly before 2.45 there were not more than 2,000 spectators present, and at 2.30, the time fixed for the kick-off, there were less than 500.

CARDIFF—A. Williams; Bert Nicholls, J. H. John, V. Cravos and E. Noel Morgan; Howard Poole and T. Alan Davey; T. Arnett, E. Spillane, Idris Richards, Victor Griffiths, H. Sharp, S. C. Cravos, T. Burns and A. Cundy.

ABERTILLERY—J. O'Neill; A. Hill, E. Nicholas, J. Meredith and J. Bird; N. Phillips and W. Kerton; Will Morris (capt.), J. Fear, H. Mabbott, J. Crewe, B. Elliott, L. Berrow, J. Walky, and I. Porter.

Referee, Major J. E. C. Partridge, Newport.

Cardiff had much the better of the opening exchanges, a tricky run by Noel Morgan accounting for four of his opponents and giving his side a strong attacking position, which they maintained for the first quarter of an hour. A couple of tries might have come during this period but for fumbling in the centre and delay on the part of Daley. Cardiff had a marked advantage in the matter of extra weight in front, and the forwards heeling well, the three-quarters were frequently set moving, the passing breakink rown thrice in succession.

At length the Monmouthshire men found relief in a rush led by Fear, Mabbott and Crewe, and Nicholas ran well until he was forced to touch a few yards out. Almost immediately Cardiff returned to the attack, but there was an inexcusable lack of finish amongst the backs, and the Tillery tackling was sufficiently good to see that no second chance was given.

Bidr here gained 30 yards after taking a high pass, and a vigorous tackle by Vic Cravos was only just in time. The Abertillery handling, however, was no better than Cardiff's, and a first half which should have produced at least a couple of scores was pointless.

Half—ABERTILLERY	0	0	0
CARDIFF	0	0	0

E. N. Morgan moved to the centre after the interval, Cravos going to the wing, Abertillery immediately rushed to Cardiff's line, where the sixth penalty against them was given. They had one in their favour in the next minute, and O'Neill made the most of it in finding touch well up.

Continuous touch-finding slowed the pace down, and the first score, which came at this point, was in the nature of a surprise, and was a product of the experience of Will Morris. The old international took in an awkward pass and sent out swiftly to Bird. The latter was ran parallel to the touch-line for the requisite 15 yards before sending back to MORRIS, who crossed over between the bunch of colleagues and defenders. Meredith converted.

Cardiff warmed to their task after this, and when they had won a good position were given a penalty near the touch-line. The kick was taken which the referee was attending to the injured Spillane, and failed, but Major Partridge ordered it to be taken again, and this time ARNOTT placed a goal.

Cardiff took the lead through a smart individual effort by HOWARD POOLE. The ex-Wanderer, after a punt forward followed up so briskly that he was in time to kick the ball away from O'Neill's hands, gather it and cross with a try he well deserved. Arnett failed to improve. Cardiff, however, were not permitted to keep their lead for long, for the Abertillery forwards resorted to concerted dribbling, and went over in a bunch in the last minute of the game, FEAR getting an unconverted try.

Final—ABERTILLERY	1	1	8
CARDIFF	*1	1	6

*Penalty.

COMMENTS.

In what was "anybody's game" the verdict went to Abertillery in dramatic fashion in the last minute, although five minutes before they were in arrears. Play never reached a high standard, and two-thirds of it was scrappy, made so because of the repeated failure of the backs to handle accurately. The passing of the Cardiff halves was a case in point, then in another direction—prompt following up. Poole's work was praiseworthy and a pattern for others.

Although outweighed in front, Abertillery stuck to her task pluckily, and there were no harder workers than Fear, Crewe and Will Morris, on the one side, and Idris Richards, Sid Cravos and Poole on the other. Noel Morgan was less prominent than in his first game, mainly because his chances were strictly limited.

Considerable game between Stradey Park crowd praise game of Cardiff. Cardiff D. E. Davies, Cornish, W. Tom Lewis, Watkins, F. Marsh, E. Llanelli Albert Jenkins, Tom Evans, Ivor Harry Morris, Alf Parker. Referee: L. P. L.

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CARDIFF V. LLANELLY

Blue and Blacks Beaten Once Again at Stradey

By AJAX.

Considerable interest was taken in the game between Llanelly and Cardiff at Stradey Park to day, and there was a large crowd present in anticipation of a good game of Rugby.

CARDIFF: B. O. Male; Llew. Williams, D. E. Davies, B. R. Turnbull, R. A. Cornish; W. J. Delahay, Gwyn Richards; Tom Lewis, R. Barrell, J. Burns, W. Watkins, F. Lee, K. F. Turnbull, E. Marsh, F. Porter.

LLANELLY: Ewart Thomas; E. Finch, Albert Jenkins, S. Hay, Bregazzi; Cyril Jenkins, Tom Evans; Ivor Jones, Bobby Evans, Iorwerth Jones, Rees Thomas, Harry Morris, F. Harris, Emrys Richards, Alf Parker.

Referee: Mr. T. Vile (Newport).

PLAY DESCRIBED.

The Cardiff forwards started operations in businesslike fashion, and a movement initiated by E. Marsh promised well. They were, however, recalled for an infringement, and a moment later B. R. Turnbull knocked on when there appeared to be an excellent chance of his breaking through. Llanelly were presented with a good opportunity when a pass from Delahay to Idris Richards went astray, but the outside-half made amends by bringing down Bobbie Evans when the latter looked like going through.

A breakaway by Delahay on the blind side was followed by some delightful inter-passing between Gwyn Richards and Arthur Cornish, and when the ball travelled across the field via Eddie Marsh and Burns it looked like odds on a Cardiff score. A bad Cardiff pass, however, saved Llanelly, and Tom Evans sent Cardiff back with a good touch-finder.

Up to this stage there had been little in it territorially, but after Albert Jenkins had made a futile effort to kick a penalty goal from the halfway line Llanelly gained the lead.

There was some scrambling play near the Cardiff 25 when Fred Harris sent Emrys Griffiths away. The Cardiff defenders appeared to be in a hopeless tangle, and GRIFFITHS was over the line before they got together. Ivor Jones failed to convert from a difficult angle.

Cardiff quickly made a spirited reply, and they had an excellent opportunity of getting on level terms when their forwards heeled cleanly inside the Llanelly 25. Gwyn Richards, however, elected to drop for goal, and hardly succeeded in raising the ball from the ground.

Llew. Williams gained fifty yards with a corkscrew run, but Danny Davies, to whom he passed, was hemmed into touch, while a minute later Bregazzi, Albert Jenkins, and Hay got away together with only Male between them and the Cardiff line, but they were recalled for a forward pass. An error of judgment by Male nearly let Llanelly in again.

The Cardiff forwards led the way to another period of visiting attack, and once G. Richards broke through brilliantly, and it looked as if a score would result. His pass to Davies, however, was untakeable. Ewart Thomas was injured at this stage, and had to leave the field.

Llanelly were now having a warm time of it, and after Male had failed to land a penalty goal Bobby Evans led the Llanelly men in a magnificent dribble, which almost caught the Cardiff defence napping.

Cardiff were all the time making strenuous efforts to get on terms. After a movement in which the Llanelly forwards showed well, the home team went further ahead. D. Davies failed to pull up with a great dribble, and at least three of the Llanelly forwards had the line at their

SKEWEN N.O.R. V. YSTRAD-GYNLAIS

mercy. PARKER was first up to touch down for a try which A. Jenkins failed to convert.

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

SECOND HALF.

Ewart Thomas resumed after the interval, and was soon called upon to reply to an attack initiated by Turnbull and Cornish. Cardiff were having the better of the early exchanges in this half, and Llanelly were nearly caught napping by Richards, who broke through after selling the dummy, but a run by Finch relieved the pressure somewhat.

Continuing, Cardiff had another anxious period shortly afterwards, and more than once were decidedly fortunate to escape falling further behind. It was the forwards who ultimately relieved the pressure on their line.

Turnbull broke through from half-way shortly afterwards, and gave Cornish a straight run for the line. Finch, however, showed exceptional speed, and cut across just in time to pull the Cardiff right wing down a few yards from the line.

Cardiff were, nevertheless, now having the best of the argument, and a try that ultimately came to them was a due reward for their efforts. The forwards got away in a bunch, and although tackled, WATKINS managed to force his way over for a try which Male failed to convert.

In the closing stages, when Cardiff were forced to defend their line desperately, Harry Morris was only pulled up inches from the line, after a concerted movement by the Llanelly forwards. Albert Jenkins failed to kick a penalty goal from an easy angle.

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

COMMENTS.

There have been few keener games between Cardiff and Llanelly since the war, and although Cardiff had quite as much of the game territorially, they just about deserved their victory.

Forward it was a great struggle from first to last, but in the opening half particularly, the Cardiff backs had more opportunities than the Llanelly men. They failed, however, to turn them to the best advantage.

Ten Cardiff forwards undoubtedly did infinitely better than against Neath last Saturday.

To-day they realised from the outset that they were up against one of the best packs they will have to meet this season, and they rose to the occasion splendidly. There was not a single shirker amongst the eight, but Eddie Marrs, Barrell, Jim Burns, and Jim Lewis were perhaps the most prominent.

For Llanelly none did better than Iorwerth Jones, Emrys Griffiths, and Alf Parker, while they were greatly indebted to the good work of Ewart Thomas at full back. He played quite one of his best games, his field and touch-finding being above reproach.

Male, on the other hand, did not give as good a display as in most matches.

Of the Cardiff three-quarters Turnbull and Cornish were by a long way the most enterprising, and Delahay and Gwyn Richards worked incessantly to turn the tide in Cardiff's favour.

The Llanelly backs were seen to greater advantage on the defence than in attack, and Finch used his speed to extricate his side from more than one awkward position.

Albert Jenkins was rarely seen at his best, although his kicking was decidedly useful in sending the Cardiff forwards back.

Altogether, it can be said to have been a splendid game in which two good sides gave of their best.

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CARDIFF VERSUS ABERTILLERY

Costly Blunders By Cardiff Backs

SPILLANE HURT

By OBSERVER.

At Cardiff Arms Park.

Unbeaten for the past ten weeks or so, and with a draw at Newport to their credit, Abertillery visited the Cardiff Arms Park to-day for the first time for a good many years. The crowd, surprisingly, was a very poor one. Idris Richards, after an absence of several weeks through a damaged finger, made a welcome reappearance to lead the Cardiff pack.

CARDIFF: A. Williams; Bert Nicholls, J. H. John, Vic Cravos, E. Noel Morgan; Howard Poole, T. Alan Davey; T. Arnott, E. Spillane; Idris Richards; Victor Griffiths, H. Sharp, S. C. Cravos, T. Burns, A. Cundy.

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Referee: Major J. E. C. Partridge (Newport).

PLAY DESCRIBED.

There was an early fright for the visitors, for when their passing broke down in the opening minutes Vic Cravos kicked down to O'Neill, who fumbled, and had the Cardiff backs been smarter when they handled they would have got a score.

The Cardiff backs handled in neat style, and once Noel Morgan delighted the greatly increased crowd with a dodging run which took him almost clean of the opposition.

CARDIFF ATTACK.

Cardiff did all the pressing in the first quarter of an hour, but failed to score, though both Williams and Arnott were just short of penalty goals. Occasionally Morris led his forwards in splendid dribbles, but always found the defence too good.

It was impressive to find Cardiff attacking all the time, but unable to secure a lead. Noel Morgan was held up in a great endeavour to get over in the corner, and J. H. John was well out of range with an attempt at a drop goal. The Monmouth men came with two beautiful bouts of passing, and Nicholas would have put his wing through but for a beautiful tackle by John.

O'Neill set his backs in motion. Nothing tangible came of this, and Cardiff once more attacked hotly.

TILLERY'S HARD LUCK.

After this the game became somewhat scrappy, the Cardiff three-quarters making many blunders. The opposition were always on the alert, and once Phillips set his backs going in beautiful style, only to see Bird, a straight-running right wing, brought down just as he seemed clear of Williams.

Abertillery attacked, but unsuccessfully. When the Cardiff backs did attempt to get going they made many bad blunders and the centres were both found wanting. For all that they were unlucky not to be ahead at the interval.

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

SECOND HALF.

When the game was resumed it was seen that Vic Cravos had gone to the right wing and Morgan played centre.

ABERTILLERY GO AHEAD.

Will Morris dribbled away from a scrum, gathered at the right moment, and slung out to his left. Bird tore away, and when he passed inwards MORRIS was in position to dash over with a fine try. MEREDITH converted.

Arnott was wide with a snap drop goal, and Williams failed with a penalty.

SPILLANE HURT.

Unfortunately just when Cardiff seemed to have got the upper hand they lost Spillane, who was injured. While he was receiving attention FREVOR ARNOTT, at the second attempt, kicked a penalty goal.

At last Cardiff got the lead. HOWARD POOLE chased after a long kick, and when Bird fumbled the Cardiff loose-half bounced on the ball. He gave the "dummy" beautifully and scored. Arnott failed to convert.

Abertillery attacked, and J. FEAR scored and threw himself over with a try.

Final score:	G.	T.	Pts.
ABERTILLERY	1	1	3
CARDIFF	1	1	3

COMMENTS.

It is only for the fact that the Cardiff backs made many blunders that the visitors deserved their victory. Abertillery showed great initiative.

Most of the few pretty incidents came from the Cardiff backs, but despite the fact that Poole and Davey did some clever things they would have done better had

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Cardiff were all the time making strenuous efforts to get on terms. After a movement in which the Llanelly forwards showed well, the home team went further ahead. D. Davies failed to pull up with a great dribble, and at least three of the Llanelly forwards had the line at their

at the line. Cardiff were, nevertheless, now having the best of the argument, and a try that ultimately came to them was a due reward for their efforts. The forwards got away in a bunch, and although tackled, WALKINS managed to force his way over for a try which Male failed to convert.

In the closing stages, when Cardiff were forced to defend their line desperately, Harry Morris was only pulled up inches from the line, after a concerted movement by the Llanelly forwards. Albert Jenkins failed to kick a penalty goal from an easy angle.

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

COMMENTS.
There have been few keener games between Cardiff and Llanelly since the war, and although Cardiff had quite as much of the game territorially, they just about deserved their victory.

Forward it was a great struggle from first to last, but in the opening half particularly, the Cardiff backs had more opportunities than the Llanelly men. They failed, however, to turn them to the best advantage.

The Cardiff forwards undoubtedly did infinitely better than against Neath last Saturday.

To-day they realised from the outset that they were up against one of the best packs they will have to meet this season, and they rose to the occasion splendidly. There was not a single shirker amongst the eight, but Eddie Marrs, Barrell, Jim Burns, and Jim Lewis were perhaps the most prominent.

For Llanelly none did better than Iorweth Jones, Emrys Griffiths, and Alf Parker, while they were greatly indebted to the good work of Ewart Thomas at full back. He played quite one of his best games, his field and touch-finding being above reproach.

Male, on the other hand, did not give as good a display as in most matches.

Of the Cardiff three-quarters Turnbull and Cornish were by a long way the most enterprising, and Delahay and Gwyn Richards worked incessantly to turn the tide in Cardiff's favour.

The Llanelly backs were seen to greater advantage on the defence than in attack, and Finch used his speed to extricate his side from more than one awkward position.

Albert Jenkins was rarely seen at his best, although his kicking was decidedly useful in sending the Cardiff forwards back.

Altogether, it can be said to have been a splendid game in which two good sides gave of their best.

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to O'Neill, who fumbled, and had the Cardiff backs been smarter when they handled they would have got a score.

The Cardiff backs handled in neat style, and once Noel Morgan delighted the greatly increased crowd with a dodging run which took him almost clean of the opposition.

CARDIFF ATTACK.
Cardiff did all the pressing in the first quarter of an hour, but failed to score, though both Williams and Arnott were just short of penalty goals. Occasionally Morris led his forwards in splendid dribbles, but always found the defence too good.

It was impressive to find Cardiff attacking all the time, but unable to secure a lead. Noel Morgan was held up in a great endeavour to get over in the corner, and J. H. John was well out of range with an attempt at a drop goal. Then Monmouth men came with two beautiful bouts of passing, and Nicholas would have put his wing through but for a beautiful tackle by John.

O'Neill set his backs in motion. Nothing tangible came of this, and Cardiff once more attacked hotly.

TILLERY'S HARD LUCK.
After this the game became somewhat scrappy, the Cardiff three-quarters making many blunders. The opposition were always on the alert, and once Phillips set his backs going in beautiful style, only to see Bird, a straight-running right wing, brought down just as he seemed clear of Williams.

Abertillery attacked, but unsuccessfully. When the Cardiff backs did attempt to go going they made many bad blunders and the centres were both found wanting. For all that they were unlucky not to be ahead at the interval.

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

SECOND HALF.
When the game was resumed it was seen that Vic Cravos had gone to the right wing and Morgan played centre.

ABERTILLERY GO AHEAD.
Will Morris dribbled away from a scrum, gathered at the right moment, and slung out to his left. Bird tore away, and when he passed inwards MORRIS was in position to dash over with a fine try. MEREDITH converted.

Arnott was wide with a snap drop goal, and Williams failed with a penalty.

SPILLANE HURT.
Unfortunately just when CARDIFF seemed to have got the upper hand they lost Spillane, who was injured. While he was receiving attention TREVOR ARNOTT, at the second attempt, kicked a penalty goal.

At last Cardiff got the lead. HOWARD POOLE chased after a long kick, and when Bird fumbled the Cardiff inside-half pounced on the ball. He gave the "dummy" beautifully and scored. Arnott failed to convert.

Abertillery attacked, and J. FEAR secured and threw himself over with a try.

Final score:	G.	T.	Pts.
ABERTILLERY	1	1	3
CARDIFF	1	1	6

† Penalty.
COMMENTS.

If only for the fact that the Cardiff backs made many blunders the visitors deserved their victory. Abertillery showed great initiative.

Most of the few pretty incidents came from the Cardiff backs, but despite the fact that Poole and Davey did some clever things they would have done better had they got rid of the ball quicker when they found that they were up against such a splendid defence. Kerton showed a tendency to kick, but he was more than match for Davey when the latter attempted to break through.

The Abertillery defence was really splendid, and explains why Cardiff could only cross their line once. Time after time we saw the Cardiff backs in action, but they were so quickly covered that they had little opportunity of making headway.

O'Neill was a tower of strength at full back, his kicking and fielding always being clean, and he also tackled soundly. Bird was the best wing on the field, while Meredith did not make a single mistake at centre.

Will Morris has reached the veteran stage but he is still a splendid forward and a great leader. His try was a gem, and he was in a large measure responsible for the victory of his side. He had able lieutenants in front in Jim Fear and Crew.

The Cardiff forwards heeled more often from the scrums but they lacked dash, and Idris Richards failed to get the best out of them. Spillane, who was off the field for five or ten minutes through injury, played one of his best games, as also did Arnott and Burns. However, the pack was never comfortable in the loose and there did not seem to be any method in their work.

Regarding other individuals I want to see more of Bert Nichols on the left wing, and Noel Morgan, who has not come under my notice since he played in the Welsh Public Schools international some years ago, is undoubtedly a centre and not a wing three-quarter.

Arthur Williams did well at full-back, but he was never the equal of young O'Neill, of whom more should be heard in the future.

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CARDIFF V. GUYS

Game of Brilliant Scoring on the Park

By AJAX.

The start was delayed fifteen minutes through the late arrival of Guy's, who were even then without G. J. Clarke, their right wing, and Dr. Tom Wallace sportingly agreed to help them out.

Howe came in at left centre for Cardiff instead of John Roberts, who is assisting Cambridge at Edinburgh.

Mr. Griff Walters, Swansea, the referee, missed the train and was deputised by Mr. Dick Barry, Cardiff.

GUYS HOSPITAL: V. G. Boyle; T. Wallace, W. D. G. Jones, F. H. B. Spence, and A. D. J. Lewis; T. O. Garland and V. R. Preen; G. G. Cameron, W. H. Myburgh, J. Durr, J. Schabert, A. Simpson-Smith, C. D. Malone, J. H. Richmond, and L. Brown.

CARDIFF: B. O. Male; Llew Williams, H. Howe, B. R. Turnbull, and R. A. Cornish; W. J. Delahay and G. Richards; W. Watkins, R. Barrell, E. Marsh, F. Porter, Idris Richards, Tom Lewis, W. J. Ould, and J. Burns.

Referee: H. Barry, Cardiff.

PLAY DESCRIBED.

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All the Cardiff passing movements had up to this stage been too mechanical to be successful, and the home team were given another fright when F. H. B. Spence broke through brilliantly, and gave Pritchard a splendid opportunity to get through. When held by Male, however, he passed wildly, and then Cardiff had another turn of attack and eventually reduced their arrears.

Guy's were penalised for an infringement in the scrum, thirty yards from their line, and Male landed an excellent goal. There were many anxious moments to follow for the Medics, and at length, after a couple of scrums had been ordered under their goalposts, W. J. OULD signalled his reappearance for Cardiff by picking up Male and diving over for a try, which Male improved upon.

Guy's were all the time, however, proving themselves to be a team with whom Cardiff could afford to take no liberties, and their backs were getting a sufficient share of the ball to show their worth. The Cardiff forwards were, in fact, coming off second best in the scrums, and it was no R. Preen broke through brilliantly, and before transferring to A. W. J. DAVIES, who went on to score in the corner, DURR converting with a magnificent kick, and half-time came almost immediately after.

Half-time score: G. T. Pts.
GUYS HOSPITAL 2 0 10
CARDIFF 12 0 8
† Penalty.

SECOND HALF.

The home forwards laid the foundation of a hot Cardiff attack after the resumption.

Delahay succeeded in getting the ball, and working the blind side cleverly he missed Gwyn Richards and sent on to ARTHUR CORNISH, who got over in the corner for a try, which Male failed to convert.

Twice within a couple of minutes Durr made unsuccessful attempts to land penalty goals from favourable angles before Cardiff regained the attack. MALE was immediately given another opportunity to show his goal kicking powers, Guy's being penalised just outside their 25, and Cardiff were thus enabled to enjoy a more comfortable lead.

Barrell started the best movement of the game, which ended in Cardiff going further ahead. He broke away and passed to Gwyn Richards, who in his turn gave to Turnbull. The left centre broke across the field to LEW WILLIAMS, who went on from half-way to score a brilliant try between the posts, for Male to convert.

Cardiff now seemed to have at last found their true form, and Cornish was nearly over twice after brilliant work by W. J. Ould and B. R. Turnbull. The best incidents of the match were coming on top of one another, and with the Cardiff forwards getting more of their own way in the scrums, their backs were able to give Guy's a hot time. Their defence was nevertheless excellent, and when Cardiff improved their position, it was through the medium of a penalty goal. Boyle was penalised for holding, and MALE again made no mistake with the kick.

Final score: G. T. Pts.
CARDIFF 15 1 22
GUYS HOSPITAL 2 0 10
† Three penalties.

COMMENTS.

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The had the first period of attack, but made far too lethargic efforts to finish off their movements, and, under the circumstances, it was not surprising that Guys were the first to score.

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PENARTH VERSUS CARDIFF

Home Team's Great Victory

By OBSERVER.

There was quite a big crowd at Penarth for the annual visit of Cardiff, but the attendance was not as large as in previous years because the visitors came without many of their stars, who were playing against Guy's Hospital.

CARDIFF: A. Williams; D. N. Morgan, D. E. Davies, J. H. John, and A. V. Harding; H. Poole and G. Frankcombe; T. Arnott, F. Lee, K. Turnbull, S. Cravos, H. Candy, T. Burns, V. Griffiths, and Percy Bunce.

Penarth: J. Bassett; M. Evans, E. Price, J. Hickey, and H. Foster; T. Parry and J. Spillane; A. Morris, A. Matthews, T. Morgan, R. March, T. Sweeney, S. Brinkworth, M. Regan, and W. Hatcher.

Referee: Mr. M. Moses.

Play was rather scrappy at the commencement and both full-backs were conspicuous for failing to find touch. The first thrill was supplied by Hickey, who tore away from half-way when he was tackled by Danny Davies. His pass was a wild one, and a certain score was lost.

Cardiff retaliated, and Hardy was just held up by Bassett. There was no sting about the Cardiff attack, and weak attempts by Poole and Morgan to drop goals failed.

Morgan once made a praiseworthy effort to get away on the left flank, but inrounding Bassett he infringed the touch-line.

When the Cardiff backs did start passing, D. E. Davies fumbled, and then the Penarth backs were in full cry. Foster tore away, and swerving past Harding, passed in, and was up to take the return pass, but showed hesitancy, and was brought down by Williams.

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Half-time score: G. T. Pts.
PENARTH 11 2 9
CARDIFF 1 0 4
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SECOND HALF.

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COMMENTS.

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They had the measure of their opponents from the kick-off, but in the final stages, when Cardiff looked like pulling the game out of the fire, they were saved by a splendid defence.

The Cardiff forwards controlled most of the scrums, and gave a splendid service to their backs, but the latter were about as weak a one could possibly imagine. Poole sent the ball cleanly to Frankcombe, but nothing seemed to come of it.

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COMMENTS CONTINUED.

They dropped the ball more often than they held it, and as a consequence Morgan and Harding had few chances. The first named did many clever individual things. He was never backed up. On the whole it was a fortunate thing for Cardiff that Williams was at the top of his form at full-back, and his coolness saved many an awkward situation.

Bassett was a star artist at full-back, and the Penarth three-quarter line was a far happier combination than the Cardiff four. Agnes Parry and Phillips seemed to knock it off better than Poole and Frankcombe, and the best forwards on view were Morgan, Marsh, Regan, Cravos, Burns, and Lee for Cardiff. It was a disappointing game, but I think the key to the situation was that Cardiff played just as well as Penarth would allow them, for the Seaside were in a happy mood throughout the day.

WELSH UNION ARMS PARK

Surmounting a Legal Difficulty

Further progress was made at an extraordinary general meeting of the proprietors of the Cardiff Arms Park Company, Ltd., at a meeting at the Cardiff Arms Park on Tuesday, with the scheme under which the Welsh Football Union obtains a controlling interest in the Cardiff Arms Park.

Mr. Hugh M. Ingledew presided, and among those present were Messrs. W. T. Morgan (president of the Cardiff Athletic Club), John Elliot, Robert J. Webber, and R. Wilson Bartlett (Newport, auditor to the Welsh Football Union), Major P. Robotham, Messrs. T. Edgar Smith, Hopkin Joseph, Arthur Cornish, and A. Calder.

The Chairman gave a résumé of the negotiations and resolutions already passed, and pointed out that it had been agreed that the Welsh Football Union, in consideration of its undertaking to make the present and future payments of interest, arrears of interest, and redemption to the debenture-holders, should—subject to the granting of a long lease to the Cardiff Athletic Club—receive 38,175 shares of £1 each out of the total capital of £50,000 of the company.

SUB-DIVISION OF NEW SHARES

Counsel had since advised the Union and the company that the method of giving the Union a controlling interest in the company should be modified, there being a doubt as to whether the company was justified in issuing the 38,175 £1 shares, except in exchange for the immediate payment of that amount. Under the company's resolution of last September the capital of the company was increased to £50,000 by the creation of 7,500 new shares of £5 each (making an addition of £37,500 to the old capital of £12,500, of which £11,825 had been issued), and it had become necessary, Mr. Ingledew explained, to pass resolutions (a) that 5,000 out of the 7,500 new shares of £5 each (created last September) shall be sub-divided into 25,000 £1 shares, making the capital of the company £50,000, divided into 5,000 shares of £5 each (of which 2,365 shares have been issued) and 25,000 shares of £1 each, the original 5,000 shares to be called "A" shares and the 25,000 shares of £1 each to be called "B" shares; and (b) that the "A" and "B" shares shall rank pari passu for dividends and in a winding-up, with the "B" shares ranking on an equality with the "A" shares, although the "B" shares are nominally only £1 shares instead of £5 shares.

The result of those resolutions would be that the Welsh Union, instead of receiving 38,175 shares, carrying a three-quarters majority required on the basis of one vote for each share, would receive 7,635 £1 shares carrying five votes for each share—and the position of the present shareholders and the Union would be precisely the same as before, though the procedure was in slightly different form in order to surmount the legal difficulty of issuing more shares than the amount of money actually paid.

SHAREHOLDERS' APPEAL

Proceeding, the Chairman said that the members of the negotiating committee had considered the appeal from the shareholders in the company for more advantageous terms than were originally provided for in the terms of agreement with the Union, and that it had been decided that while those terms should not be altered the directors of the new company would equitably consider any cases advanced by the Cardiff Athletic Club in which the strict application of the terms of the agreement would inflict any real hardship on any shareholder in respect of his ticket rights. The next step now would be the preparation of the long lease to the Cardiff Athletic Club, and the Union was already considering the instructions to counsel which had been drawn out.

In conclusion, the Chairman explained that certain resolutions asked for from that meeting were required for amending the Articles of Association of the company, one of such alterations being for the cancellation of the provision that the qualification of a director was the holding of £50 ordinary shares.

A number of questions were satisfactorily answered, and the meeting eventually passed the resolutions asked for by the chairman.

the year the Cardiff Athletic Club, the present tenants, can have the use of it.

"Old Stager" points out below that the proposal does not necessarily mean that in future all international and trial matches will be played at Cardiff. It is quite possible that in the near future no radical changes will take place.

There is every reason to believe that the debenture holders in the Cardiff Arms Company—who have not received any interest on their shares for some years—will have good cause to be satisfied with the deal effected.

Up to now the Cardiff Athletic Club have the ground for all purposes of their activities under a licence from a limited company. The broad basis of the negotiations between the limited company and the Welsh Football Union is believed to be on the basis of the Welsh Football Union obtaining a controlling interest in the limited company on terms which will provide the arrears of debenture interest, and sinking fund now outstanding, and also the provision of the necessary moneys to meet these commitments for the future.

The agreement is, of course, subject to the consent of the annual general meeting of the Welsh Football Union, which is to be held next week.

POSITION OF ATHLETIC CLUB.

It is believed that the rights of the holders of the ordinary shares in the Cardiff Arms Park Company will be slightly modified, without depriving them of any of the privileges they now enjoy in respect of membership of the Cardiff Athletic Club, and that provision has been made for the Cardiff Athletic Club to

The area of the park taken for the sale was a little less than fifteen acres and the price was £20,000. Provision was also made that in the event of the club being unable to make a success of the undertaking as a sports venture they should have the liberty of selling the freehold of the park, subject to a proviso that if that happened within ten years they had first of all to give the market the first option of purchasing the ground at the fixed price of £30,000 plus the value of the stands, &c.

STATESMANLIKE VIEW.

It does not necessarily mean (writes "Old Stager") that if these proposals are approved by the general meeting of the Welsh Football Union all international matches and trial matches will in the future be played at Cardiff. It is quite possible that at any rate in the immediate future no radical changes will take place.

But the Welsh Football Union committee are to be congratulated on having taken a long and statesmanlike view of the situation and made arrangements which ensure to them, altogether apart from any control by an outside authority, the virtual ownership of a ground centrally situated, easily accessible and in every way suitable when they wish to use it for international football.

There is not likely to be much doubt as to the support which will be afforded to their general committee by the great majority of the members of the general meeting, and particularly by those whose minds are not biased or influenced by local prejudices and interests.

I only desire to add that Western Mail and Echo Ltd. are debenture holders in the Cardiff Arms Park Company, Ltd., to the extent of £2,000—one of the largest holdings—and that I understand they will readily approve of the proposed agreement in pursuance of their policy of encouraging sport in Cardiff and South Wales.

THE PROPOSAL AS OTHERS SEE IT.

That the Welsh Rugby Union's proposal would be opposed by Swansea and West Wales followers of the game was expected. Below are some of the criticisms offered on it to the *Western Mail* on Thursday evening:—

MR. R. T. MILLS, ex-chairman of the Neath Rugby Club, said that personally he did not quite appreciate the idea that Cardiff should be chosen for the venue of a national ground in preference to Swansea. The Welsh Football Union had always been able to accommodate a great crowd at St. Helen's, and the Rugby game always drew as big a crowd from West Wales to Swansea as any match in Cardiff. He, therefore, hoped that Swansea would not be left out of consideration in that matter.

MR. GLYN STEPHENS, the old Neath and Welsh international forward who is the president of the Rugby Supporters' Club at Neath, said he could not see any reason why Cardiff should be selected in preference to Swansea. He hoped that when the Welsh Union held their annual meeting they would not rob Swansea of their international fixtures.

"FATAL MISTAKE": SWANSEA'S VIEW.

Swansea opinion on the proposal was expressed by Mr. R. H. R. Lloyd, a member of the Swansea Cricket and Football Club Committee, who said: "It would be a fatal mistake from a Rugby point of view, because it would undoubtedly split the Rugby community of South Wales into two sections—east and west. The two centres of international Rugby at Cardiff

and Swansea have worked satisfactorily in the past, and they should continue to do so in the future.

"Ireland has two grounds—at Belfast and Dublin—and they have not thought it desirable to go in for one international centre. There will be a bit of a rumpus at the Welsh Rugby Union annual meeting. I do not think that the western clubs will agree to the proposal for one moment, and if they pull together I do not think the proposal will go through."

LLANELLY'S MIXED OPINIONS.

MR. JACK AUCKLAND, former secretary of the Llanelly Rugby Club, said: "It is a move in the right direction because the Cardiff ground can be adapted to accommodate a huge crowd at comparatively small cost if the Welsh Union only follow the Twickenham example by getting high stands close up to the playing pitch."

MR. DAVID WILLIAMS, chairman of the Llanelly Rugby Club: "The time is long overdue when Wales should follow the example of England and Scotland by getting a national ground."

"The new scheme will save the Welsh Union the considerable expenditure now entailed in getting Swansea and Cardiff grounds adapted for the big crowds attracted to international games. Personally, however, I would prefer Bridgend as the site of the national ground."

"EXCELLENT MOVE," SAYS NEWPORT.

MR. T. H. VILE, the noted referee and old Welsh international: "I think it is an excellent move. Cardiff is absolutely the best centre from every point of view—convenience of access, nearness of the ground to the railway station, and facilities for catering for and dealing with large crowds."

"The ground is wholly adequate, and the playing pitch is good. For motorists the parking arrangements are adequate. It is an excellent idea."

MR. B. C. JONES, secretary of Newport Athletic Club: "I think Cardiff is the only suitable centre. It is the obvious natural centre. The ground is most suitable. Perhaps some money will have to be spent there, but Cardiff Arms Park can easily be made one of the finest international grounds."

MR. R. C. PLUMMER, the old Newport and Welsh player: "It is a very wise decision. Cardiff, in my opinion, is far and away the best place. I have said so for years."

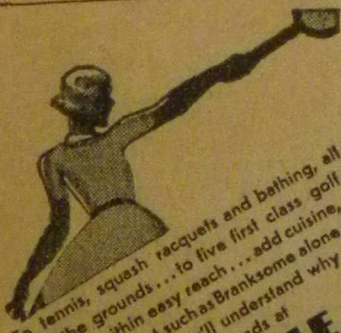
PONTYPOOL PLEASSED.

MR. IVOR R. JONES, J.P., chairman of the Pontypool Council and vice-president of the Pontypool Rugby Club: "It is the best bit of news I have heard for a long time. Speaking as a Rugby enthusiast, I think it is the best possible thing that could have happened. I am sure all the people of these valleys will be delighted, for we look on Cardiff as the Metropolis of Wales, and I, personally, consider it is the home of Welsh Rugby football."

"BRIDGEND IS THE CENTRE."

MR. EIRYN W. DAVIES, who was chairman of the Bridgend Rugby Club when the Welsh Rugby Union purchased their ground: "I have no comment to make regarding the reported purchase of the Cardiff Arms Park, except that, whatever the Welsh Rugby Union decide regarding a Welsh national ground, Bridgend will always remain the centre, and its claims in that respect remain unchallenged."

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