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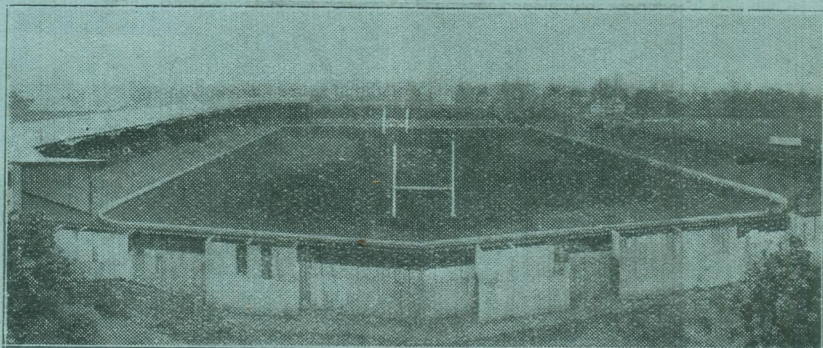


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Swansea v. Cardiff.

By "FARCEUR."

For the match at St. Helen's, Cardiff travelled as selected, and much was expected of the side, in view of the apparent difference in playing strength of the two teams. The Landore bridge was passed without any dubious misgivings, and although the old fable of Cardiff hearts remaining on this traditional bridge is dying hard, it is surely dying, if not already dead, for in post-war games at St. Helen's, Cardiff have been fairly successful.

In the re-arranged composition of the Swansea side, J. E. Watkins and Bruce Barter, who have been playing on the wing, were transferred to the centre, whilst Roy Jones, a centre, was transferred to the wing.

At half, Ivor Matthews, the former Carmarthen Quins scrum worker, and W. J. Trew at stand-off, were played.

Young Trew, who is only 19 years of age, is the son of the late Willie Trew, the brilliant Welsh centre of a decade or so ago, and whilst he performed by no means brilliantly, he justified his inclusion, and will, no doubt, be persevered with by the Swansea Selection Committee.

The big surprise was the work of the Swansea pack, who outplayed Cardiff's octette. They controlled the scrummages, and shone equally as well in the loose, and the result was that the Cardiff backs had little opportunity of shining in attack, and were mainly on the defensive.

The quick breaking up of the Swansea pack and the occasional assistance of a forward in the backs, prevented our backs from making much headway on the few occasions when the Cardiff pack heeled.

The result, a penalty goal and a try in Swansea's favour, was a fair reflex of the game, and it is only fair to say that every endeavour was made to make the game bright and open.

The victory of the All Whites should act as a tonic to their supporters, for the club is passing through a lean period and is at the same time faced with the opposition of a successful "Soccer" team.

We wish Swansea every success in future matches, and exhort our own players to further efforts to make the "Two first fifteens" a success by continuing to play the game of "Rugger" in the true sporting spirit.

Pill Harriers v. Cardiff.

The game with Pill Harriers on the Park resulted in a win for Cardiff by 4 goals (1 penalty) and 2 tries (24 pts.) to 1 penalty goal and 2 tries (9 pts.) Play often was scrappy, but there were also several bursts of brilliance, and Cardiff's superior handling and pace brought them victory.

We were impressed with the following facts:—

That Pill did not reveal anything near the form displayed on the Park a few years ago, due, doubtless, to several absences.

That Howe made a welcome re-appearance among our threequarters, and with Corsi as his co-centre, gave glimpses of the fine form shown by both early last season.

That Poole is an excellent inside half, and will ably deputise Delahay.

That W. J. Ould was as ubiquitous as ever, and had fine assistance from Tommy Burns among the forwards.

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Do You Know—

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That we would like to know whether it is true that during the Cardiff—Swansea match, when the game waxed hot and furious, a certain player shouted out "Never mind the ball, let's get on with the game!"

That in view of Penarth's fine win over Swansea, and their even greater victory over Llanelly on Saturday, Cardiff will have to seriously look to their laurels when the rivals meet this season, home and away, and that as the Seasideers are this season captained by Norman Payne, an ex-Cardiff forward, we may expect to receive a painful shock.

That the *Whiteley* of Cardiff caterers, W. H. Marshall, has an excellent stall on the ground at the corner of the cricket pavilion, where the requirements of all spectators in the matter of light refreshments, smokes, sweets, etc., may be obtained to help to while away the time.

That to-day's referee on the Park, Mr. J. B. James, has been one of the stalwarts of the Treorchy Rugby club for years past.

That the time has nearly arrived for the Cardiff Rugby Club to celebrate

its jubilee, and that many of the members are wondering what the Committee propose to do to celebrate the event.

That there is no limit to the ecstasy with which certain writers of the Press always acclaim the conquerors of Cardiff, and that there is no limit to the luke-warmness of their remarks when Cardiff deservedly defeat their opponents.

That the thoughts of many spectators on the Park to-day will be flying past the mountain ash to the classical sward enjoying the unclassical name of Rodney Parade, where it is said that Dr. Roche and his men propose to give Cardiff a dose of "medicine," as the "Pill" on Saturday was ineffective.

That the term R.F.C. indicates more than Rugby Football Club—it represents the initials of the Roath Furnishing Company, of City Road—one of the greatest furniture houses in the Principality with facilities to meet everybody—and incidentally belonging to one of the most sporty families in our midst, and who always support the programme so liberally. Watch the ball on the centre page.

That several of the leading clubs across the borders this season have notable captains—to wit: Blackheath, A. T. Young; Bristol, L. J. Corbett; Coventry, H. J. Pemberton; Gloucester, Tom Voyce; Leicester, H. V. L. Day; London Welsh, W. C. Powell; Manchester, A. L. Gracie; Old Merchant Taylors, R. Cove-Smith. All Internationals excepting Pemberton.

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To-day's Visitors.

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Among those who gained their caps from Mountain Ash were Frank Mills, Fred Miller, W. I. Osborne and Dick Thomas—four great forwards; Wyndham Jones (W.R.U.), half-back, and T. Collins and F. Samuel at three-quarter respectively, the latter two in seasons 1922 and 1923.

There were other fine players in "The Mount" as well, and among the more recent is S. Congdon, who made a great bid for his cap at half-back, but who always missed it, in spite of superior play at the "trials." Congdon is the outstanding figure in the Mountain Ash team to-day, but now plays at threequarter to allow room

for Foote, the diminutive Welsh Schoolboy International.

For many reasons we welcome the visit of Mountain Ash to-day, and we feel confident that they will play up to their old traditions of making the game open, and aiming at spectacular play rather than concentrate on mere defence, just to stop Cardiff. We wish the captain, G. Retter, and his merry men, well during the season.

The "Big Fives."

The "Big Five" of the Welsh Rugby Union this season are D. B. Jones (Swansea); J. Jarrett (Cwmbran); E. Gwyn Nicholls (Cardiff); Harry Packer (Newport); and Roland P. Thomas (Llanelly), those who for some inexplicable and mysterious reason lost their seats being T. D. Schofield (Bridgend) and A. Wyndham Jones (Mountain Ash).

The English "Big Five" are James Baxter (Chairman), John Daniell, W. J. A. Davis, B. C. Hartley, and G. C. Robinson.

It is singular to note that the five English selectors are old Internationals, whereas that distinction among the Welsh selectors belongs to Gwyn Nicholls and Harry Packer.

We don't know the constitution of the Scottish and Irish "Big Fives," if there are any. Some say they are either "big ones" or "big twos." However, that's their business.

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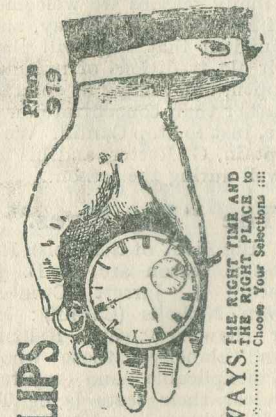
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Em. Morgan	H. Mills	M. Ambrose	T. Griffiths

Referee :
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Treorchy.



Kick-off
3.0 p.m.

Forwards : W. Palmer (H)	A. R. Rickards (J)	F. Porter (K)	G. Miles (L)
H. Sharp (M)	D. McArthur (N)	E. Spillane (O)	M. Jacobs (P)
Inside Half : Howard Poole (F)		Outside Half : H. M. Bowcott (G)	
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Next Saturdays' Attraction.

Another great test awaits Cardiff on Saturday next, when Llanelly make their appearance on the Park. The games between the two sides have produced the best football seen since the War, and despite Llanelly's defeat by Amman United and Penarth, and Cardiff's lapse at Swansea, both sides will be out to give of their best on Saturday next, and the usual open spectacular game may be expected.

Competition No. 3 CROSS-WORD PUZZLE RESULT.

In the Cross-Word Puzzle Contest published in last Saturday's programme, the two first correct solutions opened were sent in by the following gentlemen, to whom tickets for the Maoris match will be sent in due course:—Mr. W. B. Hicks, "The Moorlands," Kelston Rd., Whitchurch; Mr. Thomas P. O'Leary, 23, Cora St., Barry Dock. The correct solutions were:—

Across :—1, Crate; 4, Butts; 7, Orris; 9, Sweetener; 11, Sets; 13, Defy; 15, Eve; 16, Era; 18, Nor; 19, Awakening; 20, Ada; 21, Eat; 22, Ego; 24, Pert; 26, Styx; 27, Divests; 30, Marie; 31, Tenet; 32, Twine.

Down :—1, Cease; 2, Tows; 3, Ere; 4, Bit; 5, Used; 6, Satyr; 8, Retreater; 9, Steward; 10, Rennets; 12, Evade; 14, Foggy; 16, Eke; 17, Ant; 20, Apart; 23, Oxide; 25, Time; 26, Stew; 28, Vat; 29, Sit.

We are much obliged to a special correspondent dealing with local Rugby

in the local Press for referring to the above competition, thereby giving us publicity of incalculable importance. The correspondent presumably recognised the fact that Cross-Word Puzzles help to quicken wits and popularise any publication promoting them; not to mention the revenue accruing where they are charged for as advertisements.

Competition No. 4

We have decided this week upon another "Spotting Competition." In the advertisements appearing in this issue, three words have been deliberately mis-spelt. Two prizes—either two Stand Tickets for Maoris match or three Circle Seats for Park Hall Cinema, at winners' option—will be awarded, one to the gentleman and the other to the lady sending in the first correct solution opened. Entries, on post cards or enclosed in envelopes, posted or placed in letter box, to reach the Editor, I. T. Austin, 11 Dumfries Place, Cardiff, by Wednesday morning next, 6th October, 1926. Each entry must be accompanied by a coupon, as below, and there is no limit to the number of entries.

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Supporters' Notes.

Our both teams were at home on Saturday last, and in each case victories were recorded. The Senior team were privileged to play on the Park, and had as their opponents the Pontypool St. James' team. This is the first occasion on which these

teams have met, and as the visitors are looked on as the Pontypool Senior team reserves, we realised we had a stiff proposition in front of us. But, as the result shows, our boys proved their worth by recording a fairly easy victory. What was otherwise a pleasant game was marred through the referee having to order one of the visitors off the field for misconduct, and whilst we very much regret the incident, we must say that the official in question was quite justified in his action.

The game throughout was of an open nature, but whilst we had much the better of the game, we were not at all satisfied with the display given by several of our lads, and these weaknesses will have to be remedied if we are to make a satisfactory show in our all-important match at Neath to-day, when we meet the Invincible Neath Wanderers. However, our boys generally rise to the occasion, and we feel confident they will give a good account of themselves. Final score: Supporters, 19 points; Pontypool, 7 points.

Our Ex-Schoolboys met the St. Iltyd's boys on the latter team's ground. The homesters have only recently been formed, and are thus inexperienced, and whilst heavily defeated, they gave promise of developing into a useful side, and we hope that our boys' visit will assist them in the right direction. In this game Norman Fender played in the centre position, and proved his versatility by playing

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an excellent game, scoring several tries. We sincerely wish the St. Illtyd team every success, and feel certain that when these teams next meet, the result will be a close game. Final score: Supporters, 59 points; St. Illtyd's, nil.

OUR WORK.

We have been much encouraged in our labours for junior football by the encouragement given to us by the Athletic Club and by several individual gentlemen. On Saturday last we were delighted to receive an unsolicited subscription from the Lord Mayor Elect, Alderman W. Grey. We very much appreciate the Alderman's kind gift, and sincerely hope it will prove an inducement to other gentlemen to send along a donation, however small, or assist us by purchasing one or two tickets for our Prize Drawing, to enable us to proceed with the arrangements for fixing up our new ground at Rhiwbina. ROMILLY.

Nov. 17. Probable Welsh XV v. Anglo-Welsh, Bridgend.
1927
Jan. 6. Probable Welsh XV v. The Rest, Swansea.



D. G. DAVIES, the old Cardiff forward, who has "come back." The paragraph in a recent programme was incomplete, and should have stated that the year of his International appearances against England and Scotland was 1923.

Welsh Football Union Fixtures, 1926-7.

Oct. 28. Probable Welsh XV v. East, Newport.
Not fixed. Probable Welsh XV v. West, Gowerton.

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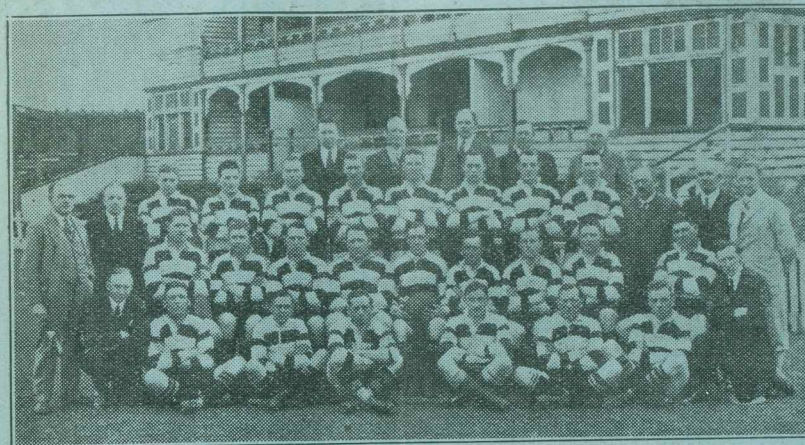
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	Skewen	h 14	.. 9
" 25	Swansea	a 5	.. 6
	Pill Harriers	h 24	.. 9

FIXTURES FOR OCTOBER.

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" 16	Gloucester	.. h	..
	Treherbert	.. a	..
" 23	Blackheath	.. h	..
	Maesteg	.. a	..
" 27	St. Bart's H.	.. h	..
" 30	Swansea	.. h	..
	Cheltenham	.. a	..



W. J. DELAHAY, Captain.

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