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### Cardiff v. Bridgend.

A brilliant exhibition of Rugger was provided in the opening match last Saturday against Bridgend. Although our visitors did not appear as strong as the Bridgend of old, and in spite of the plucky fight of Mr. T. D. Schofield's boys from Penybont, the result, 39 points to 3, in Cardiff's favour, in no way flattered the victors.

The game was fought at a tremendously fast pace, and although it may be early to judge the new rule, *i.e.*, whereby the scrummage half-backs are not allowed to interfere with one another until the ball is entirely heeled from the scrummage, it certainly appeared that the game was made faster than of old under its operation, as we had a round of passing from almost every scrum.

Naturally the necessity for strict training this season will obviously be apparent, as only fit players will be able to last through gruelling, fast games, which we may reasonably expect to see this season.

Little may be said of the outstanding individuals of the game (except that mention must be made of Ossie Male's wonderful feat of kicking seven goals out of nine attempts), as the whole team played splendidly as a combination. The new players, Llew Williams, H. M. Bowcott in the backs, W. Watkins and D. G. Davies in the pack, acquitted themselves well, and fitted in the side very nicely, particularly in

the case of Bowcott, who injured his shoulder early in the game. Many more of such games are, I am sure, yet to come this season.

### Cardiff v. Treorchy.

This game did not prove so thrilling as the previous one, although congratulations are due to Arthur Cornish, who led his side to victory after Cardiff had been six points down quite late in the second half.

Indeed, the remarks of certain spectators to the effect that Treorchy was a stronger side than Bridgend were not far short of the target. Treorchy were very nippy, and their full-back a hero. He might possibly have prevented Cardiff from winning if he had chosen to touch down for a minor when the ball had been kicked lengthily down the field and over his own line during the closing minutes, instead of which he sportingly kept the ball in play by punting into touch not far from his own line. A splendid try from G. H. Morgan almost immediately followed, and this was majorised by A. Williams, a new full-back, after which the final whistle blew, and Cardiff had won.

Several new faces were seen in the second Cardiff 1st XV., M. H. Evans, R. Barrell in the pack; Howard Poole, the former Glamorgan Wanderers half-back—who has previously assisted Cardiff, and who has now decided to remain with us—played well. The

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backs were well looked after by Arthur Cornish, whose dropped penalty goal from about half-way was a perfect gem, and surprised us for its length and accuracy. A. Williams at full-back appears to be very promising.

An interesting function was held following the dinner after the matches at the Grand Hotel, over which Dr. J. J. Buist presided. Caps were presented to the players of last season's 1st and 2nd fifteens, in accordance with their entitlement, by last season's 1st XV captain, Mr. Danny Davies. Club ties were also presented to 20 1st fifteen players. Following suitable speeches by Dr. Buist, Mr. L. C. Watters (General Secretary), and Mr. Danny Davies, the latter made the presentations, and disclosed the humorous side of certain players. One, on asked for his cap size, had furnished it and said "A big head for a small boy." Another, being similarly asked, had said, "A large size for an empty head." Mr. Bobby Delahay expressed his great pleasure in presenting Danny with his club tie, whilst Mr. Trevor Arnott, the Glamorgan County cricketer and Cardiff footballer, followed with some jokes from his lengthy log-book of yarns.

Altogether a very pleasant evening was spent, and it was announced that a players' meeting was to take place during the week, about which, more anon.

### Items of Interest.

Following Male's splendid goal-kicking achievement on Saturday last came even a more wonderful performance by T. Lee, the full-back in the game against the District Union on Wednesday. Lee kicked 13 goals out of 14 attempts—surely a record. Cardiff won against the District by 13 goals (1 penalty) and 1 try (66 pts.) to 2 goals (10 points). Evidently it was a case of reaching the "goal of ambition" every time. The scorers of the tries on Wednesday were:—Llew Williams 5; J. H. John 3; W. J. Delahay 2; B. R. Turnbull 2; and Trevor Arnott 1.

A. R. Rickard, the old forward, is back in harness again after a most unfortunate illness, following his appearance for Gloucestershire against the All Blacks two years ago. A fine forward, never tired, and who before his illness developed a penchant for breaking away on his own with magnificent dribbles. Rickard played for Wales against France in 1924.

Another forward who has "come back" is D. G. Davies (of Treorchy), who played for Cardiff a few years ago, and got his Welsh cap against England and Scotland in . . . D. G. has fortunately survived a very serious affection of the eyes which even threatened blindness. He is again fit and eager for the fray, and we wish

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### Items of Lament.

If what we are told is true, Arthur Cornish has given up playing—at least for a while, on account of studies. This is singularly unfortunate just as we are embarking on the two-team venture, but perhaps later on Arthur might be prevailed to assist his club if necessary. He is always fit and in form, and would never let his side down through want of condition. Arthur has rendered signal service to his club and country. If he had a weakness, it was purely temperamental; if he had any special characteristic, it was the remarkable penchant of winning a match on his own. Allowing for his idiosyncrasies, we have always contended that he has been one of the best centres in the four countries during the last few years. Cornish has played for Wales on ten occasions, and has captained both the Cardiff and Welsh teams.

Two other "departures" this season are the forwards, J. Brown and S. Hinam, who finding the amateur

game a bit "slow" have transferred their affections to spheres where things are moving "faster" and are more "glittering." Hinam's loss is a great one—but Cardiff have a plethora of forwards, who should train on to adequately fill the vacancies.

### To-day's Visitors.

We accord a hearty welcome once more to the Pontypool team—the victims of the biggest depredations from Northern Union agents since the war, but who always come up smiling and give us a rare good handful to go on with. This season they have a big deficit to start off with, and it is hoped that once the industrial depression is over, they will have "good" gates by way of deserving recompense. Harry James, their fleet threequarter is captain this season, while Mr. C. Greening has resigned the secretaryship, and the duties are now undertaken by Mr. W. Rowland Meredith, one of the stalwarts of Pontypool Rugby football, and one of the "live wires" in the formation and subsequent administration of the Rugby Supporters' Club in the noted Monmouthshire town.

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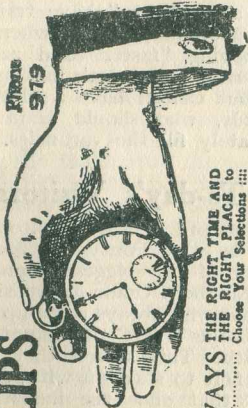
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Forwards: Idris Richards (H)	R. Bawell (J)	W. Ireson (K)	J. Burns (L)
T. Lewis (M)	W. Watkins (N)	K. R. Turnbull (O)	C. O'Leary (P)
Inside Half: W. J. Delahay, Capt. F		Outside Half: Gwyn Richards (G)	
Left Wing: Llew Williams (B)	Left Centre: D. M. Williams (C)	Right Centre: B. R. Turnbull (D)	Right Wing: John Roberts (E)
Full Back: B. O. Male (A)			
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That Idris Richards is now stationed at the Pontypridd branch of the Midland Bank, and that he is not now entertaining any further applications for "overdraft" from his Cardiff friends.

That the brothers Llew Williams and D. M. Williams, now figuring in the Cardiff team, first played for Treorchy, and latterly for Treherbert, and that they are going to make

things hum in the Blue and Black jersey.

That it was a mere coincidence to give that fine forward, J. Burns, the distinguishing letter L on his jersey, although this seems singularly appropriate in view of the "fire" in his play.

That Male, our full-back, is the "cynosure of sinewy eyes" with every fe-male on and off the Park, due, no doubt, to the "embracing" nature of his duties as a "custodian."

That Ireson may, as the result of a holiday which the W.R.U. gratuitously afforded him recently, check himself in future when the "ire's on."

That it is possible to have a "fit of the blues," and to go North, via the "root" of all evil, to recuperate.

That the Cardiff team will have to play like a team of angels to satisfy some of the critics who come to "bury our Caesars and not to praise them."

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lads who gave the Neath Invincibles such a fright last season, had as their opponents the Old Howardians, and although our opponents were the heavier side, they were hopelessly outclassed by the Supporters, who ran out victors by the sensational score of 9 goals 10 tries, or 75 points to nil.

Our Ex-Schoolboy team played the St. David's Ex-Schoolboys. Here, again, the superiority of our boys was evidenced, the final score reading: Supporters 33 points, St. David's nil. We are naturally delighted with these results, and whilst we cannot hope for such victories in all our fixtures, it will give the players more confidence when they will enter upon the more serious encounters in the near future.

### CLUB GROUND.

As announced in last week's programme, negotiations are in hand for the lease of a ground on which our matches can be played. The ground problem has been a serious handicap to us in our work, but now we have hopes of solving this difficulty. Some few years ago the Old Monktonians, through the generosity of Lord Tredegar, were granted a lease on a really good field in Beulah Road, Rhiwbina, in addition to which they purchased and erected a pavilion, together with boiler house, etc., thus providing adequate facilities for dressing, etc. At the end of last season it was decided owing to the difficulty of having sufficient players not to carry on this season as a senior club, but to devote their attentions to the Ex-Schoolboy

movement, in which case they would not require the ground. Immediately this was known, various clubs were anxious to take it over, but mainly through the efforts of our President and other gentlemen connected with the Monkton House School, we were given the first option on very favourable terms. A recommendation has been made to the Tredegar Estate that a new lease be granted to us, and we hope shortly to announce that we have been successful. When this has been accomplished, we shall be free to carry on with our work of training the young generation of Rugby players. This year we have abundance of talent—in fact we could run four or five teams if finances, etc., were available. Already this season several of our lads have had chances of playing for senior teams, but all have decided to remain loyal to us, in the hope that sooner or later they will be of service to the Athletic Club.

### PRIZE DRAWING.

In order to provide the necessary finance to enable us to proceed with our ground scheme, a Grand Prize Drawing (on the Art Union principle), has been arranged. Several valuable prizes are offered, including a Lady's or Gent's Raleigh Bicycle, value £8 17s. 6d. We have fixed the prices of the tickets at the very low figure of 3d. each, and we feel that we shall not appeal in vain when we ask all interested in Rugger to purchase one or more tickets. These will be on sale on the Cardiff Arms Park or can be obtained of any committee man or player.

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W. J. DELAHAY, Captain.



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### Our Two Teams.

The innovation of running two first-class teams received its baptism on Saturday last, and all said and done, the result was satisfactory. There were flaws, there were weaknesses—what invention, what scheme, what innovation has not revealed defects at the first time of asking? But there was certainly nothing about last Saturday's displays to warrant some of the hyper-critical comments that have been published. It would seem as if the genuineness of the Committee in venturing upon their new bold policy was almost doubted. The criticism of the play and players on both sides was bad enough, but the remarks contrasting the calibre of the two Cardiff teams were such as to arouse nasty suspicions in the minds of those teams who have had the honour of fixtures with the Blue and Blacks. Some of the criticism seemed biased, while all of it was premature and ungenerous for the opening Saturday of the season, and one is inclined to the opinion that criticism of *Amateur Rugby* is altogether becoming too severe, and there is certainly always more of a tendency to belittle than to laud.

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However, the Cardiff Club and its supporters can still afford to lend the new venture every possible moral and practical aid. The players will, as previously stated, always remember that they are chosen for Cardiff, and whether they play in the side likened into glorified Reserves or not, victory

or defeat will be counted against Cardiff as such. There is already a far superior type of player in the field, and the fixtures are incomparably superior to those the Reserves formerly fulfilled, while in those districts where the Blue and Blacks are due to play return games, the visitors can be blazoned on the hoardings as the "Cardiff XV." And what will this mean to those poor, despised teams struggling in the adjoining valleys who can almost clear a season's debt by one game with a team like Cardiff? Is not the policy of the Committee one destined to improve the standard of play and players all round, and is not this for the betterment of Welsh football generally? And finally, is it not deserving of generous support rather than petty criticism?

### CARDIFF AND DISTRICT RUGBY SUPPORTERS' CLUB.

Last week we inserted a list of the officials and the fixtures of the Senior Team run under the auspices of the Supporters' Club. The fixtures of the Ex-Schoolboy XV, are not yet complete, but immediately the Secretary, Mr. A. E. Lewis, fills the open dates the list will be published in these columns.

### September Attractions on the Park

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