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Play and Players.

The game with Bristol on Saturday was open, fast and spectacular, brimful of incidents from players and referee, and there was such a riot of scoring that no one knew where it was going to end. Eventually Cardiff won by 3 penalty goals and 4 tries (21 points) to Bristol's 1 dropped goal, 1 penalty goal and 2 tries (13 points). Our score included a penalty try, and this seemed hardly justified, as Quick, the Bristol left wing, seemingly thought he had been placed on side, although on the other hand, Delahay must have scored had he not been impeded.

Reflecting on the match, we may summarise our comments briefly as follows:—

That Trefor Lee is a sound full back, apart from being merely a kicker.

That Danny Davies was the "live wire" among the threequarters.

That Llew Williams continues to make progress.

That a much better understanding is developing between the captain and Gwyn Richards, and that Delahay demonstrated his football "brains" once again.

That F. Lee, A. R. Rickards and W. Palmer played a fine game forward, and that the pack again reaped the value of Idris Richards as a leader.

That Carter, the Bristol inside half, seemed to have developed a very "one-sided" way of putting the ball in the scrum.

That Corbett, the Bristol captain, is still a great centre, and his wing, Quick, was never slow.

That the referee, Mr. Bennett, while allowing the game to proceed fast and merrily, gave some very funny decisions, and did not give any when he should have.

The game with Skewen was fair, but

showed our movements to be somewhat disjointed—further proof positive of the fact that the side has not settled down, and due, perhaps, to a lot of chopping and changing, inseparable from "team building" early in the season.

Cardiff won by 2 converted goals and 1 dropped goal (14 points) to 3 tries (9 points), but did not deserve this margin in their favour. The following represents our views on the game:—

That Male showed appreciable daring in departing from the orthodox and initiating attacking movements—more, please.

That Johnson made a welcome re-appearance, and proved himself the favourite among the backs.

That Bowcott, when served by Poole, displayed an over-tendency to kick instead of passing.

That it was pleasing to see W. J. Ould back again after a long absence following his accident, and that he was as versatile as ever.

That the forwards as a whole did not settle down to proper scrummaging, and there was a lack of cohesion.

That Skewen possessed some very nippy players and certainly smart opportunists, and while they were uncertain in many of their movements, they played with irresistible dash right through.

Do You Know—

That the Cardiff Rugby players are proving a very happy lot, and that it is gratifying to know that the reserves all appear in good time at the Pavilion—as reserves—in the truesporting spirit.

That this is all the more creditable in view of the many players at the Club's disposal, and evidence of the first fruits of the players' meeting held recently.

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That Harry Howe, the promising centre, who assisted Mountain Ash last season, has decided to throw in his lot with the Cardiff colours. How satisfactory!

That since Ireson's departure, the excursions "up North" have been temporarily discontinued, and the only ones announced this week are those organised by the Great Western Railway Co., particulars of which appear on page 2.

That Cliff Williams, our International P.C. forward, has gone North-West, being engaged on duty in a mining district not a hundred miles from Cardiff on account of valued work in the "tight" which would be indispensable if any "scrummages" were formed, but so far he has been contenting himself with singing dreamily passages from that "All Welsh" National Anthem, "Sospan Fach."

That in the Welsh Rugby Union "trial" this season, Cardiff has not been selected as a venue for one of the games, and that our first taste with an International flavour will be on the occasion of Scotland's appearance on the Park on 5th February next.

That those who are tired of this "Land of Slogans" may find opportunities in Canada or the United States, at present "The Lands of Slogging," and that anyone contemplating such a trip for the benefit of their pockets or their health, can be accommodated in every detail by the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., whose announcement

appears above the teams on the centre page.

That Flight-Lt. J. S. Chick, who with a brother officer, R. L. Ragg, was awarded the second prize in the *Daily Mail* Light Plane Trials held at Lympne, assisted Cardiff last season against Coventry on the 26th Dec., 1925, and against Northampton on 6th April, 1926, whilst on leave from the R.A.F.

That Flight-Lt. Chick, whose home is at Whitchurch, plays in the pack for the R.A.F. and the famous London Harlequins, and may yet again be seen in the Cardiff colours.

That D. Marsden Jones, the old Cardiff and Welsh forward, has now retired from playing football and that many will recollect his "intimate acquaintance" with the old Cardiff forward Frank Stephens before the latter went up North.

"Rugby Roundabout."

By L. E. WILLIAMS.

"You pays your money and takes your choice" was a cry which greeted you when you visited some of the old-time show grounds, and it very often was some choice. My choice, as a youth, was evenly divided between the sword swallower and the man with the elastic skin. But to be more up to date, we now "Pays our money and takes our choice" in a Rugby sense, and, candidly, the fare offered by the Cardiff Club to "them as pays their money" is indeed good.

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Opinions may be divided as to the advisability of the Club running two first-class teams, but the point I like to bear in mind is the fact that the new order of things at Cardiff enables the Club to hold out a helping hand to many smaller clubs who were literally gasping for a place on the Blue and Black fixture card, but who, under the old conditions, just had to go on gasping, or be content with a fixture every Leap Year.

My own dislike (if I can call it such) of the innovation is that, there is a tendency for the system to destroy combination. However, as the Club is going to persevere with the two teams stunt, it is proof enough that they have sufficient confidence in the enterprise, and all that is needed to put the experiment on a proper basis is a demonstration of sportsmanship on the part of the players who must, of necessity, be asked to take an occasional rest.

Our visitors to-day can be congratulated upon their fight to keep the club flag flying. Two first-class Rugger clubs and one league Soccer team in one town, make a big call on the spectators, so that the good folk from Pill are to be commended for their valiant fight.

Over the border, people are watching the progress of Coventry, who staggered you and I by beating Cardiff last Boxing Day. Coventry, who had a

ground record last season for their 1st and 2nd XV's, have already beaten Leicester and Devon Services.

The breach between the Bristol and Gloucester clubs, which has yet to be healed, has brought about rather a novel position in the affairs of the Gloucester County Rugby affairs, for the selected Gloucester team to play Yorkshire did not contain one Bristol player. Had you noticed that?

Llanelly, who will probably continue to lay claim to providing the best football in Wales, had an eye opener in their first game of the season, when they went under to Amman United. Amman have supplied the Tinplaters (and Swansea) with some sterling players in the past, and it was no surprise that they were able to put the rod about Llanelly before the Tinplaters got into their stride.

The advent of the Maoris will revive old memories. They were last over here in 1888. Cardiff, Llanelly and Wales beat them, but I believe Newport and Swansea had to bend the knee to them. Many old timers are thought of in connection with those games, notably Stadden, Charlie Arthur Sid Nicholls, Towers, and Billy Bowen. When Wales played them, at Swansea, the huge sum of £120 represented the International gate. But that was before the days of ten shillings for a hard no-backed seat.

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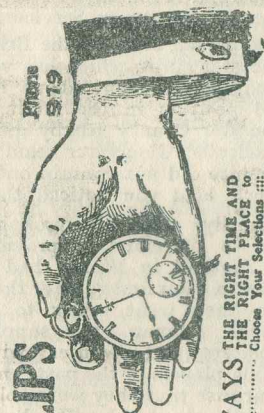
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M. O'Brien

H. Higgins

W. McNab

W. Carter

H. Clarke

W. Chave

P. Davies

Reserves : Threequarter, W. Purnell. Half-Back, T. Morgan. Forwards, T. Skuse, W. Jackson

Referee :

Not announced at moment
of going to Press.



Kick-off
3.30 p.m.

Forwards : Trevor Arnott (H)
D. G. Davies (M)

A. R. Rickards (J)
T. Burns (N)

F. Porter (K)
E. Spillane (O)

W. J. Ould (L)
V. Griffiths (P)

Inside Half : Howard Poole (F)

Outside Half : T. Alan Davey (G)

Left Wing :
T. Seaman (B)

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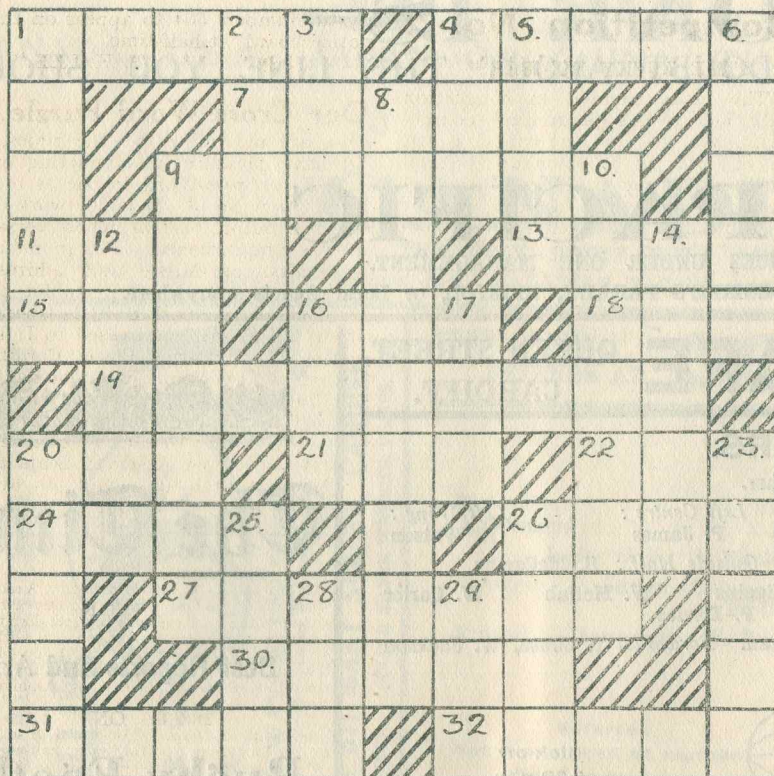
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"Dear Sir, 21/9/26

I feel bound to let you know that I was fortunate to be at the 'Park' on the 18th inst. in time to purchase the programme, containing the lucky number. Having missed the 2 p.m. train at Llanharan, it appeared hopeless for me to be at the Park in time for the match, but being determined, I finally arrived there via Llandaff and Cathedral Road. Having been 'delayed' I must have struck a lucky 'Leeway,' as a greater 'Del(ah)ay' caused the

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mystic numbers 564 to appear on the 'notice board' at half-time.

F. H. LEE."

Our Cross-Word Puzzle.

We are moving with "the times," and have pleasure in submitting on page 6 a Cross-Word Puzzle as our Competition No. 3. It is the work of our contributor, *Farceur*, whose versatility is unquestioned. Fill in name (Mr., Mrs. or Miss), and address beneath, and send whole tablet in closed envelope, marked on left-hand corner, "X Word," addressed to I. T. Austin, 11, Dumfries Place, Cardiff, to reach him by Wednesday noon next, Sept. 29th at latest. The prizes will be awarded to the two first correct solutions opened, and to each winner will be sent two Stand Reserved Seats to the Maoris match at Cardiff, on 6th November next. Try your luck, and inform your friends.

CLUES.

ACROSS.

1, Fruit basket. 4, Objects of ridicule. 7, A root. 9, More fragrant. 11, Tennis term. 13, Disregard. 15, The close of the day. 16, An epoch. 18, Correlative of neither. 19, Arising from sleep. 20, Girl's name. 21, Swallow up. 22, I, myself. 24, Forward. 26, River of Hades (Greek myth). 27, Strips off. 30, Girl's name. 31, Opinion. 32, A twist.

DOWN.

1, To leave off. 2, Drags. 3, Before. 4, A small portion. 5, Employed. 6, Half-man, half-goat. 8, One who retires. 9, One of a ship's crew. 10, Kind of apples. 12, Shirk. 14, Very obscure. 16, To lengthen. 17, Insect. 20, To one side. 23, Chemical compound. 25, Season. 26, A mess. 28, Large tub. 29, Hold a session.

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OUR TEAMS.

On Saturday last both our teams had their stiffest engagements to date, and the results were awaited with interest. The Junior team visited Brynmawr, where they are always sure of a hearty welcome from a large sporting crowd. In this match both teams were at full strength. The Supporters' have paid several visits to the town previously, but have not yet been able to record a win, and on this occasion they again returned defeated, the score reading: Brynmawr, 1 penalty goal 1 try; Supporters, 1 try.

Our Ex-Schoolboy team visited Tondur, the only team prior to this game to be able to boast of a victory over our lads for three seasons. Naturally the game created great interest, and a fine crowd witnessed what proved to be a fine game. The first half was evenly contested, but in the second moiety the superior skill and experience of Captain Fender and his boys proved too much for the homesters the final score reading: Supporters, 16 points; Tondur, 3 points.

THE BLUE AND BLACKS' TWO TEAMS.

The chief topic of the last few weeks in Rugger circles, in tram car, bus, train, on the Park and off, has been the Committee's venture in running two teams. Arguments for and against can frequently be heard, and in strict fairness to both sides, some very sensible remarks have been made. With friendly criticisms we have no quarrel, but we *do* object to the attitude taken by the Press on this and other topics of interest to the Athletic Club. The season has not advanced far enough to come to a definite conclusion on the matter, but in our opinion the scheme has proved highly satisfactory to the extent that it has attracted to the Club a class of player that certainly would not have joined under the old order, and whether or not the record is kept intact for any considerable time, in our opinion these players will prove of great service in the future development of the Club. As Supporters, we appeal to the Press to exercise their great power in helping the Club in efforts made to provide more attractive Rugby on the Park week by week.

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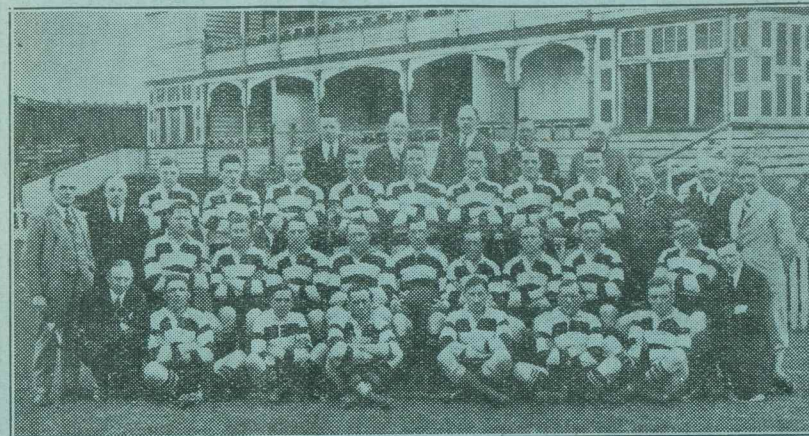
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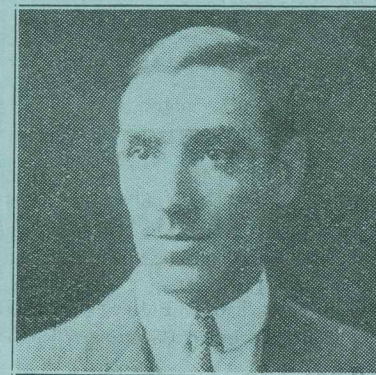
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	Treorchy.....	h	13	11
" 8	District XV.....	h	66	10
" 11	Pontypool.....	h	0	0
	Weston-S-Mare.....	a	13	3
" 18	Bristol.....	h	21	13
	Skewen.....	h	14	9
" 25	Swansea.....	a	..	..
	Pill Harriers.....	h	..	..

FIXTURES FOR OCTOBER.

1926			For.	Agst.
Oct. 2	Newport.....	a	..	..
	Mountain Ash.....	h	..	..
" 9	Llanelli.....	h	..	..
	Moseley.....	a	..	..
" 16	Gloucester.....	h	..	..
	Treherbert.....	a
" 23	Blackheath.....	a
	Maesteg.....	h
" 27	St. Bart's H.....	h
" 30	Swansea.....	h
	Cheltenham.....	a



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