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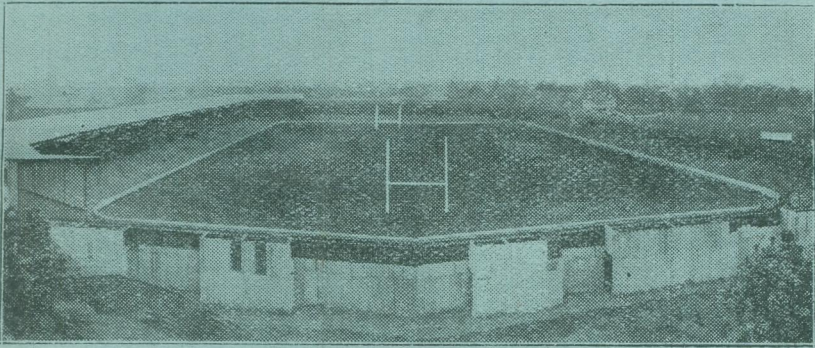
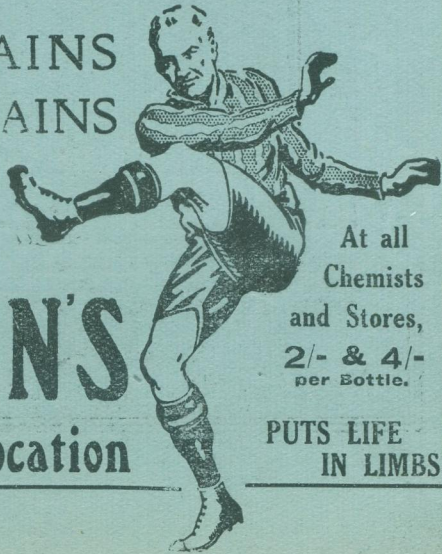


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Play and Players.

Cardiff put "paid" to Gloucester's invincible record on the Park on Saturday last, and that by dint of all-round superior football—in fact, Cardiff's play at times was positively brilliant, the backs indulging in round after round of passing, which was quite exhilarating.

B. R. Turnbull was in irresistible form, while Gwyn Richards again gave an excellent display, and is certainly playing better than ever. Poole made a splendid deputy for his captain, while all the forwards worked like Trojans.

The match was particularly interesting from the point of view of the new rules, and it is gratifying to learn that Voyce and other Gloucester players were loud in their praise of the amended rules recently introduced by the Welsh Rugby Union.

The final score was: Cardiff, 5 tries (15 points); Gloucester, 1 goal, 1 try (8 points), and the Cardiff tries were secured by B. R. Turnbull (2), W. J. Ould, Llew Williams, and Gwyn Richards, 1 each.

Cardiff's other fixture for the day was played at Treherbert, where our boys had a really hearty welcome. Delahay, the captain, elected to take part in this game, and he was prominent in every movement, but lacked support on many occasions when scores might have resulted.

The game resulted in a very narrow victory for Cardiff by 1 goal, 2 tries (11 points), to 1 penalty goal, 2 tries (9 points).

Perhaps the outstanding player on the Cardiff side was D. M. Williams, the young centre, and his exhibition was particularly interesting in view

of the fact that he last played for Treherbert before joining the Blue and Blacks.

Games such as this will do incalculable good in centres like the Rhondda, where such a great effort has been made, not without sacrifice, to keep the Rugby flag flying for upwards of 45 years, and Cardiff are performing an excellent service by remembering these struggling teams.

Do You Know—

That on Saturday last both Arthur Cornish's "son and heir," and Tom Johnson's "daughter fair" made their debut on the Cardiff Arms Park, and that the disappointment of both offsprings was mutual on finding that neither father was sporting a jersey.

That the Cardiff boys, John Roberts and Maurice Turnbull, have already given excellent displays in trials at Cambridge, and likewise M. H. Evans at Oxford, and that with Rowe Harding, Guy Morgan and Windsor Lewis, there is a probability of a splendid Welsh representation in the Varsity match in December.

That Cardiff was the first club to introduce the four threequarter game, when they played Gloucester in February, 1884, the extra man to complete the line being no other than the famous F. E. Hancock.

That one of the Maoris forwards is 15 stone, and four others are over 14 stone in weight, and that Idris and some of his colleagues are said to be putting on weight to meet the occasion.

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"Rugby Roundabout."

By L. E. W. WILLIAMS.

London gossips had it that Bob Delahay was dropped by Cardiff last Saturday. That's the best one I've heard for weeks.

Other London writers proclaimed Newport as the best team in Wales this season. Is this because Leicester and Blackheath managed to beat them?

The two Rugby teams with the best records to date are Aberavon with eight wins out of eight games, and Coventry, who have played nine and won nine.

Our Penarth neighbours are still commanding great respect. They added the scalp of Pontypridd to their growing collection on Saturday last, and we find the W.R.U. selectors showing great interest in certain players from the Seaside.

The Blackheath side, against whom the Taffsiders are matched this afternoon, have played nine, won four, and lost five to date. Not a formidable side, by any means, but a side with a knack of rising to the occasion against Welsh clubs.

Gloucester (who lost their record to Cardiff last week) share with Leicester the modest record of having played eight and won seven. By the way, the Blue and Blacks were always on top last Saturday, thanks in the main to Gwyn Richards, B. R. Turnbull, and Llew Williams among the backs, and to some excellent forward play. But

we *did* miss Idris while he was off, didn't we?

The Maoris, who are now in this country, are most Harlequin-like in their way of throwing the ball about. They say they are here to play Rugby and enjoy the playing of it. That's the spirit. They are not concerned with achievements of other teams, but I doubt if we shall ever see a team equal to the 1905 All Blacks from a scoring point of view. In their games with Devon, Cornwall, Bristol, Gloucester and Middlesex, they amassed something like 215 points, with only 4 points scored against them.

The return of Arthur Cornish should add still more pep to the attack of the Cardiff side. Fortunately, he is young enough to come back and reveal his former ability.

Aberavon can still boast that Swansea and Cardiff have failed to beat them at Aberavon since the war. How long is this state of things to last, Cardiff? Swansea have had a pot at it this season, and failed. Then we have the Bristol bogey to scotch, too, haven't we?

Swansea and Llanelli have the same record, to date. Won four and lost four. The All Whites show an up grade tendency, but Llanelli are not quite so convincing this season.

Maurice Turnbull, who is now at Cambridge, should be well in the running for his Rugger Blue. Maurice, who is the popular Glamorgan County cricketer, is also a Welsh International hockey player.

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Why the awful bother because Wales has been first in the attempt to clean up Rugby? Certain critics over the border adopt an attitude of "We found it first," in a Rugby sense. I am willing to give a certain Mr. Webb Ellis credit for the innovation of Rugby, but the game itself has been adorned by Welsh triumphs, and enhanced by Welsh importations, notably the four threequarter game. Right glad am I to see that Mr. Leonard Tosswill, one of England's best critics, is in favour of a general adoption of the new Welsh rules.

I have heard many people discuss prominent Rugby officials, and say "But they were never anything much in the game." Some truth in that, I know. But what a genius some of them have for "spotting" players who, in the rough, would have been passed over by the average selector. Our old friend, Tommy Schofield, has football sagacity of the highest order. He it was who spotted Ben Gronow, who, he predicted, would make history in the Rugby game. Well, didn't he?

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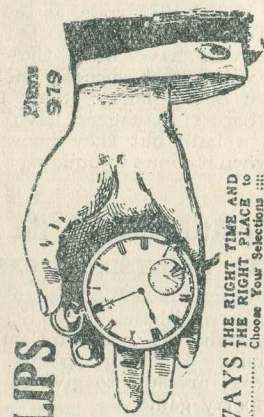
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To-day's Guests.

It is a few years ago since Maesteg played Cardiff, and their re-appearance on the card must have caused great satisfaction to the officials and supporters of the "Hên Blwyf." Teams like Maesteg among to so-called "second-class" teams, have long been struggling for recognition from the senior clubs, and the helping hand extended them by clubs like Cardiff may lead to fruitful results, if only it is remembered that Cardiff like opponents who play free, open football, irrespective of the tale the scoring board may tell.

Maesteg have kept the Rugby flag flying for many years; they have produced a number of excellent players for county and country, notably

among them Evan Davies, the full-back, who has been one of the soundest custodians playing in club football for many years.

In the present side we will meet one of our old playing friends in Giraldu Rees, who played a number of matches in the Blue and Black jersey, and who should have been playing in many more.

Pike has been one of the most ubiquitous threequarters we have seen for a long time, and his bigness of heart makes up for his shortness of stature.

Maesteg's present secretary is Mr. R. J. Pole, who is also secretary of the Glamorgan County Football Club—a genial, energetic official, through whose guidance the Maesteg boys are "climbing the pole" to football fame.

Supporters' Notes.

LAST SATURDAY'S GAMES.

Only one of our teams was engaged on Saturday last. Owing to the Pengam ground being under water, the game with Lewis' School was cancelled, and our Ex-Schoolboys had an idle afternoon. Our Juniors, however, had an interesting fixture with the Glamorgan Wanderers Thirds. Games with either of the Wanderers teams are always sporty. On Saturday last our team kept up their winning career, the final score reading:—Supporters, 6 goals, 2 tries; Glamorgan Wanderers, nil. We are proud

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That Tommy Stone, who played so brilliantly at full back for his school

and country, is now filling the position of outside half with equal credit. His combination with Goodman is a feature, and many games have been won for our boys through Tommy's bursts and trickiness.

That Pat Hayes, one of the stalwarts of the Supporters' pack, has put on considerable weight since last season; is a sound scrummager, good in the line-out, and worthy of a trial in senior football. Pat commenced the season with a moustache, but owing to its tickling effects on his fellow players, he has, under threat, had it removed.

That Regan, the Ex-Schoolboys' outside half, is styled the "Percy Bush" of the team. He certainly gives promise of becoming an exponent of the wonderful tactics of the former famous Cardiff player.

That Norman Fender has played one or two games lately in the centre position with great success, but all critics agree that it would be unwise for him to forsake the position of forward, where, with added weight and experience, he will doubtless become a player who will add lustre to his city and country.

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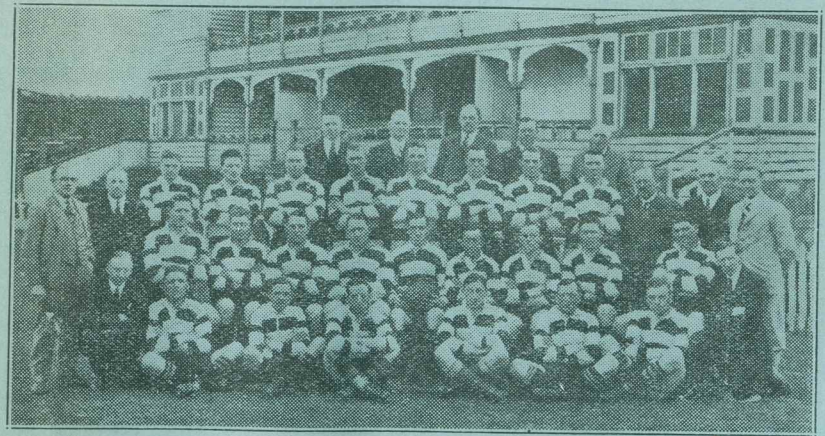
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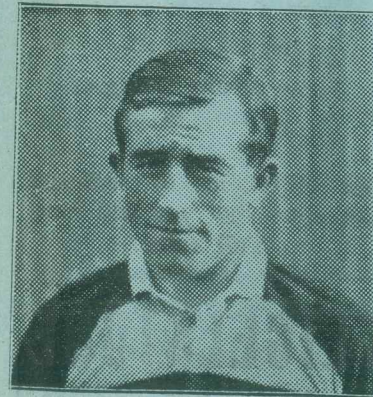
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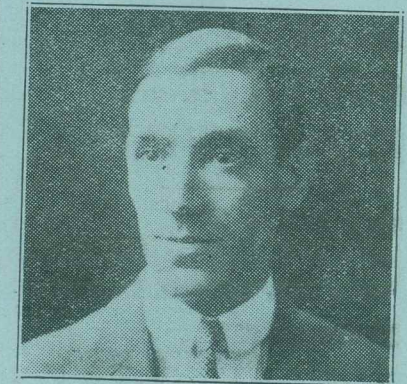
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