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Blackheath v. Cardiff.

The two premier amateur football organisations of Cardiff—Cardiff Athletic and Cardiff Corinthians (Association) travelled to London in adjoining railway saloons last Saturday.

On arrival in the "village," following the break-up of the "Snap" parties, we proceeded by charabanc to the Rectory Field, passing a few shivery remarks apropos the Bleak Blackheath Common on a raw day.

The game (under English R.U. rules) had not long started, ere B. R. Turnbull broke through with Danny Davies in attendance, to whom he passed when confronted by the 'Heathens' full back; with nobody in front, it's a 1000 to 1 chance on a score, when the whistle blew—for an "alleged" forward pass, causing surprise to the Blackheath crowd and players alike. Ossie Male now feels upset, and proceeds to kick a wonderful penalty goal from a yard inside his own half, just to show that there was plenty of "kick" in the Taffside fifteen. Then followed a movement by the Cardiff backs along to the right wing and an inside pass from Arthur Cornish to Danny Davies saw that player over the line, only to be called back for another alleged forward transfer. Again we press, and Jim, now styled "Hocker," Burns, following up Arthur Cornish's kick, got over, to be recalled for offside, when apparently both Arthur Cornish and Danny Davies had put him on-side.

Whilst Cardiff were considering whether there were any other possible ways of scoring, J. T. Kemp, the Blackheath fly-half, broke away towards the left wing, where the movement was checked, until C. C. Bishop, 'profiting by a knock-on,' went on to score a try, which Kemp converted,

to give the 'Heathens the lead by 2 points.

Cardiff tried hard to score in the second half, but luck—and the whistle—seemed against us.

Blackheath sat on their lead through a series of marks and touch-finders until the final whistle blew.

Now if you find (1) Blackheath crowd supporting Cardiff, (2) the Blackheath players admitting the fairness of two disallowed Cardiff scores, (3) two of London's leading newspapers' headlines reading "Blackheath in Luck," "Blackheath Lucky," how *did* Cardiff lose?

I'll say the answer lies in the shoes of the "ref," which prevented him from keeping up with the pace of the game.

Arthur Cornish played well in his unaccustomed place on the wing; and the work of Ossie Male, B. R. Turnbull, Idris Richards, D. G. Davies, K. Turnbull, also deserves mention. Bobby Delahay also did well, despite the not too successful heeling of the visiting eight.

P.S.—The Corinthians won their match against Dulwich Hamlet (4—0). I should think the referee wore "spikes" in this game.

FARCEUR.

"Rugby Roundabout."

By L. E. W. WILLIAMS.

Oh, those Rugby Rules. The International Rugby Board has decided that all games between Clubs in different Unions have to be played under the International Rule Book. Now we sit back in our armchairs and wait for developments, but even the keenest critics of the Welsh Rugby Union are the first to state the new Welsh Rules are worthy of inclusion in the Rugby International Textbook.

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"How dare Wales interfere with the rules of Rugby," was the query of an English critic a week ago. "It is an English game," he said. May be. But one of the biggest contributions to the game was the introduction of the four threequarters system, and Wales brought that in. Besides, the biggest drawing cards are Welsh teams.

If Cardiff and Newport had met at Rodney Parade on Thursday, and played a game similar to that between the Usksiders and the Maoris, I am sure the consensus of opinion would have been "Poor game." The game itself was played under appalling conditions, and the fickleness of the ball under greasy conditions, baffled both teams. What winning chances were offered by way of penalty kicks, were mainly awarded to Newport, but they just couldn't turn them to good account.

Both teams were in danger of defeat at different times during the game, but the wet fates made an amicable settlement of the issue by permitting a share of the honours. Newport, winning most of the scrums, sought to beat the opposition into submission by taking scrums instead of line-outs, but the ruse did not work.

The Maoris revealed flashes of brilliance and phases of mediocrity. That they love the open game is very apparent, for, candidly speaking, they employed the open field much more often than Newport. Unless I am mistaken, the Maoris play the Rugby League rule at home, or something

like it, in which the ball is rarely kicked direct to touch but is sent upfield. Several times they were nearly in, as a result of this phase of play.

On a dry ground, where the ball could have been handled with anything like precision, Newport could, I think, have mastered the Maoris, and unless I am a long way out in my views, I think the Cardiff team should give the Maoris a good game and a good beating. The Newport backs were too slow for the Maoris. As the score indicates, the tackling was good, on both sides, and I think the Maoris are to be congratulated upon avoiding defeat in a game where weather conditions and new rules were decidedly not in their favour.

I saw Bob Delahay there, making swift mental deductions, and, who knows, building a few plans (and castles) for Cardiff Supporters.

Next Saturday's Great Game.

Our supporters are doubtless looking forward to the appearance of Swansea on the Park on Saturday next, if only to see whether the Blue and Blacks will be able to avenge the defeat sustained at St. Helen's on the 25th September last, when Swansea deservedly won by 6 points to nil. The All Whites made a very creditable show against the Maoris in Saturday last, losing only by 11 points to 6. Everything points to a really great game, and we have no doubt there will be a big crowd present.

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We therefore welcome St. Bart's Hospital to our midst again this afternoon, and in passing we may state that our one regret is that they do not appear on the Park on a Saturday afternoon, when a far larger crowd would assuredly be present to cheer their efforts. "Barts" have taken a leading part in the London Hospitals Cup Tournament, and we note from the records of this contest, which was instituted in 1875, that they have been in the final on no fewer than thirteen occasions, and won the Trophy three times in all.

Several players from Wales have been associated with the famous Bart's team—perhaps the most notable of them being Dr. Melbourne Thomas, now established at Llwynypia, who played for Wales on six occasions in all.

Their half-backs for the last few seasons have been T. P. Williams and H. MacGregor, both with Pontypridd Association, while among their forwards we have seen several Welshmen, including T. J. Pittard, W. S. Morgan and C. R. Jenkins. Their full back, W. S. Gaisford, has given exhibitions on the Park equal to that of any other full back, while a rare leader of the pack has been R. H. Bettington, an all-round athlete with a wonderful record, including a penchant for kicking goals.

If the Blue and Blacks this afternoon are not strongly represented we shall not be a bit surprised to see another defeat registered against us. However, the game's the thing, and we are looking forward to a very pleasant afternoon.

Supporters' Notes.

LAST WEEK'S GAMES.

Our both fixtures were with teams from the Taffs Well Club, our Juniors against the Seconds, and our Ex-Schoolboys playing the Third XV. The Taffs Well Club is without doubt one of the best organised and most popular clubs in the Cardiff and District Union. Their teams always play good, clean football, and as a result the matches are always enjoyed by teams and spectators. Last Saturday's games

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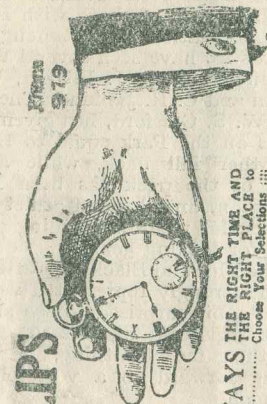
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C. B. Prowse (19)

Inside Half : T. P. Williams (7)

Outside Half : H. McGregor (6)

Forwards : E. S. Vergette, Capt. (12)

R. H. Bettington (14)

R. W. Williams (8)

T. J. Pittard (10)

H. D. Robertson (20)

M. L. Maley (9)

J. W. D. Buttery (11)

C. R. Jenkins (15)

Reserve Forward : D. S. Briggs (22)

Referee :

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Kick-off
3.15 p.m.

Forwards : Idris Richards (H)

E. Spillane (J)

D. G. Davies (K)

T. Burns (L)

F. Porter (M)

W. Watkins (N)

R. Barrell (O)

M. O'Regan (P)

Inside Half : W. J. Delahay (Capt.) (F)

Outside Half : Gwyn Richards (G)

Left Wing :

Llew Williams (B)

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were no exception, both being played under ideal conditions. The ball was given plenty of air, and some really good bouts of passing were indulged in. In weight the Taffs Well teams had the benefit, but were not the equals of our boys in speed or trickiness, with the result that the Supporters were victorious in both games, the final scores being: Taffs Well Seconds, nil; Supporters, 1 goal 3 tries (14 pts.) Supporters' Ex-Schoolboys, 3 goals, 3 tries (24 pts.); Taffs Well Thirds, 1 try (3 pts.)

THE MAORI MATCH PROGRAMME.

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The closing date is near at hand, and we appeal to all who have not yet purchased their tickets to do so without delay. The tickets are only 3d. each, and the prizes are valuable, in addition to which the public will be assisting in the all-important work of training young players for future Cardiff teams. A glance at our records for this season will prove that we have really good talent available. Several of the lads could be playing now for senior clubs, but they are remaining loyal to the Supporters' Club, being

anxious sooner or later to qualify for the Blue and Blacks, of whom they and all of us are proud.

SUPPORTERS' DO YOU KNOW—

That D. Williams, brother of Frank (who is shewing such good form for Brecon College), is a great asset to the Supporters Juniors. He is undoubtedly a very clever forward, able to do his bit in the scrum, very clever in the line out and in foot work, and we are convinced that, like his brother, it will not be long before he is given a trial with the Seniors.

That A. Cundy, the heavy-weight forward of the Ex-Schoolboys pack, has no equal for physique in the League. He is about 5ft. 11ins. in height, weighs nearly 12 stone, is always in the front rank, smart in the line out, and clever with his footwork. Like his captain (Norman Fender) he is fit for our senior side, but is content to help in bringing on his less experienced pals.

That our Hon. Sec. smoked so many cigarettes whilst trying to compose a war cry for our teams that he had regretfully to give it up, but his assistant, a member of the "No Hat" Brigade, undertook the duty, and has composed words and music that will put terror into the hearts of our opponents and Celtic fervour into the hearts of our boys.

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so we understand, to an error on the part of "Cocky" Goodman (Conductor of the Choir), who smiled broadly when he should have been serious. However, he has called a special rehearsal for this week, and we await results.

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Interesting Extracts from Records

Neutral referees for International matches were first appointed in 1882-3.

Referees were first provided with whistles and umpires with "sticks" in 1885. In 1892 umpires were designated touch judges.

Wales first played the four three-quarter formation in season 1885-6, but did not do so permanently until a few seasons later, while the other Unions adopted the formation in 1893-4.

In 1886, numerical value was given the mode of scoring, and three tries were made equal to a goal. The field goal was abolished and the present scoring values were adopted in 1905-6.

The International Board was formed in 1890.

In 1891 it was permissible to pick up a dead ball—some players to-day

experience the greatest trouble in picking up a "live" one.

Mauls in goal were abolished in 1892.

"Boy" Morkel's Great Record.

By the death of W. H. ("Boy") Morkel, who has succumbed to an operation, South Africa has lost a player who, but a few years ago, was reckoned among the world's best forwards.

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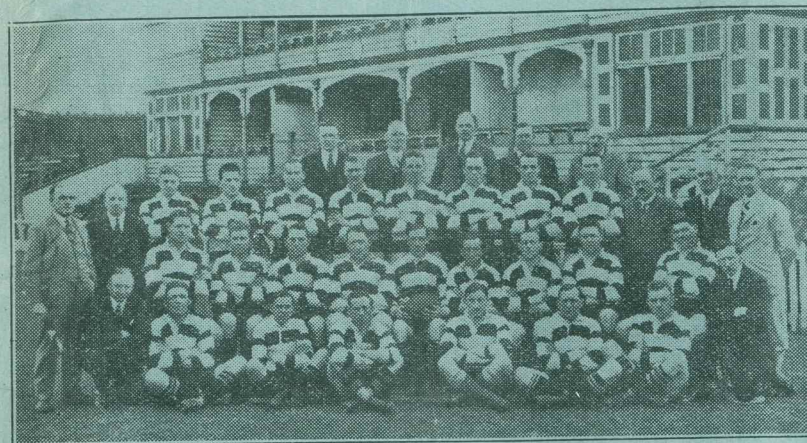
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Sep. 4	Bridgend.....h	39	3	Oct. 2	Newport.....a	11	12
	Treorchy.....h	13	11		Mountain Ash.....h	15	7
" 8	District XV.....h	66	10	" 9	Llanelli.....h	13	8
" 11	Pontypool.....h	0	0	"	Moseley.....a	6	14
"	Weston-S-Mare.....a	13	3	" 16	Gloucester.....h	15	8
" 18	Bristol.....h	21	13	"	Treherbert.....a	11	9
"	Skewen.....h	14	9	" 23	Blackheath.....a	3	5
" 25	Swansea.....a	2	6	"	Maesteg.....h	0	14
	Pill Harriers.....h	24	9	" 27	St. Bart's H.....h		
				" 30	Swansea.....h		
					Cheltenham.....a		



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