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Cardiff Hard Pressed.

Still, Cardiff were in their own half when a really bright movement developed from a perfect opening by Bowcott. Having done his part, Bowcott handed to Graham Jones, who placed G. V. Jones in possession, the wing running well until he was forced into touch by T. J. Davies.

The Londoners promptly replied with passing, at the conclusion of which W. T. Lewis made a fine touchline sprint. A couple of pretty efforts by A. H. Jones, who shared some good touchline kicking with his centres and Powell, soon gave the Londoners a marked territorial advantage, and that they grimly held on to for a considerable period, during which Powell twice vainly dropped at goal.

Cardiff were so hard pressed that Fender was brought out of the scrummage to strengthen the defence, and when Poole was penalised for picking out of a scrummage, R. V. HOWELL easily placed a goal.

That score temporarily ended the London Welsh attack, and Cardiff, going to the other end—largely through Cravos dribbling away after a pass had been dropped—contributed several passing bouts, all of which fell short of success either because of sound tackling or faulty handling.

Once, after the pivotal men had done their part splendidly, Charters lost a splendid chance through knocking on, but Cardiff, with the aid of a penalty or two, nevertheless pinned the Londoners down to defensive work.

The failure of Graham Jones to take a pass, which was a trifle short, from Bowcott, eventually enabled the Londoners to level matters territorially, and when Cardiff's three-quarters next tried to "cover" a dropped pass by dribbling W. T. Lewis fielded, rounded Charters, and on being confronted by Stone punted ahead.

Lewis also got in another kick, which sent the ball over the Cardiff line, and while he and Stone were racing after the ball he (Lewis) appeared to be tripped. The ball rolled out of bounds, and the referee abstained from awarding a penalty try, though he might have done so.

The Londoners, however, were now definitely on top, and at last POWELL, gaining possession from a quick heel by his forwards, forced his way over between the posts for a try. R. V. Howell kicked the goal.

Half—LONDON WELSH *2 0 8
CARDIFF 0 0 0

* One penalty.

Cardiff opened the second half with whirlwind tactics, a great rush, in which forwards and backs shared, carrying play close to the London Welsh line. A low pass back by Powell, from a scrummage, further endangered the "exiles' line, but they made a smart recovery—a fast dribble by their forwards, screw-punting by A. H. Jones, and further good work by their forwards in the loose carrying the game to the other end of the field.

For the next few minutes Cardiff were hard pressed, but they eventually cleared by means of passing, which carried them back to the centre. There Powell threw out a pass, which went astray, while the Londoners' centres and T. J. Davies also made mistakes when endeavouring to field when worried by Fender.

A SPLENDID TRY.

Twice in quick succession the Londoners had to concede minors—and were perhaps fortunate to escape in that way—and they were still defending when S. L. Jones cleverly slipped through the Cardiff centres and beat the defence before passing to A. H. JONES, who was fast enough to keep clear of pursuit, and to run in with a splendid try from halfway. R. V. Howell easily converted.

Thirteen points behind, Cardiff thought it time to wake up, and that they did—a passing movement developing on the right, and a return pass from Charters ending with BOWCOTT clearing the defence and running in with a smart try. Stone failed on convert.

After that score the play was rather more favourable to Cardiff than formerly, and Stone several times tried to infuse new life into the attack by initiating passing movements. But the London Welsh backs refused to be hustled, and, while the centres and A. H. Jones repeatedly kicked with judgment, Powell was always at hand when determined defence was called for.

The Londoners, though mostly defending, were also constantly thrusting with fast footwork by their forwards, and Poole and Stone did good work for their side by "going down" to such movements and by using the touch-line effectively.

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cated played into the hands of W. C. Powell, enabling him to show the characteristics which stamp the great footballer, and to add to the measure of success which he obtained in acting as the connecting link between his forwards and backs. Poole was good—escaping the faults in handling shown by his centres, whose mistakes showed up the whole line—but not as good as Powell, while R. Gabe Jones, while playing with accuracy, had the better of A. H. Jones, who rounded off some excellent combined work by howling how screw-punting should be done.

S. L. Jones was also splendid, and the manner in which he made the opening for one of the Londoners' tries showed just a spark of genius. The two Joneses came next to Powell as the outstanding figures in a game which was not memorable for particularly clever combined play, but in which the standard was nevertheless fairly high.

The Cardiff forwards did not quite hold their own in the tight, at least as far as effective heeling was concerned, the Londoners' formation giving Powell possession a fraction of a second quicker than Poole was served—an advantage of which the international made good use.

In the loose Fender and Babbage did well for Cardiff, though some of their work was damaged by the inpetosity of others. Howell, W. A. V. Thomas, and Lewis were the leaders for the Londoners, and T. J. Davies, at full-back, played soundly.

2 Both matches may not
cancelled.

Feb 14th 1931

Gloucester v Cardiff

SOUTH

GAME LOST BY MISSED CHANCES. CARDIFF TAUGHT LESSON BY GLOUCESTER.

Cardiff were narrowly beaten by Gloucester at Arms Park to-day through failure to take advantage of the chances afforded them. The 'Cestrians turned the few opportunities that came their way to good account.

(By "OBSERVER.")

The Cardiff side—at least behind the scrum—for this game at the Arms Park this afternoon bore a very strange appearance. Compared with some rear divisions which have been placed on the field when all the talent was available, it was decidedly weak.

Both regular centres were on view, but both Howard Toole and Harry Bowcott were absentees. Tommy Stone took the latter's place at fly-half, while Vernon Richards deputised for Poole. Cyril Davies took up the full-back position.

In the corresponding game a year ago Gloucester obtained their first victory at Cardiff for many years, and provided the visiting forwards could hold the home eight, the indications were that the 'Cestrians held a sporting chance of repeating that win.

The kick-off was delayed ten minutes on account of the train bringing supporters from Gloucester being late in reaching Cardiff.

CARDIFF.—Cyril Davies; G. V. Jones, Graham Jones, R. B. Turnbull (capt.), H. Robertshaw; Vernon Richards and T. Stone; Tom Lewis, Archie Skym, Y. R. Osmond, T. M. Williams, Norman Fender, S. Babbage, S. C. Cravos, and A. Clark. GLOUCESTER.—H. Boughton; G. R. James (capt.), A. E. Brookes, D. M. Edwards, and L. Abbey; F. Price and D. Meadows; T. Hiam, F. Wadley, E. Comley, F. Russell, J. Hemmings, L. Franklin, Dr. Steele-Perkins, and K. Smith.

Referee.—Mr. Jack Wetter, Newport.

Gloucester kicked off, and an unorthodox start by Cardiff promised well. Instead of returning the ball to touch, Tommy Stone darted ahead. The outside half beat half-a-dozen opponents, but his pass was a trifle too high for Graham Jones, who dashed through at top speed, and a movement which might have proved disastrous to Gloucester ended in mid-field.

Stone failed to get within yards of a bad pass from Richards when the Cardiff pack heeled, but, aided by good kicking by Cyril Davies and Turnbull, Cardiff reached the visitors' line, Boughton making a desperate save by turning the ball to touch in goal.

A Good Try.

The Gloucester forwards, by good work in the loose, exerted pressure, and twice in rapid succession Davies had to save close to his line. A mistake by the Cardiff full-back, however, a few minutes later sent the ball direct to Abbey, the Gloucester left wing, a dozen yards from the line, but the latter quite failed to avail himself of the chance presented.

Gloucester, however, took the lead after ten minutes when James, the captain, got to within a yard of the line before sending WADLEY over for a good, but unconverted, try.

Price sent his backs away when his forwards heeled from a scrum in their own quarters, but a misunderstanding between Brookes and his captain almost let in G. V. Jones on the left.

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After a succession of scrums under the visitors' posts, Stone got to within inches of his objective by means of a straight dart ahead, and from the next scrum Graham Jones went very close with a solo effort.

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Midfield play, most of it of an uninteresting nature, characterised the opening minutes of the second half, but eventually the Cardiff backs got going, but although Graham Jones steered the ball past Boughton he was recalled for a knock-on.

From the first scrum in this half Meadows made a clever breakaway and beat the home centres before Fender brought him down. In this tackle the Welsh forward was hurt, but resumed after attention.

Russell then made a splendid effort for the visitors, but had the misfortune to see the ball rebound from Cyril Davies when a try was at least a possibility.

OUT OF LUCK.

Cardiff obtained an attacking position when Fender charged down a kick by Price but again Graham Jones had no luck when he tried to exploit the reverse pass.

A knock-on by Brookes, however, gave Cardiff a foothold 10 yards from their opponents' line, but in the passing bout which followed a scrum Robertshaw failed to elude the attentions of Abbey, and was bewild into touch a yard from the line.

A bad piece of off-side by Franklin got his side penalised, but Tommy Stone's attempt to place a goal from 40 yards range failed.

Cardiff continued to have the better of matters, but their frequent attempts at passing never looked like overcoming the Gloucester defence, and Stone was justified, if not successful, in his efforts to go "on his own."

Cyril Davies was entrusted with the next penalty, but from halfway sent the ball slightly wide of his objective. The Cardiff forwards were now definitely on top, but the Gloucester pack were effectively countering this advantage by quick breaking up at each scrum.

STRONG DEFENCE.

Boughton repelled a home attack effectively by placing the ball out of play at halfway with a huge kick from his own line, and in the next Cardiff attack Abbey's defence was again too much for Robertshaw, although the Cardiff wing made a determined effort.

In the next bout of passing by the home backs the visitors' defence was for once outflanked, but on this occasion Turnbull failed to hold what looked to be a good pass by Graham Jones when it appeared any odds on a score.

Play, which had never reached great heights, was now dull, and when the Cardiff backs made their next attack it was Robertshaw who dropped his pass after the ball had been worked out to him.

For 20 minutes in this half Cardiff had been continuously on the attack, yet never once could the Gloucester line be fairly said to be in danger of being crossed.

T. H. Williams and Babbage went very close with an intelligent dribble, but James, the Gloucester captain, fielded from their feet and effected a splendid clearance.

A CHANCE MISSED.

Then after being confined to their own quarters for 25 minutes the visitors broke away and Franklin had the Cardiff line at his mercy and two men were unmarked when he allowed G. V. Jones to effect an ankle tackle a dozen yards from the line.

Shortly afterwards Gloucester took the lead and JAMES the skipper not only scored the try but was also responsible for it.

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Abertillery
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RECORD STILL INTACT.

Abertillery Too Good for
Cardiff's "Other"
Team.

CLEVER TRIES.

Prior to starting on their tour in France, where they have two matches during next week, Abertillery were at home to Cardiff to-day. The Abertillery ground record was still intact. There was only a small attendance. Teams:—

ABERTILLERY.—J. O'Neil; A. Davies, T. W. Jones, I. Griffiths, and J. Bird; A. Hockey and H. Richardson; T. Thomas, E. Lloyd, A. Carter, A. Marston, A. Fear, W. D. Evans, M. Meek, J. Walby.

CARDIFF.—J. A. Brown; T. Thomas, R. Gabe-Jones, S. A. Hughes, and W. A. Jefferies; J. Kenefic and J. Thomas; T. Burus, L. Spence, G. James, P. J. Fletcher, A. Cundy, D. Westacott, S. Joyce, G. Howe.

Referee.—Mr. F. Richards, Pontymister. Thomas, the Cardiff outside-half, set his backs in motion, but the heavy going prevented them getting away smartly, although they handled neatly and in good style. Jefferies was tackled by Albert Davies and dispossessed in the Abertillery 25.

Hockey, the Abertillery inside-half, received from a line-out, and following his transfer to Richardson, the Abertillery three-quarters started passing and running strongly. The ball went to Bird, on the wing, but Jones stumbled when he received a return pass and knocked on.

From the scrum, the Cardiff pack heeled cleanly and Kenefic gave out to his backs. The movement ended with Jefferies being forced into touch. Cardiff got to Abertillery territory when one of the Cardiff forwards charged down a kick by Hockey.

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Cardiff broke away and Hughes completely tricked the defence and reached the Abertillery 25, where, unfortunately, he lost the advantage through a wild pass.

Play was one minute in the Abertillery half and the next in the Cardiff territory. There was a good deal of strong running by individual members of both back divisions.

Half—ABERTILLERY 0 1 3
CARDIFF 0 0 0

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NEAT DROPPED GOAL.

Receiving from his partner Stone ran to the left and suddenly threw a long pass back to GRAHAM JONES. The centre swung round and dropped a neat goal from short range.

Davies, the home full-back, was applauded for a neat pick-up and kick to touch near his own line, and then good combination by the home three-quarters, in which Graham Jones and Robertshaw were prominent, gained half the length of the field before Boughton turned the ball to touch.

From the next scrum Turnbull burst through in brilliant fashion, beating both the opposing centres and going clean through to Boughton. With the defence beaten and the line at his mercy, however, Graham Jones failed to hold his captain's pass.

In the next Cardiff attack, Edwards saved cleverly for Gloucester after a cross-kick by Graham Jones threatened the visitors' line. Then Tommy Stone not only deceived the opposition, but cleverly timed his pass to Robertshaw on the right. The wing went hard and fast for the corner, but just failed to get past Boughton.

DROPPED PASSES.

Stone persisted in cutting out openings for the men behind him, but dropped passes by both the Cardiff centres pulled up promising movements. Graham Jones once cleverly drew the visiting defence, but when he gave a reverse pass to Turnbull the latter was as much surprised as the Gloucester men, and a move which should have enabled Cardiff to increase their slender lead ended 10 yards from the Gloucester line.

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GLOUCESTER 0 1 3
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COMMENTS.

Both sides had one big fault in common. They lacked cohesion. Abertillery showed greater initiative and skill in organising attacks, and for this the half-backs, Hockey and Richardson, claimed the credit.

There was too much scrambling play by bot hpacks, and the back divisions could almost have done without the heeling with which they were served.

Towards the end Cardiff completely lost control of the game, which was evidenced by the fact that three tries were scored in quick succession.

SPENCE INJURED.

The Cardiff tackling at this stage was ineffective. Spence, one of the Cardiff forwards, was injured just before the final and was carried off the field.

Final-GLOUCESTER 0 2 6
CARDIFF *1 0 4
*Dropped.

COMMENTS.

By the law that a side which does not take its chances does not deserve to win Cardiff have no complaint as to the result of this game.

The end was sensational, as the occasion when James scored was only the second time the visitors had been out of their own half for 20 minutes.

During this period Cardiff had been continually attacking and continually failing. Rarely can a side have been kept so persistently on the defence and then snatch a win as did Gloucester to-day, and for this reason, if for no other, their victory was deserved.

The superiority of the Cardiff pack in the tight had the effect of keeping the home backs plied with chances, but when the visitors' defence did not prove unsurmountable dropped passes pulled them up.

Stone and Cyril Davies, the full-back, were the only members of the Cardiff rear division who had anything like a good afternoon, and of the forwards Skym, Fender, Clarke and Babbage were the most prominent of a pack who must be absolved from blame for their side's defeat.

With about 20 per cent. of the chances of their opponents the visiting backs were the most impressive, and of them James, the pick, Meadows and Abbey were standard, but a very pleasing feature was the manner in which James's last-minute effort for Gloucester was applauded by the crowd.

July 21st 1931
Newport v Cardiff

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TWO FORWARDS SENT OFF AT NEWPORT.

MARCHING ORDERS FOR H. DAY AND T. WILLIAMS.

A most disappointing game between Newport and Cardiff at Uskside to-day ended in a victory for the home side by a try, scored by Morley, to nil.

There was also an unfortunate ordering-off incident in which H. Day, who had been selected to play for Wales against France at Swansea on Saturday next, and T. M. Williams were involved.

(By "OLD STAGER.")

Better conditions for Rugby than prevailed at Newport this afternoon on the occasion of Newport's second home match of the season with Cardiff could not well be imagined.

The turf, even if slightly on the slippery side, was quite good, and a large throng took advantage of the opportunity of enjoying outdoor sport in brilliant sunshine.

Newport had their strongest side with the one exception that their new international, A. R. Ralph, stood down in view of next Saturday's game between France and Wales.

Cardiff, too, was strongly represented, and at the last moment the captain (B. R. Turnbull) announced that he would rely upon an all international quartette, playing Frank Williams, the former Welsh outside-half, on the left wing, and John Roberts, the former Welsh centre, on the right flank.

This arrangement, however, was subsequently altered owing to the late arrival of John Roberts, G. V. Jones substituting Roberts. The start was delayed in consequence. Teams:—

NEWPORT—W. Everson (captain); D. Campbell, G. Scott, S. J. Mountain and J. C. Morley; C. J. Jermain and R. C. Cullis; Peter Hordren, H. C. Day, H. Peacock, E. J. Shiner, J. C. Slade, P. Bunce, R. C. Herrera and F. H. Evans.

CARDIFF—T. Stone; G. V. Jones, B. R. Turnbull, Graham Jones and Frank Williams; Howard Poole and H. M. Bowcott; F. O. Cravos, H. Fender, P. Lewis, A. Clarke, A. Skyrn, R. Barrell, T. M. Williams, and F. Babbage.

Referee—Mr. Stan David, Llwynypia.

Both packs put in some bustling work in the first ten minutes, without either gaining any substantial advantage, and when Cardiff went to the attack it was as a consequence of G. V. Jones having made the most of a chance which came to him from a long throw-out by Poole on the short side of a scrum.

Touch-kicking by Cullis and Bowcott left the position unchanged, play remaining well inside the Newport half, and Everson, on one occasion, doing well to pull up a fast dribble by the Cardiff forwards.

Bad Handling.

Unfortunately wiser counsels prevailed.

When Bowcott kicked through, and when Everson got the ball to touch and a line-out was being taken the feud between the players was renewed, and H. C. Day and T. M. Williams were ordered off, presumably for striking each other.

In the next few minutes play took a turn in favour of Newport, and Jerman worked the short side for MORLEY to score a corner try. Everson missed the goal.

Fender lost no time in endeavouring to level, running strongly, and kicking well, while there were several occasions on which the Cardiff backs showed greater accuracy in handling.

They ran better than earlier and one leprety movement by Bowcott and Turnbull led to a very spectacular run by Frank Williams, who went on to reach Everson, when he sent out a pass that was not taken.

Newport attacked, with forwards and backs handling splendidly, until driven back to their own quarters when Turnbull drove the ball, followed up, and brought Everson down in possession.

In the last few minutes play was mainly in the region of the centre line, and the end came with a disappointing game with Newport the narrow winners.

Final—NEWPORT 0 1 3
CARDIFF 0 0 0

COMMENTS.

No more disappointing game has been seen in first-class Rugby circles this season. Play was poor, and the refereeing was not up to standard, while the unfortunate incident which ended in the ordering off of two players was merely a culmination of poor play.

The bad temper, which had been shown on previous occasions, was not altogether subdued as a result of the referee's action. There was very little in the game in any direction to give satisfaction.

The forwards certainly enjoyed themselves as far as the close play was concerned, but there was very little of that cleverness shown by the members of either pack. The backs' play, too, was nothing what had been hoped for.

The only direction in which it was anything like satisfactory was in the matter of defensive play. To Cardiff backs must go the credit of showing greater enterprise in endeavouring to open up the play than in the Newport backs.

July 21st 1931
Pill Harriers

FLETCHER'S DEBUT AT ARMS PARK.

Two Fine Tries Against
Pill Harriers.

A BRIGHT GAME.

(By "THE VETERAN.")

Both sides made a number of changes from the advertised list. The game was played in ideal weather, but the attendance at the time of the kick-off was meagre. Teams:

CARDIFF—Cyril Davies; H. Robertshaw, R. Gabe-Jones, I. Evans and S. Jones; Vernon Richards and J. Thomas; T. Burns, D. Westcott, A. Cundy, G. Howe, Phil Thomas, G. James, L. Spencer and P. J. Fletcher.

PILL HARRIERS—S. Wetter; V. Widdicombe, G. Manley, H. Gardner and J. Smith; L. Pritchard and D. Vile; A. Thomas, A. Abraham, J. Daley, R. Carter, E. Brown, S. R. Elms, W. Davies and W. Lewis.

Referee: Mr. R. J. Jones, Cross Keys.

Cardiff kicked off from the town end, and play settled down at the centre. From the first scrum the home backs started passing, and together with the forwards carried play to the Pill Harriers line, where the visitors were lucky in conceding a minor.

On the restart Cardiff again became aggressive, and kept Pill defending. A penalty against Cardiff did not help them, until a kick by Cyril Davies was charged down, and MANLEY, the visitors' captain, receiving, had only to run 15 yards to score without opposition. Thomas failed to goal.

Cardiff forwards were showing plenty of dash, and a quick follow up by Phil Fletcher and Burns penned the Harriers in their own 25. They were able by a couple of timely punts by their backs to work safely away, but once again Cardiff drove them back.

Within a minute PHIL FLETCHER, with a strong dash went over for a try, in what was his first game on the Cardiff ground. Cyril Davies converted with a good kick.

The homesters continued to keep play in the visitors' half, and with the backs passing with more accuracy, the ball was given cleanly and more than one score seemed certain.

Pill were defending well, however, and kept their line clear. The Cardiff forwards had improved in feeling out, but Richards spoiled one or two glorious chances by slovenly passing to his three. Wetter, the visitors' full back, was conspicuous for a couple of good saves when his side was in difficulties.

Half—CARDIFF 1 0 5
PILL HARRIERS 0 1 3

W. Lewis restarted for the Harriers and the first scrum was taken by the home forwards breaking through. Robertshaw received and found tough with a good kick well in the visitors' 25.

Gabe-Jones was playing well at centre. His kicking at this period gained a lot of ground. From a round of passing in the ground, EVANS got a perfect pass visitors' 25, Gabe-Jones and with a fine turn of speed rounded his opposing wing and Wetter and scored behind the posts. Cyril Davies, from the easiest position, failed with the kick.

Cardiff were now continuing to press, and PHIL FLETCHER this time made no mistake and with a great dash went over for Cyril Davies to add the extra points.

Then came the prettiest bit of play of the game. Receiving the ball in his own 25 S. Jones broke through for Cardiff, and after getting ten yards handed to I. EVANS 25 yards out, and the nippy little wing dashed along the touch-line like a dart to cross with the prettiest try seen on the Park for some time. Cyril Davies again kicked a fine goal.

Final—CARDIFF 3 1 15
PILL HARRIERS 0 1 3

COMMENTS.

Cardiff's "other" side to-day gave a decidedly better exhibition than they have done for some weeks and were well deserving of their victory by the 15 points margin.

Opening rather carelessly, the game being erratic, they improved as the game went on, and in all departments, with the exception of the backs, were well full.

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Bad Handling.

Bad handling by the Newport backs eventually gave Bowcott a chance to open up in what appeared to be a promising manner, but Campbell managed to intercept his pass, ran strongly, and punted ahead so that Frank Williams had to run into touch at the Cardiff quarter-line to save the situation.

Cardiff quickly fought their way back in spite of a dropped pass or two by Bowcott, and for some minutes play was in the centre.

For the greater part, too, play was with the forwards, the backs on both sides finding the tackling too keen to make headway. Eventually Scott found an opening and dashed through, but Campbell could not hold his pass, and the ball went across to the other flank and Turnbull and G. V. Jones dribbled back to midfield.

Then the Newport forwards started a movement in splendid style in the loose, and they were right on the Cardiff line when Frank Williams robbed them of possession, and kicked to touch. Kicking by Bowcott and Stone also helped to subdue the Newport pack, which, however, continued to be more forceful than Cardiff in a game which looked like being well below the expected standard.

Frequent Blunders.

A miskick by Everson, following a good point ahead by Bowcott, gave Cardiff a temporary advantage, which they lost when Everson made good use of the first penalty of the game.

Things would not go right for either side, mistakes of various kinds being frequent, and a series of misplays on the part of the Newport backs when trying to check a dribble by the Cardiff forwards ultimately caused play to be taken to the Newport line, where Horder gained possession as a scrum was breaking up and, with a great dash, gained 30 yards before passing to Scott, who retained possession until midfield was once again reached. There he was tackled and the ball went loose.

Perfect full-length touch-finding by Everson did much to nullify the periodical passing of the Cardiff men, but it looked as if the Newport defence would be outflanked when Turnbull got through smartly after passing by his forwards. It would probably have happened, too, had not the Cardiff captain thrown out a pass which G. V. Jones could not take.

Before Jones could turn, Morley pounced upon the ball, sprinted away, and made the one thrilling run of the first half. However, when opposed by Stone Morley punched ahead, and Stone got back quickly and helped to save, and got in a really good touch-finder.

Half-NEWPORT 0 0 0
CARDIFF 0 0 0

More life was put into the play in the opening minutes of the second half, when Everson knocked on from the restarting kick, and Cardiff gaining possession at the first scrum, the ball was sent along the line to Turnbull, who failed to hold a high pass and knocked it out into the hands of Scott, who promptly started a passing movement which Turnbull and Frank Williams had difficulty in stopping.

At the next scrum possession was again secured by Cardiff, and with a great effort Pocock went clean through to Everson, making a perfect opening and ruining it by throwing out a pass which was too high for Graham Jones, and did not reach G. V. Jones.

With fast work in the loose Newport speedily regained the ground they had lost, and after Everson had failed with an attempt to place a penalty goal from long range play settled near Cardiff's line, and remained there until poor passing by Mountain and Scott gave Bowcott the opportunity of making a twenty yards' run.

Temper Lost.
Jerman's smartness in smothering the ball gave Morley an outside chance of making his way to the line, but Stone foiled him, and in the next few minutes in some stiff forward play several players looked like losing their tempers, but for-

No more disappointing game has been seen in first-class Rugby circles this season. Play was poor, and the refereeing was not up to standard, while the unfortunate incident which ended in the ordering off of two players was merely a culmination of poor play.

The bad temper, which had been shown on previous occasions, was not altogether subdued as a result of the referee's action. There was very little in the game in any direction to give satisfaction.

The forwards certainly enjoyed themselves as far as the close play was concerned, but there was very little of real cleverness shown by the members of either pack. The backs' play, too, was nothing what had been hoped for.

The only direction in which it was anything like satisfactory was in the matter of defensive play. To Cardiff backs must go the credit of showing greater enterprise in endeavouring to open up the play than did their opponents, but the handling of the Cardiff men, and the manner in which they endeavoured to carry out their movements was distinctly disappointing. There were few redeeming features in the whole of the game.

A Redeeming Feature.

One of the redeeming features was the display given by Jerman, who not only got the ball away smartly when his forwards gave him possession, as they did on the majority of occasions, but who also managed to keep completely in his position.

Bowcott, at outside half, was a mixture of excellence and disappointment. At times he showed the brilliance which is expected of him, but for the greater portion of the game he was disappointing, dropping a number of passes, and having several kicks charged down.

The whole of the three-quarter play as far as attacking movements were concerned gave the crowd nothing to admire.

In defensive work, however, Scott did splendidly for Newport, and was supported in that direction by Cullis, the Newport outside-half, who made no openings, but whose defensive work, particularly in the covering of his wings, was first rate.

In a hectic forward battle in the loose, Peter Horder and Peacock for Newport were the best forwards, while on the Cardiff side the men who did best were Fender (who was prominent in constructive work), Skye and Babbage. Still, on the whole it was a game in which neither side showed play which was either commendable or clever, and though Newport might have been sufficiently in front to deserve success, Cardiff might have secured it had their backs handled their opportunities with ordinary accuracy.

turn of speed rounded his posing wing and Wetter and scored behind the posts. Cyril Davies, from the easiest position, failed with the kick.

Cardiff were now continuing to press, and PHIL FLETCHER this time made no mistake and with a great dash went over for Cyril Davies to add the extra points.

Then came the prettiest bit of play of the game. Receiving the ball in his own half, Jones broke through for touch, and after getting ten yards handed to I. EVANS 25 yards out, and the nippy little wing dashed along the touch line like a dart to cross with the prettiest try seen on the Park for some time. Cyril Davies again kicked a fine goal.

Final—CARDIFF 3 1 15
PILL HARRIERS 0 1 3

COMMENTS.
Cardiff's "other" side to-day gave a decidedly better exhibition than they have done for some weeks and were well deserving of their victory by the 15 points margin.

Opening rather carelessly, the passing being erratic, they improved as the game progressed, and in all departments, with the exception of full-back, were masters of the situation. Wetter, the visiting full-back, being the best of the Harriers' back division, with Manley, at centre, a good second.

Pill Harriers' tackling was too high, and gave the home players no trouble in breaking away on many occasions.

Pritchard, their inside-half, was "nippy," but was inclined to get offside. Their forwards were a good pack, but on the day's play had to take second place to Cardiff's eight, of whom the best were Phil Fletcher (the old Glamorgan Wanderers' forward, who signalled his first appearance on the Park by scoring two fine tries and playing a game worthy of inclusion in any side on his form to-day), Tom Burns, Phil Thomas and Westacott.

Of the backs Cyril Davies was, as usual, in good form, while I. Evans and Gabe Jones were perhaps the best of a good quartette, whose play, though not perfect, was a decided improvement on previous matches this season.

Vernon Richards was mediocre in the opening stages, but later played well in unison with J. Thomas, who made a couple of good openings before passing to his backs.

The home side on the afternoon's play kept the spectators in good humour, and at times approached first-class football.

Llanelly v Cardiff
February 28th 1931

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ARMS PARK SPELL TOO MUCH FOR SCARLETS.

LLANELLY LAPSE AFTER HOLDING CARDIFF.

(By "THE VETERAN.")

The spell of Cardiff Arms Park was too much for Llanelly to-day. Following a pointless first half, in which they held Cardiff well, they slumped in the second portion of the game and allowed history to repeat itself to the extent of a two-tries-to-nil defeat.

Bowcott and Graham Jones were star performers.

Notwithstanding the attraction of the international match at Swansea, there was a good attendance at the Cardiff Arms Park, where Cardiff entertained Llanelly, the unofficial Welsh champions, this afternoon.

The turf, in spite of recent rains, was in good condition.

Cardiff appeared as selected, but Llanelly made two changes, L. Davies taking the place of Syd Howell at right centre, and Emlyn Hughes coming into the forwards vice Ifor Jones. Teams:—

CARDIFF—T. Stone; S. Jones, Graham Jones, B. R. Turnbull, and H. Robertshaw; Howard Poole and H. M. Bowcott; Tom Lewis, R. Barrell, V. R. Osmond, D. Westcott, P. J. Fletcher, S. Babbage, S. C. Cravos, and A. Clark.

LLANELLY—Bert Bowen; Rev. J. D. Bartlett, L. Davies, Eustace Richards, Idris Charles; Bert Jones, Dai John; Edgar Jones, Will Lang, Alf. Parker, Bren. Evans, Jack Williams, Cliff Trearne, Jacob Thomas, Emlyn Hughes.

Referee—Mr. W. H. Harris, Risco.

D. John started for Llanelly, and after a loose scrum the home backs started passing, but a transfer from Graham Jones to Turnbull was poor, and Llanelly, through their forwards, marked down to Cardiff goal-line and almost got over.

The home forwards were alert and defended strongly until a strong punt by Robertshaw found relief at half-way. A rush led by Barrell and Fletcher gained further ground, but S. Jones got in a tricky kick to midfield. A mark by Robertshaw found touch 20 yards away.

Forwards' Tussle.
Llanelly gradually worked their way up until they got to Cardiff's 25, where a rare tussle took place between the forwards, Cardiff heeling well. The backs started off, and Graham Jones eluded the opposing man well to get to Llanelly's 25, but the reverse pass by S. Jones was missed by inches when only a few yards from the line.

Llanelly backs were aiding their forwards splendidly, and play once again got to Cardiff's line.

Bowcott, with a fine kick, removed the venue to half-way, where the home forwards took matters in hand and almost forced their way across.

The game was now being played in a heavy snowstorm, and the players found it difficult to field the ball, the snow driving into their faces.

The home team were now getting the better of the play and after the backs had handled Bowcott followed up and almost scored, the visiting full-back just touching down in the nick of time.

Llanelly gained relief on the kick out and their forwards, following up, got Stone into difficulties, but a moment after that player made amends by a fine kick to half way.

The home forwards were holding their opponents well and Barrell, Fletcher and Clark were ever to the fore.

Half—CARDIFF 0 0 0
LLANELLY 0 0 0

Conditions were trying when Cravos re-started for Cardiff, a blinding snowstorm driving across the field, to the discomfort of players and spectators alike.

Stone came into prominence when tightly hemmed in on his own line, by evading a number of opponents and finding the touch at half-way with a fine kick.

BOWCOTT, too, was playing a great defensive game, and several times got through in the centre.

A few minutes later he got his reward. Fielding at half-way, he wormed his way with a great run passing man after man, and, punting over the full-back's head, followed up and scored a great try, which Stone failed to majorise.

The home forwards were now beating Llanelly in the open and several irresistible rushes were deserving of scores, while the backs were supporting them well and Robertshaw almost got across.

SPORTING LLANELLY.
Llanelly got to Cardiff's line for a few minutes, but Fletcher and Barrell started a rush and with Bowcott aiding with a good dribble, GRAHAM JONES followed up in great style and crossed in a good position. Stone again failed with the kick.

Llanelly were, however, playing a sporting game, and worked their way down to exact a minor after a good burst by their forwards.

Fletcher started off with the ball at his feet but was not supported and for a time play continued in Llanelly's 25. Cardiff were penalised but the visitors gained no ground until a forward rush took play to the home line where Stone was tackled, but a moment after made amends with a smart save, and play was once again taken to the centre where a grim struggle among the forwards took place.

Llanelly backs, notably Bartlett, were working hard, but could not break the home defence.

Cardiff were penalised, but Llanelly's kick at goal failed and time was called with Llanelly on Cardiff's 25.

Final—CARDIFF 0 2 6
LLANELLY 0 0 0

COMMENTS.

Cardiff's six points win does not reflect the superiority of the home team over the Scarlets.

The home forwards, however, surprised the spectators by the way they successfully held their opposing eight, and by the clean way they heeled, while the home backs were streets ahead of Llanelly in the matter of handling and cutting out openings.

Harry Bowcott played a sparkling game, and his clean cuts through the opposing centres deserved more than his one score. Howard Poole was able to hold Bert Jones with ease, while Graham Jones and Turnbull at centre were well supported by S. Jones and Robertshaw.

Tommy Stone was safe at full-back and several times extricated his side from awkward situations.

Of the home forwards Barrell, Cravos, Clark and Zabage in the scrums and Fletcher as lugger are the pick, while in the loose Fletcher, Tom Lewis and Clarke were always prominent.

For Llanelly Bartlett on the right wing was not the Bartlett of old, and appeared slow. The other three-quarters and half-backs were beaten in pace and accuracy in passing.

February 28th 1931

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY

MOUNTAIN ASH v. CARDIFF.

A high wind and driving snow served to spoil the Old Firm's "gate." Teams:—
MOUNTAIN ASH—T. Jamies; E. Thomas, C. Thompson, H. Williams, and J. Rees; P. Williams and H. Murphy; A. Kempson, T. Edwards, J. Young, J. Murphy, J. W. Price, R. Sage, T. Sage, and R. Harris.

CARDIFF—G. Davies; G. Coopers, I. Evans, G. V. Jones, and C. Patterson; V. Richards and R. Gabe Jones; G. Retter, P. Burns, S. Joyce, G. Williams, H. Watkins, T. Billings, Wesley Jones, and D. Carne.

Referee, Mr. W. J. Maxwell, Radyr.

Cyril Davies was soon prominent. Mountain Ash came within an ace of scoring. Edwards, Sage and Thompson being prominent. James tried a drop at goal, but his kick went wide.

Cardiff were awarded a free kick, and CYRIL DAVIES registered a penalty goal.

Watkins, Evans, and Patterson, with G. V. Jones, made an onslaught on the left wing. G. V. JONES finally crossing in the corner for an unconverted try.

Mountain Ash carried play to the visitors' line, but mistaken tactics prevented their scoring.

H. Williams burst through, and when hemmed in cross-kicked, but Elvet Thomas was beaten in the race to touch down by Davies. From the kick-out H. Murphy very cleverly sold the dummy, and was only pulled down a yard from the line.

Half—CARDIFF 11 1 6
MOUNTAIN ASH 0 0 0

Penalty.
Mountain Ash had the better of the exchanges on the resumption and Cyril Davies had to clear under pressure. Cardiff were penalised, but Harris narrowly failed with the kick.

With a heavy blizzard of snow sweeping down the field play became fraught with difficulties, but the Old Firm, by means of good forward play fought their way to the visitors' line.

Cardiff made a surprising rally and gained the home 25 line, where Patterson secured and made a dash for the line, but was held by James, who subsequently had to receive the trainer's attention.

Final—CARDIFF 12 2 9
MOUNTAIN ASH 0 0 0

Penalty goal.
Evans scored for Cardiff in the last 10 minutes, when the game was abandoned through snowstorm.

Newport v Cardiff
March 7th 1931



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TOMMY STONE SCORES FROM FULL-BACK.

CARDIFF'S DECISIVE WIN OVER NEWPORT.

Cardiff gained a decisive victory over Newport at the Arms Park to-day, and thus won the "rubber" for this season's series of four games. The three previous matches had resulted in a victory for each side and a draw.

Tommy Stone gave a great all-round display at full-back for the winners, and had the distinction of scoring a try—a rare feat for a full-back.

(By "OLD STAGER.")

The relationship existing between the Cardiff and Newport Clubs is not of the happiest at the moment, the reason being that in the recent games between the teams incidents have occurred which have disfigured the fair name of Rugby.

It was doubly unfortunate that that should have been the atmosphere in which the teams met at the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon, for to-day's game was the one which would decide which club should have the better record for the four games played between the sides this season.

Newport made several last-minute changes, bringing in Percy Bunce and F. H. S. Evans, neither of whom was included in the pack originally chosen by the Uskiders, Cardiff fielded as selected, and had Harry Bowcott in direct opposition to Raymond Ralph, who has succeeded the Cardiff man in the Welsh side.

The weather was bitterly cold and the ground only barely playable when the teams lined up as follows in the presence of a crowd of about 8,000.

CARDIFF—T. Stone; S. Jones, Graham Jones, B. R. Turnbull (captain) and G. V. Jones; Howard Poole and H. M. Bowcott; Tom Lewis, R. Barrell, V. R. Osmond, D. Westcott, P. J. Fletcher, S. Babbage, S. C. Cravos, and A. Clark.

NEWPORT—W. A. Everson (captain); J. C. Morley, S. J. Mountain, G. Scott, and A. J. Berry; C. J. Jermain and A. R. Ralph; R. Green, D. E. J. Hughes, R. C. Herrera, Peter Horden, J. C. Slade, E. J. Shiner, P. H. S. Evans, and P. F. Bunce.

Referee—Mr. W. J. Davies, Llanelli. Newport had a strong wind behind them and Everson early gave his side a strong attacking position. That they speedily lost, a lengthy touch-finder by Bowcott and a dribble by Poole (following a dropped pass by Ralph) carrying play back to midfield.

There Scott smartly intercepted a pass which Bowcott intended for his own centre, and it required a great tackle by Stone to prevent a certain score for Newport.

In the next attack, Cardiff's scrum half handled accurately and S. Jones made a strong run; but a splendid loose rush by the Newport forwards (which followed hard upon the heels of the dropping of a pass by Graham Jones) placed Cardiff's line in danger, and so it remained until after Everson had failed with a shot at a goal from a difficult angle.

tive to pass to Cardiff, who pressed until Turnbull took a drop at goal which went wide of the mark.

FULL-BACK SCORES.

Even that gave Newport little relief, for Everson knocked on when endeavouring to gather the ball from the air, and Cardiff were once again encamped in the Newport quarters.

Success, too, came to them quite unexpectedly, for when the Cardiff forwards heeled Turnbull shook Mountain off, made an opening, and

then threw out a long pass over the head of Graham Jones to S. JONES, who went straight ahead and scored a corner try, which Stone could not convert.

That score settled the issue and gave Cardiff a moral as well as an actual superiority. Kicking by Stone and Bowcott speedily gave Cardiff a strong position once again, and Cravos, fielding a kick which Everson failed to land into touch, made a dash, and when tackled got the ball away to TOM STONE, who had followed up in support, and who had the unusual experience for a full-back in a first-class game of scoring a try. Stone missed the goal.

In the last minute the spectators had another thrill, Poole breaking away, a dribble following, and BOWCOTT scoring a try, which Stone converted.

Final—CARDIFF *2 2 14
NEWPORT 0 0 0

*One penalty.

COMMENTS.

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For the greater part of the game resolved itself into penalty and touchline kicking, and in the latter phase Bowcott (who constantly kept Ralph in his place) was supreme. Pitted against him in that respect were Ralph and Everson, but the latter was below his usual form, repeatedly failing at crucial moments, and being the cause of the sensational manner in which the game ended in pieces in the end.

TH WALES FOOTBALL

LYDNEY V. CARDIFF.

At Lydney. There was a cold wind blowing when the teams fielded. Teams: **LYDNEY**—Kelsey; W. Probert, R. Moore, W. Richards, E. Pritchard; T. Wellington, W. Thomas; P. C. Taylor, J. Ellis, S. Fletcher, B. Nelmes, J. Wintour, P. Brice, T. Ellaway, L. Goode.

CARDIFF—Cyril Davies; G. Davies, I. Evans, H. Robertshaw, G. Compas; Vernon Richards, J. Thomas; T. Burns, S. Joyce, A. Cundy, P. Thomas, G. James, T. E. Billings, H. Watkins, D. Carno.

Referee: Mr. L. B. Huggins, G.R.U., Gloucester. Cardiff commenced. W. Richards picked up for the home team and punted down thefield. The home forwards looked dangerous, but an infringement lost a brilliant chance.

Cardiff broke away with footwork. Moore gathered and saved.

Richards was conspicuous and initiated a handling bout. The visiting custodian saved in the nick of time.

W. Thomas took the ball beautifully, but the three-quarters fell to numbers.

Taylor and Fletcher dribbled for Lydney, the latter having hard lines, only failing by inches. Moore made an unsuccessful attempt to drop a goal.

Cardiff were on the attack, but Wellington, receiving from the scrum, put Lydney out of danger with a couple of touchfinders. Thomas broke away, but could not pierce the Cardiff defence.

The visitors were penalised. Thomas made a good, but unsuccessful, effort to kick a goal.

Both sides frequently opened out, but defence proved better than attack.

The visitors were hard pressed. Probert was almost over.

Thomas broke right through and passed to Taylor, who sent out to Fletcher, who who crossed with a lovely try. The kick failed.

B. NELMES scored a try, but the kick again failed.

Half—LYDNEY 0 2 6
CARDIFF 0 0 0

On the resumption, Lydney carried off a nice bout of passing, and Pritchard was pushed into touch near the corner flag a few minutes later WELLINGTON, Lydney, ran over for a try, but Pelsel kick at goal failed.

Midfield play followed for a time. P. Richards and Evans were prominent for Cardiff with some pretty play. C. Davies essayed a drop at goal for the visitors, but the ball did not reach its objective.

Cardiff pressed hard for a time, but Lydney's defence held out in a stubborn fashion.

Lydney thus achieved a double victory over Cardiff.

Final—LYDNEY 0 3 8
CARDIFF 0 0 0

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Babbage Prominent.

Fast work in the loose by the Cardiff forwards and kicking by Bowcott levelled the play, which again took a turn against Cardiff when Everson used the touchline to good purpose from yet another penalty kick.

Kicking by Bowcott and a run by Turnbull effected only a temporary change, for Ralph showed his skill at screw punting, and Newport were in Cardiff's half until Babbage dribbled through and harassed Scott, who kicked poorly under pressure.

Scrummage infringements cost Cardiff another couple of penalties, and were the means of transferring play from Newport's line to the Cardiff quarters, where Babbage was several times prominent with good work in the loose.

A Splendid Goal.

Indeed, it was largely as a consequence of his efforts that Cardiff got back into their opponents' half, there to be awarded a penalty (for feet up), from which TOM STONE placed a splendid goal.

No such good fortune favoured Everson when, a moment later, he sought to obtain a similar score from the halfway line.

Play, however, remained in Cardiff's half, where Ralph made a pretty run, and also spoiled a movement by knocking on, while Cardiff eventually took the initiative again through the smartness of Poole, who broke through, punted on, and was up in time to prevent a reply.

All that Poole had gained was lost through the use Everson made of a penalty, but Newport were again forced back on the defensive through passing, in which Babbage, G. V. Jones and Cravos joined.

A Chance Missed.

That attack ended when Stone missed a shot at a penalty goal, and shortly before the interval Newport carried play to the other end, thanks to kicking by Ralph and to Morley driving the ball through.

Cardiff's halves and forwards replied with passing, but the movement of the greatest promise, which was ruined, was one started by Everson and ended through Mountain missing his pass.

Half—CARDIFF	*1 0 3
NEWPORT	0 0 0

*Penalty goal.

Cardiff opened the second half with a round of passing which made little headway, and which ended with G. V. Jones throwing the ball at the feet of the Newport forwards, who promptly dribbled into Cardiff's quarters.

There Morley secured possession and made one of his famous darts down the centre of the field, getting up to Stone before throwing out a pass, which Scott dropped, when the course was clear.

Everson also failed with a comparatively easy shot at a penalty goal, S. Jones replying with a punt which sent the ball out of play at the centre.

PROMISING ATTACKS.

Twice in quick succession the Cardiff backs moved promisingly, from openings by Bowcott, but each time Everson was properly positioned to deal with the punts ahead put in by Graham Jones.

Then Ralph tried to win his way through, only to find that Bowcott refused to be shaken off, while in due course Bowcott's kicking won an attacking position for Cardiff.

Showing greater accuracy and enterprise than formerly, the Newport backs put in a full round of passing, which collapsed when Berry missed his pass, thus enabling G. V. Jones to dribble away. Bowcott, whose kicking was a feature, vainly endeavoured to drop a goal, and when Newport broke away Stone gathered finely and put the ball out of play at midfield.

Still Newport had a chance when Stone had a kick charged and Everson found touch from a penalty, but a smart move by Poole, aided by misjudging of the flight of the ball by Everson, caused the initial

NEWPORT *2 2 14

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Stone, at the other end, was positively superb, taking the ball from the air with the utmost accuracy from every conceivable angle and banging it into touch with a relentlessness and certainty which could not but have been disconcerting to the Newport men.

The honours were unquestionably with Stone and Bowcott, though Poole was also exceptionally good in breaking away from the scrummages—activities which paved the way for a couple of tries.

The forwards fought a fairly even battle taking the game through, with Horden and Babbage as the outstanding personalities. Towards the end, however, the Newport forwards flagged, and the Cardiff forwards, as well as the Cardiff backs, then showed greater dash and more finish than the Newport men seemed to be capable of. Only in concerted work in the loose could the Newport pack claim any advantage.

The Newport centres were sound in defence, but uncertain in their attacking work, so that Ralph could not rely upon them. Ralph, too, found the marking unsettling, and Morley was not as good as usual. Still, all of the backs were better than Graham Jones, who had a real off day, thus throwing a great responsibility upon Turnbull, who shouldered it gallantly.

Up to the last quarter of an hour there was little in the game, which was generally disappointing. Cardiff's splendid rally, however, was worth going a long way to see, and none can complain at the reward which it secured.

March 14th 1931
Plymouth Albion

PLYMOUTH'S WORST DAY YET.

GRAHAM JONES IN FORM FOR CARDIFF.

Cardiff started a three-game tour in the West of England to-day by a fine win over Plymouth Albion by 23 points to 8

Cardiff were without the services of five players, including H. M. Bowcott, through demands made by the international game at Dublin.

This was Plymouth's heaviest defeat this season.

Glorious weather prevailed at Beacon Park to-day when Cardiff visited Plymouth Albion and the ground was in excellent condition.

Cardiff were not at full strength, having five men engaged in the international match in Ireland.

PLYMOUTH ALBION.—C. Rowe; G. Monson, P. Grainger, V. Lewis and J. Rees; E. Richards and W. Mills; M. Wilson, R. Sparks, S. Boddy, A. Bigstocke, H. Beswick, J. Beer, F. Barry and B. James.

CARDIFF.—T. Stone; G. H. Morgan, Turnbull, Graham Jones and S. Jones; Howard Poole and G. V. Jones; Fletcher, Babbage, Cravos, C. Thomas, A. Cundy, R. Barrell, R. Spence and Westcott.

In the first minute Cardiff were hard pressed. The Plymouth forwards broke away quickly from a scrum in the middle and took the ball up the field into the Cardiff 25.

Stone snapped the ball up quickly, but was forced back to his own line, and when he passed to Turnbull the latter was hemmed in by the Albion forwards.

ALBION LEAD.

There was a loose scrum, and this saved Cardiff.

A few minutes later, however, Plymouth took the lead, SPARKS kicking a goal when Cardiff were penalised for offside.

Plymouth did most of the attacking in the first few minutes, but eventually Cardiff worked their way into the home territory, and they had a fine chance when Graham Jones cut through cleverly.

He passed to S. Jones, who was unmarked, but the wing man lost the ball.

A quarter of an hour later Cardiff came up again, and after a very fine passing movement, G. V. JONES went over for a try and Stone put Cardiff ahead by converting.

Half—CARDIFF 1 0 5
PLYMOUTH A. 1 0 3
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The Plymouth forwards pressed in the opening stages of the second half, and after ten minutes Cardiff were on the defensive.

Periodically Stone cleared with some fine kicks, but Cardiff's first chance in this half came when their forwards got possession from a scrum on their 25 line and Poole sent his threequarters away. The ball went along to Graham Jones, who got through in great style. He had Turnbull and Morgan in close attendance and only Rowe to beat. Morgan did not take his pass cleanly, however, and sent sufficiently low to enable Monckton to dash across the field and push him into touch a yard from the line.

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and during the next ten minutes they played delightful football.

They increased their lead when Morgan got away on the wing and cross kicked for CUNDY to dash up and touch down a try which was not converted.

Three minutes later GRAHAM JONES got through again, delightfully, and outwitted the home defence, to touch down for a try, which Stone converted. Cardiff continued to attack strongly and they went further ahead after an inter-passing movement between Graham Jones and S. Jones.

16 Points Ahead.

The wing returned the ball to Graham Jones to touch down for Stone to convert. Cardiff were 16 points ahead, but a moment later Plymouth reduced the lead, BODDY forcing his way over for a try which Starks converted.

The Cardiff threequarters were handling extremely well and time after time swept along the field in a spectacular and exhilarating manner. One effort came through a line-out and after all the backs had handled in turn Morgan was left with the ball. He went straight for the line, but Richards cut across and pushed him into touch a few feet from the line.

A few minutes later the Cardiff threequarters got away again, and this time Morgan and Graham Jones had only to beat Rowe to score. Morgan gave his centre a beautifully-timed pass, which Graham Jones took with his toes, but with a clear run to the line in front of him he was recalled, the pass having been judged to be forward.

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Final—CARDIFF 4 1 23
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COMMENTS.

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Penarth v Cardiff
March 14th 1931

GOAL KICKS BEAT PENARTH.

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KEEN TUSSLE.

(By "THE VETERAN.")

Ideal weather conditions favoured the meeting of Cardiff and Penarth on the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon. Both sides fielded as selected, John Roberts making a welcome reappearance in the home side. Teams:—

CARDIFF.—Cyril Davies; C. Patterson, I. Evans, John Roberts, and H. Robertshaw; Vernon Richards and R. Gabe Jones; Tom Burns, A. Clarke, S. Joyce, G. Howe, G. James, D. Carne, Griff Williams, and H. Watkins.

PENARTH.—A. E. Griffiths; E. B. Naylor, T. Lee, I. Isaac, and A. White; W. Goodman and Glyn Jones; C. Hamilton, A. J. Ellaway, A. J. Gould, W. E. N. Davies, J. O'Brien, D. Roach, L. Barrass, and R. R. Arnold.

Referee: F. G. Phillips, Pontardulais.

There were only a few hundred spectators present when the teams fielded. Burns kicked off for Cardiff, and from the line-out the ball went to the three-quarters, whose passing was nipped in the bud by the home forwards.

Penarth were penalised, but Cardiff gained little ground. The home team took the first scrum, but gained no advantage, the Penarth backs carrying play into the Cardiff 25.

The home forwards, however, eased the pressure, until Griffiths, for Penarth, gained touch in Cardiff's half with a huge kick.

Penarth were again penalised and Cyril Davies sent to touch in Penarth's half. Goodman, Penarth's inside-half, was playing well and several times frustrated passing out by Vernon Richards. Cardiff were next penalised at halfway, and Trevor Lee, with a great kick, just missed a goal.

Cardiff were again awarded a penalty, and Cyril Davies's attempt, although failing, was worthy of success. Penarth again became aggressive and looked like scorers when Evans, intercepting, passed to his forwards, who rushed play out of danger.

Play up to date was decidedly in favour of Penarth, whose passing was cleaner, but the home defence was sound.

White, Penarth's left wing, came into prominence with a dash on the touch line, and was unfortunate in dropping the ball when in a good position. I. Evans, the home centre, gaining possession, drove Penarth back, and the forwards, led by Clarke, who dashed through, gave Penarth an anxious few minutes.

Cyril Davies with a penalty kick just missed goaling, a scrum being given under the posts. Penarth worked away and drove the ball into touch in their own 25.

Then I. Evans intercepted a round of passing by the Penarth backs and kicked ahead. Following up smartly Paterson spurred and got possession and was just pushed into touch at the corner flag.

Penarth once again were penalised for offside, and Cyril Davies found touch in their half about ten yards out. Cardiff were now pressing hard, but Roach, for Penarth, dribbled down, and Cyril Davies, although taking the ball well, was tackled before he could get in his kick.

Penarth immediately afterwards scored through WHITE, their left-wing, who, although tackled, shook himself free and spurred twenty yards to score a good try. Trevor Lee failed from a difficult angle.

Half—PENARTH 0 1 3
CARDIFF 0 0 0

Trevor Lee restarted for Penarth, the ball going into touch in the home 25. Cardiff were penalised, but Trevor Lee's kick was abortive. Penarth left Cardiff defending, and Gardman was giving him to set his backs going.

Isaac, the visiting centre, looked like a scorer when he was overhauled from behind, and Cardiff gradually got out of danger and reached Penarth's 25, where the visitors were penalised for unfair tactics in the scrum. The Cardiff forwards were again on the attack, and after a scrum on the Cardiff 25, the ball was passed to the Cardiff backs, who were now pressing hard, but Roach, for Penarth, dribbled down, and Cyril Davies, although taking the ball well, was tackled before he could get in his kick.

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	G.	T.	Pts.
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Brilliant form was shown by Cardiff against Falmouth on Monday, the Welshmen being greatly superior, winning by seventeen points to three.

In the first half Cardiff played with remarkable swiftness and obtained eleven points. After a fine passing bout G. Jones crossed over in the corner with an unconverted try, and later the same player passed for the full-back, T. Stone, to cross over and also convert. Falmouth held their own for some time, Jago, Thomas, and Bate being prominent, but near the interval Cundy touched down.

In the second half Falmouth were frequently dangerous, but many dashing movements were started by Cardiff without success. Then Thomas, one of Falmouth's centres, cut through and sent Bate over to score a try.

After this the game became even faster and harder. Cardiff were unable to score, although they were continually near the Falmouth line, but when the second half was well advanced a splendid try was obtained by G. V. Jones, and a few seconds before time P. Thomas dashed down half the length of the field to obtain the final try. Stone's kick from a long distance hit the cross-bar.

The performance of the home team was extremely creditable, and although they were outclassed, they kept Cardiff fully extended. The play of the Cardiff team was both polished and decisive. At full-back Stone played a wonderful game, and in the three-quarter line Jones, Roberts, and Graham Jones were in fine fettle.

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A DESERVING VICTORY AT BEACON PARK.

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The annual tour of Cardiff in the West invariably provides Plymouth Albion with one of their outstanding fixtures of the season, and a big crowd was expected at Beacon Park this afternoon to witness the game, in which more particular interest was taken in view of Albion's recent success against Newport, another "crack" Welsh team.

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Whilst Falmouth were lacking in these directions, they showed a great amount of grit and determination, and in the second half they certainly had a great advantage territorially.

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TEAMS WELL MATCHED.

The game was quick moving, with plenty of incidents and the teams apparently well matched. Both were taking advantage of the conditions and kept the play as open as possible.

ALBION'S BEST WORK.

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EXHILARATING PLAY.

The second half opened with as much spirit as had been shown throughout the first half, and the first ten minutes provided some exhilarating play, which fluctuated with marked rapidity. Albion were the first to advance, but they were forced back chiefly through the medium of some good kicking by Stone. Only to come on again when Brigstocke led a determined forward rush. Albion's forwards were getting through some excellent work, and getting through a great effort to break once Wilson made a great effort to break through, but the ball slipped out of his grasp just at a moment when he appeared likely to make a lot of ground. Cardiff were fighting hard to retain their lead, the pace of the game being well maintained.

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CARDIFF SCORE AGAIN.

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RUGBY.

A SUCCESSFUL TOUR. CARDIFF WIN THIRD GAME.

REDRUTH PUT UP HARD RESISTANCE.

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Cardiff wound up a very successful tour on Tuesday with their third successive victory, winning at Redruth by a goal and a try to nil.

Cardiff were early penalised for a scrum infringement, and Jennings found touch in the corner, but the Cardiff forwards eased to the centre. Redruth, making good use of the wind, pressed strongly, but Stone relieved with a good touch-finder.

The marking was desperately keen on both sides, and when Cardiff heeled Graham Jones was collared before he could pass. Eventually, however, Roberts opened out play, and the Cardiff backs got away, Bowcott short punting for Spence to cross with a try near the post, Stone converting.

Redruth opened out repeatedly, but their passing was slow—in fact, they did the majority of the attacking in the first half; but there was more snap in the Cardiff movements and they were more dangerous. The home pack beat the visitors in the set scrums and held their own in the loose.

CARDIFF'S STRONG DEFENCE.

Redruth opened the second half strongly and forced a five yards scrum, but Cardiff eased to the centre, where Turnbull found touch near the corner with a huge kick. The home side relieved, but Cardiff started a beautiful movement, and Bowcott crossed wide out.

The Redruth forwards played a great game and set up fierce attacks, Cardiff being penned on their line for several minutes. Cardiff came away, however, but Richards sent them back with a 40 yards dribble, but Stone was safe. The second half was gruelling, the home forwards being superior.

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... Cardiff were unable to score, although they were continually near the Almouth line, but when the second half was well advanced a splendid try was obtained by G. V. Jones, and a few seconds before time P. Thomas dashed down half the length of the field to obtain the final try. Stone's kick from a long distance hit the cross-bar.

The performance of the home team was extremely creditable, and although they were outclassed, they kept Cardiff fully interested. The play of the Cardiff team was both polished and decisive. At full-back Stone played a wonderful game, and the three-quarter line Jones, Roberts, and Graham Jones were in fine fettle.

Welsh Paper

RUGBY AT ITS BEST.

CARDIFF SPARKLE AT BEACON PARK.

ALBION'S HEAVIEST HOME DEFEAT THIS SEASON.

Albion's heaviest home defeat of the season might occasion some little comment in the Albion ranks, but with a game as that at Beacon Park on Saturday there could be few grounds for only the reason that Cardiff won Rugby at its best, and the best exhibition of the hand-to-hand seen on the ground certainly on September (writes "The Welsh Paper").

Open Game at its Best.

It is doubtful Cardiff's main asset was the conditions were almost perfect with the ball dry and the ground that obviously one expected to see an open game at its best. Cardiff's team to show it to us. In every department they had an advantage in speed which was the difference, but, in addition, did not fail to admire the rapidity with which they accepted challenges, the individualism that shone in the flashes of brilliance in the simple-looking tries, and the tactics which were em-

The first half was well-contested, both teams putting any amount of heart and spirit into everything they did. Albion had the advantage and momentum of an early lead when they kicked a penalty goal, but they were quicker to settle down than Cardiff. Once, however, the visitors were on top, they never looked back, and it is seldom that Albion have been so outclassed as, for instance, when three Cardiff men broke away to run forty yards and score entirely without opposition, although it should be stressed that this particular moment Albion were slightly disorganized, Richards being in the touch-line receiving attention for an injury.

Albion Fight Tirelessly.

Even during the second half, with Cardiff asserting a definite superiority, Albion could never be said to have been entirely subdued and fought bravely.

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ALL WHITES' WASTED CHANCES AT CARDIFF.

TOO MUCH VIGOUR AND TOO MANY FOULS.

Wasted opportunities, too much vigour and too many fouls were features of the defeat of Swansea at Cardiff Arms Park to-day by 17 points to eight.

Harry Bowcott and John Roberts were outstanding figures in the Cardiff team.

(By "OBSERVER.")

Both sides made a number of last-minute changes for this game at Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon. Cardiff were forced to take the field without Ronnie Boon and Graham Jones, and as a consequence the third line was reshuffled.

Behind the scrum, however, the home side—on paper—looked much more impressive than that of the visitors. The All Whites fielded but one of their regular rear division, and the full-back position was filled by W. R. Davies (Carmarthen Quins).

Conditions were almost ideal for open, spectacular football, and there was a good crowd present when the teams fielded, as follows:—

SWANSEA—W. R. Davies; Howie Jones, M. Hopkins, W. E. Harris, and T. A. Hill; J. Evans and G. Williams; J. H. John, D. R. Prosser, J. Rees, J. White, W. Davies, D. Thomas, G. Jones, and E. Long.

CARDIFF—T. Stone; G. V. Jones, J. Roberts, B. R. Turnbull (capt.), and G. Morgan; Howard Poole and H. M. Bowcott; Tom Lewis, A. Skym, R. Barrell, D. Westacott, Norman Fender, S. Babbage, S. O. Cravos, and L. Spence.

Referee: Mr. M. Moses, W.R.U. (Newport).

Cardiff's Lead.

Cravos started for Cardiff, and the ball going direct to touch the first scrum took place at the centre. This collapsed, but did not prevent a couple of the visitors' forwards from coming away with the ball at their toes, and George Morgan, the former Bridgend wing, was forced to make a hurried clearance to touch in his own half.

A passing movement, incepted by Tommy Stone, who darted ahead when the visitors expected him to kick, held distinct possibilities until Bowcott stumbled and fell.

Cardiff took the lead after five minutes' play, but in some respects were fortunate to do so.

Cravos appeared to be off-side when he took a high ball and started a passing movement amongst the home backs. John Roberts gained ground before cross-kicking to SKYME. The forward was tackled by Davies, the Swansea full-back, who failed, however, to prevent him grounding the ball. Stone failed to convert.

In the next Swansea attack Stone almost brought disaster to his side when he allowed himself to be tackled behind his own line. He managed to wriggle clear, however, and get the ball away.

Off-side by Fender at a scrum just outside Cardiff's 25 brought the All Whites a penalty, but Davies' attempt to place the goal was a poor one.

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A great dash by Jack Rees paved the way, and T. A. HILL scored, for Long to miss the goal posts. After this double reverse Cardiff rallied themselves together and after good work by Poole, Skym, and Fender, G. V. JONES was given possession 20 yards out.

who were standing yards offside. A splendid movement thus ended in an unfortunate manner.

A moment later a Swansea forward was booted on the far side for the methods he used in stopping G. G. Jones, the Cardiff wing.

The game had never reached a high standard but had now degenerated into kick and rush, and much of the play was unworthy of such sides as Cardiff and Swansea. Play was well inside the Swansea 25 when bad offside by the visitors again took place. This time the referee did not allow it to pass, and from the penalty STONE placed a good goal to give his side a single point lead.

This gave Cardiff a new incentive, and during the next few minutes there was a decided improvement in the standard of play.

In a passing bout, Turnbull sent S. V. Jones away on the left, but the wing was hemmed in.

AN ARTISTIC TRY.

In the next movement, however, Harry BOWCOTT scored a try for Cardiff with an effort which was sheer artistry. The outside-half did not appear to have a ghost of a chance when he was given possession, but a clever swerve left the opposing backs bewildered. This try was one of the few bright spots in a dull game. Stone failed to convert.

Fender led a fierce raid to within a yard of the Swansea line, where the game was again held up by injuries.

Cardiff had now turned the game round in their favour—a situation which during the first half had appeared impossible—and at this stage the home side were doing the bulk of the attacking.

In the closing minutes John Roberts made a brilliant run clean through the opposition before sending BARRELL in for a try which Stone converted.

Final—CARDIFF 2 3 17
SWANSEA 1 1 8

* One penalty goal.

COMMENTS.

The game took a decided turn in Cardiff's favour during the closing stages. If the All Whites had taken their chances they would have held a commanding lead at the time, and from their point of view it was a game thrown away.

Apart from two bright episodes—Bowcott's try and John Roberts' great effort which led to the last Cardiff score, the game was decidedly not in keeping with the traditions of teams like Cardiff and Swansea.

Amongst the forwards there was a great deal too much unnecessary vigour, and young Swansea backs collectively lacked the scrum who did anything out of the on the Cardiff side, and young Harris, who showed decided promise in the centre for Swansea.

Skym, Fender, and Spence were the pick of the home forwards, while Long, John, and Prosser did well for Swansea.

Cardiff owe their victory not to any outstanding superiority, but to the fact that they lasted better and took their chances better than did their opponents. Cardiff and Swansea games in the past have provided some of the best spectacles of Welsh Rugby, but to-day's meeting was of a totally different character.

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ROBERTSHAW'S GREAT TRY.

Cardiff's "Other Side"
Draw With Stroud.

Fast Open Play.

At Stroud. Teams:—
STROUD—S. C. Barnes; L. W. Phillips, M. Spear, E. H. Hughes, and C. S. Michin; S. Edgeworth and M. H. Cullimore; P. J. Evans (capt.), M. Duddridge, M. A. Lane, W. Wagner, S. Stinchcombe, F. Wedel, W. Ryland, and J. Dash.

CARDIFF—R. Gabe Jones; J. Evans, P. Fletcher, T. Evans, and Peddison; B. Richards and J. Thomas; T. Burns (capt.), A. Condy, V. Osmond, S. Joyce, Warrins, G. James, D. Carne, and G. Williams.

Early on Cardiff pressed and had a good chance of scoring, but Peddison knocked on. The visiting three threw the ball about well, but the home defence held firm. Wagner transferred play to the other half with good dribbling. A little later the home three gained ground.

After some midfield play Hughes put in a good run for Stroud, but passed forward. Play remained fast and open with clean passing on both sides.

Cardiff's left wings were often dangerous, but they failed to finish off their movements.

Edgeworth intercepted smartly for MINCHIN to snap up the ball and race for the line to score a nice try. Wedal's kick failed. Stroud kept Cardiff in their own 25, but eventually the visiting forwards broke away. Phillips relieved with a nice run up the wing, but Cardiff were attacking hotly when the interval arrived.

Half—STROUD 0 1 3
CARDIFF 0 0 0

In the second half Cardiff commenced attacking, and Stroud were penalised twice, but the kick failed. Then Stroud gained the upper-hand, but offside play spoiled their chances.

Several scrummages near the Stroud line looked dangerous, but the home side's defence held out, and play was transferred to midfield.

Play was clean, but keen, and there was little between the sides.

Stroud came into the picture, Evans and Stinchcombe dribbling well.

Stroud were attacking when ROBERTSHAW snapped up the ball in his own 25 and ran nearly the length of the field to beat several opponents and score a wonderful try. The kick failed.

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CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB.

The Management Committee of the Cardiff Athletic Club has decided to issue a new consolidated ticket at £3 3s, instead of £4 4s, such ticket being available from May 1st to April 30th, commencing this year. This ticket should be a very popular one, as it means for £3 3s, you become a full member of every section under the Cardiff Athletic Club. This should be a decided advantage to anyone interested in more than one branch of sport run by the Cardiff Athletic Club. For instance, it entitles you to a reserved and numbered seat in the grand stand for Rugby; to play or view all club cricket; to play bowls and tennis. Lady consolidated ticket holders may have the additional advantage of taking part in the hockey section. The first issue is on May 1st next.

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Cardiff were two points behind the scrum Swansea's substitute, well, and the way they were doing extremely well, and the way they were backing up the sterling work of their forwards, was proving very disconcerting to the home lot.

A GREAT DASH.

A great dash by Fender was nullified when Hopkins got in a long raking kick which failed to touch five yards from the Cardiff line.

From this situation Barrell brought Cardiff relief, which was aided by a free-kick to the side for bad off-side by a visiting forward in mid-field.

Realising that it was not Stone's happy day, the Swansea forwards concentrated on him with high punts and fast following up. An interception by Hopkins and good combination with Howie Jones gave Swansea a footing in the home half, to which Turnbull retaliated with a splendid run.

The Cardiff captain looked like getting clear when an ankle tap by G. Williams brought him to earth.

A wretched kick by Stone saw the ball go to touch, a yard from his own line, and in the next movement Hopkins foolishly kicked to touch, when a try would probably have accrued from two short passes. The centre had two men clear on the right flank.

Just before the interval, the referee addressed a "few words" to Prosser, one of the visiting forwards.

Half-SWANSEA	1 1 8
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To such an extent had Swansea had the better of the opening half that had they taken their chances they should have crossed over with a substantial lead. In the closing minutes of the first half Hopkins on two occasions was badly at fault.

Second Half Thrill.

The first thrill after the interval came when Bowcott, after being tackled, failed to get the ball away cleanly, and three Swansea forwards only had Stone between them and the line when the ball bounced awkwardly and enabled Stone to nip it and clear with a long kick.

The next Swansea raid was pulled up by Turnbull, who managed to get the ball away to Fender, and the forward brushed three opponents aside before finding touch at halfway. An attempt by Stone to find touch at the corner saw the ball roll dead, but from the restarting kick Bowcott was much more successful with a well-judged effort.

Neat interpassing between Bowcott and Turnbull gained a lot of ground for Cardiff, but the movement ended when Howard Poole was tackled before he could take the inside pass offered him by his captain.

The visiting forwards were much quicker on the ball than Cardiff, but nullified much of the good work in this direction by offside tactics.

Warm work between the rival backs took place in front of the stand, and in this Ekyrn and Fender were "receivers general." The game was also held up while Williams, the Swansea scrum half, received attention. Play was inside the Cardiff 25 when a splendid movement by the home backs gained half the length of the field. Turnbull punted ahead and John Roberts tackled the visiting full-back in possession. The ball went loose to Bowcott, but the outside half was tackled by a bunch of Swansea forwards.

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REMARKABLE GAME STRADEY.

In a game punctuated with sensational scoring dents and deadly tackling, Llanelly preserved their record against the assault of Cardiff, but it was not the second half was well advanced that they gained the

(By "OLD STAGER.")

Cardiff and Llanelly, the two sides which at present hold the premier position in the unofficial Welsh championship table, met for the last time this season at Stradey Park. In addition to desiring to consolidate their position in the championship table Llanelly were also particularly desirous of victory in order to preserve a ground record—a distinction which the club has not held for a few years.

The sides, though not quite at full strength, were fully representative. Cardiff were fortunate in being able to call upon John Roberts and R. W. Boon, but Skym and Babbage of their regular forwards were missing. Llanelly included Tom Evans, the old Plymouth Albion centre, but Jim Lang was absent from the pack owing to an attack of influenza. Conditions were perfect, and the attendance exceeded expectations. Teams:—

LLANELLY.—B. Bowen; M. Hughes, T. Evans, S. Howells, Rev. D. Bartlett; B. Jones, Dai John; Ivor Jones, Edgar Jones, W. Lang, E. Parker, J. Williams, C. Trearne, E. Hughes, and Bryn Evans.

CARDIFF.—T. Stone; John Roberts, B. R. Turnbull, Graham Jones, R. Boon; Howard Poole, H. M. Bowcott; S. C. Cravos, N. Fender, R. Barrell, R. T. Lewis, A. Cundy, Phil Thomas, V. Osmond, and L. Spence.

Referee: Mr. W. H. Harries, Risca. The superiority which the Llanelly forwards were expected to develop were early apparent, for they carried a couple of scrummages, and also had the better of matters at the line-out.

On one occasion Dai John got his backs moving prettily, but Tom Evans elected to kick on, and Stone gathered cleverly and made an effective reply. Martin Hughes, too, was early prominent with a splendid dash which carried him to within a few yards of the Cardiff line.

Kicking by Stone, Fender and Boon enabled Cardiff to relieve the pressure, but Llanelly quickly resumed their attack and the forwards provided their backs with an abundance of opportunities.

As a matter of fact, Llanelly's backs were constantly in possession, and with Ivor Jones aiding his half-backs in opening up the play the Cardiff backs were kept fully employed in defending.

A DRAMATIC CHANGE.

In due course Stone, with a full-length touch-finder, found touch near the centre of the field, and a dramatic change promptly came over the game. A scrum followed the line-out, and for the first time the ball came out on the Cardiff side.

Poole and Bowcott promptly got the ball out to Graham Jones, who crossed-punted to the right, where John Roberts was in readiness to deal with any emergency.

As it happened, the ball bounced exactly as he wished it to, and after he had got the better of Martin Hughes he sent in an inside pass to GRAHAM JONES, who was able to cover the 50 yards separating him from the line without encountering any opposition and to score a good try. Stone took the kick from directly in front of the posts and it was charged down by Alf Parker.

Llanelly were unfortunate in finding themselves behind at this period, inasmuch as they had done all the attacking. Immediately following the score, they took up the running, but they were well held and Turnbull and John Roberts came into prominence in passing movements.

Cardiff's forwards were also playing better in the loose, and when play next reached midfield Phil Thomas gathered a loose ball and sent it to Turnbull, who in due course placed John Roberts in possession, and that when only the Llanelly full-back stood between him and the line.

Spectacular Run.

ROBERTS promptly forged ahead and, pushing Bowen aside on his way, he ended off a spectacular run with another good try. Stone again failed with a kick, which was from an easy angle.

some loose play, Ivor Jones not in possession, and was presented with a shot at goal. His kick, however, and a moment later a reb Stone's chest gave Llanelly opportunity of camping close line.

LLANELLY PERSISTENT.

Poole relieved with a long open, and Tom Evans through splendid chance when he was at goal. He made amends by run, and Bert Jones and Edgar following his example, Llanelly again strongly placed when had yet another fruitless dash from a penalty awarded for

Llanelly persisted in their one particularly good effort of character was foiled by a goal by Howell's by Graham Jones.

When Llanelly's backs in possession Tom Evans crossed HOWELLS, taking the ball run, carried Graham Jones on his back for a try which the lead. Dai John added to with a great goal almost from line.

Although for a time behind not done with, and in minutes they contributed to combined play, and a pretty dash greatly worried the Llanelly, however, soon found back to the Cardiff half, and Dai John made strong Cardiff had difficulty in stop

MAGNIFICENT RUN. Good work by the Cardiff tually gave the Cardiff backs and Graham Jones made before passing to Boon, a magnificent run for half the field, before being foiled by the Llanelly full-back.

Bowcott subsequently in successful attempt to drop play was carried to the John was as equally unsuccessful effort.

In the closing minutes by Tom Evans gave Turnbull opening up the game an winning the game for Cardiff chance was missed by the delivering a forward pass Jones.

Right at the end of another desperate effort to John Roberts and Graham well but never looking for defence.

Final—LLANELLY CARDIFF

COMMENTS.

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COUPAS'S TRY.

The visitors, who were obtaining possession at the scrums, came again and only desperate work by Clarke and Fletcher saved the home line.

Eventually the home forwards heeled, and J. Thomas, with a good kick, enabled Cardiff to invade the visitors' quarters.

Splendid work by Thomas, the Cardiff fly-half, on two occasions gave the home three-quarters chances; the first went astray when Hughes failed to hold his pass and the second opportunity ended when Robertshaw was bundled into touch 10 yards from the visitors' line.

A splendid individual effort by COUPAS the Cardiff left wing, gave his side the lead after 20 minutes' play.

Taking advantage of a fumble by Lewis, Coupas darted in cleverly, took the ball and dashed for the corner.

Webb, the visiting custodian, attempted to stop the Cardiff wing right on the line, but failed to prevent him grounding the ball. Burns failed with the kick.

Cardiff were fortunate to find themselves in front at this stage, but young Coupas' effort was well worthy of the points. Improved work by the Cardiff forwards in the tight was the means of the home backs being given more chances, but so far there had been little of an outstanding nature contributed by either set of backs.

A clever cross-kick by Hughes gave Coupas another chance on the left, but the wing just failed to get to the ball before Webb touched down for a minor.

Cross Keys heeled from a scrum in midfield, but when Copeley tried to break through Clarke and Fletcher dispossessed him and gained much ground before being pulled up.

Clarke Gets There.

This was the means of giving Cardiff a good attacking position, which was, however, lost when Thomas made an abortive attempt to drop a goal.

The outside half made amends shortly afterwards when he carved out a splendid opening for his backs.

True, his pass, after he had beaten three men, went astray, but in the subsequent loose play A. CLARKE forced his way over for an unconverted try.

Half—CARDIFF 0 2 6 CROSS KEYS 0 0 0

Bowdler fumbled Cardiff's opening kick on the resumption, but Lewis made a good recovery, and neat passing with his centre enabled Cross Keys to reach Cardiff's quarters.

Fielding a cross-kick Robertshaw cleverly

down the interval, Cross Keys beat The Keys' score included a dropped goal by White—who was off the ground for a time because of injuries—which from the Press seats appeared to curl outside the uprights, but which the referee gave as a goal.

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A clever reverse pass from Watkins to Copeley laid the foundation for the next Cross Keys attack, and good combination between Davies and Lewis gained half the length of the field before the combined efforts of Gabe-Jones and Coupas forced the visiting right wing to touch.

From the ensuing scrum Lewis dived over in the corner, but was recalled for infringing the touchline. This was hard luck for the visitors, who were definitely on top.

They were not, however, taking their chances, and White spoiled another promising attack by running his wing too close to the touchline, so that when Mallow did get the ball he had no room in which to move.

The Cardiff three-quarters were standing up to their men well, but a penalty against the visitors brought the home side welcome relief after they had been under pressure for a long period.

White, a visiting forward, was injured in a heavy tackle by Fletcher, but not before he had gained 40 yards for his side with a raking touch-finder.

White resumed after attention.

Copeley again went through the home centres, but when he threw out to the right four of the visitors, who were unmarked, made a hash of things and allowed the ball to roll to touch.

In the closing minutes WHITE dropped a goal for Cross Keys.

Final—CROSS KEYS *3 0 12 CARDIFF 0 2 6

* One dropped and one penalty

COMMENTS.

Although six points down at the interval there was never any doubt about the superiority of the visitors, and had the three-quarters taken the opportunities presented to them by Copeley, the winning margin would have been greater.

Concerning White's dropped goal in the closing minutes, the ball, from the Press seats, appeared to curl outside the upright, but the referee, who was in a splendid position to see had no hesitation in signalling a goal.

White was a great asset to his side, his kicking being a feature of the game. Of the visiting backs Lewis and Copeley were the pick, Swallow on the left flank being weak.

The Cardiff backs did well enough up to a point, but were out-maneuvred by opponents of greater experience. Gabe Jones was much better than Webb at full-back, and of the rest Thomas and Coupas had a good game.

Clarke and Fletcher were the pick of the Cardiff pack, which improved greatly after an indifferent start.

ROBERTSHAW'S GREAT TRY.

Cardiff's "Other Side"
Draw With Stroud.

Fast Open Play.

At Stroud. Teams:—
STROUD—S. C. Barnes; L. W. Phillips,
M. Spear, E. H. Hughes, and C. S. Mio-
chin; S. Edgeworth and M. H. Cullimore;
P. J. Evans (capt.), M. Duddridge, M. A.
Lane, W. Wagner, S. Stinchcombe, F.
Wedel, W. Ryland, and J. Dash.

CARDIFF—R. Gabe Jones; J. Evans, P.
Fletcher, T. Evans, and Peddison; B.
Richards and J. Thomas; T. Burns
(capt.), A. Condy, V. Osmond, S. Joyce,
Warrins, G. James, D. Carne, and G.
Williams.

Early on Cardiff pressed and had a good
chance of scoring, but Paddison knocked
on. The visiting three threw the ball
about well, but the home defence held
firm. Wagner transferred play to the
other half with good dribbling. A little
later the home three gained ground.

After some midfield play Hughes put in
good run for Stroud, but passed for-
ward. Play remained fast and open with
man passing on both sides.

Cardiff's left wings were often dan-
gerous, but they failed to finish off their
overments.

Edgeworth intercepted smartly for MIN-
IN to snap up the ball and race for the
e to score a nice try. Wedal's kick
ed. Stroud kept Cardiff in their own
but eventually the visiting forwards
ke away. Phillips relieved with a nice
up the wing, but Cardiff were attack-
hotly when the interval arrived.

Half-STROUD 0 1 3
CARDIFF 0 0 0
The second half Cardiff commenced
king, and Stroud were penalised
but the kick failed. Then Stroud
ed the upper-hand, but offside play
ed their chances.

Several scrummages near the Stroud
looked dangerous, but the home three
nce held out, and play was trans-
id to midfield.

Play was clean, but keen, and there was
between the sides.
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an nearly the length of the field to
several opponents and score a won-
try. The kick failed.

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CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB.

The Management Committee of the
Cardiff Athletic Club has decided to issue
a consolidated ticket at £3 3s., instead
of 4s., such ticket being available from
1st to April 30th, commencing this
ticket should be a very popu-
lar one, as it means for £3 3s. you become
a member of every section under the
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bered seat in the grand stand for Rugby;
play or view all club cricket; to play
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vantage of taking part in the hockey sec-
tion. The first issue is on May 1st next.

Responed games for the Cardiff Athletic
Club have been arranged as follows:—
April 1st—PLYMOUTH ALBION, at
home.

April 28th—NEATH, at Cardiff.

May 3rd—BRIDGEND, at Bridgend.



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LLANELLY RETAIN THEIR RECORD.

REMARKABLE GAME AT STRADEY.

In a game punctuated with sensational scoring inci-
dents and deadly tackling, Llanelly preserved their home
record against the assault of Cardiff, but it was not until
the second half was well advanced that they gained the lead.

(By "OLD STAGER.")

Cardiff and Llanelly, the two sides
which at present hold the premier posi-
tion in the unofficial Welsh champion-
ship table, met for the last time this
season at Stradey Park. In addition to
desiring to consolidate their position in
the championship table Llanelly were also
particularly desirous of victory in order to
preserve a ground record—a distinction
which the club has not held for a few
years.

The sides, though not quite at full
strength, were fully representative.
Cardiff were fortunate in being able to
call upon John Roberts and R. W. Boon,
but Skym and Babbage of their regular
forwards were missing. Llanelly included
Tom Evans, the old Plymouth Albion
centre, but Jim Lang was absent from the
pack owing to an attack of influenza.
Conditions were perfect, and the atten-
dance exceeded expectations. Teams:—
LLANELLY.—B. Bowen; M. Hughes, T.
Evans, S. Howells, Rev. D. Bartlett; R.
Jones, Dai John; Ivor Jones, Edgar Jones,
W. Lang, E. Parker, J. Williams, C.
Treharne, E. Hughes, and Bryn Evans.

CARDIFF.—T. Stone; John Roberts, B.
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Howard Poole, H. M. Bowcott; S. C.
Cravos, N. Fender, R. Barrell, R. T. Lewis,
A. Condy, Phil Thomas, V. Osmond, and
L. Spence.

Referee: Mr. W. H. Harries, Risca.
The superiority which the Llanelly for-
wards were expected to develop were early
apparent, for they carried a couple of
scrummages, and also had the better of
matters at the lines-out.

On one occasion Dai John got his backs
moving prettily, but Tom Evans elected
to kick on, and Stone gathered cleverly
and made an effective reply. Martin
Hughes, too, was early prominent with a
splendid dash which carried him to with-
in a few yards of the Cardiff line.

Kicking by Stone, Fender and Boon
enabled Cardiff to relieve the pressure, but
Llanelly quickly resumed their attack and
the forwards provided their backs with an
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As a matter of fact, Llanelly's backs were
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Jones riding his half-backs in opening up
the play the Cardiff backs were kept fully
employed in defending.

A DRAMATIC CHANGE.

In due course Stone, with a full-length
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As it happened, the ball bounced exactly
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not in possession, and was consequently
presented with a shot at goal from a
penalty. His kick, however, went wide,
and a moment later a rebound from
Stone's chest gave Llanelly yet another
opportunity of camping close to Cardiff's
line.

LLANELLY PERSISTENT.

Poole relieved with a long kick to the
open, and Tom Evans threw away a
splendid chance when he vainly dropped
at goal. He made amends with a strong
run, and Bert Jones and Emlyn Hughes
following his example, Llanelly were
again strongly placed when Ivor Jones
had yet another fruitless drop at goal
from a penalty awarded for offside play.

Llanelly persisted in their attack, and
one particularly good effort of a combined
character was foiled by a great tackle of
Howells by Graham Jones.

When Llanelly's backs were next in
possession Tom Evans cross-kicked and
HOWELLS, taking the ball when on the
run, carried Graham Jones over the line
on his back for a try which gave Llanelly
the lead. Dai John added the extra points
with a great goal almost from the touch-
line.

Although for a time behind, Cardiff were
not done with, and in the next few
minutes they contributed some good com-
bined play, and a pretty effort by Bow-
cott greatly worried the Llanelly defence.
Llanelly, however, soon fought their way
back to the Cardiff half, and Tom Evans
and Dai John made strong runs which
Cardiff had difficulty in stopping.

MAGNIFICENT RUN.

Good work by the Cardiff forwards even-
tually gave the Cardiff backs a chance,
and Graham Jones made an opening
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magnificent run for half the length of
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 of the posts and it was charged down by
 Alf Parker.

Llanelly were unfortunate in finding
 themselves behind at this period,
 inasmuch as they had done all the
 attacking. Immediately following the
 score, they took up the running, but they
 were well held and Turnbull and John
 Roberts came into prominence in passing
 movements.

Cardiff's forwards were also playing
 better in the loose, and when play next
 reached midfield Phil Thomas gathered a
 loose ball and sent it to Turnbull, who in
 the course placed John Roberts in
 possession, and that when only the
 Llanelly full-back stood between him and
 the line.

Spectacular Run.

ROBERTS promptly forged ahead and,
 pushing Bowen aside on his way, he
 rounded off a spectacular run with
 another good try. Stone again failed with
 his kick, which was from an easy angle,
 but Llanelly were already in a worse
 plight than they had been in any home
 match this season.

Cardiff, too, soon looked like doing even
 better, Boon making a great touch-line
 run which would have brought success
 had he not had the misfortune to infringe
 the touch-line.

Fender also endangered Llanelly's line
 by charging down a kick, and Llanelly's
 supporters welcomed the kicking of Dai
 John and Ivor Jones which took play
 back to mid-field.

Ivor Jones also failed with a long-range
 shot at goal from a penalty, but the Scar-
 lets were now in one of their most deter-
 mined moods, and for some minutes Stone
 and Bowcott had all their work cut out
 to get the ball to touch under great pres-
 sure.

Llanelly, however, took play to Cardiff's
 line, and success came to them unex-
 pectedly, and that from a pass along the
 ground by Bert Jones.

Dai John was not in a position to take
 possession, but HOWELLS saw the oppor-
 tunity, dashed in, scooped up the ball,
 and threw himself over with a splendid
 individualistic try, which Ivor Jones con-
 verted.

ABUNDANCE OF THRILLS.

In the 10 minutes which remained for
 play before the interval there was an
 abundance of thrills. Fender started them
 when he got the ball away to his backs,
 who indulged in a round of passing before
 the ball reached John Roberts. He made
 his burst but was thwarted by a great
 tackle by Emlyn Hughes.

Then the Llanelly men got moving, and
 S. Howells made a great run, covering well
 over half the length of the field before
 being tackled.

Subsequently Dai John and Ivor Jones
 made efforts of the most determined
 character to get through, but the tackling
 of the Cardiff backs, especially of
 Bowcott and Turnbull, was magnificent.

Bert Jones, too, was held up on the
 Cardiff line, and also failed with a drop
 at goal, and with referee had to administer
 rather warm the referee had to administer
 cautions shortly before the interval.

Half—CARDIFF	0 2 6
Llanelly	1 0 5

Matters went badly for Cardiff in the
 first minute of the second half. Cravos
 collided with Stone when the Cardiff full-
 back was about to gather from a long kick
 ahead, and the consequence was that
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 one with which no-one could quarrel.
 Llanelly were clearly entitled to the
 honours that came to them.

In certain phases of the play, parti-
 cularly in combined work, they had
 neither the skill nor the pace of the
 Cardiff men, but the manner in which the
 Llanelly forwards controlled the situation,
 particularly in the scrummages, placed
 the Cardiff backs under a disadvantage,
 which no set of attackers could be
 expected to overcome.

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 standing in Llanelly's pack, and among
 the men who did well for Llanelly behind
 the scrummages were Bert Jones and Tom
 Evans, though the defence of Martin
 Hughes was also a factor.

On the two occasions on which oppor-
 tunities came to them the Cardiff backs
 handled splendidly, and Bowcott, Boon,
 and Graham Jones are deserving of every
 praise, not only for the few brilliant
 attacking movements they made, but also
 for their generally strong defensive work.
 Poole had an unhappy afternoon behind
 a beaten pack, but he did well. Victory
 went to the side which deserved it.

1 Plymouth Albion
April 1st 1931

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RUGBY.

CARDIFF MAKE MERRY.

WEAK PLYMOUTH SIDE SWAMPED.

LINE CROSSED NINE TIMES.

By "OBSERVER."

	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff	2	7	31
Plymouth Albion	1	0	3
+ Penalty goal.			

Plymouth Albion, one of the leading lights of English Rugby, crashed badly at the Arms Park on Wednesday. Both sides made half-a-dozen changes from the published lists, but such changes must have weakened the visitors to a far greater extent than the home side. Plymouth had their line crossed nine times, and not once during the game did they themselves look like obtaining points from tries. Their only score came as the result of a magnificent penalty kick taken by Stanbury towards the end of the game. The forward placed this goal from near the touch-line in the neighbourhood of half-way.

In the tight the Albion forwards, at least until the closing stages, gave the Cardiff forwards quite a good game. Had this not been the case the home backs would have run riot and the result would have been a debacle. Behind the scrum the Englishmen were outclassed, but in fairness to them it should be stated that they played a forward at centre—a big handicap against players like Graham Jones and John Roberts. The Cardiff rear division had a field day, although a large number of mistakes were made.

Cardiff crossed over a score of points in front, the scorers being Boon, who bagged a trio of tries, R. Gabe-Jones, John Roberts, and Joyce. Stone obtained the goal points in one instance. In the second half Graham Jones, L. Spence, and Joyce, crossed for Cardiff, Boon converting once. In the search for goal-kickers John Roberts was also tried, but from point blank range John hit the crossbar with his attempt. Teams:—

Cardiff: T. Stone; R. W. Boon, Graham Jones, G. V. Jones, John Roberts; R. Gabe-Jones, V. Richards; S. Joyce, P. Fletcher, V. E. Osmond, Tom Lewis, A. Cundy, P. Thomas, L. Spence, S. C. Cravos.

Plymouth Albion: P. Thomas; O. Parker, F. Granger, A. Brigstocke, T. Rees; H. Uren, W. Mills; M. Wilson, E. Stanbury, W. Hounnell, M. Smithfield, R. Trounce, J. Brigstocke, J. Hanley, W. James.

Referee: Mr. R. Fearn (Blaengarw).

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CARDIFF BEATEN BY A GOAL KICK.

BARBARIANS TRIUMPH IN GAME OF THRILLS.

A thrilling Rugby duel between Cardiff and the Barbarians at the Arms Park this afternoon resulted in a victory for the touring side by a goal kick—a converted goal and two tries to three tries. It was one of the most spectacular games seen at Cardiff for years.

(By "OLD STAGER.")

Cardiff opened their Easter programme this afternoon with a match against the ever-popular Barbarians. Cardiff were fully represented, and the "Baa-Baas" fielded a side which included ten internationals, among whom were two Welshmen—Jack Bassett, the Welsh captain, and Frank Williams, the Welsh outside-half and centre. The conditions were perfect, but the attendance was disappointing, being somewhere in the region of 8,000. Teams:—

CARDIFF.—T. Stone; R. W. Boon, Graham Jones, B. R. Turnbull (capt.), and John Roberts; Howard Poole and H. M. Bowcott; Tom Lewis, A. Skyn, H. Barrell, D. Westcott, Norman Fender, G. Babbage, S. C. Cravos and L. Spence.

BARBARIANS.—J. Bassett; *C. C. Tanner, D. P. Henshaw, *Frank Williams and *D. St. Clair Ford; *W. R. Logan and B. R. Tod; C. P. Hopwood (capt.), *J. W. Allan, *H. S. Mackintosh, *J. H. Beattie, *A. W. Walker, J. McD. Hodgson, R. J. Henderson and *Noel Murphy.

Referee—Mr. H. M. Hollis, London. The Barbarians opened splendidly. At the second line out the ball was sent back to Logan, who opened out towards the left, with the consequence that all his three-quarters handled, and that to such good purpose that Ford was already clear of John Roberts when he was placed in possession. Faced by Stone, Ford crossed-kicked, and only the fact that the ball came awkwardly off his boot enabled Cardiff to prevent a score.

That score came in the next minute, Tod cutting through brilliantly, Henshaw completing the opening and TANNER running in with a great try. Allan missed the goal. Cardiff, without the slightest hesitation, accepted the challenge, working their way to the other end, where Bowcott came precious near to getting through.

When next served with the ball, Bowcott short punted, was up in time to worry the "Baa-Baas" centres, and when they allowed the ball to go loose, Bowcott got it away in a haphazard manner.

BOON'S CORNER TRY.

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and that was the basis of it, for when Cardiff's forwards heeled, Poole and Bowcott worked the short side for John Roberts, who was tackled by Bassett a yard outside. Both Bassett and the Cardiff wing crashed to the ground from the impact, but JOHN ROBERTS kept his wits about him and coolly placed the ball over the line for a try, which Stone failed to convert.

The kick-off from the centre gave the Barbarians the opportunity of making their first attack since the resumption, and Frank Williams was again prominent with a good run.

Three penalties to Cardiff in as many minutes—the only penalties received by Cardiff during the game—ended the "Baa-Baas" period of supremacy, but they still had "a shot in their locker," as was shown when Frank Williams burst away in his own half, got the better of Turnbull, and then passed to Murphy.

Murphy's Long Run.

The Irishman, with the pace which he showed when playing on the wing for Ireland against Wales, covered half the length of the field in quick time, and when close to the line transferred to HENSHAW, who crossed with the "Baa-Baas" third try.

Allan again failed to convert. Time was almost up, though sufficient remained for Cardiff to deliver attacks which ended in forwards and John Roberts being held up on the line.

Turnbull, John Roberts, and GRAHAM JONES also brought off a delightful bout of passing, and the last-named scored a corner try. Stone missed the goal—and the "Baa-Baas" had won.

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CARDIFF	0	3	9

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Cardiff made a splendid reply—at least, as far as play was concerned! Superb kicking by Bowcott, supported by a dash by Boon, carried them back to rather over the half-way, where Boon feinted to pass, cut clean through and then passed to Bowcott.

As it happened, he was partially tackled before he received, but he succeeded in getting the ball away to John Roberts, who made a terrific dash for the line, only to be pulled down a yard or two outside.

Yet another dash by John Roberts was foiled by Bassett with a great tackle, and kicking by Bassett eventually ended Cardiff's strong attack, while runs by Frank Williams and kicking by Tod soon enabled the "Ba Baas" to more than level the situation.

But they could not hold their advantage, for Boon again cut through grandly, punned on, and followed his punt at a pace which enabled him to assist in preventing Ford from getting in a reply.

Combined Efforts.

Further play was also favourable to Cardiff, Fender, Boon, Graham Jones, and John Roberts joining in a series of combined movements which were a source of delight to the crowd, which was also rightly appreciative of the way in which Bassett reinforced the "Ba Baas" defence, and of his great full-length touch-down when under pressure.

The initiative, however, continued to rest with Cardiff, and after Bowcott had failed with a drop at goal, John Roberts made another of his headlong dashes for the line, only to be again narrowly balked of achieving his purpose.

A Great Run.

Shortly before the interval Tod made a couple of fine runs, which were followed by the best individual effort of the half—a really great run and opening by Frank Williams, who went right up to Stone before passing to Henshaw, who would have had a straight run in if he had accepted the transfer. That he did not do, and Graham Jones, with a spectacular dash, took Cardiff back to the attack.

Half—BARBARIANS	1	1	8
CARDIFF	0	1	3

The 12,000 spectators were in happy mood when the second half opened, as they had reason to be, the play having been of the best. Stone's kicking early won a position of strength for Cardiff—a position which they lost in consequence of runs by Frank Williams and Henshaw. Stone's kicking and great work by John Roberts re-established Cardiff's position, and Cardiff promptly delivered a series of whirlwind attacks, in which backs and forwards joined, and which culminated in John Roberts being gloriously tackled by Bassett and Logan within a yard of the line.

BASSETT'S FINE DEFENCE.

An undeserved penalty against Cardiff ultimately took the edge off the Cardiff attack, though it remained sufficiently good to make the "Ba Baas" grateful for the wonderful strength the presence of Bassett gave to their defence. But for his work they must have scored more than once, while there were at least two occasions when Graham Jones delivered the all-important pass to Boon—on both of which Bassett was out of range—a fraction too late to be of service to the wing.

It was certainly Cardiff, Cardiff all the way—except on the scoring! The score, too, came in good time, and that after a really great tussle between the forwards close to the line.

A five-yards scrum was ordered.

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Striking a balance, Cardiff were perhaps unlucky to lose. They had the initiative for much the greater portion of the time—almost wholly in the second half—and in that sense ought to have won. They did not do so was mainly due to the extraordinary strength of the "Ba Baas" defence. Bassett was the mainstay in that; but there was also much to admire in the tackling of Frank Williams, and in the manner in which Henshaw assisted him.

Ford, it is true, could not quite hold John Roberts—who can when he insists upon hurling himself along as if he will crash through everything—and Tanner was far from being the equal of Boon (who was easily the best wing on the field), but the work of the "Ba Baas" centres was always excellent, with Frank Williams giving every possible support to the brilliant Tod in attacking work.

Good as Tod was, however, he was not a shade in front of Bowcott, whose partnership with Poole was a decided success; in fact, all were good, only in varying degrees.

Forwards, too, deserve a share of the credit. The Cardiff men, though more uneven than their opponents, were their equals in all phases. Fender, in particular, must be praised. He was outstanding in constructive and covering work, and was always where he was wanted. Tom Lewis and Barrell for Cardiff, and the Scottish internationals and Murphy for the "Ba Baas" were also splendid. In short, all were good—and it was a great game!

FRANK WILLIAMS'S INJURY.

Frank Williams, who was carried off the field a few minutes before the end of the game, is suffering from concussion, fortunately, not of a serious character.

INSPIRING GAME UNDER CONDITIONS.

By "OLD STAGER."

	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff	2	3	19
Harlequins	2	0	10

It would be an easy matter to offer both reasons and excuses for any shortcomings which may have been revealed in Cardiff's home game with the Harlequins on Monday. But no apologies of any kind are needed, the players having given all that could be expected from them, overcoming the handicaps of the rain and the slippery character of the turf.

Or combined back play there was more than perhaps the conditions warranted, and much of it—especially the section of it which came from Cardiff—was really well done. The Harlequins backs, possibly because Cardiff was in possession of a lead practically throughout, were rather less venturesome, though none could overlook the accuracy of the service and the individual daring of McCreight. The centre, Jones and Style, were also splendid individually, but either because of the soundness of Cardiff's tackling or an absence of confidence in handling the slippery ball, or possibly a mixture of both, they never succeeded in bringing their excellent wings, Reeve and Hodge, along with them when attacking work was to be done.

FINE DEFENSIVE PLAYER.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER. Neither John Norbert nor G. V. Jones could complain of having been neglected in that respect, and both the neither figure in the scoring the former's strong running gave Ronald opportunities for distinguishing himself with a couple of neat ankle bobbles. Ronald also placed his ankle under a debt of gratitude to him by reason of the readiness with which he went down to the ball in the face of persistent well-conducted rushes and dribbles, and in that way he came within measurable distance of Stone, who, however, was clearly his superior in gathering the ball under difficulties and in the length of his kicking. Ronald was a "stopper"; Stone bided to the stopping the ability to get the ball away and out of danger.

Bowcott, at outside-half for Cardiff, discharged a difficult task rather better than Cole, but one still misses those clean cuts at which he formerly excelled, for it is only rarely that he travelled the extraordinary which would have caused a trembling to totter. He is passing a shade younger than he was, and that is making a difference.

Bent, well as the backs did, the honours went to the forwards. It was in front that the game was won and lost, and it was in that section of the play that the Harlequins experienced the greatest difficulty with the conditions produced by the weather. Wheeling and footwork were clearly the factors called for, and the 'Quins were fortunate in being as well equipped in those directions as were Cardiff. The 'Quins' Price were outstanding whom Adams and Lem challenge the Cardiff men in the scrums, and the pace to beat them in the loose, but they did not beat them in the control or the capacity for kicking up which was shown by the Cardiff men in rushing and dribbling. As a matter of fact, Cardiff's forwards came completely out of their shells, playing what was probably their best game of the season and having easily the better of the character of the loose play. As to the occasional 'ender was again better to the occasion, whether in dribbling, covering his backs, or assisting his backs in their attacking movements. But it was not all 'ender's doing. Tom Lewis was better than 'ender for two or three years; Westcott and Preece were always in the thick of it; and Abbage, for a man of his great weight, played extraordinarily well.

A REMARKABLE TRY.

One of the Cardiff tries that obtained by Fender, had a remarkable, if not unique, appearance. It came immediately after the 'Quins' first score—a try by Leo Price, converted by Dunkley. Cravoe took the restarting kick, sent the ball to a thinly guarded part of the field, and Fender dribbled on. Two of the 'Quins' backs went down to the ball, but Fender cleared it past them, and was up in time to see Ronald when he threw himself on the ball when it was close to the line. Ronald evidently thought he had touched down for a minor, for he released the ball, and Fender pounced on it a yard or two further on and was awarded a try. Before that happened Graham Jones had scored a try, while ere the interval was reached Turnbull crossed after a pretty passing. Stone converted one of the tries, Cardiff's lead was soon reduced to a single point, Dunkley adding the extra points to a try scored by Hodge. Then came a try off Cardiff by Westacott, in the midst of some hectic forward play, and a clever try by Graham Jones. Stone converted the concluding try, and Cardiff were deserved victors in what was an inspiring game under depressing conditions.

Sheltenham, Bdf. April 6th 1931.

CUNDY SENT OFF.

Cardiff Forward in Trouble at Cheltenham

	G.	T.	Pts
Cheltenham	0	1	3
Cardiff	0	1	3

Although the state of the ground at Cheltenham was against good football some capital individual efforts by players on both sides were witnessed.

A lot of the play was confined to the forwards. While Cardiff got the ball from the scrums more frequently than Cheltenham, the home eight were far superior in the loose rushes and used their feet to much greater advantage than Cardiff. A notable feature in this respect was when Harris dribbled the ball in front of four opponents for twenty yards and scored the equalising try for Cheltenham.

Evans at the base of the scrum for Cardiff fed his backs well, and Hughes made one or two excellent bursts, while at full-back Davies was always safe and kicked a splendid length, and tying the game throughout a draw of three points was a fair indication of the run of the play.

Unfortunately, some of the players lost their tempers towards the finish, and A. Cuddy, the Cardiff forward, was ordered off by the referee, Mr. J. Curtis. It transpired that Gabe Jones, who was injured, had a very badly sprained wrist, but not a broken one.

Sardiff & Heath
April 8th 1931.

RUGBY.

ROBERTS CLAN
TO THE FORE.

BIG PART IN SCORING AT CARDIFF.

NEATH BEATEN IN GOOD
GAME.

By "OLD STAGER."

	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff	4	2	26
Neath	*3	1	16

* One penalty.

The Roberts clan figured with prominence in the concluding first-class game of the holidays, that which was played between Cardiff and Neath at the Cardiff Arms Park on Wednesday. "Bill" Roberts and John Roberts, on Cardiff's right flank, constituted one of the two best attacking pairs in the country. They scored half of Cardiff's six tries, "Bill" being responsible for one and John for two. Neath also had a scoring Roberts in their side, Glyn, who was responsible for a penalty goal and for the converting of two tries, so that he actually obtained more points than either

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ALWAYS LIKELY
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CARDIFF BACKS'
SKILFUL PLAY.

COVENTRY BEATEN BY
WIDE MARGIN.

By "OLD STAGER."

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Cardiff knew what to do with the ball when they had it; Coventry did not know—or if they knew did not know how to do it. That sums up Tuesday's game on the Cardiff Arms Park and gives an indication as to why Cardiff won by an expectedly handsome margin.

Cardiff were always potential scorers when in possession, having confidence in themselves, the skill in handling to justify the confidence, and the little extra pace which made it possible for them to take the points which their skill could make. Coventry, on the other hand, had too many "misfits" to warrant them in taking the liberties and risks inseparable from combined work, and realising that fact they adopted the negative policy of gaining what ground they could either by individual effort or by using the touch-line.

COVENTRY'S SPORTSMANSHIP.

But Coventry never descended to keeping the ball close. If they could not provide scoring opportunities for themselves they had sufficient sportsmanship to utilise their defensive powers in a perfectly legitimate manner. Pluck and keenness were theirs in large measure, and it was their misfortune rather than their fault that Cardiff's admirably balanced attack was always in possession of the necessary pace to threaten danger whenever a Coventry defender was beaten either by the proper timing of a pass or by the perfection of the thrusts made by Graham Jones and Bowcott. But for dropped passes Cardiff's win would have been of even larger dimensions than it was.

Yet Coventry contributed to a considerable extent to the magnitude of their downfall. From early in the game until the closing minutes Coventry's forwards could obtain possession in the set circumstances almost whenever they wished, always providing that all of their forwards were scrummaging. But that all of their forwards did not do, Coulson and Kewley spending a large portion of their time trying to combat the passing movements which were able to develop owing to their forwards securing frequent possession in consequence of Coventry voluntarily surrendering the advantage which their extra scrummaging ability should have given them.

It was a mistaken policy on Coventry's part, and one which Fender and his backers fully exploited. In the loose the Cardiff forwards, of whom Fender, Lewis, and Spence were the best, had nothing to learn from Coventry, who had no forward to

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And it was not at all a bad game either.

BOWCOTT'S VARIED METHODS.

NEATH PACK'S FAULT.

In the loose both packs had men who

Both full-backs also played well.

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A LAST-MINUTE WIN FOR SWANSEA.

CARDIFF BEATEN IN A THRILLING FINISH.

Swansea sprang a surprise on Cardiff at St. Helen's to-day when the home side which included three 17-year-old boys in the back division, won a thrilling game by three points, the All Whites getting the winning score just on the call of time.

(“By OLD STAGER.”)

In gorgeous spring weather, Swansea and Cardiff met at St. Helen's this afternoon. Swansea had been playing badly of late, partly by reason of the misfortunes which they have sustained in the matter of injuries to their players, and to-day they included in their ranks two Carmarthen schoolboys—R. R. Morris at outside half and W. R. Jones at full-back.

Cardiff's most notable absentee was their captain, B. R. Turnbull, from the back division, whilst Skym and Tom Lewis were missing from the pack. Turnbull's place was filled by transferring John Roberts to the centre, the vacancy thus created on the wing going to Robertshaw. It was Swansea's last home game of the season, and the crowd was of moderate proportions. Teams—

SWANSEA—W. R. Jones; C. Cowling, Redvers Davies, C. Davey, and T. A. Hill; Bryn Evans and R. R. Morris; Dai Parker, D. R. Prosser, Glyn Jones, J. White, D. Thomas, J. Rees, E. Long, and W. Davies. CARDIFF—T. Stone; H. Robertshaw, John Roberts, Graham Jones, and E. W. Boon; Howard Poole and H. M. Bowcott; Norman Fender, K. Barrell, G. Habbage, D. Westacott, B. R. Osmond, A. Clark, E. C. Cravos, and L. Spence.

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Once play reached this position Swansea's forwards again dominated the situation in the tight and the loose, and no Cardiff back had the confidence and ability requisite for handling when they were tied down to defensive measures. All their movements matured on the right, where Robertshaw was well held by Cowling.

Cardiff's fortune eventually came through Graham Jones contributing a series of admirably placed short punts, and the manner in which Morris followed the example was the means of enabling Swansea to break the situation.

SWANSEA MEETING.

One great effort by Bowcott also delighted the crowd, the Cardiff pivot beating Morris and the Swansea centres and gaining 30 yards, and then, through being denied the necessary support, sending out a pass which could not be turned to account.

Swansea forwards, however, could get the ball from the scrumming at will, and with a neat side-step and strong run Claude Davey led the All Whites back to the attack, until he spoiled a possible scoring chance through holding on until he was tackled by Robertshaw.

The Swansea quick succeeded Davey's effort with a good dribble, and Cardiff set to work to get them out of the line.

punting ahead by Morris considerably worried the Cardiff defenders, but he met with no greater success than the other players had done when he dropped at goal. CLEARLY ON TOP.

Kicking by Bowcott and a dribble by Habbage eased the situation somewhat for Cardiff, while faulty passing also lost ground for Swansea. Still the All Whites were clearly on top, and with only ten minutes to go it looked as if Swansea's long-delayed victory over Cardiff had at last arrived.

Wonderfully fine kicking by W. R. Jones kept Swansea in the ascendancy, and the advantage remained with them in spite of another fine attack by Bowcott when it looked as if Cardiff might save the game by means of combined work Graham Jones knocked on and a chance was lost.

Boon also contributed to a run which promised well, but he went too far and was tackled, but not before he had won an attacking position.

Good handling by Cardiff caused the Swansea defence to falter, and an error on the part of John Roberts in going a step too far ruined the opportunity.

Boon promptly contributed another first-rate run, and when he lost the ball in a tackle a dozen yards from the line it went loose. BARRELL picked it up and going straight for the line with a strong dash he went over with a try which Jones converted. In the last couple of minutes Swansea again attacked, and perfect passing ended in DAVEY crossing with a try which Dai Parker converted.

Final—SWANSEA 2 0 3

CARDIFF 1 0 5

COMMENTS.

Drastic situations call for drastic remedies. Swansea were to-day faced with a drastic situation, and they applied a drastic and successful remedy. Injuries and other causes compelled them to experiment to the extent of playing three 17-year-old boys in their back division, and so successful was the drastic remedy that they at long last achieved the great desire of inflicting a defeat on Cardiff.

In the doing of it the youths they experimented with, and all their colleagues, played good football, and the verdict which was returned was one with which no one could quarrel. Cardiff were thoroughly well beaten forward, even in the scrums, at the line-out, and in the loose, though their pack was not overwhelmed to an extent which deprived their backs of ample opportunities of winning the game, but Cardiff backs were not at their best.

They were better comparatively than their forwards, but their marking was badly done, while both centres, and especially John Roberts, attempted over-elaborate passing which was unnecessary, and which prevented rather than contributed to the possibility of success. The game as a whole was a very good one.

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WALES FOOTBALL ECL

TUCKER'S TWO TRIES FOR BLAINA.

Cardiff's “Other Side”
Beaten by Three
Points.

FAULTY PLAY.

(By “THE VETERAN.”)

Conditions were more favourable to cricket than to the more strenuous game of Rugby football, when Cardiff and Blaina met at Cardiff Arms Park to-day.

Blaina, who are leaders of the Monmouthshire League, have scored over 170 points, and have not had their line crossed in League matches. There were several changes in the Cardiff team, while Blaina played J. Powell at right wing vice K. L. Jones. Teams:—

BLAINA—A. Barker; J. Powell; J. Lawrence, E. J. Kitson, and F. Powell; G. Thomas and R. C. Tucker; W. Jones, R. Norster, Roy Jones, J. Dimmick, W. Rees, G. Watkins, W. Gittings, G. Hambleton.

CARDIFF—Cyril Davies; Schofield, S. Jones, Stan Hughes, and A. T. Thomas; J. E. Bowcott and J. Thomas; H. Watkins, S. Joyce, V. Cravos, G. James, G. Howe, Griff. Williams, Phil. Thomas, and T. E. Billings.

Referee—Mr S. J. Huntley, Cross Keys. Kitson started for Blaina, and in an exchange of kicks honours were even. Fumbling by the home centres got Cardiff into difficulties, and almost let Blaina in. The forwards, with a fine rush, relieved and got to within a few yards of the visitors' line, but a great rally by the Blaina forwards again placed Cardiff in jeopardy.

The visitors were heeling the scrums, and J. Powell, receiving in a good position, essayed a drop at goal, which was abortive. The home backs were playing badly, the passing being slovenly and ill-timed. Cardiff at last gained relief through a combined rush by the forwards, who dribbled to the Blaina line and almost got over.

Up to date, Cyril Davies was the only player to shine, and mainly through a fine relief kick by that player a fine passing bout was started in the Blaina 25, and after several backs had banded, A. T. THOMAS raced over with a fine try behind the posts. Cyril Davies's effort to convert, though a good one, just failed.

Cardiff were now pressing, and the forwards got over in a bunch only to be called back for offside. Blaina were penalised in midfield, but Cyril Davies again just missed goaling.

The visitors went away with a dash on the restart, and for a time play was within a yard of Cardiff's line, but good tackling by the home backs was too keen, and J. E. Bowcott relieved with an opportunistic punt to touch.

Blaina were, however, persistent, and again got to Cardiff's line, where they were penalised, and Cyril Davies found touch at half-way.

The passing of the Cardiff centres was about the poorest seen for some time, and but for Davies's lengthy kicks Cardiff's line must have been crossed on more than one occasion.

Half-CARDIFF 0 1 3

BLAINA 0 0 0

On the restart Blaina immediately pressed and R. J. TUCKER, their outside-half, although tackled, got a try wide out, which was unconverted. Cardiff then took up the aggressive and Bowcott started his three 25 yards out. A. J. Thomas received and was pushed into touch a few yards from the line.

Cardiff's front line was playing a better game than in the first half, especially in the open, while their heeling was improved, but the advantage gained was nullified by the wretched play by the centres, whose tackling again was poor. TUCKER, after evading a number of opponents got over with his second try which remained unconverted.

Blaina were still pressing, and looked like adding to their score when Bowcott started his three-quarters. Hughes's transfer to A. T. Thomas was a poor one and an excellent opportunity to equalise was lost.

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where Robertshaw was well held by
Cowling.

Cardiff's fortune eventually came
through Graham Jones contributing a
series of admirably placed short punts,
and the manner in which Morris followed
his example was the means of enabling
Swansea to level the situation.

SWANSEA HEELING.

One great effort by Bowcott also
delighted the crowd, the Cardiff pivot
beating Morris and the Swansea centres
and gaining 39 yards, and then, through
being denied the necessary support, send-
ing out a pass which could not be turned
to account.

Swansea forwards, however, could get
the ball from the scrummages at will, and
with a neat side-step and strong run
Claude Davey led the All Whites back to
the attack, until he spoiled a possible
scoring chance through holding on until
he was tackled by Robertshaw.

The Swansea pack seconded Davey's
effort with a good dribble, and Cardiff had
to thank Fender for getting them out of
their difficulty by intercepting a pass from
Glyn Evans to Morris and sending the
ball into touch.

SPECTACULAR RUN.

Boon and Stone also contributed some
valuable touch-finding, while Claude
Davey again neutralised their splendid
work by bursting clean through the centre
and getting to within a dozen yards of the
Cardiff line before being checked by Jones
and overwhelmed by John Roberts.

Swansea's backs followed Davey's spec-
tacular run by contributing a combined
movement, but when Davey dropped his
pass John Roberts and Bowcott ran and
handled finely and play was again taken
beyond a zone which was dangerous to
Cardiff.

The All Whites, however, continued to
play excellently and only a few minutes
elapsed before they were again
engaged close to the Cardiff line, with
another good run by Claude Davey. The
Cardiff defence held, but they did not
prevent Swansea from taking the lead.
DAI PARKER kicked a grand goal from
a penalty given for a scrumming infringement.

Half-SWANSEA	+1 0 3
CARDIFF	0 0 0
Penalty.	

Cardiff won an attacking position in the
first minute of the second half when Stone
found touch at full length. They thought
to exploit their position by passing, but
their handling was too slow, and they
were driven back to their own quarters
by means of some clever kicking by
Morris.

Swansea's forwards added cleverness at
the lines-out to their other accomplish-
ments, and on several occasions the All
Whites' threequarters swung along in the
most approved fashion.

Once, when a pass was dropped, Boon
hooped up the ball and in a zig-zag run
travelled more than half the length of the
field before sending out a pass which was
dropped. Fender and Poole each made a
little headway, while Robertshaw, at the
end of some indifferent passing, made a
dash which Swansea had difficulty in
stopping.

Another full round of passing by Car-
diff in the course of which John
Roberts made a burst, caused the Swan-
sea backs some inconvenience, and Claude
Davey and Hill had to undertake some
heavy tackling in order to save the
situation.

LACKED RESOLUTION.

Swansea fought their way back to the
centre where they remained for a couple
of minutes, at the end of which time
Bowcott went straight through and made
an opening which could not have been
improved upon. When he parted with
the ball it looked as if Graham Jones
must score, but the Cardiff centre ran
with less than his usual resolution prior
to sending the ball to Boon, who missed it.

Cardiff's attack ended with a futile drop
at goal by Graham Jones, while when
Swansea next attacked Claude Davey made
a similar scoring attempt and had his kick
charged down.

Runs by Poole and Fender enabled
Cardiff to again gain the upper hand, and
Swansea had yet another escape when
Davies charged down a kick by Morris
close to the All Whites' line.

A fine attempt to drop a goal by John
Roberts was followed by a great kick to
touch by W. Davies, which changed
Swansea's defence into attack which was
pressed for some minutes. The accurate

an attacking position by Cardiff.
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Swansea defence to fall in, and a sleep
the part of John Roberts in going a sleep
too far ruined the opportunity.
Boon promptly contributed another
first-rate run, and when he lost the ball
in a tackle a dozen yards from the line it
went loose. BARRELL picked it up and
went straight for the line with a strong
dash he went over with a try which Jones
converted. In the last couple of minutes
Swansea again attacked, and perfect pass-
ing ended in DAVEY crossing with a try
which Dai Parker converted.

Final-SWANSEA	*2 0 8
CARDIFF	1 0 5
Penalty.	

COMMENTS.

Drastic situations call for drastic
remedies. Swansea were to-day faced with
a drastic situation, and they applied a
drastic and successful remedy. Injuries
and other causes compelled them to ex-
periment to the extent of playing three 17-
year-old boys in their back division, and
so successful was the drastic remedy that
they at long last achieved the great desire
of inflicting a defeat on Cardiff.

In the doing of it the youths they ex-
perimented with, and all their colleagues,
played good football, and the verdict which
was returned was one with which no one
could quarrel. Cardiff were thoroughly
well beaten forward, even in the scrum-
mages, at the lines-out, and in the loose,
though their pack was not overwhelmed to
an extent which deprived their backs of
ample opportunities of winning the game,
but Cardiff backs were not at their best.

They were better comparatively than
their forwards, but their marking was
badly done, while both centres and espe-
cially John Roberts, attempted over elabo-
rate passing which was unnecessary and
which prevented rather than contributed to
the possibility of scores. The game as a
whole was a good one, with any amount
of movement, and a fair number of
splashes of considerable skill.

It is worthy of note, too, that many of
the brightest features were contributed by
Morris, the Carmarthen boy, who played
an extraordinarily fine game at outside-
half, and who promises to develop into a
really tip-top player. W. R. Jones, the
other Carmarthen boy, who was at full-
back, was also excellent in all he did.
Some of his kicks in length and accuracy
were what one expects from a veteran.

But Swansea's success after all was
really won by their forwards. In addition
to doing the work one always expects
from forwards one found two particularly
lively customers in their wing forwards,
Long and W. Davies, who were a constant
menace to the Cardiff men when they
were in possession.

Dai Thomas and Jack Rees also played
exceptionally well in Swansea's backs,
while the activities of Swansea's wing for-
wards were such as to compel Fender to
be considerably less prominent than he
has been of late.

Babbage and Westacott were the best of
the Cardiff forwards, while Cardiff's half-
backs, Boon and Stone, must be exonerated
from any blame connected with the
defeat. Bowcott, with very few oppor-
tunities, made a number of excellent
openings, and had his centres been what
they normally are the result would be
different to what it is, though one has
no reason to complain, for the victory
should do Swansea's Rugby an immense
amount of good. Swansea certainly
played well and were entitled to a narrow
victory, though they clearly had the better
of the refereeing.

called back for a moment.
penalised in midfield, but Cyril Davies
again just missed goaling.
The visitors went away with a dash on
the restart, and for a time play was
within a yard of Cardiff's line, but good
tackling by the home backs was too keen,
and J. E. Bowcott relieved with an oppor-
tune punt to touch.

Blaina were, however, persistent, and
again got to Cardiff's line, where they
were penalised, and Cyril Davies found
touch at half-way.

The passing of the Cardiff centres was
about the poorest seen for some time, and
but for Davies's lengthy kicks Cardiff's
line must have been crossed on more
than one occasion.

Half-CARDIFF	0 1 3
BLAINA	0 0 0

On the restart Blaina immediately
pressed and R. J. TUCKER, their outside-
half, although tackled, got a try wide out,
which was unconverted. Cardiff then took
up the aggressive and Bowcott started his
threes 25 yards out. A. J. Thomas re-
ceived and was pushed into touch a few
yards from the line.

Cardiff's front line was playing a better
game than in the first half, especially in
the open, while their heeling was
improved, but the advantage gained was
nullified by the wretched play by the
centres, whose tackling again was poor.

TUCKER, after evading a number of
opponents got over with his second try
which remained unconverted.
Blaina were still pressing and looked
like adding to their score when Bowcott
started his three-quarters. Hughes's trans-
fer to A. T. Thomas was a poor one and
an excellent opportunity to equalise was
lost.

Kitson, the Blaina left centre, failed in
an attempt to drop a goal 20 yards out,
and from a scrum Cardiff heeled, but
once again the home passing broke down
badly. A free-kick to Cardiff brought a
welcome relief, which was, however,
short lived, and Blaina were again aggres-
sors.

Final-BLAINA	0 2 6
CARDIFF	0 1 3

COMMENTS.

One of the poorest games seen on the
Park this season, and quite unworthy of
the teams. Cardiff failed badly in all
phases of the game, with the exception of
full-back. Cyril Davies was as usual,
and but for his kicking Cardiff would
have had a much larger score registered
against them.

The home backs time after time broke
down in passing, the only player doing
anything worth noting being A. T.
Thomas, who was, however, practically
starved throughout the game.

The forwards opened badly, but the
slight improvement in the second half was
nullified by the bad play of the backs.
Blaina certainly deserved to win,
although they were by no means a first-
class side on the day's play. Their for-
wards were a bustling pack, while of their
backs the pick were F. Powell, their left
wing; Kitson, at centre; and R. C. Tucker,
the outside-half, whose two tries were the
result of good individual efforts.

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RUGBY. WIND DECIDES GAME.

UNUSUAL INCIDENTS AT PENARTH.

CARDIFF WIN A DULL MATCH.

By "OLD STAGER."

	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff	1	0	5
Penarth	0	1	3

A wind, which on occasions caused the ball to curl in a peculiar manner, played decisive parts in the match between Penarth and Cardiff at Penarth on Wednesday evening—a game which ended in a win for Cardiff by a converted goal to a try.

In the first couple of minutes Tom Stone, the Cardiff full-back, attempted a relieving kick, but when the ball was in the air it twisted and turned and ultimately fell into the hands of Ted Evans, who was already over the Cardiff line and merely had to put it down to claim a try. Three-quarters of an hour later the try played a similar trick at the expense of Penarth. Cardiff had been penalised, and even Jack Bassett's great experience could not have forewarned him of the consequences that were to arise through the ball twisting in the air instead of going to touch as he had intended. Nothing out of the ordinary, however, would have occurred had Howard Poole "followed the book" when he gathered the ball from the air. The position in which he took it and the circumstances prevailing clearly called for a punt in the direction of the touchline by way of reply to Bassett's kick, and Bassett and several of his colleagues darted off in the direction in which the ball should have gone. But Poole had other ideas: he took a dozen strides instead of kicking, and as his partner came to his aid he delivered a perfect pass which Gabe-Jones took at an instant which gave him the opportunity of squeezing through between the converging defenders. His pace was sufficient, and with Bassett out of position he scored a try between the posts. Stone succeeded with the kick, and thus won the match for Cardiff.

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A KEEN STRUGGLE WITH ABERAVON.

Cardiff triumphed by five points after a keen struggle with Aberavon at Arms Park this afternoon. The play generally was poor, and the home team's success was chiefly due to the greater liveliness of their forwards in the loose.

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FINE TOUCH-FINDING.

Stone's touch-finding eventually broke the back of Aberavon's attack, while Skym, Babbage and Clark shared in some passing which aided Cardiff, though it was no more profitable than was a dash by Ned Jenkins for Aberavon.

Smart work and a well-placed punt by Tal Harris—a punt which was admirably followed by the Aberavon pack—worried Tom Stone, who, however, came into his own a few minutes later when he brought off a splendid tackle of Tom Thomas when the Aberavon wing was well under way at the conclusion of Aberavon's best combined movement of the opening half.

Half—CARDIFF 10 5
ABERAVON 0 1 3

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Occasionally Harold Hayes or Bill Roberts livened matters up, but neither quartette moved smoothly. In Cardiff's case that was largely due to Boon's poor passing, while Aberavon's backs were rarely able to blend their endeavours. Yet, some of the individual work was good, especially that by Bill Roberts, A. T. Thomas, Tal Harris, and Tom Thomas, while T. O. James was a safer and better full-back than Stone, whose catching was far more faulty than is customary.

For once in a way, Cardiff's forwards went a match for their side. Though beaten in the tight, they were splendid in the loose, the dashes of Barrell, the footwork of Babbage, and the handling of Fender being among the best features. Aberavon's forwards, too, were good at times, but their best work was not sustained. Ned Jenkins, Vickary and McGrath were the most prominent members of the Aberavon pack in the loose, and all worked hard in the tight.

Still, it was the liveliness of the Cardiff forwards in the loose that gave Cardiff the better of the game and justified the result that was returned.

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 Weston v Cardiff
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WESTON WIN THEIR LAST GAME.

Eight Points Margin Over
Cardiff.

FORWARD RUSHES TELL.

A strong, cold, northerly wind made play very difficult in this match at Weston to-day. It was the Seaside's last game of the season. Cardiff made many alterations in their selected side, and played the five-eighth game. Teams:—

CARDIFF—Cyril Davey; D. Papers, J. Poole, E. Knight, and C. Cross; J. T. Schofield and E. Richards; R. Morgan, H. Watkins, G. James, J. Carson, E. Williams, E. Carne, H. J. Lewis, and J. Joyce.

WESTON—SUPER-MARE—R. Pritchard; P. S. Saunders, R. H. Clayton, W. S. T. Leggs, and F. W. Warner; R. M. Brown, and S. F. Flook; C. T. Kent, S. W. Williams, R. J. Rumble, H. C. Clayton, R. Bishop, E. C. Rutter, W. A. Poole, and T. E. L. Harris.

Weston started with the advantage of the wind, an attacking movement going astray after exchange kicking between the respective backs, Cyril Davey and Pritchard.

Cross broke away for Cardiff, but was tackled as he was getting clear. A great forward break by Weston followed, Hornby handing to Clayton, who was tackled two yards from the visitors' line. Clayton later went over, but was driven into touch.

The home forwards set up a strenuous attack, but the Cardiff defence prevailed. Warner, receiving a pass, kicked the ball back, and Pritchard a few minutes later met with similar misfortune.

Having the better of matters in the tight, the Seaside kept Cardiff defending. Bishop missed a penalty, the ball passing the posts.

Weston's bad luck took a turn for the better when a good movement let WARNER over for a try, Bishop failing to convert.

Cyril Davey had up to this point experienced a gruelling task, the wind having added to his difficulty in meeting vigorous forward attacks.

HORNBY went over following a forward break to increase the home lead, Bishop adding the extra points. A smart break-away by the Cardiff backs saw GWYN KNIGHT pick up and cross to touch down, Cyril Davies failing with the kick.

Cardiff were coming more into the picture, but were always up against the forward rushes, which threatened danger.

Half—WESTON 1 1 3
 CARDIFF 0 1 3

The home forwards still predominated after the opening of the second half, great breaks, headed by Clayton, taking them to their opponents' line.

The visiting backs cleared with good touch-finding.

Weston's efforts at passing were continually failing owing to the high wind.

Davey, for Cardiff, failed with a penalty, and Cross missed with a drop kick from an easy position.

Weston saved narrowly when Pritchard tackled Schofield on the line in the left corner. Bishop got away cleverly and dribbled over for POOLE to put Weston a further try ahead.

Cardiff had a great opportunity close on time to reduce Weston's lead, but Schofield missed a "sitter" when fumbling a pass from Knight.

Final—WESTON 1 2 11
 CARDIFF 0 1 3

CARDIFF'S HELPING HAND.

Always Welcomed Visitors to the Midlands.

(By "OLD STAGER.")

CARDIFF'S popularity in the Midlands, and especially at Coventry, is an ever-increasing quantity—a situation which must compel Leicester to ponder as to the wisdom of the course they took when they provoked a quarrel with the Welsh club a few years ago.

Coventry have probably gained considerably from the course which Leicester took, for whenever the Coventry club has needed a special effort for any good cause

Consistency has not been a strong point with Cardiff of late. After unexpectedly losing at Swansea, they won at Coventry a couple of days after the All Whites had failed rather badly on the same ground. The alterations in the back division have unquestionably been the main cause of the marked variation in form, though to that has to be added the fact that Cardiff's forwards have failed to preserve anything approaching consistent form throughout the season. Only on rare occasions has the pack scrummaged soundly, while the work in the loose has varied from the ordinary to a high standard such as was shown in the match against Aberavon. Fender's all-round brilliance has, of course, dimmed the work of many of his colleagues, including that of Archie Skym (who still possesses a remarkable aptitude for rising to an occasion), but I am inclined to the view that in a season or two Babbage will come to the front as one of the best forwards in Wales. Early this season Babbage was carrying far too much weight; but he rid himself of it, and in the last month has been playing good Rugby, with the promise of better yet to come.

Cause for Regret.

One of the few serious complaints which Cardiff have made this season is that which arises out of the recent game at Cheltenham. In the course of that game a Cardiff player was "ordered off," and that by a referee who resided within a stone's throw of the Cheltenham ground. That is a condition of affairs which could not arise in Wales, by reason of all refereeing appointments being in the hands of the Welsh Rugby Union. The English system, under which clubs practically appoint their own referees, may have something to commend it; but it also, obviously, has its drawbacks.

A Lead to the Club.

Everywhere in Wales considerable interest is being taken in the seven-a-side Rugby competition which has now become a regular end-of-the-season feature at Twickenham. During the last six years the competition (which was last season won by the London Welsh) has been the means of raising over £7,000 for charities, and this season 96 teams competed, the final being played to-day. Cannot Cardiff take the initiative in securing the consent of the Welsh Rugby Union to the promotion of a similar competition in Wales?

In the years that are gone the Cardiff Club was one of the most generous supporters of the Cardiff Royal Infirmary; but in recent years, owing to altered circumstances, the continuance of that generosity has been an impossibility. Here is a chance for Cardiff to show its readiness to again render aid of a substantial character to the Cardiff Royal Infirmary. Will the Cardiff Club take the chance?



P.C. HENRY T. REES has come well into prominence with Aberdare this season. Although he has had experience in playing for Taff's Well, Porthcawl, and Cardiff Reserves, he is a young and very promising forward.

It has regularly sought the aid of Cardiff, and its appeals have not gone unheeded. Cardiff's recent "extra" game at Coventry was designed as a means of helping the Coventry club in the matter of the provision of new baths, and the attendance at the game was such that the purpose aimed at was clearly achieved.

Cardiff's officials and players were also afforded the opportunity of making new friendships and renewing old ones, and that opportunity will be added to this week when Mr. Ridgeway Fitzgerald, one of the vice-presidents of the Cardiff club, will take the Cardiff players on a visit to Fort Dunlop—a visit which will include an exhibition of Rugby by Cardiff against a side drawn from the employees at that works and its many branches. That game should be valuable missionary work on behalf of Rugby in a centre where it is needed, Birmingham.

*Cardiff v Coventry
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FOOTBALL.

CARDIFF WIN AT COVENTRY.

FINELY - CONTESTED GAME.

DETERMINED TACKLING CHECKS HOME TEAM.

	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff	*1	1	6
Coventry	0	1	3

*Penalty.

Cardiff paid an extra visit to Coventry on Monday for a special match on behalf of the home club's dressing-room improvement fund, and won a finely-contested game by six points to three.

From the start play was made open. Cardiff were early in danger when the home forwards rushed strongly and C. Davies at full-back had to kick over his own line to prevent H. Wheatley scoring. Morgan, playing at left wing threequarter—John Roberts being on the right—did some alert defensive work during renewed Coventry attacks.

Cardiff proved smarter when their backs gained possession, and Stone cleverly took advantage of the home full-back's kick being charged down and went over for a try which remained unconverted. Gascoigne managed to steal away when supplied by clean heeling, and his pass enabled Lole to run clean through the visitors' defence for a brilliant try. With no goal resulting, the teams were on even terms with a rousing effect upon the game. Davies at full-back rendered Cardiff valuable service with safe fielding and powerful touch kicks. Stone was also responsible for resourceful defence when Coventry were closely attacking, while Fender and Cravos were prominent in replying to the hard loose rushes of the home forwards, of whom Coulson was a great leader.

Play grew faster as the game progressed and there were some exciting periods during the second half. A thrilling bout of passing by the Cardiff backs, which looked certain to materialise, was foiled by an interception, but before Coventry could rally the opposing forwards took the ball close to their line. Cardiff, however, failed to become masters in the critical scrummaging. Davies gave Cardiff the lead with a penalty goal after the ball had struck a post, and though Coventry battled hard to recover they were checked by determined tackling.

*Cardiff v Fort Dunlop
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VISIT TO FORT DUNLOP.

CARDIFF RUGBY XV.'s ENJOYABLE DAY.

LORD MAYOR AND NEW WORKS.

By "OLD STAGER."

The officials and playing members of the Cardiff Rugby Club spent an enjoyable day at Fort Dunlop as guests of the Dunlop Rubber Company on Tuesday and, incidentally, did some valuable missionary work for Rugby, playing the Fort Dunlop team in an exhibition game.

The Lord Mayor of Cardiff (Alderman R. G. Hill Snook) accompanied the party, which also included Mr. William Forbes (Cardiff city tramways manager), Dr. W. G. Williams, Mr. L. C. Walters (secretary, Cardiff Athletic Club), Mr. Ridgeway Fitzgerald (vice-president of the Cardiff Athletic Club) arranged the trip and was in charge of the party.

At the luncheon on arrival at Fort Dunlop Col. Matthew, on behalf of the Dunlop Company, welcomed the party, which, he said, was the liveliest which had ever visited the works.

The Lord Mayor of Cardiff, replying on behalf of the party, expressed the hope that the Dunlop Company would soon establish works at Cardiff, for the Welsh city, he said, could provide the company with splendid positions and sites for importing the raw material and exporting the finished product.

CARDIFF WIN EASILY.

In the Rugby match Cardiff were much the better side. The Fort Dunlop forwards held their own against a pack which was not inclined to exert itself, but Cardiff's backs, once they were safely in possession, bewildered their opponents with the accuracy of their handling and their clever running. Howard Poole and Harry Bowcott were an efficient and enterprising pair of halves, and B. R. Turnbull played splendidly at centre. Cardiff won easily, and might have won more handsomely if they had played seriously throughout. As it was, they scored four converted goals, one penalty goal, and two tries (29 points), while their opponents failed to make any response. Cardiff's tries were scored by G. H. Morgan (three), G. V. Jones, Schofield, and Turnbull. Cyril Davies converted four of the tries and kicked a penalty goal.

After the match the Lord Mayor of Cardiff and members of the Cardiff Rugby Club were the guests of honour at the annual dinner of the Fort Dunlop Rugby Club.

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DROPPED GOAL LEAD FOR BRIDGEND.

By a dropped goal to nil, scored by Emlyn Richards, Bridgend were beating Cardiff in the latter's concluding game of the season at half-time. The home club were strongly represented against a side that had several alterations.

BY "OLD STAGER."

Cardiff concluded their season this afternoon when they played the postponed game with Bridgend at the Brewery Field. The Cardiff side underwent several alterations owing to the absence of H. M. Bowcott, S. C. Cravos, and others, but Bridgend were able to field their strongest side. The ground was on the firm side, but shortly before play commenced there were a few light showers, and from the players' point of view these were certainly welcome. Teams:—

BRIDGEND.—J. Bennison; A. Morgan, J. J. Davies, S. Roberts, E. Jones; G. Williams, E. Richards; W. J. Murphy, H. Brothers, G. Smith, S. Lawrence, W. Harries, W. G. Hockaday, W. J. Chilcot, J. Farmer.

CARDIFF.—T. Stone; A. T. Thomas, Graham Jones, T. J. Schofield, G. H. Morgan; H. Poole, G. V. Jones, N. Fender, G. Babbage, T. Lewis, D. Westcott, A. Clark, V. R. Osmond, R. Barrell, A. Cundy.

Referee: Mr. A. E. Freethy (W.R.U.).

Bridgend made the running in the first few minutes, only to lose their advantage when Steve Lawrence sent back a pass from a line-out, which was not accepted.

Poole promptly got his foot to the ball and drove it through, while Graham Jones was up in time to drive it past Bennison, when the Bridgend full-back went down the field.

J. J. Davies and Roberts, however, got back in time to pull Cardiff up right on the Bridgend line, and in the course of a minute or two the Bridgend forwards managed to relieve the pressure.

Graham Jones pulled them up when making a clever mark, and then made an unpardonable mistake for an international in coolly placing the ball on the ground to take his kick.

The Bridgend forwards quite rightly bowled him over the ball, and Steve Lawrence led a great dribble which had the effect of driving Cardiff back to their own line.

A scrum was ordered, and the Bridgend forwards sending the ball back smartly, EMLYN RICHARDS coolly took a drop at goal and succeeded thus in placing his side four points ahead. That lead has been rather easily earned, but Bridgend quietly justified their advantage, for when Schofield threw out a wild pass Roberts darted through and gained considerable ground.

Passing by the Bridgend three-quarters and a splendid dash by Arthur Morgan followed, and Bridgend were once again encamped on the Cardiff line, when Gwyn Smith did a little service to his side by getting offside of the scrum.

As it happened Fender's kick failed to find the touch-line, and Arthur Morgan, with a magnificently-judged reply, put the ball out of play inches from the corner flag.

Stone made good use of a couple of penalties which were given to Cardiff, with the consequence that play was near

the centre of the field, until Emlyn Richards cut out one of the best of openings and then went a stride or two too far, with the result that Edgar Jones had to be content with making ground instead of scoring.

Well-executed kicking by Bennison and Arthur Morgan increased Bridgend's territorial advantage, and when Bridgend next attacked by means of combined work, A. Morgan dropped through to Stone before being beautifully tackled close to the Cardiff line.

Fender eventually dribbled back almost to midfield, but the Bridgend men were constantly on their toes and really good play by both Roberts and Bennison prevented Cardiff from breaking the grip which their opponents had upon them. Such grip was intensified when G. V. Jones had a kick charged down and it required an extra special effort on the part of Stone to save the Cardiff line. Cardiff had another narrow escape when Chilcot narrowly missed a goal from a penalty against Poole for offside play at the scrum.

The Cardiff forwards eventually livened, Cundy and Babbage leading the way in some dashing work in the loose which had the effect of driving Bridgend back to their own quarters.

Kicking by Emlyn Richards and V. R. Osmond left the position unchanged, but a dribble by Brothers and Gwyn Smith was the means of giving Bridgend a footing in Cardiff's territory again.

Half—BRIDGEND	* 1 0 4
CARDIFF	0 0 0

* Dropped.

In the first couple of minutes in the second half Caleb Williams and Poole figured in an incident, and were cautioned.

George Morgan had a kick charged down. Bridgend set up an attack that ended in Arthur Morgan kicking out of bounds.

Babbage and Cundey were prominent in some fast forward work. Bridgend forwards replied with passing, which carried them to the fringe of Cardiff's line, where they lost possession.

Kicking by Graham Jones and a failure by Bennison to gather the ball combined to get Cardiff out of their difficulties, which, however, returned when Emlyn Richards and J. J. Davies did some effective combined work which the visitors experienced difficulty in stopping.

The Cardiff defence was severely tested when Brothers made a strong run, and just before passing to Bennison, who made a similar effort. Then came one of the best passing movements of the game, and hesitation on the part of George Morgan in going for the man in possession enabled DAVIES to round off a spectacular movement with a good try.

The kick at goal failed, as also did a shot at a penalty goal from a long range by Chilcot.

Final—BRIDGEND	* 1 1 7
CARDIFF	0 0 0

* Dropped goal.

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Sept. 3rd 1931

Cardiff's Huge Score.

By "OLD STAGER."

	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff	9	3	54
Cardiff & District XV.	0	0	0

The match which was played on the Cardiff Arms Park on Thursday evening between Cardiff's principal side and a team chosen from the clubs in the Cardiff and District Rugby Union was far too one-sided to afford any substantial basis for judging the outlook for Cardiff for the present season. The fact is that the District men were playing against men who were in a class or two above them, and the probability is that Cardiff lost quite as many scores through dropped passes as they did from any intervention on the part of their opponents.

Tries were scored for Cardiff by G. V. Wynne Jones (4), John Roberts (2), R. W. Boon (2), Howard Poole, A. Skym, Graham Jones, and A. Cundy. Tom Stone converted five of the first seven tries and the try which Cundy scored wide out. Successful goal kicks from in front of the posts were also made by Howard Poole (2) and Skym.

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BRIDGEND UNLUCKY AT CARDIFF.

"SEVEN" FORWARDS, BUT BACKS LACK PACE.

Bridgend were only beaten by a single point in a thrilling game at Cardiff to-day. The visitors played seven forwards, and they did their part so well that the backs had rather more than an equal number of chances.

With a little more pace on the wings Bridgend would have won. It was unlucky for them that that was lacking, while they were also unlucky in the sense that the absence of success deprived the Bridgend players of the opportunity of making a great sporting gesture. Had they won they would have been given a special reward, and it had been their intention to hand that over untouched to Harry Brothers, one of their forwards, who is now an invalid.

By "OLD STAGER."

Rugby friendships have a sweetness and a freshness all their own, and though the attendance at the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon was of smaller dimensions than had been expected, the friendships that were renewed and cemented before and during the game were legion.

Whatever shortage there was in attendance, too, was not in any way attributable to Bridgend, who brought a train-load or two of supporters with them, and all of them confident that Bridgend would at long last secure their first victory at Cardiff.

Bridgend's committee—"schemers ever"—also took an exceptional course, being so confident of the probable superiority of their pack in the tight that they sacrificed a man in the scrummages in order to play Stan Roberts as a five-eighth, and that for the purpose of strengthening their defence against Cardiff's strong attack.

Ground and weather conditions were ideal, and though both sides made changes from the sides selected, the changes were not of a character calculated to lessen the interest or the standard of the play.

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had not functioned to the satisfaction of his captain in the opening half, and it was not exactly a surprise to observe that at the commencement of the second half he was placed on the wing, and Matthews transferred to outside-half.

The change, however, was in no way responsible for the further success which came to Bridgend, who attacked immediately after the resumption, and secured a corner try through FARMER, who followed up smartly after the ball had been sent over the Cardiff line from a kick in some loose play. Hockaday missed the goal, and Bridgend were only a point behind.

In the next minute the crowd, numbering about 6,000, had one of its best thrills, Fletcher making a remarkably exciting run, covering half the length of the field, and reaching Bennison before being pulled down.

Though Fletcher's effort was not in itself decisive, it had a considerable effect upon subsequent play, enabling Cardiff to keep play in their opponents' half in spite of a grand dribble by Baker for a lengthy period.

It was there, too, when Boon made another of his splendid efforts, recovering possession after punting ahead, cutting out a likely opening, and then passing to his centres—only to find that Turnbull lacked the little extra yard of pace requisite to round off the movement!

Again and again Cardiff found the defence too strong for the combined movements they attempted to make progress and ultimately secured the victory.

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Referee—Mr. J. Maginn, Pontypridd. Howard Poole lost the toss and took the opening kick, which was fielded by Bennison over his own line and banged into touch at short range. But Bridgend speedily took steps to secure the bulk of the share of the ball for their backs, who handled splendidly and ran with decision.

A check, however, came when a transfer was dropped, but the ball was recovered by Gitto Davies, and he made the best use of the touch-line in the interests of his side.

THE CORNISH "TOUCH."

A knock-on by Tom Stone worsened Cardiff's position, and it was left to Bowcott to relieve the situation with a couple of his specially well-directed and lengthy touch-finders. Still the initiative continued to rest with Bridgend, and a perfect round of hand-to-hand passing by their backs won deserved applause, while John Roberts and Turnbull had to strain their defensive powers to the limit in order to defeat a movement which followed hard upon the heels of a really great thrust by Stanley Roberts.

Then came an incident which surprised many in the crowd, Arthur Cornish, the old Welsh international, who was the Cardiff touch-judge, operating the new rule which makes it the duty of touch-judges to see that both of the feet of a player conducting a throw-in are in touch. That was "one up" for Arthur!

Kicking by Stone and Graham Jones and a dribble by the Cardiff forwards, with Barrell leading, rid Cardiff of their troubles, and a wonderful touch-finder by Stone from a penalty gave Cardiff a footing near the Bridgend line.

But that position Cardiff speedily lost, Stanley Roberts and Gitto Davies getting among the Cardiff centres, hustling them off the ball, and starting a dribble which was carried on until play was well inside Cardiff's half once again.

Stanley Roberts and J. J. Davies consolidated the Bridgend position with useful kicking, and it was not until Graham Jones succeeded in making a series of remarkable interventions that Cardiff levelled the play.

A PERFECT "DUMMY."

Almost in the next minute the Cardiff forwards took charge of the situation, and Osmond, getting possession in some loose play, gave a perfect "dummy," and then sent SKYM over with Cardiff's first try of the season in serious football. Stone found the angle too difficult to convert.

Having regard to the way in which the play had developed in its early stages, Bridgend were decidedly unlucky in being behind, and they had no more than what they deserved—indeed, their reward was inadequate—when they equalised within a minute or two of Cardiff's scoring.

BRIDGEND'S SUCCESS.

Bridgend's success came from a series of short, sharp rushes, in one of which BAKER went over with a try. Hockaday missed the goal.

With the equalising of the score, Cardiff seemed to realise that they were "up against it," and, though there were brief periods in which they were driven into defensive positions, they played with a determination which justified them in gradually obtaining the upper hand.

In the securing of that advantage one man—Boon—played a dominant part, making a couple of pretty runs down the centre of the field, and that in a manner more characteristic of a centre than a wing.

A NEAT GOAL.

At the conclusion of his second effort the ball went loose, and GRAHAM JONES, getting possession, dropped a neat goal. In the next minute Boon again got going, running and then punting down to Edgar Jones, who miskicked badly and almost let Cardiff in again.

Bridgend had a narrow escape in that matter, but recovered from it, and spent the concluding minutes of the opening half in conducting a vigorous attack, a strong position being secured by them when Tom Stone unfortunately failed to gather cleanly from a long punt ahead.

Half—CARDIFF *1 1 7

BRIDGEND 0 1 3

* Dropped.

Bridgend's outside-half, Howell Thomas,

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Again and again Cardiff found the defence too strong for the combined movements they attempted to make progress, and ultimately Stanley Roberts put in a splendid touch-finder which was the basis upon which the men from Pontypridd built when they levelled the play for a period.

That phase passed; and with its passing Stone made an unsuccessful attempt to place a long-range penalty goal, while Cardiff became the aggressors.

But again the game swung in favour of Bridgend, a wheel by the Bridgend forwards and passing by their backs rather upsetting Cardiff's calculations.

Then Bridgend had that experience, Bennison (who was playing soundly) being tackled in possession, Skym dribbling through finely, Cardiff contributing good handling, and Bowcott cleverly placing the ball out of play near the Bridgend line. That period of Cardiff's supremacy ended when Boon made a drop at goal which narrowly missed its mark.

A THRILLING FINISH.

Then, with time almost up, Bridgend made their final endeavour to snatch victory out of defeat—and that by means of play of the most thrilling character.

Bridgend were defending when J. J. Davies burst through, raced to midfield, and then handed on to Gwyn Smith. The forward went up to Stone before returning the ball to J. J. Davies, who promptly changed the direction of the attack, made great headway, and was less than twenty yards from the Cardiff line when he passed to Edgar Jones.

By that time Turnbull had got back, and it was his tackle of Jones that saved the match for Cardiff!

Final—CARDIFF *1 1 7

BRIDGEND 0 2 6

* Dropped.

COMMENTS.

Bridgend have at least a year to wait before they can achieve their ambition of winning at Cardiff. With the least bit of luck—or possibly it would be more accurate to say that with greater speed and determination on the flanks—they would have realised their ambition to-day, and had they done so no one would have rejoiced more than the Cardiff players! That is a strange assertion to make; but it is none the less true.

What is the secret? Well, the fact is that the Bridgend Committee had promised the Bridgend players a special treat if they won, and the players, with that true sense of sportsmanship which characterises Rugby men, had decided to forego their treat in order to make a present to Harry Brothers, the Bridgend and former Cardiff forward, who has been badly injured in a colliery accident. Perhaps that resentment will still be forthcoming!

Though victory went to Cardiff, Bridgend should deserve the greater amount of encouragement from the actual play, which was always too keen—to be generally spectacular—and at times really thrilling. Bridgend can remedy their deficiencies on the wings far easier than Cardiff can re-model a pack which is clearly deficient in scrummaging ability, though it has pace and cleverness in the loose and an exceptionally good line-out forward in Osmond. The Bridgend forwards, with the exception of Gwyn Smith, may not have been particularly useful in handling in the loose, but Cardiff and other clubs I know would have little hesitation in snapping up forwards with the potentialities for development possessed by Baker and Farmer. Baker and Farmer were not "fancy" forwards; they are "workers"—workers with the right ideas, the stamina, and the pace.

Bridgend's policy of playing a "rover" justified itself—up to a point! In other words, it was a success as far as preventing Cardiff's pivotal men from developing their cleverness in attack was concerned, while it fell short of the complete realisation of its objective through the Bridgend wings failing to round off the chances which came to them. Harry Bowcott (who was given as good a service from Poole as the circumstances permitted) and the Cardiff centres did not do at all badly in the face of a "packed opposition,"—for no one could question the thoroughness of the tackling of Stanley Roberts and J. J. Davies, or the alertness of Gitto Davies—but they never succeeded in making their openings as wide as was desirable, with the consequence that Cardiff's wings suffered from the absence of chances, though Boon made his own chances and played really well!

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5 FOOTBALL.

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season. Last season Bristol was at Cardiff Arms Park by 10pts. and at home by 10pts. to 6pts.

Cardiff fielded an all-international three-quarter line and had seven Welsh national players in the side, while Bristol were also fully represented, though their team appeared strange without Sam Tucker, who has retired. His place in the pack was taken by G. G. Gregory, the English international forward, and A. D. Allen, the Cambridge Blue, was also included in the front line. Teams:—

BRISTOL.—T. W. Brown; A. W. Lillierap, W. Moneriffe, D. W. Burland, H. Sherman; T. J. M. Barrington, C. B. Carter; F. Tucker, G. G. Gregory, P. G. Lambert, J. N. Hazell, A. D. Allen, D. Tucker, W. C. Broome, and C. Smith.

CARDIFF.—T. Stone; John Roberts, Guy Morgan, Frank Williams, R. W. Boon; Howard Poole, H. M. Bowcott; Barrell, A. Skym, Colin Ross, D. Westcott, I. Isaacs, P. J. Fletcher, L. Spence, V. R. Osmond.

CARDIFF ATTACK.

After rain in the morning the weather cleared up in the afternoon, and up to the time of the kick-off the sun was shining. Cardiff made one alteration, Guy Morgan taking the place of Graham Jones. There were about 10,000 people present. Cardiff attacked at the commencement, and in the first few minutes Stone tried to drop a goal, but the kick just failed to reach the posts.

Bristol were penned in their own half for some time, and tried to relieve the pressure by a vigorous forward rush, but they were repulsed when nearing the half-way line.

Continuing to have the better of the exchanges, Cardiff came very near to scoring when Guy Morgan brought off a swerving run and when challenged cross-kicked.

Boon gathered the ball and made a determined effort to get to the line, but was held up by a smothering tackle by Lillierap. After a while the Bristol backs threatened danger, and Barrington broke through cleverly in the centre and set Burland running. The Bristol captain ran strongly and made much ground before transferring to Sherman, but the Bristol wing three-quarter was forced into touch near the 25 line by Roberts.

The home side maintained the attack, and the backs were seen in some good handling movements, but the Cardiff defenders never faltered. Near the Cardiff 25 Bristol were awarded a penalty kick for offside, and Hazell's kick just went wide. Bristol kept hammering at the Cardiff line, and at the end of 15 minutes were rewarded with a score.

BARRINGTON received the ball from a line-out close to the Cardiff line, and by a quick swerve got clear to drop a beautiful goal. The visiting side retaliated strongly, and by good forward work got close to the Bristol line.

Bristol's new international, Gregory, was hooking well. The home backs were receiving many chances, and the three-quarters showed splendid combination.

The play for a period then veered in favour of Cardiff, who held their opponents in their own half. There was a handling movement between Guy Morgan, F. Williams, and John Roberts, and the last named made a determined dash for the line, and was only prevented from scoring by a brilliant tackle by Sherman. Cardiff persisted but could not penetrate the opposing defence.

Boon showed his pace following a handling movement, and would have got over but for putting a foot into touch. From a vigorous forward rush Skym scrambled over, but was called back. Just before the interval STONE kicked a splendid penalty goal from just inside the Bristol half.

Half—BRISTOL 11 0 4

CARDIFF 1 0 3

† Dropped. * Penalty.

Cardiff put in a dangerous attack early in the second half, Colin Ross and Isaacs dribbling the ball down the field in fine style, but they were checked by a clever

Bristol Brown cross-kicked, and his ball surely and quickly near his own goal and set BOON in motion. The wing three-quarter went off at a great pace up to near the halfway line, and when challenged cleverly punted ahead and darted through at an amazing pace. He got clear of the opposition and continued his way towards the line by clever footwork.

A GREAT TRY.

When a few yards from his objective he picked up in his stride and grounded the ball near the posts. He had left the position standing, and the quick turning of defence into attack had completely beaten Bristol.

Cardiff then played much better together, and the backs were seen in many combined movements. From one of these Boon nearly dodged his way through the defence.

When Stone converted Boon's great try Cardiff were holding a lead of 8 points to 4, and continued to have the better of the game.

After a while Bristol re-asserted themselves, but were repulsed by good touches, kicking by Stone and Boon. There was one quick rush by the Cardiff forwards which appeared as if it would sweep aside the Bristol defenders, but Burland distinguished himself by a quick interception and the movement started into a handling one. Towards the end of the game Bristol began to exert all their efforts in an endeavour to retrieve their position, and the Cardiff line had some narrow escapes.

The Bristol backs made the bad error of hanging on to the ball too long, thus allowing the Cardiff back to bring off some good tackling of the man in possession of the ball.

Having withstood some strenuous onslaughts, Cardiff fought their way back and attacked strongly, but encountered an impenetrable defence.

A clever opening by Carter saw the ball travelling quickly across the three-quarter line, and it looked as if Lillierap was going to succeed in his dash for the corner post, but Boon came across at a great pace to save the line by bungling the Bristol wing three-quarter into touch a few inches from the line.

The game ended with play in midfield.

Final—CARDIFF *2 0 8

BRISTOL 11 0 4

* One Penalty. † Dropped.

COMMENTS.

The game was of a hard, open character throughout. There was little to choose between the sides, and it was the splendid opportunism of Boon in scoring his spectacular try which gave Cardiff the victory.

Boon, in fact, was the outstanding figure of the match, for he not only did well in tackling, but was sound in defence. He tackled with great effectiveness, and his touch-kicking was of good length and sure.

The forwards were evenly matched, for whereas Bristol secured the ball more frequently from the scrums, the Cardiff pack was the better in the loose. Ross, Skym, Isaacs, and Barrell were outstanding for good all-round work.

At half-back Bristol claimed the advantage, for Carter and Barrington worked splendidly together and the threequarters received more opportunities. That the Cardiff line did not fall paid a great tribute to the stern defence of the Cardiff backs.

Stone gave a brilliant display, never hesitating to go down to the forward rushes, and his kicking was just as sure as his tackling.

Until the second half, when the forwards got more of the ball, there was not much combination between the backs, but then the threequarters handled more quickly than their opponents, and by this means were much more dangerous.

Bowcott slipped through the defence quickly at times, and Williams was very elusive in the centre. Guy Morgan was not impressive, and Roberts did not get as many chances as he deserved.

at his mercy.

At length good work by the Cardiff halves and three-quarters enabled them to invade the visitors' half, but Schofield, in attempting a cross-kick, sent the ball into Hudson's hands, and the Bristol custodian found touch at the centre.

Since the commencement of the game the crowd had greatly increased, and at this stage was a big increase on the "Other" side's gates of last season.

RICHARDS'S TRY.

In a characteristic dash for the corner A. T. Thomas was overwhelmed by numbers and hauled down a dozen yards from his objective. Just before half-time G. V. Jones cut out a good opening before sending V. RICHARDS over for a good try. From dead in front of the posts Gabe Jones converted, to give Cardiff a five points' lead. Cardiff should have gone further ahead when Cross was penalised for a bad piece of offside play, but from an easy position Gabe Jones failed to place the goal.

Half—CARDIFF 1 0 5

BRISTOL 0 0 0

A splendid run by Pickles threatened danger to Cardiff, the Bristol centre pushing aside a number of would-be tacklers. The move ended, however, through Tucker getting just a yard in front of Pickles to take the latter's transfer.

The visitors had the better of the opening stages of this half, but their backs were met with resolute defence.

An attempt by H. L. Evans to place a goal from 40 yards range saw the ball fall short yards wide. Another brilliant run by Pickles, who was the outstanding back on the field, gained quite 50 yards before Hollister failed to hold the easiest of passes with the Cardiff defence muddled.

Good work by the Cardiff forwards, in which Cave and Flynn were prominent, gave the home side a footing in the Bristol 25, and Gabe Jones and Thomas went close to securing the home lead when the referee awarded the visitors a free kick right on the line. This was a lucky escape for the English side.

Offside in midfield caused the visitors to be penalised, but from the next scrum Dyke and Pickles combined neatly before Dowling was pushed into touch. An attempt at passing by the home backs ended when Schofield failed to elude Spilsbury.

Bristol at last got a just reward when K. DOWLING crossed behind the home posts and placed the goal himself. The score—five points all—just about reflected the way game had gone.

Flynn caused a thrill when he charged down and held a kick by Dyke ten yards from the Bristol line, but when he passed to the other forwards the ball went astray.

Good work by the Bristol backs placed them in the homesters' 25. Bristol continued pressing and made desperate efforts to snatch the victory in the closing stages, but were kept out by good kicking by Brown and A. T. Thomas.

Final—CARDIFF ATHLETIC 1 0 5

BRISTOL UNITED ... 1 0 5

COMMENTS.

Although there was very little in the game of a spectacular nature, interest was maintained from start to finish, and if the efforts of the backs of both sides achieved little by orthodox methods it was because of the sterling defence.

The superiority which Cardiff held at half-back and in the flanks was counter-balanced by the better play of the Bristol centres. Dyke and Pickles did splendidly all through, the latter worthily emulating some of the feats of his more famous brother. A. T. Thomas and the two Joneses were the pick of the home backs, and young Brown made a successful debut at full-back, his exhibition comparing favourably with that of J. Hudson for the English side.

The rival packs were evenly matched, the home lot being rather better at the scrums, while the visitors were the more sprightly in the open. Carve and Flynn were prominent for Cardiff, and Coventry and Evans did best for Bristol.

Both sides had opportunities, and the score might have been greater—on both sides—but, taking the game as a whole, a draw was an equitable result.

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Soon Damp Down THRILLING RUGBY ENCOUNTER

THREEQUARTER LINE ALL WELSH INTERNATIONALS

FAST, CLEVER PLAY

SPECIAL BY "OLD CRUSADER"

BRISTOL Rugby team opened their season with a highly-attractive match against Cardiff on the Memorial Ground to-day.

The visitors, who had already played two games, beating Bridgend and suffering defeat at Torquay in mid-week in a dour struggle, placed a very powerful side in the field, particularly behind the scrum, where they had an all-International threequarter line, with another Welsh national player in H. W. Bowcott, and H. Poole, the captain, who took part in the Australian tour.

There were one or two new faces in the pack, including R. Barrell, A. made their a to be a form

At length the ball came out on the Bristol side and Burland, with a fine kick, put his side in an attacking position.

Stone had to kick short so fast did Bristol follow up. A moment later Carter got the ball away with a beautiful pass to Barrington, who cut through in his best style, beating several defenders before handing to Burland. The home captain made a strong burst and then gave to Sherman, who was forced into touch before he could go many yards.

Bristol were penalised for a scrum and Bowcott found touch however, this was more than for just afterwards, when Burland got in a magnificent to within some 15 yards line.

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Bristol resumed in good style and for the first two or three minutes had by far the best of the game. Cardiff, however, showed remarkable powers of recovery and at time after time got out of difficult positions in a most clever manner.

There was only one side and that at Morgan came in in the centre, the International one. There was a r possession, raced away down the wing, got away with a rush and Boon being in the line coolly picked up an went over with a try which Stone had no difficulty in converting. Cardiff thus took the lead and were four points up.

Just prior to this score Burland stopped a great rush by the Cardiff pack, picking up at their feet and getting in a great kick.

His defensive powers were also seen just afterwards, when the Cardiff backs were fed. Guy Morgan was grandly tackled by the home captain before he

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D FAVOURS VISITORS

By J.C.C.

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for the defence was extremely sound and the tackling deadly.

Barrington made another exceptional run through and put Burland over, but the pass was adjudged forward.

This led up to a series of scrums from which Bristol got the ball, and each time the backs were given a chance to work out their own salvation.

They only failed because the defence was so keen.

BARRINGTON spotted this and cleverly took a drop at goal from an acute angle. His kick was so successful and his judgment so accurate that the ball sailed midway between the posts and after a quarter of an hour Bristol were four points to the good.

CLEVER WORK

Cardiff were a little more orthodox in their back play and this militated against their succeeding in reducing the arrears. They were quick to take advantage of the least opportunity and showed some clever work, while their forwards were smart in recovering and dashing away.

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There had been one or two showers of rain, which made the ball slippery, but later the sun came out brightly, and the game was continued under perfect conditions.

Cardiff, for the most part, had the best of matters, their forwards playing a very fine game in all its phases, but being particularly good in loose rushes.

More than once it appeared that a score for them was imminent, particularly when Boon got away at great speed when fed on the 25 line.

He, however, was stopped by determined tackling some yards out.

Cardiff continued to hold the upper hand and Poole made a tricky run, then looked as if he were postponing himself for a drop at goal, and finally threw out a wide pass to his right. Nothing came of the attack and by good kicking and short bursts by the forwards Bristol got to their opponents' 25 line.

Stone relieved the pressure with a kick, but Bristol, showing signs of revival, held the upper hand, a fact that was due in the main to the sterling work of their forwards.

Bristol were not allowed to remain in the home forwards' territory for long, as in got through and Cardiff with a great rush, led by Barrrell and Skym, got to the home 25 line. The ground was covered in quick time and Cardiff was stemmed with the utmost determination. From the loose Boon picked up and kicked across to John Roberts.

He quickly transferred to his partner, but Sherman effected a tackle, and then a moment later the ball was received by Burland, who handed off F. Williams and then fed Sherman. The latter dashed away and rounded John Roberts, but was brought down after running some 30 yards.

Following a scrum, Carter fed Lillcrap, who knocked over the corner flag in an endeavour to cross the line.

The pace continued a cracker, both sides going all out and there was not a single dull moment.

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RESULT	
CARDIFF	8pts.
BRISTOL	4pts.

BRISTOL RUGBY COMMENTS

Taking the game as a whole it was splendidly contested, there being very little difference between the sides, either as regards cleverness or speed. Each had a good share of the ball.

Cardiff showed up best at the start and the end, while Bristol's best came midway.

On the whole the Cardiff backs appeared to use their chances to greater advantage and were certainly in advance of Bristol in getting off the mark.

Both defences were well tested, but there was nothing wrong on either side in their direction.

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HALF-TIME

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CARDIFF 3 pts.

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The visitors, who had already played two games, beating Bridgend and suffering defeat at Torquay in mid-week in a dour struggle, placed a very powerful side in the field, particularly behind the scrum, where they had an all-International threequarter line, with another Welsh national player in H. W. Bowcott, and H. Poole, the captain, who took part in the Australian tour.

There were one or two new faces in the pack, including Colin Ross, but our friends R. Barrell, A. Skym, and Westacott again made their appearance in what appeared to be a formidable eight.

There was something strange about the Bristol team as they took the field—something lacking. There was no Sam Tucker. Apart from this notable exception, however, the side was well up to standard, well equipped in all departments, with only a couple of newcomers in G. G. Gregory, the Somerset and England forward, who took Tucker's place in the middle of the front row, and A. D. Allen, the Cambridge Blue. Teams:—

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Bristol were penalised for a scrum infringement, and Bowcott found touch well down. However, this was more than compensated for just afterwards, when from a penalty Burland got in a magnificent touch-inder to within some 15 yards of the Cardiff line.

Another free kick was awarded to Bristol in a none too difficult position, but Hazell missed his objective, and Bowcott returned to touch.

Bristol were now having much more of the game than in the early stages, Gregory getting a good share of the ball from the scrum and the backs doing splendid work in attack.

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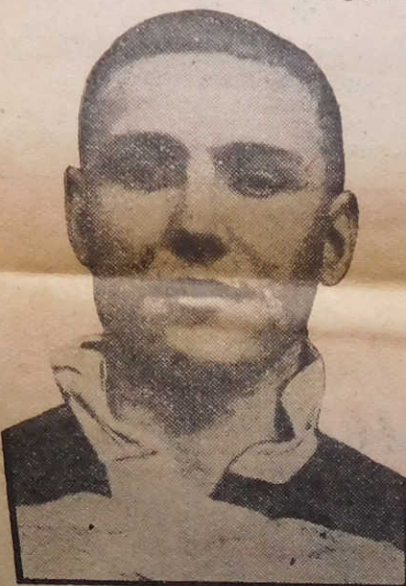
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The ground looked a picture, and the hot sun and drying wind had made the turf, to all appearances, in the best of condition.

Cardiff, who played in white, took the field punctually to time and were given a very hearty reception, while rounds of applause greeted the appearance of Don Burland and his men.

Poole kicked off for Cardiff and Brown returned to touch just outside the Bristol 25. The ball was sent down to Stone, the visiting full-back, who, positioning himself, took a drop at goal.

His shot, however, went wide and Burland touched down. In the opening minutes Cardiff certainly had the best of matters and Bristol had to defend strongly.

A gather and punt ahead by Lillcrap regained a good slice of lost ground, but Hazell was rather unfortunate in knocking on after following up keenly.

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It was a very clever move which might have caught any defence napping. Cardiff kept their position well inside the Bristol half, the forwards playing a strong, robust and clever game, while the backs, particularly Bowcott and Guy Morgan, were quick off the mark and handled effectively.

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A brilliant dash by Moncrieffe was followed by clever work on the part of Burland and Sherman, the latter, however, falling to a good tackle by John Roberts.

Determined work by the home forwards in which Allen played a great part, led up to another strong attack by Bristol, and it was with difficulty that Allen was kept out.

Burland had a shot at goal but missed, but still Bristol kept up the attack.

Cardiff relieved the pressure with another good kick by Bowcott, and good work in the line out, a strong rush, and a rather weak clearance by Tom Brown allowed the visitors to reach Bristol's 25.

For some ten minutes or more it had been all Bristol, but now Cardiff came into the picture.

Scrumming well, they got the ball out cleanly, and Guy Morgan cut through and tested Brown who was equal to the call, however, and saved the situation.

Another attack by Cardiff was stemmed by Burland and Brown together, and Bristol once more took a stand in their opponents' half.

Here Poole sent his backs away with a clever pass from the scrum, but the movement broke down in the centre, and Lillcrap coming across picked up and punted obliquely.

The ball, however, did not reach touch and John Roberts had a good chance when he gathered, but spoilt it when he slipped up.

Some brilliant passing by the Cardiff backs looked dangerous for Bristol, but Sherman effected a great tackle of John Roberts.

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Bristol were also not faultless in this respect, and wild play lost them a big slice of ground.

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HARRY BOWCOTT'S GREAT GOAL.

BRILLIANT DROP KICK THAT BEAT NEATH.

Honours were even—a try each—on the score board at half-time in a keen game between Cardiff and Neath, at Arms Park, but a brilliant dropped goal by Harry Bowcott after the interval settled the issue in the home team's favour.

(By "OLD STAGER.")

It was too warm to be pleasant—at least for the players—on this afternoon. That probably accounted for the rather disappointing character of the attendance at the Cardiff Arms Park, where Cardiff were opposed to their friends from Neath. Still, it was surprising that it should be so, for the conditions were clearly well adapted for the open type of play favoured by spectators. Cardiff had to substitute T. J. Schofield and Guy Morgan for R. W. Bean and Graham Jones, both of whom were on the injured list, while Glyn Daniels played at centre three-quarter for the All Blacks in place of the original choice, Gwyn Moore. Teams:—

CARDIFF—T. Stone; T. J. Schofield, W. Guy Morgan, R. R. Turnbull, and John Roberts; Howard Poole (capt.) and H. M. Bowcott; R. Barrell, Archie Skym, V. R. Osmond, B. Westcott, I. Isaacs, L. Spence, P. J. Fletcher, and A. Clark.

NEATH—P. Lloyd; Dan Jones, Glyn Daniels, G. Thomas, and Arthur Hickman; C. Evans and G. Bevan; Tom Arthur (capt.), Arthur Lemon, G. Roberts, G. Pinner, T. Morgan, B. L. Thomas, Tom Hollingdale, and T. G. Jones.

Referee: Mr. L. G. Thomas, Penryn.

Both sides were quickly on the move. Neath carried the first scrum and clear the inside half, almost dodged clear before sending a perfect pass to T. J. Jones—who dropped it! Possession at the next scrum was Cardiff's, and after a few transfers, Guy Morgan punted over to Phil Lloyd, who knocked on.

That mistake gave Cardiff a territorial advantage, but it quickly disappeared, and the issue—had to move mainly in order to find Neath's efforts, and that in the same backward way of getting the ball to touch.

Superbly in the scrummages rested with Neath for the next few minutes, and on one occasion Glyn Bevan made a really good opening, only to see his work go for naught owing to Dan Jones dropping his pass.

Glyn Daniels also did some useful work, particularly in kicking, and when a scrum was formed 40 yards from the Cardiff line the Neath forwards bailed the Cardiff defence like a kiel!

WELL-WON TRY.

Neath's forwards then played a brilliant game, and a beautiful long drop at goal, and again he missed his objective by inches.

Passing in which Cardiff's centres and John Roberts shared was countered by some really good tackling, while Cardiff's defence was equally good when Neath contributed some combined work, in which Glyn Daniels was the dominating figure.

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being a trifle wide of the posts. That escape caused Neath to warm to their work once again, and a smart interception by Dai Jones threatened Cardiff with great danger until the Neath wing kicked prematurely, thus giving Stone a chance to send the ball to touch.

Drops at goal which brought no reward were tried by Hickman and Gwyn Thomas, while a long-range shot at goal from a penalty, by T. O. Jones, met with a like fate.

Skym fielded from the shot at a penalty goal and delivered the ball to Bowcott, who cut through brilliantly before cross-punting to a bunch of his forwards, who were favourably placed, and who lost their chance through Barrell knocking on.

Again Guy Morgan tried to win the game with a beautiful long drop at goal, and again he missed his objective by inches.

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HAS WELSH PLAY DETERIORATED?

LESSONS OF GAME AT SWANSEA.

WHAT YOUNG CENTRES MUST REALISE.

By "OLD STAGER."

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Swansea	3	0	11
Cardiff	2	0	7

*Two penalties; †One dropped and one penalty.

Cardiff have little or nothing to console themselves with regarding their defeat at Swansea on Thursday evening. For that matter Swansea have few reasons for jubilation, for, although their victory was clearly won, their supporters will probably be critical of the fact that the trend of play suggested that Swansea was much the better side, while the scoring was of a character which made it possible for an unworthy Cardiff side to snatch a victory at any moment.

That ought not to have been so: Swansea had far too much the better of the play for the issue to have been kept in doubt, and it was a reflection upon the abilities of the inexperienced Swansea three-quarters that their centres lacked the ability to properly handle more than one of their many scoring chances. Still, one must not be too critical of Dark and Cowling. Both have possibilities, but those possibilities will not be developed until they recognise that their wings are required for purposes other than those of a defensive character.

ALL NOT WELL WITH PACKS.

All was not well with the forwards either, and, on the whole, it looks as if Rugby in Wales has definitely deteriorated since last season. Cardiff's pack had its usual experience in the scrummages, being thoroughly well trounced in the matter of securing possession—at least for two-thirds of the game, a surprising improvement coming after Spence had been carried off with badly bruised ribs—and, in addition, it did worse and worse in the loose as the game proceeded. The All Whites' hooking, which was shared by Glyn Jones and Tom Day, was certainly well done, and if for no other reason than that success in the scrummaging was easily assured, E. Long and W. Davies are seriously to blame for having persisted with winging tactics of the undesirable kind in spite of being frequently penalised.

Apart from the needless interference with the free running of the play by Long and Davies, and a tendency on the part of young D. M. Evans to be unduly officious and aggressive at the lines-out, the Swansea forwards were excellent in the tight and the loose, being the best pack I have seen this season.

SWANSEA'S GOOD FULL-BACK.

At half-back and full-back, too, Swansea left no one in doubt as to their superiority. Bryn Evans was altogether too quick and elusive for Poole, and even if Harry Bowcott held Iwal Rees to a surprising extent, having regard to the Swansea pivot's frequent service and excellent him in steadiness, one saw the stamp of a natural footballer in Rees.

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WELL-WON TRY.
 Howard Poole missed him altogether. Schofield "took his dummy," and when DAN JONES accepted a transfer near the line, the wing had a simple, if well won try. T. O. Jones missed the goal kick from a difficult angle.

Kicking of a high order by Phil Lloyd served to keep Cardiff out of harm's way for a period, and it was not until Isaacs had caused confusion in the ranks of the All Blacks' ranks by charging a free-kick that Cardiff found opportunities for doing any attacking.

Even that was short-lived, for although John Roberts made a great dash at the conclusion of a passing bout, he could not rid himself of the attentions of Hickman and his inside pass went astray.

CLIFF EVANS IN FORM.

Neath had so far surprised as well as pleased a crowd that was little less than 10,000, and it looked as if Cardiff would have to pay a heavy penalty, primarily, for not removing the weakness in their scrumming. Thrice in as many minutes Cliff Evans again completely puzzled and completely eluded Poole—the old school-boy international was in brilliant form!—and had Bevan anticipated his movements Neath must have added to their lead.

As it was, Cardiff had to rely upon the covering work of Guy Morgan, Stone and John Roberts, and their touch-kicking, to keep Neath off their line, and it came as a decided change to the general situation when several of Cardiff's forwards—Fletcher, Clark and Spence—joined in some passing which was the means of forcing Neath back into a defensive position.

Having gained that advantage, Cardiff's forwards placed their side under a further obligation to them by bringing off one of their few clean "heels," and Bowcott was well on the way to giving Cardiff the lead with a dropped goal—the ball was rising beautifully from his foot—when Gwyn Thomas managed to charge the ball down.

THE EQUALISER.

For some minutes lengthy and accurate touch-kicking by both sets of backs featured the game, and gradually Cardiff's dash in loose play was the means of securing the upper hand for them. Yard by yard the All Blacks were driven back to their line, and Phil Lloyd actually had to run well behind it in order to find the respite necessary to get in his kick to touch. At the line-out which followed, CLARK took the ball cleanly, and his dash carried him over for a try. Stone failed to convert.

Neath had played far better than the level scoring showed, though, in the next few minutes, the All Blacks were fortunate in not having another score placed against them, for Clark was well on the way to the line when he was overwhelmed when making a dash after fielding from a cross-kick by Schofield, who had been placed in possession by Osmond. Griff Bevan was injured a minute or two before the interval—which arrived with Cardiff encamped on their opponents' line—and had to be taken off to receive attention.

Half—CARDIFF	0 1 3
NEATH	0 1 3

Bevan was not fit to resume when the second half opened, and Neath, therefore, transferred Hickman to outside half, and T. O. Jones to the centre. The Neath forwards apparently took the view that their numerical inferiority would necessitate an extra effort from their, and Tom Arthur and Tom Hollingdale burst away in a promising manner, only for the latter to knock the ball forward into the hands of Harry Bowcott, who promptly slipped through, cut out an opening, and set his quartette going.

John Roberts, the last to receive, was well outside his opposite number when placed in possession, but Glyn Daniels cut across, and though he could not hold the international he caused him to stumble and fall.

GUY MORGAN'S GOOD WORK.

Good work by Guy Morgan soon carried Cardiff further ahead, and he it was who narrowly missed a drop at goal, the ball

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The kicking was the best feature of the game, much of it being lengthy and accurate, and it was therefore in keeping with the situation that all the scoring should have been by means of goals. Idwal Rees kicked two beautiful penalty goals for Swansea and converted a try smartly made by Cowling from an opening by Dark. Graham Jones dropped a really fine goal for Cardiff, and Cyril Davies landed a long-range penalty goal. Teams:—

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LAST KICK SAVES GROUND RECORD.

LLANELLY'S ONE-POINT WIN OVER CARDIFF.

With a ground record at stake Llanelli put up a fierce fight against Cardiff, converting a half-time deficit of two points into a lead early in the second half.

A magnificent try by Isaacs (converted by Stone) was responded to by Ivor Jones, whose try was not majorised, in the first half; and after the interval B. Jones, whose try Howells converted, put the Scarlets ahead.

Incidentally, the first half was so severely contested that three visiting players had their jerseys stripped off!

With the last kick of the match Bryn Howells won Llanelli's match against Cardiff to-day, and, incidentally, preserved the Scarlets' ground record.

The result of a fierce game was a win by one point for the home team.

(By "OBSERVER.")

Cardiff included seven internationals in their side for the game at Llanelli to-day. The topic of conversation before the kick-off was whether the visitors would succeed in taking the Scarlets' ground record. It appeared that the answer to this problem rested with the Cardiff forwards, who would need to do better than previously this season. With a view to strengthening the scrummaging power, Cardiff included in the pack Glyn Williams, a former Neath forward, who played against Swansea on Thursday.

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Llanelli heeled from the next scrum. The Cardiff full-back replied with interest. Keen feeling by the Llanelli forwards, he backed up by brisk passing on the part of

a knock-on, and shortly afterwards with Cardiff desperately defending their line, Ivor Jones by appealing for obstruction allowed Bowcott to get in a clearing kick from well behind his own line.

The second half was, however, less than five minutes old when Llanelli obtained the lead.

Following a period of attack the Scarlets heeled from a scrum under the Cardiff posts. B. Jones secured and, although partly tackled, got through and scored under the posts.

Aided by a free charge Howells converted.

The game was being contested in a terrific pace and a splendid and cleverly executed move by Turnbull took the home side to within a dozen yards of the line.

A try looked certain but was prevented by Wilkie taking a pass which was meant for Boon.

LLANELLY'S ESCAPE.

One of the best attacks of the game was contributed by the Cardiff three-quarters. The ball was worked out to Boon, and in the course of a 40 yards run the left-wing ran clean away from Wilkie and Sid Howells. The Llanelli full-back, however, had positioned himself perfectly, and when Boon elected to go all out for the corner a splendid tackle buried him into touch.

From the next scrum Boon broke inwards to make an opening for a bunch of forwards. The ball was forced over the Llanelli line, and Skynn and Isaacs, along with two other Llanelli players died for it simultaneously.

The referee's decision was a minor, and this appeared to be a fortunate escape for Llanelli. The Cardiff forwards had greatly improved and offside play by

WALES FOOTBALL

CARDIFF'S "OTHER SIDE" GET POINTS.

A. T. Thomas's Fine Try-getting.

Youatt Brothers in Form.

(By "VETERAN.")

There was only a meagre attendance at Cardiff Arms Park to-day when Cardiff's other side met Skewen, the popular Western side.

Skewen back division was re-arranged, C. Michael playing at left centre. Teams: SKEWEN.—F. Gleaves; G. Harris, C. Michael, D. Youatt, D. Gethin; E. Youatt, T. Youatt; P.C. Owen, H. Morgan, G. Rosser, D. Phillips, G. Watkins, T. Morgan, E. Hickman, B. Francis.

CARDIFF.—D. Brown; P. Chard, G. V. Jones, Cyril Cross, A. T. Thomas; J. E. Bowcott, Roy Gabe Jones; G. James, P.C. Bushrod, P.C. Bressington, D. Carne, C. W. Paynter, H. Johnson, W. L. Roblin, A. Farr.

Referee: Mr. Ivor Brown, Bridgend. Cardiff kicked off and immediately assailed the Skewen line, a scrum being formed five yards out.

A fine kick by Gleaves cleared and play for some time settled in the centre. Brown fumbled from near his own line and nearly let the visitors in, but after some loose play A. T. THOMAS received in his own 25 and, after evading several of the opposing forwards and his opposing wing, went over with a great try under the posts.

THOMAS AGAIN.

The kick at goal failed. On resuming Cardiff again took matters in hand. A. T. THOMAS forced his way over with his second try, which Brown failed to majorise.

Skewen, nothing daunted, rushed down from the re-start.

D. Youatt, although tackled just outside, managed to force his way over for brother, T. YOUATT to add the extra points.

H. Morgan, the visiting forward, was knocked out, and left the field.

Skewen were penalised for offside in their own 25 and G. V. JONES, taking the kick, landed a goal from a long angle.

H. Morgan resumed after being off the field for ten minutes.

Cardiff continued to pen Skewen in their own half, and A. T. THOMAS went over wide out, but was called back.

Jack Bowcott was playing a nipsey game and serving his backs well, but Skewen's tackling was keen. Brown at full back was also doing well with huge kicks to touch.

Half—CARDIFF 1 2 9
SKEWEN 1 0 5

* Penalty.

Skewen restarted, and for a long period Cardiff were compelled to act on the defensive. A. T. Thomas at last gaining relief with a good kick to touch.

A LOVELY DROPPED GOAL.

Skewen, however, got another score. GLEN HARRIS on the left wing dropping a lovely goal, thus putting the scores even. Jack Bowcott, who was playing a splendid game, got away from a nipsey game and a great dribble gained 20 yards, and a moment later Gabe Jones wriggled his way through the opposing forwards to within ten yards of the line.

Passing by the Skewen backs relieved to halfway. G. JAMES, the home forward, receiving in a scramble, dropped a goal after a futile attempt by Brown.

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From a line-out Isaacs picked up and passed back to Howard Poole, who served Bowcott. The outside half tried a fast punt, to which Fairhurst replied by turning the ball to touch.

A rush by the Llanelly side, led by J. Lang, carried them to within 10 yards of the Cardiff line, where the position was so desperate that Stone was forced to fly-kick in order to save his line. From the next line-out the Llanelly forwards again attacked, and John Roberts in attempting to clear got hemmed in.

He threw a pass to Turnbull, which was unexpectedly fumbled by the centre, and twice in as many minutes Cardiff were fortunate in averting danger.

From another line-out within a yard of the Cardiff line Skym dispossessed a Llanelly forward and dribbled to the 25 line.

The respite was, however, only temporary, and again Stone was forced to make a hurried clearance.

Dai John carved out a splendid opening for the men behind him, but a movement which promised a score ended when Richards held on too long and was smothered by Graham Jones.

Cardiff were desperately defending their line when Boon got in a long kick and following up so worried the home full back that he was forced to make a hurried kick.

A long sweeping rush by the Llanelly forwards regained the ground and Stone was tackled in possession.

Fairhurst dribbled through from a scrum and actually crossed the Cardiff line, but a magnificent clearance by Bowcott under the most difficult conditions robbed Llanelly of what looked like a certain try.

For the opening ten minutes the visitors were overrun and only magnificent defence, especially on the part of Roberts and Boon, prevented scores.

JERSEYS GO WEST

The backs pressed back when Bowcott let Albert Jones through and with the Cardiff defence in a tangle only a slightly forward pass to Fairhurst enabled the Cardiff line to escape.

Ivor Jones made a mark in a very favourable position, but failed to goal. There was something of poetic justice in this and Jones was only able to make the mark through Harry Bowcott being tricked when following up a short punt.

In the first 15 minutes three of the visitors had their jerseys torn off.

Llanelly were almost continually attacking, and then B. Jones cleverly outwitted the Cardiff half-backs and made an opening for Wilkie, who punted into touch just as he looked like getting over.

After 20 minutes Cardiff obtained the lead in an amazing manner. Picking up in the loose John Roberts started to run well inside the Cardiff half.

After travelling twenty yards the wing passed inwards to Turnbull, who carried on the movement before transferring to Graham Jones. The movement swung right across the field, and Skym did his share before passing to ISAACS, who forced his way past the Llanelly fullback to score a magnificent try, notwithstanding the fact that it was all against the run of play. Stone converted.

From the re-starting kick the Llanelly forwards swept to the Cardiff line and Ivor Jones, fielding in the loose, forced his way over.

He took the kick himself and only just failed to level the score. Splendid combination between Ivor Jones and Dai John took them to within ten yards of the Cardiff line, but with the way clear Williams failed to hold an easy pass.

Half—CARDIFF 2 1 1
LLANELLY 0 1 3

Two mistakes by Llanelly characterised the opening of the second half. John Roberts after fielding the re-opening kick, ran for quite 40 yards. A number of the home players were appealing for

H. Morgan, the visiting forward, was knocked out, and left the field.

Skewen were penalised for offside in their own 25 and G. V. JONES, taking the kick, landed a goal from a long angle.

H. Morgan resumed after being off the field for ten minutes.

Cardiff continued to pen Skewen in their own half, and A. T. Thomas went over wide out, but was called back.

Jack Bowcott was playing a nipsey game and serving his backs well, but Skewen's tackling was keen. Brown at full back was also doing well with huge kicks to touch.

Half—CARDIFF 2 1 2
SKEWEN 1 0 5

Penalty.

Skewen restarted, and for a long period Cardiff were compelled to act on the defensive. A. T. Thomas at last gaining relief with a good kick to touch.

A LOVELY DROPPED GOAL.

Skewen, however, got another score. GLEN HARRIS on the left wing dropping a lovely goal, thus putting the scores even.

Jack Bowcott, who was playing a splendid game, got away from a scrum and with a great dribble gained 20 yards, and a moment later Gabe Jones wriggled his way through the opposing forwards to within ten yards of the line.

Passing by the Skewen backs relieved to halfway, G. JAMES, the home forward, receiving in a scramble, dropped a goal after a futile attempt by Brown.

Final—CARDIFF 2 2 13
SKEWEN 12 0 9

One dropped, one penalty.
One dropped.

COMMENTS.

As usual between these two teams, the game was an open and pleasing exhibition, with Cardiff slightly the better by reason of more accurate passing among the backs and combined action in the open among the forwards. For Cardiff, Brown, at full back, was a tower of strength, his kicking being lengthy and sure.

A. T. Thomas, on the wing, was the best of Cardiff's quartette, while Jack Bowcott, who played a fine game, combined well with Gabe Jones.

The home forwards were a stronger and heavier settee than the visitors and held the advantage in the open, while getting a fair share of the ball in the scrums.

Skewen played a spoiling game and on the day's play were not the equal of Cardiff, who might with luck have scored offener.

One of the best attacks of the game was contributed by the Cardiff three-quarters. The ball was worked out to Boon, and in the course of a 40 yards run the left wing ran clean away from Wilkie and Sid Howells. The Llanelly full-back, however, had positioned himself perfectly, and when Boon elected to go all out for the corner a splendid tackle buried him into touch.

From the next scrum Boon broke inwards to make an opening for a bunch of forwards. The ball was forced over the Llanelly line, and Skym and Isaacs along with two other Llanelly players dived for it simultaneously.

The referee's decision was a minor, and this appeared to be a fortunate escape for Llanelly.

The Cardiff forwards had greatly improved in the scrum, and offside play by the Llanelly scrum-half at the scrum's right end got his side penalised.

From the easiest of positions STONE kicked a penalty goal to make the score eight points all. Within two minutes Cardiff were again in front, and with this score was well worth the points. The movement was guarded in the Cardiff half by Graham Jones.

John Roberts went hard and fast for the corner, but was not fast enough to clear Fairhurst.

He passed inside, and Harry Bowcott showed perfect judgment in steadying himself to kick-off. A quick pass to GRAHAM JONES saw the centre cross unopposed. Stone failed to convert.

In the closing minutes Llanelly made desperate efforts to save their ground record. From a scrum right in front of the Cardiff posts Dai John just failed with a drop at goal, and in the next passing attack hesitancy on the part of Sid Howells probably cost his side a try.

With the last kick of the match, BRYN HOWELLS, fielding a kick by Harry Bowcott, ran to the centre of the field and dropped a magnificent goal to save the match and the ground record for the home side.

Final—LLANELLY 2 1 12
CARDIFF 12 1 11

One dropped. +1 penalty.

COMMENTS.

It is a long time since there was such a thrilling finish to a Rugby game at Stradey Park as was the case to-day. The Llanelly spectators had fully reconciled themselves to the loss of the record when from the last kick of the game came Howells's electrifying effort.

Had Cardiff won the game it would have been perhaps slightly against the run of play. In the first half they were literally over-run and were decidedly lucky to cross over with the lead.

In the second half there was a big improvement, especially on the part of the Cardiff forwards, who showed their best form of the season. Backed up by the splendid work of their backs they were throughout the game greatly superior to the Llanelly rear division.

The game swung round in Cardiff's favour. Such thrills, however, had the game produced that the actual result is of secondary importance.

On the Cardiff side behind the scrum Bowcott was unquestionably the star artist, although Skym and Isaacs were also prominent.

On the Llanelly side, their most powerful forces were that pair of schemers, Ivor Jones and Dai John, whose generalship was worth much to the home side.

Still, Llanelly owe a big debt to the full back for his magnificent last-minute effort.

PENARTH'S SUCCESS.

Cardiff Fall Away After Good First Half.

By "THE VETERAN."

	G.	T.	Pts.
Penarth	1	0	5
Cardiff	0	0	0

This game, which was played at Penarth on Wednesday, was witnessed by a good attendance. Mr. Baker (Aberkenfig), the appointed referee, made a belated appearance, and for ten minutes Mr. Syd Cravos, Cardiff's ex-captain, held the whistle.

The two sides went out to make the game open, and while Cardiff's handling of the ball in the first half was more accurate than that of the home side the latter were successful in nipping every promising movement in the bud. The second half, however, told quite a different tale from the point of view of Cardiff partisans, for the visiting forwards were backward in heeling, and the backs were slovenly in their passing movements, although B. R. Turnbull fought hard, both in making strong bursts through and in defensive work, his tackling being thorough and determined. Graham Jones made several mistakes, and on more than one occasion might have sent his wing over, but his transfers were poor and his defence not equal to that of Turnbull, with the exception of a couple of huge kicks to touch.

STONE'S OFF-DAY.

Tommy Stone had an off day, and compared very badly with Bassett, whose defence was well-nigh perfect. Howard Poole worked hard at inside half, and Harry Bowcott, at outside-half, played a safe game, both in attack and defence, and more than once saved what looked like certain scores by Penarth. The brothers Roberts, too, tried hard to break the home defence, and cannot be blamed for their side's defeat.

The Cardiff forwards were unable to control the scrums in the latter portion of the game, and were beaten in scrummaging and heeling time after time.

Penarth's score was a well-deserved result of good play and snapping up one of the few opportunities offered. Passing by Cardiff in their own 25 broke down through John Roberts' inability to take an almost impossible pass. Trevor Lee and Goodman were following up quickly, and after inter-passing ten yards out Le dashed over near the corner flag, and with a magnificent kick the same player added the extra points.



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PRICE ONE PENNY.

CARDIFF TOO GOOD FOR NEWPORT.

USKSIDERS SHINE IN DEFENCE

Cardiff forwards held the whip hand over Newport at Arms Park to-day, and thus paved the way for the success of the home side. But for some great tackling by the Usksiders backs the score against them would have been much heavier—in fact, Newport chiefly shone in defence.

(By "OBSERVER.")

Newport came to the Arms Park to-day in possession of an unbeaten certificate. The first clash of the season between these two clubs is an event in Welsh Rugby, and for this afternoon's match the enthusiasm was as keen as ever.

Like Cardiff the Usksiders have this season experienced difficulties in finding a pack of forwards which "blend." Both teams have experimented. Cardiff included Tarr, a secondary schools international, amongst the forwards, but were minus the services of Ronnie Boon, who has proceeded to Scotland. Conditions were ideal when the teams fielded before a splendid crowd. Teams:—

CARDIFF.—T. Stone; A. T. Thomas, Graham Jones, B. R. Turnbull and John Roberts; Howard Poole (capt.), and H. M. Bowcott; R. Barrell, Archie Skym, V. R. Osmond, D. Westacott, I. Isaacs, Gwyn Williams, A. Clark and D. J. Tarr.

NEWPORT.—W. A. Everson; J. C. Morley (capt.), A. K. Richards, J. R. Edwards, and K. Watkins; A. Tovey and A. R. Ralph; P. C. Hordern, H. Peacock, E. Davies, P. F. Bunce, J. Addison, D. Jones, D. E. J. Hughes, S. Danahar.

Referee—Mr. W. H. Harris, Risco. Newport won the toss and Cardiff kicked off facing the sun. Everson replied to Howard Poole's opening kick by finding touch at the centre. From the line-out Poole sent his three-quarters away and the ball travelled along the line until Watkins effected a partial intervention which prevented A. T. Thomas taking Turnbull's pass.

Obstruction by a couple of the Usksiders' forwards got their side penalised after A. K. Richards had obtained a good attacking position on the Cardiff 25.

Badly harassed by the Newport forwards, T. Stone was forced to make a hurried clearance; he failed to find touch, and it looked any odds on a Newport score when P. Bunce held a dozen yards from the line.

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caused a section of the crowd to voice their disapproval when he leisurely allowed the ball to roll over the line and touch down for a minor.

Ralph, who was doing much better in this half, next went through from a scrum in characteristic fashion, but with the home defence pierced he threw out an untakable pass to his centres. This was a narrow escape for Cardiff. Westacott had returned to the field, and Harry Bowcott went right through to Everson before being pulled up.

SKYM OUTSTANDING.

In a melee which followed, D. Jones was fortunate that the referee was unsighted and his "effort" allowed to pass. At the next scrum Cardiff were penalised for the third successive time. Skym, who had been outstanding among the home forwards, made a splendid effort after gathering at the fringe of the scrum, and went right through to Everson with Bowcott an aid forward in attendance. However the pass went astray.

From the next scrum Harry Bowcott was only inches wide with a drop at goal.

Final—CARDIFF	1	1	8
NEWPORT	*1	0	3

*Penalty.

COMMENTS...

The Newport section of the crowd must have been very disappointed with the performance of their side to-day. From first to last Cardiff were definitely the superior combination, and the margin of their win should have been appreciably bigger.

For the victory the Cardiff forwards must be given much of the credit. In the set scrums there was, due to an improvement in the scrummaging of the visitors after the interval little in it, but in the loose the home lot held the whip hand throughout.

Behind the scrum Cardiff were also the better side. For Newport Ralph—although inferior on the day to Bowcott—made openings for the men behind him which they quite failed to utilise.

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Morley was overshadowed by John Roberts, and Graham Jones and Turnbull were much better than the opposition. The one redeeming feature of the Newport backs was their defence. Stone compared very favourably with Everson, and it was the Cardiff full back who was responsible for the preliminary work which led to the second Cardiff score.

The Usksiders will need to find a improvement to cope with the Cardiff forwards.

Newport Athletic Club
Oct 3rd 1937

CARDIFF ATHLETIC DEFEATED.

Well-earned Victory by Newport United.

(By "USKSIDER.")

After a lapse of four seasons, Cardiff's "other" side and Newport United were again in opposition at Newport Athletic Ground to-day. Strong sides were fielded by both clubs, the only absentees being J. E. Bowcott from Cardiff, and D. J. M. Campbell from Newport. Campbell, I understand, has been a scholarship appointment in London.

The ground was in tip-top condition, and the weather ideal, but the attendance did not come up to expectations.

NEWPORT UNITED.—H. W. Isaac; Hywel Jones, R. Panting, J. F. C. Swallow and A. J. Berry; R. T. Carter and Lyn Clarke; J. K. Wood (capt.), J. C. Slade, W. J. Jackson, T. H. S. Evans, K. Griffiths, J. Stroud, S. R. Elms, W. G. C. Williams.

CARDIFF ATHLETIC.—Cyril Davies; G. V. Wyn Jones, W. Roberts, Cyril Cross and R. Chard; R. J. Jones (capt.), and V. Richards; F. C. Cravos, P. Fletcher, W. L. Roblin, D. Carne, H. Johnson, S. Joyce, G. Jones, and C. Paynter.

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When Bill Roberts got offside in his own 25 PANTING had little difficulty in kicking a penalty goal. Newport United still had the major part of the game.

Half—NEWPORT UNITED ... 1 1 6
CARDIFF ATHLETIC... 0 0 0
Haphazard passing by both sides lost their ground on more than one occasion. When the Cardiff backs eventually commenced operations passing between Gabe Jones, Roberts, and Wynne Jones saw Newport defending stoutly close to their line, and an infringement in their 25 enabled CYRIL DAVIES to open Cardiff's account with a penalty goal.

After Cardiff's brief turn at attack the United again took the upper hand, and shortly before the end PANTING added to their lead by kicking another penalty goal.

A minute later Siade broke away, and, running strongly, got up to Cyril Davies before passing inwards to HYWELL JONES, who ran round under the posts for Panting to convert.

Final—NEWPORT UNITED... *3 1 14
CARDIFF ATHLETIC... 1 0 3
*Two penalties. †Penalty.

COMMENTS.

Newport United deserved their victory for they showed a much better conception of the game than did Cardiff, who gave the impression that something would happen, but it did not.

The Cardiff forwards were beaten in the scrummages and the loose, but at half-back the sides were fairly evenly matched.

Both Gabe-Jones and Carter, the respective pivots, gave excellent displays. Neither set of three-quarters impressed very much, but Cyril Davies and Isaac were safe and reliable custodians and both kicked well.

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FINE SOLO RUN.

What should have been a brilliant try ended dimly for Newport by a forward pass. From a scrum near the centre of the field Tovey darted away, beating Poole and John Roberts in a delightful solo effort. When faced by Stone ten yards from the line he passed inwards to a bunch of forwards, but the pass was yards forward.

Cardiff had another narrow escape a moment later, when Palph, in an attempt to drop a goal, saw the ball rebound into play from the cross-bar.

A splendid combined movement in which Poole, both the centres, and A. T. Thomas took part, gained half the length of the field for Cardiff, but the right wing although making a determined effort, just failed to shake off Everson.

GOOD DEFENCE.

So far very little had been seen of the Newport backs, except in defence, and on a number of occasions, Ralph's screw kicking was of valuable assistance to the visitors.

A splendid triangular movement by Bowcott, Graham Jones, and John Roberts augured well for Cardiff. Bowcott cleverly outwitted Morley, but when—with three Cardiff men to beat Everson—a try seemed inevitable Morley made a wonderful recovery by getting back to intercept.

The magnificent loose rushes of the Cardiff forwards were the means of keeping Newport penned in their own quarters for long periods. In the first half the work of the home eight in this respect had been a revelation. In an attempt to place a penalty goal from 45 yards range, Everson sent wide.

Half—CARDIFF 1 0 5
NEWPORT *1 0 3
*Penalty.

During half-time a discussion took place all over the ground concerning the new rule that none "other than players" shall be allowed on the field. The band was, in fact, well inside the touch-line when they gave their selection during the interval!

In the opening minutes of this half Stone electrified the crowd of 20,000 with an amazing run in which he covered 60 yards after fielding the ball in his own 25. The full back darted clean through the opposition, but when he finally passed a Newport man snapped up the ball.

BRILLIANT EFFORT.

Stone's brilliant effort, however, paved the way for a Cardiff score, and this was obtained in the next movement when A. T. THOMAS dashed over in the corner after B. R. Turnbull had paved the way. Stone failed to convert.

The manner in which this try was scored emphasised the superiority of the home backs over those of Newport.

In fact on the run of play Newport deserved to be further in arrears than the score-board indicated. The Cardiff backs were nicely on the move again when Harry Bowcott stumbled. This enabled Richards to dart in, and the Newport centre started a movement, which was not pulled up until in the vicinity of the home line.

Everson again attempted to obtain points by the penalty goal route when Cardiff were penalised 30 yards out, but his kick was low and short and Graham Jones cleared to half-way. Richards, the Newport right centre, made a splendid dash, which carried him clean through the opposing three-quarters.

With Morley on his right absolutely unmarked, however, the centre elected to hold on. He was brought down from behind and a certain try was lost.

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Pontypool v Cardiff
Oct 10th 1931



PRICE ONE PENNY.

GAME OF CASUALTIES AT PONTYPOOL.

THREE MEN CARRIED OFF: CARDIFF'S DEFENCE.

Three doctors were called in to players in the Pontypool and Cardiff match at Pontypool to-day won by the visitors by two tries to one.

(By "OBSERVER.")

Last-minute changes in the Cardiff side seriously diminished the visitors' chances of taking Pontypool's record at Pontypool.

R. T. Thomas was forced to cry off, his place being taken by G. V. Jones. Skym also dropped out of the pack, and A. Clarke came in instead. Pontypool were also handicapped by losing the services of Cellis, who stood down with a leg injury, his place at outside half being taken by Cliff Richards, the old international wing.

It was particularly unfortunate, for the duel between Axford and Cellis and Poole and Bowcott had been looked forward to with great interest. The match attracted the largest crowd of the season at Pontypool.

Teams:—W. Bayliss; J. Bodger, D. Cormack, B. Jarne, R. E. Jones; C. Axford, C. Richards; C. Pritchard, C. Bolter, J. A. Bowen, S. Sparkes, G. Baynham, E. Oliver, W. S. Dammore, and E. Donovan.
Cardiff:—T. Stone; J. Schofield, G. Jones, E. R. Turnbull, and G. V. Jones; H. Poole, H. M. Bowcott; D. Parr, E. Westacott, V. Osmond, Colin Ross, R. Barrall, I. Isaacs, G. Williams, and L. Clarke.

Referee.—Mr. J. Thomas, Penrhiwceibr.
Pontypool kicked off and with Osmond, who fielded the opening kick, being tackled in possession the first scrum took place in the Cardiff 25.

Cardiff forwards heeled and Howard Poole sent his backs away, only for G. V. Jones to be forced into touch at halfway. Two free kicks, one to each side, were awarded in the first few minutes.

Graham Jones gave the visitors' an attacking position, but after play had swung right across the field Bodger brought Pontypool relief with a hasty touch fender.

Pontypool heeled from the next scrum, but Cliff Richards failed to hold Axford's pass. The old international made amends a moment later, however, when a neat short punt gave Bodger an opening on the right.

PONTY FORWARD CARRIED OFF.

Here, however, the visitors' defence prevailed. In the next home attack Bodger failed to get round G. V. Jones and Stone sent the home side back with a splendid kick.

Pontypool forwards were obtaining possession in the early scrums, but Bowcott, with some characteristic kicking on several occasions, pulled up promising attacks.

Sparkes, a Pontypool forward, was injured in a scrum at midfield and was carried off.

Cardiff were again penalised at halfway, but Bayliss was very short with his attempt to place a goal. In the next minute Parr, the Cardiff forward, and Bolter, the home scrumman, were both taken off the field with head injuries as

and with a little more steadiness behind Pontypool would certainly have increased their score.

On one occasion R. B. Jones went through within inches of the line after a great dash along the touchline.

Pontypool continued to hammer at the visitors' line and Cardiff found it almost impossible to work out of their own 25.

Bayliss effected a spectacular save by dashing in and fielding the ball with three opponents right in front of him, and shortly afterwards the referee gave a Cardiff player a little advice.

Cardiff crossed the half-way for the first time in fifteen minutes as the result of a good kick by Graham Jones.

Bodger threatened danger to the Cardiff line with splendidly not close kick.

Cardiff obtained a score as a result of smart opportunism on the part of GRAHAM JONES.

Stone failed to convert from an easy position.

Pontypool's reward came when R. B. Jones crossed wide out after receiving a pass from Jayne. Bayliss failed to clear. Cardiff endeavoured to pull themselves together, but the efforts of the backs never looked like overcoming the home defence, and on one occasion it was only the lack of speed which prevented Cliff Richards from crossing the Cardiff line after cleverly going through a gap in the visitors' defence.

Final—PONTYPOOL 0 2 6
CARDIFF 0 1 3

COMMENTS.

The only surprising feature of the game was the narrowness of Pontypool's win.

Had the Monmouthshire side won by double figures it would have been no more than they deserved on the run of play. In all departments they were superior to Cardiff, and as far as the forwards were concerned, this superiority was so pronounced that throughout the second half, despite the fact that Pontypool had but six forwards, the Cardiff pack only heeled on two occasions.

Much the same thing obtained behind the scrum, and the Cardiff backs as a whole gave easily their worst display of the season.

Pontypool Harlequins
Cardiff Athletic
Oct 10th 1931

24 POINTS TO
NIL.

Cardiff Athletic's
Convincing Win.

M. Turnbull Prominent.

(By "EX-SCHOOLBOY.")

Cardiff Athletic entertained Pontypool Harlequins at the Arms Park this afternoon. The weather was ideal, and the Cardiff team included M. J. Turnbull, the Glamorgan cricket captain, and P.C. Bushrod and P.C. Bressington, of the Welsh Guards. Teams:—

CARDIFF ATHLETIC—D. Brown; E. Noel Morgan, S. Jones, Cyril Cross, and C. Cameron; M. J. Turnbull and Roy Gabe-Jones (capt.); S. C. Cravos, L. Spence, G. James, H. Johnson, P. J. Fletcher, D. Carne, P.C. Bushrod and P.C. Bressington.

PONTYPOOL HARLEQUINS—F. Edwards; Reg. Carpenter, W. Vann, G. Thomas, and A. Brooks; A. Cooper and G. Stephens (capt.); S. Jolliffe, A. Rosser, N. Nash, J. Thomas, G. Harvey, A. Thomas, S. Thompson, W. Webster, and Alf Burton.

Referee, Mr. Lewis Davies, Cilfynydd.
Pontypool kicked off and some good work by the Cardiff backs soon placed them in a good position. Cardiff were penalised for off-side, but a good kick by D. Brown sent them back to their 25.

From a scrum near the line S. Jones, the Cardiff centre, made an unsuccessful attempt at a dropped goal, and in doing so missed an almost certain try.

A good burst was made by the Cardiff backs, and after a passing bout NOEL MORGAN dropped a goal for Cardiff. A rally by the Cardiff forwards resulted in NOEL MORGAN going over in the corner for a try, but the kick at goal was disallowed for handling the ball twice.

Cardiff forwards made a rush, but were sent well back by Edwards, but Browne, the Cardiff full-back, replied with a good kick.

From a scrum ten yards out FLETCHER scored a try for Cardiff under the posts, and GABE JONES easily converted.

Pontypool now pressed hard, but a good kick by Gabe Jones relieved matters. From a passing bout near the visitors' line NOEL MORGAN dropped another goal for Cardiff. Pontypool were penalised near the half way, but D. Brown's kick was too short.

Half—CARDIFF ATHLETIC... 3 1 16
PONTYPOOL QUINS... 0 0 0
Final—CARDIFF ATHLETIC... 3 4 25
PONTYPOOL QUINS... 0 0 0
Two dropped.

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At this stage three men were off, two from the Pontypool team and one from Cardiff.

PONTYPOOL'S LEAD.

Pontypool took the lead after 15 minutes with a splendid try. Axford cleverly slipped through from a scrum and passed to Cecil Pritchard. The forward passed to R. B. JONES, who crossed unopposed. Bayliss failed to convert. Stone, the Cardiff full-back, often failed to find the post when he attempted to place a penalty goal.

Things looked ominous for Cardiff when Graham Jones failed to hold a pass from Bowcott, but Tommy Stone saved his line with a splendid pick-up and a long touch-finder.

The handling of the visitors' backs was disappointing in the extreme.

Each of the inside men in turn failed to hold simple passes. Baynham made a splendid individual effort for Pontypool, and with the final pass to the backs Stone was called upon to bring off a really fine tackle, which brought R. B. Jones down when the latter was in full flight for the corner flag.

Oliver was next in the limelight with a delightful effort, and Pontypool almost increased when R. B. Jones was only inches wide of the posts with a kick from a penalty through Schofield holding the home wing before he had the ball.

LAMENTABLE WEAKNESS.

Lamentable weakness on the part of Cardiff allowed Bodger to go clean through to Stone after Axford had cleverly worked the short side.

A free kick brought the visitors' welcome relief.

Although there was no suggestion of rough play, the assistance of three doctors was called to players in the first half.

Sparkes, Pontypool, sustained a dislocated wrist, and the other two Bolter, of Pontypool, and Parr, of Cardiff, received head injuries. Bolter had to have his injury stitched.

Half-PONTYPOOL	0	1	3
CARDIFF	0	0	0

In the second half Cardiff were again aggressive, and SID CRAVOS charged down a kick by a Pontypool player and went over to score between the posts. The kick failed. Pontypool attacked strongly, but good kicking by Gabe-Jones and Brown soon found them in the Pontypool territory.

Cardiff were awarded a penalty for "feet up" in the scrum, but Brown's kick at goal fell short. From a rush near the visitors' 25 Fletcher nearly got over, but was held back by the Pontypool backs.

Pontypool were penalised for offside, and Brown just missed with a beautiful kick. After passing, GABE-JONES forced his way over in the corner for a try which was unconverted.

A brilliant burst by the Cardiff backs resulted in another score soon afterwards through SPENCE. The kick at goal failed.

A feature of the game was the accurate passing by Turnbull, the Cardiff inside half.

HOME FORWARDS ON TOP.

With the home forwards definitely on top and the Cardiff backs, with the exception of Bowcott, giving their poorest display of the season, Pontypool should have crossed over with more than a three points lead.

The home side at once attacked on the resumption and obtained possession at the first four scrums, despite the fact that they had only six forwards. Once Axford got clean through, but with the visiting backs in a tangle Richards fumbled his partner's pass.

Bowcott was working tremendously hard but getting no support from the men behind him his efforts went for naught.

beeled on two occasions. Much the same thing obtained behind the scrum, and the Cardiff backs as a whole gave easily their worst display of the season.

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Gloucester v Cardiff



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DEFENCE CRACKS IN SECOND HALF.

GLOUCESTER FAIL TO HOLD CARDIFF.

After thwarting all Cardiff's efforts to get through in the first half the Gloucester defence cracked after the interval at Arms Park to-day, and the home team playing brilliantly put on 17 points.

(By "OBSERVER.")

Cardiff entertained Gloucester at the Arms Park to-day. The visitors won their first game at Cardiff for 30 years two seasons ago, and last year scored another thoroughly deserved victory. The "Cestrians" were thus all out for the "hat-trick" to-day.

Chief interest in the match was, however, centred in the appearance of Maurice Turnbull at inside-half—the resumption of a partnership with Harry Bowcott which commenced at Cambridge. Cardiff also played Cyril Cross on the left-wing.

TEAMS:—
GLOUCESTER—H. Boughton; L. Abbey; R. L. Baker, M. A. McCanlis, R. N. Loveridge; H. Applin, G. R. James; L. E. Saxby (captain), A. Carpenter, E. Comley, F. Merrett, J. Hemming, A. Welshman, L. Franklin, Dr. Steele-Perkins.
CARDIFF—T. Stone; Cyril Cross, Graham Jones, B. R. Turnbull, A. T. Thomas; M. J. Turnbull, H. M. Bowcott (captain); R. Barrell, Archie Skym, V. R. Osmond, D. Westcott, I. Isaacs, D. Flynn, Colin Ross, and L. Spence.

Referee: Mr. J. Thomas, Penrhiwceiber. Gloucester heeled from the first scrum which took place on the visitors' 25 line, and Applin eluded M. J. Turnbull before sending Abbey away on the right wing. The latter kicked to the centre, and caught Stone out of position. The Cardiff full-back waited for the "dab," and was tackled in possession.

Stone was forced to concede a minor in the next minute, but when the Gloucester backs attempted passing, Graham Jones made no mistake in tackling Baker.

Glaring offside by the visiting captain at the next scrum got his side penalised and Harry Bowcott's kick enabled Cardiff to get inside their opponents' 25 for the first time.

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When the Cardiff forwards heeled out of the next scrum, Turnbull sent Bowcott away with a delightful pass. The ball travelled right along the line, but with very little room in which to move A. T. Thomas put a foot into touch after cleverly beating Loveridge.

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Bowcott joined in the movement and steered the ball right through past Boughton, only to lose the try he had thoroughly earned by the ball rolling away from him.

McCanlis made a splendid run for Gloucester, which took him clear of the home three-quarters, but when faced by Stone he threw away the great chance he had created by throwing out an untakable pass to Loveridge on the left.

Something similar happened in the next Cardiff attack, when Cross's pass to Graham Jones went behind him and rolled into touch.

B. R. Turnbull next created the opening which led to the next Cardiff score. The centre made a brilliant run from inside his own half before passing to Isaacs.

The latter went to within a few yards of the visitors' line. The temptation to have a go "on his own" must have been very great, but at the right instant Isaacs sent V. R. OSMOND over behind the posts. Stone converted.

WELL WHIPPED.

Gloucester were now a well whipped side, the terrific pace apparently having taken much more out of them than was the case with Cardiff. Saxby endeavoured to rally his men to no avail, and before the end GRAHAM JONES dribbled over the line to score a further try. Stone hit the post with his converting kick.

Final—CARDIFF 3 1 17
GLOUCESTER 0 0 0

*One dropped.
COMMENTS.

The final score reflects how the game went. In the first half the Gloucester defence was equal to the demands made upon it. After the interval this defence "cracked," and the game tended to become "one-sided."

The display given by Cardiff to-day as compared with what they did at Pontypool was that of a totally different team. To-day the Cardiff forwards did splendidly in all phases of forward work, and the backs, collectively and individually, were magnificent.

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For Gloucester none of the backs impressed as attacking mediums, and in this the forwards, Saxby and Welshman were triers throughout.

The second half produced Rugby of an exceptionally high standard, and Cardiff were quite worthy of every one of the points which they scored.

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ATHLETIC FAIL AT GLOUCESTER.

Kingholm Tale of Two Penalties.

With the exception of two absentees in the back division Cardiff Athletic fielded a fairly strong team for their game with Gloucester United at King's Holm to-day. Cross and Schofield were missing and their places were filled by Cameron and Jones. R. Hook took L. Addey's place at wing for Gloucester. Teams:—

GLOUCESTER UNITED—R. Masters; R. Hook, G. Orpin, Dan Meadows and J. T. Andrews; G. Parker and F. Fifield; G. Fowke, R. Morris, W. Powell, T. Hiam, A. Dash, G. Welshman, E. Marshall and J. Dean.

CARDIFF ATHLETIC—D. Brown; H. Robertshaw, J. T. Thomas, G. V. Jones and C. Cameron; R. Jones and P. Gabe-Jones; G. Cravos, G. Williams, D. Carne, H. Johnson, P. Fletcher, H. W. Breffington, C. Bushrose and S. Joyce.

Early in the game Hook, the Gloucester wing, broke through nicely, to be brought down by a fine tackle near the line by Robertshaw. A fine burst by the visiting pack took play perilously near the Gloucester line, and Cameron narrowly missed a try near the posts. Parker failed with a penalty awarded to Gloucester for feet up.

Gathering smartly, Gabe-Jones broke through cleverly and handed to Thomas, who made a speedy dash for the line, but was brought down near the posts. Brown, the Cardiff back, missed a difficult penalty goal from just within the City half.

Following up a kick to touch, Gabe-Jones tackled Mastern in possession, and, securing the ball, made a gallant burst, only to be brought down in the nick of time. Just before the interval an off-side rally was given against Gloucester, but the chance of scoring was missed by Gabe-Jones.

Half—GLOUCESTER U. 0 0 0
CARDIFF ATH. 0 0 0

After the interval a change was made in the home line, Fifield going scrum-half, Meadows stand-off-half, and Parker at right centre.

Gathering smartly from Fifield, MEADOWS broke through the visitors' defence and made a brilliant solo run to score near the posts for Gloucester. Parker failed to convert.

SCORE ON TIME.

Gaining possession from a loose mix-up near the Cardiff line MEADOWS landed a nice dropped goal, thus giving the City a lead of seven points.

Handling beautifully the visiting three-quarters swept up the field, and G. V. JONES scored a fine try. Brown took the kick and the ball struck the crossbar and just bounced over, which brought the Gloucester lead down to two points.

An offside ruling against the visitors resulted in a nice penalty goal for the City by PARKER. Just on time PARKER landed another penalty goal for Gloucester.

Final—GLOUCESTER UTD. 3 1 13
CARDIFF ATHLETIC. 1 0 5

†Two penalties.

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The Cardiff forwards were giving a greatly improved display, especially in the set scrums, and with Turnbull's accurate service the home backs were getting a sufficiency of chances. The defence of the English side, was however, all that could be desired.

A penalty against Saxby for—in the referee's opinion—tackling Ross before he too the ball got Gloucester penalised on the 25 line, but Stone's attempt to place the goal failed miserably.

The visitors swept to the other end of the field and Stone's penchant for attempting to beat his man before kicking almost proved disastrous for Cardiff, as the full-back was pulled down within a yard or so of his own line.

EXCELLENT WORK.

The ball was worked out to Abbey, whose attempt to drop a goal was charged down. In the next Gloucester attacked, but Graham Jones tackled both Baker and Abbey in succession, and in an attack on the Cardiff right an attempt to exploit the "triangle move" by A. T. Thomas, B. R. Turnbull and Bowcott failed because they were close to the touch line and cramped for space.

For Gloucester A. Welshman was doing excellent work at the lines out, and a splendid pass back by him deserved a better fate than a knock-on by Baker. B. R. Turnbull made a splendid burst for Cardiff, but although A. T. Thomas went very close, he was forced into touch.

Half—CARDIFF	0 0 0
GLOUCESTER	0 0 0

Forward play characterised the opening minutes of the second half, but aided by a magnificent kick by Bowcott Cardiff got to within a dozen yards of the visitors' line.

Cardiff attacked on the left, but with the defence for once outwitted Graham Jones just failed to hold a high pass from Cyril Cross.

The game swung to the other side, and B. R. Turnbull cleverly beat McCanlis and Loveridge only to see A. T. Thomas fail to take a rather difficult pass.

Three times within the space of a minute the Gloucester line had miraculous escapes. Once Graham Jones just failed to prevent the ball rolling to touch right at the corner, and again A. T. Thomas had but to take a pass to get a try which was a gift from his centre.

GREAT DROPPED GOAL.

When Cardiff did take the lead, however, it was as the result of a perfect dropped goal by HARRY BOWCOTT.

Having once obtained the lead Cardiff went further ahead as the result of a score which was a sheer delight.

The movement started when Graham Jones dispossessed Abbey well inside the Cardiff half. After doing his share the centre passed to Cross, who had come up on the inside.

Skym and Isaacs were coming up to the assistance of their backs at a great pace, and Skym took Cross's pass as a preliminary to serving ISAACS.

With the way open the latter ended a twenty yards' gallop to score behind the posts. Stone converted, and within a space of two minutes Cardiff had obtained nine points as the result of two scintillating efforts.

When Gloucester was awarded a penalty Boughton sought to deceive the home side by putting to the open.

The result was that, due to splendid runs by Graham Jones and B. R. Turnbull, Cardiff gained quite 50 yards.

In fact, the movement ended with A. T. Thomas crossing the visitors' line, only to be recalled.

GOING GREAT GUNS.

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CARDIFF ATHLET
†Two penalties

Oct. 24th 1931.

Blackheath v Cardiff.



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No. 14,937.

BOWCOTT'S GREAT TRY AT BLACKHEATH.

CARDIFF TRIUMPH AFTER A KEEN GAME.

Cardiff triumphed by eight points to three after a keen game at Blackheath to-day, Bowcott being in the picture with a spectacular try.

The famous Rectory Field at Blackheath was well patronised this afternoon, for Cardiff are a popular side in "Town," and, of course, the "Heathens" have a large following. Turnbull was at scrum half. The weather was fine, but there was a cold wind blowing across the ground. Blackheath were unlucky to be without Aarvold, who was appearing against the Springboks. Teams:—

BLACKHEATH—Radcliffe; Phillips, Hamilton-Smythe, Carbale, and Morris; Kendall and Millard; Gridland, Abell, Bailey, D. E. Pratten, W. E. Pratten, Charley, Ventine, and Cubb.

CARDIFF—Stone; Thomas, Roberts, Jones, and Cross; Turnbull and Bowcott; Clarke, Fletcher, Williams, Osmond, Ross, Skym, Carr and Westcott.

Referee: Mr. J. Hughes.

Cardiff set the game going, and after a loose scrum Phillips found touch in the Welsh half, but Bowcott, getting possession from a line-out, made some very valuable ground.

The 'Heathens' forwards, however, taking the ball at their feet, forced play back into their opponents' territory.

It was some time before there was any good handling, and then Bowcott started a three-quarter movement and sent Cross away, but a forward pass by Roberts spoiled what looked like a possible score.

Then Turnbull got the ball smartly away from a scrum, but once more a forward pass broke up a promising movement.

Thus two good chances had gone begging. The Welsh backs appeared to be in capital form and they were throwing the ball about freely until Morris made a clever mark.

A GREAT EFFORT.

The Heathens so far had not got in one good movement and Stone had little to accomplish to save his line.

A "free" to the "Heathens" for an infringement in the scrum gave Cubb an opportunity to try for goal, but his kick went wide. Cardiff were getting plenty of the ball, but so far had done very little with it.

The "Club" were getting their opponents hemmed in. At last BOWCOTT took a pass on the halfway line, and punting ahead strongly, beat the defence to score a spectacular try near the upright, after 20 minutes, and for Stone to convert a great try.

Cardiff were getting the ball well from the scrum, and only keen tackling kept the score down. A breakaway by John Roberts saw Cardiff nearly in again, only a clean kick by Radcliffe saving the situation.

D. E. PRATTEN went over for an unconverted try just before the interval.

Half—CARDIFF 1 0 5
BLACKHEATH 0 1 3

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Monmouth
Cardiff Athletic.

MONMOUTH NOT IN THE PICTURE.

Cardiff Athletic's Runaway Win.

(By "THE VETERAN.")

At Cardiff Arms Park. The visitors made four changes from the original side, H. Fussell taking the place of E. D. W. Jones at left centre, and J. L. Williams, D. Smith, and E. Parker playing forward vice Breakwell, R. Reilly, and C. Morgan.

The only change in the Cardiff side was the inclusion of Noel Morgan in place of L. Thomas at right-centre. Teams:—

MONMOUTH—J. Thompson; N. Reade, W. W. Brown, H. Fussell, J. Butcher; D. A. Smith, S. Short; C. Mackie, E. D. Price, F. Pugh, J. L. Williams, W. D. R. Smith, D. Parke, D. Smith, E. Parker.

CARDIFF ATHLETIC—D. Brown; C. Cameron, G. V. Jones, Noel Morgan, H. Robertshaw; Ronald Jones, Roy Gabe-Jones; S. C. Cravos, D. Flynn, H. Johnson, D. Carne, G. James, R. Joyce, P. C. Bressington, P. C. Bushrod.

Referee: Mr. H. S. Davies, Llwynypia.

Ron Jones started his threequarters and after Noel Morgan and Robertshaw had handled, the ball went to the left, and G. V. JONES went over with a try, which was not converted.

A few minutes afterwards Ron Jones again started his backs, and a pretty exchange of passing between G. V. Jones and CAMERON ended with the latter getting a pretty try in the corner. Brown again failed with the kick from a difficult angle.

The ball again went out to CAMERON, who crossed wide out. Brown, with a great kick, added the extra points.

Smart work by the home forwards was nullified by a stern defence by the Monmouth backs.

ROBERTSHAW next scored for Cardiff from a pass by Noel Morgan. Brown found the angle too difficult.

Monmouth then attacked, but could not break through.

Another pretty try came to Cardiff when, after passing among the backs from the home 25, CAMERON scored behind the posts for G. V. Jones to add the extra points.

Half—CARDIFF ATH. 2 3 19
MONMOUTH 0 0 0

On the re-start G. V. Jones gained 20 yards with a corkscrew run, but Monmouth, after a forward rush, crossed with a try which Thompson failed to convert. CAMERON then got over with his fourth try. Brown failed with the kick. Then came a fine try from the centre, where, after the backs had handled, RON JONES dashed over with a fine effort, and G. V. Jones added the extra points.

Then came a score by GABE-JONES from a round of passing by forwards and backs, the try not being converted.

CAMERON again scored after a fumble by Reade, and G. V. Jones goaled.

Then came another score for Cardiff, ROBERTSHAW crossing near the corner flag. Brown failed to convert.

Final—CARDIFF ATHLETIC 4 6 38
MONMOUTH 0 1 3

COMMENTS.

The score indicates the runaway nature of the game. Cardiff excelled in all points, and the passing of the backs, aided by perfect service at half-back, gave Monmouth no chance.

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Hamilton-Smythe, who had been one of the outstanding players for Blackheath during the first half, was very prominent when the game was resumed. He got clear away on the wing but he made the mistake of holding on to the ball too long. He should have parted with it to Cardale, who was well placed for a return pass.

The Welshmen were not long idle, and using the short pass to good effect the Welsh backs cleverly took the play into the Heathens' half. Here the game developed in the home 25.

From this point it looked all over another score for the visitors as a result of a delightful piece of work by Thomas and Roberts. The former was unlucky to drop a pass from Roberts when near the home line.

TENACIOUS TACKLING.

The Blackheath threes then got a look-in, but the visitors hung on to them tenaciously and they were unable to make much progress.

The Heathens were now becoming more aggressive, but Stour, fielding the ball cleverly made a succession of good kicks to touch and kept play near midfield.

Bowcott and Turnbull were playing exceptionally well, and both were getting the ball much more often than the opposing halves. Good work by Graham Jones was spoiled through a forward pass not far from the home goal line.

The Welsh forwards then took the game in hand for a time. Cardiff impressed by the confidence displayed in all their work, but for all that Blackheath were gaining superiority in the loose, but the Cardiff defence never faltered, and had held up all the efforts of the Heathens.

Jones went away once in great style, showing a clean pair of heels, but when he was about to be tackled a rather wild pass was fumbled by Cross when a score seemed inevitable.

Towards the close play had deteriorated somewhat, kicking to touch becoming the order. Hamilton-Smyth broke away towards the close, but was beaten for the touch-down.

Right on time THOMAS picked up and went over near the flag. Stone just failed to convert.

Final-CARDIFF	1 1 8
BLACKHEATH	0 1 3

COMMENTS.

Cardiff left a good impression at Blackheath this afternoon, for although Blackheath certainly were without the services of Aarvold, Cardiff had to make three alterations, and the balance of luck, therefore, seemed to weigh in favour of the Heathens.

Both sides started a little shaky, and in the early stages Blackheath kept the Welshmen guessing, and perhaps it would be correct to say confused, despite the lack of superiority behind the scrums, thanks to the exceptional good work by M. J. Turnburr and H. M. Bowcott, whose opening try was a feature of the match.

In the loose it must be admitted that Blackheath were superior, especially was this noticeable in the second half.

Play was somewhat ragged during this period, and touch-kicking was too prevalent to infuse much life into the game, but towards the close the visitors opened out and gave a clever exhibition and were unlucky not to have got over the Heathens' line at least three more times.

With the Cardiff threequarters the passing was intelligent, but the reception was too often at fault and at least three openings were lost through this fault.

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Swansea v Cardiff
Oct. 31st. 1931.

SWANSEA RETAIN AN EARLY LEAD.

DROPPED GOAL SEALS CARDIFF'S FATE.

There were many exciting passages in the game between Cardiff and Swansea at the Arms Park to-day, and in which the All Whites secured an early lead of seven points, and although it was subsequently reduced they managed to keep in front until the end.

A feature of the game was the play of the home forwards, who vindicated themselves, but their efforts did not meet with the support behind the scrum to lead to success.

(By "OLD STAGER.")

Swansea, who are having a remarkably successful season (and who defeated Cardiff when they visited St. Helen's in September), were "in the opposition" at the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon.

The All Whites brought with them their strongest side, while Cardiff also fielded as selected, with the exception that Cyril Cross played on the wing in the place of John Roberts. Tom Lewis made his first appearance of the season in the Cardiff pack, after having played a few games for Penarth.

The conditions were perfect when the teams took the field in the presence of about 7,000 spectators. Teams:—

CARDIFF.—T. Stone; Cyril Cross, Graham Jones, B. R. Turnbull, and A. T. Thomas; M. J. Turnbull and H. M. Bowcott; Tom Lewis, Archie Skym, V. R. Osmond, I. Isaacs, B. Bressington, R. Barrell, Colin Rees and D. J. Tarr.

SWANSEA.—I. Herbert; D. Folland, C. Cowling, T. A. Hill, and D. Jones; Bryn Evans and J. D. Jenkins; Gwynfor Lewis, D. Parker, Tom Day, J. White, W. Davies, Jack Rees (capt.), D. Thomas and E. Long.

Referee: Mr. W. G. Baker, Aberkenfig. Cardiff did the pressing at the start, a splendid touch-finder by Graham Jones giving them the initial advantage. That advantage the Cardiff forwards vainly sought to exploit by forceful play in the loose, and in that work Colin Ross was prominent.

Almost before that effort had subsided Maurice Turnbull forced his way through a bunch of players and made an opening, which was followed by hand-to-hand passing, and which ended in his brother, B. R. Turnbull, knocking on when in the act of crossing the Swansea line.

A fly-kick by Dai Parker relieved the pressure on Swansea's line, and accurate punting by Bryn Evans, Jenkins and Cowling soon drove Cardiff back to the centre.

A CORNER TRY.

There a passing bout started by Tom Day was pretty, even if it made little progress, and when Swansea first gained an attacking position it was by reason of Tom Stone making a poor reply to a splendidly-placed diagonal punt ahead by Hill.

The All Whites were soon driven back, and Cardiff were handling in a promising manner near the centre line, when Graham Jones juggled with the ball and allowed Cowling to take it from him.

That placed the Cardiff defence in a hopeless position, and Cowling, after running up to Stone, gave FOLLAND a perfect pass and he raced in at the corner with a good try. Dai Parker missed the goal points.

Within a couple of minutes, Swansea were attacking again, and that thanks to a neatly worked reverse pass from Bryn Evans to W. Davies.

GREAT DROP KICK.

The latter, without the slightest hesitation, punted high, and though B. R. Turnbull got back in time to save he could not get in his kick. A scrum was ordered, and Bowcott failing to find touch, with a relieving kick, HERBERT kicked and dropped a really great goal.

That second reverse was clearly not to a dazzling and determined attack, with

had Long been able to take a pass which Tom Day delivered to him—(Long fielded the ball with particular smartness on that occasion)—Cardiff's defence could not have prevailed.

Again the game took a turn in favour of Cardiff, whose forwards forced the pace in the loose, while B. R. Turnbull struggled valiantly to find an opening for his wing.

Kicking by Bowcott and Stone kept Swansea in subjection for a considerable period, but ultimately the Swansea backs brought off one of the most delightful passing bouts of the game, which was the means of gaining 60 to 70 yards for the All Whites, and which ended with Folland, who cross-kicked with judgment when he could not go any further.

That cross-kick gave his forwards a chance, but Tom Day ruined it by knocking on, and Swansea were still attacking when the end came.

Final—SWANSEA *1 1 7
CARDIFF 0 1 3

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"Brighter rather than better Rugby" about sums up the position. It was bright, mainly because Cardiff made it so; and it cannot be described as "better" because there was too much obstruction and altogether too many attempts at tripping.

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London Welsh
Cardiff Athletic
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LONDON WELSH'S "BIG PUSH."

Rush Tactics Prevail
Against Cardiff
Athletic.

14-0 VICTORY.

At Herne Hill. Teams:—
LONDON WELSH.—Davies; Lewis, A. H. Jones, S. L. Jones, R. Thomas; R. S. Lewis, W. C. Powell; W. A. Thomas, Ellis, D. Bowen-Jones, Instone, Evans, Martin, Barrett Howell.

CARDIFF ATHLETIC.—Brown; Schofield Morgan, G. B. Wynne-Jones, Cameron; Poole, R. Gabe-Jones; James, Spence, Carne, Craven, Clark, Bushrod, Johnson Flynn.

Cardiff led off and soon found touch in the London Welsh 25.

Cardiff were early penalised, Powell finding touch well down the field, but after some ragged play Cardiff came back to within a few yards of the home goal-line.

The London Welsh attacked with loose rushes, but under the leadership of Bushrod the Cardiff pack frustrated their efforts.

Cardiff were finding it difficult to keep their feet against the overwhelming rushes of the London Welsh, and the faulty handling of the backs spoilt chances of making ground.

Although the London Welsh were far the better team they could not fully overcome the visitors, whose threequarters were putting in some excellent work and prevented the London Welsh from getting over.

Up to the end of the first half Cardiff defended to such advantage that no score resulted.

Half—LONDON WELSH 0 0 0
CARDIFF ATHLETIC 0 0 0

At the restart the London Welsh quickly pressed, and from a pass by Lewis ROY THOMAS went over at the corner.

This was shortly after followed by another try by POWELL, Lewis again making the opening. In each case Instone failed to convert.

Cardiff seemed definitely out of the game, and another London Welsh rush ended in Barrett giving to LEWIS to go over by the corner flag.

A bright movement by Cardiff, in which Poole was prominent, gained them ground.

Cardiff then exerted pressure and showed signs of improvement, while efforts by the threes nearly proved fruitful.

MORGAN UNLUCKY.

Morgan was unfortunate with two penalty kicks, the ball going just outside the posts.

Just before the end the London Welsh added further points, an excellent run by Lewis ending in EVANS falling over the line, Lewis himself converting.

Final—LONDON WELSH 1 3 14
CARDIFF ATHLETIC 0 0 0

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Da was pretty, and when Swansea first gained an attacking position it was by reason of Tom Stone making a poor reply to a splendidly placed diagonal punt ahead by Hill.

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That placed the Cardiff defence in a hopeless position, and Cowling, after running up to Stone, gave FOLLAND a perfect pass and he raced in at the corner with a good try. Dai Parker missed the goal points.

Within a couple of minutes, Swansea were attacking again, and that thanks to a neatly worked reverse pass from Bryn Evans to W. Davies.

GREAT DROP KICK.

The latter, without the slightest hesitation, punted high, and though B. R. Turnbull got back in time to save he could not get in his kick. A scrummage was ordered, and Bowcott failing to find touch with a relieving kick, HERBERT helded and dropped a really great goal.

That second reverse was clearly not to Cardiff's liking, and A. T. Thomas, with a dazzling and determined run, carried Cardiff into a strong position.

With a minimum of delay, Cardiff put in several attacks, which were varied and clever, though they were held. That fate, however, was not reserved for a pass out from a bunch of players by Ross, for CROSS took it cleverly, and with a great dash forced his way over in the corner for a try. Stone missed the goal.

A FINE LOW TACKLE.

But that score, cleverly though it was obtained, was not sufficient, and the crowd—now well over 10,000—shouted with glee when Graham Jones shot clean through the centre and looked all over a scorer until Herbert threw him high in the air with a low tackle.

In further Cardiff attacks Graham Jones and Cross contributed some sparkling play, which brought no reward, and the exciting features in the course of the next few minutes were runs by Cowling and Isaacs for their respective sides, the latter also starting a passing movement which Cross tried desperately hard to bring to fruition.

Tom Lewis also managed to get his backs moving twice in quick succession—once from the loose and once from a line-out—and the passing which followed was cleanly done and delighted the crowd.

Ultimately, by means of useful kicking, Swansea's centres drove Cardiff back, and shortly before the interval the Swansea halves and wing forwards brought off some elaborate passing which gained ground, and which Cardiff had to move smartly to circumvent.

Half-SWANSEA	*1 1 7
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The All Whites opened the second half with a strong attack, which was gradually weakened by Bowcott's touchline kicking. Bowcott also dribbled through smartly, and when Skym charged down a kick, Cardiff definitely passed to the attack.

Passing by Cardiff's backs—and much of it!—followed, and twice well-designed endeavours were frustrated by splendid tackles of A. T. Thomas by D. Jones.

Bowcott also had a drop at goal charged, while Tom Stone had two ineffective long range shots at penalty goals.

DETERMINED RUN.

Thanks to a determined run by B. R. Turnbull and bustling efforts by Cyril Cross, Cardiff continued to hold the initiative, and when they lost that advantage it was owing to Bryn Evans taking a risk in bringing Herbert prematurely into a defensive movement.

The risk, however, was justified, Herbert sprinting for 20 yards as a preliminary to putting the ball out of play at midfield.

A period of supremacy by Swansea ensued, though the All Whites were never really dangerous, and that because Jenkins and the Swansea centres were too prone to kick.

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Again the game took a turn in favour of Cardiff, whose forwards forced the pace in the loose, while B. R. Turnbull struggled valiantly to find an opening for his wing.

Kicking by Bowcott and Stone kept Swansea in subjection for a considerable period, but ultimately the Swansea backs brought off one of the most delightful passing bouts of the game, which was the means of gaining 60 to 70 yards for the All Whites, and which ended with Pollard, who cross-kicked with judgment when he could not go any further.

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(By "OBSERVER")

The meeting at Stradey between these two clubs earlier in the season provided the most thrilling finish to any game in the long history of the fixtures.

As regards to-day's match, the indications were that the superiority of the home backs would be the deciding factor—provided the Cardiff forwards could supply them with a reasonable share of the ball.

Teams:—
LLANELLY—B. Howell; W. Lewis, Tommy Evans, Syd. Howell, H. Fairhurst; Bert Jones, Dai John; Jack Williams, Alf. Parker, Brin Evans, H. Truman, C. Treharne, Gwyn John, W. Lang, Ifor Jones (captain).

CARDIFF—T. Stone; Cyril Cross, John Roberts, B. R. Turnbull, A. T. Thomas; M. J. Turnbull, H. M. Bowcott; Tom Lewis, Colin Ross, D. Westacott, B. Bressington, V. R. Osmond, R. Barrell, D. Carne, I. Isaacs.

Referee—Mr. H. Stan Davies, Llwynypia. Ifor Jones marked Harry Bowcott's opening kick and found touch back at mid-field.

The Cardiff line was threatened with danger in the opening minutes when a pass from John Roberts to B. R. Turnbull fell at the latter's feet, and Fairhurst lashed in and dribbled away. John Roberts, however, doubled back and checked the Llanelly wing's progress.

BOWCOTT'S TRY.

From the next scrum—which was well inside the Cardiff half—the home side took the lead with a magnificent try. Turnbull made the opening, and, timing his pass perfectly to HARRY BOWCOTT, the fly-half showed a turn of speed which must have surprised most people and ran clean away from the visiting backs to score behind the posts.

Stone was too leisurely with the kick, and although he kicked the goal the points were disallowed owing to the ball being touched in flight.

Shortly afterwards B. R. Turnbull again found a gap in the visitors' defence, and shot through with a characteristic burst. This time it was Isaacs who came up to take the pass, but he lacked the speed necessary to emulate Bowcott's effort.

A clever screw-kick by Dai John, after the Llanelly forwards had heeled from a scrum at half-way, gave the visitors an attacking position ten yards from the Cardiff line as the result of a knock on by Stone.

Neat kicking by Bowcott enabled Cardiff to work clear, and brilliant work by both Bowcott and B. R. Turnbull ended when the ball bounced awkwardly for A. T. Thomas. In the next Cardiff attack Cyril Cross just failed to shake off Wattie Lewis when the latter alone barred the way to the visitors' line.

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So far the Llanelly forwards were obtaining possession more frequently, but the work of their backs was poor and Cardiff got but their just deserts when they increased their lead. A. T. THOMAS received possession at half-way, and although partially tackled by Fairhurst, shook himself clear and eluded both the Howells—the centre and full back—in a great dash for the corner.

The wing just reached his objective, and the large crowd showed their appreciation of a brilliant effort.

Stone failed to convert. Ifor Jones attempted to obtain his side's first points with a half-way line, from within a yard of the half-way line, but although the kick was a splendid one the ball fell a trifle short.

Llanelly reduced the lead to a single point before the interval, when there was an element of luck about the score. W. Lewis found his progress barred on the right and kicked across.

"SITTER" MISSED.

It bounced away from Stone and