

Llanelli v Cardiff
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CARDIFF AVENGE STRADEY DEFEAT.

ONE-POINT WIN OVER THE SCARLETS.

By a 11 point to 10 victory Cardiff had their revenge over Llanelli at Arms Park to-day for their recent last-minute defeat at Stradey. It was a game full of thrills, in which Harry Bowcott gave a wonderful display.

(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. Troman, C. Trearne, 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 Llanelli 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.

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reward, however, when HARRY BOWCOTT, obtaining possession at halfway, went clean through the opposing backs in a manner which was positively dazzling.

He continued his course until he had planted the ball behind the posts, and the cheers were sustained until after Stone had placed the goal to restore Cardiff's six points lead.

Whatever was happening at the trial match at Bridgend it was a great pity that the "powers that be" were not at the Arms Park to see Bowcott's wonderful display.

Following some rousing work near the Cardiff line, ALF PARKER forced his way over, and Ifor Jones again reduced the home lead to one point by converting.

The manner in which the game was swinging kept the crowd on their toes, and in another rousing Llanelli attack Dai John undid all the worth of a splendid effort by attempting to do too much.

At this period the splendid kicking of Harry Bowcott was invaluable to Cardiff, as time after time the outside-half pulled up the visitors to find touch at good length.

A. T. Thomas made yet another spectacular effort, but when, following a heavy tackle, he lost the ball, Stone made amends for some indifferent work earlier on by finding touch 50 yards away and giving Cardiff an attacking position ten yards from the Llanelli line.

This effort Stone repeated a moment later after making a daring save from the feet of Ivor Jones and Co., who were going through with a close dribble.

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Cardiff Athletic
Kenfig Hill. Nov 7th.

A KEEN GAME.

Cardiff Athletic Get Only Score
at Kenfig Hill.

	G.	T	Pts.
Cardiff Athletic.....	0	1	3
Kenfig Hill	0	0	0

Although there was nothing spectacular in the match at Kenfig Hill on Saturday, it was a keen game, played in a sporting spirit. The only score was a try which was not converted for the visitors by Wynne Jones.

Kenfig Hill were hard pressed and the forwards lost several good chances, unaccountably. Jenkin Raikes, who had been absent for the last weeks, took up his position as full-back for Kenfig Hill, and was easily the outstanding player.

ATHLETIC
 following prizes won in last
 competitions were handed over
 chairman, Mr. C. A. Williams:—
 championship, Mr. E. Williams;
 Messrs. R. Atkinson and D. L.
 handicap, Mr. J. James.
 A frank discussion it was
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 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 Waitie
 Lewis when the latter alone barred the
 way to the visitors' line.

The visitors heeled from the next scrum,
 but Bert Jones was overwhelmed in
 attempting to force his way over, and then
 when T. Evans attempted to drop a goal he
 failed to raise the ball and Tommy Stone
 found touch almost at half-way.

So far the Llanelly forwards were obtain-
 ing possession more frequently, but the
 work of their backs was poor and Cardiff
 got but their just deserts when they in-
 creased 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 appre-
 ciation of a brilliant effort.

Stone failed to convert.

Ifor Jones attempted to obtain his
 side's first points with a penalty kick
 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.

The ball bounced away from Stone and
 right to the hands of T. EVANS, who had
 followed up. The centre touched down
 behind the posts for Ifor Jones to con-
 vert.

In the next minute Ifor Jones—of all
 people!—missed an absolute "sitter"
 when he failed to hold the easiest of
 passes from Dai Jones a few yards from
 the Cardiff line, and with the way abso-
 lutely clear.

In an attempt to snatch an interval
 lead, Dai John sent yards wide in an
 attempt to drop a goal.

Half-CARDIFF	0 2 6
LLANELLY	1 0 5

Llanelly were the rest to attack on the
 resumption, and it was judicious kicking
 by Dai John that enabled them to do so.
 Tommy Stone, however, earned a burst
 of applause when he fielded from the
 feet of a bunch of opposing forwards and
 got in a splendid touch-down.

A full round of passing by the whole
 of the Cardiff backs after Maurice Turn-
 bull had made the opening gave A. T.
 Thomas another chance.

The wing went right down to the
 visiting full-back before a full-blooded
 tackle brought him low. It appeared any
 odds on another Llanelly score when Syd
 Howell dribbled through and neatly
 piloted the ball past Stone.

The latter tried to chase Howells, but
 it was a hopeless task, and the Llanelly
 centre was within five yards of the home
 line when Cyril Cross, with a phenomenal
 burst of speed, got back, and, not only
 took the ball from Howells's toes, but
 regained his feet to coolly kick to touch.

Llanelly were at this stage going great
 guns, and on one or two occasions the
 work of the forwards in the loose maels
 proceeded beyond the robust stage.

The Cardiff defence was under pressure,
 but the visitors—apparently realising the
 inferiority of their backs—sacrificed
 science for brawn. Even from the Llan-
 elly point of view this was a mistaken
 policy.

A contrast to these methods was seen
 when Maurice Turnbull, obtaining posses-
 sion at the fringe of a loose scrum, im-
 mediately sent his three-quarters away.

John Roberts raised the crowd to en-
 thusiasm with a rousing dash, in the
 course of which he brushed aside four
 would-be tacklers before succumbing to
 force of numbers.

BOWCOTT AGAIN.

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 who went hard and fast for the corner,
 and although he got there he had just in-
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So far as the rival backs were con-
 cerned, it was a case of a set of star
 artistes against a workmanlike lot. Each
 of the Cardiff backs did magnificently,
 and it is doubtful whether Harry Bowcott
 has ever done better in the whole of his
 brilliant career.

The exhibition given by Bowcott was
 such that, although Dai John was far and
 away the best of the visitors' rear divi-
 sion, he was eclipsed—after the opening
 twenty minutes—by the Cardiff man.

Both these players did much invaluable
 kicking, but in all the fined phases of the
 game Bowcott stood head and shoulders
 above everyone.

A. T. Thomas was easily the best of the
 wings and Cross had his best match for
 Cardiff. Maurice Turnbull was worried
 by the terrier-like tactics of Bert Jones
 and was also handicapped by being
 behind a beaten pack in the set scrums.

Here the visitors' forwards were defi-
 nitely on top and in the loose their
 work was more hectic than the Cardiff
 forwards appear to be capable of.

Ifor Jones had his activities curtailed
 to an appreciable extent by Isaacs and
 Alf Parker and J. Williams on the one
 side and Barrell and Westcott on the
 other were about the pick.

It was a rousing encounter, in which
 science triumphed, although only just.

Newport v Cardiff. Nov. 14th 1931



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THE MIDLANDS

CARDIFF'S 5 POINTS WIN AT NEWPORT

GOOD DISPLAY UNDER A GREAT HANDICAP

Considering the prevailing adverse conditions—a heavy ground and greasy ball—the game between Newport and Cardiff at Uskside to-day was surprisingly good if not spectacular. A. T. Thomas got a try which Stone converted, and this was all the scoring.

(By "OLD STAGER.")

Newport and Cardiff met for the second time this season this afternoon. The game was at Newport, who, with the advantage of playing at home, hoped to be able to reverse the decision which was arrived at when they played at Cardiff last March.

To-day's match was played under the most dismal conditions which have existed for any first-class match this season. The ground was saturated with water, rain was still falling heavily, and visibility was low when the teams took the field. Both sides were representative, Cardiff including Gadd, the Aberavon forward, for the first time. Teams:—

CARDIFF—T. Stone, John Roberts, Graham Jones, B. R. Turnbull, and A. T. Thomas; H. M. Bowcott and M. J. Turnbull; A. Skym, T. Lewis, Colin Ross, R. Barrell, D. Farr, R. Osmond, T. Gadd, L. Isaacs.

NEWPORT—H. W. Isaacs; Hywel Jones, J. R. Edwards, Ken Richards, and J. C. Morley; A. R. Ralph and A. R. Tovey; Peter C. Horden, S. Danahar, J. C. Slade, W. R. Newton, J. A. Addison, Dai Jones, J. R. Evans, E. J. Shiner.

Referee—Mr. W. H. Harris, Risca. Thanks to a pretty screw punt by Maurice Turnbull, Cardiff were early on the attack, and were being held rather than beaten back when Ralph made a determined dash which won a few yards for Newport.

Ralph, too, was well-prepared when Bowcott sought to make headway by the giving of a "dummy" for the Newport man went for Bowcott low, and down he came.

A penalty against Cardiff for a scrummage infringement changed the whole trend of events, enabling Newport to hold an attacking position which never became very dangerous, and which was ended when Isaacs, the Newport full-back, kicked a trifle too hard, and gave Graham Jones plenty of time to touch down for a minor. Handling with any degree of accuracy was out of the question.

Isaac, knocking on from a wing punt ahead by Graham Jones, found themselves in difficulties.

NEWPORT TESTED.

Jack Morley, although worried by the Cardiff forwards, managed to get the ball away to touch, and in the next minute Isaac, Bowcott's defence was tested on the other side, and A. T. Thomas, dribbling on, only to be beaten by the speed of the ball, which was to touch in goal.

Bowcott's kicking and Cardiff's attempts at passing were feeble for some minutes, and it was not until Tommy Stone was caught in possession by Dai Jones and Isaac, that Cardiff lost their attacking advantage.

As soon as circumstances were favourable, Newport attempted a burst, and was almost thwarted. Tom Bowcott showed that he was prepared for the effort, bringing off a touch which was what a tackle should be.

in a manner which suggested that he meant business.

After he had covered a dozen yards he was partially tackled, but somehow or other he succeeded in throwing the ball to the feet of A. T. Thomas, who drizzled and then fly-kicked, sending the ball well over the Newport line.

Thomas promptly went in pursuit, and there was a great race in which he was challenged by Edwards, Richards, and Morley. A. T. THOMAS, however, secured the touch and a try for Cardiff. The score was made behind the posts, and Stone easily converted.

That score put new life into the game, and Stone was several times severely tested through J. R. Edwards and others putting the ball high into the air for him to gather.

A great rush by the Newport forwards followed, and Cardiff's line was severely in danger for a considerable period. When relief came to Cardiff it was of short duration, for Morley speedily followed a punt ahead and bumped Tom Stone over before he could get rid of the ball in anything like a satisfactory manner.

Newport's predominance did not continue for long, for Cardiff, thanks mainly to kicking by Bowcott and footwork by the forwards, maintained pressure for a considerable period and forced a couple of minors.

Newport ultimately broke away, and Tovey cut out the clearest of openings for his three-quarters, who bunched badly and allowed Turnbull and A. T. Thomas to shepherd them across the field.

Ralph threw away Newport's last chance by holding on too long and Cardiff were attacking when the end came.

Final—CARDIFF 5 0 0
NEWPORT 0 0 0

COMMENTS.

Spectacular Rugby could not be expected under the conditions which prevailed. The Rugby that was played was an unexciting one, and Cardiff led their victory. When Cardiff moved there was more method and greater accuracy in their work than was the case with Newport, whose methods were inclined to be on the part of the Newport backs to accept the risk which was inseparable from counter-attack.

Cardiff backs took that risk, and on many occasions handled well, while did the Newport slight, in scrumming, Turnbull gave to service which Maurice later to come into greater prominence than did Ralph, who was badly served by Tovey.

The Newport inside half was painfully weak, hesitated about giving the ball away, and with Ralph seemingly afraid to touch the ball, matters frequently turned upon the dash of the outside half.

Newport United
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FOOTBALL ECHO AND LEVEL DOZEN FOR ATHLETIC.

Newport United Fail to
Cross at Cardiff.
Brown and Poole in Form

(By "THE VETERAN.")

This game was played on the Cardiff Arms Park, under wretched conditions. The gate was the smallest seen this season, no more than a hundred spectators being present.

Cardiff played as selected, while Newport made three changes. R. Panting taking the place of H. W. Isaacs at full-back and E. Davies and M. Spence deputising K. Griffiths and W. G. Williams in the forwards line. Teams:—

NEWPORT—R. Panting; A. J. Berry, W. Squire, J. C. Swallow, Ken Watkins, S. O. Wether, R. T. Carter; J. K. Wood, W. Jackson, S. R. Elms, E. Davies, G. W. Rogers, H. Rich, M. Spence, K. Taylor.

CARDIFF—D. Brown; E. Noel Morgan, G. V. Jones, B. Sandham, J. T. Schofield; Howard Poole, Roy Gale-Jones; S. C. Cravos, A. Clark, D. Westacott, G. James, H. Johnson, D. Flynn, D. Carne, L. Spence.

Referee: Mr. Phil A. Leonard, Clifffynydd. Howard Poole started for Cardiff and a scrum was formed in Newport's 25. A free kick against Cardiff brought them relief, and Squire later aided Newport in getting to mid-field, Cardiff, however, again pressed and from a forward rush nearly got over.

A PRETTY GOAL.

A free-kick for Cardiff in a good position saw D. BROWN land a pretty goal.

After the restart the home forwards rushed almost the length of the field before being stopped. Newport forwards gradually eased, and Rich nearly landed a goal, the ball falling short, but a minute later Cardiff were again pressing.

Schofield intercepted a pass by a Newport back and dribbled three-parts of the field, just missing a score.

HOWARD POOLE, receiving 20 yards out, dropped a neat goal.

Newport next pressed, and Rich again failed with a penalty kick.

Brown saved a certain score by Berry with a tricky kick to touch after penetrating the home defence, and Howard Poole, who was playing well, almost got over, being tackled on the line.

Half—CARDIFF ATHLETIC... 2 0 0
NEWPORT UNITED... 0 0 0

*One penalty, one dropped.

The gate had increased to a couple of thousand when Newport opened the second half in a deluge of rain.

J. T. Schofield, Cardiff's right wing, just missed a score after a dashing run. Cardiff again twice missed scoring by inches.

Poole, who was playing a splendid game at inside-half, whipped the ball from a scrum ten yards out, gave to G. V. Jones, threw over Sandham's head to SCHOFIELD, who easily eluded past Ken Watkins and scored a well-earned try, Brown converting with a magnificent kick.

Newport rarely crossed the half-way line during the second half, and never looked like scoring, thanks to Brown's wonderful saving and the well-handled passing of the home backs.

Final—CARDIFF ATHLETIC... 3 0 0
NEWPORT UNITED... 0 0 0

*One penalty and one dropped.

COMMENTS.

Cardiff were the aggressors for the greater part of the game, and had the score been doubled it would not have flattered them.

They were masters in all phases, their passing, considering the greasy ball, being astonishingly good, and rarely was a pass dropped by the backs.

For Cardiff, Brown, at full-back, was reliable throughout, his huge punts to touch being a feature of his play.

Poole, who played a great game at inside-half, gave Jones, a game at inside-half, and Gale-Jones, who had more chances than Noel Morgan, the best of a good forward line.

The best of a good forward line were A. Clark, D. Westacott, and Syd Cravos, who were ever on the alert for breaking through.

For Newport, Wether, at inside-half, and A. J. Berry, on the right wing, were the pick of the backs, while Panting was a good substitute for Isaacs at full-back.

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A mix-up in what once was a line-up for the ball—an episode in the game from which the Springboks profited.

SPRINGBOKS ON TOP AFTER GAME OF THRILLS.

13 POINTS TO 5—ZIMMERMAN, GRAY & MACDONALD GET TRIES.

R. W. BOON'S SCORE AFTER A BRILLIANT EFFORT.

(By "OLD STAGER.")

The South Africans beat Cardiff at Arms Park today after one of the most thrilling games imaginable—a crowd of international dimensions being kept on the tip toe of excitement by the kaleidoscopic fluctuations of the fortunes of play, particularly in the first half.

PONTYPRIDD SPECTATOR FALLS DEAD.

While watching the Cardiff v. Springboks match at Cardiff to-day, Mr. David Phillips, Pontypridd, assistant overseer of the Pontypridd District Council, collapsed, and died shortly afterward. Mr. Phillips arrived in Cardiff with a com-



A break-up from a scrum, the ball going back to the Springboks' three-quarters in this afternoon's game.

for carrying the Africans back into an attacking position.

A SUCCESSFUL MOVE.
At three successive lines-out the African forwards got the ball back with an accuracy that could not be questioned. On the first

two occasions the Africans tried passing and were thwarted, but the third time Westhuizen tempted the Cardiff three-quarters into making hasty preparations for tackling, and then, when he had got them on the wrong feet, he tried the African's famous cross kick.

GRAY had anticipated it, and taking the ball in his stride, he had no difficulty in racing across. In B. G. Gray, who got the corner for a second try for the Africans, the lead.

Brand missed the goal. Kicking by Brand and Osler's screw-punting soon enabled the Springboks to gain a territorial advantage once again, and Brand came precious near to landing another goal from a penalty at long range.

De Villiers also worked the short side of the scrumgame very cleverly with Owen Williams, and John Roberts and Bowcott had to do some sturdy defending on the fringe of the Cardiff line before Slope

Osler varied his safety tactics by dropping at goal, only to fail in the matter of direction, and for the next five minutes Cardiff were tested again and again by the strenuous play of the Springboks in and around Cardiff's quarter line.

The Africans did magnificent work, and

OLD STAGER'S COMMENTS.

No good purpose can be served by endeavouring to minimise or discount the win of the Springboks. In a sense they were fortunate in winning; in another sense they had no more than they deserved. They were fortunate in that they won in spite of the balance of play being against them; but they had no more than deserts because they revealed a greater variety of methods in attack than Cardiff showed themselves to be masters of—and, most important of all they took all the scoring chances that came to them, while Cardiff either through lack of pace in vital positions or through the inability to realise that the chances were there, threw away more scoring opportunities than were necessary to have reversed the decision which was reached.

That is the mere winning and losing aspect of the subject. From the game standpoint, and that is the most important factor—well, what can one say other than that it was a desperately fought contest, and one that was productive of much that is best in Rugby. Once or twice there may have been a suggestion that a trifle more force than was necessary was used, while one or two players might in intention, if not in achievement, have raked running counter to the spirit of Rugby, but, who can complain?

Those few incidents, none of them serious, could be inseparable from a game fought with such vigour and spirit, and it is a pity that the Springboks were not able to win by the narrow margin by which victory went to the men from overseas.

HOME FORWARDS GREAT.
In the opening months of the season it

lines-out, from which they piled their backs with the ball in a manner which made the efforts of the Cardiff forwards in that sphere look puny. It was not only height, but weight, which was the means of giving the Springboks' forwards that unquestioned advantage, and of supplying their backs with the ball at moments when they were in the best possible position to make use of it.

In the loose, too, the African forwards never scored themselves or their strength in the slightest, and though it was rarely that they got moving as a mass in rushes or dribbles—in the way the Cardiff men did—the individual members of the African pack had that forcefulness and weight which justified them in trying to force their way through on their own instead of placing reliance upon combined work. It was the physique of the African forwards rather than their cleverness which laid the foundations of their side's victory.

In the play behind the scrumgame the differences in method were most marked. Osler's kicking, as usual, was the main factor in winning attacking positions for the Springboks, whose three-quarters have never once succeeded in getting the better of their immediate opponents, either by means of individual thrusts or handling. That drove them back upon the necessity of exploiting the short scrumgame, which, if properly used, does away with the need of passing, and has the additional advantage of getting the most out of the scrum game. That happened twice; it was expected that it would happen, and two of the three African scores came from it.

Cardiff were quite as strong at half-back as were their opponents, while at three-quarter Graham Jones, though playing that the men given to be cheered with the idea

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RUGBY'S GREAT PART IN EMPIRE SPORT.

Touring Teams Help to Cement Friendship.

By "OLD STAGER."

RUGBY is a game of rapid changes, of rapier-like thrusts and of solid defences. Rugby, on the administrative side as well as on the actual playing fields, is a panorama of motion, and there is no period of the season which will compare favourably with the present in the matter of the variety or widespread character of the possible topics.

To the masses, the return of the South Africans to Wales for their second and concluding tour in our midst is the one subject that really matters, for the truly sporting spirit which they displayed to the Welshmen they met when they were previously with us has clearly played an important part in cementing the bonds of Empire. All Welshmen will therefore extend hearty greetings to the young giants from the Dominion of South Africa, and they can do so all the more sincerely when they are assured that there are semi-official documents in existence showing that the Springboks enjoyed every minute of their previous visit to Wales.

Fill the Bill.

The Africans certainly dominate the Rugby situation in Wales at the moment—and they will continue to do so until the international with Wales has been played at Swansea on December 5—but that does not mean that Rugby men will be unmindful of the endeavours which are being made by the Welsh lads at Oxford and Cambridge to capture coveted "blues" for the Varsity game on December 8, or of the keenness which is being shown in regard to the Welsh College "plum," the match between Christ College (Brecon) and Llandovery College at Brecon next Saturday. Wales has a special interest in Oxford this season, owing to W. Roberts, Cardiff (who was "capped" for Wales against England in 1929) being in possession of the captaincy, and hopes are entertained that he will have Welshmen with him and against him in this year's Varsity match. Equally good Rugby is promised at Brecon, even if the bulk of the confidence seems to be in the Llandovery camp on this occasion. Llandoveryans claim that their present back division is the best they have had for some years, while independent judges of repute tell me that Llandovery's half-backs are exceptionally good. What a pity the Brecon-Llandovery match clashes with the game with the Africans at Neath!

Interest Sustained.

Here and there one hears expressions which might lead to the belief that the bulk of the interest in the tour of the South Africans has evaporated since their defeat in the counties match at Leicester. That ought not to be so, and is not so. Welshmen naturally regret that the Springboks were beaten at Leicester, for they have come to regard touring Colonial sides as "the special pet morsels" for Welsh organisations. Wales set the example by claiming the one and only victory over the New Zealanders of 1905; Cardiff followed it up by being one of the two sides—Scotland was the other—to defeat the South Africans of 1906; in 1912 Newport and Swansea had the distinction of defeating the Springboks of that year; and all the other touring sides, with the exception of the New Zealanders of 1924, have sooner or later found their masters in Wales.

Billiards Notes.

BRINGING THE LEADERS INTO LINE.

Handicap Terms That Must Be Settled.

Was it ever seriously argued that all interest in the doings of any of those touring teams was evaporated or materially curtailed once a Welsh team had beaten them? Of course not. If the line of argument indicated is followed to its logical conclusion, it inevitably follows that the sending of British teams to the Dominions and Colonies has been a farce and a failure, for none of our British teams has been as successful overseas as any of the touring teams have been in this country. Mark Morrison's British team in South Africa in 1903 lost 3, and drew 3 of its 22 matches; the British team in Australia and New Zealand in 1904 had the best record of all the British touring sides of this century, and it lost three and drew one of its 19 matches; A. F. Harding's team lost nine and drew one of its 26 matches in Australia and New Zealand in 1906; the British team in South Africa in 1910 won 13 of its matches, drawing three and losing eight; Dr. Cove-Smith's side in South Africa in 1924 finished "all square"—nine wins, nine losses, and three drawn games; and the British team in Australia and New Zealand in 1930 lost eight of its 28 matches.

Respect for Wales.

The defeats of those British teams overseas did not lead to any substantial diminution in the interest in their doings. Why should interest be lost in the doings of the Africans because they have been defeated? In any case, it should be noted that the Springboks side which was defeated at Leicester was far from being the strongest side which they can place in the field, and, in the light of what happened on that occasion, those who are in control of the Africans side can be forgiven if they attribute their defeat to a miscalculation in regard to the strength of the Midland Counties. What Welshmen must not forget is that from the inception of this tour the Africans have regarded their games in Wales as the most important on their list, and that therefore there is no probability of their making any miscalculations while they are with us!

Confidence Restored.

This week's development in connection with the troubles at Abertillery was not unexpected by those in touch with the situation. The offer which was made to the Abertillery Council to be directly represented on the committee of the Abertillery Club was the Club's answer to those of its critics who had made wild allegations as to the management of the club's finances, and, when the offer was made, one of the councillors was sportsman enough to say "The gentlemen who are controlling the club are all well-known sportsmen and tradesmen, and this Council should show its confidence in them by not accepting their offer." That is all that has happened. The Council has endorsed the view of that councillor, and, with goodwill on both sides—and that clearly exists—there ought not to be any further public discussion of Abertillery's ground problem. That does not mean that there should be any undue delay either in satisfactorily fencing the ground or in the making of an arrangement under which the club will have greater security of tenure in the future than the past. Those factors seem to be desirable in the interests of the Council, the club, and the public generally.

CARTOON BY D. G. JOHN.

Dai Lossin Meo



CWMSWT SPECTATOR: Du Caton Pawl boards on, Dai Lossin? And agenst the Springboks DAI LOSSIN: Ai, mun. Jimmy Thomas, S special to try to sell the Dummy to the South Africa

RACING.

REDESWOOD AS A THE NOVEMBER HANDICAP

Middleham Colt Expected Likeliest Sources

By "THE WIZARD"

ON the closing day of the flat racing season for 1931—next Saturday, at Manchester—the November Handicap, generally one of the most open races of the year, will be staged. This year's event, as usual, is a ticklish problem to tackle, particularly as several horses that took part in the race for the Derby Cup may be given another outing in the hope of recovering losses in the Midlands.

There has been some significant Strephos II. is the won Australia, who has yet to li recreation over here. He been long enough in this become acclimatised and be I cannot fancy. Coaster has the right kind of work, probably his best course. Els and Leonard.

Attracting Attention. Redeswood has been attracti deal of attention which is ing in view.

Llanelly v bardiff
Nov. 28th 1931

SOUTH

LLANELLY WIN THE "RUBBER" GAME. THRILLS AND 13 POINTS IN STRADEY CLASH

Llanelly at home to-day won their "rubber" match with Cardiff. The two previous encounters left honours even, but to-day in a game which provided spectacular play the Tinplaters got the verdict by thirteen points to six.

To-day's match at Stradey Park between Cardiff and Llanelly marked the third meeting of the teams this season, and, with honours being previously evenly divided between them, the game was regarded as being in the nature of a rubber match.

There were absentees from both sides, J. Skym being out of the Cardiff pack, whilst Ivor Jones, the Llanelly captain, was also forced to stand down owing to an injury to the ankle.

The attendance was disappointing, the Springboks' match at Neath undoubtedly proving a strong counter-attraction.

Teams:—

LLANELLY—Bryn Howells; W. Lewis, S. Howells, Tom Evans, H. Fairhurst; Bert Jones, Dai John; Edgar Jones, Jim Lang, W. Lang, A. Parker, Bryn Evans, Cliff Trehanne, Jack Williams and G. Truman.

CARDIFF—T. Stone; A. T. Thomas, B. R. Turnbull, Graham Jones, Cyril Cross; Howard Poole, H. M. Bowcott; J. Tarr, T. Lewis, E. Gadd, V. Osmond, C. Ross, I. Isaacs, A. Clarke and L. Spence.

Referee—Mr. D. Fiegelstone.

Although the weather conditions were fine the ground was in a sodden state, and there were big patches where the players found it difficult to retain a foothold.

For the first five minutes Llanelly did all the attacking without ever threatening serious danger to the Cardiff line.

The Cardiff forwards carried all the early scrummages, but all efforts to get their backs in motion failed. With play in the centre, Parker started a movement for Llanelly, and the ball going out to the backs, Dai John, Howells, and Tom Evans made ground before Fairhurst got possession.

The wing man, however, lacked the necessary thrust to get through, being pulled up well inside the Cardiff 25.

PARKER'S TRY.
When next Cardiff attacked through good work on the part of Bowcott, Graham Jones and Cross they had an opportunity of drawing first blood.

Llanelly were penalised and T. Stone took a shot at goal, but failed to raise the ball. The Llanelly backs and forwards then went away in a body from the Cardiff 25, and a sweeping movement ended in PARKER scoring after 20 minutes' play.

The kick at goal failed.

Cardiff soon after threatened danger. Cardiff backs brought off a number of passing movements, and when on one occasion Lang marked a few yards from the Llanelly line and his kick was charged down, Dai Parker had to race back to touch down to save the situation.

With Cardiff pressing hard again Tom Evans made a fine burst which led to another score for Llanelly. SID HOWELLS scoring a try which Bryn Howells converted.

Cardiff reduced Llanelly's lead, A. T. THOMAS going over after a fine run.

No goal resulted.

Llanelly were soon back again on the Cardiff line, and DAI JOHN went across for a try near the posts, Bryn Howells converting.

Half—LLANELLY 2 1 13
CARDIFF 0 1 3

The second half opened with a strong touch-line run by Sid Howells, who went near to the Cardiff line and kicked ahead. Stone, however, beat him, and relieved an awkward situation. Cardiff backs again got going, but a movement on the right flank did not avail them much, as W. Lewis pulled up A. T. Thomas before the Cardiff wing could get into his strides.

Stone with a penalty kick gave the visitors an attacking position, but the Llanelly forwards soon forced Cardiff back to their own quarters.

BOWCOTT THERE!
A faulty pass by Tom Stone to Graham Jones almost let Llanelly in. Bowcott nipped in in the nick of time to get the ball away to touch.

Sid Howells, the Llanelly right centre, was often well in the picture, and when he made a strong burst right down the centre of the field he looked like getting over with another try. He short-punted over the head of Stone and was ready to tackle him, but while racing after the ball was fouled. The offence escaped the notice of the referee, and Cardiff had to concede a minor.

A NEAR THING.
Bowcott and Turnbull, in subsequent play, made strong bursts which took Cardiff well inside the Llanelly 25—the furthest point they had reached in this half.

Llanelly were penalised, and Stone, taking the kick, narrowly failed to place a goal.

Play was of a fine, open character, with both sets of packs throwing the ball about the field.

The marking of the Llanelly men was much too keen to allow the Cardiff movement to develop successfully, but the last great effort of the Cardiff backs which clean beat the defence was worthy of the Cardiff backs at their best.

In the last few minutes the Cardiff backs brought off the most spectacular movement of the match. It started near the centre line, and the ball was worked across the whole of the Cardiff three-quarter line, with forwards in addition joining in the passing. The movement ended with a great try scored by CROSS. Stone failed to convert.

Final—LLANELLY 2 1 13

CARDIFF 0 2 6

COMMENTS.
The Llanelly forwards held a big advantage in the loose over the visiting pack, with Edgar Jones, Parker, and Lang often prominent.

Sid Howells was by far the best of the Llanelly backs, his fine individual burst being one of the features of the play from a Llanelly point of view.

Bowcott did considerable work for Cardiff both in attack and defence, and Turnbull was perhaps the best of the three-quarters, although Thomas and Cross occasionally showed their pace on the wings.

Maesteg v bardiff
Nov. 28th 1931

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER

A SCRAPPY GAME AT CARDIFF.

The Athletic Outpoint Maesteg.

(By "THE VETERAN.")

More than usual interest centred in the Cardiff Athletic v. Maesteg match on the Cardiff Arms Park to-day. S. Lawrence, the old international and Bridgend forward, appeared for Maesteg. Teams:—

MAESTEG: D. Reynolds; Rhys Williams, R. Thomas, C. White, D. J. Jones; Windsor Morgan, R. Duckfield; D. Lewis, S. Lawrence, L. Daniels, G. Howells, G. Jones, M. Rees, G. Saunders, E. Lewis.

CARDIFF: D. Brown; Robertshaw, G. V. Wynne Jones, Noel Morgan, J. T. Schofield; Ronnie Jones, Roy Gabe Jones; S. C. Cravos, F. J. Fletcher, G. James, P. C. Bushrod, D. Carne, D. Flynn, Ivor Williams, S. Joyce.

Referee: Mr. I. G. Thomas, Pen-y-graig. The game started in sensational fashion. Cardiff got the ball from the scrum, and Fletcher started the backs when G. HOWELLS, Maesteg, intercepted, and with a clear field, scored under the post. The try was not converted.

Cardiff restarted with a rush and Maesteg being penalised in their 25, D. Brown kicked a fine goal.

The visitors' forwards were heeling well but sure tackling kept the Maesteg three-quarters out. D. Brown was a tower of strength for Cardiff with accurate touch-finding.

Ron Jones came into prominence with a clean break through, and Fletcher following up carried the ball to within ten yards of the line. NOEL MORGAN receiving dropped a pretty goal. For offside Cardiff were penalised, and Duckfield got a goal.

Half—CARDIFF ATH. *2 0 7
MAESTEG +1 1 6

*One dropped, one penalty. +Penalty.
For some time after the resumption play was scrappy, both sides handling badly.

The visitors were penalised and from nearly half-way D. BROWN landed a magnificent goal.

On the kick out Roy Gabe Jones broke through well and the forwards followed with a determined rush to Maesteg's line.

The visitors, however, got back to Cardiff's 25 and RHYSS WILLIAMS, on the right wing, crossed in the corner with an unconverted try.

A GREAT TRY.
Cardiff retaliated, SCHOFIELD, after a splendid round of passing by nearly all the backs, scoring a great try in the corner.

Brown again kicked a fine goal from the touch line.

GABE JONES then came into prominence with the prettiest score of the match. Receiving at half-way, he broke through, kicked over the full-back's head, and, following up smartly, scored. Brown failed with the kick.

Final—CARDIFF ATHLETIC *4 1 18
MAESTEG +1 2 9

*Two penalties, 1 dropped. +Penalty.
COMMENTS.

The game on the whole was not up to the standard usually seen on the Park, much of the play being scrappy and the handling poor.

For three parts of the game the teams were evenly matched, but Cardiff then overwhelmed the visitors. For Cardiff, Brown, at full-back, was his usual cool safe self, and with Roy Gabe Jones and Ronnie Jones at half-back combining well with the three-quarters, of whom Schofield was the pick, the homesters placed the match out of doubt. The forwards were pretty evenly matched.

For Maesteg, the pick were Rhys Williams and Windsor Morgan of the backs, while there was little to choose among the forwards, who did better in the loose than in the tight scrums.

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CARDIFF'S DROPPED GOAL VICTORY. CLEAR-CUT WIN AT HOME OF HANDLING CODE.

Cardiff beat Rugby in the Warwickshire town—the home of the handling code—to-day by two goals (one dropped) and a try to a goal and a try.

The game was very fast and keen, and the visitors' defence in the second half was altogether excellent.

Cardiff played the first of their Midland tour matches at Rugby to-day.

Originally they had arranged to play Coventry to-day and Rugby on Monday, but to suit the convenience of the English Rugby Union, who are playing their final trial on the Coventry ground, the fixtures were reversed. Teams:—

RUGBY.—Davies; Smith, Facer, Birch, Entwistle; Brennan, Howell; Cope, Line, Taylor, Foxon, McReady, Livingstone, Barrow, Cathin.

CARDIFF.—Brown; Roberts, Graham Jones, Cross, Bowcott; Poole, Stone; Fletcher, Gadd, Clarke, Cravos, Lewis, Farr, Colin, Ross, Isaacs.

The crowd numbered about 3,000 when the game began. Rain was falling. Cardiff had a slight advantage of the wind. In the first minute Cardiff started strong, but Cross knocked on.

Rugby were penalised for offside and Brown's fine kick just fell short.

A fine run by Smith took play to the Cardiff line, where the Welshmen were forced to touch down to save a score.

Entwistle and Livingstone also worried the Cardiff defence, while Howell was early over from a scrum, and BRENNAN gave Rugby the lead with a try, which was not converted.

CARDIFF RUSHES.

Although their ranks were depleted by the international's call, Cardiff were giving a good account of themselves, and Roberts and Graham Jones accomplished a nice piece of work before passing to Bowcott, who, however, was grassed quite near the Rugby line.

A couple of Cardiff forward rushes looked full of promise, but broke down through fumbling.

For a time Davies, the home full-back, as very busy, and he was lucky to save when a punt and follow-up by Cross saw a ball bounce awkwardly, yet to his advantage.

Cravos was very prominent in a forward rush, which took the ball over the line, but an opponent managed to touch the ball first.

During an attack by Cardiff Rugby were penalised, but Brown, who was in a good position to land a goal, sent wide of the mark.

ROBERTS' TRY.

A little later Bowcott cut in through the defence and cleverly sent ROBERTS in for a neat try which Brown converted with ease.

The game continued fast and even with plenty of open football to interest the crowd.

Davies, the Rugby full-back, saved skillfully from Graham Jones, and then GRAHAM JONES dropped a glorious goal over the halfway line, to put Cardiff six points in front.

Rugby were awarded a penalty kick, and from long range Entwistle was very near.

Rugby enjoyed a spell of attacking, but they found the Cardiff defence was very safe. Entwistle was the star player, and he outwitted numbers and got within a yard of the line before he had to succumb to sheer force.

Just before the interval CROSS scored

in a breakaway. Brown, however, failed to add the points.

Half—CARDIFF *2 1 12
RUGBY 0 1 3

*Dropped.

Rugby had by no means given up the game, as was evidenced from their play at the commencement of the second half, for after the preliminary exchanges HOWELL showed great foresight when he seized upon an opening and sent in ENTWISTLE for a great try within two minutes of the restart. He also converted.

Good work by the Cardiff forwards put Rugby on the defensive, and when the ball was knocked over the home line Bowcott failed to ground it properly and a great chance was lost.

The Rugby forwards, although on the light side, were rather better in the loose and kept Cardiff working hard for everything they went for, but the Welshmen were the more dangerous.

DAVIES OUT.

Rugby were unfortunate when they lost the services of Davies, their full-back, who had been playing finely, but he had to leave the field owing to an injury.

The side was re-arranged, Birch going to full-back and Barrow from the forwards going to the three-quarters.

Davies returned subsequently, and from the way he played it did not appear that his injury was causing him any disadvantage, for when the ball came his way he appeared to be eager and he certainly fulfilled all accustomed expectations.

FIELD-LONG RUSHES.

The concluding play was very fast and keen and chiefly centred in midfield, although each set of forwards indulged in occasional rushes the whole length of the field.

Mistakes, however, were frequently made by the three-quarters on both sides, but Cardiff appeared to be content to rest on their lead, and it was due in a great measure to their splendid defence that they kept Rugby at bay in their final dash.

Final—CARDIFF x2 1 12
RUGBY 1 1 3

x One dropped.

COMMENTS.

Cardiff, although winning by a small margin, were full value for their victory, which they secured by their play in the first half, when they had the wind in their favour.

Play was even enough, but the final thrust of Cardiff was a great asset, and they owed a great deal to their forwards.

On the other hand, Rugby were best served by their backs, who played finely. Entwistle had a most successful afternoon, being the man who Cardiff eventually marked whenever he got near the ball.

The Cardiff forwards were better in weight than their opponents.

Bowcott played a good game, but he alone knows how he missed touching down when he was over the home line during the second half, and it might have been an expensive miss. Brown, at full-back for the Welshmen, was a success, but all credit is due to Davies, the Rugby back, for a positively brilliant display.

Cardiff v Coventry
December 4th 1931.

BRILLIANT BACK PLAY.

Cardiff Win at Coventry:
Player's Mishap.

	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff	*3	3	22
Coventry	*1	0	3

* One penalty.

After battling through the first half at Coventry and only being able to score a penalty goal—the same as their opponents—Cardiff gained complete supremacy in the second and, by brilliant back play, won by 22pts. to 3pts.

Twenty minutes from the start Coventry lost their full-back with a broken leg and had to replace him from the forwards, but this did not seem to affect their ability to hold the scrums. But quite a different complexion came over the game after the change of ends, and although Cardiff were facing the sun their backs rarely missed

taking the ball accurately, and once Coventry began faltering in their defence they were all at sea.

Bowcott and Graham Jones worked together beautifully, and at times the ball was worked from the base of the scrum all across the field. Turnbull was very incisive in his cutting through and Roberts put in some whole-hearted runs. Stone was neat and elusive.

Although the forwards were a long time getting anything like a mastery they succeeded in swamping the opposing seven and work of a valuable character was put in by Skym, Gadd, and L. Spence. Better use, however, might have been made of footwork in the loose rushes. Brown, for so young a full back, gave a sound, cool display.

Coventry essayed but little passing, and no one except Mayo made any notable run. Coulson, the pack leader, tired considerably as the game wore on, and the best player to finish the game was the Rev. D. H. Hicks.

The scoring opened with a finely placed penalty goal by Brown, while Stafford equalised for Coventry. Bowcott sent Graham Jones over for a try, Brown just failing to convert, but he succeeded after Bowcott had been put in by Jones. The latter got his second try, and then Stone converted a try of his own, Roberts adding the last try. Teams:—

Coventry: L. Gilchrist; A. Gilbert, D. P. Mayo, H. Carter, B. C. Campbell; S. S. Purinton, A. Gascoigne; T. Coulson, S. Ford, A. J. Rowley, R. F. Roberts, A. Wheatley, D. Wilson, Rev. D. H. Hicks, T. Stafford.

Cardiff: D. Brown; Rev. John Roberts, B. R. Turnbull, H. M. Bowcott, Graham Jones; H. Poole, T. Stone; A. Skym, T. Lewis, D. J. Farr, Colin Ross, T. Gadd, L. S. Spence, V. R. Osmond, I. Isaacs.

port.
The sides were rather slow in getting to serious business, the first five minutes play being within a comparatively few yards of the centre line.

Axford and Cullis both served their side with a series of screw-punts to touch, and with Gwyn Bayliss showing smartness and judgment in dealing with punts ahead by Stone, play was generally of the unenterprising variety.

It livened up considerably when first Graham Jones, and later Howard Poole broke through smartly, the latter making an opening which ought to have produced something good.

Spence, to whom Poole passed, did the right thing in throwing out a long pass to B. R. Turnbull, but it was Woolley, the Pontypool wing, who took that pass, and he and Baynham passed and interpassed and gained half the length of the field between them.

A FINE MOVEMENT.

It was a fine movement and B. R. Turnbull and Brown did well to stop it just in time. Then, by following a short punt, the Pontypool forwards overwhelmed Brown when he was in possession.

Pontypool, however, could not quite press home their attack, which ended when Cullis was a yard or two wide with a drop at goal. Although denied a score, Pontypool continued to have the better of the play, but a reluctance on the part of Cullis to trust his centres prevented his side from becoming really dangerous.

At last, a long pass out from a scrummage by Axford—a pass which was well out of reach—gave Stone a chance of dribbling well into the Pontypool territory, while B. R. Turnbull seconded his efforts with some long-range touch-finding.

BAYLISS SAFE.

That gave Cardiff's backs an opportunity of putting their skill in handling to the test, but their handling was not what it might have been, while when they tried kicking on Bayliss was always in the right position to deal with their work to the satisfaction of his side.

Gradually Pontypool worked back to the centre, and there Poole threw a pass at the feet of Stone, who missed it and presented Cormack with a chance of kicking through.

That Cormack did, and Woolley getting possession ran well before punting down to Brown, who was hard-pressed to save. That he did, and Pontypool, heeling from a scrummage, set up a combined attack which was full of promise until Jayne dropped his pass.

A. T. THOMAS'S FINE RUN.

Not to be outdone, Cardiff tried passing and so admirably did they succeed that they brought off the best combined movement of the game.

Saved by his half-backs, B. R. Turnbull broke through neatly, making valuable ground before passing to A. T. Thomas, who rounded Woolley, escaped Thomas, who tackled by Jayne, and was from a partial upset until he reached Bayliss not finally upset until he reached Bayliss well inside the Pontypool half.

Then Cardiff tried the left flank, only for Cross to miss his pass, and in the next minute Pontypool were attacking again, and that as a result of another fine movement, for which Axford and Cullis were mainly responsible.

So cleanly did the former cut through that Cullis was practically clear when he received, while Jayne was quite clear when he accepted a transfer. But Graham Jones brought Jayne down from behind, and the ball going loose, Axford started another passing movement which had all the elements of success in it until Bodger dropped the final pass.

Cardiff replied almost in kind, Graham Jones and Cross beating the defence between them before the former ran around Cross to make the final spurt.

BAYLISS BRILLIANT

In face of converging opposition, however, Graham Jones had to punt on, and Bayliss made yet another brilliant save.

Pontypool were not defending for long, and when next they got into the Cardiff half, success came to them.

BODGER taking a pass, punting on, and gathering the ball on the fringe of the line to go over with a smart try. Baynham missed the goal.

Pontypool's lead was not undeserved, and a minute or two later they might, with a little luck, have gone further ahead, for B. R. Turnbull threw out a wild pass which A. T. Thomas only managed to divert into the hands of Woolley, who raced away and was smartly overtaken by A. T. Thomas.

But Pontypool persisted this time, and A. T. Thomas having a kick charged by Cullis.

JAYNE fielded and scored a second try. Again Baynham missed the goal.

Final—PONTYPOOL 0 2 6
CARDIFF 0 0 0

Pontypool Win Deserved

COMMENTS.

A depressing game! Nothing in the opening half to get excited about; and only occasional flashes to enliven the proceedings later in the game. That sums it up—with the addition that there can be no two opinions as to Pontypool having been the better side.

It is Pontypool's second win at Cardiff over Cardiff's premier side, and the win should strengthen Pontypool's position in the Rugby world.

Actually Pontypool ought to have won by more than two tries; and they probably would have done so had they shown greater confidence in themselves and had not Cullis deliberately restricted the work of his three-quarters. He and Axford had matters much their own way, even though Cardiff's forwards were reasonably successful in scrummaging, for Cardiff's breakdown was mainly at half-back, Poole being a mere shadow of what he was, and Tom Stone failing to adapt himself to his old position. Poole's passes were not of the best, and Stone made them look worse than they were through missing all that were difficult.

Cardiff's left flank, Graham Jones and Cross, were far more thrustful than was the right flank, and Bodger was the best of the Pontypool quartette, touching occasional brilliance, while Cormack and Woolley were merely consistently sound. Brown, the Cardiff full-back, did well for a youngster, but could not bear comparison with Bayliss, who had an uncanny sense of position and saved a game which was won by his half-backs.

All the forwards worked hard, with few outstanding. Tom Lewis and Skym were Cardiff's best, with Baynham and Oliver leading the way for the winners.

Major Partridge may have found the task of making the game a good one an impossibility, but, as a matter of fact, his handling of it did not improve it, and was not exactly satisfactory to either side.

of occasions when the 'Quins were trying to force the pace.

Ron Jones, the Cardiff half, continued to be a source of worry to the home team, and in the course of an attack which he initiated Joyce, one of the visiting forwards, received a kick on the knee and had to make a temporary retirement.

On the other hand a mistimed pass by Vann robbed the Harlequins' backs of a chance of getting away. Harvey was doing some strong tackling for the home team and was particularly watchful of Ron Jones. Cardiff continued to be the more impressive side.

In practically the last second of the game Cardiff increased their lead when Llew Rees, although tackled, forced himself over between the posts and Cyril Davies landed a goal. It was a well-fought game and Cardiff deserved their win.

Final—CARDIFF ATHLETIC 1 1 8
PONTYPOOL QUINS ... 0 0 0

Cardiff v Guy's Hospital
Dec. 19th 1931

SOUTH WALES FOOTBALL

LEAD THAT CHANGED FOUR TIMES

CARDIFF BEAT GUY'S IN KALEIDOSCOPIC GAME

The lead changed hands four times in to-day's game between Cardiff and Guy's Hospital at Arms Park. Cardiff's margin of seventeen points to eight should have been even greater—two dropped kicks hit the post, and things had a habit of going wrong when they had the medicos' defence beaten.

(By "OBSERVER")

"Diehards" of the Rugby world will probably be indignant at having racing terms applied to their favourite sport, but "going hard," "visibility poor," correctly sums up the conditions at the Arms Park this afternoon, when "Guy's" were the visitors.

The ground had been protected against frost, and with the weather more suitable for playing than looking on, a large crowd was perhaps not to be expected. Even so the meagre size of the crowd was very disappointing.

Another disappointment was the fact that neither Windsor Lewis nor young Howells, whose appearance had been looked forward to with interest, appeared in the visitors' side. Teams:—

GUY'S HOSPITAL—W. B. Clegg; D. E. Ashdown, P. C. Alexander, H. J. B. Atkins, A. G. Johnson; J. E. Gieson, R. J. Justice; J. S. Batchelor, J. O'Shea, J. Lunard, I. G. Robin, R. Drummond, T. Morgan, R. A. P. Hogbin, A. R. Clarke.
CARDIFF—T. Stone; C. Cross, Graham Jones, B. R. Turnbull, A. T. Thomas; J. E. Bowcott, H. M. Bowcott; Tom Lewis, A. Skym, V. R. Osmond, T. Gadd, D. J. Tarr, R. Barrell, C. Ross, A. Clark.
Referee—Mr. Morgan Moses, W.R.U., Newport.

Cardiff pressed at the commencement, and a good bout of passing by the backs looked like producing an early score, but Johnson, the visiting left-wing, upset calculations by taking a pass which Graham Jones meant for A. T. Thomas.

THE FIRST THRILL

Johnson, however, failed to hold the ball, and when he attempted to dribble on was recalled. Cardiff also missed another good chance when Barrell obtained possession at a line-out in midfield.

The Cardiff backs were moving up in a line, but H. M. Bowcott failed to take the forwards' pass.

The first real thrill of the game was provided by Tommy Stone, who, fielding the ball well inside his own 25, proceeded to thread his way through the opposition.

The full-back gained half the length of the field without having a finger laid on him, but when he eventually got rid of the ball the pass went wrong.

An excess of kicking and a disinclination to tackle by both sides characterised the early stages, and the nearest Cardiff came to obtaining the lead was when Skym just failed to reach the ball over the visitors' line before Clegg touched down.

Jackie Bowcott gave his brother a beautifully-timed pass after his forwards had heeled on the Guy's quarter line, but the outside-half could not work Cross clear.

After fifteen minutes' play Ashdown almost gave his side the lead with what would have been a remarkable dropped goal.

A YARD SHORT.

From close to the touch-line and 40 yards out the ball dropped just a yard

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THE FIRST THRILL

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HOME FORWARDS' THRUST

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Final—CARDIFF *2 3 17
 GUYS HOSPITAL 1 1 8

* Penalty.

COMMENTS.


The fact that the lead changed hands four times before Cardiff obtained their final superiority indicates the manner in which the game fluctuated. As is invariably the case when Guys are the visitors the football was of a good standard, even if real science was not forthcoming. For this the conditions were to blame. In the first half Cardiff were so definitely better they should have crossed over with a double-figure lead.

In the second half, however, things went wrong for Cardiff at the crucial moment, such as two dropped kicks striking the posts and Graham Jones's amazing failure to top the ball across the line. As it happened, Cardiff were good winners and this was the result of an all-round superiority in each department.

In front the Cardiff forwards held the whip-hand, especially in the set scrums, the partnership of the Bowcott brothers at half-back was a happy one, although the outside half and both centres were guilty of dropped and badly given and taken passes—a state of affairs for which cold fingers were clearly responsible.

Of the visitors, Atkins, the right centre, and Gieson, the scrum half, were the most prominent, whilst of the forwards Batchelor, the captain, tried hard to rally his colleagues in what proved to be a formidable task.

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To-day's Football

BRIGHT RUGBY AT CARDIFF

Some Great Scoring Movements

Watsonians Beaten

(By "OLD STAGER")

THE Watsonians, one of the most famous of Scottish clubs, opened their Christmas tour in Wales this afternoon with a match against Cardiff on the Cardiff Arms Park. Christmas Eve football, however, did not appear to be popular in Cardiff, the attendance being of remarkably small proportions when the teams took the field. The conditions were reasonably good and the teams were:—

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Referee, Mr. Stanley Budd, Bristol.

The Scots started with a strong attack, which ended when Harry Bowcott slipped through, made a perfect opening and sent B. R. Turnbull away with what looked like a perfect scoring chance.

Turnbull took his pass well, raced up to Deas, and then passed to his right to Isaacs, who dropped his pass, and that when Graham Jones and Cross were uncovered on Turnbull's left!

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Half—CARDIFF 3 12
WATSONIANS 1 0 3

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Maesteg v Cardiff
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MAESTEG v. CARDIFF ATHLETIC

A Breakdown Delays Start of Game

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MAESTEG—D. Reynolds; Rhys Williams, Reg Thomas, R. Duckfield and D. J. Jones; S. Williams and G. Hopkins; G. Petty, E. Saunders, A. Bush, L. Daniels, M. J. Rees, L. Bevan, G. Griffiths and G. James.

CARDIFF ATHLETIC—D. Brown (captain); T. Schofield, R. Jones, P. C. Sandham and G. Knight; V. Richards and R. Gabe-Jones; P. Fletcher, D. Carne, H. Johnson, I. Williams, T. Knight, P. C. Bushrod, P. C. Baker and T. E. Billings.

Referee—Mr. T. H. Liedtke, Pontycymmer.

Play in the opening stages was confined to mid-field. Eventually G. Hopkins got through brilliantly for Maesteg, but his pass to D. J. Jones went astray.

Hopkins was continually in the picture with clever bursts. The visitors' defence was severely tested although a free kick brought relief.

Brown, the visiting full-back, distinguished himself with some splendid touch-kicking.

Cardiff tried hard to get going, but failed in face of dour tackling. Following good work by Hopkins BUSH scored for Maesteg. Reynolds converting.

Half—MAESTEG 1 0 5
CARDIFF 0 0 0

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WATSONIANS	*1 0 3

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Another Watsonian dribble carried the ball over Cardiff's line, and Johnstone, in diving for the ball after it had crossed the dead-ball line, was injured and had to retire, as **A. T. Thomas** had done before him, Isaacs being on Cardiff's right wing.

Johnstone soon returned, and the Scots certainly needed his aid, for Cardiff had again secured the upper hand, thanks to kicking by Stone, a series of passing movements, and some determined dashes by Isaacs.

Once Kelly got going in promising style, after intercepting a pass from Isaacs, but Graham Jones compelled him to kick on and Cyril Cross got back in time to make a fine save.

But Cardiff's backs were always masters of the situation when in possession, and though the Watsonians' centres tackled resolutely and ended many excellent movements they were powerless to interfere when Harry Bowcott gave a perfectly timed pass, and **GRAHAM JONES** cut through for a great try. Stone added the extra points.

Although clearly a beaten side, the Watsonians played up with spirit and dash, and Millar and Henshaw cleverly worked one reverse pass movement which gained half the length of the field.

A few minutes later the Watsonians forwards brought off the best passing movement of the game, half a dozen of them handling and McCarry reversing the direction of the attack for **JOHNSTONE** to score a great try. Rendall easily kicked the goal.

In endeavouring to check that scoring movement, **V. R. Osmond** sustained a leg injury which compelled him to retire, leaving Cardiff with only 13 men with which to finish the game.

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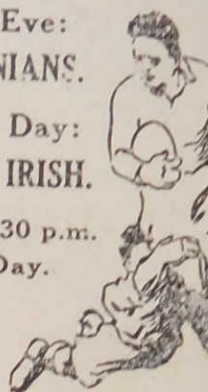
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SPECTACULAR SAVE

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By using the touch-line Cardiff made their way to the Tredegar line. A wily pass by one of the home backs saw the Cardiff three-quarters in possession, and a nice passing bout put SCHOFIELD in on the wing with a good try.

When the game had been in progress only two minutes BROWN with a nice throw converted.

The game was still being fought at a great pace and vigour with the advantage to the home side. Cardiff had one fine rally which took them on the Tredegar goal but nothing resulted, Tredegar were at last rewarded, TURNER scoring a fine try, but the kick for goal failed.

Final—TREDEGAR 0 2 6
CARDIFF UNITED 1 0 1

Cardiff v Bristol
January 2nd 1932

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*Cardiff v Guy's Hospital
January 9th 1932*

CARDIFF RUN AWAY WITH GUY'S TURNBULL AND BOWCOTT TO THE FORE

Cardiff scored a runaway victory over Guy's Hospital on the latter's ground to-day, winning by 22 points to three in a game in which only one team really counted.

Cardiff drew blood within the first ten minutes, and, leading by eleven points to three at the interval, easily doubled their score in the second half without further reply from the Medicos.

M. J. Turnbull, Bowcott and Clegg were powerful factors in Cardiff's success.

Although there had been a heavy frost overnight the ground was not affected and play was possible at Honor Oak Park this afternoon for the match between Guy's Hospital and Cardiff.

Although the kick-off was fixed for 2.30 the ball was not set in motion until ten minutes later. The two strong teams indicated a keen struggle. Teams:—

GUY'S HOSPITAL—Clegg; Ashdown, Alexander, Fishard, Johnson; Gieson, Jenet; Bachelor, O'Shea, Campbell, Drummond, Munro, Morgan, Hockin, Clarke.

CARDIFF—Stone; Schofield, B. R. Turnbull, Jones, Cross; Bowcott, M. J. Turnbull; Carne, Rees, Spence, Gadd, Clark, Ross, Carr, Lewis.

There was a keen wind blowing across the ground when Bowcott started the game for the visitors.

Cardiff immediately set up a strong attack, the forwards doing particularly well. Carne tried a drop at goal quite early, but had his kick charged down. A good three-quarter movement for the Welshmen troubled Guy's and Turnbull was grassed about a yard from the line. The visitors were having a good deal of the game, and apart from a great run by Fishard, for the Hospital, it was "all Cardiff."

A forward rush by Guy's followed, in which Morgan and Hockin were prominent. Clegg, the Guy's back, who was the hardest worker on the field, twice proved his worth when Cardiff were nearly over.

Jenet relieved, but the Welshmen were soon attacking again, and from a scrum formed near the posts Jones was collared when all but over, the Guy's man just getting to him in time.

Cardiff drew first blood after ten minutes' play, and there was no doubt they deserved their success, for right from the start they had been on top.

B. R. Turnbull secured and cross-kicked for CARNE to touch down cleverly at top speed as the ball went over the line.

Stone failed to convert.

Cardiff kept up the pressure and never looked back, and at times they made the Guy's opposition look poor. Good work from the scrum set the Cardiff three-quarters going, and B. R. TURNBULL scored a great try after a spectacular run, in which he dodged and swerved brilliantly in a twenty yards' sprint.

Stone converted from a point right in front of the post. Whether Cardiff eased up or Guy's found a stimulant from the points now against them was not quite evident, but the Hospital had the better of the subsequent ten minutes' play.

Alexander, Ashdown, and Johnson, with a little more steadiness, might have placed points to the credit of their side. However, Stone was wonderfully safe, and altogether the Welsh defence was as good as could be.

Cardiff continued to press heavily, and it was not long before they scored again.

Clever work by Turnbull and Bowcott led to REES scoring far out. Stone tried to convert from a very difficult position and just failed.

After this further reverse Guy's set up a spirited attack, and for the first time their three-quarters were seen in concerted action.

Clever work by Stone forced the game back to midfield again. Just before the half-time HOPKINS scored a penalty goal for the Hospital.

Half—CARDIFF 1 2 11
GUY'S HOSPITAL *1 0 3

*Penalty.

Guy's were seen in better form when the game was resumed, and soon had play well down into the visitors' 25. The situation was relieved by the Welshmen, but a free kick to Guy's took play well down into the Cardiff 25, where the Hospital set up a strong attack.

The visitors' tackling, however, was keen, and some of it clever, and Guy's were prevented from crossing the line on three occasions.

CARDIFF BACKS' DISPLAY.

The Cardiff backs were putting up a fine show, and a great piece of work by Stone led to that player intercepting a pass and putting BOWCOTT through, who scored behind the post.

Stone had no difficulty in converting, and the margin of points was now 15 in the visitors' favour.

Guy's showed plenty of grit in spite of the determination of the opposition, and Alexander and Fishard executed a grand run, only to fail through a forward pass when near their objective.

M. J. Turnbull, who throughout the time had been brilliant, continued his good work.

Cardiff maintained their superiority, and a further addition to their points was made by CLARKE, who pulled himself over the home line after great scrummage work on the Guy's line.

Stone failed to convert.

JONES scored a further try after a great run. Again Stone failed with the kick.

Towards the close Hopkins failed with a penalty kick when well placed.

Final—CARDIFF 2 4 22
GUY'S HOSPITAL *1 0 3

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COMMENTS.

Although the Guy's team was a fairly strong one they did not put up a good show.

The visitors were the most polished side in all departments whereas Guy's three-quarters handled badly.

M. J. Turnbull and Bowcott were the strongest links in an exceptionally good side, and the keen and clever movements of the visitors were much admired by the crowd.

Clegg performed exceedingly well against a series of brilliant movements. There were many pretty movements by the Cardiff three.

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ABERGAVERNNY TROUTONED

Cardiff Athletic's Big
Score

Fine Handling by
Home Backs

(By "THE VETERAN.")

The attendance at Cardiff Arms Park for the meeting of these sides to-day was a poor one. The turf was on the greasy side and threatened to militate against against good back play. Teams:—

ABERGAVERNNY—J. Lawrence; T. R. Watkins, A. G. Cattell, R. Jones, C. F. Knipe; W. Parham, C. C. Roberts; J. D. L. Wagstaffe, E. Read, L. F. Pouter, Peter Lewis, P. Carne, H. Harper, W. McCollville, D. V. P. Lewis.

CARDIFF—D. Brown; E. Noel Morgan, B. Sandham, Ron Jones, I. Evans; Howard Poole, J. Thomas; P. J. Fletcher, T. M. Williams, Ivor Williams, H. Johnson, T. E. Billings, S. Joyce, C. Baker, G. Babbage.

Referee—Mr. H. Stan Davies, Llwynypia.

From the kick-off by the visitors play was for some time centred near the home 25. Here Cardiff were penalised, but the attempt at long distance proved abortive.

The home forwards broke away, and aided by Howard Poole and Ron Jones carried play to the Abergavenny 25, where I. Evans, the right-wing, kicked across, but his forwards failed to get away. A promising movement was spoiled by Ron Jones failing to take an awkward pass in a good position, but he gained ground a moment later with a good kick up field.

From a passing movement 23 yards out SANDHAM received from Poole, and slipping through the opposing three rounded off with a good try under the posts. D. Brown easily converted.

Howard Poole came into prominence with a twenty yards run and transferred to J. Thomas, who got within a few yards of the visitors' line, but his transfer went away, and an almost certain try was lost. The home backs again got away, and I. EVANS, on the left wing, beat Watkins in a race for the line and crossed wide out. Brown failed to convert from the touch-line.

Phil Fletcher was responsible for the next score. Receiving at half-way he broke away to the left and beat all but the full-back, when he passed to I. EVANS, who crossed with his second try. Brown made a good but unsuccessful attempt to add the extra points.

Half—CARDIFF 1 2 11
ABERGAVERNNY 0 0 0

Howard Poole restarted for Cardiff, and within the first five minutes BROWN landed a penalty goal from a difficult angle.

Poole again became prominent in leading a dribble with his forwards to the visitors' line, but a minor only resulted.

Another dribble down the field resulted in SANDHAM following up well and scoring wide out. Brown again failed with the kick.

It again came a score, Sandham breaking through and passing to FLETCHER, who went over under the posts. Brown this time made no mistake with the kick.

Cardiff now had their opponents well beaten in every department. RONNIE JONES receiving in Abergavenny's 25 went over next with a couple of opponents hanging on to him, Brown again converting.

Final—CARDIFF ATH. *4 3 27
ABERGAVERNNY 0 0 0

* One penalty.

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January 16th 1932.

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THE WIZARDS DRAW A BLANK

CARDIFF'S 12-0 VICTORY AT ARMS PARK

Cardiff, at Arms Park, had little difficulty in beating Aberavon by a penalty goal and three tries (12 points) to nil Tommy Stone, who scored the penalty goal, was in fine form for Cardiff.

(By "THE VETERAN")

Cardiff were fortunate in fielding a strong side against Aberavon at Arms Park to-day.

Archie Skyn was the only regular player absent, he being in the Welsh side at Swansea against England.

Aberavon were less fortunate; they had four absentees, T. Owen James at full-back being substituted by J. Thomas, the right winger, whose place was taken by Mortimer Evans, while in the forward line G. Griffiths, the captain, M. McGrath and W. Vickery were unable to get away, their places being taken by P. Mayhew, Leslie Davies and A. Giddings.

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CARDIFF—J. Thomas; Mortimer Evans, T. Thomas, H. Hayes, F. Nicholas; T. Harris, W. Selby; D. Morgan, H. Davies, F. Lewis, W. Owen, Y. Thomas, P. Mayhew, Leslie Davies, and A. Giddings.

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REFEREE: Mr. John Megins, Pontypridd. Colin Ross started for Cardiff and Tommy Stone, receiving from a flying kick by the visitors, found touch in Aberavon's 25.

Maurice Turnbull came into prominence with a smart pick-up and kick to touch from the feet of the opposing forwards. The Cardiff forwards were heading well and giving the backs a number of chances, but Aberavon backs were tackling keenly and nipping every promising movement in the bud.

FREQUENT PENALTIES

The Aberavon halves were frequently penalised for off-side tactics, and a pretty round of passing by Graham Jones, B. R. Turnbull, and Cyril Cross nearly ended in a score, and a moment later Schofield nearly crossed on the other wing, Cardiff were now pressing hard, and Graham Jones again beat the opposition and handed to Turnbull, who gave Schofield an awkward transfer when the line was at his mercy.

Another penalty against the visitors was taken by Stone, who failed to goal.

Yet another penalty was awarded Cardiff. Bowcott's kick, a magnificent effort, resulted in the ball hitting the cross-bar, to rebound into play.

Cardiff, whose luck seemed dead out, crossed the line, but Thomas just kicked

free. Carne and MAURICE TURNBULL, from a succeeding rush, got on the ball together and scored. Tommy Stone failed to add the extra points. Cardiff were pressing when the interval arrived.

Half—CARDIFF 0 1 3
ABERAVON 0 0 0

Cardiff immediately attacked on the resumption, and Thomas, for Aberavon, saved his side with a risky but an effective fly-kick to touch.

Once again Aberavon were penalised and this was again repeated, the culprit being Harris, the inside-half. The third penalty, in as many minutes, saw TOM STONE land a good goal from near touch.

Then Graham Jones, after slipping through the visiting centres, gave a slovenly pass, which Schofield could not possibly take, but receiving on the same spot from the next scrum this time gave the right wing a perfect pass, and SCHOFIELD crossed with an ease ytry. Stone's attempt to goal failed.

Aberavon took a turn at pressing, and almost got over, a scrum being formed ten yards out, but Cardiff, led by Gadd and Bowcott, dribbled to safety.

Graham Jones receiving, gave to Cyril Cross, who was held just outside.

Tommy Stone was playing a great saving game and keeping Aberavon in their own half with huge kicks to touch.

The home forwards next took the ball at their feet and went three-parts of the field for SPENCE to fall over the line with a good try.

Final—CARDIFF 1 3 12
ABERAVON 0 0 0

COMMENTS.

The game was marred to a great extent by the off-side tactics of T. Harris, the Aberavon inside half, whose over-eagerness might easily have cost his side another twenty points.

Cardiff held their opponents easily, and were their masters in all positions of play. What passing there was, was almost all done by the Cardiff backs, whose luck was bad or they might have doubled their score.

It would be unfair to name any player in particular, for in actual play, apart from an occasional burst by the visiting forwards, there was only one team in it, and the twelve points scored by Cardiff well worth double the number of points in a game that was, taken all through, a poor one.

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NEATH MASTERS OF THE SITUATION

FINE ALL-ROUND DISPLAY BEATS CARDIFF

There were some clever scoring movements at the Gnoll to-day when Neath gave a clever all-round display in gaining a ten points victory over Cardiff.

(By "OLD SCORER")

Neath were fortunate for their match at home to-day against Cardiff, one of the most popular fixtures on their card, for they were favoured by fine weather. The ground, however, was rather heavy after the recent rain, but not sufficient to militate against a good game.

Cardiff made one change from the selected side, H. M. Bowcott standing down owing to knee trouble. T. Stone went to outside half and D. Brown came in as full-back. Neath were without Phil Lloyd (full-back), who was on the sick list, and his place was taken by D. Evans (Glynneath), and Gordon Hopkins replaced Glyn Roberts in the forwards.

Teams:—
NEATH.—D. Evans; Dan Jones, Glyn Daniels, Griff. Bevan, and A. Hickman; Cliff Evans and W. J. Trew; Tom Arthur, Arthur Lemon, Tom Hollingdale, Glyn Prosser, D. L. Thomas, Tonna Morgan, D. R. Prosser, and Gordon Hopkins.

CARDIFF.—D. Brown; Cyril Cross, Graham Jones, B. R. Turnbull, and J. Scholfield; M. J. Turnbull and Tommy Stone; T. Lewis, Lewis Rees, L. Spence, C. Ross, E. Gadd, A. Clark, D. Carne, and H. Johnson.

Referee.—Mr. W. J. Llewellyn, Bridgend. The "Big Five" were represented by Messrs. D. B. Jones, H. Jarrett, and N. Jones. An unusual event for Neath was that the teams fielded promptly to time, Cardiff playing from the town end.

The Neath backs handled in promising style from the opening kick, and Glyn Daniels punted ahead, but Cross turned the ball into touch.

The All Blacks worked down to within ten yards of the Cardiff line, but Cliff Evans lost ground by trying to break through from a scrum on his own, and Graham Jones later intercepted a pass from Davies and gained the Neath 25.

Here Glyn Daniels was penalised, and TOMMY STONE kicked a lovely goal for Cardiff. For the next few minutes the Cardiff backs had more of the play until Hickman cleared to the Cardiff corner.

Cardiff had no difficulty in driving their opponents back, and Stone looked like going through, but was pulled down from behind.

A PRETTY TRY

A couple of penalties helped the All Blacks, and then came a pretty try by Neath. Griff Bevan started a bout of passing, and DAN JONES eluded Cross, but when chased by Brown he short-punted and then got in front again to score a corner try, which Tom Arthur failed to convert.

Again the All Blacks handled nicely, and Griff Bevan gave the dummy to gain the Cardiff corner.

From a scrum here Turnbull enabled Stone to clear, and Schofield made a great run, being sent into touch a few yards from the Neath line.

From here the Cardiff backs handled, but Cross was well tackled, and a moment later Stone made an unsuccessful drop for goal.

Splendid forward play, led by Lemon and Hollingdale, enabled Neath to attack, and several scrums were fought out under the Cardiff goalposts, but Turnbull relieved.

Back went the Neath forwards with a

great rush, and GORDON HOPKINS scored in the corner, the goal kick again failing.

Half-NEATH	0 2 6
CARDIFF	*1 0 3

*Penalty.

Two minutes after the re-start Neath went further ahead. W. J. Trew cut through beautifully, and when he was tackled ARTHUR LEMON picked up and forced his way over for a try near the posts. Cliff Evans's shot at goal struck the upright, but fell between the posts for the extra points.

Neath were soon pressing again, and Gordon Hopkins, who was one of the best forwards on the field, was held up a yard from the line.

Then the ball came out to CLIFF EVANS, who dropped a nice goal. Then they were caught napping a moment later, SCHOFIELD snapping the ball at mid-field from Hickman and racing clear went over for a try, which Stone converted.

The Cardiff line had another lucky escape when Glyn Daniels and Dan Jones got away on the right, but Brown touched down in time to save a score.

Neath, however, kept up a strong and persistent pressure, and A. HICKMAN ran over in the corner for another unconverted try.

Final-NEATH	*2 3 18
CARDIFF	*2 0 8

*One dropped. †One penalty.

COMMENTS

Considering the heavy state of the ground, the game was open and interesting. Cardiff forwards had quite as much of the scrumming control as did Neath, but they were not the equals of the home eight in the loose. A Lemon, Tom Arthur, Gordon Hopkins and Hollingdale especially being prominent.

The Cardiff backs could not complain of their chances, for they got the ball often enough from Turnbull and their forwards, but they lacked speed. Stone was the best of their backs, and Schofield the best of the wings.

Neath lacked the services of Phil Lloyd, and his deputy, Evans, was poor both in kicking and positioning himself. The Neath backs, however, were more Christful than their opponents, and Glyn Daniels and Brown made some very nice openings, but it was the strong play of the forwards in the open that laid the foundation of a well-deserved win for Neath.

THE "EXILES" TWO POINTS WIN

Cardiff Athletic Beaten at Home

Syd Cravos' Last Game

(By "THE VETERAN.")

The start was delayed in consequence of the train by which the visitors travelled being delayed by fog.

This was Syd Cravos's last appearance for the Blue and Blacks. He received intimation this morning that he had been appointed to an important post in Bradford.

Cyril Davies played at full-back for Cardiff, D. Brown being wanted for the senior side's game at Neath. Teams:—
LONDON WELSH.—Edryd Jones; Ray Thomas, T. E. Jones-Davies, D. W. Rees, and Wyndham Lewis; W. C. Powell and R. S. Lewis; W. A. V. Thomas, R. Ellis, D. Bowen Jones, E. W. Evans-Evans, Idria Davies, M. H. Evans, P. E. Gibbons, and Cecil Davies.

CARDIFF.—Cyril Davies; I. Evans, A. Sandham, Ron Jones, and H. C. Hopkins; Howard Poole, and G. V. Jones; V. H. Osmond, S. C. Cravos, P. J. Fletcher, G. Babbage, G. James, P. O. Baker, Ivor Williams, and S. Joyce.

Referee.—Mr. Jack Wetter, Newport. Powell kicked off for London Welsh, and for some time the play was kept in the visitors' half, thanks to good play by the forwards, aided by the backs with useful punts to touch.

By a combined effort the Welsh worked down to Cardiff's line, and from a scrum POWELL, receiving, dropped a goal.

Cardiff restarted with vigour, and Sandham was only called back for a forward pass after the opposition had been beaten.

The game was being fought in a ding-dong fashion, both forwards and backs tackling surely.

A fine effort by the Welsh ended with a pretty try. From a scrum Powell gave a reverse pass in Cardiff's 25, and, inter-passing between D. Rees and WYNDHAM LEWIS resulted in the latter easily rounding Cyril Davies and going in behind the posts with an unconverted try.

Half-LONDON WELSH *1 1 7
CARDIFF ATH. 0 0 0

*Dropped.

Howard Poole restarted for Cardiff, and Fletcher, following up smartly, got to within five yards of the visitors' line, and with another rush Osmond nearly scored and Ronnie Jones just missed dropping a goal.

The London Welshman had a turn at pressing, Powell, with long sweeping passes, giving his backs good openings.

The home three-quarters, however, were marking their men well, and gradually got to midfield.

Cardiff were then recompensed with a splendid score. From a scrum at half-way Poole whipped the ball out to G. V. Jones, who handed to Ron Jones, and that player gave to Fletcher. The last named dashed to within a few yards of the line, and when confronted by E. Jones he gave a perfect pass to G. V. JONES, who went in under the posts. Cyril Davies converted easily.

Hopkins and Ronnie Jones were conspicuous for a smart attacking movement which almost let Cardiff in, but the Welsh backs saved the situation.

Edryd Rees was especially prominent with lengthy touch-finding. Cardiff continued to press until relief came to the visitors through a fine rush by their forwards.

Ron Jones again broke away and gave a short punt, but Jones was safe and cleared well. Cardiff persisted in attack and looked like scoring when the ball was knocked on.

Final-LONDON WELSH	*1 1 7
CARDIFF	1 0 5

*Dropped.

COMMENTS

One of the hardest tussles seen on the Park this season. The result was in the balance right up to the final whistle and Cardiff were decidedly unlucky to lose, for they did most of the attacking and missed at least three scoring chances in the second half by ill-luck.

There was a rare fight at half-back between Powell and Howard Poole, but the latter, playing one of his best games, was more than the equal of the international.

The teams were evenly matched, the home forwards shining in the open and holding their own well in the scrums.

Of the backs Cyril Davies and Edryd Jones were on a par, while the three-quarters all gave a safe display. Osmond, Fletcher, Cravos, and Ivor Williams were the pick of a good home forward line.

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RUGBY TIT-BIT AT ARMS PARK

CARDIFF'S BRILLIANCE AGAINST SCARLETS

Cardiff—who were five points up in the first two minutes—beat Llanelly in a game which provided the tit-bit of the season at Arms Park by eight points to five.

A. T. Thomas and Bowcott were conspicuous in the Cardiff side, and W. Evans was an outstanding figure among the Scarlets.

(By "OLD STAGER")

In delightful weather and on firm turf, Cardiff played one of their most attractive home games of the season this afternoon, when Llanelly were the visitors to the Cardiff Arms Park.

Cardiff fielded as selected, but Llanelly were without the brothers Jim and Will Lang, whose places in the pack were taken by Alf Parker and Harry Evans. The attendance at the start was disappointing—about 6,000. Teams:—

CARDIFF—T. Stone; Cyril Cross, Graham Jones, B. R. Turnbull, and A. T. Thomas; M. J. Turnbull and H. M. Bowcott; Tom Lewis, A. Skym, V. R. Osmond, T. Gadd, I. Isaacs, A. Clark, Colin Ross, and D. Carne.

LLANELLY—Bryn Howell; Will Evans, Tom Evans, Syd Howell, and Elvet Jones; Bert Jones and Dai John; Ivor Jones, Edgar Jones, H. Treman, Brin Evans, Jack Williams, C. Treharne, Alf Parker, and Harry Evans.

Referee: Mr. T. H. Phillips, Pontypridd.

The opening was sensational in character, Cardiff securing a five points lead in the first couple of minutes.

At the second scrum, Cardiff heeled cleanly, and the ball was sent along to Bowcott, and on to B. R. Turnbull, who threw out a long pass which was lacking in height.

As the ball bounced along the ground, however, Cyril Cross gathered it, cut inwards between Will Evans and Tom Evans, and then, realising that he was not fast enough to go all the way, passed inwards to Isaacs, who dropped his pass.

A. T. THOMAS'S TRY

In an instant the error was rectified, and the ball was sent back to Bowcott, who promptly proceeded to make an opening, which gave A. T. THOMAS a 30 yards sprint for a really good try. Stone kicked the goal.

Cardiff soon endeavoured to take steps to justify the lead, but, twice in quick succession, they were driven back—once when Bert Jones and Ivor Jones combined in some spectacular work which ended when a forward pass was thrown to Will Evans, and again when Syd Howell, for half the length of the field, only to be worried into passing when A. T. Thomas used his speed as a means of threatening him.

Back the ball was sent to Howells, who tried to provide Elvet Jones with a chance, only to find that once again the speed of A. T. Thomas carried him into the position from which danger threatened. Elvet Jones ended that attack with a fruitless drop at goal, and for some time runs and kicking by Bowcott and Dai John were the factors which had decisive influences.

SCARLETS' THRUST

As a consequence of the maturity of a couple of Dai John's best efforts Llanelly were able to spend a considerable period attacking—a period which was sufficiently prolonged to make one regard them as unlikely in being behind on the score—and Bowcott that eventually deprived Llanelly of that position.

Cardiff's next attack was not pressed, and the move had to be made real thrust.

A scrum was being decided there, and though the ball came out slowly and raggedly, Maurice Turnbull managed to deliver a perfect pass to Bowcott, who shot through between Dai John and his centre, and then passed to Isaacs.

the ball and was rightly awarded a try—though a section of the crowd disagreed. EVANS also secured the goal points.

Ten minutes from the end Llanelly delivered a sustained attack, which Cardiff had to exert themselves to subdue, and Cardiff breathed sighs of relief when their forwards eventually hustled Dai John off the ball and dribbled for half the length of the field.

BOWCOTT'S ILL-LUCK

Bowcott also made a great run and narrowly missed the goal with a long shot from a penalty—but all that had been gained was lost when the Llanelly pack again brought off a great rush.

Further pressure on the Cardiff line followed, and thanks to good work by Skym and kicking by Bowcott and Stone, the defence held, though it was an extremely near thing when Bert Jones intercepted a pass from Maurice Turnbull and went through to Tom Stone before being tackled.

Cardiff had many further anxious moments before the end, but the defence held.

Final—CARDIFF 1 1 8
LLANELLY 1 0 5

COMMENTS

To victors and vanquished—congratulations!

A really fine game, one in which the spirit and the play were right, and one which should yield Llanelly quite as much satisfaction as Cardiff. It was not, perhaps, really classical Rugby—there were too many mistakes in it for that; but it was Rugby of the type which all old players delight to watch, Rugby with its dour side as well as its thrills.

Cardiff had streaks of brilliance and flashes of genius in their attacking movements which Llanelly could not equal, but one has to balance against that the greater solidity of the Scarlets and that little extra lasting power which enabled them almost constantly to threaten Cardiff with defeat in the last twenty minutes. A mere sprinkling of the Cardiff brilliance among the Llanelly backs in that period would have altered the direction in which the game went; its absence made all the difference, and Llanelly went down to a defeat which was scarcely warranted.

Both packs of forwards did their parts, Cardiff in clean heeling and Llanelly in the loose. In a forward battle which was rather more than first-class, Skym was outstanding, especially in the manner in which he broke away from the lines-out, while Isaacs was particularly good in positioning himself to support his backs. Edgar Jones and Jack Williams were the best of Llanelly's well-balanced pack.

Two good inside halves were on view, Turnbull excelling because of his wonderfully accurate services and Bert Jones by reason of his smartness on the short side and his defensive work. Bowcott, at outside half, was brilliant and the reverse in turn, while Dai John played steadily and usefully all through.

A. T. Thomas was the best of all the three-quarters, with the Cardiff centres more enterprising than their opponents, though Sid Howells was good. Two good full-backs completed two good sides which gave really good shows.

Cardiff Athletic
Monmouth
January 30th 1932.
ECHO AND EXPRESS.

THE FIRST HALF TELLS

Cardiff Athletic Win at Monmouth

Monmouth had stiff opposition to-day when they entertained Cardiff Athletic, by whom they were heavily beaten earlier in the season. Teams:—

MONMOUTH—K. C. R. Howell; J. Butcher, H. Hopkins, J. Thomson, and D. A. Smith; J. Jones and S. Short; S. Pugh, G. Price, G. Evans, J. Williams, D. Smith, B. Brakewell, E. Potter, and R. Skitt.

CARDIFF ATHLETIC—D. Brown; J. T. Schofield, R. Jones, G. Johnson, and W. Daniels; H. Poole and J. V. Jones; R. Fletcher, S. E. Billing, V. L. Robin, G. Babbage, G. Jones, R. C. Baker, I. Williams and S. Joyce.

Referee, Mr. W. D. Richards, Pontypridd. Cardiff kicked off and were soon on the aggressive, coming within an ace of scoring. From a scrum near the halfway line POOLE, the outside half, scored a splendid try, which D. Brown had no difficulty in converting.

In quick succession Monmouth were twice penalised, but this did not give the visitors any material advantage. Following some smart passing JAMES SCHOFIELD obtained Cardiff's second try, but the angle was too difficult for Brown to convert.

For a scrum infringement Monmouth were given a free kick, but Thompson had the misfortune of hitting one of the posts. John Jones brought about a clever passing movement, JOHNSON obtaining a glorious try, but Brown failed with the kick.

Half—CARDIFF ATHLETIC... 1 2 11
MONMOUTH 0 0 0

On the resumption Cardiff were again aggressive. Daniel made a good solo effort but was robbed of possession in the nick of time.

The homesters found relief when they were awarded a free-kick near their own 25 line, and they gradually worked their way into the opposing territory. The Cardiff full-back was sound and did some useful kicking. S. Stuart, with a good kick, gave Monmouth an advantage, and for some time they tested the visiting defence.

The visiting three-quarters were far the more speedy than the Monmouth quartette, and this was the only difference between the two.

Brown attempted to score from a free kick, but the kick fell short. The Cardiff backs tried to drop a goal, but the ball struck the cross-bar and rebounded into play.

From a penalty given near the visitors' 25 THOMPSON scored a good goal.

Final—CARDIFF ATHLETIC... 1 2 11
MONMOUTH 1 0 3

*Penalty.

threatening the ball was sent to Howells, who tried to provide Elvet Jones with a chance, only to find that once again the speed of A. T. Thomas carried him into the position from which danger threatened. Elvet Jones ended that attack with a fruitless drop at goal, and for some time runs and kicking by Bowcott and Dai John were the factors which had decisive influences.

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Cardiff's next attack was not pressed, and the crowd had its next real thrill from a movement which originated at the centre.

A scrum was being decided there, and though the ball came out slowly and raggedly, Maurice Turnbull managed to deliver a perfect pass to Bowcott, who shot through between Dai John and his centres, and then passed to Isaacs. He took it, ran strongly, and when Dai John looked like overtaking him, he returned the ball to BOWCOTT, who sprinted through for a really good try.

The goal kick by Tom Stone was a failure, as also was a shot at a penalty goal, almost from half-way, by Ivor Jones.

Within a few minutes, Cardiff were attacking again, passing of an attractive character by their backs being followed by good footwork by the forwards, but bustling work by the Llanelly pack and solid defence by Dai John and Syd Howells, supported by sound kicking, levelled the play.

A minute before the interval Dai John vainly endeavoured to place a penalty goal from the centre line, Tom Stone replying by putting the ball out of play at midfield.

Half—CARDIFF	1 1 3
LLANELLY	0 0 0

Twelve thousand spectators saw the opening of the second half, the play in which was favourable to Llanelly until Bowcott cleverly evaded a solid wall of Llanelly forwards, ran around them, and banged the ball to touch.

Then Cardiff worked the ball out smartly to A. T. Thomas, who rounded Elvet Jones, and was checked sufficiently by Bryn Howell to allow Dai John to take him from behind. However, Thomas got the ball away to Isaacs, who was bowled over by Syd Howell as he took his pass, and Sid Howell, Bryn Howell and Dai John played prominent parts in quickly turning Llanelly's defence into attack, the last named eventually finding touch 20 yards from the Cardiff line.

There the Llanelly forwards heeled, and Dai John made a delightful opening by means of a pretty swerving run, but again Elvet Jones was mastered by A. T. Thomas, the Cardiff wing, tackling him and getting the ball to touch.

A MIGHTY CHEER

Of excitement there was certainly an abundance, and it found expression on one occasion in a mighty cheer when Tom Stone followed a punt ahead, charged down a kick by Bryn Howell and was left with the ball at his feet 50 yards from the Llanelly line and without a "Scarlet" in front of him.

Quite rightly Stone tried to dribble, only to be beaten by an awkward bounce of the ball, which rolled to touch. Stone was also wide with a long range shot at a penalty goal, and then, when Llanelly next attacked, a reward came to them in the most unexpected manner.

Stone, who had held up several forward rushes, failed to quite bring the ball under control when worried by the Llanelly forwards, and Bowcott, with an abundance of time in which to field, allowed the ball to elude him over his own line. He endeavoured to retrieve the mistake and Stone went to his aid, but it was W. EVANS, the Llanelly wing, who grounded

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Athletic
Plymouth
Feb 30 1932
D EXPRESS.

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Cardiff v Plymouth Albion
Feb 6 1932

PLYMOUTH v. THOMAS AND TURNBULL CARDIFF MAN'S HAT-TRICK IN THE WEST

Cardiff beat Plymouth Albion on the latter's ground by twelve points to nine in a match which was a personal triumph for the Thomas—Turnbull combination.

A. T. Thomas scored a "hat-trick" in the first half and was an outstanding figure in one of the most brilliant displays of open Rugby seen at Beacon Park for many a day.

Cardiff's victory was all the more creditable because Turnbull, who took such a prominent part in the first-half push, was a "passenger" through a damaged wrist after the interval.

Conditions were ideal when Plymouth Albion entertained Cardiff at Beacon Park this afternoon before about 5,000 spectators. Teams—

PLYMOUTH ALBION—A. Rowe; O. Parker, H. Gormley, H. Dyer, A. Nicholas; E. Richards, T. Rees, E. Stanbury, C. Gummer, M. Wilson, B. Beswick, J. Beer, A. Brigstocke, J. Hanley, F. Wright.

CARDIFF—T. Stone; A. T. Thomas, B. R. Turnbull, Graham Jones, N. Morgan; M. G. Turnbull, H. M. Bowcott; C. Ross, I. Isaacs, T. Gadd, J. Babbage, A. Clark, L. Rees, L. Spence, D. Tarr.

Referee: Mr. W. H. Jackson, Camberne. Cardiff opened, but Bowcott's first kick was marked by Rees, who returned play to Cardiff territory with a good touch-finder.

From the line-out, however, Cardiff got possession, and their three-quarters were at once set in motion. The ball came out to Turnbull, who swerved past two opponents to send Thomas away on the wing.

Showing a splendid turn of speed, THOMAS raced through the Albion defence to put Cardiff ahead for an unconverted try before the game was a minute old.

Almost from the kick-off after this opening score Cardiff increased their lead. Again it was Turnbull who made the opening after intercepting a pass between two Albion three-quarters.

Once more Turnbull sent THOMAS away, and again the spectators saw a magnificent run on the wing which completely defeated the home defence.

Thomas's second try was not converted. Cardiff were doing all the attacking, and even when the Albion forwards were able to break away they found Stone absolutely unassailable.

His tackling and positioning were excellent, and rarely were the Albion able to get into Cardiff's territory.

Before very long Cardiff went further ahead, the Turnbull-Thomas combination resulting in THOMAS touching down for his third try.

A couple of minutes after this Albion reduced the difference when Cardiff were penalised for a scrum infringement. STANBURY took the kick, and from 40 yards landed a good goal.

As the game progressed the Albion defence steadied itself, and although by this time Cardiff were giving a grand display, varying their attack in all sorts of ways, they found the Albion men sticking to them like leeches, and by keen marking and resolute tackling Cardiff were kept out of the home 25.

It was only midway through the first half that the Albion really looked like scoring.

Then Rowe broke away on his 25-line, and cleverly swerving past a couple of Cardiff men, raced over the halfway line, and when challenged by Stone passed in to Gormley.

By inter-passing these two kicked the ball to within five yards of the Cardiff line, but just when a try seemed certain Gormley gave Rowe a forward pass.

—AND TURNBULL—
From the scrum Cardiff got possession and Stone cleared with a good kick to touch.

From this Cardiff took up the attack again, and Thomas and Turnbull provided another thrill when they got away near the touchline and beat opponent after opponent. This time, however, Turnbull was tackled and pulled down a foot from the Albion line, and after some loose play the Albion managed to clear.

Cardiff continued to have the better of matters, and it was only the soundness of defences which stopped them from increasing their lead.

HAT—CARDIFF... 0 3 9

PLYMOUTH ALB... 1 0 3

Albion rearranged their back division during the interval, and they started the second half with a great burst, a long kick by Gormley put them well inside the Cardiff 25. Albion got possession from the line-out, and it seemed that at long last they would penetrate the Cardiff defences. The ball went along the three-quarter line, but the chance was lost when Dyer

made a fruitless attempt to drop a goal.

Albion were not disheartened, and when Thomas cross-kicked in an endeavour to keep the game open Dyer gathered the ball and again the Cardiff line was in danger.

For three minutes Albion hammered away until Thomas robbed Gormley and managed to clear.

The relief was only temporary, for Albion were quickly attacking again, and it was not until ten minutes after the restart that Cardiff were able to reach the halfway line.

Even then when Graham Jones and Turnbull broke away a forward pass held them up just inside Albion territory.

The home side, who now were heeling cleanly from the scrummages, were quick to take advantage of this mistake, and came back to the attack again. They had another good chance when Stone made his first mistake, but Thomas came to the rescue and stemmed the Albion rush. Three minutes later Albion reduced the difference.

LEAD REDUCED

GORMLEY marked practically on the halfway line, and with a great kick dropped a goal from his mark, reducing the lead to three points.

Plymouth Albion were struggling desperately to reduce further their arrears of three points, and they had another great chance when during a three-quarter movement Gormley was in possession almost in front of the Cardiff upright.

He had Parker in close attendance, but he elected to drop a goal and his first attempt failed.

Just after this Cardiff lost the services of M. J. Turnbull, who had to watch the rest of the game from the touchline nursing a damaged wrist.

With only fourteen men Cardiff instead of falling away began to reassert themselves, and ten minutes before the end they increased their advantage.

Their forwards with Isaacs in the van, broke away and reached Albion territory where the three quarters came into the picture. The ball must have been handled by half a dozen players before it came out to Graham Jones, who with a delightful and swerving run beat the defence and touched down for a try which was not converted.

Just before the end Rees broke away for the Albion, but was bundled into touch two yards from the Cardiff line. From the line out, however, Albion got possession, and BRIGSTOCKE forced his way over for a try which was not converted.

Final—CARDIFF... 0 4 12

PLYMOUTH ALB... 2 1 9

*Penalty and one from mark.

There have been many good games at Beacon Park this season, but the match between Plymouth Albion and Cardiff today would rank as certainly the best of the season and possibly one of the finest for some years.

Cardiff gave a really brilliant display of open Rugby, and at one stage of the game, during the first 20 minutes, it seemed as though they would run up a huge score. They completely dominated matters, and such men as Bowcott, Turnbull and Graham Jones were continually bewildering the Albion defence with their unexpected methods of attack, while on the wing A. T. Thomas, with his extraordinary turn of speed, was always dangerous.

The Albion, however, although their attacking powers were limited, maintained a resolute defence, and by the keenness of marking and the most resolute tackling they managed to keep the score down.

In the second half Albion became to assert themselves, and for ten minutes or so Cardiff were hard pressed. Cardiff were fortunate to have T. Stone at full back, for he saved another certain try.

It was a grand game, and not one of the 5,000 spectators could grudge Cardiff their victory. They deserved their win for the finest type of Rugby that they could provide.

Cardiff Athletic
Pill Harriers
Feb 6 1932

WELL MERITED WIN

Pill Harriers Succeed
at Cardiff

Disappointing Game

(By "THE VETERAN")

The visit of Pill Harriers, the old Monmouthshire club, has given the Newport team many fine players, is always welcome at the Cardiff Arms Park, and a meeting of the two sides usually provides bright and open football. The turf was in excellent condition for a fast game.

Teams—
CARDIFF—D. Brown; I. Evans, R. Jones, T. Reardon, H. Daniels; Howard Poole, A. Sandham; P. Fletcher, R. Barrell, G. James, Tom Lewis, P. C. Baker, Ivor Williams, S. Joyce, T. E. Billings.

PILL HARRIERS—A. Duncan; J. Smith, L. Travers, M. Doherty, B. Griffiths; L. Pritchard, H. Gardner, W. Lewis, W. Davies, D. Abraham, R. Carter, J. Collins, E. Brown, G. Gray, F. Sinclair.

Referee: Mr. C. R. Dixon, Cross Keys. Howard Poole kicked-off for Cardiff, but a scrum was ordered on the halfway line. Pill Harriers' forwards heeled, and Doherty, with a huge kick, sent well up the field.

The Cardiff backs were not playing up to their usual standard, their passing being lacking in precision and they continually failed to find touch. What little passing there was came from the Harriers, who were far more methodical in their work.

The Harriers were continually pressing at this stage, and from a line-out ten yards away L. PRITCHARD received and went in under the posts with an easy score which was not converted.

They continued to hold Cardiff in hand, and a forward rush ended in a bunch of visitors crossing together, and were awarded a try, which again was not converted. REG CARTER was the scorer.

Half—PILL HARRIERS... 0 2 6

CARDIFF ATHLETIC... 0 0 0

Cardiff took a turn at pressing on the restart and almost got over. Pill were penalised, and Brown just missed kicking a goal.

The forwards followed up and got over, but were called back. Then the game livened up for the first time, the Cardiff forwards, Fletcher, Barrell, and Tom Lewis, evading a number of rushes, well backed by the three-quarters and Howard Poole, but their luck was out.

Fletcher was the best of the home forwards, and several times frustrated that Pill backs' passing, and almost went over towards the end.

Then the visitors again took matters in hand, and drove Cardiff back to half-way, when R. CARTER, taking the ball at his feet, went over with a n unconverted try.

Cardiff went up the field, and I. EVANS quickly dropped a goal. Pill were pressing when time was called.

Final—PILL HARRIERS... 0 3 9

CARDIFF ATHLETIC... 0 0 4

*Dropped goal.

COMMENTS

A most disappointing game. Cardiff seeming to be unable to do anything right. The backs were the main offenders, what little passing they attempted being half-hearted and without sting.

The only men with initiative were Poole and I. Evans, with occasional good kicks by Brown.

The forwards, of whom Fletcher, Tom Lewis and Barrell were the pick, were unable to cope with the Pill forwards' rushes, Carter being the best of a bustling pack.

The passing and punting of the visitors' backs really outshone the work of the home back men. The Harriers certainly deserved their victory.

Cardiff v Falmouth
Feb. 8th 1932.

ANOTHER VICTORY.

Cardiff Backs Play Well at Falmouth.

	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff	1	3	14
Falmouth	1	0	5

Cardiff showed fine form at Falmouth on Monday in the second game of their South of England tour. The backs were especially fast, some good rounds of passing being witnessed. Cardiff were easily superior outside, but were hard pressed forward.

Cardiff opened strongly, and almost scored within five minutes, Wynn Jones being sent into touch near the line. Another passing bout by the Cardiff backs saw A. T. Thomas make a forty yards run through, cleverly beating the Falmouth back to touch down in the corner. Stone failed with the kick. A little later Thomas again made a splendid run, but was strongly tackled by Bate.

From the scrums the ball went often to the Cardiff backs, but the home forwards were fast in breaking away. However, a smart rush brought Cardiff to the Falmouth line again, and from a line-out H. Johnson obtained a try which Stone failed to convert.

Cardiff slackened slightly later in the first half, allowing the home forwards to make headway. Stone was hard pressed after Thomas had been well tackled by Bate, and on the opposite wing G. Jago was keenly covered. Falmouth approached the Cardiff line and received a free kick, but H. Jago failed with it. Play remained on the Cardiff line until Babbage, Ross, Lewis, Rees, and Spence broke away for Johnson to add a try that was not converted. Another neat move by Stone enabled him to cut through and score almost under the posts. He also converted.

The beginning of the second half brought a fierce forward tussle, with the home team close on the Cardiff line. G. Jago almost scored, but Tarr burst away to halfway. However, after he had been recalled from the line Penny obtained a try beneath the posts for Falmouth, and H. Jago converted. Several times the Falmouth forwards came near scoring again, and scrummages occurred on the Cardiff line, but Stone was sound.

Cardiff v Redruth
Feb 9th 1932.

VICTORY DESERVED.

Cardiff Win Strenuous Game at Redruth.

	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff	0	2	6
Redruth	1	0	3

*Penalty.

The game between Redruth and Cardiff at the Recreation Ground, Redruth, on Tuesday was played under ideal conditions and attracted a crowd of 3,000. The visitors fielded a representative side in the last game of their Western tour, and after a strenuous game ran out winners by two tries (six points) to a penalty goal (three points).

The visitors just about deserved their victory, as their scrummaging was more methodical than that of Redruth, and there was more snap in their attack. In the loose the forwards were evenly matched, and Redruth, although a man short for almost all the game, put up a sturdy fight.

Cardiff got more of the ball from the scrums, and their backs had more opportunities than the Redruth outsiders. Bowcott played a sound game, but kicked rather too much. The centres, Turnbull and Graham Jones, were good, and both made some sparkling runs, whilst Thomas on the wing was outstanding, being a determined and clever runner. Stone was very safe at back, fielding and kicking with judgment. Of the forwards Ross, Clark, and Spence were most in the picture and were well supported by the others.

For the home side Williams compared favourably with Stone at back, and of the three-quarters Jennings and Curnow made the most of their limited opportunities. The home half-backs did well behind a beaten pack.

Redruth opened the scoring with a penalty goal by Jennings, and tries for Cardiff were scored by Thomas, after good passing, and Tarr from a line-out.

Teams:—
Redruth: Williams; Curnow, Jennings (capt.), Rogers, Allen; Andrew, Rule; Triniman, Robbins, Reed, Richards, Hicks, Brooker, Pappin, Rogers.

Cardiff: T. Stone; A. T. Thomas, B. R. Turnbull, Graham Jones, C. Cross; Wynn Jones, H. M. Bowcott (capt.); C. Ross, T. Isaacs, G. Gadd, A. Babbage, A. Clark, H. Rees, L. Spence, D. Tarr.

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CARDIFF—T. Stone;
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Referee—Mr. R. I. S.

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GLOUCESTER WIN IN FIRST MINUTE

CARDIFF FAIL TO REPLY TO EARLY PENALTY

Gloucester won their game with Cardiff at Kingsholm in the first minute.

The only scoring of the match was a penalty goal by Boughton before the match was 60 seconds old. The same player just missed another from halfway.

Play was fast, but there was really only one team "in it."

Cardiff were without Isaacs and Maurice Turnbull for their game with Gloucester at Kingsholm.

Gloucester were without Tanner, who was playing in Dublin. Cardiff defeated Gloucester early in the season, but they were beaten at Kingsholm last year. Gloucester had the assistance of W. Thomas, the Lydney player, who operated on the wing in Tanner's place. Teams.—GLOUCESTER—H. Boughton; W. Thomas, G. W. Parker, J. C. Brooks and A. E. Brooks; C. Fiffeld and Roy James; L. E. Saxby (captain), A. Carpenter, E. Comley, F. Wadley, J. Hemming, A. Welshman, K. Smith and Dr. R. N. Williams.

CARDIFF—T. Stone; A. T. Thomas, B. R. Turnbull, Graham Jones and C. Cross; H. Poole and H. M. Bowcott; A. Skym, T. Lewis, C. Ross, T. Gadd, Lewis Rees, L. Spence, G. Babbage and A. Clark.

Referee—Mr. R. I. Scorer. The ground had been covered in front of the stand and was in good condition. There was a crowd of 5,000 when a start was made five minutes late. Stone knocked on from the kick-off, and a scrum took place near the Cardiff line.

Cardiff were penalised for offside, and BOUGHTON kicked a well-judged penalty goal, and Gloucester were three points up within two minutes.

Gloucester continued to attack, and, following a punt by Parker which Thomas failed to field, Brooks dashed up and nearly gained the touch, the ball going into touch-in-goal.

Cardiff now revived following a nice touch by Stone, and pressed Gloucester back to their quarter, but the Cardiff forwards were not scrummaging well, and they lost position.

Ross and Gadd led a smart forward burst and Cardiff made ground. Cardiff three-quarters now handled for the first time, but the movement broke down at A. T. Thomas, and Gloucester again attacked.

The Cardiff pack now did better and some nice handling by the Cardiff backs was seen.

Gloucester were penalised for a scrum infringement and Bowcott took a long drop for goal but was a yard short. Continuing to handle freely, Cardiff gave Gloucester's defence a severe test, but they found the marking of Gloucester very good. There was some heavy tackling and penalties were frequent. Stone was finding touch splendidly.

THOMAS'S BRILLIANT RUN

The game was fast and full of exciting incidents, but there was little clever play except for the excellent positioning of the Cardiff three-quarters when passing.

Thomas and Turnbull were particularly keen in attack, but were well watched. It looked as if Parker would score when the ball bounced awkwardly for Thomas, but Parker punted over Stone's head and failed to gather.

Boughton tried a shot for goal from a

penalty, but failed. There was little in it now for either side, but it was obvious that the Cardiff back division were a much better combination and cleaner with their hands. Thomas, of Cardiff, was seen in a brilliant run which took him almost through the home defence before he succumbed to the weight of the opposition.

A nice punt to touch took Cardiff to within a yard of the Gloucester line, but Boughton cleared. Again Cardiff were within an ace of scoring, but could not finish their attack.

Half—GLOUCESTER *1 0 3
CARDIFF 0 0 0
*Penalty goal.

Graham Jones put in a nice kick to touch after the interval, and Cardiff resumed the attack. After an exchange of kicking Cross secured and ran for a long distance across the field, but he gained little ground. Cardiff continued to do well in the scrummages, but Poole found Fiffeld a little too active and could not get the ball away cleanly to his three-quarters.

HOME BACKS' BAD HANDLING

The Gloucester backs had chances of handling, but they gave a poor display, spoiling their work by constant mishandling. The Cardiff backs continued to make the best of openings, and Gloucester were fully occupied.

In the loose Cardiff forwards were easily a match for the Gloucester eight. Play became scrappy.

Saxby received a severe kick in a scramble and had to go off. The Cardiff backs were much more clever than Gloucester's although the City were now showing much more spirit and giving Cardiff a severe test.

The game had now developed some fierceness, in which Cardiff more than held their own. Cross was conspicuous for some strenuous work. Saxby returned after treatment.

Cardiff maintained their attacking position with great tenacity, and try how they would Gloucester could not shake them off. Stone's touch-finding was invaluable in nullifying the attempted attacks by Gloucester.

ROCKLIKE DEFENCE

Cardiff established superiority, but their efforts were of no avail against Gloucester's rocklike defence. So close was the marking that neither Cross nor Thomas could get far, although well served.

At length Cardiff backs got properly going, and Graham Jones, Turnbull, and Cross went splendidly, and were within inches of the line after clever inter-passing, when they lost the ball. Gloucester at last worked into Cardiff's territory after good work by James and Thomas, but they failed to develop any serious attacks.

Final—GLOUCESTER *1 0 3
CARDIFF 0 0 0
*Penalty.

CARDIFF BACKS IN FORM

Athletic's Good Win Over Gloucester

(By "THE VETERAN")

Notwithstanding the frost of the past few days, the turf was in excellent condition. There were a number of changes on both sides. Teams:

GLOUCESTER UNITED—D. Parker; P. Jones, R. Clarke, L. Jones, R. E. Hooke; K. Voyce, G. Orpen; G. Powke, F. Merrett, N. Powell, D. Dash, J. Hyett, A. Morris, J. Dean, E. Cambridge.

CARDIFF—D. Brown; Noel Morgan, A. Sandham, G. V. Jones, I. Evans; Ron Jones, Roy Gabe Jones; P. J. Fletcher, D. Carne, H. Johnson, S. Joyce, Ivor Williams, P. C. Baker, G. James, V. R. Osmond.

Referee—Mr. E. N. D. Williams, Aberavenny.

From the kick-off by Gloucester play was kept in Cardiff's half for some time, thanks to the kicking of the visitors' backs. Suddenly, however, Gabe Jones started his three-quarters, and I. EVANS, after giving the "dummy," twice went over with a clever try. Brown failed to majorise from a difficult angle.

CORKSCREW RUN

On resuming Roy Gabe-Jones again got possession, and with a tricky, corkscrew run beat his opposing three-quarters and handed to Sandham, who stupidly held on only to be tackled by Parker, with Noel Morgan unmarked and with the line at his mercy.

Another fine burst came on the right by I. Evans, who punted when opposed by Hooke, and Fletcher, following up quickly, nearly scored after crossing the line. Cardiff were now pressing hard. Roy Gabe-Jones, Ron Jones, and I. Evans being particularly nippy, while the forwards were heeling from most of the scrums.

Gloucester were penalised, but Brown's kick was poor.

Osmond was prominent in the line-out and passed to the centres. This movement started a passing bout in which the forwards joined, and IVOR WILLIAMS forced his way over the line with a try. Brown's kick at goal failed.

Cardiff again scored from a line-out, ten yards from the line, H. JOHNSON forcing his way over with an unconverted try.

Half—CARDIFF ATHLETIC 0 3 9
GLOUCESTER UTD. 0 0 0

Cardiff's play, especially among the backs, was a vast improvement on the previous week's display. Gloucester forced play on the resumption, but failed to maintain their advantage, and Cardiff again attacked. I. Evans nearly scoring after a pretty effort.

Gloucester were attacking when E. V. Jones, receiving, passed to NOEL MORGAN, who punted over the head of P. Jones and, following up smartly, went over with a try after an individual effort over three parts of the field.

The kick by Brown, although a splendid attempt, just missed the extra points.

NOEL MORGAN AGAIN

Play on then right wing nearly found Cardiff again scorers, but Ron Jones suddenly passed back to the left and NOEL MORGAN had no difficulty in beating Jones and scoring his second try.

Brown's his time placed a good goal. But for the determined tackling by Took, Gloucester's left wing I. Evans might have scored on several occasions.

In a scramble near the line G. V. Jones was injured and left the field, his place being taken by JOHNSON.

Final—CARDIFF ATHLETIC 1 4 17
GLOUCESTER UNITED 0 0 0

COMMENTS

Cardiff's poor display last week affected to-day's game, which was about the smallest of the season. The play of the home side was, however, a vast improvement on the previous week, the backs especially being in good form, and the passing particularly good.

Brown as usual was safe, and the handling by the three-quarters accurate.

I. Evans had most to do of the wings, and Noel Morgan, on the other wing, made most of his chances, the centres also being safe. Ron Jones passed quickly from the scrum, and Roy Gabe Jones, at outside half, gave one of his best displays with long kicks to touch and bursts through.

Of the forwards Johnson, Ivor Williams, Osmond, and Fletcher were the pick of a good pack.

For Gloucester K. Voyce, at inside half, P. Jones, and Hooke, on the wings, were prominent. Their forwards were equal to Cardiff in the scrums, but were beaten by the home men in the loose.

4th Interm. Home.
Cardiff v Bridgend
February 17th 1932

RUGBY

RECORD SAVED NEAR END.

BRIDGEND DRAW WITH CARDIFF.

MISTAKEN POLICIES BY COMMITTEES.

By "OLD STAGER."

	G.	T.	Pts.
Bridgend	1	0	4
Cardiff	1	0	4

*Dropped.

One dropped kick early in the game placed Bridgend's ground record in jeopardy on Wednesday; another dropped kick ten minutes from the end saved the record from extinction. Both goals were played for and were worthy of the points.

Tom Stone, the Cardiff full-back, scored the first, fielding the ball 30 yards out and taking deliberate aim, as the equalising goal, by Emlyn Richards, was from close in and was all according to plan, the word having been passed to the Bridgend forwards that a quick heel was required. That word was all that was necessary, for the manner in which the scrummaging went suggested that Bridgend's seven forwards were qualified to give the Cardiff eight lessons in that particular direction.

Those two goals were all that could be desired. But, what of the other scoring chances which neither side seemed to want? Other attempts at dropped goals were too wide of the mark; Chilcott's couple of shots at penalty goals were equally futile affairs, and Babbage and Isaacs each threw away chances of scoring a winning try, the former by refraining from using his weight to carry him over the line, and Isaacs through knocking on when the ball bounced into his hands at the conclusion of a dribble. Both sides were lacking in accurate finishing.

The game was generally bright, with serious endeavour being constantly made to play the best type of Rugby. But there were two or three factors which upset calculations, and two of them were the outcome of the policies of the Cardiff and Bridgend committees in unsettling certain players by varying the positions in which they are played.

PLAYERS OUT OF POSITION.

Bennison may be a good wing, but he has lost that assurance which the successful full-back must have in the matter of running in to take the ball from the air, and he added to that shortcoming a nervousness which prevented him from bringing the ball quickly under control when fielding. Ronnie Jones, who has been floating about between the inside-half and centre positions in the Cardiff team, also showed that he has "fallen between two stools," for his service to Harry Bowcott was slow, and he was disinclined to unduly worry the Bridgend captain when the ball came out on the Bridgend side of the scrummages, as it generally did, at least in the effective sense.

The mystery was why the Bridgend captain did not make greater capital out of the scope Jones permitted him, but the fact is that for some peculiar reason Williams repeatedly threw the ball at Emlyn Richards instead of a yard in front of him, with the consequence that Bridgend's three-quarters were almost as disoriented in their movements as were the Cardiff men. Bowcott and Emlyn Richards made valiant endeavours to overcome the shortcomings of their partners, but they did not succeed in causing their three-quarters to establish themselves as the cleverest individuals in the rear divisions.

In defensive work and in covering each other and their wings, G. J. Davies, J. J. Davies, and A. H. Jones were splendid, though there was little need for them to be anxious in respect of Arthur Morgan, for Cyril Cross had a really unhappy day as far as taking his passes was concerned. Stone narrowly missed bringing disaster through seeking to return to the tactics used when at outside-half. Those were the blunders on Eneid's otherwise pleasing exhibition.

Cardiff's forwards did not earn any medals in scrummaging, but there were a number of occasions when Colin Ross burst forward, both from scrummages and in the loose, and led drives and started handling which should have been produced. He was Cardiff's best all round forward, Tom Lewis giving him strong support to the right and Isaacs as the live player on the loose.

Gwyn Emili's winging for Bridgend was good, and Murphy was the Colin Ross of the team, every member of which was his own towards beating Cardiff in the loose. Tom Lewis, who was the only Cardiff player to be tackled in the loose, was tackled by a neat goal.

A. T. THOMAS'S GREAT TRY AT CARDIFF NEWPORT BEATEN BY A SINGLE POINT

Cardiff beat Newport by a point after a thrilling finish at Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon. There were some spectacular scores. Graham Jones opened the home team's account with a neat dropped goal, and A. T. Thomas later sprinted in with a great try which Stone converted.

Jack Evans kicked a splendid penalty goal after the interval to reduce the deficit, and Panting later got a try which J. R. Evans improved upon.

(By "OLD STAGER")

Visitors to the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon saw two matches—the cup-tie between the Cardiff Crusaders and the Cardiff Loudouns, and the third of the season's games between Cardiff and Newport. The first two games between the last-named clubs had yielded victories for Cardiff, but Newport were in high hopes of securing a different return to-day, though at the last moment they had to substitute Rex Panting at centre for their original choice, J. R. Edwards.

Cardiff played Howard Poole at inside-half in place of M. J. Turnbull, but were otherwise at full strength. The conditions were good and the crowd was about 8,000 or 9,000. Teams:—

CARDIFF.—T. Stone; Cyril Cross, Graham Jones, B. R. Turnbull and A. T. Thomas; Howard Poole and H. M. Bowcott; Tom Lewis, A. Skym, R. Barrell, Lewis Rees, J. Isaacs, V. R. Osmond, Colin Ross and A. Clark.

NEWPORT.—H. W. Isaac; J. C. Morley, Ken Squires, R. Panting and Hywel Jones; S. C. Wetter and A. R. Ralph; Peter Horden, E. Davies, W. G. C. Williams, J. R. Evans, E. J. Shiner, J. A. Addison, Dai Jones and S. Danahar.

Referee.—Mr. A. E. Preethy, W.R.U., Neath.

The opening was slow, though far from tame, both sides being obviously in deadly earnest. Cardiff were the first to move with any promise, and that when B. R. Turnbull, after joining in some passing, tested Isaac with a rolling ball from a short punt ahead.

Isaac gathered the ball all right, cleverly eluded several opponents, and then put in a kick which found touch, even if well inside the Newport half.

A penalty to Cardiff followed almost immediately, and Harry Bowcott tried a long left-foot drop at goal, which, however, lacked accuracy.

HARD LINES, CARDIFF!

A minute later, the Cardiff backs handled grandly, Graham Jones and Turnbull working together perfectly before A. T. Thomas made a glorious dash for the corner, winning his way over, but not before he had put a foot on the touchline. Hard lines Cardiff!

A tussle right on Newport's line followed, and was ended by Ralph getting in a great relieving kick. Headway was also made by the Newport forwards, and when Ralph charged down a punt which Harry Bowcott attempted, the Newport forwards swarmed to the attack, and Horden was almost through on the popular side of the field.

Stone pluckily stepped into the breach, got the ball away to safety, and in a brief period of time Cardiff were again back at the centre.

The game, however, soon swung in favour of Newport again, principally by reason of a superiority in scrummaging and Ralph's kicking, while an advantage which Poole gained for Cardiff by means of screw-punting was promptly neutralised by the speed with which Isaac and the success they met with in the matter of preventing returns.

A run by A. T. Thomas and a screw-punt by B. R. Turnbull eventually carried Cardiff over the centre line, and Poole, fielding a loose ball, dodged a couple of opponents and opened out towards the right, where he had the support of Turnbull and Thomas, both of whom handled and made ground before the latter returned the ball to Turnbull, who was tackled as he took the ball when five yards from the Newport line.

NEAT DROPPED GOAL

A throw forward and a scrumming followed, and Cardiff securing possession, the ball was hesitatingly worked out to GRAHAM JONES, who promptly dropped a neat goal.

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That movement, however, gave Newport a distinct territorial advantage, and for some minutes Cardiff's line was in imminent danger.

It survived the train, but Newport had their reward when J. R. EVANS kicked a splendid goal from a penalty given against a Cardiff forward for obstruction.

That score, too, encouraged Newport, who several times tested Stone, only to find him equal to all demands, and a fast loose dribble by the Cardiff forwards eventually removed Cardiff's troubles.

However, those troubles soon recurred, and Ralph and Morley made dashes which were only just stopped, while in due course Bowcott once again led Cardiff back to the attack and created an opening which would unquestionably have yielded a score had Graham Jones served Turnbull with the ball instead of going on until he was tackled a couple of yards from his objective.

Newport lost no time in clearing their line and for the next ten minutes play was mainly in the vicinity of midfield and was notable more for its closeness than for its skill.

REMARKABLE RECOVERY.

When Newport eventually forced the pace, Osmond burst through smartly, while when Isaac was called upon to deal with a rolling ball which beat him and rolled over his own line he made a remarkably recovery, running well and banging the ball out of play at the centre.

Then Ralph and Morley tried desperately hard to get through, only to be beaten by great tackling, but, a minute before the end, Newport secured a pretty score through the initiative of Morley, who crossed-punted.

Neither Turnbull nor Bowcott could take the ball cleanly, and PANTING, racing up, gathered it and three himself over with a try. J. R. EVANS had no difficulty in adding the goal points, and a minute later the end came.

Final—CARDIFF	12	0	9
NEWPORT	2	0	8

† One dropped. * One penalty.

COMMENTS

A real hard tussle and a fair result! Cardiff were a wee bit in front, had slightly the better of the general play and were more accomplished and accurate behind the scrummages than were their opponents. That, perhaps, had been anticipated by Newport, for there seemed to be a reluctance on the part of Newport's forwards, and Danahar in particular, to let the ball out cleanly from the scrummages, even though Newport's heeling was superior to that of Cardiff.

Whether Danahar was playing to orders in endeavouring to start dribbles from the scrummages, instead of making the course clear for Wetter, is a matter known only to Newport's players, but, in any case, it was bad policy, made Wetter appear in a bad light, and denied to Ralph that rapidity of service which would have been an essential preliminary to scoring by Newport's backs.

Cardiff's forwards showed no such desire to obstruct the free passage of the ball from the scrummages: on the contrary, they tried to facilitate it, and the consequence was that Cardiff had the pull at half, Poole playing his best game for months and Bowcott being more successful individually, and in opening up the play than was Ralph.

Turnbull and Graham Jones (despite the latter's one marked error in the matter of selfishness) also rounded off the work done by Bowcott in a better manner than Squires and Panting did for Ralph, the centres being too faulty to permit of proper use being made of Morley and Horden, who had to look for opportunities.

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In defensive work and in covering each other and their wings, G. J. Davies, J. J. Davies, and A. H. Jones were splendid, though there was little need for them to be anxious in respect of Arthur Morgan, for Cyril Cross had a really unhappy day as far as taking his passes was concerned.

Stone narrowly missed bringing disaster to his side on a couple of occasions through seeking to return to the tactics he pursued when at outside-half. Those were the blemishes on Stone's otherwise pleasing exhibition.

Cardiff's forwards did not earn any medals in scrummaging, but there were other directions in which they did well. On a number of occasions Colin Ross burst through, both from scrummages and in the loose and led dribbles and started handling which should have been productive. He was Cardiff's best all round forward, Tom Lewis giving him strong support in the tight and Isaacs as the live wire in the loose.

Gwyn Smith's winging for Bridgend was good and Murphy was the Colin Ross of the Bridgend pack, every member of which did his part towards beating Cardiff in solid work. Teams:—

Bridgend: J. A. Bennison; Arthur Morgan, G. J. Davies, J. J. Davies, C. Matthews; A. H. Jones, G. Williams, Emlyn Richards; Gwyn Smith, W. J. Moore, E. J. Morgan, W. J. Murphy, W. J. Chilcott, R. Cooper, E. Staton. Cardiff: T. Stone; E. Cross, Graham Jones, G. V. W. Jones, E. Noel Morgan; H. M. Bowcott, Ron Jones; R. Barrell, V. Osmond, T. Gadd, G. Babbage, T. Lewis, Ross, A. Clark, I. Isaacs.

Referee: Mr. A. M. Winters, Aberavon.

HARD LINES, CARDIFF

A minute later, the Cardiff backs handled grandly, Graham Jones and Turnbull working together perfectly before A. T. Thomas made a glorious dash for the corner, winning his way over, but not before he had put a foot on the touchline. Hard lines Cardiff!

A tussle right on Newport's line followed, and was ended by Ralph getting in a great relieving kick. Headway was also made by the Newport forwards, and when Ralph charged down a punt which Harry Bowcott attempted, the Newport forwards swarmed to the attack, and Hordern was almost through on the popular side of the field.

Stone pluckily stepped into the breach, got the ball away to safety, and in a brief period of time Cardiff were again back at the centre.

The game, however, soon swung in favour of Newport again, principally by reason of a superiority in scrummaging and Ralph's kicking, while an advantage which Poole gained for Cardiff by means of screw-punting was promptly neutralised by the speed with which Isaac and Dai Jones followed up punts ahead, and the success they met with in the matter of preventing returns.

A run by A. T. Thomas and a screw-punt by B. R. Turnbull eventually carried Cardiff over the centre line, and Poole, fielding a loose ball, dodged a couple of opponents and opened out towards the right, where he had the support of Turnbull and Thomas, both of whom handled and made ground before the latter returned the ball to Turnbull, who was tackled as he took the ball when five yards from the Newport line.

NEAT DROPPED GOAL

A throw forward and a scrumage followed, and Cardiff securing possession, the ball was hesitatingly worked out to GRAHAM JONES, who promptly dropped a neat goal.

In a sense that score was unexpected, but its influence upon the situation was marked, for in the next minute Harry Bowcott got through with far greater ease than formerly, and had he not knocked on when endeavouring to recover possession from a punt ahead, Newport would probably have been in serious difficulties.

As it was, Newport celebrated the escape by returning to the attack, and in a brief space of time Cardiff's line had a far narrower escape than ever Newport's had had, for Stone allowed the ball to bounce, was beaten by it, and was out of position when Panting gathered the ball a dozen yards out.

A Great Score

But Panting, when threatened by Turnbull passed too soon, and A. T. Thomas was back in time to smother Hywel Jones.

Then, within a minute or two of half-time, came a real thrill, and a great score. Poole fielded a dozen yards from the Cardiff line, and in attempting a relieving kick got a peculiar screw on the ball.

Both Isaac and Hywel Jones appeared to have the situation well in hand, but the "screw" beat them, and when the ball bounced on the edge of the touchline A. T. THOMAS took it, dodged between them, and set off on a 70 yards sprint for the line. He was pursued—but in vain, and the crowd duly applauded a fine effort when he placed the ball between the posts for a spectacular try. Stone converted.

Half—CARDIFF	2	0	9
NEWPORT	0	0	0

*One dropped.

Newport forced a minor in the opening minutes of the second half, but runs by Graham Jones and Tom Lewis, and a penalty kick taken by Bowcott, drove Newport back into their own quarters, Cardiff attacking until Bowcott sent the ball dead in attempting a drop at goal.

Good work by the Cardiff halves and forceful play by Cardiff's forwards again forced Newport back upon the defensive, and when they next broke away it was owing to Dai Jones getting his foot to the ball which Poole had failed to bring under control.

A DELAYED PASS

In a flash Ralph seized upon the ball as the dribble ended and opened out towards his right, Squires carrying on, but making the mistake of delaying his

culty in adding the goal points, and a minute later the end came.

Final—CARDIFF

NEWPORT

†One dropped.	*One penalty.
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COMMENTS

A real hard tussle and a fair result! Cardiff were a wee bit in front, had slightly the better of the general play and were more accomplished and accurate behind the scrummages than were their opponents. That, perhaps, had been anticipated by Newport, for there seemed to be a reluctance on the part of Newport's forwards, and Danahar in particular, to let the ball out cleanly from the scrummages, even though Newport's heeling was superior to that of Cardiff.

Whether Danahar was playing to orders in endeavouring to start dribbles from the scrummages, instead of making the course clear for Wetter, is a matter known only to Newport's players, but, in any case, it was bad policy, made Wetter appear in a bad light, and denied to Ralph that rapidity of service which would have been an essential preliminary to scoring by Newport's backs.

Cardiff's forwards showed no such desire to obstruct the free passage of the ball from the scrummages: on the contrary, they tried to facilitate it, and the consequence was that Cardiff had the pull at half, Poole playing his best game for months and Bowcott being more successful individually, and in opening up the play than was Ralph.

Turnbull and Graham Jones (despite the latter's one marked error in the matter of selfishness) also rounded off the work done by Bowcott in a better manner than Squires and Panting did for Ralph, the timing of the passes by the Newport centres being too faulty to permit of proper use being made of Morley and Hywel Jones, who had to look for their opportunities.

Cross held Morley remarkably well, and A. T. Thomas and Morley were the best wings.

Splendid displays were given by the full-backs, Isaac, in particular, playing solidly, and at times brilliantly, for a youngster.

Cardiff's forwards were ather better together in the loose than the Newport men, and the difference in the all-round merit of the rival packs was, therefore, small. Skvm, Colin Rees, and Osmond were Cardiff's best, with Shiner, Davies, and Evans as Newport's most useful. Still, there was little between the packs, Cardiff having sufficiently the better of matters, particularly at half-back—and that owing to the special circumstances referred to—to warrant the result returned.

Cardiff Athletic
Newport United
February 20th 1932.

NEWPORT UNITED IN FORM

Cardiff Athletic Spurt Too Late

(By "USKSIDER")

Cardiff Athletic were responsible for one of Newport United's two defeats this season, and on that account interest was added to the visit of the Cardiff men to Rodney-parade this afternoon. Both clubs fielded strong sides. Teams:—

CARDIFF ATHLETIC—D. Brown; H. C. Hopkins, G. V. Jones, A. Sandham, I. Evans; R. Gabe Jones, Ron Jones; P. Fletcher, H. Johnson, G. James, I. Williams, D. Carne, G. Bennett, S. E. Billings, W. L. Roblins.

NEWPORT UNITED—C. F. Rees; A. J. Berry, J. Swallow, A. K. Richards, Ken Watkins; R. C. Carter, A. R. Tovey; J. K. Wood, W. Jackson, K. Taylor, W. Lewton, D. J. Anderson, K. Matthews, F. R. Elms, K. Griffiths.

Referee: Mr. R. J. Jones, Cross Keys. Cardiff opened strongly, and after a number of attempts to get through they were awarded a penalty near the home 25. Brown the visiting custodian, took the kick, but had the mortification of seeing the ball fall on the cross-bar and rebound into the hands of Ken Richards, who cleared without difficulty.

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WATKINS replied to this for Newport, with a run through and kick ahead and just got to the ball as it rolled over the line and as he was tackled. Swallow converted.

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CARDIFF ATHLETIC..... 1 1 6

* Penalty.

Cardiff v Swansea
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WINNING WAYS OF THE ALL WHITES QUICK SCORES IN CLASH WITH CARDIFF

In the third meeting of the season, Swansea at St. Helen's to-day beat Cardiff by a goal and three tries (14 points) to nil.

It was a game of quick scoring—on the part of the All Whites—who were manifestly the superior team.

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W. Davies made another thrilling breakthrough for Swansea, who were now completely dominating the situation.

A NEAR THING.

The Cardiff full-back kicked well, but lacked the sense of position. Graham Jones made a good attempt to kick a goal. It was a near thing.

Swansea crossed the half-way line by means of a strong forward rush, but were sent back. Immediately afterwards from a scrum Michael broke long to score. The kick at goal failed. Hardly had the cheering subsided when JENKINS, at the end of a round of passing, got in with a try which was not converted.

Harding got over the half-way line at this point, when T. Lewis and Skym carried play over the meridian, but there was little back play to be seen, there being too much kicking.

Final-SWANSEA 1 3 14
CARDIFF 0 0 0

COMMENTS
Swansea fully deserved their victory with the superior forward play of the All Whites, who dominated the scrum and line-outs.

Bryn Evans, at inside half, was equal to Poole, but Jenkins was hardly at his best form.

The scoring indicates the nature of the game. The Cardiff full-back was weak in positioning, but kicked well. The centres did better than the wings, who were not given many chances.

T. Lewis and Skym were the best of the pack.

Cardiff v Newport
March 5th 1932.

NEWPORT WIN AFTER EARLY SHOCK CARDIFF WELL BEATEN FORWARD

Newport's forwards paved the way for a victory over Cardiff at Uskside to-day, but it was strenuous rather than spectacular football. Ralph was again a prominent figure, and put the issue beyond doubt late in the second half with a great drop goal.

(By "OLD STAGER")

Away back in the season 1897-98, and again in the season 1905-6, Cardiff defeated Newport on four occasions in one season. To-day, having already won three of this season's matches, Cardiff had the opportunity of repeating the feat of long ago.

Cardiff were, however, unfortunate in that at the last moment Harry Bowcott and A. T. Thomas had to stand down owing to injuries, while Archie Skyn was also absent, and took the right course in view of his selection to play for Wales next Saturday.

Cardiff were, therefore, well below strength, with the exception that Addison replaced Danaher in the pack.

The conditions were good, even if the ground was rather on the hard side, and the attendance was of the usual proportions for meetings between the old rivals.

Teams:—
NEWPORT.—W. A. Everson; Hywel Jones, J. R. Edwards, K. Squire and J. C. Morley; S. C. Wetter and A. R. Ralph; Peter C. Hordern, E. Davies, J. Addison, D. A. Jones, J. R. Evans, D. J. Anderson, E. J. Shiner and J. C. Slade.

CARDIFF.—T. Stone; E. N. Morgan, B. R. Turnbull, Graham Jones and C. Cross; R. Gabe Jones and Howard Poole; T. Lewis, D. J. Tarr, R. Barrell, L. Rees, I. Isaacs, V. Osmond, C. Ross, G. Babbage.

Referee.—A. E. Froethy (W.R.U., Neath).
Newport were early on the move, Anderson, who was playing his first game for Newport, got the ball away clearly from the first line-out with the result that Newport delivered a passing attack which ended when Cross tackled Morley in possession.

The combined work had brought little or no gain in a territorial sense, and the ground which Newport gained through being awarded a couple of penalty kicks for off-side at scrummages was lost to them through a perfect piece of touch-finding by Graham Jones, while Gabe Jones was also doing some useful kicking.

Cardiff, too, soon became dangerous, for after Poole had tempted Wetter and Ralph into off-side positions, he put in a short punt and gained possession and they threw out a long pass which was fielded by Cross, who almost succeeded in overwhelming Morley with his weight.

FINE TACKLING.

In the next minute Babbage got away on the other side of the field only to be brought down by some fine tackling, jointly undertaken by J. R. Edwards and Everson. A drop at goal by Graham Jones was absolutely useless, and Morley, fielding a loose ball, placed the Cardiff three-quarters at a disadvantage and promptly called for the assistance of Ralph.

Ralph made a spectacular run for over half the length of the field and went on in his effort and put in a kick which found touch in Cardiff's quarters. That was where play was when the spectators were given a real treat, and a movement which produced the opening score of the match.

Newport were passing and the ball reached Squire, who went a step too far, with the consequence that Graham Jones was able to spoil his pass to Morley.

CLEAR RUN IN

Instead of reaching the international, the ball fell into the hands of Phil Cross and in an instant Turnbull raced around between Cross and touch. Somehow or other Tom Poole got up in time to meet with the ball and when Stone took it and had merely to run his hardest to cross a try between the posts. Stone scored the goal points.

Almost in the next minute Cardiff tried a similar attack on the same flank in which Colin Cook, Cross and Tom Lewis figured, while A. Jones, who started the movement, sustained a substantial score.

scrummaging and line-out work monopolised the time, and most of the play was well out of scoring range.

Ralph eventually provided a thrill by dodging his way through and passing to E. Davies, who would have had quite a good chance if he had taken the transfer.

As Graham Jones gathered a loose ball and started what proved to be a series of very rapid exchanges which was followed by an occasion upon which three Newport forwards, with Addison leading, getting away with the ball at their toes, and an undefended line in front of them, only to fail to get the ball under control.

Ralph again put Newport on the attack by making good use of the touch-line when served as he repeatedly was by his forwards, while Slade also made a good dash along the touch-line before being tackled by Barrell.

Turnbull, Graham Jones and Cross joined in a passing movement which brought relief to Cardiff whose forwards showed a slight improvement in scrummaging, and gave the backs chances which were fully utilised.

When Newport heeled from one scrumming Ralph failed to accept a pass from Wetter, and Isaacs was so quickly in pursuit that Everson had to run over his own line to save.

In the course of Cardiff's next attack Cross was robbed of the ball by Morley when making a really great dash, and the international was almost solely responsible for removing play from close to Newport's line into Cardiff's quarter.

At a scrumming which was ordered there, the Newport forwards gained possession, and the ball being worked out to RALPH, he dropped a great goal two minutes from time, which definitely settled the issue.

Final—NEWPORT * 1 2 10
CARDIFF 1 0 5
*Dropped.

COMMENTS

Newport were particularly desirous of winning this game, and achieved their purpose, and that in a manner which leaves no possible doubt as to their having been the better side on the day. The victory was really won for them by their forwards, and that in the scrummages, for the Newport pack heeled from three out of every four scrummages if not from an even larger proportion.

Newport's policy once that had been done was to work the ball out to Ralph, and that with the object of trusting to Ralph's touch-line kicking as a means of keeping Cardiff in the defensive position they occupied for almost the whole of the second half.

Ralph's kicking was very well done, but surely it was a sign of nervousness on the part of the Newport theorists to keep the ball away from the three-quarters with the persistency which they did.

On the other hand, there is the fact that the passing that the Newport three-quarters did was generally of poor quality, so that Newport gained far more from relying upon Ralph's kicking than they would have done had they concentrated upon combined attacks. Still, it was unspurring football, and the game as a whole was a hard struggle rather than pretty Rugby.

Ralph and Morley were the only members of the Newport back division to distinguish themselves, and it was significant that Cardiff's backs appeared to better advantage than did the Newport men, though the Cardiff backs rarely had opportunities.

Turnbull played one of the best of his many games for Cardiff, being prominent both in attack and defence. Poole and support, and the wing man is clearly improving at a rapid rate.

Cardiff forwards were good in the loose, but their failure in the scrummages, undoubtedly cost them the match.

NEWPORT UNITED WIN

Second-half Rally at Cardiff

Cardiff Athletic and Newport United met for their fourth and last encounter of the season to-day on the Cardiff Arms Park in dull weather which threatened rain.

The turf was in good condition and a fast game was anticipated, provided the forwards gave their backs sufficient opportunity to play their usual open football. Teams:

CARDIFF ATH.—D. Brown; I. Evans, H. Johnson, Phil Fletcher, J. Robertshaw, Ronnie Jones, G. V. Jones, A. Clark, L. Spence, D. Carne, Ivor Williams, G. James, G. Bennett, P. C. Baker, T. Billings.

NEWPORT UTD.—H. W. Isaacs; A. J. Berry, R. J. Panting, J. F. C. Swallow, Ken Watkins; A. R. Tovey, L. Rowlands; J. K. Wood, W. Jackson, D. E. J. Hughes, W. G. C. Williams, W. Newton, K. Matthews, K. Taylor, K. Griffiths.

Referee: Mr. T. Knapgate, Treorchy.

At the last moment Phil Fletcher was taken from the front to fill a vacancy on the wing vice Ron Jones, who played out side half.

EVANS'S TRY

Newport kicked off. Brown returned to the centre flag. From the first round of passing by Cardiff I. EVANS, who played left centre, went over with a try with a couple of opponents hanging on to him.

Brown's kick went wide of the posts. G. V. Jones received from a scrum and broke through nicely, but his transfer was muddled, and a fair chance of a score was awry. Through a mistake by Brown, Newport worked up the field, but Fletcher, with a strong burst, set I. Evans going, and that player got into the Newport 25 before he was brought down by Ken Watkins, with a fine tackle. Cardiff were doing practically all the attacking and were playing better football than their opponents, Ronnie Jones at the base of the scrum being very "nippy" and feeding his backs well.

From a scrum on the half-way line, Fletcher received and burst through and crossed only to lose the ball when tackled.

Newport started passing and got to the Cardiff line, where the home forwards, with the ball at their feet, went the whole length of the field and nearly got over the visitors' line. Newport forwards were now heeling better, but the home backs, with determined tackling kept the visitors in subjection.

Half—CARDIFF ATHLETIC ... 0 1 3
NEWPORT UNITED ... 0 0 0

For some time after the restart play was very scrappy and mistakes by Cardiff almost left Newport in.

Ken Watkins made a good attempt at dropping a goal, the ball hitting the upright and rebounding into play.

Ron Jones burst through prettily, but was held by Watkins on the Newport 25.

I. Evans afterwards nearly dropped a goal, missing the mark by inches, and a moment later Robertshaw was tackled on the line after a good attempt to score.

Fletcher, who was playing well as left wing, injured his ankle, and was taken off the field.

Newport backs got started, and A. J. Berry made a good attempt to score, being held up a yard out. Fletcher, limping badly, returned, but again left the field.

Newport pressed, and through handling by the Cardiff centres, KEN WATKINS received a few yards out and dived over under the posts for Panting to majorise.

RAGGED PLAY

Newport were penalised on the restart, and Brown made a good but ineffectual attempt to kick a goal.

Spence, who took Fletcher's place on the wing, intercepted and broke through, and the movement was carried on by the backs, J. Evans and Robertshaw nearly going over.

The play was now very ragged and the passing on both sides wretched. Newport were pressing, and TOVEY, from a scrum, went over with a try, which Panting again converted.

Ronnie Jones came into prominence with a good break through, but was not supported. A moment after Spence got over on the left, the kick at goal by Brown failing.

Final—NEWPORT UNITED ... 2 0 10
CARDIFF ATHLETIC ... 0 2 6

COMMENTS

The game was a disappointing one, for Cardiff had opportunities enough in the second half to score a substantial score.

Tovey and Ken Watkins behind the scrum were the pick for Newport. The forwards were only moderate.

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A GAME OF FLUCTUATING CHANGES AND THRILLS

RAYMOND RALPH'S GREAT DISPLAY



A dangerous Irish movement close to the noon. Immediately after the

Ireland sprang a big surprise on the Rugby world by defeating Wales, after a fierce struggle, at Arms Park to-day, and thus shattered Wales' ambitions in the direction of the Triple Crown.

So great was the interest in the match that many thousands failed to gain admission the gates being closed to all except ticket-holders about an hour before the advertised time for starting.

It was a game of kaleidoscopic changes, punctuated by some brilliant scoring efforts, Ross, the Irish forward, playing a big part in his side's success by scoring a try to give Ireland the lead in both halves.

Raymond Ralph, the Newport half-back, contributed seven of the home country's ten points with a great dropped goal and a try near the end which kept the interest up to fever heat to the last, for the conversion of Ralph's try would have saved the game.

THE GAME DESCRIBED

(By "OLD STAGER")

Rugby enthusiasm in Wales has never been at a higher pitch than it was in Cardiff this afternoon on the occasion of the Rugby international match between Wales and Ireland. Possibly the remarkably bright afternoon had something to do with this, though the probability is that the main reason was to be found in the fact that as far as Wales was concerned the match was regarded as of greater importance than any which has been played in Wales since 1911.

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Five minutes before the time fixed for the start the band struck up "Land of My Fathers," and the crowd had scarcely joined in the opening bars when the Irishmen made their appearance on the field and were greeted by a tremendous cheer, while an Irish enthusiast in the front of the grand stand waved the flag of the Irish Free State.

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Frank Williams (Cardiff & Headingley).		M. Cro.
Claude Davey (Swansea and Sale).		E. W.
J. C. Morley (Newport).		S. L.
Half-backs.		
W. C. Powell (London Welsh), inside.		T. P.
A. R. Ralph (Newport), outside.		E. O'D.
Forwards.		
Arthur Lemon (Neath).		Noel
Watcyn Thomas (Swansea & Waterloo).		G. R.
W. Davies (Swansea).		W. M.
E. M. Jenkins (Aberavon).		M. J.
D. Thomas (Swansea).		J. A.
A. Skym (Cardiff).		C. F.
F. A. Bowdler (Cross Keys).		V. J.
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In the ground itself the display of scarlet berets and Welsh favours showed that Welshmen predominated, but there were, nevertheless, many Irish green berets and Shamrock displays in the throng.

The Regimental Goat

The band of the 1st Battalion of the Welsh Regiment, by permission of Lieut.-Colonel F. H. Linton, D.S.O., was in early attendance on the Park, and the waiting crowd was entertained to a splendid programme of music, and, in addition, found pleasure in being permitted a close examination of the regiment's Welsh goat.

The ground was as good as the weather, the recent rains having been the means of renewing the turf on the bald patches. The sky was cloudless and the cold wind blowing towards the river end was not of sufficient power to in any way interfere with the play, so that there was every prospect of the forty-second meeting between Ireland and Wales providing Rugby worthy of the importance of the occasion for the delight of a crowd which was mainly Welsh.

All sections of the community were represented in that crowd, for in addition to the officials of the Irish and Welsh Rugby Unions there were a number of well-known figures present, among them being the Earl of Granard, Sir David Hughes-Morgan, Bart., Captain Ernest Evans, M.P., Mr. O. Temple Morris, M.P., and Mr. Robert J. Webber, J.P.

An hour before the time fixed for the kick-off the ground was considered by the authorities to be reasonably full, and the gates were closed to all except ticket-holders.

As a matter of fact, for some time prior to the authorities taking the action indicated, there had been some dangerous swaying on the popular side of the field, and it was all along obvious that the ground would be packed to capacity, while thousands were known to be definitely unable to gain admission.

Community Singing

Soon after the gates were closed the band of the 1st Battalion of the Welsh Regiment commenced the programme of community singing, which had been arranged by the *Western Mail* and *South Wales Echo*, and the crowd responded with enthusiasm when the bandmaster (Mr. F. J. Davidson) stepped into the middle of the field and conducted the singing.

By that time, too, most of the points of vantage on the high buildings in the neighbourhood of the ground had all the spectators which they could comfortably accommodate, while half a dozen adventurous spirits had defied the difficulties concerned with climbing barbed wire covered posts supporting the roof on the popular side of the field, thus ensuring for themselves an uninterrupted view of the game.

Meanwhile Bandmaster Davidson, who had induced the throng on the popular side to join heartily in the community singing turned his attention to the grandstand side, and there, too, his appeal was responded to, especially when some of the old favourites were called for, and it was clear that the crowd was not only in good humour, but was thoroughly enjoying itself.

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The ball went to Crowe, who screwed it sharply to touch, and in the first minute of the game the Welsh forwards swarmed on Ireland's line, and the Irishmen conceded a minor.

The drop out was the means of affording the Irishmen a little relief, and when their forwards heeled from the first scrummage their three-quarters started passing, but Hunt was at fault and another scrummage was ordered. At the scrum excessive zeal on the part of the Irish wing forwards cost Ireland a penalty and Bassett tried



A Welsh forward being tackled in an attempt to break away from a scrummage.

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In the next minute the Irish forwards went dashing away in the loose, McC. Ross pulling Bassett down before he could get in a reply to a punt in the open by Davy. The movement was pulled up with a deal of trouble.

The next couple of minutes were packed with thrills. First of all Ralph tried to bring Morley into action by means of a cross-kick, but the ball rolled to touch.

In the next instant Wales were attacking on the other side of the field, Boon trying to dribble through, but failing to get the ball under control, while when he cross-kicked and it looked as if Dai Thomas might get a try, the ball was whipped away to Walde, who took it over his own line. He ran back almost to mid-field, punted over Bassett's head, and then dribbled on.

The pace of the Irishman was such that he was able to keep ahead of both Bassett and Morley, but he was pursued by them, and the ball bouncing awkwardly for him, Bassett got it, and to the delight of the Welsh crowd, managed to get it to touch in his own quarters. There play remained for some minutes, the

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Murray's attempt at conversion was a poor one, but Ireland had created a surprise by being three points up after ten minutes' play.

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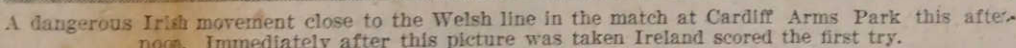
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S. L. Waide (The Army).
Half-backs.
T. P. Murray (Wanderers), inside.
E. O'D. Davy (Lansdowne), outside.
Forwards.
Noel Murphy (Cork Constitution).
G. R. Beamish (capt.) (R.A.F.).
W. McC. Ross (Queen's University).
M. J. Dunne (Lansdowne).
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Wales was a point in front. That was what the crowd had wanted, and it was not exactly perturbed when the Irishmen fought back and took up an attacking position, of which they were deprived by the short punting of Powell and full-length touch-kicking by Jack Bassett.

Lemon also started a strong rush which gained a few yards and which ended when Murray whipped the ball away to his backs, three or four of whom handled before the ball reached WAIDE. He found a way past Morley with surprising ease. Luckily for Wales Ralph had covered Morley and Ralph was able to bring Waide down.

A FATAL ERROR

That left play just inside the Welsh half and the ball being heeled by the Irish forwards, it was sent out to Davy, who dropped at goal, only to send the ball very wide and very short.

Both Frank Williams and Bassett were there to take it, and the latter stood aside in response to a command from his captain.

As it happened, that proved to be a great mistake for Bassett merely knocked the ball on and LIGHTFOOT, coming up, took it and raced over in the corner for a good try. Murray missed the goal. But the Welshmen's troubles were not over and there, although they were now behind.

Wales were attacking in the next minute when Ridgeway had to run over his own line in order to save. His attempt to get the ball away to touch failed, the ball bouncing just short of the touch line and Morley being beaten by its bounce when he tried to take it, and that with the line at his mercy.

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Again Murray missed the goal, but Ireland were now five points to the good, and the Triple Crown for Wales seemed to have receded further than ever.

That, however, did not prevent the Welshmen from again going to the attack. Ireland's reply was a delightful forward dribble which, taken in conjunction with a poor kick by Bassett, provided Ireland with the means of once again crossing the halfway line.

A stoppage for an injury to Murphy followed, and when play was resumed Boon followed a punt ahead by Ralph and gained a large slice of ground, which was lost when Davy used the touch-line to advantage, and Bassett made a poor reply to a kick ahead by Crowe.

With less than ten minutes to go Hunt also served his side well with a useful piece of kicking. Still, Wales were not done for, and an opening which was partially made by Ralph was completed by Davey, who certainly gave Morley a chance with plenty of room to move. The chance, however, was not accepted, Morley showing a lack of determination and slowness in coming into action, and Lightfoot brought him down.

"Old Stager's" Comments
appear on Page Three.

Beamish dropped back to the centre, and that was where play was when the Welsh backs once again moved and that in something like the form that had been expected of them.

Ralph was the inspiring player in the movement, and on one of two players Dad hauled, he got it again, out his way through the crowd style, and had Morley's head clearly, but he did not require his aid, breaking back then over Ireland's line and crossing with a good try, Bassett took the responsibility of taking the kick, which, had it succeeded, would have made the scores level, but it failed, and that was the last kick of the match—and Wales were beaten.

Final Score:

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The Welsh backs also made a couple of attempts to get moving with combined work, but the defence was too strong for them, and Murray, having the better of some exchange kicking, play once more settled in the vicinity of the centre line.

HARD LUCK!

That was when the ball was when Powell gave a perfect reverse pass to Ralph, who cut through in great style, and seemed to have the Irish defence well beaten when he stumbled and, in falling, threw out a pass which his centres could not be blamed for over-running. Crowe was at hand, and with a fly-kick sent the ball into touch at the Welsh quarter line.

Another reverse pass from Powell found its mark with precision, and Frank Williams, on being served, punted down to Ridgeway, who kicked back with effect, as did Lightfoot a moment later.

ROSS'S SECOND TRY

That left play on the Welsh quarter-line, and Ireland's forwards heeling in that position Murray dodged his way clean through the defence until he reached Bassett.

Then, instead of calling for the assistance of his three-quarters, he sent the ball back in the direction from which he had come and McCROSS, taking the ball cleanly, made a great effort and threw himself over the Welsh line as he was tackled.

Murray took the kick, but failed to secure the extra points, though once again Ireland were in the ascendant. This was against all expectations, and it looked as if after all, Wales might fail to secure the Triple Crown. That impression gained further ground when the restarting kick was replied to with confidence and length by Ridgeway, play once more settling near midfield.

A dribble by the Welsh forwards and Wales were attacking; and that it seemed to some purpose, for Powell again got away a beautiful reverse pass and Ralph made his opening—only to again lose the ball.

MORE WAITS!

In an instant Davy had pounced upon it, and matters looked awkward for Wales with Morley left to deal with three men, among whom was Hunt, who failed to accept his pass at the first attempt and was forced to touch by Morley when he took it at the second time of asking.

A minute later Bowdler broke away from the line-out, and his colleagues coming to his aid—Lemon, Skym and Watcyn Thomas—the Irish defence was swept in front of them right to the verge of the Irish line, where Dai Thomas got possession and forced his way over, only to be deprived of the ball before he could ground it. A near thing! Hard luck for Wales!

Wales continued to hold the attacking position, and Boon, getting possession in the loose, threw away a really good chance by calling for assistance from his colleagues when he was faced by Ridgeway instead of going all out for the line.

This pass went awry and no real harm was done. While, when Davey failed to accept his pass from Murray, Powell dashed up, bowled Davey over, and provided a means for Watcyn Thomas to start a full-blooded Welsh dribble. That was followed by passing by the Welsh backs, and when things looked promising Davey was at fault in failing to take his transfer.

A YARD FROM THE LINE

At the second time of asking Davey made amends and Morley was placed safely in possession. Morley, too, succeeded in handing off Walde, and with the Irish defence converging upon him, he sent in an inside pass to Davey, who

Morley down.

A FATAL ERROR

That left play just inside the Welsh half and the ball being heeled by the Irish forwards, it was sent out to Davy, who dropped at goal, only to send the ball very wide and very short.

Both Frank Williams and Bassett were there to take it, and the latter stood aside in response to a command from his captain.

As it happened, that proved to be a great mistake for Bassett merely knocked the ball on and LIGHTFOOT, coming up, took it and raced over in the corner for a good try. Murray missed the goal. But the Welshmen's troubles were not to end there, although they were now behind.

Wales were attacking in the next minute when Ridgeway had to run over his own line in order to save. His attempt to get the ball away to touch failed, the ball bouncing just short of the touch line and Morley being beaten by its bounce when he tried to take it, and that with the line at his mercy.

BEATEN FOR SPEED

Before Morley could turn LIGHTFOOT gathered the ball, raced for 50 yards down the unguarded field, and yards forced by Bassett at the centre, when forced by Bassett at the centre, beat the Welsh captain for speed, and went the remaining half of the field, and went on to score a great corner try after running almost the length of the field.

WALES NOT UP TO EXPECTATIONS

IRISH VICTORY WELL DESERVED ON RUN OF PLAY

By "OLD STAGER"

Wales will have to wait for at least another year before she can secure Triple Crown honours. There was rather more than an expectation that those honours would have been secured this afternoon, but Wales not only failed to secure the honours but was undeserving of them. Ireland was the better side. Ireland deserved to be victors.

And keenly though Welshmen had hoped for success on this occasion, it would be churlish of them to deny to the Irishmen the full credit which should be their for having scored a magnificent victory against odds. Ireland were the better side. Ireland played better football. What more need be said? It was a great Irish triumph, one which Irishmen will prize and which certainly does them great credit.

BELOW AVERAGE FORM

It is in no carping spirit that I want to make clear that the Welsh side failed to do itself justice, played considerably below its average form, and asked for the trouble which came to it. The failure was not confined to any section of the side. It was an all-round failure with the backs perhaps sharing the greater responsibility for it than the forwards. The Welsh pack, which had crushed the English and the Scottish packs, in turn was more than held.

It was something unusual if not unique to see an Irish pack which not only lasted throughout the whole of the hectic 80 minutes, but actually had the audacity to prefer set scrummages to lines-out whenever the choice was theirs. In the loose, too, the Irish forwards were splendid, keeping well together and absolutely declining to waste any of their energies through attempting anything in the nature of loose work in which all could not join.

The Irish forwards were a complete and aggressive pack as much in the loose as in the tight. As far as back play was concerned the honours went in the main to the Irishmen, and there were at least two or three of the Welsh backs whose play was not only disappointing, but absolutely but absolutely below first-class standard.

Off Colour

Bassett, for example, has never played so badly as he did in this match. His catching never by any means sure, and his kicking was constantly without length and direction. Morley, too, had a really bad day. Had he been in normal form he had chances with which he might easily have won the game for Wales.

But nothing would go right for him, his handling being bad, and in addition he seemed to lack almost all the determination which formerly characterised his play. It was not the Welsh centres who were to blame this time, though they opened shakily enough, and were at times uncertain in their handling.

In that respect Frank Williams was perhaps the chief offender, for Davey made only one such blunder of any consequence, and more than balanced that by the making of at least one gorgeous opening when he was trying to pull the game around for Wales in the concluding stages.

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Still it was Ralph who was the great player on the Welsh side. It was not Ralph's fault that Wales lost. He made openings enough for any side to have won, and had the Welsh wings been anything like as good as they have been in the other Internationals of the season the slight deficiencies forward would probably have been overcome. Boon was perhaps not as blameworthy as Morley, though the fact remains that Boon, too, was well below average form.

That means that the positions in which Wales had expected to have the greatest strength was the positions in which the failures were greatest. Tribute has already been paid to the Irish forwards, and there was no tribute which could be too high for them. Beamish kept them together splendidly.

The old hands in the pack, Farrell and McKeown, played right up to the last with quite as much zeal as did any of the youngsters. Murphy and Rose were great winging forwards, and between them they succeeded in "blatting out" W. Davies, the Scottish forward, while the Irish pack played well.



RAYMOND RALPH.

HOW COUNTRIES STAND

	P	W	D	L	For	Ag	Pts.
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Ireland	3	2	0	1	40	20	4
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SOME OPINIONS

Afterthoughts on To-day's Game

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VINCENT GRIFFITHS (Newport and Wales): "That's just how it goes sometimes. Wales had the chances, but Ireland scored the points."

R. BARRELL (Cardiff and Wales): "Ireland clearly better than Wales on to-day's form. They looked the most convincing side all through the game. Waide's try was a wonderful effort."

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RUGBY AS IT SHOULD BE PLAYED.

OXFORD TOO SPEEDY FOR CARDIFF.

BOTH SIDES PLAY OPEN GAME.

By "OLD STAGER."

	G.	T.	Pts.
Oxford University	2	1 13
Cardiff	1	1 8

Cardiff invariably attempt to play bright Rugby. They made the attempt in Wednesday's match with Oxford University on the Cardiff Arms Park, but the Dark Blues played even brighter Rugby than Cardiff, played it better, and with greater speed, and merely took that to which they were entitled in being returned as winners.

Mr. Morgan Moses (who several times found the crowd at variance with his decisions) added to the brightness by "letting the play go," though there were occasions—and most of them were favourable to Cardiff—when one felt that the limits of discretion were dangerously near to being exceeded. However that may be, the plain fact is that the spectators were given a real treat, for the Dark Blues were even less inclined than Cardiff to make use of the touchline, except when stern necessity made that course inevitable for defensive purposes.

Attack was, as it should be, the primary object of both sides, and everything was made subservient to it. With a generosity and a sportsmanship which was unmistakable Lorraine, Vivian Jenkins, and Minns declined to win profit for their side from the fact that Cardiff could not equal their kicking for length or accuracy, preferring to take the risks associated with open play to concentrating merely upon winning. Bill Roberts, too, was splendid it only because of the daring manner in which he several times wormed his way through bunches of defenders. But "Bill" is still the same old "Bill"—dazzlingly effective while he is in possession, but all too often stranded high and dry when the time arrives for him to call upon his centres to finish that which he has so well begun.

That was the big difference between "Bill" and Harry Bowcott, for whereas "Bill" went zig-zagging about until he had puzzled everybody Bowcott's thoughts were always with his centres, with the consequence that he brought them into action before he had gone sufficiently far ahead for their action to be effective against faster men.

A RARE GOOD SCORING WING.

But there was another angle from which many of those in the crowd looked at the Dark Blues—the angle as to the possibility of Wales making use of some of the material at Oxford. E. L. Phillips, the left wing, a North Wainian I understand, is a rare good scoring-wing, with a weakness in defence which ought to disappear with experience; Vivian Jenkins looked like becoming a serious contender for a Welsh "cap" next season; Rees, the full-back, will probably receive consideration from any country which thinks it necessary to claim a Colonial, and if Kelly has not yet won a "Blue"—well, it is a pity he is not a Welshman, for he was the best of the particularly speedy and clever Oxford pack. That pack beat Cardiff for pace in the open, though it surrendered in scrummaging capacity as the game progressed.

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As far as the service from the lines out was concerned the advantage in cleanliness of catching, plus accurate passing, was with the Irishmen, though Waeceyn Thomas certainly did his part in holding the Welsh pack together. But Watcyn Thomas and Ned Jenkins appeared to be rather too cumbersome for the job.

The honours in the loose work among the Welsh forwards went to Skym, Day, and Dai Thomas. As far as scrummaging was concerned, though Ireland favoured it in preference to line-out work, there was very little in it. Bowdler got the ball back from 26 scrummages out of 49.

The Irish halves, like the Welsh halves, were good, Murray giving a direct service which was always accurate, while Powell was not on any single occasion guilty of the wild passing for which he has been so frequently blamed on other occasions.

Murray worked perfectly with Davey, and somehow or another managed to conceal and absence of faith which the latter held. Davey set Ireland on their feet when he made the opening for the first-half tries, and if he was less spectacular in his movements than was Ralph he was quite as serviceable to his side.

The Irish quartette was also a good one, solid in every link, with Waide and Hunt as the outstanding men among the four. Crowe and Lightfoot were solid rather than brilliant, with Lightfoot showing no particular advantage when he scored the try which was perhaps the deciding point in the game.

On that occasion he certainly positioned himself well for the opportunity which came to him and did his part in making the Irish side appear altogether more lively and more united than was the Welsh one. Ridgey, the Irish fullback, was almost as disappointing as Bassett. His handling was never by any means certain, and it was only in the matter of the length of kicking that he had any advantage over the Welsh captain.

The nature of the scoring and the order in which the scores came made the game one in which excitement was always high. As far as Ireland was concerned it was invariably good football, too, but the Welshmen were always disjointed owing to their weak spots, and probably found that the tension of the occasion was too much for them.

The Welshmen were certainly disappointing, both in the bulk and in the case of many individuals, and Ireland swept along to a victory which was deserved, which ought not in the circumstances to have been denied to them even though Ireland's victory means the smashing of the hopes which Welshmen have fondly cherished for many weeks past.

It was a bright game, with Ireland doing most of the playing, and all true sportsmen will congratulate Ireland upon having secured a deserved victory and upon having turned the tables upon Wales, who on three occasions in recent years have deprived Ireland of the Triple Crown in corresponding matches to this one.

Good luck, Ireland!

CITY SUPPORTERS CUP—Third Round.
Cadoxton 3, Wheatshaf 0.
Cardiff Cosmas 5, Abertridwr Amateurs 3
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Oxford: H. Rees; E. L. Phillips, H. D. B. Lorraine, V. G. J. Jenkins, P. C. Minns; N. K. Lamport, W. Roberts; C. A. L. Richards, E. S. Nicholson, W. H. A. Martin, W. E. Henley, P. Gamon, H. M. Kelly, T. L. Tanner, P. B. Bekker.

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Cardiff v. Swansea 19th March, 1932.

SWANSEA'S FOURTH WIN OVER CARDIFF

ORDERING OFF INCIDENT AND A GREAT RUN BY ALL WHITES' FULL-BACK TOO MUCH FEELING

Swansea registered their fourth win of the season over Cardiff at the Arms Park to-day and well deserved their success. One of the features of the game, which did not reach great heights, was a brilliant run by the All Whites' full back which led to the first score, but some feeling was introduced into the play, and a sequel to which was the ordering-off of Gwynfor Lewis, a Swansea forward, in the second half.

(By "OLD STAGER")

It was a real pleasure to many hundreds of the spectators at the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon to find that the authorities had reverted to the practice of issuing programmes, with identification letters and numbers against the names of the various players. Why that practice was discontinued in the match with Oxford University is a mystery: that was the very match in which it was most required.

Swansea, who had already beaten Cardiff on three occasions this season, fielded an even stronger side than that with which they have won most of their victories, having specially secured the services of two of the most popular of their old threequarters, D. P. Manley and the Cambridge "Blue," Idwal Rees. That was a compliment to Cardiff, who were also able to field a strong side, the only notable absentee being A. T. Thomas (whose place on the right wing was taken by I. Evans).

A tricky wind was the one disturbing factor when the game commenced in the presence of a crowd of average proportions. Among those in the committee-box were Sir Donald Maclean (President of the Board of Education) and Sir Ewen Maclean. Teams:—

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Referee—Mr. W. G. Baker, Aberkenfig. Some fast dribbling by Isaacs and Colin Ross put the Swansea men on their mettle in the opening minutes, but the first real thrill came when Idwal Rees crossed-punted with judgment, and Poole caused Cardiff's supporters to worry through his failure to get under the ball.

Barrell, however, was back in time to field smartly and put in a long punt to touch. Then, in a flash, Swansea's line was in danger, Turnbull punting down to Herbert, who was beaten by the bounce of the ball.

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The pass, however, was not a good one, and Cross overrunning the ball, Cardiff lost a glorious chance.

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favourable to Swansea, the All Whites' forwards following up with surprising speed and overwhelming Turnbull and Graham Jones before they could get in the punts they had prepared for.

At a second attempt, Graham Jones got in the punt he had planned, and his forwards supporting the movement, play became level in character from the territorial point of view.

But it soon swung in favour of Swansea once again, kicking by Manley and Jenkins winning ground for the All Whites, who banged away at Cardiff's line with ineffective frontal attacks for some minutes.

HECTIC WORK

Those attacks ended when Babbage hustled his way through, and there was some hectic work amongst the forwards for some time.

It was continued, too, when the Swansea forwards replied to Babbage's effort with a really fine dribble, but they missed their reward owing to Graham Jones bringing off a particularly good save.

Gradually Cardiff broke their opponents' grip on the game, which, however, became poorer in quality than earlier on, the only features of note for a time being Bowcott's kicking and one smart breakaway on the Cardiff right flank by I. Evans.

GOOD TACKLING

Swansea's tackling, however, was particularly good, while Idwal Rees continued to use the touchline with effect. Once Cardiff did look like making substantial headway, but it was not to be, I. Evans dropping the final pass after Graham Jones and Turnbull had done some smart work.

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SWIFT MOVEMENTS

In due course Cardiff were driven back, but twice in quick succession their forwards and backs joined in some swift movements and speedy passing—one movement breaking down through Manley's smart interception of a pass Isaacs intended for Turnbull, and the other through Jack Rees being successful in his chase after Howard Poole.

MARCHING ORDERS

As the game neared its close, Swansea again asserted themselves, and in one hectic forward tussle Barrell's arms were going in whirlwind fashion as he pulled Gwynfor Lewis on top of him. Lewis promptly hit out at Barrell and the referee ordered him off the field. Swansea still persisted in their efforts and TOM DAY scored a try in a forward rush, Idwal Rees converting.

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COMMENTS.
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Cardiff Athletic v. Swansea
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CARDIFF DOWN AT SKEWEN

Tale of Two Dropped Goals--and a Try

At Skewen. The visitors started operations and play settled at the centre. The home forwards heeled from the first few scrums and the backs were kept in motion. The defence, however, was sound.

Brown, the visiting full-back, was kicking well, and gained much valuable ground.

P. C. Owen, the home forward, failed for goal from a penalty.

A moment later Later Tom Youatt unsuccessfully tried to drop a goal. The home backs got going and TED HUGHES ran in to score a fine try.

On the restart the home line had a narrow squeeze, L. Abraham relieving under difficulties.

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Cook made a good run and kicked when confronted by Brown when he again held the ball, but the defence had got through in time to prevent a score.

The home team retaliated and got again to the visitors' line, where T. YOUATT dropped a smart goal. Bowcott was playing a fine game for the visitors.

From a penalty on the home 25 Brown failed at goal.

Both sets of forwards were playing a great game. V. Bowcott got through and threw out to his wing, but was overwhelmed near the line.

NOEL MORGAN dropped a smart goal under pressure. The visitors were hard pressed when the game ended.

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GOOD PERFORMANCE

Right through to Herbert (who was standing at Swansea's quarter-line) they went, and it was quite a good performance on his part to take the ball from their toes. But he was not content with that. Side-stepping here and swerving there, he dodged his way through the bunch of forwards—several of whom ought to have tackled him and didn't!—and in the next second he had beaten Cross and Graham Jones and made a perfect opening for MANLEY to continue for an uninterrupted try.

Manley's speed certainly played its part in the score, but it was Herbert's ingenuity and cleverness which made it possible. Idwal Rees missed the goal from a difficult angle.

Swansea's general play had not, possibly, earned them the right to the lead, and during the ten minutes which followed they were again generally in defensive positions, though there did not appear to be any great amount of danger to their line, Cardiff's passing being too mechanical to be effective.

Then play turned in favour of the All Whites, and Cardiff had been defending for some minutes when Cardiff's half-backs and centres brought off some further hand-to-hand passing.

TRY FOLLOWS COLLISION

As the ball reached Turnbull, Idwal Rees arrived, and in the collision between the pair the ball fell at the feet of Rees, who kicked on, the ball rising quickly into the hands of Michael, who took it cleanly when he had only Stone in front of him.

Right up to the Cardiff full-back Michael went, and with a neat pass he placed JENKINS in possession for him to score a good try beneath the Cardiff posts. Idwal Rees added the goal points.

Two minutes later Cardiff reduced the Swansea lead, Cross joining his half-backs in passing and cutting clean through before sending out a pass which was too low for Graham Jones, but was accepted by Turnbull, who sent I. EVANS in at the corner with a try.

The angle was too difficult for Stone to convert.

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SWIFT MOVEMENTS

In due course Cardiff were driven back, but twice in quick succession their forwards and backs joined in some swift movements and speedy passing—one movement breaking down through Manley's smart interception of a pass Isaacs intended for Turnbull, and the other through Jack Rees being successful in his chase after Howard Poole.

MARCHING ORDERS

As the game neared its close, Swansea again asserted themselves, and in one hectic forward tussle Barrell's arms were going in whirlwind fashion as he pulled Gwynfor Lewis on top of him. Lewis promptly hit out at Barrell and the referee ordered him off the field. Swansea still persisted in their efforts and TOM DAY scored a try in a forward rush, Idwal Rees converting.

Final—SWANSEA 2 1 13
CARDIFF 0 1 3

COMMENTS.

Not the best of games! Rather too much feeling at times, and lengthy periods in which dullness—as far as actual play was concerned—was inclined to creep in. Yet the better side won. That is satisfactory. Swansea were the better team because their forwards were more of a pack than Cardiff's, not clever, but more united and careful, and also because the Swansea backs were that shade quicker off the mark than Cardiff's—the shade which makes all the difference. Those facts had a cumulative effect, giving Swansea the better of the game to an extent which warranted their victory, their fourth of the season, over Cardiff.

A BAD IMPRESSION

The ordering off of Gwynfor Lewis naturally creates a bad impression—possibly a worse impression than ought to exist. All the way through the elements that cause trouble were present, without actually breaking out, and while not condoning the Swansea forward's action, it is only fair to say that he was unfortunate in being ordered off, for it looked very much as if he had been tempted into placing himself in a false position.

Cardiff's failings were the failings which have been present for weeks, an absence of understanding and accuracy in the matter of sending the ball back from the lines-out, and those precious seconds or fractions of seconds occupied by the backs in preparing for absolute perfection in combined work—those brief periods of time which enable alert defenders to position themselves to deal effectively with the attacks. Two of Swansea's scores came from Cardiff "slips," and those were the scores they won by. That was the main difference between the sides—Swansea had the alertness and the pace to seize opportunities which came from mistakes, and Cardiff had not!

Few of the players were wholly satisfactory, but Bryn Evans was too quick for Poole, and Idwal Rees was the best of the centres. Herbert approached genius when he made the opening for the first try, but he was not uniformly as good as Stone. Cardiff's counterpart to Herbert was Graham Jones, who was the best of all the Cardiff attacking backs, who were fettered by Bowcott's super-carefulness, though aided by his splendid kicking. Swansea also had outstanding forwards in Day, Long and Rees, while Cardiff's best were Skym and Ross.

Cardiff - v - Barbarians
26th March, 1932.

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CARDIFF FAIL TO STOP THE BARBARIANS GRAHAM JONES' GREAT TRY AT THE PARK

The Barbarians touring side, which included fourteen internationalists, had the better of an exciting duel with Cardiff at Arms Park to-day. Graham Jones scored a great individual try for the home side.

(By "OLD STAGER")

The Barbarians were at Cardiff this afternoon for the second match of their tour, and paid Cardiff the compliment of fielding their best available side, 14 internationalists being in their team, and B. R. Todd being the only "uncapped" Barbarian.

England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales were represented in the Barbarians, the one Welsh representative being Watcyn Thomas, the leader of this season's Welsh pack. R. W. Boon, home on holidays, was in the Cardiff quartette, while Jackie Bowcott (Cambridge) was at half-back, with his brother Harry. Frank Williams, the Welsh international, who was touring with the Baa-Baas, stood down owing to a slight injury.

The rain of the morning had immeasurably improved the turf, and the conditions were excellent when the teams fielded before a crowd of 10,000. Teams:-

CARDIFF—T. Stone; R. W. Boon, G. ham Jones, B. R. Turnbull, and Cyril Cross; J. E. Bowcott and H. M. Bowcott; Tom Lewis, A. Skyn, R. Barrell, Lewis Rees, I. Isaacs, V. R. Osmond, Colin Ross, and G. Babbage.

BARBARIANS—R. W. Langrish; J. E. Forrest, M. Crowe, E. W. F. de Vere Hunt, and C. D. Aarvold; B. R. Foot and W. R. Logan; C. R. Hanrahan, G. G. Gregory, J. W. Allan, B. H. Black, J. Russell, J. McD. Hodgson, Watcyn Thomas, and A. Rowland.

Referee, Mr. L. L. Hollis, London.

Cardiff were soon in difficulties, the Barbarians speedily taking up the attack, though being unable to press it owing to Hunt, the Irish centre, dropping a pass, and Forrest kicking too far ahead when he tried what a cross punt would do.

His overkicking enabled Stone to concede a minor, and a penalty, taken by Harry Bowcott, was the means of Cardiff getting back to the centre, where Boon slipped through nearly before passing to Graham Jones, who punted well ahead.

Boon was also in the next movement, which was of greater brilliance than that which preceded it, for Boon darted through between Cardiff half-backs and then sent out a return pass to Harry Bowcott. He brought his centres into action, and Cyril Cross was within a yard of the Baa-Baas' line when he was smothered by Aarvold, Hunt, and Crowe.

CLEVER PASSING.

In the next minute Harry Bowcott made a futile drop at goal and when the Barbarians had secured some relief, Cardiff once again handled speedily and cleverly and Boon and Graham Jones contributed some pretty interpassing which almost carried them through.

The Barbarians' threequarters soon cleared their line by means of orthodox passing, and once they had crossed the centre-line, Todd made a really great opening before passing to Hunt, who, rather unwisely, punted on. That gave Harry Bowcott the opportunity of racing back to save.

A scrummage followed and a really short "short-side" opening by Logan ended in FORREST racing in at the corner with a good try. Black failed to secure the goal points. Had he been equally out of luck at Twickenham in 1931 Wales would have won the Triple Crown!

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Cardiff, and only a few which flattered before it was once again elapsing in favour of the Baa-Baas.

Aarvold was responsible for the bulk of the excellent work which preceded the actual score, for he rounded Cross, handed off Stone and was almost in his stride again when Graham Jones jumped on him from behind and Turnbull helped to lay him low.

CROWE'S CORNER TRY

Aarvold immediately released the ball, and CROWE, dashing up, scooped up the ball and raced across in the corner with a try. Black missed the goal.

A minute later with play at the centre Hunt pounced upon a dropped pass, cut through, and started a bout of passing in which forwards and backs joined. By means of that passing play was carried to within a yard of Cardiff's line and when it looked as if the movement had spent itself, HUNT again fielded, brushed J. E. Bowcott and Stone on one side, and using his strength forced his way over in the corner for another try. Allan failed to win the goal points.

The Barbarians continued to have rather the better of the game. Cardiff appeared to best advantage when Boon used all his pace for following up a kick ahead by Harry Bowcott with the consequence that he was able to prevent Forrest from getting in a reply.

CHANCES MISSED

Then Boon, when served by J. E. Bowcott, dodged down the centre of the field, and, with an opening partially made, threw out a pass to his left, where Turnbull was waiting. He carried on the movement, only to see his pass go wrong, and that when the defence was beaten.

Harry Bowcott failed with another long drop at goal from a penalty, while the prolonged period of pressure by Cardiff which ensued, was also unproductive, Crowe eventually bursting through and setting Aarvold in motion.

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Final—BARBARIANS 1 3 14
CARDIFF * 2 0 8

* Penalty.

COMMENTS.

Quite good holiday Rugby! That was what it was, with any amount of movement, and with both sides playing with a freedom which made the game constantly bright, and at times really spectacular. So open was the play, that although Cardiff had the worst of it, they also had ample opportunities to have won, and would probably have done so if Boon had run with his old determination when he unexpectedly found himself almost clear on a couple of occasions early on. But, somehow or another, Boon would not risk anything. He could get through, but once he got through he wanted to get rid of the responsibility—rather a reversal of what is expected from a hard-running wing!

(Easter Monday)
Cardiff - v - Harlequins
28th March 1932.

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IMPROVED PLAY AT CARDIFF.

BRIGHT RUGBY IN GAME
WITH 'QUINS.

By "OLD STAGER."

	G.	T.	Pts.
Cardiff	2	0	4
Harlequins	12	1	19

*One penalty; 10 one dropped and one penalty.

Memories are short! How many of those in the crowd of 7,000 or 8,000 at the Cardiff Arms Park on Monday recognised the great A. L. Gracie in the Harlequins' touch-judge?

What must Gracie have thought of his old clubmates when he saw Cardiff winning easily by means of the methods—or some of them—which the Harlequins formerly regarded as their own? Whatever he thought, Cardiff's was the better side, playing the more accurate Rugby, and finding a way to a victory which was perhaps too liberally rewarded on the scoreboard. For that Gracie was partly to blame, for he was too excited to notice that Noel Morgan infringed the touch-line with both feet before scoring his second try. Mr. Moses, too, might have whistled before Cardiff's concluding try was scored, the final pass having all the appearance of being forward.

It was the best day Cardiff have had for a month or more, weaknesses in scrummaging disappearing, and there being far more thrust in the centre of the field than in any of their recent matches. Both of those welcome facts were probably due in large measure to the wing forwards on both sides fulfilling their proper functions instead of becoming obstructionists. Colin Ross, Babbage, and Tom Lewis also deserve credit for their efforts to make the Cardiff side of the scrummages as solid as possible, and if none was the equal of Brook in the loose, the Cardiff forwards as a whole had the satisfaction of knowing that their united efforts brought greater rewards than did the work of their opponents.

THE BOWCOTT OF OLD.

Welcome as was the improvement in the work of Cardiff's forwards, it was less spectacular and less profitable than was the change for the better farther back. That change



H. M. Bowcott.

was most noticeable at outside half, where Harry Bowcott was the Bowcott of old—confident and thrustful. Whether his partnership with his brother had anything to do with it is problematical, but, whatever the reason, the fact is that there were half-a-dozen occasions on which he probed for openings by go-ahead methods which have been absent from his play for months past.

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The Baa-Baas promptly tried passing as a means of bringing the other flank man into action, and again it was Stone who ended the movement by getting Aarvold low and forcing him into touch.

DASHING RUN

J. Bowcott came to Cardiff's rescue with a dashing run, and the handling which followed left the ball with Boon, who, however, failed to get clear of Forrest.

The general play continued to favour the Baa-Baas, and it was only when Stone made good use of a penalty and Boon once again dodged his way through that Cardiff occupied attacking position for a brief period of time.

No matter what the position of the play, however, the Barbarians' three-quarters were always ready to try their luck with passing and Cardiff's defence was clearly up to standard on many occasions.

When the pressure was heaviest Graham Jones worried Forrest off the ball and Boon, though not running with his usual determination, gained a large slice of ground.

That was promptly lost when Gregory broke away from a scrummage with the ball in his possession, raced up to Stone and kicked on. Bowcott and Graham Jones got back in time to prevent Gregory going all the way, but when the ball went loose, TOD scooped it up, darted through and scored a try almost in the corner.

Again Black took the kick, and this time sent the ball against one of the uprights, from which it rebounded on to the bar and then over for a goal!

A GREAT KICK

A few minutes before the interval the Baa-Baas were penalised a few yards inside their own half and HARRY BOWCOTT, with a great drop kick, secured three points, the ball falling on the cross-bar and toppling over.

Half-BARBARIANS	1	1	3
CARDIFF	1	1	3

† Penalty.

Early in the second half a left-foot touch-finder by Harry Bowcott was the means of placing Cardiff in an attacking position, which was quickly lost owing to Boon lobbing a pass which fell into the hands of Crowe, who, with the assistance of Hunt, managed to get Aarvold moving dangerously.

Aarvold had the pace to get around Cross, but when challenged by Turnbull and Stone he cross-punted and Graham Jones got back and put the ball out of play with a good kick.

STONE PROMINENT.

Stone also won considerable ground for Cardiff with a splendid kick, and with play a dozen yards of the Baa-Baas' half the ball was swung out to Graham Jones, who feinted to pass, and when the defence was moving short-punted.

Langrish was in a position to deal with the ball, but the bounce entirely beat him, and GRAHAM JONES, who had followed, took the ball on the rebound and

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Cardiff's backs as a whole, however, played some remarkable football, of which an absence of consistency was the outstanding feature. Behind a beaten pack, they necessarily had to do more defensive than attacking work, but it was the thrusts of Harry Bowcott and Turnbull to forge ahead that showed them in their best light.

But, when it came to defensive work—well there were many occasions on which Harry Bowcott, Turnbull, and Graham Jones "missed" their men, while Aarvold was always too fast for Cross, but as it happened, any lapse by a particular player was almost always "covered" by a colleague doing rather more than his share at a given moment.

Stone, of course, was excellent, doing much of the tackling which should have fallen upon other shoulders, and especially upon Cross, and yet the wonder is—having regard to the accuracy of the "Baa-Baas", handling and the frequency with which they were in possession—that Cardiff was not beaten much more decisively.

Cardiff's forwards did quite well in the loose, only to find themselves well behind at scrummaging. That situation, too, was greatly to the liking of Logan, who was always a great performer—a fact that must not be overlooked in glancing at Jackie Bowcott's performance, and when one is inclined to blame him or his brother for the passes that were either out of reach or dropped.

Crowe, at centre, was also particularly dashing, probing for an opening at every opportunity, and being rather more serviceable than Hunt, whose faulty kicking undid much of the good work he did in other directions.

Still, the Rugby was what the crowd wanted, though it would have preferred a little more heart in Cardiff's scrummaging and a smaller sprinkling of the lapses in defence on the part of half-backs and three-quarters.



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(Caster)
Cardiff Athletic - v - Pill
Harriers 28th March, 1932.

PILL HARRIERS FLATTERED.

	G.	T.	Pts.
Pill Harriers	2	2	15
Cardiff Athletic	0	1	3

* One dropped.

Pill Harriers deserved to win this game at Pill, but the score reflects greater credit than they earned on the general run of the game.

Play was mainly left to the forwards, who throughout adopted bustling tactics.

Tries were scored for Pill by Pritchard, W. Travers, and H. Gardner, Pritchard converting one and dropping a goal. I. Williams scored for Cardiff.

Cardiff - v - Coventry
29th March, 1932.

FAULTY PLAY OF CARDIFF.

LITTLE EXCUSE FOR DEFEAT.

By "THE VETERAN."

	G.	T.	Pts.
Coventry	1	1	8
Cardiff	0	1	3

The third game of the holidays at Cardiff on Tuesday was a disappointing one to the three or four thousand spectators. The weather was wretched and the players on both sides were handicapped by a ball difficult to handle, but there was little excuse for the faulty play of Cardiff in comparison with the better taking and giving of passes by their opponents.

The first half gave promise of good football notwithstanding the rain but as the game progressed the play of Cardiff deteriorated to a much greater extent than that of Coventry, who played better and adapted themselves more quickly to the conditions.

CARDIFF'S FAULTS.

Stone was beaten for possession several times and the three-quarters, when given the ball by the brothers Bowcott, seemed unable to do the right thing. The forwards had a fair share of the ball although the Coventry front row heeled more cleanly. Gascoigne, their inside half, was prone to offside and on more than one occasion was penalised for hampering Jack Bowcott, who played pluckily under handicap. The visiting three-quarters certainly handled the ball better than Cardiff and their tackling was much keener.

Coventry's scores came as a result of good combined work among the forwards, Wheatley dashing over from five yards out after a scramble and Rowley after a stout burst by the backs and a tussle on the line by the front row, Gilbert converting. Cardiff's only score was perhaps the more spectacular, Bowcott cutting across to give Cyril Cross possession and that player, with little room to move, crossed in the corner.

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Cardiff - v - Plymouth Albion 2nd April 1932

A. T. THOMAS SHOWS HIS PACES TWO GREAT TRIES FOR CARDIFF AT THE PARK

Cardiff proved much too good for Plymouth Albion at Arms Park this afternoon, and A. T. Thomas was in the picture with two great tries.

(By "THE VETERAN")

Cardiff had the assistance of R. W. Boon, Frank Williams, and Guy Morgan, the Welsh internationals, for this match, while A. T. Thomas again re-appeared after an enforced absence.

Plymouth made two alterations in the back division, V. Lewis going to left wing with T. Evans as his centre. Teams:—

PLYMOUTH ALBION.—A. Rowe; O. Parker, H. Gormley, T. Evans, V. Lewis; A. Davies, E. Richards; E. Stanbury, R. H. Sparks, M. Wilson, A. Brigstock, J. Hanley, W. Paul, H. Rowe, and B. James.

CARDIFF.—T. Stone; R. W. Boon, Guy Morgan, B. R. Turnbull, A. T. Thomas; Frank Williams, J. E. Bowcott; D. J. Tarr, R. Barrell, Lewis Rees, I. Isaacs, L. Spence, Colin Ross, G. Babbage, and Tom Lewis.

Referee, Mr. Jack Wetter, Newport. Tom Lewis kicked off for Cardiff, and from the return by Gormley, B. R. Turnbull broke through with a thirty yards run, but he was tackled before he could get the ball away to A. T. Thomas.

The Plymouth forwards were penalised, and Frank Williams found touch on the ten yards line. Another penalty against the Albion was taken by Stone, who failed in an attempt to goal.

The Cardiff forwards were getting the ball back to Jack Bowcott cleanly. Tarr, Lewis Rees and Isaacs led a fine dribble and looked dangerous, but the ball rolled into touch.

A. Davies, the Albion inside-half, came into prominence with a smart break through, but his pass was not taken and a profitable score went "abegging." Up to date the game was very open, Cardiff especially giving the ball air.

A CORNER TRY
From a scrum thirty yards out Jack Bowcott flashed the ball out to Frank Williams and after Turnbull, Guy Morgan and BOON had handled the last-named crossed with a try near the corner flag. Babbage made a good but futile attempt to goal.

Play going to the right wing on the kick-out, Turnbull and A. T. Thomas just missed beating the opposition, but the Albion broke away and TOM EVANS receiving, crossed under the posts between the Cardiff centres, but no goal resulted, although Stanbury's kick was from the easiest of positions.

The Albion forwards were playing all out to add to their score, but Cardiff were making no mistake in tackling.

Tom Evans, the visiting centre, again got away, but his pass to V. Lewis was poor and an almost certain try was thrown away.

Immediately after Cardiff were in difficulties, a forward pass preventing Lewis scoring.

From a scrum ten yards from Cardiff line the forwards broke away and Isaac, picking up, looked a scorer when he was well collared from behind.

Not to be denied, Cardiff forced matters and B. R. Turnbull receiving sprinted away and gave to A. T. THOMAS, who made no mistake and went in near the posts. T. Stone easily converted.

Cardiff again got going, and Boon, on the left wing, almost crossed. Isaac and Babbage were conspicuous for some good footwork and kept play in the visitors' half.

Half—CARDIFF 1 1 0
ALBION 0 1 3

On the restart a scrum was ordered on the halfway line, and from a scramble Boon received and beat Parker, but made a mistake in passing inwards, when, with his speed, he might easily have got past Rowe. Guy Morgan was easily stopped before he could get going.

From within Cardiff's 25 the home forwards took matters in hand, and were not stopped until they got to Albion's 25, where from another rush BARRELL went over the line in the corner, Babbage failing with the kick at goal.

FAULTY HANDLING
Cardiff might have added to their score but for indifferent passing, and the Albions profiting by the errors got away to Cardiff's 25, where Boon received, to kick out of danger at halfway.

Play was stopped through an injury to Tommy Stone, Spence going to full-back on the resumption. Cardiff forwards again gained 20 yards, Babbage, Barrell, and Isaacs leading.

Then came a characteristic try by A. T. THOMAS, who received on his touch-line and broke through to the centre, where he passed to Turnbull, who repassed to Thomas, and although hemmed in by several opponents "A. T." went through under the posts with a clever try which Babbage easily converted. Tommy Stone now returned to the field.

Plymouth forwards became prominent with a combined rush and looked scorers when Boon dashed to the centre and with a great run kicked out of danger.

Still the visiting forwards were heeling better, and but for Cardiff's tackling the Albion backs would have scored.

B. R. Turnbull next came into the picture with a great run after a perfect break through, but Guy Morgan missed a pass. Cardiff still kept Albions defending, and TARR fielding 20 yards out shook off two opponents and crossed in the corner, Babbage failing to majorise.

Final—CARDIFF 2 3 19
ALBION 0 1 3

COMMENTS

Cardiff's play to-day was a vast improvement on that of the earlier part of the week when they fared so badly against Coventry. Without being brilliant, the game was a splendid exhibition, both sides being determined to make it open, even at the cost of taking risks, and in this respect Cardiff succeeded in pleasing their supporters in a greater measure than for some weeks past.

The home forwards held their own in the scrums while in the open they were the better. Tom Lewis, Babbage, Colin Ross, and Isaacs were the pick of a hard working bunch. Jack Bowcott and Frank Williams worked together well and combined splendidly with their threequarters.

Boon and A. T. Thomas were the best wings on the field, and were faster than their opponents, while B. R. Turnbull and Guy Morgan did excellent work, the former especially making a couple of brilliant bursts. T. Stone was safe as usual.

For the Albion the forwards were triers throughout, but in the open met their masters. Their backs were keen and thrustful, but were unfortunate to find Cardiff on the top of their form. Parker, on the wing, Evans and Lewis, the centres, and E. Richards, were the best of the backs. Cardiff's superiority is fairly reflected in the score.

Cardiff Athletic - v - Abergavenny 2nd April, 1932

FIVE TRIES, BUT NO GOALS

Cardiff Athletic Beat Abergavenny

At Abergavenny. The home side were not at full strength. Cardiff quickly found their way to the home 25, and Morgan was stopped picking up smartly and trying to force his way through.

Watkins got away, and Murray charged down a great kick and put Abergavenny in a good attacking position. Cardiff handled, but did not make much progress, although there were instances of weak tackling. Good forward work by Abergavenny in the loose kept Cardiff mostly on the defensive.

Harper tried a shot at goal, but was wide. Several Cardiff bouts of passing broke down.

The Abergavenny threes got away, but Murray, on the wing, was hemmed in. A fine kick by Reuben Price found touch near the corner flag, and for some time the Cardiff line was in danger.

Cardiff were penned in their own half for some time, but at length Wyn Jones got going in fine style along the line and cross-kicked for V. RICHARDS to score an unconverted try.

There was some fierce play in the Cardiff 25 and Abergavenny forced a touch-down. Cardiff attacked, but were quickly driven back, and the visitors were forced to kick over the dead-ball line when Harper kicked through and Watkins followed up.

Brown, the Cardiff full-back, started a good passing movement and eventually WYN JONES showed his speed and got over in the corner.

Half—CARDIFF ATHLETIC 0 2 6
ABERGAVERN 0 0 0

Cardiff had the best of play after the interval, and G. V. JONES scored in the corner, and late WYN JONES made the home defence look simple by going right through on his own. The latter also got a further try.

Abergavenny were quite outplayed in this half, but Cardiff's goal kicking was poor, not one of the five tries having been converted. Abergavenny lived up and attacked for some time, but their play was rugged. At length MURRAY got over in the corner.

Final—CARDIFF ATHLETIC 0 5 15
ABERGAVERN 0 1 3

HOCKEY INTERNATIONAL FINAL
SCOTLAND 1
WALES 0

Half—BLAENAVON 0 3 9
SOUTH WALES BOR.
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Cardiff - v - Abertillery *Monday, 14th April, 1932.* Cardiff - v - Blackheath *9th April, 1932.*

CARDIFF'S "SHADOW"

XV. WELL BEATEN

Unrepresentative Side
No Match for
Abertillery.

ANSWERING A CALL

When Harm Rather
Than Good is Done

(By "OLD STAGER")
ABERTILLERY 23-18, CARDIFF 0-0
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THE calls which are made upon the Cardiff Club for assistance are many, and it is to the credit of the club that all such calls are sympathetically received. But the club ought not to permit its sympathy to exceed its resources, for harm rather than good is done when Cardiff has to send a side which is totally unrepresentative to fulfil an important fixture.

That happened yesterday, when Cardiff's team at Abertillery contained a third of Cardiff's recognised first team players, the remaining two-thirds being drawn from the Glamorgan Wanderers, Cardiff Athletic, Bargoed, and Maesteg clubs! And that was the side that represented Cardiff on the ground of a club which has been undefeated at home for three years! Is it any wonder that Cardiff was defeated by 18 points?

Points Deserved

Abertillery deserved every one of the points obtained, and if it had not been for the exceptionally fine defensive play of Harry Bowcott (whose kicking was of immense value to his side), Abertillery would probably have obtained many more points. Only once did Cardiff really threaten their opponents' line—an occasion when Harry Bowcott slipped through, beat several men, and then cross-kicked to Rex Morgan, who could not be blamed for failing to get quickly on the move, the heavy ground and ball being too pronounced a handicap for the rapidity of the movement necessary to bring that manoeuvre to fruition.

After that Abertillery gave up trying with Cardiff, kept them out of the danger zone for the remainder of the opening half, and scored with ever-increasing rapidity in the second period. Long before the end, Cardiff were thoroughly beaten, on tactics as well as in the play.

With snow-capped hills in the distance and a ground which was gallantly struggling to shake off the effects of a heavy morning snowstorm, the expenditure of energy in scrummaging was not calculated to be profitable. Yet that was the course persistently pursued by the Cardiff forwards, Tom Lewis sending the ball back regularly and swiftly to half-backs who would have achieved the extraordinary if they had succeeded in making satisfactory use of it.

Better Disciplined

Abertillery's pack (which was naturally united and disciplined to an extent that was impossible with Cardiff's hastily constructed pack) did not worry about the scrummaging, making for better use of its skill and physical qualities by keeping the ball on the ground and keeping it moving in front of them. Gil Morgan, Black, and Phillips were always after it, driving it through and following it, or leading it, and under the conditions which existed at the forward play which was really unrepresentative and valuable came from the Monmouthshire men.

Behind the scrummages, too, Abertillery were superior. True, they had not an outstanding player who could stand comparison with Bowcott, but there was a higher general standard of play with the Abertillery backs than on the defeated side. Bowcott was always sound, with a never-wholly repressed inclination to make determined dashes when near the line; Richardson was clever in his individual attacking efforts and kicking; and of a three-quarter line which rightly refused to take any undue notice of the

THE WILL TO WIN BEATS BLACKHEATH

REMARKABLE SCORING AT CARDIFF

In spite of a high wind some delightful play was witnessed in the game between Cardiff and Blackheath at Arms Park this afternoon.

There was some rapid scoring in the early stages with the Heathens on top, and they retained their lead until the second half, when Cardiff, showing more the will to score and to win that has been the case of late, eventually pulled through.

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The wind was blowing with the force of a half-gale at the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon when Blackheath opposed Cardiff. That probably had an adverse effect upon the attendance, which was not what the importance of the game warranted.

The Heathens had two internationals in their quartette, Aarvold and Tallent, while a third English international, B. H. Black—the man who kicked the penalty goal which enabled England to draw with Wales at Twickenham in 1931—was in the pack.

Cardiff were also strongly represented, having seven Welsh internationals in the side, among them Guy Morgan, who played at right centre in place of B. R. Turnbull. Teams:

CARDIFF.—T. Stone; R. W. Boon, Graham Jones, Guy Morgan, A. T. Thomas; J. E. Bowcott, H. M. Bowcott; T. Lewis, A. Skym, R. Barrell, Lewis Rees, I. Isaacs, L. Spence, D. J. Tarr, and G. Babbage.

BLACKHEATH.—S. P. A. Ratcliffe; D. M. Henderson, J. A. Tallent, C. D. Aarvold, A. R. Chorlton; J. T. Kemp, F. W. Simpson; C. B. Bailey, L. S. Bailey, A. G. Cridland, R. N. Walpole, B. H. Black, R. H. Charsley, J. E. Valentine, and T. W. Gubb (capt.).

Referee: Mr. Stanley Budd, Bristol. Cardiff had to face the wind in the opening half, and in the first few minutes both quartettes handled accurately, though without being able to make any substantial impression upon the situation.

At their third attempt, however, the Blackheath quartette got really going. Tallent handing-off Graham Jones and monopolising the attention of Boon before passing to Henderson, of whom Boon went in rapid pursuit. Still, it was Stone who brought Henderson down.

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For a few minutes after they found themselves in arrears, Blackheath looked like collapsing and their line had several narrow escapes. Passing and running by Tallent, Aarvold and Chorlton eventually drove Cardiff back, but they resumed their attacks when Harry Bowcott found touch at great length.

SPECTACULAR TRY

Success, too, came to Cardiff when Harry Bowcott accepted a pass from Babbage and shot clean through the defence before throwing out an overhead pass which landed conveniently for GRAHAM JONES, who took it when well on the run and raced through between the posts for an easy and spectacular try. Stone converted.

After another sustained attack by Cardiff—in the course of which Stone would have scored a try had he not lost the ball in crossing the line—the Heathens staged a recovery, only to be driven back and to have a narrow escape when Harry Bowcott dropped at goal.

Final—CARDIFF 3 2 21
BLACKHEATH x2 1 11
x One penalty.

COMMENTS

One of the brightest games at Cardiff for a long while, with Cardiff showing more of the will to score and to win than has been the case in recent matches! As the surprise of it is that that was accomplished in spite of the discouraging influence which a high wind ought to have had upon the play—and did not except in minimising the amount of kicking.

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O'Neill, at full-back, was also reliable, fielding accurately and kicking with length and judgment, and that while Jack Poole, at the other end, went slowly floundering along, rarely doing anything which would justify the men in front of him placing confidence in him. Poole, like the remainder of the Cardiff backs with the exception of Bowcott, found the conditions too much for him, and played with a lack of resourcefulness and not any marked skill. Indeed, Cardiff's play all round was poor, and the Monmouthshire side would not have been flattered by an even larger victory than that obtained.

Scoring Movements

Abertillery's forwards did none too well at the line-out, and it was possibly the carelessness which crept into the work of the Cardiff forwards in that sphere that gave Abertillery their long overdue first try, for it was a knock-back from a line-out close to the Cardiff line which gave ALBERT FEAR the opportunity of scoring a try, which Gil Morgan converted. Consistent attacks by Abertillery followed, and a dashing try by GIL MORGAN preceded a pretty dropped goal by RICHARDSON. Then Phillips broke clean away from a line-out, and a well delivered pass sent BIRD over for a corner try. BIRD also scored the concluding try, gathering from a kick which was intended to send the ball to touch—and didn't—and running across without being worried by any of the opposing players. Teams:—

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LONG-RANGE PENALTY

That score, however, did Cardiff little good, for within a minute or two BLACK regained most of the points by kicking a long range penalty goal.

The art of scoring had certainly been phenomenal, and Cardiff, who had shaken off their slothfulness, not only justified their score, but challenged the 'Heathens' supremacy in handling and set up attacks which were delivered with skill and accuracy.

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GREAT REVERSE PASS

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Then Babbage broke away from a line-out, and excellent hand to hand passing and a really clever opening by Graham Jones ended in BOON diving over with a corner try which Babbage could not improve upon.

Cardiff continued to do justice to themselves in the subsequent play, in which J. E. Bowcott made one brilliant opening which was not made the most of, while shortly before the interval Black narrowly failed to drop a goal from a mark at long range.

Half—BLACKHEATH	*2	1	11
CARDIFF	1	1	8

* One penalty.

About 6,000 spectators saw the resumption of play, which soon took a turn in favour of Cardiff. Tallent, however, again made a run in the course of which he handed off Graham Jones, only to see the pass which was intended for Henderson fall at the feet of Guy Morgan, who with the assistance of Boon dribbled through.

In due course the movement was pulled up, and Cardiff subsequently resumed their passing attacks, several of which were denied success through Harry Bowcott displaying a tendency to crowd A. T. Thomas on to the touchline.

A CLEVER TRY

Still, perhaps, that was all part of a plan, for when the Cardiff forwards heeled from a scrum a dozen yards from the Heathens' line, HARRY BOWCOTT deluded the Heathens into the belief that he intended to repeat the error—and quietly slipped through for a try which levelled the scores.

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If Cardiff's forwards had their limitations in the tight, they did splendidly in the loose, where Tarr frequently distinguished himself, as did Barrell, Isaacs, and Spence in lesser degrees.

Blackheath's team was well balanced, with the "stars" failing to reach the standards expected from men of their reputations, and Cardiff certainly did well enough to earn a ten points win—and more!

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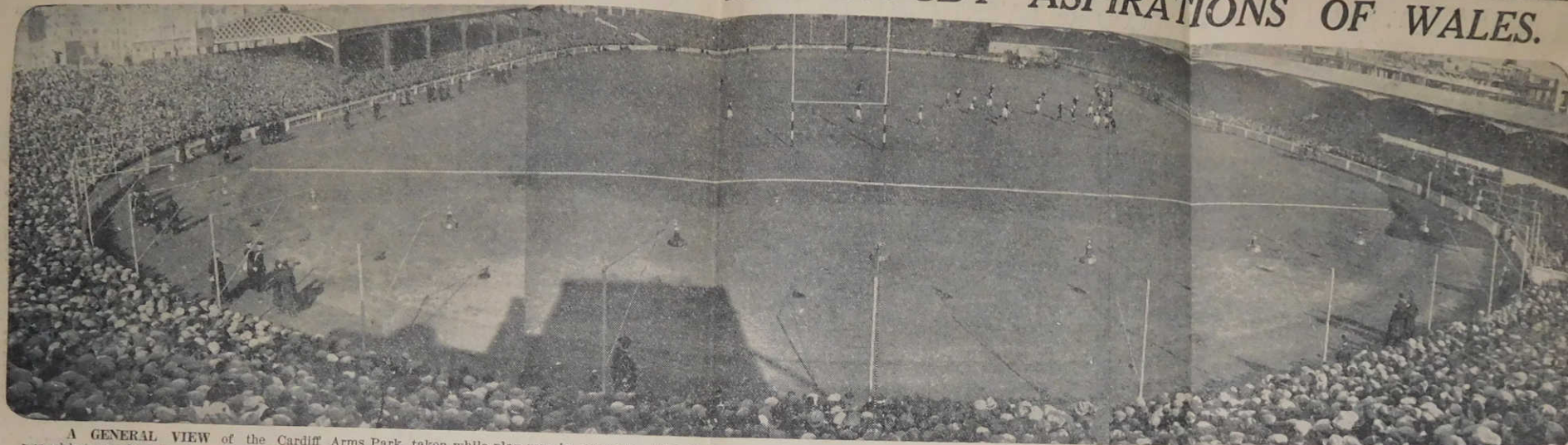
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A SMILE WHICH CAME OFF.—Claid Davey in a happy mood. He has handed-off Walde and sent Morley away on one of his futile efforts to reach the corner. Hunt has "covered" his wing and is preparing for the side-tackle with which he ended Morley's run.

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ABERAVON "STING" CARDIFF PACK

FIVE POINTS WIN IN A GOOD-AND-BAD GAME

In a match which saw good and bad football alternate, Aberavon, playing with real "sting," beat Cardiff a goal and a try to a penalty.

Cardiff were handicapped through injuries, but while they missed chances the Port Talbot men exploited every one.

Cardiff were late arriving at Aberavon this afternoon, and the game was delayed twenty minutes. Both teams had several changes. Teams:—

ABERAVON—C. Griffiths; T. Thomas, D. Phillips, H. Hayes, and Fred Nicholas; Thomas and T. Egan; Ned Jenkins, M. Grath, W. Vickery, D. Morgan, Y.omas, H. Davies, L. Davies, and A. iden.

CARDIFF—T. Stone; A. T. Thomas, C. Ross, Graham Jones, and G. V. Jones; J. Bowcott and H. M. Bowcott; Tom Lewis, Barrell, G. Babbage, T. Burns, H. Johnson, V. Osmond, D. Tarr, and L. pence.

Referee: Mr. Dai Hiddlestone, Pontar-bulais.

The attendance was most disappointing for such an important fixture, and clearly showed that Rugby at Port Talbot had slumped in the last few seasons.

A cup final match at Briton Ferry between two Aberavon teams appeared to have had a serious effect upon the Port Talbot game.

Cardiff had to face a strong wind at the start. They got the ball away from the first scrum and the Bowcotts gained ground, but Nicholas drove them back to midfield.

Aberavon forwards tackled smartly, but Cyril Griffiths missed the ball when Barrell kicked ahead. Egan, however, secured and relieved.

NICHOLAS'S RUN
Cardiff were so far getting the best of matters, but a penalty to Aberavon enabled them to gain the Cardiff 25, where H. M. Bowcott made a blunder, and then Stone failed to gather the ball from a punt by Egan, with the result that the later recovered possession and passed to Fred Nicholas, who made a splendid race for the line, but was sent to touch in the corner.

A few moments later Cardiff were again penalised, but McGrath failed to find the mark.

Cardiff worked back to midfield, and from here the Aberavon backs handled smartly for the first time, and Nicholas sent inwards to T. EGAN, who burst over with a capital try under the posts.

Cyril Griffiths converted.
Cardiff lost a chance of equalising in the next few minutes, when Graham Jones broke away cleverly but sent the ball out to G. V. Jones, who made the mistake of getting inwards instead of going straight.

D. J. Phillips cleared for the Red and Blacks, and Harold Hayes improved their position from a midfield scrum.

J. Bowcott got away cleverly, and his brother did likewise in the next second, but the passing of the Cardiff centre was not up to the usual standard, and Aberavon took advantage of these failures.

An interception by D. J. Phillips looked like another score for Aberavon, but Graham Jones saved the situation.

Then came a fine bit of play by the Cardiff backs. Cross got away smartly, and H. Bowcott raced to within a few yards of the line, where he punted ahead only to see Cyril Griffiths reach the ball first.

CARDIFF SCORE

From a scrum near their line Aberavon were penalised, and BABBAGE kicked a goal for Cardiff. Aberavon, aided by the wind, got closed to their opponents' line, but J. Bowcott kicked out of danger.

J. Thomas found touch near the Cardiff line, and there Aberavon got another penalty, but Cyril Griffiths sent wide of the posts. Cardiff now pressed strongly, but A. T. Thomas failed after breaking through when the defence was beaten.

Half—ABERAVON 1 0 5
CARDIFF *1 0 3

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CARDIFF A's PILE OF POINTS

Weak "Brum" Team Easy Prey

Birmingham, who have not won a game this season, were the visitors to Cardiff Arms Park.

The Midland side were forced to make several changes. Teams:—

CARDIFF—D. Brown; Rex. Morgan, Ron. Jones, R. Fletcher, and W. Morgan; Roy Gabe-Jones and Vernon Richards; T. Gadd, D. Carne, G. James, S. Joyce, Ivor Williams, P.C. Baker, T. E. Billings, and A. Clarke.

BIRMINGHAM.—L. A. Douce; F. E. Tandy, G. H. Cook, F. Benbow, and L. B. Wise; T. Stephens and A. T. Francis; G. J. Williams, A. I. Burrows, S. Fishwick, J. Webb, L. James, C. W. Smith, J. S. Orrin, and F. Clements.

Referee—Mr J. Shellebeer, Llanharan.

Cardiff reached the Birmingham line for the first time when Fletcher set the three-quarters going, but a forward pass pulled them up, and after the ensuing scrum five yards out CLARKE forced his way over in the corner for a try which Brown failed to convert.

Birmingham heeled from a scrummage and WISE, gaining possession, completely deceived Fletcher and W. Morgan, but when he passed out to Benbow Ron Jones tackled him in possession.

A few minutes later Douce had hard lines with a penalty kick from the Cardiff 25 line, the ball swerving just outside the post.

Rex. Morgan, breaking away from outside the halfway line, showed his opposing backs a clean pair of heels, only to be brought down within an ace of success by Douce.

Cardiff were not to be denied, however, and after scrappy play the ball went out to Roy Jones, who raced away and gave out to Fletcher near the line.

When challenged Fletcher gave to W. MORGAN, who crossed for an easy try, which S. Joyce converted.

Birmingham's first score came after a brisk dribble by the forwards. Brown, in trying to clear, sent the ball high and it dropped near the Cardiff line where COOK pounced out to dive over for a corner try. Jones's attempt at conversion was low.

Once W. Morgan dribbled from half-way and was almost clear of opposition when Cook spurred back and relieved. RON JONES made a clever and deceptive run across to the left a few minutes later, and after completely nonplussing the opposition scored a try, which Joyce failed to convert.

Half—CARDIFF ATHLETIC 1 2 11
BIRMINGHAM 0 1 3

Both sides opened the second half by infusing more dash into their play. Birmingham showed greater promise when Benbow burst clean away and gave to Stephens when tackled and again when Cook tried to break through.

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Final—CARDIFF ATHLETIC 2 4 22
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The Cardiff forwards were stronger than Birmingham's pack, both in the scrummages and the loose.

J. Bowcott got away cleverly, and his brother did likewise in the next second, but the passing of the Cardiff centre was not up to the usual standard, and Aberavon took advantage of these failures. An interception by D. J. Phillips looked like another score for Aberavon, but Graham Jones saved the situation. Then came a fine bit of play by the Cardiff backs. Cross got away smartly, and H. Bowcott raced to within a few yards of the line, where he punted ahead only to see Cyril Griffiths reach the ball first.

CARDIFF SCORE

From a scrum near their line Aberavon were penalised, and BABBAGE kicked a goal for Cardiff. Aberavon, aided by the wind, got closed to their opponents' line, but J. Bowcott kicked out of danger.

J. Thomas found touch near the Cardiff line, and there Aberavon got another penalty, but Cyril Griffiths sent wide of the posts. Cardiff now pressed strongly, but A. T. Thomas failed after breaking through when the defence was beaten.

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The visiting backs got possession, but Hayes intercepted and raced away up the field, but was not fast enough. Then, from some loose play near the line, TOM THOMAS secured and hurst over with a well-deserved try, which Cyril Griffiths was unable to convert.

Both A. T. Thomas and Cross were now limping badly in the Cardiff back line, and although their forwards were getting possession from the scrums they were not getting the benefit of it behind.

Aberavon forwards, led by Vickary, rushed up the field, but Stone marked in the nick of time. From a scrum on the Cardiff 25 line Egan gained a corner, but G. V. Jones drove them back.

Then Ned Jenkins intercepted, but was overtaken, and then Cardiff backs had a look in, but made the mistake of sending the ball to the right when there was an opening on the other side.

Play became rather rough at this stage and there were several stoppages, and Spence had to be assisted off the field, suffering from concussion.

A free kick gave Cardiff a footing close to the home line, but from the line-out Vickery got away splendidly and then gave to Phillips, who took the ball at speed but fell when going well for the line.

Again the Cardiff backs got away, but Cross was handicapped in speed and was sent into touch near the centre line.

WAITING FOR IT!

Then Graham Jones and Cross lost ground by waiting for each other to go for the ball, with the result that Hayes and Phillips were able to break through. Cardiff, however, did their best, and the home line had a narrow escape. Barrel being pulled down under the post.

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The game was a mixture of good and bad football. At times the backs of both sides handled well, but there was more sting in those of the Aberavon men.

Cardiff were handicapped through injuries to Cross and A. T. Thomas and their back line was slow in moving. They had several chances to score but missed them, whereas the Aberavon pack took advantage of what came their way. In the loose play the home forwards were superior but were beaten in the scrums. Egan did well as a substitute fly-half for Aberavon.

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