

## CARDIFF BEAT FRENCH

Very welcome visitors to the city hall were those fone rugby players, the fifteen from the Stade Nantais and the Cognacaise. Our guests had come to South Wales to put themselves against Cardiff, and on behalf of the City and all good sportsmen of the Principality were greeted by the Lord Mayor. With the crack French players were fifteen veterans, who were challenging veterans of Cardiff.

So famous players, past and present, added their names to the illustrious company in the visitors' book. Then, on to the civic lunch; austerity perhaps as far as the menu was concerned, but certainly no lack of good cheer. Next to the Lord Mayor were Dr. Jones, President of the Welsh Rugby Union, and M. Pedron, President of the Stade Francais.

The main match was preceded by the game between the veterans.

44 was the average age of the French old timers, Cardiff having the advantage of the average age of 36. The home side won, 29 points to 8. Then the stage was set for the big match. The visitors were first on the field, and while the cheers were still ringing, on to the turf of the Arms

Park came Cardiff, Hadyn Tanner leading one of the best fifteens of the day. More than 20,000 rugger enthusiasts saw the Lord Mayor, *with goal kick & 4 players*. The Chief Magistrate ~~was~~ kicked off and everybody settled back to enjoy the game. And enjoy it they did, a fast, open, thoroughly sporting game, with a spice of international flavour to give it additional interest.

It's old history now that we were too good for the visitors, won 18-nil, *scored* ~~was~~ a good deal to three brilliant tries by that crack centre, Bleddyn Williams. So let's sit back

and see the high lights again all over.... That's try  
number  one.

The hard ground was all in favour of open play. Some  
of the Caediff passing came right out of the copybook.

By half time there could be little doubt about the result,  
but our sporting French visitors determined to hang on  
till no side was called. So the second half too had its  
quota of thrills.

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A real sporting afternoon. May our French visitors come  
back next year.

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