

Badminton

BRISTOL ROVERS v. CARDIFF CITY

In the grounds of Badminton House, Gloucestershire, Bristol Rovers, in checked shirts, take the field with their opponents, Cardiff City. The Duke of Beaufort, owner of Badminton House, is the Rovers' President, so they'd better watch their step. Warren and Sherwood, the two captains, toss up - and Cardiff are the winners.

The Duke of Beaufort watches the Rovers get going right away. Although this is a friendly match in aid of charity, left-winger Watling shows that it won't be lacking in any excitement.

Goalie Howells saves, but has his fair share of trouble getting through the Rovers' attackers.

Now it's Cardiff's turn to attack. They may be a first division team but the Rovers, who've just gone up the scale into Division two, won't give an inch. Right-winger Tiddy heads it, Thomas has a go, but it's over the bar.

Cardiff are on the offensive again.

The ball goes to Thomas. He takes it round past goalie Andersen, and slams in a tricky, angled shot. Cardiff are one up.

At half-time, the crowd (estimated at 11,000) get a display by the Beaufort Hounds.

With the score still at one-nil, play resumes with action at the Bristol end, with Cardiff's forward line striving to pierce the defence.

Williams to Thomas, but he's robbed immediately and off go the Rovers. A free kick to Bristol give them their chance. Pitt's shot is headed by Lambden, and Bush (substituting for Bamford) slams it in the net for Bristol's first goal. The Rovers and Cardiff are one all.

Bristol have been looking the better team in the second half but now their goalie gets an anxious moment.

Cardiff are in danger! Petherbridge has a crack - and it's in the net. Bristol two, Cardiff one.

Looks like the tables have been turned in Bristol's favour. Here they go again.

After a tussle goalie Howells gets it away and starts the Cardiff boys in an all-out attempt to even things up again. Hollyman, Tiddy and Williams give Bob Andersen plenty of work.

Back come Bristol, swinging the ball about. Up goes Howells to punch clear but he's not given a moment's breathing space.

Bush slams it in to make the final score Bristol three, Cardiff one, but the National Playing Field's Association is the biggest winner with £750 in the kitty.