

## THE CITIZEN

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### WELSH BOYS DID NOT HAVE EASY VICTORY

Despite the fact that Wales usually start favourites in the "15 Group" series of schoolboy internationals against England, they can seldom have had to fight so hard for victory as they did at Kingsholm.

Wales won a fast and interesting game by two tries (6 points) to one try (3 points) but though their margin of victory was narrow it was a praiseworthy effort.

They were a forward short for much of the match and, losing their scrum-half during the last few minutes, finished up with only 13 men.

Wales owed their win largely to their superiority behind the scrum. Ian James, the Welsh outside-half was more versatile than his English opposite number, A. Sewell, and often carved out good openings.

The Welsh threequarters, of whom Williams and Sexton were the best, were also a little more thrustful than the English backs though the latter produced some useful movements at times.

Baugh and Crocker were usually the most dangerous of England's threequarters.

### GOOD IN THE LOOSE

In the scrums both packs got a good share of the ball, but Wales made better use of the lineouts.

England's forwards played very well in the loose, Collins, Putt and Laney being among the hardest workers.

When the Welsh line was endangered, however, their attacks were often checked by the Wales fullback, J. Hughes, who played a very safe game.

Wales got the only score of the first half – a try by right-wing C. Davies. They increased their lead after the interval through a try by wing forward G. Bowen; and England replied with a try by their captain and left-wing, John Baugh.

Handicapped by injuries the Welsh boys were fully extended by England, but just deserved their victory.

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