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T. Williams is the Cowbridge Club captain this season. G. L. Whone is vice-captain, and A. T. Brown, the Glamorgan right-winger, secretary. Brown states that his club have the following dates open for fixtures:—October 24, November 14 and 21, December 5, and January 23.

W. MAIL HOCKEY NOTES

7.10.36

Cowbridge Club's Difficulties

Schoolboys' Declining Interest in the Game

By "OLD PLAYER"

W. MAIL

14.10.36

Cowbridge entertained Porthcawl in an enjoyable game which finished in their favour by six goals to two. Porthcawl scored twice early on. Bryn Davies

putting in the first goal. Three quick goals gave Cowbridge a lead at half-time and in the second half the home team showed vast superiority and scored three times. The scorers for Cowbridge were P. Phillips (3) and G. L. Whone (3).

On Saturday the Cowbridge hockey team, playing at home, had the Porthcawl team as their opponents. After a fast and enjoyable game, Cowbridge won by 6 goals to 2. Porthcawl scored first through Bryn Davies. At half-time the home team led by 3 goals to 2. After the interval, Cowbridge added 3 further goals. Bryn Davies obtained the two Porthcawl goals, whilst the scorers for the home team were G. L. Whone (3) and P. Phillips (3). The outstanding player in this match was K. M. Hutchings, who gave a faultless display in the home goal. To-morrow (Saturday) the team plays Chepstow, away.

For the last 10 years the Cowbridge Hockey Club has flourished, so that it has come as something of a shock to learn that it is in danger of going under through lack of playing members.

A. T. Brown (hon. secretary), who formerly played for Glamorgan, tells me that he had to cancel last Saturday's match owing to his inability to raise a team, and he is not over optimistic with regard to the future, though he says that he is going to make great efforts to pull the club together.

GLAM.
GAZETTE

16.10.36

The Cowbridge Club obtained a large percentage of its playing members from the old boys of the Cowbridge Grammar School and there has been a great falling off in this source of supply during the last year. Last season all members of the team were former Grammar School boys. Mr. Brown says there is a distinct falling off in interest in hockey among the schoolboys, who only play the game during one term. They seem to be more attracted to Rugby and Soccer.

Cowbridge Grammar School has given many well-known players to Welsh hockey, the most prominent of those of recent years having been Owen G. Jones, last season's Welsh centre-half, who has earned about 13 "caps" in all. Jones is a member of the Hampstead Club and this season he has been placed in charge of the organisation of the Anglo-Welsh trials in London. He is a Maesteg boy.

The Cowbridge hockey team, playing on the Athletic Ground on Saturday week, were defeated 3 goals to 1 by Swansea Nomads, P. Phillips obtaining the Cowbridge goal. This was the team's first match. The matches to be played are all "friendlies."

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Cowbridge won a fine game at Chepstow by five goals to three. The visitors led by 3—1 at half-time, but an injury to their captain, T. Williams, which forced him to retire, weakened Cowbridge in the second half.

Newport, with O. Roeyn Jones leading a lively forward division, ran through the Cowbridge team, at Cowbridge on Boxing Day and won easily by 8—1. The visitors thoroughly deserved their success, playing far the better and more constructive hockey. Joice and Berthon were particularly good.

On Saturday, the Cowbridge Hockey team visited Chepstow, and after a hard game, the visitors won by five goals to three. Goals were scored for Cowbridge in the first half by G. L. Whone (2), and Glyn Jones (1). After the interval, Chepstow reduced the lead through two quick goals, but the visitors retained their superiority and added further goals through Trevor Jenkins and Glyn Jones. Before the final whistle blew, Chepstow added another goal. Cowbridge have no game tomorrow, but the following Saturday the team plays Cardiff University away.

GLAM.
GAZETTE

9.10.36.

W.M. MAIL.
21.10.36.

March 10, v. Old Boys.

The weather for some days before this match was consistently bad, and the Bear field was very muddy even before the game began. Hammond had brought a strong side down, and after the form the School had shown in its last two matches, we expected a closely contested match. Unfortunately the School struck a bad patch, and on the poor surface could do little against the strong tackling and fine hitting of Morgan and Williams. Llewellyn, who was 'borrowed' by the Old Boys, had little to do in goal against the School forwards.

The Old Boys opened strongly and, showing more combination than is usual in such a side, were soon in the School circle. Only effective tackling and good clearing by the backs foiled a large number of dangerous raids. But it was not long before Hammond opened the scoring, after showing some good stick-work on the right-wing. The Old Boys' forwards were dominating the game at this period, and another goal was added by P. Phillips. Board reduced the lead, and at half-time the score was 2 - 1.

In the second half the School defence was subjected to considerable pressure, and defended dourly. If they had imitated the hard, clean hitting of the Old Boys' defence, however, the School forwards would have been given more opportunities. P. Phillips added three more goals—one an outstanding effort.

This was not one of the School's best performances, and they were outplayed by a stronger and more experienced side. School would have done better if the forwards had been quicker on the ball and if the defence had hit the ball cleanly.

Score—School 1, Old Boys 5.

Teams—School: R. G. Williams; D. John, V. D. Westcott; G. Howells, Mr. Pethard, T. A. Barnes; H. P. Roblin, Mr. Codling, R. G. Board, G. Ll. Jenkins, N. Bray.

Old Boys—I. W. Llewellyn; T. Williams, B. H. Pile; J. Phillips, J. D. D. Morgan, G. V. Jones; D. R. Hammond, E. O. Powell, P. Phillips, T. E. Evans, A. T. Brown.