

= 1927 FA Charity Shield =

The 1927 Football Association Charity Shield was the 14th FA Charity Shield , an annual English association football match . The match , held at Stamford Bridge on 12 October 1927 , was contested by Cardiff City , who beat Arsenal in the final of the 1926 @-@ 27 FA Cup , and amateur side Corinthian . This was the first FA Charity Shield appearance for both sides , although Corinthian had previously won the Sheriff of London Charity Shield on several occasions .

After a goalless first half , Corinthian went ahead early in the second half with a goal from Gilbert Ashton . There were a large number of attacks from both sides , but it took until the 77th minute before Cardiff equalised with a header by Hughie Ferguson after a series of passing plays . With only a few minutes remaining on the clock , Cardiff won a corner kick and from the cross , and Len Davies tapped the ball into the net to put them ahead . The game finished with the score two goals to one in Cardiff City 's favour . Several charities benefited from the proceeds of the match , including the King Edward VII 's Hospital for Officers and the National Institute for the Blind .

= = Background = =

The FA Charity Shield was founded in 1908 as a successor to the Sheriff of London Charity Shield . It was a contest between the respective champions of the Football League and Southern League , and then by 1913 teams of amateur and professional players . At a Football Association Council meeting on 22 April 1927 , it was decided that the following season 's Charity Shield match should be played between the winner of the 1926 ? 27 FA Cup and the amateur team Corinthians . This would mark the first occasion Corinthians would play in the competition , they had previously won the Sheriff of London Charity Shield on four occasions .

Cardiff City qualified for the 1927 FA Charity Shield as winners of the 1926 ? 27 FA Cup . They defeated Arsenal by one goal to nil , with the only goal of the game coming from Hughie Ferguson . It was the club 's first FA Cup victory , and the only time that the trophy had been won by a club outside of England . A few months after Cardiff 's victory , the match between them and Corinthians for the FA Charity Shield was set to take place at Stamford Bridge on 12 October . Corinthian announced their team a few days prior to the game , though goalkeeper Benjamin Howard Baker was subsequently replaced by A.M. Russell , who normally played for Cambridge University A.F.C .. Due to an injury to Tom Watson , Billy Hardy was switched to the other wing in defence for Cardiff City .

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The Corinthians gained a corner kick early on , and Cardiff cleared . This was followed up by a further attack by the amateurs , but R.G. Jenkins ' shot went straight to Tom Farquharson in the Cardiff goal . Cardiff attacked twice in quick succession ; both chances were squandered . A.H. Chadder , Frank Hartley and Jenkins moved up @-@ field for Corinthian with some passing movement and played the ball through for Claude Ashton , but he shot wide of the post . Three corners followed for Cardiff , which were each stopped by Russell in goal for Corinthian stopped each chance . A few minutes later Len Davies headed the ball down to the feet of Ferguson , but the Cardiff player fired the ball wide of the goal despite being only a few feet away from the goal line . Just before half time , Cardiff won a direct free kick ; Fred Keenor hammered the ball into a wall of Corinthian players .

The second half began with a speedy Cardiff attack . Corinthian countered , resulting in shots from both Claude and Gilbert Ashton within 15 seconds of each other . Another Cardiff attack resulted in Ferguson missing the goal from a few feet out once again . After four minutes in the second half , Corinthians attacked once more . Fred Ewer played it down the left wing to Kenneth Hegan , who

passed it into the centre towards Gilbert Ashton , who fired it past Farquharson . Shortly after the restart , Billy Thirlaway appeared to be about to score a certain goal for Cardiff , but was charged down by Russell . Further chances came in rapid succession ; for Cardiff , Ferguson struck the crossbar with one shot ; then for Corinthian , Claude Ashton passed forward to Jenkins , who struck it wide of an open goal mouth . Hegan sent the ball over the bar , and then a further shot by Claude Ashton was charged down .

In the 77th minute , Keenor , Ferguson and Davies passed the ball among themselves before playing it wide to Thirlaway . Ferguson ran to the centre and the ball was crossed towards him . Ferguson leapt and headed the ball into the net to equalise for Cardiff . It looked like Cardiff were about to go ahead , however , a last minute tackle by Alfred Bower prevented Ernie Curtis from scoring , giving the Welsh team another corner . The ball was fired towards the goal mouth , and was shot into the goal from close range by Davies putting Cardiff ahead . The final two attacks of the game were both by Cardiff , with Russell saving a header by Ferguson and then Curtis firing the ball over the crossbar .

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The match raised money for several charities . King Edward VII 's Hospital for Officers received £ 210 ; National Institute for the Blind , £ 52 10s ; Newspaper Press Fund , £ 52 10s ; National Institute of Journalist 's Orphans , £ 52 10s ; London Lock Hospital , £ 52 10s ; Prince of Wales General Hospital , £ 52 10s ; Sheffield Royal Infirmary , £ 52 10s ; Railway Benevolent Institution , £ 25 ; and the Surgical Aid Society received £ 25 . A further sum of £ 210 was given to several Welsh based charities .

Corinthian never played in another FA Charity Shield , although they would later be runner @-@ up in a resurrected Sheriff of London 's Charity Shield , first to Arsenal in 1931 and in 1932 , and then to Tottenham Hotspur in 1934 . The club ceased to exist in 1939 , when they merged with fellow amateur team Casuals to form the Corinthian @-@ Casuals , which still plays today . The format of the FA Charity Shield changed several further times over the following decades , and in 1974 it was moved to August to become the opening match of each year 's Football League season , and played between the winner of the FA Cup and the most senior league , now the Premier League .

Cardiff City is yet to return to the FA Charity Shield , which was renamed the FA Community Shield in 2002 . However , between 2001 and 2006 , the match was held at Cardiff 's Millennium Stadium while the new Wembley Stadium was under construction . The closest Cardiff City has come so far to returning to the match was in 2008 when they reached the FA Cup Final once more , but lost by a goal to nil against Portsmouth .