



Who is this guy,

Tanner?

By John Billot

Who is this guy Haydn Tanner? Not having seen any pre-war rugby, my lack of education was excusable. So he had been the schoolboy scrum half when Swansea beat the All Blacks? But that was way back in 1935. Now here he was, nudging my favourite little Billy Darch of the jack-knife pass out of the Cardiff team. This big jerk Tanner was muscling in on the Darch-Cleaver combination that had taken the club through the 1945-46 season with so many brilliant performances. But it did not take long for even the resentful to recognise that the "interloper" was something special—by about half time in his first home match we knew Tanner was here for good and it was goodbye to plucky Little Billy. Sentiment abounds in Rugby Football; but only when it serves its purpose and does not restrict the vital job of team selection. It's tough all the way to the top—and tougher still on the faster road back down.

So Haydn Tanner came to Cardiff Arms Park after his army service to play a significant role in the glorious seasons immediately after the end of Hitler's War. Where Darch earned his popularity and admiration, Tanner commanded it. Everything Haydn did was calculated: we witnessed a master of scrum half craft and it was no wonder Bleddyn Williams decided he would like to play outside half to a man like this. Bleddyn moved from centre in a switch with Billy Cleaver and the Tanner-Bleddyn Williams combination appeared for Wales in the first post-war full international against England at the Arms Park. We lost—and Bleddyn never filled that role for his country again. It was not that he lacked the equipment for the role: it was just that with his imperial jink he was free from immediate wing forward interception further out in midfield.

Tanner, of course, had to be captain of Wales. He played 25 times for his country—12 of the appearances while wearing the blue-and-black of his new club—and figured in Cardiff's first team on 73 occasions. Perhaps that magician of statistics, "Massa" Danny Davies, will work out how many times Tanner was on the losing side for Cardiff—a dozen might be a close guess. And no-one can remember another scrum half giving him the run-a-round. There were plenty of nippy scrum workers who liked to yap at his heels; invariably they made the imperturbable Haydn look even more majestic.

His pass was the longest by a Welsh scrum half in the history of the game until Gareth Edwards came with his spin pass in the late 'sixties. Tanner's reverse pass was tremendous;



A master of scrum half play: Haydn Tanner. He set standards by which all others were judged—until Gareth Edwards stole the scene.



Lloyd Williams shows how the dive-pass is best put into operation

his dive-pass was another defence wrecker; but it was his break that set him above all other men in his position. A Tanner steal-away was spectral; it not only nonplussed defenders, but left his own team gasping. Wing forward Gwyn Evans, the dynamic Cardiff and Wales open-side bomber, seemed to keep an eagle eye on Tanner with as much anticipation as he did on opposing outside halves. It was quite an exercise trying to spot when the Old Fox would bolt.

A slightly lower hunch of the shoulders was one sign he was about to go. And when he did glide off a scrum it was seldom anyone was around to stop him. Back row men, of course, had plenty of problems in the shape of Cleaver, Dr. Jack Matthews and Bleddyn Williams, and unless the coverers were fast away into the middle it was "curtains". Tanner judged the situation with split-second reckoning; scooped up the ball as it came through to the skirt of the scrum and, bending low in that characteristic hunch, would arrow away.

The first time I saw him in action he produced just such a devastating break—and Cardiff were the sufferers. Haydn was captaining the Barbarians in the 1946 Easter match at the Arms Park and from a scrum he went for the posts at the river end. Needless to say he got there, hotly pursued by Bleddyn Williams, the only defender to recover in time to make a chase. The forwards of both teams were completely bamboozled by that break. I have a photograph showing this Tanner try, cut from the *Western Mail*, in a scrap book. The caption, with hair-raising inadequacy, says, "A Baa-Baas player just makes the touchdown in their match at Cardiff Arms Park on Saturday." Ah well, even the great men of our time have to bow to the inevitability of anonymity at times.

Tanner was a captain with more authority than most. He was single-minded, dedicated and aware that such posts require an intensity of purpose; the ability to impose discipline and a seriousness of approach. His team came first in every respect, and once he turned a committeeman off the coach before it set off for a match. Intriguing, of course, but Haydn considered it necessary and that was the way he applied captaincy. Haydn Tanner was the Boss—but in Welsh Rugby he will be remembered as one of the all-time greats as a scrum half. The man who took over from him in the Cardiff side would be judged by the highest standards. Some poor devil was going to have a difficult time.

That "poor devil" was to surprise everyone. He was capped by Wales without even a trial and became a 1950 British Lion. Yes, Rex Willis was a man worthy to tread the path of Haydn Tanner in every detail. Many even rated him a superior club player to the Great Man. I had a personal interest because as a cub reporter I had seen the developing Willis playing for Llandaff; and then in partnership with a certain Cliff Morgan for Cardiff Athletic. These two young reserve team players were putting their game together nicely; Morgan at last released from the rule of his wily old coach and mentor, Ned Gribble, at Tonyrefail County School, and Willis an obvious successor for the Old Fox once Rex made the short move from the Bishop's Field.

There was a touch of Percy Bush audacity about Willis. Rex was as full of tricks as a cartload of monkeys. We have all heard how Bush, playing against a team who did not know him, would throw up an arm dramatically and call, "Stop!". And when the defenders stopped in astonishment thinking the whistle had gone, perky Percy would dodge past them and stream away with a provoking chuckle. Rex Willis did not take events that far, yet he was abounding in deceptions with sleight of hand and delightful dummying.

Once I remember him racing back when an unthinking forward had "helped" a heel by hacking the ball out of a scrum for it to shoot past Rex like a bullet. Willis darted after it with a couple of spoilers right on his heels. As he stopped to scoop up the ball with his right hand,

Willis pointed his left hand at Cliff Morgan so the fly half knew he could expect a pass from the under-pressure Rex and would be able to punt swiftly to safety. The spoilers also saw that gesture—and went shooting past Rex to crunch into Morgan.

With a half-smile, Willis turned and set off back the way he had come with the ball in his grasp and no-one to molest him. It was a dummy which will remain a vivid memory for me throughout life. With that kind of confidence and skill rating, this lad Willis possessed all the equipment necessary to be a star. How about guts? Willis was hammered throughout his career by experts—and kept coming back for more. Pat Crowley, the “murderous” Maori, took a keen interest in him when the Lions were in New Zealand; and anyone who excited Pat’s attention usually remembered the event for evermore—with scars to prove it.

Rex, of course, was always fair game to “cop it” because he took on the opposition as a matter of honour. The amiable Rex enjoyed the hurly-burly of combat; he would have made an admirable Knight of the Round Table, always ready for the fray. In retirement, easy-going Rex gives no indication of the fighter he was on the field; it never paid to rile him and those who did had a tough cookie on their hands for the rest of the game. A certain Scottish wing forward once decided to find out if Rex had a glass jaw and kept testing his knuckles on the Welsh scrum half. Wales won 11-0 at the Arms Park in that 1952 game and went on to collect the Grand Slam. Rex stayed on the field throughout the game with a double-fracture of his jaw, refusing advice to go off and could still grin—painfully—at his Scottish “friend” as the final whistle went.

Willis played 21 times for Wales (it would have been more but for injuries) and made 208 first team appearances for Cardiff. He nursed Cliff Morgan like a mother; took a million bumps and was one of the most courageous players who ever pulled on a blue-and-black jersey.

Lloyd Williams, 6 ft. of rugged power, like Tanner and Willis, captained his club and country. Lloyd played 13 times for Wales and a magnificent 310 games for Cardiff. As one would expect from a brother of Bleddyn Williams, he was a player who made a big impact on the game. His era, 1952-64, saw much that was negative in the game; spoiling was easier than creativity and the laws had not been amended to keep the defenders back. Tacklers came straight off the scrum as soon as the ball was put in and backs could line up level with the line-out right across the field. So Lloyd developed the long Tanner-like pass to try to give Cliff Morgan just a few more inches of security. And like Willis, this new Cardiff scrum half could soak up the punishment, of which there was plenty about. With his strength, as he took the ball into the middle of the enemy camp, Lloyd became known as the Ninth Forward. Few forwards, indeed, were physically harder than the young Williams. He matured early; grimly aware of the requirements to stay alive in the cauldron of Welsh club rugby when opponents always raise their game to try to topple Cardiff.

Captains of Wales are not chosen lightly. The WRU selectors recognised the mathematical exactitude with which Lloyd read the game. In this respect he was closer to the Tanner approach than Rex Willis had been. Lloyd also had the advantage of knowing outside half play. He figured in that role for his club and at one time it seemed as if Cardiff were thinking of converting him to this position on a permanent basis. But his tactical know-how was essentially orientated to scrum half play and he was unlucky not to be chosen to tour New Zealand in 1959 when the Lions would have benefited from his unshakable strength and expertise in the tight, physical game. With the mud and rain at its worst, Lloyd Williams was at his best—and no-one has ever done better.

And so on to the man who holds all the records—Gareth Edwards. The longest pass, most appearances for Wales and most tries for his country. There is no end to the accomplish-



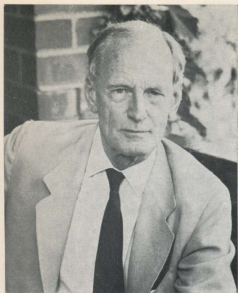
As tough as they come and twice as shrewed when the mood took him—Rex Willis.



The greatest of them all—and muddier but unbowed. Gareth Edwards after scoring his epic solo try against Scotland at Cardiff in 1972.

ments of Gareth the Great, Genius Incorporated. At the end of the 1975-76 season he had played 45 times for his country, scored 18 tries for Wales, figured in 165 matches for Cardiff and been on three Lions tours. Pound for pound he must be the strongest man to have played at scrum half. Most of his tries have involved physical contact with defenders, often taking a couple of men with him over the goal-line. No-one has broken tackles in the manner of Edwards. Tanner ghosted away; Willis was a master of deception; Lloyd Williams manufactured chances for others. But Edwards is different. He is an amalgam of the other scrum halves.

There are times when he looks disinterested in proceedings. We have come to realise that Gareth needs a challenge at this stage in his career. The everyday type of fixture is hardly his scene, particularly if his forwards are untidy with their delivery. Gareth does not have to prove himself every time he pulls on his rugby boots; his achievements tell the story—and they may never be surpassed. He is the complete footballer; the Superman of the modern game with an armoury of all the crafts at a rugby player's command. He is such an exciting attacker that watchers expect brilliance from him virtually every time he gets the ball in broken play. Amazingly, Gareth seldom disappoints. That try he scored, running off the ball against Scotland at Cardiff in February 1976, was a masterpiece. "It's what you call perception," he laughed when I asked him about it. And Gareth's perception has been unsurpassed in rugby terms. The day he throws his boots in the Taff will close the most colourful era in Welsh rugby history.



The Old Brigade

By H. F. Ellis

Look up at the Committee Box, or seats adjacent, and what do you see? "You behold a range of exhausted volcanoes. Not a flame flickers on a single pallid crest. But the situation is still dangerous. There are occasional earthquakes, and ever and anon the dark rumbling of the sea".

Disraeli used his celebrated simile in a different connection; but I dare say there are young players about today arrogant and insensitive enough to find the description not inapposite to some of the older members of the Club. To any such whippersnappers I wish to address a few words of kindly and quite unprejudiced sexgenarian warning. Humble yourselves, cultivate a proper respect for seniority. Above all, before passing judgement on that row of grizzled old veterans up there, consider how you yourselves down below in the playing area, in your ridiculous little panties and your flimsy football pumps, must appear in the eyes of men who played in sensible boots and wore warm shorts terminating just above the knee and cut most becomingly (in my own case at any rate) with a flare at the sides after the manner of riding breeches. If you think the team photographs of the nineteen-twenties look odd, wait till the hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Club comes round and then take a shuddering glance at your own lot.

Deference to older members, desirable at all times, is obligatory during centenary seasons. Their recollections of the 'twenties', conceivably even of 1905, however apt to clear the bar in normal years, must now be eagerly sought after and recorded by compilers of club histories and brochures. The man who was once patted on the head by Bush or can recall R. T. Gabe dropping a pass against Scotland in 1902 becomes (or should become) metamorphosed, from an old spuffer into a symbol of continuity, a repository of the glorious past, the very spirit and essence of tradition. He may even be asked to reply to a toast.

Ah, did you once see Shelley plain,
And did he stop and speak to you,
And did you speak to him again?
How strange it seems and new?

For Shelley read Nicholls (E.G.)—Shelley, for all his gifts, not being a Cardiff man. And though "strange", not necessarily perhaps "new". I mean, the fact may have been

mentioned before. The old brigade sometimes repeat themselves, not out of forgetfulness (is it likely that a man who remembers so clearly the initials of every forward who played for the club between 1912 and 1932 would forget what he said, at considerable length, the day before yesterday?) but out of pure kindness; they are aware, you see, that fresh faces are constantly joining and they don't want the newcomers to miss anything.

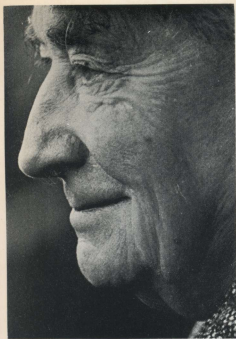
I have myself repeated at some ten or eleven club dinners, and perhaps once or twice in print, an account of a trifling incident at Twickenham, but have no hesitation in telling it again here, if only to show that repetition is no proof of senility. Gather round then, and let me assure you in advance that this is **not** a description of the running of Poulton-Palmer (who was before my time) nor even of the thunderous silence that wrapped around poor Cyril Brownlie as he left the field in 1925 (**which** I saw with my own eyes, or heard rather, or didn't hear, but am reserving for the Centenary Year of New Zealand tours to Britain 2005) but relates to very recent times, when even some of you who are listening to me with such restless attention were old enough to start growing side-whiskers.

Well, there I was, pushing my way past endless knees in search of my seat before the start of a Calcutta Cup match, and naturally wishing to know how much further I had to go on this stumbling journey, I referred to the number on the ticket in my hand and said, more or less at large, "Let me see, I'm ninety-four." Whereupon some women in the row behind called out "Are you sure you were wise to come?"—an impertinence which raised, I am sorry to record, the heartiest laughter I have heard at Twickenham since a referee was knocked stone cold there one afternoon and had to be revived by that little scudding figure with the watering pot.

Passing lightly over an occasion in New York some years ago when, on emerging from a club (social, not Rugby football) known as the Century Association, I was stopped in the street by a total stranger and asked "Say, do you have to be over a hundred to belong to that lot?", I am reminded of an even more—and I shall be obliged if you young men will kindly take that glazed look off your faces and pay attention; the time will come when you too will be mature enough to have interesting reminiscences to impart—I am reminded of an even more inexcusable question put to me by a French reporter during the William Webb Ellis Centenary Commemoration at Menton in February 1972. It is true that I may have been looking a little strained that morning, for the hospitality on the previous evening had been French to a degree, but when this young woman came up, notebook in hand, and said, "*Vous etes le fils de William Webb n'etes-vous pas, Monsieur Ellis?*" I was strongly moved to reply "Mademoiselle, if this were the centenary of the birth of William Webb, your question might be permissible. On the centenary of his **death** it is downright tactless". What I actually said, not knowing the French for "tactless", was "*Non*".

I recall these trifling incidents to the notice of you young fellows—and could recall others of the same tenor, were it not apparent that some of you have urgent engagements elsewhere—merely in order to impress upon you that we older men are not all as old as we look or as you think we look, rather. We like our seniority to be recognised, but not exaggerated. Do not, therefore, in your eagerness to have the great days of the past recreated for you by living witnesses, ask Mr. Bleddyn Williams, for instance, what it was like to play alongside A. J. Gould.

Pursue Dr. Matthews, by all means, for the views of an old maestro on ten-man Rugby but not, I sincerely suggest, on ten-forward Rugby. Ask **me** about that—or Father William. We are both past caring by now.



A Swansea Man's View

By Judge Rowe Harding

No one who knew my fanatical allegiance to the Swansea Cricket and Football Club would expect me to go on record as saying that Cardiff were "The Greatest", but I am prepared to concede that the three greatest rugby clubs in the world are Cardiff, Newport and Swansea, placing them merely in alphabetical order, and this without disrespect to more modern aspirants to the title who, for a brief season or two, have blazed brilliantly in the rugby firmament before their lustre has become dimmed again.

I have not checked the most up-to-date statistics of the number of caps gained, and the number of games played, by Cardiff players for Wales, but I suspect that Cardiff come out top, albeit that some, like Haydn Tanner, served their apprenticeship elsewhere. (Snide dig, this).

To my mind, the four greatest teams of the era which I personally remember were the Newport Invincible team of 1922-23; the Neath team of 1928-29; the Cardiff teams of the immediate post Second-War period and the London Welsh team of recent memory. Pure prejudice does not allow me to include Llanelli, but no doubt others will.

The long history of Welsh rugby has many illustrious names, and none shine more brightly than the players from the Capital City—F. E. Hancock, who invented the four three-quarter game; Percy Bush and Gwyn Nicholls of the first ten years of the century; 'Codger' Johnson and Arthur Cornish of the nineteen-twenties; Cliff Jones and Wilfred Wooller of the 1930's; Cleaver, Jack Matthews and Bleddyn Williams of the 1950s. I had nearly forgotten Haydn Tanner, but he deserves to stand for comparison with Gareth Edwards in an argument as to which is the greatest scrum half world rugby has produced, and, of course, Gareth Edwards and Barry John rank among the greatest half back combinations the world has seen.

As repellers of overseas invaders, too, Cardiff come out top, and so I can understand why, in this centenary year, the biased Cardiff supporter, not without some justification, will say that 'We are the Greatest'. However that may be—Cardiff, I salute you and wish you well.



“But the second hundred years were even greater—we beat the first touring side from space, trounced the South African All Blacks and only lost one game when fourteen of our team were playing for Wales.”



What Tie shall I Wear?

By C. D. Williams

Tempus fugit—nearly thirty years after I had obtained my first insight into coaching, I attended the Welsh Rugby Union course for coaches at Barry. This may surprise many of you, who, no doubt, imagined that coaching *per se* only became popular in Wales in the past decade. Let me set your mind at rest, immediately, by saying that at the time, viz 1946/47, I was at Oxford playing under the captaincy of the late “Ossie” Newton Thompson, the former England scrum half and South African M.P., who lost his life so tragically in an air crash some few years ago. He had learned his rugby in South Africa at Stellenbosch University where the coach was ‘the’ Dr. Danie Craven

The age of video tape had not arrived and the blackboard coupled with players’ memories was the backbone of the theoretical session taken by the great G. P. S. Macpherson; “Ossie” himself took the practical work.

It was whilst giving an account of the week at Barry—supervised by Ray Williams—equally as sadistical as “Ossie” Newton Thompson—or perhaps even more so because he and I have “clashed”, when he was playing outside half for Northampton and I was then open side wing forward for Cardiff—that my racystyle must have caught the attention of the Editor.

In a moment of weakness yours truly succumbed to his charm and flattery and found myself committed to writing this article. “JBG” based his argument on the return—some may say of the Prodigal Son—after twelve years in the comparatively speaking, rugby wise, barren wastes of Berkshire. Needless to say, he backed up his words with deeds, and a most convivial time was had by all—when I woke up the next morning I wished I had stayed in the barren wastes.

“About eight hundred to a thousand words”, was the message and, quite frankly, I would now sooner translate some Homeric verse than have to raise my normal standards of communication, which mainly consists of brief memoranda or cryptic business letters, to the level required in this brochure. At least, however, this will make all other articles stand out as bright and shining as the evening star, which, if my memory serves me correctly, used to shine on a certain door as per the words of an old rugby song.

To illustrate the quality of my writing, I was asked to write the programme notes for last season's Neath versus Cardiff match at the Arms Park. After much blood, sweat and alcohol—the latter for inspiration—the final masterpiece was not printed; “too late for publication” was the reason given by that master of the written word whose namesake Dai Hayward also writes eloquently in the Financial Times, but from the opposite end of the world. Even so, it was something I wrote in that article which has given me the title for this.

I have always been fascinated by club ties and more so in the people who wear them out of loyalty or who, perhaps, are entitled to wear them but don't. Having been somewhat of an itinerant—U.K. wise—because of business commitments, I have played rugby for quite a few teams at all levels and this has resulted in my accumulating a considerable number of ties. Taking into account my interests in other sports, it is no small wonder that four coat hangers of ties create a problem.

Decisions, decisions; every morning starts off with one regarding a tie—what tie do I wear?—this could be repeated once or even twice more during the day. Sometimes the problem is easily solved but rugby wise when loyalty arises, there are difficult moments. When Cardiff play sides such as Coventry, Newport, etc, all is well and out comes my Cardiff Tie, but, if Neath, London Welsh, Oxford University, Crawshays and the Baa Baas are our opponents there are certain problems, and I am in a quandary. To those who have supported the Club for many years the reason is obvious, for the comparatively newcomers, let us take Neath. Yours truly joined Neath after his first retirement and re-joined Cardiff after his second. An interest in both camps—as it were! and hence the request for the programme notes. That this was in the mid-late fifties hardly seems possible and, if I may be allowed a personal observation, as does the fact that I was Vice-Captain of a winning Neath team against Cardiff and Captain of a winning Cardiff team against Neath.

I am often asked why I joined Neath and what I did enjoy at Neath. The “social” side was tremendous. In those days I also appreciated the whole-hearted aggression of the Neath pack, who nowadays are perhaps but a shadow of their predecessors,—as Rees Stephens said —“CD” it roughed the smooth edges off your play”.

In modern times the majority of players do not have the problem of “what tie shall I wear”, since the trend is for open neck shirts adorned with prints of flowers, birds—the feathered variety—bees—we all know about the birds and the bees! This omission on the part of the younger generation, whilst upsetting people like John Webb and others who can be described as “the best dressed people in the middle class range”, does eliminate their problem of divided loyalties.

It was the great L.M.S.—the past President of the W.R.U., and not the railway line, who gave me my first clue as to how the problem should be overcome. “Easy”, he said, “knocking over my pint as he used to knock over opponents, always take the other club tie with you”.! The explanation was simple. To prove it he pulled a spare tie out of his pocket (an Athletic Club Bowls tie) since he was between a W.R.U. meeting and one concerning bowls, and proceeded to change there in the Car.

Really, however, the problem does not exist. There is only one Rugby Club as far as I am concerned—Cardiff—my family roots have been here for many years—Dickie David, who played in 1904 before moving North was a relative—so the problem of “What Tie do I wear?” is solved. Quite frankly, it never existed but I had to make my contribution to this brochure.

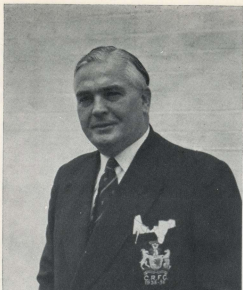
By the way if you are interested, despite Ray Williams, I passed my Coaching Course!



Sid Judd, Cardiff's captain during 1954-55 season, jumps for possession against Newport at Rodney Parade.



Remember the mud at the Arms Park? Here Cardiff players change their jerseys at half time in a match with Newport in 1959.



The Club Museum

By Hubert Johnson

In the 75th Anniversary Programme, I subscribed an article on the Club Museum as it then was. "The original Museum was opened on March 9th, 1951, on the eve of the Ireland v. Wales game, and on the Former Players' Re-Union night. It stemmed from the old Club House when the Refreshment Bar was first opened, and there in a small case was a display of jerseys collected by L. C. Watters, "Jack", then General Secretary.

I said then, "I wonder how many thousands of supporters would be prepared to walk miles to see and hear sound films of such past giants in action as Gwyn Nicholls, Percy Bush, Rhys Gabe, Bert Winfield, Billy Spiller, to name only a few, my guess is many. Well, that is what the Museum has to offer the future generation in regard to the stars of one of Cardiff's great era's.

Can you imagine the attendance at a film show to celebrate the Club's Centenary showing action films of Dr. Jack Matthews, Bleddyn Williams, Billy Cleaver, Wilf Wooller, Cliff Jones, Haydn Tanner, etc., also a film of that epoch game between Cardiff and Newport at Cardiff Arms Park, on February 17th, 1951. Well, those films are in our safe keeping today. Will Cardiff have a hall big enough by then?"

Now the Centenary is here and we have a Trophy Room that is visited and admired by Rugby followers all over the World. Hardly a day passes but visitors arrive at Cardiff Arms Park asking to see the Museum. The present Trophy Room was opened on 12th April, 1969, and the commemorative plaque reads:

THIS TROPHY ROOM, DEDICATED TO RUGBY MEN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WAS OPENED ON SATURDAY, 12th APRIL, 1969, by BRIGADIER H. L. GLYN HUGHES, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., THE PRESIDENT OF THE BARBARIAN FOOTBALL CLUB.

It was a great occasion with famous Rugby personalities present

Many past stars or their families have presented some of their rugby treasures to the Club during the past 25 years, which have been added to the display, such as the Whale Tooth, one of the rare Fijian gifts, a gift of Royal calibre, presented to the Cardiff Rugby Club to be placed in the Trophy Room, by the Touring Fijian Rugby Side at a ceremony by the late Ratu Edward, as a token of their esteem. Ratu Edward was a descendant of the King of Fiji and a relative of Queen Saloti of Tonga. He was a Colonel of the Fijian Regiment and was

a well decorated member of the British Empire. It is sad to note that he passed away in Hospital at Suva recently.

The Springbok Head was presented by the late Frank Mellish, Hon. Manager of the 1951-52 South African touring team as a tribute to Cardiff's fine display against the tourists.

The Town Clerk of Oudtshoorn, on behalf of the South African Government, presented the Club with three Ostrich feathers which were made into the Welsh Emblem.

Included is a souvenir of 1885/86 when Cardiff just failed to achieve an unbeaten record, when the watches were presented prematurely, we now know, before the last match of the season against Moseley which the Cardiff side felt certain they would beat. The score on the following day was Cardiff one try, Moseley two goals; and the gold watch in the Trophy Room presented back to us is a very prized possession, historically.

Trophies and emblems from Canada, Rhodesia, New Zealand, Australia and from many of the newly emerging Rugby countries, have continued to find a place in the display. Barry John's boots arrived, in which he scored a record number of points during the British Lions tour of 1971 in Australia and New Zealand.

One New Zealander of a very advanced age was found to be weeping with emotion when he saw the photograph of W. J. "Billy" Wallace, who passed away as the last of the 1905 New Zealand Team.

Completing the glamour side of the Trophy Room are many of the fine trophies won by our teams, behind the Iron Curtain, France, together with Welsh rugby awards, such as Sevens Tournaments, Cups and Plaques.

There are many clubs and sports centres in Wales, we are very pleased to know, who have erected Trophy Rooms and cases of their own in recent years. After all, "Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery".



Another reunion of the Cardiff and New Zealand players. They are (left to right): Lloyd Williams, Kel Tremain, Stan Bowes, Bob Scott, Jack Finlay, Bleddyn Williams, Freddie Allen, Jack Matthews, Hubert Johnson and Haydn Wilkins.



A Newport Viewpoint

By Bryn Meredith

To the uninitiated, asking a Newport player to write an appreciation of their closest rivals is rather like asking a Jew's opinion of an Arab. Neither of us have oranges or oil but with some regularity, for the past umpteen years we have been warring with each other four times a season. From now on this has been cut to two a season, and about time too. Certainly they have served their purpose in the past but both teams' fixtures are hard enough without having to play each other four times every year. I'm sure both teams will be relieved by this decision, although, of course, it will deny Newport the chance of beating Cardiff four times in a season!

Cardiff, throughout their one hundred years, have epitomised everything that is good in rugby football. They have maintained a standard second to none and although they may not be quite the oldest club in existence, they are still the most famous.

I have always admired Cardiff and still do. In my youth I was presumptuous enough to think that I would like to play for them. However, it seemed an endlessly long journey from Aberschan by bus in those days, so I turned left at Newport bridge and found myself at Rodney Parade where even oranges didn't grow!

There are many fine features which make up the Cardiff club and one of them is continuity of immediate past players who serve on the Committee so that there is never any generation gap. In fact there always seem to be so many of them that I'm sure there is a founder member still serving on the committee now! Certainly there are a couple around who talk as though they were present at the time. A rugby club wouldn't be a rugby club without its characters and the club is alive with them. One of the loveliest stories concerns one of the committee men when the club were on tour up north. He was asked in rather a cultured voice, as only English rugger types have, "And are all your chaps Welsh?". "Well, aye", came the answer. Looking at the programme our new found friend said "Well, who's this fellow here then?". "Oh, Kallonas . . . he's second generation Greek". "What about this chappie here then?". Somewhat deflated, our committee man still put on a brave front saying, perhaps a bit more hesitantly, "That's Camilleri, of Italian extraction", and with that Carl Smith passes by, leaving our committee man wondering if there was even a Cardiff man in the team!

I suppose one of the most famous was the late forties and early fifties when the team was full of exciting players. Great names spring to mind — Rex Willis, Cliff Morgan, Bledwyn Williams and Doctor Jack to name but a quartet.

It was around this time that Newport were having some of their finest hours and the battles between the two clubs were great money spinners. It's been said many times but it must be said again in this context that a world record crowd for a club game saw Newport and Cardiff play in 1951. Over 48,000 saw this match and I'm sure the Secretaries of both clubs would not be too disappointed if the total spectators for the four games now reached 48,000. They were great days and I don't suppose we'll ever see the like again. There were good games and there were indifferent ones, but there were also great games, but whatever the spectacle they were always intense and desperately hard fought. How we desperately fought for those four wins in a season and it was always good to get the first match won because Cardiff then could not add to their total of 'grand slams'. So often though, it seems that it was we who were attempting to foil Cardiff at the final hurdle. However, no matter what the relative weakness of the Cardiff side may have been it was still just as hard and certainly no easier. It was always a marvellous feeling to beat you because it was an achievement and this is a compliment to you. We were those Black and Amber so-and-so's, and you were those from Cardiff, and during those ninety minutes you were the hated 'enemy'. But after the game we celebrated each others victory and it's during the most important third half you got to know your opponents were really human. I would like to add here that now some of my best friends are from Cardiff! Being our closest neighbours and rivals we were always interested in your results, which is another mark of respect which we have for you. Even in the heat of battle, concern for one's opponents manifested themselves. I remember on one occasion Cliff Morgan was caught at the bottom of a gruelling maul but Glyn Davidge, like a broody hen with a chick, covered him with his body saying "Stay there Cliff, or they'll kick your bloody head off!"

Cardiff are known the world over for their records and achievements and for the type of rugby which they play, but if occasionally the level isn't up to your own high standards one is always apt to compare you with the great post war days. Even the press compare a scintillating performance with those halcyon days. But I suppose it right to achieve the best to be self analysing and critical. It takes a great club to come out into the open and say that you don't want anyone, no matter how skillful a player he may be, who brings discredit to the Cardiff Rugby Football or to the game of rugby in general.. Rugby doesn't want this type of player and it is only the clubs themselves who can effectively weed out this type of player.

From a Newport player who has suffered more defeats than he has celebrated victories against you, but who enjoyed every agonising minute, may I wish you the greatest success in your Centenary year. We'll still be after your scalps, though they may only be two this year. With your tough fixture list may you win all the honours that are going this year to add another chapter to the illustrious Cardiff R.F.C.

From page 26—DAVID FROST *(continued)*

truth. Players, officials, and writers are given a genuine welcome, and many a young player from England has in the course of a bibulous evening at the Cardiff club picked up some vital knowledge about the game which has set him on his way to a successful career.

So, much as any Englishman likes to beat any Welshman at the Welsh national game of rugby football, the message to Cardiff at the end of their first 100 years must be: Please, over the next 100 years, don't loose sight of the club's traditions, both on and off the field, British rugby in general, as much as Welsh rugby in particular, needs Cardiff to carry on giving a lead and setting an example in excellence. Over the years Lions teams in New Zealand and South Africa have owed a great deal to players from Cardiff. Future Lions teams will surely also look to Cardiff to provide men of skill, wit, and experience.

From page 39—Dr. J. MATTHEWS *(continued)*

that I would fix his ear for him. After pumping quite a lot of anaesthetic into him I managed to do the job and within minutes of operating on his ear he was singing "The Prologue"!

The after match celebrations were nearly always conducted by him, and before long his tie and collar would be removed and not only the players but the many supporters of those days who will remember his zest for song—yes, and poetry, especially when he recited the poems of Robbie Burns, who was a great favourite of Cliff's.

One could go on relating the quips and mannerisms of him in the game, and all of us who played with him considered it a great pleasure to have been associated with him. What a pity he is not with us to celebrate this great Centenary. There are not enough people around like him.

From page 68—BARRY JOHN *(continued)*

His play for Wales and the Lions is chronicled but much of his play for the Blue and Blacks might have escaped some people's notice. He is every inch a Cardiff man and I feel that this found its true and full expression in 1969, when Cardiff played Newport for the fourth time, with Newport needing victory to achieve their life-long ambition of the "Grand Slam" over Cardiff.

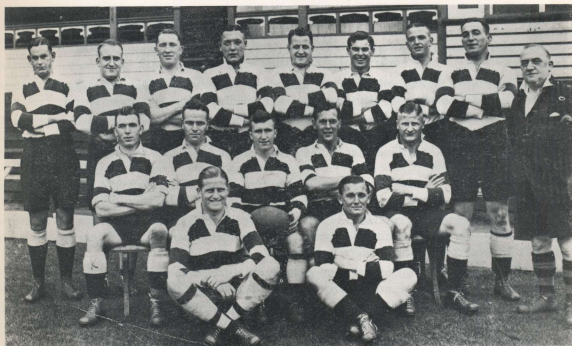
Gareth, though relatively new on the scene then, looked at the game as though it was a personal challenge, and I feel that every Cardiff supporter owes him a word of thanks for his performance on that Wednesday evening.

There is no doubt that Newport were the better team on the day, but the doggedness of the Cardiff team aided by the Edwards magic, in which he scored an incredible corner try (one to rank with his best in my opinion), and kicked two huge penalties was enough to snatch a 9-9 draw, which was just about enough for us. He has been included in many other notable Cardiff clashes all over the country, and has proved a perfect and wonderful ambassador for club and country.

In fact, I felt more than just pride when Gareth was awarded the M.B.E., for I knew that although he had more than earned his honour, he undoubtedly deserved to. Gareth has never changed with all his success and world wide travel and to me he will always remain a truly great person



Cardiff and New Zealanders combined teams 1924. Cardiff players (*left to right*), Back row: W. Ireson, F. Stephens, S. Hinam, I. Richards. Middle row: T. Wallace, W. J. Delahay, R. A. Cornish, Tom Lewis. Front row: C. O'Leary, W. J. Ould, Tom Johnson, (*capt.*), Jim Brown, Jack Powell. In front: D. E. Davies.



Cardiff XV 1935-36. Standing (*left to right*): C. Cross, I. Heatley, A. Skym, E. Watkins, Dr. N. Rees, W. Reardon, D. Brown, H. Rees. Sitting: J. Regan, K. Street, T. Stone (*capt.*), L. M. Spence, A. Bassett. In front: A. H. Jones, J. E. Bowcott.

Messages of Congratulation

From the Welsh Rugby Union

As President of the Welsh Rugby Union I deem it a great pleasure and privilege to offer you our sincere greetings and best wishes, on behalf of the Committee and myself, for your Centenary Year.

Words almost inadequate when congratulating one of the foremost Rugby Clubs in the World. The great traditions of the Cardiff R.F.C. are well known throughout the Rugby World, and it is the ambition of every club to try and emulate your great and illustrious Club.

All the Clubs in the Principality, and indeed Rugby followers everywhere, must have appreciated the generous gesture made by the Cardiff Club when they decided to vacate their Home Ground, so that the National Ground could be brought into being. The transformation could never have been achieved had the Cardiff Club and their astute administrators not been so far-seeing as to recognise the needs of the Welsh Rugby Union to have a Ground second to none, and the facilities to entertain the Home Countries and our Rugby Friends from overseas.

Cardiff R.F.C. have been pioneers of many ventures, and Clubs in Wales have benefitted by your experience and example. Your sponsorships, both on and off the field of play, is World renowned, and may you continue, inspired by your Centenary Celebrations to even greater achievements; and may you long continue to give the exemplary service to our great game that we have now come to expect from the Cardiff Rugby Football Club.

HANDEL ROGERS,
President 1975-76.

From the Federation Francaise de Rugby

Pour tout Francais qui s'intéresse tant soi peu au Rugby, l'Arms Park évoque sans nu doute, l'un des lieux les plus renommés et évoque inévitablement des souvenirs précieux.

Nous avons tous gardé de l'ancien Arms Park l'image, parfois impressionnante, de ces combats furieux certes, mais toujours loyaux que s'y livraient les maillots rouges défenseurs de l'honneur gallois et nos joueurs venant retrouver la fougue et la vitalité qui honorent votre Pays.

Nous avons aussi vu le vieil Arms Park se moderniser et nous avons à la fois apprécié cette œuvre nécessaire et ressenti une certaine mélancolie à l'évocation du passé.

Soyez assurés, Chers Amis de Cardiff Rugby Football Club que les Français ont trouvé auprès de vous, à d'innombrables occasions, l'encouragement et l'exemple qui leurs ont permis de progresser pour un rugby meilleur.

Il faut que cela soit connu au moment où vous célébrez votre Centenaire et c'est avec un plaisir sincère mais aussi un sens aigu de ce que je vous dois, que je formule, ici cette opinion.

Soyez assurés de l'estime et, si vous le permettez, de l'amitié des sportifs français de notre Fédération.

A. FERRASSE
President 1975-76.

From the

Rugby Football Union

I am delighted to have the opportunity, on behalf of the Committee and Members of the Rugby Football Union, of writing this message of congratulation in the Centenary brochure of the Cardiff Rugby Football Club.

Not only has your club existed for 100 years, no mean achievement in itself, but throughout this long period, it has reached peaks in Rugby Union Football which few other clubs could possibly ever hope to emulate. These achievements, both individual and team, reflect the enthusiasm of your members in our game and their ability to produce high standards of play which have delighted a large number of people over many years.

Memorable occasions in your long and unique history are almost too numerous to recall, in fact one is embarrassed by the numbers of your club who deserve special mention both as players and administrators. Nor must we forget those others behind the great names, countless others at all levels who form the backbone of any club and who have been proud to wear the Cardiff jersey and tie and above all remain loyal to your great club.

Your club can be justly proud of its contribution to Rugby Union Football not only in Wales but throughout the British Isles and indeed worldwide.

May I wish your club continued happiness and enjoyment in our game in the century ahead.

G. TARN BAINBRIDGE,
President R.F.U. 1975-76

From the

Irish Rugby Football Union

On behalf of the Irish Rugby Football Union it is a very great pleasure to send greetings and congratulations to the Cardiff Rugby Football Club on the occasion of its Centenary.

The name of the Club has long been famous the world over for its outstanding rugby team and players, its remarkable successes against touring sides, and its generous hospitality to its guests. Cardiff may have got off to a late start in the centenary race but its reputation for all that is best in rugby football now outstrips most of its rivals.

Records show that in 1920 two members of the Cardiff Club, C. H. Bryant and T. Wallace, played for Ireland. Your best known Irish player was, of course, Des O'Brien, capped 20 times between 1948 and 1952 and a member of the immortal 1948 and 1949 Irish Triple Crown sides.

Dare I mention that the Welsh team we narrowly defeated at Ravenhill, Belfast, on 13th March, 1948 in the final match of the 1948 championship contained as many as 9 Cardiff players.

I feel sure that despite defeat they have happy memories of joining in the celebrations which followed Ireland's first Triple Crown success for 50 years.

May your Centenary Celebrations be highly successful and may you go on from strength to strength in the next 100 years.

DUDLEY HIGGINS,
Acting President I.R.F.U. 1975-76

From the
Scottish Rugby Union

As President of the Scottish Rugby Union it is with the greatest of pleasure that I convey the warmest congratulations from the Scottish Rugby Union and all followers in Scotland of our great Game to Cardiff Rugby Football Club on the attainment of your Centenary. Throughout the past 100 years the Cardiff Club has made a tremendous contribution to the Game not only in Wales but throughout the British Isles and overseas. We wish your Club a most successful Centenary Season and all good fortune in the next 100 years.

JOHN H. ORR,

President, S.R.U. 1975-76

From the
Italian Rugby Federation

It is with great pleasure that, in the name of the Italian Rugby Union. I send warmest best wishes to our friends of the Cardiff Rugby Football Club, on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary.

To the best wishes, I wish to add our deepest appreciation to Cardiff for its representation in world-wide rugby.

I also wish to express the pleasure of the entire Italian Rugby Federation for the excellent relationship existing with a Club as great as Cardiff, and I hope that these, in the future, may be even more evident.

To the officers, athletes and sportsmen of the Cardiff Rugby Football Club affectionate greetings from the Italian Rugby Union with the certainty that it will continue to be "light-house" in world-wide rugby.

MARIO MARTONE,

President, Italian Rugby Union

From the
New Zealand Rugby Football Union (Inc.)

It is my privilege on behalf of the New Zealand Rugby Football Union, and indeed all Rugby people in New Zealand, to extend to you sincere congratulations on your attainment of 100 years of Rugby.

The Cardiff Club has a very special place in our association with a great game.

We wish you well in your celebrations, and indeed in continuing your part in the great game of rugby.

J. L. SULLIVAN,

Chairman



Australian Rugby

Football Union

RUGBY UNION HOUSE, CRANE PLACE, SYDNEY, N.S.W. 2000.

Congratulations from the Australian Rugby Football Union to Cardiff on your Centenary Season, 1976/77.

Congratulations on your excellent winning record and valuable contribution to Rugby.

Best wishes for a successful and memorable Centenary with continued future success but please, stop beating the Wallabies!.

JOHN DEDRICK,
Secretary

From the

Rhodesia Rugby Football Union

It is with sincere pride and affection that we offer our salutations to Cardiff R.F.C. on their Centenary celebrations.

How fortunate Rhodesia was to strike up this friendship towards the end of Cardiff's first century. Cardiff, on their 1972 tour, inspired the revival of Rhodesian rugby, and for this alone we shall be eternally grateful. Since then, our friendship has blossomed, and we sincerely hope that, during Cardiff's next century, we shall have many reciprocal visits.

Rhodesia will really come of age when our green and white hooped jerseys run on to the lush turf on the banks of the River Taff.

We join Rugger Fans from all parts of the world in wishing Cardiff R.F.C. congratulations on the past 100 years, and we are sure that their illustrious name will remain in pride of place for ever and a day. My Union is thrilled and honoured to participate in your celebrations.

Best wishes,

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REG STEWART,
President

From the

Federatia Romana de Rugby

ROMANIAN RUGBY FEDERATION

The celebration of the Centenary of your famous club is an event with resounding echoes, not only in Wales, in Great Britain or within the British Rugby area, but also in the whole rugby world.

For Romanian rugby fans, the Cardiff R.F.C. represents a symbol of a high quality rugby game. This truth has been revealed to us both by the history of your club and by the high standard of playing shown by your sportsmen along the years, whenever they have met the Romanian players.

We shall never forget that among Cardiff R.F.C.'s performances, there are big victories over the most famous teams in the world. We also cannot overlook that many players belonging to Cardiff R.F.C. played for Wales, the glorious winners of "5 Nations" Tournament, and mostly that one of our first contacts with British rugby was with the players of your city. We will remember the atmosphere of sincere friendship that was established between our sportsmen twenty years ago, when the Cardiff R.F.C.'s players played in our country.

With feelings of deep appreciations for your players, for the leader of the Cardiff Club, we are trying to speed the increase of the contact between the British and Romanian rugby, and we are confident that these contacts will increase.

Let Cardiff R.F.C. make further progress in the second century of its existence, adding new and remarkable victories, according to the talent and passion of its representatives, and according to its great traditions.

CORNEL BURADA,
President

From

Bridgend R.F.C.

To celebrate a Centenary is a notable occasion. May the next hundred years be even more successful in providing for young men the opportunity to enjoy the playing of good, hard and clean Rugby Football and to make lasting friendships.

Warm hospitality and a friendly atmosphere has been mainly responsible for the pre-eminence of the Cardiff Club throughout its long and illustrious history. It has always been abundantly apparent that be they players, committee or spectators they are as one entity in their endeavour to enhance the Club's eminent reputation both on and off the field of play.

Throughout the years, Cardiff have recognised that Rugby Football is not just a game. It is for them, as it should be for all sportsmen, an expression of a way of life—a courageous and generous endeavour to "play the game".

May their ideals never falter and continue to be a source of inspiration and sporting example for all rugby men to follow in the future. Bridgend salutes you on this great occasion.

W. A. D. LAURIE,
Hon. Secretary

From

Moseley Football Club

Hearty Congratulations on attaining your Centenary. The Moseley Football Club have at all times admired your performances which have always been of the highest quality.

Fixtures between the two Clubs date back to the 1880's and with a few interruptions are still continuing.

Although our victories were not as regular as we would have wished we still recall season 1885-86 when in the very last match of the season we defeated you at Cardiff to ruin what would have been a unique record of an unbeaten season. proud we were on that historic day.

You were good enough to provide the opposition when we switched on our Floodlights for the first time in 1965 and you were our guests during our Centenary Year.

We wish this great Club of yours all the very best for the future.

C. A. SMALLWOOD,
Hon. Secretary

From

Leicester Football Club

Leicester Football Club offer their good wishes for a very successful Centenary Year. Congratulations on a splendid record and best wishes for the future.

JERRY DAY,
Hon. Secretary

From

Abertillery R.F.C.

For 100 years the name of the Cardiff Club has been synonymous with that of Rugby Football of the highest calibre. The name of the Club has become a household word throughout the rugby playing world. Its contribution to the game has been immense, and its ideals and traditions a model for all Clubs.

On behalf of Abertillery Rugby Football Club I extend to you our heartiest congratulations on reaching this goal. May your next 100 years be as illustrious as the first.

MARTIN J. COOK,
Hon. Secretary

From

Barbarians R.F.C.

Like everyone else in the rugby world, I congratulate most sincerely the Cardiff Rugby Club on its Centenary and wish it well for the next 100 years.

The Club has maintained a superb standard in its whole career and has produced a very large percentage of the best rugby players in the world from Gwyn Nicholls in the early part of the century to Hadyn Tanner, Rex Willis, Cliff Morgan, Bleddyn Williams, Jackie Matthews, Gareth Edwards and Barry John, and I would like to mention many more and regret space forbids my doing so.

To beat Cardiff on their own ground is one of the great ambitions of the touring sides from New Zealand, South Africa and Australia. The same is true of all British and Irish Clubs.

The Barbarians have had the pleasure and the highly valued privilege of playing Cardiff on Easter Saturday for many years. Emil de Lissa once said to me on a Barbarians tour "Cardiff is the Barbarian's spiritual home", and we all feel we have many friends there. We look forward to this annual game with keen delight. Long may it continue and long may Cardiff Rugby Club remain one of our greatest clubs, producing really great rugby footballers and playing superb attacking rugby.

HERBERT WADELL,
President

From

Harlequins R.F.C.

It is a very great pleasure indeed for me as President of the Harlequin Football Club to be able to congratulate Cardiff Rugby Football Club on reaching their Centenary.

My Club send our very best wishes for an enjoyable and successful season.

Some of the very happiest of my Rugby Football memories of fifty years ago were those great games both our teams so much enjoyed that were played at Cardiff Arms Park on those Easter Mondays of so long ago.

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President

From

Cross Keys R.F.C.

Cross Keys Rugby Football Club wish you an enjoyable, successful and rewarding year.

D. B. EVANS,
Hon. Secretary

From

Glamorgan Wanderers R.F.C.

There seems to be nowadays a rash of centenaries in the world of Rugby Football. Many clubs, great and small, are making claims denied to all but a few human beings, to be a hundred years of age. But the coming of so great an age of the Cardiff Rugby Football Club is pre-eminent. It tolls a bell which can be heard wherever this marvellous game is played for no Club on earth is more widely known and none has emulated its achievements.

It has had, of course, its lean years but the fat ones have been much more numerous and usually magnificent. I wonder if anyone is able to recollect seeing so fine a club rugby team as that which Cardiff produced in the few years following the Second World War? I doubt it. How that side would have performed with the benefit of modern coaching methods and rules!

And what about the countless, famous and talented individual players who, in every generation, have graced the Arms Park for Club and Country. To them and to present members of Cardiff, on behalf of all Wanderers, I lift my wig in respect and admiration and with best wishes for the long haul unto 2076.

SIR TASKER WATKINS, V.C.
President

From

Newport R.F.C.

One hundred years ago Cardiff and Newport opposed each other for the first time. Since that memorable day back in January, 1875 our two clubs have maintained the closest possible links and during the past century Cardiff Officials and players have never ceased to be held in the highest esteem by everyone at Rodney Parade.

Before our matches some writers have prefaced their articles with the comment "the old enemies meet once again". That description is utterly wrong. It is infinitely more correct to say "Old friends and rivals meet again".

Matches between Cardiff and Newport have always been tough, but the players of both sides would not have it any other way, and afterwards they waste no time in joining each other over a glass of beer.

Cardiff have added considerable lustre to the British rugby scene. Their name is a household one throughout the rugby playing world, and we, at Newport, are confident that Cardiff will continue to live up to the great traditions they have established and bring further distinctions to Wales.

We at Rodney Parade wish them well, and as we raise our glasses, we say "Cheers for the next 100 years." It has been very nice to have you around for so long and here's to our next meeting.

R. T. (NICK) CARTER,
Hon. Secretary

From

Pontypridd R.F.C.

On behalf of the Pontypridd R.F.C. it gives me the greatest pleasure to be able to congratulate Cardiff R.F.C. on attaining their Centenary. My Club has been associated with Cardiff for the entire period of their history and we have always been firm friends off the field and great rivals on it. No-one at Pontypridd will ever forget Cardiff's kindness when we had difficulties with our ground and they gave us the use of the Arms Park on several occasions. This is merely a measure of the greatness of what is after all one of the greatest Clubs in the World. On behalf of the Pontypridd R.F.C. I offer my heartiest congratulations to Cardiff on attaining their Centenary. They have brought great honour to Wales and great credit to rugby football and may their second century be as successful as their first.

S. A. SIMON,
President

From

Ebbw Vale R.F.C.

As Patron of the Ebbw Vale Rugby Football Club it is indeed a pleasure to have this opportunity to congratulate Cardiff R.F.C. on reaching their Centenary Season. During this period Cardiff have shown themselves to be probably the most famous rugby club in the world. The number of internationals who have played for the Club is legendary and the results against touring teams unsurpassed.

As far as Ebbw Vale is concerned the game against Cardiff is one of the highlights of the season. Some years ago both clubs met on the Arms Park having been undefeated in eleven previous games. Thirty coach loads of supporters travelled from Ebbw Vale on a Wednesday evening and more than 25,000 spectators (a record mid-week crowd) watched this game—won by Cardiff. Whatever the result, the games between the clubs have always been enjoyed by both players and spectators. May it always be so.

THE DUKE OF BEAUFORT,
Patron

From

Swansea R.F.C.

It is with very much pleasure on behalf of the Swansea Cricket and Football Club to congratulate the Cardiff Rugby Football Club on reaching their Centenary. I will always have a soft spot in my heart for Cardiff for it was the team I played against when I first wore the white jersey of my own club.

It would be very invidious of me to mention any of the Cardiff great players, as I simply could not name all of them, and I would hate to think I had forgotten someone—a list is far too long.

It is very noticeable how the old players rally around and carry on the committee work of the Club after their playing days are over—thus success is assured.

The Cardiff Club has always given a deep feeling of dignity to the Rugby game and is known throughout the world for its help in promoting the warm feeling that exists between the Rugby Clubs.

May I wish my old friend Les Spence, the chairman, and the Centenary Year Committee, the "very best of everything" in their efforts to make their 100th birthday a resounding success.

Heartiest congratulations to you all.
I. BRUCE BARTER,
President

From

Aberavon R.F.C.

It is with a sense of pride that we associate ourselves with the Cardiff Rugby Football Club on its Centenary.

To have a coincidental birthday with such a great Club is an added source of pleasure and to offer our felicitations on such an occasion gives us great satisfaction.

The relationships which we enjoy have been forged in the heat of battle. We look forward to the next Centenary with confidence that the foundation of the first hundred shall be a firm base for the second.

GWILYM TREHARNE,
Hon. Secretary

From

Pontypool R.F.C.

As Chairman of Pontypool Rugby Football Club, it is my pleasure and my privilege to wish Cardiff Rugby Football Club a successful and memorable year in 1976/77, your Centenary year

Pontypool Rugby Football Club wish you every success in both the Sporting and Social aspect of your Centenary Year and extend their cordial congratulations.

TERRY VAUX,
Chairman

From

Maesteg R.F.C.

The Officials and Committee of Maesteg Rugby Football Club, offer our sincere and hearty congratulations to Cardiff Rugby Football Club on its Centenary Year.

Our congratulations are accompanied by our very best wishes to the Club for the future, may you still enjoy the success of the past years and continue to thrill spectators with your open brand of rugby football, which has always been played in the best tradition of the game, and which has made Cardiff R.F.C. one of the finest Clubs in the World.

Cardiff R.F.C. have had the distinction of players being represented at all levels of the game which is a credit to the Club. We at Maesteg have been proud to have played your Club both home and away over the years.

BRIAN DIXON,
Hon. General Secretary

From

George Heriot's S.F.P.

It is indeed with great pleasure that on behalf of the President and all members of the Club, past and present, that I convey to the Cardiff Rugby Football Club many congratulations on their Centenary. It goes without saying that the Cardiff Rugby Club has been in the forefront of Club rugby in Britain for as long as one can remember and I know that George Heriot's Rugby Football Club have always felt that they were extremely fortunate and pleased to have an annual fixture with your Club.

We do really appreciate the opportunity of conveying our best wishes to you and we are sure that the next 100 years will be as exciting as the last.

W. M. LIDDEL,
Hon. General Secretary

From

Wasps R.F.C.

It was with the greatest pleasure and pride that I learned that my Club, the Wasps F.C., had given me the honour and responsibility of sending our greetings and warmest congratulations to Cardiff R.F.C. on its Centenary.

To be known by Rugby men the World over as the premier Club is a distinction born of a dedication and a standard of performance on the field and a warmth of welcome off it, which epitomises the game we all love so much. Therefore, from every Wasp, our heartfelt good wishes. May your confident strides into your second Centenary be as fruitful and rewarding to you and to rugby as your first 100 years.

PETER G. YARRANTON,
Vice-President

From

Neath R.F.C.

I am pleased, on behalf of Neath Rugby Club, to congratulate the Cardiff Club on reaching its Centenary. You can, justifiably, recount with pride the deeds of your illustrious players and reflect with pleasure on the efficient work of your able administrators in that the name, "Cardiff", is synonymous with all that is best in rugby football.

We wish you a successful "Centenary Year" and look forward to enjoying the warmth of your traditional hospitality and friendship.

ALLAN BENJAMIN,
Hon. Secretary

From

Northampton Football Club

It gives me great pleasure on behalf of Northampton Football Club and myself to congratulate the Cardiff Rugby Football Club upon achieving its centenary.

As one who played for both Cardiff before the second world war and for Northampton afterwards, I can claim to recognise a special relationship which has existed between the two clubs. Although it is known that fixtures started more than sixty years ago, the exact date is obscure.

However, time has not dulled the special edge of challenge felt by English clubs and offered by Cardiff, nor that wonderful sense of achievement if one managed to win there. In any case the good spirit and hospitality was always equal to those rare and glorious occasions.

We in the Northampton Club congratulate you again for the special contribution to rugby in the past hundred years, and wish you well for the next hundred.

E. R. KNAPP

From

Gloucester R.F.C.

Gloucester Rugby Football Club offer their heartiest congratulations to Cardiff Rugby Football Club on the historic occasion of their Centenary and are honoured to have been associated with such a famous Club during the past 100 years.

R. G. LONG,
Hon. Secretary

From

Blackheath Football Club

On behalf of Blackheath Football Club I extend to our very old friends our most sincere congratulations on obtaining a "century".

With a few problems connected with the First and Second World Wars, we have been associated together for practically the whole of that period.

You have produced many fine players over the years who have remained exceptionally loyal to their Club—long may that continue.

We look forward to the continuance of our relationship during the next 100 years.

We wish you all you wish yourselves during the forthcoming celebrations.

ERIC FRANKS,
President

From

Penarth R.F.C.

Penarth first played Cardiff in 1880—an association spanning 88 years. A number of well known Penarth families have produced players for both clubs and the Gibbs, Thomas and Dyke families in particular. It has been a proud association for the Penarth Club and for the Penarth community.

Congratulations Cardiff on a truly glorious 100 years.

J. MUSSELBURGH
Hon. Secretary

From

Newbridge R.F.C.

In this, your one hundredth year, the blue and blacks of Gwent congratulate the blue and blacks of Glamorgan on an illustrious history to date, and wish them every success for the future in the certain knowledge that it will be equally as glittering.

Best wishes from,
Newbridge R.F.C.

From

Gala R.F.C.

On the occasion of the Centenary of Cardiff Rugby Football Club, it gives me great pleasure, on behalf of Gala Rugby Football Club, to lead the well deserved "forward rush" to congratulate you on this achievement.

My memories of your most famous of Welsh Clubs goes back to my playing days which spanned the War years, and I will admit, even as a Scot, to having many Cardiff heroes and many thrilling Games at Murrayfield. Friendships made on the Field last long after playing days are over, and to mention some names would be unfair to others

We, in Gala, regard with Pride our close association and Friendship with Cardiff players and Committee; our Town was thrilled with your magnificent victory on your first visit to our Annual Seven's Tournament, and we greatly appreciate your most recent visit in our Centenary attractions.

This, to me, is briefly what Cardiff means to our Great Game, and it is to this, that I, from the Banks of the East Flowing River Gala, to River Taff's deep sides. I Salute your Great Club.

May Season 1976-77 be a Memorable One.

T. P. CARRUTHERS,
President



Cardiff's Rhodesian tour party 1972. Back row (left to right): M. John, R. Lane, P. Kallonas, I. Robinson, L. Baxter, M. Knill, P. L. Jones, T. Holley (*first aid*). Middle row: Gethin Edwards, B. Hurley, G. O. Edwards, J. Davies, G. Wallace, R. Beard, J. Harding, N. Williams, Gary Davies, J. Regan, W. Lewis. Front row: H. Wilkins, A. D. Williams, A. J. Finlayson, C. T. Howe, J. H. James (*capt.*), M. Collins, D. J. Hayward, G. Samuel, Hubert Johnson.

From

London Welsh R.F.C.

Very sincere and heartfelt congratulations on your Centenary. Nothing is more certain that it will be a year of success, exceptional hospitality and, inevitably, added achievements to your outstanding records since 1876.

May I, on behalf of the members and players of the London Welsh, offer you their congratulations on an illustrious past, a very satisfying present and, without any doubt, a wonderful future. May I add, I respect your past glories and anticipate even in this mortal world your many achievements on the way to the Club's bi-centenary.

H. M. BOWCOTT

From

Cambridge University R.F.C.

The Cambridge University Rugby Football Club sends its warm greetings for your centenary year 1976-77. We look back upon our visits to you, and upon your visits to us, as glorious occasions of the game. You have always stood for a superbly open, brilliant, attacking and fast type of football and we cannot think of a club which has done more for the playing game.

We are especially pleased that a former captain of ours, Gerald Davies, is your captain in 1975-76; and we have many other happy connections of friendship with your great Club. Congratulations, and good luck.

OWEN CHADWICK,
President, C.U.R.U.F.C.



Maurice Richards



Keith Rowlands



Kingsley Jones



Howard Norris



John O'Shea



Haydn Morris



Gareth Griffiths

British Lions

1888	<i>in Australia and New Zealand</i>	A. J. STUART.
1899	<i>in Australia</i>	E. G. NICHOLLS.
1904	<i>in Australia and New Zealand</i>	P. F. BUSH, R. T. GABE.
1908	<i>in New Zealand and Australia</i>	R. A. GIBBS, J. C. M. DYKE, J. L. WILLIAMS.
1924	<i>in South Africa</i>	D. MARSDEN-JONES.
1930	<i>in Australia and New Zealand</i>	H. M. BOWCOTT, H. POOLE.
1938	<i>in South Africa</i>	I. WILLIAMS.
1950	<i>in New Zealand and Australia</i>	W. B. CLEAVER, C. DAVIES, J. MATTHEWS, B. L. WILLIAMS, W. R. WILLIS.
1955	<i>in South Africa</i>	G. M. GRIFFITHS, C. I. MORGAN, H. T. MORRIS.
1959	<i>in Australia and New Zealand</i>	W. R. EVANS.
1962	<i>in South Africa</i>	K. D. JONES, K. A. ROWLANDS.
1966	<i>in Australia and New Zealand</i>	D. K. JONES, C. H. NORRIS.
1968	<i>in South Africa</i>	T. G. R. DAVIES, G. O. EDWARDS, B. JOHN, K. JONES, J. P. O'SHEA, M. C. RICHARDS.
1971	<i>in Australia and New Zealand</i>	J. C. BEVAN, G. O. EDWARDS, B. JOHN.
1974	<i>in South Africa</i>	G. O. EDWARDS.

Lloyds Bank
extends congratulations
and best wishes to the
Cardiff Rugby Football Club
on reaching their centenary.



Lloyds Bank

Internationals

(Year indicates when players first capped with Club)

- 1880 B. B. MANN, W. D. PHILLIPS
1881 B. E. GIRLING
1882 J. CLARE, W. B. NORTON.
1883 J. A. JONES.
1884 T. M. BARLOW, F. E. HANCOCK, J. T. HINTON, H. J. SIMPSON, J. S. SMITH, W. H. STADDEN.
1885 A. F. HILL, L. C. THOMAS.
1886 W. M. DOUGLAS, D. H. LEWIS, G. A. YOUNG.
1887 A. F. BLAND, O. J. EVANS, H. HUGHES, A. J. HYBART, W. E. O. WILLIAMS
1888 C. S. ARTHUR, T. D. KEDZLIE.
1889 N. BIGGS, D. H. EVANS, R. EVANS, S. H. NICHOLLS.
1890 H. M. INGLEDEW
1891 T. PEARSON, R. B. SWEET-ESCOTT.
1892
1893
1894 J. E. ELLIOTT, D. FITZGERALD.
1895 S. BIGGS, W. J. ELSEY, F. MILLS
1896 W. COPE, W. DAVIES, E. GEORGE, E. G. NICHOLLS.
1897 F. H. CORNISH.
1898 T. DOBSON, H. V. P. HUZZEY, W. JONES.
1899 J. BLAKE.
1900 G. DOBSON.
1901
1902 A. F. HARDING, H. B. WINFIELD.
1903 A. B. TIMMS (S).
1904 A. BRICE, R. T. GABE, W. NEILL.
1905 P. F. BUSH.
1906 R. A. GIBBS, J. POWELL, D. WESTACOTT, J. L. WILLIAMS.
1907 J. A. BROWN, R. J. DAVID.
1908
1909
1910 L. M. DYKE, W. L. MORGAN, J. PUGSLEY, W. SPILLER
1911
1912 E. DAVIES, W. JENKINS, J. C. M. LEWIS, R. F. WILLIAMS.
1913
1914-1918 WAR YEARS
1919 T. J. NICHOLAS.
1920 C. H. BRYANT (I), W. J. POWELL, T. WALLACE (I).
1921 T. JOHNSON, D. M. JONES, J. PROSSER.
1922 J. E. FINLAY (I).
1923 R. A. CORNISH, D. G. DAVIES, J. POWELL.
1924 W. J. DELAHAY, B. O. MALE, W. J. OULD, A. RICKARD.
1925 J. BROWN, S. HINAM, I. RICHARDS, B. R. TURNBULL.
1926 T. LEWIS.

- 1927 J. BURNS, G. RICHARDS, J. ROBERTS.
 1928 G. DAVIES.
 1929 R. BARRELL, H. M. BOWCOTT, W. ROBERTS, F. L. WILLIAMS.
 1930 R. W. BOON, N. FENDER, G. JONES, A. SKYM.
 1933 I. ISAACS, A. H. JONES, L. REES, M. J. TURNBULL, W. WOOLLER.
 1934 C. W. JONES.
 1935 E. WATKINS.
 1937 H. REES.
 1938 A. BASSETT.
 1939 W. E. N. DAVIES.
 1940-1945 WAR YEARS
 1947 W. B. CLEAVER, C. DAVIES, G. EVANS, D. M. JAMES, L. MANFIELD, J. MATTHEWS,
 H. TANNER, W. E. TAMPLIN, B. L. WILLIAMS, L. WILLIAMS.
 1948 R. F. TROTT.
 1949 T. COOK.
 1950 W. R. WILLIS.
 1951 C. I. MORGAN, H. MORRIS, D. J. O'BRIEN (1).
 1952 A. THOMAS.
 1953 G. BECKINGHAM, G. GRIFFITHS, S. JUDD, G. ROWLANDS.
 1955 G. T. WELLS, C. D. WILLIAMS.
 1956 C. L. DAVIES.
 1957 L. H. WILLIAMS.
 1958 J. D. EVANS, W. R. EVANS, H. NICHOLLS, A. J. PRIDAY.
 1960 C. H. A. DAVIES, D. J. E. HARRIS, K. D. JONES, H. M. ROBERTS.
 1961 W. J. THOMAS.
 1962 K. A. ROWLANDS.
 1963 D. J. HAYWARD, W. K. JONES, C. H. NORRIS.
 1966 T. G. R. DAVIES, D. K. JONES.
 1967 G. O. EDWARDS, W. G. HULLINS, B. JOHN, J. P. O'SHEA.
 1968 M. C. R. RICHARDS.
 1970 J. C. BEVAN, S. J. WATKINS.
 1974 A. A. J. FINLAYSON, I. R. ROBINSON.
 1975 B. NELMES (E).
 1976 F. M. KNILL.

Captains and Vice-Captains

First XV

	<i>Captain</i>		<i>Vice-Captain</i>
1876-77	.. T. S. DONALDSON SELBY ..	..	W. D. PHILLIPS
1877-78	.. E. C. FRY ..	..	W. D. PHILLIPS
1878-79	.. R. H. FOA ..	..	W. D. PHILLIPS
1879-80	.. W. D. PHILLIPS ..	..	B. E. GIRLING
1880-81	.. W. D. PHILLIPS ..	..	B. B. MANN
1881-82	.. B. E. GIRLING ..	..	W. D. PHILLIPS
1882-83	.. W. D. PHILLIPS ..	..	W. H. TREATT
1883-84	.. H. J. SIMPSON ..	..	W. D. PHILLIPS
1884-85	.. H. J. SIMPSON ..	..	W. D. PHILLIPS
1885-86	.. F. E. HANCOCK ..	..	A. F. HILL
1886-87	.. W. M. DOUGLAS ..	..	A. J. HYBART
1887-88	.. G. A. YOUNG ..	..	A. F. HILL
1888-89	.. A. F. HILL ..	..	C. S. ARTHUR
1889-90	.. C. S. ARTHUR ..	..	S. H. NICHOLLS
1890-91	.. W. E. O. WILLIAMS ..	..	D. W. EVANS
1891-92	.. D. W. EVANS ..	..	F. N. JONES
1892-93	.. T. W. PEARSON ..	..	A. LEWIS
1893-94	.. N. BIGGS ..	..	R. B. SWEET-ESCOTT
1894-95	.. A. F. HILL ..	..	R. B. SWEET-ESCOTT
1895-96	.. R. B. SWEET-ESCOTT ..	..	F. MILLS
1896-97	.. J. E. ELLIOT ..	..	S. BIGGS
1897-98	.. S. BIGGS ..	..	E. GWYN NICHOLLS
1898-99	.. E. GWYN NICHOLLS ..	..	T. DOBSON
1899-1900	.. E. GWYN NICHOLLS ..	..	H. V. P. HUSSEY
1900-01	.. E. GWYN NICHOLLS ..	..	J. BLAKE
1901-02	.. H. B. WINFIELD ..	..	D. L. BOWEN
1902-03	.. H. B. WINFIELD ..	..	C. STRANAGHAN
1903-04	.. E. GWYN NICHOLLS ..	..	C. F. BIGGS
1904-05	.. C. F. BIGGS ..	..	W. NEILL
1905-06	.. PERCY F. BUSH ..	..	GEO. NORTHMORE
1906-07	.. PERCY F. BUSH ..	..	GEO. NORTHMORE
1907-08	.. RHYS T. GABE ..	..	J. BROWN
1908-09	.. PERCY F. BUSH ..	..	F. SMITH
1909-10	.. J. L. WILLIAMS ..	..	F. SMITH
1910-11	.. R. A. GIBBS ..	..	J. PUGSLEY
1911-12	.. L. M. DYKE ..	..	J. A. POWELL
1912-13	.. W. SPILLERS ..	..	W. J. JENKINS
1913-14	.. W. J. JENKINS ..	..	R. F. WILLIAMS
1914-19	.. EUROPEAN WAR ..		
1919-20	.. F. GACCON—W. J. POWELL ..	..	W. J. JENKINS
1920-21	.. CLEM LEWIS ..	..	R. A. CORNISH
1921-22	.. R. ARTHUR CORNISH ..	..	I. RICHARDS
1922-23	.. DR. T. WALLACE ..	..	I. RICHARDS
1923-24	.. IDRIS RICHARDS ..	..	T. A. JOHNSON

	<i>Captain</i>		<i>Vice-Captain</i>
1924-25	T. A. JOHNSON		D. E. DAVIES
1925-26	D. E. DAVIES		W. J. DELAHAY
1926-27	W. J. DELAHAY		D. E. DAVIES
1927-28	B. R. TURNBULL		B. O. MALE
1928-29	B. O. MALE		K. P. TURNBULL
1929-30	S. C. CRAVOS		H. POOLE
1930-31	B. R. TURNBULL		S. C. CRAVOS
1931-32	HOWARD POOLE		H. M. BOWCOTT
1932-33	TOM LEWIS		B. R. TURNBULL
1933-34	GRAHAM JONES—R. GABE-JONES		R. GABE-JONES
1934-35	A. SKYM		T. STONE
1935-36	T. STONE		L. M. SPENCE
1936-37	L. M. SPENCE		T. STONE
1937-38	A. H. JONES		H. REES
1938-39	W. WOOLLER		W. E. N. DAVIES
1939-40	W. WOOLLER		L. M. SPENCE
1939-45	WORLD WAR II		
1945-46	JACK MATTHEWS		R. BALE
1946-47	JACK MATTHEWS		LES. MANFIELD
1947-48	HAYDN TANNER		BLEDDYN WILLIAMS
1948-49	HAYDN TANNER		BLEDDYN WILLIAMS
1949-50	BLEDDYN WILLIAMS		FRANK TROTT
1950-51	W. E. TAMPLIN		BLEDDYN WILLIAMS
1951-52	DR. JACK MATTHEWS		REX WILLIS
1952-53	W. REX WILLIS		SID JUDD
1953-54	BLEDDYN WILLIAMS		SID. JUDD
1954-55	SID. JUDD		REX WILLIS
1955-56	M. COLLINS		G. ROWLANDS
1956-57	P. T. GOODFELLOW		G. GRIFFITHS
1957-58	E. THOMAS		CLIFF MORGAN
1958-59	C. D. WILLIAMS		LLOYD WILLIAMS
1959-60	GORDON WELLS		J. D. EVANS
1960-61	LLOYD WILLIAMS		K. D. JONES
1961-62	LLOYD WILLIAMS		K. D. JONES
1962-63	D. J. HAYWARD		C. H. NORRIS
1963-64	D. J. HAYWARD		C. H. NORRIS
1964-65	MERION ROBERTS		C. H. NORRIS
1965-66	K. ROWLANDS		S. HUGHES
1966-67	K. ROWLANDS		W. HULLIN
1967-68	C. H. NORRIS		T. G. R. DAVIES
1968-69	C. H. NORRIS		A. D. WILLIAMS
1969-70	J. O'SHEA		J. HICKEY
1970-71	J. HICKEY		G. EDWARDS
1971-72	J. H. JAMES		A. FINLAYSON
1972-73	G. WALLACE		M. JOHN
1973-74	G. DAVIES		M. JOHN
1974-75	M. JOHN		PAUL EVANS
1975-76	T. G. R. DAVIES		R. LANE
1976-77	T. G. R. DAVIES		B. NELMES

Chairmen of the Cardiff R.F.C.

1931-32		1961-62	H. C. K. JOHNSON
to	W. M. DOUGLAS	1962-63}	A. T. THOMAS
1939-40		1963-64}	
1945-46}	R. A. CORNISH	1964-65	L. M. SPENCE
1946-47}		1965-66	G. L. PORTER
1947-48	D. E. DAVIES	1966-67	T. L. WILLIAMS
1948-49}	S. C. CRAVOS	1967-68	W. H. WILKINS
1949-50}		1968-69	P. T. GOODFELLOW
1950-51		1969-70	B. MARK
to	H. C. K. JOHNSON	1970-71	H. C. K. JOHNSON
1953-54		1971-72	C. T. HOWE
1954-55	DR. J. MATTHEWS	1972-73	P. NYHAN
1955-56	D. A. BROWN	1973-74	LL. WILLIAMS
1956-57	L. M. SPENCE	1974-75	K. A. ROWLANDS
1957-58	G. L. PORTER	1975-76	D. M. JAMES
1958-59	T. L. WILLIAMS	1976-77	L. M. SPENCE
1959-60	W. H. WILKINS		
1960-61	D. E. DAVIES		

Secretaries of the Cardiff R.F.C.

1876-77	E. C. FRY	1940-45	WAR YEARS
1877-78	R. H. FOA	1946-47}	R. A. CORNISH
1878-79	J. A. JONES		B. H. JENKINS
1879-80	E. D. THOMAS	1947-48	R. A. CORNISH
1880-81	W. H. TREATT	1948-49	
to	and	to	B. H. JENKINS
1883-84	J. S. SMITH	1954-55	
1884-85		1955-56	
to	W. H. TREATT	to	R. F. TROTT
1888-89		1969-70	
1889-90	W. H. TREATT	1969-70	
to	and	to	W. H. WILKINS
1891-92	A. F. BLAND	1972-73	
1892-93		1973-74}	A. J. FRIDAY
to	C. S. ARTHUR	to date)	
1925-26			
1925-26			
to	L. C. WATTERS		
1939-40			

CARDIFF RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Captains of Reserves/Athletic XVs.

1879-80	A. R. MACDONALD	1929-30	DR. T. J. PITTARD
1880-81	A. J. EVANS	1930-31	GOFF RETTER
1881-82	A. J. EVANS		TOM BURNS
1882-93	H. J. GREGORY		ROY GABE-JONES
1883-84	CHOLTON JAMES	1931-32	ROY GABE-JONES
1884-85	CHOLTON JAMES	1932-33	P. J. FLETCHER
1885-86	D. E. JONES	1933-34	H. JOHNSON
1886-87	D. E. JONES	1934-35	H. JOHNSON
1887-88	D. E. JONES	1935-36	H. JOHNSON
1888-89	D. E. JONES	1936-37	G. V. WYNNE JONES
1889-90	D. E. JONES	1937-38	V. R. OSMOND
1890-91	D. E. JONES	1938-39	KEN STREET
1891-92	SELWYN BIGGS	1939-40	KEN STREET
1892-93	F. S. GROGAN	1940-41	WORLD WAR II
1893-94	E. J. ROONEY	1945-46	R. H. MILLAR
1894-95	E. J. ROONEY	1946-47	T. LYN WILLIAMS
1895-96	J. E. FRANCIS	1947-48	T. LYN WILLIAMS
1896-97	A. H. GUNN	1948-49	LEN EVANS
1897-98	A. M. RICKETTS	1949-50	REV. H. LOVELUCK
1898-99	A. M. RICKETTS	1950-51	STAN BOWES
1899-00	IVOR P. JONES	1951-52	STAN BOWES
1900-01	J. WILLIAMS	1952-53	STAN BOWES
1901-02	W. J. WINFIELD	1953-54	STAN BOWES.
1902-03	R. J. AUKLAND		P. GOODFELLOW
1903-04	M. WAYNE MORGAN	1954-55	P. GOODFELLOW
1904-05	D. L. EVANS	1955-56	P. GOODFELLOW
1905-06	D. L. EVANS		STAN BOWES
1906-07	GEO. NORTHMORE	1956-57	F. C. FERGUSON
1907-08	W. A. JONES	1957-58	PETER NYHAN
1908-09	GEO. NORTHMORE	1958-59	PETER NYHAN
1909-10	D. DUNCAN	1959-60	P. GOODFELLOW
1910-11	FRANK WOOD	1960-61	HARRY MORGAN
1911-12	W. J. JENKINS	1961-62	HARRY MORGAN
1913-14	CON SCANLON	1962-63	COLIN HOWE
1914-15	W. L. FERRIER	1963-64	COLIN HOWE
1914-18	WORLD WAR I	1964-65	ALAN DREW
1919-20	FRED EAMES	1965-66	ALAN FRIDAY
	DAN CALLAN		JOHN DAVIES
1920-21	PERCH THOMAS	1966-67	D. J. HAYWARD
1921-22	C. BRYANT	1967-68	JOHN PRICE
1922-23	C. BRYANT	1968-69	JOHN DAVIES
1923-24	W. E. CORNISH	1969-70	JOHN DAVIES
1924-25	W. E. CORNISH	1970-71	JOHN DAVIES
	T. ARNOTT	1971-72	JOHN UZZELL
1925-26	S. C. CRAVOS	1972-73	A. D. WILLIAMS
1926-27		1973-74	A. D. WILLIAMS
1927-28		1974-75	JOHN HICKEY
1928-29	S. C. CRAVOS	1975-76	JOHN HICKEY

Fixtures — Centenary Season

1976-77

FIRST XV

September

1 W	Llandaff	H
4 S	Sevens Tournament*	H
8 W	Bristol	A
11 S	Wolfhounds XV	H
15 W	Penarth	A
18 S	Coventry	H
22 W		
25 S	Overseas International XV*	H
29 W	Aberavon	A

October

2 S	Argentine*	H
9 S	Northampton	A
13 W	Bristol	H
16 S	Cambridge University (a.m.)	H
20 W	Bridgend	A
23 S	Harlequins	A
27 W	Neath	A
30 S	Italy*	H

November

3 W	Pontypool	A
6 S	Oxford University	H
13 S	Ebbw Vale	H
20 S	W.R.U. Cup	
27 S	Llanelli	H

December

4 S	Swansea	A
8 W	Newport	H
11 S	Moseley	H
18 S	W.R.U. Cup	
27 M	Crawshays XV	H

January

1 S	Pontypool	H
8 S	W.R.U. Cup	
15 S		
22 S	Neath	H
29 S	Aberavon	H

February

5 S	Coventry	A
12 S	Pontypridd	H
15 W	Llanelli	A
19 S	Ebbw Vale	A
26 S	W.R.U. Cup	

ATHLETIC XV

September

1 W	Llanharan	A
4 S	Italy (under 21)	H
8 W	Bristol United	H
11 S	Neath Athletic	A
15 W	Taffs Well	A
18 S	Coventry Extras	A
22 W	Mountain Ash	A
29 W	Pontyclun	H

October

9 S	Quins Wanderers	H
13 W	Treorchy	A
16 S	Cardigan	A
23 S	Pontypool United	H
30 S	Pencoed	H

November

6 S	Newport Saracens	A
13 S	Ebbw Vale Athletic	A
20 S	Llantwit Major	A
27 S	Crumlin	A

December

4 S	Swansea Athletic	H
11 S	Bridgend Sports	A
18 S	Neath Athletic	H

January

1 S	Aberaman	A
8 S	Coventry Extras	H
15 S	St. Peter's (a.m.)	A
22 S	Pontypool United	A
29 S	Aberavon Quins	A

February

5 S	Staines	H
12 S	Bristol United	A
19 S	Taffs Well	H
26 S	Yeovil	H

Proposed Fixtures — Centenary Season 1976-77 (Continued)

FIRST XV

March

5 S	London Welsh	..	..	H
12 S	Scottish Co-optimists	..	..	H
19 S				
23 W	Bridgend	..	..	A
26 S	Newport ..	..	..	A

April

2 S	Gloucester	..	..	A
9 S	Barbarians	..	..	H
11 M	Harlequins	..	..	H
20 W	Swansea	..	..	H
23 S	Sydney ..	..	..	H
30 S	W.R.U. Cup	..	..

ATHLETIC XV

March

5 S	London Welsh Druids	..	..	H
12 S	Abercynon	..	..	H
19 S	Cardiff College of Education			H
26 S	Newport United	H

April

2 S	Gloucester United	H
9 S	Mumbles..	A
20 W	Swansea Athletic	A

* All Pay

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CENTENARY YEAR

and are proud that the three original Directors of this Company all wore the
blue and black jersey.

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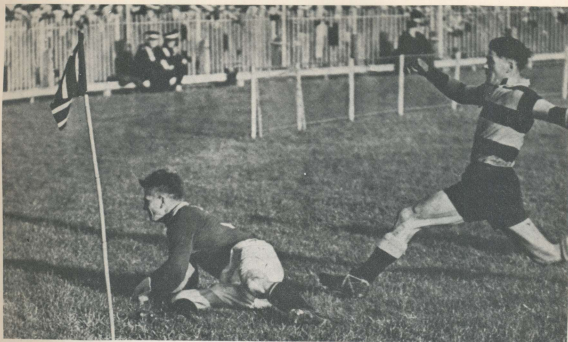
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Cliff Jones, the brilliant Cardiff outside half of the late 1930's, scoring a try for Wales at the Cardiff Arms Park against Scotland in 1935. Later in the match he suffered a broken collar bone.



The Cardiff Club's Committee during the 75th Anniversary Year. Standing (left to right), J. R. Phillips, Rev. H. Loveluck, G. Porter, D. Brown, L. M. Spence, A. T. Thomas and A. D. S. Bowes. Sitting: W. B. Cleaver, B. H. Jenkins (*Hon. Sec.*), H. J. Johnson (*capt.*), D. E. Davies and J. Thomas.



The Chum Ochse corner. The Springboks wing scoring the winning try against Cardiff at the Arms Park in 1951 when Cardiff looked like winning, with Frank Trott chasing him hard.

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The task of editing this brochure has proved a long but pleasant one. It was pleasurable because it enabled one to repay a debt of gratitude on behalf of a young high schoolboy who started writing about rugby at an early age and who received a good deal of help from understanding Cardiff officials and players in the 1930's. Arthur Cornish, Danny Davies, and L. C. "Jack" Watters never refused a press ticket on an interview, or indeed a story or two.

The Brochure Sub-Committee with Keith Rowlands as chairman and Haydn Wilkins, as secretary and co-editor, have enjoyed their spell as publishers. They have sent letters to all parts of the rugby playing world and invited friendly advertisers to help meet the costs. Rarely, did they receive a refusal.

Colin Howe and David Hayward were the bright boys on illustrations and, of course, one did not have to look far for records with Danny "Massa" Davies always ready to help No. 1, as was colleague John Billot.

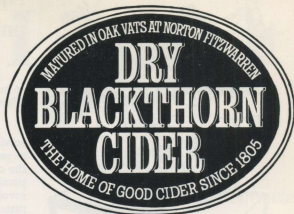
Yet it is to the many and famous contributors that we have to express our sincere gratitude for there are many excellent articles by great names in the game. These men have not only paid tribute to the club and its glorious 100 years of history but made the task of the Editor much easier by the quality of their writing.

Master printer Ron Jones, and his able assistant Idris Mathias at Ferndale, have worked hard to meet the many requirements of the Sub-Committee and never refused any aid. Yet the thanks of all are due to the "Western Mail and Echo, Ltd." for their extremely generous help in allowing the Cardiff club to reproduce so many superb photographs free of charge, for without illustrations no rugby story is ever properly told.

Club chairman Les Spence has guided the Brochure along nicely and hopes that it will sell well and play its part in making 1976-77 a memorable year for players, officials and followers, as well as guests from overseas.

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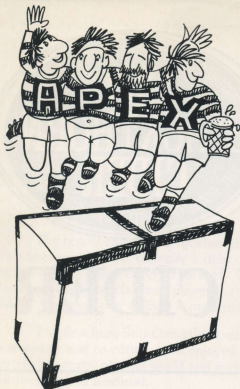


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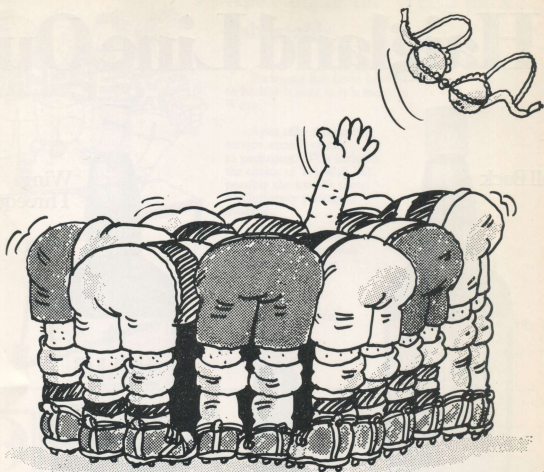
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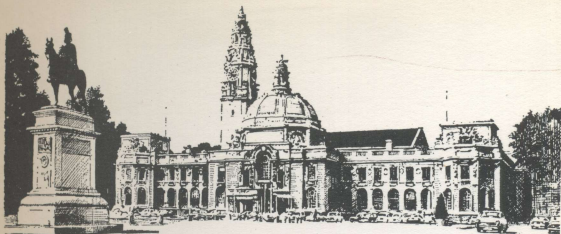
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