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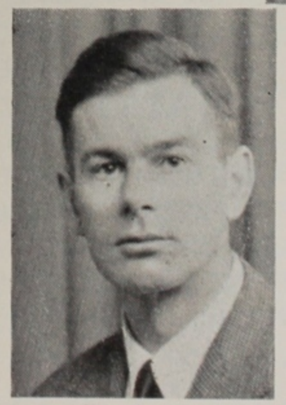
J. S. Lewis
(Bowls)



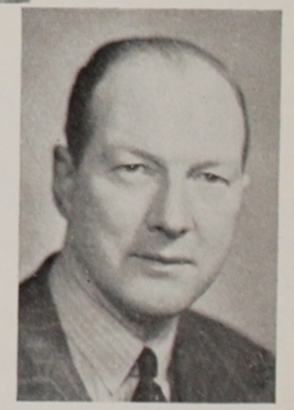
Gwyn Davies
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(Hockey)



H. Roy Evans
(Lawn Tennis)

CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB

Annual Report by the Chairman of the Management Committee, N. V. H. Riches

Once again the Balance Sheet shows that the Club is in a strong financial position, one of which the members can be proud.

The surplus of £2,679 shown on the Income and Expenditure Account is nearly the same as that of the previous year and while having regard to the circumstances explained below it may be considered satisfactory, it is somewhat disappointing when we consider that our income, apart from Bar Takings was nearly £24,000.

The revenue from the football gates at £9,893 is the lowest for some years. This is largely due to the fact that many matches normally played on a Saturday had to be played on evenings in mid-week, because on eight Saturdays the ground was used for special games and one match, that against Newport, fixed for Saturday, February 6th, had to be postponed to Wednesday, March 17th, as the ground was frost-bound. Fortunately, the decrease in gate receipts was to a large extent set off by the exemption from payment of Entertainments Duty which resulted in a saving of approximately £1,000, and by the increased revenue from Season Tickets and Members' Subscriptions. These last two items at £6,612 and £4,176 respectively, constitute Club records.

The figure of £14,884 for Bar takings for the year is also a record one.

The expenditure including Bar Wages and Expenses amounted to no less than £24,241 compared with £24,171 in 1953. The upward trend of the figures for the Club's expenditure which has been a feature of recent years is causing great concern to the Finance Committee.

During the year fifty £5 "A" shares in the Cardiff Arms Park Company Ltd., have been received and vested in the names of the Club's Trustees. The Management Committee appeals to all holders of these "A" shares to transfer them to the Club as such transfer will in no way affect their rights as Life members of the Club.

In the last report I expressed the hope that before this report appeared there would be concrete evidence of the determination of the Committee to provide better facilities at the Club. At the time of writing the work of erection of the new Club House has not yet begun, but the plans have been approved and building should begin early in the Autumn. The plan for increasing the seating accommodation of the South Stand by more than 3,000 has been agreed with the Welsh Rugby Union and contracts for the initial stages of the work allocated. Work on this project too should be begun in the near future. The Club's liability in connection with both these projects exclusive of expenditure on furnishings for the new Club House is approximately £33,000 and the Building Reserve has therefore been increased to that amount by transferring £3,000 from the Income and Expenditure Account

For some time the Committee has been concerned about the insurance effected on the Buildings, Machinery, etc., and, after a complete survey had been made, has increased the Insurance, which is fully borne by the Club, on many of the items, so that they could be fully covered.

With the approval of the Club the surrounds of the Cricket ground have been materially improved by the provision by the Glamorgan County Cricket Club of a 13-inch wall and wooden fencing.

In honour of the coronation of the Queen, the ground was suitably decorated and on Coronation Day itself, the Cricket Club staged a six-a-side tournament which proved a great success and benefited the National Playing Fields Association to the extent of £50. Earlier in the year we had the pleasure of witnessing a ladies' cricket match between Miss Hyde's Eleven and an eleven captained by Miss Duggan. The play was of a remarkably high standard and the cricket ability displayed by the ladies surprised many of the onlookers.

The highlight of the year was of course the memorable victory of the Rugby Club over the New Zealand touring team in the tremendously thrilling game on November 21st, 1953. The match has been fully described in the report of the Rugby Club, but on behalf of the Management Committee I extend to Bleddyn Williams and his team

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the Year ended 1st May, 1954

1953	EXPENDITURE		£
£			
4,260	To Upkeep of Ground, Stands and Plant ..		3,901
4,550	„ Salaries and Wages		4,824
3,032	„ Football, Away Match Expenses ..		3,087
2,785	„ Football, Home Match Expenses ..		1,684
1,696	„ Stationery, Advertising, Telephone and Postages		2,002
755	„ Share of Gates		665
1,007	„ Gatemen and Police		1,157
363	„ Rents and Rates		376
740	„ Water, Light and Heat		731
432	„ Sundry Expenses		563
241	„ Players' Outing, Dinner, Dance and Photographs		350
754	„ Football Equipment		794
128	„ Car Park Loss		144
75	„ Loud Speaker Rental		75
63	„ Accountancy and Auditing Charges ..		63
460	„ Insurances		643
179	„ Medical Expenses		170
158	„ Honorarium		200
247	„ Donations		377
834	„ Sectional Expenses		938
22,759			22,744
9,671	„ Bar Purchases	£11,203	
1,412	„ Bar Wages and Expenses ..	1,497	
			12,700
33,842			35,444
390	„ Income Tax		604
2,693	„ Excess of Income over Expenditure ..		2,679
£36,925			£38,727

1953	INCOME		£
£			
13,773	By Football Gates		9,893
5,131	„ Season Tickets		6,612
18,904			16,505
1,520	*Less* Entertainment Duty		—
17,384			16,505
—	„ Grant, Welsh Rugby Union, New Zealand Matches		50
336	*Add* Share of Gates		440
17,720			16,995
3,917	„ Members Subscriptions		4,176
—	„ Profit on Souvenir Football Programmes		275
175	„ Cricket Collections and Gates		282
255	„ Ground Earnings		253
43	„ Sundries		14
46	„ Competition Fees, Locker Rents, etc. ..		43
160	„ Dividend: Arms Park (Cardiff) Greyhound Racing Co. Ltd. ..	100	
	„ INTEREST:		
1	3½% Defence Bonds ..	26	
43	2½% Defence Bonds ..	43	
9	2½% National War Bonds ..	—	
24	3% Savings Bonds ..	25	
162	South Wales (East) & Mon. Trustee Savings Bank ..	167	
54	Post Office Savings Bank ..	56	
106	Cardiff Building Society ..	126	
77	Coventry Permanent Economic Building Society ..	80	
98	Bradford Permanent Building Society	82	
95	Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society ..	100	
			805
	„ DONATIONS:		
1,000	Arms Park (Cardiff) Greyhound Racing Co. Ltd.		1,000
6	Sundry		—
23,991			23,843
12,934	„ Bar Takings		14,884
£36,925			£38,727

BALANCE SHEET as at 1st May, 1954

LIABILITIES	£	£
Building Reserve, as at 1st May, 1953	30,000	
Add Transfer from Income and Expenditure Account	3,000	33,000
CREDITORS:		
Income Tax on Surplus to date	500	
Accrued Expenses	3,432	
Subscriptions and Season Tickets Prepaid ..	1,039	4,971
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT:		
Balance as at 1st May, 1953	2,712	
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for year ended 1st May, 1954	2,679	
	5,391	
Less Transfer to Building Reserve ..	3,000	2,391
		£40,362

ASSETS	£	£
Cricket Pavilion at Written Down Value		100
Bowls Pavilion		25
Club Room Furniture		100
Motor Rollers, Mowers, etc.		10
Office Furniture and Fittings		10
INVESTMENTS:		
Cardiff Building Society	6,300	
Coventry Permanent Economic Building Soc.	4,000	
Bradford Permanent Building Society ..	4,000	
Cheltenham and Gloucester Building Society	4,000	
3% Savings Bonds	1,500	
3½% Defence Bonds	1,000	
2½% Defence Bonds	1,700	
The Cardiff Arms Park Co. Ltd., 90 £5 A Shares	18	
2,000 1/- Ordinary Shares—Arms Park (Cardiff) Greyhound Racing Co. Ltd. ..	100	
		22,618
Cardiff Arms Park Co. Ltd.—Loan		2,000
Stock		558
Prepaid Expenses		313
Post Office Savings Bank	2,763	
South Wales (East) and Mon. Trustee Savings Bank:		
Reserve Account	2,818	
Improvements Fund	2,762	
Deferred Repairs Fund	2,762	
Special Investment Income		1,000
		12,105
Lloyds Bank Limited		2,453
Cash in Hand		70
		£40,362

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB.

We, the undersigned, having had access to all the Books and Accounts, Funds and Effects of the Cardiff Athletic Club, and having examined the foregoing Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account, and verified same with the Accounts and vouchers relating thereto, hereby sign the same as being correct, duly vouched and in accordance with the Bye-Laws.

SWEETING, PEARCE, DAVIES & CO.
Incorporated Accountants.

CARDIFF,
27th July, 1954.

very hearty congratulations. We were also privileged to witness on our ground the triumph of the Welsh team over the New Zealanders and over France in two great games of Rugby football at its best. Then we had the honour of staging the last match of the New Zealanders' tour against the Barbarians and of bidding our tourist friends farewell with typical Welsh fervour.

Finally, I once again express my thanks to my Vice-Chairman, and the members of the Management and Sectional Committees for their willing and efficient work on behalf of the Club and my sincere appreciation of the loyal and valuable support given by many voluntary helpers and by the Secretary and his staff.

CARDIFF RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Season 1953-54

Annual Report by the Hon. Secretary, B. H. Jenkins

The opening of the season once again brought the news of the loss to the Club of a great player. That popular forward, W. E. Tamplin, or "Tamp" as he was called by his team mates, decided that in future he would play for the Police teams and no other. He had proved himself an excellent pack leader and kicker of goals; he usually scored more than 100 points each season and headed the list of scorers for the Club. He played seven times for Wales, captained the side which defeated the Australians in 1947, and kicked the two penalty goals that won the game. The Cardiff Club wishes him well for the future.

The season had an exceptional opening, for the final trial had to be cancelled because of torrential rain. The first nine games resulted in victories for the Club. Birkenhead Park, Aberavon, Coventry, Leicester and Newport were all beaten. The match against Aberavon was played in continuous rain and the Cardiff forwards who were in grand form were mainly responsible for the victory.

In the next eight games our record was not so good; three matches, all away, were lost, and one was drawn: Llanelly in the evening game, Swansea after a very exciting game and Northampton proving too good. Our heaviest defeat was suffered at Northampton on Monday, November 2nd, where after brilliant back play by both sides, which raised the large crowd to great enthusiasm we lost by 22 points to 9 points.

In our encounters with our near neighbours Newport we won three and one was drawn. The match at Newport on November 14th when Cardiff was victorious by 5 points to 3 revealed the excellent talent available in the Athletic XV. Not one of the backs of the First XV was available, most of them being engaged in a Welsh Trial game at Swansea. Stan Bowes led the side magnificently and certainly instilled confidence in the younger players.



CARDIFF AND NEW ZEALAND COMBINED TEAMS



FAREWELL TO THE NEW ZEALANDERS AT CARDIFF ARMS PARK, 20th FEBRUARY, 1954.

Scene at the conclusion of the match against the Barbarians. Ivor David the Referee has Bob Stuart the New Zealand Captain on his right and R. C. C. Thomas (with the ball) on his left

Then came the great day! Conditions on November 21st, 1953, when we met the New Zealand Touring team, were perfect. There was a magnificent crowd of approximately 50,000; the gates had to be closed ten minutes before the kick-off for it was a "No Ticket" match.

The teams were :—

CARDIFF—J. E. Llewellyn; G. Rowlands, Alun Thomas, Bleddyn Williams (*captain*), Gareth Griffiths; Rex Willis, Cliff Morgan; S. Bowes, G. Beckingham, J. D. Evans, M. Collins, E. Thomas, C. D. Williams, S. Judd, J. D. Nelson.

NEW ZEALAND—R. W. H. Scott; E. G. Elsom, J. T. Fitzgerald, R. A. Jarden, D. D. Wilson; L. S. Haig (*captain*), V. D. Bevan; H. L. White, R. O. Hemi, K. L. Skinner, W. H. Clark, G. N. Dalzell, R. A. White, D. O. Oliver, W. A. McCaw.

Referee : V. S. Llewellyn (Llansamlet).

All the scoring was done in the first half. Cardiff scored first. Cliff Morgan received the ball from Rex Willis, put in a short punt ahead, raced up and caught it on the rebound. He passed it to Alun Thomas, who after making some ground, passed it to Gwyn Rowlands. He cross kicked towards the posts and Sid Judd dashing up at full speed caught it and crashed over for a try. Gwyn Rowlands converted. This try was soon followed by a magnificent penalty goal from 45 yards range by R. A. Jardin. With the score at 5 points to 3 in Cardiff's favour, the Cardiff pack going great guns against the heavier opponents, and our side doing the pressing, the excitement was intense. It reached fever heat when, after another excellent pass from Rex Willis to Cliff Morgan, the ball reached Bleddyn Williams, who put in a perfect short punt. The ball was gathered by Alun Thomas, who raced up to Scott, the New Zealand full-back, before giving a long pass to Gwyn Rowlands who raced 30 yards and scored in the corner. The kick for goal failed. There was no more scoring and Cardiff was worthy winners by 8 points to 3 and thus completed a most wonderful record of having defeated all three Commonwealth Touring sides—South Africa in 1906; Australia in 1908 and 1947; and now New Zealand in 1953.

CARDIFF FIRST XV —Season 1953-54



Back Row : Dr. J. Matthews, T. L. Williams, W. H. Wilkins, D. E. Davies (*Vice-Chairman*), L. M. Spence, H. Rees, R. F. Trott, L. B. Jones, G. Arcos.

Middle Row : C. D. Williams, J. E. Llewellyn, J. D. Evans, E. Thomas, M. Collins, H. Nicholls, Dr. G. Rowlands, C. Hewitt, G. Morgan.

Front Row : C. Morgan, W. R. Willis, A. D. S. Bowes, S. Judd (*Vice-Captain*), B. H. Jenkins (*Hon. Secretary*), B. L. Williams (*Captain*), H. Johnson (*Chairman*), J. D. Nelson, C. D. Murphy, H. Morris, G. Beckingham.

The following extracts from reports on the game indicate the tension displayed in this historic game.

Dave Phillips in the " South Wales Echo " wrote " For 80 minutes we saw the traditional skill and fire of what has rightly been termed ' the greatest Rugby Club in the World,' countered by the all-action enthusiasm of a determined All Black side who tried everything in their power to whittle down Cardiff's half-time lead of 5 points in a storming grand stand final."

J. B. G. Thomas in the " Western Mail " wrote, " What a game it was ! How magnificently the players performed. The blood raced through their veins as they bent to their tasks in attack and defence. The voice was raised to cheer as Bleddyn Williams and his fellows split open the New Zealand's defence like a destroyer's bow ripping through the flimsy hull of a crippled submarine. The rugby triumph which had eluded Cardiff since 1905 was achieved in a match full of excitement and glory accompanying a great sporting occasion."

Then from the leading article in the " Western Mail " on Monday, 23rd November, 1953, we take this extract :—

" We do not think that the passing of the years will ever dim for us the gleam and glory of the historic encounter at the Cardiff Arms Park on Saturday, or tarnish the memory of Cliff Morgan's darting and swooping across the turf and skimming past every obstacle like a swift at play. There was greatness too in that clash of bone and sinew wherein the impenetrable object that was the Cardiff pack successfully withstood the supposedly irresistible force of the New Zealand ' terrible eight.' "

In this match the whole Cardiff team played magnificently and towards the end of the game appeared stronger and fresher than their opponents.

The following Saturday, Cardiff won easily at Gloucester against the team which is usually most difficult to beat on its own ground.

The Combined Services team sprang a great surprise the following Wednesday by taking our ground record in defeating us by 18 points to 9.

The two games played in Ireland in February, 1954, were lost. Cardiff were most unfortunate in the second



CARDIFF v. NEW ZEALAND—21st NOVEMBER, 1953
Cardiff heel the ball and scrum half Rex Willis sends out a perfect pass as Clark comes around the scrum.



CARDIFF v. NEW ZEALAND—21st NOVEMBER, 1953
Bevan the All Black scrum half steals away as the scrum breaks up, and kicks for touch.

match as the Captain and a forward were off the field through injury for the major portion of the game. From then on to the end of the season only one match was lost that being against Cheltenham at Cheltenham on the day Wales played France at Cardiff.

Although not experiencing, from a results point of view, one of the best seasons in the Club's long and illustrious history, 1953-54 will always be remembered as the season when Cardiff defeated the All Blacks.

The season's playing records was as follows :—

Games Played	*Won*	*Drawn*	*Lost*	*Points For*	*Points Against*
49	37	3	9	616	284

There was only one match in which Cardiff failed to cross the opponent's line, that being against Old Belvedere, Ireland, who also failed to cross the Cardiff line.

Dr. Gwyn Rowlands headed the list of scorers with 127 points. Bleddyn Williams topped the try getters with 17 tries, followed by :—

Gwyn Rowlands	16
Haydn Morris	16
S. Judd	10
C. D. Williams	10

In scoring ten tries each, S. Judd and C. D. Williams hold a post-war record for the number of tries scored by a forward in any one season.

During the season, E. Thomas made the highest number of appearances, viz. 42, followed by C. D. Williams with 41, Malcolm Collins, 40, and Bleddyn Williams, 39.

First team caps were awarded to Colin Hewett, Glyn Morgan, Howard Nicholls and D. J. Walsh.

Perhaps the greatest triumph of the 1953-54 season was enjoyed by the Club Captain, Bleddyn Williams, who had the honour of leading both his Club and his Country to victory over the New Zealand Touring Team. This is a record which is not likely to be beaten for some time. Besides proving himself still to be a great player he was a splendid captain and fully deserved his success. He was ably assisted by his Vice-Captain, Sid Judd.



Back Row : Dr. J. Matthews, T. L. Williams, L. M. Spence, D. E. Davies (*Vice-Chairman*), L. B. Jones
Middle Row : E. Spillane, B. Mapstone, C. Howe, F. C. Ferguson, L. James, J. M. Fitzgerald, T. Burns, D. J. Dodd, H. Rees.
Front Row : M. Evans, E. M. Cooke, T. Donovan, L. Williams, B. H. Jenkins (*Hon. Secretary*), P. Goodfellow (*Capt.*), H. Johnson (*Chairman*), C. Bosley, B. Mark, E. Forster, M. Harvey, A. Priday.

The Cardiff players representing Wales during the season, were :—

Rex Willis ..	New Zealand, England, Ireland, France and Scotland.
Gareth Griffiths	New Zealand, Ireland, France, Scotland.
Sid Judd	New Zealand, England, France, Scotland.
Cliff Morgan ..	New Zealand, England, Ireland, Scotland.
Gwyn Rowlands ..	New Zealand, England, France.
Alun Thomas ..	England, Ireland, France.
Bleddyn Williams	New Zealand, Scotland.

THE ATHLETIC XV

For the fourth season in succession, Stan Bowes was appointed Captain of the Athletic XV. It is believed this constitutes a record. Stan who first played for Cardiff in season 1937-38 was playing so exceptionally well that he gained promotion to the First XV in November, 1953. His game against the All Blacks was probably the best of his career and he retained his place in the senior side until the end of the season.

Peter Goodfellow took over the Captaincy of the Athletic side when Stan Bowes became a regular player of the First XV. Here again the Club was extremely fortunate. Peter with his wide experience of the game proved an excellent captain and was an inspiration to the young players in the team. He became very popular and earned the respect of his team mates.

The Athletic team's record was a good one. Out of 35 matches played 26 were won, 6 lost and 3 drawn.

Two matches were lost at home, one against Newport United by 13 points to 11 and the other against Cardiff High School Old Boys by 5 points to 3.

Alan Priday scored 87 points, the highest number by one player for the season.



CARDIFF V. BIRKENHEAD PARK, SEPTEMBER 12TH, 1953.
D. J. Walsh about to pass to Gwyn Rowlands.



John Phillips, the Cardiff forward, sends out a pass to foil a Birkenhead opponent during the match at Arms Park. Phillips is supported in this forward movement by Eddie Thomas and John Maunder.

Derek Murphy who appears to have recovered completely from his injuries was top try scorer with 10 tries.

Many of the Athletic players assisted the senior side during the season and such players as Alan Barter, Lloyd Williams and Colin Bosley gave excellent accounts of themselves.

Newcomers in D. J. Dodd, J. M. Fitzgerald, E. Forster, J. M. Griffiths and B. Walsh are most promising.

C. L. Davies, Mike Evans and Tom Burns were absent for long periods owing to injuries. It is anticipated that they will be fit and well by next season.

Athletic caps were awarded to Colin Bosley, D. J. Dodd, J. M. Fitzgerald, E. Forster, Colin Howe and Lloyd Williams



Cliff Morgan, the Cardiff outside-half, brought down a few yards from the goal-line after a brilliant run in the Cardiff v. Oxford University match, November 7th, 1953.



A line-out thrill at the Cardiff Arms Park as Irish forward R. H. Thompson, playing for the Barbarians against Cardiff, wins the battle for possession against Collins in a line-out on 17th April, 1954

THE YOUTH XV

Although its record for 1953-54 is not so impressive as it has been in former seasons, the Youth XV had one of its best seasons. The players were younger than those in the past, and so fewer were called up for National Service. This fact was largely responsible for the fine team spirit and sense of loyalty to the Club which developed; attributes which have always been a feature of the Cardiff Rugby Club.

After trials, twenty-four players were selected to become Junior Members for the Season and a rota system was introduced so that each member could play in three out of four games. This system was adhered to without regard to the quality of the team played against, and as a result the strongest opposition was not of necessity met by our strongest XV. But this policy of giving each member the maximum number of games possible, enabled the Committee to watch his progress and coach him so that his natural abilities could be developed to their fullest extent. The winning of games, although a win was striven for most energetically, was subordinated to the aim of trying to improve the play of the young members and this was undoubtedly achieved in nearly every case. As eighteen of the players will be available next year, the team should have a very successful season.

We hope to continue to provide a steady flow of players to the First and Athletic XV's. Terry Donovan, Lloyd Williams, Bryn Mapstone and Alan Priday have already played for the first XV and should be " permanent " members in the near future, while B. Walsh, P. Walsh, P. Owen, E. Foster, W. Speake, B. Milton, E. Heron, L. James, D. J. Pile and others have played for the Athletic side. E. Heron and G. Curtis also gained Welsh Youth caps. Thus the Junior or Youth XV may be regarded as a good investment by the Cardiff Club.

The Fixture List was a heavy one. Opposition was provided by the strongest Youth Clubs and the local Grammar Schools. Socially this was our best season. The loyalty of the members was such that frequently all 24 members turned up ready to play if needed. Many friendships were made and cemented. The away trips were thoroughly enjoyed, especially the Annual Trip to Bridgwater. The team was ably led on and off the field by the Captain, E. Heron and Vice-Captain, N. Salmon. The very successful season is largely due to the energy and efficiency of the Honorary Secretary, Leslie Jones.

The Record was :—

Played 28. Won, 18. Lost, 8. Drawn, 4. Points for, 221. Points against, 95.

GENERAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

OLD PLAYERS RE-UNION

The Re-union of the Old Players was held at the Pavilion, Cardiff Arms Park on the eve of the Wales v. France game on the 27th March, 1953.

Although there was a slight falling off in the attendance compared with that of previous years, there was no diminution in enthusiasm. The "Boys of the Old Brigade," were warmly welcomed by the Chairman, Hubert Johnson, who appealed to each one to bring another old player with him to the Re-union next year. Jim Batstone, on behalf of the Old Players, thanked the Club for its hospitality and continued interest in them. The genial George Northmore who had passed away a few weeks earlier was greatly missed.

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CLUB MUSEUM

The difficulty at present is to find suitable accommodation for the many interesting exhibits offered. It is hoped when the new Club House is completed we shall be able to show the exhibits to greater advantage.

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EXTENSION TO SOUTH STAND

As the necessary Authority has been obtained the work of extending the South Stand should be commenced at an early date.

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JOHN MAUNDER

John Maunder, a most promising forward, gained a place in the Senior side early in the season, but in October, 1953, met with a very serious accident at his place of employment, which finished his football career. Despite the terrible nature of his injuries, John remained undaunted and his wonderful cheerfulness, spirit and confidence in his future has evoked high tributes from his many friends. He is now being trained for new work and we offer him our sincere wishes for his future happiness.

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APPRECIATION

The Club expresses its grateful appreciation of the services of the Honorary Medical Officer, Dr. Tom Wallace, the Masseurs and the personnel of St. John Ambulance Corps.

RECORD OF RESULTS
SEASON 1953-54
CARDIFF FIRST FIFTEEN

Date	Opponents	H. or A.	Rslt.	Score for						Score against					
				G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.	G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.
1953															
Sept. 2	Cardiff&Dist.R.U.	H	Won	1	2	1	1	..	17	..	..	1	..	..	3
,, 5	Cheltenham ..	H	Won	..	3	..	1	..	12	..	..	..	1	..	3
,, 12	Birkenhead Park	H	Won	4	3	..	1	..	32	..	1	..	..	..	3
,, 14	Aberavon ..	A	Won	2	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	0
,, 19	Coventry ..	A	Won	..	2	..	2	..	12	..	..	1	1	..	6
,, 21	Leicester ..	A	Won	..	3	..	1	..	12	..	..	1	..	..	3
,, 26	Pontypool ..	H	Won	3	2	..	..	..	21	..	..	..	..	..	0
,, 30	Penarth	H	Won	..	2	..	2	..	12	..	..	..	1	..	3
Oct. 3	Newport	H	Won	3	..	..	..	..	15	..	1	..	1	..	6
,, 5	Llanelly	A	Lost	..	1	..	..	..	3	1	1	..	..	..	8
,, 10	Bristol	A	Won	1	1	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	1	..	3
,, 17	Swansea ..	A	Lost	..	1	..	2	..	9	1	..	..	2	..	11
,, 24	Neath	H	Drn.	..	1	..	1	..	6	..	1	..	1	..	6
,, 31	Cambridge Univ.	A	Won	1	1	..	2	..	14	..	1	1	1	..	9
Nov. 2	Northampton ..	A	Lost	..	3	..	..	..	9	2	3	..	1	..	22
,, 7	Oxford Univ. ..	H	Won	3	5	..	..	..	30	..	..	..	..	..	0
,, 14	Newport ..	A	Won	1	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	..	3
,, 21	New Zealand ..	H	Won	1	1	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	1	..	3
,, 28	Gloucester ..	A	Won	2	1	..	2	..	19	..	..	1	..	..	3
Dec. 2	Combined Ser. ..	H	Lost	..	3	..	..	..	9	3	..	..	1	..	18
,, 12	Harlequins ..	A	Won	1	1	..	1	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	0
,, 26	Wasps	H	Won	..	3	1	..	..	12	..	..	..	1	..	3
,, 28	Watsonians ..	H	Lost	1	..	..	..	..	5	2	1	..	..	..	13
1954															
Jan. 2	Moseley ..	A	Won	..	2	..	1	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	0
,, 9	Aberavon ..	H	Lost	1	1	..	..	..	8	1	1	..	1	..	11
,, 16	Bath	A	Won	4	3	..	..	..	29	..	..	..	..	..	0
,, 23	Sale	H	Won	2	6	1	..	..	31	..	..	1	..	..	3
Feb. 6	*Newport	H													
,, 13	London Welsh ..	H	Won	1	3	1	..	..	17	1	1	..	1	..	11
,, 20	Old Belvedere ..	A	Lost	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	1	2	..	9
,, 22	Bective Rangers	A	Lost	1	..	..	1	..	8	3	2	..	..	..	21
,, 27	Gloucester ..	H	Won	1	2	..	2	..	17	1	..	..	..	..	5

*Cancelled owing to frost.

Cardiff First Fifteen—continued

Date	Opponents	H. or A.	Rslt.	Score for						Score against					
				G	T	DG	PG	MG	Pts.	G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.
1953															
Mar. 6	Newport ..	A	Drn.	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	3
„ 13	Blackheath ..	H	Won	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	0
„ 17	Newport ..	H	Won	2	1	..	..	..	13	..	2	..	1	..	9
„ 20	Neath	A	Won	..	2	..	..	..	6	..	..	1	..	..	3
„ 24	Bristol	H	Won	2	3	..	..	..	19	2	..	1	..	..	13
„ 27	Cheltenham ..	A	Lost	..	1	..	1	..	6	..	3	1	..	..	12
„ 31	Penarth	A	Won	1	5	..	..	..	20	..	1	..	1	..	6
Apr. 3	Llanelly	H	Won	..	1	..	2	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	0
„ 7	Swansea ..	H	Won	2	1	..	..	..	13	2	..	..	..	..	10
„ 10	Pontypool ..	A	Drn.	1	..	..	..	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	5
„ 17	Barbarians ..	H	Won	2	1	..	1	..	16	..	..	..	..	..	0
„ 19	Harlequins ..	H	Won	1	1	..	1	..	11	..	1	..	1	..	6
„ 20	Northampton ..	H	Won	1	2	..	1	..	14	..	..	..	3	..	9
„ 24	Plymouth Albion	A	Won	1	2	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	0
„ 26	Penzance-Newlyn	A	Won	..	4	..	1	..	15	..	..	..	1	..	3
„ 27	St. Ives ..	A	Won	1	1	..	1	..	11	1	..	..	1	..	8
„ 29	Bridgend ..	A	Won	..	3	1	..	..	12	1	..	1	..	..	8
May 1	Coventry ..	H	Won	2	2	..	..	..	16	..	..	..	..	..	0
	TOTAL ..			50	88	5	29	—	616	22	22	11	25	—	284

Captain : BLEDDYN L. WILLIAMS. *Vice-Captain :* S. JUDD.

Record for Season :—

Played	*Won*	*Lost*	*Drawn*
49 ..	37 ..	9 ..	3

SCORERS

Cardiff First Fifteen

Tries, 138. Bleddyn Williams, 17 ; H. Morris, 16 ; G. Rowlands, 16 ; S. Judd, 10 ; C. D. Williams, 10 ; Cliff Morgan, 9 ; C. Bosley, 7 ; D. C. Murphy, 7 ; H. Nicholls, 6 ; G. Griffiths, 5 ; C. Hewitt, 5 ; Alun Thomas, 5 ; Rex Willis, 5 ; A. Barter, 3 ; F. C. Ferguson, 3 ; J. D. Nelson, 3 ; G. Wells, 3 ; M. Collins, 2 ; C. L. Davies, 2 ; Eddie Thomas, 2 ; S. Bowes, 1 ; D. J. James, 1.

Dropped Goals, 5. Alun Thomas, 3 ; C. Bosley, 1 ; Gwyn Rowlands, 1.

Penalty Goals, 29. John Llewellyn, 14 ; Gwyn Rowlands, 12 ; Alan Priday, 2 ; M. Collins, 1.

Converted Goals, 50. Gwyn Rowlanss, 20 ; John Llewellyn, 17 ; A. Priday, 7 ; M. Collins, 3 ; J. M. Fitzgerald, 3.

CARDIFF ATHLETIC FIFTEEN

Date	Opponents	H. or A.	Rslt.	Score for						Score against					
				G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.	G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.
1953															
Sept. 1	Usk	A	Won	2	1	..	2	..	19	..	..	..	1	..	3
„ 5	Blackwood ..	A	Won	3	3	..	1	..	27	..	2	..	..	..	6
„ 10	Llanharan ..	A	Won	1	2	..	1	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	0
„ 12	Chepstow ..	A	Won	5	2	..	..	..	31	..	..	..	..	..	0
„ 19	Llandaff ..	H	Won	2	..	..	1	..	13	..	..	..	1	..	3
„ 23	Barry	H	Won	3	5	1	..	..	33	1	..	..	1	..	8
„ 26	Nantymoel ..	A	Won	1	2	..	..	..	11	..	1	..	..	..	3
Oct. 3	Newport United	A	Lost	2	..	..	..	..	10	1	1	..	1	..	11
„ 10	Bristol United ..	H	Won	3	3	..	..	..	24	1	..	..	..	..	5
„ 17	Swansea United	H	Won	1	1	..	..	..	8	1	..	..	..	..	5
„ 24	Blaina	A	Lost	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	1	..	1	..	6
„ 31	Treorchy ..	H	Won	4	1	..	..	..	23	..	..	..	..	..	0
Nov. 7	Ynysybwl ..	A	Won	2	..	..	..	..	10	..	2	..	..	..	6
„ 14	Newport United	H	Lost	1	..	1	1	..	11	2	..	..	1	..	13
„ 28	Gloucester Utd.	H	Won	3	4	..	1	..	30	..	..	..	..	..	0
Dec. 5	Tylorstown ..	A	Won	3	6	..	..	..	33	..	..	..	..	..	0
„ 12	Harlequin Wand.	H	Drn.	1	1	..	..	..	8	1	1	..	..	..	8
„ 19	†Senghenydd	H	Drn.	..	1	..	1	..	6	..	1	..	1	..	6
„ 26	Llandaff ..	A	Drn.	..	..	..	..	..	0	..	..	..	..	..	0
1954															
Jan. 2	Nantymoel ..	H	Won	..	5	..	..	..	15	..	1	..	1	..	6
„ 9	Porthcawl ..	A	Won	4	4	..	..	..	32	..	..	..	..	..	0
„ 16	Cardiff H.S.O.B.	H	Won	1	2	..	..	..	11	..	2	..	..	..	6
„ 23	Barry	A	Won	1	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	0
„ 30	*Merthyr ..	A													
Feb. 6	*Bristol United ..	A													
„ 13	No Match ..														
„ 20	Esher	A	Won	1	1	1	1	..	14	1	..	..	1	..	8
„ 27	Gloucester Utd.	A	Lost	..	1	..	..	..	3	1	1	..	..	..	8
Mar. 6	†Porthcawl ..	H	Won	4	4	..	..	..	32	..	1	..	..	..	3
„ 13	Resolven ..	A	Won	1	2	..	1	..	14	1	1	..	..	..	8
„ 20	Senghenydd ..	A	Won	..	2	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	1	..	3
„ 27	Totnes	A	Won	..	4	..	1	..	15	1	..	..	2	..	11

*Cancelled owing to frost. † At Sophia Gardens.

Cardiff Athletic Fifteen—continued

Date	Opponents	H. or A.	Rslt.	Score for						Score against					
				G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.	G.	T	DG	PG	MG	Pts.
Apr. 3	Wrexham ..	A	Won	1	2	1	3	..	23	..	1	..	2	..	9
„ 5	Blaenau Gwent	A	Won	3	1	..	..	..	18	..	..	..	..	..	0
„ 10	Newport H.S.O.B.	H	Won	1	3	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	0
„ 19	Cardiff H.S.O.B.	H	Lost	..	..	..	1	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	5
„ 28	Newport H.S.O.B.	A	Won	..	3	..	..	..	9	..	2	..	..	..	6
„ 30	Treorchy ..	A	Lost	..	..	..	1	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	5
	TOTAL ..			54	66	4	17	—	531	13	18	—	14	—	161

Captains :

A. D. S. BOWES (early part of season). P. GOODFELLOW

Record for Season :—

Played		*Won*		*Lost*		*Drawn*
35	..	26	..	6	..	3

SCORERS

Cardiff Athletic Fifteen

Tries, 120. D. C. Murphy, 10 ; C. Hewitt, 9 ; B. Mapstone, 9 ; J. M. Griffiths, 7 ; H. Nicholls, 7 ; D. J. Dodd, 6 ; M. Evans, 6 ; J. H. Thomas, 6 ; C. Bosley, 5 ; C. L. Davies, 5 ; E. Forster, 4 ; M. Harvey, 4 ; D. J. James, 4 ; B. Mark, 4 ; T. Donovan, 3 ; P. Goodfellow, 3 ; C. Howe, 3 ; H. Morris, 3 ; L. Williams, 3 ; G. Morgan, 2 ; M. Roberts, 2 ; A. Barter, 1 ; T. Burns, 1 ; M. Collins, 1 ; E. M. Cooke, 1 ; B. Evans 1; J. D. Evans, 1 ; W. R. Evans, 1 ; F. C. Ferguson, 1 ; J. Hardiss, 1 ; L. James, 1 ; D. J. Pill, 1 ; B. Walsh, 1 ; D. J. Walsh, 1 ; P. Walsh, 1 and 1 Penalty try.

Dropped Goals, 4. C. Bosley, 1 ; C. Hewitt, 1 ; B. Mapstone, 1 ; D. Murphy, 1.

Penalty Goals, 17. J. M. Fitzgerald, 2 ; B. Mapstone, 3 ; A. Priday, 11 ; L. Williams, 1.

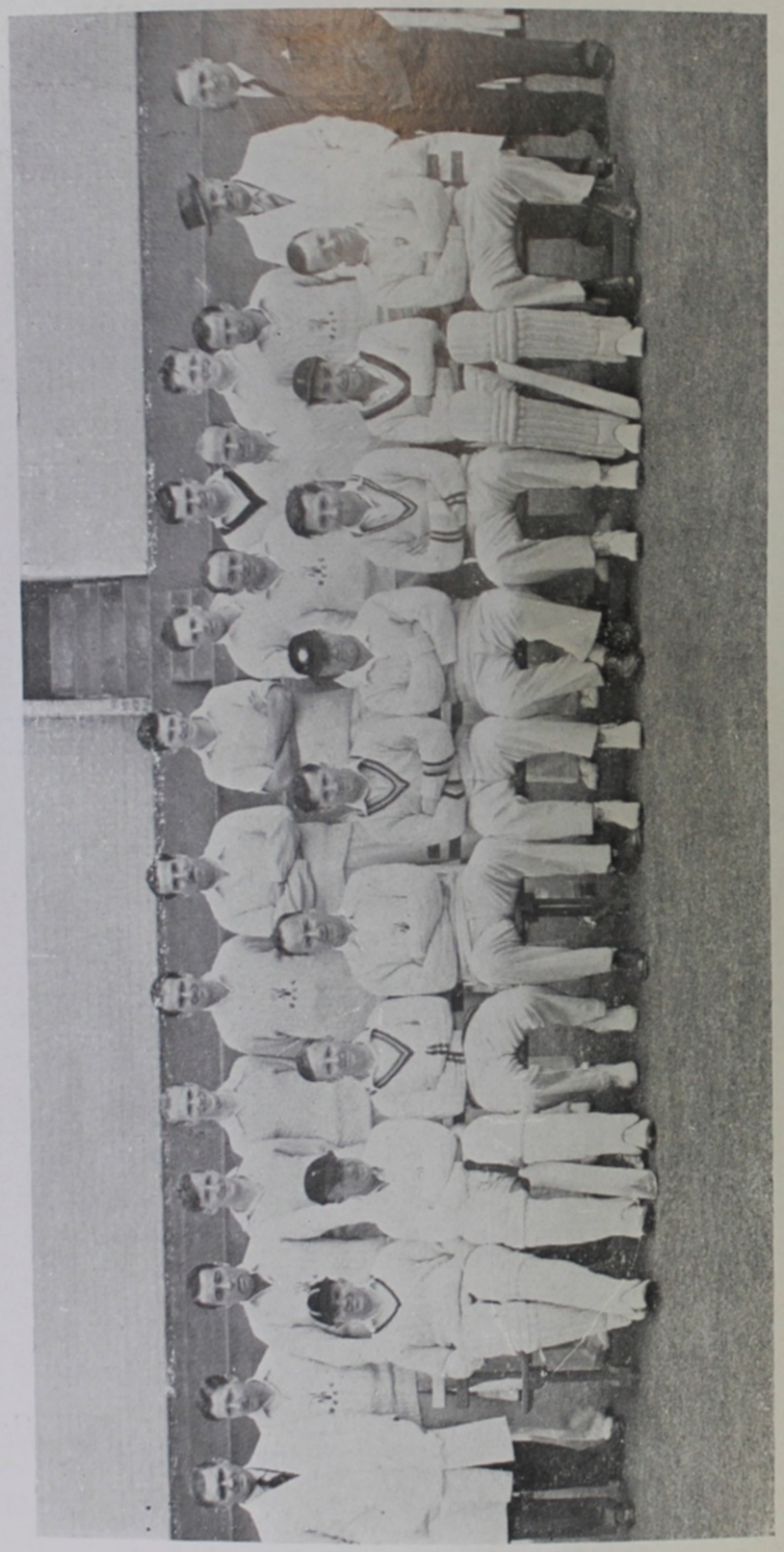
Converted Goals, 54. J. M. Fitzgerald, 3 ; P. Goodfellow, 2 ; B. Joseph, 4 ; B. Mapstone, 18 ; A. Priday, 27.

CAPTAINS AND VICE-CAPTAINS

RUGBY—FIRST XV

	Captain	*Vice-Captain*
1876-7 ..	T. S. DONALDSON SELBY	W. D. PHILLIPS
1877-8 ..	E. C. FRY	W. D. PHILLIPS
1878-9 ..	R. H. FOA	W. D. PHILLIPS
1879-80 ..	W. D. PHILLIPS	B. E. GIRLING
1880-1 ..	W. D. PHILLIPS	B. B. MANN
1881-2 ..	B. E. GIRLING	W. D. PHILLIPS
1882-3 ..	W. D. PHILLIPS	W. H. TREATT
1883-4 ..	H. J. SIMPSON	W. D. PHILLIPS
1884-5 ..	H. J. SIMPSON	W. D. PHILLIPS
1885-6 ..	F. E. HANCOCK	A. F. HILL
1886-7 ..	W. M. DOUGLAS	A. J. HYBART
1887-8 ..	C. A. YOUNG	A. F. HILL
1888-9 ..	A. F. HILL	C. S. ARTHUR
1889-90 ..	C. S. ARTHUR	S. H. NICHOLLS
1890-1 ..	W. E. O. WILLIAMS	D. W. EVANS
1891-2 ..	D. W. EVANS	F. N. JONES
1892-3 ..	T. W. PEARSON	A. LEWIS
1893-4 ..	N. BIGGS	R. B. SWEET-ESCOTT
1894-5 ..	A. F. HILL	R. B. SWEET-ESCOTT
1895-6 ..	R. B. SWEET-ESCOTT	F. MILLS
1896-7 ..	J. E. ELLIOT	S. BIGGS
1897-8 ..	S. BIGGS	E. GWYN NICHOLLS
1898-9 ..	E. GWYN NICHOLLS	T. DOBSON
1899-1900 ..	E. GWYN NICHOLLS	H. V. P. HUSSEY
1900-1901 ..	E. GWYN NICHOLLS	J. BLAKE
1901-2 ..	H. B. WINFIELD	D. L. BOWEN
1902-3 ..	H. B. WINFIELD	C. STRANAGHAN
1903-4 ..	E. GWYN NICHOLLS	C. F. BIGGS
1904-5 ..	C. F. BIGGS	W. NEILL
1905-6 ..	PERCY F. BUSH	GEO. NORTHMORE
1906-7 ..	PERCY F. BUSH	GEO. NORTHMORE
1907-8 ..	RHYS T. GABE	J. BROWN
1908-9 ..	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. SPILLER	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
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. DAVIS
1939-45 ..	WORLD WAR NO. 2. ..	
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

CARDIFF AND GLAMORGAN ELEVENS—28th April, 1954



CARDIFF CRICKET CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT

Season 1954



Mr. WYNDHAM LEWIS
Hon. Secretary, Cricket Section

The 1953 visit of the Australian touring side aroused great enthusiasm for the game throughout the country from the county clubs down to the humblest village eleven. The Cardiff Club which had gone through a transitional period following the war now began to derive advantages from its policy of encouraging youngsters and affording them every opportunity of playing on a first-class ground with top class coaching at a reasonable cost to the individual.

The fixture card, probably the most comprehensive of any in South Wales, included five sides playing every week from the last week of April to the first week of September. Three Saturday XI's a Sunday XI, and a Wednesday evening team were fielded. In addition to this activity the Club organised the annual Inter-Club Knock-out Competition played on Tuesday evenings, from May to July, and for good measure a six-a-side knock-out competition on Coronation day.

It is true to say that the strength of a club is in its members and their enthusiasm for the game, and in this respect the cricket section of the Cardiff Athletic Club is second to none. Through the long winter months, cricket members would be found in the club room more often than not arguing rugger, a considerable number of them being either present rugger players or past members of the illustrious Cardiff Rugger Club, and from January onwards it was a common sight to find players hurrying from rugger training to have a go at the indoor nets.

Every Thursday evening the indoor school welcomed members of the club and promising youngsters anxious to improve their cricket under the guidance of the coach, Phil Clift of the Glamorgan C.C.C. Some very good prospects emerged from these pre-season sessions, not least of whom were, Brian Joseph, a fast bowler from Penarth, who is also a member of our youth rugger XV ; Alex Cohen, a most useful wicket keeper and batsman from St. Illtyds ; his school friend, John Daley, who looks the most promising batsman we have found for some seasons ; and Vince Woodward, who was so keen that he came down from Ystrad Rhondda every Thursday whatever the weather. These are just a few of the discoveries.

The captains of the three sides were again seasoned campaigners, in the persons of Gwyn Davies, George Gibson and Harry Bartlett. One could not wish for better skippers, men who couple a sound knowledge of the game, with the cricketing ability to set a standard at all times.

Gwyn Davies, equally well known on the rugger field, is one of those rare people who wants to finish a Saturday afternoon's game of cricket with a result. He sets out from the outset to win or lose games by trying to obtain a decision and do away with the dreary draws that are such a feature of all classes of cricket today. At the beginning of the season if he won the toss and elected to bat he told his players that he was going to declare at a certain time whatever the score, but he found more often than not, that his opponents were not willing to have a go, so he changed his methods. If he happened to win the toss, he put the other side in to bat and threw the onus on to it. This was the turning point of the season. The Cardiff batsmen revelling in the opportunity to go for the runs and force a result, did so with gusto, and some splendid cricket resulted. Altogether 19 matches were played, 11 were won, 6 were drawn and 2 lost. Rain washed out eight matches. It is perhaps not necessary for me to say that the games lost were against our age-old rivals, St. Fagans. They certainly have cast a spell over us. The two holiday periods were most successful. Three games were played on the Whitsun tour in Gloucestershire, and all resulted in victories. During the August Bank Holiday period at the Arms Park three excellent games also resulted in wins.

Without a doubt, the Knock-out matches at the Arms Park proved most exciting! How the public like this sort of cricket! This was the third tournament and captains and players alike are now getting wily and finding ways and means of keeping the runs down Bowling and fielding were of a very high standard throughout the competition. The two games between Newport and Cardiff were thrillers. The first match resulted in a tie of 57 runs apiece. Newport batting second had to achieve the low total of 58, but so keen was the bowling and fielding that the last over came up with one run to get and the last man in. Haydn Wilkins had the unenviable task of trying to remove the Newport batsman who had been in since the commencement of the innings and he bowled him with the very first ball of the over. Great indeed, was the excitement. In that match Wilkins took 6 for 22. In the replay Cardiff again batted first and this time did better, scoring 107.

Once again Wilkins caused havoc with the Newport batsmen taking 5 for 9 in three overs. One amazing spell of 5 wickets in seven balls included a hat trick.

The Cardiff side met Barry in the final and after a very close game won by 96 to 87. At the conclusion of the match there was a supper at which not only the two teams which reached the final, but also the representatives of all the teams that had played in the competition sat down. All who spoke expressed their pleasure at having played in the competition.

The weather man was not very kind on Tuesday nights and most of the games were played in either showery, or overcast conditions, but even so good, gates were the order of the day.

Twelve sides competed in the six-a-side competition on Coronation Day, which the Cardiff First team also won, St. Illtyds Old Boys

being the runners up. This competition was enjoyed by all concerned and judging by the bar receipts for the day, playing must have been thirsty work. The finalists were rewarded with tankards suitably inscribed, and a donation of £50 was sent to the National Playing Fields Association, a result which proved the success of the effort. Many club members spent the day at the club, enjoying the television relay which was specially installed for the occasion.

For the records, Alan Thomas headed the bowling averages, for the season, achieving some splendid figures, the best being 8 for 37 against St. Fagans. Brian Joseph showed promise. Haydn Wilkins and S. Machray amongst the old guard did well at times, but the brunt of the attack as in past seasons fell on Brian Foster, who never stopped trying, but the slow wickets with so much rain during the season never gave him any help. Before departing from the bowlers a word of praise for that epitome of perpetual motion, Ross Johnson, who always came on in the middle of an innings, took vital wickets, and in between times fielded and threw as if his life depended on it.

The batting was not too good if judged by high individual scores, but the totals achieved were always sufficient. It is difficult to mention any individuals, but it was good to see Ken Wilby back in form. What a splendid batsman he is to have in a Saturday afternoon side, for he is always looking for runs and is most attractive to watch when he has his eye in. Bill Perkins who had been playing cricket in Pembrokeshire, was very useful when runs were wanted quickly.

Altogether a most memorable season, and tribute must be paid to Gwyn Davies for the fighting spirit he instilled into his team.



Cardiff taking the field against Gloucester, 1953

Congratulations to the Second XI under George Gibson on an unbeaten season . . . 15 matches played, 7 won and 8 drawn. The Second XI is a cheery combination, consisting mainly of seasoned players not trying to get back into the First side. It is a very difficult side to bowl out, has a good attack with the Captain always ready if a stand is threatened, but it is not a very good looking side in the field. But what can one say when a side is undefeated. Opinion will never be unanimous as to whether youngsters should be given preference over seasoned players in form. Cricket is not the only game where there is a difference of opinion on this point. We have seen footballers retired by public opinion long before they should have been.

But to return to the Second XI. The batting was at all times adequate and enjoyable. The unwritten law was that when any member reached 50 he should commit " hara kiri," a deed which is satisfactory to the batsman padded up and waiting for a knock. This procedure is good for Club Cricket. The bowling was never very good ; this is the department where the Cardiff club could do with reinforcement. Bowling is a science, which only the thoughtful can master. The young aspirant for bowling honours should realise that most batsmen have only a few shots, and they should not feed these whatever they do. Alan Pleass and Alan Priday continue to make progress. These two youngsters are going to be more than useful if given time to develop. Yes, altogether a good side and a happy one. Harry Bartlett steered the Reserve XI through the season in his usual calm manner, giving the younger players every encouragement. Never very strong in the bowling department, it managed to win 5 of the 11 games played.

Some of the boys put up good performances which carried them to the Second XI, and each week the Captain of the reserves found himself with new faces in the side.

Wickets throughout South Wales are improving, having recovered from the ravages of the war period, and all the clubs want is a little more support from the public to ensure a very rosy future for club cricket in the area.

One final word or two about activities other than on the field . . . 1953 marked the seventieth birthday of our Chairman, N. V. H. Riches, and the members very secretly went about collecting for an inscribed pen and pencil set which was duly presented to him by W. J. Evans at the Annual meeting of the Athletic Club. Our Chairman was deeply touched by the thought, and in a few well chosen words thanked the members. What a wonderful servant he has been to the club, and not just to the cricket section. He first joined the cricket club at the early age of nine years, and then had a long and distinguished career for the club, the county and the M.C.C. Then we must never forget the work he put in during the second world war, when he took over at the club offices, helping to keep the wheels turning, by organising rugger matches, dealing with the correspondence and guarding the club's finances. When the new pavilion is built, it will be a tribute to our Chairman and others like him.

That happy band of sportsmen the Innswingers (confined to thirty members of the cricket section) organised their Xmas Draw

once again and distributed 20 Xmas hampers to deserving families in the Cardiff area, a charitable effort which is much appreciated.

They played a number of evening cricket matches during the summer season, skittled every Thursday night during the winter and at all times were ready to assist the rugger section by stewarding big club matches, internationals, etc.

CRICKET AVERAGES FOR THE SEASON, 1953.

BATTING

Names	*Innings*	*Not Out*	*Highest Score*	*Total*	*Average*
1. K. G. Osment ..	11	3	88*	334	41.75
2. W. H. Perkins ..	8	2	49	214	35.66
3. G. K. Wilby ..	15	3	85	361	30.08
4. G. Davies ..	14	2	73*	324	27.00
5. S. Machray ..	7	1	44	149	24.83
6. W. A. Thomas ..	11	3	65*	179	22.37
7. B. W. Forster ..	7	4	26*	65	21.66
8. J. Webb ..	15	2	44	267	20.53
9. N. K. Contractor	14	1	96	246	18.92
10. W. J. Wilkins ..	15	1	47	258	18.42
11. R. R. Johnson ..	10	2	38	137	17.12
12. B. Joseph ..	6	3	30*	39	13.00
13. C. Tamplin ..	4	1	14	29	9.66
14. A. Priday ..	4	0	8	14	3.50

BOWLING

Names	*Overs*	*Maidens*	*Runs*	*Wickets*	*Average*
1. W. A. Thomas ..	134.2	28	344	28	12.28
2. R. R. Johnson ..	97.5	20	299	18	16.61
3. B. Joseph ..	96.4	22	302	18	16.77
4. W. H. Wilkins ..	211	45	565	33	17.12
5. S. Machray ..	95.1	18	235	13	18.07
6. B. W. Forster ..	144	23	437	23	19.00

CATCHES

W. A. Thomas, 10 ; C. Tamplin, 8 ; W. H. Wilkins, 7 ; K. G. Osment, 6 ; N. K. Contractor, 5 ; J. Webb, 5 ; G. K. Wilby, 5 ; W. H. Perkins, 3 ; S. Machray, 3 ; – Cohen, 3 ; G. Davies, 2 ; R. R. Johnson, 2 ; B. W. Forster, 2 ; A. Pleass, 1 ; G. Gibson, 1.

STUMPING

C. Tamplin, 6 ; K. G. Osment, 2.

Played	*Won*	*Lost*	*Drawn*	*Abandoned*
22	11	2	6	3

*—Denotes not out.

CARDIFF CRICKET CLUB

CAPTAINS

From 1867 to 1876 there is no record of Captains.

1877 .. E. W. Jones
1878 .. E. W. Jones
1879 .. E. W. Jones
1880 .. E. W. Jones
1881, 1882, 1883 } Names of Captains not recorded.
1884 .. J. P. Jones.
1885 .. J. P. Jones.
1886 .. J. P. Jones
1887 .. W. H. Williams
1888 .. W. H. Williams
1889 .. W. H. Williams
1890 .. A. Morris
1891 .. A. Morris
1892 .. W. H. Brain
1893 .. W. H. Brain
1894 .. W. H. Brain
1895 .. J. H. Brain
1896 .. J. H. Brain
1897 .. J. G. Clark
1898 .. J. G. Clark
1899 .. J. G. Clark
1900 .. J. H. Brain
1901 .. J. H. Brain
1902 .. J. G. Clark
1903 .. V. T. Hill
1904 .. V. T. Hill
1905 .. J. P. Cadogan
1906 .. A. Gibson
1907 .. A. Gibson
1908 .. A. Gibson
1909 .. A Gibson
1910 .. N. V. H. Riches
1911 .. N. V. H. Riches
1912 .. N. V. H. Riches
1913 .. J. Horspool
1914 .. J. Horspool
1915-18 European War
1919 .. J. Horspool
1920 .. H. G. Symonds
1921 .. G. E. Cording
1922 .. G. E. Cording
1923 .. T. R. Morgan
1924 .. H. W. Tayler
1925 .. F. W. Mathias
1926 .. N. V. H. Riches
1927 .. N. V. H. Riches
1928 .. N. V. H. Riches
1929 .. A. N. Morgan
1930 .. A. N. Morgan
1931 .. N. V. H. Riches
1932 .. E. C. Dolman
1933 .. G. L. Rattenbury
1934 .. J. T. Morgan
1935 .. J. T. Morgan
1936 .. F. W. Mathias
1937 .. F. Thomas
1938 .. W. J. Evans
1939 .. L. G. Jones
1940-45 2nd World War
1946 .. W. J. Evans.
1947 .. Haydn Wilkins.
1948 .. J. D. Riches
1949 .. G. Gibson
1950 .. W. H. Wilkins
1951 .. W. H. Wilkins
1952 .. G. Davies
1953 .. G. Davies

CARDIFF ATHLETIC BOWLS CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT for the 1953 Season

The Green was opened for the 1953 Season by Mr. E. Ridd, who bowled the first wood. In his remarks to the members present, Mr. Ridd hoped they would have a successful season. He also wished the Club Captain, J. S. Lewis, and the Captain of the "A" side, C. B. Watson, good luck and a happy season.

The spirit prevailing in the Club throughout the season was very good, due largely to the efforts of the two Captains. The match results, however, were far from satisfactory. We all hope that the 1954 season will see a change in our fortunes, and that the results of the matches will be more in keeping with the status of the Club.

The green was in a very poor condition, the playing surface being the worst in the history of the Club.

The Ground Committee however acted promptly, called in experts, and acting on their advice, a large quantity of first class turf has been purchased.

Immediately the season closed work commenced on the green, areas of poor turf were cut out, and the new turf laid. We hope that next season will see the green much improved.

Once again thanks to the splendid work of the Competition Stewards, H. W. Taylor and E. Ridd, and the ready co-operation of the members, the Club competitions were completed in good time, the results being as follows :—

Club Championship	F. Groves
Club Championship Runner-up ..	F. D'Alton
Club Handicap	F. C. Chapman
Club Handicap Runner-up ..	J. Atkinson
Club Pairs	A. E. Taylor and P. E. Ridd.
Club Pairs Runners-up	F. E. Bonnell and P. Mansfield
Umbrella Competition	F. E. Bonnell

We take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to the Management Committee for their generous assistance which enabled us to entertain our visitors in a manner befitting the Cardiff Athletic Club.

We would also like to place on record our thanks to the eight ladies, all wives of bowlers, who came along week after week and so cheerfully attended to our wants at the tea table.

We were happy this year to have been able to take these ladies on an outing to show our appreciation of their efforts.

The first team under the captaincy of J. S. Lewis had a fairly successful season, and gave their Captain loyal support. Socially, we had an excellent time and as a result of the work of the officers and Committee and the loyal co-operation of the members the season was a most happy one.

During the season the Club was honoured by the selection of a number of members to play for the County and Private Greens Association. We take this opportunity of congratulating F. C. Chapman on his selection as Captain of one of the Glamorgan County teams.

We also congratulate F. Groves, who, with his partner, won the Porthcawl Pairs Competition.

The following are the results of the matches played by the first team :—

W.B.A. MATCHES

Played 5. Won 3. Lost 2.
Shots for, 401. Against, 384. Shots up, 17.

P.G.1 MATCHES

Played 5. Won 2. Lost 3.
Shots for, 377. Against, 395. Shots down, 18.

FRIENDLY MATCHES

Played 6. Won 3. Lost 3.
Shots for, 474. Against, 463. Shots up, 11.

MID-WEEK MATCHES

Played 9. Won 4. Lost 4. Drawn 1.
Shots for, 717. Against, 654. Shots up, 63.

The "A" Team, captained by C. B. Watson had a very happy season, and he thanks his team colleagues, and all club members for their loyal support during the season. The results of the "A" side matches are as follows :—

P.G.2 MATCHES

Played 8. Won 4. Lost 4.
Shots for, 607. Against 618. Shots down, 11.

The match versus Whiteheads was not played; Whiteheads failing to field a team.

FRIENDLY MATCHES

Played 7. Won 3. Lost 4.
Shots for, 516. Against, 580. Shots down, 64.

On Saturday, August 8th, the "A" side, played the first team and a very happy and enjoyable match ended in a win for the "A" side.

OBITUARY

We regret to announce the passing of five members, namely :— S. Harris, J. Maile, F. Maile, W. Haincock, D. Moon.

F. Maile had been Hon. Secretary of the section for a number of years and his hard work for the section in this capacity will be remembered by all. We extend to the families of all these members, our deepest sympathy.

PAST CAPTAINS OF BOWLS SECTION

1924	..	J. BATSTONE	1939	..	E. RIDD
1925	..	M. WOOD	1940	..	W. J. OLD
1926	..	W. M. DOUGLAS	1941	..	H. W. TAYLOR
1927	..	J. PRATT	1942	..	J. D. ROBERTS
1928	..	W. H. JENKINS	1943	..	W. T. WILLIAMS
1929	..	C. W. WILLIAMS, M.A.	1944	..	H. J. SALTER
1930	..	D. L. EVANS	1945	..	A. G. COUZENS
1931	..	J. OXENHAM	1946	..	A. F. MALE
1932	..	L. C. WATTERS	1947	..	A. E. TAYLOR
1933	..	F. DAVIES	1948	..	W. J. POWELL
1934	..	W. T. GRIFFITHS	1949	..	F. E. BONNELL
1935	..	A. MILSOM	1950	..	S. JONES
1936	..	A. CALDER	1951	..	A. H. USHER
1937	..	C. W. STANDFAST	1952	..	F. D'ALTON
1938	..	T. STRONG	1953	..	J. S. LEWIS

CARDIFF ATHLETIC LAWN TENNIS CLUB

REPORT ON SEASON, 1954

Despite the fact that our programme of friendly fixtures was so badly interfered with by rain, our men's and women's league engagements were fulfilled without much dislocation.

In the Men's section, the team had one of its most successful seasons, winning all its matches in Division one until Cardiff, similarly unbeaten, were met in the last engagement of the season. Unfortunately, the better standard of our traditional rivals at " The Castle " once again manifested itself, and what we looked forward to as a needle match for league honours proved to be a heavy defeat for our team. Nevertheless, the whole team is to be congratulated on a splendid performance throughout the season.

Our women's team, ably captained by Mrs. Betty Youens finished about half way up the table. Better results might possibly have been obtained had not the selection committee adopted the policy of encouraging a young third pair with an eye to the future.

The final league records were as follows :—

	Played	*Won*	*Sets for*	*Sets Against*
Men ..	6	5	41	13
Women ..	6	3	32	19

It is the opinion of the Committee that to enter a second men's team in the proposed Wednesday League and a second women's team in Division Three of the League would be a sound move

Congratulations are due to Betty Youens and Gerald Chugg who were selected to play for the South Wales County teams. Both acquitted themselves well.

Disaster attended Finals Day of the Club Tournament for rain caused a postponement of the final matches after a fortnight of interesting play, arranged and controlled by Mrs. Roy Evans, a most genial and efficient referee to whom the thanks of all the competitors not only the winners, but also the less fortunate are due. The events were concluded later and the results were :—

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

Men's Singles ..	G. Chugg
Runner-up ..	I. Beim
Women's Singles ..	Miss M. Rees
Runner-up ..	Mrs. E. Youens
Men's Doubles ..	G. Chugg and I. Beim
Runners-up ..	G. L. Mathews and J. Broad
Women's Doubles	Mrs. S. Mathews nad Mrs. E. Youens.
Runners-up ..	Miss M. David and Miss M. Hazell
Mixed Doubles ..	Mrs. E. Youens and G. Chugg
Runners-up ..	Mr. and Mrs. G. Mathews

HANDICAP EVENTS

Men's Doubles ..	T. Bevan and D. Evans
Runners-up ..	Dr. K. Lloyd and J. Harry
Women's Doubles	Miss G. Holden and Miss P. Pope
Runners-up ..	Miss E. Yeo and Mrs. W. Taylor
Mixed Doubles ..	T. Jaffe and Miss E. Yeo
Runners-up ..	E. Cross and Mrs. W. Taylor

Once more our membership increased and as a direct result of our continued policy of asking new applicants to attend trials, the general standard of play in the club is on the up grade.

In this respect our gratitude is due to Jack Broad for his conscientious interest in and coaching of the Juniors, a task which is bound to bring reward in the future.

In conclusion, we would like to pay tribute to the efficiency and zeal of the Honorary Secretary, Ron Thomas, and to the support of our Committee Members, and lastly, but by no means the least, to the General Secretary, Charles Sargent, and his staff.

CARDIFF ATHLETIC LAWN TENNIS CLUB

CAPTAINS

	Men's	*Ladies'*
1923 ..	T. J. HOPKINS	——
1924 ..	T. J. HOPKINS	Miss E. CLARE
1925 ..	T. J. HOPKINS	Mrs. G. D. HORSPOOL
1926 ..	T. J. HOPKINS	Miss D. A. CALDER
1927 ..	F. C. ORAM	Miss D. A. CALDER
1928 ..	F. C. ORAM	Mrs. M. JERMAIN
1929 ..	E. R. HANCOCK	Miss M. OXENHAM
1930 ..	W. L. BRIGHT	Miss M. OXENHAM
1931 ..	W. L. BRIGHT	Miss M. OXENHAM
1932 ..	T. W. RICHARDS	Miss E. TAYLOR
1933 ..	D. B. MORGAN	Miss W. CORNWELL
1934 ..	W. DAVID	Miss W. CORNWELL
1935 ..	W. L. BRIGHT	Miss N. NIGH
1936 ..	J. BROAD	Miss E. BELMAN
1937 ..	J. M. HOPKINS	Miss W. CORNWELL
1938 ..	A. C. TAYLOR	Miss W. CORNWELL
1939 ..	J. M. HOPKINS	Miss W. CORNWELL
1940-45 ..	World War No. 2	
1946 ..	C. T. HEMMING	Miss D. JONES
1947 ..	M. LLEWELLYN	Miss D. JONES
1948 ..	M. LLEWELLYN	Miss M. DAVIES
1949 ..	GWYN MATTHEWS ..	Miss M. DAVID
1950 ..	GWYN MATTHEWS ..	Mrs. N. EVANS
1951 ..	GWYN MATTHEWS ..	Mrs. N. R. EVANS
1952 ..	F. P. DAVIES	Miss M. M. HAZELL
1953 ..	H. ROY EVANS	Mrs. E. YOUENS

CARDIFF HOCKEY CLUB, 1953-54



Back Row (left to right) : R. C. H. Roberts, N. T. Roderick, G. H. Merry, A. Chapman, G. T. Whiteway, J. A. Stokes, H. C. Godfrey, A. G. Gould, C. Harrison, I. Matthew, N. C. Griffen, E. J. E. Hitchman.

Middle Row (left to right) : C. H. Diamond, R. A. Downard, P. W. Wilkinson, J. D. O'Brien, J. G. Meggitt, M. G. Thomas, W. N. Francis, L. K. Morgan, J. B. Hosgood, J. N. A. Cross.

Front Row (left to right) : K. H. Ingledew, M. H. C. Meggitt, M. Stephens, W. A. Thomas, N. C. Pallôt, G. J. Lewis, M. J. Griffiths, A. G. Pallôt, D. L. Phillips, J. E. Bartlett, E. C. Hall, A. L. Allen.

CARDIFF HOCKEY CLUB

Season 1953-54

Despite very poor conditions at Sophia Gardens at times, the Club continued to maintain its high standard of play. All three teams performed well, as the records show. The First XI, although losing two more matches than in the previous year, did well to attain the same number of wins. The "A" XI, for the second year in succession, could boast of more than a hundred goals scored, whilst the " B " XI had their best season ever.

The First XI again drew both their matches in London, thus producing after three years the unusual record of five games drawn out of six played. From being two goals in arrears, the side rallied well against Beckenham, and, finishing on top, were unlucky not to win. The feature of the season was the discovery that the Captain, N. C. Pallôt, usually an inside-right, was the centre-forward the Club so badly needed. Taking over this position early in December when the team was having a bad patch, he filled it with such success that twenty-five goals were scored in the next five matches ! On no occasion did the side suffer a bad defeat, those games which were lost being quite close affairs. Among the best achievements of the season were the double victories over Bath and Newport.

The "A" XI, with a well-supported forward line always looking for goals, had a number of clear-cut victories to their credit. They scored notable " doubles " over Weston II, Imperial II, West Gloucestershire II and Newport " A." One of their best performances was against the Bristol Aero. Co., a good First XI side, whom they beat 3–2. So long as the " A " XI continue to play in this vein, there will not be much wrong with Cardiff hockey. The Club is indeed fortunate to be able to call upon such capable reserves to fill the vacancies which so often occur in the First XI.

When one considers the difficulties that the Selection Committee faced in trying to give every member a game as often as possible, with the result that the team was often quite different from one week to the next, the record of the " B " XI is even more creditable. This has been much their best season to date, for they beat many a Second XI side, and had two good wins against Old Bristolians II. They had an unusual number of drawn games ; at one period there were four in succession, each 1–1. The enthusiasm that now exists, coupled with the general improvement in the standard of play, should ensure an even better season next year.

Thanks to the efforts of K. H. Ingledew, members were privileged to listen to a most interesting and instructive talk on tactics given by E. S. Hoare, the famous old England centre-half and Olympic coach, at the Cardiff Arms Park on 22nd February, 1954. It was surely the best talk of this kind that the Club has ever had and all present learnt a great deal.

Full results for the three teams were :—

	Played	*Won*	*Drawn*	*Lost*	*Goals for*	*Goals against*
First XI ..	30	18	6	6	89	34
" A " XI ..	27	21	0	6	102	33
" B " XI ..	25	13	9	3	72	39

Leading goal-scorers :—

First XI—W. N. Francis, 24 ; N. C. Pallôt, 22 ; G. H. Merry, 11 ; D. J. O'Brien, 6 ; and W. A. Thomas, 6.

" A " XI—P. R. Wilkinson, 21 ; J. B. Hosgood, 20 ; D. H. Andrews, 16 ; L. K. Morgan, 13 ; and J. E. Bartlett, 7.

" B " XI—J. B. Hosgood, 9 ; J. N. A. Cross, 9 ; P. Williams, 9 ; G. Percival, 7 ; C. H. Diamond, 6 ; and D. Mahoney, 6.

N. C. Pallôt, W. A. Thomas, E. C. Hall, and D. G. Griffith-Jones are to be congratulated on playing for Wales. Pallôt and Griffith-Jones played against England, Holland, and Scotland; Thomas against Ireland and Scotland, and Hall against Ireland. It was particularly pleasing that the latter won a well-deserved cap. Six members played for South Wales, and five for Glamorgan.

The full list of representative honours gained by members of the Club in 1953-54 is :—

WALES—N. C. Pallôt (3), D. G. Griffith-Jones (3), W. A. Thomas (2), and E. C. Hall (1).

SOUTH WALES—W. N. Francis, E. C. Hall, D. G. Griffith-Jones, N. C. Pallôt, W. A. Thomas, and G. T. Whiteway.

GLAMORGAN—R. A. Downard, M. H. C. Meggitt, N. C. Pallôt, W. A. Thomas, and G. T. Whiteway.

Three members of the Club again umpired International matches. G. J. Lewis umpired Ireland v. Scotland at Dublin, A. L. Allen, Wales v. Holland at Cardiff, and K. H. Ingledew was especially honoured in being asked by Denmark to officiate in their match with England at Folkestone.

CARDIFF HOCKEY CLUB—RESULTS, 1953-54

CARDIFF

Date	Opponents	Venue	Result
1953			
Sept. 19	Brean	Away	Drawn 0—0
" 26	Weston-super-Mare	Home	Won 6—1
Oct. 3	Beckenham	Away	Drawn 2—2
" 4	Hounslow	Away	Drawn 1—1
" 7	Cardiff University	Home	Cancelled
" 10	Swansea	Home	Lost 2—4
" 17	Lydney G.S.O.B.	Away	Lost 1—2
" 24	Bridgend	Away	Won 3—1
" 31	Hereford	Away	Won 1—0
Nov. 1	Ross	Away	Won 5—0
" 7	Abergavenny	Home	Won 5—1
" 14	Bristol	Away	Lost 1—3
" 21	Imperial	Home	Lost 1—2
" 28	Old Bristolians	Away	Drawn 2—2
Dec. 5	Swansea	Away	Lost 0—1
" 12	Bath	Home	Won 4—2
" 19	Newport	Away	Won 7—1
" 26	Cardiff " A "	Home	Won 4—1
1954			
Jan. 2	Penarth	Home	Won 4—0
" 16	Bridgend	Home	Won 6—0
" 23	Newport	Away	Won 1—0
" 30	Bristol	Home	Cancelled
Feb. 6	Abergavenny	Away	Cancelled
" 13	Penarth	Away	Lost 1—2
" 20	Imperial	Away	Cancelled
" 27	Lydney G.S.O.B.	Home	Drawn 2—2
Mar. 6	Old Bristolians	Home	Won 3—0
" 13	West Gloucestershire	Away	Drawn 2—2
" 14	Hereford	Home	Cancelled
" 20	Bath	Away	Won 3—2
" 21	Downside School	Away	Cancelled
" 24	Cardiff University	Home	Won 5—1
" 27	Weston-super-Mare	Away	Won 1—0
Apr. 3	West Gloucestershire	Home	Won 9—0
" 4	Abergavenny	Away	Won 5—1
" 10	Brean	Home	Won 2—0

CARDIFF "A"

Date	Opponents	Venue	Result
1953			
Sept. 19	Brean II	Away	Lost 0—3
„ 26	Weston-super-Mare II	Away	Won 3—1
Oct. 3	Clydach	Home	Won 6—1
„ 10	R.A.F., St. Athan	Away	Lost 0—2
„ 17	Steel Co. of Wales	Home	Won 3—2
„ 24	The Welch Regiment	Away	Won 4—1
„ 31	Bristol Aeroplane Co. Ltd.	Away	Cancelled
Nov. 7	A.A.S., Beachley	Home	Won 2—1
„ 14	Bristol II	Home	Lost 1—2
„ 21	Imperial II	Away	Won 7—1
„ 28	Bristol Aeroplane Co. Ltd.	Home	Won 3—2
Dec. 5	Bridgend	Home	Won 3—0
„ 12	R.A.F., St. Athan	Home	Won 5—1
„ 20	Newport "A"	Home	Won 5—0
„ 26	Cardiff	Home	Lost 1—4
1954			
Jan. 2	A Cardiff University XI	Home	Won 4—1
„ 9	Llanelly	Home	Cancelled
„ 16	Clydach	Away	Won 4—2
„ 23	Newport "A"	Home	Won 3—1
„ 30	Bristol II	Away	Cancelled
Feb. 6	The Welch Regiment	Home	Won 3—2
„ 13	Cardiff University	Away	Lost 0—1
„ 20	Imperial II	Home	Won 6—1
„ 27	Steel Co. of Wales	Away	Won 7—0
Mar. 6	Bridgend	Away	Won 8—0
„ 13	West Gloucestershire II	Away	Won 2—0
„ 20	A.A.S., Beachley	Away	Lost 1—2
„ 21	Downside School II	Away	Cancelled
„ 27	Weston-super-Mare II	Home	Won 5—0
Apr. 3	West Gloucestershire II	Home	Won 12—0
„ 10	Brean II	Away	Won 4—2

CARDIFF "B"

Date	Opponents	Venue	Result
1953			
Sept. 19	A.A.S., Beachley II	Away	Won 3—1
„ 26	Weston-super-Mare III	Away	Won 9—0
Oct. 3	Mond Nickel	Home	Won 3—1
„ 10	R.A.F., St. Athan II	Home	Drawn 2—2
„ 17	Newport II	Away	Won 4—2
„ 24	Cardiff High School	Home	Lost 4—5
„ 31	Cardiff University II	Home	Won 3—0
Nov. 7	Abergavenny II	Away	Lost 0—3
„ 14	National Oil Refineries Ltd.	Home	Lost 1—2
„ 21	Imperial III	Away	Won 5—3
„ 28	Old Bristolians II	Home	Won 6—1
Dec. 12	R.A.F., St. Athan II	Away	Drawn 1—1
„ 19	Newport II	Home	Won 3—2
„ 26	K. G. Hughes' XI	Home	Drawn 3—3
1954			
Jan. 2	Penarth II	Away	Won 5—1
„ 9	Bristol Y.M.C.A.	Home	Drawn 0—0
„ 16	Mond Nickel	Away	Won 4—3
„ 23	Cardiff High School	Away	Cancelled
„ 30	A.A.S., Beachley II	Away	Cancelled
Feb. 6	Abergavenny II	Home	Drawn 1—1
„ 13	Penarth II	Home	Drawn 1—1
„ 20	Imperial III	Home	Drawn 1—1
„ 27	A.A.S., Beachley II	Away	Drawn 1—1
Mar. 6	Old Bristolians II	Away	Won 2—0
„ 13	Cardiff University II	Home	Cancelled
„ 20	A.A.S., Beachley II	Home	Won 4—1
„ 27	Weston-super-Mare III	Away	Drawn 2—2
Apr. 3	Llanelly	Away	Cancelled
„ 10	Penarth II	Home	Won 4—2

CARDIFF HOCKEY CLUB

Record of Past Seasons

Season	Captain	Played	Won	Drn.	Lost	Goals For	Goals Agst.
1896–97	E. W. BENNETT ..	*		*			*
1897–98	E. W. BENNETT ..	23	8	7	8	38	46
1898–99	W. BIELSKI	17	8	2	7	38	26
1899–1900	N. D. WARE	23	14	6	3	68	24
1900–01	N. D. WARE	26	20	2	4	82	33
1901–02	N. D. WARE	19	15	2	2	81	13
1902–03	G. N. HOWELL ..	20	16	1	3	81	22
1903–04	G. N. HOWELL ..	24	18	2	4	110	31
1904–05	E. W. EVANS	20	15	2	3	119	27
1905–06	E. W. EVANS	15	11	1	3	78	27
1906–07	E. W. EVANS	17	13	2	2	68	25
1907–08	F. B. M. BULMER ..	16	12	2	2	62	23
1908–09	E. R. SWEET-ESCOTT	23	17	3	3	101	26
1909–10	B. TURNBULL	18	14	0	4	109	26
1910–11	H. H. SWEET-ESCOTT	18	14	2	2	107	22
1911–12	J. W. DUNCAN	18	15	1	2	95	26
1912–13	H. REDFORD	15	10	0	5	70	57
1913–14	J. O. TURNBULL ..	22	19	2	1	115	30
1919–20	B. TURNBULL	17	10	2	5	64	45
1920–21	H. S. STEPHENS ..	15	7	4	4	41	34
1921–22	R. T. S. HINDE ..	24	14	3	7	92	51
1922–23	H. W. BROWNE	19	10	3	6	73	34
1923–24	W. S. COURTIS ..	23	9	4	10	63	68
1924–25	A. T. HARPER	*		*			*
1925–26	A. T. HARPER	*		*			*
1929–30	F. L. LAMARQUE ..	25	12	4	9	79	59
1930–31	F. L. LAMARQUE ..	30	17	3	10	126	70
1931–32	K. G. HUGHES	29	16	4	9	87	75
1932–33	S. C. BANBURY	28	13	6	9	77	77
1933–34	S. C. BANBURY	30	11	5	14	53	57
1934–35	S. C. BANBURY	34	13	7	14	64	71
1935–36	G. R. FAULKS	27	14	2	11	60	64
1936–37	G. R. FAULKS	25	11	6	8	48	50
1937–38	G. R. FAULKS	31	20	3	8	64	40
1938–39	G. R. FAULKS	25	14	6	5	62	30
1945–46	G. PERCIVAL	32	25	2	5	139	49
1946–47	G. PERCIVAL	20	10	3	7	65	36
1947–48	K. G. HUGHES ..	26	14	3	9	57	42
1948–49	G. A. L. TUCKER ..	26	15	1	10	72	45
1949–50	W. N. FRANCIS ..	32	22	3	7	110	56
1950–51	W. N. FRANCIS ..	26	14	8	4	87	44
1951–52	W. N. FRANCIS ..	30	17	6	7	96	47
1952–53	W. N. FRANCIS ..	30	18	8	4	98	43
1953–54	N. C. PALLOT ..	30	18	6	6	89	34

* Records not available.