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1876-1976...Cardiff's Centenary

A SPECIAL 8-PAGE FEATURE ON THE 100-YEAR-OLD CLUB SOME CALL....

'THE GREATEST'

A SHORT HISTORY

By J.B.G. THOMAS

"WE WILL PLAY to entertain and enjoy ourselves, while celebrating a great year. It will be an honour for all of us fortunate to wear the blue-and-black jersey this season." So says Wales and British Lion wing Gerald Davies, who is captain of Cardiff this season, and he means every word of it.

Cardiff mean to celebrate their centenary season in style. "We must have a great year, in honour of the other 99", was the reaction of the Cardiff

chairman, Les Spence, who has been dealing with correspondence from all over the world regarding the centenary.

Then, when I came across Keith Rowlands, chairman of the Welsh selectors and a Cardiff committee man, he was writing letters to all parts of the world inviting leading players to take part in the Cardiff v. an Overseas International XV match, at the Arms Park on September 18. "Only the best will do for Cardiff," he said. "We want the top players to honour the occasion and they will come from New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, Canada, Fiji, Tonga, France and Japan".

"Only the best" is how Cardiff are going about their plans to celebrate their

centenary. They will honour the great players and officials of the past by trying to produce the best of the present. Call it tradition, call it pride—it is what makes Cardiff a great club, even if not all would agree that it is the "Greatest".

When Donaldson Selby led his Cardiff team to meet Newport on the Marshes in December 1876, he could not have imagined what a glorious century of achievement lay ahead for that newly formed club, an amalgamation of two clubs in the town, "Glamorgan" and the "Wanderers".

In that first season three matches were played followed by 13 in the next, and then 20 in 1878-79. Fixtures fell away in the next two seasons, but picked up again in 1881-82, and never looked back. In the 10th season after formation, Cardiff became a power in the game and set standards that were to be the guide lines for the next 90.

Ironically, it was an Englishman who led the side into glory — Frank Hancock, one of three Wiveliscombe-born brothers to play for Cardiff. His wonderful side lost only one match in 27, the last of the season against Moseley in scoring a total of 533 points against 18.

It became known as Hancock's year and during that season, because they did not wish to drop a player already in the side, and another had recovered from injury, Hancock suggested to his committee that they play all four as three-quarters, and thus was launched a system that is now an essential part of modern Rugby.

It worked well for Cardiff, and although Wales was hesitant at first to adopt it internationally, it was finally employed with success in the reign of that great captain and centre, Arthur Gould of Newport. The other home countries reluctantly followed suit after Wales won the Triple Crown in 1893 for the first time.

Hancock, no mean performer, played for Wales while his family, all master brewers, introduced a very noble ale into the area and this may have helped the social side of a thriving club in a



Percy Bush, whose mistake cost the club the game against the 1904-05 All Blacks.

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rapidly growing city. Hancock is a name revered in Cardiff Rugby!

Towards the end of the 19th century, Cardiff grew in stature and achievement, along with Newport, Llanelli and Swansea, as the big four in Welsh Rugby.

Matches between them were hard and often fierce. Swansea produced remarkably fine sides and Newport great packs of forwards with a genius behind in Arthur Gould, the second of the "personality" men to lead Wales. For Cardiff, Tommy Pearson, the Biggs brothers, Douglas, Sweet-Escott and Hill were considerable performers before perhaps the club's greatest sportsman, Erith Gwyn Nicholls, first appeared in the 1892-93 season.

Never having seen him play, my impression of him was gained from the vivid word pictures of Rhys Gabe and Percy Bush. What a superb centre and leader he must have been, yet, more than these qualities, he was the perfect sportsman gentleman of his era; an era when the word sportsmanship meant so much. Under his care and guidance came the great ones of a colourful era — co-centre Rhys Gabe from Llanelli, full-back Bert Winfield, the elusive outside-half Percy Bush, who would have been a TV commentator's dream player, and speedy J. L. Williams on the wing.

During this period, the club built a new pavilion which included a lofty gymnasium for training and a smoking

concert was held in it in 1904 to welcome back the first real Lions. That pavilion lasted until 1934 when the first new North Stand was constructed.

In the middle of this purple era for Cardiff a great playing tragedy happened. Bush was captain when New Zealand were met on Boxing Day, 1905. Wales had already defeated the All Blacks, hitherto invincible, under Gwyn Nicholls's inspired leadership and Dr. Terry Morgan's memorable try. Cardiff had the beating of them, thought team and followers.

Alas, and indeed tragically, a defensive error over their own goal line, in attempting to kick the ball dead, cost the match. Bush miscued and Nicholson, an eager All Black forward, was up to dive and win the touch down. W. J. Wallace converted and it was 10-5 to the tourists. Cardiff got another try, but could not convert it.

The match was lost — the only defeat of a remarkable season of 32 matches with 513 points against 86. Seven of the side were current Welsh internationals and such skill and success was not achieved again until 1947-48, though many still regard 1905-06 as the club's greatest season.

With the effervescent Bush still in command, Cardiff lost three matches in the following season, but won the one that mattered most by defeating the first Springboks on New Year's Day, 1907, the first Welsh side to

beat the tourists. The match was played on a sea of mud and, after the 17-0 victory, a Newport man, Arthur Gould remarked: "On this day, Cardiff would have beaten any side in the world." This statement may well have given the remarkable 82-year-old club historian, a former captain and chairman, Danny Davies, the basis for the title of his club's official history of 100 years:—"The Greatest"!

Six of the seven Cardiff backs were internationals and scrum-half Dickie David was to be capped later. The first Australians were beaten in 1908-09, with Bush again captain. This time he took the field at the head of his team brandishing a spear and shield.

Had Cardiff beaten the 1905 All Blacks, it would have been a remarkable trio of triumphs and this era of success established the club throughout the world. It set the standards and laid the traditions for the many fine sides that followed, between the two Wars and, especially, in the years immediately after World War II.

In 1910, Cardiff became the first club to supply the full three-quarter line for a Welsh national XV in R. A. Gibbs, L. M. Dyke, W. Spiller and J. L. Williams.

It was these players in the years before World War I who established Cardiff as the force it has remained and perhaps those who are post World War II in following and experience, will spend a moment in praise of the men who made the club.

Those who carried the traditions through the 1920s included Clem Lewis, Arthur Cornish, Tom Wallace, Tom Johnson, Danny Davies, Idris Richards, W. J. Delahay, B. R. Turnbull (six of whose family played for the club), Ossie Male, Sid Cravos, Howard Poole and John Roberts.

The club ran two 1st XVs from 1926 to 1931 and, in the years before the War, two extremely talented Cambridge Blues joined the club. They were Wilfred Wooller and Cliff Jones and their combined attacking genius in a sound team sent Cardiff away to the top of the championship table and into another "mini golden era".

Wooller was a powerful centre, with a long raking stride and an amazingly accurate right boot, whether punting, place or drop kicking. Jones was one of the greatest outside halves ever seen anywhere.

Other notable players in this period included Graham Jones, Arthur Jones, Tommy Stone, Tom Lewis, Bob Barrell, Les Spence, Norman Fender, Harry and Jackie Bowcott, John Roberts and Ronnie Boon.



Not only one of the greatest Cardiff players, but also one of the finest fly-halves ever seen, Barry John. His gifts were evident to all who saw him and earned him the title, "King John".

From 1946-53 another "golden era" was experienced. Dr. Jack Matthews and Haydn Tanner, as leaders in turn, inspired a high-quality running game, adequately fulfilling the demands of 15-man Rugby. In 1947-48 11 Cardiff players were selected for Wales and 10 played in the match against England, still a record, though they repeated the feat against Scotland and France.

Haydn Tanner, Billy Cleaver, Jack Matthews and Bleddyn Williams formed as brilliant a midfield quartet as Cardiff has ever fielded and only two matches were lost and 803 points scored with 161 against. The side registered 182 tries and Bleddyn Williams got 41 of them, another club record still standing. So good were they that a young Cardiff M.P. was to call them the "Greatest" in the House of Commons. That young M.P. of 1948, is now the Prime Minister!

Since that year the quality of the back play has been sustained and the consistency of the side maintained, even if the three-quarter play was never quite as brilliant after 1953, the year that Cardiff beat the All Blacks for the second time. New stars moved into the Cardiff scene with Cliff Morgan and Rex Willis at half back. They served their club and country so well, while Morgan went on to the prove himself the greatest of his era and the inspiration of the 1955 Lions. He retired at the end of the 1957-58 season, the last in which Cardiff were club champions and they scored a third victory over the Wallabies.

More colourful names continued to serve the club, in Roddy Evans, Kingsley Jones, Keith Rowlands (now chairman of the Welsh selectors), Ken Jones, Howard Norris, Gerald Davies (the present captain), Gareth Edwards and Barry John (yet another outstanding club pair and possibly the best ever in Welsh colours), Maurice Richards, John O'Shea, David Hayward and John Bevan. There are many others who, if not capped, served the club well on and off the field.

It has been an illustrious story of 100 years of active service dedicated to the cause of Rugby football. The club remains proud, yet modest, believing that its traditions are worth maintaining — and how right they are.



The "Invincible" 1924-25 All Blacks with their Cardiff opponents. Sitting fourth from the right is George Nepia and Danny Davies is the Cardiff man on the ground.



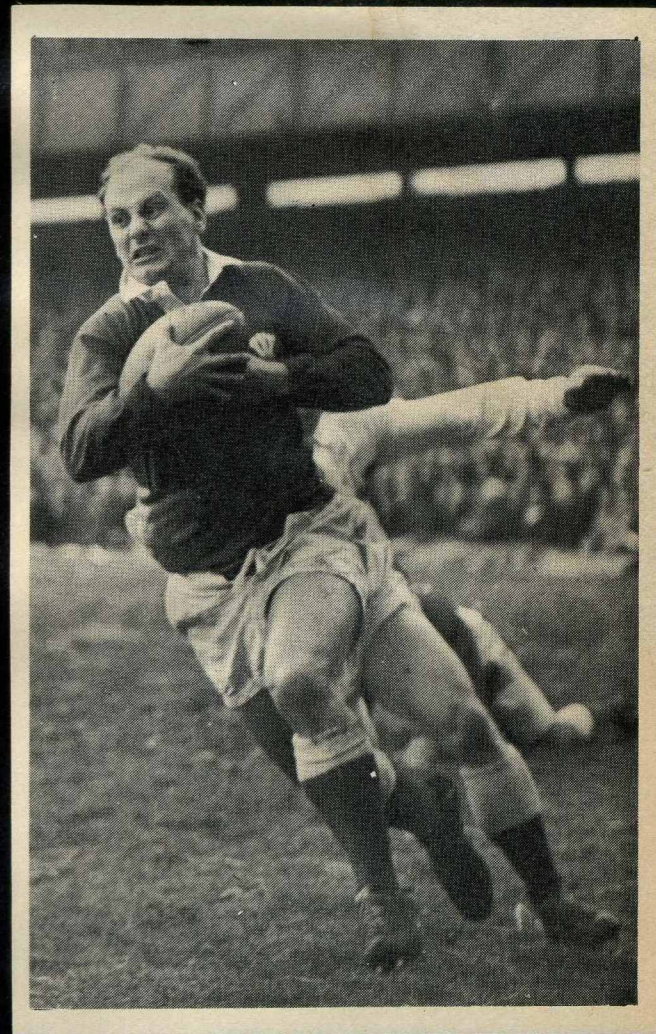
It would be impossible to give a complete picture of Cardiff's glorious history, but we can at least look at a few of the most memorable players and moments. On the left are two of the club's most famous scrum-halves, Gareth Edwards and Haydn Tanner (nearest). Tanner was capped 25 times for Wales (1935-49), the War depriving him of many more appearances. Edwards is still a regular in the national side — he has now played 45 consecutive games since his debut against France in 1967. On the bottom, far left, Sid Judd has just scored the try that helped Cardiff defeat the 1953-54 All Blacks. There is no doubt as the obvious delight of the home side. Next to that is the "mourning card" that was produced after the Springboks of 1906-07 had been well and truly defeated 17-0, one of the club's finest-ever performances, on a day when they were described as "unbeatable". Below is Ken Jones who played 14 times for Wales and was a member of the Lions in 1962 and 66.



In Loving Memory of
THE
South Africans
WHO WERE BEATEN BY
GOOD OLD CARDIFF,
 New Year's Day, 1907.

'Twas a glorious victory, proclaim it all around,
 How the mighty Springboks were vanquished on the famous
 Cardiff Ground,
 Though the Africans struggled hard to win, to everyone 'twas plain
 That they had met their Masters, and lie numbered with the slain.

LOST, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN.



TIME-TABLE

- 1876 First match, v. Newport.
- 1878-79 P. K. Head scores seven tries in one match — still a club record.
- 1879-80 Second XV formed.
- 1880-81 Three players in first Wales v. England match.
- 1883-84 Cardiff originate the four three-quarter system.
- 1885-86 Undefeated until last match of the season (v. Moseley).
- 1888-89 Defeat New Zealand Maoris.
- 1890-91 First game v. Barbarians.
- 1892-93 Northern Professional Union formed — several fixtures end.
- 1893-94 Supply all Wales' threes.
- 1896-97 Crowd mobs ref. Ground "suspended" for 5 weeks.
- 1897-98 Newport beaten four times.
- 1904-05 C. F. Biggs captain. Last of 3 brothers to captain the club. Norman (1893-94), Selwyn (1897-98) and Cecil. "Greatest season". Only one match lost — to N.Z.
- 1906-07 Defeat Roos' Springboks.
- 1908-09 Beat Wallabies.
- 1910-11 Provide 5 backs for Wales. Beat Moseley 43-3 and 63-3.
- 1911-12 Undefeated at home.
- 1912-13 Lost to Springboks.
- 1919-20 Three play for Ireland (T. Wallace, C. Bryant, Dr. J. E. Finlay).
- 1924-25 Defeated by All Blacks.
- 1925-26 Danny Davies captain.
- 1926-27 Club experiments with two 1st XVs.
- 1927-28 Defeated by the "Waratahs". BBC's application to broadcast matches turned down.
- 1930-31 End of two 1st XVs.
- 1931-32 Lose to Springboks.
- 1933-34 G. Jones elected captain, but dropped and resigns.
- 1935-36 Lose to All Blacks.
- 1938-39 Gwyn Nicholls dies. Wilf Wodler becomes captain.
- 1947-48 Beat Wallabies.
- 1949-50 Cliff Morgan's debut.
- 1950-51 48,500 see Cardiff v. Newport.
- 1951-52 Defeated by South Africa.
- 1953-54 Beat All Blacks.
- 1956-57 Play Italy, Germany and Rumania
- 1957-58 Beat Wallabies
- 1960-61 Defeated by South Africa.
- 1961-62 Danny Davies elected president of the Welsh Rugby Union.
- 1964-65 Floodlighting at the Arms Park.
- 1966-67 Beat Wallabies. Tour of S.A.
- 1970-71 National stadium and new C.R.F.C. ground opened.
- 1971-72 Barbarians defeated 43-10.
- 1972-73 Lost to All Blacks.
- 1975-76 Beat Wallabies again!
- 1976-77 Centenary season.

CLUB RECORDS AND STATISTICS

These are the club's results against international touring sides. (The Cardiff score is given first).

NEW ZEALAND. December 12, 1905...8-10 (G,T-2T); November 28, 1924...8-16 (G,PG-2G,T,PG); October 26, 1935...5-20 (G-2G,2T,DG); November 21, 1953...8-3 (G,T,PG); November 23, 1963...5-6 (G-DG,PG); November 4, 1973...4-20 (T-G,2T,2PG).

SOUTH AFRICA. January 1, 1907...17-0 (G,3T,PG); December 21, 1912...6-7 (T,PG-DG,PG); November 21, 1931...5-13 (G-2G,T); October 20, 1951...9-11 (T,2PG-G,2T); October 29, 1960...0-13 (2G,T); December 13, 1969...3-17 (PG-2T,DG,PG).

AUSTRALIA. December 28, 1908...24-8 (G,4T,DG,PG-G,T); September 27, 1947...11-3 (G,T,PG-PG); December 14, 1957...14-11 (G,2T,PG-G,T,PG); November 5, 1966...14-8 (G,T,PG,DG-G,DG); November 1, 1975...14-9 (2T,2PG-3PG).

"WARATAHS" December 3, 1927...9-15 (T,2PG-G,2T,DG).

The following players have made 250 or more appearances for the club 1st XV:—

413 — C. H. Norris (1958-72); 410 — A. J. Friday (1952-66); 339 — E. Williams (1958-73); 338 — J. D. Evans (1951-61); 328 — A. D. Williams (1959-74); 325 — D. J. Hayward (1957-67); 320 — I. Robinson (1964-76); 317 — T. Stone (1928-37); 310 — L. Williams (1952-64); 306 — M. Collins (1949-58).

293 — Mervyn John (1967-76); 291 — J. D. Nelson (1945-59); 290 — L. Baxter (1962-74); 283 — Bleddyn Williams (1945-55); 283 — Garry Davies (1963-76); 268 — W. J. Thomas (1958-67); 268 — Rex Willis (1947-58); 267 — R. A. Cornish (1919-33); 267 — L. Spence (1930-40); 263 — Colin Howe (1952-63); 260 — T. Lewis (1923-33); 259 — Idris Richards (1919-27); 252 — W. E. Tamplin (1945-53).

Here is Cardiff's record against some major clubs for the period 1876-1976:—

Opponent	W	D	L	For	Ag
Aberavon	48	6	34	820	643
Barbarians	59	4	29	1237	736
Blackheath	74	3	22	1369	586
Bridgend	50	12	35	881	658
Bristol	110	7	27	1910	804
Coventry	54	5	28	1146	687
Ebbw Vale	20	4	14	408	258
Gloucester	105	18	35	1693	784
Harlequins	67	9	17	1171	648
Leicester	50	8	14	808	387
Llanelli	103	16	66	1594	1133
London Welsh	68	2	10	1259	406
Moseley	53	2	11	972	242
Neath	94	17	47	1526	851
Newport	153	56	123	2301	1951
Northampton	25	5	18	433	406
Penarth	109	10	8	1895	435
Pontypool	85	13	25	1371	695
Swansea	111	28	115	1683	1459

The following Cardiff players have 15 or more caps for Wales. The span of their international career is in brackets:—

G. O. Edwards 45 (1967-76); T. G. R. Davies 37* (1966-76); C. I. Morgan 29 (1951-58); B. John 25* (1966-72); H. Tanner 25* (1935-49); R. T. Gabe 24* (1901-08); E. Gwyn Nicholls 24 (1896-1906); B. L. Williams 22 (1947-55); W. R. Willis 21 (1950-55); A. Skym 20* (1928-35); A. F. Harding 20* (1902-08).

A Brice 18* (1899-1904); W. J. Delahay 18* (1922-27); W. Wooller 18* (1933-39); J. Matthews 18 (1947-51); J. L. Williams 17 (1906-11); R. A. Gibbs 16 (1906-11); C. Davies 16 (1947-51); H. B. Winfield 15 (1903-08).

*Denotes not all caps won with Cardiff.

The following players have scored 100 tries or over for the club 1st XV:—

185 — Bleddyn Williams (1945-55); 150 — J. L. Williams (1903-14); 149 — R. A. Cornish (1919-28); 134 — Alex Finlayson (1967-76); 129 — T. J. Johnson (1920-27); 128 — T. W. Pearson (1889-95); 120 — P. L. Jones (1965-76).

119 — Gordon Wells (1952-62); 115 — C. S. Arthur (1883-92); 113 — H. V. P. Huzzey (1895-1901); 111 — C. F. Biggs (1898-1907); 111 — E. G. Nicholls (1894-1910); 107 — N. Biggs (1886-99); 101 — N. Morris (1950-56).

The following Cardiff players have represented the British Lions. The date of their tour is given in brackets:—

J. C. Bevan (1971); H. M. Bowcott (1930); P. F. Bush (1904); W. B. Cleaver (1950); C. Davies (1950); T. G. R. Davies (1968, 1971*); G. O. Edwards (1968, 1971, 1974); W. R. Evans (1959); R. T. Gabe (1904); R. A. Gibbs (1908); C. Griffiths (1955); E. Gwyn Nicholls (1899); B. John (1968, 1971); D. K. Jones (1966); K. D. Jones (1962).

W. K. Jones (1968); D. Marsden-Jones (1924); J. Matthews (1950); C. I. Morgan (1955); H. Morris (1955); C. H. Norris (1966); J. O'Shea (1968); H. Poole (1930); M. Richards (1968); K. A. Rowlands (1962); B. L. Williams (1950); I. Williams (1938); J. L. Williams (1908); W. R. Willis (1950).

*Was with the London Welsh club in 1971.

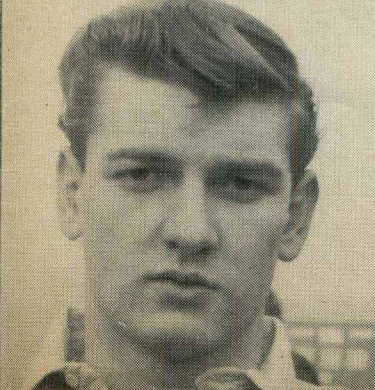
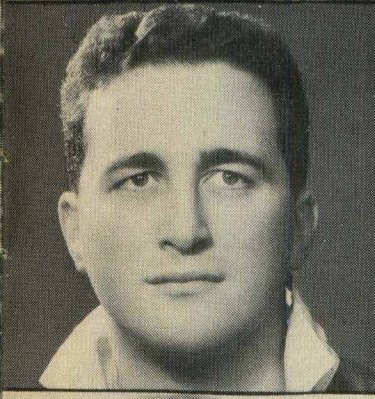
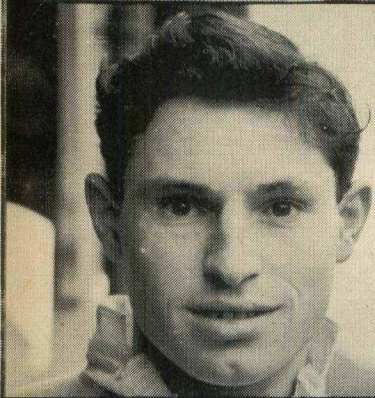
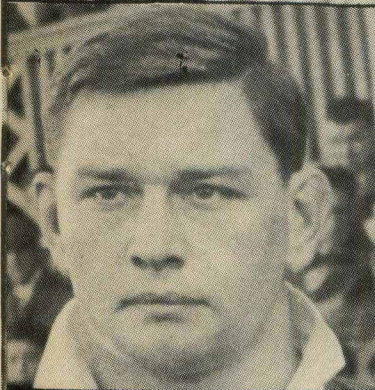
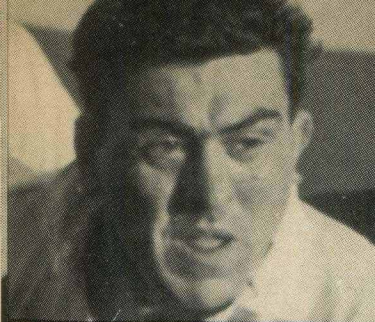
CARDIFF CENTENARY SEVENS

4.9.76. Pool A. Taffs Well 6, Barbarians 22; Ulster 8, Cardiff 12; Cardiff 24, Taffs Well 4; Barbarians 14, Ulster 22; Cardiff 10, Barbarians 24; Taffs Well 10, Ulster 24.

Pool B. Stewart's-Melville 0, Newport 20; Loughborough Colleges 6, Bridgend 18; Newport 28, Loughborough Colleges 10; Bridgend 18, Stewart's-Melville 24; Loughborough Colleges 18, Stewart's-Melville 4; Newport 14, Bridgend 8.

Final: Newport 26, Barbarians 24.

We wish to acknowledge the help given by Danny Davies's book, "The Greatest", in compiling these statistics.



THIS SEASON'S FIXTURE LIST

- 1976
September
 Wed 1 LLANDAFF (H)
 Sat 4 SEVENS TOURNAMENT (H)
 Wed 8 Bristol (a)
 Sat 11 WOLFHOOUND XV (H)
 Wed 15 Penarth (a)
 Sat 18 COVENTRY (H)
 Sat 25 INTERNATIONAL OVERSEAS XV (H)
 Wed 29 Aberavon (a)

- October**
 Sat 2 ARGENTINE (H)
 Sat 9 Northampton (a)
 Wed 13 BRISTOL (H)
 Sat 16 CAMBRIDGE UN. (a.m.) (H)
 Wed 20 Bridgend (a)
 Sat 23 Harlequins (a)
 Wed 27 Neath (a)
 Sat 30 ITALY (H)

- November**
 Wed 3 Pontypool (a)
 Sat 6 OXFORD UN. (H)
 Sat 13 EBBW VALE (H)
 Sat 20 W.R.U. Cup
 Sat 27 LLANELLI (H)

- December**
 Sat 4 Swansea (a)
 Wed 8 NEWPORT (H)
 Sat 11 MOSELEY (H)
 Sat 18 W.R.U. Cup
 Mon 27 CRAWSHAYS XV (H)

- 1977
January
 Sat 1 PONTYPOOL (H)
 Sat 8 W.R.U. Cup
 Sat 22 NEATH (H)
 Sat 29 ABERAVON (H)

- February**
 Sat 5 Coventry (a)
 Sat 12 PONTYPRIDD (H)
 Wed 15 Llanelli (a)
 Sat 19 Ebbw Vale (a)
 Sat 26 W.R.U. Cup

- March**
 Sat 5 LONDON WELSH (H)
 Sat 12 SCOTTISH CO-OPTIMISTS (H)
 Wed 23 BRIDGEND (H)
 Sat 26 Newport (a)

- April**
 Sat 2 Gloucester (a)
 Sat 9 BARBARIANS (H)
 Mon 11 HARLEQUINS (H)
 Wed 20 SWANSEA (H)
 Sat 23 SYDNEY (H)
 Sat 30 W.R.U. Cup

Some of Cardiff's most famous sons. They are (top to bottom) Howard Norris, Kingsley Jones, Cliff Morgan, Roddy Evans and Maurice Richards.

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MY BEST XV

DANNY DAVIES, club historian, former captain and ex-president of the WRU makes his choice.

THE SELECTION of a best-ever team is a most debatable dish for Rugby men all over the world. My Cardiff XV will raise many eyebrows, debates, arguments and pint glasses for the simple reason that, because of the quality of the material, quite a number of "best-ever" XV's could have been chosen. Thus I accepted my task with some trepidation.

The only player chosen I did not see was T. W. Pearson, but I took the liberty of including his name because of his reputation, both at club and international level. There can be little doubt that he was a great three-quarter; he scored 128 tries for Cardiff. His total for the 1892-93 season was 40, a club record until surpassed by Bleddyn Williams, who collected 41 in 1947-48.

My full-back is Jim Sullivan, an extremely well-built young man with great potential. Because of unemployment, he turned professional at an early age for Wigan. There he became one of the most famous of Rugby League figures. He gains narrow selection over H. B. Winfield, 15 times capped for Wales, and Alan Friday, the present secretary of the Cardiff club.

I have already named one of my wings — T. W. Pearson; the other is Maurice Richards, who scored four memorable tries for Wales against England in 1969.

My captain is to be found among the centres — E. Gwyn Nicholls, a legendary player. He was an unselfish creator of openings and a strong unflinching tackler, who became known as "the Prince of three-quarters". Four times captain of the club, he led Wales to victory over the 1904-05 All Blacks. His partner is Bleddyn Williams, who formed such a famous combination with Jack Matthews.

The "world's greatest pair" is how I would describe Barry John and Gareth Edwards — I think no further explanation is needed, although it was with great difficulty that I left out the mercurial Percy Bush, J. M. Lewis who could play well in either half-back position, and the wonderfully reliable partnership of Cliff Morgan and Rex Willis.

I judge my forwards to be as big and strong as any other eight possible. My hooker, Archie Skym, was experienced

in every position in the pack and he was flanked by Kingley Jones and Howard Norris, scrummagers of considerable weight, strength and energy.

W. "Billy" Neill and John Alf Brown were both products of local schools. Neill was looked upon as one of the top line-out jumpers, while Brown was a huge moustachioed man of over 16 stone. W. "Roddy" Evans, was a great lock, well over six foot, robust and intelligent in loose play. He was a Cambridge Blue, who later turned his affections to Bridgend. Sid Judd was another robust forward, who scored tries for both Cardiff and Wales against the 1953-54 All Blacks.

My vice-captain is the No. 8, W. E. Tamplin, who led by example and by no means a gentle voice. It was with great regret that I had to leave W. J. Jenkins and W. J. Thomas out of the pack. There then is my side. There will be arguments undoubtedly, but with so great a choice, I was never going to please everyone.

CARDIFF 1876-1976 XV

- 15 JIM SULLIVAN
- 14 M. C. R. RICHARDS
- 13 BLEDDYN WILLIAMS
- 12 .. E. GWYN NICHOLLS (C)
- 11 T. W. PEARSON
- 10 BARRY JOHN
- 9 GARETH EDWARDS
- 8 W. E. TAMPLIN (V-C)
- 7 W. NEILL
- 6 SID JUDD
- 5 JOHN ALF BROWN
- 4 W. R. EVANS
- 3 C. H. NORRIS
- 2 ARCHIE SKYM
- 1 KINGSLEY JONES

E. Gwyn Nicholls, picked by Danny Davies to captain this Cardiff super-side.



Gerald Davies, skipper of Cardiff for the second successive season, at the age of 31 still has a dazzling turn of speed. His Rugby record includes tours with the Lions in 1968 and 1971; with Cardiff to South Africa in 1967 and to New Zealand with Wales in 1969; 37 caps for Wales . . . And former clubs include Llanelli, London Welsh and Cambridge University, for whom he was a Blue in 1968-69-70, latterly as captain.

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