

CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB



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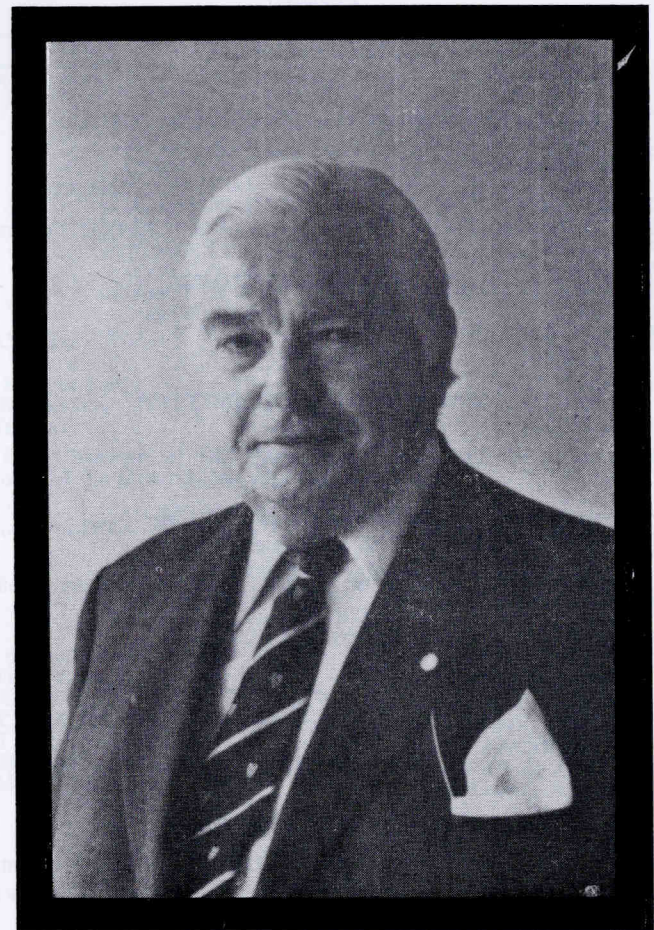
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CARDIFF 23546 & 20082 (Club); 38031 (Sophia Gardens)

General Secretary: K. H. GEORGE



The Late HUBERT JOHNSON
 President of the Cardiff Athletic Club
 30th September, 1976 to 5th June, 1979

CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB

President:

HUBERT JOHNSON

Vice-Presidents:

THE LORD MAYOR OF CARDIFF	M. PEDRON
D. A. BROWN	G. L. PORTER
THE MARQUESS OF BUTE	J. P. ROBERTS
D.L. C.ST.J., J.P.	L. M. SPENCE, M.B.E.
D. E. DAVIES	J. R. THOMAS
EWAN G. DAVIES, J.P.	Col. Sir CENNYDD TRAHERNE
F. P. DAVIES	K.G., T.D., J.P.
W. J. EVANS	R. F. TROTT
His Honour JUDGE W. N. FRANCIS	B. R. TURNBULL
E. C. HALL	J. O. WEBB
W. LEWIS, O.B.E., J.P.	W. H. WILKINS
T. G. MORRIS	

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairman:

*L. M. SPENCE, M.B.E.

Vice-Chairman: G. CHUGG

H. JOHNSON

*His Honour Judge
W. N. FRANCIS

*W. LEWIS, O.B.E., J.P.

Those marked * are Trustees of the Club and as such are ex-officio members of the Committee.

To retire in 1979

G. CHUGG
D. M. JAMES
L. K. MORGAN
T. PHILLIPS
J. D. H. RICHES
K. A. ROWLANDS

To retire in 1980

J. HERBERT
P. LEWIS
A. J. PRIDAY
M. WARFIELD
J. H. WEBB
W. H. WILKINS

Co-opted Members:

J. R. THOMAS, J. O. WEBB, J. E. DAVIES, C. T. HOWE, H. NORRIS

Of the above, each elected member holds office for three years and the co-opted members hold office for one year.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman: W. LEWIS, O.B.E., J.P.

H. JOHNSON

L. M. SPENCE, M.B.E.

G. CHUGG

K. H. GEORGE (*General Secretary*)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairman: W. LEWIS, O.B.E., J.P.

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HOUSE & INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

Chairman: G. CHUGG

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GROUND COMMITTEE

Chairman: L. M. SPENCE, M.B.E.

M. COLLINS

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The Chairman of the Management Committee is an ex-officio member of the Ground Committee.

FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

Chairman: J. E. DAVIES

Vice-Chairman: H. NORRIS

Hon. Secretary: A. J. PRIDAY

Club Captain: B. NELMES

Captain Athletic XV: M. JOHN

A. D. S. BOWES

P. NYHAN

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W. H. WILKINS

CRICKET COMMITTEE

Chairman: G. STONE

Hon. Secretary: J. O. WEBB

Asst. Hon. Secretary: S. P. LANG

Captain of Club: DAVID LEWIS

Vice-Captain: PAUL GOOD

Captain Second XI: NIGEL REES

Captain Sunday XI: IAN HOLMES

D. COOPER

M. HIBBERT

G. J. MILLS

J. I. HERBERT

W. LEWIS, O.B.E., J.P.

J. D. H. RICHES

BOWLS COMMITTEE

Chairman: E. F. COUZENS

Hon. Secretary: T. PHILLIPS

Asst. Hon. Secretary: J. H. WEBB

Captain: COLIN WILLIAMS

Captain 'A' Team: C. F. BLOODWORTH

A. G. BOUND, M.B.E.

D. S. DAVIES

J. A. JUDG

T. O'HALLORAN

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LAWN TENNIS COMMITTEE

Chairman: G. HIGGINS

Hon. Secretary: D. F. WARD

Captain: T. R. MORGAN

Ladies' Captain: J. RAWSON

Hon. Match Secretary: A. W. BUTCHER

A. ALLEN

A. COCKADAY

J. GREENWOOD

P. LEWIS

Miss S. OLIVE

HOCKEY COMMITTEE

Chairman: R. C. MCKERLICH

Captain First XI: R. B. WILLIAMS

Captain Second XI: G. S. KALER

Captain Third XI: D. F. SOBEY

Captain Fourth XI: H. BLAND

Captain Fifth XI: A. D. PARSONS

Hon. Secretary: A. T. M. RHYS-JONES

Hon. Team Secretary: C. J. WATTS

Hon. Fixture Secretary: D. J. FOSTON

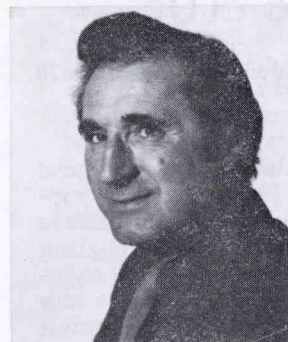
Hon. Match Secretary: G. M. WILLIAMS

Committee:

P. KELVIN-SMITH, J. S. GLENNY, R. R. WILDBLOOD, J. C. R. READER

H. M. O. GIDDY.

CLUB CAPTAINS



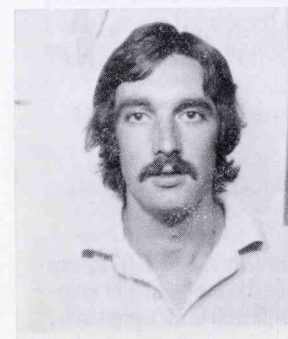
C. WILLIAMS
(Bowls)



D. W. LEWIS
(Cricket)



B. NELMES
(Rugby)



R. R. WILLIAMS
(Hockey)



T. R. MORGAN
(Lawn Tennis)

CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB

Chairman's Report for the year ended 30th April, 1979

Dear Members,

During the year under review the Club suffered a very great loss in the sudden death on Tuesday, 5th June of our most popular President, Mr. Hubert Johnson. His untimely death came as a great shock to all our members and his many friends throughout the sporting world. We all knew that Hubert over the last eighteen months was not well but we felt that he was making a slow improvement in the last couple of months. Hubert was a great benefactor to our Rugby Club and to sport in general. He gave our "Trophy Room" to the Club and it has been visited by countless admirers who rate it as the 'best in the world'.

Hubert played for Cardiff 1st XV and was Captain of the 'Rags XV' for four seasons.

He was Chairman of the Football Committee for many years, also Chairman of the Club for 15 years and during that period presented his idea of the scheme which led to the present development by the Welsh Rugby Union at Cardiff Arms Park and the development of Sophia Gardens for cricket, hockey and football.

This is just a brief outline indicating the extent of the late President's activities in the Club. It does not, and in no way can I adequately portray the skill, zeal, tact and patience with which he had so wholeheartedly devoted to the service of the Club he loved so much. He was very proud to be a member of the Club and always considered it a great honour to be its chief officer, The President. His name will ever have an honoured place in the history of the Cardiff Club whose welfare throughout the world he had laboured so unselfishly to promote.

He will be sadly missed.

General Secretary's Report

Dear Mr. Chairman,

The financial results for the year ended 30th April, 1979, are as anticipated after a disappointing period of adverse weather conditions which disrupted the Rugby Club and W.R.U. Cup games.

Consequently it became impossible to re-arrange several fixtures with a resultant loss of income. It is imprudent to budget for more than a modest income from the W.R.U. Cup but we came so near making this a bumper year. As it is, this year provides the largest surplus of income since the Club was formed. As I have stressed before, surpluses of this extent are vital if we intend to fulfil the recommendations of the Project and Planning Committee regarding future capital development for the benefit of all Members.

The Committee's initial recommendation that the Clubhouse be extended was implemented and finalised this year prior to the Cardiff v New Zealand fixture, costing to-date £27,867. We are grateful to S. A. Brain Ltd., and Scottish & Newcastle Brewers Ltd., for their individual loans of £15,000 each, the latter loan being received after the end of the financial year.

Notes on certain items in the Accounts are as follows:—

Salaries and Wages	1977	1978	1979
	£	£	£
Office	11,727	14,076	15,702
House	975	1,219	1,378
Ground	18,479	22,603	30,042
Pensions (4)	1,454	1,627	1,620
	<u>32,635</u>	<u>39,525</u>	<u>48,742</u>

Ground Wages have increased by 32.9% over 1978 due to extra staff and a full year's salary for the Ground Manager.

Office and Administration Staff have increased by 11.5% with a small increase to the House Porter.

Upkeep of Grounds and Clubhouse. (Decrease £4,131)

Decorating and maintenance charges at the Clubhouse and the Pavilion at Sophia Gardens have been reduced by £2,822 and £2,423 while seed and fertilisers and general ground maintenance has increased by £1,241. Water charges were heavy in the previous year due to underground pipe damage and £958 has been saved this year. Other extra costs refer to repairs to various fixtures and fittings.

Football Away Match Expenses. (Decrease £991)

Due to different fixtures, Hotel and Coach charges were reduced by £823 and £522 but day meals and sundry expenses rose by £354.

Football Home Match Expenses. (Increase £672)

Certain presentation and charges for hire of training facilities have been reduced but refreshments and match catering has increased by £1,484.

Football-Junior XV Expenses. (Decrease £541)

Representing a saving on the previous year's tour expenses. A policy on tour expenses for the youth has now been stabilised.

Stationery, Telephones, Postages. (Increase £1,401)

Extra stationery for Membership and Ticket classification was necessary costing £355.

Telephone and postal charges increased by £478 and £568.

Advertising, Season Tickets etc. (Increase £1,003)

This increase in the main represents extra costs for Press adverts regarding rugby fixtures.

Rates (Increase £447)

Half yearly General rates for the Clubhouse and the Arms Park have been increased from £4,192 to £4,584 and duly apportioned for the Accounting Year show the above increase.

Light and Heat (Decrease £2,190)

Electricity and Gas have remained fairly constant at the Clubhouse but Sophia Gardens has increased by £914. There has been a prominent decrease in heating oil costs amounting to £3,228

Sundries (Increase £546)

The majority of the increase refers to extra charges for Security and Commissionaires in the Clubhouse.

Dinner, Dance, Photographs and Awards. (Increase £797)

Caps have been charged this year amounting to £229 whilst gifts to the "All Blacks" amounted to £88. No Annual Dance was

held last year, only a St. Valentine's Celebration evening for Gareth Edwards. Two Dinners were held in the 1978/79 Season.

Professional Charges (£400)

A Taxation charge covering many years has been included this year.

Insurances (Increase £766)

Cover has been increased on most assets of the Club including Buildings and Stands.

Bar Wages, equipment, renewals and expenses

(Increase £6,028)

Whilst certain sundry items have been reduced, taxis charges have increased by £984 and Bar Wages by £5,158. A substantial increase in Wages was approved under the Wages Council Act relative to the type of employment.

Repairs and Maintenance reserve

As £5,000 was transferred out of a net profit of £18,951 last year, a similar proportion amounting to £5,500 has been transferred out of the net profit of £20,940 this year. As will be seen from the Balance Sheet the Reserve now stands at £14,000.

Income

Football gate receipts and sale of Season Tickets should be reviewed together when making comparisons with the previous year. Unfortunately there is a loss of income this year amounting to £2,287.

The increased profit from programme sales this year relate, in the main, to the Cardiff v New Zealand fixture on the National Stadium.

Members' Subscriptions show an increase of £7,632. This includes an increase on the basic membership fee of £1, more Rugby Members, and extra Ground Members paying for car parking facilities.

An increase of £1,806 from Ground Earnings includes extra ground poster advertising of £2,600, a contribution from the W.R.U. for ground damage of £150 and sundries £56.

Bar Takings	1977	1978	1979
	£	£	£
Sales	97,732	98,362	115,569
Gross Profit	32,163	34,246	40,127
Gross Profit %	32.9%	34.8%	34.7%
Net Bar Profits	£	£	£
Gross Profits	32,163	34,246	40,127
Less Bar Wages	12,909	15,710	20,868
Net Bar Profit	<u>£19,254</u>	<u>£18,536</u>	<u>£19,259</u>

Although we have achieved an increase in gross profits of £5,881 over last year, this has been reduced to £1,723 after payment of wages.

Profit on Shop Sales (Increase £2,306)

Shop profits refer to a full year to 30th April, 1979 whereas only a proportion of the previous year was credited to Cardiff Athletic Club. We are extremely indebted to Mr. & Mrs. Eddie John for their daily supervision of all sales from this Shop as an unpaid labour of love for the Club.

Capital Expenditure

Cardiff Arms Park

Extension to Lounge Bar	..	..	..	£	27,867	£
Stand Seating	..	..	..	..	608	
					<u>28,475</u>	

Furniture and Fittings

Display Cabinets—Lounge Bar	..	..	1,083	
Chairs, Tables and Carpeting—Lounge Bar			4,528	
Polishing m/c and Glass Washing m/c	..	..	902	
Security Guards—Trophy Room	..	..	130	
Cash Registers	..	..	285	
Heaters	..	..	157	
Bowls Scoring System	..	..	161	
Alarm System etc.—New Offices	..	..	369	
			<u>7,615</u>	

Ground Maintenance Equipment

New Grass Cutting Machine	..	..	402	
Less Sale of gang mowers	..	..	432	
			<u>(30)</u>	

Office Furniture

New Typewriter	..	..	..	321	
Sunblinds	..	..	..	45	
				<u>366</u>	

Sophia Gardens

Improvements to Sophia Gardens Flat	..	2,000	
New Heaters	..	141	
		<u>2,141</u>	
		<u>£38,567</u>	

K. H. GEORGE (*General Secretary*)

Our new extensions to the Member's Bar appear to have met with the general approval of the members. After many promises and a few disappointments from the contractors the extensions were more or less completed a week before the 'All Blacks' match. In these days we were very fortunate in having a contractor who was a rugby fan with many of his workmen.

I have had another pleasant and happy year as Chairman of the Management Committee and have much pleasure in thanking the Committee for all the help they have given me in my moments of "trials and tribulations".

I congratulate the tennis section on behalf of the committee for their splendid effort in trebling their number of members from last season and also their quick adaptability to the different conditions at Sophia Gardens.

I wish to thank on behalf of the club, the valuable advice that we have received from both Mr. John Riches, our Hon. Solicitor and Mr. John Webb, our Hon. Architect, during the recent negotiations between the Club, brewers and contractors re the addition of the new lounge bar. We are fortunate to have staff who work in helping to make the smooth running of the Club. I congratulate Mr. Ken George and his office staff, Mr. A. Francis and his ground staff and Mrs. Gaynor Parsons on her Bar and Catering staff who have worked very efficiently over the last year.

As you all will know we kept open daily our Souvenir Shop during the last year and have made a handsome profit for the Club. Our grateful thanks are due to Eddie and Nancy (Mr. & Mrs. Eddie John) for their splendid effort in keeping the name of the Cardiff Rugby Club in the forefront of the rugby world.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking all the Chairmen of the various committees together with members of the sub-committees of the Management Committee for their unstinted support and for their untiring and loyal work which they have put in to keep the Club at its top level.

I also wish to thank my Vice-Chairman, Mr. Gerry Chugg, for his constant support and sound advice.

To all members of every section, I thank you for all your support and I hope that you will continue to enjoy the facilities that the Club has provided for you.

It is with much sadness that I have to report that the Club mourns the deaths of several members:

C. F. R. Hawkins.
Les. R. Davies.
M. Llewellyn Jones.
D. J. Pill ex Cardiff Rugby Player and Committee man.
H. R. S. (Dick) Rhys.
Frank Little.
H. Gealy.
T. George
Les. Roberts ex Cardiff Rugby Player.
They will all be greatly missed.

Late News

Heartiest congratulations to the Rugby Section on a splendid performance of rugby football in South Africa.

We are proud that they upheld the fine traditions of Cardiff Rugby Football Club both on and off the field.

Tour Officials —	Brian Mark	<i>Manager</i>
	Lloyd Williams	<i>Assistant Manager</i>
	John Ryan	<i>Coach</i>
	Gareth Davies	<i>Captain</i>
	John Scott	<i>Vice-Captain</i>

LES SPENCE

Functions and Trips arranged by the Supporters' Club during the year ending April 30th, 1979 included the following:—

April 21st, 1978

Our Player of the Year Award was held earlier than usual due to the inclusion of six Cardiff players in the Welsh Rugby Union party to tour Australia. For the second year in succession, Gerald Davies won the award, again a popular choice. Advantage was taken of the opportunity to present Brynmor Williams with a Salver to commemorate his Lions Tour, and Gareth Edwards with a Carriage Clock on the award of his 50th Cap.

An excellent Cabaret and Buffet completed the evening.

August 19th, 1978

A trip to the Aberaeron Sevens, not well attended, but a good day out.

October 19th, 1978

At a special Presentation Evening, Salvors were presented to Gareth Davies, Terry Holmes and Stuart Lane on the award of their first Caps in Australia. Entertainment was provided by the Cambrian Male Voice Choir, and a splendid Buffet rounded off the evening.

December 6th, 1978

The occasion of our 5th Annual Dinner Dance. A complete sale of tickets, a good meal provided by our Stewardess, the Vic Halliday Trio and pertinent speeches—all ingredients combining to ensure an enjoyable night. In a short ceremony, two portraits of Gerald Davies were presented to the Cardiff Rugby Football Club.

February 7th, 1979

A Film Show and Buffet—still successful despite the bad weather curtailing the attendance.

February 15th—18th, 1979

A coach party of Supporters enjoyed a week-end in Paris. Undeterred by the scramble for tickets, and the adverse result of the game, all contrived to have a good time.

Trips were made to support our team at most of their away games, especially in their Cup run.

Skittles

Two teams were entered in the Summer League, and indeed one finished top of its division.

In addition, two teams played in the Winter League, and various friendly games were played.

E. JOHN, *Chairman*

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

1978	EXPENDITURE	
£		£
39,527	To Salaries and wages	48,742
15,348	Upkeep of grounds and Clubhouse	11,217
8,285	Football—away match expenses	7,294
2,346	Football players' out of pocket expenses	2,535
9,337	Football—home matches expenses	10,009
1,981	Football—Junior XV expenses	1,440
4,926	Stationery, telephone and postages	6,327
926	Cost of Annual Report	988
3,193	Advertising, Season Tickets etc.	4,196
2,264	Gatemen	2,890
8,005	Rates	8,452
3,200	Rent and rates—Sophia Gardens	3,362
16,466	Light and heat	14,276
308	Sundry items	854
1,249	Laundry	1,583
6,283	Cleaning	8,013
737	Dinner, Dance, Photographs and Awards	1,534
1,841	Football equipment	2,545
1,000	Audit and accountancy fee	1,150
—	Professional charges	400
2,967	Insurances	3,733
200	Football Insurance Fund	200
1,320	Medical expenses	1,470
337	Donations	150
2,311	Plant repairs, petrol and oil	2,742
1,594	Sectional expenses	1,566
BAR PURCHASES:		
6,056	Opening stock	7,120
65,180	Purchases	72,917
71,236		80,037
7,120	Less: Closing stock	4,595
64,116		75,442
18,718	Bar wages, equipment, renewals and expenses	24,746
DEPRECIATION:		
962	Furniture and fittings:	
204	Cardiff Arms Park	2,212
1,730	Sophia Gardens	225
218	Ground Maintenance equipment	1,725
	Office equipment	207
3,114		4,369
5,000	Repairs and maintenance reserve	5,500
13,951	Excess of income over expenditure	15,440
£240,850		£273,165

For the Year ended 30th April, 1979

1978	INCOME	
£		£
43,803	Football Gates	33,775
15,552	Season Tickets	23,293
59,355		57,068
360	Snelling "Seven-a-side" Tournament	275
1,917	Profit on sale of programmes	4,093
61,632		61,436
61,842	Members' subscriptions	69,474
7,550	Ground earnings	9,356
3,068	Car park receipts	5,048
3,373	Less: Attendants' wages	4,821
(305)		227
1,865	Broadcasting fees	1,586
Investment Income		
20	Dividends:	40
99	Arms Park (Cardiff) Greyhound Racing Co. (1956) Limited	124
63	Target Preference Share Fund	77
3	Tax credit recoverable	3
(146)	Interest:	(16)
1,062	Trustee Savings Bank	729
—	Lloyds Bank Limited	775
	Lloyds & Scottish Finance Limited	
	Lloyds Bank International Finance (Jersey) Ltd.	
1,101		1,732
98,362	Bar takings	115,569
618	Catering takings	954
5,102	Fruit machine income less rental and licence	7,720
475	Hire of rooms	510
117	Profit on sale of Club ties, badges and scarves	84
650	Assignment of ticket rights	650
280	Raffles prize draws	—
1,561	Profit on shop sales	3,867
£240,850		£273,165

BALANCE SHEET

1978		LIABILITIES	
£			£
98,255	Members' Fund		
1,170	From last account		113,376
	Add: "300" Club		1,255
13,951	Excess of income over expenditure		
	for the year ended 30th April 1979...		15,440
113,376			130,071
1,411	Football Insurance Fund		1,546
—	Sponsorship Fund		1,050
8,500	Repairs and Maintenance Reserve		14,000
—	Loan (Note 2)		15,000
	Creditors		
9,252	Subscriptions prepaid		10,705
46,442	Accrued expenses		38,829
1,605	Capital expenditure		—
5,200	Deferred credit—Assignment of ticket rights		4,550
62,499			54,084
£185,786			£215,751

as at 30th April, 1979

1978		ASSETS	At 1.5.78	Additions	At 30.4.79
£			£	£	£
27,724	Cardiff Arms Park				
18,618	Ground development		27,724	608	28,332
10,733	Club House		18,618	27,867	46,485
	Bowls Pavilion		10,733	—	10,733
17,053	Sophia Gardens				
15,545	Pavilion and groundsman's flat		17,053	2,000	19,053
89,673	Tennis courts		15,545	—	15,545
			£89,673	£30,475	120,148
	Furniture and Fittings				
	Cardiff Arms Park				
3,747	From last account				2,896
111	Additions				7,615
3,858					10,511
962	Less: Depreciation				2,212
2,896					8,299
262	Sophia Gardens				
408	From last account				466
	Additions				141
670					607
204	Less: Depreciation				225
466					382
4,794	Ground Maintenance Equipment				
—	From last account				3,064
—	Additions				402
4,794	Disposals				(432)
1,730					3,034
3,064	Less: Depreciation				1,725
					1,309
160	Office Furniture				
654	From last account				596
	Additions				366
814					962
218	Less: Depreciation				207
596					755
5,200	Investments				
2,100	WRU—Debentures repayable 2026 (interest free)				5,200
	Target Preference Share Fund—8,400 units				2,100
100	Arms Park (Cardiff) Greyhound Racing Co. (1956) Limited				
20,000	200 Ordinary 5p shares—fully paid				100
76	Short term deposit				15,000
27,476	Trustee Savings Bank				79
					22,479
13,603	Current Assets				
16,801	Stocks				12,944
27,209	Sundry debtors				21,492
4,002	Bank balance				26,949
	Cash in hand				994
61,615					62,379
£185,786					£215,751

CARDIFF R.F.C. CENTENARY FUNDS

Income and Expenditure for the Year ended 30th April, 1979

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
1978	£	1978	£
£		£	
408	Functions, dances, etc.	50	Donations ...
2,001	Excess of income over expenditure ...	1,609	Short term deposit and bank interest ...
	1,596	750	Excess provisions written back
			—
£2,409	£1,596	£2,409	£1,596

Balance Sheet as at 30th April, 1979

£	£	£	£
8,443	Accumulated Fund:	—	Debtor ...
	Balance brought forward	10,444	Short term deposit
2,001	Excess of income over expenditure ...	1,596	Bank balances:
			Current Account ...
10,444		12,040	Deposit Account ...
501	Creditors ...	—	
£10,945	£12,040	£10,945	£12,040

CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB

Statement of Source and Application of Funds Year ended 30th April, 1979

1978		1979
£		£
Source of Funds		
Funds Generated from Operations		
13,951	Excess of income over expenditure for year	15,440
1,170	Profit on "300" Club ...	1,255
231	Increase of Football Insurance Fund ...	135
—	Increase of Sponsorship Fund ...	1,050
	Adjustment for items not involving the movement of funds:	
3,114	Depreciation ...	4,369
5,000	Transfer to repairs and maintenance reserve ...	5,500
23,466	Total funds generated from operations ...	27,749
—	Loan ...	15,000
£23,466		£42,749
Application of Funds		
16,169	Purchases less disposals of fixed assets ...	38,567
(1,497)	(Decrease) in amounts invested ...	(4,997)
14,672		33,570
Increase in Working Capital		
1,679	Increase/(Decrease) in stocks ...	(659)
(5,125)	(Decrease)/Increase in debtors ...	4,691
12,008	Decrease in creditors ...	8,415
8,562		12,447
	(Decrease)/Increase in bank balances and cash	
1,004	(Decrease)/Increase in cash at bank ...	(260)
(772)	(Decrease) in cash in hand ...	(3,008)
232		(3,268)
£23,466		£42,749

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 30th APRIL, 1979

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These accounts have been prepared on the historical cost basis of accounting. In the accounts the following accounting policies have been adopted:—

- a. Bar stocks have been professionally valued at cost.
 Other stocks have been valued at the lower of cost and net reliable value.
- b. Freehold and Leasehold land and buildings are included in the accounts at cost. No depreciation has been provided against buildings as the trustees are of the opinion that the market value of land is greater than the value at which the land and buildings appear in the accounts.
- c. Ground maintenance equipment, furniture, fittings and office equipment are included in the accounts at cost less depreciation.
- d. Depreciation is calculated so that furniture, fittings, ground maintenance equipment and office furniture are written off by equal annual instalments over their estimated useful lives at the following rates:

Furniture and fittings	...	...	...	...	15%
Ground maintenance equipment	...	...	...	...	20%
Office furniture	...	...	...	...	15%

2. LOAN

The loan from S. A. Brain & Co. Ltd. is repayable in monthly instalments. The final instalment is due on 1st May, 1991. Interest is chargeable at 5% per annum.

**Report of the Auditors to the
 Members of Cardiff Athletic Club**

We have examined the accounts set out on pages 16 to 21 which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page 22.

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the Club's affairs at 30th April, 1979, and of its excess of income over expenditure and source and application of funds for the year ended on that date.

DELOITTE HASKINS & SELLS
 Chartered Accountants.

Cardiff, 21st August, 1979.

CARDIFF RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Season 1978/79

General

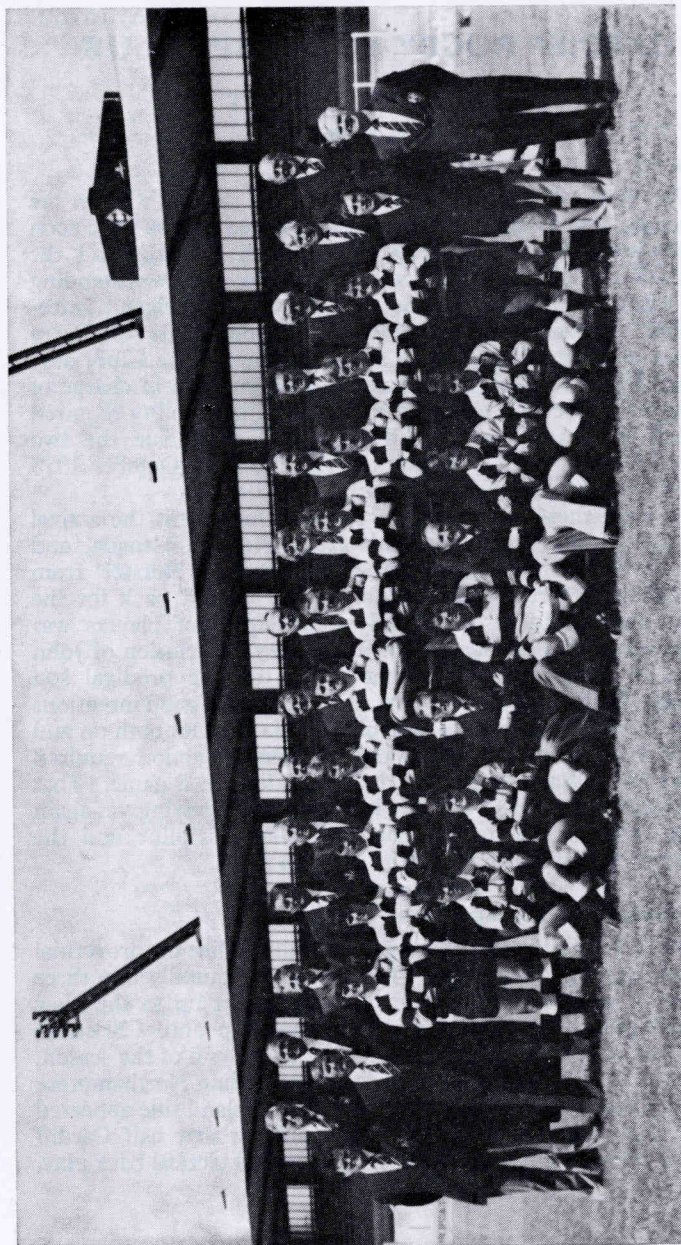
The heady days of mid-August with the sterling wins in the Aberaeron Sevens and the C.H.S.O.B. Jubilee Sevens were soon overshadowed by the retirement of Gareth Edwards and the resignation of Gerald Davies as club captain. Notwithstanding such traumatic beginnings, the winning of the Bridgend International Centenary Sevens and the appointments of Barry Nelmes and Gareth Davies to the leadership of the Club, ably advised by that seasoned campaigner Mervyn John in charge of the Rags for a second term, ensured that initial stability required to play the traditional Cardiff game and to pursue the two avowed Club aims of defeating the All Blacks in October 1978 and of winning the W.R.U. Cup in May 1979.

To scale these twin peaks of rugby achievement the arrival of internationals Hans de Goede from Victoria, Canada, and John Scott from Rosslyn Park, plus Robert Norster from Abertillery, augured well in stiffening the Cardiff pack for the battles ahead. An already good young squad of players was further strengthened later in the season by the inclusion of John Dixon from Abertillery and the return of our prodigal son Brynmor Williams from Newport. But the road of good intentions was to be paved with many difficulties and obstacles both on and off the rugby field, not least the disciplinary action required against Mike Watkins prior to the Wales-France B game. That was a salutary lesson to all our playing squad, stressing yet again in the most serious terms that individual discipline and the reputation of the Cardiff Club go hand in hand.

The season in retrospect

For C.R.F.C. the 1978/79 season overall was like the proverbial Curate's egg—good in parts. The season fell naturally into three distinct phases—a vigorous and sustained start up to the New Zealand game; a period of mixed fortunes up until Christmas time; and in 1979 a laudable resurgence to the end of the season. With 10 out of 11 games won up to and including Northampton, a victory against an untried, new-look New Zealand side appeared likely, but in the final analysis a magnificent first half Cardiff forward effort was not matched by mature and tactical back play,

CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB (FIRST XV)—SEASON 1978-79



Back Row:

A. D. S. BOWES, A. D. WILLIAMS, B. MARK, C. T. HOWE, T. L. WILLIAMS, C. D. WILLIAMS, P. GOODFELLOW, K. A. ROWLANDS, M. L. COLLINS, LLOYD WILLIAMS, C. H. NORRIS, W. H. WILKINS, D. M. JAMES, L. M. SPENCE.

Second Row:

P. NYHAN, R. BEARD (*Coach*), P. DANIELS, G. DAVIES, (*Vice-Captain*) T. HOLMES, T. CHARLES, R. NORSTER, I. ROBINSON, J. SCOTT, S. LANE, J. DIXON, A. PHILLIPS, J. EVANS (*Coach*), T. HOLLEY (*Hon. Masseur*).

Seated:

N. WARD, H. DAVIES, J. DAVIES (*Chairman*), B. NELMES (*Captain*), A. J. FRIDAY (*Hon. Secretary*), M. MURPHY, D. PREECE.

and the result was 17-7 in favour of Graham Mourie's Eighth All Blacks. From thence to Christmas time the Club's fortunes ominously vacillated and only five out of 11 games were won. Then, before the New Year could be rung in, a heart-warming resurgence began with the home defeat of Pontypridd, and overall in 1979 the record showed 14 victories and only four defeats. Unfortunately, the optimism engendered on Boxing Day was dissipated in the Ice Age climatic conditions of January and February. Following the saga of two postponed games and one abandoned game against Pontypool, the sweet taste of victory in the W.R.U. Cup at Pontypool Park was so shortly enjoyed as within one week Cardiff slithered irresistibly out of the Cup to Pontypridd in the paddy-field of Sardis Road. And whilst the recriminations flew thick and fast, Bridgend arrived at and left the Arms Park with yet another typical victory under their belts. The team's tremendous victory after three years in a running game against the Barbarians, and the outstanding personal contribution of Terry Holmes with three tries in nine minutes, redeemed our rugby reputation and thankfully the season ended on a high optimistic report. The attendance at the Baa Baas game of our Club President Mr. Hubert Johnson on his 74th birthday, after his long illness, brought tributes from Committee, players and members alike.

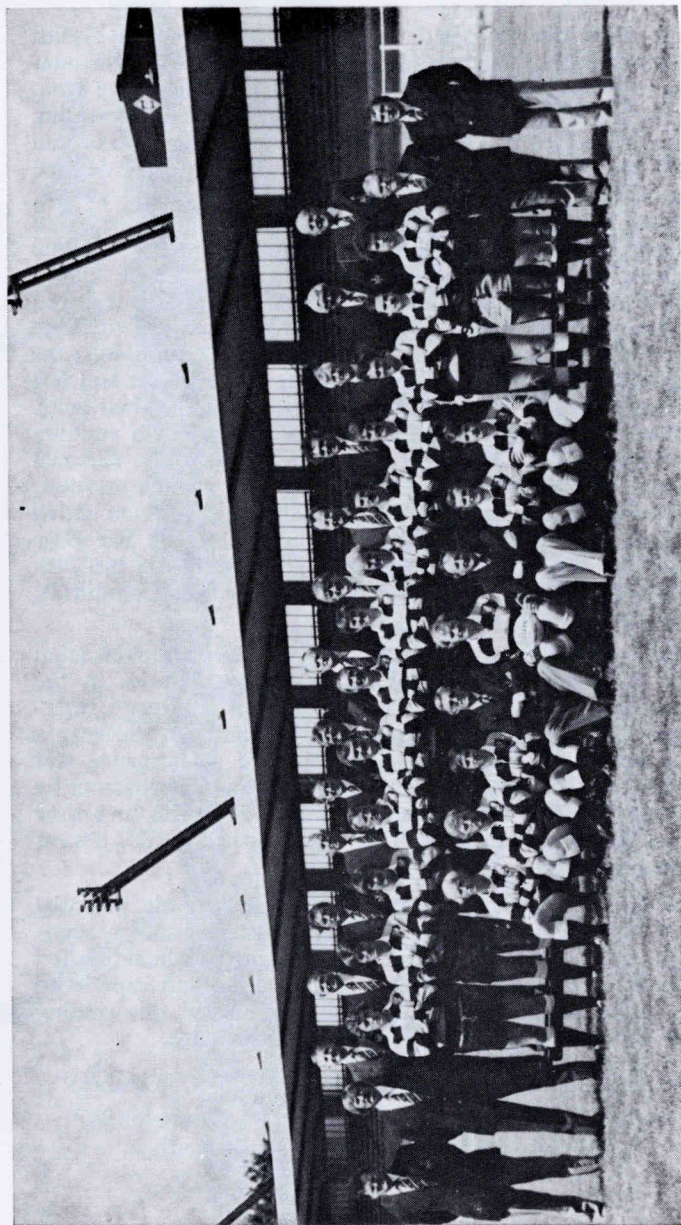
In the realm of Sevens, though we remained champions from August 1978 to May 1979, as witnessed by victories in the Aberaeron Sevens, C.H.S.O.B. Jubilee Sevens, Bridgend International Centenary Sevens and the Northampton Sevens, a second string Cardiff team in a lack-lustre performance was ignominiously tumbled out of the 1979 Snelling Tournament by enthusiastic, skilful Penarth and Maesteg. For the first time since its inception, Cardiff will not play in the W.R.U. Sevens Tournament.

Overall during the playing year, the team's basic potential was not fully realized, and too often inconsistency and susceptibility in pressure situations induced tactical errors which resulted in defeats. Let us hope that the harsh realities and experience gained this year can be hardened and tempered this coming August on the Club's projected tour of South Africa.

Full Playing Record 1978/79 (including W.R.U. Cup games):

Played 43 Won 30 Lost 11 Drawn 0 Points for 947
Points against 407 (2 games abandoned)

CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB (ATHLETIC XV)—Season 1978-79



Back Row:

B. MARK, A. D. WILLIAMS, C. T. HOWE, T. L. WILLIAMS, C. D. WILLIAMS, P. GOODFELLOW, K. A. ROWLANDS, M. L. COLLINS, LLOYD WILLIAMS, C. H. NORRIS, D. M. JAMES, W. H. WILKINS, L. M. SPENCE.

Second Row:

P. NYHAN, R. BEARD (*Coach*), GLYN DAVIES, P. REES, L. O'BRIEN, D. LLEWELLYN, P. RAWLINS, I. ROBINSON, A. ELLISON, B. LAKIN, G. MEEHAN, D. CHURCH, J. WHITEFOOT, S. MILLER, D. MILLER, A. D. S. BOWES, J. EVANS (*Coach*).

Seated:

A. YEANDLE, B. NEWMAN, J. O'BRIEN, J. DAVIES, (*Chairman*) M. JOHN, (*Captain*) A. J. FRIDAY (*Hon. Secretary*), J. DAVIES, M. HENRY

Most Appearances: C. Camilleri 37, R. Norster 36, Gareth Davies 30, H. de Goede 29, P. Daniels 29, T. Holmes 28, B. Nelves 28, J. Scott 28.

Highest Points Scored: Gareth Davies 275 (new C.R.F.C. record), T. Holmes 96, C. Camilleri 72, H. Davies 60.

Leading Try Scorers: T. Holmes 24 (record for C.R.F.C. scrum half), C. Camilleri 18, P. Daniels 16, D. Preece 14, M. Murphy 12, A. Phillips 10, Gareth Davies 10 (including 1 pen. try).

First XV Caps Awarded to: H. de Goede, J. Scott, D. Preece, J. Dixon, H. Davies.

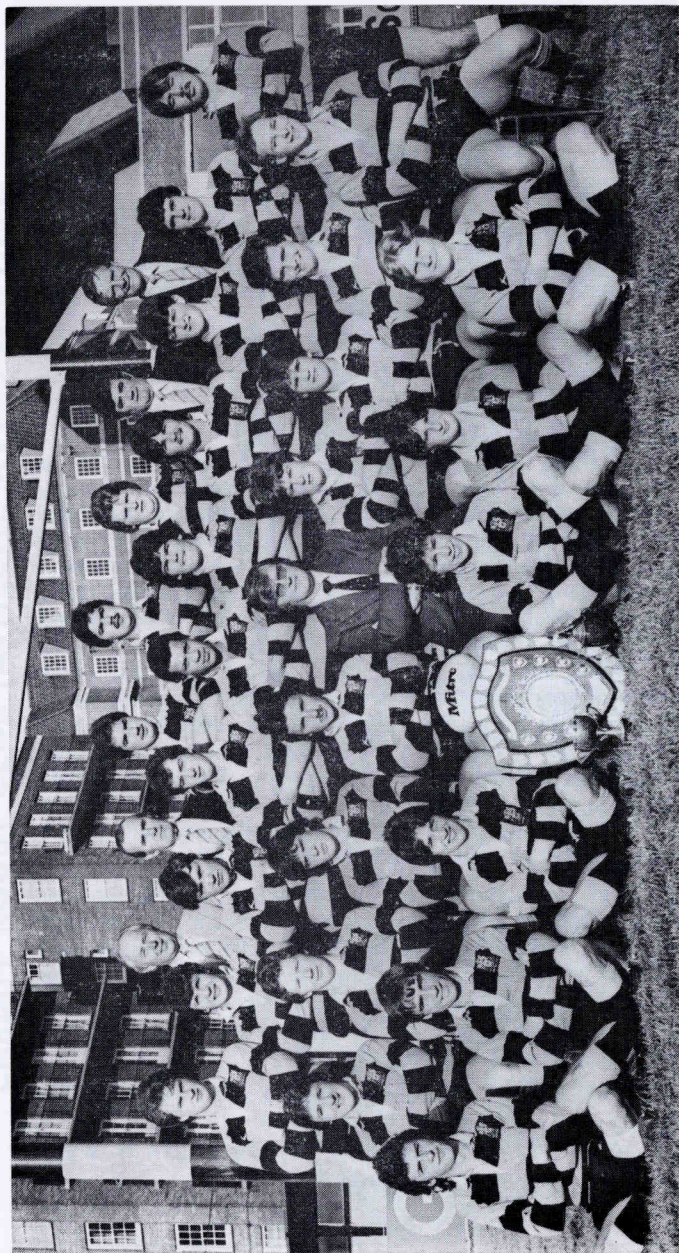
Cardiff Athletic XV

For the Rags, 1978/79 season has been a highly successful rugby story of consistent, high standard, enjoyable open rugby, and not since seasons 1884/85 and 1885/86 has success been measured in "invincibility". Rather like D. J. Hayward before him, Mervyn John can rightly retire with his star in ascendancy. The team's good fortune has largely been owed to his quiet and patient leadership, plus the calculated mixing of senior and younger players, and measured at its highest in a string of 15 victories of over 30 points each. Only Gareth Davies and Terry Holmes did not participate in this success. The vagaries of Silver Ball organization meant relegation from that competition, even though both finalists Bridgend Sports and Llanharan succumbed to the Rags during the season. Old enemies Coventry Extras, Newport United and Pontypool United were notable Rags "doubles" and Cork Constitution were well received at the beginning of the season and suitably dispatched.

Enjoyable commemorative games were played against C.H.S.O.B. and the President of Wiveliscombe's XV, and the tour to North Wales resulted in the defeats of Bangor and Llandudno. The Club can look forward next season to celebrating the special centenary of the Rags in a proper and fitting style, though lacking the leadership of Mervyn John, who has announced his retirement from rugby.

Most Appearances: M. John 23, M. Henry 20, J. O'Brien 21, J. Whitefoot 21.

Highest Points Scored: J. O'Brien 119, J. Pritchard 104, N. Ward 72, J. Davies 57.



Back Row:

Third Row:

Second Row:

Seated:

L. JONES, G. DONOVAN, T. SOUTO, P. SOUTO, A. GILHAM, J. O'DONNELL, P. T. GOODFELLOW.

A. DUNGEY, P. HERRON, S. BLACKMORE, S. LAKIN, C. FORD, T. CRUTHERS, J. MANDERS, N. WILLIAMS, H. OWEN, S. WILLIAMS

K. TRIVETT, M. HADLEE, T. COLLINS, M. POWELL (Captain), P. DAVIES (Coach), C. DAVIES, A. BARTLETT, S. DAW, G. ANDERSON.

R. TURNER, T. ATTER, M. BURRIDGE, J. SEYMOUR, M. GOLDSWORTH, S. DUDRIDGE.

Leading Try Scorers: M. John, R. Lane, D. Preece and P. Rees 11, D. Thomas and N. Ward 10, S. Miller 9, A. Yeandle 8, J. O'Brien 7.

Rags Caps Awarded to: A. Yeandle, J. Whitefoot, M. Henry.

Full Playing Record 1978/79:

Played 33	Won 32	Lost 0	Drawn 1	Points for 999
				Points Against 235

Honours

The statistical lists which are included in this report bear testimony to team and individual performances. The awarding of caps is a unique Cardiff tradition and it is fitting that congratulations be offered to R. Norster, H. de Goede, J. Scott, D. Preece, J. Dixon, H. Davies, A. Yeandle, J. Whitefoot and M. Henry. Leading points scorers were Gareth Davies, T. Holmes, J. O'Brien and J. Pritchard. Our contribution on the international field was immense in the selection of G. Davies and T. Holmes for Wales throughout the current season and J. Scott for England. S. Lane in Australia and against Ireland and A. Phillips against England continued the trend. And as B. Nelmes went out of the England team another young "Englishman" H. Davies seems set fair for similar honours.

Thanks

To the Rugby Committee, all good men and true, I offer sincere thanks for your unstinting support throughout the year. My special thanks go to H. Norris (Vice Chairman), A. Priday (Hon. Secretary), P. Nyhan (Asst. Hon. Secretary), K. Rowlands (W.R.U. delegate), L. Williams (E. District delegate) and B. Mark (Fixture Secretary) for their good counsel and sympathy, and in particular to a hard working Selection Committee, including the Club coaches, J. Evans, R. Beard and P. Davies, for time and energy spent conscientiously in selection and the organization of coaching. John Evans, an ex-Cardiff player, has now announced his resignation after four years of coaching C.R.F.C. His loyalty and inestimable service to the Club have never been doubted and we shall always accord him a special welcome in the Cardiff Clubhouse.

To K. George and his office staff; to A. Francis, Ground Manager and his staff together with B. Hardiman; to Mr. H. Richards, the Club doctors and dentist, physios and masseurs;

to Mrs. G. Parsons, Stewardess, and her bar staff; to the Supporters Club and Mr. and Mrs. T. John in particular; to D. Davies and all the Club Stewards; and to St. Albans Band—I am exceedingly grateful for the effort and time that you have all expended to make Cardiff R.F.C. the great club it is.

To Mrs. D. Pill and family, we pay tribute to her late husband Don Pill, C.R.F.C. Committee man, who so admirably served the Junior Section and whose passing has been a tragic loss to the Club and to the rugby world.

And finally, to Mike Knill, who left Cardiff for pastures greener in Penarth, and to that most popular and genuine Canadian Hans de Goede, who now returns to Victoria, Canada, we offer them "thanks", good wishes and "you're welcome"!

CARDIFF YOUTH XV

Played 29 Won 25 Lost 3 Drawn 1 Points for 704 Points against 163.

130 tries scored—Tony Dungey, who played in every game, scored 35 tries (a record for Cardiff Youth). Captain: Mark Powell, 3 tries, 19 penalties and 44 conversions, 157 points.

Appearances: Tony Dungey 29, Mark Powell 24, John Manders, Tim Crothers and Andrew Gilham 23.

Colours awarded to: Tony Bartlett, Paul Colwill, Clive Davies, Tony Dungey, Matthew Hadley, John Manders, Rupert Stewart and Peter Souto.

International caps: David Bishop, Tim Crothers, Mark Powell, Peter Souto and Kevin Trevett.

Player of the Year: Matthew Hadley.

Achievements: Winners Cardiff and District Sevens, Cleve Sevens. Runners-up Tiverton Sevens.

Cardiff and District Awards: Most promising back, Kevin Trevett. Sevens player of the competition, Philip Forde.

Outstanding team performance: On 30th April at Memorial Ground, Bristol, versus Bristol Colts. Despite having nine players engaged in District training, beat Bristol 13-4.

JOHN DAVIES, *Chairman C.R.F.C.*

RECORD OF RESULTS—SEASON 1978-79

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.	
1978																
Sept. 1	East District	H	Won	3	5				38	1	2			1		17
6	Glam. Wanderers	H	Won	4	7		1		55	1	1			1		13
9	Neath	A	Won	1	1		1		13		2			1		11
13	Bristol	A	Won	4	3	1	1		42	1	2					14
16	Coventry	H	Won	8	7				76					1		9
20	Penarth	H	Won	7	5				62							0
23	Aberavon	A	Won	1	2				14		1	1	2			13
27	Pontypridd	A	Lost	1			1		9	2	1	1	2			25
30	Moseley	A	Won				3		9					1		3
Oct. 7	Newport	H	Won		1	1			7							0
14	Northampton ..	A	Won	1	1				10					1		3
21	NEW ZEALAND	H	Lost		1	1			7	1	2			1		17
25	Bridgend	A	Lost	1	1				10			1				12
28	Harlequins	A	Won	3	3		2		36					4		12
Nov. 1	Pontypool	H	Lost	2			2		14		1			4		16
4	Maesteg	H	Won	1	1				10		1			1		7
11	Ebbw Vale	A	Lost	1	1				10	1	1			1		13
25	Llanelli	H	Lost				3		9	2				1		15
29	Oxford Univ.	H	Won	5	2		3		47	1			2			12
Dec. 2	Swansea	A	Lost		1				4	1	1					10
9	London Welsh	A	Won	1	4		1		25	1	2			2		23
26	Pontypridd	H	Won	2			2		18							0
30	Coventry	A	Won	4	3				36		1					4
1979																
Jan. 1	Bath*	H														
6	Moseley*	H														
19	Heriots F.P.	A	Won		1				4					1		3
27	Aberavon†	H														
Feb. 2	Bective	H	Won	3	3				30				2			6
10	Bristol†	H														
14	Bristol‡	H														
24	Newport†	A														
27	Llanelli	A	Lost	1					6	2						12
Mar. 3	Ebbw Vale†	H														
6	Bridgend	H	Lost		1		2		10	1		2				12
10	Pontypool	A	Won	3	3	1	1		36		1			2		10
16	London Welsh	H	Won	2	2		1		23					1		3
21	Ebbw Vale	H	Won	1	1	1			13							0
24	Newport	A	Won	2			3		21		1			2		10
31	Swansea	H	Won	2	1	1	1		22	1	1					10
April 7	Gloucester	A	Lost				1		3	1						6
14	BARBARIANS	H	Won	5	1		2		40		4			2		22
16	Harlequins	H	Won	1	3		1		21	2				1		15
21	Neath	H	Won	4	1		1		31	1						6
27	Aberavon	H	Won	1	1		2		16					2		6
	TOTALS			73	69	6	35	0	837	22	25	5	40	0	370	

* Postponed and Cancelled matches. † Cancelled—WRU Cup Adjustment.

‡ Abandoned matches.

Cardiff First Fifteen— continued

W.R.U. CHALLENGE CUP

Date	Opponents	H. or A.	Rslt.	Score for					Score against					Pts.
				G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	
1978														
Nov. 18	Whitland ..	H	Won	5	8		1				1	1		6
Dec. 23	Crumlin ..	H	Won	2										0
1979														
Jan. 13	Pontypool ..	..*	A											
27	Pontypool ..	..*	A											
Feb. 10	Pontypool ..	..†	A											
24	Pontypool ..	..	A	1	2	1	2		23	1		2		12
Mar. 3	Pontypridd ..	..	A	1	2	1	1		7	1		1		9
	TOTAL ..			8	11	1	4	0	107	2	0	1	4	27

* Postponed and Cancelled matches.

† Abandoned matches.

CARDIFF 'SEVENS' RESULTS 1978/79

August 1978 — Aberaeron — Winner.

August 1978 — C.H.S.O.B. Jubilee Sevens — Winner.

September 1978 — Bridgend Centenary International Sevens — Winner.

April 1979 — Northampton Sevens — Winner.

May 1979 — **Snelling Sevens**

Beaten in Pool D under new system. Failed to qualify for WRU Sevens.

Captain: BARRY NELMES

Vice Captain: W. G. DAVIES

Full Playing Record including WRU Cup Games 1978/79

P	Abandoned	W	L	D	Points For	Points Against
43	2	30	11	0	947	407

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CARDIFF ATHLETIC FIFTEEN

Date	Opponents	A.	Rslt.	Score for					Score against						
				G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.	G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.
1978															
Sept. 1	Penygraig ..	..	A	Won	4	3				36	1			1	9
6	Llanharan ..	..	A	Won	3	5	1			41	1				6
9	Cork Constitution ..	..	H	Won	1		2			12				3	9
13	Bristol Utd.	..	H	Won	1	1	1	1		16	1	2			14
16	Coventry Extras	..	A	Won	4	1				28				2	6
20	Cardiff H.S.O.B.	..	A	Won	3	4		1		37		1		2	10
23	Ebbw Vale Ath.	..	H	Won	2	1	1			19	1				6
27	Pontypridd Ath.	..	H	Won	6	1				40	1				6
30	Moseley Ath.	..	H	Won	5	2				38	1			1	7
Oct. 7	Newport Utd.	..	A	Won		3		1		15	1	1			13
14	Harlequin Wanders.	..	H	Won	1	2	1	1		20	1		1	1	12
21	Taibach ..	..*	A												
25	Cilfynydd ..	..	H	Won	9	2				62				1	3
28	Bridgend Sports	..	H	Dr'n				1		3				1	3
Nov. 4	Crumlin ..	..	H	Won	3	3		1		33	1			3	15
11	Pontypool Utd.	..	H	Won	3	2		1		29					0
18	Penygraig ..	..†	H												
	Mountain Ash	..	H	Won	1	1	1	1		16			2		6
25	Talywain ..	..	A	Won		3		1		15				1	3
Dec. 2	Pontypridd Ath.	..	H	Won	3	1		2		28		1		2	10
9	Pyle ..	..	H	Won	3	3		1		33	1			3	15
16	Neath Ath.	..†	H												
23	Bridgend Sports	..	A	Won	1	3				18		1			4
30	Coventry Extras	..	H	Won	5	5				50		1			4
Jan. 6	Moseley Ath.	..*	A												
27	Pontypool Utd.	..*	A												
Feb. 10	Bristol Utd.	..*	A												
17	Bargoed ..	..*	H												
21	Bargoed ..	..	H	Won	6	7				64					0
24	Abercynon ..	..	H	Won	1	1	1	1		16		1		1	7
28	Pontypool Utd.	..	A	Won	4	3				36		1		1	7
1979															
Mar. 3	Pyle ..	..	A	Won	1	1				10				3	9
10	Pontypool Ath.	..	H	Won	1	1		2		16					0
24	Newport Utd.	..	H	Won	4	2		1		35	1	2			14
31	Swansea Ath.	..	A	Won	2			2		18	1			2	12
April 3	Llantwit Major	..	A	Won	5	2	1			41	1			1	9
7	Gloucester Utd.	..	H	Won		2		1		11				1	3
11	Taibach ..	..	A	Won	6	4	1			55		1		1	7
20	Bangor ..	..	A	Won	8	3				60				1	3
21	Llandudno ..	..	A	Won	4	6				48				1	3
	TOTALS ..				100	78	10	19	0	999	13	12	3	34	0/235

* Postponed and Cancelled matches. † Cancelled—WRU Cup Commitment.

Captain: MERVYN JOHN

Full Playing Record 1978/79:

P	W	L	D	Points For	Points Against
33	32	0	1	999	235

CAPTAINS AND VICE-CAPTAINS

— Rugby First XV.

	Captain		Vice-Captain			Captain		Vice-Captain	
1876-77	..	T. S. DONALDSON	SELEY	..	1927-28	..	B. R. TURNBULL	..	B. O. MALE
1877-78	..	E. C. FRY	..	..	1928-29	..	B. O. MALE	..	K. P. TURNBULL
1878-79	..	R. H. FOA	..	..	1929-30	..	S. C. CRAVOS	..	H. POOLE
1879-80	..	W. D. PHILLIPS	..	..	1930-31	..	B. R. TURNBULL	..	S. C. CRAVOS
1880-81	..	W. D. PHILLIPS	..	..	1931-32	..	HOWARD POOLE	..	H. M. ROWCOCK
1881-82	..	B. E. GIRLING	..	..	1932-33	..	TOM LEWIS	..	B. R. TURNBULL
1882-83	..	W. D. PHILLIPS	..	..	1933-34	..	GRAHAM JONES	..	R. GABE-JONES
1883-84	..	H. J. SIMPSON	..	..	1934-35	..	A. SKYNN	..	T. STONE
1884-85	..	F. E. HANCOCK	..	..	1935-36	..	T. STONE	..	L. M. SPENCE
1885-86	..	F. E. HANCOCK	..	..	1936-37	..	L. M. SPENCE	..	T. STONE
1886-87	..	W. M. DOUGLAS	..	..	1937-38	..	A. H. JONES	..	H. REES
1887-88	..	G. A. YOUNG	..	..	1938-39	..	W. WOOLLER	..	W. E. N. DAVIES
1888-89	..	A. F. HILL	..	..	1939-40	..	W. WOOLLER (2 games)	..	L. M. SPENCE
1889-90	..	C. S. ARTHUR	..	..	1940-41	..	WORLD WAR II	..	
1890-91	..	D. W. EVANS	..	..	1945-46	..	JACK MATTHEWS	..	R. BALE
1891-92	..	T. W. PEARSON	..	..	1946-47	..	JACK MATTHEWS	..	LES. NAINFIELD
1892-93	..	N. BIGGS	..	..	1947-48	..	HAYDN TANNER	..	BLEDYNN WILLIAMS
1893-94	..	R. B. SWEET-ESCOTT	..	..	1948-49	..	HAYDN TANNER	..	BLEDYNN WILLIAMS
1894-95	..	R. B. SWEET-ESCOTT	..	..	1949-50	..	BLEDYNN WILLIAMS	..	FRANK TROTT
1895-96	..	K. E. ELLIOT	..	..	1950-51	..	W. E. TAMPLIN	..	BLEDYNN WILLIAMS
1896-97	..	S. BIGGS	..	..	1951-52	..	DR. J. REX MATTHEWS	..	REX WILLIS
1897-98	..	E. GWYN NICHOLLS	..	..	1952-53	..	W. REX WILLIS	..	SID. JUDD
1898-99	..	E. GWYN NICHOLLS	..	..	1953-54	..	BLEDYNN WILLIAMS	..	SID. JUDD
1900-01	..	E. GWYN NICHOLLS	..	..	1954-55	..	SID. JUDD	..	REX WILLIS
1901-02	..	H. B. WINFIELD	..	..	1955-56	..	M. COLLINS	..	REX WILLIS
1902-03	..	H. B. WINFIELD	..	..	1956-57	..	P. T. GOODFELLOW	..	G. ROWLANDS
1903-04	..	E. GWYN NICHOLLS	..	..	1957-58	..	C. D. WILLIAMS	..	G. ROWLANDS
1904-05	..	C. F. BIGGS	..	..	1958-59	..	GORDON WELLS	..	G. ROWLANDS
1905-06	..	PERCY F. BUSH	..	..	1959-60	..	LLOYD WILLIAMS	..	G. ROWLANDS
1906-07	..	PERCY F. BUSH	..	..	1960-61	..	LLOYD WILLIAMS	..	G. ROWLANDS
1907-08	..	RHYNS T. GABE	..	..	1961-62	..	D. J. HAYWARD	..	G. ROWLANDS
1908-09	..	PERCY F. BUSH	..	..	1962-63	..	D. J. HAYWARD	..	G. ROWLANDS
1909-10	..	PERCY WILLIAMS	..	..	1963-64	..	MEIRION ROBERTS	..	G. ROWLANDS
1910-11	..	R. A. GIBBS	..	..	1964-65	..	K. ROWLANDS	..	G. ROWLANDS
1911-12	..	L. M. DYKE	..	..	1965-66	..	K. ROWLANDS	..	G. ROWLANDS
1912-13	..	W. SPILLER	..	..	1966-67	..	K. ROWLANDS	..	G. ROWLANDS
1913-14	..	W. J. JENKINS	..	..	1967-68	..	C. H. NORRIS	..	G. ROWLANDS
1914-15	..	W. J. JENKINS	..	..	1968-69	..	C. H. NORRIS	..	G. ROWLANDS
1915-16	..	W. J. JENKINS	..	..	1969-70	..	C. H. NORRIS	..	G. ROWLANDS
1916-17	..	W. J. JENKINS	..	..	1970-71	..	J. O'SHEA	..	G. ROWLANDS
1917-18	..	F. GACCON—	..	..	1971-72	..	J. H. JAMES	..	G. ROWLANDS
1918-19	..	W. J. POWELL	..	..	1972-73	..	G. WALLACE	..	G. ROWLANDS
1919-20	..	CLEM LEWIS	..	..	1973-74	..	G. WALLACE	..	G. ROWLANDS
1920-21	..	R. ARTHUR CORNISH	..	..	1974-75	..	M. JOHN	..	G. ROWLANDS
1921-22	..	DR. T. WALLACE	..	..	1975-76	..	G. WALLACE	..	G. ROWLANDS
1922-23	..	IRIS RICHARDS	..	..	1976-77	..	M. JOHN	..	G. ROWLANDS
1923-24	..	DR. T. WALLACE	..	..	1977-78	..	G. WALLACE	..	G. ROWLANDS
1924-25	..	T. A. JOHNSON	..	..	1978-79	..	G. WALLACE	..	G. ROWLANDS
1925-26	..	D. E. DAVIES	..	..		..		..
1926-27	..	W. J. DELAHAY	..	..		..		..

CARDIFF CRICKET CLUB

1st XI REPORT—SEASON 1978

The 1978 season started on January 4th with indoor nets at the Sports Centre. I was very encouraged by attendances in mid-winter and quite naturally the prime attenders were the younger element who were prepared to turn out regardless of the conditions. The enthusiasm of the under 20's in the club was evident then and never wavered throughout the season and I am as confident now as ever that when these players develop into established first team players, Cardiff will do well. In fact net attendances in respect of the first eleven were not at all bad throughout the season.

Our matches began in April when we flattered ourselves in the Welsh cup and friendly matches but failed completely in the Western league. We were knocked out of the Haig cup by a good Ludlow side but had few difficulties winning the Author Patterson K.O. once again. We had an amazing win against Barry in the Welsh cup when conservative estimates counted twelve dropped catches going to hand but several non-attempts were noted and the Captain definitely lost his cool. We won the match chasing 196 with an incredible last wicket stand between Phipps and Cooper of . We beat Pontymister convincingly but were ourselves well beaten by Ynysygerwen in the semi-final.

It was clear that our batting was letting us down with the notable exception of Ken Siddle who had a marvellous season always batting under considerable pressure. Ken's development over the season was a pleasure to see, and his straight hitting was something which we will long remember. It is very sad that we will be losing him next season when he returns to Cambridge. Opening stands between Tim Littlewood and Stephen Lang were an improvement on 1977 and Stephen particularly showed promise while never quite getting into a consistent match winning streak. I am sure that he will have matured a lot this season. Things did not go well for Paul Good as he would be the first to admit and moving house into his new mansion added to the vice-captaincy did not help him find the usually devastating form such as he produced at Bath. The wicket keeping initially by Tim and for most of the season by Stephen was excellent and an enormous improvement on last year. Unfortunately the same could not be said of the fielding which on occasions was reasonable but more often was deplorable. We dropped catches and lost matches as a result—whenever we caught our catches namely against Bath—Bristol Imperial and M.N. we won but it was not often. If the commitment to fielding practice had been as total as it was to general nets we would have done quite well—but it was not and the Captain must take a fair proportion of the blame for not encouraging regular fielding sessions—whoever captains the side next year must be aware of the importance of this side of the game.

On the bowling side David Cooper and I bowled over 400 overs between us and took 72 wickets at an average of 19. Good enough with reasonable support to win plenty of matches. In your captain's opinion the support was not there and erratic bowlers could not be risked. But on reflection Howard Slade was not bowled anything like enough although he has to decide what he is going to bowl and then stick to it. Dave Cooper was an example to any seamer throughout the Season, he

was a pillar of strength in the side and never murmured at the inevitable load of work he had to carry.

We felt the loss of John Solanky and it was over optimistic to think that the side could do as well without him as it did with him.

Another loss to the side was Roger Webb and whereas his ability with the bat was not of consequence, his ability to get the best out of his players was missed. It is in this department that I would have to accept the most criticism and occasionally I thought the odd player was not giving 100% in the field and I failed to motivate sufficiently to produce the right results. On reflection, I think a policy of more frequent bowling changes, thereby varying the attack may have produced more positive results.

We are playing in one of the strongest leagues in the Country and it is sad to say that we do not have in the Club at the moment, eleven first team Cricketers. We can only succeed in that league if the players promoted to the first eleven give 100% effort even though their opportunities to bat or bowl are limited. One might say that last season the opportunities to bat were never limited since on almost every occasion we went in the field, we were bowled out.

I would like to comment on the umpiring during the season and Dave Connors must take a great deal of credit for the consistent standard far above any club level I have experienced.

Similarly Albert must be congratulated for the standard of wickets produced throughout the season—we are very lucky Albert is back in Cardiff to look after our interests on the square and in the nets. He has plans to improve the net area and I hope he will go ahead with these.

In summing up, I would like to thank my Senior Players, the Committee, Nigel Rees and chairman particularly for their support during the Season. In thanking Chris Fookes for his efforts, I can only use superlatives, the very best scorer a side could possibly have and my congratulations to him on his nomination as Club Secretary, where I am confident that he will do just as good a job for the Club.

CARDIFF CRICKET CLUB ALL MATCHES

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Av'ge	Matches
D. Cooper	368.2	71	1,104	60	18.40	27
D. Lewis	345.1	63	1,171	63	18.58	29
R. Phipps	121.0	21	373	14	26.64	16
I. Homes	138.4	24	434	15	28.93	20

BATTING AVERAGES

	Innings	N/O	Runs	H/S	Av'ge
K. Siddle	15	1	430	71	30.71
P. Good	14	0	283	63	20.21

2nd XI REPORT—SEASON 1978

Results for Season 1978—Played 18 Won 7 Lost 11 Cancelled 2

In the Western League Table we finished in 11th position. Victories were recorded against Newport, Downend, Malmesbury, Optimists, Bridlington, Keynsham, and Bristol Imperial. After an excellent win against the old enemy Newport in our first League match, we proceeded

to lose our next five matches. This, therefore, made it a very disappointing start to the season. Eventually we won a very exciting game at Downend and from then on began to put results together winning 7 of our last 12 matches. I am certain that if the form shown in the second half of the season could have been produced in May and June we might well ended up in the top 4 or 5 places in the League.

In honesty I do not think that we were a good enough side to have been placed any higher, but the improvement shown by the team in July and August augurs well for next year as, without doubt, we have very good young players. I am not going through each match mentioning individual achievements as I do not think that this will reflect fairly on our team efforts as a whole. Each player gave me as far as I am concerned 100% effort but perhaps not always doing justice to themselves. If one likes to show averages which can often be unfair I think that ours bear this out and although everybody did produce good performances we did not do it consistently enough.

However, I would like to mention the ability and fine progress made during the season of Chris Day, Gary Hibbert, David Sinclair, Stuart Dyke, Nick Shackell, Ed Evans, Mike Elward, Chris Elward and Wyn Evans, all young players who I am sure will become a credit to this Club in years ahead.

Of the slightly more senior players who played with me Colin Toshack had an excellent season with the bat and ball—Well done Tosh!!

Martin Warman, David Herbert, Richard Napier, Nick Gower and Tony Edwards all produced match winning efforts. Vice Captain, Jerry Mills, was always on hand to tell me what I was doing wrong and, although perhaps by his standards, he was not quite the Mr. Reliable we know he can be with the bat, he certainly was a model of consistency behind the wickets. Thank you Jerry for your support.

Finally, I would like to mention the most reliable and consistent performer of the season, a certain Mr. Gordon Eccles. Thank you Gordon for umpiring so readily in all weathers and, let's face it, it was not a good Summer.

I thank also the ladies for the delicious teas we enjoyed each week, and Albert Francis for the excellent wickets prepared. Looking back, perhaps not a vintage season for results but a happy one and one which I think could be a base for really high honours in 1979.

LEADING AVERAGES

BATTING					
Name	Innings	Not out	Runs	Highest	Average
C. Toshack	7	2	195	65	39.00
N. G. W. Rees	16	6	277	38	27.70
D. Sinclair	7	1	154	62	25.60
S. Dyke	6	1	122	45	24.40
M. Elward	9	0	159	52	17.60
N. Shackell	10	6	170	39	17.00

BOWLING				
Name	Overs	Runs	Wickets	Average
N. Gower	40	119	12	9.91
G. Hibbert	64	228	20	11.40
C. Toshack	69	217	13	16.69
C. Day	140	421	25	16.84
E. Evans	127	366	21	17.42

REPORT OF THE RESERVE XI

During the 1978 Season the Reserve's reverted to playing friendlies, the cricket played was enjoyable, generally closely contested and sometimes of a surprisingly high standard.

The Reserves had played their 1977 cricket in the South Wales Alliance but this League was merged for the 1978 Season with the South Wales Conference. It had been hoped that we could be included in the new league but this was not possible.

As we were not aware of the position until the turn of the year, it meant that our application to join the Morgannwg League, although welcomed, was too late for the season.

Inevitably, a considerable amount of pressure was put on our Secretary who was left with the difficult task of arranging fixtures at very short notice.

As several senior players felt if they accepted the Captaincy of the Third XI it may jeopardise their own chances of playing regularly in the Seconds and as the Third XI is generally ravaged by call offs from the two senior teams on Saturdays, it was perhaps understandable that we were not able to have a regular captain. I should, however, like to thank Tony Edwards, Ed Evans and Richard Napier, Ramash Patel and J. D. H. Riches who all took their turn in leading the side.

The Season began on rather a wet and cold note but fortunately Saturdays seem to be spared and early victories against Bristol Imperial, Lisvane, Port and Coychurch were recorded. Several performances are worthy of note but outstanding was the century by Stuart Dyke, which helped us beat Newport Fugitives on their ground. One should also mention Martin Hibbert who performed notably with the bat but perhaps with less than expected mobility in the field. Robert Dyke was ever present and did well with both bat and ball and behind the wickets when needed. Of the players who started off the Season in the Thirds several were promoted notably David Sinclair, Stuart Dyke, Wyn Evans and Chris Elward.

Of the very young players Hugh and Peter Jones and "Jock" Day amazed the opposition by their ability to bowl a consistent line and length when the more senior players tended to be considerably more variable.

One of the most memorable games was when we visited Ystradgynlais. We arrived and found it raining heavily and decided to watch the Wimbledon Finals in the Bar. Miraculously the weather cleared and by 3.30 Ystradgynlais were eager to start, by good fortune we lost the loss, fielded first and managed to clear away the cobwebs and won a game which we had given up all hope of playing. Several fixtures followed against Lisvane, Morgannwg, Barry Plastics where I am afraid the standard was not of the highest but these games together with evening games against local teams such as Barclays Bank, The Exiles, The Druids, Whitchurch Heath, Pontypridd and the Old Monktonians gave the Reserve XI a full and varied fixture list for the whole season.

I should at this stage like to pay a special tribute to our Secretary, John Webb, who worked particularly hard in getting together our fixtures. They were dominated by a series of games against Lisvane, but in view of the short time available to the Secretary, this was understand-

able and these games turned out to be one of the most memorable features of the season as a whole. I should also like to thank Albert Francis for his efforts in making a wicket available for the Thirds when the other sides were playing at Sophia Gardens. His willingness to help at all times and even on one occasion turning out when we were particularly short was very much appreciated.

Although it is outside the province of this report, I would like to take the opportunity of mentioning the Schools Knock-out Competition which we introduced this year. The Competition was introduced to give senior schoolboys the chance of playing cricket on a good wicket and to encourage more people to play the game. The cricket section were fortunate in that a cup was presented in memory of Daniel Herbert, a former member, the cup is known as the Cardiff Cricket Club's School Cup and was won for the first year by Whitchurch.

Another event which should be mentioned was the Six-a-side Competition. This was postponed because of rain on two occasions and was finally cancelled when more rain fell when we had our third attempt at the end of September. We look to the Six-a-side as a means of raising funds to meet our increasing costs, unfortunately this year because of the postponements we were unable to make any profit. It is essential for the cricket section to raise finance to meet the costs such as travel, teas and the day to day running expenses. To this end I must ask all members to help in supporting all our functions and to come along to Sophia Gardens and support us regularly. The bar at Sophia Gardens is now being developed and we hope very much that this will become a centre for summer activities in particular. I should like to thank Roy Howe, who did the first full season of running the bar for us at Sophia Gardens, we are all very grateful. To all members of the Athletic Club, if you are at a loose end any weekend, you will be most welcome at Sophia Gardens and I hope very much that all of the sections will make use of bar facilities which are improving all the time.

No report would be complete without a mention of the people who help us every week, I refer to the ladies who turn up for all games and give up their weekends to help provide us with what are generally considered the best teas in local and western league cricket. To all of the ladies thank you very much indeed, and particularly, to Penny Lewis who took over the organization for the year.

Club Tour 1978

SUNDAY XI REPORT 1978

Of the 13 Sunday XI fixtures completed in 1978, four were won, five lost and four drawn. A total of 33 players represented the side throughout the season, and as in previous years the majority of these were younger club members, all of whom gained valuable experience.

The season opened on a winning note as Dave Cooper took 7 Old Whitonian wickets for 37 under Steve Lang's captaincy. A comfortable victory. Having completed college examinations, I assumed my role of captain the following weekend at Briton Ferry Town and here ended our unbeaten run. A closely fought battle resulted in our defeat in the final over.

Perhaps one of the highlights of the season was a fixture against UWIST. Captained by a former club member—Glan Jones; and it was

his namesake Willie who took the bowling apart scoring 101 not out in our unassailable total of 228 for 8 declared. Glan himself suffered, bowling 6 overs for 74, although it should be mentioned that he did take two wickets! Our attack proved far too strong on the day and we won by over 100 runs.

We encountered another former colleague in Reggie Shah at the picturesque Miskin ground. Peter Ford (31) laid a steady foundation and Brian Pleass, who during an inimitable knock of 45 nearly struck a cow in an adjoining field, helped us reach a modest total of 120. Our bowlers bowled well and the game was won.

Having won the toss and following a dodgy start, Brian Pleass briskly helped us to a total of 160—8 against the South Wales Hunts. Not a devastating total but it proved adequate thanks largely to David Lewis who took 6 wickets (including that of his predecessor Roger Webb) and the Hunts were dismissed for 92.

Wyn Evans saved us from total humiliation in our defeat at Pontypridd. A sound 41 provided stability to a poor start and he followed this up with some 'strong tea' bowling, taking 4—31 as the home side lost 6 wickets chasing a target of 114.

Towards the end of the season we once again entertained Ealing Wanderers. Ken Siddle playing his last game for the club before moving to Cambridge (56) and Colin Toshack 62 not out) helped us to a total of 195. Chris Day and Ed Evans bowled well and with the visitors at 34—4 we were well on the way. However we failed to capitalize on this fine start and while always in command, had to settle for the best part of a draw.

I would like to thank Albert Francis for preparing the wickets, the ladies for the teas and Gordon Eccles for being consistently available to umpire.

Thanks are also due to Steve Lang, Nick Shackell and C. J. (I didn't get where I am today without captaining the Sunday XI) Toshack for taking over from me when I was involved in cup matches or examinations.

I. N. HOLMES

RESERVE XI REPORT CLUB TOUR 1978

The Club's third successive tour of Hampshire nearly failed to get off the ground due to organizational difficulties. In fact some three weeks before we were due to leave there were only two firm fixtures arranged, against Hambledon on the Monday and Corsham on the Tuesday. Somewhat fortuitously however the Club entertained Alton C.C. on their tour and they kindly agreed to accommodate us on the Wednesday at short notice.

A direct result of the uncertain fixture position less than a week before we were due to leave we only had nine players plus the ever present Gordon Eccles. However, at the last minute we managed to obtain the services of Dave Francis ("Ap Albert") and Martyn Gallivan of St. Fagans, formerly of Cardiff, to make up the eleven. In fact, we had twelve players for the first day but Willie Jones "went home" on

the Tuesday morning and Gerry Mills left on the Tuesday night, reducing us to ten. David Lewis appeared for the Wednesday game to fill in the vacancy.

Against Hambledon we made 206—4; Peter Ford (75) and Gerry Mills (56), making the largest contributions. Hambledon at one stage were reduced to 96 for 8 but eventually totalled 155 all out; their last man out being one of the openers who was on 99.

Against Corsham, we lost the toss and were made to suffer for our lunchtime excesses as Corsham totalled 219—7 declared. Peter Ford (58) and Gerry Mills (43) took us to 100—2 but this became 140—7. Martyn Gallivan played out the last 20 overs for 14 not out with characteristic aplomb.

The best game of the tour was at Alton although we batted poorly to score only 118 all out. Alton were well placed at 65 for one but they suffered a collapse against Garry Hibbert (3 for 15 in 8.2 overs) and at one stage we looked as if we might win. However, the opposing captain guided his side home.

Despite all the problems, the tour was, as usual, most enjoyable. Several memorable incidents occurred, particularly Ramish Patel's 'tray of drinks' dropped catch at Corsham. On the same day Concorde was seen flying low over the cricket ground! At Alton a "localized shower" was discovered outside the Chinese take-away, all perhaps trivial but hopefully to be repeated at the end of July next year.

G. STONE, *Chairman*

CARDIFF CRICKET CLUB

CAPTAINS

From 1867 to 1876 there is no record of Captains.

1877 ..	E. W. JONES	1927 ..	N. V. H. RICHES
1878 ..	E. W. JONES	1928 ..	N. V. H. RICHES
1879 ..	E. W. JONES	1929 ..	A. N. MORGAN
1880 ..	E. W. JONES	1930 ..	A. N. MORGAN
1881 }	Names of Captains not recorded	1931 ..	N. V. H. RICHES
1882 }		1932 ..	E. C. DOLMAN
1883 }		1933 ..	G. L. RATTENBURY
1884 ..	J. P. JONES	1934 ..	J. T. MORGAN
1885 ..	J. P. JONES	1935 ..	J. T. MORGAN
1886 ..	J. P. JONES	1936 ..	F. W. MATHIAS
1887 ..	W. H. WILLIAMS	1937 ..	F. THOMAS
1888 ..	W. H. WILLIAMS	1938 ..	W. J. EVANS
1889 ..	W. H. WILLIAMS	1939 ..	L. G. JONES
1890 ..	A. MORRIS	1940-45	2ND WORLD WAR
1891 ..	A. MORRIS	1946 ..	W. J. EVANS
1892 ..	W. H. BRAIN	1947 ..	W. H. WILKINS
1893 ..	W. H. BRAIN	1948 ..	J. D. RICHES
1894 ..	W. H. BRAIN	1949 ..	G. GIBSON
1895 ..	J. H. BRAIN	1950 ..	W. H. WILKINS
1896 ..	J. H. BRAIN	1951 ..	W. H. WILKINS
1897 ..	J. G. CLARK	1952 ..	G. DAVIES
1898 ..	J. G. CLARK	1953 ..	G. DAVIES
1899 ..	J. G. CLARK	1954 ..	W. H. WILKINS
1900 ..	J. H. BRAIN	1955 ..	G. K. WILBY
1901 ..	J. H. BRAIN	1956 ..	G. W. WILBY
1902 ..	J. G. CLARK	1957 ..	J. O. WEBB
1903 ..	V. T. GILL	1958 ..	J. PLEASS
1904 ..	V. T. GILL	1959 ..	J. PLEASS
1905 ..	J. P. CADOGAN	1960 ..	J. O. WEBB
1906 ..	A. GIBSON	1961 ..	J. O. WEBB
1907 ..	A. GIBSON	1962 ..	A. THOMAS
1908 ..	A. GIBSON	1963 ..	A. THOMAS
1909 ..	A. GIBSON	1964 ..	A. FRIDAY
1910 ..	N. V. H. RICHES	1965 ..	A. FRIDAY
1911 ..	N. V. H. RICHES	1966 ..	A. FRIDAY
1912 ..	N. V. H. RICHES	1967 ..	Dr. P. GATEHOUSE
1913 ..	J. HORSPOOL	1968 ..	D. O. HERBERT
1914 ..	J. HORSPOOL	1969 ..	D. O. HERBERT
1915-18	EUROPEAN WAR	1970 ..	K. D. WILLIAMS
1919 ..	J. HORSPOOL	1971 ..	D. J. PASK
1920 ..	H. G. SYMONDS	1972 ..	D. O. HERBERT
1921 ..	G. E. CORDING	1973 ..	P. F. GOOD
1922 ..	G. E. CORDING	1974 ..	D. O. HERBERT
1923 ..	T. R. MORGAN	1975 ..	K. D. WILLIAMS
1924 ..	H. W. TAYLOR	1976 ..	R. THOMAS
1925 ..	F. W. MATHIAS	1977 ..	R. W. WEBB
1926 ..	N. V. H. RICHES	1978 ..	DAVID LEWIS

CARDIFF ATHLETIC BOWLS CLUB

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

"A" Team Captain's Report

OBITUARY The Bowls Section suffered a sad loss in the sudden death in February of Frank Little. Frank with his quiet charm endeared himself to all our members and rendered unobtrusive service with our Afternoon Teas for several years.

Our thanks are once again due to the General Secretary, Mr. K. H. George and his staff for their generous service and support at all times.

Thanks are also due to the Ground Manager and his staff for the excellence of the Green throughout a busy season.

The well attended ANNUAL DINNER held in the Top Lounge on Friday, 21st November, 1978, brought our Season to a pleasant close. Our chief guests were Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Wooler and after an excellent meal provided by Mrs. Parsons and her staff, some impromptu dancing was enjoyed to the music of the TRIO.

T.P.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Mr. Chairman and fellow members, the, by now, traditional and highly successful opening evening of the season was held on Friday, 23rd April, 1978. The event was extremely well supported and everyone who attended had a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Once again our ladies are to be congratulated on the excellence of the buffet, and the committee thanked, for one way and another providing liquid refreshment.

Mr. Cliff Jones, of the Rhiwbina club, President of the E.W.P.G.B.A. (Eastern Section) after addressing the assembled members, bowled the first wood to open the green officially for the 1978 season.

On that evening I said that as far as I was concerned a successful club bowling season was first and foremost a happy one and I have to say that on that score only moderate success was achieved.

Many, diverse factors were responsible for the lack of complete harmony in the Club and though we all, I am sure, have theories as to what is wrong, unfortunately no one has the complete answer as to what is needed to put it right. Perhaps the spirit of club loyalty is not always as strong in some of us as might be desirable for the running of a happy and successful club.

However, here are the bare statistics of the playing record of the first team of the Club for the 1978 season:

W.B.A.—Played 5. Won 4. Lost 1. For 445. Against 331. +114. The first knock-out round of the competition was played against Abertridwr and that game was lost. 62—84, a deficit of 22 shots.

P.G.I.—Played 5. Won 3. Lost 2. For 419. Against 389. +30.

All friendlies—Played 17. Won 11. Lost 6. For 1431½. Against 1388. +43½.

The traditional fixtures with Bristol St. Andrews and Clevedon were well supported and proved as popular as ever.

All in all the 1978 playing record bears favourable comparison with recent seasons but is nevertheless disappointing to me, as I was obviously hoping for better things.

The Club championship was won by an "A" side bowler and we congratulate Elwyn Chapple on a magnificent achievement. He must have bowled well throughout the competition and to relegate Stan Hull to the runner-up position is a distinction given to few.

On this subject we must also congratulate all the other competition winners and indeed everyone who took part in the competitions for without losers there would be no winners. At this stage it would be appropriate to thank all those people who generously gave up their own bowling time to mark competitions. Their contribution to the success of the competition programme is self evident.

The rest of this report is a catalogue of thanks to people for their contribution to the smooth running of the Club.

Firstly, thanks to Chairman Ernie Couzens and the rest of the section committee for their wise handling of Club affairs.

Next, thanks to the selection committee for the time and thought they gave to team selection. It has to be said that mistakes were made but all decisions were, finally, unanimous ones and in the nature of things it is too much to expect that *everyone* will be satisfied with them.

A special vote of thanks to the greensman and his staff. It is probably true to say that the green bowled more consistently well throughout the season than for many years past and the signs are that the standard will be maintained, if not improved in the coming season.

Thanks to the competition sub-committee for successfully and smoothly expediting the completion of the competitions and in this respect a special thank you to Malcolm Gilmore for allowing himself to be co-opted on to this committee and for giving the job a great deal of time and thought.

Once again, a special thank you to our ladies for once more giving their time on Saturday afternoons to provide us with a much needed mid-game break and for maintaining the high standard they have set themselves. On this point may I personally thank Terry O'Halloran who during a minor industrial dispute of the regular ladies teams, stepped in at the eleventh hour and with 2 or 3 non-union ladies, saved the reputation of the Club by providing novel refreshment at the Harlequins game. This year's Harlequins president is of course our own John Evans and failure to provide a meal would have severely dented his image and that of his club.

Finally, I should like to thank you all for allowing me the honour and privilege of captaining the Cardiff Athletic Bowling Club, a privilege and honour which I greatly appreciated and which I will treasure for the rest of my life. And thanks especially to the majority of the membership who sank their own personalities and prejudices to give whole-hearted support to their selection committee and to me.

In conclusion may I offer congratulations to Sid Stevens on being elected unopposed, to the Club captaincy and wish him the best of everythi in the 1979 bowling season.

"A" SIDE CAPTAIN'S REPORT

First of all, I would like to thank the members for the honour and pleasure they gave me on selection as Captain of the "A" side. I would also like to thank them for the wonderful support they gave me on a very difficult fixture list, having to play seven out of nine P.G.2 matches away from home.

Thank you Trevor and Jim for your valuable help. Until one works with these two we never realize the amount of work they put in, and not only the summer season. They are at work all the winter months, preparing to make our life such a happy one during the bowls season.

The ladies—we thank you for the usual high standard of teas, and the work you put in to keep this standard. A special thanks to Mrs. Chapple who rounded up her neighbours when our ladies were on holiday.

Match Results—

P.G.2 Played 9. Won 6. Lost 3. Shots up 123.

Friendlies Played 10. Won 8. Lost 2. Shots up 241.

I was able to captain every "A" side match throughout the season. I also captained 11 weekday club games, so I feel satisfied in my own mind that this answers the usual one or two critics.

Thank you once again for a wonderful experience.

C. F. BLOODWORTH

Club Competitions

	Winner	Runner-up
Championship	E. Chapple	S. Hull
Handicap	S. J. Stevens	R. Pullen
Two Wood	B. Hawkins	S. J. Stevens
Special Singles	G. J. Jones	W. Light
Jack Candlish Cup	L. M. Spence	T. Phillips
Pairs	(D. James) (B. Hawkins)	(E. Cross) (C. F. Bloodworth)

CARDIFF ATHLETIC LAWN TENNIS CLUB

CAPTAIN'S REPORT FOR SEASON 1978

This season began a new era in the annals of the tennis section with the transfer from the Arms Park to our new home at Sophia Gardens. Although some members viewed the move with a little sadness, it cannot be denied that the new surroundings are a great improvement on those that we had at the Arms Park. The new Tennis-Quick material with which the hard courts are laid is the best available and we are fortunate that the arrangement made between the Athletic Club and U.W.I.S.T. has enabled us to have four of these courts instead of the two that were originally planned. We owe a special debt to Mr. P. Collier as the instigator of this happy co-operation between the two bodies. Our new setting and facilities have already attracted more members, and it is hoped that next season they will attract many more. And, of course, now that the two extra hard courts are laid we shall be joined by our friends from U.W.I.S.T.

Men's League Teams

The Season started well with both the first and the second teams winning their opening matches but because of injuries to and the unavoidable absence of several key players, neither team was able to win another game and both were relegated, the first team to Division II and the second team to Division IV. However, both teams are determined to re-gain their former status next year.

Annual Tournament

This season saw the inauguration of four new junior events for three of which trophies were generously donated:—

<i>Event</i>	<i>Donor</i>
Senior Girls	Mr. Hubert Johnson
Junior Girls	Mr. Hubert Johnson
Senior Boys	Western Mail & Echo
Junior Boys	Mr. Derek Ward

and there is talk of another event next year . . . a Veterans!

The results of the tournament were:—

<i>Open Events</i>	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Runner-up</i>
Ladies Singles	J. G. Rawson	S. Olive
Men's Singles	D. F. Ward	I. Pritchard
Ladies Doubles	J. G. Rawson S. Olive	K. Bennett S. Bevan
Men's Doubles	P. Collier P. Coles	I. Pritchard J. Greenwood
Mixed Doubles	J. G. Rawson D. F. Ward	N. Walsh S. Olive

PAST CAPTAINS OF BOWLS SECTION

1924 .. J. BATSTONE	1951 .. A. H. USHER
1925 .. M. WOOD	1952 .. F. D. ALTON
1926 .. W. M. DOUGLAS	1953 .. J. S. LEWIS
1927 .. J. PRATT	1954 .. K. TOOZER
1928 .. W. H. JENKINS	1955 .. C. B. WATSON
1929 .. W. C. WILLIAMS	1956 .. J. H. WEBB
1930 .. D. L. EVANS	1957 .. E. F. COUZENS
1931 .. J. OXENHAM	1958 .. L. SMITH
1932 .. L. C. WATERS	1959 .. W. DACEY
1933 .. F. DAVIES	1960 .. A. P. FORSTER, M.B.E.
1934 .. W. T. GRIFFITHS	1961 .. T. PHILLIPS
1935 .. A. MILSOM	1962 .. W. H. THOMAS
1936 .. A. CALDER	1963 .. J. DESMOND
1937 .. C. W. STANDFAST	1964 .. REX LEWIS
1938 .. T. STRONG	1965 .. L. M. SPENCE
1939 .. E. RIDD	1966 .. J. ELLIOTT
1940 .. W. J. OLD	1967 .. J. A. JUDD
1941 .. H. W. TAYLOR	1968 .. P. E. RIDD
1942 .. J. D. ROBERTS	1969 .. G. ARTHUR
1943 .. W. T. WILLIAMS	1970 .. R. GOODING
1944 .. H. J. SALTER	1971 .. L. K. MORGAN
1945 .. A. G. COUZENS	1972 .. A. G. BOUND, M.B.E.
1946 .. A. F. MALE	1973 .. BRYN TALLIS
1947 .. A. E. TAYLOR	1974 .. D. H. PRINCE
1948 .. W. J. POWELL	1975 .. M. C. GILMORE
1949 .. F. E. BONNELL	1976 .. I. C. PRICE
1950 .. S. JONES	1977 .. D. S. DAVIES
	1978 .. COLIN WILLIAMS

<i>Handicap Events</i>	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Runner-up</i>
Ladies Singles	S. Olive	A. Lavis
Men's Singles	A. Day	P. Coles
Ladies Doubles	S. Olive	A. Lavis
	H. Davies	A. Williams

<i>Junior Events</i>	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Runner-up</i>
Senior Boys'	M. Percy	C. Russell
Junior Boys'	M. Mallick	W. Russell

This season has been one of expansion of membership which has lifted us from a low ebb of 50 or so members to somewhere towards a hundred. It is my wish for the numbers to still increase so that into next year, 1979, we should be approaching the second hundred on which to positively build the future of the tennis section.

The location at Sophia Gardens with the extra two hard courts, making four, together with three grass courts, making seven in all, have improved greatly making it attractive to both old and new members to play. The facilities make it an excellent base on which to re-build the section after moving from the Arms Park and to improve the standards of the section in the league and tournament events and thus put the tennis section back into the top of the leagues where it rightly belongs.

The new venue is becoming most attractive with every consideration being given by Mr. Francis and his Ground staff to the tennis section.

I would like to thank my Committee members who have worked to support me this year and to all members, both seniors and juniors who have shown their enthusiasm both on and off the field of play. May next year be even better.

CARDIFF ATHLETIC LAWN TENNIS CLUB

CAPTAINS

	<i>Men's</i>	<i>Ladies'</i>
1923	T. J. HOPKINS	Miss E. CLARE
1924	T. J. HOPKINS	Mrs. G. D. HORSPPOOL
1925	T. J. HOPKINS	Miss D. A. CALDER
1926	T. J. HOPKINS	Miss D. A. CALDER
1927	F. C. ORAM	Mrs. M. GERMAIN
1928	F. C. ORAM	Miss M. OXENHAM
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 M. CORNWELL
1940-45	WORLD WAR II	
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
1954	F. P. DAVIES	Mrs. M. WHEELER
1955	F. P. DAVIES	Mrs. G. RIDD
1956	F. P. DAVIES	Mrs. R. W. TAYLOR
1957	F. P. DAVIES	Mrs. M. WHEELER
1958	F. P. DAVIES	Mrs. M. WHEELER
1959	F. P. DAVIES	Mrs. M. WHEELER
1960	F. P. DAVIES	Mrs. M. WHEELER
1961	F. P. DAVIES	Miss P. RUSSELL
1962	F. P. DAVIES	Miss E. BELMAN
1963	F. P. DAVIES	Miss P. WILLETT
1964	F. P. DAVIES	Miss P. WILLETT
1965	F. P. DAVIES	Miss J. HOWELLS
1966	F. P. DAVIES	Miss J. HOWELLS
1967	F. P. DAVIES	Miss J. HOWELLS
1968	P. COLLIER	Miss J. HOWELLS
1969	P. COLLIER	Mrs. J. H. COLLIER
1970	P. COLLIER	Mrs. J. H. COLLIER
1971	P. COLLIER	Mrs. J. H. COLLIER
1972	P. COLLIER	Mrs. J. H. COLLIER
1973	D. F. WARD	Miss K. CHIVERS
1974	D. F. WARD	Miss K. CHIVERS
1975	D. F. WARD	Mrs. C. JEANS
1976	A. W. BUTCHER	Mrs. C. JEANS
1977	P. COLES	Mrs. J. RAWSON
1978	T. R. MORGAN	Mrs. J. RAWSON

CARDIFF HOCKEY CLUB

REPORT FOR SEASON 1978-79

The playing record for the season was:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Can.	For	Goals Agst.
1st XI ...	23	13	2	8	8	39	30
Cup Games ...	4	2	—	2	—	8	4
2nd XI ...	25	11	3	11	5	45	40
Cup Game ...	1	—	—	1	—	0	1
3rd XI ...	19	9	4	6	9	28	18
4th XI ...	20	8	2	10	8	39	50
5th XI ...	13	5	1	7	13	24	31
Veterans XI ...	2	—	—	2	—	1	8
Under 22 XI ...	Did not play.						
Totals ...	107	49	12	46	43	184	181

The leading goalscorers were:—

S. Sparkes	13	G. Hedlow	7
C. Grafton	10	L. Walsh	7
M. Pearce	10	T. Rodgers	7
P. Kelvin-Smith	10	A. Rhys-Jones	6
M. Chinn	9	D. Sobey	6
M. Giddy	8	R. Pirouet	6

In all 48 players scored goals for the Club including 9 hat-tricks.

Representative Honours were gained by:—

Great Britain	R. B. Williams, H. D. J. Williams.
Wales	A. Gowman, R. B. Williams, H. D. J. Williams.
Wales Indoor	A. Gowman, S. G. Sparkes, R. B. Williams, H. D. J. Williams.
S.E. Region	R. R. Wildblood, D. J. Foston, S. G. Sparkes, H. D. Williams.
Glamorgan	R. R. Wildblood.
Wales Schools	W. Hunt.

At the start of the season, I believed that we were on the way to our best season ever. My opinion was based on our considerable playing strength, the attendance at pre-season training, the good spirit in the Club, excellent performances in early six-a-side tournaments and the auspicious start made by Bryn Williams and Mike Giddy in bringing organization and leadership to the playing side of the Club. For a variety of reasons, the early promise was not fulfilled but, even worse, we failed to fulfill the potential of the best Cardiff 1st XI in recent years. One large factor in this failure was the huge mid-season break due to the weather. Before next season starts the Astroturf pitch at the Sports Centre will be completed and this should enable us to mitigate the impact of the weather on our season. In this context it is right that we

should pay tribute to Albert Francis and his groundstaff for their efforts to provide us with good pitches in the face of wretched weather conditions.

Thanks are also due to Tony Rhys-Jones, about to start his tenth year as Honorary Secretary and still as full of youthful optimism as he was ten years ago. To Garry Williams, retiring as Match Secretary after a season made difficult by the aforementioned weather. To Dave Foston, retiring as Fixture Secretary. To Chris Watts, retiring as Team Secretary from a job that will be much easier for his successor than it was in the early days of Chris's reign. To our captains, who bear the brunt of the organizational problems now that the team sheet does not exist. In particular thanks are due to Dave Parsons, the stoical captain of the 5th XI with a telephone permanently attached to his ear, and to Henry Bland who captained the 4th XI, visited exotic systems upon it, explained these systems (sometimes) and arranged permanent "professional" tea ladies whose competence was only matched by their charm.

Our umpires have again performed soundly throughout the year. Martyn Gallivan has continued to improve and this has been acknowledged by his being nominated to officiate at the Welsh Cup Final. David Earl is moving to Essex and our good wishes go with him. Our other umpires also deserve our thanks and with the intended re-organization of the Umpires Association we will be very grateful to have regular umpires to do the lower XI matches. Also, I must thank Mervyn Warfield for arranging club sweaters, Rod Wildblood for organizing our buffet dance and Paul Kelvin-Smith for safely guiding our tea and travel fund to another useful surplus. It remains only to congratulate all our members who were selected for representative honours, especially Bryn and Howard Williams who went on both the Great Britain tours to Pakistan and Australia.

R. C. McKERLICH

1st XI Report

It was a season which started well, with victory in the Penarth six-a-side tournament, and being runners-up in the Imperial sixes. There appeared to be a lot of potential and depth in the Club but in the event the results did not bear out these expectations. We were severely mauled by Beckenham, 7—1 in the first match of the London weekend, and made some slight amends on the Sunday by beating Old Kingstonians 2—1. The other bright spots were a convincing victory against Gloucester and the home league fixture against Whitchurch, when for the one match in the season we fielded our strongest team. Although we only won 1—0, the level of our superiority would easily have justified a score in double figures. There were many different factors contributing to our lack of success. Notable among these were the inability of achieving a settled team, early failure in both cup competitions, the changes in captaincy and the atrocious weather. However, it must be acknowledged that there was a lack of commitment to the team on occasion, but this could well be as a result of the other factors. In the South Wales League we finished third, which though creditable could have been a lot better if we had not lost to inferior opposition away from home.

The achievements of our individual members can however give us a great deal of satisfaction. Most notable was the selection of Bryn Williams and Howard Williams to the Great Britain team, and their performances

for G.B. at tournaments in Lahore and Perth. They were also selected for Wales, Wales Indoor and other representative sides. We did suffer through their unavailability, but the team and Club can only prosper from their membership. Steve Sparkes was selected for Wales Indoor S.E. Region and Glamorgan. Rod Wildblood and Dave Foston both played County and Regional hockey. Andy Gowman, who we are pleased to welcome to the Club, achieved representative honours with Wales Under 23, S.E. Region, Glamorgan and Welsh Universities. We also welcomed Tim Hinch, who played for Staffordshire in the English County Championship, and Geoff Medlow who had starred in the Wogga-Wogga All Stars, a team of dubious achievement and heritage.

Indoor we had a good season, winning the South Wales League and regaining the Welsh Cup. We were also invited to the Rank Xerox Capital Cities Tournament at Crystal Palace and did very well to finish third beating London, who were strongly fancied, into fifth place.

It was thus not a vintage season but there were some moments which stand out. Sadly, this year we lose Mike Giddy who has been a tower of strength to the team and has devoted a lot of time and energy to the Club. He has now decided to work overseas and we thank him for all his past efforts. We also thank Misses Bland for providing a certainty to the teas, and finally the ground staff for all their efforts to keep the pitches playable wherever possible. It is a pity our results did not always match their efforts.

C. BLACKLOCK

2nd XI Report

I am sorry to report that this season has not been as successful as the past few seasons for the second team.

Even though, on paper, we had quite a good team, it was very rare that we were able to field a full strength side. This must have been noticeable in the other sides that too many players were unavailable for different reasons, thus never giving us a chance to have a settled side. Also, the cancellations due to the icy winter conditions upset our rhythm in the middle of the season. Let us hope that we will be able to have a settled side next season.

Bill Hunt deserves a special mention for the great improvement in his goal-keeping which gained him a Welsh Schoolboy cap at the end of the season. Finally my thanks are due to Paul Kelvin-Smith for deputising as captain, to Albert Francis and his groundstaff for the usual high standard of pitches and to all the umpires.

G. S. KALER

3rd XI Report

In many respects this was a merry season with a total of ten cancelled or postponed games. The 3rds had a good chance of winning the league this year and were disappointed by drawing with Whitchurch instead of winning, a game enjoyed by all involved—if not the result.

Outstanding games were few, Bristol early on when we lost 1—4 on the shale, Marlborough even earlier (0—1) and Bristol again in March (0—2), a splendid result from a game which I missed and in which Mike Chinn excelled himself. Several players saw regular games with the 3rds and mention must be given to Duncan Smith, Peter

McLean and Chris Watts in particular. It is unfortunate we never really had a chance to stabilise the team and we suffered, with the rest of the Club, during times of International appearances both Hockey, on the field, and Rugby off it. I feel that thanks must be given to all those who have helped to make the season so enjoyable both on and off the field—naturally Albert Francis and his staff—the tea ladies (Gail Bland and friend in particular)—all those individuals who tolerated me, especially at selection committee meetings; and finally my wife who helped so much so often.

Finally let me wish Gary Williams a successful and happy forthcoming season, and the Club as a whole every sporting chance.

D. F. SOBEY

4th XI Report

I have to report a season of mixed fortunes and teams. We were reasonably successful up to Christmas when we persevered with a 4-2-3-1 formation, after Christmas with calls from above it was not possible to continue the system and our results considerably worsened. Mike Chinn and John Glenny were stalwarts of the side and Neil Pallot was sorely missed in the latter part of the season. Peter McLean and Andrew Rhys-Jones improved out of recognition, Peter, quite rightly, we lost to higher teams, we wish him success in the future. I have enjoyed captaining the side and my thanks go to so many of the veterans, like myself, who never let me down, on or off the pitch, I am sorry circumstances prevent me retaining the captaincy for 1979/80.

H. BLAND

CARDIFF HOCKEY CLUB

1978-79 Results

FIRST XI

1978		1979	
Sept. 23	Brean .. A 2-0	Jan. 27	Penarth .. A 0-0
24	Abergavenny .. A 3-0	Feb. 3	Llanishen .. H 3-2
30	Weston .. H 6-0	10	Newport .. A 1-0
Oct. 7	Beckenham .. A 1-7	24	Swansea .. A 0-2
8	O. Kingstons .. A 2-1	Mar. 3	Whitchurch .. H 2-1
14	Marlborough .. A 0-3	10	Llandaff City .. A 1-0
21	Whitchurch .. A 1-2	24	Bristol .. A 0-1
28	Penarth .. H 2-0	Apr. 3	Llandaff City .. H 3-2
Nov. 4	Llanishen .. A 0-1		
11	Gloucester .. H 4-2		
18	Cwmbran .. H 3-1		
25	Swansea .. H 1-1		
Dec. 2	Newport .. A 2-0		
16	Bath .. A 2-2		
23	Bristol .. H 0-1		

WARES IBRAHIM CUP

No. 26	Inco A	7-0
No. 26	Inco H	7-0
Feb. 4	Whitchurch ... H	0-2

WELSH CUP

Nov. 12	Swansea H	0-2
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WELSH SHIELD

Jan. 28	Chapstow A	1-0
Scratched before Semi-Final.		

SECOND XI

1978		1979	
Sept. 23	Brean II .. H 5-0	Jan. 13	Hereford II .. H 2-1
30	Weston II .. A 1-2	20	Firebrands II A 3-4
Oct. 1	Lydney .. A 0-1	27	Penarth II .. H 2-6
7	Cwmbran .. A 0-4	Feb. 3	Llanishen II .. A 1-0
14	Marlborough II H 1-2	10	Newport II .. A 4-2
21	Whitchurch II H 1-1	17	Swindon II .. H 1-0
28	Penarth II .. A 1-0	24	Swansea II .. H 1-2
Nov. 4	Llanishen II H 0-1	Mar. 3	Whitchurch II A 0-1
11	Gloucester II A 1-1	17	W. Glou. II .. H 1-3
18	Lansdown II .. A 3-1	24	Bristol II .. H 1-5
25	Swansea II .. A 0-0	Apr. 3	Llandaff City II H 7-1
Dec. 2	Newport II .. H 4-1		
9	Llandaff City II A 3-0		
16	Bath II .. H 2-1		

SECOND XI CUP

No. 19 Oystermouth II A 10-1

THIRD XI

1978		1979	
Sept. 23	B.P. Llandarcy H 1-0	Jan. 27	Penarth III .. A 1-2
30	Weston III .. H 2-0	Feb. 3	Llanishen III H 2-1
Oct. 7	Cwmbran II .. H 6-0	10	Newport III .. H W.O.
14	Marlb'gh III A 0-1	24	Swansea III .. A 1-0
21	Whitch'ch III A 0-0	Mar. 3	Whitch'ch III H 1-1
28	Penarth III .. H 3-0	10	Llandaff City III .. A 2-1
Nov. 4	Llanishen III A 1-1	24	Bristol III .. A 0-2
11	Gloucester III H 0-2	Apr. 10	Llandaff City III .. H 0-1
18	Cwmbran II .. A 1-1		
25	Swansea III .. H 5-1		
Dec. 2	Newport III .. A 1-0		
23	Bristol III .. H 1-4		

FOURTH XI

1978		1979	
Sept. 23	Brean III .. A 0-3	Jan. 13	Hereford IV .. H 8-1
30	Stanwell H.S. A 1-1	20	Firebrands IV A 0-6
Oct. 7	Lansdown IV H 2-1	Feb. 3	Llanishen IV A 4-1
14	Marlbor'gh IV H 3-0	17	Swindon IV .. H 2-0
21	Whitchurch IV H 0-1	24	B.P. Llandarcy A 2-4
28	Penarth IV .. A 4-0	Mar. 3	Whitchurch IV A 2-3
Nov. 11	Gloucester IV A 0-1	10	Whitchurch IV A 0-5
18	Lansdown III H 0-6	17	W. Glouc. IV H 1-6
25	Swansea IV .. A 2-2		
Dec. 2	Newport IV .. H 2-0		
9	Penarth III .. H 2-4		
16	Bath IV .. H 4-1		

FIFTH XI

1978		1979	
Oct. 14	Marlbor'gh V A 2-6	Feb. 3	Oysterm'th III H 5-1
21	Whitchurch V A 2-2	24	Swansea IV .. H 6-3
28	Newport IV .. H 3-2	Mar. 3	Whitchurch V H 0-1
Nov. 4	Llanishen IV H 3-0	10	Cardiff H.S. .. H 0-3
11	Gloucester V H 1-4		
18	Lansdown IV A 0-2		
25	Lansdown IV A 0-2		
Dec. 2	Cardiff H.S. .. H 0-2		
9	Stanwell H.S. A 0-5		
	Penarth IV .. A 2-0		

CARDIFF HOCKEY CLUB

Records of Past Seasons

Season	Captain	Played	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Ag't
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	1	3	81	13
1902-03	G. N. HOWELL	20	16	2	2	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	*					
1926-27	W. H. FAIRLAMB	*					
1927-28	R. J. RICHING	*					
1928-29	D. G. SHAW	*					
1929-30	F. L. LAMARQUE	25	12	4	9	79	59
1930-31	F. L. LAMARQUE	30	17	3	10	126	50
1931-32	K. G. HUGHES	29	16	4	9	87	77
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
1954-55	N. C. PALLOT	29	20	6	3	100	31
1955-56	W. A. THOMAS	29	19	3	7	103	52
1956-57	M. H. C. MEGGITT	28	16	5	7	83	59
	T. D. H. THOMAS						
1957-58	D. J. O'BRIEN	30	20	2	8	93	54
1958-59	M. H. C. MEGGITT	28	15	5	8	64	41
1959-60	G. T. WHITEWAY	26	9	5	12	62	67
1960-61	M. H. C. MEGGITT	25	13	4	8	60	47
1961-62	P. WILKINSON	30	16	8	6	90	59
1962-63	P. WILKINSON	23	15	3	5	61	32
1963-64	G. T. WHITEWAY	29	17	3	9	71	47
1964-65	G. T. WHITEWAY	32	22	2	8	98	51
1965-66	G. T. WHITEWAY	22	5	2	15	32	57
1966-67	J. R. COCKS	25	7	6	12	37	46
1967-68	J. O. ROCH	32	13	7	12	54	74
1968-69	J. R. ELLIS	30	13	9	8	50	36
1969-70	R. K. O. GODDARD	36	24	5	7	75	26
1970-71	J. COCKS	42	27	6	9	96	46
1971-72	J. COCKS	33	13	9	10	66	46
1972-73	J. COCKS	31	15	7	9	57	47
1973-74	H. M. O. GIDDY	26	17	5	4	67	24
1974-75	P. HORSFIELD	27	13	5	9	51	36
1975-76	P. HORSFIELD	33	15	8	10	73	44
1976-77	R. C. MCKERLICH	28	15	3	10	40	21
1977-78	R. R. WILDBLOOD	27	16	2	9	50	29
1978-79	R. B. WILLIAMS	23	13	2	8	39	30

* Records not available.

CARDIFF ATHLETIC GOLFING SOCIETY

The 1978 season continued with the Captain's Day Meeting at Cardiff Golf Club on 25th May. This year was no exception from previous years. The welcome was as warm as ever, the weather was perfect and the course played to its usual high standard. The Trophy to be played for was the Rhys T. Gabe Cup in a Singles Stableford competition. Three members cards were returned with a score of 34 points. The eventual winner was Peter Owen by virtue of a best last nine holes. Gerry Hunter was runner up with the second best score on the last nine. Ralph Goode was unfortunate. After scoring 20 points on the first nine holes he fell away to score only 14 points on the last nine. A prize for the best guest score was won, appropriately, by Douglas Lewis, Captain of Cardiff Golf Club and our chief guest of the day, with a score of 38 points.

Glamorganshire Golf Club was the venue of our next Meeting on 20th July. A 4-Ball B/B Stableford Competition was played for the Hubert Johnson Trophy. In the absence of the Captain, John Sanders, Chris Ashe was Captain for the day. The Trophy was won by Ralph Goode and his guest Chris McKenzie with a score of 44 points. John Povall and Mike Hirst were runners up with 42 points. A "2s" ball competition was introduced at this Meeting. There were 20 entries and 5 golf balls each were won by D. Paddison, P. Murphy, David Herbert and Elfed Davies. Our chief guest was Mr. Len Oxford, O.B.E., Captain of Glamorganshire Golf Club.

Following upon the success of last year, the Autumn Meeting was again held at Whitchurch Golf Club on 14th September. The Gwyn Nicholls Rose Bowl was at stake and played for in a Singles Stableford competition which was won by Peter Owen with a score of 35 points. Wayne Joinson of Whitchurch G.C., playing as a guest also returned a score of 35 points. Ernie Penketh, Captain of Whitchurch Golf Club was our chief guest for the day.

The Annual Dinner was held in the Top Lounge of the Athletic Club on the last Friday in January 1979. We were indeed fortunate in having, as guest speakers, Gerald Davies, Barry Nemes, Captain Cardiff R.F.C. and Colonel Roy Chapman, Captain of Llanishen Golf Club. We were particularly indebted to Barry Nemes who travelled from Porthcawl in the most atrocious weather conditions and "kicked-off" the evening with a lively, revealing and instructive exposition of the rules of golf as he understood them. Roy Chapman's speech was superbly humorous and Gerald Davies spoke with immense feeling and fervour of his experiences in Rugby Football, particularly in the Welsh XV.

Welsh XV

Those at the Dinner were given a privileged insight into the "Welsh Rugby family" and will appreciate all the more the efforts of those involved in making Welsh Rugby the envy of everyone. Regrettably through illness, our President Hubert Johnson, Vice Captain George Thomas and Hon. Treasurer Austin Thomas were unable to attend the Dinner. Mr. Laurence Godfrey, Chairman Glamorgan Golf Union kindly made the presentation of Trophies and it was interesting to note that all the winners were members of Whitchurch Golf Club. It would

be remiss of me not to mention the excellent catering facilities provided by Mrs. Gaynor Parsons and her staff.

The Annual General Meeting was held in February. Unfortunately, due to a bout of ill-health, Vice Captain George Thomas reluctantly informed the Captain that he would have to withdraw from the Captaincy for the forthcoming year. John Hailes was proposed in the usual manner and we are grateful to him for his generous acceptance of the Office.

If the popularity of the Society Meetings are measured in terms of numbers attending, the Spring Meeting of 1979 at Llanishen Golf Club on 26th April was the most successful ever. Over 60 competitors played in the 4-Ball B/B Stableford competition for the C.R.F.C. Centenary Trophy. The winners were Hugh Thomas and his guest Alan Husband with a score of 45 points. Runners-up were Gerry Hunter and his guest Mike Chugg with a score of 44 points. Our chief guest was Colonel Douglas Kelly, Captain Llanishen Golf Club.

Three further Meetings will take place in the year ahead at Cardiff Golf Club at the end of May, Glamorganshire in July and Whitchurch in October.

We would like to offer our congratulations to Alun Priday, a member of the Society on his appointment as Captain of Cardiff Golf Club. All members I know wish him every success.

Hubert Johnson

We of the Golfing Society would like to pay our small tribute to Hubert Johnson—he was our President. A man who loved his fellow man; a man who admired sportsmen of all creeds; a man who had an unquenchable love of the game of Rugby Football but more importantly, a man who through his immense personality, his integrity and humility and above his undivided interest in the affairs of the Cardiff Athletic Club will always remain a memory to be treasured. It was a privilege to have known him.

ELFED DAVIES, *Hon. Secretary*

CARDIFF ATHLETIC MALE VOICE CHOIR

The Choir had another very successful season of concerts, entertaining for many Charities, the highlight being our second visit to the London Welsh 1,000 Voice Festival at the Royal Albert Hall in October, 1978. A truly wonderful evening! We've been invited to sing again in 1980 but may have to decline as we are one of the Choir's chosen for a proposed 1,000 Voice Concert Tour of Canada and America in October 1980. That should be something to look forward to! We entertained about 500 OAPs at the City Hall on the first Sunday of the Lord Mayor's Celebrations together with the Cardiff Male Choir and the Cardiff Police Choir and had a very successful 500 voice Concert at the Colston Hall, Bristol, at the start of the World Wine Festival.

A really excellent season but marred by the sad death of our first President, Mr. Hubert Johnson. He was a very good friend to the Choir and his appointment was a great joy to him. He will be sadly missed. Our new President is our oldest member, a Founder Member, an outstanding Club Member, explayer and administrator and truly remarkable personality, Danny Davies, Esq. He's accepted the appointment with his usual abundant enthusiasm, and we look forward to many more years with "Massa" Dan at the helm.

To all old and especially new Club Members, if you have a yen to sing and have a free evening on Mondays, you are welcome to join us in the Top Lounge at 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. (except Holidays).

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