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General Secretary: K. H. GEORGE



HUBERT JOHNSON
President of the Cardiff Athletic Club

CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB

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Vice-Presidents:

THE LORD MAYOR OF CARDIFF
D. A. BROWN
THE MARQUESS OF BUTE
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EWAN G. DAVIES, J.P.
F. P. DAVIES
W. J. EVANS
E. C. HALL
HUBERT JOHNSON
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Col. Sir CENNYDD TRAHERNE
K.G., T.D., J.P.
R. F. TROTT
B. R. TURNBULL
W. H. WILKINS

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Vice-Chairman: G. CHUGG

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*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 1978

M. COLLINS
E. COUZENS
J. P. ROBERTS
G. STONE
D. WARD
T. L. WILLIAMS

To retire in 1979

G. CHUGG
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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

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.

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J. O. WEBB

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

FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

Chairman: M. COLLINS

Vice-Chairman: J. E. DAVIES

Hon. Secretary: A. J. PRIDAY

Club Captain: T. G. R. DAVIES

Captain Athletic XV: M. JOHN

A. D. S. BOWES
P. T. GOODFELLOW
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B. MARK

H. NORRIS
P. NYHAN
D. PILL
K. A. ROWLANDS
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W. H. WILKINS

A. D. WILLIAMS
Dr. C. D. WILLIAMS
LLOYD WILLIAMS
T. L. WILLIAMS

CRICKET COMMITTEE

Chairman: G. STONE

Hon. Secretary: J. O. WEBB

Asst. Hon. Secretary: S. P. LANG

Captain of Club: R. W. WEBB

Vice-Captain: W. R. JONES

Captain Second XI: R. H. WILLIAMS

Captain Reserve XI: G. STONE

Captain Sunday XI: A. C. EDWARDS

J. BUTTLE
J. I. HERBERT
I. N. HOLMES

W. LEWIS, O.B.E., J.P.
G. J. MILLS
J. D. H. RICHES

K. SIDDLE
K. D. WILLIAMS

BOWLS COMMITTEE

Chairman: E. F. COUZENS

Hon. Secretary: T. PHILLIPS

Asst. Hon. Secretary: J. H. WEBB

Captain: D. S. DAVIES

Captain 'A' Team: S. J. STEVENS

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

I. C. PRICE

M. C. GILMORE

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J. A. JUDD

B. TALLIS

LAWN TENNIS COMMITTEE

Chairman: T. R. MORGAN

Hon. Secretary: D. F. WARD

Captain: P. COLES

Ladies' Captain: J. RAWSON

Hon. Match Secretary: A. W. BUTCHER

A. COCKADAY

J. RAWSON

J. GREENWOOD

Miss E. BELMAN

G. HIGGINS

HOCKEY COMMITTEE

Chairman: R. C. McKERLICH

Captain First XI: R. R. WILDBLOOD

Captain Second XI: G. S. KALER

Captain Third XI: D. F. SOBEY

Captain Fourth XI: J. S. GLENNY

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

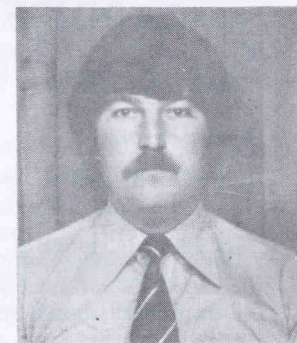
Committee:

R. J. BLEACH, J. S. READER, K. D. WILLIAMS, P. KELVIN-SMITH

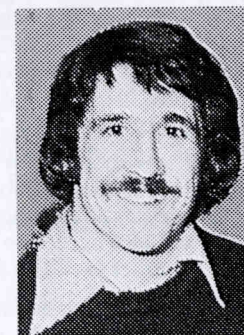
CLUB CAPTAINS



D. S. DAVIES
(Bowls)



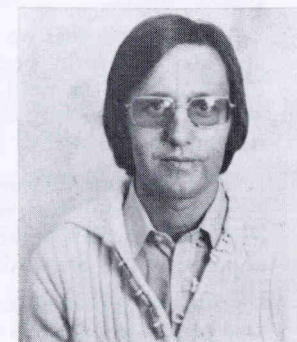
R. W. WEBB
(Cricket)



T. G. R. DAVIES
(Rugby)



R. R. WILDBLOOD
(Hockey)



P. COLES
(Lawn Tennis)

CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB

Chairman's Report for the year ended 30th April, 1978

Dear Members,

I thought that the year after the euphoria of the Centenary year of the Cardiff Rugby Football Club would be an anti-climax for all concerned. How wrong I was! The Chairmen of the various Standing Committees and their members have done sterling work and have given their unstinted time and energy to the continued smooth running of the club.

A new sub-committee was formed in April this year by the Management Committee called the Planning and Project Sub-Committee. Its terms of reference were to discuss capital projects which sections had in mind and to decide on priorities and recommend to the Management Committee the final result of their meetings and discussions.

It was finally decided by the Management Committee to remove the administration offices to the grey building at the rear of the clubhouse, and the space made available after such removal to be replanned and used as extra lounge accommodation with a larger bar service area. It was also agreed to have a new entrance for Members only and extra toilet facilities for gentlemen.

I apologise on behalf of the Management Committee for any inconvenience to the Members during the alterations which we hope will be completed by early October in time for the "All Blacks" match.

In May this year we received a letter of resignation from Mr. and Mrs. Leworthy because of the continued ill health of Mrs. Leworthy and the need for her to enjoy a complete rest; she was very popular with everyone and the Committee accepted her resignation and wished her a speedy recovery to good health.

Mrs. Gaynor Parsons, who had taken control of the bar and catering in the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Leworthy when on holiday, wrote to the Committee requesting to be considered for the appointment as Stewardess.

She was appointed as Stewardess of the Club for a six months trial period and appears to be a very accomplished and dedicated Stewardess.

I wish to thank on behalf of the Management Committee, Mr. Ewan G. Davies, the Club's Hon. Solicitor, Mr. John Riches, member of the Management Committee, also Mr. John Webb, Mr. J. R. Thomas and the two Co-opted members for the priceless advice received from them.

It is very pleasing to see our President, Mr. Hubert Johnson, looking so much better after his treatment and rest in Heath Hospital.

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

| | |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Norman Bulpin, Porthcawl | Freddy Byant, Porthcawl |
| Henry C. Morgan, Pontyclun | H. Bowcher, Hereford |
| I. Jenkins, Caerphilly | D. J. Evans, Bristol |
| Tom Rees, Fairwater Cardiff | Arthur Buckley, Cardiff son of the late Canon Buckley. |

Connie Couzens, Llandaff, wife of Ernie Couzens, Chairman, Bowls Section, C.A.C. Connie was a staunch supporter of Cardiff Rugby Club and played Bowls for Wales, Indoor and Outdoor.

Harry Rees, ex Cardiff Rugby player and Welsh International, 1937, 1938.

All of them will be sadly missed.

General Secretary's Report

Dear Mr. Chairman,

Following immediately after the Rugby Centenary Season it is pleasing to note that support by all Members is evident in the financial figures for the year ended 30th April, 1978.

Rising costs are still evident for materials and services and in comparing the Income with 1977 it must be remembered that over £78,000 last year was credited to the Rugby Section Centenary Fund.

If we compare Income with the "normal" year of 1976 Income has increased by approximately 39%

Details relevant to most figures in the Accounts are as follows:

| | | | | | | |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|--------|
| Salaries and Wages — Increase £6,892 | | | | | | £ |
| Administration and Office Staff | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2,605 |
| 6 Groundstaff | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1975 |
| Ground Manager | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2,312 |
| | | | | | | <hr/> |
| | | | | | | £6,892 |

| | | | | | | |
|--|----|----|----|----|----|--------|
| Upkeep of Grounds and Clubhouse—Increase £7,846 | | | | | | £ |
| Repairs Clubhouse Roof, Alley, painting of Fixtures | | | | | | 4,137 |
| Painting Sophia Gardens Pavilion | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2,331 |
| Water consumption and leakage | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1,360 |
| Sand, Seed fertiliser, Weedkiller | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 592 |
| | | | | | | <hr/> |
| | | | | | | 8,420 |
| Reductions — Repairs, Fixtures, etc. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 574 |
| | | | | | | <hr/> |
| | | | | | | £7,846 |

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|---|----|----|----|----|----|--------|
| Football — Away Match Expenses — Increase £2,937 | | | | | | £ |
| Coaches and Transport | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1,417 |
| Hotels | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1,876 |
| Match Expenses | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 360 |
| | | | | | | <hr/> |
| | | | | | | 3,653 |
| Reduction — End of Season Tour costs | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 724 |
| | | | | | | <hr/> |
| | | | | | | £2,929 |

Players Out of Pocket Expenses — Increase £382

Increases in Road and Rail fares.

Football — Home Match Expenses — Increase £529

Mainly increased charges for catering.

| | | | | | | |
|--|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| Football — Junior XV Expenses — Increase £886 | | | | | | £ |
| Increase in Tour Costs | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 743 |
| Net increase — Hotels and Coaches | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 143 |
| | | | | | | <hr/> |
| | | | | | | £886 |

General Rates — Decrease £749

Whilst half yearly charges to March, 1978 have increased to £3,986 and will show further increases to September, 1978 of £4,192; 1977 bore several back-dated charges on revised assessments.

Rent and Rates, Sophia Gardens — Increase £283

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| Slight increase in rates of | £154 |
| Extra supplementary rent | 129 |
| | <hr/> |
| | £283 |

Light and Heat — Increase £5,398

Electricity charges for Cardiff Arms Park and Sophia Gardens have increased by £1,430 whilst oil consumption costs have increased to £3,968.

It may now be necessary to investigate other methods of heating to reduce consumption at such a high rate.

Insurances — Increase £492

This increase in the main relates to an under reserve in the previous year's Accounts for Insurances relating to the Clubhouse and contents.

Bar Wages, Equipment and Renewals — Increase £2,456

Costs relating to Bar equipment, taxis, staff adverts and sundries have been reduced by £1,095 but Bar wages in accordance with the Wages Council Act and Staff meals have increased by £3,551.

Other Expenses

Many increases in costs have been unavoidable due to Suppliers prices and are continuing. However, the previous year's figures relate to the Centenary Year with its higher level of activity on the rugby scene and therefore comparative figures are back to normal. These refer in particular to Advertising, Gatemen, Cleaning and Sundries.

INCOME

Football Gates and Season Tickets

An excellent result even though compared with approximately £75,000 for the previous Centenary Year. No extra charges were levied for home matches, although Stand Season ticket prices were increased by nearly £3.

Profit on Sale of Programmes

More home matches were played in the Centenary Year with more bumper programmes produced.

Membership Subscriptions

In comparing income with 1977, Ground Membership was introduced this year, the subscription from which included reserved car parking facilities. Normal basic subscriptions were increased by £1 and out of the total income of £61,842 amounted to £34,018, an increase over the previous year of £31,514.

Ground Membership during this current year could be in the region of £30,000.

Car parking receipts now only refer to Member's parking at lunch-time and early evening and these charges have not yet been increased this year.

Investment Income

Capital expenditure of approximately £16,000 has been spent during the year to 30th April, 1978 with a resultant drop in investment income. In addition Bank rates have been lower.

Bar Takings

Comparisons are as follows:—

| | 1977 | 1978 |
|-------------------|--------|--------|
| | £ | £ |
| Sales .. | 97,732 | 98,362 |
| Gross Profit .. | 32,163 | 34,246 |
| Gross Profit % .. | 32.9 | 34.8 |

Increases in costs of Brewers' supplies have been added to Bar prices but in many cases only pure extra costs have been charged to Members. It is considered that Bar prices are very fair and very few other establishments would have been prepared to accept a drop in gross profit of £718 after paying Bar wages viz:—

| | 1977 | 1978 |
|-------------------|--------|--------|
| | £ | £ |
| Gross Profit .. | 32,163 | 34,246 |
| Less Bar Wages .. | 12,909 | 15,710 |
| Net Bar Profit .. | 19,254 | 18,536 |

Raffles, Prize Draws

Proceeds are mainly from a raffle of a luxurious Bath donated to the Rugby Club by Edward Curran, Ltd. Response to the raffle was extremely poor.

"300" Club profit

Whilst a similar profit has been attained for 1978, it is a pleasure to report that for the forthcoming year a record number of Members have joined, the total being just under 300.

Profit on Shop Sales

Profit from Sales has been achieved for only part of the year, from 1st August, 1977, before which it was included in the Centenary Accounts. Our grateful thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Eddie John who run the Shop as a labour of love and have no thoughts of retiring.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Cardiff Arms Park

| | £ |
|--|--------|
| New Car Parking Equipment | 1,070 |
| Re-surfacing old Grass Tennis Courts | 4,000 |
| Lighting for new RFC Scoreboard | 214 |
| | <hr/> |
| | £5,284 |

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|---|-------|
| Sophia Gardens | £ |
| Laying concrete, kerbing, alteration to Staging, etc. | 1,167 |
| Final Account, new Club Hard Tennis Courts | 8,545 |

Future Planning and Projects

Excesses of Income over Expenditure for 1977 and 1978 are encouraging in that they total £38,400 with only £8,500 put aside for further maintenance, etc. Out of the surplus it has cost the Club £25,343 for capital expenditure at the Arms Park and Sophia Gardens.

Since the 30th April of this year, the Management Committee has adopted proposals by the Planning and Projects Subcommittee to provide better facilities for Members in the Bottom Lounge. By October, 1978, therefore, our Investments will disappear.

To those Members who earnestly read the Annual Reports, I would apologise for pointing out obvious facts. To those, hopefully only a few, who always query any slight increases in Subscriptions or Bar Prices, I can only say that surpluses in the region of £20,000 per annum are imperative if we are to make any headway in building up funds again to provide so many more worthwhile indoor and outdoor facilities for young and elderly Members.

K. H. GEORGE (*General Secretary*)

I congratulate last year's Chairman of the Cardiff R.F.C., Mr. Malcolm Collins; the Club's captain, Mr. Gerald Davies; the Committee and players of the Cardiff R.F.C. on their very successful playing season.

To Mr. Ken George and the office staff, congratulations on the smooth working of the general administration.

The Ground Staff under the new Ground Manager, Mr. Albert Francis, have worked very efficiently and all sections are very pleased with the improvement of playing facilities.

To the Bar and Catering staff under the stewardship of Mrs. Gaynor Parsons during the last six months, many thanks for helping to keep the wheels moving smoothly.

I wish to thank my Vice-Chairman, Mr. Gerry Chugg, for his advice and unstinted support and to say thank you to all committees and members for their support at all times. I also appreciate the untiring and loyal work of all the various section officials and members who devote much of their time and energy on behalf of the Club.

To all members of every section, thank you for all your support and I hope you will enjoy the new facilities that the Club is providing for you and remember that we belong to a Club that will always be "The Greatest".

Cardiff Rugby Supporters Club

May 13th — 1977 Player of the Year Award

A very well attended function with Gerald Davies as our Guest of Honour. Centenary Trays were presented to all first XV players, and with Buffet and Cabaret, the occasion was a great success.

August 20th, 1977

A coach load of Supporters travelled to Aberaeron for the Sevens Tournament, and a great day's entertainment was made complete when Cardiff won the major trophy.

September 17th, 1977

The annual summer pilgrimage was made to Nuneaton with the usual lavish hospitality dispensed by the Internationals.

September 23rd, 1977

A Musical Evening with the Cambrian Male Voice Choir as our entertainers. Again a magnificent Buffet, and again a full house.

December 16th, 1977—Annual Dinner Dance

Better attended than our previous Dinners with an excellent meal provided by our Stewardess, Mrs. Leworthy. With speeches short and to the point, and music provided by the Vic Halliday Band, the evening went with a swing.

January 3rd, 1978

A trip to London to support Cardiff v London Welsh, and Wales v England. A gratifying double victory, and altogether a splendid week-end.

January 21st, 1978

A Film Show and Buffet well attended and highly acclaimed.

April 14th, 1978

A memorable week-end when we travelled to Cornwall to support the Cardiff Tour. Our headquarters were at Penzance where the "Pirates" granted us the use of their Club House during our stay, and proved to be splendid hosts. We attended both games and enjoyed the after match hospitality extended to us.

Skittles

Friendly games were played weekly during the winter and two teams entered in the Summer League, where they acquitted themselves very creditably.

Trips were made to support Cardiff on most of their away games.

The Souvenir Caravan, staffed by our Chairman and Mrs. John continues to do a brisk business.

LES SPENCE

CARDIFF MEMBERS OF THE WALES TEAM THAT TOURED AUSTRALIA SUMMER 1978



GARETH DAVIES, STUART LANE, TERRY HOLMES, T. G. R. DAVIES, P. DANIELS, M. WATKINS

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

| 1977 | EXPENDITURE | £ |
|-----------------|--|-----------------|
| £ | | £ |
| 32,635 | To Salaries and Wages | 39,527 |
| 7,502 | Upkeep of grounds and Clubhouse | 15,348 |
| 5,358 | Football—away match expenses | 8,285 |
| 1,964 | Football players' out of pocket expenses | 2,346 |
| 8,808 | Football—home match expenses | 9,337 |
| 1,095 | Football—Junior XV expenses | 1,981 |
| 5,163 | Stationery, telephone and postages | 4,926 |
| 931 | Cost of Annual Report | 926 |
| 5,446 | Advertising, Season Tickets etc. | 3,193 |
| 2,640 | Gatemen | 2,264 |
| 8,755 | Rates | 8,005 |
| 2,917 | Rent and rates—Sophia Gardens | 3,200 |
| 11,068 | Light and Heat | 16,466 |
| 791 | Sundry Items | 308 |
| 1,085 | Laundry | 1,249 |
| 7,064 | Cleaning | 6,283 |
| 682 | Dinner, Dance, Ladies' Night, Photographs and Awards | 737 |
| 2,004 | Football Equipment | 1,841 |
| 1,000 | Audit Fees | 1,000 |
| 3,459 | Insurances | 2,967 |
| 200 | Football Insurance Fund | 200 |
| 588 | Medical Expenses | 1,320 |
| 102 | Donations | 337 |
| 1,428 | Plant repairs, petrol and oil | 2,311 |
| 1,184 | Sectional expenses | 1,594 |
| 2,393 | History of Cardiff RFC—Cost of sales | — |
| | BAR PURCHASES: | |
| 6,153 | Opening stock | 6,056 |
| 65,472 | Purchases | 65,180 |
| 71,625 | | 71,236 |
| 6,056 | Less: Closing stock | 7,120 |
| 65,569 | | 64,116 |
| 16,262 | Bar wages, equipment, renewals and expenses | 18,718 |
| | DEPRECIATION: | |
| | Furniture and fittings | |
| 1,020 | Cardiff Arms Park | 962 |
| 143 | Sophia Gardens | 204 |
| 1,730 | Ground maintenance equipment | 1,730 |
| 55 | Office equipment | 218 |
| 2,948 | | 3,114 |
| 3,500 | Repairs and maintenance reserve | 5,000 |
| 15,953 | Excess of income over expenditure | 13,951 |
| <u>£220,494</u> | | <u>£240,850</u> |

For the Year ended 30th April, 1978

| 1977 | INCOME | £ |
|-----------------|---|-----------------|
| £ | | £ |
| 39,859 | By Football Gates | 43,803 |
| 13,438 | Season Tickets | 15,552 |
| 53,297 | | 59,355 |
| 563 | Snelling "Seven-a-side" Tournament | 360 |
| 3,008 | Profit on sale of programmes | 1,917 |
| 56,868 | | 61,632 |
| 31,514 | Members' subscriptions | 61,842 |
| 6,595 | Ground earnings | 7,550 |
| 19,829 | Car park receipts | 3,068 |
| 3,917 | Less: Attendants' wages | 3,373 |
| 15,912 | | (305) |
| 1,776 | Broadcasting fees | 1,865 |
| | Investment Income | |
| | Dividends: | |
| 50 | Arms Park (Cardiff) Greyhound Racing Co. (1956) Limited | 20 |
| 97 | Target Preference Share Fund | 99 |
| 79 | Tax credit recoverable | 63 |
| | Interest: | |
| 3 | Trustee Savings Bank | 3 |
| (179) | Lloyds Bank Limited | (146) |
| 2,269 | Lloyds & Scottish Finance Limited | 1,062 |
| 2,319 | | 1,101 |
| 2,312 | History of Cardiff RFC | — |
| 97,732 | Bar takings | 98,362 |
| 519 | Catering takings | 618 |
| 3,832 | Fruit machine income less rental and licence | 5,102 |
| 434 | Hire of rooms | 475 |
| 106 | Profit on sale of Club ties, badges and scarves | 117 |
| 575 | Assignment of ticket rights | 650 |
| — | Raffles, prize draws | 280 |
| — | Profit on shop sales | 1,561 |
| <u>£220,494</u> | | <u>£240,850</u> |

BALANCE SHEET

| 1977 | | LIABILITIES | |
|--------|--|--|---------|
| £ | | | £ |
| | | Members' Fund | |
| 81,198 | | From last account | 98,255 |
| 1,104 | | Add "300" Club | 1,170 |
| | | Excess of income over expenditure for the year ended 30th April 1978 | 13,951 |
| 15,953 | | | |
| 98,255 | | | 113,376 |
| | | | |
| 1,180 | | Football Insurance Fund | 1,411 |
| | | | |
| 3,500 | | Repairs and Maintenance Reserve | 8,500 |
| | | | |
| | | Creditors | |
| 8,099 | | Subscriptions prepaid | 9,252 |
| 56,559 | | Accrued expenses | 46,442 |
| 4,674 | | Capital expenditure | 1,605 |
| 5,175 | | Deferred credit—Assignment of ticket rights | 5,200 |
| 74,507 | | | 62,499 |

Report of the Auditors to the Members of Cardiff Athletic Club

We have examined the accounts set out on pages 18 to 23 In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the Club's affairs at 30th April 1978 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, 31st August 1978

£177,442

£185,786

as at 30th April, 1978

| 1977 | | ASSETS | At | At |
|----------|--|---|--------|----------|
| £ | | | 1,577 | 30,478 |
| 22,440 | | Cardiff Arms Park | £ | £ |
| 18,618 | | Ground development | 22,440 | 5,284 |
| 10,733 | | Club House | 18,618 | — |
| | | Bowls Pavilion | 10,733 | — |
| | | Sophia Gardens | | |
| 15,886 | | Pavilion and groundsman's flat | 15,886 | 1,167 |
| 7,000 | | Tennis courts | 7,000 | 8,545 |
| 74,677 | | | 74,677 | 14,996 |
| | | | | 89,673 |
| | | Furniture and Fittings | | |
| | | Cardiff Arms Park | | |
| 3,888 | | From last account | 3,888 | 3,747 |
| 879 | | Additions | 879 | 111 |
| | | | | |
| 4,767 | | Less: Depreciation | 4,767 | 3,858 |
| 1,020 | | | 1,020 | 962 |
| 3,747 | | | | 2,896 |
| | | Sophia Gardens | | |
| 405 | | From last account | 405 | 262 |
| — | | Additions | — | 408 |
| | | | | |
| 405 | | Less: Depreciation | 405 | 670 |
| 143 | | | 143 | 204 |
| 262 | | | | 466 |
| | | Ground Maintenance Equipment | | |
| 1,560 | | From last account | 1,560 | 4,794 |
| 4,964 | | Additions | 4,964 | — |
| | | | | |
| 6,524 | | Less: Depreciation | 6,524 | 4,794 |
| 1,730 | | | 1,730 | 1,730 |
| 4,794 | | | | 3,064 |
| | | Office Furniture | | |
| 215 | | From last account | 215 | 160 |
| — | | Additions | — | 654 |
| | | | | |
| 215 | | Less: Depreciation | 215 | 814 |
| 55 | | | 55 | 218 |
| 160 | | | | 596 |
| | | Investments | | |
| 5,200 | | WRU—Debentures repayable 2,026 (interest free) | 5,200 | 5,200 |
| 2,100 | | Target Preference Share Fund—8,400 units | 2,100 | 2,100 |
| 1,500 | | 3% Savings Bonds 1965/75 | 1,500 | — |
| | | Arms Park (Cardiff) Greyhound Racing Co. (1956) Limited | | |
| 100 | | 200 Ordinary 5p shares—fully paid | 100 | 100 |
| 20,000 | | Short term deposit | 20,000 | 20,000 |
| 73 | | Trustee Savings Bank | 73 | 76 |
| 28,973 | | | | 27,476 |
| | | Current Assets | | |
| 11,924 | | Stocks | 11,924 | 13,603 |
| 21,926 | | Sundry debtors | 21,926 | 16,801 |
| 26,205 | | Bank balance | 26,205 | 27,209 |
| 4,774 | | Cash in hand | 4,774 | 4,002 |
| 64,829 | | | | 61,615 |
| £177,442 | | | | £185,786 |

CARDIFF R.F.C. CENTENARY FUNDS

Income and Expenditure for the Year ended 30th April, 1978

| EXPENDITURE | | | | INCOME | | | |
|-------------|-------------------------|---------|--------|---------|-----------------------------|---------|--------|
| 1977 - | | | | 1977 | | | |
| £ | | | £ | £ | | | £ |
| 17,999 | Functions, Dances, etc. | | 408 | 15,760 | Centurions | .. .. . | — |
| 26,659 | Match expenses | .. .. . | — | 10,729 | Functions, Film shows, etc. | | — |
| 1,086 | Wages, clerical officer | .. .. . | — | 9,996 | Donations | .. .. . | 50 |
| 206 | Postages | .. .. . | — | 4,944 | Centenary shop profit | .. .. . | — |
| 22,828 | Canadian Tour | .. .. . | — | 34,672 | Match gates | .. .. . | — |
| 1,213 | VAT | .. .. . | — | 2,333 | Bank interest | .. .. . | 1,609 |
| | Excess of income over | | | | Excess provisions written | | |
| 8,443 | expenditure | | 2,001 | — | back | | 750 |
| <hr/> | | | | <hr/> | | | |
| £78,434 | | | £2,409 | £78,434 | | | £2,409 |
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Balance Sheet as at 30th April, 1978

| | | | | | |
|---------|---------------------------|---------|---------|--------------------------|---------|
| £ | | £ | £ | | £ |
| | Accumulated Fund: | | 3,534 | Debtors | — |
| — | Balance brought forward | 8,443 | 2,439 | Estimated stock | — |
| | Excess of income over | | 20,000 | Short term deposit | 10,000 |
| 8,443 | expenditure | 2,001 | | | |
| <hr/> | | <hr/> | | Bank balances: | |
| 8,443 | | 10,444 | 1,004 | Current Account | 96 |
| 27,822 | Creditors | 501 | 10,799 | Deposit Account | 849 |
| | Amount payable to central | | | | |
| 1,511 | club funds | — | | | |
| <hr/> | | <hr/> | <hr/> | | <hr/> |
| £37,776 | | £10,945 | £37,776 | | £10,945 |
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CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB

Statement of Source and Application of Funds Year ended 30th April 1978

| 1977 - | | £ |
|---|---|----------------|
| £ | | £ |
| Source of Funds | | |
| Funds generated from Operations | | |
| 15,953 | Excess of income over expenditure for year | 13,951 |
| 1,104 | Profit on "300" Club | 1,170 |
| (300) | Increase/(Reduction) of Football Insurance Fund | 231 |
| Adjustment for items not involving the movement of funds: | | |
| 2,948 | Depreciation | 3,114 |
| 3,500 | Transfer to repairs and maintenance reserve | 5,000 |
| <u>£23,205</u> | | <u>£23,466</u> |
| Application of Funds | | |
| 16,190 | Purchase of fixed assets | 16,169 |
| 5,203 | (Decrease)/Increase in amounts invested | (1,497) |
| <u>£21,393</u> | | <u>£14,672</u> |
| Increase in Working Capital | | |
| (2,195) | Increase/(Decrease) in stocks | 1,679 |
| 13,688 | (Decrease)/Increase in debtors | (5,125) |
| (30,935) | Decrease/(Increase) in creditors | 12,008 |
| 21,254 | Increase in bank balances | 232 |
| 1,812 | | 8,794 |
| <u>£23,205</u> | | <u>£23,466</u> |

CARDIFF RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Season 1977-78

In June 1977 there occurred one of the greatest moments of my life when I was elected Chairman of the "Greatest" Rugby Club in the world. This was for me an even higher accolade than having been made Cardiff captain in season 1955-56. I also regarded it as a tremendous challenge following our successful centenary year. My reliance on the guidance and assistance of the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Alun Priday, was immediate and my administrative responsibilities were soon efficiently organised. In retrospect, it would appear that the Club's victory in August 1977 in the Aberavon Sevens, over the select "Inn on the River" side, augured well for the rest of the season.

An encouraging start to the season was made in September with notable victories over Maesteg, Neath, Bristol, Aberavon, Coventry and Pontypool. The latter two victories were particularly gratifying, hard earned as they were.

On October 1st we were due to play the "old enemy"—Newport—who had made an inauspicious start to their season. Notwithstanding, as in all Cardiff-Newport games, our self-confidence and cocksureness was destroyed by an efficient Newport team who beat us 27-10. Our next game was at Pontypridd and again we were outplayed and lost 24-11. I well remember touch judge Peter Nyhan, flag raised, standing like a Welsh Guardsman, signalling a Cardiff foot in touch in the Cardiff half, whilst a vital Cardiff score was being made under the Pontypridd posts; and back to the first infringement both teams went! At this juncture the sense of despondency and alarm which appeared in the Cardiff camp was dispelled by Gerald Davies' positive assertion that these were temporary set-backs and that the team would recover to play entertaining, enjoyable, fifteen-man rugby—which they straight away did, as witnessed in the wins over Northampton, Penarth, Cambridge University and Harlequins. The game against the unbeaten Moseley side away was lost in an exciting tussle 18-9, owing mainly to Moseley's defence and place kicking abilities.

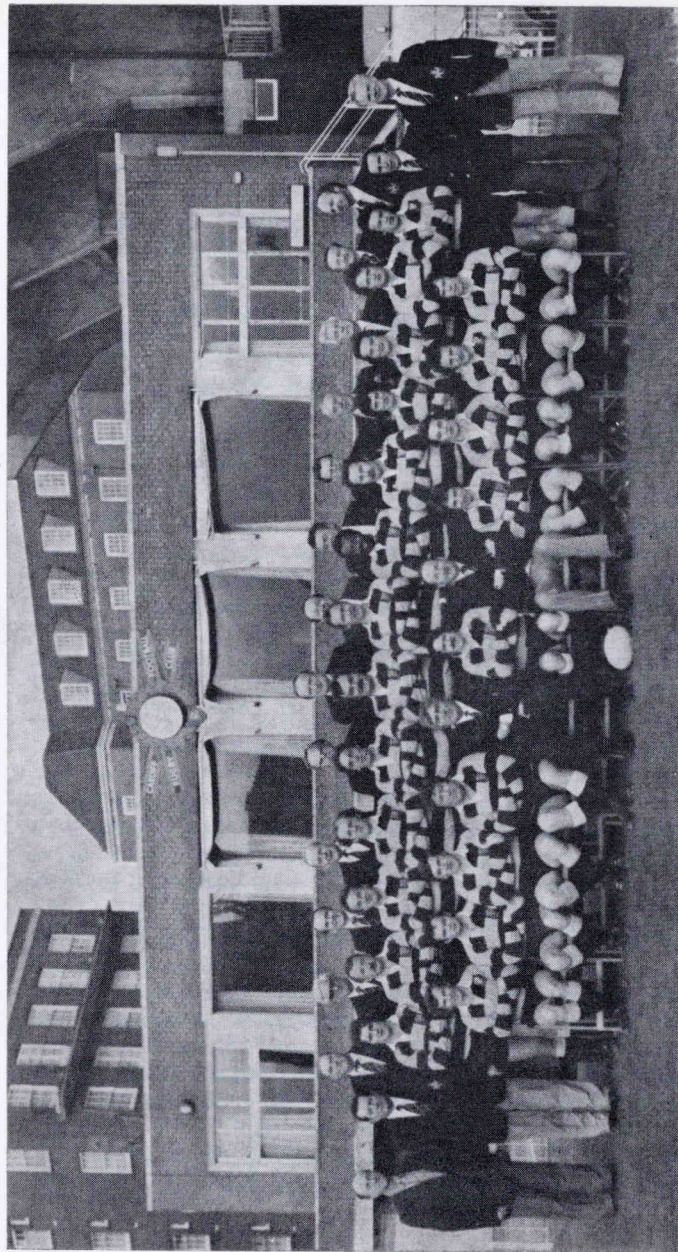
November arrived and brought good wins against Oxford University and Ebbw Vale. The commencement of our W.R.U.

Cup programme began with a first round draw against Garndiffaith (away), the proud Gwent club perched on a windswept hill just north of Pontypool. An exciting game was witnessed, with the "Garn" team tackling and chasing like heroes, and Cardiff were lucky to win by three penalty kicks to nil. Thence westward to Llanelli, where we had not won in nine years. Positive attacking rugby produced a convincing win for Cardiff by 20 to 10, which personally eradicated memories of my last visit to Stradey in season 1974-75 when we lost 37-10.

Early December saw a good win against Swansea, mainly ensured by "lady luck" and the kind bounce of the ball for us. The game against renowned Pontypool on a cold, rainy, windy night produced a large partisan Wednesday crowd, a superb 80 minute demonstration of forward power-play and a thrilling late rally by Cardiff, thereby ensuring an honourable draw. The London Welsh game was a personal triumph for ex-Wanderers centre Pat Daniels, who amassed a tally of five tries in an outstanding game which we comfortably won. Our second W.R.U. Cup game was played on the Arms Park against Cwmavon who, although they played enthusiastically, could not match us for power, speed and skill and we won 27-6. A good win 18-6 was also achieved against Bridgend on the Brewery Field despite a second half onslaught by the Bridgend pack. It was good to have the tactical control of Varsity Blue Gareth Davies, back in harness, after his two months with Oxford University.

No Christmas spirit was evident at the Arms Park on Boxing Day, when Pontypridd achieved a notable double against us in a well-deserved victory 13-9. The end of 1977 saw a tremendous struggle against Coventry when, having built up a commanding lead, Coventry almost overhauled us in a nailbiting finish, and we ended up victors 24-22. So ended 1977 on a high water mark of success with a long run of victories, four losses and one drawn game. But could we sustain Club and Cup performances into 1978?

The New Year began in superb fashion with the game against London Scottish, in which both sides excelled in open play and counter-attack, producing in the end a good win for us by 31-21. Bedford's scalp fell to us next in an unrelenting, dour game. Then came our W.R.U. Cup visit to Pontypool Park, where our chances of success against the famed "Pooler Eight" were nationally advertised as "minimal". As predicted, Pontypool dominated the game up front, but Cardiff's rock-like defence held firm and



Back Row:

Second Row:

Seated:

A. D. S. BOWES, W. H. WILKINS, C. D. WILLIAMS, L. M. SPENCE, J. E. DAVIES, K. A. ROWLANDS, L. L. WILLIAMS, H. NORRIS, P. NYHAN, T. L. WILLIAMS, D. M. JAMES, B. MARK, A. D. WILLIAMS.
 D. PILL, C. T. HOWE, P. DANIELS, D. LEWELLYN, S. LANE, R. DUDLEY-JONES, T. CHARLES, P. RAWLINS, I. ROBINSON, C. SMITH, R. LANE, G. DAVIES, M. MURPHY, A. PHILLIPS, T. BRAHIM, J. EVANS (*Coach*), T. HOLLEY (*Masseur*).
 J. DAVIES, D. THOMAS, M. WATKINS, B. G. NELMES (*Vice-Captain*), M. L. COLLINS (*Chairman*), T. G. R. DAVIES (*Captain*), A. J. PRIDAY, (*Hon. Secretary*), JULIAN O'BRIEN, T. HOLMES, C. CAMILLERI, D. BARRY.

Gerald Davies capitalised on four good movements to score four magnificent tries, in so doing emulating his Lions' Hawkes Bay performance, to steal the game for us 16-11.

February brought heavy frost, ice and bad ground conditions, causing us to cancel the games against Bristol and Heriots F.P., but the inclement weather did not stop us inflicting defeats on London Welsh and Llanelli. Our W.R.U. Cup game at Ebbw Vale, the third Cup game we had been drawn away in Gwent—saw us 10-4 down at the interval, but following a stern half-time lecture, a transformed Cardiff became a decisive attacking machine to win the game 29-10.

March arrived with a rearranged game against Newport which was won 12-3 although the Black and Ambers had the greater share of ball possession. The game against Bridgend on the Arms Park followed its now familiar pattern and again we narrowly lost 7-6 in a game in which J. P. R. Williams was undoubtedly Bridgend's "saviour"! Our next visitors were the Lancashire side, Orrell, who played superb Jubilee rugby against us in a game in which we finally ran out good winners.

On Easter Saturday, in front of the largest crowd of the season, Cardiff's initial surge and momentum against the Barbarians was blunted, and then overcome, by a Baa Baas pack well led by England captain Billy Beaumont and a speedy, competent back line. We lost 20-8.

On Easter Monday, a changed Cardiff side, containing many challengers seeking places against Swansea in the next round of the Cup, comfortably disposed of Harlequins 22-6.

Our Cup game against Swansea at Aberavon arrived with the "All Whites" firm favourites after an immense forward carve-up of the Baa Baas on Easter Monday. Swansea dominated up to the last quarter of the game and led 15-3, only to be pressured by a frantic Cardiff blitzkrieg in which two magnificent length of the field tries were scored. But at the end of the game it was 18-13 to Swansea, and we wish them well in the Cup Final.

An opportunity to redress the balance occurred in the following week when we disposed of the two Cup Finalist teams. Newport were well beaten 29-8 on Cardiff Arms Park by a rejuvenated pack and some incisive three-quarter play; and Swansea were defeated 16-12 at St. Helen's in a game punctuated by injuries and replacements.

Messrs. Bowes and Nyhan, and others, avidly looked forward to the Cornish Tour, where we stayed in Penzance; and were not disappointed. The Cornish champions were thrust aside in a 46-3 blitz as the Club ran in ten superb tries. Following the traditional Sunday visit to Sennen Cove, a St. Ives side was beaten by 37-0 in driving wind and rain on Monday.

Unfortunately the Club had to send a much depleted side to Neath for the last game of the season and subsequently lost 31-13.

Our playing record for the season is as follows:

Played 38 Won 30 Lost 7 Drawn 1 Points for 859
Points against 433

This is exclusive of our Cup record.

Our brand of running rugby has totalled 152 tries and happily is in keeping with the traditional standards of the Cardiff Club. **Leading try scorers** are: Pat Daniels (21), T. G. Davies (18), C. Camilleri (15). **Highest points scorers** are: David Barry (170 pts.), Gareth Davies (99 pts. in 14 games). Certain players have naturally, in consequence of the team's success, attained national honours. On the eve of the Baa Baas game it was announced that Cardiff R.F.C. had six representatives in the Welsh squad to tour Australia in May 1978, namely T. G. Davies, Pat Daniels, Gareth Davies, Terry Holmes, Mike Watkins and Stuart Lane. We offer sincere congratulations, good wishes and "bon voyage" to them all. Likewise again, to Gerald Davies on equalling Ken Jones' record number of caps and to Gareth Edwards on reaching 53 Welsh caps not out. To Barry Nemes, who deservedly regained his England position, to Mike Watkins and Stuart Lane, who were chosen for Wales B v. France B, we also offer sincere congratulations. In this respect, too, we offer congratulations to our good friend Brynmor Williams, now with Newport. In season 1977-78 to date, seven new first XV caps, reflecting the team's youthful emphasis, have been won by Pat Daniels, Don Llewellyn, David Barry, Terry Holmes, Peter Rawlins, Terry Charles and Glyn Davies.

My personal thanks go to John Davies, my Vice-Chairman, who has supported me wholeheartedly; to Alun Priday, whose expertise has helped me considerably; to Peter Nyhan, Assistant Hon. Secretary, who has proved an able successor in charge of programmes to David Hayward; to Brian Mark, Fixture Secretary, "l'extraordinaire"; to Keith Rowlands, who has represented East District and us so capably; to the Rugby Committee, good men

and true, and in particular to our hard working Selection Committee, and to our Club Coaches John Evans, Chris Padfield and Roger Beard; to Ken George and his conscientious and cooperative office staff; to the Ground Manager, Albert Francis, and all his staff, together with Bill Hardiman; to Mr. Harold Richards, the Club doctors, physios and Club masseurs for their medical expertise; to our Steward and Stewardess, Norman Leworthy and wife, and their bar staff for their wholehearted efforts on our behalf; to the Supporters Club, led by Ted John, for their loyalty and support; to the St. Alban's Band and their conductor, John Williams; to Don Davies and all the Club Stewards; and to all loyal Club members everywhere.

CARDIFF ATHLETIC XV—SEASON 1977/78

Mervyn John was appointed captain last summer, and as befitting one of our most constructive open side wing forwards, welded the Rags into an impressive running machine on the Hayward pattern. Many games resulted in over 40 points being scored. Unfortunately, crucial points were lost in the Silver Ball competition against Bargoed and Bridgend Sports which relegated us from final honours. The contribution of recent ex-Cardiff Youth players like Huw Jones, who has played several games for First XV, Gareth Luff, Tony Morgan, Ashley Ellison and David Miller has been noted, as has the good support of the Rags when they have played on the Arms Park. Newcomers Nick Ward from Llandaff and Paul Elliot have made an immediate impact in their first seasons in the Club.

PLAYING RECORD:

Played 34 Won 29 Lost 3 Drawn 2 Points for 995
Points against 231

TOP TRY SCORERS:

Nick Ward 15, Derek Preece 14, Mervyn John 8, Lawrence O'Brien 8.

TOP POINTS SCORER:

Nick Ward with 144 points.

RAGS CAPS AWARDED TO:

Paul Elliot, Bob Newman, Julian O'Brien, Derek Preece, Nick Ward, Neil O'Donnell, Huw Jones, David Miller.

M. COLLINS, *Chairman*



Back Row: A. D. S. BOWES, W. H. WILKINS, C. D. WILLIAMS, L. M. SPENCE, K. A. ROWLANDS, J. E. DAVIES, H. NORRIS, L. L. WILLIAMS, P. NYHAN, D. M. JAMES, B. MARK.

Second Row: D. PILL, C. T. HOWE, G. WALLACE, H. JONES, G. LUFF, I. ROBINSON, BOB DUDLEY-JONES, L. O'BRIEN, N. TIDBALL, N. WARD, T. L. WILLIAMS, A. D. WILLIAMS.

Seated: A. JAMES (*Massur*), P. ELLIOTT, B. NEWMAN, J. O'BRIEN, M. L. COLLINS (*Chairman*), M. JOHN (*Captain*), A. J. PRIDAY (*Hon. Secretary*), J. DAVIES, C. CAMILLERI, T. BRAHIM, J. EVANS (*Coach*).

CARDIFF JUNIOR XV

The Youth XV, under the captaincy of Robert Lakin, had yet again another successful season.

Twelve of the team played for the Cardiff and District team, and Robert Lakin also captained this team. He also captained the Welsh Youth team in all three internationals played during the season. International caps were also won by lock David (Jumbo) Thomas, wing Stephen Miller and flanker David Hancock. Philip Spear was substitute for the French match. Les Jones was appointed trainer for the Welsh squad for the season.

Peter Souto, one of our schoolboy members, won his Welsh Schools cap against England, and prop Chris Collins was a member of the squad.

Try scorers: Stephen Miller 16, Robert Lakin 16, David Bishop 12, Mark Brinkworth and Danny Miller 10. Mark Powell scored 7 tries, 43 conversions, 21 penalties and 1 drop goal.

Colours were awarded to Michael Barry, David Bishop, Mark Brinkworth, Chris Collins, Tim Crothers, Andrew Gilham, David Hancock, Danny Miller, Kevin Trevett and Nigel Webb.

A short weekend tour to Jersey proved successful on the field, the team winning both matches 22-0 and 23-0.

The squad, during the season, raised £800 towards the tour cost, due to raffles £200, Disco £40, Subs/Fines £260. Each member of the tour party, including officials, was also asked for £10.

Once again, I should like to express my thanks to the Members of the Athletic Club for their generosity in both presenting raffle prizes, and also purchasing raffle tickets from the squad members in the Clubhouse after matches. The Subs/Fines total of £260 was raised by the boys paying subs of 20p per game plus 1p for every point scored against the team during that game. The Sub-committee were excused this, but pay 50p subs at each game. Les Jones collected the fines, mainly for not wearing ties.

The Cardiff Rugby Supporters Club again gave us a skittle evening at the Club. We entertained them for another match at the Royal Tudor Hotel, thanks to scrum half David Bishop's father, who is "mine host". We had two very enjoyable evenings. Unfortunately the Supporters Skittle team beat us on both occasions.

The team received a tremendous "fillip" when Roger Beard was appointed coach. He proved a very hard task-master, and

CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB (JUNIOR XV)—Season 1977-1978



Back Row: J. O'DONNELL, L.L. WILLIAMS, R. JONES, D. HANCOCK, D. THOMAS, P. SPEAR, M. BRINKWORTH, P. SOUTO, N. WILLIAMS, K. JONES, S. DAW, LES JONES.
Seated: C. COLLINS, S. MILLER, D. MILLER, P. GOODFELLOW, R. LAKIN (*Captain*), R. BEARD, M. POWELL, A. GILHAM, D. BISHOP.
In Front: K. TREVETT, T. COLLINS, M. BARRY, M. O'DONNELL.

devoted a lot of time coaching and training the team, and some of his "moves" were a joy to watch. A lot of satisfaction must have been received by him, for some excellent rugby served up by the squad.

Don Pill, as secretary, worked extremely hard throughout the season, and a special vote of thanks must go to him also. My sincere thanks also to the rest of the Sub-committee, Jim O'Donnell, Les Jones (trainer), Gerry Donovan and Weldon Davies.

Robert Lakin, the popular captain, was a tower of strength both on and off the field. As well as captain of the Welsh international team, he also captained the Cardiff and District team. He received acclaim from the Welsh Youth Committee for his performances on the field and also for his after dinner speeches at the international matches. I was fortunate enough to hear his excellent speech after the Wales v. England game.

Unfortunately for the Cardiff Youth team, Bob has to go on now to senior rugby, together with many other members of the squad. We wish them all well and hope that their Cardiff Youth training will stand them in good stead for the future.

A special mention must go to hooker Mike O'Donnell, who also leaves the squad after four seasons with the Youth. Altogether Mike has made 65 appearances for the team. He missed only one game this season, because he was hooking for the Athletic side. Another stalwart, David Thomas, has played 75 games for the squad.

On the day of the Wales v. England Youth international match, Cardiff Athletic played against an R.A.F. under 21 team. It was very pleasing to see three current Youth players in the team, and altogether 11 of the 15 were ex-Cardiff Youth.

Final results were —

Played 28 Won 24 Lost 4 Points For 767 Against 167
A total of 137 tries were scored with 14 against.

The Player of the Year Award went to Mike O'Donnell.

The team entered the Chepstow inaugural Seven a Side competition, and won the handsome trophy as the winners. We also won the Cardiff and District Youth Sevens, and Mark Powell was the Man of the Tournament Award Winner.

P. T. GOODFELLOW, *Chairman*.

RECORD OF RESULTS—SEASON 1977-78

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. |
| 1977 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. 3 | Maesteg | H | Won | 4 | 2 | | 1 | | 35 | 1 | | | 1 | | 9 |
| 7 | Glamorgan Wands. | H | Won | 4 | 2 | 1 | | | 35 | 1 | | | 1 | | 9 |
| 10 | Neath | H | Won | 2 | | | | 2 | 18 | 1 | | | 1 | | 9 |
| 14 | Bristol | H | Won | 2 | 1 | | 3 | | 25 | 1 | | | 2 | | 12 |
| 17 | Coventry | A | Won | 1 | 2 | | 1 | | 17 | 1 | | | 1 | | 9 |
| 21 | Pontypool | A | Won | 1 | | | 2 | | 12 | | | | 2 | | 6 |
| 24 | Aberavon | H | Won | 3 | 1 | | 2 | | 28 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | 13 |
| Oct 1 | Newport | A | Lost | | 1 | | 2 | | 10 | 4 | | | 1 | | 27 |
| 5 | Pontypridd | A | Lost | | 2 | | 1 | | 11 | 3 | | | 1 | 1 | 24 |
| 8 | Northampton .. | H | Won | 5 | 5 | | | | 50 | 1 | | | | | 6 |
| 15 | Cambridge Univ. .. | A | Won | 7 | 1 | | | | 46 | 1 | | | 1 | | 9 |
| 19 | Penarth | H | Won | 3 | | | 1 | | 21 | 1 | | | 2 | | 12 |
| 22 | Harlequins | A | Won | 1 | 1 | | 4 | | 22 | 1 | 1 | | 2 | | 16 |
| 29 | Moseley | A | Lost | 1 | | | 1 | | 9 | 1 | | | 4 | | 18 |
| Nov. 5 | Oxford University | A | Won | 3 | 2 | | 1 | | 29 | 1 | | | 1 | | 9 |
| 12 | Ebbw Vale | H | Won | 2 | 4 | | | | 28 | | | | | | 0 |
| 19 | Garnddifaith—WRU CUP | A | Won | | | | 3 | | 9 | | | | | | 0 |
| 26 | Llanelli | A | Won | 2 | 2 | | | | 20 | 1 | | | 2 | | 10 |
| Dec. 3 | Swansea | H | Won | 1 | 1 | | | | 10 | | | | 2 | | 6 |
| 7 | Pontypool | H | D | | 1 | | 1 | | 7 | 1 | | | 1 | | 7 |
| 10 | London Welsh .. | H | Won | 6 | 4 | | | | 52 | 1 | 2 | | 1 | | 17 |
| 17 | Cwmavon—WRU CUP | H | Won | 2 | 3 | | 1 | | 27 | 1 | | | | | 6 |
| 24 | Bridgend | A | Won | 2 | | | 2 | | 18 | | | | 2 | | 6 |
| 26 | Pontypridd | H | Lost | 1 | | | 1 | | 9 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | 13 |
| 31 | Coventry | H | Won | 1 | 4 | | | | 22 | 2 | 2 | | | | 20 |
| 1978 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan. 2 | London Scottish .. | H | Won | 3 | 1 | | 3 | | 31 | 3 | | | 1 | | 21 |
| 7 | Bedford | A | Won | 2 | | | 1 | | 15 | 1 | | | 1 | | 7 |
| 14 | Pontypool—WRU CUP | A | Won | | 4 | | | | 16 | 2 | | | 1 | | 11 |
| 28 | Aberavon | A | Won | 1 | 1 | | 2 | | 16 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | 13 |
| Feb. 4 | London Welsh .. | A | Won | | 5 | 1 | | | 23 | 1 | | | | | 4 |
| 8 | Llanelli | H | Won | 2 | 1 | | 2 | | 22 | | | | 1 | | 3 |
| 25 | Ebbw Vale—WRU CUP | A | Won | 3 | 2 | 1 | | | 29 | 1 | | | 2 | | 10 |
| Mar 1 | Newport | A | Won | 2 | | | | | 12 | | | | 1 | | 3 |
| 8 | Bridgend | H | Lost | | | | 2 | | 6 | 1 | | | 1 | | 7 |
| 11 | Orrell | H | Won | 3 | | | 4 | | 30 | 1 | 1 | | 4 | | 22 |
| 25 | Barbarians | H | Lost | | 2 | | | | 8 | 2 | 2 | | | | 20 |
| 27 | Harlequins | H | Won | 3 | 1 | | | | 22 | 1 | | | | | 6 |
| Apr. 1 | Swansea—WRU CUP | A | Lost | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | 13 | | 3 | | 2 | | 18 |
| Apr. 5 | Newport | H | Won | 2 | 1 | | 4 | | 28 | 1 | | | 1 | | 9 |
| 8 | Swansea | A | Won | 2 | 1 | | | | 16 | 2 | | | | | 12 |
| 15 | Camborne | A | Won | 3 | 7 | | | | 46 | | | | 1 | | 3 |
| 17 | St. Ives | A | Won | 4 | 1 | | 3 | | 37 | | | | | | 0 |
| 22 | Neath | A | Lost | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | 13 | 2 | 4 | | 1 | | 31 |
| Italian Tour | I Dogi | A | Won | 1 | 2 | | | | 14 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 12 |
| | Rosslyn Park .. | A | Won | 4 | 3 | | 1 | | 39 | | | | 3 | | 9 |
| | Zebre | A | Lost | | 1 | | 2 | | 10 | 2 | | 1 | 1 | | 18 |
| | TOTALS | | | 91 | 74 | 3 | 55 | | 1016 | 40 | 26 | 4 | 52 | | 512 |

Cardiff First Fifteen— continued

SEVEN-A-SIDE TOURNAMENTS

ABERAERON SEVENS

| | | | | | | |
|--------|------------------|-----|---------|-------|------------------|----|
| 1977 | | | | | | |
| Aug.20 | Fishguard | Won | Cardiff | .. 20 | Fishguard | 6 |
| | Cwmllynfell | Won | Cardiff | .. 18 | Cwmllynfell | 6 |
| | Aberaeron | Won | Cardiff | .. 14 | Aberaeron | 14 |
| | Swansea | Won | Cardiff | .. 18 | Swansea | 8 |
| | Inn-on-the-River | Won | Cardiff | .. 24 | Inn-on-the-River | 16 |

SNELLING SEVENS

| | | | | | | |
|-------|-----------|------|---------|-------|-----------|----|
| 1978 | | | | | | |
| May 6 | Swansea | Won | Cardiff | .. 24 | Swansea | 10 |
| | Ebbw Vale | Won | Cardiff | .. 34 | Ebbw Vale | 6 |
| | Moseley | Won | Cardiff | .. 22 | Moseley | 10 |
| | Bridgend | Lost | Cardiff | .. 16 | Bridgend | 38 |

WRU NATIONAL SEVENS — PENYGRAIG

| | | | | | | |
|-------|-----------------|------|---------|-------|-----------------|----|
| 1978 | | | | | | |
| May 1 | Bridgend Sports | Won | Cardiff | .. 10 | Bridgend Sports | 7 |
| | Abercynon | Won | Cardiff | .. 16 | Abercynon | 13 |
| | Maesteg | Lost | Cardiff | .. 12 | Maesteg | 16 |

Captain: GERALD DAVIES

Vice Captain: BARRY NELMES

TOTAL PLAYING RECORD: Played 46; Won 36; Lost 9 Drawn 1*

SCORES FOR: Goals 91; Tries 74; Drop Goals 3; Penalty Goals 55; Points For 1,016.

SCORES AGAINST: Goals 40; Tries 26; Drop Goals 4; Penalty Goals 52; Points Against 512.

WRU CUP: Played 5; Won 4; Lost 1; For 94; Against 45.

ITALIAN TOUR: Played 3; Won 2; Lost 1; For 63; Against 39.

CARDIFF ATHLETIC FIFTEEN

| Date | Opponents | A. | Rslt. | Score for | | | | | Score against | | | | | Pts. | |
|---------|---------------------|----|-------|-----------|----|----|----|----|---------------|----|----|---|----|------|-----|
| | | | | G. | T. | DG | PG | MG | G. | T. | DG | P | MG | | |
| 1977- | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. 3 | Pontypridd Athletic | A | Won | 3 | 2 | | 1 | | 29 | | 1 | | 1 | | 7 |
| 7 | Llanharan .. | A | Won | | 2 | 1 | 1 | | 14 | | | | 2 | | 6 |
| 14 | Bristol United | A | Lost | 1 | 2 | | 1 | | 17 | 2 | | | 5 | | 27 |
| 17 | Coventry Extras | H | Won | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | | 33 | 1 | 1 | | 3 | | 19 |
| 22 | Cilfynydd .. | A | Won | 6 | 2 | | | | 44 | | | | 4 | | 12 |
| 24 | Bridgend Sports* | A | Drn | | | | 2 | | 6 | | | | 2 | | 6 |
| 29 | Old Iltydians | A | Won | 1 | 2 | | | | 14 | 1 | | | 1 | | 7 |
| Oct. 1 | Newport United | H | Won | 4 | 1 | | | | 28 | | | | 1 | | 3 |
| 8 | Crumlin* .. | A | Won | 2 | 3 | | 1 | | 27 | | | | 1 | | 3 |
| 12 | Blaenavon .. | A | Won | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | | 30 | | | | 3 | | 9 |
| 15 | Llantwit Major* | A | Won | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | 13 | | | | 1 | | 3 |
| 22 | Pontypool United | H | Won | 2 | 1 | | 2 | | 22 | | | | 1 | | 3 |
| 26 | Penygraig .. | A | Won | 4 | 5 | | 1 | | 47 | | | 1 | 1 | | 6 |
| 29 | Bonymaen* | H | Won | 6 | 5 | | | | 56 | 1 | | | | | 6 |
| Nov. 5 | Newport Saracens | H | Won | | 5 | | 2 | | 26 | 2 | 2 | | | | 20 |
| 19 | Ebbw Vale Athletic | H | Won | 4 | 2 | | | | 32 | | | | 2 | | 6 |
| 26 | Sengenhydd* | H | Won | 4 | 5 | | | | 44 | | | 1 | | | 3 |
| Dec. 3 | Swansea Athletic* | A | Won | 1 | 3 | 1 | | | 21 | | | | 1 | | 3 |
| 10 | Pontyclun .. | H | Won | 11 | 3 | | | | 78 | | | | | | 0 |
| 17 | Cilfynydd .. | H | Won | 5 | 4 | | | | 46 | | | 1 | | | 3 |
| 24 | Bargoed* .. | A | Lost | | 1 | | 1 | | 7 | 1 | | | 2 | | 10 |
| 31 | Coventry Extras | A | Lost | | | | | | 0 | 1 | | | | | 4 |
| 1978 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan. 7 | Aberaman* | H | Won | 9 | 2 | | | | 62 | | | | | | 0 |
| 14 | Llandaff North | H | Won | 2 | 7 | | | | 40 | | | | 2 | | 6 |
| 21 | Pontypool United | H | Won | 1 | 1 | | 2 | | 16 | 1 | | | 2 | | 10 |
| 28 | Bridgend Sports* | H | Drn | | | | 2 | | 6 | 1 | | | | | 6 |
| Feb. 4 | Lon. Welsh Druids | A | Won | 2 | 3 | | | | 24 | | | | | | 0 |
| 25 | Cleve .. | A | Won | 2 | 2 | | 2 | | 26 | | | | 2 | | 6 |
| Mar. 4 | Newport United | A | Won | 2 | 1 | | 1 | | 19 | 1 | | | | | 4 |
| 11 | Abercynon .. | H | Won | 5 | 1 | | 1 | | 37 | | | | 2 | | 6 |
| 18 | Treorchy .. | A | Won | 7 | 3 | | | | 54 | 1 | | | | | 6 |
| 22 | Chepstow .. | A | Won | 1 | 2 | | 2 | | 20 | | | | | | 0 |
| 30 | Gloucester United | A | Won | 2 | 1 | | 1 | | 19 | 3 | | | 1 | | 15 |
| Apr. 8 | RAF U23 .. | H | Won | 3 | 5 | | | | 38 | 1 | | | | | 4 |
| 15 | Ebbw Vale Athletic | H | Won | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | 13 | 1 | | | 1 | | 7 |
| 22 | Neath Athletic | H | Won | 3 | 2 | | 1 | | 29 | 1 | | | | | 4 |
| | TOTALS .. | | | 98 | 86 | 6 | 29 | 0 | 1037 | 9 | 14 | 3 | 41 | 0 | 242 |

RECORD FOR SEASON: Played 36; Won 31; Lost 3; Drawn 2

Captain: MERVYN JOHN

*Silver Ball Games 1977/78

Truman Try Winners 1977/78

CAPTAINS AND VICE-CAPTAINS — Rugby — First XV.

| Captain | | Vice-Captain | |
|-----------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1876-77 | T. S. DONALDSON SELBY | B. O. MALE | B. O. MALE |
| 1877-78 | E. C. FRY | K. P. TURNBULL | K. P. TURNBULL |
| 1878-79 | R. H. FOA | H. POOLE | H. POOLE |
| 1879-80 | W. D. PHILLIPS | S. C. CRAVOS | S. C. CRAVOS |
| 1880-81 | W. D. PHILLIPS | H. M. BOWCOTT | H. M. BOWCOTT |
| 1881-82 | W. D. PHILLIPS | R. TURNBULL | R. TURNBULL |
| 1882-83 | W. D. PHILLIPS | R. GABE-JONES | R. GABE-JONES |
| 1883-84 | W. D. PHILLIPS | T. STONE | T. STONE |
| 1884-85 | H. J. SIMPSON | L. M. SPENCE | L. M. SPENCE |
| 1885-86 | H. J. HANCOCK | T. STONE | T. STONE |
| 1886-87 | W. M. DOUGLAS | H. REES | H. REES |
| 1887-88 | G. A. YOUNG | W. E. N. DAVIES | W. E. N. DAVIES |
| 1888-89 | C. S. ARTHUR | L. M. SPENCE | L. M. SPENCE |
| 1889-90 | D. W. EVANS | R. BALE | R. BALE |
| 1891-92 | D. W. PEARSON | LES. MANFIELD | LES. MANFIELD |
| 1892-93 | N. BIGGS | BLEDDYN WILLIAMS | BLEDDYN WILLIAMS |
| 1893-94 | A. F. HILL | FRANK TROTT | FRANK TROTT |
| 1894-95 | R. B. SWEET-ESCOTT | BLEDDYN WILLIAMS | BLEDDYN WILLIAMS |
| 1895-96 | J. E. ELLIOT | REX WILLIS | REX WILLIS |
| 1896-97 | S. BIGGS | SID. JUDD | SID. JUDD |
| 1897-98 | E. GWYN NICHOLLS | REX WILLIS | REX WILLIS |
| 1898-99 | E. GWYN NICHOLLS | SID. JUDD | SID. JUDD |
| 1899-1900 | E. GWYN NICHOLLS | G. ROWLANDS | G. ROWLANDS |
| 1900-01 | H. B. WINFIELD | G. GREIFTHS | G. GREIFTHS |
| 1901-02 | H. B. WINFIELD | CLIFF MORGAN | CLIFF MORGAN |
| 1902-03 | H. B. WINFIELD | LLOYD WILLIAMS | LLOYD WILLIAMS |
| 1903-04 | C. F. BIGGS | I. D. EVANS | I. D. EVANS |
| 1904-05 | C. F. BIGGS | K. D. JONES | K. D. JONES |
| 1905-06 | PERCY F. BUSH | C. H. NORRIS | C. H. NORRIS |
| 1906-07 | PERCY F. BUSH | C. H. NORRIS | C. H. NORRIS |
| 1907-08 | RHYD T. GABE | S. HUGHES | S. HUGHES |
| 1908-09 | PERCY F. BUSH | T. G. P. DAVIES | T. G. P. DAVIES |
| 1909-10 | J. L. WILLIAMS | A. D. WILLIAMS | A. D. WILLIAMS |
| 1910-11 | J. R. A. GIBBS | I. HICKY | I. HICKY |
| 1911-12 | L. M. DYKE | G. EDWARDS | G. EDWARDS |
| 1912-13 | W. SPILLER | M. JOHN | M. JOHN |
| 1913-14 | W. J. JENKINS | PAUL EVANS | PAUL EVANS |
| 1914-15 | EUROPEAN WAR | R. LANE | R. LANE |
| 1915-16 | F. GACCON | B. NELMES | B. NELMES |
| 1916-17 | W. J. POWELL | | |
| 1917-18 | CLEM LEWIS | | |
| 1918-19 | R. ARTHUR CORNISH | | |
| 1919-20 | DR. T. WALLACE | | |
| 1920-21 | IDRIS RICHARDS | | |
| 1921-22 | T. A. JOHNSON | | |
| 1922-23 | D. E. DAVIES | | |
| 1923-24 | T. A. JOHNSON | | |
| 1924-25 | D. E. DAVIES | | |
| 1925-26 | T. A. JOHNSON | | |
| 1926-27 | W. J. DELAHAY | | |

CARDIFF CRICKET CLUB

1st XI REPORT—SEASON 1976-1977

My season as captain started in October 1976 at the AGM in what can at best be described as an unhappy club.

Some Members called it a revolution, a take-over by the youngsters. It amounted to a new Chairman, a Club Captain who some considered not worthy of a first team place, a secretary who only months before had been unwilling to stand for election, and a committee which had some experienced members but on the whole was young and green.

So what came out of the chaos: A side in which the players enjoyed their cricket and a season in which the Club tasted its first measure of success for a number of years.

There were bad times, which side doesn't have them, but looking back the side found an identity, a Club spirit which carried it through the second half of the season on the crest of a wave, until the final match, when we were brought back to earth with a big bump.

The year started with our first indoor net on Jan 1st. There was a large attendance and things looked rosey. However few first XI players were present and it was decided that those players who did not attend the indoor nets and the numerous outdoor nets before the beginning of the season would not be selected for the first XI. Hence the first match away to Cheltenham saw a side of average age less than 25 take the field. We were defeated as we were in the following 5 fixtures and murmurings were heard from within. However the policy had been made and was carried out and in those 6 matches team spirit was established and the casual players were made to play 2nd and 3rd team cricket.

From that period to the end of the year only one more League fixture was lost, to Brislington, the bottom club, and we finished winning 7 and losing 7 and were placed halfway in the table.

Not a tremendous achievement but what could have happened if we had started as we finished; and let the lessons be learnt, practice is essential, availability is vital and team spirit is paramount.

Performance—wise batting was probably our weakest facet although everybody responded well; John Solanky and Ken Siddle at Clifton in a game we narrowly lost; John Solanky, Howard Slade, Ken Siddle and Brian Pleass at Downend (also a game lost, but 226 to 215 is no disgrace especially against the eventual League Champions); the Captain against St Fagans throwing away a hundred—but great personal satisfaction after being 2 for 2—and then seeing it rain at tea; Ken Williams and Howard Slades opening stand against Malmesbury; and Brian Pleass winning the game at Chippenham when we were dead and buried.

The bowling was consistent throughout and could not be faulted even in the defeats at the beginning of the season. John Solanky and Dave Cooper bowled well throughout the season, Bob Phipps started well but then faded and David Lewis bowled interestingly and picked up a load of wickets as opposed to Howard Slade who bowled with little luck.

Martin Gallivan also kept wicket consistently throughout.

Overall it was a good balanced side for the first time for many years and gained in confidence as the season progressed.

The highlights of the season were for me the tremendous improvement in fielding thus giving confidence to the bowlers, and this was shown to best effect in the two Cup competitions.

At Barry in the Arthur Patterson Cup we were victorious beating St Fagans in the final in a game which proved we were superior in every aspect of the game and turned out to be a surprisingly easy win.

In the Welsh K.O. Cup we won the area final for the second year running and progressed to the final beating Newtown in the semi final.

We were opposed to Maesteg Celtic on our own ground and whereas the Arthur Patterson final went just as we had planned, in this one nothing went right and we were beaten by a far better side on the day.

However Semi Finals last year Final this year next year who knows, but a little good fortune is required and this must be worked for.

A number of mid week games were played during the season notably against a very strong Old Collegians side and Barbados Wanderers both of whom proved too strong. Good games were had against Melbourne University, Kidderminster, Hutton and the MCC. It was not always possible to field a representative first XI against these sides and it should be put to the players whether they want these plum fixtures and to make themselves available.

Finally a mention must be made of the contribution of John Solanky who rejoined us this year. We did not fire his excitement in the opening games but I know that he enjoyed his cricket towards the end and helped me tremendously as did David Lewis when he returned. I hope David will forgive me for saying that he probably did not bowl his best last year but his enthusiasm and drive had a lot to do with our successes in the latter half of the season.

So to sum up the side had some success, a lot of enjoyment and developed into a well balanced team. We had our critics, I respect those who told me to my face and I ignored the knockers, but I feel we made progress and I hope that this will be carried through to next year and that we will win the Western League and the Welsh Cup and to that end I wish next years captain every success.

My special thanks are due to Ken Siddle who took over as vice captain mid way through the season, to Dave Connors for umpiring so ably and arranging substitutes for our extra games, to Chris Foolkes for keeping an immaculate scorebook through every game and finally to the Ladies for providing the best teas in the League.

R. W. WEBB

| Results | Played | Won | Lost | Drawn | Abandoned |
|------------------|--------|-----|------|-------|-----------|
| League | 15 | 7 | 7 | — | 1 |
| Cup | 7 | 5 | 2 | — | — |
| Arthur Patterson | 3 | 3 | — | — | — |
| Friendlies | 9 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 |

1st XI Averages

| Batting | Innings | N.O. | Runs | Highest Score | Average |
|------------|---------|------|------|------------------|---------|
| J. Solanky | 25 | 6 | 721 | 106 | 37.95 |
| P. Good | 16 | 0 | 530 | 112 | 33.13 |
| D. Lewis | 10 | 5 | 119 | 50 ^{no} | 23.80 |
| R. Webb | 18 | 3 | 347 | 97 | 23.13 |

| Bowling | Overs | Maidens | Runs | Wickets | Average |
|------------|-------|---------|------|---------|---------|
| D. Lewis | 186.1 | 41 | 558 | 42 | 13.29 |
| D. Cooper | 189.1 | 43 | 549 | 41 | 13.39 |
| J. Solanky | 244.5 | 57 | 667 | 43 | 15.51 |

2nd XI REPORT—SEASON 1977

Western League Results:

Played 14 Won 5 Lost 9

Wins were recorded against Clifton, Malmesbury, Chippenham, Brislington and Stroud. Also Newport in a friendly at Rodney Parade.

Once again there was a lack of consistency in batting, bowling and fielding although in various matches Steven Long, Nigel Rees, Gerry Mills, Mike Edward, Peter Ford and Martin Warren all produced useful scores. As far as the bowlers were concerned only Ian Holmes produced the necessary consistency to trouble the opposition, and his spell of 6 overs 6/9 against Clifton was his best performance. Two other bowling performances worthy of mention were Chris Day 8 overs 3/17 and David John 20 overs 2/43 against Bath on a most placid wicket. Both made a very strong Bath side struggle and this was most encouraging for the future.

Special mention must be made of Peter Ford's superb 100 against a useful Stroud attack. It was an innings of great control and delightful strokes and for me he really "arrived on the scene" that day.

My thanks once again to Gerry Mills (vice captain), Gordon Eccles (umpire) who, prior to 7 o'clock, was the most consistent person on the field, Albert Francis for making my life very much easier on the occasions when the weather was not conducive to cricket and finally to the ladies who must be top of the league when it comes to making cricket teas.

R. H. WILLIAMS

RESERVE XI REPORT—SEASON 1977

In 1977 the Reserve XI ventured temporarily into League Cricket, alas the Glamorgan Alliance disbanded at the end of the Season. The bleeding given to many young players will benefit the club in years ahead but regrettably not in a South Wales League.

Indeed many who played during the year also performed with success in the Firsts and Seconds—very often they found the wickets of the West Country easier to cope with than those of South Wales.

Because the XI was weekly ravaged because of late cry offs by the two senior sides, it was not surprising that teams originally selected rarely appeared, had this been possible results would have been more favourable. As it was the team accounted for itself well, even though the final results do not reflect the ability and expertise of the young players who frequently were facing players of far greater experience. By the end of the Season the experience gained was evident, however, this was seen at Bath and Bristol for the Seconds in the Western League rather than with the Reserves.

It is inevitable when only three teams are run, the third will rarely be able to field a consistent team. During the year 57 players turned out in

League games, the age range was somewhat variable, going from 13 and 14 year olds, such as Chris Day, Richard Lewis, Neil Slater, Gary Hibbert, to somewhat more aged performers such as J. D. H. Riches, J. O. Webb and Stan Montgomery. Because of late cry offs there was always some difficulty in getting Eleven or even on one occasion twelve players. When one takes into account the friendly games that were played, most of which were won, well over 60 players turned out for the club. Of the League Games only three were won although several were lost by the narrowest of margins. Performances of note were a Century by Roger Webb, Fifties by Richard Lewis, David Sinclair and Richard Napier and these were backed up by the fine bowling performances from Ed Evans, John Buttle, Kevin Hibbert and Ian Holmes.

As a result of the disbanding of the Glamorgan Alliance the Third XI find that for 1978 they now have friendly games only, consequently much will depend on the ability of our Secretary, John Webb, to finalise a full and comprehensive Fixture List. One thing is certain, with the arrival of Albert Francis in Mid Season we can look forward to a better wicket at Sophia Gardens and I am sure we can also expect an improvement in the nets, which over the past few years have not been up to the standard we would have liked. One of the Season's outstanding features was nothing to do with the happenings on the field—we had a Steward to look after the bar at Sophia Gardens. We should all like to thank Roy Howe, who took over the bar in June. Roy provided us with the best of service, he ensured the bar was adequately stocked with such refinements as Crisps, Peanuts, even Lemon and Ice appeared.

My wife's priorities with regard to Cricket start at Lemon and Ice in her gin.

It is important that we do provide for the Ladies at Sophia Gardens, as they work particularly hard during the season providing us with excellent teas at a very modest price. This year Mary Buttle took charge, I should like to thank her and all of the Ladies who gave up Saturday and Sunday afternoons to provide teas.

We hope that it will be possible to make more and more use of the facilities at Sophia Gardens in 1978. I hope that we can count on the support of all Members of the Cricket Section and indeed all members of the Athletic Club, who are most welcome on each and every Saturday and Sunday afternoon to come along, criticize and join us at tea and for a drink in the bar after our games.

GWYN STONE

SUNDAY XI REPORT—SEASON 1977

Five of the eighteen Sunday XI fixtures arranged for 1977 failed to materialise due to a combination of the weather, the Welsh Cup and the inability of our opponents to field a side. Of the remaining thirteen fixtures, we won six, drew six and lost only to a very strong Glamorgan Nomads side. Of the drawn matches we had the worst only of the match against Abergavenny, although the Newport fixture dismally failed to even suggest a result, due to our opponents' "cavalier" attitude.

The results were, therefore, very encouraging, considering that John Webb had produced an excellent fixture list containing many redoubtable opponents and even two all-day matches. This is an indication of the

development of the more junior members of the Club, who generally comprise the bulk of the Sunday XI.

We seldom struggled to score runs throughout the season, having got off on the right foot in our first match against Cardiff University, with an opening stand of 84 between Steve Lang and our strange Kiwi visitor, Tony Coffin. Steve's 83 was to remain unbettered throughout the season. Other notable innings were played by Peter Ford (71 against Briton Ferry) Colin Toshack (60 against Briton Ferry Mike Elward (69 against Old Bristolians) and Martin Gallivan (65 and 69 against South Wales Hunts and Devizes respectively). The "heaviest" run-scorers were Peter Ford and Roger Webb, each aggregating 200 runs.

Of the bowlers Ian Holmes deserves mention for bowling over 100 overs during the Season. Old hands, Dave Cooper and Willie Jones, also performed well, while mention must be made of youngsters like Chris Day and Wyn Evans, who showed great maturity against considerably more experienced opponents.

Of the Matches played, two deserve special mention. The away fixture against the strong Old Bristolians' side saw us field a very young side, due to a Welsh Cup Match. Despite a fine innings by Mike Elward our innings of 145-8 declared did not seem sufficient. However, we were surprised to find ourselves in the strong position of 61-6 until a hurricane 50 by their fast bowler placed us on the brink of defeat. With the Match seemingly lost, I was able to awaken Mike Langley, who had spent the afternoon slumbering in the deep field and he grabbed the final two wickets to see us home by two runs. The youngsters acquitted themselves even better in the bar and an excellent night ensued.

Against Briton Ferry David Cooper (5 for 64) bowled well to dismiss the opposition for 144. Then followed an opening stand of 129 between Peter Ford and Colin Toshack to give us an 8-wicket victory. The boys were in fine voice in the bar as we performed our repertoire of tour songs, to the delight of the locals.

I would like to thank John Webb for providing an excellent fixture list, Albert Francis for some good wickets, Gordon Eccles for his cheerful umpiring and helpful advice, Chris Fookes for his immaculate scoring and, of course, the ladies for their outstanding teas (and occasional lunches), Mary Buttle putting in much hard work in this department.

For the future I would like to see the fixture list strengthened even further and a few more 1st XI players making themselves available for the strong fixtures, such as the Nomads. One realizes the difficulties presented by regular Sunday Cup Matches, but players of the calibre of Roger Davies (not to mention Howard Slade) are worthy of better than 16-year old 3rd XI bowlers. Many Clubs manage to play regular Sunday league Matches.

Finally, this report cannot close without reference to Peter Ford's outstanding feat in smashing his own Club record sandwich aggregate for one Season.

Thanks to all who played and I hope it was as enjoyable for you all to play on a Sunday as it was for me to have the privilege to captain you.

TONY EDWARDS

Sunday XI Averages

Batting (Over 100 runs)

| Name | Innings | N.O. | Runs | Highest Score | Average |
|----------------|---------|------|------|---------------|---------|
| R. W. Webb | 7 | 2 | 203 | 47 | 40.60 |
| M. T. Gallivan | 5 | 1 | 157 | 65 | 39.25 |
| T. D. Coffin | 6 | 2 | 114 | 46 | 28.50 |
| S. P. Lang | 8 | 2 | 161 | 83 | 26.83 |
| P. G. Ford | 9 | 1 | 207 | 71 | 25.87 |

Bowling (10 wickets)

| Name | Overs | Maidens | Runs | Wickets | Average |
|---------------|-------|---------|------|---------|---------|
| W. R. Jones | 38 | 9 | 73 | 11 | 6.63 |
| D. C. Cooper | 53.4 | 16 | 123 | 11 | 11.18 |
| A. C. Edwards | 43 | 2 | 154 | 12 | 12.83 |
| I. N. Holmes | 110.4 | 16 | 362 | 20 | 18.10 |

CARDIFF CRICKET CLUB

CAPTAINS

From 1867 to 1876 there is no record of Captains.

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

CARDIFF ATHLETIC BOWLS CLUB

CAPTAINS REPORT FOR SEASON 1977

Captain: D. S. DAVIES

We were delighted to have our President Mr. Hubert Johnson to open our Green in April, 1977. Our Bowls Chairman Mr. E. F. Couzens introduced both Mr. Don Davies Captain of the Club and Mr. Sid Stevens Captain of the 'A' side. For the first time Hubert was able to bowl the first two woods on the green, which was an excellent performance. Afterwards Members and Friends were entertained in the Pavilion, our Ladies putting on an excellent Buffet.

W.B.A. Carruthers Shield Results

| | For | Shots Against | Up | Down |
|-------------------|-----|---------------|----|------|
| Bargoed | 86 | 64 | 22 | |
| Penarth Belle Vue | 80 | 59 | 21 | |
| Cadoxton | 68 | 76 | — | 8 |
| Penarth | 95 | 69 | 26 | |
| Cardiff East | 90 | 62 | 28 | |
| | 419 | 330 | 97 | 8 |

Welsh Private Greens I Results

| | | | | |
|----------------|-----|-----|----|----|
| Barry Athletic | 71 | 72 | | 1 |
| R.T.B. | 79 | 76 | 3 | |
| Whiteheads | 109 | 56 | 53 | |
| Penylan | 59 | 89 | | 30 |
| Rhiwbina | 73 | 83 | — | 10 |
| Llanbradach | 72 | 88 | — | 16 |
| | 463 | 464 | 56 | 57 |

Played 6 Won 2 Lost 4 Shots for 463 Shots Against 464. Down 1.

Sunday and Mid-Week Fixtures

Played 25 Won 14 Drew 1 Lost 9.

Shots for 2105 Shots against 2062. Nett Shots Up 43.

The friendly games were played in the best of spirits as is perhaps normal. On our Spring Bank Holiday we were again pleased to welcome our friends from Tiverton Bowling Club who spent an enjoyable day with us, although the weather was not too kind. They presented the Bowling Club with their first ever Plaque, designed by one of their members, and this now hangs in the Pavilion. The other fixtures against Bristol St. Andrews and Clevedon went off well as usual, the weather being good on both occasions, and an enjoyable time was had by all. I cannot let the visit of the London Welsh Tourists go unmentioned, the weather was good, we won the game by 115 to 108, a narrow margin of 7 shots. A most enjoyable tea and social evening being spent in the Club Top Lounge.



Mr. Hubert Johnson, President, bowls the first wood in April, 1977.

I would like to thank the Club Competition Committee Mr. M. Gilmore, Mr. A. Bound Mr. T. Phillips and Mr. Jim Judd for making the Club Finals day another successful occasion, but it was a shame the Pairs Final could not be played, due to other commitments by the Finalists.

Club Competitions

| | Winner | Runner Up |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Championship | T. Phillips | S. T. Hull |
| Handicap | C. L. Williams | Colin Williams |
| Two Wood | A. E. Rowe | Colin Williams |
| Special Singles | E. Chapple | W. Light |
| Jack Candlish Cup | T. I. Pearce | J. A. Judd |
| Pairs. (Held over until 1978 Season) | | |

Before I close as Captain, on behalf of the first Team Players, may I say how pleased we were that the 'A' side Captain Mr. Sid Stevens had a near successful season in the P.G.2. Final. Well done Sid and your team.

No record would be complete without reference to the constant support given so unstintingly over the years by our Ladies. Of all the reasons for which the Bowling Club has become famous, none surpasses the reputation built up by our band of lady helpers. By their concerted efforts they have provided an atmosphere of welcome and hospitality second to none. "God Bless Them All".

In conclusion I would like to thank Mr. E. Carless and Mr. A. Francis for their care of the Green thus enabling our Visitors and ourselves to enjoy our Bowls.

DON DAVIES

"A" TEAM CAPTAIN'S REPORT

May I say at the outset of my report what a great honour and joy it was to captain the "A" side this year.

To captain any side of any section of this great Club is honour indeed.

My thanks to Mr. Don Davies and to my fellow members of the Selection Committee for the aid given to me during the season. Their job, always a hard one, made more difficult by my work commitments. They did well.

Then, always ready to steady me lest I stumble, were the "Elders" of the Club. I use the word "Elders" with all the dignity and respect it commands. They got through an enormous amount of work, and it is only working with them that one realises just how much work they do. I refer to Messrs E. F. Couzens, T. Phillips and Jim Webb. Thank you, Gentlemen.

Playingwise we had a very good season, happy bowling and by and large good results.

We played 20 games. Won 15. Lost 5. Shots for 1685. Against 1345.

In the P.G. 2 we again won the Section winning all of our 8 matches. The Final however we lost to Penylan. This was the one match we so wanted to win. Seems we are always the bridesmaid, never the bride. We have lost three finals now in, I think the last 4 years. Incidentally 31 members took part in the tournament so had we won it would have been truly a club effort.

The Friendlies, here again we did well playing 11, Winning 7. Losing 4.

The overall Diddler situation was as follows. E. Chapple 5. Sid Stevens 5. Jim Judd 3. Trevor Phillips 3. Bob Mills 3. I. C. Price 1.

Now may I pay my tribute to Mr. Ernie Carless, our Greenkeeper. We travelled around a lot during the season and not many, if any, excelled our Green. Well done, Ernie.

To our Ladies, Bless Them! What a wonderful job they did this year again. Their Teas earned them praise indeed from many of our visitors.

Like our Captain, I too must say how stunned and shocked I was to hear of the death of Mrs. Dot Pearce. We shall all miss her very much. Thank you, Ladies, you did a wonderful job.

In finishing this report I would like to thank all members for their solid support during the season, especially those who made their cars available for the away matches. Indeed, life would have been very difficult without them.

Thank you, gentlemen, for making my term of office in 1977 a joyous and memorable one.

S. J. STEVENS

Obituaries. Our deepest sympathy is extended to a number of our members who during the year suffered the greivous loss of their partners, namely Mrs. J. A. Judd, Mrs. T. I. Pearce, Mrs. T. Rees and Mrs. E. F. Couzens.

We also regret to report the passing of 3 of our members. Mr. Henry C. Morgan a faithful member for many years. The death of Mr. Tom Rees so soon after the death of his wife shocked all. Tom was an excellent and active Skip, in spite of his advancing years. Mr. Arthur F. Buckley died in January. The older members of the Section will remember him as a faithful member from the formation of the Bowls Section, who served as Competition Steward for many years.

Our sincere thanks to Mr. K. H. George and his staff for all the help and co-operation extended to us as Officers of the Club throughout the years.

T. PHILLIPS

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. WATTERS | 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 |

CARDIFF ATHLETIC LAWN TENNIS CLUB

CAPTAIN'S REPORT FOR SEASON 1977

In this our last Season at the Arms Park before moving to Sophia Gardens it is pleasing to report on a successful year.

League

The Men's First and Second Teams included several young and inexperienced players but despite this the First Team retained their position in Division 1 (East) and the Second Team ably led by Tony Butcher gained promotion from Division IV.

| | Played | Won | Lost | League Pos. | Points |
|-------------------|--------|-----|------|-------------|--------|
| Men's First Team | 8 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 12 |
| Men's Second Team | 6 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 12 |

Membership

A recruitment drive produced several new Players during the season particularly in the Ladies Section where we saw the beginnings of a revival. It was noticeable that more Members actually played at the Club this year and it is hoped that this will continue at Sophia Gardens.

Tournament

Open and Handicap events ran concurrently this year and proved popular with more Members entering than for several seasons. Finals day was quite well attended but it would be nice to see more Senior Members at this event.

The results were:—

Open Events

| | Winners | Runners Up |
|----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Men's Singles | P. Collier | D. Ward |
| Men's Doubles | { P. Coles P. Collier | { P. Lewis D. Ward |
| Ladies Singles | Miss J. Rawson | Miss S. Bevan |
| Ladies Doubles | { Miss K. Bennett Miss S. Bevan | { Miss D. Lord Miss L. Donovan |
| Mixed Doubles | { Miss J. Rawson D. Ward | { Miss K. Bennett P. Coles |

Handicap Events

| | | |
|---------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Men's Singles | A. Cockaday | N. Cooke |
| Men's Doubles | { M. McGeoch S. Snarma | { P. Coles A. Butcher |
| Mixed Doubles | { I. Pritchard Miss D. Lord | { M. McGeoch Miss L. Donovan |

Juniors

Coaching Evenings continued to be popular with the Juniors and for this much thanks is due to Trevor Morgan and Derek Ward who shared the Coaching. One Junior played in the Men's First Team this year and three in the Second Team.

Facilities

The Committee spent most of the Season dealing with the Transfer to Sophia Gardens and with recruitment, this left little time for Social Events but it is hoped to remedy this next Season.

Sophia Gardens

At present we have 3 Grass and two hard courts at our new ground and if the negotiations between U.W.I.S.T. and the Athletic Club are resolved satisfactorily, additional Courts will be provided.

Acknowledgement

In a difficult year to report on a successful Season is in no small measure due to the hard work of the Committee particularly Peter Collier and Derek Ward who represented the Section on the Management Committee and also to the Members whose co-operation was whole-hearted.

Our thanks are also due to Peter Collier for his efforts in arranging and aiding the negotiations between U.W.I.S.T. and C.A.C. mentioned earlier.

Finally on behalf of the Section I would like to thank Mr. George and his Staff for the help they have given during the year.

PAUL COLES

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. HORSPOOL |
| 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. YOUNES |
| 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 |

CARDIFF HOCKEY CLUB

CAPTAIN'S REPORT FOR SEASON 1977-78

The playing records for the season were:—

| | P | W | D | L | Can | For | Goals Agst |
|-----------------|--------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|------------|
| 1st XI ... | 27 | 16 | 2 | 9 | 4 | 50 | 29 |
| Cup Games ... | 4 | 2 | — | 2 | — | 9 | 6 |
| 2nd XI ... | 30 | 19 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 65 | 38 |
| Cup Games ... | 2 | 1 | — | 1 | — | 3 | 4 |
| 3rd XI ... | 26 | 9 | 7 | 10 | 3 | 50 | 51 |
| 4th XI ... | 24 | 8 | 5 | 11 | 5 | 34 | 61 |
| 5th XI ... | 14 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 12 | 23 | 37 |
| 6th XI ... | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | — | 6 | 12 |
| Under 22 XI ... | Did not play | | | | | | |
| Veterans XI ... | 2 | — | — | 2 | — | 2 | 7 |
| Totals ... | 133 | 60 | 23 | 50 | 26 | 242 | 245 |

The leading goalscorers were:—

| | | | |
|-----------------|----|----------------|---|
| S. Sparkes | 24 | C. Silva-Rosa | 9 |
| P. Kelvin-Smith | 14 | L. Walsh | 8 |
| G. Kaler | 13 | R. McKerlich | 8 |
| C. Grafton | 11 | H. D. Williams | 7 |
| I. C. Jones | 11 | C. Watts | 7 |
| M. McGeoch | 10 | | |

There were 10 hat-tricks scored including a 6 by S. Sparkes and a 4 by G. Kaler.

Representative Honours were gained by:—

| | |
|-------------------|--|
| Wales: | S. Sparkes, R. B. Williams, H. D. Williams. |
| Wales Indoor: | S. Sparkes, R. B. Williams, H. D. Williams, M. R. Cornish. |
| Glamorgan: | S. Sparkes, R. R. Wildblood. |
| Gwent: | D. J. Foston. |
| S. Wales Schools: | T. Percival, W. Hunt. |

It is normal to offer thanks to those who make the Section function at the end of these remarks but I would like to start by offering thanks, not necessarily in order of merit, to the following:— Mrs. Renee Percival who organised the rota for teas throughout the season and to all the ladies who assisted her. Martyn Gallivan, Dave Earl, Ted Butler, Geoff Percival, Norman Francis, Len Morgan and Mervyn Warfield who umpired for us. Mervyn was my favourite because he umpired three games in which I played and we scored 18 goals in those three, but the rest performed splendidly—I believe that is a nearly unanimous opinion. To Dave Sobey who has now produced and posted the team sheet for two seasons in addition to captaining the 3rd XI and contributing his wife and baby to do teas on numerous occasions. To Gary Williams who

confirmed fixtures when they took place and liaised assiduously with the opposition over numerous late cancellations.

To Albert Francis and his groundstaff who struggled, with variable success to keep cancellations to a minimum. Chris Watts, the Team Secretary, who normally controlled the despair in his voice when he phoned me, yet again late on a Friday evening. Tony Rhys-Jones, our indefatigable secretary and supporter in Amsterdam, Sweden, Watford and wherever, and acting team secretary on two of the most fraught weekends of the season. To Mervyn Warfield who organised two outstandingly successful social functions in the club and showed us what an underused asset the pavilion is. To Paul Kelvin-Smith for organising the Annual Buffet Dance. John Glenney who has successfully and scrupulously kept control of the tea and travel kitty for four seasons and is now hanging up his tin. To Dave Foston our fixture secretary. In addition I would like to thank the five captains and the remaining committee members together with Roy Howe, our new steward, who has taken the waiting out of wanting.

The reason for starting in this way was primarily to give due recognition to conspicuous service but, secondly to bring to the notice of the membership that running five teams on a weekly basis is a very complex business involving the unselfish assistance of a great number of people. There are times when it is unfashionable to talk of commitment or sacrifice but, I must give notice, that ultimately you only get out of a club what you put into it. Cardiff Hockey Club is not an extension of the Welfare State to be picked up on Saturdays that it suits, and put down on the Saturdays that it does not. If as an individual member you want to play only at home, against good opposition, when there is no rugby match on television, on a perfect pitch, with perfect umpires, in a settled team, with someone else handling all administration, at no cost and no commitment do you really believe that it is possible?

This season we reduced from running six teams to running five and at the end of the season the 5th XI was difficult to run. Admittedly we were not helped by a nasty succession of cancellations, injuries, representative calls, pregnancies and the early onset of the Easter break. Next season we have to contend with five major rugby matches on a Saturday. In short, next season we must have more commitment to the club in terms of availability, fitness and determination to improve. We have the best facilities and many of the best players available in Wales. It is only lack of endeavour which has led to our failure to win a single eleven a side trophy for the last two seasons at first eleven level.

R C. MCKERLICH

1st XI Report

A promising start to the season was made when we won our opening match by 6-0, all the goals being scored by Steve Sparkes. This was followed by a successful foray to London where, despite the fact that the Welsh Indoor Squad had claimed five of our First XI, we scored a notable victory over Old Kingstonians, a leading London League side. The next scalp under our belt was that of a very strong Marlborough team in our first fixture with the Wiltshire club. We look forward to a long, and fiercely contested, association with them. Throughout the season our

performance against clubs from "over the water" left nothing to be desired, with victories against the "old enemy" Bristol, Bath, Hereford, Swindon and a particularly fine away win over Firebrands.

It would be pleasing to say that our record against the Welsh clubs was comparable, but this was not the case. Our performance in the league was disappointing and we threw away points we should have made secure. In the Welsh Cup we were knocked out by Swansea, after a hard fought contest in which it seemed that the luck of the Irish had crossed the water but stayed in West Glamorgan. We left the Wares Ibrahim competition, courtesy of Penarth, with a very much below par performance. This story was repeated in both the Indoor competitions, where despite a combination of injuries and lack of concentration we played exceedingly well under the Captaincy of Howard Williams only to have victory snatched from our grasp. My thanks to Howard for all his efforts and also to the rest of the Indoor squad. The side has certainly suffered throughout the season because of the number of players called up to the International squads, but, on the plus side players coming into the 1st XI have acquitted themselves with credit and give us hope for the future. However, the season ended with a very creditable showing in the Swindon Six-a-Side Tournament, where we finished Runners-up to a very strong Morlands "Invitation" Six. Two players in our six deserve special mention as both Tim Percival and Pip Rees, brought into the side at short notice produced superb performances.

In conclusion I would like to thank Rod McKerlich and the Committee for all the help they have given me through this rather difficult season, my Vice-Captain Dave Foston and all the players who have turned out for the First XI this season—especially Joly Dyer! My best wishes for next season go to Bryn Williams and Mike Giddy, and I can only hope that the Club will enjoy every success both on and off the field.

R. R. WILDBLOOD

2nd XI Report

After losing only two matches to the middle of March we proceeded to end up by losing four out of the last five matches, thus turning one of our best seasons into a mediocre one as far as results were concerned. The losses at the end were due mainly to a weakened side because of International calls on 1st XI players and College holidays. Our worst defeat was in the hands of our old enemy Bristol who we faced with only three regulars. Still we managed to win the League and were robbed of the Second Eleven Cup when our opponents would not admit defeat on the field of play and had to resort to appealing to the offices of the W.H.A. to get the better of us.

Of those who played regularly for the team, D. John, J. Hunt and C. Brown were outstanding in defence; M. Clode, C. Kaler and R. McKerlich must be considered one of the best mid-field trio in second eleven hockey; and the forward line of S. Sharma, P. Kelvin-Smith and C. Grafton are capable of worrying any defence. Others who helped to make the season enjoyable by adding their weight to the side were E. Barker, R. Bleach, J. Murdoch S. Appleton and J. Dyer. The policy of giving the youngsters in the Club a taste of a higher class of hockey was pursued wherever possible and we saw T. Percival, B. Hunt, M. Smith D. Stokes and P. Rees turn in some sound performances for the team.

Finally my thanks are due to Albert Francis and his groundstaff for producing such excellent pitches week after week; to C. Watts for taking on the difficult job of Team Secretary; to all those who helped with the teas and last, but not least, to those who gave up their Saturday and Sunday afternoons to umpire our games, especially D. Earl who also offered his services as a driver for away games.

G. S. KALER

3rd XI Report

The 1977-8 season for the 3rd XI can probably be summed up best by the words of one of the players immediately prior to the last game of the season, and I quote "This must be the worst season the 3rds have ever had." That opening sentence may not, to many of you, appear to embody the sentiments of a keen club member, but in fact the reverse is true—about which more anon.

The season saw many fluctuations in standard of performance, both from individuals and the team as a whole. Some games were memorable for the sheer quality that abounded throughout—examples that spring to mind are Marlborough, early in the season, which produced only a draw but brought immense satisfaction for the team as a whole. Then there was the win against Bath City in December which represented the high spot of the season for me, but unfortunately so early on. After the New Year had swung it's merry way in the fortunes of the 3rd XI seemed to swing their merry way out with only two wins in eleven games; that leads us nicely to the low spot of the season, namely the defeats by West Gloucester (0-6) and Bristol (0-8). Against Bristol we were literally crushed by superb opposition, and we just could not get it together; however, it must be said that "getting it together" is not a means to an end viz. the game against West Gloucester where we simply did not capitalise on our chances and so despite a 100% effort by the team we missed three open goals and cannot hope to win games this way.

As if this inability to score goals were not enough the club, as a whole, had to suffer what I can only describe as an appalling lack of club spirit, which manifested itself increasingly as the season progressed—in fact the penultimate game of the year saw us with only five of our selected players, and that against Swansea. The week before that we fielded a 3rd XI with no less than four 1st team players, who had already played once, and we lost to a 5th XI who had fielded an unchanged side for the whole season. If this report sounds to you like an indictment of Cardiff Hockey Club, it is just that, and it is noteworthy that unless every club member takes a more active part, both on and off the field then the Club will no longer be accorded the distinction of being the best in Cardiff, in fact it is probably only the superb facilities that enable us to maintain such a strong fixture list, quite simply if we do not improve our standard of play we will be faced with a fixture list of "Llandaff Cities" on international quality pitches. I cannot emphasise too strongly the need to put hockey first, international rugby and booze second.

At the beginning of this report I quoted a player, and mentioned that his enthusiasm may have seemed suspect. Well T.R.-J., I am sure, will not object if I point the spotlight at him for a moment, because I quote him. Now I would like to offer a vote of thanks to Tony for helping me through my first full season as skipper, and I would ask you all to con-

sider that if you contributed one tenth the effort that Tony does to the Club then Cardiff would reign supreme again. My thanks are also due in no small part to John Reader who played virtually every game despite tremendous professional difficulties, he formed the nucleus of the defence. No report would be complete without a mention of the inimitable Neil Pallot, who showed us that to score goals is not divine (and with style too).

Thank you to the groundsmen for presenting us with such superb playing surfaces week after week; and of course to the tea ladies who provided us with smiles even when we lost. I thank Peggy and Peta the two typists responsible for the preparation of the team sheet, and for deciphering the utterly incomprehensible match reports each week—and anyway those spelling mistakes did provide us with some laughs, as every player who has ever worn a “SHITE shirt” can testify.

In signing off may I wish each and every one of you Bon Chance in the coming season. Let's get it together for hockey's sake!

D. F. SOBEY

4th XI Report

Thirty-four goals scored by twenty-two players gives an indication of the number of changes incurred by this eleven—an unfortunate fact of life these days, mainly because of lot of members will not play regularly.

A reasonable winter's work for the 4th XI. The most creditable performances worthy of recording were wins against B.S.C.s first division side, Bristol, Firebrands and Bridgend seconds plus a narrow defeat by a strong Evesham side. These games were played when we were at full strength and when the schoolboy members of the side tried for the full seventy minutes. There were too many occasions when some of the schoolboys, who we are relying on for the future of the Club, gave up trying when confronted with strong opposition. We proved we could win against powerful sides when we kept persevering and didn't give up.

Players who have improved this season and have, or should, make higher elevens in the future are Chris Watts, Brian Brook, Mike Smith and Peter MacLean. My thanks to the umpires, tea ladies, groundstaff and all the organisers and I wish Henry Bland good luck for next season.

J. S. GLENNY

5th XI Report

In spite of a long break, due to the weather, in mid-season I think all that played for the side enjoyed it. We were not highly successful but most games were played with a good spirit, usually with a different team each week. Selection is not easy in the best of circumstances but the 5th XI is at the end of the line and more liable to change than the higher sides. We must try and develop a system which gives more stability.

The younger players came on well during the season particularly Peter MacLean and Andrew Rhys-Jones. In several games we failed to score enough goals through hesitant shooting whilst holding the territorial advantage. The backs played well at times but conceded too many goals. Let us hope that the 1978-79 season produces more regular turn outs and fewer cry-offs in all the sides.

A. D. PARSONS

CARDIFF HOCKEY CLUB

1977-78 Results

FIRST XI

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------|----|-------------------|---|-----|--|------|----|----------------|---|-----|--|
| 1977 | | | | | | 1978 | | | | | |
| Sept. | 17 | Brean ... | H | 6-0 | | Jan. | 7 | Hereford ... | H | 3-0 | |
| | 24 | Weston ... | A | 2-1 | | | 14 | Firebrands ... | A | 2-0 | |
| Oct. | 1 | Beckenham... | A | 0-5 | | | 21 | Penarth ... | A | 1-3 | |
| | 2 | O. Kingstonians | A | 1-0 | | Feb. | 4 | Newport ... | H | 3-0 | |
| | 8 | Marlborough ... | H | 2-1 | | | 11 | Swindon ... | H | 1-0 | |
| | 15 | Whitchurch ... | A | 1-2 | | Mar. | 4 | Llandaff City | A | 5-1 | |
| | 22 | Penarth ... | H | 0-1 | | | 11 | W. Gloucester | H | 0-3 | |
| | 29 | Llanishen ... | A | 1-0 | | | 18 | Bristol ... | H | 0-1 | |
| Nov. | 5 | Gloucester ... | A | 0-1 | | Apr. | 8 | Evesham ... | H | 2-2 | |
| | 12 | U.C. Cardiff ... | H | 4-0 | | | 9 | Swansea ... | A | 1-2 | |
| | 19 | Swansea ... | H | 1-1 | | | 15 | Lansdown ... | A | 0-1 | |
| | 26 | Newport ... | A | 2-1 | | | | | | | |
| Dec. | 3 | Llandaff City ... | H | 1-0 | | | | | | | |
| | 10 | Bath ... | H | 4-0 | | | | | | | |
| | 17 | Bristol ... | A | 4-2 | | | | | | | |
| | 31 | B.A.C. ... | H | 3-1 | | | | | | | |

WARES IBRAHIM CUP

| | | | | |
|------|----|------------------|---|-----|
| Oct. | 30 | U.C. Swansea ... | A | 6-1 |
| Nov. | 27 | Penarth ... | H | 0-2 |

WELSH CUP

| | | | | |
|------|----|-------------|---|-----|
| Nov. | 13 | Cwmbran ... | A | 3-2 |
| Dec. | 4 | Swansea ... | A | 0-1 |

SECOND XI

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------|----|------------------|---|-----|--|------|----|----------------|---|------|--|
| 1977 | | | | | | 1978 | | | | | |
| Sept. | 17 | Brean II ... | A | 2-0 | | Jan. | 7 | Cwmbran ... | A | 0-3 | |
| | 24 | Weston II ... | A | 7-1 | | | 14 | Firebrands II | H | 3-1 | |
| | 25 | Lydney ... | H | 2-2 | | | 21 | Penarth II ... | H | 2-0 | |
| Oct. | 1 | Imperial ... | H | 2-1 | | | 28 | Llanishen II | A | 1-0 | |
| | 8 | Marlborough II | A | 2-1 | | Feb. | 4 | Newport II... | A | 2-0 | |
| | 15 | Whitchurch II | H | 1-1 | | | 11 | Swindon II... | A | 1-0 | |
| | 22 | Penarth II ... | A | 0-0 | | | 25 | Whitchurch II | A | 3-2 | |
| | 29 | Llanishen II ... | H | 8-0 | | Mar. | 4 | Llandaff | | | |
| Nov. | 5 | Gloucester II | H | 2-0 | | | | City II ... | H | 4-0 | |
| | 12 | Bridgend ... | A | 1-0 | | | 11 | W. Glos. II... | A | 1-0 | |
| | 19 | Swansea II ... | A | 2-0 | | | 18 | Bristol II ... | A | 1-11 | |
| | 26 | Newport II ... | H | 3-1 | | Apr. | 1 | Cheltenham II | A | 1-4 | |
| Dec. | 3 | Llandaff City II | A | 4-0 | | | 8 | Evesham II | A | 0-0 | |
| | 10 | Bath II ... | A | 2-2 | | | 9 | Swansea II | H | 1-2 | |
| | 17 | Bristol II ... | H | 1-2 | | | 15 | Lansdown II | H | 1-2 | |
| | 31 | B.A.C. II ... | A | 5-2 | | | | | | | |

WELSH SECOND ELEVEN CUP

Nov. 20 Whitchurch ... H 2-1

Game ordered to be replayed after a Whitchurch protest
Whitchurch ... H 1-3

THIRD XI

| | | | | | |
|-------|------------------------|-----|------|----------------------|-----|
| 1977 | 17 B.P. Llandarcy A | 1-3 | 1978 | 7 Hereford II A | 1-1 |
| Sept. | 24 Weston III ... A | 3-2 | Jan. | 14 Firebrands III A | 1-2 |
| Oct. | 1 Imperial II ... H | 1-4 | | 21 Penarth III ... A | 1-2 |
| | 8 Marlborough III H | 1-1 | Feb. | 11 Swindon III H | 1-0 |
| | 15 Whitchurch III A | 0-5 | | 18 Swansea III A | 2-2 |
| | 22 Penarth III ... H | 2-1 | | 25 Whitchurch III H | 1-1 |
| | 29 Llanishen III ... A | 2-0 | Mar. | 4 Llandaff | |
| Nov. | 5 Gloucester III A | 1-2 | | City III ... A | 5-0 |
| | 12 U.C. Cardiff II A | 7-1 | | 11 W. Glos. III H | 0-6 |
| | 19 Swansea III ... H | 2-2 | | 18 Bristol III ... H | 2-8 |
| | 26 Newport III ... A | 0-0 | Apr. | 8 Evesham III H | 1-2 |
| Dec. | 3 Llandaff City III H | 6-0 | | 15 Lansdown III A | 0-0 |
| | 10 Bath III ... A | 4-1 | | | |
| | 17 Bristol III ... A | 2-4 | | | |
| | 31 B.A.C. III ... H | 3-1 | | | |

FOURTH XI

| | | | | | |
|-------|----------------------|-----|------|---------------------|------|
| 1977 | 17 Brean III ... H | 0-4 | 1978 | 7 Cwmbran II H | 1-1 |
| Sept. | 24 Gloucester IV H | 0-4 | Jan. | 14 Firebrands IV H | 2-0 |
| Oct. | 1 Imperial III ... H | 1-1 | Feb. | 4 B.S.C. Pt. T't H | 1-2 |
| | 8 Marlborough IV A | 0-9 | | 11 Swindon IV ... A | 5-1 |
| | 15 Whitchurch IV H | 2-5 | Mar. | 4 Cardiff H.S. H | 0-11 |
| | 22 Penarth IV ... A | 8-1 | | 11 W. Glos IV ... A | 1-6 |
| | 29 B.S.C. Pt. T't A | 1-0 | | 18 Bristol IV ... A | 0-2 |
| Nov. | 5 Punjabis ... H | 0-2 | Apr. | 1 Cheltenham IV A | 0-4 |
| | 12 Bridgend II ... H | 2-1 | | 8 Evesham IV A | 1-2 |
| | 19 Swansea IV ... A | 1-1 | | 15 Lansdown IV H | 2-2 |
| | 26 Newport IV ... H | 1-1 | | | |
| Dec. | 3 Oystermouth III A | 1-0 | | | |
| | 10 Bath IV ... A | 2-0 | | | |
| | 17 Bristol IV ... H | 2-1 | | | |

FIFTH XI

| | | | | | |
|------|-----------------------|-----|------|-------------------|-----|
| 1977 | 8 Bridgend II ... H | 1-1 | 1978 | 7 Hereford III H | 3-4 |
| Oct. | 15 Whitchurch V A | 0-4 | Jan. | 14 Firebrands V A | 0-0 |
| | 22 Newport IV ... H | 2-2 | Feb. | 4 Newport IV A | 5-1 |
| | 29 Llanishen IV ... H | 3-2 | Mar. | 4 Gloucester V A | 2-3 |
| Nov. | 5 Gloucester IV H | 0-8 | | 18 Swansea IV H | 2-1 |
| | 19 Stanwell C.S. A | 1-2 | Apr. | 8 Evesham V ... H | 1-6 |
| Dec. | 17 Bristol V ... A | 0-1 | | | |
| | 31 Swansea IV ... H | 3-2 | | | |

CARDIFF HOCKEY CLUB

Records of Past Seasons

| Season | Captain | Played | Won | Drn. | Lost | For | Agst |
|-----------|--------------------|--------|-----|------|------|-----|------|
| 1896-97 | E. W. BENNETT | ... | * | | | | |
| 1897-98 | E. W. BENNETT | 23 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 38 | 46 |
| 1898-99 | W. BIELSKI | 17 | 8 | 2 | 7 | 38 | 26 |
| 1899-1900 | N. D. WARE | 23 | 14 | 6 | 3 | 68 | 24 |
| 1900-01 | N. D. WARE | 26 | 20 | 2 | 4 | 82 | 33 |
| 1901-02 | N. D. WARE | 19 | 15 | 2 | 2 | 81 | 13 |
| 1902-03 | G. N. HOWELL | 20 | 16 | 1 | 3 | 81 | 22 |
| 1903-04 | G. N. HOWELL | 24 | 18 | 2 | 4 | 110 | 31 |
| 1904-05 | E. W. EVANS | 20 | 15 | 2 | 3 | 119 | 27 |
| 1905-06 | E. W. EVANS | 15 | 11 | 1 | 3 | 78 | 27 |
| 1906-07 | E. W. EVANS | 17 | 13 | 2 | 2 | 68 | 25 |
| 1907-08 | F. B. M. BULMER | 16 | 12 | 2 | 2 | 62 | 23 |
| 1908-09 | E. R. SWEET-ESCOTT | 23 | 17 | 3 | 3 | 101 | 26 |
| 1909-10 | B. TURNBULL | 18 | 14 | 0 | 4 | 109 | 26 |
| 1910-11 | H. H. SWEET-ESCOTT | 18 | 14 | 2 | 2 | 107 | 22 |
| 1911-12 | J. W. DUNCAN | 18 | 15 | 1 | 2 | 95 | 26 |
| 1912-13 | H. REDFORD | 15 | 10 | 0 | 5 | 70 | 57 |
| 1913-14 | J. O. TURNBULL | 22 | 19 | 2 | 1 | 115 | 30 |
| 1919-20 | B. TURNBULL | 17 | 10 | 2 | 5 | 64 | 45 |
| 1920-21 | H. S. STEPHENS | 15 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 41 | 34 |
| 1921-22 | R. T. S. HINDE | 24 | 14 | 3 | 7 | 92 | 51 |
| 1922-23 | H. W. BROWNE | 19 | 10 | 3 | 6 | 73 | 34 |
| 1923-24 | W. S. COURTIS | 23 | 9 | 4 | 10 | 63 | 68 |
| 1924-25 | A. T. HARPER | ... | * | | | | |
| 1925-26 | A. T. HARPER | ... | * | | | | |
| 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 | M. A. THOMAS | 29 | 19 | 3 | 7 | 103 | 52 |
| 1956-57 | M. H. C. MEGGITT | 28 | 16 | 5 | 7 | 83 | 59 |
| 1957-58 | T. D. H. THOMAS | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 1958-59 | D. J. O'BRIEN | 30 | 20 | 2 | 8 | 93 | 54 |
| 1959-60 | M. H. C. MEGGITT | 28 | 15 | 5 | 8 | 64 | 41 |
| 1960-61 | G. T. WHITEWAY | 26 | 9 | 5 | 12 | 62 | 67 |
| 1961-62 | M. H. C. MEGGITT | 25 | 13 | 4 | 8 | 60 | 47 |
| 1962-63 | P. WILKINSON | 30 | 16 | 8 | 6 | 90 | 59 |
| 1963-64 | P. WILKINSON | 23 | 15 | 3 | 5 | 61 | 32 |
| 1964-65 | G. T. WHITEWAY | 29 | 17 | 3 | 9 | 71 | 47 |
| 1965-66 | G. T. WHITEWAY | 32 | 22 | 2 | 8 | 98 | 51 |
| 1966-67 | G. T. WHITEWAY | 22 | 5 | 2 | 15 | 32 | 57 |
| 1967-68 | J. R. COCKS | 25 | 7 | 6 | 12 | 37 | 46 |
| 1968-69 | J. O. ROCH | 32 | 13 | 7 | 12 | 54 | 74 |
| 1969-70 | J. R. ELLIS | 30 | 13 | 9 | 8 | 50 | 36 |
| 1970-71 | R. K. O. GODDARD | 36 | 24 | 5 | 7 | 75 | 26 |
| 1971-72 | J. COCKS | 42 | 27 | 6 | 9 | 96 | 46 |
| 1972-73 | J. COCKS | 33 | 13 | 9 | 10 | 66 | 46 |
| 1973-74 | J. COCKS | 31 | 15 | 7 | 9 | 57 | 47 |
| 1974-75 | H. M. O. GIDDY | 26 | 17 | 5 | 4 | 67 | 24 |
| 1975-76 | P. HORSFIELD | 27 | 13 | 5 | 9 | 51 | 36 |
| 1976-77 | P. HORSFIELD | 33 | 15 | 8 | 10 | 73 | 44 |
| 1977-78 | R. C. MCKERLICH | 28 | 15 | 3 | 10 | 40 | 21 |
| | R. R. WILDBLOOD | 27 | 16 | 2 | 9 | 50 | 29 |

* Records not available.

CARDIFF ATHLETIC GOLFING SOCIETY

REPORT 1977

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Captain's Day 1977 was on 2nd June and the Meeting was held at the ever popular Cardiff Golf Club where the Society have been favoured for this particular Meeting for many years. The winner was Clive Williams, appropriately enough a member of the Cardiff G.C., with a Stableford score of 34 points.

We received the usual warm welcome from Glamorganshire Golf Club for our Summer Meeting on 20th June. The Hubert Johnson Trophy was at stake and the Society was privileged to have as a guest, our President who was to witness a keen 4 Ball B/B Stableford Competition and present his Trophy to the eventual winners, Brian Joseph and G. E. Scarrett who achieved a score of 43 points. Coincidentally, the winners were both members of the Glamorganshire Club.

Due to an unfortunate mix-up of fixtures, the Autumn Meeting, which was to have been held at Radyr Golf Club had to be cancelled. However, thanks to the generous help and kind cooperation of Mr. Denis Bartlett, Captain of Whitchurch G.C., and his Committee we were offered a facility at the shortest possible notice and our Meeting went ahead on 22nd September. The Trophy to be played for was the Gwyn Nicholl Rose Bowl which was won by Alun Priday with a score of 35 points. To round off the day perfectly, Mr. Ivor Nicholl was our guest and presented the Prize inaugurated in memory of his illustrious father. We were very pleased to see Ralph Bird return a card with the very creditable score of 29 points to win a special prize for the best card aged 80 and over.

The Annual Dinner was held in the Top Lounge of the Athletic Club on the last Friday in January 1978. Guest speakers were Mr. Iestyn Tucker and Mr. Laurence Godfrey whose absorbing stories of International and County Golf passed the time available only too quickly. It was interesting to learn that "Bill" Tucker had won 83 caps in a playing career spanning 26 years of Welsh Golf.

John Sanders accepted the Captaincy of the Society at the Annual General Meeting in February and the first Meeting during his year of Office was held at that most friendly and hospitable Club, Llanishen on 20th April. The "Centenary" Trophy was played for in a 4 Ball B/B Stableford and won by Bryn Dando and Stan Humphries. Weather conditions were not conducive to good golf but four cards were returned with 39 points to reflect the high standard of play on the day and the winners were decided on the best last nine holes. Measured in terms of

numbers attending this was probably the most successful Meeting ever. It was appropriate that Mr. T. Lynn Williams was at the Club to accept the Society's invitation to supper, for the prize at this Meeting, the "Centenary" Trophy, was originally presented by him to be won outright at the Cardiff R.F.C. Centenary Golf Tournament. Appropriately enough the Trophy was then won by the Golfing Society Team and henceforth called the "Centenary" Trophy and is played for every year at one of the Society's Meetings.

Three other Meetings will take place in the year ahead, at Cardiff Golf Club in June, Glamorganshire in July and at Whitchurch in September.

ELFED DAVIES

CARDIFF ATHLETIC MALE VOICE CHOIR

Since I last wrote in the Annual Report the Choir has shown considerable improvement both in numbers and quality. We sang at the Albert Hall 1,000 male Voice Festival in 1976 and have been invited to take part again this year—unfortunately on the day that Cardiff play the All Blacks—but such is the loyalty of our 65 members, many of them members of the Rugby Section, that every single one is making the trip to the Albert Hall.

Mr Hubert Johnson, President of the Athletic Club, last year kindly consented to become President of our Choir.

After singing at the Cavalcade of Rugby at Sophia Gardens during Cardiff's Centenary Season, we were invited to take part in the opening event of Brigid R.F.C.'s Centenary Celebrations at the Brigid Sports Centre.

This year we joined the Association of Male Choirs and were invited to sing at the opening of the Cardiff Proms at the New Theatre in July, with a Choir of 500 voices. A most enjoyable and successful venture.

The Lord Mayor of Cardiff invited us together with the Cardiff Male Choir and the Cardiff Police Choir to take part in a Charity Concert at the City Hall in August on the eve of the Lord Mayor's Parade.

Many other concerts for various charities, St. John's Ambulance, O.A.P.'s, Handicapped Person's etc., has made this year a most rewarding and successful one and the thanks of our members must go to Mr. John Davies, Conductor, Mr. Edgar Taylor, Deputy Conductor and Mr. Justin Beynon our Pianist for all the hard work they've put into making our Choir so successful.

R. REES

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