

CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB



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For the Year ended

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Telephone Numbers:

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

General Secretary: K. H. GEORGE

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HUBERT JOHNSON
President of the Cardiff Athletic Club

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Presidents:

N. V. H. RICHES
HUBERT JOHNSON

Vice-Presidents:

THE LORD MAYOR OF CARDIFF	W. LEWIS, J.P.
D. A. BROWN	T. G. MORRIS
THE MARQUESS OF BUTE,	M. PEDRON
D.L., C.ST.J., J.P.	G. L. PORTER
D. E. DAVIES	L. M. SPENCE
EWAN G. DAVIES, J.P.	J. R. THOMAS
F. P. DAVIES	Col. Sir CENYDD TRAHERNE,
W. J. EVANS	K.G., T.D., J.P.
E. C. HALL	R. F. TROTT
K. H. INGLEDEW	B. R. TURNBULL
HUBERT JOHNSON	

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairmen:

*HUBERT JOHNSON
*L. M. SPENCE

Vice-Chairman: G. CHUGG

***N. V. H. RICHES**

*His Honour Judge
W. N. FRANCIS

*K. H. INGLEDEW

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

To retire in 1976

G. CHUGG
T. PHILLIPS
L. K. MORGAN
J. D. H. RICHES
K. A. ROWLANDS
Dr. C. D. WILLIAMS

To retire in 1977

P. I. COLLIER
His Honour Judge
W. N. FRANCIS
J. HERBERT
J. H. WEBB
W. H. WILKINS

To retire in 1978

M. COLLINS
E. F. COUZENS
D. J. HAYWARD
D. M. JAMES
W. LEWIS, J.P.
J. P. ROBERTS
T. L. WILLIAMS

Co-opted Members: J. R. THOMAS, J. O. WEBB and A. J. PRIDAY

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, J.P.

G. CHUGG
H. JOHNSON
K. H. GEORGE (General Secretary)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairman: W. LEWIS, J.P.

K. H. INGLEDEW
H. JOHNSON
L. K. MORGAN

N. V. H. RICHES
L. M. SPENCE
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W. H. WILKINS
Dr. C. D. WILLIAMS
T. L. WILLIAMS

HOUSE & INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

Chairman: G. CHUGG

E. F. COUZENS
D. J. HAYWARD
D. M. JAMES
T. PHILLIPS

J. D. H. RICHES
J. P. ROBERTS
T. L. WILLIAMS

GROUND COMMITTEE

Chairman: L. M. SPENCE

P. I. COLLIER
M. COLLINS
His Honour Judge
W. N. FRANCIS
J. HERBERT

A. J. PRIDAY
K. A. ROWLANDS
J. R. THOMAS
D. WARD
M. WARFIELD

J. H. WEBB
J. O. WEBB

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

FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

Chairman: D. M. JAMES

Vice-Chairman: D. J. HAYWARD

Hon. Secretary: A. J. PRIDAY

Club Captain: T. G. R. DAVIES

Captain Athletic XV: J. HICKEY

A. D. S. BOWES
M. COLLINS
J. DAVIES
P. T. GOODFELLOW
C. T. HOWE

B. MARK
H. NORRIS
P. NYHAN
K. A. ROWLANDS
L. M. SPENCE

W. H. WILKINS
A. D. WILLIAMS
Dr. C. D. WILLIAMS
LLOYD WILLIAMS
T. L. WILLIAMS

CRICKET COMMITTEE

Chairman: J. D. H. RICHES

Hon. Secretary: J. O. WEBB

Captain of Club: K. D. WILLIAMS

Vice-Captain: A. HENDERSON

Captain Second XI: R. H. WILLIAMS

Captain Reserve XI: G. STONE

Captain Sunday XI: S. LANG

E. COULL
J. L. DUNCAN
A. EDWARDS

M. GALLIVAN

D. HERBERT
J. HERBERT
M. PAGE

BOWLS COMMITTEE

Chairman: E. F. COUZENS

Hon. Secretary: T. PHILLIPS

Asst. Hon. Secretary: J. H. WEBB

Captain: M. C. GILMORE

Captain 'A' Team: J. J. CANDLISH

A. G. BOUND, M.B.E.
B. HAWKINS
I. C. PRICE

D. H. PRINCE
P. E. RIDD
F. W. SOMERS
L. M. SPENCE

LAWN TENNIS COMMITTEE

Chairman: T. R. MORGAN

Hon. Secretary: D. I. MORGAN REES

Captain: D. F. WARD

Ladies Captain: Mrs. C. JEANS

Hon. Match Secretary: J. A. HUMPHRIES

**P. I. COLLIER
P. COLES
*C. EVANS
W. P. LEWIS

***Mrs. A. PRITCHARD
Mrs. C. JEANS
Miss E. BELMAN

*Junior Representative
***Treasurer

**Special responsibilities for Juniors

HOCKEY COMMITTEE

Chairman: K. D. WILLIAMS

Captain First XI: P. HORSFIELD

Captain Second XI: M. J. WIGG

Captain Third XI: N. C. PALLOT

Captain Fourth XI: C. T. ANDREWS

Captain Fifth XI: K. SIDDLE

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

Hon. Team Secretary: M. T. GALLIVAN

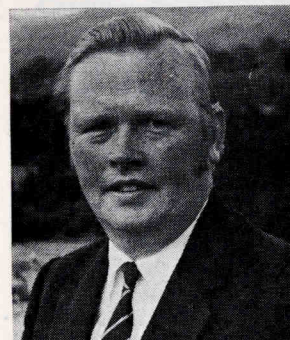
Hon. Asst. Team Secretary: P. KELVIN-SMITH

Hon. Fixture Secretary: J. J. DYER

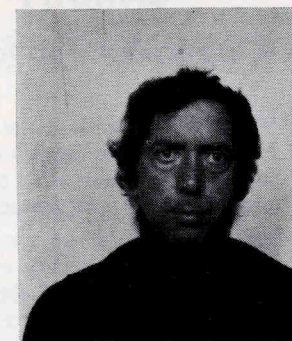
Committee:

C. N. FOOKES, J. S. GLENNY, N. C. PALLOT, M. G. B. WARFIELD

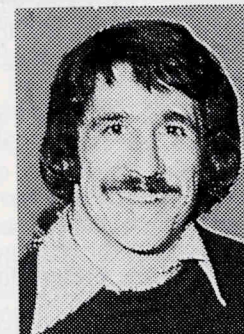
CLUB CAPTAINS



M. C. GILMORE
(Bowls)



K. D. WILLIAMS
(Cricket)



T. G. R. DAVIES
(Rugby)



P. HORSFIELD
(Hockey)



D. F. WARD
(Lawn Tennis)

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Chairman's Report for the Year ended 30th April, 1976

Dear Members,

In writing a report on an expanding club like ours, you sometimes wonder what to add or leave out, although the expansion does not unfortunately apply to excess of income over expenditure.

General Secretary's Report

"Dear Mr. Chairman,

The Financial accounts for the year ended 30th April, 1976 are once again disappointing. To those who are more deeply concerned with the status of the Club the alarm bell has sounded, although perhaps not sufficiently loud enough to prompt drastic measures at the moment.

I wonder how many members appreciate the true significance of the figures produced and that within two years the Club's turnover might well be in the region of a quarter of a million pounds. For an amateur organisation we have entered the realm of big business and the risks can be enormous although we might be the envy of many. Fortunately, the Management and Standing Committees are well aware of the present financial climate and have urged all Sections to seriously consider curbing expenditure wherever possible. Whilst Mr. Danny Davies quotes the Rugby Club as "The Greatest" we still have no divine right to a reduction on our many fixed and semi-fixed overheads and increases in these expenses are continuing. It is to be hoped that within the not too distant future acceleration of increases in all costs will have been curbed, and that Cardiff Rugby Club will continue to enhance its reputation on the field and provide the bulwark of our income. To reach the final of the Welsh Rugby Union Cup would be a blessing from Heaven.

Income

An increase of over £31,000 is self explanatory from the Accounts and, in the main, increases have been imposed by the Rugby and Management Committees. These refer in particular to Subscriptions, Season Tickets and Match admission prices.

Programme sales benefited this year with receipts from the Cardiff v Australia fixture.

The increase in Ground Earnings is due this year to a revised rental from Glamorgan County Cricket Club for the use of Sophia Gardens.

Broadcasting fees are disappointing when compared with last year when more special television of Cardiff Rugby matches occurred.

Car parking receipts continue to help finances considerably. Charges for General Public parking have been controlled and agreed with the Price Commission. However, the introduction of Ground Membership in the near future should ease Members' problems in parking, provide more security on Club property and further help finances.

Investment Income has unfortunately declined due to lower rates of interest payable by Lloyds and Scottish Finance. This is fairly general with short term loans.

Bar Takings for the Clubhouse have obviously increased by the process of recouping various increases in brewers' charges in selling prices. Volume of sales did however increase.

EXPENDITURE

Salaries and Wages

Whilst increases appear to be high they compare favourably with cost increases in similar occupations in the commercial field. Bar Wages are controlled by the Wages Council regulations appertaining to the type of establishment.

Football Expenses

Expenses in connection with Home matches have generally decreased with the exception of Catering which is subject to increases on a sub-contract basis. Away match expenses are governed by fixtures arranged and vary from one Season to another. Hotel and travelling charges are the main items.

Players travelling expenses for training and home matches and Gatemen's expenses cover present costs for bus fares and petrol.

Football and Medical Equipment has cost an extra £1,724 due to manufacturer's charges. Costs have increased by approximately 93% mainly due to increases in manufacturers' charges.

Laundry costs are mainly related to the Rugby Section.

Upkeep of Grounds and Clubhouse

Water rates have doubled but savings on repairs to Buildings, Seed, Fertilisers and Sand have been achieved.

Stationery, Telephones and Postages

Whilst stationery requirements vary, a saving of £257 has occurred this year whilst Telephone charges have more than doubled at £1487, with a further increase in postages of approximately £454.

GENERAL RATES

Cardiff Arms Park

Instances of increases are as follows:

Half year to 31st March 1975	—	£1,681
" " " " " 1976	—	£2,487
" " 30th September 1976	—	£3,693

Sophia Gardens

Half year to 31st March 1975	—	£601
" " " " " 1976	—	£890

Water, Light and Heat

Electricity and Gas charges have increased by approximately 64%. Electrical and lighting installations in the Clubhouse and Club Grounds in particular, leaves a lot to be desired and lighting circuits have been modified and re-arranged on several occasions to reduce consumption costs, particularly in connection with car parking.

Heating oil costs have increased by over 35%, and Electricity charges at Sophia Gardens have further increased by £337.

Cleaning

Costs for the above constantly concern the House Committee. Material prices have increased and the Clubhouse is still used to capacity on Rugby match days. As guest tickets are being curtailed on certain Saturdays, Members must look to themselves when cleaning costs are so heavy. Cleaners wages have been in-

creased to conform with Wages Council regulations applying to this type of establishment.

Insurances

General all round increases to protect the Club's property on a replacement basis and other liabilities are subject to Insurer's rates.

Other Expenses

Increases in most cases due to continued changes in suppliers prices.

An Honorarium to Mr. D. E. Davies and a charge for Value Added Tax are two extra items in the Year's Accounts. A charge of £1,045 for V.A.T. which cannot be re-couped has been reserved for, although after negotiations this might be reduced.

Capital Expenditure for the Year ended 30th April, 1976

Ground Development

Tennis Summerhouse	£
R.F.C. Sign at Angel Entrance	710
New lighting—Roadway under stand	680
	175
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	£1,565

Bowls Pavilion

Fees	£
	350

Sophia Gardens Pavilion and Flat

Extension to Groundsman's Flat and Dining Room less contribution from Glamorgan County Cricket Club	7,850
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Furniture and Fittings

New Club Furniture and R.F.C. Honours Boards ..	2,515
Postal Franking Machine	238
Kitchen/Bar Equipment	212
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	£2,965

Ground Maintenance	£	£
New Water Sprinkler	169	
Less sale of old Tractor	27	142

Office Equipment

New Steel Cabinet	42
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Cardiff Rugby Club—Centenary

A tribute should be expressed to the R.F.C. Committee and under the Chairmanship of Mr. L. M. Spence in particular for the vast amount of time and effort which all have contributed in raising funds to offset high costs in connection with the forthcoming Centenary Celebrations. Not one item of expense, however small, has yet been borne out of the Club's finances and funds accumulated are encouraging. A glowing example of what can be achieved during a period of increasing costs.

K. H. GEORGE (*General Secretary*)

Committees

With an expanding Club and the difficulties of this present era, Committees met regularly and devoted a great deal of time to the various Sections for the good of the Club as a whole. I am grateful to them all for their considerable help. The Chairman of Committees remained the same and as usual gave their unstinted time and energy.

Once again I would like to say a big thank you to the Chairmen of the Standing Committees viz:- G. Chugg—House, L. M. Spence—Ground; W. Lewis—Executive, who have done their usual sterling work.

Mr. Ewan G. Davies, the Club's Hon. Solicitor, continues to give valuable help and advice on many difficult situations. He is now in his ninetieth year and very sprightly. He has been appointed Patron of the Rugby Club in its Centenary Year.

Mr. John Webb and Mr. J. R. Thomas served in their capacities as co-opted Members regularly attending Meetings and giving advice.

There are inevitable changes on Committee, and we have lost the services of some very efficient and loyal stalwarts of the Club. I refer firstly to Mr. Gwyn Porter who, as Vice Chairman of the Management Committee and past member and Chairman of the

Rugby Committee and for many years Chairman of the House Committee, has been a very fine servant of the Cardiff Athletic Club. He is a Vice President. His withdrawal from re-election was very much regretted.

Mr. Frank Trott, apart from his great work on the Rugby Committee as Committeeman and impeccable Hon. Secretary for 15 years, served on the Management Committee and for a time as Vice Chairman. His great assistance during the transfer of the Cardiff Rugby Ground to its present situation was of great value to the Club. His withdrawal from re-election to the Management Committee was regrettable. Frank is also a Vice President of the Club.

Mr. Fred Davies, who became a member of the Management Committee in 1954, was Captain of the Tennis Section for 15 seasons. He gave inestimable service to his Section and is a Vice President. His resignation was regrettable.

Mr. Frank Somers of the Bowls Section has also resigned after many years service. For many years he had collated the reports for this Annual Report and checked the proofs, quite a formidable task, I can assure you.

Trustees

There are two changes on the list of Trustees, owing to the decease of our President, Norman Riches, and the resignation of another great stalwart of the Club, B. R. Turnbull. The Management Committee have appointed Judge Norman Francis of the Hockey Club and Mr. L. M. Spence of the Rugby Club to replace them. I am sure they will carry out any responsibilities that the office will entail.

Our Late President

The loss of Norman Riches, who passed away on November 6th, 1975, at the age of 92 years was the passing of a great part of Cardiff Athletic Club history. Norman, who captained Glamorgan County Cricket Club in their first ever match in the senior Counties competition, which incidentally they won, also played for the M.C.C. with distinction. He captained Cardiff Cricket Club for seven seasons and from there served the Club in the capacity of Chairman, President and Trustee until his death.

With more space than I have at my disposal, I could tell of countless occasions of his charm and pride in the Cardiff Athletic

Club and I found that he was easy to work with and to be with. He will be sadly missed.

For many years the writer of this Report has been privileged to be the Chairman of the Cardiff Athletic Club. However, following the death of our President, Mr. N. V. H. Riches, the Management Committee elected me to succeed him, subject to the approval of the members at the Annual General Meeting. My successor is Mr. L. M. Spence, who needs no introduction, and was unanimously elected. He has held many positions in this Club, over many, many years, including Chairman of the Ground Committee, Chairman of the Rugby Club, W.R.U. Representative and immediate past-President of the W.R.U. He will, I am certain, prove very successful in this position. He is also Chairman of the Centenary Committee of the Rugby Club and doing an enormous amount of work to make sure that the Centenary proves to be a great success. Let it be that every member of the Cardiff Athletic Club is behind the Chairman and Committee in its endeavours to present "Our Club" to the World in its "finest hour".

Cardiff Athletic Club Golfing Society Report—1976

President: HUBERT JOHNSON

Vice-President: CHRIS ASHE

Captain: LIONEL KING

Vice-Captain: MALCOLM GODFREY

Hon. Secretary: ALAN EDWARDS

Hon. Treasurer: AUSTIN C. THOMAS

Fixture Secretary: JAKE MORGAN

The opening Meeting of the year was held at the Llanishen Golf Club on the 22nd April, when Philip Humphreys and Jack Gough won the Founders' Trophy with a Stableford Score of 43 points. The Captain's Day was held at Cardiff Golf Club on the 3rd June, when David Herbert won the Rhys T. Gabe Cup with 36 points, and at Glamorganshire Golf Club on the 7th July the Hubert Johnson Trophy was won by Club Captain, Brian Joseph and his partner Peter Jones. It is interesting to recall that all the competitions so far played this year have been won by Society Members at Golf Clubs where they are also Members. The final Meeting of the year will be held at Radyr Golf Club in September, when we again hope for a full attendance.

It is hoped that during the Cardiff Rugby Club's Centenary Celebrations to hold a Golf Meeting at which visiting International Rugby Players, who also enjoy our sport, will participate. All news of this proposed venture will be announced when details have been finalised.

A. M. EDWARDS,
Hon. Secretary

Cardiff Athletic Club Male Voice Choir

During the year our Membership increased considerably and we continued to entertain O.A.P.s and Handicapped Persons at Charity Concerts. The two highlights of our year were the acceptance of the Presidency of the Choir by Mr. Hubert Johnson and the invitation from the 1,000 Voices Festival for us to join them at the Albert Hall in October. This has meant a lot of hard practices for the Choir to learn all the new music and we consider it an honour to be invited especially as we are celebrating our tenth anniversary.

P. REES
Hon. Secretary

Entertainments Report

The Entertainment Committee continues to try and do a good job in the interest of the Club.

A number of Discos were held during the past 12 months, and the Entertainment Committee wish to thank members of the Supporters Club who rallied round on these occasions, and without whose help the Discos could not have been run.

We felt that all Members who attended the Christmas Draw and 300 Club Draw on December 18th fully appreciated the free Entertainment and Buffet put on by this Committee, and we hope we shall be able to put on a similar event this year.

We would thank the Management Committee for allowing us extra money to purchase a quantity of new Christmas decorations, thus making the Private Members and the upstairs Lounges look fitting for the Festive Season.

The New Year's Eve Dance was a great success, and we received many complimentary remarks from Members on this occasion. It seems to have been accepted as an annual event, and it has been proposed that this year we could make it a Fancy Dress Ball.

The Children's Party in January was also a success, and once again Father Christmas made his appearance with his sack of presents, and sweets kindly given by Hubert Johnson. The children of all ages appear to enjoy Father Christmas, and must thank you-know-who for his efforts in this connection.

In conclusion the Committee would like to thank those few Members who put in an appearance at the Meetings, but would stress the need for more active support from the Sections, in order that we may get together to put on special evenings during the Centenary Year.

DON DAVIES,
Chairman

Functions arranged by the Supporters Club during the Year ended 30th April 1976 included the following:

June 6th—Player of the Year Award

On an occasion, rated by many as our most successful to date, the award was made to the ever popular P. L. Jones. Barry Nelmes, hot foot from his Australian Tour with the English Team, was presented with a Salver, to commemorate the award of his first Cap. In addition a further gift of £100 was made to the Centenary Fund.

July 5th

Another pre-season visit to Nuneaton—another undoubted success, with the Mustard Gleemen contributing to the entertainment.

December 12th

Our second annual Dinner/Dance—better attended than the first. Highly successful, and most gratifying that so many officials and players of the Cardiff Rugby Football Club were in attendance.

In addition to the above, trips were made to support Cardiff in all their away games, including Gala and the Italian Tour.

Our usual quota of film shows—skittle matches etc. were enjoyed by an ever-increasing membership. During the season we entertained a number of supporters of other Clubs, including Gala and the Nuneaton Internationals.

The Club is represented by the Chairman, Mr. E. John, and the Treasurer, Mr. B. Bennett, on the Centenary Committee, and have undertaken the staffing of the Centenary Shop, where Mr. & Mrs. John have done sterling work.

Our successful season has been due in no small measure to the co-operation and good offices of our Steward, Stewardess and their Staff, Mr. Ken George and his Staff, and our function M.C., Mr. John Elson.

We would take this opportunity of thanking the members of the Rugby Committee for their support of our activities, and look forward to a memorable Centenary Season.

Visitors

We are constantly being blessed with many very delightful visitors of fame and friendship and it has been a pleasure to receive them.

We were privileged to receive the retiring American Ambassador, Mr. Elliot Richardson, accompanied by his charming wife to watch a rugby match and meet Club officials. Also the incoming American Ambassadress, Mrs. Anne Armstrong and husband, who proved delightful personalities.

To complete a hat trick of enjoyable meetings we were blessed by our own Prince of Wales whose ship H.M.S. Bronnington was berthed in Barry. He visited the Trophy Room and Club Lounge and admired the ships' plaques and numerous trophies from overseas, in particular his own Prince of Wales' Feathers which were on show, having been presented to the Club by the Town Clerk of Potosi, South Africa. He was presented with Club and Centenary ties and a scarf. He then took his place in the Committee Box and watched the semi and finals of the Snelling Seven-a-Side Tournament and presented the prizes. It was a memorable visit for all concerned. There is a constant flow of overseas visitors from New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, Canada and America, all who have heard of and want to visit the famous Cardiff Arms Park and to be taken over the Cardiff Rugby Club.

Obituaries

The following list of excellent members no longer with us, makes me, and I am sure, all members, very sad and the feeling

of loss very acute. I have included all those who have left us to this present time of writing. They will be very sadly missed. Rufus Jones, J. Thomas (Penarth), A. W. Davies, Mrs. Marie Smith, E. C. Couldrey, J. J. Candlish, D. Tantom, David James, Sir Stanley Baker, and J. D. Nichol.

Staff

The Office Staff, under the direction of General Secretary, Mr. K. H. George, and Chief Clerk, Miss Anne Davies, have, as usual, got through a tremendous amount of work in Rugby and general administration of Club affairs, which increases annually. The Ground Staff, with Mr. Richard Stevens, have this year had to contend with adverse weather conditions and the Bar Staff under the new Steward, Mr. Leworthy, are all doing their best to keep the wheels running smoothly.

Members may not realise that the administration of this great Club requires a considerable Staff, 15 full-time and approximately 23 part time employees.

After many years of enjoying the privilege of being the Chairman of the Cardiff Athletic Club, it would take a lot more space than I have to adequately thank everyone for their support, help and loyalty that I have enjoyed from all Committees, Members and Staff, who have spared no effort to make this great Club tick over so successfully.

I assure you that there is a wealth of meaning in the words "I thank you".

HUBERT JOHNSON

Thanks for getting us ahead.



Carling Black Label. The biggest thanks to you.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURE		
1975	£	£
24,187	To Salaries and wages	29,196
6,283	Upkeep of grounds and Clubhouse	5,146
5,055	Football—away match expenses	7,712
1,560	Football players' out of pocket expenses	2,038
4,432	Football—home matches expenses	7,264
424	Football—Junior XV expenses	667
3,045	Stationery, telephone and postages	4,107
552	Cost of Annual Report	657
36	Less Advertising in Annual Report	36
516		621
1,899	Advertising, Season Tickets etc.	2,947
1,443	Gatemen	2,479
3,531	Rates	4,869
2,023	Rent and rates—Sophia Gardens	2,467
6,929	Light and heat	10,162
368	Sundry items	667
794	Laundry	1,075
4,451	Cleaning	6,568
632	Dinner, Dance, Ladies' Night, Photographs and Awards	1,173
1,404	Football equipment	2,955
150	Audit fee	150
1,780	Insurances	2,439
200	Football Insurance Fund	200
446	Medical expenses	619
292	Donations	340
1,240	Plant repairs, petrol and oil	2,954
1,140	Sectional expenses	1,348
—	History of Cardiff RFC—Cost of sales and expenses	3,531
—	V.A.T.	1,045
—	Honorarium	750
1,915	BAR PURCHASES:	
41,536	Opening stock	2,806
43,451	Purchases	54,095
2,806	Less Closing stock	56,901
40,645		5,842
2,378	Bar purchases—Sophia Gardens	51,059
6,641	Catering purchases	2,827
15,042	Bar wages, equipment, renewals and expenses	1,974
		15,284
433	DEPRECIATION:	
142	Furniture and fittings	
710	Cardiff Arms Park	878
49	Sophia Gardens	142
25	Ground maintenance equipment	739
	Office equipment	56
	Bowls pavilion written off	—
1,359		1,815
1,005	Excess of income over expenditure	—
£141,294		£178,448

For the Year ended 30th April, 1976

INCOME		
1975	£	£
14,693	By Football Gates	21,896
5,602	Season Tickets	8,489
20,295		30,385
250	Snelling "Seven-a-side" Tournament	503
1,007	Profit on sale of programmes	2,397
21,552		33,285
18,733	Members' subscriptions	24,480
5,749	Ground earnings	6,455
14,032	Car park receipts	17,906
2,314	Less Attendants' wages	3,050
11,718		14,856
2,232	Broadcasting fees	759
	INVESTMENT INCOME	
100	Dividends: Arms Park, Cardiff	
97	Greyhound Racing Co. (1956) Limited	100
97	Target Preference Share Fund	97
	Tax credit recoverable	106
106	Interest:	
45	Local Authority Loans	—
279	3% Savings Bonds	23
49	South Wales & Mon Trustees Savings Bank	3
3,059	Lloyds Bank Limited	262
3,832	Lloyds & Scottish Finance Limited	2,088
61,681		2,679
3,824	History of Cardiff R.F.C.—sales to date	3,444
8,465	Bar takings	78,048
3,076	Bar takings—Sophia Gardens	4,698
384	Catering takings	2,489
48	Fruit machine income less rental and licence	3,632
	Hire of rooms	264
	Profit on sale of Club ties, badges and scarves	57
—		—
—	Excess of expenditure over income	3,302
£141,294		£178,448

BALANCE SHEET

LIABILITIES			
1975 £		£	£
Members' Funds			
81,463	From last account		83,529
1,061	Add: "300" Club		971
	Excess of expenditure over income for the		
1,005	year ended 30th April 1976		(3,302)
—	Cardiff R.F.C. Centenary Fund		3,100
83,529			84,298
1,604	Football Insurance Fund		1,480
Creditors			
4,931	Subscriptions prepaid		3,128
13,188	Accrued expenses		19,064
760	Capital expenditure		4,050
			26,242
Lloyds Bank Limited			
7,459	Bank accounts overdrawn		8,700
 <i>To the Members of the Cardiff Athletic Club</i>			
<i>In our opinion, the foregoing Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Cardiff Athletic Club at the 30th April 1976, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.</i>			
DELOITTE & Co.,			
<i>Chartered Accountants</i>			
<i>Cardiff 18th August, 1976</i>			
£111,471		£120,720	

as at 30th April, 1976

ASSETS			
1975 £		At 1.5.75 £	At 30.4.76 £
Cardiff Arms Park			
19,580	Ground development	19,580	1,565
18,618	Club House	18,618	—
10,383	Bowls Pavilion	10,383	350
			10,733
Sophia Gardens			
5,984	Pavilion and groundsman's flat	5,984	7,850
54,565		£54,565	£9,765
			64,330
Furniture and Fittings			
Cardiff Arms Park			
1,622	From last account		1,802
613	Additions		2,965
2,235			4,767
433	Less Depreciation		879
1,802			3,888
Sophia Gardens			
689	From last account		547
142	Less Depreciation		142
547			405
Ground Maintenance Equipment			
1,218	From last account		2,158
1,650	Additions		141
2,868			2,299
710	Less Depreciation		739
2,158			1,560
Office Furniture			
278	From last account		229
49	Additions		42
278			271
49	Less Depreciation		56
229			215
Investments			
2,100	Target Preference Share Fund 8,400 units		2,100
1,500	3% Savings Bonds 1965/75		1,500
100	Arms Park (Cardiff) Greyhound Racing Co. (1956) Ltd 200 ordinary 5p shares—fully paid		100
20,000	Short Term deposit <i>P.S.</i>		20,000
68	South Wales (East) & Mon Trustee Savings Bank		70
23,768			23,770
Current Assets			
8,666	Stocks		14,119
18,559	Sundry debtors		11,238
1,177	Cash in hand		1,195
£111,471			26,552
			£120,720

CARDIFF RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

SEASON 1975-76

The season really began on Easter Saturday, 1975, when at a meeting of players and Committee, a scheme devised by my predecessor Keith Rowlands was unanimously agreed upon, that the Captain of the Club should be nominated as a result of a proposal by Committee and seconded by a player or vice-versa.

It is now history that Gerald Davies was the nominee submitted to and acclaimed by the Club members at the A.G.M.

The Club Captain immediately called for a day long seminar at which approximately 50 players were in attendance. The two new coaches, John Evans and Chris Padfield, were introduced to the players, and also at this event Gerald took the opportunity of indicating to all present his targets for the approaching season.

In order of priority they were as follows:-

1. To play entertaining 15-man Rugby.
2. To beat the Australians.
3. To win the W.R.U. Knockout Cup.

This kind of thinking took me back to the days immediately after the War, when under Dr. Jack Matthews, Haydn Tanner and Bleddyn Williams the Cardiff team did exactly what Gerald was preaching to the players. I was delighted that my term as Chairman was to start in such a manner.

The month of September was significant for several reasons and the main one was the departure of the Welsh team to Japan. As a result we were without the services of Gareth Edwards and Gerald Davies for the whole month. The Committee also had to do without Les Spence who managed this tour so successfully.

Reports subsequent to the tour have indicated what a marvellous job this great character of Cardiff and Welsh Rugby did in Japan, a country which he had much reason to remember from the past. Well done Les Spence.

There were eight matches in September, three of which we lost. With Roger Lane acting Captain the team did remarkably well, losing to Moseley by one point and to Coventry by three points after leading in both matches almost until the end.

The Gala match was played in a torrential downpour, and in normal circumstances this game could well have been cancelled, but with Cardiff having travelled hundreds of miles and Gala celebrating their Centenary it was felt the game should go on, and the huge crowd were not let down.

There were great wins against Bridgend (away) and Blackheath and Bristol at home.

Also during the month the team played at the ground of Cardiff H.S.O.B. on the occasion of the opening of their new Clubhouse. The ceremony was performed by Cardiff's oldest living international, Mr. Ewan Davies, who warmly congratulated the Old Boys committee on having the foresight to include two Squash Courts in their building.

October proved to be a month of mixed fortunes. Another eight games were played, starting with Penarth who gave Cardiff a terrific game and were actually leading with 15 minutes to go. Lyn Baxter's team almost took the honours with a great exhibition.

The first game against Newport (away) proved to be a bitter disappointment for our supporters as the team gave a lethargic display. It was Gerald's first game and he was off injured for most of the game with double vision.

Then a different story at Pontypool where a good first half was almost countered by "Pool" in the second half.

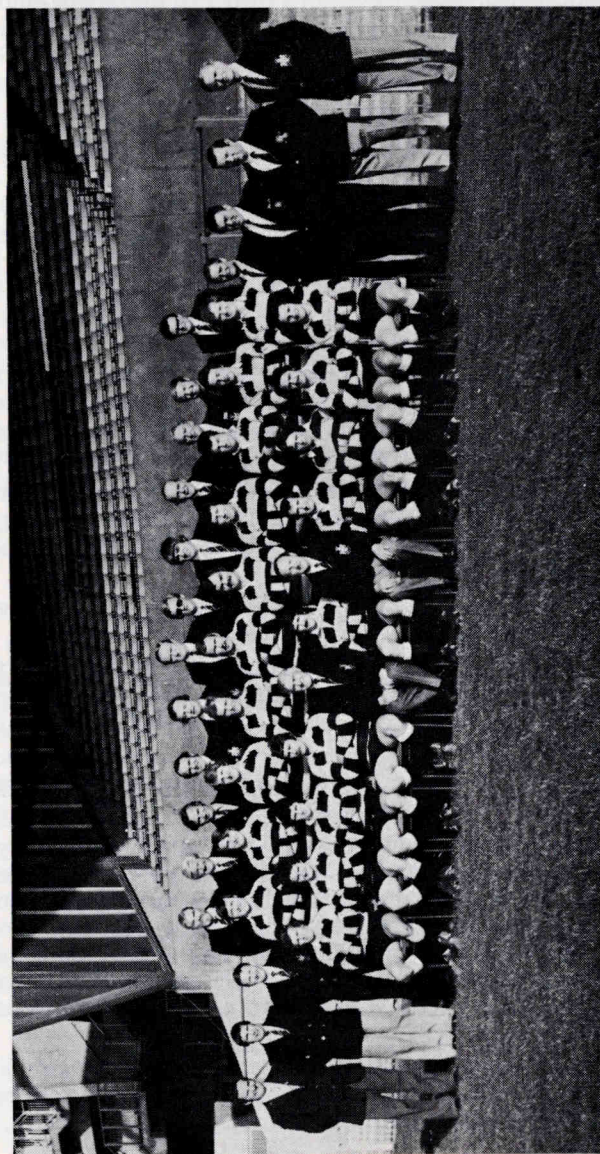
Northampton at home was a repeat of the mixture as in the space of ten minutes Cardiff were 12 points down. The skipper then assumed the role of goal kicker and completely turned the game in our favour.

Back again to normal at Ebbw Vale where nothing went right and we were well beaten in the end.

At home to Cambridge, Cardiff were again troubled by a certain amount of indifference and Cambridge actually scored more tries than we did, but again Gerald's kicking was tremendous and we pulled through. At Pontypridd in front of the best crowd of their season Cardiff were brilliant and on this occasion Gareth Edwards had one of his best games of the season. The month ended with another terrible exhibition at Twickenham against the Harlequins.

This game was being watched by the newly-arrived Australian Touring Party and a few hundred Welsh exiles who regularly follow Cardiff when they are in the Metropolis.

CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB (FIRST XV)—Season 1975-76



Back Row:

A. D. S. BOWES; W. H. WILKINS; D. J. HAYWARD; C. D. WILLIAMS; L. L. WILLIAMS; K. A. ROWLANDS; J. E. DAVIES; M. L. COLLINS; L. M. SPENCE; T. L. WILLIAMS; A. D. WILLIAMS; P. NYHAN.

Second Row:

C. PADFIELD; J. EVANS; B. MARK; G. WALLACE; A. A. J. FINLAYSON; M. MCJENNETT; R. DUDLEY-JONES; I. ROBINSON; P. RAWLINS; B. NELMES; M. KNILL; S. LANE; M. JOHN; P. GOODFELLOW; H. NORRIS; C. T. HOWE; T. HOLLEY.

Seated:

I. DAVIES; A. PHILLIPS; G. DAVIES; R. LANE; D. M. JAMES (*Chairman*); T. G. R. DAVIES (*Captain*); A. J. FRIDAY (*Hon. Secretary*); G. O. EDWARDS; D. B. WILLIAMS; P. EVANS; C. CAMILLERI.

It was impossible to explain to these people why Cardiff could be so brilliant at times and so terrible at other times. The Australians must have had much food for thought after this game.

At least 30 players had played in the 17 matches to the end of October in an effort to find the best combination and this to a certain extent was responsible for the great variance in our game.

The game against Australia is now part of the Club history and in spite of the drama of Gareth Edwards' withdrawal through flu the team raised their game and spirits to magnificent heights to the delight of our own supporters and Rugby followers throughout Wales.

To be Chairman of Cardiff is indeed a great honour, to be Chairman when the Club beats a touring side is a bonus few Chairmen enjoy. When the Australians returned home Cardiff were the only Club side to have beaten them during their Tour and much of the credit must go to the youngsters in the side and the skipper whose pre-match talk was such a great source of inspiration.

The team was now full of confidence and went on to beat Newport with great expertise and relieved me of a Chairman's greatest nightmare (that of being beaten four times in a season by the Black and Ambers for the first time in the long history of both clubs). Newport were to come close to doing this as they subsequently beat us in the remaining matches to win three out of four.

This year is also historic inasmuch as the two Clubs have decided that in future there will be but two fixtures per season.

Thus Cardiff entered a period of tremendous success as only one match was lost from October 25th to January 31st, that against Llanelli (away), and the Club won 14 matches and two Cup matches during this period.

The Rugby played was superb, and one game in particular deserves mentioning: that against Coventry. The Club were honoured by the presence of the American ambassador to Great Britain and his family. They enjoyed their short stay in Cardiff and were able to see a fine game played between an English and Welsh side.

Mr. Elliot Richardson was recalled to the United States to become Secretary of State for Commerce. but his stay was long

enough for him to appreciate the atmosphere of the Cardiff Club. "The singing was superb".

Mr. Richardson's successor, Mrs. Anne Armstrong, has also been a visitor to the Club premises.

The Club were delighted once again to have Gareth and Gerald representing us at Twickenham and with Gareth Davies as a reserve half back, Brynmor Williams as reserve scrum half, Mike Knill as reserve forward for Wales and Barry Nelmes reserve forward for England we couldn't grumble. Gareth Edwards went on to win his 45th cap and break the Welsh record previously held by Ken Jones. Mike Knill was awarded his Welsh cap when substituting in the game against France. Mike and Brynmor Williams are also in the Barbarians party to Canada later this year. These players have brought tremendous honour to the Club and deserve all the credit we can give them.

Our elimination from the Welsh Cup was a great blow especially as the game was lost in the last few minutes after Cardiff had played all the rugby on the day. The team recovered somewhat by beating Gala convincingly at home and Bristol (away), but again unaccountably losing to Bath (away) by penalty kicks. Cardiff were due to play Llanelli on this date but they were playing in the Cup. Llanelli found it impossible to find a date to play at Cardiff and so we were denied the opportunity of playing them on the Park.

March saw the Club losing twice to Newport but in between these matches beat an Italian selection side, in L'Aquila and also in Rome. We were happy to renew our friendship with Roy Bish and his good wife and also Roger Beard who appears to be doing well in Brescia.

The Italian trip could be described as an experience in more ways than one, but we were very relieved when the Youth team arrived home after travelling almost the length of Italy.

The season finished on a high note with the magnificent win against the Barbarians where once again Gareth Edwards and Gerald Davies did the trick. To recover from 24-0 down was indeed an achievement.

Finally the Sevens Tournament which could well be called the Royal Sevens in future. The Prince of Wales not only honoured us with his presence but presented the Cup to Cardiff after a fantastically successful Tournament. Gerald Davies once again surpassed himself with great runs and wonderfully accurate

goal kicking and with Chris Camilleri winning the Everson award one could not have selected a better end to the season.

Looking back it was a season of variances, on the one hand brilliant exhilarating Rugby and on the other hand devastatingly lethargic performances.

Many questions will be asked by the critics, one of which could well be: "What would have happened if Gerald had done all the goal kicking?" Nevertheless much credit is due to Gerald and the selectors for sticking to their tasks in spite of adverse and sometimes unfair criticism.

It would be opportune to remind everyone once again that the only incentive offered to Cardiff players is the honour of playing for the Club, and this is how it will remain until the rules are changed.

It was another great season for John Hickey and his Rags marred only by the fact that John suffered a broken leg and did not take any further part on the field. His value as a loyal Club man is tremendous and his contribution as a Committee man always appreciated.

Once again the Youth side have had a very successful season under Peter Goodfellow and in particular did very well in Italy where the interpretation of the word "Youth" leaves much to be desired. This side contains many great prospects and the future of Rugby in Cardiff is almost assured by the lads produced by the Youth.

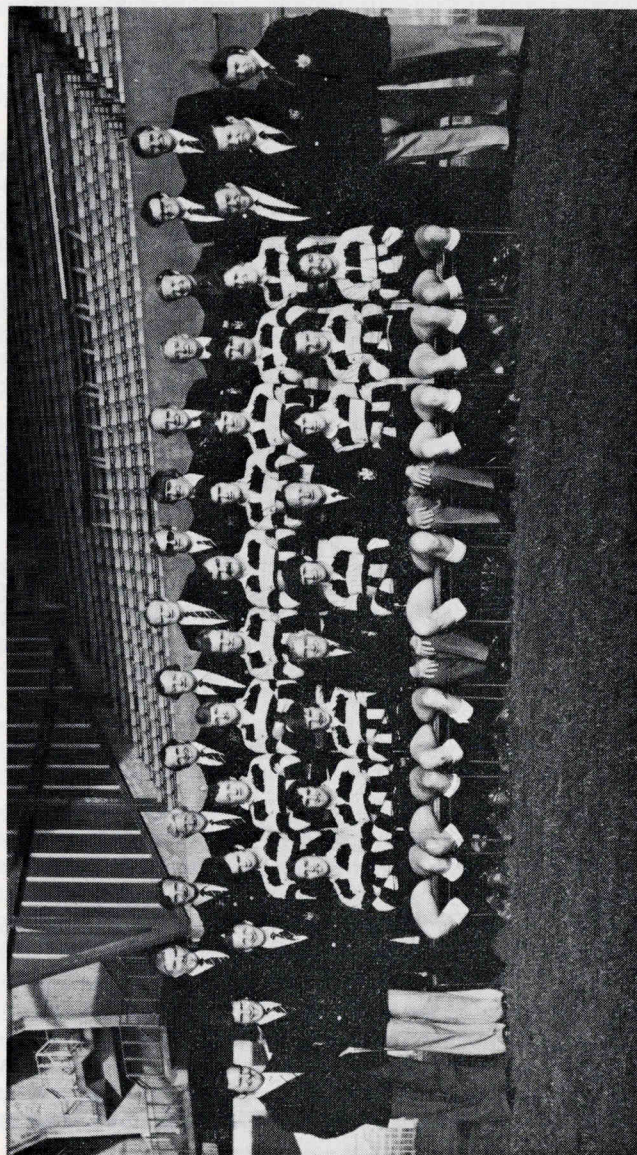
The complete First XV results were.

P 44 W 31 L11 D 2 Points 901 to 504

Alan Phillips, "the Poacher", our popular hooker broke the try scoring record for forwards with 19 tries, beating the existing record of Mervyn John and Roger Lane. Gareth Davies scored the Club record of points—230. Congratulations to both. Late in the season Gerald Davies showed how competent a goal kicker he is—15 or 7 a side matches. The new caps were C. Camilleri, R. D. Jones, P. Rawlins, D. Thomas and T. Worgan.

The Welsh National Sevens Tournament saw Cardiff triumph even without the services of Gerald Davies, for whom Peter Bolland deputised to link with the other players who had won the Snelling event. In the final (we had beaten on the way Cross Keys 16-6, Maesteg 16-4 and Pyle 24-4) we met Bridgend

CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB (ATHLETIC XV)—Season 1975-76



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Seated: P. EDMUNDS; H. DWYER; P. BOLLAND; D. M. JAMES (*Chairman*); J. HICKEY (*Captain*); A. J. PRIDAY (*Hon. Secretary*); D. BARRY; C. CAMILLIERI; G. MORRELL.

and beat them for the second time in succession (28-22) and the Tournament itself. Our Young Sevens team deserves much praise for their fine play in the Snelling and Welsh National Tournaments. For the statistics, Cardiff and Bridgend have been finalists in the National event for the now past five times, and Cardiff's latest success gives them three victories to Bridgend's two. Player of the Match—Danny Wilson.

ATHLETIC XV SEASON 1975/76

Captain: John Hickey (2nd Season).

Results P40 W31 L7 D2 Points For 1,150 Points Against 385

The "Rags" had another excellent season, although seven defeats were the highest number since the season 1965/66 Alun Friday (and John Davies), when seven were lost out of 37 fixtures. Biggest successes were the victories by over 40 points namely Coventry Extras 41-10, Senghenydd 42-13, Taffs Well 48-10, Ebbw Vale Athletic 50-6, Yeovil 72-0, Cilfynydd 48-9, Neath Athletic 41-10, Aberaman 63-18, St. Joseph's 56-6, Barry (who stood in for Waunarlwydd who cried off) 76-9 and Swansea Athletic 56-0.

These fine results emphasised great scoring power and the value from Youth players now gaining senior experience. Among them were; Terry Charles, Steve Cooper, Tony Debono, Peter Ford, Terry Holmes (a senior Cup scrum-half of ability), Ian Hopkins, Nick James, Alan King, A. McIntyre, Kevin Morris, P. Mullins, L. O'Brien, Neil O'Donnell, W. Peckham, Paul Rees, D. A. Thomas (forward). A number of these will no doubt strive their best to play in the Blue and Black jersey in our Centenary Season 1976-77.

Top scorers:

Peter Bolland 178 points (27t, 1d, 9p, 20cg).

Dave Barry 148 points (7t, 12p 42cg).

Following Peter Bolland's 27 tries was Chris Camillieri with 22 (including five against Aberaman) then 14 by Flanker Tony Brahim, Tony Debono with 10. There were 44 scorers.

Match Record: Front Row men played in most matches. Don Llewellyn 34 and Mike Ryan 33. The two B's come next, Peter Bolland and Tony Brahim 27 each, Carl Smith and Phil Edmunds played in 25.

Injuries, and a broken leg against Staines, restricted the captain John Hickey to 23 games.

74 players took part (only 45 in the First XV).

New Athletic caps were awarded to Peter Bolland, Howard Dwyer, Phil Edmunds, Gareth Jones, Jeff Jones, Paul Rees, Mike Ryan and Danny Wilson.

It would be remiss of me if I did not mention Danny Davies' book on the hundred years of Cardiff Rugby.

The book has been in print since Xmas and is a wealth of statistical information. Members have now had time to digest its contents and the only adverse remarks I have heard about it are that very little is mentioned about the most important event in the 100 years duration of the Club viz the transfer from the Rugby stadium to the Cricket ground and the subsequent transfer of the Cricket ground to Sophia Gardens. This was a tremendous achievement carried out by Mr. Hubert Johnson, Mr. Frank Trott and David Grant, who were the Club's representatives in all the negotiations that took place with the W.R.U. and the City Council. A mammoth performance indeed!

Apart from this the book is a tremendous credit to Danny and will forever remain his memorial in the Club.

Finally, my thanks are due to so many people for making my term as Chairman of this great Rugby Club so easy and pleasant.

This season has seen more sub-committees being held in the Club than ever before; due mainly to the preparations for our Centenary Season. Les Spence has chaired the Centenary Steering Committee throughout and co-opted members Eddie John and Brian Bennett have been of great assistance. Haydn Wilkins has been at the helm as Secretary of the Centenary Committee, and Haydn's administration experience has been invaluable throughout.

The Brochure Sub-Committee are ready to publish the Centenary Brochure and our great thanks are due to J. B. G. Thomas, Colin Howe and Haydn Wilkins. Colin has also had to look after the Museum sub-committee and as such has had the responsibility of assembling the Honours Boards in the Players' Room. Lyr Williams has chaired the Banqueting committee and as such has been responsible for the dinners associated with the Fund-Raising committee. Stan Bowes and Peter Goodfellow are the liason officers to the past players of the Club.

Keith Rowlands is busily assembling the names of world class players who will come to the Arms Park for the Centenary Game in September this year. The special fixtures have been arranged by Brian Mark and his fixture sub-committee.

Dai Hayward, apart from being Vice-Chairman, has continued to be responsible for the home match programmes and continues to delight the followers with his punchy notes on the game and its characters.

Every member of the Committee has been involved in one sub-committee or other and the call on the little leisure time they have has been severe.

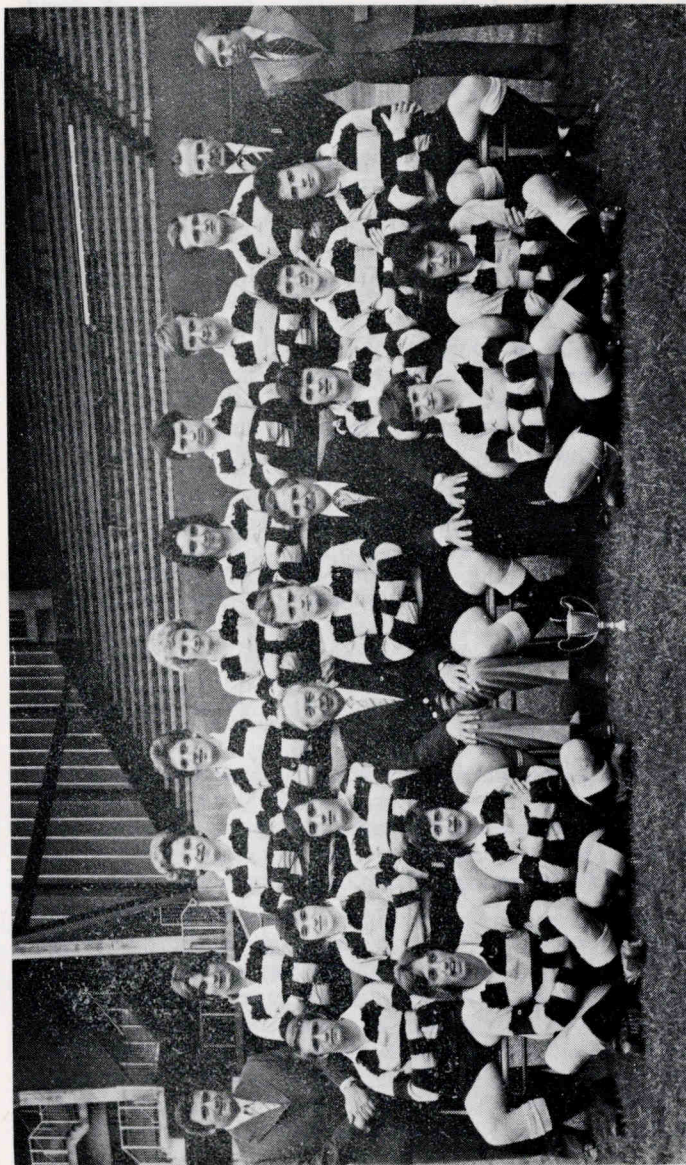
Whilst all this was going on the Club has had to be run as in normal seasons and to this my thanks must go to Alun Priday, Hon. Secretary, who in my view has done an outstanding job. Peter Nyhan, who apart from being Assistant Secretary is also Secretary of the Youth, has had his hands full throughout.

The Selectors, chaired by the skipper, have done a super job throughout and have been present at every game at first and second team levels. John Davies as Senior Selector has a cauliflower ear from holding the telephone to his head three or four days a week. He has been ably backed by Dai Hayward and C. D. Williams, and in spite of the "doctor" moving jobs back to London, has succeeded in doing his job as a Selector and Fixture Secretary for the Rags XV. This is but one example of Club loyalty. Tony Williams and Peter Nyhan represent the Club on the Snelling Sevens committee.

Lloyd Williams does his stuff on the East District or "B" Committee, whilst Howard Norris, busily shedding stones, has always been available and fits in everywhere (if the chair is big enough). The same applies to Malcolm Collins, My thanks, Gentlemen, for being a great and loyal Committee.

To Ken George and his staff in the offices, my grateful thanks; to Richard Stevens and his lads for producing the best surface in the country; to Norman Leworthy and his good wife my thanks for all the preparations made to make the big occasions successful, and to the bevy of beauty who make us so welcome at the bars; to all the doctors and Club masseurs for the wonderful work and to Ron Durham of Cardiff City A.F.C. for his ever available help on special injuries. It would be well to mention that Dr. Huw Evans was the Club doctor on duty when Mervyn Davies

CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB (JUNIOR XV)—Season 1975-76



Back Row: J. O'DONNELL; T. HOLMES; G. DAVIES; G. LUFF; R. LAKIN; N. COLLINS; D. THOMAS; P. RANDALL; G. NEWBURY; J. DONOVAN;
W. DAVIES.
Middle Row: A. MCINTYRE; S. THOMAS; J. RAWLINGS; L. JONES; N. O'DONNELL (Capt.); P. GOODFELLOW; L. O'BRIEN; G. HART; A. DECARO.
Front Row R. COLE; A. JONES; N. O'DONNELL; M. DIMONACO.

was so tragically in a state of collapse when playing on the Park for Swansea v. Pontypool in the semi-final of the Welsh Cup.

My thanks also to John Grubeman and his stewards and to the loyal supporters of the Club; also to St. Albans Band after 50 years blowing on the Park.

Finally to the wives of the players and Committee who put up with so much that so many thousands can be entertained, and to the backbone of the Club, "the members", my grateful thanks.

MALDWYN JAMES, *Chairman*

CARDIFF JUNIOR XV

Season 1975-76

Captain: Neil O'Donnell

Played 33 Won 30 Lost 3 Points for 971 Points Against 156

At the pre-season get-together, the squad were advised of two major objectives for the season 1975-76.

Firstly, and most important, was that the team should play "open and attractive football". This was achieved to a great extent for the most part of the season; unfortunately in the last few weeks the standard did fall slightly due to injuries and demands for players for the first and Athletic teams.

The second objective was to raise £1,000 towards the cost of the Italian Tour in March. This sum was reached, and exceeded, by some great efforts of the players and sub-committee. My thanks must go to the Supporters Club and members of the Athletic Club, who most generously bought raffle tickets from players, on the occasions when raffles were held in the Clubhouse.

Monies raised came from players weekly subscriptions and fines, £190, and raffles, £260. Gate receipts from our game at the Arms Park on Friday evening 5th March (10p Field, 20p Stand) raised £45. A very successful sponsorship scheme during November raised £433. The idea was to collect money depending upon the number of points scored during the five matches in November. A sort of pennies for points, with a maximum contribution of £1. Committee man Les Jones topped the poll with £96.

A Disco and Cabaret was held in the Athletic Club on 1st March, and profits from this and the raffle, raised £82. Further donations (3 cheques) raised £78 — including one player's father, who kindly gave us £50 — thank you Mr. X.

The following players won their colours during the season. Robert Cole, Neil Collins, Tony Decaro, Mike Dimonaco, Peter Ford, Geoff Hart, Nick James, Huw Jones, Robert Lakin, David Miller, Andy McIntyre, Mike O'Donnell, David and Stephen Thomas (brothers) and John Rawlings. Colours take the form of a tie and are available to those players who have played 20 times for the Youth XV.

Terry Holmes (captain of the Welsh Youth team), Neil O'Donnell and Laurence O'Brien all played for Wales during the season.

Terry Holmes also played six times for the First XV, and four times for the Athletic XV, Neil O'Donnell played seven times for the Athletic, David Thomas six times and Laurence O'Brien five times.

In all, Youth players represented the First XV on six occasions, and the Athletic team on 28 occasions.

One of the schoolboys in the squad, Philip Spear, was capped for the Welsh Schools against England. We are pleased for Philip, and look forward to seeing him more often in Youth colours as he is eligible for another two seasons.

The team scored 50 points or more on seven occasions during the season, including the 66-6 victory over the British Army Juniors at Arms Park on 5th March — our only appearance under floodlights.

Perhaps the best performance of the season was against the Welsh Youth Cup winners, Llanelli, 20-6. Other notable victories were Leicester (twice) 25-0 and 29-0, and Ebbw Vale 24-3.

Two notable victories were achieved against the Italian National Teams in L'Aquila and Roma, but unfortunately these games became far too physical, and as spectacles, were very disappointing to us.

Of the three defeats, two came in away matches against local rivals, Rumney and Glamorgan Wanderers, both games ending 10-9. We congratulate these two clubs, and feel that the future for senior rugby, especially in the Cardiff area, looks very promising indeed.

Top scorers were: Tony Decaro 108 (27 tries), Terry Holmes 84 (20 tries and two conversions), Geoff Hart 64 (16 tries) and Robert Lakin 60 (15 tries).

Our full back, Stephen Thomas, deserves a paragraph all to himself. He amassed an amazing 341 points in 32 games played. The "POINTS MACHINE" scored 11 tries 81 conversions and 45 penalties, and created a club record for an individual which will stand, I am sure for a very long time. Stephen's ambition is to become a Police Officer, and with his points record, will surely be 'arrested' by some zealous Chief Constable.

One unusual feature in our score sheet is that not one drop-goal was recorded in a total of 971 points.

Most appearances: Stephen Thomas 32, Tony Decaro 30, Robert Cole and Huw Jones 29.

My thanks go to Secretary Peter Nyhan, co-opted members of the Committee, Les Jones, Gerry Donovan, Don Pill, Jim O'Donnell and lastly Weldon Davies who coached the team into being a formidable Youth combination yet again. The endeavours and efforts of these dedicated people has been superb, and without them, the Youth Section would have been much poorer.

My final thanks must, of course, go to the boys in the squad. They proved themselves in every way, their behaviour and keen sporting spirit, both on and off the field, being excellent. I should also like to express my thanks to the many parents (and one grandfather) who turned up to support the team at so many 'out of the way' places. They were a joy to behold and certainly gave us the support when we most needed it—remember these youths are the Cardiff Seniors of the future.

Quietly spoken Neil O'Donnell (captain) was a good influence on the team, and he will be missed after four seasons with the squad, as, regrettably, he has to go on to senior football. Other familiar faces also leaving for the seniors include Terry Holmes, Laurence O'Brien and Nick James, all of whom have had three years or more with us.

The Player of the Year Award went to Andy McIntyre, a tenacious back-row forward who, despite his lack of inches, was a giant in the team. Our congratulations go to Andy, and commiserations go to the two other contenders, Peter Ford and Stephen Thomas, who were close on his heels for the award.

All in all, it was a most successful season, and with more support, look forward to yet another successful season next year.

P. T. GOODFELLOW,
Chairman, Cardiff R.F.C. Junior Committee

RECORD OF RESULTS—SEASON 1975-76

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.
1975															
Sept. 3	Glamorgan Wandrs.	H	Won	2	6				36			1	1		6
6	Moseley ..	A	Lost	1	1		2		16	1	2		1		17
10	Bristol ..	H	Won				3		9				1		3
13	Blackheath ..	H	Won	4	5				44						0
17	Bridgend ..	A	Won	2					12				1		3
20	Coventry ..	A	Lost	2		2			18	2		3			21
24	Aberavon ..	H	Won	2		2			18			2			6
27	Gala ..	A	Lost		1	2			10	1		2			12
Oct. 1	Penarth ..	H	Won	1	3		1		21	1		3			15
4	Newport ..	A	Lost						0	2	1				16
8	Pontypool ..	A	Won		1	2	2		16		1	1			7
11	Northampton ..	H	Won	2	1		1		19	2			1		15
15	Ebbw Vale ..	A	Lost	1			1		9		1		3		13
18	Cambridge Univ.	H	Won	1	1		3		19		3				12
22	Pontypridd ..	A	Won	1	2		1		17	1		1	2		15
25	Harlequins ..	A	Lost	2	1		1		19	2	2		4		32
Nov. 1	Australia ..	H	Won		2		2		14			3			9
8	Newport ..	H	Won		2		2		14			2			6
15	Wasps ..	A	Won	2	2				20			2			6
22	Llanelli ..	A	Lost	1	1	1			13	2		1	1		18
29	Pontypool ..	H	Won				3		9		1		1		7
Dec. 2	Neath ..	A	Won	2			1		15				2		6
6	Swansea ..	H	Won	2	2		1		23	1					6
13	Bedford ..	H	Won	3	4	1	1		40	2		2			18
19	London Welsh FL	H	Won	3	3		1		33		1				4
26	Pontypridd ..	H	Won	1	1	1	3		22	1		2			12
27	Ebbw Vale ..	H	Won	4	4	1			43		1	2			10
1976															
Jan. 10	Coventry ..	H	Won	3	2		1		29	2					12
17	London Welsh A.M.	A	Won	4	1				28		1		1		7
25	Neath SUN.	H		Cancelled owing to frost											
Feb. 6	Gala (FRI.) FL	H	Won	3	6				42	1					6
14	Bath ..	A	Lost		1				4				1		9
25	Bristol ..	A	Won	1	3		3		27	1	1				10
28	Abertillery ..	A	Won	2	3		1		27	1			1		9
Mar. 3	Neath FL	H	Won		1		3		13				2		6
10	Bridgend ..	H	Dr'n	1			2		12				4		12
13	Newport ..	A	Lost				2		6		1		2		12
19	Italian Selection*	A	Won	2	4	1			31	2	1	2	1		25
21	Italian Selection†	A	Won	2	6				36		4				16
27	Newport ..	H	Lost	1			3		15	1	2		1		17
31	Gloucester ..	H	Won	1	5		2		32		1				4
Apr. 7	Aberavon ..	A	Lost	1			1		9	2		3			21
10	Swansea ..	A	Dr'n		2		1		11		2		1		11
17	Barbarians ..	H	Won	3	2	1			29	3	1		2		28
19	Harlequins ..	H	Won	1	3		1		21		1				4
	TOTALS ..			64	82	8	55		901	33	27	6	60		504

Cardiff First Fifteen— continued

RECORD FOR SEASON: Played 44; Won 31; Lost 11; Drawn 2

FL Floodlight

* At Aquila

† At Rome

W.R.U CHALLENGE CUP

1975																
Nov 12	Glam. Wandrs.	FL	H	Won	2	5		3	41					2		6
1976																
Jan. 1	Gorseinon ..	..	H	Won	6	8			68	1	1			1		13
31	Aberavon ..	..	H	Lost		3			12	1	1			2		16
	TOTALS ..				8	16		3	121	2	2			5		35

TOTAL CUP MATCHES: Played 3; Won 2; Lost 1; Drawn 0.

SEVEN-A-SIDE TOURNAMENTS

GALA

1976																
Apr. 3	Kelso ..	..	1	Won	2	1		1	19		2					8
	Stewarts-Melville ..	..	2	Lost		1			4	3						18

WELSH SNELLING SEVENS

1976																
May 1	Swansea ..	..	1	Won	5	1			34		1					4
	Penarth ..	..	2	Won	2	3			24	1						6
	Gala ..	..	SF	Won	2	1			16	1	1					10
	Newport ..	..	F	Won	3				18		2					8

W.R.U. NATIONAL SEVENS, PONTYPRIDD

1976																
May 8	Cross Keys ..	..	1	Won	2	1			16		1					4
	Maesteg ..	..	2	Won	3				18		1					4
	Pyle ..	..	SF	Won	4				24		1					4
	Bridgend ..	..	F	Won	4	1			28	3	1					22

Captain: GERALD DAVIES

RECORD FOR SEASON (including WRU Cup Ties): Played 47;
Won 33; Lost 12; Drawn 2

SCORES FOR: Goals 72; Tries 98; Drop Goals 8;
Penalty Goals 58; Points For 1,022.

SCORES AGAINST: Goals 35; Tries 29; Drop Goals 6;
Penalty Goals 65; Points Against 539.

CARDIFF ATHLETIC FIFTEEN

Date	Opponents	H. or A.	Rslt.	Score for					Score against						
				G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.	G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.
1975															
Sept. 3	Llanharan ..	A	Won	1	1		2		16		1				4
6	Moseley Athletic ..	H	Won	4	3				36				2		6
10	Bristol Utd. ..	A	Won	4	6				48	1			3		15
13	Neath Athletic ..	A	Won	1	2				14	1	1		1		13
17	Pencoed ..	H	Won	1	2				14				2		6
20	Coventry Extra 1sts	H	Won	3	5		1		41	1	1				10
24	Aberavon Quins ..	A	Won	3	1		3		31				2		6
27	Senghenydd ..	H	Won	3	6				42	1	1		1		13
Oct. 1	Penygraig ..	A	Lost		2				8		1		2		10
4	Newport Utd. ..	H	Won	1	1		4		22	1	2		1		4
11	Harlequin Wdrs. ..	A	Won	5	2				38		1				17
15	Treorchy FL	H	Won		5		2		26	1			1		9
18	Taffs Well ..	A	Won	4	6				48	1	1				10
25	Ebbw Vale Ath. ..	H	Won	6	2		2		50	1					6
Nov. 1	Newport H.S.O.B.	SG	Won	1	4				22		2				8
8	Yeovil ..	A	Won	6	9				72						0
15	Pontypool Utd. ..	H	Won		1		1		7				1		3
22	Cilfynydd ..	SG	Won	6	3				48				3		9
29	Abercynon ..	A	Dr'n				2		6				2		6
Dec. 6	Swansea Athletic	A	Dr'n	1	1				10		1		2		10
13	Bridgend Sports ..	SG	Lost	1			1		9	1	1		2		16
20	Neath Athletic	SG	Won	3	5		1		41	1	1				10
27	Pontyclun ..	A	Won	2	1		1		19	1			2		12
1976															
Jan. 3	Aberaman ..	SG	Won	4	9	1			63	2		1	1		18
10	Coventry Extra 1sts	A	Lost	1			1		9	1	2		2		20
17	Lon. Welsh Druids	A	Lost						0				2		6
24	Llantwit Major AM	H	Won	2	5				32		1				4
Feb. 7	St. Josephs AM	A	Won	6	5				56				2		6
14	Bristol Utd. ..	H	Won	1	4		2		28		1	1	4		19
21	Pentyrch ..	A	Won	1	4	1	1		28						0
28	Staines* ..	A	Won	3	3				30	2	1				16
Mar. 6	Mountain Ash ..	SG	Won	2	2		1		23		1		2		10
13	Taibach ..	SG	Won	1	2		2		20		1		2		10
20	Barry† ..	H	Won	6	10				76	1			1		9
27	Newport Utd. ..	A	Lost				4		12	1	1		1		13
Apr. 3	Gloucester Utd. ..	A	Lost		1				4		2		3		17
10	Swansea Athletic	H	Won	7	2		2		56						0
14	Cardiff H.S.O.B.	A	Won		2		1		11				2		6
17	Pontypool Utd. ..	A	Lost	1			2		10	1			2		12
21	Cowbridge ..	H	Won	1	3	1	1		24	1	1	1	1		16
	TOTALS ..			91	121	4	36		1150	20	25	3	52		385

RECORD FOR SEASON: Played 40; Won 31; Lost 7; Drawn 2.

Captain: JOHN HICKEY

*Staines 50th Anniversary †Barry substituted for Waunarllywd

CAPTAINS AND VICE-CAPTAINS — Rugby — First XV.

	<i>Captain</i>	<i>Vice-Captain</i>	<i>Captain</i>	<i>Vice-Captain</i>
1876-77	T. S. DONALDSON SELBY	W. D. PHILLIPS	1926-27	W. J. DELAHAY
1877-78	E. C. FRY	W. D. PHILLIPS	1927-28	B. K. TURNBULL
1878-79	H. F. FOA	B. E. GILLING	1928-29	B. C. NALE
1879-80	W. D. PHILLIPS	B. E. GILLING	1929-30	S. C. CRAVO
1880-81	W. D. PHILLIPS	B. E. MANN	1930-31	B. K. TURNBULL
1881-82	B. E. GILLING	W. D. PHILLIPS	1931-32	HOWARD POOLE
1882-83	W. D. PHILLIPS	W. H. TREAT	1932-33	TOM LEWIS
1883-84	H. J. SIMPSON	W. D. PHILLIPS	1933-34	GRAHAM JONES—
1884-85	F. E. HANCOCK	A. F. HILL	1934-35	A. SKYM
1885-86	W. M. DOUGLAS	A. F. HYBART	1935-36	T. STONE
1886-87	G. A. YOUNG	A. F. HILL	1936-37	L. M. SPENCE
1887-88	F. E. HILL	S. F. ARTHUR	1937-38	H. RENE
1888-89	S. F. ARTHUR	C. F. NICHOLLS	1938-39	W. E. L. DAVIES
1889-90	W. E. WILLIAMS	D. W. EVANS	1939-40	L. M. SPENCE
1890-91	T. W. EVANS	F. N. JONES	1939-45	WORLD WAR II
1891-92	T. W. PEARSON	A. LEWIS	1945-46	JACK MATTHEWS
1892-93	N. BIGGS	R. B. SWEET-ESCOTT	1946-47	JACK MATTHEWS
1893-94	F. E. HILL	R. B. SWEET-ESCOTT	1947-48	HAYDN TANNER
1894-95	R. B. SWEET-ESCOTT	F. MILLS	1948-49	HAYDN TANNER
1895-96	I. E. ELLIOT	S. BIGGS	1949-50	BLEDDYN WILLIAMS
1896-97	S. BIGGS	F. GIBBS	1950-51	W. E. TAMPLIN
1897-98	F. GIBBS	E. GIBBS	1951-52	DR. JACK MATTHEWS
1898-99	E. GIBBS	T. DORSON	1952-53	W. REX WILLIS
1899-1900	E. GIBBS	H. V. P. HUSSEY	1953-54	BLEDDYN WILLIAMS
1900-01	E. GIBBS	I. BLAKE	1954-55	SID. JUDD
1901-02	H. B. WINFIELD	D. L. BOWEN	1955-56	REX WILLIS
1902-03	H. B. WINFIELD	C. STRANAGHAN	1956-57	SID. JUDD
1903-04	E. GIBBS	C. F. BIGGS	1957-58	P. T. GOODFELLOW
1904-05	E. GIBBS	W. NEILL	1958-59	E. THOMAS
1905-06	PERCY F. BRUSH	GEO. NORTHMORE	1959-60	C. D. WILLIAMS
1906-07	PERCY F. BRUSH	GEO. NORTHMORE	1960-61	GORDON WELLS
1907-08	RHYNS T. GABE	I. BROWN	1961-62	LYLOYD WILLIAMS
1908-09	PERCY F. BRUSH	F. SMITH	1962-63	LYLOYD WILLIAMS
1909-10	I. L. WILLIAMS	F. SMITH	1963-64	D. J. HAYWARD
1910-11	R. A. GIBBS	I. PUGSLEY	1964-65	D. J. HAYWARD
1911-12	L. M. DYKE	I. A. POWELL	1965-66	MEIRION ROBERTS
1912-13	W. SPILLER	W. J. JENKINS	1966-67	K. ROWLANDS
1913-14	W. J. JENKINS	R. F. WILLIAMS	1967-68	K. ROWLANDS
1914-15	EUROPEAN WAR		1968-69	C. K. NORRIS
1915-16	F. GACCON—	W. J. JENKINS	1969-70	C. H. NORRIS
1916-17	W. J. POWELL		1970-71	J. O'SHEA
1917-18	CLEM LEWIS		1971-72	J. HICKEY
1918-19	R. ARTHUR CORNISH		1972-73	J. H. JAMES
1919-20	DR. T. WALLACE		1973-74	G. WALLACE
1920-21	IDRIS RICHARDS		1974-75	G. DAVIES
1921-22	T. A. JOHNSON		1975-76	M. JOHN
1922-23	D. E. DAVIES			T. G. R. DAVIES
1923-24				
1924-25				
1925-26				

CARDIFF CRICKET CLUB

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

In a summer remembered for its long spell of fine weather, it is surprising perhaps to note that three games were abandoned and a further three called off completely. Twenty eight games were started and of those 14 were won, 10 lost, 1 drawn and three left unfinished through rain. It is significant perhaps that the first XI could have played 31 matches in all—an average of three games every two weeks. The increase is accounted for by our entry into the Welsh Knock out competition, as well as the National K.O. Competition. These competitions made for considerable extra work by the secretary.

In the Welsh Cup three matches were won with excellent batting performances until we lost in the quarter final against Maesteg Celtic. Against Brynmawr amongst the clouds we scored 140 for 5 wickets—a score worth many more considering the slow outfield and dismissed the opposition for 74. Whitchurch Heath batted well to reach 162 for 8 wickets but Ty Powell our New Zealand recruit made a fine 80 not out and with support from the middle order won the match with three overs to spare. Pontllanfraith were easily defeated, scoring only 93 in reply to our massive 228 for 5 in the allotted 40 overs. In this game Russell Thomas, Paul Good and K. D. Williams made half centuries and Andy Henderson took 5 for 31.

Against Maesteg Celtic, little went right and the side did little to change the course of events. We bowled badly and dropped catches to allow Maesteg to reach 168 for 7 and then batted 18 overs for the first 30 runs leaving a further 139 needed in 22 overs. By this time the match was lost. We looked the poorer side in bowling, batting and fielding.

In the National Knock out Competition we played St. Fagans and on a slow wicket struggled to 142 for 6 with Roger Webb hitting 24 not out in 3½ overs. St. Fagans collapsed against our spinners and were all out for 96. Pershore visited Cardiff on Whit Monday and Cardiff after a slow start reached 171 for 8, Ty Powell and Russell Thomas each scoring 42. Pershore exposed our gentle attack with good strokes and fast running but after reaching 120 for 4, could add only 11 more runs for their last six wickets. A fortnight later Evesham enjoyed facing our bowling even more. We did well to reach 205 for 6 although as in most of our matches singles were missed. Paul Good was top scorer with 71, scored in an hour. Evesham reached the target with 3 overs to spare after a stand of 167 for the second wicket, in under two hours. They won by 8 wickets.

We were able to field strong sides in all seven cup games and I would like to express my thanks to the players who supported the club by making themselves available. On the other hand it often took much time in finding out if they were available.

In the Western League our results have proved to be much the same as in the previous two years—won 7 lost 7. Three games were abandoned. Often the stronger sides were beaten yet less able sides were allowed to defeat us. I feel the standard reached by Cardiff was higher than in

previous years and many matches were exciting and close affairs. Our batting was much more successful, scoring many more runs but too often our bowling was not penetrating or accurate enough.

Bath was the most exciting game, one we lost, by 1 run only—90 to 91. It was a low scoring game but lasted over 80 overs. Other exciting games were against Cheltenham (we won by 6 runs) and Keynsham (we won by 5 runs). Newport were beaten convincingly as were Westbury, Clifton and Midsomer Norton. There were defeats just as convincingly by Malmesbury, Brislington, Chippenham and Optimists.

In friendly games St. Fagans and Corsham were beaten, Newport avenged their defeat and the only draw of the season was against Weaste, a touring side from Cheshire.

Paul Good scored the only hundred and Russell Thomas (four), Paul Good (three), K. D. Williams (three), Neil Davidson (two) and Will Jones made scores of over fifty. Ty Powell I have singled out in that his top scores were 93 and 80 both not out and he reached 30 on seven other occasions. There was a strong batting order when the full side played and nearly all made runs at some time but the main criticism must be that the running lacked urgency and put an extra strain on the bowling.

The bowling did lack penetration and we seemed to bowl too many bad balls and the fielding varied from good to lethargic. John Buttle improved match by match as his confidence grew. He was then able to take some of the load from Andy Henderson who kept going for long spells. Alun Wilkins had the best figures with 8 for 27 against Westbury and also 5 for 16 against Midsomer Norton. John Buttle took 5 wickets against Chippenham and 6 against Stroud. Andy Henderson took 5 wickets against Bath, Pontllanfraith and Keynsham. Russell Thomas took 5 for 24 against St. Fagans. Stephen Lang continued his improvement as a fine young wicketkeeper.

The overall performance was good and still the side promises to do well in the Western League but promises are not enough. Much hard work and application is needed to achieve the necessary consistency to finish high up. The club appears much healthier with better team spirit than recently and there are many in the club who are working hard on and off the field to create an even stronger Cardiff Cricket Club. I would like to thank at this point Andy Henderson who has helped me enormously in the season recently finished.

Finally my sincere thanks must go to all those willing helpers whose assistance is often taking for granted by so many during the season. Their aid is a most necessary part of the game of cricket, in many cases as as important if not more so than the players themselves. To John Webb for the instant advice and help he offered so readily.

To David Connors and Tony Rhys Jones for umpiring and scoring so willingly and competently throughout the season.

To Richard Stevens who prepared the match wickets to a really excellent standard.

Last of all to Pearl Riches who for several years now has managed the provision of our food at cricket matches. This has proved more and more

difficult a task as costs increase and help dwindles but Pearl has contrived to maintain the same standard throughout, a remarkable effort for which we offer grateful thanks.

K. D. WILLIAMS

CARDIFF CRICKET CLUB TOUR 1975

During the first week of August the club went on its second safari into North Wales. Five matches were arranged and despite two thunderstorms, car problems and shopping expeditions to Shrewsbury, we managed to play all five through to the end. Two were won, two left drawn and one game, the last significantly, was lost.

The week began in the car park of the Three Horseshoes near the Gabalfa Flyover and within three quarters of an hour we decided that we should set out for the North. The captain succeeded in losing the rest of his band straight away and after stopping for lunch to discuss tactics for the week with chief petty organiser Gallivan arrived at the Lord Hill Hotel in Shrewsbury to find the whole team had forsaken lunch to make an early start to the week's entertainment—in the bar.

On to the cricket—game one was against Shrewsbury and we were forewarned to use spin. So it proved—the ball turned several inches and both sides proceeded to make 160 each. Once we had worked off the liquid lunch we managed to get 6 out for 160. In reply, after Ramesh had persuaded Shrewsbury of their superiority we sent our most vicious batsmen in to sort them out. Ian Holmes hit 34 in the next 9 overs and we were well on our way. Next came our powerman left-hander, Paul Good who clubbed his way to 35. After a brief right handed interlude from Stephen Lang we resumed our left handed attack with Russell Thomas with another aggressive 30 odd. All this time Colin Toshack had been playing himself in for the week and in fact played a very accomplished innings of 40 not out in our 6 wicket win. Shrewsbury hospitality followed in full measure and the evening finished with the inevitable vin de loo. with a spectacular walk through thunder and lightening afterwards.

Next day we finally arrived in North Wales. Rydal School ground was wet but a prompt start was made and we subjected to a fine display of batting by Rydal Nondescripts. We were just about to submit when one of the batters did the decent thing and ran himself out. Rydal made 171 for 7 and when we reached 12 for 3 off 8 overs it had become a difficult game to win. Steve Lang, Will Jones and Martin Hibbert batted well but we could reach no more than 118 for 7 wickets. Afterwards we were at the Colwyn Bay club before reaching base at the Oriel Hotel in St. Asaph. There was a problem at this hotel. One of our number was sure it was wrong to sleep on tour and proceeded to make it extremely difficult for anyone to do so.

We made the hour's drive to Bangor for our next match, Cardiff won the toss and after a period of digging in were able to attack the bowling. Russell Thomas hit 78 not out with support from Colin Toshack and Martin Hibbert. Bangor were set 170 to win and did well to reach 117 for 4, then Mike Langley finished them off for 8 more runs and took 5 for 33. A problem this day was the drive back to St. Asaph, a factor we found rather limiting.

Next day we broke new ground by playing on the Pilkington ground at St. Asaph. On a very good wicket Peter Ford and Steven Lang started with 74 and all the batsmen carried on merrily to 177 for 4—Steve was out for 74. The opposition, the Gentlemen of Glascoed started at a fast rate—60 off 12 overs but a long spell by Will Jones, 3 for 41 in 16 overs and good bowling by Ian Holmes 2 for 35 slowed them up. They were 158 for 6 at the end.

The final day saw us at Builth Wells—in a match punctuated by a thunderstorm, and a judicial argument between the umpires. Cardiff were too slow, we took 51 overs to reach 162 for 9. Again the opposition like our early bowling and reached 100 in an hour. The match came back with Mike Langley and Alan Lang bowling steadily but Builth got home by two wickets in the last over.

ANOTHER VERY ENJOYABLE TOUR WAS ALMOST OVER.
BOOK EARLY FOR SOUTHAMPTON.

CARDIFF CRICKET CLUB AVERAGES 1975

Batting	Innings	N.O.	Runs	Highest Score	Average
W. R. Jones	9	5	202	66*	50.50
K. D. Williams	18	6	398	78	33.16
C. T. Powell	22	3	585	93*	30.79
P. F. Good	18	2	477	100*	29.81
R. M. H. Thomas	22	2	554	63	27.70
R. Webb	14	4	234	47	23.40
A. Henderson	13	4	161	32*	17.89
N. Davidson	16	3	206	61	15.84
K. Siddle	20	3	238	35	14.00
Bowling	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
C. T. Powell	31	6	116	9	12.89
J. Buttle	118.*	24	373	25	14.92
A. Wilkins	122.*	29	360	23	15.65
A. Henderson	298	67	801	45	17.80
R. M. H. Thomas	158.*	24	578	26	22.23
M. J. Langley	119	24	337	11	30.64

CATCHES:- C. T. Powell and A. Henderson 9, R. M. H. Thomas 7, C. Toshack, and K. Siddle 5.

WICKETKEEPING S. P. Lang, 21 catches and 3 stumpings.

SECOND XV REPORT

Results: Played 20 Won 9 Lost 9 Drawn 1 Abandoned 1

In Western League games, six were won, nine lost, and we finished in 12th position in the table.

The major share of our runs were contributed by C. Toshack, H, Williams, G. Mills, P. Ford, and M. Gallivan. Too many batsmen were guilty of Lapses in concentration and this led to our bowlers being left impossible totals to bowl out the opposition. However, the bowlers stuck manfully to their task and P. Jeans claimed 51 wickets in the season. Other notable wicket takers were J. Holmes (17 wickets) and J. Buttle (18 wickets in 7 games).

An encouraging feature of the side was that it was easily the youngest 2nd XI in the league, and therefore, the experience gained by the younger members should benefit the Club in a couple of years time.

On behalf of the 2nd XI, our thanks to Mrs. Pearl Riches and the Ladies who made such excellent teas. Also Richard Stevens and his groundsmen for providing us with first class wickets, and their co-operation was very much appreciated. Our thanks also to G. Allen who umpired nearly all our matches, and to the various scorers who helped during the season.

Finally, my thanks to all the players who made themselves available during the season, and although we did not have a very successful season, no one can doubt the team spirit and keenness which was shown at all times.

HUGH WILLIAMS

RESERVE XI REPORT

Since our move to Sophia Gardens almost 10 years ago, one of the main features of the Reserve XI is the introduction of ever more youngsters to the Club. I am pleased to report that 1975 was no exception.

Several of last year's players have secured regular places in the Western League Sides but they have been replaced by new enthusiasts such as Michael Oglethorpe, Stuart Dyke, David Sinclair and Nick Shackell, who should all look forward to Western League games in 1976.

The seasons outstanding performances was in our first game at Hoovers, Merthyr, where J. O. Webb (not one of our youngsters by any standard) scored a century. The success was greeted rather sceptically by his contemporaries who have long since stopped playing, but the other elder statesman, J. D. H. Riches responded by taking 3 wickets in 13 overs. This bowling spell was bettered two weeks later when J. D. H. returned figures of 5 wickets for 14 runs on 11 overs, helping us achieve a 3 run victory over Cefn Fforest.

There were many other performances by Senior Members worthy of note but I should like to thank them all for turning out and adding some stability to what sometimes looked like the Youth XI. Their general support not least in transportation is greatly appreciated.

Throughout the year we were rather fortunate in that only a few games were rained off, our results which included two ties were 19 games played, 6 won, 2 tied, 4 drawn and 7 lost. Most of the matches were very closely contested and the victories included the defeat of Newport when the side was led by Tony Edwards at the end of the Season.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking our Fixture Secretary for his hard work throughout the year in arranging regular games, especially for those games on the Bristol Grounds of Imperial and Westbury. Also thanks to the Groundsman, the Ladies for continuing to provide teas and to those Members who have supported the Club throughout the Year. Finally a plea for next year's Captain, please help whenever possible, he must look after the Bar, the equipment, see to the umpiring and scoring, he must find players sometimes at unnecessarily short notice and if possible help the side win.

GWYN STONE

SUNDAY CRICKET XI REPORT

The Sunday XI played 16 matches, winning 3, drawing 7 and losing 6. The fixtures covered a wide range of sides from Briton Ferry to Lydney. It took quite some time to play our first game owing to First XI success in the Welsh Cup. However we eventually began the season with a game against Old Bristolians and lost in fine style by 57 runs. It took a further 3 games to register a win. Having lost to Briton Ferry, we took ample revenge in the return match, winning by 127 runs. Two enjoyable games followed against the Bogeys and Inswingers. In a very close game, the Bogeys were beaten by two wickets. The Inswingers proved too much for us, easily reaching our score of 178. Roger Webb, cast in the traitor's role, formed the mainstay of the Inswingers' batting with a fine 67.

One match stands apart. Playing Newport, we fielded first on a blazing hot day. The opposition proceeded serenely and very slowly to score 173. Given only 50 minutes and 20 overs to score the runs, our inspired batting pushed us ever closer to the Newport total. In an exciting finish, we ended up just 3 runs short of the target. Martin Warren with 82 and Ken Siddle 43 formed the mainstay of the batting.

Several performances stand out. Ken Siddle scored two undefeated 'tons' Phil Kitchen crowned a run of consistent innings with two 50's Colin Toshack, Hugh Williams, Martin Warren, Brian Pleass, Russel Thomas and Neil Davidson all scored half centuries.

Of the bowlers, two withered arms stand out. John Buttle bowled 103.5 overs whilst Mike Langley bowled 116.2. John twice got 5 wickets though his best figures were 7 for 17 against Ealing Wanderers. Mike took 6 for 51 against Malpas and 19 wickets overall. Mention must also be made of Tony Edwards' match winning 5 for 13 at Briton Ferry.

In all it was a very enjoyable season. I hope all those who played would agree with me.

S. P. LANG

CARDIFF CRICKET CLUB

CAPTAINS

From 1867 to 1876 there is no record of Captains.

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

CARDIFF ATHLETIC BOWLS CLUB

REPORT FOR SEASON 1975

Opening of Green

Mr. Tom Yeoman, President of the Welsh Private Greens B.A., did us the honour of bowling the first wood on our Green for the season 1975, and spoke of the pleasure given to him for being invited to perform this ceremony for one of the oldest and most esteemed Private Greens in this area.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Yeoman and expressed his pleasure in welcoming him and all old and new members present, wishing them all every success for the coming season. The opening of the Green was really something to look forward to with eagerness and pleasure year after year, with the sure knowledge of many hours of true enjoyment, sport and recreation to come during the summer months. The green certainly looked in excellent condition, and a credit to the Ground Staff and our hope and belief was that this year we would achieve a true running green comparable with the best in Wales, and a credit to a Club of our standing. The two Captains, Mr. Malcolm C. Gilmore and Mr. Jack J. Candlish added their welcome and good wishes to all present, expressing their intentions and will to make the coming season memorable and successful.

Opening of New Pavilion

The Opening Ceremony for our new Pavilion provided a unique occasion in the history of our Bowls Club, and who could we have hoped or wished for better to perform this ceremony than our highly esteemed President, Mr. Norman V. H. Riches.

Norman, a grand and revered sportsman in his own right for so many years, had graced all our functions year after year, and at our Annual Dinner last year we wished him well, and hoped that he would progress in good health, and make the finest of his many centuries.

Alas, it was not to be. He will be sadly missed.

Mr. Ernie Couzens, Chairman of the Bowls Section, thanked Mr. Norman Riches for doing us the honour of cutting the Ribbon to open the doors of the new Pavilion. A pavilion he hoped would prove a credit to the Cardiff Athletic Club, and give comfort, enjoyment and pleasure to our fellow bowlers for many years to come.

Social Evening

The Opening Ceremony was followed by a Social Evening in the Pavilion, and this proved to be a very successful function, thoroughly enjoyed by all our Guests and Members.

The Ladies prepared a truly magnificent Buffet, and this was a real feature, a delight and pleasure to see, and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The hospitality of the Bar was also a resounding liquid success, contributing to the very friendly association and get-together of all our Guests and Members.



Toasting the success of the new Bowls pavilion at Cardiff Athletic Club are Chairman E.F. Couzens, President N. V. Riches, Chairman of Rugby Club H. Johnson and Bowls Captain M. Gilmore.

In his address of welcome the Chairman thanked everybody for their co-operation in making the Opening of the new Pavilion such a success, and expressed pleasure that the Club Bowlers had the privilege of being able to extend their hospitality to so many good friends. Friends such as Mr. Norman Riches, our esteemed President, ever ready to back us; Mr. Hubert Johnson, so prominent and helpful in all the sporting activities of the Cardiff Athletic Club, with Members of the Management Committee, wise and knowledgeable in their appreciation of our needs.

We were also pleased to see Mr. Harold Oakes, of the Sports Council of Wales, whose generous financial backing proved so helpful and appreciated.

As you know, it took quite a few years of planning and scheming to get a new pavilion, a pavilion with the amenities commensurate with the standing of such a fine Club as ours, and as you know, it has proved quite a long and protracted saga of delays, disappointments and frustration. Success at last, and it is only fitting that on behalf of the Bowls section, I should express our very sincere thanks and gratitude to the people who backed us, and finally enabled us to bring our schemes and dreams to something approaching reality. Of course, the Cardiff Arms Park, the Cardiff Athletic Club, are names that really mean something in the sporting world. Names known throughout the land for their valued traditions of sportsmanship, goodwill, hospitality and friendship.

Our Bowls Section is proud to form part of such a great Club, and naturally aim to maintain standards to give ample reason for the Club to be proud of their Bowls members. Ample reason to realise that the Bowlers are well worth fostering with generous backing and encouragement.

First Team Report

The results were again disappointing, but we could console ourselves by the fact that we were defeated in the Carruthers Shield competition by the eventual winners, Penylan.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS 1975

(A.) W.B.A. Matches					shots		
Llantrisant (h)	..	..	..	..	Won	104 : 62	+42
Heath (a)	..	..	..	..	Won	91 : 61	+30
Telmans (h)	..	..	..	..	Won	97 : 65	+32
Gelligaer (a)	..	..	..	..	Won	101 : 68	+33
Barry Romilly (h)	..	..	..	..	Won	86 : 58	+28
Rumney (a)	..	..	..	..	Won	72 : 66	+6
Llanbradach (h)	..	..	..	..	Won	92 : 69	+23
Penylan (a)	..	..	..	..	Lost	66 : 85	-19
Played: 8. Won: 7. Lost: 1.						709 : 534	+175

Skip Results					shots		
	P	W	L	D	F	A	
L. K. Morgan	5	2	3	0	97	94	+3
P. E. Ridd	7	4	3	0	157	123	+34
S. Hull	5	4	0	1	135	78	+57
R. Mills	5	4	0	1	94	83	+11
D. H. Prince	7	6	1	0	162	115	+47
B. Hawkins	3	2	1	0	64	41	+23
Totals:					709	534	+175

(B.) P. G. I. Matches

					shots	
G.K.N. (h)	..	..	..	..	Won 101 : 73	+28
Llanbradach (a)	..	..	..	..	Lost 66 : 111	-45
St. Fagan's (h)	..	..	..	..	Won 80 : 75	+5
Currans (h)	..	..	..	..	Won 103 : 73	+30
Panteg House (a)	..	..	..	..	Won 91 : 54	+37
Cardiff (a)	..	..	..	..	Won 80 : 75	+5
Standard Tel. (a)	..	..	..	..	Won 98 : 67	+31
Played: 7. Won: 6. Lost: 1.	..	..	..	..	619 : 528	+91

Skip Results

	P	W	L	D	F	A	shots	
D. H. Prince	5	3	2	0	113	90		+23
P. E. Ridd	2	0	2	0	40	50		-10
R. Mills	2	2	0	0	48	35		+13
L. K. Morgan	6	4	2	0	118	124		-6
S. Hull	6	4	2	0	138	102		+36
B. Hawkins	6	3	2	1	143	109		+34
T. Phillips	1	1	0	0	19	18		+1
Totals:					619	528		+91

"A" Team Report

The "A" Team results were not up to the standards reached in previous years. In the P.G. 2. competition we Won 4 and Lost 4. Friendly games were similar. Won 5, Lost 5.

Team Friendly Matches 1975

					shots	
Barry Athletic (a)	..	..	..	..	Lost 72 : 87	-15
Rhiwbina (h)	..	..	..	..	Lost 66 : 90	-24
Penarth (h)	..	..	..	..	Won 87 : 74	+13
Grange (h)	..	..	..	..	Won 99 : 74	+25
Penhill (a)	..	..	..	..	Lost 60 : 111	-51
Penhill (h)	..	..	..	..	Won 85 : 72	+13
Mackintosh (a)	..	..	..	..	Lost 60 : 87	-27
Penarth (a)	..	..	..	..	Won 77 : 75	+2
Llanbradach (a)	..	..	..	..	Lost 69 : 94	-25
Windsor (h)	..	..	..	..	Won 93 : 60	+33
Played: 10. Won: 5. Lost: 5.	..	..	..	..	768 : 824	-56

Newport Athletic (6 Rinks)	..	..	..	..	shots	
					99 : 116	-17

Other Games

					shots	
Harlequins (h)	..	..	..	..	Won 137 : 97	+40
Currans (h)	..	..	..	..	Won 81 : 74	+7
Civil Service (h)	..	..	..	..	Lost 107 : 127	-20
Rhiwbina (h)	..	..	..	..	Won 101 : 93	+8
Oxfordshire V. P.'s (h)	..	..	..	..	Won 132 : 113	+19
					558 : 504	+54

P.G. 2 1975

					shots	
Whitchurch (a)	..	..	..	..	Won 86 : 60	+26
Barry Athletic (h)	..	..	..	..	Lost 70 : 85	-15
Currans (a)	..	..	..	..	Lost 84 : 89	-5
Newport Athletic (a)	..	..	..	..	Lost 69 : 79	-10
Whiteheads (a)	..	..	..	..	Lost 70 : 83	-13
Mackintosh (a)	..	..	..	..	Won 87 : 78	+9
Penarth Windsor (a)	..	..	..	..	Won 86 : 80	+6
Cardiff (h)	..	..	..	..	Won 101 : 63	+38
Played: 8. Won: 4. Lost: 4.					653 : 617	+36

Rink Results

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Shots	
L. M. Spence	6	3	3	0	126	106		+20
E. Chapple	5	2	2	1	101	95		+6
J. A. Judd	4	2	2	0	60	88		-28
I. C. Price	4	4	0	0	94	70		+24
T. Rees	3	2	0	1	70	52		+18
E. F. Couzens	2	1	1	0	41	34		+7
G. Mahoney	2	0	2	0	31	55		-24
G. Arthur	1	1	0	0	30	12		+18
S. J. Stevens	1	1	0	0	20	15		+5
R. G. Mills	1	0	1	0	14	24		-10
J. H. Webb	1	1	0	0	24	21		+3
N. Lear	1	0	1	0	23	25		-2
C. Bloodworth	1	0	1	0	19	20		-1
	32	17	13	2	653	617		+36

During the month of May we received a visit from the President of the Welsh Private Greens B.A. (Mr. Tom Yeoman) and his team. During the tea interval, our worthy Chairman made a presentation from our Members to our efficient Fixture Secretary, Jim Webb, in recognition of his many years of service to the Club, first as Hon. Secretary and since 1968 as Fixture Secretary.

On the Spring Bank Holiday we were again pleased to receive our friends from Tiverton B.C. The month ended with a game between the County of South Glamorgan B.A. and Herefordshire B.A. One of our popular officers (Trevor Phillips) leading the County for the first time as President.

During July we entertained Clevedon B.C. and the Civil Service B.A. who were holding their National Competitions in Wales. During August, Trevor brought his President's side to play the Club and advantage was taken of the occasion to make a presentation of a pipe to him, in recognition of his work as Hon. Secretary of the Club since 1968.

We were once again pleased to stage the annual match between the Presidents of the Welsh Bowling Association and the Welsh Rugby Union.

We ended the season in September with a visit from the Woolston & District B.C. and also received the Oxfordshire Vice Presidents B.C.

FINALS DAY proved a successful occasion for the following:-

<i>Club Champion</i>	S. T. Hull
<i>Handicap</i>	B. Hawkins
<i>Special Singles ..</i>	S. T. Stevens
<i>Two Woods</i>	A. Baldwin
<i>Pairs</i>	T. Rees and G. Hazell

During the later months of the season we welcomed a new Groundsman in the person of Mr. Eric Carless and he soon made his presence felt by providing a great improvement of the surface of the Green.

Our ladies once again rendered wonderful service in providing excellent Teas during a very busy season. MANY THANKS LADIES. Thanks also are once again due to the General Secretary and his staff for their generous co-operation and help.

Obituary

It is with a great sense of our loss that we mourn the passing during the year of Len Smith, (one of our founder members) Amwel Jones (a great competitive bowler) and Gwyn Jones (a faithful member for many years).

PAST CAPTAINS OF BOWLS SECTION

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

CARDIFF ATHLETIC LAWN TENNIS CLUB

CAPTAIN'S REPORT FOR SEASON 1975

The weather this summer made the playing of tennis a pleasure. On each occasion we had male members competing for the first team. The ladies were unable to form a team in the early matches, but completed the latter matches when new members joined the club.

	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Events</i>	<i>League Pos.</i>	<i>Points</i>
Men's First Team						
B. East	6	2	4	32	6	10
Men's Second Team						
Division 3	9	4	3	34	7	15
Ladies' Team	4	0	4	6	8	4

The men's division was reorganised last year, forming a premier league. This was formed from teams in the East and West division of South Wales league. Cardiff Athletic were transferred from Division 2b to Division 1 East. The first were able to stay in this division, while the seconds were able to hold their own in Division 3. The ladies league is going to be reorganised this year.

Membership

Both the ladies and gents sections had a reduction in membership. It was noticed in the ladies section as many established team players did not rejoin because of domestic reasons.

Tournaments

The open events ran normally, with finals day played on Sunday, 13th July. The handicap events carried on into September. I feel that the two events should run simultaneously, then all events would finish together.

The results were:-

	<i>Winners</i>	<i>Runners-up</i>
<i>Ladies Singles</i>	Mrs. C. Jeans	Mrs. L. Williams
<i>Men's Singles</i>	P. Lewis	P. Coles
<i>Mixed Doubles</i>	D. Ward	P. Coles
	Mrs. L. Williams	Mrs. C. Jeans
<i>Ladies Doubles</i>	Mrs. C. Jeans	Miss C. Collier
	Mrs. L. Williams	Miss R. Lewis
<i>Men's Doubles</i>	P. Collier	P. Lewis
	P. Coles	M. Lewis
	(9.7 8.6 7.5)	

The handicap events this year did not seem to have the same interest as in past years. Members preferring to play friendly games as opposed to competing in the handicap events.

Facilities

The summer house is now almost complete. This facility is a tremendous advantage to the members of the club. We are now able to change near the courts, and also to the storing of tennis balls. Members are now taking advantage of these facilities. I hope this may encourage players to join our section of Cardiff Athletic Club.

Two skittle evenings were organised, and our thanks go to Miss Ethel Belmont and Mrs. Beryl Humphries for providing the refreshments. Although not all that many members attended, everybody enjoyed themselves.

Junior Section

This section of the Club has produced some players for the team this year. I would like to thank Mr. P Collier for coaching and encouraging new members in this section.

Acknowledgement

The members would like to record their appreciation for all the work done behind the scenes by those members who held office last year. I am sure the club will agree that they performed their duties very well.

Finally the members would like to express their thanks for all the efforts of our representatives on the management committee:- (P. Collier, F. Davies, G. Chugg) and entertainment committee:- (P. Lewis and D. Ward).

We would like to record our thanks to Mr. George and his staff for the help they have given the section throughout the year.

CARDIFF ATHLETIC LAWN TENNIS CLUB

CAPTAINS

	Men's	Ladies'
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. DAVIES
1950	GWYN MATTHEWS	Mrs. N. EVANS
1951	GWYN MATTHEWS	Mrs. N. R. EVANS
1952	F. P. DAVIES	Miss M. M. HAZELL
1953	H. ROY EVANS	Mrs. E. YOUENS
1954	F. P. DAVIES	Mrs. M. WHEELER
1955	F. P. DAVIES	Mrs. G. RIDD
1956	F. P. DAVIES	Mrs. R. W. TAYLOR
1957	F. P. DAVIES	Mrs. M. WHEELER
1958	F. P. DAVIES	Mrs. M. WHEELER
1959	F. P. DAVIES	Mrs. M. WHEELER
1960	F. P. DAVIES	Mrs. M. WHEELER
1961	F. P. DAVIES	Miss P. RUSSELL
1962	F. P. DAVIES	Miss E. BELMAN
1963	F. P. DAVIES	Miss P. WILLET
1964	F. P. DAVIES	Miss P. WILLET
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

CARDIFF HOCKEY CLUB

REPORT FOR THE SEASON 1975/76

In the year since I last gave this report Cardiff Hockey Club has been able to project itself, the Cardiff Athletic Club and Welsh Hockey in a way that has not been possible before. Many successes have come to us on and off the field. There is ample evidence that Cardiff Hockey Club is becoming a larger, more powerful club each year.

But first, as in now traditional, let me give an analysis of the season:-

			P	W	D	L	Can.	For	Agst.
1st XI	..	..	33	15	8	10	1	73	44
Cup Games	..	..	8	7	—	1	—	28	8
Gibraltar	..	..	2	1	1	—	—	2	1
Amsterdam	..	..	4	—	1	3	—	2	18
2nd XI	..	..	29	18	6	5	2	67	27
Cup Games	..	..	4	4	—	—	—	14	6
3rd XI	..	..	29	18	5	6	2	68	28
4th XI	..	..	28	10	8	10	3	33	43
5th XI	..	..	23	6	3	14	5	36	61
6th XI	..	..	15	2	2	11	5	11	38
Under 22 XI	..	..	2	1	1	—	1	3	2
Veteran XI	..	..	6	2	2	2	1	8	6
Totals	..	..	183	84	37	61	20	345	282

The leading goalscorers were:-

S. Sparkes	41	E. Barker, N. C. Pallot	14
P. Kelvin-Smith	24	H. M. Giddy	13
A. Rhys-Jones, M. J. Wigg	20	S. Sharma	10
G. Sohanpal	19	K. D. Williams	9
M. Durbridge, S. Humphreys, P. Horesefield			8

Representative honours have been gained for:-

Great Britain and England	P. A. Mills
Wales	S. Sparkes, H. D. Williams
Wales Indoor	M. R. Cornish, S. Sparkes
S. E. Region	S. Sparkes, R. R. Wildblood
	H. D. Williams, J. R. Cocks
S. E. Region Schools	T. Percival

The year started with the retention of the Welsh Indoor Championship and in winning it for the third year in a row we made the Cup our property. We continued to make our mark by winning the Imperial Sixes for the first time, and soon after, at Penarth, we were beaten in the semi-final. The first team made a disappointing start to the season on Saturdays but quickly recovered to improve results considerably. There was an influx of players at all levels and soon it was necessary to form a sixth eleven and so become, I believe, the first club in Wales or the West

of England to run six regular Saturday sides. In no time at all Joly Dyer had arranged a fixture list for this new side. The main outcome was a considerable improvement in overall standard and the playing records of the first three sides reflect this. The lower sides have not been without problems but have gained some fine wins whenever near full strength. Our schoolboys have continued to improve as they grow stronger, but just as pleasing has been the development of a young, talented first eleven with six players under 25 years old. A present we have a reserve strength unequalled among the other clubs of South Wales.

The season's off the field activities have been designed with one aim in mind — the Quadrangular International Tournament involving Wales, Scotland, Ireland and the current Olympic champions West Germany. This was staged at Sophia Gardens so that we had the honour of being the first club in Wales to organise an F.I.H. Tournament on such a scale. During the weekend we were fortunate to have dry, if cold, weather. Functions held to raise the finance for such a venture were numerous:

A sponsored dribble, organised by Mike Wigg, raised a large amount although only 25 members supported it,

A Patron's Society, also organised by Mike Wigg, with over 150 members.

A dance at the Club Double Diamond which proved highly successful as a financial thanks to Rod Mckerlich.

A Cocktail Party at Ty Maeth increased the revenue further and Ken Siddle's name must be mentioned here,

The tournament was televised and with a little advertising more money was raised.

Chris Fookes and Hadyn Warman also deserve mention for organising the weekly 'swindle' and the raffle respectively.

To all those who organised these function, and out traditional Buffet Dance, go our thanks and congratulations but it must be obvious that our members have undergone considerable attack from those promoting money raising ventures. To their credit the support was not found wanting.

Lastly the actual organisation and running of the weekend needed much effort and Tony Rhys-Jones, our Secretary, has put in a vast amount of time and effort to ensure the smooth running of the weekend. John Glenny and Rod McKerlich also deserve special mention and praise for their work. The helpers during the weekend worked very hard and in this respect I must mention Johnathan Davies and Bob Bleach for pulling so many pints and Mervyn Griffiths for selling so many tickets at the door, but my thanks go to all who helped in any way.

Trophies also have come our way. The second eleven has had a very good season and has won the Welsh 2nd XI Cup and the South Wales League Division Three. The cup was won in a hard fought, extra time, game against Whitchurch by 2 goals to 1, whilst the League was clinched by defeating the same side more easily in a league match on the following Saturday. Congratulations to the Captain, Mike Wigg, and to all those who represented the second eleven in these tournaments.

Our first eleven too has been successful. We have retained the Welsh Cup, having now won it three times in the last four years and six times in the last ten. The game against Penarth in the Final was more notable since three of our players were on duty with the Welsh side in Ireland at the time but our reserves proved adequate and we scored the only goal in extra time.

Even more praiseworthy was our success in Gibraltar. Our money raising efforts for the Welsh Hockey Association became more important when we learnt that the European Club Championship Qualifying round for us was to be held in Gibraltar at Easter. Our opponents were Cliftonville, the Irish Champions, and Collegians from Gibraltar. A draw against Cliftonville, who were unbeaten since Christmas and had only two defeats this season followed by a 1-0 win over Collegians was enough to put us into a penalty flick competition with the Irish who had identical results. Our temperament proved superior and the squad who had trained or played often four times a week, had all their efforts rewarded and so too, I would like to think, those who helped to raise so much money during the season. Our thanks in victory must also go to the Management Committee of the Athletic Club for their generous grant. The team spirit and determination shown by the squad to overcome early difficulties, such as a thirty hour delay in arriving at Gibraltar and torrential rain, was excellent and was to be repeated later in Amsterdam.

At this point it would be wrong if I did not praise the work of the retiring first eleven captain Phil Horsfield, who is leaving us to work in Plymouth. His effort and enthusiasm in the past two years has been far more than we had a right to expect and I am particularly glad that he has received a due reward this season. He has welded a side together which has played as a team more than most Cardiff first elevens of recent years. The opportunity and encouragement he has given to younger players has given a new purpose to his side. We wish him every good fortune, both on and off the field, in the future.

Special mention is also due to two other members of the first eleven— Rod McKerlich, who has helped Phil in the day to day duties of organisation whilst our captain was working in Plymouth, and also Peter Mills, whose advice and guidance, so expertly given, was of great value in the latter and more important part of the season.

Inevitably there have been disappointments, our league performance was only fair and too often we outplayed a side for half the game only to lose control in the second half. In the Wares Ibrahim Cup we led Swansea by 3 goals to 1 only to lose 3-5 after extra time. This must have been the most disappointing performance. Overall we must be pleased with the playing results and especially the Welsh Cup win and our resulting entry to the European Club Championship again.

On behalf of all members I offer congratulations to Norman Francis on his becoming a Trustee of the Athletic Club and also to Mervyn Warfield who becomes his replacement on the Management Committee.

My thanks this year are more than ever deserved by your Committee. It is a large one it is true but when a club organises an International Quadrangular, sends it's first team to Gibraltar and Amsterdam, another side to the Motorway Festival at Aston and runs six Saturday sides there is much to be done. Several have been mentioned already but I must pay

special tribute to Joly Dyer who is standing down after several years of outstanding fixture organising. Paul Kelvin-Smith has operated our six sides, with help from Martyn Gallivan, and he too deserves much praise for a difficult job well done, also to John Glennly for looking after the match fee and teas fund.

Umpiring is often a thankless task, I am afraid, but I hope our long suffering umpires will accept our gratitude for so much time spent helping our enjoyment. Richard Stevens and his groundsmen have provided excellent pitches as well as helping us in numerous other ways beyond their duties. The Section have already made a presentation to Mrs. Jean Griffiths for her marvellous efforts at making us economical teas but we still offer our warmest thanks to her and all the tea ladies who helped with the teas during the season.

Finally, I must offer the thanks of the Hockey Section to the Management Committee for the complete support and encouragement offered to us. I would like to think we have repaid that support in some measure by the success we have achieved for the Club and Welsh Hockey.

Amsterdam

The Finals of the 8th European Hockey Clubs Championship were held at Amsterdam over the weekend 4th to the 7th June. Cardiff Hockey Club made history by becoming the first Welsh side to win through to the last twelve clubs in the finals of this competition. Despite being drawn in the strongest pool by far, the fifteen squad members, Chairman, Secretary and four supporters set out at 05.00 hrs. for Heathrow with hopes high. After Gibraltar much further training had taken place but sadly Mike Clode's injury had failed to heal and he had been replaced by Mike Wigg.

One of the first events after our arrival was to watch our other two pool members, Amsterdam and Russelsheim, play a 1-1 draw. This game proved to be of such a high standard that many considered it to be the best game they had ever seen. However, it served ill for our cause as it meant that the side that did best against Cardiff would win the pool. The following day, Saturday, proved to be a day of stifling heat in which we had to play both our pool games, firstly against Amsterdam at 11.30 hrs in the Stadium and before a very large audience. The team played as they have never played before, defending stoically against incredible pressure from a very good side. Despite the goalless first half the side eventually cracked and Amsterdam scored six goals without reply. At 17.00 hrs. we then played Russelsheim who needed to beat us 7-0 to win the pool. Before packed stands we took the field and again played like men possessed but failed to hold the opposition who gained momentum when they scored an early goal and kept up a continuous barrage on our defence. It is to the credit of the side that the Germans only scored their sixth goal with a few minutes to go and again we lost 0-6. What diplomacy!!

So we finished bottom of the pool and were involved in playoffs for positions 9 to 12. The 10.00 hrs. bully on Sunday was delayed for everyone to watch Amsterdam lose the penalty flick competition to Russelsheim. Our game then was versus F. C. Lyon and possibly because of the effort we had given previously this game was as bad as the others had been

good. In spite of a Phil Horsfield goal we lost 1-5 and long before the end the band of supporters we had gained were turning away in disappointment. At 0.930 hrs. on Monday we played Warta, the Polish champions, to decide the 11th and 12th places and again found form making many chances to score and win the game. However, it was not to be and although Phil Horsfield scored another goal to mark his last game for the Club we only drew 1-1. It must be mentioned that Mike Cornish played the game of his life to ensure we kept our draw. This meant a penalty flick competition to decide the winners and our luck from Gibraltar deserted us and we lost to finish 12th.

Besides the top European clubs we have a long way to go and are still amateurs in all senses of the word, e.g. our winter weight club shirts and rugby jerseys as second strip against their two or three sets of summer weight strip. The most evident fact was our shortage of fitness, despite the training undertaken beforehand. We had the skill but not the stamina to hold on until their pressure broke down to enable counter-attacks to be set up. It is to be hoped that the squad think seriously about this point and rectify the situation before our next venture into Europe.

First XI Report

What a season! We started disastrously losing five of our first seven games and finished up not only as Welsh Champions but also competing in the Finals of the European Club Championship along with the other top eleven clubs in Europe. Of last year's 1st XI we had lost the pace of John Steel but had gained two useful players in Howard Williams and Charles Blacklock.

The season commenced against Swansea and we lost 1-2, then proceeded to lose to Brean, the first time for many seasons, and could only scrape a draw with Weston. The early season six-a-side tournaments produced the only vestiges of comfort. We lost in the semi-final of the Penarth competition and the following weekend won the top West of England sixes at Bristol Imperial, the first time Cardiff had won this tournament. The London weekend took on a slightly different format with games played against Beckenham and Old Kingstonians. We lost 0-3 to Beckenham but earned praise from our opponents and the press. Against Old Kingstonians we played a poor first half and conceded three goals but scored the only goal of the second half. Next year we could well be good enough to get a result.

The Penarth game produced our first win but we again lost to Llanishen to produce Cardiff's worst start to a season for many years. However, our fortunes changed and we lost only two of our next twenty six games, an incredible reversal of form despite losing Howard Williams through injury and Welsh Squad weekends constantly causing us to field depleted teams. Our performances in the South Wales League were poor by Cardiff's standards and too many games we should have won ended in a draw or even a defeat. By contrast our performances in cup games were on a higher level and we progressed steadily in both competitions. One wonders if we are too complacent about our Saturday encounters with other Welsh clubs, with our cup record we should win the league easily.

During February and March we began to play better as a team reaping the dividends of our additional training and set piece practices. Not only were we creating chances, we were also scoring goals. Good wins were obtained against Imperial, West Gloucester, Newtown, Old Bristolians and Llandaff City. The only blot on the overall performance were the games against Whitchurch and Swansea in the semi-final of the South Wales Cup. Our showing against Whitchurch was very much below par—perhaps we were inhibited by a Gibraltar official sent to observe our team. The Swansea game saw a remarkable transformation when with five minutes to go we were leading 3-1 on a bitterly cold, wet day, only to lose 3-5 after extra time.

Our final games up to Easter, against Monsanto, Evesham and Llandaff City were all victories as we turned up for the climax of the season, the Qualifying Tournament in Gibraltar. The opposition being Cliftonville, the Irish Champions and Collegians the Champions of Gibraltar. The majority of the squad had been training or playing four times a week and the club had committed itself to considerable financial expense to ensure our best possible squad could make the trip. The results are recorded elsewhere but it is worth noting that whilst all players played well Peter Mills was as secure as the proverbial rock in goal and Steve Sparkes and Nunnie Sohanpal caused a lot of problems to the opponents defences. Thus Cardiff came to be the first Welsh Club ever to reach the European Finals. The champagne on the flight home never tasted better.

The following weekend we played Penarth in the Welsh Cup Final, something of an anticlimax after the euphoria of Gibraltar. Without four players, Mike Clode injured, Steve Sparkes, Howard Williams and Jeff Cocks on International duty we won a scrappy game 1-0 to record our one hundredth goal of the season. The Indoor Cup was also progressing well and Cardiff, led by Welsh Indoor Goalkeeper Mike Cornish duly won this Cup for the fourth consecutive season. This meant that Cardiff had won the double of Welsh Indoor and Outdoor Cup for the second year running. The finale of the season was the European Finals in Amsterdam reported elsewhere in this report. Despite our position Cardiff did produce some good hockey and against 'sub-international' teams these were creditable performances. The Club having again qualified for European spot next season and having had a taste of success which I hope can be repeated. The right calibre players are there, the commitment to training has been established and if the lessons of Amsterdam are acted on 1976/77 should be a very successful season.

In conclusion I would like to thank the Committee for their support throughout the last two seasons. I would also like to thank Richard Stevens and his groundstaff for their co-operation and efforts throughout the season in producing some excellent pitches. Finally, I would like to wish Peter Mills and the 1st XI all the best for next season.

P. HORSFIELD

2nd XI Report

The 1975/76 season will be seen in hindsight as a vintage year. The advent of an official league for the second elevens brought great incentive for success, to which the players rose. Ten games had results: 7 wins, 2 drawn, 1 lost, thus we won the league title in the inaugural year.

Our other success was in the Welsh 2nd XI Cup where we wrested the prize from Whitchurch, who were endeavouring to secure the hat-trick, in a final which looked to be going against us until Paul Kevin-Smith scored two superb goals. To earn our place in the final we had travelled to Aberystwyth where we won 5-4, to Swansea winning 2-0 and to Newtown where we played Northop Hall winning 5-1. Next season maybe we will have a home game. Our success in both these competitions in conjunction with the fact that only five games were lost all season shows how our players have developed to form an excellent team. New members Errol Barker, Shri Sharma, Dave Sobey and Simon Humphreys combined well with the known talents of Channi Kaler, Colin Brown, Mike Cornish, Richard Sturgess, Paul Kelvin-Smith, John Payne and Mark McGeogh to form the nucleus of the side. Our main weakness was one of temperament, we showed in our games against Bristol, Bath and Firebrands that we could not master poor conditions or inferior umpiring. This will be put right next season when our players will know what to expect and be mentally adjusted.

Richard Stevens and his staff prepared the pitches excellently, for which we thank them, and this gave us considerable advantage as we possessed greater skills than most of our opponents. Our immeasurable thanks are always due to the ladies of the Club who assist with the teas and to the umpires, with whom we do not always agree, but without whom our sporting pleasure would be impossible.

M. J. W. WIGG

3rd XI Report

There can be no doubt that the team enjoyed a very successful season and this was so both on and off the field. The overall standard of competition was almost wholly high and our good results were obtained by hard work and persistence. The blend of ages within the side seemed about right though perhaps a shade away from youth, but in many cases experience overcame that drawback. However, it is important to have a fit and fast half-back line and speed on the wings. Our defence was obviously usually sound, sometimes even heroic, and we were well served by all our goalkeepers.

Just a few statistics—we were never beaten by more than one goal and the most scored against us in one match was 3 (twice). Tony Rhys-Jones was the top scorer with 17 goals (and always looking for more) followed by Neil Pallot with 13 and then a host of others with 5 downwards. We reached 7 twice, once against Oystermouth 2nds, and the other against Newport 3rds. The standard of umpiring, particularly from our own, was good and contributed enormously to our enjoyment—thanks to all. Most pitches played on away were reasonable but not up to our own high standard. Those played on at Llandaff Fields were rarely good and usually sub-standard, in fact to play there at all was an embarrassment and our opponents were not invariably polite with their comments.

Finally I should like to thank all those who prepared the grounds, helped with the teas, served behind the bar, used their cars and gave me splendid support at all times.

N. C. PALLOT

4th XI Report

The overall increase in the Club's playing strength was reflected, sometimes at least, in the strength of the 4th XI. If the results were not all that might have been expected from the sides selected, several factors can be blamed. 56 members wore 4th team colours this season and occasional appearances by stars from the higher sides proved to be no substitute for a settled team. The lower side inevitably still see the worst effects of the late team change, disrupting plans carefully laid at Mondays selection and occasionally leading to an unbalanced side. Also the lower sides feel most acutely the relative lack of experienced forwards so that solid defensive work was not always matched by goals at the other end.

However, the 4th XI certainly had it's moments and enjoyed it's hockey, and on several occasions umpires and senior players commented on the very high standard of play. The highlight was a notable double over Bristol, especially the performance of a strongest ever 4th XI who won 3-0 at Bristol with splendid attacking hockey. A 2-1 victory over an experienced Bridgend 2nds was another good achievement, as was our 1-1 draw with a hard-tackling Abergavenny 2nds. Our biggest win was at Chepstow where we scored four times in sub-zero temperatures, while our 4-3 defeat of the Medicals saw our powers of recovery at their best in a game of fluctuating fortunes. Unfortunately, we remained unpredictable throughout the season and between our good games were some poor showings, especially in our encounters with Whitchurch.

With our increased membership the 4th XI should now be a genuine proving ground for those aspiring to greater things, and a team into which players from higher sides can drop down without complaint to find their form or pass on their experience. It is more important than ever that we should aim at a nucleus of regular players and continuity of selection so that we can give more thought to the training and coaching which will be essential if we are to improve our game further.

The continuing enthusiasm and dependability of such senior members as Joly Dyer, Ken Williams, Ivor Jones, Tony Rhys-Jones and particularly John Glenny was a great help to the captain and to the younger players. We were also fortunate in gaining the regular and energetic services of new members such as Andy Forbes, Andy Brookes, John Barron and Garry Williams. Many youngsters, too, made considerable strides this season, and if they did not all show consistency this will surely come when greater patience and perseverance are added to their undoubted enthusiasms.

K. SIDDLE

5th XI Report

One of the inevitable consequences of running six sides each Saturday is that the 5th XI as originally selected, will be altered to strengthen depleted senior sides. For this reason it was difficult to achieve consistency which is reflected by the results of the 5th XI games through the season. In addition there are very few clubs running a 5th XI so that the majority of matches played were against 3rd or 4th XIs of other Clubs.

However, these difficulties did not seem to alter the spirit and enthusiasm of those who played in this side throughout the season. Generally we played a mixture of several of the more senior members

of the Club and some of the younger members recruited from local schools. This combination will hopefully strengthen the playing ability of the younger members which can only be in the best interest of the Club as a whole. In conclusion I would like to thank all those who played with such enthusiasm and in particular the senior members whose assistance was much appreciated.

H. WARMAN

6th XI Report

Cardiff Hockey Club continues to grow in strength in both abilities and numbers. The performance of the Club, as a whole, continues to attract new members so that this year we can boast of regularly fielding six sides on Saturday afternoons. Most members of the sixth eleven are still attending schools in the Cardiff area and we must continue to encourage these young men, by way of coaching and regular competition, so as to provide the nucleus of future first elevens. During it's first season the sixth eleven was represented by a large number of Club members and despite the rather poor match results provided many people with much enjoyment.

M. RICHARDSON

CARDIFF HOCKEY CLUB

1975-76 Results

FIRST XI

1975				1976					
Sept.	13	Swansea	.. H	1-2	Jan.	3	B.A.C.	.. H	6-2
	20	Brean	.. H	1-2		10	Llanishen	.. H	2-2
	27	Weston	.. A	2-2		24	Newport	.. A	0-0
Oct.	4	Beckenham	.. A	0-3		31	Bristol	.. A	1-4
	5	Old Kingstonians	A	1-3	Feb.	7	U. C. Cardiff	H	4-0
	11	Penarth	.. H	3-0		14	Swansea	.. A	1-1
	18	Llanishen	.. A	1-2		21	Imperial	.. H	5-1
	25	W. Gloucester	A	1-1		28	U. C. Cardiff	A	5-1
Nov.	1	Abergavenny	H	5-0	Mar.	6	O. Bristolians	A	3-1
	8	Gloucester	.. A	4-1		13	Wales	.. H	0-2
	15	Bristol	.. H	1-1		13	West Gloucester	H	1-0
	22	Imperial	.. A	2-1		14	Llandaff City	H	5-1
	29	Swindon	.. A	1-1		20	Whitchurch	.. H	1-3
Dec.	6	Whitchurch	.. A	1-1		27	Cheltenham	.. H	1-3
	13	Bath	.. H	4-0	Apr.	3	Llandaff City	A	4-1
	20	Newport	.. H	3-1		10	Evesham	.. H	3-0
	27	Penarth	.. A	0-1					

SOUTH WALES ECHO KNOCK-OUT CUP

Nov. 23	U. C. Cardiff	A	8-1	2nd Round
Feb. 15	Penarth	.. H	1-0	3rd Round
Mar. 21	Swansea	.. A	3-5	Semi-Final

WELSH CUP

Jan. 4	Swansea	.. A	3-2	1st Round
11	B. P. Llandarcy	A	6-0	2nd Round
Mar. 7	Newtown	.. H	4-0	3rd Round
Apr. 4	Montsanto	..	2-0	Semi-Final
25	Penarth	..	1-0	Final

EUROPEAN QUALIFYING ROUND, GIBRALTAR

Apr. 18	Cliftonville	..	1-1
19	Collegians	..	1-0

Won penalty flick decider against Cliftonville 4-3

8th EUROPEAN HOCKEY CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL AMSTERDAM

June 5	Amsterdam	..	0-6
	Russelsheim	..	0-6
6	F. C. Lyon	..	1-5
7	Warta	..	1-1

Lost 3-5 on penalty flick decider for 11th place.

SECOND XI

1975				1976			
Sept.	13	Swansea II .. A	2-2	Jan.	3	B.A.C. II .. A 1-1	
	20	Brean II .. A	3-2		10	Llanishen II .. A 6-1	
	27	Weston II .. H	4-0		17	Firebrands .. H 1-3	
Oct.	4	Oystermouth H	2-0		24	Newport II .. H 2-0	
	11	Penarth II .. A	0-0		31	Bristol II .. H 0-1	
	18	Llanishen II .. H	3-2	Feb.	7	B.S.C. Pt.Talbot H 6-2	
	25	W. Gloucester II H	1-1		14	Swansea II .. H 1-0	
Nov.	1	B.S.C. Pt.Talbot A	11-0		21	Imperial II .. A 1-0	
	8	Gloucester II H	1-0		28	Mond .. H 2-2	
	15	Bristol II .. A	0-1				
	22	O. Grammarians A	3-2	Mar	13	W.Gloucester II A 2-0	
	29	Swindon II .. H	3-0		20	Whitchurch II A 3-1	
Dec.	6	Whitchurch II H	2-1	Apr.	3	Robinson .. H 3-1	
	13	Bath II .. A	1-3		10	Evesham II .. A 0-0	
	20	Newport II .. A	0-1				
	27	Penarth II .. H	3-0				

WELSH SECOND ELEVEN CUP

Nov. 30	Aberystwyth II	H	5-4	1st Round
Jan. 18	Swansea II	.. A	2-0	2nd Round
Feb. 22	Northop Hall II	A	5-1	Semi-Final
Mar. 14	Whitchurch II	..	2-1	Final

THIRD XI

1975				1976			
Sept.	13	Swansea III	H	1-2	Jan.	3	B.A.C. III .. H 3-1
	20	B. P. Llandarcy	A	3-1	10	Bridgend	.. A 1-0
	27	Weston II	.. A	2-1	17	Firebrands III	A 2-1
Oct.	4	Oystermouth II	A	7-2	24	Chepstow	.. H 5-2
	11	Penarth III	.. H	1-1	31	Bristol III	.. A 3-1
	18	Llanishen III	A	3-0	Feb 14	Swansea III	A 2-2
	25	W. Glos. III	A	0-0	21	B.P. Llandarcy	H 1-2
Nov.	1	Bridgend	.. H	0-1	28	U.C. Cardiff II	H 1-1
	8	Gloucester III	A	0-0	Mar 6	O. Bristolians II	H 1-2
	15	Bristol III	.. H	2-3	13	W. Glos. III	H 3-1
	22	Imperial II	.. H	3-2	20	Whitchurch III	H 2-1
	29	Swindon III	.. H	4-0	Apr. 3	Llandaff City II	H 3-0
Dec.	6	Whitchurch III	A	2-0	10	Evesham III	.. H 2-0
	13	Bath III	.. H	0-1			
	Newport III	.. H	7-0				
	27	Penarth III	.. A	4-0			

FOURTH XI

1975			1976		
Sept. 13	Swansea IV	.. A	0-2	Jan. 3	B.A.C. IV .. A 2-0
20	Brean III	.. H	1-1	10	Llanishen III H 1-1
27	Weston IV	.. H	0-2	17	Firebrands IV H 0-2
Oct. 4	Swansea IV	.. H	1-5	31	Bristol IV .. H 2-1
11	Penarth IV	.. A	2-0	Feb. 7	Whitchurch IV A 0-4
18	Bridgend II	.. H	2-1	14	Swansea IV .. H 2-0
25	W. Glos. IV	.. H	1-1	28	Swansea IV .. H 0-0
Nov. 1	Abergavenny II	A	1-1	Mar 6	Cardiff Medicals A 4-3
8	Gloucester IV	H	0-3	13	Chepstow .. H 0-1
15	Bristol IV	.. A	3-0	20	Whitchurch IV A 0-1
22	Imperial III	.. A	3-3	Apr. 3	Robinson II A 1-0
29	Swindon IV	H	0-0	10	Evesham IV .. A 0-6
Dec. 6	Whitchurch IV	H	1-4		
13	Chepstow	.. A	4-0		
20	Bridgend II	.. A	0-0		
27	Cwmbran II	.. A	2-1		

FIFTH XI

1975			1976		
Sept. 27	Chepstow	.. A	1-4	Jan. 3	Swansea IV .. H 2-4
Oct. 4	St'well C. Sch.	A	2-3	10	Llanishen IV .. A 3-1
11	U.C. Cardiff III	A	5-1	17	Firebrands V .. H 0-2
18	Llanishen IV	.. H	2-1	24	Newport III .. H 2-2
25	Swansea IV	.. H	1-1		
Nov. 1	Bridgend II	.. A	1-3	Feb. 7	Chepstow .. A 0-4
8	Gloucester V	.. A	2-3	21	Newport III .. A 1-3
15	Bristol V	.. H	1-1	28	St'well C. Sch. H 1-6
22	Bridgend II	.. H	1-0	Mar 13	W. Glouc. IV.. A 0-3
Dec. 6	Swansea IV	.. A	6-0	20	Swansea IV .. H 0-1
13	Bath IV	.. A	0-9	Apr. 3	Llandaff City III A 3-2
27	Penarth IV	.. H	2-3	10	Evesham V .. H 0-4

SIXTH XI

1975			1976		
Oct. 18	C'thays H. Sch.	H	0-1	Jan. 10	Bridgend II H 1-4
25	Cardiff Medicals	H	0-4	24	Cwmbran II .. A 0-2
Nov. 1	Chepstow	.. H	1-3	31	Whitchurch V H 0-3
8	Penarth IV	.. A	1-1	Feb 14	Whitchurch V H 2-6
15	Radyr C. Sch.	A	3-2	21	C'thays H. Sch. A 0-2
29	Chepstow	.. A	0-6	Mar 6	Llandaff City IIIA 0-1
Dec. 6	Llandaff C. III	H	2-0		
13	Penarth IV	.. H	1-1		
20	Cwmbran II	.. H	0-2		

Under 22 XI

1975

Sept. 18 Cardiff Veterans H 2-1
25 Penarth U. 22 H 1-1

Veterans XI

1975

Sept. 18 Cardiff U. 22 H 1-2
Oct. 1 Glam Pol'chnic A 3-2
Dec. 28 Cardiff H.S.O.B.A 4-1

1976

May 5 Bristol .. A 0-1
19 Whitchurch .. H 0-0
June 9 Bristol .. H 0-0

CARDIFF HOCKEY CLUB

Records of Past Seasons

Season	Captain	Played	Won	Drn.	Lost	Goals	
						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
1904-5	E. W. EVANS ...	20	15	2	3	119	27
1905-06	E. W. EVANS ...	15	11	1	3	78	27
1906-07	E. W. EVANS ...	17	13	2	2	68	25
1907-08	F. B. M. BULMER ...	16	12	2	2	62	23
1908-09	E. R. SWEET-ESCOTT ...	23	17	3	3	101	26
1909-10	B. TURNBULL ...	18	14	0	4	109	26
1910-11	H. H. SWEET-ESCOTT ...	18	14	2	2	107	22
1911-12	J. W. DUNCAN ...	18	15	1	2	95	26
1912-13	H. REDFORD ...	15	10	0	5	70	57
1913-14	J. O. TURNBULL ...	22	19	2	1	115	30
1919-20	B. TURNBULL ...	17	10	2	5	64	45
1920-21	H. S. STEPHENS ...	15	7	4	4	41	34
1921-22	R. T. S. HINDE ...	24	14	3	7	92	51
1922-23	H. W. BROWNE ...	19	10	3	6	73	34
1923-24	W. S. COURTIS ...	23	9	4	10	63	68
1924-25	A. T. HARPER ...	*					
1925-26	A. T. HARPER ...	*					
1929-30	F. L. LAMARQUE ...	25	12	4	9	79	59
1930-31	F. L. LAMARQUE ...	30	17	3	10	126	50
1931-32	K. G. HUGHES ...	29	16	4	9	87	77
1932-33	S. C. BANBURY ...	28	13	6	9	77	77
1933-34	S. C. BANBURY ...	30	11	5	14	53	57
1934-35	S. C. BANBURY ...	34	13	7	14	64	71
1935-36	G. R. FAULKS ...	27	14	2	11	60	64
1936-37	G. R. FAULKS ...	25	11	6	8	48	50
1937-38	G. R. FAULKS ...	31	20	3	8	64	40
1938-39	G. R. FAULKS ...	25	14	6	5	62	30
1945-46	G. PERCIVAL ...	32	25	2	5	139	49
1946-47	G. PERCIVAL ...	20	10	3	7	65	36
1947-48	K. G. HUGHES ...	26	14	3	9	57	42
1948-49	G. A. L. TUCKER ...	26	15	1	10	72	45
1949-50	W. N. FRANCIS ...	32	22	3	7	110	56
1950-51	W. N. FRANCIS ...	26	14	8	4	87	44
1951-52	W. N. FRANCIS ...	30	17	6	7	96	47
1952-53	W. N. FRANCIS ...	30	18	8	4	98	43
1953-54	N. C. PALLOT ...	30	18	6	6	89	34
1954-55	N. C. PALLOT ...	29	20	6	3	100	31
1955-56	W. A. THOMAS ...	29	19	3	7	103	52
1956-57	M. H. C. MEGGITT ...	28	16	5	7	83	59
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
	P. HORSFIELD ...	33	15	8	10	73	44

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