

# **Annual Report**

For the Year ended

30th April, 1975

# ANNUAL REPORT

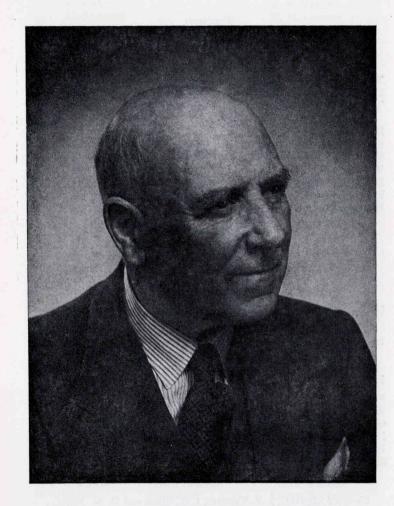
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Address of Grounds: CARDIFF ARMS PARK AND SOPHIA GARDENS

Telegraphic Address: "FOOTBALL, CARDIFF"

Telephone Numbers:
CARDIFF 23546 & 20082 (Club); 38031 (Sophia Gardens)

General Secretary: K. H. GEORGE



N. V. H. RICHES President of the Cardiff Athletic Club

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#### N. V. H. RICHES

#### Vice-Presidents:

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#### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairman: \*Hubert Johnson Vice-Chairman: G. L. PORTER

\*N. V. H. RICHES

\*B. R. TURNBULL

\*K. H. INGLEDEW

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

To retire in 1975	To retire in 1976	To retire in 1977
F. P. DAVIES	G. Chugg	P. COLLIER
W. LEWIS, J.P.	T. PHILLIPS	His Honour Judge
G. L. PORTER	L. K. Morgan	W. N. FRANCIS
J. P. ROBERTS	J. D. H. RICHES	J. HERBERT
F. W. SOMERS	K. A. ROWLANDS	L. M. SPENCE
R. F. TROTT	Dr. C. D. WILLIAMS	J. H. WEBB W. H. WILKINS

Co-opted Members: J. R. THOMAS, J. O. WEBB and D. M. JAMES

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 G. L. PORTER R. F. TROTT
K. H. GEORGE
(General Secretury)

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairman: W. LEWIS, J.P.

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G. L. PORTER

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#### HOUSE & INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

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D. M. JAMES T. PHILLIPS F. W. SOMERS
J. D. H. RICHES DR. C. D. WILLIAMS

#### **GROUND COMMITTEE**

Chairman: L. M. SPENCE

P. COLLIER His Honour Judge J. R. THOMAS F. P. DAVIES W. N. FRANCIS J. H. WEBB J. HERBERT K. A. ROWLANDS J. O. WEBB

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

#### FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

Chairman: K. A. ROWLANDS Vice-Chairman: D. M. JAMES Hon. Secretary: A. J. PRIDAY Club Captain: M. JOHN Captain Athletic XV: J. HICKEY

R. BISH D. J. HAYWARD L. M. SPENCE
A. D. S. BOWES C. T. HOWE W. H. WILKINS
M. COLLINS B. MARK LLOYD WILLIAMS
J. DAVIES H. NORRIS T. L. WILLIAMS
P. T. GOODFELLOW P. NYHAN DR. C. D. WILLIAMS

#### CRICKET COMMITTEE

Chairman: I. D. H. RICHES Hon. Secretary: B. KEMPSON Captain of Club: DAVID HERBERT Vice-Captain: A. HENDERSON
Captain Second XI: K. SIDDLE Captain Reserve XI: N. BILLING Captain Sunday XI: N. GALLIVAN

J. L. DUNCAN E. COULL A. EDWARDS

I. I. HERBERT

G. STONE K. SIDDLE M. PAGE

#### **BOWLS COMMITTEE**

Chairman: F. W. SOMERS Hon. Secretary: T. PHILLIPS Asst. Hon. Secretary: J. H. WEBB Captain: D. G. PRINCE Vice-Captain: P. E. RIDD Captain 'A' Team: I. C. PRICE

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

L. M. SPENCE

E. F. COUZENS P. E. RIDD

# B. TALLIS (past Captain)

#### LAWN TENNIS COMMITTEE

Chairman: T. R. MORGAN Hon. Secretary: W. P. LEWIS Captain: D. F. WARD Ladies Captain: Mrs. J. COLLIER Hon. Match Secretary: J. A. HUMPHREYS

P. COLLIER C. CLEVES D. M. REES \*Mrs. A. PRITCHARD Miss I. HOWELLS Miss L. WILLIAMS Miss E. BELMAN \*Treasurer

\*\*Special representative for juniors

#### HOCKEY COMMITTEE

Chairman: K. D. WILLIAMS Captain First XI: P. HORSFIELD Captain Second XI: P. JEANS Captain Third XI: R. BLEACH Captain Pedwars XI: R. P. DAVIES Captain Fourth XI: C. N. FOOKES Hon. Secretary: A. T. M. RHYS-JONES Hon. Team Secretary: M. R. GREENWOOD Hon. Asst. Team Secretary: P. KELVIN-SMITH Hon. Fixture Secretary: I. I. DYER

Committee: M. G. B. WARFIELD, N. C. PALLOT, J. S. GLENNY, J. R. COCKS

# **CLUB CAPTAINS**



D. G. PRICE (Bowls)



DAVID HERBERT (Cricket)



M. JOHN (Rugby)



P. HORSFIELD (Hockey)



D. F. WARD (Lawn Tennis)

# Chairman's Report for the Year ending 30 April, 1975

Dear Members,

To read this Report and Audited Balance Sheet will convince you that inflation is no respecter of Amateur Athletic Clubs and the drop in the Surplus of Income over Expenditure can be laid at the situation prevailing in the Country today.

The management of this Club is fully aware of the position and are hoping that the discussions now taking place will improve the Club's position in this coming year.

# General Secretary's Report

"Dear Mr. Chairman,

The Financial results for the year ended 30th April, 1975 have, as anticipated, borne the brunt of heavy increased costs in most areas of the Club's activities.

We have been fortunate in obtaining certain extra items of income, but these unfortunately have been unable to offset the increased running expenses of the Club. The results are quite evident from the Income and Expenditure Account, that the Club at present is not providing sufficient funds to cover normal day to day expenses and consequently at this rate, no funds will be available for the many items of Capital development required in and outside the Clubhouse.

The figures produced must now convince all Members that the increased levy for Member's Subscriptions for the coming year was inevitable and in fact it would have been justifiable if they had been increased still further.

It is encouraging to realise that the Rugby Section have made every effort to date to provide their own funds for heavy costs which will be incurred in their Centenary year 1976/77.

Once again, I can only stress as I have done in previous years, that the type of income now being received by the Club has changed considerably in character and that were it not for the two specific items, viz Car parking and ground advertising receipts, the Club's financial position would face a very lean time in future years.

#### **EXPENSES**

I should like to comment on the following:-

Salaries and Wages. Office salaries have been increased and these Employees have received the cost of living allowance which has been paid by most Clubs and other commercial organisations. Weekly payments to these Members still however compare most favourably with payments made to employees doing similar work in other organisations. The Ground staff are now being paid rates as recommended by the Institute of Groundsmen, in addition a Staff pension scheme for senior Members has been introduced.

# Upkeep of Ground and Clubhouse

Increasing costs have been fairly substantial in respect of repairs, seed and fertiliser and in particular the maintenance of the Rugby ground.

# Football Expenses Away Matches

Although hotels and travelling expenses have increased, this charge is fairly reasonable. This could vary considerably each year.

## **Players Travelling Expenses**

This item only refers to expenses in connection with fares and petrol expenses for Players attending matches and training sessions.

# Junior XV

Very little expense was incurred this year regarding end of Season tours, but most probably a further allowance will be made for the Youth Squad next year, or in the Centenary year for another tour. I would add that all Members of this Squad have worked particularly hard throughout the rugby Season in obtaining funds to offset hotel and travelling expenses.

## Stationery, Telephone and Postages and Annual Report

As with any other organisation, the Club has had to bear heavy increases in telephone and postage charges and as usual stationery in connection with Club activities was also very high.

#### Rates

Half yearly assessments have increased from £1,223 to £1,681 from 1st October, 1974 and a further increase was made to £2,487 for the half year from 1st April, 1975. Whilst increases have occurred, this charge will be higher again next year as a full year at £4,974 will have to be paid.

Rent and Rates-Sophia Gardens

Once again Rates have increased from a half yearly charge in September, 1973 of £430 to a half yearly charge to September 1975 of £890. This latest charge will have the effect of increasing this cost once again next year. Rent payable to Cardiff City Council has remained static at £450, with the exception of a supplementary rent payable of approximately £70 under the Terms of the Rental Agreement.

Water, Light and Heat

Unfortunately, charges have risen in total to over 50%. Heating oil costs have increased from 8p per gallon in April, 1973 to 23p at present payable.

Cleaning

This cost is constantly causing some concern as prices of materials have increased and cleaners wages have now increased under a Statutory requirement. Extra areas now need cleaning, such as the new R.F.C. Dining Room, Tennis Changing Rooms and the new Bowls Pavilion.

Football Equipment

The price of a jersey in December 1973 was approximately £5.50 and at the present time this cost has nearly doubled.

#### Insurances

Increases have been fairly general in all aspects of this cost, but in particular cover relative to the Rugby Stand is extremely high. Unfortunately, next year will be even higher as only a proportionate part of this charge has been made this year.

Bar Wages, Equipment, Renewal and Expenses

Approximately £2,200 extra costs have been incurred in connection with bar wages in particular. At present, rates are in line with those paid in normal licensed establishments. In addition this year includes a full salary for the Steward, Mr. Thomas, whereas in the previous year only 9 months of his salary was applicable

#### RECEIPTS

Income receipts have generally increased in every department.

### Football Gate Receipts

Football gate receipts are always extremely difficult to forecast and depend to a great extent on weather conditions and fixtures. However, a slight increase has been made.

### **Ground Earnings**

An extremely valuable source. These have increased due to an extra rental being received from Glamorgan County Cricket Club for the use of Sophia Gardens.

# T.V. Receipts

These have nearly doubled, due to to the foresight of certain Rugby Members in allowing one particular game to be televised when sporting activities on a Saturday afternoon on a certain channel resulted in a cancellation through an industrial dispute. I hardly expect this increase to occur in future.

# **Subscriptions**

Have increased and should produce more income next year, due to the increase in Subscription rates payable from the 1st May, 1975.

### **Programme Receipts**

Although an effort was made to produce a more attractive programme, profits were disappointing, mainly due to general increases in printing costs.

# Car Parking Receipts

Once again have proved a "life saver". This particular aspect of the Club's activities has caused great concern to the Management Committee over the past year and ways and means are still being sought to improve this facility for Members.

Although the Financial results for this year are extremely disturbing, this is a matter which must be corrected as quickly as possible if we are to maintain our reserves of funds to provide for facilities which are still urgently required for the benefit of such a large Membership. I would sincerely hope that the following information regarding actual and proposed Capital Expenditure is fully appreciated, when Members study this report.

# Capital Expenditure for the year ended the 30th April, 1975

Capital Expenditure for the jear ended the source	-p,
Fixtures and Fittings Redecorating and refurnishing bottom lounge and R.F.C. Dining Room, Supplying new kitchen equipment.	£ 5,863
Plant New grass cutter and water equipment	1,650
Clubhouse Burglar alarm system	17,391
Contributions from Brewers towards costs of new furniture	24,904 —10,757
	£14, 147

I would like Members to appreciate that although contributions received amounting to £10,757 have greatly helped in the provision of funds, credits of this nature should not be anticipated in future.

The figures relating to investments, show quite clearly how much the Clubs funds have been depleted this year; as shown below.

### Bank Accounts and Investments at 30th April, 1975

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				1974	1975
Investments				£ 34,806	£ 23,768
Bank Deposit an	d Curren	nt Acco	ounts		
Overdrawn		-		238	7,459
				£34,568	£16,309

Capital Expenditure already committed for	the year
ended 30th April, 1976	£
New Tennis Summerhouse approximately	800
Protective Barriers for Tennis Courts	
approximately	300
Refurnishing Top Lounge	1,998
New Club Notice Board	1,100
Extension to Groundsman's Flat and £5,998	
renewal of fascia board £1,589	<b>—</b> 7,587
	£11,785

The above commitments during the forthcoming year seriously affect the financial position of the Club and unless there is a substantial improvement in future revenue, the Club's investment and banking accounts will be reduced to a mere £5,000. Serious discussions have taken place by the Management Committee concerning the following.

#### **Anticipated Development**

Extension of Member's Lounge		£15,000
Provision of Steward's Flat above Clubhouse.	•	£13,000
		£28,000

I would seriously hope that at the next Annual General Meeting in September, 1975, Members will seriously consider the state of the Club's financial affairs and support any recommendations of the Management Committee which may be put before this Meeting.

K. H. GEORGE General Secretary

#### Commitees

All Committees as usual were attentive to their responsibilities, and with ten Committees working for the Standing and Section administration, the members stood up splendidly to their tasks with plenty of work and worry.

The one change in the Management Committee was the resignation of Mr. Jack Evans, whose long record of service as umpire, Captain and Chairman of Cricket was always carried out with exemplary sincerity. His place was taken by another stalwart of the long serving "Herbert" family, John, who, I am sure, will be a great asset to the Cardiff Athletic Club.

The Chairman of Standing Committees remained the same, and with their experience and dedication were worthy leaders.

### **Co-opted Members**

Our thanks to the co-opted Members, Messrs. John Webb, Architect, and J. R. Thomas, who well fullfilled the reasons for their co-option. Our thanks are also due to Mr. Ewan Davies, Hon. Solicitor for his guidance at all times.

# Cardiff Athletic Club Golfing Society

The Society continues to flourish and holds four meetings every year, and it is encouraging for the Committee to note that the attendance at the meetings during this season was as high as previous seasons. This is especially gratifying in view of the ever increasing costs of green fees and catering, which is completely beyond the Society's control.

We are very proud that our President N.V.H. Riches, was able to attend every meeting and our members and guests are always very grateful to be in his company.

The Captain for the 1974 season was E. C. Ashe, who became the Society's only Vice President at the end of the year.

The results for the season were:-

Gwyn Nicholls Rose Bowl—29th April, 1974. Llanishen Golf Club.

Winner: R. B. Castree. 37 points.

Founders Trophy—23rd May, 1974. Cardiff Golf Club.

Winners: Peter Owen and John Gould. 43 Points.

Rhys T. Gabe Cup—10th July, 1974. Glamorganshire Golf Club Winner: K. H. George. 37 Points.

Hubert Johnson Trophy-13th September, 1974.

Winners: R. Preston and Alan Beswick. 39 Points.

We are, as always, very grateful to the host golf clubs for allowing us to play on their courses and trust this will continue in the future. The 1975 season, under the Captaincy of G. N. Hunter, commenced on the 24th April at Llanishen Golf Club, with Dr. D. B. Harries and the new Captain winning the Founders Trophy with 44 points. All members wish the Captain all good fortune during his year of office, but perhaps not quite so much good luck on the golf course!

A. M. Edwards, Secretary A. C. Thomas Treasurer J. Morgan, Competition Secretary

#### Cardiff Athletic Club Male Voice Choir

Last year was once again a successful one for the Choir, when we made quite a number of new friends by entertaining audiences as far away as Port Talbot. We had a couple of very enjoyable evenings at the new Llanishen Rugby Club and performed concerts for Old Age Pensioners at various Clubs in the district. Our social evenings at the Clubhouse were sell-outs as usual and everyone who attended them thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We are in need of more members with good voices so that we may take on more ambitious projects. Do come along and take part.

#### Cardiff Athletic Club Entertainments Committee

The Committee received a couple of body blows during the year, when Miss Jennifer Howells retired after excellent service since the inception, for which our thanks are extended, and the sudden passing of Gwyn Jones, Chairman, who will be sadly missed by all. He had given sterling service. The functions flourished, with seven Discos, enjoyed mostly by all the rugby sides including a few visiting sides, highlighted perhaps by the last Disco of the season with most of the Barbarians coming along as our guests.

A Midsummer Dance with the Carribean All Stars Steel Band was very successful and a complete contrast to Disco, enjoyed very much by all who attended.

The Annual Children's Party again proved a great success with the children and of course a specially late attendance of Father Christmas. The Committee would like to thank most sincerely all those who helped to make this a success, not forgetting the Monster bag of sweets, donated by "you know who" and Miss Jennifer Howells, who was coaxed along from retirement to throw in her weight.

New Year's Eve Carnival Dance, with every ticket sold was an evening enjoyed immensely by all who attended.

The Committee also helped in many functions arranged by the Supporters Club.

The Committee would like to pay tribute to the members who attended most meetings and to Mr. Gwyn Porter and Management Committee who put a great deal of confidence into an ailing Committee.

# Functions arranged by The Supporters Club during the Year Ending April 30th, 1975 included the following:

# May 24th Player of the Year Award

The presentation was made to Brynmor Williams at a well attended successful function.

Additional presentations were also made to Ian Robinson and Alex Finlayson on the achievement of their International Caps, and Tony Williams on the conclusion of his long and distinguished playing career with the Club.

# August 10th

A pre-season visit to the Nuneaton International Club—to be treated with their usual lavish hospitality.

## November 15th, Our First Annual Dinner Dance

A pleasant evening enhanced by the attendance of guests from the Cardiff Athletic Club and Cardiff Rugby Club.

### February 1st

A Buffet Dance—once again successful.

### March 7th

An evening of Rugby Films supported by a Choir.

#### March 14th

The entertainment, on the eve of the Wales v. Ireland International, members of the Nuneaton Internationals and visitors from Cork. This was accomplished with the support of the Mustard Gleemen.

### Paris Trip

A coach load travelled to support Wales, and enjoyed an incident packed week-end.

A small party travelled to the North of England to support Cardiff on their end of season tour, making new friends at both Fylde and New Brighton.

In addition to the above, trips were made to support Cardiff at all their away games, and members assisted in the composition of the Rothman's Quiz teams.

#### Office Staff

As is usual with the large number of meetings and the affairs of many sections to be dealt with, 2,500 members to be serviced, Mr. Ken George and his Staff are kept very busy and with his Room Staff and the Chief Clerk Miss Anne Davies with her Staff all working smoothly, the affairs of the Club are in good hands.

### Bar/Catering Staff.

Of the many changes in the Club, one of the most important was the leaving of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, with the consequent search for successors, once again put the Bar and Catering in a great field of uncertainty. While this difficult situation was being resolved, the ever faithful Miss Babs Filer, having recovered her health, stepped into the breach and carried on, with the confidence and ease which she had always displayed, keeping Club members and bar staff contented with the ramifications entailed.

The Club has now appointed Mr. and Mrs. Leworthy, who have had professional experience in similar Clubs and organisations completely related to the present requirements of the Cardiff Athletic Club.

#### **Ground Staff**

Mr. Bill Hardiman, Head Groundsman, who had been with the Club for five years, left at Christmas time to take up the position of Manager of the Welsh Rugby Union National Stadium. We all wish him well for the future, and assure him that his expertise will be missed. The loss of "Bill", a very accomplished and dedicated Head Groundsman, made it difficult for Mr. Richard Stevens, who was appointed from Assistant Head Groundsman. He has had to train a practically new staff, nevertheless he is endeavouring to produce a team of good groundsmen, dedicated to their work for all Sections.

#### **Club Amenities**

With the intention of spending a couple of thousand pounds on the Top Floor, to match the re-fitting of the Club Member's Bar, it is envisaged that the Club will look very much more attractive than before.

We must congratulate the House Committee on its painstaking efforts to improve the amenities for members.

In addition to the Skittle Alley, the Welsh Rugby Union have fulfilled their contract of providing a Players' Dining Room and Tennis Dressing Rooms. No expense has been spared in providing the most attractive Dining Room, which is in the process of being embellished by photographs, Honours Boards, etc. The Cardiff team will be able to entertain its visitors and be exemplary hosts in very fine surroundings.

The Tennis Dressing Rooms are all they could wish and thanks are due to the Welsh Rugby Union for their contribution by agreement to the amenities of the C.A.C.

With the Bowls Pavilion completely renewed to the great pleasure and satisfaction of the members, the contribution of the Welsh Sports Council, engineered by Mr. L. M. Spence, we now have a very attractive Pavilion, appreciated by the lively Bowls Section.

The Tennis Section Summerhouse, has now been put on site, and they have been provided with an "on the spot" place to enable them to entertain their visitors.

The Extension to the Groundsman's Flat at Sophia Gardens is now approaching completion. This will add to the value of the Club's property and to the comfort of the Headgroundsman and his family.

#### **Visitors**

The flow of visitors to the Club is never ending. We have every nationality in the rugby world travelling long distances to visit the Cardiff Arms Park for the purpose of seeing the National Stadium, the Club ground and the Trophy Room. Sometimes elderly rugby followers sit and gaze nostalgically at the trophies of bygone days. The fame of the Cardiff Rugby Club is world wide and the stories of many people who travel the length and breadth of Great Britain to record their visit to the Cardiff Arms Park complex are legion.

#### **Obituaries**

Whatever the ups and downs of the Club may be there is one thing that will always cast a gloom:- The hardly bearable loss of such great characters as:-

BERT RUDDOCK—A fine type of Member for many years and Rugby player of quality.

G. B. (GWYN) JONES—Secretary of the first C.R.F.C. Supporters' Club, Bowls Section and member of the Choir.

E. Davies—very old supporter of Rugby.

LEN SMITH—before the War member of Rugby and Bowls, a great Stalwart.

OSSIE MALE—ex player international, great full back.

TREVOR ARNOTT—old cricketer and fanatical rugby player and supporter.

CLIFF DOWLING—Rugby supporter.

IVOR BOWCOTT—Life member, another rugby player.

Mrs. Nesta Riches—Charming wife of our President Norman.

C. Cockbill and

J. Proctor— Real members and Rugby lovers.

BERT EDMONDS—of Bowls, former Rugby supporter.

Should I through lack of information have missed anyone it will be another note of sadness to have done so.

To close this report is to say thank you to all committees and members for their unstinted support at all times, team work is the formula for Success and running of such a great club, and with the help and understanding of all concerned, we will continue to think that all those who "build beneath the stars aim too low."

HUBERT JOHNSON Chairman

# INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

1973	EXPENDITURE				
f.				£	£
£ 18,888	To Salaries and Wages				24,18
4,427	Upkeep of grounds and Clubhouse				6,28
4,252	Football—away match expenses				5,05
1,131	Football players' out of pocket expenses				1,56
4,728	Football—home matches expenses				4,43
837	Football—Junior XV expenses				42
2,270	Stationery, telephone and postages				3,04
458	Cost of Annual Report and postages			552	
36	Less Advertising in Annual Report			36	
422					51
1,675	Advertising, Season Tickets etc				1,89
1,435	Gatemen	1000			1,4
2,520	Rates				3,5
1,489	Rent and rates—Sophia Gardens				2,0
4,310	Light and heat				6,9
259	Sundry items				30
635	Laundry				79
4,142	Cleaning				4,4
7,172	Dinner, Dance, Ladies' Night, Photog	raphs	and		1
267	Awards				6.
811	Football equipment				1,4
150	Audit fee				1
1,584	Audit fee Insurances				1,7
200	Football Insurance Fund				2
430	Medical expenses				4
301	Donations				2
1,171	Plant repairs, petrol and oil				1,2
714	Donations				1,1
	BAR PURCHASES				
2,726				1,915	
21,120	Opening stock Purchases			41,536	
31,482	Purchases	**		11,000	
34,208				43,451	
1,916	Less Closing stock			2,806	
32,292					40,6
1,818	Bar purchases—Sophia Gardens				2,3
8,678	Catering purchases				6,6
12,058	Bar wages, equipment, renewals and expe	nses			15,0
	DEPRECIATION				
	T 1.0				
286	Cardiff Arms Park			433	
121	Cardiff Arms Park Sophia Gardens			142	
304	Ground maintenance equipment			710	
49				49	
	Office equipment			25	
760					1,3
760					
8,696	Excess of income over expenditure		***		1,0
mark					
123,350				7	(141,2

# For the Year ended 30th April, 1975

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1974			INC	COME					
£ 14,202 4,381	Ву	Football Gates Season Tickets				::		£	£ 14,693 5,603
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20,552								- 1	21,552
16,386 4,993		Members' subscri Ground earnings	ptions		::	::	::		18,73 5,74
12,644 1,585		Car Park receipts Less Attendants		::		-:-	• •	14,032 2,314	
11,059									11,718
1,138 100		Broadcasting fees Catering concession	on	::	::	::	::		2,232
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1,770									3,83
55,998 50,134 3,566 11,108		Bar takings Bar takings—Sop Catering takings	hia Gard	ens	::		::		63,81 61,68 3,82 8,46
2,445 401		Fruit machine Less Licence						3,476 400	
2,044									3,07
255 245		Hire of rooms Profit on sale of G	Club ties,	 badge	s and s	 carves	4:		38 4
2,044 255		Less Licence	fee	badge	s and s	carves	::		

## **BALANCE SHEET**

1974	LIABILITII	ES				
£ 71,822 945	Members' Funds From last account				£ 81,463 1,061	£
8,696	Excess of income over ex year ended 30th April, 1		ture for	r the	1,005	
81,463						83,529
1,448	Football Insurance Fund					1,604
2015	Creditors					
3,562 8,869	Subscriptions prepaid			**	4,931	
981	Capital expenditure				760	
						18,879
238	Lloyds Bank Limited Bank accounts overdrawn					7,459

### To the Members of the Cardiff Athletic Club

In our opinion, the foregoing Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the Cardiff Athletic Club at the 30th April 1975, and of its excess of income over expenditure for the year ended on that date.

#### DELOITTE & Co., Chartered Accountants

Cardiff 2nd September, 1975

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£96,561	£111,471

# as at 30th April, 1975

1974	ASSETS				At 1574	Additions 3	At 80 4 75
£					£	£	£
	Cardiff Arms Park						
17,751	Ground development				17,751	1,829 1,526	19,580
17,092 25	Club House Bowls Pavilion				17,092 25	10,358	10,38
	Bowls Favilion				23	10,550	10,50.
34,868							
1 000	Sophia Gardens				1,606		1,600
1,606 4,378	Ground development Head Groundsman's Flat		**	**	4,378		4,37
						C12 712	51.56
10,852					£40,852	£13,713	54,56
	Furniture and Fittings						
7.540	Cardiff Arms Park					1,622	
1,548 360	From last account		**		100	613	
300	Additions						
1,908						2,235	
286	Less Depreciation				**	433	
1,622							1,802
	Sophia Gardens						
810	From last accounts					689	
121	Less Depreciation		**			142	
689					- 1000		54
002	Ground Maintenance Equ	inm	ont				
1,522	From last account		ciic			1,218	
-	Additions					1,650	
1,522						2,868	
304	Less Depreciation					710	
							2.15
1,218							2,15
	Office Furniture					278	
55 272	From last account Additions					2/8	
2/2	Additions						
327	and the state of the state of					278	
49	Less Depreciation		**			49	
278							229
	Investments						
3,500							
2,100	Target Preference Share I	und	8,400	units		2,100	
1,500	3% Savings Bonds 1965/7 Arms Park (Cardiff) Gre	yhou	nd Ra	cing	Co	1,500	
100	(1956) Ltd 200 ordinary	5p sh	nares-	fully	paid	100	
20,000	Short Term Deposit South Wales (East) & Mon				D 1	20,000	
7,606	South Wales (East) & Mon	. Tru	istee Sa	ving	s Bank	68	
34,806							23,76
	Current Assets						
6,434	Stocks						8,66
10,147 515	Sundry Debtors Cash in hand		**				18,559
313	Cash in hand			1			
96,561						- 4	111,47

# CARDIFF RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

#### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

# **SEASON 1974-75**

At the end of November I had a vision that my report this year would be one of doomladen prophesy for the future, as a result of a season of unparalleled failure and misfortune for the Club. This melancholic moment was brought about by the depressing position we found ourselves in with only a third of the season completed. We had already suffered nine defeats. against Bristol, Pontypool, Aberavon, Northampton, Harlequins, Bridgend, Oxford at home, Newport and Ebbw Vale as well as being held to a 16 all draw by a young Cambridge. Our overworked players had at this early stage already played 22 games, a full season at this level in the Southern Hemisphere, and we were perilously placed in the bottom half of the Unofficial Championship, an unnatural habitat for the Cardiff Club. Our few crumbs of comfort were splendid performances against Moseley, Coventry (a tremendous 32-6 victory). Llanelli, Newport at home, and a struggle of leviathan proportions at Pontypool Park saw us defeat the future champions 18-17, although "Pooler" folk will argue that it was achieved with the assistance of a somewhat questionable penalty decision. It was also some satisfaction that although Newport had defeated us in a poor game at Rodney Parade we had registered the one necessary victory over the "Black and Amber fellows" to enlighten a Chairman's heart and at the same time deny them their cherished ambition. It would have been overmagnanimous of us to allow them that in their Centenary Year.

My unhappiness in late November never really made way for uninhibited joy by May but then neither were the Doomsday prophesies fully realised, as it was that sort of season but it shows in the tremendous fight back in the second half of the year, the stirling qualities of the Club that we should end the campaign with only a further seven defeats and that including three on the run in January, versus Coventry away, Bridgend in the Cup, and in granting the double to Aberavon, and all credit to Mervyn John and all his men for soldiering on in spite of adversity, adverse criticism and comment, to end up fifth in the Championship,

Ebbw Vale having edged us out of fourth place in the last week of the season.

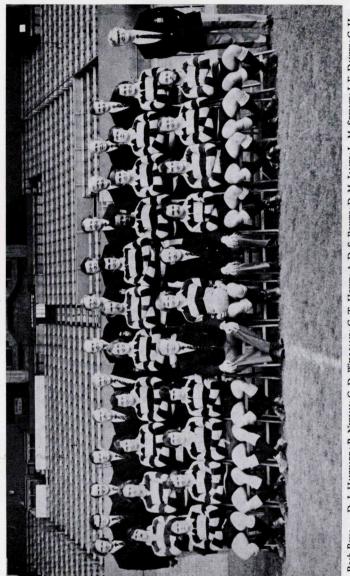
In retrospect our play was mixed and disappointing with the team struggling to find a rhythm, a pattern that could be developed by the many talented players in our ranks. How else can we in one season scintillate against Coventry and the Barbarians, defeat Pontypool, Llanelli, demolish Swansea, vet lose to no less than seven English sides, some of only moderate means, subject ourselves to a merciless drubbing at Llanelli 37-13 and lucky at that, and to be the object of scathing criticism from the London press for our unsporting play against the Saracens. Possibly we lacked discipline throughout, we were affected by inconsistency at fly half until Gareth Davies arrived after Christmas, and although possessing two World class scrum halves still found it necessary to play Robin Morgan and both Youth players Terry Holmes and Nick Rose at various times of emergency. The Selectors' problems were many, but it is probable that we ask too much of our players (the Club played over 50 games) and our fixture list for the early months can only be described as punitive. Future administrations may well heed the warnings for with League football just around the corner, we are already playing an overburdensome fixture list. If Leagues when constituted are for completion by Christmas of a season, we could well find ourselves relegation candidates simply because our fixture list is too hard, for too long, too soon in the season.

Our final record was:

Played 51, Won 33, Lost 16, Drawn 2, Points For 870, Points Against 561.

For the record "Points For" was the lowest since the 4 point try was introduced in 1971–72 and the "Points Against" the highest since the war. The tally of 85 penalties struck against us was the highest ever and whilst one can suggest many reasons for this I am forced to believe our own indiscipline, specifically the pointless (to us but not to our opponents) questioning of referee's decisions was the prime reason for achieving this dubious honour. It is my fervent hope that our new captain and coaches will eradicate this symptom of our malaise before it becomes endemic.

Our Sevens season was as mixed as our major game for we handsomely won the Aberaeron invitation Tournament in August, defeating Llanelli and Bridgend in doing so but followed that by going down to Bridgend in the final of the Snellings in

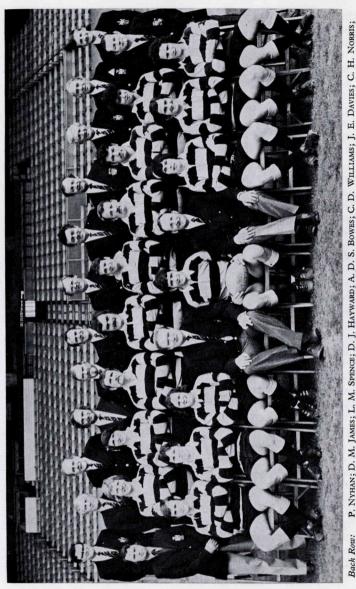


G. DAVIES; GARETH DAVIES; K. A. ROWLANDS (Chairman); M. JOHN (Captain); A. J. PRIDAY (Hon. O. EDWARDS; P. LYN JONES; S. MCCANN. NELMES; M. McJennett; I. Robinson; P. Kallonas; C. Second Row Back Row:

SMITH; A. FINLAYSON;

May. Stuart Lane, who played magnificently, became the first man to win the "Everson Man of the Match" trophy from a losing side, and we ended the season on a majestically high note when at the Arms Park we reversed our defeat by Bridgend of the previous week, to win the W.R.U. National Sevens title. Chris Camilleri ended our misery by shrugging off a despairing tackle to score the winning try in injury time. Should this indeed be the very last National Sevens Competition, we can offer the W.R.U. a suitable and honourable resting place for their magnificent trophy, more so when one realises that it has been in our custody for four of the ten years the competition has existed.

Our leading scorers for the year were Gareth Davies with 142 points and John Davies with 109 points. Leading try scorers were Alex Finlayson with 15, Chris Camilleri with 11, Alan "Poacher" Phillips 9 with an amazing 14 for the Athletic. New caps were awarded to Gareth Davies, Phil Kallonas, Mark McJennett, Alan Phillips and Stuart Lane. Most appearances were by Vice Captain Paul Evans with 42, closely followed by skipper Mervyn John and Phil Kallonas with 41 each. Tremendous achievements in a 51 match season. International honours went to Gareth Edwards and Gerald Davies who appeared in all the Home Internationals and in the I.R.F.U. Centenary match in Dublin and we were delighted to hear in May that the popular Barry Nelmes had been called out to Australia as a replacement in the English Touring Party. He goes with our sincere best wishes and hopes that the England cap he so richly deserves is awarded to him. "Cardiff and England"-it has an unusual ring about it, but nonetheless, one adds further lustre to our Club. Special congratulations to Brynmor Williams and Gary Davies who were honoured by the Barbarians and who both starred in the memorable Easter Tour match at Newport. The Club were very well represented in the East Wales v. Tonga match with appearances by A. Finlayson, K. James, B. Williams, I. Robinson, C. Smith and T. Worgan whilst G. Wallace, Gary Davies, P. Evans and Roger Lane were reserves. Lastly it is refreshing to extend congratulations to an administrator rather than a player upon selection. For Les Spence was honoured with the managership of the Welsh team tour to Japan in September, 1975. We wish you "Spence-San" a successful, enjoyable and thoroughly memorable tour. We trust you will return triumphant, with a (Blue and) Black belt for Saki consumption to go with your Masters' Degree in Legerdemain!



P. Nyhan; D. M. James; L. M. Spence; D. J. Havward; A. D. S. Bowes; C. D. Williams; J. E. Davies; C. H. Lloyd Williams; W. H. Wilkins; T. L. Williams; B. Mark. K. Harse; J. Jones; J. James; R. Berdo; P. Rawins; J. Lewellyn; M. Knill; T. Brahm; C. T. Howe. M. Alexander; S. Bool; L. Daynes; K. A. Roydanns (Chairman); J. Hickey (Captain); A. J. Priday (Hon. 3) Back Row:

### Cardiff Athletic XV

Captain: John Hickey.

Played 36, Won 34, Lost 2, Points For 1,218, Points Against 246.

John Hickey and his Rags are to be congratulated for their truly magnificent record. Not only did they achieve the highest ever "Points For" by a Club XV, they also recorded the lowest "Points Against" since the 4 point try was introduced in 1971-72. On March 29th, 1975 in the match v. Chepstow, by winning 104 to nil, they became the first club side to score over a hundred points since 1876. Scores of 40 points or more were registered in ten occasions and all who saw this side play were impressed by their superb 15 man running approach that won them not only matches but friends and admirers wherever they went. The Truman Cup was won with consummate ease and entry into the final stages of the Silver Ball competition was denied us on a technicality. In not supplying match statistics within the stipulated date (we were two days late) due to an administrative error we were penalised two points, so that although we won all our games we eventually finished outside the final play-off. I am sure the final contenders would have preferred to have won or lost with us in contention, and not disbarred by administrators. For in the final analysis, only the players and therefore the game itself suffered, not the Cardiff Club, by this somewhat harsh decision. Bad luck, John, you and the lads were worthy of great things, including the "Silver Ball".

In all 65 players appeared during the year including 9 Youth, and it is interesting to note that no fewer than 51 of them figure as scorers. Caps were awarded to Steve Bool, Tony Brahim, Chris Camilleri, Ken Poole and Peter Rawlings.

Yet again we have produced a magnificent "Rags" side and as Youth Chairman Peter Goodfellow will describe an outstanding Youth XV in a year when the senior side has had mixed fortunes. This is not a singular occurrence but would be almost a pattern. I think we would gain more advantage if our "Rags" and Juniors records were no more than ordinary just so that we produce a really successful senior side. To achieve this needs special rethinking in attitudes both on and off the field and with Centenary Year close upon us, such re-thinking may be urgently needed.

In early April Roy Bish resigned his place on the Committee and took up his new appointment in Italy. As he will inevitably

coach rugby as well as athletics it can only be a matter of time before Italian rugby standards rise to challenge the already established rugby countries of the World. Roy has over the past eight years worked unceasingly as our first coach, then later as selector and Committee man and played an enormous part in the introduction and establishment of coaching throughout the Club and indeed Wales. We all wish Roy and Annie every success in their Italian homeland.

In a Club the size of Cardiff it is difficult to praise and thank all the wonderful people who have worked so hard yet again to maintain our unique standards. To the many unsung helpers, some of whom I may omit, I ask your forgiveness, my aim is to praise all, some more especially than others.

My very special thanks must go to my Vice Chairman Maldwyn James. During the year when my duties with the W.R.U. kept me away from the Arms Park Maldwyn deputised unhesitatingly and without his unquestioned loyalty my task would have been impossible. No words of mine can adequately express the personal debt I owe him. My thanks to Les Spence, who as a guide and mentor par excellence, led me expertly through the W.R.U. Corridors of Power where Machiavelli himself would have trembled. My thanks to Hon. Secretary Alun Priday who adds professional expertise to aid amateurs like myself who are thrust upon him annually, and to all my colleagues of the Committee who have given so much in helping me enjoy this season more than any I care to remember. The overworked captains, selectors, coaches who between them have surely put into the Club more man-hours than any self-respecting Union man would allow, our various sub-Committees, Fixture, Centenary, Youth, Social and Museum, Dai Programme Notes (or Dai Poison Pen as he is known in Llanelli), Danny Davies for his statistics, Ken George and "his girls" in the offices, Richard Stevens, who succeeded Bill Hardiman, and groundsmen of the finest tended Club ground in the world, Bob and Shirley Thomas and their delightful bar staff, Mr. Harold Richards and our Club Doctors, the Club masseurs, the Club physiotherapists, John Grubenman and his Stewards, the loyal Supporters' Club, the St. Alban's Band, and lastly you the members, I thank you.

May, 1975

KEITH ROWLANDS, Chairman

Captain: Wayne Peckham.

Played 24, Won 20, Drawn 1, Lost 3, Points For 579, Points Against 196.

Again another successful season, and those who saw this squad of young men, both on and off the field, must have been very impressed by their skills, endeavours and sportsmanship.

The Player of the Year award went to scrum half Terry Holmes, who captained the Welsh Youth in all three matches. He also captained the very successful Cardiff and District team in their "double", winning both the Crawshay Cup (for the second year running), and the magnificent "D. G. Griffiths Trophy". Terry also played several times for the Athletic and once for the 1st XV, against Newport at Rodney Parade. The evening before he had skippered the District side in the "D. G. Griffiths" Cup Final. On the same day, our other scrum half, Nick Rose, played for the Athletic XV against Newport United. Nick also played for the 1st XV on three occasions, and Athletic four times.

In all, Youth team members appeared for the 1st XV on four occasions, and ninteen times for the Athletic.

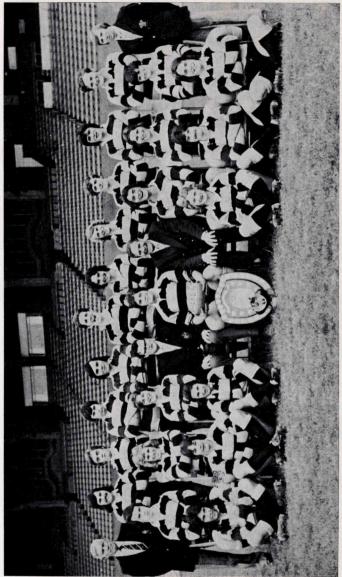
International caps were won by popular Paul Rees (full back), Nick James (centre), Wayne Peckham (flanker) and Terry Holmes. Peter Mullins (centre) was a substitute in the French match.

Fifteen players took part in the District's runs to the two Cup Finals—twelve appearing in both finals.

Top scorers were wingers Brian Cox 88 (22 tries) and John Newman 64 (16 tries). Steve O'Donoghue scored 62 points (4 tries, 17 conversions and 4 penalties) in only 10 appearances. Illness prevented him from playing more matches. Peter Mullins 60 points and Paul Rees 52 points.

At the District Sevens, our A side met and just defeated our B side in the final to win the "John Parkes Trophy" for the third year in succession.

On Sunday, 4th May, we were invited to send a team to compete in the Tiverton Sevens, and won through to take the magnificent trophy, beating Exeter in the semi-finals 6-0, and in a ding-dong struggle in the final against Gloucester, the lead changing hands four times, won 28-20. We were also delighted that our own Peter Mullins was awarded the Man of the Tournament. This was a wonderful end to a very happy and extremely successful season.



G. LUFF; N. COLLINS; G. RICHARDS; S. O'DONAGHUE Second Rou Seated:

My thanks to the Youth sub-Committee; Peter Nyhan (Secretary) and Weldon Davies (our hard-working trainer) for their endeavours; and to several 'Dads', who were of immense help throughout the season, especially Roy Newman. I should also like to thank those kind people who gave me raffle prizes, to help finance our tour to Hull and East Riding. Five raffles were held at the Club house and my thanks go to members who kindly contributed.

One of the best performances of the year was our victory against the British Army Youth Team at Aldershot on 15th March. This was an eventful weekend, as we spent two nights, as guests, at the Guards Depot at Pirbright, living under Army conditions eating Army food. Conditions were superb, very different to my Army days

My final thanks must, of course, go to the boys of the squad. Their team spirit was the finest ever, and I cannot praise too highly the captain, Wayne Peckham, for the example he set (especially to the younger boys) both on and of the field.

PETER GOODFELLOW, Chairman,

Cardiff R.F.C. Junior Committee

# **RECORD OF RESULTS—SEASON 1974-75**

CARDIFF FIRST FIFTEEN

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Date	Opponents	or A.	Rslt.	G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.	G.	Т.	DG	PG	MG	Pti
1974			-		_			_		-		_	_	-	_
Sept. 4	Glamorgan Wandrs.	A	Won	2	2	1	1		26				2		)
7	Moseley	H	Won	2	1	, of	1		19		1		. 1		
11	Bristol	A	Lost		1		1		7		2		3		1
14	Blackheath	A	Won	3	1		1		25		2	1	2		1
18	Pontypool	H	Lost				3	-	9	1			3		1
21	Coventry	H	Won	2	2		4		32				2		
25	Pontypridd	A	Won	1	3				18				32322		
28	Aberavon	A	Lost	1			1		9	1	1		1	-	1
Oct. 2	Newport FL	H	Won				3		9				1		2
5	Univ. Coll. Cork	A	Won	1	2		1		17	1			2		1
12	Northampton	A	Lost				2		6	1			1		
16	Devon FL	H	Won	1	3		2		24	2	1				1
19	Cambridge Univ	A	Dr'n	2	1				16	1	1	11	2		1
23	Pontypool	A	Won			1	5		18		2	1	2		1
26	Harlequins	A	Lost	1			1		9	2		1	1		1
30	Bridgend FL	H	Lost	1			2		12	1	1		1		1
Nov. 2	Oxford Univ	H	Lost		2		1.5		8	2	10		3		2
6	Newport FL	A	Lost	-			16		0	1	1		1		1
13	Penarth FL	H	Won	3	4		1		31	1			1		
16	Wasps	H	Won	3	2				26	1					
23	Llanelli	H	Won		3		1		15				3		
30	Ebbw Vale	A	Lost						0		1		2		1
Dec. 4	Neath FL	H	Won		2	1	1		20	1			1		1
7	Swansea	A	Won	1			1		15	1			2 2		
21	London Welsh	A	Won	1	2				14	1	1		2		1
26	Pontypridd	H		2	2	1			23				2		
28	Ebbw Vale	H	Won	1			1		9	1			1		
1975							1								
Jan. 11	Coventry	A	Lost	ı	1	1	1 2	2	13	1			1		2
25	Aberavon	H			١.		2	2	6	ı	1		1		
Feb. 1	Neath	A					1		9	1			3	3	
8	Headingly	H			1	]	1 2	2	25	1			2	2	1
12	Bristol FL	H			5	5	П	1	38				1		
15	London Welsh A.M.	H			1		3	3	13				4	Ł	1
22	Saracens	A			1		2	2	10	1			4		1
28	Heriots	A							13		1		1		
Mar. 5	Llanelli	A				Ц	1		13	4	1		3		3
8	Newport	H						L	27	1			1		
15	Bective Rangers A.M.	H				5	١.		26	1			1		1
22	Newport	A		2	2		12	2	18	١.	1		1		1
29	Barbarians	H			3	3			24	1			3	3	1
. 31	Harlequins	H			1 2	2		3	41	1			1		
Apr. 5	Gloucester	A						1	3	2	2 1	4	1	4	1
9	Maesteg	H			4	2		1	17				1	L	
12	Swansea	H				1	1	3 1	22		. 2				
15	Bath	H			2 3	3			30	1		1		L	
19	New Brighton	A			1 '	4		1	25			L	1 3	3	
20	Fylde	A				1		1	25					1	
25	Bridgend	A	Lost		L	1			10	13	3		1	2	1
	TOTALS			1	966	-	76		1825	3	12	-	18	-	5

#### Cardiff First Fifteen-continued

RECORD FOR SEASON: Played 48; Won 31; Lost 15; Drawn 2

FL Floodlight

A.M. Morning Kick-off

#### W.R.U. CHALLENGE CUP

	Totals	Ī			3	6 1	45	4	12
Jan. 1	Bridgend		Н	Lost		1	4	2	6
1974 Nov. 9 Dec.14 1975	Hendy Ystradgynlais	••	H	Won Won	3	3 1	30 11	2	6 0

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

#### SEVEN-A-SIDE TOURNAMENTS ABERAERON

1974 Aug 17	Narberth	14 (1)	1	Won	1		24	,		6
Aug 17	Narbertii	 	1	WOII	4		24	1		0
	Tredegar	 	2	Won	1	3	18		1	4
	Burry Port		3	Won	4	2	32	1		6
	Llanelli	 	SF	Won	3	1	22	1	1	10
	Bridgend	 	F	Won	5	2	38	1		6

#### WELSH SNELLING SEVENS

1975			1	1	1	1 [	1 [		7	
May 3	Neath		 1	Won	2 3	3	24	2	1	16
	Abertillery		 2	Won	4	1	28		1	4
	Moselev	4.	 SF	Won	1 3	3	18	1		6
	Bridgend	1.	 F	Lost	2	11	12	4	2	32

#### W.R.U. NATIONAL SEVENS

W.R.U.	NATIONAL	PEAFIAS						
1975 May 10	Newport Tonyrefail Abertillery Bridgend	1 ::	1 2 SF F	Won Won Won	3 2 2	12 18 20 20	2 1 2 2 2 1	8 6 12 16

#### Captain: MERVYN JOHN

RECORD FOR SEASON (including WRU Cup Ties): Played 51; Won 33; Lost 16; Drawn 2

SCORES FOR: Goals 62; Tries 72; Drop Goals 8; Penalty Goals 61; Mark Goal 1; Points For 870.

SCORES AGAINST: Goals 31; Tries 27; Drop Goals 4;

Penalty Goals 85; Points Against 561.

# CARDIFF ATHLETIC FIFTEEN

Date	Opponents	H. or	Rslt.		5	Sco	re	for	1	1	Sco	ore	aga	ain	st
Date	Opponents	A.	KSIL.	G.	т.	DG	PG	MG P	ts.	G.	T.	DG	PG	мG	Pts.
1974															
Sept. 4	Llanharan	H	Won	2	7			4	10	1		1	2		15
7	Maesteg Celtic	A	Won		2		2		14				2	- 1	6
11	Bristol Utd	SG	Won				2		20	ı	12	١.,	2	]	14
14	Neath Athletic		Can				eath	in '		lU	Cı	ıp	Ma	tch	1
18	Pencoed	A	Won		4		1		31				3		9
21	Coventry Extra 1sts	A	Won	1	1	1	1		16		2				8
25	Pontypool Utd	A	Lost	١.	_		1		3		1				4
28	Cardiff H.S.O.B	SG	Won	1	2				14	١,	1				4 10
Oct. 2	Barry	SG	Won	8	2				56	1	1		1		3
5	Newport Unt	A	Won	1 9	1		1	1 2	13		10		1		0
10 12	Welsh Guards Harlequin Wandrs.	H	Won	5	8				36 12				4		12
19	St. Paul Col. Chelt'm	SG	Won	1	1	3			19	1			1		9
26	Bridgend Sports	H	Won	5	1	3	2		36	١,			-		0
30	Treherbert	A	Won	1	3	?	2		18	1			1		9
Nov. 2	Newport H.S.O.B.	A	Won		,		2		24	1			1		6
9	Taibach	SG	Won		5				52				2	-	3
16	Treorchy	30	Can			rec	rch			RI	10	un		ato	h.
16	Llandaff North	A	Won			1			27	î``	1	1	1	1	0
23	Llanelli Wandrs	A	Won			-			36				1	I o	3
29	Senghenydd F.L.	A	Won		1				4				1		3
Dec. 7	Swansea Athletic	SG	Won	2	1	1	4	1 3	31		1		- 1		4
14	Llantwit Major	A	Won		6	- 3		3	36	ı	1		2		10
21	Neath Athletic	H	Won	1	3		1	1 2	21	ı		1	1		6
28	Pontypool Untd	SG	Can	icell	ed c	wi	ng	to w	et s	sta	te c	of g	grou	inc	i
1975										1	1		1		
Jan. 4	Aberaman	A	Won		4	_			28		1				4
. 11	Coventry Extra 1sts	H	Won				1		31	1			IJ		6
18	Mumbles	A						roun							
25	Aberavon Quins	A					-G	rour		wat	erl	ogg	ged.	٠,	
Feb. 1	Maesteg Celtic	H	Won						54				2		6
8	Bristol Utd †		Won		4		2		34	١,	1		2	-	10
15	Lon. Welsh Druids	SG	Won		4				34	1			1		9
22	Llanelly Wandrs	SG	Won	Total State of the last	7000	,	1		94		,	1	1 1	. '	U
Mar. 1	Merthyr	A	Won	2				t M	eru 15		1		3	١	9
15	Abercynon	SG	Can				1				110			nl	-
22	Cilfynydd Newport Utd	SG	Won		u—	1	11116		21	115	2	111	2	PI	14
29	01		Won	14	5	1		10			-		-	-	0
Apr. 5	Gloucester Utd	H	Won	4	3		1		9		1		1		7
12	Swansea Athletic	A	Lost		1		1		7		3		1		15
19	Ebbw Vale	A				d-		bbw		le		To		3	1
25	Milford Haven	A	Won	2	31	1	1		7	1	1		3	1	19
26	Fishguard	A	Won	5	3		1		5						0
30	Cwmavon	A	Won	2	2		2		26				3		9
	TOTALS			115	105	9	27	12	218	7	18	2	42		246

RECORD FOR SEASON: Played 36; Won 34; Lost 2; Drawn 0. sg-Sophia Gardens †At Bristol Police Ground

‡v. Chepstow—Record Club Score.
Captain: JOHN HICKEY

# Rugby CAPTAINS AND VICE-CAPTAINS

	Vice-Captain	D. E. DAVIES	K P TIRNBILL	H. Poolb	S. C. CRAVOS	H. M. Bowcott	B. R. TURNBULL	R. GABE-JONES	E	I. STONE	L. M. SPENCE	I. STONE	H. KEES	W. E. N. DAVIES	W. E. IV. Davies	R BATE	I.ES. MANFIELD	BLEDDYN WILLIAMS	Bleddyn Williams	FRANK TROTT	BLEDDYN WILLIAMS	Rex WILLIS	Sib. Jubb	Sib. Jubb	G ROWING	G. GRIFFITHS	CLIFF MORGAN	LLOYD WILLIAMS	J. D. Evans	K. D. Jones	K. D. JONES	C. H. NORRIS	C. H. NORRIS	S. HUGHES	W. HULLIN	I. G. K. DAVIES	A. D. WILLIAMS	J. HICKEI	A. FINLAYSON	M. IOHN	M. John	PAUL EVANS		
12900	Captain	W. J. DELAHAY	B. O. MATE	S. C. CRAVOS	B. R. TURNBULL	HOWARD POOLE	Tom Lewis	GRAHAM JONES	R. GABE-JONES	A. SKYM	I. STONE	L. M. SPENCE	A. H. JONES	5	W. WOOLLER (2 gaines)	TACK MATTHEWS	TACK MATTHEWS	HAYDN TANNER	HAYDN TANNER	BLEDDYN WILLIAMS	W. E. TAMPLIN	Dr. JACK MATTHEWS	W. KEX WILLIS	BLEDDYN WILLIAMS	M Corring	P T GOODFELLOW	F. THOMAS	C. D. WILLIAMS	GORDON WELLS	LLOYD WILLIAMS	LLOYD WILLIAMS	D. I. HAVWARD	Meirion Roberts	K. ROWLANDS	K. Rowlands	C. H. NORRIS	C. H. NORRIS	J. O SHEA	I. H. IAMES	G. WALLACE	G. DAVIES	M. John		
		1926-27	1921-20	1929-30	1930-31	1931-32	1932-33	1933-34		1934-35	1935-36	1936-37	1957-58	1938-39	1030 45	1045_46	1046-47	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50	1950-51	1951–52	1952-53	1953-54	1055 56	1056-57	1057-58	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62	1963-64	1964-65	1965-66	1966-67	1967-68	1968-69	10201	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74	1974-75		
	Vice-Captain	W. D. PHILLIPS	W. D. PHILIPS	W. D. FHILLIFS	B. B. MANN	W. D. PHILLIPS	W. H. TREATT	W. D. PHILLIPS	W. D. PHILLIPS	A. F. HILL	A. J. HYBART	A. F. HILL	C. S. ARTHUR	S. H. NICHOLLS	D. W. EVANS	F. IV. JONES	D. P. Surer-Hecort	R R SWEET-ESCOTT	F. MILLS	S. Biggs	E. GWYN NICHOLLS	T. Dobson	H. V. P. HUSSEY	J. BLAKE	D. L. BOWEN	C. SIKANAGHAN	W Nerri	GEO. NORTHMORE	GEO. NORTHMORE	J. BROWN	F. SMITH	F. SMITH	I. A. Powerr.	W. I. JENKINS	R. F. WILLIAMS		W. J. JENKINS		K. A. CORNISH	I PICHABDS	T. A. IOHNSON	D. E. DAVIES	W. J. DELAHAY	
	Captain	T. S. DONALDSON SELBY	E. C. FRY	K. H. FOA	W D PHILIPS	B. E. GIRLING	W. D. PHILLIPS	H. J. SIMPSON	H. J. SIMPSON	F. E. HANCOCK	W. M. Douglas	G. A. YOUNG	A. F. HILL	C. S. ARTHUR	W. E. O. WILLIAMS	D. W. EVANS	I. W. FEARSON	A H Him	R R SWEET-FSCOTT	I. E. ELLIOT	S. Biggs	E. GWYN NICHOLLS	E. GWYN NICHOLLS	E. GWYN NICHOLLS	H. B. WINFIELD	H. B. WINFIELD	E. GWYN INICHOLLS	Depoy F Righ	PERCY F. BUSH	RHYS T. GABE	PERCY F. BUSH	J. L. WILLIAMS	I. M. Dvkr	W. SPILLER.	W. J. JENKINS	EUROPEAN WAR	F. GACCON-	W. J. POWELL	CLEM LEWIS	Dr. T. WALLACE	India Richards	T. A. IOHNSON	D. E. DAVIES	
)		1876-77	1877-78	18/8-79	1880-81	1881-82	1882-83	1883-84	1884-85	1885-86	1886-87	1887-88	1888-89	1889-90	1890-91	1891-92	1892-93	1804-05	1895-96	1896-97	1897-98	1898-99	1899-1900	1900-01	1901-02	1902-03	1903-04	1005-06	1906-07	1907-08	1908-09	1909-10	1910-11	1912-13	1913-14	1914-19	1919-20		1920-21	1022 22	1023-24	1924–25	1925–26	

#### CARDIFF CRICKET CLUB

#### FIRST XI 1974

The season opened with the now customary friendly game with Swansea, it was interesting that Jim Presdee who served Glamorgan well was included in the Swansea XI, but in spite of his inclusion, batting at No. 6 Swansea fared badly with the bat in a 40 overs game, being only 97 for 6 at the close. With Toshack (28) and K. B. Williams (62 n.o.). Cardiff took 30 overs to gain an 8 wkt. victory.

The following game was a Western League Fixture (1st of thirteen) against Malmesbury. On a good wicket at Cardiff we could only master 145 for 8 wickets (K. D. Williams 53) in 45 overs. However this was sufficient for the opposition replied with 102 runs in 40 overs N. Diggins returning 5 for 15 in eight overs.

St. Fagans were to entertain us on their home ground in the next encounter, and again the Cardiff batting was slightly under par on a wicket that was not conducive to playing shots. In the 45 overs we totalled 135 for 9 and this again was just enough as St. Fagans succumbed to the bowling of N. Diggins 7 for 28.

With two Western League victories to our credit we took a trip to Panteg to do battle in the National K.O. It was however to be an unsatisfactory affair as rain intervened when the opposition had scored 40 for 2 after 20 overs and Cardiff were to lose on the toss of a coin.

Returning to Western League we were hosts to Bristol who helped by poor fielding amassed a total of 186 for 8, we were as poor with the bat as ball and were dismissed for a meagre 68 runs.

The following two games against Keynsham and Cheltenham were both lost by poor batting displays.

In the following encounters with Brislington nothing improved and no form was found in making only 107 runs, but on this occasion it was just enough as the opponents were bowled out for 103 (Henderson 5 for 33, Diggins 5 for 36).

Two friendlies followed Cardiff beating the College of Education by 7 wickets and drawing with Corsham.

Newport our greatest rivals were met at Sophia Gardens in the Western League, we bowled well and contained them to 126 for 6 in 45 overs but yet again we collapsed and only 81 runs were scored in the 45 overs.

Against Clifton (Western League) Cardiff scored 135 for 9 (45 overs). This was not a good enough total, and with a player of the class of A. R. Windows (formerly Gloustershire C.C.) we were beaten by nine wickets his personal score of 74 n.o. was a brilliant innings.

In another low scoring game Chippenham were beaten, this time the opposition failed with the bat, making 122 for 7, Cardiff eventually won by 6 wickets with good innings from F. J. Davis 46, and P. Good 42 n.o.

Another victory against Westbury-on-Trym this time by 5 wickets, with Colin Toshack contributing a fine 72 n.o. Colin has made progress with the bat this year.

An exploratory tour of North Wales in early August proved to be a success with fixtures against Bangor, Colwyn Bay and Chirk, the first two were drawn and the latter lost. It must be repeated but my only thoughts are that more 1st XI players should make themselves available.

After some relaxation we were back in the throws of Western League the match was against the Optomists' and against such players a 10 wickets victory was very pleasing. Our visitors were bowled out for 78. K. D. Williams 48 n.o. and Toshack 24 n.o. soon polished off this total.

And yet another excursion over the Severn Bridge took us to Downend. In a very exciting but low scoring game. Cardiff scored 112 all out. Downend replied by winning in the last over, after a very grim battle. J. Davies bowled magnificently for Cardiff taking 8 for 39 in 18 overs.

The last Western League game was played at Cardiff against Gloucester and yet again we struggled to a small total of 115, but a fine bowling performance from A. Wilkins (5 for 21) enabled the opponents to be bowled out for 75 runs.

Of the 13 Western League matches played Cardiff won 7 and lost 6 and had we battled with more certainty more games could have been won. Not on one occasion did we pass 150.

The Western League is a very competitive one and I am sure that with the youngsters slowly but surely making progress there is a bright future for Cardiff C.C.

In closing, my thanks to my V. Captain, A. Manderson, to all members of committee, Umpires, scorers, and of course the Ladies who provide us with superb teas.

My last thoughts are to K. D. Williams whose work has often been spoken of, but rarely I imagine put into print, his dedication in bringing along young cricketers is to be admired not only by our club but everywhere in South Wales, and I am sure we all appreciate the fantastic job he has done, and I hope continues to do.

DAVID O. HERBERT

#### REPORT FOR CARDIFF CRICKET CLUB SECOND XI SEASON 1974

The Second XI had some most enjoyable and exciting games in 1974, and an often young and largely inexperienced side did well to record 7 wins, with 6 games lost and 2 drawn. In the Western League, we won exactly half our games but a shortage of bonus points put us in the lower half of the table.

A score of 180 in the first game with Malmesbury proved rather more than we were to average for the rest of the season, but we never had better entertainment than in a last wicket stand of 47 on that occasion. Salim Esufats was the chief aggressor with 12 boundaries in his first innings for Cardiff. Some weeks later when the May monsoons had ended, our batting looked much rustier and we lost heavily at Imperial. Thereafter we alternated fairly regularly between victory and defeat. At Brislington the margin of our win was only 7 runs, and the captain's innings of 9 (coming in at number 10 after a breakdown on the motorway) had to be reckoned a matchwinner.

The sun shone brightly on our two midsummer friendly games. A 9-wicket victory at Radyr was sweet revenge for suffering endured at their hands by our Sunday XI early in the season, and Ray Lewis scored an exciting century against his old club as we chased 185 to win. Another enjoyable friendly against Corsham ended with Cardiff needing to take just one more wicket after a game of greatly fluctuating fortunes on both sides.

Back in the serious business of the League, we suffered a 9 wicket defeat at the hands of Newport, never a pleasant experience for a Cardiff side. Two weeks later however, we were back in top gear as Hugh Williams and Tony Edwards took 5 wickets each with a swinging new ball to dismiss Chippenham for 33. Westbury next gave us a more strenuous test, which we were pleased to win on a damp evening by a mere handful of runs. It is difficult to be precise about the margin of victory as two young scorers gave us several totals to choose from in both innings, but it can be safely recorded that Roger Webb scored a stylish hundred, including some fine straight hitting.

The season ended on a friendly note against Ealing Wanderers, who provided colourful and sporting opposition in a good drawn game, which finished with Ealing 5 runs, and Cardiff I wicket, short of a decisive result.

Over the season as a whole, our batting was brittle, and the bowling sometimes lacked penetration. First team stars almost always did well on their occasional appearances for the seconds, emphasising the gulf between 1st and 2nd XI cricket in the League. The chief performances with the willow have already been mentioned, and Tony Edwards and Peter Sweetnam were our most accurate and persevering bowlers with the leather. Gerry Mills proved an enthusiastic and able stand-in wicketkeeper after it was discovered that he had worn the gloves once before.

As always, we must extend to the ground staff and to the ladies our thanks for helping to make our playing facilities and teas (respectively!) the envy of many visiting teams. Finally, what about some more volunteers to help spread the load of umpiring and scoring next season?

#### RESERVE XI REPORT

In the beginning we had a great deal of youth in the side and by the end of the season we had an ideal combination of youth and experience in John Herbert, Webb, Mac Page and of course the evergreen Gwynne Stone who we managed to keep as he was vice captain.

In point of fact a number of us will be relying on this combination in 20 years time and say "With your youth and my experience we could have a fantastic partnership".

Consequently, we started off a bit nervously with very young players and without Gwynne for the first game I must have appeared so old compared with my players and by the end of the game I felt pretty old due to the amount I had to do. The result of the game could not have been closer but we lost by one run off the last ball of the match, ironically scored by our twelfth man whom the opposition had borrowed.

The next game versus the Illtydian Exiles I would prefer to forget. We just didn't get enough runs to give us a chance and with plenty of wickets in hand there is no excuse except that it is unfair to tell young players to throw their bat at the ball; talking of that reminds me of an instance later in the game when it was raining so much and the ball was like a piece of soap, that I bowled one ball that flew past the batsman and the wicket keeper without touching the ground.

Misken really thought they were too strong for us, they were stronger than us with a few farmers coming in and knocking conkers down

from the sycamore trees around the ground.

Our batting was not very successful at this stage and thank heavens for the return of John Herbert who steadied the side and nurtured Martin Hibbert and Nick Shackell to formidable scores together with Gwynne Stone's 32 not out and 6 wickets from Peter Jeans gave us our first blood of success in the season.

Against Whitchurch Heath it was the turn of the bowlers to lay the platform by bowling the Heath out for 19 runs. Alan Lang returning

the incredible figures of 5 for 3.

The result was obvious—we were in the Fox and Hounds drinking Brains Strong ale at 5.30, instead of the usual haunt of the Hollybush because of the draymen's strike. This could have been the beginning of the end but all the boys survived to drink increasingly well throughout the season.

Midweek Wally Carter proved a bit difficult to play but on the Saturday history was made when John Webb played for the second time at Cefn Forest, the first time being 37 years before, and after scoring magnificently went on to play against Tredegar Stars who he hadn't played against before and scored a flourishing undefeated 57 demonstrating some shots that the lads had never seen before including the now famous LAP shot. I think the epitomy of interesting strokes would be John Webb batting with Gordon Eccles demonstrating his dog shot; but I don't believe Phil Clift would coach these shots and would just hope they might come in time.

In the meantime gentlemen we got our own back on the Illtydian Exiles.

Against Newport Reserves some of the young players for the first time could converse with some opposition of their own age. Peter Jeans took 7 wickets for 9 runs and that was bowling slowly at one stage which was very wise at Pontcanna because if he had bowled quickly to the small boys it would have been no use as the ball would not have hit the wickets or the batsman but reared over the top of both.

On paper we lost to Aberaman and the day was not very exciting until we got back to Aberaman Rugby Club.

The return match with Whitchurch Heath was a much better game than the last encounter as they had been reinforced somewhat.

Even after bringing in Huw Williams as Cardiff's answer to Wally Carter we still could not beat Penylan but not through lack of trying. We must do something about their Manager.

We beat Newport Fugitives when they turned up with a much weaker side than earlier on in the season. We were all pleased to see Martin Hibbert and Alan Pleass get 50s when we were in the bar afterwards. In the bar, Westbury-on-Trim were a jovial side but the dull weather and slow batting made an uninteresting end to the game when we failed to bowl them out.

The following week we also had to be content with a draw after trying no less than 8 bowlers. Mac Page, acting captain on the day, in the absence of Gwynne Stone my vice captain and myself not in a fit state to play, was in a distinct disadvantage not knowing who he was playing with, but he did get everyone into the act.

Unfortunately we had to end the season against Maesteg Crusaders in much the same way but they had asked us to get 135 runs in less than  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours, and although normally just about on, we only managed 103 with the batsmen struggling with the long wet grass.

But really it was a very happy ending with Eskimo Nell in Bridgend and Ivan Scavinski Scavar in Cardiff to see everyone enjoying it, including some drinking in between.

Progress has been made, that I am sure, which is not only reflected in the improvement of the side's results, but more important in the play and understanding of the game which is what it is all about.

Individual batters have improved immensely and from a sound correctness of play have developed into scoring batsmen by learning such things as taking the quick single and running the first one hard.

Bowlers too have emerged and improved almost 100% which may show in our turnover, 44 different players have played for the Reserve XI this season.

100% is the answer to most things and 100 percenter cricketers is no exception.

# CARDIFF CRICKET CLUB GAPTAINS

From 1867 to 1876 there is no record of Captains.

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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		1929	A. N. MORGAN
1882	Names of Captains	1930	A. N. MORGAN
1883	not recorded	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	I. 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	I. H. BRAIN	1948	I. D. RICHES
1896	J. H. BRAIN	1949	G. GIBSON
1897	I. G. CLARK	1950	W. H. WILKINS
1898	J. G. CLARK	1951	W. H. WILKINS
1899	J. G. CLARK	1952	G. Davies
1900	I. H. BRAIN	1953	G. Davies
1901	I. H. BRAIN	1954	W. H. WILKINS
1902	I. G. CLARK	1955	G. K. WILBY
1903	V. T. GILL	1956	G. W. WILBY
1904	V. T. GILL	1957	J. O. Webb
1905	I. 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

# CARDIFF ATHLETIC BOWLS CLUB

# Report for Season 1974

The opening of the Green on Friday, the April 19th by Hubert Johnson Esq., Chairman of the Club, was witnessed by a large attendance of members. Mr. Johnson wished the members a successful and happy season of bowling and congratulated both Captains, Mr. D. H. Prince (Captain of the Club) and Mr. I. C. Price (Captain of the 'A' Team) on their election to office and then proceeded to roll the first wood. Both Captains responded with a call for the full support of the members.

Our playing record for the season 1974 was disappointing, the only success achieved was the reaching of the final by our 'A' side in the P.G.2 competition, when we were defeated by the Llanbradach B.C.

The First Team were again successful in winning their Section of the Carruthers Shield competition only to be defeated in the play-off by Barry Athletic.

In the P.G.1 matches we won 6 of the 7 matches played, being surprisingly beaten by St. Fagans to the tune of 43 shots.

Being our Jubilee year we had an extra large list of Friendly games. Inclement weather unfortunately ruined some of these games. Of those played all were played in the best of spirits and enjoyed by all who took part. The Captains and Selectors were in dire straits in trying to raise a side on many occasions. But, thanks to the lads of "No. 6 Rink", who faithful members as they are, came to the rescue at the last moment and often at inconvenience to themselves. Their loyalty was an outstanding feature during the season and an example to us all. Of the 36 Friendly games played, we won 23, drew 2 and lost 11.

The 'A' Team enjoyed another successful season in the P.G.2 Competition, winning 7 of the 9 games played, before once again losing to Llanbradach in the Final.

In July the old Pavilion was dismantled so that work could be commenced on the building of a new Pavilion. A working party of members together with the Ground staff spent a Sunday morning transferring all items of value to the temporary Rugby pavilion which was to be our home until the new pavilion was erected.

During the month of August a successful tour of Devon was carried out by our members with headquarters at the Foxlands, Babacombe. A very happy week was enjoyed by all. Our thanks to Messrs. T. O'Halloran, C. Williams and J. J. Candlish.

Our sincere thanks are extended to our Ladies, who during our very busy Jubilee year overcame the difficulties of working in strange surroundings and succeeded in maintaining the high standard of teas in keeping with the best traditions of the Club.

The Green played exceptionally well throughout the season and our thanks are due to Mr. W. Hardiman and his staff for the conscientous work carried out at all times.



The Office Staff once again gave us their expert and efficient assistance at all times and we would thank the General Secretary, K. H. George and Miss Davies for their help throughout the year.

The Club Competitions were completed in spite of adverse weather conditions and our thanks are due once again to Mr. Phil Ridd and his stewards. Our congratulations to the following:

Club Champion	B. Hawkins	Runner up	Don. S. Davies
Handicap	P. E. Ridd	Runner up	A. Baldwin
Special Singles	A. Baldwin	Runner up	E. Chapple
Two Wood	T. Phillips	Runner up	S. T. Hull
Pairs	R. Ash and	Runner up	E. F. Couzens and
1 ans	C. Williams		W. G. Morris

#### P.G. 2 Results

Played: 9. Won: 7. Lost 2. Shots for: 763, Shots against: 611\frac{1}{4}, Up: 151\frac{3}{4}.

Skip Results	Played	Won	Lost	Drew
G. Arthur	7	4	2	I
R. Mills	6	6		
G. Mohoney	4	4	-	-
S. Stevens	4	2	2	-
J. A. Judd	3	2	I	-
N. A. Lear	2	2	-	-

During the month of May we entertained two touring sides, Windlesham Bowling Club on the 19th and the Guinness Bowling Club on the 26th.

The President of the Welsh Bowling Association honoured us by bringing his team to our Green on the 26th June and we also received visits from the President of the County and the President of the Welsh Private Greens Association (Eastern Section).

#### Honours

We congratulate one of our members, W. Glyn Morris upon winning the Windsor "fack" Singles Tournament.

On June 13th the game between the County and Warwickshire Bowling Association was played on our green and on July 26th we again had the honour of staging the finals of the County Competitions.

#### **SUMMARY OF RESULTS 1974**

W.B.A. Matches					shots	
Llantrisant (a)			 	Won	87:65	+22
Heath (h)			 		89:52	+37
Telmans (a)			 	Won	83:70	+13
Gelligaer (h)			 	Won	110:78	+42
- ' ' ' '			 	Won	86:71	+15
Rumney (h)			 	Won	111:61	+50
Barry Athletic (h)			 	Lost	72:93	-21
Played: 7. Won: 6.	Lost	Ι.			638:480	+158

# Skip Results

					sh	ots	
	P	W	L	D .	F	A	
D. Prince	7	5	1	I	138	113	+25
L. Morgan	7	6	I		195	118	+77
B. Hawkins	5	2	2	I	94	88	+6
S. Hull	4	2	2		94	79	+15
C. Williams	3	2	I		64	49	+15
W. McConnell	I	I			32	15	+17
T. Rees	I	I			21	18	+3
			Totals:		638	480	+158

#### P.G.I. Matches

			SHOLS	
Standard Tels (h)		 	 Won 100:55	+45
Llanbradach (h)		 	 Won 84:79	+5
G. K. N. (a)		 	 Won 92:61	+31
St. Fagan's (a)		 	 Lost 51:94	-43
Curran's (a)		 	 Won 99:48	+51
Panteg House (a)		 	 Won 112:48	+64
Cardiff (h)		 	 Won 84:77	+7
Played: 7. Won: 6	. Lo		622:462	+160

## Skip Results

				sh	ots	
	P	W	L	F	A	
D. Prince	7	4	3	143	120	+23
L. Morgan	6	2	4	109	120	-11
C. Williams	4	3	I	87	74	+13
B. Hawkins	3	3		93	26	+67
S. Hull	3	2	I	74	40	+34
W. McConnell	2	I	I	41	34	+7
R. Mills	2	I	I	40	42	-2
P. Ridd	I	I		35	6	+29
			Totals:	622	462	+160

Friendly Matches (Sat. Sun. and mid-Week) Played: 36. Won: 23. Drew: 2. Lost: 11. Shots for: 3490, Shots against: 3060, = +430.

## PAST CAPTAINS OF BOWLS SECTION

1924		J. Batstone	1949	F. E. BONNELL
1925		M. Wood	1950	 S. Jones
1926		W. M. Douglas	1951	 A. H. USHER
1927		J. Pratt	1952	 F. D. ALTON
1928		W. H. JENKINS	1953	 J. S. Lewis
1929		W. C. WILLIAMS	1954	 K. Toozer
1930		D. L. Evans	1955	 C. B. WATSON
1931		J. OXENHAM	1956	 J. H. Webb
1932		L. C. WATTERS	1957	 E. F. COUZENS
1933		F. DAVIES	1958	 L. SMITH
1934		W. T. GRIFFITHS	1959	 W. DACEY
1935		A. Milsom	1960	 A. P. Forster, M.B.E.
1936		A. CALDER	1961	 T. PHILLIPS
1937		C. W. STANDFAST	1962	 W. H. THOMAS
1938		T. STRONG	1963	 J. DESMOND
1939		E. RIDD	1964	 Rex Lewis
1940		W. J. OLD	1965	 L. M. SPENCE
1941		H. W. TAYLOR	1966	 J. Elliott
1942		J. D. ROBERTS	1967	 J. A. Judd
1943		W. T. WILLIAMS	1968	 P. E. RIDD
1944		H. J. SALTER	1969	 G. Arthur
1945		A. G. COUZENS	1970	 R. GOODING
1946	٠.	A. F. MALE	1971	 L. K. Morgan
1947		A. E. TAYLOR	1972	 A. G. BOUND, M.B.E.
1948		W. J. POWELL	1973	 BRYN TALLIS
			1974	 BRYN TALLIS

# CARDIFF ATHLETIC LAWN TENNIS CLUB Captain's Report for Season 1974

The season started with players in keen competition for First Team league place. We have never had as many members able to hold First Team places. Many had to be left out. During the early part of the season, the weather was against playing on the grass courts, also in August, the weather was responsible for the curtailing of friendly matches.

	Played	Won	Lost	League Position	Points
Men's First Team	n				
Division 2 'B'	7	5	2	2	17
Men's Second Te	am				
Division 3 'C'	II	6	5		23
Ladies' Team					
Division 1	8	I	7	8	10

League

The league tables show that the teams have maintained their league position from last year. However, this year, there is going to be a re-organisation of the league structure and, at the present time, it has been completely formulated. The men's First Teams finished runners-up in this division. The Second Team, although finishing in the middle of the table, could not field the same side regularly, but this did give most men the opportunity of playing competitive tennis.

Membership

Overall, both the senior and junior membership has remained fairly stable. The strength of the ladies' section still gives concern. In late summer, very few members came down to play and this, in turn, seems to discourage the few remaining. Even the arranging of friendly matches did not help, as at times, great difficulty was experienced in forming a team. This is not peculiar to our Club, as other Clubs in the area find similar difficulties.

#### **Tournaments**

The opening events ran normally with finals day played on Sunday, 14th July, unspoiled by rain this year. The Handicap Finals day planned for the first week of September was postponed due to illness and holidays with an event still outstanding.

The results were:

	Winners	Runners-up
Ladies Singles	Mrs. L. Williams	Mrs. J. Baxter
Manda Cinalas	(5.7 6.2 8.6) M. Lewis	P. Coles
Men's Singles	(7.5 2.6 6.4)	r. Coles
Men's Singles (Hand.)	C. Evans	G. Jones
M: 1D 11	(6.0 6.0)	P. Coles
Mixed Doubles	P. I. Collier Miss J. Howells	Mrs. C. Jeans
	(6.4 6.3)	Tills. C. Jenis

Ladies Double (Hand.)	Mrs. C. Jeans	Miss C. Collier
	Miss R. Lewis	Miss S. Prunchine
Mixed Doubles (Hand.)	Miss C. Collier	Mr. P. I. Collier
	C. Evans	C. Collier
Men's Doubles (Open)	P. Coles	P. Lewis
	B. Corn	M. Lewis
	(6.3 7.5)	

It was pleasing to see many new finalists, some being players who originally joined as youth members. This is definitely showing the worth of having a junior coaching policy. Both the Men's single finalists were young players, who should be a great assett in the future.

It was disappointing that the junior tournament had to be cancelled. Entry forms were sent to each member, but there were insufficient replies for this event to be organised this year. I know this section of the club would like to thank Mr. P. Collier for all the work he has done during the year.

The Club entered the indoor Court Tournament held at the Sports Centre and we are pleased to report that for the third year, Miss J. Howells and P. Collier won the mixed doubles event.

The Club also entered the Gaynor Jones mixed doubles Inter club (knock out) memorial trophy. This is a new trophy for mixed pairs, but we lost to Stow Park in the second round.

#### **Facilities**

Social events were organised during the year, some having been well supported. With even more support, more events could have been arranged.

The new dressing rooms under the North stand have now been handed over to the Tennis Section. The changing rooms will be for the sole use of our section. During the summer months, we will also have the use of the refreshment lounge, which would be used by rugby players during the winter. This will mean that team refreshments will be easier to organise than in the past. Players feel that, although the new facilities were gratefully received, they are a considerable distance from the Courts. Many players are complaining and wishing for positive steps to be taken in the building of a Summer House. This facility alongside the Courts would keep our members' team spirit.

#### Acknowledgement

The members would like to record their appreciation of all the work done behind the scenes by those members who held office last year. I am sure the Club will agree they performed their duties extremely well. In particular, lady members who provided all the catering for so many home matches.

Finally, the members would like to express their thanks for all the efforts of our representatives on the Entertainment and Management Committees.

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			
1924		T. J. HOPKINS			Miss E. CLARE
1925	chi e	T. J. HOPKINS			Mrs. G. D. HORSPOOL
1926	i i i i	T. J. HOPKINS			Miss D. A. CALDER
1927		F. C. ORAM			Miss D. A. CALDER
1928		F. C. ORAM		i i i	Mrs. M. GERMAIN
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		I. Broad			Miss E. Belman
1937		J. M. HOPKINS	Annual I		Miss W. CORNWELL
1938	11.0	A. C. TAYLOR			Miss W. CORNWELL
1939		I. M. HOPKINS			Miss M. CORNWELL
1940-45		WORLD WAR II			Wilso W. COMWILLE
1946		C. T. HEMMING			Miss D. Jones
1947	•	M. LLEWELLYN			Miss D. Jones
1948		M. LLEWELLYN			Miss M. Davies
1949		GWYN MATTHEWS			Miss M. DAVID
1950		GWYN MATTHEWS		i i i	Mrs. N. Evans
1951		GWYN MATTHEWS			Mrs. N. R. Evans
1952	Line I	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		Mil man	Mrs. G. RIDD
1956		F. P. DAVIES			Mrs. R. W. TAYLOR
1957		F. P. DAVIES			Mrs. M. WHEELER
1958		F. P. DAVIES	d god		Mrs. M. WHEELER
1959		F. P. DAVIES			Mrs. M. WHEELER
1960		F. P. DAVIES	::		Mrs. M. WHEELER
1961		F. P. DAVIES			Miss P. Russell
1962		F. P. DAVIES			Miss E. Belman
1963		F. P. DAVIES			Miss P. WILLETT
1964	•••	F. P. DAVIES			Miss P. WILLETT
1965		F. P. DAVIES	••		Miss J. Howells
1966		F. P. DAVIES		::	Miss J. Howells
1967		F. P. DAVIES			Miss J. Howells
1968		P. COLLIER			Miss J. HOWELLS
1969		P. COLLIER		**	Mrs. J. H. COLLIER
1970		P. COLLIER	• •		Mrs. J. H. COLLIER
1970		P. COLLIER		in large	Mrs. J. H. COLLIER
1972		P. COLLIER	i i i	1	Mrs. J. H. COLLIER
1972		D. F. WARD			Miss K. CHIVERS
1973		D. F. WARD			Miss K. CHIVERS
19/4		D. P. WARD			IVII33 IC. CHIVERS

# CARDIFF HOCKEY CLUB

# Report for the Season 1974-75

The playing records						G	Foals
	P	W	D	L	Can.	For	Agst.
ıstXI	 27	13	5	9	3	51	36
Cup Games	 10	8	I	I		31	7
Beckenham Festival	 3	-	_	3	_	0	9
2nd XI	 25	14	2	9	6	45	37
Cup Games	 3	2	_	I	_	7	6
3rdXI	 22	II	3	8	8	42	27
Pedwars	 2.1	10	I	10	8	47	47
4th XI	 16	I	2	13	II	20	48
Under 22 XI	 3	2	I	-		IO	7
Veterans XI	 2	_	_	2	_	I	9
Totals	 132	61	15	56	36	254	233

The	Leading	Goal	Scorers	were:
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S. Sparkes	29	N. Pallot	8
P. Kelvin-Smith	23	F. Ferris	7
P. Jeans	23	G. Sohanpal	7
M. Giddy	16	M. Clode	7
P. Horsfield	13	R. McKerlich	6
P. Davies	12	A. Rhys-Jones	6
M. McGeogh	10	R. Kerr	6
N. Rees	9	J. Cocks	6

In all 46 players scored goals for the Club and it is notable that Bob Kerr scored all his 6 in one match against Llanishen.

Representative Honours.

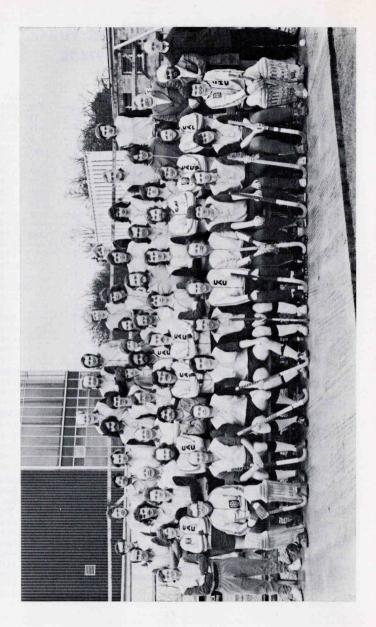
The full list is not available but is headed by the Internationals, namely

S. Sparkes—2 Welsh Caps.
P. Mills—Numerous English caps and a trip to the World Cup in Malaysia where he was the mainstay of England's sixth place.

R. Wildblood-Welsh Indoor International.

M. Cornish-Welsh Indoor International.

It is my belief that the Club has progressed in a highly satisfactory manner and it is to be hoped that the next two years will see even more success. The first event of the year was the retention of the Welsh Indoor Championship for season 1973/74, a notable start to Phil Horsfield's first year of captaincy. The usual series of six-a-side competitions started at Swindon where we were defeated in the final, 1-0 by Hamble, after winning the Tournament in the first two years it was played. At Ross, with a reserve side, we were beaten by Clevedon, the eventual winners. Cardiff were beaten in the semi-final at Penarth after extra time by Newport, and this followed a marathon match to qualify. The Imperial Sixes was cancelled.



The Club was not without it's problems. Two resignations to provide the newly formed Punjabis with their captain and secretary, the absence of several first team players through injury before Christmas, the reluctance of several senior players to make themselves available, up to six players on international squad calls—all these factors have contributed to the fact that on occasions all sides have fielded young and inexperienced sides. Wholesale changes week after week is no way to maintain successful sides.

Next season will see the start of the South Wales League and several of our sides could be involved. League hockey on this organised basis will need determination and tenacity to ensure success and this, I feel, will be the prime duty of the newly elected Captains and the Selection Committee to see this achieved.

However the year has seen remarkable efforts by the Captains and their supporters in their hospitality to visiting sides and the progress in making Sophia Gardens a real clubhouse have been continued at an increasing pace. On the field, too, the Club has been successful. Although we had to surrender the League title to Whitchurch, who were most worthy winners, we reached the final of the South Wales Cup (Wares Ibrahim) only to lose to the same side 1–0 after an exciting close, fought match. However we won the Welsh Cup, for the fifth time in nine years, by defeating Llanishen 3–2. As a result Cardiff Hockey Club have earned the right to enter next years European Club Championship.

A word here for our young players—the strength of a club can only be maintained by a policy of encouraging and coaching their younger players. We must be very grateful in this respect to Peter Davies for his most praiseworthy efforts in coaching the boys of Radyr Comprehensive School—the Club is only too pleased to have these boys playing and learning more about hockey. They are a credit to the school. In addition, the new captains might advise certain senior players as to the tasks and aims of the positions they are occupying. In this way an improvement in the overall playing standard from the first team to the fifth can be achieved.

Just before Easter Cardiff Hockey Club visited Beckenham H.C. on the occasion of their 75th Anniversary. The first eleven and a veterans' eleven played matches against Beckenham, Bromley and Three Rock Rovers from Dublin. The hospitality received was of the highest standard and the host club deserve our warmest thanks for their efforts. All members of our Club enjoyed themselves and although our results were not good I would like to think that we made a positive contribution to the success of the weekend.

Two weeks later, for the first time in recent years, Cardiff H.C. sent a Festival side to the Aston Motorway Festival. Twenty players appeared during the nine matches played in four days, a notable comment on their stamina. Again everyone had a most enjoyable weekend, so much so that I am sure a side will go again next year. The Club made another step forward by the holding of regular discos and a cheese and wine party in order to boost funds for the Festival and other occasions. Each of the club XI's played its part while Peter Jeans and Chris Fookes deserve special mention for their mercenary activities on behalf of the Club.

The past year has seen the introduction of the match fee system in order to spread costs as equally as possible. 6op per match is the current charge and in fact the fund was slightly in profit at the end of the year but

the surplus will be used to delay any increase as long as possible. The tea account is also in the black thanks to the remarkable efforts of Mrs. Jean Griffiths and her willing group of helpers, also to Mike Faires. Our thanks to them cannot be too great.

On the social side three major functions have been held. The Annual Buffet Dance, at the Athletic Club, was well attended and as successful as it has been in the past. It seems that this well established event is still very much a fixture in members diaries, we hope that this continues. A cabaret evening was held at the New Tito's Club with nearly 350 people present. A sizeable addition to club funds resulted from this venture. Both these functions were attended almost to capacity but it is a pity that a few club members seem to opt out of social activities organised by the Club. I feel that they are missing out whilst the Club would welcome their support. It would be nice to think that Cardiff H.C. functions were attractive to all members and it might be that there is more to be gained than merely playing hockey. Finally pride of place in these functions must go to the Dinner held in honour of Ken Ingledew in recognition of his long and distinguished service to hockey, both at International and club level. Mr. Robert Watson of the F.I.H. was the main speaker and I know all who attended the dinner enjoyed it and were delighted to honour Ken in this way. It was especially pleasing to see so many past players present, and nearly all the South Wales clubs were represented.

At this point it is necessary to remind members that the Club have been invited to stage a quadrangular tournament between West Germany, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. It is to be held in March, next year, and it will be necessary to raise a large sum of money for the expenses as well as to create income for the W.H.A. Several functions will be held and everybody's support is essential.

To the groundstaff, who have always helped us in every way possible despite grave problems of drainage on our major pitch, we offer our sincere thanks and hope the remedial work will prove successful. Our thanks are also due to those other stalwarts, without whom we are unable to play each Saturday, namely the umpires who turn out despite the conditions and without the pleasure of playing. Gentlemen thank you.

My thanks are most reserved for a very hard working Committee which has made great efforts, in the past twelve months, to maintain and improve the Club. Special thanks must go to Joly Cyer for his remarkable efforts with the fixtures and to John Glenny for looking after the match fee revenues so expertly. Most of all my thanks go to our Secretary Tony Rhys-Jones who in addition to looking after the day to day running of the Club manages to organise our functions so efficiently. Without him we would be a weaker club. A word too in praise of the retiring Team Secretary, Mervyn Greenwood; now that we run five sides every Saturday this is an even more onerous task and Mervyn worked very hard in completing the sides. I would like the members to consider the job facing the new Team Secretary and try to help him more.

Finally, the Committee has decided that from next season the club sides will be termed 1st., 2nd., 3rd., 4th., and 5th XIs. This is to reduce the confusion that arose both amongst opposing clubs and the Club office over the status of the Pedwars XI.

K. D. WILLIAMS

The 1974/75 season produced some very mixed results for the First Eleven, who due to injuries and representative calls were never able to field a settled team. On no occasion was the full squad available for selection and on only two occasions was the same team fielded twice running. Just an indication of the changes which had to be made is that four different goalkeepers played in cup competitions. Additionally, four of last season's successful team, including all three midfield players, were no longer available for selection.

The season started with a fine game against Beckenham, who beat us by two short corners to nil. The game against Hounslow ended in a 2-2 draw, but if only we had taken our chances. Comfortable victories were gained against Brean, Penarth and Llanishen but we lost by one goal to West Gloucester despite our continual siege of the circle in the second half. The South Wales Cup first round draw produced a repeat of last years final, Cardiff v. Newport. Cardiff with only three of the previous seasons cup winning team playing eventually won on P-flicks after a fine team performance. From then until Christmas only one game was lost against Bristol, who taught us a lesson in taking chances.

The second half of the season saw Cardiff progressing in both Cupcompetitions, but with indifferent Saturday form. Games against Newport, Bristol, Evesham, Whitchurch and Cheltenham were all lost—but again a failure to take chances cost us possible victories. An enjoyable social weekend was held at the Beckenham 75th Festival, but unfortunately representative calls denuded our strength.

The climax of the season was reached with Cardiff qualifying for both the South Wales and the Welsh Cup finals. The South Wales final produced a very tight game which we lost after a hotly disputed penalty flick late in the game. Success came Cardiff's way in the Welsh Cup with a fine 3-2 win over Llanishen, the scoreline not indicating our superiority. During the second half we played some great hockey and the second goal scored by Steve Sparkes following a Mike Giddy and Jeff Cocks combination will be remembered for a long time.

The third final of the season was the Welsh Indoor Championship when Cardiff managed to complete a hat-trick of victories, winning the Cup for the third successive season. A fine achievement at any level of sport.

In retrospect the 1st XI lost too many games they could have won with better finishing. The season did, however, end on a promising note and one looks forward with anticipation to the coming year with a European Club Championship to contest.

Finally I would like to thank the Committee for their help and guidance, for Richard Stevens co-operation in the wettest season for years, and finally but not least to all those players, particularly the reserves, who played during the season. The saying that the strength of a club lies in it's reserves was certainly proved this season.

P. HORSFIELD

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# changed considerably in character and that were it not for the

Our rather poor results were mainly due to the lack of a settled side. Fifty players, including nine different goalkeepers, played during the

season and on no two consecutive occasions did the same eleven take the field.

The Sophia Gardens pitches were the best that we played on all season and we maintained a 100% record there, including notable victories over Bath, Bristol and West Gloucester. On all weather pitches our record was almost the reverse and the worst performances were against Swindon and Penarth when we played on Redgra.

In the Welsh Second Eleven Cup we lost to the holders and eventual winners, Whitchurch, in probably the best match of the season. Before a vociferous crowd both sides played well despite the difficult conditions. Having twice held the lead we eventually lost when Whitchurch scored three goals in the last five minutes to win 4-2. With the overall strength of the Club increasing we should win this competition next year.

Of those who played this year Jon Davies only missed two matches, Paul Kelvin-Smith scored 13 goals in 16 games and Mike Wigg added considerably to the side. Our thanks are due to Chris Andrews for the work he put into the captaincy last season and the early part of this one, to the groundsmen for preparing such good pitches, to the ladies for giving up their time to prepare the teas and last, but not least, to the umpires without whom we could not play.

P. JEANS

#### THIRD XI REPORT

After a disappointing game to open the season against Swansea 2nds the Third Eleven woke up to show that the myth that Cardiff cannot score goals was untrue. But, as usual, this glut soon petered out once the Christmas Festivities were over. The defence played as solidly as ever throughout the season, conceding ten goals fewer than any other Cardiff side this season.

I would like to thank all the ladies who helped with the marvellous teas throughout the season, also I would like to thank all those players who gave me their support, both on the field and at the social functions.

Finally, I wish Mervyn Greenwood all the best for the forthcoming season.

R. BLEACH

#### PEDWARS XI REPORT

In bare terms, judged solely by results, the Pedwars have recorded an overall improvement this season. Even when the losses suffered against representative veteran elevens at the Beckenham Festival are included the team still succeeded in breaking even. Three victories in the first four fixtures of September—all against South Wales opposition augured well for the future, but the bubble of optimism was then well and truly pricked by a run of five defeats, including a 7–2 defeat by Bristol, when, for virtually the only time all season, we fell apart spinelessly to allow very strong opposition to register five goals in the last fifteen minutes! After Christmas we pulled ourselves together and gave some excellent performances of combined open hockey to beat rivals from Newport

(4-I), B.A.C. (6-0), Bristol (4-I)—sweet revenge, I.C.I. (6-0), and Whitchurch (4-I and 3-0).

It would however be misconceived to judge the teams contribution to the Hockey Section purely by the concrete evidence of results. In part achievements must be put into the normal context of a fourth eleven season. Inevitably—as insufficient of our rival clubs run four sides—the team is often overmatched, whilst we were invariably the victims of cry-offs or unavailabilities higher up. Thus fifty-eight players have appeared in our colours this season, only I. Reece and P. Rees (11), J. Glenny and J. Hunt (13) and P. Davies (18) registering more than ten appearances! However it is gratifying to note the enthusiasm at this level that has ensured we have never taken the field with less than a full complement.

These constraints are irrevocably linked with junior hockey but they are unimportant at the side of the real "raison d'etre' of such a team—to provide an opportunity for senior players, who have lost their edge, to play regularly and to give youngsters an introduction to club hockey under the guidance of experienced players. Thus it is pleasing to record that twelve novices played with us this season, eight of those being under the age of fifteen. Whilst one is wary of overtaxing them against physically stronger opponents and apprehensive about their lack of physical strength and speed, they nevertheless displayed guts and no little skill. Relatively frequent performers like John Hunt, Tim Percival, Philip Rees and Duncan Smith making evident progress.

For the future the decision of the Committee to relinquish the title of "Pedwars" and the associated experiment of trying to divide playing strength with the Fourths is surely a wise one. Confusion—off the field—will be minimised, the spur of promotion through a hierarchy of sides maximised. If a blend of youth and experience can be regularly seen in the Fourth's ranks, both progress and enjoyment will be possible. I was most grateful to the example and support given to junior players by elder statesmen David Banbury, John Glenny, Ivor Jones, Nigel Rees and Mervyn Warfield. A team comprised of such players with several youngsters showed what could be achieved in our second match against Whitchurch.

Might I conclude by expressing my sincere thanks for the punctuality, good manners on the field and sheer perseverance and industry of all who represented the Pedwars. Rarely did we descend to umpire baiting or criticism, never did we set out to play negatively. All would join me in expressing our appreciation of the efforts of our Officers and Umpires who have enabled us to take the field weekly, to our ministering ladies who have compensated for our cold showers by feeding us so well, and to our ground staff who have made our return to Sophia Gardens so welcome—Richard Stevens typifying our upsurge of enthusiasm by even becoming a bustling centre forward for an afternoon.

P. DAVIES

#### FOURTH XI REPORT

I believe it was Bill Shankly who once remarked "The lads played great, it was just that the opposition scored six lucky goals". On reviewing last season I think I know how he felt.

The writing was on the wall when the 1974 Annual General Meeting decided to confuse players, Athletic Club staff and opposing clubs alike by deciding that the 5th side be called the 4th XI and statistically we had a disastrous season, winning one and drawing two matches. At least for next season we shall be reverting to our proper title. The unkindest cut came in our last game when Cheltenham sent their 4th XI to play us.

A lot of the trouble arose from the obvious difficulty of finding suitable fixtures for us on this side of the bridge, but this is the penalty we pay for being the largest (as well as the best) club in Wales, and I think it better to play and lose than not to play at all. On the other hand it is not good to bring up younger players in a losing environment.

I should like to offer the highest praise to all the schoolboys who turned out during the season for the way they stuck to their task although conceding height, weight, strength and experience. The Club is building a nucleus of fine young members and it was always a pleasure to have them in the team. However, the high proportion of schoolboys threw a strain on some of the older members, not least in, the provision of transport, and to them I also offer my sincere thanks.

For the latter part of the season K. D. Williams volunteered to play for us and our defeats were less heavy as a result. I hope that in the coming season other senior members will guest for the odd game and help to teach by example. They would also be welcome as umpires as on man occasions Dave Irving was in sole charge of the game, and I would like to thank him for his efforts.

Let me at least end on a bright note by saying that our one win was against Llanishen 4ths—by eight goals to nil—and Bob Kerr scored six of them.

C. N. FOOKES

# CARDIFF HOCKEY CLUB 1973-74 Results

#### FIRST XI

1974		C				1975	D 4 0		
sept.		Swansea		H	I-I		B.A.C.	 A	2-2
		Brean		A	I-0	II	Llanishen	 A	0-1
Oct.		Beckenham		A	0-2	18	Firebrands	 H	3-1
		Hounslow		A	2-2		Newport	 H	1-4
	-	Penarth		Α	3-1		Bristol	 H	2-3
		Llanishen		H	2-0	8	U.C. Cardiff	 A	6-0
		W. Glouceste:	r	H	0-1	15	Swansea	 A	4-2
Nov.		Abergavenny		A	4-2	22	Imperial	 A	2-0
	9	Gloucester		H	2-0	Mar. 1	Evesham	 H	0-1
	16	Bristol		Α	1-4	8	O. Bristolians	 H	3-0
	30	Swindon		H	3-1	22	Whitchurch	 H	0-2
Dec.	7	O. Grammari	ans	H	3-1	Apr. 5	Llandaff City	 н	1-1
	14	Bath		Α	5-1		Cheltenham		I-2
	21	Newport		Α	I-I				

#### SOUTH WALES KNOCK-OUT CUP

Oct.	27 Newport	A	0-0	1st Round
	Won 6-4 on Per	alty F	lick De	cider
Nov.	24 Esso	Н	8-I	2nd Round
Feb.	16 Llanishen	H	3-1	ard Round
Mar.	23 Swansea	н	3-1	Semi-Final
Apr.	13 Whitchurch		0-1	Final

#### WELSH CUP

Nov.	17 L	J.C. Cardiff	A	3-0	1st Round
	Е	Bye			2nd Round
Jan.	12 B	Bridgend	A	7-0	3rd Round
Mar.	9 P	enarth	Н	3-I	4th Round
Apr.	6 L	J.C. Swansea	A	1-0	Semi-Final
	27 I	Llanishen		3-2	Final

#### **BECKENHAM FESTIVAL**

Mar.	15	Rock Rovers	0-4
	16	Beckenham	0-2
		Bromley	0-3

## SECOND XI

1974		<b>D</b>		1975	
Sept.	14	Ross A	0-5	Jan. 4 B.A.C. II H	1-2
		Brean II H	6-0	II Firebrands II н	3-1
Oct.	5	Oystermouth H	3-1	25 Newport II A	0-2
	12	Penarth II H	3-1	Feb. 8 B.S.C A	3-1
	19	Llanishen II A	1-0	22 Imperial II H	2-0
	26	W.Gloucester II A	1-3	Mar. Evesham II A	1-3
Nov.	2	В.S.С н	1-0	15 W.Gloucester II H	1-0
	9	Gloucester II A	0-0	22 Whitchurch II A	3-3
	16	Bristol II H	2-1	Apr. 5 Robinson A	2-3
	30	Swindon II A	0-2	12 Cheltenham II H	2-1
Dec.	7	Bristol YMCA A	I-2	19 I.C.I A	4-2
	14	Bath II H	2-0		
	21	Newport II H	3-2	A TOTAL OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR	
	28	Penarth II A	0-2	March and Administration of the Police	

#### WELSH SECOND XI CUP

Nov.	3	U.C. Swansea II	H	3-2	1st Round
Dec.	I	Penarth II	A	2-0	2nd Round
Jan.	19	Whitchurch II	H	2-4	3rd Round

## THIRD XI

1974						1975				
Sept.	14	Swansea II		A	0-2		B.A.C. III	- : .	A	4-2
	21	BP Llandarcy		H	4-1	II	Bridgend		H	2-1
Oct.	5	Swansea III	٠.	A	3-0	18	Firebrands ?	III	H	0-1
	12	Penarth III		A	2-1	Feb. 1	Bristol III		H	3-1
	19	Mond		H	3-1	22	B.P. Llanda	rcy	Α	1-2
	26	W. Glos. III		H	0-1	Mar. 1	Evesham II	Ι	H	1-1
Nov.	2	Chepstow		Α	4-2	8	O. Bristolian	ns II	A	0-1
	9	Gloucester II	I	H	1-1	22	Whitchurch	III	H	0-2
	16	Bristol III		Α	1-3	Apr. 5	I.C.I. II		A	1-2
	23	Bridgend			1-1		Mond			4-0
		Swindon III		H	3-1					
Dec.		Chepstow		A	4-0					

## PEDWARS XI

1974				1975	
	14 Swansea III		1-3	Jan. 4 B.A.C. IV H	6-
	21 Oystermouth II	H I	0-1	II Llanishen III A	0-
Oct.	5 Swansea IV	н 6	5-3	25 Newport III H	0-
	12 Penarth IV		3-2	Feb. I Bristol IV A	4-
	19 Llanishen III	н о	)—I	8 Whitchurch IV H	4-
	26 W. Glos. IV	A O	)-2	22 Imperial III A	0-
Nov.	2 Abergavenny II	HI	-2	Mar. 8 I.C.I. II	6-
	9 Gloucester IV	AI	1-5	22 Whitchurch IV A	3-
	16 Bristol IV		2-7	Apr. 5 Robinson II H	1-
	30 Swindon IV		3-1	pri j ricomscirri ii	1
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#### FOURTH XI

1974	= -	1975	
Sept. 21 Brean III A	0-7	Jan. 4 B.A.C. V A	0-4
Oct. 5 Llanishen IV A	8-0	II Bridgend II A	0-4
19 I.C.I. II A	2-4	Feb. 8 Llanishen III A	1-2
26 Gloucester V H	1-1	22 Gloucester V H	0-1
Nov. 2 Whitchurch IV H	2-4	Mar. I Evesham V H	0-1
23 Bridgend II H	I-2	22 Swansea IV H	3-5
Dec. 14 Chepstow H	1-5	Apr. 5 Llanishen H	I-I
21 Llanishen IV A	0-2	12 Cheltenham V H	0-5

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Mar. 15 Beckenham/Bromley 0-2 16 Rock Rovers 1-7

# CARDIFF HOCKEY CLUB

Records of Past Seasons

Season	Captain	Played	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	us Agst
1896-97	E. W. BENNETT	. *				- 1	
1897-98	E. W. BENNETT	. 23	8	7	8	38	46
1898-99	W. BIELSKI		8	2 6 2 2 1	7	38	26
1899-1900	N. D. WARE	00	14	6	3	68	24
1900-01	N. D. WARE	0.0	20	2	4	82	33
1901-02	N. D. WARE	10	15	2	2 3	81	13
1902-03	G. N. HOWELL	. 20	16	1	3	81	22
1903-04	G. N. HOWELL		18	2 2 1 2 2 3 0	4	110	31
1904-5	E. W. EVANS		15	2	3	119	27
1905-06	E. W. EVANS		11	1	3 3 2 2 3 4 2 2 5	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		17	3	3	101	26
1909-10	B. TURNBULL		14	0	4	109	26
1910-11	H. H. SWEET-ESCOTT	. 18	14	2 1 0 2 2 4	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		14	3	7	92	51
1922-23	H. W. BROWNE		10	3	6	73	34
1923-24	W. S. COURTIS	0.0	9	4	10	63	68
1924-25	A. T. HARPER		-	1 %			
1925-26	A. T. HARPER		. 0				
1929-30		. 25	12	4	9	79	59
1930-31	F. L. LAMARQUE .	00	17	3	10	126	50
1931-32	K. G. HUGHES	00	16	4	9	87	77
1932-33		. 28	13		9	77	77
1933-34		30	11	6 5 7 2 6 3	14	53	57
1934-35		34	13	7	14	64	71
1935-36		27	14	2	11	60	64
1936-37	G. R. FAULKS	0.5	ii	6	8	48	50
1937-38		31	20	3	1 8	64	40
1938-39		25	14	6	5	62	30
1945-46	G. PERCIVAL	32	25	2	5	139	45
1946-47		20	10	3 3	7	65	36
1947-48	K. G. HUGHES	26	14	3	9	57	42
1948-49	G. A. L. TUCKER W. N. FRANCIS	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	4
1951-52		30	17	6	7	96	4
1952-53		30	18	8	4	98	4
1953-54		30	18	6	6	89	3
1954-55		29	20	6	6 3 7	100	3
1955-56	W. A. THOMAS	29	19	3	7	103	5
1956-57		28	16	5	7	83	5
	T. D. H. THOMAS						
1957-58		30	20	2	8	93	5
1958-59		28	15	5	8	64	4
1959-60		26	9	5	12	62	6
1960-61	M. H. C. MEGGITT	25	13	4	8	60	4
1961-62	TO THE PERSON AND THE	30	16	8	6	90	5
1962-63		23	15	3	5	61	3
1963-64	O THE THE PARTY AND THE	29	17	3	9	71	4
1964-65	G. T. WHITEWAY	32	22	2	8	98	5
1965-66	G. T WHITEWAY	22	5	2	15	32	5
1966-67		25	7	6	12	37	4
1967-68		32	13	5 4 8 3 3 2 2 6 7	12	54	7
1968-69		30	13	9	8	50	3
1969-70		36	24	9 5	8 7	75	2
1970-71	* COCTTO	42	27	6	9	96	4
1971-72	I. COCKS	33	13	0	10	66	4
1972-73	I. COCKS	31	15	7 5	9	57	4
			17		4	67	1 2

<sup>\*</sup> Records not available.