

Annual Report

For the Year ended 30th April, 1973

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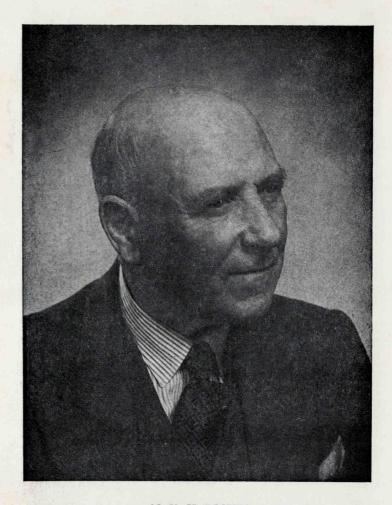
Address of Grounds: CARDIFF ARMS PARK AND SOPHIA GARDENS.

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Telephone Numbers: CARDIFF 23546 & 20082 (Club)

AND 38031 (Sophia Gardens)

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B. R. Turnbull

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 1973 | To retire in 1974 | To retire in 1975 |
|---|---|---|
| G. CHUGG B. MARK T. PHILLIPS L. K. MORGAN J. D. H. RICHES A. T. THOMAS K. A. ROWLANDS | P. COLLIER W. J. EVANS His Honour Judge W. N. Francis L. M. Spence J. H. Webb W. H. Wilkins | F. P. Davies W. Lewis, J.P. G. L. Porter J. P. Roberts F. W. Somers R. F. Trott |

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Vice-Captain: K. D. WILLIAMS
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Captain SundayXI: R. SHAH

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Chairman: F. W. SOMERS
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Vice-Captain: D. E. DAVIES
Captain 'A' Team: T. HEATH

E. F. COUZENS
B. F. HAWKINS
P. E. RIDD

L. M. SPENCE S. STEVENS

L. K. MORGAN (past captain)

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†Special Representative for Juniors

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Captain Third XI: K. D. WILLIAMS
Captain Fourth XI: M. R. GREENWOOD
Hon. Secretary: A. T. M. RHYS-JONES
Hon. Team Secretary: K. D. WILLIAMS
Hon. Asst. Team Secretary: M. G. CLODE
Hon, Fixture Secretsry: J. T. DYER

J. GLENNY
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P. HORSFIELD N. C. PALLOT

CLUB CAPTAINS



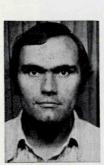
A. G. BOUND (Bowls)



D. O. HERBERT (Cricket)



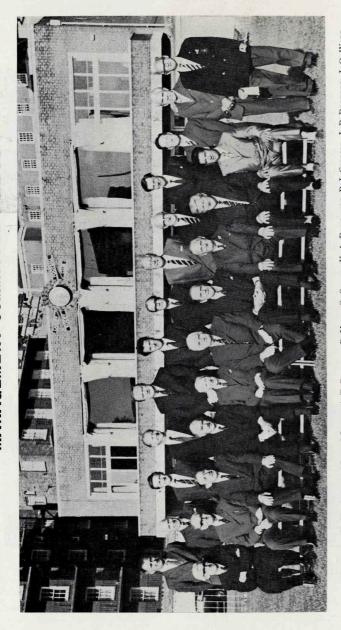
G. WALLACE (Rugby)



J. Cocks (Hockey)



P. I. COLLIER (Lawn Tennis)



THOMAS, W. J. EVANS, B. R. TURNBULL, G. L. PORTER, (Vice-Chairman), N. V. H. RICHES, (Predisent), H. JOHNSON, (Chairman) SPENCE, W. LEWIS, W. H. WILKINS, R. F. TROIT. Row

Chairman's Report for the Year ending 30th April, 1973

Dear Members,

I am sure that you will feel that the Balance Sheet will show that in spite of the rise in price of practically every commodity, overheads, wages, general expenses, etc., that we have made some progress towards a sound future.

It is increasingly evident that we must approach the future in a sound business like manner to maintain our great amateur tradition. There is no mercy shown to those who lag behind with the belief that the word 'Amateur' means that a kindly world is waiting to help you preserve the friendly attitude of happy sportsmen, in such a complex as Cardiff Arms Park and Sophia Gardens to maintain three Rugby teams, four Cricket teams, four Hockey teams, four Tennis teams and a prominent Bowls section.

The following is the report on the accounts by Mr. K. H. George, General Secretary:—

"Dear Mr. Chairman,

I enclose a copy of the Final Accounts for the year ended 30th April, 1973, and would like to make the following comments on the composition of the figures contained therein.

To those who are only interested in the final figure of "profit" for this year, I would point out that the true excess of Income over Expenditure should be viewed from the Balance Sheet as follows:

| | | | 1972 | 1973 |
|-----------------------|-------|---|-------|---------|
| Excess of Income over | Expen | diture | 8217 | 9532 |
| Income—Weekly Swee | | | 1038 | 618 |
| Income—"300" Club | | | 460 | 961 |
| Cesarewitch Sweep | | | 184 | |
| | | , | ξ9899 | £11,111 |
| | | 111111111111111111111111111111111111111 | | |

Income

In comparing figures with the previous Season the Rugby Section once again has greatly increased its income for the year, but, unfortunately, rising costs to fulfil first class and varied fixtures have been heavy. Several fixtures were unavoidably cancelled, either through bad weather or the clashing of W.R.U. Cup Games. These could not be re-arranged and the usual good gate receipts against such Clubs as Swansea, Gloucester and Oxford were lost. Fortunately, from a financial point of view, the Club had a wonderful year in reaching the Final of the W.R.U. Knock-Out Competition.

Gate receipts have obviously been offset by an increase in the sale of season tickets and the vast majority of new Members have joined this Section.

Programme sales received a splendid boost from the Cardiff v. All Blacks game.

The support for the Snellings Tournament was disappointing with a consequent drop in income.

The increase in income from the above receipts amounts to £6,333.

Expenditure

Away Match Expenses

In comparing the extra expense with the previous season, it must be remembered that the away Bective fixture was cancelled in March, 1972, there was no end of Season tour and the Rhodesian tour cost the Club very little. In the current Season the Heriots F.P. fixture and the French Tour by charter flight accounted for a large proportion of the additional expense of £2,614. In addition Hotel charges have been higher and the extra charter flight cost for the Clermont fixture was not fully covered by the guarantee.

Home Match Expenses

These contain a great variety of expenses. Hotel accommodation was provided for the La Rochelle party at the commencement of the Season and, since then, the Rugby Section were

obliged to provide for more hospitality than normal during the Season for New Zealand visitors and officials. Training facilities, Donations, Gifts and Ticket selling expenses have all increased during the Season.

Players Expenses and Gatemen

These increases are due to the increase in fares involved in travelling to matches and training and an increase in Stewards match rates to cover these costs.

Football Equipment

Cost of most items have increased during the year. However, as is customary, a set of jerseys were retained by Players after the Cardiff v. New Zealand game, and track suits were further purchased for Rhodesia, which have been retained by players for future occasions and training.

Bar Takings — Cardiff Athletic Club and Sophia Gardens

Net profit has increased by £2,492, but unfortunately Bar wages and expenses have also increased by £1,454.

General Expenses

Stationery, Telephone and Postages

Postal charges have increased slightly, but telephone charges have increased by £193. The main increase lies in the increase of costs for stationery.

Upkeep of Grounds and Clubhouse

Whilst expenses have increased by £4,306, this heading covers a large variety of expenses, viz. Repairs to Buildings, Catering Equipment, Furniture and Fittings, Ground Maintenance and Decorating, etc. Urgent remedial work was necessary to the drainage system on the rugby ground and this cost amounted to £3,794.

Normal ground maintenance costs of all areas have decreased this year with the exception of the heavy expenses incurred on the Rugby Ground and placed in the hands of outside contractors. Maintenance of catering equipment and furniture has increased by £152, whilst decorating costs for the Clubhouse of £408 last year are offset by a similar cost of £549 for re-decorating the Sophia Gardens and Bowls Pavilions this year.

Extra costs have been incurred this year in repairing water mains and chambers, £231; renewing floodlighting bulbs, £198; improvements to the frontage of Sophia Gardens pavilion and terrace, £211; patrolling and security and locking gates at the Arms Park, £130.

Salaries and Wages

The increase in costs of £1,356 relate to Ground Staff, £864; Doorman, £88; all Office Staff, £404.

General Income

Car Parking

The forecast of increases of this nature were made in your previous report.

Ground Earnings

A full year's income from advertising on the Rugby ground is included in this year's figures and accounts for the increase of £2,832.

Investment Income

£7,500 worth of Local Authority investments were redeemed during the year, and a similar amount was paid off the previous outstanding liability for capital improvements.

Sale of Club Ties, etc.

In addition to increased sales of Club Ties, Badges and Scarves, Cardiff v. New Zealand Ties and Brooches were also sold.

Future Club Development

An enormous amount of revenue is still required for future development of Club property and grounds for the benefit of Members. In addition to the £16,462 paid for development in the previous year the following items have been approved by the Management Committee. None of these expenses are contained in the Accounts.

| (a) | FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL In order to obtain the renewal of the Bar licence, the following will be necessary to comply with the Fire Officers' requirements: |
|-----|---|
| | Provision of fire proof doors, secondary lighting, steel escape staircase, etc £2,015 |
| (b) | New Bowls Pavilion, provisional cost only |
| (c) | New Tennis Summerhouse, cost only £396 |
| (d) | SAND SLITTING ON RUGBY GROUND AND GROUND |
| | EQUIPMENT £1,676 |
| | £9,587 |
| | |

The Management Committee have further seriously discussed the following improvements:—

Cardiff Arms Park

Toilet block for Bowls and Tennis Members.

Extension of Lower Lounge or other areas of the Clubhouse to provide extra space for Members.

Internal re-decoration of Clubhouse.

Complete re-furnishing of Clubhouse.

Clubhouse security and burglar alarm system.

Sophia Gardens

Additional storage buildings for soil, equipment and refuse. Extension to living accommodation at the Pavilion.

It is most essential, therefore, that the present trend of surplus income be maintained for many years as with the continuing trend of increasing costs, it would not be possible to provide all such improvements out of present liquid assets".

Grounds

With the expense of completely creating a perfect rugby pitch, it is at least a great pleasure to look through the club windows at what we hope will be an excellent playing surface. It has been described as the best looking club ground in Wales and I feel sure that the future will prove that it will be able to take the Athletic Team Fixtures without any undue wear and tear.

With Sophia Gardens maintaining its growing reputation as a fine cricket ground of top County standard, plus our satisfied Cricket Club, with expressions of contentment from the Hockey Club, I feel that in those directions all is well.

Membership

It is very satisfactory that membership this year, after previously being down by 400 on our best year, reached the figure 2,490, being an all time "high". Let us hope that this figure is the shape of things to come—what about it, you members?

50th Year of Cardiff Athletic Club

It had occurred to me that we were around about the 50th Anniversary of the Cardiff Athletic Club and on checking with Mr. D. E. Davies, the Club Statistician, he replied as follows:—
"Draft proposals were put to an extraordinary meeting held on 20th January, 1922, which followed a joint Conference between the Cardiff Rugby Football Club and the Cardiff Cricket Club. The formation of the Cardiff Arms Park Company was proposed and the Cardiff Rugby Football Club and the Cardiff Cricket Club amalgamated to form one club to be called the Cardiff Athletic Club, to be run on the lines of Newport Athletic Club with sections to be added later—Lawn Tennis, Gymnasium Athletics, Winter Tennis Courts and Bowling Green. The fee was fixed at two guineas to become a full member of the football and cricket sections."

Mr. N. V. H. Riches, our President, celebrated his 90th birthday and was honoured by the Management Committee at a

private Dinner Party and presented with a gift. The party proved to be a great occasion. The President, with his usual charm and dignity, thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

Committees

The success of the Cardiff Athletic Club is in no small measure, as it should be, due to the hard work and dedication of the various committees of the club.

You can be assured that this is another year when those necessary standards have been maintained.

To refresh your memory, the officers of the Management Committee are as follows:—

President: Mr. N. V. H. RICHES
Chairman: Mr. H. JOHNSON

Vice-Chairman: Mr. G. L. PORTER

Standing Committee Chairmen:

Ground: Mr. L. M. SPENCE
House: Mr. G. L. PORTER
Finance: Mr. W. LEWIS

There is one change in the Executive Committee which is now comprised of Messrs. W. Lewis, Chairman, H. Johnson, G. L. Porter, R. F. Trott, G. Chugg and K. H. George. Mr. Haydn Wilkins resigned owing to business pressures and was replaced by Mr. R. F. Trott.

My personal thanks to my Vice-Chairman, Mr. Gwynne Porter, for his assistance. Also all Chairmen of Standing Committees for their hard work during the year—voluntary service given willingly for the progress of the Club.

All members will be pleased to note that the long serving committeeman, player, past Rugby captain, past Rugby chairman and Bowls captain, Mr. Les Spence, has been elected as President of the Welsh Rugby Union—a great and well deserved honour and award for years of service to the game of Rugby, also a great occasion for the Cardiff Athletic Club.

The sad loss of Mr. A. T. 'Akka' Thomas, was a severe blow to his many friends. He was a great character and fine Com-

mittee colleague and will be sorely missed by all. He bore his illness with great fortitude until his untimely end.

Co-opted Members — The Club is indebted to John Webb, Architect J. R. Thomas, and, of course, Mr. Ewan Davies, the Hon. Solicitor who are always ready to help with their advice.

Development Fund

The fund was discontinued, owing to lack of support, but the "200" Club is continuing. Mr. John Grubenman, the organiser, has retired after giving great service over the last 9 years.

It is only by efforts by members that these funds can continue and thus benefit the development of the Club.

Mr. Grubenman will continue to be responsible for security and control during home Rugby matches during the coming season.

Golfing Society

The Society again had a very successful and enjoyable season. The attendances at the meetings were very good and for the Annual Dinner—a record.

The speeches at the Annual Dinner were, as always, of a very high order and the members and their guests had a most enjoyable time.

Captain:

Ron Preston

Vice-Captain:

Chris Ashe

Annual Dinner — Guests of Honour:

His Honour Judge John Rutter

Mr. Ken Jones

Mr. N. V. H. Riches, President of the

Society

Tournaments, Competitions and Results:

RADYR, SEPTEMBER 21ST-

Cardiff Athletic Cup

J. Llewellyn Morgan

Ray Gastree

LLANISHEN, APRIL 12TH-

Gwyn Nicholls Rose Bowl

J. Llewellyn Morgan

CARDIFF, MAY 25TH-

Founders Trophy

L. King T. Seaton

GLAMORGANSHIRE, JUNE 28TH—

R. T. Gabe Cup

M. Godfrey

Male Voice Choir

The choir continues to grow in strength, but we would still welcome new members to our practices on Monday evenings. Our Social evenings, held in the Top Lounge, once again proved to be very popular and successful occasions.

We once more gave a number of concerts for Old Age Pensioners and other Institutions, but probably the highlight of the year was the New Year's Eve Carol Service held at Pendoylan Church at which we sang to the congregation.

Entertainments Committee

The Entertainments Committee continues to fulfil its function of co-ordinating the activities of the various sections. Discotheque evenings continue to attract our younger members and prove quite a popular feature of Club life. With New Year's Eve falling on a Sunday in 1972, it was not possible to organise the New Year's Eve Grand Dance because of the technicalities of the licensing laws. However, we are hopeful that a function will be arranged for 31st December, 1973.

The Annual Children's Party again proved a great success with both the kiddies and their parents, and the Committee would like extend their sincere thanks to all those members who came along to help make this party the success it was.

Section Secretaries are asked to let Miss Jennifer Howells know the dates of their proposed social functions for the coming season so as to obviate any clashing of dates. We have had quite a measure of support from the Rugby supporters who prove ever ready to assist in functions that has as its aim the general benefit of the Club.

We wish to pay tribute to the Committee Members who attend meetings regularly and pull their weight in ensuring the success of any function organised, and to the Management Committee and Club Officers for their loyal support of the work of the Entertainments Committee. Our thanks to our retiring Stewardess, Miss Babs Filer, for the splendid work she did in catering at all functions. We look forward to the same support from Mr. and Mrs. Bob Thomas, the new Bar Managers.

Cardiff Rugby Supporters Club

Functions arranged by the Supporters Club during the year ending April 30th, 1973, included the following:

June 14th—

Player of the Year Award at the Club

The Award was made to Wayne Lewis. A highly successful evening, well attended by Club Members.

August 18th-

Dance at the Club with Cabaret and Buffet

Again a very successful evening.

DECEMBER/JANUARY

Over this period we entertained Dennis Young and his party of Canterbury New Zealand Rugby supporters at a variety of venues, end in various ways, including meals at the Marchioness of Bute, Social Evening at the Club, a visit to Tonyrefail Rugby Club, Tour of Brain's Brewery, an evening at St. Albans Rugby Club where a meal was provided, a party at the home of Mr. Hadland, entertainment of individual tourists in the homes of Club Members on New Year's Eve. The New Zealanders reciprocated with a number of parties at their Welsh base, The Park Hotel. Many souvenirs were exchanged and many friendships firmly established.

The Nuneaton International Club were entertained on three occasions with meals at the Marchioness of Bute, and as usual sang for their supper in turn, they regaled us with their usual hospitality at The Nag's Head after the away fixture at Coventry.

A small party spent an eventful weekend in Edinburgh supporting not only Wales, but arriving in time to attend Cardiff's Friday evening fixture.

FEBRUARY 14TH-

A St. Valentine's Dance was held at the Club with Cabaret and Buffet — A most enjoyable evening.

LA ROCHELLE, APRIL 27TH, 1973-

A very successful season reached its climax when a party of supporters travelled to La Rochelle and Cognac to support its team, and at the same time enjoy a short holiday themselves. The trip was a huge success and once more the Supporters Club lived up to the wonderful traditions of the Cardiff Athletic Club.

So a wonderful end to the season and looking forward to an even better one next season.

Miss Filer

It was many years ago, November, 1930, in fact, a matter of 43 years, that Babs Filer joined the staff of the Club as a very young and attractive girl, and now in her 62nd year is retiring, following a three month "lay off", owing to illness.

To write of Babs Filer's service to the Club would need many pages of this report.

It is fortunate that her reputation as hostess and friend to all members and visitors at home and from abroad, will be a lasting tribute to her great and unselfish service to the Club she has always loved. I am sure that she will always be ready to assist if and when required.

All rugby players the world over will say "Thank you Babs", as all members of our Club who knew her will say, "Well done and many thanks for the memories".

Staff

In this day and age on which I will not comment, other than to say that staff movement has never been so prevalent, with regard to Bar staff and others, we therefore have had many changes and problems, which are now settling down.

We are indeed fortunate to obtain the services of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas who have joined us in charge of the bars and catering. With their experience and pleasant personalities I am sure they will prove a great asset to the department they control.

In other fields, we still have the loyalties of Mr. Ken George, General Secretary, Miss Anne Davies, Chief Clerk, Mr. Bill Hardiman, Head Groundsman, Mr. Richard Stevens, Assistant Head Groundsmen and other members of the staff who are proving very satisfactory.

Obituaries

Mr. W. T. Griffiths, Vice-President, life member and founder member of the Bowls Section, past Chairman and Captain, also Assistant Secretary to Glamorgan County Bowling Association. He contributed greatly on the administrative side.

Football Section: Messrs. Harry Jones, W. Johns Powell, F. B. King, Cyril Jenkins, Jimmy Lawrence (life member and committeeman of years ago), and Mrs. "Peg" Waters. Also, since the end of April, we have lost Messrs. Cyril Shears and Gino Malvisi. I sincerely trust that there are no others of whose passing I am not aware. They were all staunch members of the Club and will be sadly missed.

Old Players. The loss of Ernie Marsh, Harold Westlake, "Akka" Thomas and Frew Jones was another great blow to all their many friends — they were fine stalwarts of the past. Since the end of April, Tim O'Brien, otherwise known as "Tim the Divil", has passed away after a long illness.

Closing Remarks

May I conclude on your behalf by thanking the staff for their loyalty and service, Mr. Frank Somers for his checking of this report, the Officers of the Golfing Society, Male Voice Choir, Entertainments Committee and the Cardiff R.F.C. Supporters Club for the sterling work in support of the Club they love, and on my own behalf I would like to thank all members for their high standards of loyalty and the support and pleasantry that it has been my privilege to enjoy.

HUBERT JOHNSON

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

| 1972 | | EXPENDITURE | | | | 77 | 1.7 | |
|--------------|-----|--|----------|----------------|--------|-------|--------|--------|
| £ | | | | | | | £ | £ |
| 14,957 | To | Salaries, Wages and S.E.T. | | | | | | 16,307 |
| 3,200 | ,, | Upkeep of Grounds and Clubhous | e | | | | | 7,506 |
| 2,562 | ,, | Football—away match expense | | | | | | 5,176 |
| 460 | ,, | Football players' out of pocket ex | penses | | | | | 592 |
| 2,818 | ,, | Football—home matches expenses | S | | | | | 3573 |
| 562 | ,, | Football—Junior XV expenses | | | | | | 559 |
| 1,555 | ,, | Stationery, Telephone and Postag | res | | | | | 2,435 |
| | | | | | | | | 2,100 |
| 252 | ,, | Cost of Annual Report and postag | ges | | | | 379 | |
| 36 | ,, | Less Advertising in Annual Rep | port | | | | 36 | |
| 246 | | | | | | | | |
| 216 1.045 | | 4 day 10 day | | | | | | 343 |
| | " | Advertising, Season Tickets, etc. | *** | *** | | | | 1.763 |
| 988 | ,, | Gatemen | *** | | | | | 1,090 |
| 3,377 | " | Rates | *** | *** | | | | 3,222 |
| 1,215 | ,, | Rent and Rates—Sophia Gardens | | | | | | 1,470 |
| 3,907 | ,, | Water, Light and Heat | | | | | | 4,353 |
| 95 | ,, | Sundry items | | | | | | 128 |
| 634 | ,, | Laundry | | | | | | 520 |
| 3,092 | ,, | Cleaning | | | | *** | | 3,698 |
| 236 | ,, | Dinner, Dance, Ladies' Night, Ph | otogra | phs a | nd Awa | ards | | 236 |
| 883 | ,, | Football Equipment | | | | | | 1.039 |
| 150 | ,, | Audit Fee | | | *** | | | 150 |
| 1441 | ,, | Insurances | | | | | | 1,459 |
| 200 | 2.5 | Football Insurance Fund | | | | | | 200 |
| 463 | ,, | Medical Expenses | | | | | | 515 |
| 130 | ,, | Donations | | | | | | 140 |
| 1,095 | ,, | Plant Repairs, Petrol and Oil | | | | | | 1.241 |
| 738 | ,, | Sectional Expenses | | | | | | 804 |
| 373 | ,, | Depreciation-Motor Roller, mov | vers, et | tc. | | | | 380 |
| | | | , | | | | | |
| 46,386 | ,, | BAR PURCHASES | | | | | | 58,899 |
| | | DAR FURCHASES | | | | | | |
| 2,523 | | Opening Stock | | | | | 2,824 | |
| 36,710 | | Purchases | | | | | 38,874 | |
| 39,233 | | | | | | | 41,698 | |
| 2,824 | | Less Closing Stock | | | | | 2,726 | |
| 20. 400 | | | | | | | | |
| 36,409 | | | | | | | | 38,972 |
| 2,380 | ,, | Bar Purchases—Sophia Gardens | *** | | *** | | | 1,697 |
| 6,329 | ,, | Catering Purcheses | | | | | | 7,128 |
| 9,466 | ,, | Bar Wages, S.E.T., Equipment, 1 | Renewa | als an | d Expe | enses | | 10,920 |
| 368 | " | Depreciation—Furniture, Fitting Depreciation—Furniture, Fitting | s and I | Equip Equip | ment | | | 370 |
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| 168 8217. | ,, | Sophia Gardens Excess of income over expenditure | | | | | | 140 |

for the Year ended 30th April, 1973

| 1972 £ | | INCOME | | | | | | £ | £ |
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| 6.828 | ,, | Football Gates | | | | | | ı | 15,912 |
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CARDIFF RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Chairman's Report Season 1972/73

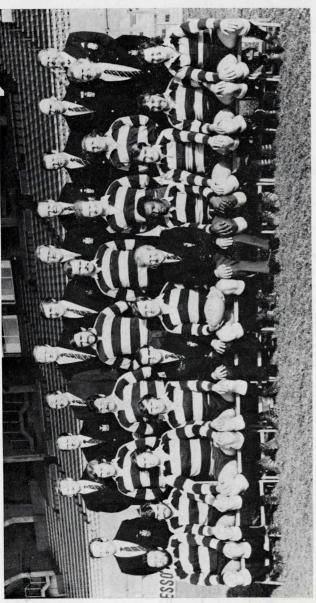
In presenting my report for the past season, I must unfortunately begin on a sombre note. Just as the season commenced we were all deeply saddened to hear of the death of Mr. A. T. (Akka) Thomas. He was still a serving committee man and was one of the greats of our club. His dedication as player and administrator was total and he is sorely missed by all his colleagues, Rugby Football in general and the Cardiff Club in particular, are poorer as a result of his death.

It was prior to the season commencing that we also had the news that Barry John was to retire in order that he could concentrate on his many business interests. The loss of such a magnificent player was bound to become a tremendous problem in the shape of an adequate replacement, but we are all very pleased to see him making such a success of his business ventures. Barry's brilliant and aesthetic displays on the field and his charm and dignity off are true testimony of the legend he created for himself whilst still a player. He must surely have established new dimensions in rugby football that will withstand all comparison for a long time to come. The king is dead, long live Barry John.

The playing record for the season including W.R.U. Challenge Cup games, was: Played 49, Won 35, Lost 12, Drew 2, Points for 869, Against 441. The season started in the best possible manner by the fact that we carried off the W.R.U. National Sevens Cup; Glamorgan Wanderers, Maesteg, Kenfig Hill and finally Bridgend were disposed of during that successful afternoon. The following players represented us: John Regan, Alex Finlayson, Wayne Lewis, John Davies, Roger Lane, Gary Davies, Mervyn John. In the final against Bridgend, Steve McCann and Gary Samuel replaced John Regan and Alex Finlayson, both of whom suffered hamstring trouble in the semi-final. As we had won the previous season's Snelling Sevens Cup, we had good cause to believe we were the top exponents of this style of rugby at this stage.

Good victories followed against La Rochelle home, Ebbw Vale and Blackheath away and Bristol at home. Our first taste of



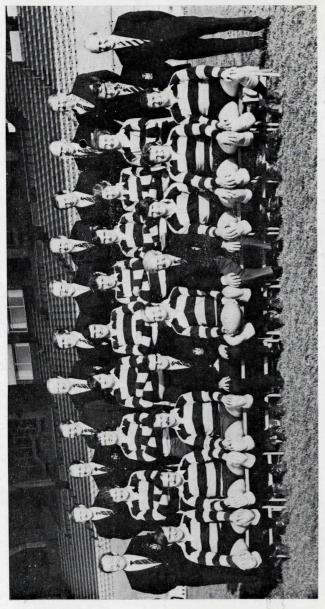


(Captain), W. H. Wilkins, (Hom. WALLACE, J. DAVIES, T. NYHAN, (Chairmun), G. N. WILLIAMS, Middle Row: defeat came in the Coventry game at home. Firstly John Bevan was, to my mind, late tackled and suffered a dislocated shoulder. Then later on in the game after the 14 Cardiff men had done extremely well to be in front, we were robbed of victory by an error of the Coventry touch judge who failed to raise his flag when Duckham had obviously been pushed into touch. The method of this defeat was certainly a big disappointment to swallow.

A good victory followed at Pontypool by 19-7, but the following game against Neath saw us well beaten by 14-6. During the month of September of course we played our home games on the National Stadium. This was in order that the remedial work which had been undertaken on our own ground could have as long as possible to establish itself. We were very grateful to the W.R.U. for their generosity in allowing this. Once again Bridgend proved to be our bogey side and we only managed a draw at their ground but victory then followed against Aberavon Penarth, Newport and Cardiff College of Education. It was during this latter match that Keith James made his debut. He really laid it on that evening and after our previous insecurity in the outside half position, people thought that we had found the complete answer to our problems. I feel that Keith is going to be an extremely good player very soon, but I, and many other people would like to see him use his talent for running with the ball more than he is doing at the moment.

A bad fall from grace followed at Northampton where we lost by 15-4. This was disappointing as the New Zealand game was now beginning to loom large in our minds. Our confidence was well restored in the next three games against Ebbw Vale home, won 26-0, Cambridge away, won 36-10 and Pontypool home won 37-10. In fact we were one of the very few teams to double Pontypool during their championship year but we still offer our hearty congratulations to them on their achievement in winning the Championship.

The season was one of note inasmuch as we received a visit from the New Zealand All Blacks. After Llanelli's tremendous win on the previous Tuesday the All Blacks were determined not to lose again on the Saturday. November 4th dawned bright and full of anticipation. It was a sad day for our captain, Gerry Wallace who was unable to lead his team due to a broken thumb.



THOMAS, J. REGAN, J. UZZELL, P. NYHAN, (Chairman), A. D. WILLIAMS, (Capiain), W. H. L. JONES, G. SAMUEL. P. Kerrigan, E. Willams, W. Atwill, P. Kallonas, J. Jenkins, Middle Row: Back Row:

The game, however, turned out to be a complete disaster. It was as far below the standards and reputation of both sides as it could have been and resulted in an unsatisfactory and unsavoury exhibition which did no credit to either side. It was a big disappointment to players, administration and members alike and we must look to our laurels on the next occasion we receive a visit from a touring team.

After our second victory over Newport we once again lost heavily to Provence Auvergne in France by 36-0. This fixture is now under review by the Committee inasmuch as we have been unable to field anything like a truly representative side in the past and also the French attitude towards guest players in their sides.

Victories then followed against Wasps home, Llanelli home (particularly pleasing as they were at full strength) and Harlequins away to the tune of 47-8. We came unstuck again against London Welsh away in a game which I felt we had in our grasp but allowed it to slip away. The following victory against Maesteg by 77-9 was the biggest win ever recorded by the 1st XV. Pontypridd and Watsonians were also defeated in our home Christmas programme. A very good win at Leicester was followed by a defeat at Coventry which resulted in the only double against us during the season.

Victories followed over London Welsh (27-6 and ample revenge for our earlier defeat), Aberavon home, Heriots F.P. away, Bristol away. This was a very satisfying victory as we had a number of reserves playing but by winning we progressed to the top of the Western Mail table. We then easily accounted for Newport at home and prepared to face them in the last of our 4 encounters fully expecting to claim 4 victories. This did not prove to be the case, however, as in the dying seconds of the match when we were leading by 6-3 Newport scored a try from a completely innocent looking situation which was enough to win the game and add a further disappointment to our list. Poor Newport, however, have had a disastrous season and that victory may have helped them slightly. We wish them better luck for the future.

A victory over Bective Rangers was followed by another defeat by the side who appear to have the indian sign on us—Bridgend. We should have made the game safe in the first



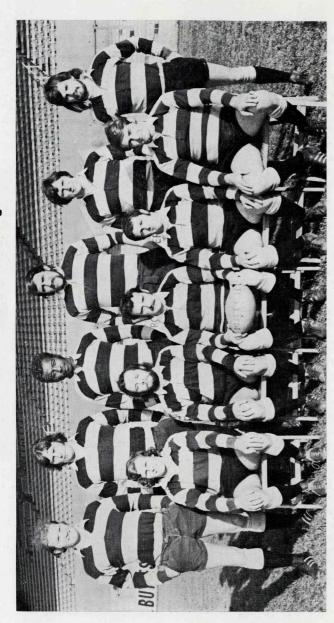
G. PRITCHARD (Captain), J. DAVIES, (Hon Secretary), R. ELLIOT, C. MULLIN.

twenty minutes but several chances went astray and we finally lost in the dying seconds again by foolishly conceding a penalty that was converted and so lost 9-7. A good win away to Newbridge, an away draw with Gloucester and a good away win against Neath brought us to the Barbarians match. Before the game it was my privilege to present an inscribed silver ice bucket to Brigadier Glyn Hughes, to mark his 60th year of service to Barbarian rugby, a truly remarkable achievement. Once again we were disappointing as a team and were well beaten 16-6. The Harlequins were our next visitors on Easter Monday when we played a number of reserves, but still won handsomely. Our trip to France resulted in one victory and one defeat against La Rochelle and Cognac respectively. Once again the Frenchmen saw fit to rely on the services of guest players in the Cognac match which proved all too much for our very tired team.

The next to follow was the Snelling Sevens Tournament and after a very workman-like performance in the opening round when we beat Maesteg by 30-0 we faced Llanelli in the second. This game in fact proved to be the final because after losing in extra time by 22-18 the remainder of the tournament was a complete anti-climax with Llanelli taking the final by 50 odd points.

W.R.U. Challenge Cup

This year we reached the final of the Cup by defeating Mountain Ash home, South Wales Police home, Ebbw Vale home, Blaina away and Swansea at Aberavon. Our hosts, Blaina, in the quarter final did us proud and rugby in this particular pocket of Monmouthshire appears to be very healthy. In the semi-final at Aberavon against Swansea we played particularly well at forward and were better winners than the score suggested. The final was again a disappointment to us because Llanelli appeared to have spent considerable time on their scrumaging and beat us in the phase of the game in which we expected to be supreme. Phil Bennett kicked magnificently in placing all his seven kicks at goal. It transpired after the game that our hooker (and captain elect) Gary Davies broke a bone in the top of his spine very early on which had a serious effect on our push. However, not to detract from Llanelli's victory we say, "Well done Sospan in this your centenary year".



Back Row: M. John, R. Lane, C. Smith, L. Baxter, G. Davies, W. Lewis. Front Row: J. Davies, S. McCann, J. Regan, (Captain), G. Samuel, A. Finlayso:

In the point scoring field John Davies was top with 209 (4 tries and 81 goals). This constitutes a new 1st XV record, well done John. Leighton Davies obtained 3 tries and 30 goals. His progress with each game was evident and I feel he will become a great player despite his small stature. Steve McCann obtained 21 tries while Alex Finlayson got 20. Gareth Edwards had 13 tries and 3 goals, Keith James 10 tries and 15 goals and Roger Lane and Mervyn John had 16 tries each so they jointly hold the record for the most number of tries scored by a forward.

Ian Robinson played in 44 of the 49 games while Mervyn John played 42, Neil Williams 41, Carl Smith 40, Lyn Baxter 38, Gary Davies and Gerry Wallace 37, Roger Lane 36 and John Davies 35. Caps were awarded to Keith James and Leighton Davies.

All in all this can be considered as a successful season with 12 defeats and 2 draws from the 49 games played. We invariably played well at forward and pushed most packs all over the park in set scrums. I feel that it was behind the scrum that we lacked consistency. We still could have won the championship if we had not thrown away the games against Newport away and Bridgend home. Our standards in Cardiff are high and if we fall below this level we are rightly criticised. To Gerry Wallace I say well done in your difficult job. Had we been a bit steadier behind your tremendous pack, we may have had a few honours to show for it.

Cardiff Athletic XV

The 'Rags' record for the season was Played 38,: Won 33. Lost 5, Points for 1165, Against 400.

The side was captained by Tony Williams and perhaps this in some small measure repaid Tony for the loyalty and service he has rendered to the Cardiff Rugby Club His was a difficult job this year because of the excessively large number of 78 players turned out whereas only 8 featured in 20 or more games. These were Tony himself 33, Bill Atwell 26, Mike Alexander 23, Phil Kallonas 25, Jeff Jenkins 23, Elwyn Williams 22, Don Llewellyn 21 and John Uzzell 20. In addition to these 83 other players played 20 or more games between both sides, i.e. John James, John Regan and Gary Samuel. Gary Samuel has proved

to be a great playing asset to this club and has remained loyal, although in the shadow of the master, when other first class clubs have cast envious eyes on him.

The top scorers were P. L. Jones 122 (22 tries and 17 goals). Leighton Davies 100 (5 tries and 37 goals), Phil Ienkins 93 (3 tries and 35 goals). The side was the first senior Cardiff side to pass the 1000 points mark with a total of 1165. However, Dai Hayward's team of 1966/7 would have passed this 1165 had the try value been 4 points as it is now. The distinction of being the first side to record the 1000 points though must go to Tony Williams and his 1972/73 'Rags'. They are also to be congratulated on achieving a record score for any of the Cardiff sides— 93-9 against Tylorstown—at Sophia Gardens. Another player who has given great service to the club and has decided to call it a day is Elwyn Williams. Elwyn has been a consistently good back row forward and has always shown tremendous flair in running with the ball. He has decided to give way to younger men and has expressed a wish to turn out for Taffs Wells next season. Cardiff's loss is Taffs Well's gain.

Cardiff Junior XV

Played 22, Won 18, Lost 4, Points For 735, Against 133.

Capt.: Sean Grey. Player of the year award Paul Simmonds.

This season proved to be an unqualified success with a final match average, 33 points for only 6 against.

John Davies' Squad had one of the youngest we have fielded for some years, over half of whom were in their first season in Youth Football, having graduated from the successful Cardiff Schools side of the previous year. The Schools are certainly channelling some very talented youngsters into the Squad these days, and fully utilised at senior level, the Youth Squad could provide the nucleus of the Football talent, we as a Club, need to survive in modern competitive Football.

This year the rugby provided at Sophia Gardens was some of the best yet seen at this level and during the season 135 tries were scored with only 10 tries against, which highlights the type of successful rugby played throughout. Gordon Pritchard (centre) with 18 headed the Try Scorers closely followed by Flanker Tony Brahim with 17 and winger Tony De Bono with 14. Honours continued to flow into the Squad with international Caps going to Flanker Wayne Peckham, Tony De Bono and Gordon Pritchard who was also the Welsh Team Vice-Captain. Gordon ended a successful season by leading the Squad to victory in the Cardiff & District Sevens and was also selected as the District Player of the Year. In all, 10 squadmen gained selection to the successful District XV and 5 appeared in the Welsh Final Trial.

The Highlight of the season was the magnificent home victory over the very powerful Pontypool Youth by 24-7. Chairman Keith Rowlands rated this as the best Youth team performance he had ever seen.

The climax to the season came with the Club's first ever Overseas Tour when 5 officials and 25 players went to Belgium over Easter and defeated Avia Youth 56-3 and a Belgium Selection 38-0. Teddy LeCroix, the genial Chairman of the Belgian Rugby Federation, was typical in his appreciation of the performance against the Select XV. He said that 'never before had they in Belgium, seen rugby played like it, at any level!!!

It is gratifiying to add that the Squad financed this costly project largely by themselves, or on their own initiative, by running dances, raffles, etc., and their attitude, behaviour and enthusiasm can only be commended.

My thanks to the whole Youth Sub-Committee for the work and dedication they have put into their tasks this season, especially to the Co-opted members Les Jones and Gerry Donovan, to our busy, capable trainer Weldon Davies, and lastly to John Davies who has coached Cardiff into being a formidable Youth Combination yet again.

The future looks bright indeed.

The complex business of running the Cardiff Rugby Football Club was made easier by the General Secretary, Ken George and his office staff Miss Anne Davies, Miss Ceri Mills and Miss Carol Horrigan. Mr. John Grubenman, as man in charge of stewards kept the turnstiles moving. It was great to see towards the end of the season the reappearance behind the Bar of Miss Babs Filer. Mrs. Betty Carpenter looked after our needs while Babs was away most ably assisted by the rest of the bar staff. Mr. Bill Hardiman and his staff spared no effort in doing their utmost to see that the

ground and players were always looking as smart as possible. On the medical side we were indeed fortunate in having the services of Mr. Harold Richards as Hon. Surgeon to the Club, while his back up team of doctors kept the players breathing, Messrs. Jim Navsmith, Keith Young, Huw Evans and Alun Williams. The Hon. Masseurs rendered veomen service in looking after the walking wounded, Messrs. Tom Halley, Keith Harse, Weldon Davies and Don Reed. Ted Arcas, physiotherapist extraordinary, was ready to help out on serious cases. St. Albans band went from strength to strength in providing the musical fare and entertainment. It is always a pleasure to know that the statistics of the Cardiff Rugby Club are in the most capable hands of "Meticulous Massa" Danny Davies, and I am sure they would stand comparison with any rugby club anywhere in the world. The Supporters Club also did a grand job during the season and to see the blue and black displayed by them at every away match was great encouragement to the players. Many thanks to all.

Our thanks also go to Fred Croster who kept us so well informed on the laws.

Last, but certainly not least, I come to my colleagues on committee. One man missing from the meetings this year was Hubert Johnson. He decided to stand down and not seek reelection and so ended a glorious unbroken run of committee service since the war. He added lustre and dignity to the establishment and even now is always available to give help and advice when needed. The whole of the rugby world knows Hubert Johnson and indeed it is a better place because of his presence.

Mr. Haydn Wilkins has been as busy as ever in his secretarial duties but due to pressure of work in his own vocation he is to hand the mantle on to Alun Priday. Thank you Haydn for all the help you have given me, and legions of other people, during your long term of office.

The selection committee once again had a very busy year. Lloyd Williams, besides being a very capable Vice-Chairman, spent many extra hours as senior selector making sure we fielded 15 players for every game. He was supported to the full by fellow selectors Roy Bish, Malcolm Collins, Dai Hayward, Gerry Wallace Mervyn John and Tony Williams. Selection is truly an arduous task. A special pat on the back to Roy Bish for the time and energy he has spent in his coaching duties.

On the social side our immediate past chairman Colin Howe worked wonders in keeping us happy off the field. He was ably assisted by Maldwyn James (whom we were delighted to welcome back on the committee to fill the seat vacated by "Akka" Thomas) Frank Trott, Lyn Williams, Gerry Wallace, Tony Williams, Stan Bowes and Tom Holley.

The Museum sub committee had a hectic start to the season to ensure that things were spick and span for the many visitors expected from New Zealand. As always the trophy room made a terrific impression on all who saw it.

As usual the Junior XV had a great year as you will see from the report. I must pay tribute here to the dedicated way in which Chairman Keith Rowlands, Secretary Alun Priday and Coach John Davies care for the juniors, ably assisted by Peter Goodfellow, Stan Bowes, co-opted members Gerry Donovan and Les Jones. These young lads are very fortunate indeed in having such illustrious leadership.

Dai Hayward's programme notes are getting better and better and I think he has attracted the attention of Punch magazine. Gwyn Porter's solidarity and experience have been to the fore throughout the year, and Stan Bowes has been our popular representative on the Glamorgan County Committee.

The news that gave the Club most pleasure during the year however was the announcement that Les Spence was to be W.R.U President for the year 1973/74. This is a fitting tribute to a grand rugby character but in his usual modest manner said the honour was for the Cardiff Club and not him as an individual. Good good luck Les in your year of office, we are all very proud of you.

Finally, may I say what a marvellous experience it has been to be Chairman of Cardiff Rugby Club. The past year will live in my memory for ever.

PETER NYHAN,

Chairman.

RECORD OF RESULTS - SEASON 1972-73

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| 11 | Cardiff Train'g Coll. | | | 2 | 5 | | | • • | 32 | 1 | ٠. | 1 | 1 | | 12 |
| 14 | Northampton | A | | 3 | 1 | 100000 | | • • | 26 | | • • | 1 | 4 | | 15 |
| 18 | EDDW vale | 11 | | 5 | 2 | • • | 2 | | 36 | • • | • ; | • • | . : | | 10 |
| 21 | Cambridge Univ | A | | 3 | 4 | , . | 1 | • • | 37 | • • | 1 | • • | 2 | | 10 |
| 28 | Pontypool | H | 2 |) | 1 | | 1 | | 4 | 1 | 2 | | 2 | | 10 |
| Nov. 4 8 | New Zealand Newport | H | | 4 | 1 | | | | 24 | 1 | | ٠. | 1 | | 20 |
| 11 | Provence D'Auvergr | | | -* | | | | | 0 | 3 | 3 | 2 | | • • | 36 |
| 18 | Wasps | H | | 3 | 2 | | | | 26 | 1 | | | • • | | 1 |
| 22 | Oxford University | 7820 | | , | - | | | ٠. | 20 | 1 | ٠. | • • | ٠. | | , |
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| Dec. 2 | Swansea | | | | | 1 | | | 12 | | 1 | | 1 | | 100 |
| 6 | | H | | | 91 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | Harlequins | Λ | | 2 | 8 | 1 | | | 47 | | 2 | | - | | 1 |
| 16 | London Welsh . | Α. | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | 13 | 1 | 2 | | 2 | | 20 |
| 23 | Maesteg | T | | | 5 | 1 | | | 77 | 1 | | | 1 | | (|
| 26 | Pontypridd . | H | Won | 3 | 2 | 1 | | | 29 | | | | | | (|
| 27 | Watsonians . | . I | Won | 3 | | | | , . | 30 | | 1 | | | | 4 |
| 30 | Leicester | . A | Won | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | | 29 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | 1 |
| 1973 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan. 13 | Coventry | . A | Lost | | | 1 | 1 | | 6 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | 1: |
| 19 | London weish | * F | | | 3 | 3 | | , . | 27 | 1 | | | | | |
| 26 | Aberavon | * F | | | | | | | 9 | | | | 1 | | |
| Feb. 2 | Heriots F.P. (Fri) | P | | | | | | | 39 | ٠. | 2 | | 1 | | 1 |
| 9 | Distoi | * P | | | 1 | | 2 | | 10 | 1 | | | 1 | | |
| 17 | Newport | | | | | | | | 19 | | 1 | | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| Mar. 3 | Newport | . F | | | | . 1 | | | 6 | | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 9 | Declive Kangers | * I | | | | 1 | | | 31 | | 2 | . : | . : | | |
| 28 | Bridgend | * I | | | | 1 | | 1 | 7 | | . : | 1 | 2 | | |
| 31 | Newbridge | | | | | 2 . | 1 | | 23 | | 1 | |] | | |
| Apr. 7 | Gloucester . | | | | | . 1 | | | 3 | | .: | ٠. | 1 | | |
| 14 | Neath | T | | - 1 | | 3. | 1 | | 21 | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | |
| 21 | Barbarians | T | | | | . 2 | | | 6 | 2 | | | | | |
| 23 | Harlequins | 1 1 | | | | 4. | | | | 1: | 1 | | | 2 . | |
| 29 | La Rochelle . | | Wor | | 1 | 3. | | | 18 | 1 2 | | | | 1. | 1 0 |
| 30 | U.S. Cognacaise . | | Lost | _ | - | - - | 1 1 | - | | - | - | _ | - | 1 . | - |
| | TOTALS . | | | 7 | 17 | 1 12 | 2 41 | | 869 | 21 | 39 | 6 | 4 | 7. | . 44 |

Cardiff First Fifteen—continued

RECORD FOR SEASON: Played 43, Won 30, Lost 11, Drawn 2

- * Floodlight
- † Cancelled owing to wet state of ground.

W.R.U. CHALLENGE CUP

| 1972 Nov. 16 | S.W. Police * | H | Won Won | 1 | | 1 | 3 | ٠. | 18 22 | | 1 | 2 | | 10 |
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| Feb. 13 1973 | Mountain Asii | | | | 4 | 1 | 1 | • | | | • • | | • | _ |
| Jan. 3 | Ebbw Vale * | H | Won | | 2 | | 1 | | 11 | | 1 | 1 | | 7 |
| Feb. 2 | Blaina | A | Won | 2 | 3 | | | | 24 | | | 1 | | 3 |
| Mar. 17 | Swansea (Aberavon) | | Won | | 3 | | | ٠. | 12 | | 2 | | ٠. | 8 |
| Apr. 28 | Llanelli (W.R.U. Stadium) | | Lost | | 1 | 1 | | | 7 | 3 | | 4 | | 30 |
| | TOTALS | | | 3 | 13 | 3 | 5 | | 94 | 3 | 4 | 8 | | 58 |

RECORD FOR SEASON: Played 6, Won, 5 Lost 1, Drawn 0.

* Floodlight

Captain: Gerald Wallace

Vice-Captain: Mervyn John

SEVEN-A-SIDE TOURNAMENTS

| WRU Sept. 26 | Glamorgan Wands. Maesteg Kenfig Hill Bridgend | 1 2 SF F | Won Won Won Won | 1 1 1 1 | 1 4 2 3 | 1 | | 10 22 14 21 | 1 1 1 | 2 | | | | 1- |
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SNELLING SEVENS

| 1973 May | 5 | Maesteg Llanelli | | | 1 2 | Won Lost | 5 | | :: | 30 18 | 3 | 1 | | | | 0 22 |
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CARDIFF ATHLETIC FIFTEEN

| D. (| | H. | D.14 | | | Sc | ore | fo | r | 1 5 | Sco | re | ag | ain | st |
|--------|-----------------------|----|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|----------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| Date | Opponents | A. | Rslt. | G. | Т. | DG | PG | MG | Pts. | G. | Т. | DG | PG | еи | Pts. |
| 1972 | - 54 | | | | | | | | | | | 10 | | | |
| Sept 2 | Tylorstown | SG | Won | | 3 | | 1 | | 93 | 1 | | | 1 | | 9 |
| 6 | Old Illtydians | A | Won | 9 | 3 | | 1 | | 69 | 1 | | | 2 | | 12 |
| 8 | Risca | A | Won | 7 | 6 | | | | 66 | | 1 | | | | 4 |
| 13 | Bristol United | A | Won | 2 | 2 | | | | 20 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | 13 |
| 16 | Coventry Extra 1sts. | A | Lost | | | ٠. | | | 0 | 4 | 2 | | 1 | | 35 |
| 21 | Pontypool United | A | Won | 2 | | | | | 12 | | | | 2 | | 6 |
| 23 | Llantwit Major | A | Won | 2 2 2 3 | 3 | | | | 24 | 1 | 2 | | 1 | | 17 |
| 28 | Treorchy | A | Won | 2 | 1 | | 2 | | 22 | | 1 | ٠. | | | 4 |
| 30 | Bridgend Sports | SG | | 2 | 3 | | 2 | | 30 | | 1 | | | | 4 |
| Oct. 7 | Newport United | SG | | 3 | 5 | ٠. | 1 | | 41 | | | | | ٠. | 0 |
| 14 | Harlequin Wandrs. | SG | | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | | 52 | 1 | | | 3 | | 15 |
| 21 | Senghenydd | SG | | 3 | 1 | ٠. | 2 | | 28 | ٠. | 2 | | 2 | ٠. | 14 |
| 28 | Mountain Ash | A | Won | 1 | | | 2 | | 12 | 1 | | | ٠. | ٠. | 6 |
| Nov. 4 | Pyle * | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | Ebbw Vale Ath | A | Won | 2 | 1 | | 1 | | 19 | 2 | | | 1 | | 15 |
| 18 | Senghenydd † | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 25 | Llanelli Wandrs | A | Won | 4 | 7 | | | | 52 | 1 | 2 | ٠. | | ٠. | 14 |
| Dec. 2 | Swansea Athletic ‡ | | | | | . 8 | | | | | | 110 | | | |
| 9 | Pontypool Utd | SG | | 2 | ٠. | | | | 12 | 1 | | 1 | 3 | | 18 |
| 16 | Neath Athletic | SG | | | ٠. | | 4 | • • | 12 | ٠. | | ٠. | 1 | ٠. | 3 |
| 23 | Cardiff H.S.O. Boys | SG | | 2 2 | 5 | | | | 32 | ٠. | ٠. | | ٠. | | 0 |
| 30 | Leicester Extra 1sts. | SG | Won | 2 | 1 | | | | 16 | ٠. | | ٠. | 2 | | 6 |
| 1973 | | | | | | | | | | | | - | | 1 | |
| Jan. 6 | Pyle | SG | | 3 | 3 | ٠. | ٠: | • • | 30 | ٠. | 1 | ٠. | ٠: | • • | 4 |
| 13 | Coventry Extra 1sts. | SG | | | ٠. | ٠. | 1 | ٠. | 3 | 2 | 2 | ٠. | 1 | • • | 23 |
| 20 | London Wlsh. Druids | | | | 1 | ٠. | 1 | ٠. | 7 | ٠. | 1 | ٠. | ٠. | ٠. | 4 |
| 26 | Aberavon Quins (Fri.) | A | Lost | .: | ٠. | ٠. | 1 | | 3 | ٠. | 1 | ٠. | 2 | ٠. | 10 |
| Feb. 3 | Taibach (a.m.) | SG | | 1 | 5 | ٠. | ٠. | | 26 | 1 | • : | ٠. | 2 | | 12 |
| 10 | Bristol Utd. (a.m.) | SG | | | 1 | ٠. | ٠: | • • | 22 | .: | 1 | ٠. | ٠. | ٠. | 4 |
| 17 | Wasps Vandals | A | Won | 1 | 3 | ٠. | 1 | ٠. | 21 | 1 | 2 | • • | . : | • • | 14 |
| 24 | Llanelli Wandrs | SG | | 5 | 6 | ٠. | ٠. | ٠. | 54 | ٠: | 1 | ٠: | 2 | • • | 10 |
| Mar. 3 | Newport United | SG | | | 3 | ٠. | .: | • • | 30 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | • • | 13 |
| 10 | St. Paul's Chelt'm | SG | | 1 | - 5 | ٠. | 1 | • • | 27 | 1 | • ; | 2 | 2 | • • | 18 16 |
| 17 | Swansea Athletic | A | Lost | - | 1 | ٠. | | • • | 10 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | • • | |
| 24 | Aberaman | A | Won | .: | 3 | ٠. | ٠. | ٠. | 12 | ٠. | ٠. | ٠. | 1 | • • | 3 |
| 31 | Tylorstown | A | Won | | 1 | | .: | • • | 16 | ٠: | • ; | ٠. | 1 | ٠. | 10 |
| Apr. 4 | Pyle | A | Won | 1 2 | 1 | • • | 1 | ٠. | 19 | 1 | 1 | ٠. | | • • | |
| 7 | Gloucester Utd | SG | | | 2 | • • | 1 | ٠. | 23 | ٠. | ٠. | ٠. | 3 | ٠. | 15 |
| 13 | Milford Haven | A | Won | | 5 | | | | 62 | 2 | | | 1 | | 12 |
| 14 | St. Davids | A | Won | | | | | | 74 | | . ; | | 3 | 1 | 13 |
| 16 | Llantwit Major | SG | | 6 | 7 | | | | 70 | | 1 | | | | 12 |
| 21 | Ebbw Vale Ath | SG | Won | 0 | 2 | ٠. | | | 44 | | | • • | 4 | | 12 |
| | Totals | | 1 | 16 | 97 | 2 | 25 | <u> </u> | 1165 | 24 | 25 | 5 | 47 | | 400 |

RECORD FOR SEASON: Played 38, Won 33, Lost 5, Drawn 0.

* Postponed owing to Cardiff v. New Zealand.

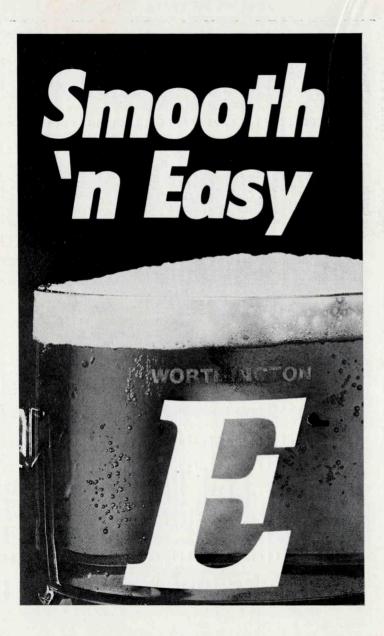
† Postponed—Senghenydd engaged in W.R.U. Cup-Tie.

‡ Cancelled owing to wet state of ground.

Captain: A. D. WILLIAMS.

SG. SOPHIA GARDENS

1934-35 1935-36 1935-36 1937-38 1938-39 1938-39 1938-46 1946-47 1946-47 1946-47 1956-56 1956-57 1956-6 0 CAPT



CARDIFF CRICKET CLUB

Captain's Report-First XI.

The 1972 Cricket Season began with an encouraging start. Swansea being beaten quite comfortably (Paul Goode making 126) and then winning against St. Fagans in the First round of the National Knock-Out Competition (John Solanky 126, and David Herbert 47) in a total of 230, St. Fagans being dismissed for 140. The next round against Cheltenham, however, resulted in an overwhelming defeat, Cardiff being bowled out for 56 (David Herbert 33) and being beaten by 8 wickets.

The first full Season in the Western League resulted in us finishing about the middle of the table. Notable individual performances being Alan Wilkins 6 for 10 against Newport at Newport, and Ken Francis 5 for 32 against Newport at Cardiff.

Ken Williams made 101 against Lydney. He, together with Paul Goode, batted consistently well throughout the Season.

In rather a disappointing Season we were sorry to lose John Solanky to Glamorgan, but thank him for his efforts on our behalf, and wish him well for the future. Our bowling was strengthened by the arrival of Ken Francis who has proved to be a definite asset, and we congratulate him on his selection for Glamorgan 2nd XI. Alan Wilkins and Nigel Diggins continue to make good progress along with a number of other younger members of the club. My thanks are due to Ken Williams for his efforts in encouraging these boys, and his general help throughout the season.

My thanks are also extended to our Secretary, Ewan Coull, our Chairman John Riches, the other respective Captains, and the Cricket Committee in general, for their help and co-operation.

Reserve XI. Report

Although the season was one of the most successful and encouraging it will probably be remembered by most cricketers because of the appalling weather in April and May, but to many members of Cardiff Athletic Club it will be remembered as the first year they played cricket for Cardiff. The encouraging feature of the season was the introduction of many new young players, all of whom more than made up in enthusiasm and ability what they lacked in experience.

The team astounded everybody, not least the Captain by winning 7 games out of the 13 played, drawing 3 and losing 3. The highlight must be considered two resounding victories over Newport but the results as a whole reflect an ever improving standard in Cardiff. The 3 drawn

games should have been won and two of the games lost were very closely contested, with a little more luck the results would have been even more impressive. Even so the team's record of winning outright over half the games was the most successful in the Club.

At Cardiff we are most fortunate in having in Ken Williams a Club Member who devotes a considerable amount of time to running the Youth Team, including weekly nets. The debt owed by the cricket section to K. D. is enormous and the Club as a whole must carry on his work by encouraging younger players whenever possible. This, together with efforts to provide attractive fixtures will ensure a continual flow of players able to take their place in the 1st and 2nd XI's in years to come.

Once again, I should like to record the appreciation of all players to members of the Committee, the ground staff and especially to the ladies who continue their support by making available the best cricket teas in South Wales.



CARDIFF CRICKET CLUB GAPTAINS

From 1867 to 1876 there is no record of Captains.

| 1877 | E. W. Jones | 1924 | H. W. TAYLOR |
|---------|-------------------|---------|------------------|
| 1878 | E. W. Jones | 1925 | F. W. MATHIAS |
| 1879 | E. W. Jones | 1926 | N. V. H. RICHES |
| 1880 | | 1927 | N. V. H. RICHES |
| 1881 | | 1928 | N. V. H. RICHES |
| 1882 | Names of Captains | 1929 | A. N. MORGAN |
| 1883 | not recorded | 1930 | A. N. MORGAN |
| 1884 | J. P. Jones | 1931 | N. V. H. RICHES |
| 1885 | J. P. Jones | 1932 | E. C. DOLMAN |
| 1886 | J. P. JONES | 1933 | G. L. RATTENBURY |
| 1887 | W. H. WILLIAMS | 1934 | J. T. Morgan |
| 1888 | W. H. WILLIAMS | 1935 | J. T. Morgan |
| 1889 | W. H. WILLIAMS | 1936 | F. W. MATHIAS |
| 1890 | A. Morris | 1937 | F. THOMAS |
| 1891 | A. Morris | 1938 | W. J. Evans |
| 1892 | W. H. BRAIN | 1939 | L. G. JONES |
| 1893 | W. H. BRAIN | 1940-45 | 2nd World War |
| 1894 | W. H. BRAIN | 1946 | W. J. Evans |
| 1895 | J. H. Brain | 1947 | W. H. WILKINS |
| 1896 | J. H. BRAIN | 1948 | I. D. RICHES |
| 1897 | I. G. CLARK | 1949 | G. GIBSON |
| 1898 | J. G. CLARK | 1950 | W. H. WILKINS |
| 1899 | J. G. CLARK | 1951 | W. H. WILKINS |
| 1900 | J. H. BRAIN | 1952 | G. DAVIES |
| 1901 | J. H. Brain | 1953 | G. DAVIES |
| 1902 | J. G. Clark | 1954 | W. H. WILKINS |
| 1903 | V. T. GILL | 1955 | G. K. WILBY |
| 1904 | V. T. GILL | 1956 | G. W. WILBY |
| 1905 | J. P. CADOGAN | 1957 | I. O. WEBB |
| 1906 | A. Gibson | 1958 | I. PLEASS |
| 1907 | A. GIBSON | 1959 | J. PLEASS |
| 1908 | A. Gibson | 1960 | J. O. WEBB |
| 1909 | A. GIBSON | 1961 | J. O. Webb |
| 1910 | N. V. H. RICHES | 1962 | A. THOMAS |
| 1911 | N. V. H. RICHES | 1963 | A. THOMAS |
| 1912 | N. V. H. RICHES | 1964 | A. PRIDAY |
| 1913 | J. Horspool | 1965 | A. PRIDAY |
| 1914 | J. Horspool | 1966 | A. PRIDAY |
| 1915-18 | European War | 1967 | Dr. P. GATEHOUSE |
| 1919 | J. Horspool | 1968 | D. O. HERBERT |
| 1920 | H. G. SYMONDS | 1969 | D. O. HERBERT |
| 1921 | G. E. CORDING | 1970 | K. D. WILLIAMS |
| 1922 | 0 7 0 | 1971 | D. J. PASK |
| 1923 | | 1972 | D. O. HERBERT |
| | Z. Z. MOROMA | 1012 | D. O. HERBERI |

CARDIFF ATHLETIC BOWLS CLUB

Season - 1972

We were again delighted to have our President, N.V.H. Riches, Esq. to open our Green on Friday, 21st April, 1972, before a goodly attendance of members. The Chairman introduced both Mr. A. G. Bound, Captain of the Club and Mr. Trevor Heath, Captain of the "A" Team. For the first time in two years Mr. Riches was able to bowl the first wood out on the green, although the weather was not altogether kind at the beginning of the season. Our friendly games with Barry Athletic on 29th April were cancelled because of heavy rain and we were obliged to abandon the game against the Welsh Private Greens Bowling Association after completing 6/7 ends. As the season progressed so the weather became kinder and August and September were I think as good as we have experienced for a number of years Our last match, the Captain's side against the "A" Team Captain's side, was a lively affair and enjoyed by all those who took part.

Out of a total of 63 potential members at the beginning of the season (46 playing and 17 who played occasionally) for the most of the season we were reduced to 33 playing members who were available for nearly all the Saturday matches (exept for holidays, etc.) and about 9 who for various reasons played only occasionally. Despite these difficulties, it is a tribute to the loyalty of the members of the club who made themselves available so consistently that only on two occasions did we fail to fulfil our fixtures with a full side, and one of these was the result of a misunder-standing.

I would venture to say that on the whole, the members who made themselves available regularly displayed a zest and spirit which suggested that they were playing with enjoyment and in the true spirit of the game of bowls.

WBA Carruthers Shield Results

We again succeeded in winning our Section, losing only to Whitchurch by 1 shot, but finishing with a shots advantage of 203. In the first play-off we defeated Penhill by 12 shots, but in the next round went out to Penylan (the eventual winners of the Shield) by 15 shots down.

Welsh Private Greens Div. I Results

Here again we did exceptionally well, losing only to Cardiff by 19 shots, who proved to be the winners of our section.

1st Team Friendly games resulted in 14 Wins against 8 Lost.

Skip Results

The following were our successful Skips in W.B.A. matches:-

| | P | W | D | Shots up |
|--------------|---|---|---|----------|
| S. T. Hull | 5 | 5 | | 75 |
| D. H. Prince | 6 | 4 | | 59 |
| P. E. Ridd | 7 | 4 | 2 | 43 |

P.G. 1 Skips showed the following successes:-

| | P | W | Shots up |
|-------------|---|---|----------|
| C. Williams | 5 | 4 | 55 |
| P. E. Ridd | 5 | 3 | 21 |
| T. Phillips | 2 | 2 | 15 |
| B. Hawkins | 4 | 3 | 12 |

Club Competitions

| | Winner | Runner Up |
|--|---|---|
| Championship Handicap Two Wood Special Singles Pairs | S. T. Hull S. T. Hull D. H. Morris D. H. Morris L. M. Spence & D. H. Morris | D. H. Prince B. Hawkins R. Ashe D. S. Davies T. Phillips & F. W. Somers |

The Club Competitions were again organised and completed in an expeditious manner. Much hard work was put into drawing up the schedules and ensuring that various stages were completed in good time. We are grateful to the Stewards, in particular Mr. P. E. Ridd, for their sustained efforts on our behalf in this matter.

Other honours enjoyed by members of the Club were: -

D. H. Prince winning both the Bath Singles Cup and also the Mixed Pairs.

M. C. Gilmore, B. Hawkins and S. T. Hull were included in a successful Glamorgan County championship side.

Selection Committee

The Ballot at the 1971 A.G.M. resulted in a clean sweep of the existing selection Committee and there was speculation and some misgiving as to the ability of the newly elected committee to ensure continuity of good selection patterns. The 1972 Selection Committee, whilst not achieving improved results, are to be commended on at least retaining the status quo. They deserve credit also for the purposeful manner in which they carried out their tasks. If their selections are considered to have been at fault, the 1972 ballot will again determine changes thought to be desirable by the membership.

"A" Team Results

In our effort to win our Section of the P.G. 2 Competition, we played 8 games, 3 at home and 5 away, losing only one game to Llanbradach, the winners of the Section. I think this was an excellent performance by all members.

Mixed fortunes were experienced in the friendly games, our biggest defeat being at Weston (Victoria) where we took over the First Team fixture. Other than mid-week friendlies, we never borrowed players from the first team, this was not always the policy of our opponents.

Skip Results

| | Won | Lost | Shots For | Against |
|---------------|-----|------|-----------|---------|
| E. F. Couzens | 5 | 2 | 168 | 109 |
| J. H. Webb | 4 | 3 | 148 | 133 |
| S. Stevens | 5 | 1 | 131 | 112 |
| T. Rees | 3 | 3 | 113 | 135 |

We are again deeply indebted to our Ladies for the excellent Teas provided throughout a very heavy season.

We also sincerely appreciate the fine work carried out by Mr. W. Hardiman and his staff in providing us with such an excellent green to play on.

Our thanks go to the Management Committee, Mr. George and his staff for all the help and interest given to the Bowls Section.

Obituary

John Jenkins. A quiet but loyal member in recent years.

W. T. Griffiths was a life member and a founder member of the Bowls Section and a Vice President of the Club.

"W. T." as he was familiarly known was Asst. Secretary of the Glamorgan County Bowling Association. As a past Chairman and Captain of the Boards Section, his contribution to the administration side of Bowls, was maintained to his death at 90 years of age.

The playing strength of the Club should if possible be strengthened before the 1974 Season commences. A few experienced bowlers with good club member potential, together with an influx of new members would enhance the competitive prospects of the Section. The performance this year of both the First and "A" sides showed clearly that with modest strengthening the Club would soon achieve the success which has so narrowly eluded them on past occasions. A new pavilion is being urged and our green is one of the best in the area and Season 1973 should enable the Club to maintain its great reputation.

T. PHILLIPS,

Hon. Secretary

PAST CAPTAINS OF BOWLS SECTION

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

CARDIFF ATHLETIC LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Captain's Report for Season 1972

In the months preceding the official opening of the season, it was encouraging to see the extensive use made of the fine Hard Courts that the Section now has. It was therefore disappointing to have to endure the very bad weather that began once the season officially started. So bad was the weather that in the first six weeks only two matches could be played on the grass courts. With the co-operation of the team players, and the availability of the hard Courts, the effects of the weather on the programme was minimised.

A further effect of the curtailment of play was that the section found it more difficult to get the members together and arrange for all the other tennis activities.

League Results Men's First Team

| | | | E | vents | S | ets | G | ames |
|--------|--------|--------|-----|---------|-----|---------|-----|---------|
| Played | Won | Lost | For | Against | For | Against | For | Against |
| 7 | 5 | 2 | 39 | 21 | 88 | 47 | 694 | 535 |
| Men's | Second | 1 Team | 1 | | | | | |
| 9 | 6 | 3 | 51 | 27 | 113 | 59 | 870 | 668 |
| Ladies | Team | | | | | | | |
| 7 | 3 | 4 | 25 | 35 | 56 | 75 | 521 | 594 |

It may be seen from these results that all the teams had a fair measure of success. The Men's First Team were unable to gain re-election to Division 1, and finished as runners up in their Division. This season saw for the first time the inclusion of junior players in the teams, on merit and it is hoped that gradually the playing strength can be built up in this way.

The Men's Second Team not only had a good season but allowed more members to participate in competitive tennis, although it must be weighed against the disadvantage of denying court facilities to other club members.

Our Ladies, despite the considerable problems of shortage of players had a good season in the First Division and are to be congratulated on their performance. All the team players who participated deserve special thanks for their fortitude in enduring the weather conditions that prevailed for the greater part of the League season.

Tournaments

The Referees task in trying to complete the Tournament Programme in the allotted four weeks was vitiated by interference of weather and replayed matches. However, all events, except one, finished on time and

breaking with tradition, Finals day was on a Sunday to avoid clashing with Wimbledon Finals. In the event, our plan was abortive, as they too were played on the Sunday.!

This year the Tournament was open to all members, and several of the older Juniors entered, and did well. The results were:-

| Men's Singles | R. Corr.e beat P. Lewis—4-6, 6-2, 6-1 |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Ladies' Singles | J. Howells beat S. Greaves—7-5, 6-3 |

The Junior Tournament was again held and several additional events were organised. The results were:-

| Boys 13-15 | C. Shilling beat M. Stork—6-2, 6-1. |
|------------|--|
| Boys 15-18 | P. Guy beat A. Cockaday—9-7, 4-6, 6-0. |
| D 10 | D C-1-1 . D C |

| Girls Doubles | J. Cleves & J. Curtis beat C. Collier & J. Purchase—6-2, 6-4. |
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Membership

The numbers remain fairly static, but the strength of the Ladies' Section still gives some concern. One curious feature is that in the late Summer very few members come down to play and this, in turn, seems to discourage the few remaining. Even the arranging of Friendly Matches does not help, as at times great difficulty was experienced in forming a team. Future Committees should devote their time to finding answers to this problem, although it must be said that it is not confined only to our Club.

With reference to the Junior Members, numbers continue to flourish. The Committee placed great importance on further development of this section, in the belief that the whole future of the Club depends on it. As already mentioned this section is now beginning to supply players of team standard, and in the long term we can look forward to good players. The great help and enthusiasm of Mr. N. Purchase must be mentioned here, and also that of one of our older juniors Paul Coles, who was co-opted to your Committee.

It is pleasing to report that Mrs. S. Greaves has now recovered from her serious climbing accident.

We send our congratulations to Miss S. Betts who married in the Summer.

Facilities

The provision of the now finished Hard Courts was more than welcome with the inclement weather.

The hard work put in by the Head Groundsman, Mr. W. Hardiman, paid off on the grass courts this year, as they wore extremely well. We especially appreciated the efforts of the Ground Staff on top of all their work involved on the Rugby ground itself this year.

The Committee decided to improve the decor of the Ladies' Dressing Room and this was done with the materials being donated by our Chairman and Mr. N. Walsh. Possibly, the Men's Changing Room can be tackled next season since it would certainly improve our facilities.

Social Events

Overall, it was an unsuccessful year. Two events had to be cancelled due to lack of support, and those that did take place were not oversubscribed by any means. Consequently, our source of providing additional finance to the Section activities fell, and the Committee was very disappointed in the response to the ventures. Members should appreciate that the "extras" the section provides, such as Tournament Trophies, etc., depend on the support of all Club activities. With the exception of the few "Willing horses" the section does not always help itself as much as it could do.

Acknowledgements

This report would not be complete without recognising the work done by those members who give their services to the benefit of all members. In particular, Mr. J. Broad (Chairman), Mr. T. Morgan (Hon. Secretary), Mr. D. Ward (Match Secretary), Mrs. J. Collier (Ladies Captain) and all the Committee carried out their duties conscientiously.

Many of our lady members rendered valuable service by providing catering for the many home matches,

Miss J. Howells, Mrs. J. Collier, and Mr. T. Nurton represented the section on the Club's Entertainment Committee.

The Section is appreciative of the efforts of our representatives on the Management Committee, Mr. F. P. Davies (Ground) and Mr. G. Chugg (House and Executive).

Once again we are grateful to Mr. P. J. Collier for his patience and generosity for engraving all the trophies for the tournaments.

The assistance of Mrs. Greaves to the Referee was appreciated.

Finally, we record our thanks to Mr. George and his staff for their assistance during the year.

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CARDIFF ATHLETIC LAWN TENNIS CLUB

CAPTAINS

| | | Men's | | | Ladies' |
|---------|-------|--------------------------------|-----|-------|---------------------|
| 1000 | | | | | Zuares |
| 1923 | • • | T. J. HOPKINS | • • | | Miss E. CLARE |
| 1924 | • • | T. J. HOPKINS | • • | | Mrs. G. D. HORSPOOL |
| 1925 | • • | T. J. HOPKINS | • • | | Miss D. A. CALDER |
| 1926 | • • | T. J. HOPKINS | • • | • • • | Miss D. A. CALDER |
| 1927 | • • | F. C. ORAM | • • | | Mrs. M. GERMAIN |
| 1928 | • • | F. C. ORAM | • • | | Miss M. OXENHAM |
| 1929 | • • | E. R. HANCOCK | • • | | Miss M. OXENHAM |
| 1930 | • • | W. L. BRIGHT | ٠. | | Miss M. OXENHAM |
| 1931 | • • | W. L. BRIGHT T. W. RICHARDS | • • | | Miss E. Taylor |
| 1932 | • • | | • • | • • | Miss W. Cornwell |
| 1933 | • • | D. B. Morgan | • • | - • • | Miss W. CORNWELL |
| 1934 | • • | W. DAVID | • • | | Miss N. NIGH |
| 1935 | • • | W. L. Bright | • • | | Miss E. Belman |
| 1936 | • • | J. Broad | • • | | Miss W. Cornwell |
| 1937 | • • | J. M. HOPKINS | • • | | |
| 1938 | • • | A. C. TAYLOR | • • | • • • | Miss W. CORNWELL |
| 1939 | • • | J. M. HOPKINS | • • | | Miss M. Cornwell |
| 1940-45 | | WORLD WAR II | | | Miss D. Jarma |
| 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 | • • - | | • • | | Mrs. N. Evans |
| 1951 | | | ٠. | | Mrs. N. R. Evans |
| 1952 | • • | F. P. Davies | • • | | Miss M. M. HAZELL |
| 1953 | | H. Roy Evans | | | Mrs. E. Youens |
| 1954 | | F. P. DAVIES | | 1.0 | Mrs. M. WHEELER |
| 1955 | | F. P. DAVIES | | | Mrs. G. RIDD |
| 1956 | | F. P. DAVIES | | | Mrs. R. W. Taylor |
| 1957 | | F. P. DAVIES | ٠. | | Mrs. M. WHEELER |
| 1958 | | F. P. Davies | ٠. | | Mrs. M. WHEELER |
| 1959 | | F. P. DAVIES | | | Mrs. M. WHEELER |
| 1960 | | F. P. DAVIES | | | Mrs. M. WHEELER |
| 1961 | | F. P. DAVIES | | • • | Miss P. Russell |
| 1962 | | F. P. DAVIES | | | Miss E. Belman |
| 1963 | | F. P. DAVIES | | | Miss P. WILLETT |
| 1964 | | F. P. DAVIES | | | Miss P. WILLETT |
| 1965 | | F. P. DAVIES | | | Miss J. Howells |
| 1966 | | F. P. DAVIES | | | Miss J. Howells |
| 1967 | | F. P. DAVIES | | | Miss J. Howells |
| 1968 | | P. COLLIER | • • | | Miss J. Howells |
| 1969 | | P. COLLIER | | | Mrs. J. H. COLLIER |
| 1970 | | P. COLLIER | | | Mrs. J. H. COLLIER |
| 1971 | | P. COLLIER | | | Mrs. J. H. COLLIER |
| 1972 | | P. COLLIER | | | Mrs. J. H. COLLIER |
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CARDIFF HOCKEY CLUB

Report for the Season 1972-73

The playing records for the teams were:-

| | \boldsymbol{P} | W | D | L | Can. | Abn. | For | Ag'nst |
|-------------------------------|------------------|----|----|----|------|------|-----|--------|
| 1st. XI. | 31 | 15 | 7 | 9 | 4 | | 57 | 47 |
| Cup Games | 6 | 5 | _ | 1 | | _ | 15 | 2 |
| British Clubs Championship | 3 | _ | | 3 | T | | 4 | 22 |
| Ben Rhydding Festival | 5 | 3 | | 2 | _ | _ | 8 | 7 |
| 2nd. XI. | 26 | 10 | 4 | 12 | 3 | 1 | 46 | 45 |
| 3rd. XI. | 26 | 10 | 4 | 12 | 4 | _ | 42 | 35 |
| Pedwars (4th.XI. |) 26 | 6 | 8 | 12 | 3 | _ | 42 | 59 |
| Under 22 XI. | 3 | 1 | 2 | - | - | - | 5 | 3 |
| Totals | 126 | 50 | 25 | 51 | 14 | 1 | 219 | 220 |
| | | | | | - | | | |

It was expressed at last year's A.G.M. and through the medium of this report, that an all out effort would be made to improve our playing records throughout the four sides for season 1972/73. To encourage better playing records, coaching and practice sessions were held before and during the early commencement of the season. The club's overall match results did improve slightly, with the 1st.XI especially setting an example in this respect. Last season, the 1st.XI did not win a single trophy whereas this year they won three. Namely, the inaugural Swindon Six-a-side tournament, the Welsh Cup and Welsh indoor (Six-a-side) Championship. The captaincy of Jeff Cocks had a great deal of influence in the winning of these three trophies due to his improved knowledge of the game coupled with personal development of a professional attitude towards the game. These assets must be linked with his participation in the Senior Welsh Squad training, which has helped to gain his appointment to assistant Welsh Team Manager with specific responsibility for managing the Welsh under 22 squad.

Congratulations Jeff, from the whole of the club on achieving this appointment.

One could say a lot more about the playing part of the season as a whole, but I leave this to be enlarged upon by the individual captains' reports. However, I do think there is one thing that must be said with the future in mind, and it is regarding the first team squad of players in particular. They must adopt a more professional attitude towards the game in their play if they want to become more successful. This applies most certainly to the higher standard of tournaments, such as the British Championships in the Isle of Man, where our playing performance this year was little short of a debacle. Of course, a team's performance cannot

be one hundred per cent. when three of its regular players are unable to travel for personal reasons. In future, if the first team qualifies to achieve possible higher honours in the game the team must be at full strength to enable it to perform satisfactorily. Also, physical fitness must improve, together with a better mental approach in attitude and in preparation beforehand especially if the higher honours, such as European hockey, are to be achieved.

In conclusion I should like to thank all four captains, namely J. Cocks, J. Jones, K. D. Williams and M. Greenwood, together with the team secretary, M. Clode, for their work in the selection of four teams regularly each week, which was sometimes an unenviable task. Also I should like to thank the remaining committee members for their work during the season and in particular J. Dyer and A Rhys-Jones; the former for his excellent work as fixture secretary and the latter for his devoted industriousness as secretary. Thanks are due too, to the Chairman, the Secreary and the Management Committee Members of the Athletic Club for their work and guidance of the club as a whole.

The leading goal scorers were:-

| N. G. W. Rees | 22 | N. C. Pallot | 11 |
|---------------|----|---------------|----|
| P. Horsfield | 18 | G. Hughes | 10 |
| J. R. Cocks | 17 | J. Portlock | 10 |
| J. Payne | 12 | A. Rhys-Jones | 9 |
| I. Prosser | 11 | D. LeMasurier | 8 |

Representative honours were gained by:-

| D. Rapson | Welsh Indoor Team |
|------------------|--|
| M. Clode | Home Welsh XI. |
| M. Giddy | Home Welsh XI. |
| P. Horsfield | Home Welsh XI. |
| S. Khan, | Welsh Under 22 XI squad. |
| D. Rapson | Welsh Under 22 XI squad. |
| M. Giddy (Capt.) | W.H.A. South East Region. |
| D. Rapson | W.H.A. South East Region. |
| D. Rapson | W.H.A., South East Region-Under 22 XI. |
| S. Kahn | W.H.A., South East Region-Under 22 XI. |
| R. Wildblood | W.H.A., South East Region-Under 22 XI. |
| M. Clode | Glamorgan. |
| M. Cornish | Glamorgan. |
| M. Giddy | Glamorgan. |
| P. Kelvin-Smith | Glamorgan. |
| J. Payne | Glamorgan. |
| D. Rapson | Glamorgan. |
| N. Sohanpal | Glamorgan. |
| R. Wildblood | Glamorgan. |
| G. Bhogal | S. E. Wales Schools. |
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P. HORSFIELD. G. HUGHES. KALER, 3 B. (Captain), GIDDY, M. COCKS SOHANPAL. Ġ RAPSON, D. Row Front

FIRST XI REPORT

The season 1972/73 was one of mixed fortune for the First XI. We started and finished on two very high platforms, winning the inaugural Swindon Sixes Cup, the Welsh Cup and the Welsh Indoor Championship. In between we trod a tightrope of inconsistency, always in danger of toppling into mediocrity.

The basic problem was an inability to score from the numerous chances created in open play. We relied too heavily on the scoring of goals from short corners. This was highlighted in the Welsh Cup Final 4-1 victory over U. C. Swansea; two of our goals came directly from short corners, a third from a penalty flick after a short corner had been stopped by an opponents' foot on the goal line, and therefore only one goal was created from open play.

We were able to beat most mediocre sides but were left wanting in confidence and determination to win when we played clubs of higher quality. Throughout the season, we have been hampered by representative calls and the ensuing team changes did not help the side's development. This lack of continuity has possibly affected the realisation of several great young potentials; but this will be a perennial problem as long as our players are good enough for representative honours. It is a problem that has to be answered and not used as an excuse.

Perhaps the highlights of the season were the three local 'derbys' against Whitchurch Hockey Club. We lost in the South Wales Cup and in the Final League match, which we needed to win to come top of the league. But, commendably, the next week the Cardiff Club, strengthened by the return of the club captain Jeff Cocks, displayed a far more mature and determined approach to the Welsh Cup semi-final and beat Whitchurch 2-1. All three games were closely fought and a very good advertisement for competitive hockey.

One of the outstanding players of the year was Barry Cornish, who has played for the First XI for the last four years but last season really developed into a very strong player of great consistency. His move to London robs the team not only of a good player, but also an exceptionally loyal club man.

Two younger members whose form has improved considerably are Mike Cornish in goal and Mike Clode at centre half. The club will be looking to these and the other promising players to build a team which not only wins the 'pots', but also avoids the frustrations of mediocrity in the less glamorous games.

After three years as club captain, Jeff Cocks has decided to withdraw from leading the club, owing to being involved in the higher echelons of Welsh hockey. He therefore wishes his successor, Mike Giddy good luck for the forthcoming season.

Ben Rhydding International Festival-Easter Weekend

The club travelled to Yorkshire for an International Festival at Ben Rhydding (near Ilkley Moor) over the Easter weekend. We started well with a good win over a strong Welton side (2-1) G. Hughes and A. Khan being the scorers. We then lost two games—the first to Huddersfield (2-3) having led for most of the game, and then to Bradford (1-2) in a poor game. However, the next game showed a great improvement and we beat Ben Rhydding, the host and favourites (1-0), Dave Rapson scoring from the penalty spot. We finished the festival beating C. D. Tarrasa, the Spanish Club Champions, (2-1) in a hard fought but scrappy game. Overall, the festival was a success with every player (and the Team manager Tony Rhys-Jones) getting a fair proportion of games. We showed, occasionally, that we could play very good hockey and the future looked reasonably bright—however, this was a little presumptive! Many thanks to the team Manager for organising the travel arrangements, etc., and to the players and their guests for making the weekend such a social success.

Isle of Man, Great Britain Club Championship—Spring Bank Holiday

There is little to say about this weekend except that the club fielded a much weakened side from that which won the Welsh Cup. Jeff Cocks and Dave Rapson could not go because of prior commitments and Barry Cornish was moving to London. This meant the right hand side of the team i.e., the positions of players of right wing, half and back, were denuded of its regular players. Apart from a ten minute period near the beginning of the first game, against the Scottish Champions, we never showed our true ability. However, there is much to be learnt from the weekend. In future, the club must be much fitter and far more highly drilled than on this occasion if we are going to play against the best clubs in Great Britain. Let us hope that the lesson is well learnt before we venture into Europe in 1974.

Results:-

v. Edinburgh Civil Service L. 1-5 (Scottish Champions)

v. Pembroke Wanderers L. 2-8 (Irish Champions)

v. Bristol (Runners up English Champions) L. 1-9

SECOND XI REPORT

Early form promised an outstanding season. Under the 'inspired' leadership of acting captain John Dyer, some excellent hockey was played and good results obtained. This good form carried over into November, but from December onwards results were disappointing and the side did not live up to it's potential.

The experience gained by some of the younger players should prove of great benefit to next season's skipper, Chris Andrews, who could well find next season's Second XI one of the best ever. The support given to the captain by John Dyer, Chris Andrews and particularly Mike Clode, cannot go unmentioned and provides the Club with the strength needed at reserve level.

THIRD XI REPORT

The season was exceptional for the fine weather since only four matches were cancelled of the thirty arranged. The playing results were not so favourable. Of twenty six matches played ten were won, twelve were lost with four drawn. The main problem of the team can be seen from the goals position:- forty two For and only thirty five Against. This indicates an efficient defence, against which only eight goals were scored after Christmas in the twelve games. The attacking situation was a sequence of missed opportunities with six games lost by the odd goal.

In the early part of the season, it was difficult to establish a settled side and often the side was unbalanced with too many defenders. Goals were scarce and only three of the first fifteen games were won. Of the individual players few newcomers made their mark. M. Meggitt, J. Glenny and M. Pritchard were reliable defenders and C. Green played well in goal. In the attack, N. Pallot and N. Rees played well but infrequently because of injury and in the former case Welsh team selection. A. Rhys-Jones and M. Chinn gave consistent performance in the forwards.

The younger players who deserve mention and must be encouraged to persevere were D. Norman, an accomplished centre-half, T. Wallace and P. Crockett on the left wing, and the late arrivals J. Amarshi and T. Pervez.

Our grateful thanks must go to the umpires who help us each Saturday and to the ladies who prepare such ideal teas, to the groundsmen for providing good pitches and finally to the Chairman and his wife for their encouragement and the way in which Saturday afternoons run so smoothly at Sophia Gardens.

"PEDWARS" NEE 4th XI REPORT

The 4th XI started the season in a very disappointing manner. Fielding sides of nine and ten players and showing little spirit. As it was my first season I had a lot to learn as Captain and getting to know my regular players who were to form the nucleus of the side. Once these were established we had an enjoyable second half to the season and were able to produce some useful new members who gained promotion to the 2nd and 3rd elevens. When the team was at its lowest ebb it was felt that playing as the fourth eleven had no identity and thereby was rather insignificant. Therefore, it was decided to give the side a new image by naming it the "Pedwars" XI. This had the desired effect even if only pschycologically, as the results improved.

The Pedwars also suffer from a lack of umpires and I appeal to more of the older players to blow the whistle as John Hosgood is getting too heavy to pull out of brawls now!!!

My thnaks to all the many members for the help they have given me during the season. I hope the season 1973-74 will be a very good one for the Pedwars now that it has been re-established under a different guise.

Social Functions

The Annual Dance held at the Athletic Club was again a great success, both financially and socially, due to the good organisation of Phil Horsfield. The music played by 'Change of Direction' was appreciated by everyone and the supper buffet provided by Miss 'Babs' Filer and her staff, was its usual high standard. Demand for tickets for our dance increases each year which could necessitate in the future a limit being imposed on the attendance. This need not happen of course if the Top Lounge of the Club could be extended in any way.

As a result of the all round success of the dance held at the Club Double Diamond, Caerphilly at the end of the previous season, it was decided to hold a similar venture this March. The only difference being that this time there was no tombola, which lessened the opportunity of extra money being made. This, coupled with much less support than the previous time reduced our comparative net profit considerably. However, everyone who attended enjoyed themselves very much and this was due to the conscientious work done by Tony Rhys-Jones who organised the function virtually on his own.

On the last Saturday of the season the wives and girl friends of the members of the First XI organised a wine and cheese disco at the club house in Sophia Gardens. There was a good representative attendance from all four elevens of the club which enabled the evening to be a most convivial success. The initiative of the First XI. has prompted the other three elevens in wishing to organise similar informal dances for the next season. The social sub committee has decided, therefore, that the months of October, November, February and March will be the months allocated for the appropriate eleven to organise a dance.

The Success of Sophia Gardens

Six years ago the hockey club moved to this new ground. Since then the club has grown in stature immensely in the eyes of other clubs because of the good clubhouse facilities and the excellence of the playing pitches. In the latter respect, one must thank and congratulate Bill Hardiman, Richard Stevens and their Staff.

Richard Stevens is an ever popular person in the bar after our matches which makes one wonder why more members of other sections of the Athletic Club don't make use of the bar as well. For example, it is a pity that rugby members and their supporters don't avail themselves of a bar that could be open immediately after their games had ended. Also, in what pleasant surroundings members could drink during the cricket season if the bar was open and organised on a more professional basis. Is it right and hospitable for approximately twenty five members and their guests to be told at about 8.00 p.m. after a County Match that the bar is closing?

Many members on too many occasions after games, training or practice, are using the well appointed bar in the National Sports Centre, instead of being able to use Sophia Gardens. The potential of improved club house facilities, one thinks, is not fully realised, which therefore must reflect in a loss of extra revenue throughout the year.

CARDIFF HOCKEY CLUB

1972-73 RESULTS

FIRST XI.

| 1972 | | | | 1 1973 | | 1 |
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| Sept. | 16 Swansea | 1 | 4-0 | Jan. 6 B.A.C | A | 3-0 |
| | 23 Brean | 1 | 3-2 | 13 Llanishen | A | 1-0 |
| | 30 Weston | I | 1 3-0 | 27 Newport | A | 1-1 |
| Oct. | 7 Beckenham | A | 0-6 | Feb. 3 Bristol | н | 0-3 |
| | 8 Hounslow | A | 3-4 | 10 O. Grammarian | | 2-0 |
| | 14 Penarth | A | 0-0 | 11 Welsh Squad | н | 1-1 |
| | 21 Llanishen | 1 | 2-1 | 24 Imperial | A | 4-0 |
| | 28 W. Gloucester | I | 2-2 | | н | 0-0 |
| Nov. | 4 Abergavenny | A | 6-1 | 4 Cardiff Univ. | н | 3-2 |
| | 11 Gloucester | I | 2-1 | 10 O. Bristolians | н | 0-0 |
| | 18 Bristol | A | 1-4 | 17 W. Gloucester | A | 0-1 |
| | 25 Imperial | H | 4-2 | 24 Whitchurch | A | 0-1 |
| Dec. | 9 O. Grammarian | as I | 3-5 | 31 Cheltenham | A | 1-3 |
| | 16 Bath | A | 1-2 | Apr. 7 City Hall | A | 2-1 |
| | 23 Newport | H | 1-1 | 14 Redditch | н | 2-1 |
| | 30 Penarth | H | 2-0 | | 1000 | |

SOUTH WALES KNOCK-OUT CUP

| Oct. | 29 | U.C. Aberystwyth Whitchurch | A 3-0—1st Round |
|------|----|-----------------------------|------------------|
| NOV. | 20 | Whitchurch | н 0-1—2nd Round. |

WELSH CUP

| Nov. | 19 | UWIST | A 3-0—1st Round |
|------|----|--------------|-----------------|
| Dec. | 10 | Penarth | н 2-0—2nd Round |
| Mar. | 11 | Newtown | н 5-0—4th Round |
| Apr. | 1 | Whitchurch | 2-1—Semi-Final |
| Apr. | 29 | U.C. Swansea | 3-1—Final |

BEN RHYDDING INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

| Apr. | 20 | Welton | 2- |
|------|----|----------------|-----|
| | 21 | Huddersfield | 2- |
| | | Bradford | 1-3 |
| | 22 | Ben-Rhydding | 1-0 |
| | 23 | C. D. Tarrassa | 2- |

BRITISH CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

| May | 26 | Edinburgh C. S. | 1-5 |
|-----|----|--------------------|-----|
| | | Pembroke Wanderers | 2-8 |
| | 27 | Bristol | 1-9 |

SECOND XI.

| | SI | COL | ND XI. | |
|--------------|----------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|-----|
| 1972 | | | 1973 | |
| Sept. | 16 Ross A 23 Brean II H | 3-2 | Jan. 6 В.А.С. II н | 0-2 |
| | 23 Brean II H | 3-1 | 13 Llanishen II н | 3-0 |
| | 30 Portishead I A | 4-4 | 27 Newport II H | Abn |
| Oct. | 7 B.A.C. II A | 3-2 | Feb. 3 Bristol II A | 1-4 |
| | 14 S.C.O.W н | 1-1 | 10 S.C.O.W A | 1-3 |
| | 21 Llanishen II A | 1-2 | 17 Oystermouth A | 4-0 |
| | 28 W. Gloucester II A | 2-1 | 24 Imperial II H | 4-1 |
| Nov. | | 1-0 | Mar. 3 Evesham II A | 1-2 |
| 1404. | 11 Gloucester II A | 0-0 | | 1-2 |
| | 18 Bristol II H | 1-2 | | 1-3 |
| | 25 Imperial II A | 6-1 | 24 Whitchurch II н | 1-3 |
| Dec | 2 Swindon II A | 0-2 | 31 Cheltenham II н | 1-3 |
| Dec. | 16 Bath II H | 2-2 | Apr. 7 Robinson I H | 1-0 |
| | | 0-2 | ripi. 7 Roomson i | 10 |
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| | | THIR | D XI. | |
| 1972 | 16 G YY | 00 | 1973 | 0.1 |
| Sept. | 16 Swansea II A | 0-2 | Jan. 6 B.A.C. III A | 0-1 |
| | 23 Brean III H | 3-1 | 13 W. Gloucester III H | 6-0 |
| | 30 Weston II A | 1-3 | 27 I.C.I. II A | 0-1 |
| Oct. | | 0-1 | | 2-1 |
| | 14 Penarth II A | 0-2 | 10 Spencer n | 2-0 |
| | 21 Mond A | 1-2 | | 2-0 |
| | 28 W. Gloucester III H | 3-0 | | 0-2 |
| Nov. | 4 Henleaze II A | 2-1 | | 1-0 |
| | 11 Gloucester III H | 2-2 | 17 W. Gloucester III A | 1-3 |
| | 18 Bristol III A | 3-7 | 24 Whitchurch III н | 4-0 |
| | 25 Spencer A | 2-2 | 31 Cheltenham III A | 0-0 |
| Dec. | 16 Bath III A | 0-1 | Apr. 7 C.E.G.B A | 5-0 |
| | 23 City Hall II A | 1-1 | | |
| | 30 Penarth II н | 1-2 | | |
| | PH | EDW | ARS XI. | |
| 1972 | | 1 | 1973 | |
| | . 23 Cardiff H.S A | 2-4 | Ian. 6 B.A.C. IV H | 0-2 |
| o cp | 30 Portishead II H | 1-1 | 13 Llanishen III A | 1-0 |
| Oct. | 7 B.A.C. IV A | 0-5 | | 0-2 |
| Oct. | 14 Penarth III H | 0-8 | | 2-2 |
| | 21 Llanishen III H | 0-0 | 10 Abergavenny II н | 1-5 |
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| Dec. | | 3-1 | 24 Whitchurch IV A | 5-2 |
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| | 16 Bath IV H | 0-0 | Apr. / Robinson II A | 0-0 |
| | 23 Newport III H | | Printed To Albert & Spitch Co. Co. | |
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| Season | Captain | Played | Won | Drn. | Lost | For | Agst |
| 1896-97 | E. W. BENNETT | * | | | | | 1 |
| 1897-98 | E. W. BENNETT | 23 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 38 | 46 |
| 1898-99 | W. BIELSKI | 17 | 8 | 2 | 7 | 38 | 26 |
| 1899-1900 | N. D. WARE | | 14 | 2 6 2 2 1 | 3 | 68 | 24 |
| 1900-01 | N. D. WARE | 26 | 20 | 9 | 4 | 82 | 33 |
| 1901-02 | N. D. WARE | 19 | 15 | 5 | 2 | 81 | 13 |
| 1902-03 | G. N. HOWELL | 20 | 16 | ĩ | 3 | 81 | 22 |
| 1903-04 | G. N. HOWELL | 24 | 18 | 9 | 4 | 110 | 31 |
| 1904-5 | D W DILLAND | 20 | 15 | 2 2 1 2 2 2 3 | 3 | 119 | 27 |
| 1905-06 | | 15 | 11 | 1 | 3 | | 27 |
| 1906-07 | D III DILLARO | 17 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 27 |
| 1907-08 | | 16 | 12 | 2 | 2 | 68 | 25 |
| 1908-09 | P D CHIPPE DOCCOR | 23 | | 2 | 2 2 3 4 | 62 | 23 |
| 1909-10 | B THEMPILL | 18 | 17 | 3 | 3 | 101 | 26 |
| 1910-11 | II II CUIDER DOCORR | | 14 | 0 | 4 | 109 | 26 |
| | H. H. SWEET-ESCOTT | 18 | 14 | 2 | 2 2 5 | 107 | 22 |
| 1911-12 | J. W. DUNCAN | 18 | 15 | 1 | 2 | 95 | 26 |
| 1912-13 | n. Kedford | 15 | 10 | 0 | 5 | 70 | 57 |
| 1913-14 | J. O. TURNBULL | 22 | 19 | 2 2 4 | 1 | 115 | 30 |
| 1919-20 | B. TURNBULL | 17 | 10 | 2 | 5 | 64 | 45 |
| 1920-21 | H. S. STEPHENS | 15 | 7 | | 4 | 41 | 34 |
| 1921-22 | R. T. S. HINDE | 24 | 14 | 3 | 7 | 92 | 51 |
| 1922-23 | R. T. S. HINDE H. W. BROWNE W. S. COURTIS | 19 | 10 | 3 | 6 | 73 | 34 |
| 1923-24 | W. S. COURTIS | 23 | 9 | 4 | 10 | 63 | 68 |
| 1924-25 | A. T. HARPER | * | | | | | |
| 1925-26 | A. T. HARPER | * | | | | | |
| 1929-30 | F. L. LAMARQUE | 25 | 12 | 4 | 9 | 79 | 59 |
| 1930-31 | F. L. LAMARQUE | 30 | 17 | 3 | 10 | 126 | 50 |
| 1931-32 | K. G. HUGHES | 29 | 16 | 4 | 9 | 87 | 77 |
| 1932-33 | S. C. BANBURY | 28 | 13 | 6 | 9 | 77 | 77 |
| 1933-34 | S. C. BANBURY | 30 | 11 | 5 | 14 | 53 | 57 |
| 1934-35 | S. C. BANBURY | 34 | 13 | 7 | 14 | 64 | 71 |
| 1935-36 | G. R. FAULKS | 27 | 14 | 5 7 2 | 11 | 60 | 64 |
| 1936-37 | G. R. FAULKS | 25 | 11 | 6 | 8 | 48 | 50 |
| 1937-38 | G. R. FAULKS | 31 | 20 | 3 | 8 | 64 | |
| 1938-39 | G. R. FAULKS | 25 | 14 | 6 | 5 | 62 | 40 30 |
| 1945-46 | G. PERCIVAL | 32 | 25 | 2 | 5 | 139 | 49 |
| 1946-47 | G. PERCIVAL | 20 | 10 | 3 | 7 | 65 | 36 |
| 1947-48 | K. G. HUGHES | 26 | 14 | 3 | 9 | 57 | 42 |
| 1948-49 | G. A. L. TUCKER | 26 | 15 | 1 | 10 | 72 | |
| 1949-50 | W. N. FRANCIS | 32 | 22 | 3 | 7 | | 45 |
| 1950-51 | | 26 | 14 | 0 | | 110 | 56 |
| 1951-52 | III AT TOP LAYOUR | 30 | | 8 | 4 | 87 | 44 |
| 1952-53 | W. N. FRANCIS | | 17 | 0 | 7 | 96 | 47 |
| 1953-54 | W. N. FRANCIS N. C. PALLOT | 30 | 18 | 8 | 4 | 98 | 43 |
| 1954-55 | | 30 | 18 | 6 | 6 | 89 | 34 |
| 1955-56 | N. C. PALLOT | 29 | 20 | 6 | 3 | 100 | 31 |
| | W. A. THOMAS | 29 | 19 | 3 | 7 | 103 | 52 |
| 1956-57 | {M. H. C. MEGGITT | 28 | 16 | 5 | 7 | 83 | 59 |
| | T. D. H. THOMAS | | | Faul 1 | | | |
| 957-58 | D. J. O'BRIEN M. H. C. MEGGITT G. T. WHITEWAY M. H. C. MEGGITT | 30 | 20 | 2 5 5 | 8 | 93 | 54 |
| 1958-59 | M. H. C. MEGGITT | 28 | 15 | 5 | 8 | 64 | 41 |
| 1959-60 | G. T. WHITEWAY | 26 | 9 | 5 | 12 | 62 | 67 |
| 960-61 | M. H. C. MEGGITT | 25 | 13 | 4 | 8 | 60 | 47 |
| 961-62 | P. WILKINSON | 30 | 16 | 8 | 8 6 | 90 | 59 |
| 962-63 | P. WILKINSON | 23 | 15 | 3 | 5 | 61 | 32 |
| 963-64 | G. T. WHITEWAY | 29 | 17 | 3 | 9 | 71 | 47 |
| 964-65 | G T WHITEWAY | 32 | 22 | 2 | 8 | 98 | 51 |
| 965-66 | G. T WHITEWAY | 22 | 5 | 2 | 15 | 32 | 57 |
| 966-67 | G. T WHITEWAY J. R. COCKS J. O. ROCH | 25 | 7 | 8 3 2 2 6 7 | 12 | 37 | 46 |
| 967-68 | J. O. ROCH | 32 | 13 | 7 | 12 | | |
| 968-69 | J. R. ELLIS | 30 | 13 | 6 | | 54 | 74 |
| 969-70 | | 36 | | 9 | 8 7 | 50 | 36 |
| | | | 24 | 5 | | 75 | 26 |
| | I COCKS | | | | | | |
| 970-71 971-72 | J. COCKS † | 42 33 | 27 13 | 6 9 | 9 | 96 66 | 46 46 |

^{*} Records not available. † includes 1 match abandoned. ‡ includes 4 matches cancelled

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