CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB



Annual Report

For the Year ended 30th April, 1970

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Address of Grounds: CARDIFF ARMS PARK AND SOPHIA GARDENS FIELD

Telegraphic Address: "FOOTBALL, CARDIFF"

Telephone Numbers: Cardiff 23546 & 20082 (Club)

AND 38031 (Sophia Gardens)

General Secretary: K. H. GEORGE

BUID DIFFLETA TANGE

N. V. H. RICHES

President of the Cardiff Athletic Club

CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB

President:

N. V. H. RICHES

Vice-Presidents:

THE LORD MAYOR OF CARDIFF T. G. MORRIS D. A. Brown M. PEDRON THE MARQUESS OF BUTE, D.L., G. L. PORTER C.ST.J., J.P. L. M. SPENCE D. E. DAVIES A. T. THOMAS EWAN G. DAVIES, I.P. J. R. THOMAS F. P. DAVIES COL. SIR CENNYDD TRAHERNE W. J. EVANS K.G., T.D., J.P. W. T. GRIFFITHS R. F. TROTT K. H. INGLEDEW B. R. TURNBULL HUBERT JOHNSON C. A. WILLIAMS, M.A. W. LEWIS, J.P.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairman: *Hubert Johnson

Vice-Chairman: G. L. PORTER

*N. V. H. RICHES

*K. H. INGLEDEW

*B. R. TURNBULL

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

To retire in 1970:	To retire in 1971:	To retire in 1972:
D. A. Brown	P. COLLIER	F. P. DAVIES
G. Chugg	W. J. Evans	W. LEWIS, J.P.
J. DESMOND	W. N. Francis	G. L. PORTER
J. D. H. RICHES	L. M. SPENCE	F. W. Somers
E. C. HALL	J. H. Wевв	J. R. THOMAS
A. T. THOMAS	W. H. WILKINS	R. F. TROTT

Co-opted Members: B. MARK, W. J. LEWIS and J. O. WEBB

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairman: J. R. THOMAS

	Charman. J. It. IIIomin.	
D. A. Brown	G. L. Porter	B. R. TURNBULL
K. H. INGLEDEW	N. V. H. RICHES	W. H. WILKINS
H. Johnson	L. M. SPENCE	
W. LEWIS, J.P.	R. F. TROTT	

HOUSE AND INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

Chairman: G. L. PORTE	R
E. C. HALL	F. W. Somer

G. CHUGG

J. DESMOND

J. D. H. RICHES

P. COLLIER

GROUND COMMITTEE

Chairman: L. M. SPENCE

F. P. DAVIES	B. Mark	J. H. Webb
W. J. EVANS	A. T. THOMAS	J. O. Webb
W N EPANCIS	I R THOMAS	

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

FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

Chairman: B. MARK

Vice Chairman: A. T. THOMAS Hon. Secretary: R. F. TROTT Club Captain: J. O'SHEA

Captain Athletic X V : J. E. DAVIES

A. D. S. Bowes	P. NYHAN	A. T. THOMAS
D. J. HAYWARD	G. L. PORTER	W. H. WILKINS
C. T. Howe	A. J. PRIDAY	LLOYD WILLIAMS
H. Johnson	K. A. ROWLANDS	T. L. WILLIAMS
W I LEWIS	L. M. SPENCE	

CRICKET COMMITTEE

Chairman: W. J. Evans

Hon. Secretary: B. KEMPSON

Asst. Hon. Secretary: R. H. WILLIAMS

Captain of Club : D. O. HERBERT

Captain 2nd XI: J. D. H. RICHES

Captain Reserve XI: P. SWEETNAM

Captain Sunday XI: R. H. WILLIAMS

J. Duncan	I. I. HERBERT	H. Shewring
G. Eccles	W. Lewis, J.P.	K. D. WILLIAMS
Dr. P. GATEHOUSE	N. G. Rees	J. D. H. RICHES

BOWLS COMMITTEE

Chairman: F. W. Somers Hon. Secretary: T. PHILLIPS Asst. Hon. Secretary: J. H. WEBB

Captain: G. ARTHUR

Vice-Captain: L. K. MORGAN Captain 'A' Team: H. C. MORGAN

A. BOUND

J. ELLIOTT

D. S. DAVIES

P. E. RIDD

R. GOODING

L. M. SPENCE

LAWN TENNIS COMMITTEE

Chairman: J. R. BROAD Hon. Secretary: W. P. LEWIS

Captain: P. COLLIER

Ladies' Captain: Mrs. J. H. COLLIER Hon. Match Secretary: E. HUDSON

D. COURT

Mrs. M. Blanchflower

G. CHUGG

Mrs. J. COLLIER

F. P. DAVIES

Miss J. PEXTON

C. WEST

Miss S. Betts

HOCKEY COMMITTEE

Chairman: J. P. ROBERTS Captain 1st XI: K. GODDARD Captain 2nd XI: J. J. DYER Captain 3rd XI: J. S. GLENNY Captain 4th XI: G. GLOVER Hon. Secretary: J. S. MARSHALL

Hon. Team Secretary: M. Cornish

Hon, Fixture Secretary: M. G. B. WARFIELD

J. R. Ellis

L. K. MORGAN

W. N. FRANCS

N. C. PALLOT

E. C. HALL

J. O. Roch

CLUB CAPTAINS



GWYN ARTHUR (Bowls)



D. O. HERBERT (Cricket)



JOHN O'SHEA (Rugby)



K. GODDARD (Hockey)



P. I. COLLIER (Lawn Tennis)

CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB

Chairman's Report for the Year ending 30th April, 1970

Dear Members,

I have requested for many years extra support during the hectic upheaval of the reconstruction of **your** Club. The following remarks are based on this years Balance Sheet, presented by Harvey Preen and Co. the Club Accountants.

Examination of the Income and Expenditure Account for the year shows that your continued support is still absolutely vital. The Accounts for the year ended 30th April, 1970, show that a deficit of £2,732 which, although £3,333 less than the previous year, means that deficiencies for the last three years total £11,226.

Income from football gates of £6,512 shows a continuing trend with a drop of £1,159. However, due to the price increase in season tickets, the income from this source shows an increase of £254 to £1,790. The profit on sale of programmes increased by £492 which was largely the result of the fixture against South Africa.

Net income from car park receipts remains constant, but I look forward to an increase in the current year with the opening of the new parking areas.

Members' subscriptions of £13,126 show an increase of £1,989. These, however, were received from a reduced number of Members. Every Member should make an effort to introduce new Members.

Bar takings at £38,775 are still below the figure for 1966. It is hoped that these will increase with the hoped for larger attendances at Rugby Matches when the re-development is completed.

Fruit Machine takings which reflect the use members make of the Club premises are £2,584, while the duty paid increased to £400. The net income is, therefore, £431 lower at £2,184.

As mentioned in my report last year, the Welsh Rugby Union took over financial responsibility for the main stadium on 1st September, 1969 so that the unkeep of the grounds shows a reduction.

Economies were made in the match expenses in line with the Committees' intention to reduce expenditure wherever possible.

Increases in the Bar wages, S.E.T., equipment renewals and expenses reflect the general increase in wage costs and the increase in the rates of S.E.T.

The income from the lotteries showed an increase of £579 and the '200' Club produced £1,091, both of which are earmarked for the future development of the Club. However, the '200' Club for the current year had failed to reach the necessary numbers and the income from this source will show a reduction.

General Secretary

Mr. David Grant left the service of the Club after formal notice on 19th December, 1969, in order to go into business on his own account.

He had served the Club extremely well for 11 years and was responsible for many improvements and innovations in the difficult task of carrying out the administration of the Club.

It was felt that his departure would be a great loss to the Club and his position would be difficult to fill.

His work on the Executive Committee of the Club in dealing with the change over and negotiations with the Welsh Rugby Union was of the highest order.

We wish him the very best of good fortune in his new venture.

After many interviews with applicants for the post of General Secretary, the Committee appointed Mr. Ken George.

Mr. George is known to many of the Club Members and Committee as a past Member. He has always had the highest regard for the Club and apart from being a keen golfer, was a rugby player of note.

He played for and captained the Llandaff Rugby Club with distinction and he is an all round sportsman.



He has joined the Club at the most difficult time in its history with the great change over of grounds, and the resultant disruption of its affairs, plus the fact that there was a time lag between take-over of 5 months, before Mr. George commenced his duties.

Nevertheless, we have every confidence in Mr. George both with his pleasant and efficient personality and his undoubted keenness and determination to make a success of his post in what he calls 'the greatest Club in the world'.

I am sure that all members and Committee will give him their fullest support in his future life with the Cardiff Athletic Club.

New Ground

We are now coming up to the Bell and with many problems to sort out the appropriate Sub-Committees will be very active in making final ground arrangements for a possible opening in 1970.

We are assured that most of the work will be completed by September this year with the exception of the roof covering of the Club's North Stand, which, owing to a delay in supplies, will not be completed until October/November. These delays may also create the problem of non-completion of the North touch-line in time for the beginning of the coming season.

Much work has been done in the preparation of the new ground and accommodation at the Cardiff Arms Park, and the Ground Administration Sub-Committee, with plenary powers, has been working hard on various details in order that they can complete our schemes before the start of the new season. There is still much discussion and much planning to be accomplished.

In the first place the position as far as the Architects and Contractors are concerned, is as follows:

South Stand—Erection would be completed by the end of August, 1970.

Exc	ception:	Completion:
(a)	Skittle Alley Bar	End of September, 1970
(b)	Side Sheets to Stand—West	Glass to be inserted into available frames by 31st August but completion will be by the end of October, 1970.
(c)	Side Sheets to Stand—East	None erected at present, completion by the end of October: 1970.
(d)	Numbering of Seats	Completed by the end of August, 1970 Awaiting requirements of Cardiff Athletic Club.
(e)	Dressing Rooms	End of September, 1970.
(<i>f</i>)	Toilets	End of August, 1970
(g)	Plant & Equipment Storeroom	No instructions to complete yet. Cardiff Athletic Club to negotiate with the Welsh Rugby Union—joint use.
(h)	Clubhouse Turnstiles	End of August, 1970 or before.
No	rth Stand	
(a)	Toilets	End of August, 1970
(b)	Seating and Standing Terraces	End of August, 1970.
(c)	Numbering of seats	Later end of August, 1970.
(<i>d</i>)	Roof Trusses	End of 2nd or 3rd week in August, 1970.

Exceptions

Last terrace block on east side will not be completed in order to allow Contractors to use equipment to lay roofing sheets.

Roofing Sheets

British Steel Corporation advised that sheets will be ready by the end of September, 1970 although erection will not be completed until at least the end of October, 1970 or early November, 1970.

Touchline

Will not be ready for re-turfing until drainage is completed in front of North Stand, Cardiff Athletic Club to re-turf approximately 3 yards from West to East in front of terraces as work proceeds. Not contemplated that full turfing will be completed before end of August 1970 at earliest.

Floodlighting

Anticipated end of September, 1970

At a meeting with the Welsh Rugby Union, certain points were discussed and briefly the position is as follows:

Gwyn Nicholls Gates

It has been agreed with the Welsh Rugby Union that the Gwyn Nicholls Gates can remain in their present position with a right of access to be incorporated into the main agreement for Club members, and the Welsh Rugby Union are prepared to pay 50% of the maintenance costs.

Use of Welsh Rugby Union Stand Entrance

The Welsh Rugby Union have intimated their agreement that we may use their turnstiles to gain access to the stand accommodation in our South Stand.

Use of Room for Stewards and Collection of Cash

The Welsh Rugby Union see no problem in allowing the Club the use of a room under their Stand for the use of Stewards and collection of cash from gate receipts.

Wales v Fiji and Cardiff v Wasps

Following a request by the Welsh Rugby Union to entertain Fiji at the Main Stadium on 21st November, 1970, the whole position has been discussed and it is intended to

Condition of the New Cardiff R.F.C. Football Ground

The Welsh Rugby Union have been acquainted with our anxieties as to the state of the new ground, and the following points have been aired:

- (a) The Cardiff North Stand will not be completed by September.
- (b) The turf in front of the North Stand will be in a very rough state for the commencement of the season.

The Welsh Rugby Union have indicated their desire for the fullest co-operation on both sides, and whilst they admit that the Main Stadium would not be available in September, they are open to the suggestion that possibly we may require use of the Main Stadium in mid-winter should Cardiff require a 'rescue act'.

It is felt that instead of spending a lot of time on telling you these things, at the next Annual General Meeting, it will help if you have these noted.

Car Parking

It is still too early to finalise the Planning of the future Car Park amenities of Members.

We have been in consultation with City Planning Authorities re access and exits and should be able to present a suitable plan about September/October, when the area looks less like a builders yard and is cleared up to enable the Club to provide all possible Car spaces.

We rely on Members helping the Club and themselves by co-operation now and when the area is completed.

The actual playing pitch is causing great concern to the Rugby Committee and remedial work has been carried out during the Summer months to offset the lack of seed germination caused by a shortage of top soil. No effort will be spared to make the ground fit for playing next season. Time will tell!

Committees

With President, N. V. H. Riches and the same Chairman of Standing Committees, *i.e.* Messrs. Thomas, Spence and Porter, with Gwynne Porter as my Vice-Chairman, the normal Committee Meetings are as well attended as ever for the normal day to day running of the Club. However, the large number of Sub-Committee Meetings that are required, in particular during the change over and negotiations with the Welsh Rugby Union, City Planners and Architects, have reached their peak during this last year and will continue for some time to some. I am extremely grateful for the support and attendance of Sub-Committee members during this difficult period.

I do feel, however, that as the Club goes into the 70's with the many problems facing a progressive organisation, a measure of streamlining in the administration of the Club will be necessary.

We regret very much the resignation of Mr. D. A. Brown from the Management Committee on which he imposed his personality and sincerity at all times. As well as being a great asset on the Rugby Committee with a record of many years of faithful, loyal and intelligent service, he has been greatly missed.

Office Staff

The Management Committee were very impressed with the manner in which Miss Anne Davies dealt with the difficult problem of carrying through the basic duties of administration, until the new General Secretary was appointed and was at all times patient and conscientious.

In full support were Susan Allen and Angela Donovan who work hard in the Club's interest month by month and are always proving their extreme loyalty and efficiency.

In addition to his duties as Lottery organiser, Mr. Grubenman also gave assistance in various directions in the Club's administration until the New General Secretary was appointed. Far more support is needed from Members to make these efforts the success we require.

Ground Staff

The problem here is to obtain experienced groundsmen to cover the now large ground areas with the resultant difficulties of preparing the new Rugby ground and maintaining the high standard required in the Bowls, Cricket and Tennis areas.

Mr. Les Gerry, the Head Groundsman has worked very hard to cope with this difficult problem, at the same time being responsible for the maintenance of the Main Stadium.

House Staff

The Club is very fortunate to have in the main the same staff serving members with the usual cheerful service, frequently under heavy pressure on big match days, also the many occasions when excellent catering is in full demand. I wonder how many members realise that the inimitable Stewardess, Babs Filer is approaching, in the near future, her Fortieth Anniversary of loyal service to the Club. Need I sayany more. I leave that to the Members she has served so well.

Skittle Alley

The Skittle Alley should be completed during the first part of October, and the actual date will be notified to Sections as soon as it is known.

This will permit a renewal of amenities both to members and their friends, and restore lost revenue to the Club.

Sophia Gardens

Sophia Gardens is developing now into a first class ground for cricket, hockey and rugby. The Glamorgan County Cricket Club played the vital match to win the County Championship on this ground in September last, bringing success to the County for the first time since 1948.

The Cricket and Hockey pitches are in good condition and the rugby pitch was played on for the first time last year. The Athletic and Juniors Rugby Games will be played on the ground this year to enable the new Cardiff Rugby ground to be reserved for 1st Team matches only.

Male Voice Choir

Chairman: Stan Thomas

Hon. Secretary: Ieuan Price

Hon. Treasurer: Bryn Tallis

Hon. Conductor: John Davies

Accompanist: Justin Beynon

Committee:

L. BloodworthD. CoxW. DunscombeJ. ElsenW. CarterJ. Howells

The Club Choir has now been in existence for four years and has consolidated itself through gradual improvement in all departments. An increased number of official engagements and social functions were promoted of varying nature which required a judicious choice of material. To this end the Choir has extended its repertoire and can now render at short notice a suitable programme of items for any occasion.

Looking back over the recent year's activities perhaps the most rewarding ventures were the extra-mural concerts staged at the Welfare Departments and at the 'Over 60's Club' at Cathays. Internally, the Choir can feel justly proud of its rendering at the combined rugby film show plus choir performance, whereat the Treharris Choir were also in good voice.

The quarterly social evenings organised by the Club Choir have come to be regarded by many as the 'highlights' in the Club's entertainment calendar. Membership, unfortunately,

Entertainments Committee

Following suggestions from Members, an Entertainments Committee was formed from representatives of each Section, not necessarily members of Standing Committees. With Mr. G. B. Jones as Chairman and Miss Jennifer Howells as Hon. Secretary, the purpose is to promote entertainments within the Club to ensure enjoyment for members and provide profit for the Club as a whole.

This Committee has got off' to a good start and is proving an excellent move towards the combination of all Sections in a convivial atmosphere. There is an excellent programme ahead for the Winter months as you will see from the circular enclosed with this Report. The Members of this Committee are to be congratulated on their Club Spirit and enthusiasm.

Golfing Society

The Society, now in it's sixth year, has had a successful year under the Captaincy of Bill Upward. The fixture list has remained unaltered with meetings at the Royal Porthcawl, Cardiff and Radyr Golf Clubs with an additional meeting for the Founders Foursome at the Newport Golf Club. The Annual final, as always was a great success.

An invitation this year was for Members to invite guests to the meetings and the society looks forward to bigger attenances with members and guests and welcomes new members.

Chris Ashe, one of the founder members resigned this year as Hon. Treasurer and Austin C. Thomas has taken over and Alun Priday elected as Vice Captain.

Obituaries

The Club and Management Committee lost two great stalwarts in Mr. Bill Lewis and Mr. Jack Desmond.

Mr. Bill Lewis, a Committee-man of the Cardiff R.F.C., had been unswerving in his work and loyalty to the Youth Section of the Cardiff R.F.C and his general work on Committee left nothing to be desired as a faithful Clubman. It was a great loss to all who knew him on the Management Committee.

Mr. Jack Desmond, another hard working representative of the Bowls Section to the Management Committee, always made his presence felt at Management Committee meetings in the interests of the Club as a whole. He was gifted with a great amount of common sense and was never backward in using it in the Club matters.

These men are hard to replace, because of their friendship and devotion.

During the year a number of members have passed away, notably, Archie Skym, Bill Stickler, John Llewellyn, Billie Williams, John Morgan (Sully), Harry Spice, Alan Reardon-Smith, W. J. Eveleigh.

If all members had rejoined, plus the hope that S.E.T. would be abolished, the Club would have had an additional £4,000 in the kitty and thereby showed a profit of £1,300. Just a thought!

HUBERT JOHNSON

We Wanted to

tell you about our huge range of drinks like Bass, Worthington, Carling, Welsh Brewers Pale, H.B., M & B, Piper Scotch Ale, Canada Dry, Bacardi, Vat 69, Gancia, Hirondelle, Bertola, Emva Cream, etc., etc. But we ran out of space



Welsh Brewers

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

969 £		EXPENDITURE \mathfrak{L}	£
12,770	To	Salaries, Wages and S.E.T	12.861
3,825	,,	Upkeep of Grounds and Clubhouse	2,976
3,445	,,	Football—Away Match Expenses	2,927
2,268	,,	Football—Home Match Expenses	1,693
549	,,	Football Players' Out of Pocket Expenses	555
473	,,	Football—Junior XV Expenses	484
1,239	"	Stationery, Telephones and Postages	1,322
275	Cos	t of Annual Report and Postages 250)
63		Less Advertising in Annual Report 65	
212			- 18
212 667		Advertising, Season Tickets, etc	670
525	"	Advertising, Season Tickets, etc Share of Gates	350
959	,,	Gatemen, Police and Firemen	648
778	"	Rent and Rates	1,110
	"		7,77
1,080	,,	Rent and Rates—Sophia Gardens 1,145	2
256		Less Part 1967/68 Accrual	
			- 1,14
824		TITLE TILL STEEL	0.04
2,601	,,	Water, Light and Heat	3,01
507	,,	Sundry items	74
443	,,	Laundry	1 54
1,545 216	,,	Classica Materials and Window Classica	1,54 28
584	"	Dinner, Dance, Ladies' Night, Photographs and Awards	40
807	"	Football Equipment	87
45	"	Loudspeaker Rental	
105	,,	Audit For	10
1,081	,,	Insurances	75
200	,,		20
262	,,	Medical Expenses	32
110	,,	Donations	1
1,236	"	Plant Repairs, Petrol and Oil	70 41
548 312	,,	D	26
512	,,	Depreciation—Motor Roller, Mowers etc	20
385	,,	Fruit Machine	
100	2.0	Less Allowance	
205			
285			_
39,421			£36,88
09,421		Bar Purchases	200,00
1.825		Opening Stock 1,65	69
26,186		Purchases 28,43	
28,011		30,09	
1,659		Less Closing Stock 2,36	
26 250			- 27,78
26,352		Bar Purchases—Sophia Gardens	2.25
1,681 5,055	,,	Bar Purchases—Sophia Gardens	507
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for the Year ended 30th April, 1970

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7,671 1,536	by	Season Tickets							1,790
9 207									8,302
200	,,	Snelling 'Seven-a-Side' Tour	namer	t	***				350
713		Profit on Sale of Programme	es					1,205	
50	,,	Less Donation to Cardiff	& Dist	rict R	ugby U	nion		50	1,155
663									***
350	,,	Share of Gates		•••			•••		200
10,420									10,007
11,137	,,	Members' Subscriptions							13,126
870	,,	Ground Earnings		•••	•••				720
2.035		Car Park Recepts						1,587	
993	,,	Less Attendants' Wages a	and S.	E.T.				543	
		List Hittendams Wages	and Di						1,04
1,042		B.B.C. and Harlash Food							275
786	27	B.B.C. and Harlech Fees	• • •				•••		41.
21 15	"	Competition Fees Catering Concession		***	***	•••			2
13	"	Investment Income	***	•••					
		Dividends: Arms Park (Car	diff)						
88		Greyhound Racing Co. (1		td.				59	
84		Preferred Income Unit Ti						84	
		Interest:							
28		Glamorgan County Counc	cil		***			-	
79		Barry Corporation	***			***		67	
345		Cardiff Corporation	***			2.2.4		150	
-		Swansea Corporation				***		133	
-		Caerphilly U.D.C.	10.00		***	***	• • • •	248	
27		3% Savings Bonds					***	26	
302		S. Wales (East) & Mon. 7		Savu	igs Ban	IK.		319	
420		Lloyds Bank Limited				•••	•••	356	
427		Income Tax Refund			•••	•••	•••	456	1,89
1,800									1,00
26.001									27,09
26,091		Des Taldasa							38,77
36,833	,,	Bar Takings							3,11
2,445	,,	Bar Takings—Sophia Garde	ens	***			***		7,08
7,171	,,	Catering Takings	•••		•••		***		7,00
2,765	,,	Fruit Machine Takings						2,584	
150		Less Licence Duty			•••			400	2,18
2.615								or L	2,18
66	,,	Hire of Rooms							16
23	"	Profit on Sale of Club Ties							4
20	2.7	Excess of Expenditure over							2,73

£81,309 £81,196

BALANCE SHEET

69 £	LIABILITIES £	
899	Football Insurance Fund Creditors	1
3.051	Subscriptions Prepaid 2,56	
857	Accrued Expenses 7,68	
15	Development Fund 9	01
,555	'200' Club—Subscriptions prepaid —	_ 10
	Lloyds Bank Limited	
395	Welsh Rugby Union Debenture Scheme Account	
3,553 2,871	Development Fund Balance as at 1st May, 1969 21,42 Add Income for year ended 30th April, 1970 3,45	0
,424	Less Capital expenditure New Mower 24,87	
,424	Club Rugby Ground Development Fund	
	Balance as at 1st May ,1969 1,54 Profit on '200' Club—year ended 30th April, 1970 109	
3,824 5,065 7,759	Income and Expenditure Account Balance as at 1st May, 1969	59

TO THE MEMBERS OF CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB

We, the undersigned, having had access to all the Books, and Accounts, Funds and Effects of the Cardiff Athletic Club and examined the foregoing Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account, and verified same with the Accounts and Vouchers relating thereto, hereby sign the same as being correct, duly vouched and in accordance with the Club Rules.

RICHARD DAVIES & CO.

Chartered Accountants

CARDIFF 20th August, 1970

£57,501

£63,593

as at 30th April, 1970

			SSETS					£	£
000	Clubhouse at written do	wn va	lue					20	15,00
378	Head Groundsman's Fla	t—Soj	ohia Ga	rdens					4,37
41	Clubhouse Furniture,	Fitting	s & Eau	inmen	t			1,027	
4			100					102	
-	zoo zopreciation		-11111	***		•••	•••		92
27	Davilian Canhin Can	domo	Francis		41				
8	Pavilion—Sophia Gar Equipment	aens-			tings a			1 100	
0	Additions during yea	r.				•••	•••	1,186	
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8								1,186	
2	Less Depreciation							119	
-									1,06
36	D I. D W.								
25	Bowls Pavilion	•••	•••	***		•••	•••		2
-	Motor Poller Mouses	4.						1 0 1 0	
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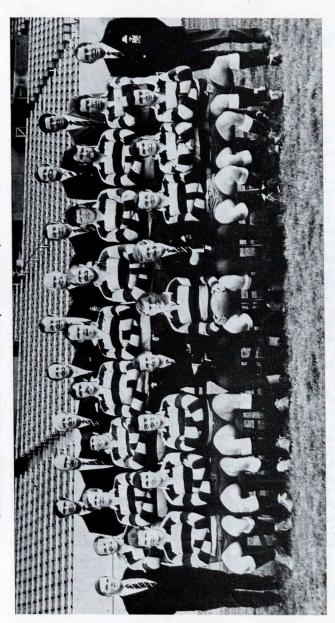
CARDIFF RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Report for Season 1969-70

Cardiff 1st XV.

When one reviews the season the actual playing results proved to be far better than might have been anticipated at one stage in the Autumn. During these opening months the form was variable and the problems of the selectors were aggravated by the fact that, for various reasons, either of injury or unavailability, they were unable to select a regular pair of half-backs. In fact, in the opening twenty matches before the South African match, no fewer than four insidehalves and seven outside-halves were tried in various permutations. Those constantly changing make-shift arrangements in key positions were aggravated by the departure of Maurice Richards to the Rugby League and the loss of such a brilliant wing was a big blow to the Club. We wished him success in the professional ranks, though naturally we were loath to see him go. Gerald Davies returned back to Cambridge University and both Barry John and Gareth Edwards received injuries which set them back just as they were about to return to the fold. Thus the services of four outstanding players were lost to the Club.

In the first month there was also the embarrassing situation of the Captain of the Club being sent off the field at Coventry. This was a shattering blow and John O'Shea was most profuse in his apologies to the Committee over this episode. He was suspended for three weeks by the Welsh Rugby Union. It is perhaps pertinent to add that discipline on the field by all players is a matter for the Cardiff Rugby Committee and the players were reminded of the fact that the Selection Committee had the right to suspend players if necessary and does exercise this right if players do not measure up to the standards of conduct on the field expected of them. This is an importat principle, for the Club Committee must take firm action when appropriate and it's as well that players and Club-Members are aware of that fact.



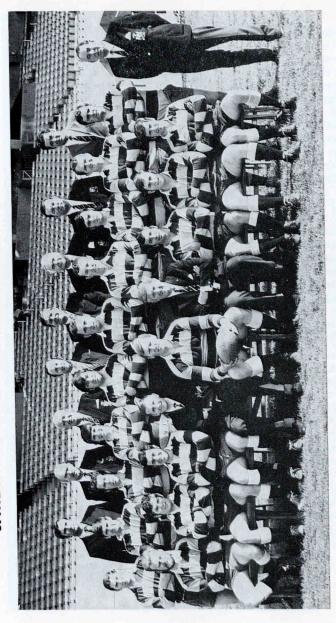
M. Braithwaite, J. Hickey, R. Beard, J. Uzzel

(Captain), W. H. WILKINS (Hon. Secretary), P. L. Jones, P. O'SHEA

Thus, after an unsettled opening spell, the team appeared to be settling down, particularly after an honourable draw against Llanelli at Stradey Park. However, it was shortly after this that Barry John received a shoulder injury which deprived him of the chance to play against South Africa on December 13th. On that day the Cardiff team fell well below expectations and was soundly defeated 17-3 by a far superior side. It was a pathetic performance against a touring team and it was not so much the defeat itself, but rather the abject manner of it that made it difficult to bear. The demonstrations which followed the Springboks throughout their tour were again much in evidence and the Police were to be congratulated on their organisation. Similarly, Mr. Frank Trott and the Committee worked tremendously hard to ensure that the administrative arrangements were excellent. The problems of apartheid have been discussed in many spheres but the attitude of those who were in favour of playing South Africa can perhaps be best summed up in the words of that eminent statesman President John Kennedy. At the Dinner given in the evening I quoted the words of the President who in his diplomacy of recognising that we all have faults, once said, "There are many things which divide many nations; let us therefore cherish those things which unite us".

The reaction of this defeat was to stiffen the sinews; because from that day until the end of the Season only three further defeats were incurred. The first, surprisingly, was 14-9 at Aberavon after we lost Ian Robinson for most of the second half; the second gloriously, was the 30-28 defeat by the Barbarians; and the third, disappointingly, was 11-3 to Bridgend who went on to win the unofficial championship. We could not complain as Bridgend had beaten us both home and away and had played attractive footballl throughout the season. Well done Bridgend. We finished as runners-up for the second successive season so the record is far more satisfying than perhaps many realise.

What is true is that for home matches, particularly in the first half of the season, the spectators did not see the quality of football which they would like to have seen from a Cardiff side. Nevertheless there was a decided improvement in the



L. Lewis, B. Mark (Chairman), J. E. Davies (Captain), W. H. Wilkins (Hon. Secretary), A. Hardwick WILLIAMS, J. UZZELL, J. H. JAMES, W. ATWELL, M. TRURAN, P. HARDING, N. COLLINS,

second half of the season which augurs well for next year. Thus who could ask for better entertainment than that enthralling match against the Barbarians, which was probably one of the finest ever played in the long list of encounters between the two Clubs. A fine display against the Harlequins on Easter Monday made it a happy Easter and indeed that was the first occasion that Gareth Edwards and Barry John were able to play together for the Club at the Cardiff Arms Park this season. Let us hope that with a summer free from touring commitments the supporters will see more of both these fine players during next season.

Apart from the blemish against Bridgend the team then went on to score a convincing win at Ebbw Vale and a most attractive one over Bristol in the last home game. There were two main tours throughout the season and the first saw a welcome re-appearance of Bective Rangers on the fixture list. It was in Dublin that Howard Norris achieved the notable milestone of playing in his four hundreth game for the Club. The Devon Tour completed the season with a hat trick of victories. There remained only the Snelling Sevens in which we fielded a weak side which was soon eliminated, to be followed a week later by the Welsh National Sevens. With a more representative side we restored our lost prestige by a comfortable series of victories culminating in the defeat of Newbridge 14-10 in the Final. Tony Williams made an enormous difference to the team and quite rightly won the 'Man of the Tournament' Award for the second year in succession. His service to the Club has been outstanding and quite a number of other leading players could well take a leaf out of his book to prove that their loyalty to the Club is as staunch as his.

Thus the season ended on a high note and we finished second in the unofficial championship for the third time in the last five years, thus proving to be one of the most consistent teams in Wales. The final playing record was:

				Po	ints
P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Against
43	32	8	3	672	379



No fewer than 59 players were called upon and the top try scorers were P. Lyn Jones (15) Alex Finlayson (15) Mervyn John (12) Stuart Watkins and Tony Williams (10).

Kicking: Dennis Gethin with goals and two tries scored 130 points in 20 matches.

Most Appearances: John Hickey (35); P. Lyn Jones (33); Mervyn John (32); Alex Finlayson (32); Lyn Baxter (30); Ian Robinson (29); John P. O'Shea, Howard Norris and Tony Williams, 25 each. P. Lyn Jones is the only 1st XV New Cap.

Cardiff Athletic XV

Under the captaincy of the hard working John Davies, the Athletic XV lost six matches which reflects a fair success considering the numerous changes that had to be made to the team and the fact that no fewer than 73 players in all were used. One of the pleasing features has been the increasing use being made of Youth players to fill the gaps and this should augur well for the future success of the Club.

Record:

				I	Points
P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Against
32	26	6	0	656	243

Leading Try Scorers:

Gabe Servini (13); Terry Stephenson (12); Brian Coles (11).

The Skipper made the most Athletic XV appearances with 22 Games and there were five New Caps, namely Paul Barry John James, Lindsay Lewis, Wyn Llewellyn and Gabe Servini.

Youth XV

Captain: Steve Solman.

Record:

				P	oints
P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Against
31	21	8	2	513	186

The Junior XV, under the guidance of Secretary Alan Priday continues to grow in strength and stature with the development of the Squad system and organised coaching, which was once again centred at Whitchurch Secondary Modern School.

The fruits of organised coaching have been quick to show and besides scoring over 500 points, individual members of the squad stepped up to play with distinction in higher company. No less than 13 represented Cardiff and District Youth during the season whilst Dave Morris, Steve McCann, Roger Harris, Paul Jones and David Burke appeared in the Final Youth Trial.

Roger Harris became the first youth player to be called from the squad into the First XV, for whom he appeared on three occasions. Steve McCann, Dave Morris, Roger Goodfellow, Paul Jones, Leighton Drummond and David Burke all saw service with the Athletic XV.

Leading points scorers were Keith Mead 76 pts., Henry Davies 60 and Peter Boland 50 pts, whilst the race amongst the top try scorers continued throughout the season ending with Chris Bradshaw 18 tries, Dave Morris 17 tries and Roger Goodfellow 16 tries. Special mention must also be made of Paul Kerrigan who in his very first Season topped the appearances with 29.

Player of the Year Award: Roger Harris.

Colours were awarded to:

Peter Boland, Dave Morris, Peter Harry, David Francis Leighton Drummond, Bob Lynch, Andy Woodward, Gordon Derrick, Peter Hosgood, Bobby Diamond and Paul Kerrigan.

Colours take the form of a tie which had been struck this Season, and is available to those players who have played 20 games for the Junior XV.

General.

The saddest aspect of the season was the death of Committee Member Mr. Bill Lewis who died in March after a long illness. To his wife and family we offered our condolences and the character of Bill came to the fore in the manner in which he bore his illness so courageously. He had been a staunch member of the Youth Committee and the Club will be the poorer without him.

The Club's thanks are due to many workers and in these days of change the Rugby Committee Members have had a most difficult year with the work entailed with the New Ground. Thus, I should like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the support they have given me during my year of office. The developments taking place have been complicated by the fact that the General Secretary, Mr. David Grant, resigned from his post in December. He was deeply involved in the plans for the New Ground and the Rugby Committee recognised his eleven years of service by presenting him with a superb silver salver inscribed with the signatures of all the Committeemen. Mr. Frank Trott was to have taken over the position of General Secretary and was duly congratulated on his outstanding work done for the Rugby Club as Honorary Secretary for fourteen years. However, he was dogged by ill-health and finally was unable to accept the post. The Rugby Committee was fortunate in having a man of the calibre of Mr. Haydn Wilkins to take up the reins of the arduous office of Hon. Secretary and I should like to place on record my thanks to him for his help during the last four months of the season.

Prior to this, we had lost the services of our coach Roy Bish, who went to Oxford University, and his mantle was taken over by Keith Rowlands together with Dai Hayward, who coached the 'Rags'.

Numerous injuries to leading players made for a lack of consistency which did not help them and they were further hampered by a lack of adequate training facilities because there were no floodlights.

In the latter stages of the season we also lost the services of the Captain, John O'Shea, who gained a business promotion to Cornwall and this completed a unique quartet of changes in the Club's organisation within a few months. Congratulations to John and we wish him well in Cornwall; also our thanks go to his wife Judy, who helped to make such a success of both the Ladies Night and the first-ever Christmas party for the children of the Players and the Committee.

The Selection Committee of Messrs. Gwynne Porter, Lynn Williams, Colin Howe and Peter Nyhan worked tremendously hard in the task which requires the wisdom of a Solomon and is recognised to be the most arduous Sub-Committee of all. Les Spence represented us on the Welsh Rugby Union; Vice-Chairman 'Akka' Thomas looked after our interests on Management; Hubert Johnson was the link man in negotiations with the Welsh Rugby Union and other bodies concerned with the development of the New Ground; Alan Priday and Keith Rowlands were the lynch-pins of the most important Youth Committee; Social Secretary Lloyd Williams, Dai Hayward as Programme Editor, Peter Goodfellow and Stan Bowes have all taken an active part on different Sub-Committees in various ways. To them all I say "Thank-you".

Besides the Rugby Committee, the Club cannot function properly without the help and co-operation of the following:

Miss Anne Davies and the hard-working but cheerful Office Staff.

The evergreen Miss Babs Filer and the bar Staff.

The Club Doctors and Masseurs and Hon. Surgeon.

Mr. Les Gerry and the Ground Staff.

Mr. Danny Davies for his painstaking care in recording the statistics.

The Conductor and Members of the St. Alban's Band.

My sincere thanks to you all. We look forward confidently to a year full of change and let us hope that we celebrate our transfer to a New Ground with a triumphant playing season ahead.

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RECORD OF RESULTS—SEASON 1969-70 GARDIFF FIRST FIFTEEN

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Cardiff First Fifteen-continued

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Record for Season: Played 43, Won 32, Lost 8, Drawn 3.

Captain: JOHN P. O'SHEA

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25.4.70

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30.8.69	British Police .		In aid of Police Dependants Fund
1.9.69	Glamorgan Wands		Glamorgan Wanderers 75th Anniversary
15.4.70	Chepstow		Chepstow's Centenary Match

CARDIFF ATHLETIC FIFTEEN

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,, 25	Treorchy	A	Won		1		1		6			1			3
,, 27	Taibach	A	Won		3		2		15		1		1		- 6
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,, 4		Н	Won	3	1		1		21		4				12
,, 11	Harlequin Wands	A	Won	4	2				26	1	2		2		17
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Cardiff Athletic Fifteen-continued

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,, 24	Orrell		A	Won	1	2				11		2		1		9
,, 25	Davenport		A	Lost		1				3				2		6
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* Includes one penalty try

Record for Season: Played 32, Won 26, Lost 6, Drawn 0.

Capiain: JOHN DAVIES

Rugby - First XV CAPTAINS AND VICE-CAPTAINS

		7							
		Captain		Vice-Captain			Captain		Vice-Captain
1876-7	:	T. S. Donaldson Selby	:	W. D. PHILLIPS	1923-24	:	IDRIS RICHARDS		T. A. JOHNSON
1877-8	:	E. C. Fry	:	W. D. PHILLIPS	1924-25	:	T. A. JOHNSON .		. D. E. DAVIES
1878-9	:	R. H. FoA	:	W. D. PHILLIPS	1925-26	:	D. E. DAVIES		. W. I. DELAHAY
1879-80	:	W. D. PHILLIPS	:	B. E. GIRLING	1926-27	:	W. J. DELAHAY		. D. E. DAVIES
1880-1	:	W. D. PHILLIPS	:	B. R. MANN	1927-28	:	B. R. TURNBULL		. B. O. MAI.E
1881-2	:	B. E. GIRLING	:	W. D. PHILLIPS	1928-29	:	B. O. MALE		. K. P. TURNBULL
1882-3	:	W. D. PHILLIPS	:	W. H. Treatt	1929-30	:	S. C. CRAVOS		. H. Poole
1883-4		H. J. SIMPSON	:	W. D. Phillips	1930-31	:	B. R. TURNBULL .		S. C. CRAVOS
1884-5	:	H. J. SIMPSON	:	W. D. PHILLIPS	1931-32	:	HOWARD POOLE		. H. M. Bowcott
1885-6	:	F. E. HANCOCK	:	A. F. HILL	1932-33	:	TOM LEWIS		. B. R. TURNBULL
1886.7	:	W. M. Douglas	:	A. J. Hybart	1933-34	:	GRAHAM JONES .		. R. GABE-JONES
1887-8	:	C. A. YOUNG	:	A. F. HILL	1933-34	:	GRAHAM JONES .	:	. R. GABE-JONES
1888-9	:	A. F. HILL	:	C. S. ARTHUR		:	R. GABE-JONES .		
1889-90	:	C. S. ARTHUR	:	S. H. NICHOLAS	1934-35	:	А. Sкум		. T. STONE
1890-1	:	W. E. O. WILLIAMS	:	D. W. EVANS	1935-36	:	T. STONE		. L. M. SPENCE
1891-2	:	D. W. EVANS	:	F. N. Jones	1936-37	:	L. M. SPENCE		. T. STONE
1892-3	:	T. W. PEARSON	:	A. Lewis	1937-38	:	A. H. JONES		. H. REES
1893-4	:	N. Biggs	:	R. B. Sweet-Escott	1938-39	:	W. WOOLER		. W. E. N. DAVIS
1894-5	:	A. F. Hill	:	R. B. Sweet-Escott	1939-45	:	World War 2		
9-2681	:	R. B. Sweet-Escott	:	F. Mills	1945-46	:	JACK MATTHEWS .		G. BALE
1896-7	:	J. E. ELLIOT	:	S. Biggs	1946-47	:	JACK MATTHEWS .	:	. LES. MANFIELD
1897-8	:	S. Bices	:	E. GWYN NICHOLLS	1947-48	:	HAYDN TANNER		BLEDDYN WILLIAM
1898-9	:	E. GWYN NICHOLLS	:	T. Dobson	1948-49	:	HAYDN TANNER.		BLEDDYN WILLIAM
1899-1900	0	E. GWYN NICHOLLS	:	H. V. P. HUSSEY	1949-50	:	BLEDDYN WILLIAMS		. FRANK TROTT
1900-1	:	E. GWYN NICHOLLS	:	J. Blake	1950-51	;	M. E. TAMPLIN .		. BLEDDYN WILLIAM
1901-2		H. B. WINFIELD	:	D. L. Bowen	1951-52	:	Dr. Jack Matthews	· s	. REX WILLIS
1902-3		H. B. WINFIELD	:	C. Stranaghan	1952-53	:	W. REX WILLIS .		. Srb. Judo
1903-4	:	E. GWYN NICHOLLS	:	C. F. Brocs	1953-54	:	BLEDDYN WILLIAMS		. Sip. Jund
1904-5	:	C. F. Biggs	:	W. Neill	1954-55	:	Srp. Jupp	:	. REX WILLIS
1905-6	:	PERCY F. BUSH	:	GEO. NORTHMORE	1955-56	:	M. COLLINS		G. ROWLANDS
1906-7	:	PERCY F. BUSH	:	GEO. NORTHMORE	1956-57	:	P. T. GOODFELLOW		. G. GRIFFITHS
1907-98	:	KHYS T. GABE	:	J. Brown	1957-58	:	Е. Тномая		. CLIFF MORGAN
1908-9	:	PERCY F. BUSH	:	F. SMITH	1958-59	:	C. D. WILLIAMS	:	. LLOYD WILLIAMS
1909-10	:	J. L. WILLIAMS	:	F. SMITH	1959-60	:	GORDON WELLS .	:	I. D. EVANS
1910-11	:	R. A. GIBBS	:	J. Pugsley	1960-61	:	LLOYD WILLIAMS .		
1911-12	:	L. M. DYKE	:	J. A. Powell	1961-62	:	LLOYD WILLIAMS .		. K. D. Jones
1912-13	:	W. SPILLER	:	W. J. JENKINS	1962-63	:	D. J. HAYWARD .		. C. H. NORRIS
1913-14	:	W. J. JENKINS	:	R. F. WILLIAMS	1963-64	:	D. J. HAYWARD	:	. C. H. NORRIS
1914-19	:	European War			1964-65	:	MEIRION ROBERTS.		. C. H. NORRIS
1919-20	:	F. GACCON-	:	W. J. JENKINS	1965-66	:	K. ROWLANDS		S. HUGHES
		W. J. POWELL		•	1966-67	:	K. ROWLANDS		. W. HULLIN
1920-21	:	CLEM LEWIS	:	R. A. CORNISH	196: -68	:	C. H. NORRIS		. T. G. R. DAVIES
1921-22	:	R. ARTHUR CORNISH	:	I. RICHARDS	1968-69	:	C. H. NORRIS		A. D. WILLIAMS
1922-23	:	Dr. T. WALLACE	:	I. RICHARDS	1969-70	:	J. O'SHEA	:	J. HICKEY

CARDIFF CRICKET CLUB

Season 1969

Hon. Secretary's Report

The exceptionally fine Summer resulted in an unusually heavy and demanding programme with mid-week fixtures, particularly, stretching our resources to the limit both on and off the field. In view of this strain, your Committee has decided that the mid-week list will be curtailed and that, in any event, not more than one match will be played in any given week, with a probable maximum of six altogether. In my view, this is a regrettable decision but one forced upon us by the depressing reality that even a Club of our standing is unable, by reason of the modern-day demands on everybody's time, to field a consistently representative mid-week First XI. Which brings us to related problems: recruitment of new players and the very future of the game itself.

Whilst our recruitment was about average, we were not really successful in replacing those players lost in the previous season and, in particular, and as the Club Captain will report, no reliable replacements were found to provide a quick opening attack. Had it not been for the recruitment of George Shaw and Alan Priday's rejuvenation one wonders how a wicket might ever have been taken. Apart from George no newcomer established a place in the First XI and, with the notable exception of Paul Griffiths, nobody arrived in the 2nd XI. Whilst this state of affairs allowed for a fairly static selection policy and an opportunity for players to establish themselves in their respective XI's it does not auger very encouragingly for the future. On a more heartening note, recruitment at Reserve XI level was distinctly notable and I shall leave the Reserve XI Captain to deal with this aspect in his report. He will no doubt comment on the help which the members of the Youth Squad provided and I can point to a no more encouraging aspect of the whole season's work than the success of this venture. The Club is deeply indebted to Ken Williams for his devoted work in this most important of our activities.

Your Committee has spent a considerable amount of time during the past year in discussing two proposals, emanating from Bristol and Cheltenham, inviting this Club to take part in League Cricket. It may be that some form of competitive cricket may appeal to many of you, as, indeed, it does to many of the Committee. But it is not the pro's and con's of competitive cricket that we have to be concerned with so much as the resultant fixture list which we would be provided with if we were to commit ourselves. John Riches and I attended a meeting in Bristol where we heard the views of all the major Clubs in the area. Our Report back to Committee was fully examined and the proposals were lengthily debated. At this stage we decided to indicate our willingness to join, provided a sufficient number of Clubs of reasonably high standard also joined. The proposals fell through because this very

requirement was not met. The Cheltenham proposal came later and was of a similar nature and again we indicated our interest. Again, the Committee, after a full meeting, decided against, but on this occasion a further consideration, that of distances involved, was taken into account. This does not mean to say that we have turned our backs on competitive cricket—on the contrary, your new Committee will be examining proposals to introduce a form of competition into the exciting fixture list. In any event, we shall be watching with interest the progress and success, if any, of the new Severn Counties League and, of course, realise that the decision made this year may well be rescinded in the future in the light of our experience.

It is appropriate, at this moment, to turn to the Fixture List arranged for 1970. Absentees from our existing list are Cowbridge, Panteg and Brislington. Cowbridge's attitude to the competitive atmosphere of the South Wales Alliance will be watched with very great interest. The fixtures with Panteg in 1969 were arranged fortuitously and it was found impossible to accommodate them this year. Brislington, too, could not be included, but this was not a matter of deliberate policy. Newcomers to the list are Chippenham, Lansdown, Bristol University, Keynsham and Westbury. All these Clubs are of the highest calibre, play on excellent grounds and should prove worthy opponents. You will notice that only one fixture is played against each, the idea being that venues will be reversed every year. This will provide variety in the list and allow for a certain amount of elasticity in fixture-making generally. One of the most significant principles of the arrangement is that the 2nd XI almost invariably play the 2nd XI's of the Clubs on the list. This should provide better wickets, better facilities and, we hope, better cricket. It is sad, perhaps, to see the departure, after many years, of Crickhowell from the list. However, this has become an increasingly disappointing fixture in recent years. Perhaps even more significant is the change in the pattern of the Reserve XI Fixture List. Half the fixture list is now to be played at home—an arrangement hitherto impossible. No longer then are the Reserve XI to be our poor relations and no longer will their subscriptions entitle them to less than any other member. This is made possible, of course, by the use of the auxilliary playing area at Sophia Gardens. This is by no means in an ideal condition and one is apprehensive about the sacrilege at present being committed upon it by the Rugby Section. It is, however, encouraging to report that the Rugby Section, following a recommendation by the Ground Committee, have decided that football will not be played at Sophia Gardens after March 31st. It is, therefore, all the more imperative that your Committee, and the Ground Committee, continue to exercise the maximum amount of scrutiny and control in the proper preparation of this area.

Which brings us, of course, to the ground generally. I will not usurp the prerogative of the Club Captain in commenting in detail upon the wicket except to say that, so far as I was concerned as Hon. Secretary, my relationship with the Head Groundsman and Groundstaff was always harmonious. Until the latter part of a particularly dry Summer the net wickets were generally of a good standard, even if they were largely unused.

Apart from the mid-week fixtures, which posed particular difficulties, the season ran reasonably smoothly. I am grateful to a zealous quartet of captains who attended to their off-the-field duties conscientiously. Members were not all as conscientious in attending to their duty of signing up and this gave rise to some confusion and misunderstanding. The running of the Bar gave us a most vexatious year. We not only had to contend with a contrary cash register but also with a decided reluctance by the majority of members to do their fair quota behind the bar. Our independence here at Sophia Gardens is surely one of the great advantages to have been gained by our move from Cardiff Arms Park and to sacrifice this for the sake of a little more effort on the part of every member is, to my mind, irresponsible and indefensible. Your new Committee will investigate, at an appropriate time, what methods may be introduced to ensure a more equable distribution of the work which has to be done. As a result of this failure, the social activity here at the Clubhouse was very modest in comparison with previous seasons. The almost indecent haste in which members left here after matches often left our visitors to fend for themselves. As a consequence, we are rapidly making a reputation for ourselves of being one of the most unsociable teams in cricket. On the other hand, our extra-mural social occasions were again very successful, with the Cocktail Party and Annual Dinner being again the highlights.

The Ladies Committee once more attended to their duties to our delight and pride and any difficulties which they may have experienced this season should be eliminated by the pruning of the mid-week fixture list. The Playing of more dual fixtures at Sophia Gardens will mean extra work and it is to be hoped that the wives or girl friends of members of the Reserve XI will be recruited in good numbers and help to maintain the very high standards which have been established.

At this stage of my report, I come to the pleasant duty of thanking all those who have contributed to the success of a very happy season for me. I have already mentioned our incomparable Ladies and our enthusiastic Captains and I will leave the latter to thank the players.

On the administrative side I am grateful to Hugh Williams and Alun Jones, in their capacities as Assistant Hon. Secretary and Treasurer respectively, for relieving me of many necessary, but perhaps irksome duties. I am indebted to David Grant, Miss Davies and Miss Allen at the Cardifff Athletic Club office for their ready co-operation and help to the Section, often at short notice.

I am grateful too, to a hardworking Committee and particularly for their thorough debating of the League issue and their clear direction to me at its conclusion. That the issue was given such a clear airing was due to the tolerance and patience of your Chairman. You may be aware that Jack Evans has intimated that, whilst he wishes to remain as a Committee member, he will not be continuing in office of Chairman

and this is an appropriate moment to pay sincere tribute to him for his fifteen years of loyal devotion as Chairman of the Cardiff Cricket Club. "Loyal devotion" One hopes that this would not be considered too glib a phrase in which to sum up the years of extensive experience, conscientious and consistent effort, and considerable wisdom which he has applied to this office. It was a privilege to have worked with him.

Consequent upon a new appointment which I shall be taking up, I have come to the reluctant conclusion that I can no longer continue in office as Hon. Secretary. I feel that not only does this office call for undivided loyalty but also that my new post will demand a similar attitude.

My five years as Secretary have, not insignificantly, I hope fitted me for my new duties and, in fact played not a little part in my selection for the post.

The transition from Cardiff Arms Park and the celebration of the Centenary Year were exciting and hectic highlights during my term of office, but I have grateful memories of the whole period and will always treasure them. I shall, of course, continue my membership of the Club and hope to perpetuate my annual challenge for selection from the depths of the reserves to the Reserves. I will also be available to my successor to give him the assistance and guidance which I received from my predecessor.

Gentlemen, many thanks.

Cricket Club Captain's Report

Played 31; Won 13; Lost 6; Drawn 11; Abandoned 1.

An outstanding feature of the season was the record number of matches played, and this despite very indifferent weather in May. Hopes of any further record, however, were shattered by a first-match defeat at the hands of Lydney, our first there for many years. Substandard and out-of-form batting led to our being dismissed for 97, a total which was asking too much of our bowlers to contain.

We progressed, for the first time, to the second round of the National 'Cricketer' Knock-out Competition at the expense of Panteg whom we eventually defeated comfortably. Our success in the Competition was short-lived, however, since Barry, and in particular their captain, had the better of us in an extremely exciting and closely-fought match. In reply to our 175-9 in the allotted 45 overs, Barry overtook this total with one over to spare, their last pair adding-17 vital runs to win . The absence of a sixth recognised bowler had been our undoing.

In between these two competitive matches, we had twice played our old rivals, St. Fagans. In the first of these we had very much the better of a draw, and in the second we won a low scoring game by 27 runs. A feature of this latter match was the remarkable bowling of Alan Priday, whose figures were: Overs 22, Maidens 7, Runs 31, Wickets 8.

The visit of the strong Exeter University team coincided with our having to field a very much under-strength XI. Our modest total of 139 was contributed to, in the main by D. O. Herbert (49), K. D. Williams. (38*), and D. Pask (18). The absence of key bowlers in A. Priday and G. Shaw left the University with a comparatively easy target which they achieved without much difficulty.

A win off the last ball against Brislington was followed by a highly enjoyable trip to Ireland to play Cork County. If the cricket was somewhat limited in time it lacked nothing in incident or even, perhaps, hilarity. A win by 36 runs was achieved with the aid of no fewer than five run-outs. Irish hospitality, it seemed, was not intended to be confined to the bar.

Cricket reverted to normal in the match against Cowbridge. P. Stimpson (94) and K. D. Williams (78) enabled us to declare at 193 for 3 at five o'clock, leaving Cowbridge well over two-and-a-half hours in which to win. Two hours later they had scored 106 for 6 and only a token effort was made to achieve the target in the remaining time. A tame draw indeed and one wishes Cowbridge well in the more competitive cricket in which they have elected to play.

Williams and Stimpson were again in fine form against the Forty Club and contributed largely to a total of 243-6. A typical innings of 44 by the former Cardiff Captain, Alan Thomas, prevented our winning.

Mid-week matches again provided difficulties in fielding fully representative teams and the visit of Pembrokeshire was no exception. Despite an innings of 65 by D. O. Herbert we were able to muster only a modest total of 166-6 in slow time. Scoring at a rate in excess of four an over, Pembrokeshire overtook this total for the loss of only four wickets.

In our first match against Newport consistent batting produced 175-8. Newport were dismissed for only 92 as a result of good spells of bowling by Shaw (5-30), Priday (3-24) and R. Thomas (2-36). Our form was at last flowering and in the following match we totalled 200-4 against the Imperial, with contributions from Page (67), Stimpson (43) and Rees (41). Priday (6-57) and Shaw (4-45) again looked after the bowling department and the Imperial were out for 139.

An invitation to play in Clifton's 150th Anniversary Cricket Week was accepted and an exciting match was lost by only 9 runs when, perhaps with a little more steadiness at a crucial point, a different result may well have been achieved.

Draws followed against Winget and E. J. Hayes (Southport), and the match with Wiltshire Moonrakers was to be our next positive success. Our total of 187-5 was never challenged and Shaw (5-28) and Riches (5-27) easily disposed of the opposition.

A similarly easy win was had against Ebbw Vale when George Shaw, bowling against his former club, obtained eight wickets for 34 runs. A draw with Uxbridge was followed by a defeat at the hands of Hornsey. A total of 167-7 (K. D. Williams 63) was not sufficient against a very

strong team. Alan Thomas' second visit to Sophia Gardens produced an innings of 52. and with 40 runs being scored in the last fifteen minutes Hornsey were deserving winners.

Successes then followed against Shirehampton, Watchet and Panteg before our second meeting with Newport. This latter match provided a pretty dreary affair with Newport scoring 132-6 in 3½ hours. Cardiff fared even worse in scoring 66-7 in just over two hours. A further draw followed against Cowbridge and the 'double' was achieved over Ebbw Vale.

K. D. Williams and P. Stimpson scored their third century opening partnership of the season in the game against Neath. Shaw (6-44) and F. J. Davis (4-42) demolished the hopes of the opposition. A draw with Stroud followed with Shaw taking his season's total to 93 with two matches to go George took a further five wickets in the drawn match with Hereford and it now seemed certain that he would reach his hundred in the final match against Cheltenham. However, despite bowling 26 overs, only one wicket was forthcoming and he was left with the frustrating but, nevertheless, magnificent total of 99 wickets. This latter game was also drawn and the season was at an end.

To have achieved only thirteen wins in 31 matches was somewhat disappointing and perhaps reflected our dependence on too few leading players. K. D. Williams and P. Stimpson averaged over 57 in their opening partnerships, whilst G. Shaw and A. Priday took 157 of the 212 wickets which fell to us. These performances speak for themselves and the absence of any of these players, as often occurred in mid-week matches, could not be fully compensated for by their replacements. This point is borne out by the fact that of the six games lost four were against mid-week opposition in the shape of Exeter University, Pembrokeshire, Clifton and Hornsey. Lydney and Barry were the only other teams to defeat us. The high proportion of drawn matches also indicates a possible deficiency in the variety of bowling available, although R. Thomas, K. D. Williams and R. Shah made useful contributions from time to time.

After a damp beginning the season blossomed into an old-fashioned summer. No fewer than ten matches were played in July and the remainder of the season was completed without interruption. I am grateful to the many players who were called upon, often at short notice, to assist in the fulfilment of an arduous programme, and I apologise to some if they consider that, at times, they were not gainfully employed. I am also grateful to Neil Baddeley and Jack Evans for their valuable and vital services as umpire and scorer. I also acknowledge with many thanks the priceless efforts of the Ladies' Committee. Finally, I would thank Ken Williams for his loyalty and support as Vice-Captain, and Brian Kempson for his hard work as Hon, Secretary. May I congratulate the latter on his appointment as Assistant Secretary Welsh Rugby Union, and wish him well in his new duties.

D. O. HERBERT

		FIRST XI			
BATTING	Inns	Not out	Runs	Highest	Average
P. Stimpson	20	2	719	94	39.94
K. D. Williams	28	3	929	88	37.16
N. G. Rees	23	3	441	61	22.05
D. O. Herbert	24	1	504	68	21.91
Bowling	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
		95	629	58	10.84
A. J. Priday G. B. Shaw	308.4 512	141	1064	99	10.75
		SECOND 2	XI		
BATTING	Innings	Not out	Runs	H. Score	Average
	9	1	237	79	29.62
E. Donovan I. Azim	6	0	155	54	25.83
M. Page	6	1	125	96	25.00
I. McLean	8	Ô	164	40	20.50
D. Edwards	15	1	221	52	15.78
J. Herbert	14	3	159	36	14.45
D. Bailey	11	1	136	37	13.60
P. Griffiths	8	1	91	50	13.00
Bowling	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. D. H. Riches	71.5	20	177	18	9.83
T. Oldknow	74.4	13	171	17	10.06
P. Griffiths	107	38	215	19	11.32
M. Page	58	10	129	11	11.73
N. Edwards	102.5	34	217	14	15.50
H. Shewring	61	10	151	9	16.78

SUNDAY XI

The season was disappointing in that half the matches were drawn. Three matches were lost against Whitchurch Heath, Penarth and Bristol St. George, whilst wins were recorded against Pontllanfraith (twice), Briton Ferry Steel, Seven Bores, Willows, Newport and Molseyhurst.

Generally the batting was not as strong as in previous years. Far too often experienced players reached 10 or 20 and then were out. As a result the side often struggled to 130 or 140 and had to fight to slow the other side down rather than bowl them out.

As a result the bowlers were usually under pressure, and only one, Tom Oldknow, secured wickets regularly—6 for 17 v. Newport being one of several good sets of figures. In most cases the side found it very difficult to bowl the other side out.

The outstanding performances were by Peter Stimpson 100 versus Briton Ferry Steel; Alan Stimpson 88 not out versus Winget; N. G. Rese 71 not out versus Briton Ferry Steel, and David Edwards 60 versus Severn Bores. Best bowling figures were Tom Oldknow 6 for 17 and R. Shah 5 for 49 versus Frenchay.

The first eleven were involved on 4 Sundays and with a double fixture on 2 other Sundays, and this together with a reluctance of most first team players to play on Sundays meant that the strength of the side was not always sufficient for the opposition. However, several promising players gave useful performances—notably Keith Price and Martin David. Gradually the fixture list is becoming stronger and it is to be hoped that more players will make themselves available.

Finally many thanks must be given to Neil Baddeley who umpired on nearly every occasion and the several people who scored, especially Martin Gallivan. To the ladies who provided many excellent teas must go the greatest thanks of all.

Record: Played 20; Won 7; Lost 3; Drawn 10.

Second XI 1969

When thinking back to the summer of 1969 one remembers the fine weather which was with us during June, July and August and one tends to forget that May lived up to its reputation for wet weather. As a result the Second XI played their first match on 31st May, the previous 7 matches on the fixture list being cancelled for various reasons but mainly owing to the rain and the state of the grounds.

The full fixture list contained 24 matches but 9 of these were abandoned without a ball being bowled. Of the 15 matches played, 5 were won, 8 drawn and 2 lost which was not an outstanding performance.

The first match was played at Crickhowell and this was won quite comfortably. A new exuberant member of the section from the West Country, Paul Griffiths, made his presence felt in this very first game taking 6 wickets for 9 runs when Crickhowell were bowled out for 36 runs.

There followed 4 drawn matches and in each case it was a matter of the Second XI failing to win rather than being in any danger of losing. Sufficient runs were scored but on each occasion we failed to bowl out our opponents, having batted first in each of these games. Against St. Fagans David Edwards made 52 and John Herbert 36 and against Brislington Eddie Donovan made 79 and Iqbal Azim 54. The low scoring game against the Royal Overseas League was interrupted by rain, but again Iqbal Azim was the most successful batsman making 40 not out. The Royal Overseas League provided useful opposition and it is a pity that a regular place cannot be found for them in the Second XI fixture list if they are able to produce a side of this standard regularly.

New opponents were Tewkesbury and, although this seemed to be rather a long journey, the players did not find it unduly difficult since a large part of the journey is done on the motorway. On this occasion Malcolm Page went in first and distinguished himself by making 96, the highest score of the season for the Second XI. He was ably assisted by Eddie Donovan who made 47 not out in a score of 168 for 4 wickets declared. In spite of another good bowling performance by Paul Griffiths who took 5 wickets for 26 runs, Tewkesbury survived for a draw with 9 wickets down.

Disaster followed in the next match against Newport at Sophia Gardens when the Second XI were all out for 67, batting first, the only batsman to make any impression on the Newport bowlers being Ian McLean who made 27. Facing such a small total Newport went slowly about their task and had no difficulty in winning by 9 wickets.

The next match was against Bristol Imperial at home who requested that the match should be played on a 45 overs basis to which we agreed. Thanks to a good innings of 66 not out by Alan Stimpson aided by Eddy Donovan 38, Ian McLean 31 and Iqbal Azim 21, we made 166 for 5 wickets in the allotted period. Our opponents made strong efforts to win but their last batsman was run out with their total at 151 with 9 balls left. We had won by 15 runs and certainly playing the match on an overs basis had created an exciting finish.

There followed another win at Lydney in a low scoring game by 6 wickets, David Edwards, making a very useful 35 not out. Rain interfered with a low scoring game at Ebbw Vale when we found ourselves in difficulties rashly chasing runs, but eventually the game was drawn.

There followed an exciting win against St. Fagans at St. Fagans. St. Fagans were all out for 124 of which Geoff Guest made 72, the most successful bowler being Harry Shewring with 5 wickets for 41. We eventually won by 1 wicket thanks to a very good innings of 37 by David Bailey batting at No. 8 who made easily the top score.

While we were unable to obtain revenge against Newport at Newport, certainly we had the better of a draw and did something to salvage our self respect after the overwhelming defeat at Cardiff. In a low scoring game, we were all out for 111 and Newport were 76 for 8 wickets at the close of play.

Once again we had an exciting game with Cardiff Choristers. After a poor start we made 160 for 9 wickets declared thanks to good innings of 40 by Ian McLean and 29 by David Bailey. At the close of play the Choristers were 5 runs short of our total with 4 wickets in hand. The return game at Cardiff against Ebbw Vale produced a comfortable victory. Ebbw Vale were all out for 88, Abdul Majid and Tom Oldknow each taking 4 wickets.

The Bank Holiday match against Neath on Monday, 1st September, was a low scoring game. As so often happens a number of the regular players were not available but this gave some of the youth members an opportunity of playing and they acquitted themselves well and by their fielding, kept down the Neath score. This match ended in a fairly even draw.

In the last home match of the season we suffered our second defeat of the year at the hands of Hereford who having bowled us out for 119 made the runs for 5 wickets.

Paul Griffiths, who had started the season as a successful bowler but whose batting had failed him, produced the only good score of the innings making exactly 50 out of the total of 119. Hereford had not been played in recent years and they proved to be a good side and it is hoped that they will remain on the fixture list in future years.

The season ended as it had begun with rain, the last match due to be played at Cheltenham being cancelled.

Altogether 28 players represented the Second XI during the season so, that there were many changes from time to time. Certain younger members had an opportunity of playing occasionally and it is to be hoped that there will soon be a number of young players from the youth side forcing themselves into the Second XI instead of ageing senior players.

The leading batsman was Eddie Donovan who scored 237 runs with an average of nearly 30. David Edwards scored 221 runs but his average was much less than in the previous season. It was unfortunate that Iqbal Azim was unable to play in the latter part of the season owing to examinations since he had played a number of useful innings earlier in the year. Malcolm Page and Ian McLean were the other leading batsmen while John Herbert and David Bailey made valuable contributions from time to time.

As was the case in the previous season it was difficult to beat sides if they tried to avoid defeat without trying to win, since the bowling was not very penetrative. The leading wicket takers were Paul Griffiths (19 wickets), John Riches (18 wickets) and Tom Oldknow (17 wickets) while Malcoln Page, Nick Edwards and Harry Shewring all had their successful days.

The wicket keeping duties were again shared by Eddie Donovan and David Bailey but it is interesting to note that the largest number of catches was taken by John Herbert who had 9 catches. As is inevitable with a Second XI with a fair number of older players in the side the fielding was not as lively as one might desire.

Once again we have to thank Alun Jones for his loyal support as umpire and we also thank the various other persons who umpired and scored from time to time although the lack of a regular scorer proved a problem. Our thanks are also due to our Honorary Secretary, Brian Kempson, in his last year of office and to the Captains of the other XI's and the ground staff for their co-operation throughout the year.

As in recent years our ladies provided the teas and they deserved all the compliments which they received during the season for their noble work and we again thank them for helping to make our summer sport so enjoyable. The playing record of the Third XI for the Season 1969 reads: Won 6, Drawn 5 and Lost 7. Defeats were suffered at the hands of the Royal Overseas League and the Midland Bank in midweek games, and against Mumbles, Port Talbot Optimists, Cwmbran, Cefn Forest and Bedminster on Saturdays. The game against Bedminster, the last of the Season, proved to be the most exciting and the closest. After Bedminster had declared at 141 for 5 wickets, our usual inept start left us requiring well over 100 runs to win in the last hour. Due largely to a fine half century by Phillip Horsfield we eventually lost by only one run in the last over.

The only other half century of the Season was scored by Iqbal Azim in the first game which resulted in a bloodless victory over the City Transport. This was a somewhat bizarre fixture arranged on the spot when it was found that our official opponents had cancelled our game but had neglected to inform us accordingly. The quality of the alternative opposition can be gauged from the fact that their twelfth man was suggesting that a declaration with our score at 30 for 2 wickets would be sufficient to ensure victory. His advice was, however, ignored and we continued to 93 all out, of which Iqbal scored 54 not out. In the event, the twelfth man's estimate of his teams capabilities was rather more accurate than ours, and they were dismissed for 24 runs.

The Season's major problem, the inability of the side to score runs, is highlighted by the fact that only two half centuries were scored, one by each of the two batsmen who played a total of only 5 games between them. In addition, in 7 of the 12 Saturday fixtures we had lost at least 5 wickets, and often a good many more, before reaching 50. This meant that time and again the tailenders had to try to salvage something from the wreckage, and this they did with some success. However, at Cwmbran the inevitable eventually happened. Batting first we mustered the grand total of 37 runs, 19 of which were scored by a member of the Royal Overseas League Team, who had agreed to play for us after helping his side to a 9 wickets win in a 24 over game against us the evening before. A complete whitewash was averted by Abdul Majid who took 2 wickets before Cwmbran coasted to victory.

To prolong the entertainment until at least opening time, a further 20 over game was arranged, and this we won by 4 runs after scoring 105 for 6, to which our Royal Overseas League friend contributed 38. The major reason for this transformation was a much improved batting performance (it could hardly have got worse). Other possible contributory factors were that Cwmbran fielded only 10 men as they didn't ask for a substitute, and we didn't count them, and also perhaps that the bowler who took 9 wickets for 16 runs in the first game kept wicket in the second.

Other victories were achieved over the City Supporters and Llandaff Earles in midweek and Ton Pentre and Upper Boat on Saturdays. This latter game was played under a curious local custom whereby the tea interval is chosen to exactly bisect the playing time and the side batting

first is then expected to declare, irrespective of the state of the game. Upper Boat, having been sent in, thus declared at 99 for 6 wickets, leaving us over two hours to get the runs, which we managed to do for the loss of 8 wickets, after the usual disastrous start and tail-end recovery process.

The victory over Ton Pentre by 7 wickets was the result of some fine hostile bowling by Keith Price, who took 7 for 30 and Abdul Majid, 3 for 25.

Throughout the Season, Abdul bore the brunt of the bowling, and did so with considerable success, although having little support from the other end until the arrival, in the latter part of the Season, of Keith Price and Nigel Diggens from the Youth XI.

Both games against Cowbridge resulted in undeserved draws, as did both the games against Newport. In the first game against Newport, in reply to a score of 153 for 4, the tail end had to work hard for a draw after 7 wickets had gone for 59 runs. This scintillating performance apparently impressed the opposition for in the second game they batted for over 3 hours to score 147 for 7, leaving us 110 minutes to get the runs on a now very cut up and damp wicket. This meagre allowance was further reduced when opening bat, Gwyn Stone, received a very nasty cut eye from which he later made a very quick recovery. The boldness of this declaration can be judged from the fact that after 16 overs we had lost three further batsmen in accumulating the grand total of 12 runs and thus required only 135 runs to win in the last 50 minutes. At this stage the scoring rate increased dramatically to over 2 runs an over. The proximity of this to the 8 runs an over then required induced the opposition to remove the remnants of their attacking field and the game subsided into a dreary draw, our final score being 56 for 5, only 90 runs adrift.

All in all it hasn't been a particularly successful year. The side, however, was enlivened towards the end of the Season by the introduction into the team of anything up to 6 members of the Youth XI. This didn't afford great help to the batting problems but Keith Price and Nigel Diggens, in particular, gave the bowling a welcome boost with some very lively performances, and Martin Gullivan and Mike Cross both kept wicket with some considerable skill. These, and other of the youth members look to be very good prospects for the future. Of the other members of the side, David Rapson, Peter Slatter and Phillip Horsfield all produced some good innings but on too infrequent occasions and Abdul Majid was the most successful bowler taking 22 wickets at 10 runs apiece.

I should like to thank all the players who have played this Season, and also Ken Williams and Brian Kempson who always managed to find me the three or four players that were nearly always needed on Friday evening.

CARDIFF CRICKET CLUB GAPTAINS

From 1867 to 1876 there is no record of Captains.

1877 E. W. JONES	1922	G. E. CORDING
1878 E. W. Jones	1923	T. R. MORGAN
1879 E. W. Jones	1924	H. W. TAYLOR
1880 E. W. Jones	1925	F. W. MATHIAS
1881	1926	N. V. H. RICHES
1882 Names of Captains	1927	N. V. H. RICHES
1883 not recorded	1928	N. V. H. RICHES
1884 J. P. Jones	1929	A. N. MORGAN
1885 J. P. JONES	1930	A. N. MORGAN
1886 J. P. Jones	1931	N. V. H. RICHES
1887 W. H. WILLIAMS	1932	E. C. DOLMAN
1888 W. H. WILLIAMS	1933	G. L. RATTENBURY
1889 W. H. WILLIAMS	1934	I. T. MORGAN
1890 A. Morris	1935	J. T. MORGAN
1891 A. MORRIS	1936	F. W. MATHIAS
1892 W. H. Brain	1937	F. THOMAS
1893 W. H. BRAIN	1938	W. J. Evans
1894 W. H. BRAIN	1939	L. G. Jones
1895 J. H. BRAIN	1940-45	2nd World War
1896 J. H. BRAIN	1946	W. J. Evans
1897 J. G. CLARK	1947	W. H. WILKINS
1898 . J. G. CLARK	1948	I. D. RICHES
1899 . I. G. CLARK	1949	G. GIBSON
1000	1950	W. H. WILKINS
1001	1951	W. H. WILKINS
1000	1952	G. DAVIES
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1001 TT M G	1954	W. H. WILKINS
100F T D C	1955	G. K. WILBY
1000	1050	G. W. WILBY
	1956	J. O. WEBB
1000	1958	J. PLEASS
1000	1050	J. PLEASS
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	1001	J. O. WEBB
1911 N. V. H. RICHES	1000	A. THOMAS
1912 N. V. H. RICHES	4000	A. THOMAS
1913 J. HORSPOOL	1001	A. PRIDAY
1914 J. HORSPOOL		A. PRIDAY
1915-18 European War		A. PRIDAY
1919 J. Horspool	1966	
1920 H. G. Symonds	1967	Dr. P. GATEHOUSE
1921 G. E. CORDING	1968	D. O. HERBERT
	1969	D. O. HERBERT

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CARDIFF ATHLETIC BOWLS CLUB

REPORT FOR 1969

The Committee wisely agreed to open the Season later than in previous years due to the unsettled weather generally experienced. Fixtures were accordingly arranged with this in mind.

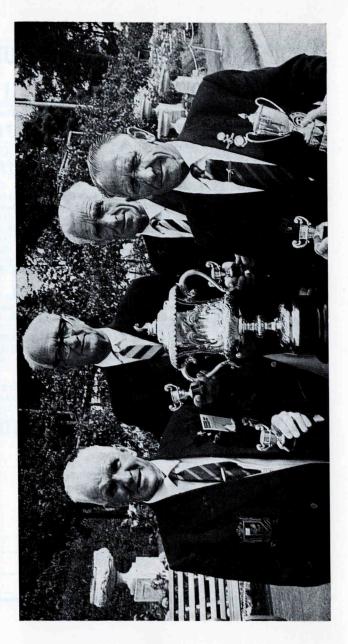
It was decided the Green should be opened for play on Monday, 28th April, and Mr. Herbert Jones, the President of the Welsh Bowling Association, was kind enough to accept the Club's invitation to bowl the traditional first wood. Mr. Somers, the Chairman, welcomed Mr. Jones and was supported by the Captain of the Section, Mr. Gwyn Arthur and Captain H. C. Morgan of the 'A' Team. Officers and 45 members of the Section. A special welcome was extended to the new members. Mr. Jones appreciated the invitation and expressed thanks to the Club for their willingness to assist the Welsh Bowling Association at all times. He then wished the respective Captains every success and happy bowling for 1969. Suitable responses were made by both Captains and the first wood was then bowled. The Green looked in very good condition. Tea and biscuits followed, also the customary paying over of Section dues to the Secretaries.

For a number of years we have opened the Season with games Home and Away with Newport Athletic but have, in the main, been particularly unfortunate with weather conditions. On the 3rd May, the initial game, the first team met Cardiff B.C. at Arms Park, whilst the 'A' side journeyed to the other side of the Bridge to play their 'A' side. Although we opened later we were still unlucky with the weather. Whilst the first team were able to play 21 ends and were successful, the 'A' side played 18 ends and lost.

The Selection Committee have particular difficulties in calling upon the best possible Teams for the competitive games which follow the first and only friendly games, but got down to the task with every care and consideration for the numerous members who were available to play.

The following details give the results of the First Team six W.B.A. games, commenced on Saturday, 10th May.

Opponents			ts	
	For	Against	Up	Down
(Home)	86	67	19	-
(Away)	79	76	3	
(Home)	81	63	18	
(Away)	88	67	21	
(Home)	93	77	16	-
(Away)	94	72	22	-
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This was a most creditable performance and was followed by a resounding success over Penylan B.C. the winners of their Section—the scores being:

For Against U1 71 66 5

We were now to meet Porthcawl B.C. (at Porthcawl) in the final and the players selected were very confident. It was most unfortunate the team met unfavourable playing conditions and although they fought every inch of the way, success did not attend them, as the following figures reveal:

For Against Up Down 71 81 — 10

The most successful Skips were J. Desmond, D. H. Prince and B. Hawkins, in that order. Twenty two players in all were called upon to play in the eight games.

The first P.G.1 game was arranged for the 28th June, against Guest Keen, Dowlais (away) but had to be put off to Tuesday, 8th July, on account of our having to meet Penylan in the W.B.A. Section play off. We were not only fortunate to turn out a good side but to arrive at Dowlais in good time, a most difficult task in mld-week.

Below are the results of the P.G.1 games played:

OPPONENTS		For	Against	Up	Down
Guest Keen, Dowlais	(Away)	88	58	30	
Standard Telephones	(Home)	111	55	56	_
Whitchurch	(Home)	106	52	54	
Panteg House	(Away)	72	76	_	4
Penylan	(Away)	76	67	9	_
Cardiff	(Away)	73	79	ALL LAND	6
		526	387	149	10

Here again J. Desmond was the most successful of the Skips, closely followed by K. Rowlands. The Club were indeed fortunate in that for the six matches only 19 players were called upon.

The friendly Saturday First team matches were enjoyable and carried out in a sporting manner, the results being as shewn below:

OPPONENTS		For	Against	Up	Down
Cardiff	(Home)	86	79	7	
Penhill	(Away)	73	95		22
St. Fagans	(Home)	108	58	50	-
Llanbradach	(Away)	91	84	7	_
Clarence, W-s-M.	(Away)	71	80		9
Newport Athletic	(Home)	80	76	4	-
Rhiwbina	(Home)	96	55	41	_
Penarth	(Home)	89	66	23	_
Sketty	(Away)	80	67	13	_
Pontypool Park	(Home)	105	69	36	_
		879	729	181	31

Thirty six members played in the 10 games, the most successful of the ten skips selected being:

				Shots		
	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against	Up
K. Rowlands	6	4	2	152	93	59
J. Desmond	5	5		118	79	39
N. A. Lear	4	4		95	60	35
M. C. Gilmore	6	5	1	138	106	32

We now comment on the efforts of the 'A' side under the captaincy of Mr. Henry C. Morgan. So far as P.G.2 matches are concerned the results were as follows:

		For	Against	Up	Down
Dinas Powis	(Away)	90	66	24	
Newport Athletic	(Home)	92	69	23	_
Llanbradach	(Away)	45	117		72
Whiteheads	(Home)	64	83	_	19
Currans	(Away)	103	58	45	
Penhill	(Home)	79	61	18	
Guest Keen, Cardiff	(Home)	97	71	26	
Barry Athletic	(Away)	68	73		5
Whitchurch	(Home)	96	57	39	_
		734	655	175	96

The most successful of the Skips selected were:

	Played	Won	Lost	Draw	For	Ag.	Up
W. H. Thomas	4	4	_	_	93	55	38
G. Mahoney	6	4	2		136	96	40
I. A. Judd	7	4	2	1	139	133	6

Henry Morgan was fortunate to be in a position to call on about 8 experienced Skips over the period of the P.G. competition.

As far as Saturday Friendlies were concerned, as many players as possible were included in these games. In all, 15 Skips were tried of whom E. F. Couzens proved the most successful. He played in 9 games winning 6 and losing 3. Shots for 167. Against 145. Shots up 21.

A summary of the games played by the 'A' side is as under:

P.G.2 Friendlies	Played 9 9	Won 6 3	Lost 3 6	For 734 684	Against 655 687	<i>Up</i> 175 77	Down 96 82
	18	9	9	1418	1344	73	

In the 9 P.G.2 matches 30 players took part. In the 'A' side Friendlies 37 players were selected. Quite a number were promoted to the First team and held their places.

Thirteen friendly games took place mid-week and Sundays, the results being:

Played	Won	Lost	Shots for	Shots Against	Up
13	9	4	1155	1075	80

One game (against Dorsetshire County Bowling Assoc.) was won by the narrow margin of one shot, whilst that against Dinas Powis was lost by two shots. Seventeen skips were tried, the most successful being: P. E. Ridd. E. F. Couzens, D. H. Prince and M. C. Gilmore in that order. As many as 47 of our members appeared in the thirteen games.

Four friendly games were played on Sundays, *i.e.* versus Bristol, St. Andrews, (Home and Away) and Abertridwr and Newport Athletic both at home. 2 games were won and 2 lost. The fixture with Bristol St. Andrews is a most popular event and is looked forward to with keen interest.

The respective Captains have expressed their sincere appreciation of the support they have received from the Club Officers, Vice-Captain and members during their year of office.

During the season notable successes were achieved by the following members in outside Open Competitions :

Trevor Phillips. Winner of Welsh Open Singles at Dinas Powis.

- D. H. Prince. Semi-Finalist and Mixed Pairs Winner at Bath.
- J. Desmond, T. I. Pearce with former members T. Rowlands and E. Nicholls. Rink winners at Brighton. 'Gudgeon Lindley' Trophy.
- P. E. Ridd. Runnner up at Porthcawl.
- K. Rowlands ,, ,, Windsor Jack & Semi-finalist at Penylan.
- W. H. Thomas ,, ,, Tenby.
- L. M. Spence ,, U.S. Mess Championship.
- M. C. Gilmore. Semi-finalist, Glamorgan County Singles.
- Mr. Bryn Hawkins was included in the Welsh International Team.

The Club Competition winners were:

	Winner	Runner up
Championship	B. Hawkins	F. G. Barr
Handicap	P. E. Ridd	B. M. Evans
Pairs	B. Hawkins & J. H. Webb	K. Rowlands & F. W. Somers
Triples	F. W. Somers, D. E. Davies & M. C. Gilmore.	J. J. Candlish, E. B. Williams & E. A. James
W. T. Griffiths. Salver (Two Wood)	F. G. Barr.	R. Ashe

The Umbrella Competition once again failed to attract sufficent support for various reasons, mainly due to members being involved in the W.B.A., Glamorgan County, Welsh Private Greens and various Open Competitions. Your Committee will give careful consideration to this Competition with a view to restoring its past popularity.

This report cannot be concluded without once again expressing the most earnest thanks of the Officers, Section Committee and members for the magnificent efforts made by our Ladies throughout a rather heavy Season.

The annual Social Evening was held on Friday, 3rd October, 1969 when the Captain presented the various Cups and Vouchers to the victorious competitors.

On June 9th, 1969 we were honoured by a visit from the Dorset County B.A. and on the 25th July, 1969 we once again staged the Glamorgan County Bowling Association Festival, the first competition commencing at 1 p.m. A large attendance witnessed the excellent bowling provided by the competitors, who were warm in their praise of the first class condition of our Green.

Obituary

We regret to record the passing of Albert V. Lloyd in October, the funeral being attended by a number of our members. Also Frank Lee who had earlier moved to Devon. Both had been members of the Club for a number of years until 1969.

Len M. James, although a member of the Section for four years, did not play any Bowls, but followed our fortunes with keen interest. He died during April.

We would also refer to the loss of two of our Ladies, who rendered generous and valuable service to the Section for many years, Mrs. W. T. Griffiths and Mrs. Brian Watson. Both died in February, 1969.

The Officers and Committee express their appreciation for the assistance given to the Section by the General Secretary and his Staff.

PAST CAPTAINS OF BOWLS SECTION

1924		J. Batstone	1947	 A. E. TAYLOR
1925		M. Wood	1948	 W. J. Powell
1926		W. M. Douglas	1949	 F. E. Bonnell
1927		I. Pratt	1950	 S. Jones.
1928		W. H. JENKINS	1951	 A. H. USHER
1929		W. C. WILLIAMS	1952	 F. D'ALTON
1930		D. L. Evans	1953	 J. S. Lewis
1931		I. Oxenham	1954	 K. Toozer
1932		L. C. WATTERS	1955	 C. B. Watson
1933		F. Davies	1956	 J. Н. Webb
1934		W. T. GRIFFITHS	1957	 E. F. Couzens
1935		A. Milsom	1958	 L. SMITH
1936		A. CALDER	1959	 W. DACEY
1937		C. W. STANDFAST	1960	 A. P. FORSTER, M.B.E.
1938		T. Strong	1961	 T. Phillips
1939		E. Ridd	1962	 W. H. THOMAS
1940		W. J. Old	1963	 J. Desmond
1941		H. W. TAYLOR	1964	 REX LEWIS
1942		I. D. Roberts	1965	 L. M. SPENCE
1943		W. T. WILLIAMS	1966	 J. Elliott.
1944		H. J. SALTER	1967	 J. A. Judd
1945		A. G. COUZENS	1968	 P. E. Ridd
1946		A. F. MALE	1969	 G. Arthur
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T. PHILLIPS Welsh Open Singles Champion 1969

An American Tournament opened the season on 27th April, and whilst the early indifferent weather affected us, we were more than compensated by the excellent weather that followed in June and July.

Fears that the increased subscription would affect the Section membership did not materialise, and with the influx of new members the strength of the senior section remained at approximately ninety. A pleasing feature was that with more lady members their ratio to men fell to about 1 to 2.

Match Results

In the W.L.T.A. League, both teams had extremely good results.

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By winning against the Mackintosh Institute L.T.C. (5 events to 4) and South Gower L.T.C. (5 events to 3) the men not only regained Division I, but won the Division 2 Championship. It is interesting to note that altogether, eleven men participated in the team effort and brought about the revival of team spirit which will no doubt be tested next year in Division 1.

The Ladies, alas, failed in the play-off to gain promotion for the second year running. We all hope that next year it will be third time lucky.

As well as the League, the Match Secretary, Mr. E. Hudson worked hard to arrange thirteen friendly matches. Despite the splendid weather, seven of these were cancelled by our opponents due to their inability to raise a team. This indifference, coupled with the apparent apathy of many of our own members indicate a need for a new policy towards such fixtures by future committees.

Juniors

So popular was the new sub-section of under 15 years that in a short time we were oversubscribed and numbers were limited to 30. The total strength of Juniors up to 20 years is just over 40 which is indeed encouraging.

On Saturday, 13th September, history was made when the first Junior Tournament was held. The coaches, who all through the season





K. O. ALLEN. G. PARSONS, P. I. COLLIER WAY, J. CURTIS,

gave so generously of their time were responsible for this event and we are grateful to Mrs. P. Nurton, Mrs. M. Blanchflower, Miss S. Betts, Mr. T. Morgan, and Mr. P. Lewis.

The results were:

Boys (under 13)	Mark Lewis beat Martin Higgins	6-1 6-4
Girls (under 13)	Ruth Lewis beat Christine Collier	6-3 6-1
Boys (under 15)	Stephen Hill beat Robert Parsons	6-1 6-4
Girls (under 15)	Carol Blanchflower beat Helen Henman	6-2 6-1
Boys (over 15)	Alan Fine beat Martin Slater	6-0 6-1

Mrs. Nurton and Mr. L. Podd kindly donated trophies, and Mr. P. Lewis, apart from producing an array of prizes, arranged for Mr. J. Williams (London Welsh and Wales) to present the prizes for which we are most grateful.

Senior Tournament

Yet another system was tried this year when this event was spread over four weeks leading up to finals day on July 12th. It was disappointing for the Referee to find that despite perfect weather, some competitors failed to complete the first round although given almost two weeks to do so.

However, most members seemed to like the experiment and with the experience gained the system could well be repeated.

Results were:

Men's Singles

D. Court beat P. Lewis 6-4 8-6.

Ladies Singles

J. Howells beat P. Robson 6-3 5-7 7-5

Men's Doubles

P. Lewis and J. Way beat D. Court and E. Hudson 6-3 3-6 6-3 Ladies' Doubles

J. Howells and P. Robson beat E. Belman and M. Davies 3-6 6-2 6-3 Mixed Doubles

P. I. Collier and J. Howells beat J. Way and P. Robson 6-4 6-8 6-4 Men's Doubles Handicap

R. and D. Blanchflower beat C. West and C. Harvey 6-3 6-3. Ladies' Doubles Handicap

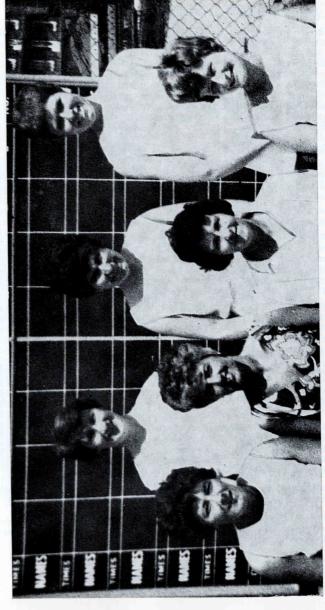
A. Ward and S. Betts beat M. Hazel and H. Speed 8-6 6-2. Mixed Doubles Handicap

W. Mitchell and M. Hazell beat M. and D. Blanchflower 3-6 6-3 6-1.

We must congratulate Miss Jennifer Howells who gained the distinction of becoming triple champion. Special mention too must be made of our two senior lady members, Miss Ethel Belman and Miss Molly Davies, who gave the ultimate champions such a fight in the final.

In addition we must thank Mr. P. J. Collier B.E.M., who kindly enscribed the prizes for the winners.

LADIES TENNIS TEAM — 1969-70



J. COLLIER (Ladies Captain), P. NURTON, HOWELLS, S. LOVELL. ROBSON, BLANCHFLOWER, M.

The Ground

For the second year we had to make the best of things whilst the massive reconstruction scheme proceeds. It is to be hoped that soon the general environment will improve and so make the playing of tennis much more pleasant. The screens that the Hon. Secretary organised through the kindness of the Club did much to alleviate the considerable dust problem. Sad to say, the Grass courts became the cause of concern to the Ground Committee and they were closed two weeks earlier than planned on 13th September. The hard courts are now playing well although the rapid discoloration of the balls by the surface is still a problem.

Coaching

The number of qualified coaches in the Section continues to grow, eight holding Elementary and five the Intermediate L.T.A. Certificate. With respect to the latter, since there are only 12 in the whole of Wales, we are certainly rich in coaching resources.

Social Events

During the year your Committee endevoured to provide diverse social functions for the Section. A new venture, a Dinner Dance was arranged and was socially successful although it was subsidised financially. It is encouraging to all those who put in considerable efforts for the benefit of members, to see a higher proportion of our own Section at these functions this year.

The high standard of catering, for which we are renowned, both at Socials and home matches, is a credit to the Ladies Captain and her colleagues without whose efforts the Section would be much the poorer.

Acknowledgements

It is most appropriate to record due thanks to the incomparable Mr. F. P. Davies as Chairman of a hard working and even occasionally boisterous Committee. The task of Hon. Secretary is very often an unenviable one and in this respect we are indebted to Mr. E. Nurton for his work.

We are grateful to the sterling work of the Ladies Captain, Mrs. J. H. Collier, in looking after the Ladies Section so well. The assistance of Miss Jennifer Howells as co-selector of the Ladies team proved invaluable. The selection of the Men's team was made much easier by the help and advice of Mr. D. Court and Mr. G. Chugg.

To Mr. Les Gerry, Miss Babs Filer and Mr. David Grant and their respective staffs we tender our thanks for their efforts during the year.

In conclusion, may I, as Captain add my gratitude to Officers, Committee and fellow Members who, by their support and indulgence, made my term of office a pleasurable one.

CARDIFF ATHLETIC LAWN TENNIS CLUB GAPTAINS

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	Men's			Ladies'
1923	 T. J. HOPKINS			
1924	 T. J. HOPKINS			Miss E. CLARE
1925	 T. J. HOPKINS			Mrs. G. D. Horspool
1926	 T. J. HOPKINS			Miss D. A. CALDER
1927	 F. C. ORAM			Miss D. A. CALDER
1928	 F. C. ORAM		1	Mrs. M. GERMAIN
1929	 E. R. HANCOCK			Miss M. OXENHAM
1930	 W. L. Bright			Miss M. OXENHAM
1931	 W. L. BRIGHT			Miss M. Oxenham
1932	 T. W. RICHARDS			Miss E. Taylor
1933	 D. B. MORGAN			Miss W. Cornwell
1934	W. DAVID			Miss W. Cornwell
1935	 W. L. BRIGHT			Miss N. Nigh
1936	 I. BROAD			Miss E. Belman
1937	 I. M. HOPKINS			Miss W. Cornwell
1938	 A. C. TAYLOR			Miss W. Cornwell
1939	 I. M. HOPKINS			Miss M. Cornwell
1940-45	 World War 2			
1946	 C. T. HEMMING			Miss D. Jones
1947	 M. LLEWELLYN			Miss D. Jones
1948	 M. LLEWELLYN			Miss M. Davies
1949	 GWYN MATTHEWS			Miss M. David
1950	 GWYN MATTHEWS			Mrs. N. Evans
1951	 GWYN MATTHEWS			Mrs. N. R. Evans
1952	 F. P. DAVIES			Miss M. M. HAZELL
1953	 H. ROY EVANS			Mrs. E. Youens
1954	 F. P. DAVIES			Mrs. M. Wheeler
1955	 F. P. DAVIES			Mrs. G. RIDD
1956	 F. P. DAVIES			Mrs. R. W. TAYLOR
1957	 F. P. DAVIES			Mrs. M. Wheeler
1958	 F. P. DAVIES			Mrs. M. Wheeler
1959	 F. P. DAVIES			Mrs. M. Wheeler
1960	 F. P. DAVIES			Mrs. M. Wheeler
1961	 F. P. DAVIES			Miss P. Russell
1962	 F. P. DAVIES			Miss E. Belman
1963	 F. P. DAVIES			Miss P. WILLETT
1964	 F. P. DAVIES			Miss P. WILLETT
1965	 F. P. DAVIES			Miss J. Howells
1966	 F. P. DAVIES		4	Miss J. Howells
1967	 F. P. DAVIES			Miss J. Howells
1968	 P. COLLIER			Miss J. Howells
1969	 P. COLLIER			Mrs. J. H. COLLIER



CARDIFF HOCKEY CLUB

Report for the Season 1969-70

The playing records for the four teams were:

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	C'ncelled	For	Ag'nst
1st XI	36	24	5	7	8	75	26
	(This incl	udes Cup r	natches	()		
2nd XI	23	10	4	9	7	48	36
3rd XI	25	14	4	7	7	70	38
4th XI	17	3	5	9	12	22	41
	101	51	18	32	34	215	141

This season has proved the most successful one for many years. The 1st XI won 24 games during the season which is a record for the Club. Unfortunately this season was marred early on by the tragic accident to our captain Ken Goddard and we are all pleased to know of his good recovery and hope he will be playing again next season. Congratulations are also due to Ken for his guidance of the 1st XI during the past season under the able captaincy of Jeff Cocks. The Club won the Wares Ibrahim Cup for the third year running beating Llanishen 1-0 in the final after a replay. Unfortunately we did not achieve the double this season as we were unlucky to lose to Swansea 2-3 in the semi-final of the Welsh Cup. For the first time an unofficial league was run and Cardiff won the South Wales section.

Our thanks are due to Jeff Cocks for taking over the captaincy of the 1st XI on the field of play after Ken Goddards accident. Our thanks are also due to John Dyer, John Glenny and Chris Glover who have captained the other sides. The records of these teams are somewhat similar to those of last season.

The chief goal scorers were:

N. Rees 25, P. Horsfield 20, P. Matthews 16, K. Williams 14, G. Hughes 14, N. Pallot 12.

Representative honours were gained by:

Home Welsh—J. Cocks (Captain of team against R.A.F.) A. Khan. Welsh Under-23 trial—P. Matthews

Welsh Schools—S. Khan

Glamorgan—J. Cocks, A. Khan.

Glamorgan Under-23—P. Horsfield, C. Lawson.

Our grateful thanks are due to those hard working members of the Committee namely John Ellis, Len Morgan, Neil Pallot, John Roch and our very efficient secretary, John Marshall. Our thanks are also due to the ladies who have helped with the teas throughout the season and a special word of thanks to Jean and John Ellis who have catered for our needs. A word of thanks must be expressed to the barmen who have carried out their duties so efficiently.

Thanks should also be paid to the organising committee who made all the arrangements for the international match at Sophia Gardens against Spain, who were paying their first visit to the Principality.

The Annual Dance was once again a great success. Our thanks are due to the committee appointed to organise this event.

Our thanks are due to the Chairman and the Management Committee for their support during the past season. Also the ground staff for the good pitches provided and maintained throughout the season.

Finally, but by no means least, our thanks are due to Miss Babs Filer and her staff for their help and assistance. We are also grateful for the help the Club received from David Grant until his resignation and our appreciation was shown by making a presentation to him prior to his departure.

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	FIR	ST XI		
1969		Dec. 6 O. Grammar'ns	H	Won 2-0
Sept.20 Brean	H Won 5-0	, 13 Bath	A	Won 2-0
27 Weston	A Won 2-1	,, 20 Newport	Н	Lost 0-1
Oct 4 Beckenhar		,, 27 Penarth		Won 1-0
,, 5 Hounslow	A Lost 0-3		1	
,, 11 Penarth	H Won 4-0	Jan 3 Swansea	Н	Won 3-0
,, 12 Cardiff Ur	niv. A Won 2-1		Н	Won 5-0
,, 18 Llanishen	A Won 3-0	,, 24 Newport	A	Won 1-0
,, 25 W. Glouce	ster A Won 2-0		A	Lost 2-5
Nov. 1 Abergaver	ny H Won 5-0	Feb. 28 O. Grammar'ns	A	Draw 1-1
,, 2 Kiddermin		Mar. 7 O. Bristolians	A	Draw 0-0
,, 8 Stourport	H Won 4-0	,, 14 W. Gloucester	H	Won 2-1
,, 22 Imperial	H Won 4-0	Apr. 4 Weston	H	Lost 0-2
,, 29 O. Bristol	lians H Draw 1-1	,, 11 Bath	H	Draw 2-2
	SOUTH WALES	KNOCK-OUT CUP		
1st Round	19th Oct., 1969	v C.E.C.B		won 5-1
2nd ROUND	00 137 1000	v City Hall		
3rd ROUND	ON THE SOME	v Swansea		
SEMI-FINAL		v Newport		0.1
FINAL	F.1 1 10F0	v Llanishen		D 11
Final (Replay)	1001 1 1050	v , Llanishen		won 1-0
	WELSH KNOO	CK-OUT CUP		
1st Round	15th Nov., 1969	v S.C.O.W		won 4-0
2nd ROUND	20th Dec, 1969	v Oystermouth		won 4-
3rd ROUND	0.7 35 4000	v Northup Hall	٠.	0.0
SEMI-FINAL	11th Apr., 1970	v Swansea		Lost 2-3

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1968-69 RESULTS

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		Xi	

1000					1970		1		
	Ross-on-Wye Brean II	A A	Won Lost	7-0 2-3	Jan. 3	B.A.C. I Whitchurch II	Н	Lost Lost	1-3 0-1
Oct. 4	R.A.F. I B.A.C. I	A A A	Won Lost Won	5-0 0-1 3-0	,, 31 Feb. 7	Bristol II S.C.O.W	A		1-0 2-1 3-3
,, 25	Llanishen II W. Glouc. II Portishead I	H H A	Won Draw Won	7-2 1-1 3-1	Mar. 7	Robinson Old Bristol. II W. Glouc. II	H	Draw Won Lost	2-2 2-0 0-3
,, 22	Gloucester II Imperial II O. Bristol. II	H A A	Lost Won Lost	0-4 4-0 1-2	,, 11	City Hall I Bath II	A	Draw Lost	1-1 0-5
Dec. 6	Bristol YMCA I Bath II	H H	Won Lost	3-0 0-3					

THIRD X1

1969					1970	
	Spencer	A	Won	4-0	Jan. 3 B.A.C. II A Draw 1	-1
		Н	Lost	1-3	,, 17 Oyster'th II A Won 2	-1
		H	Lost	1-2	24 Newport III H Won 7	-0
	Penarth II	H	Won	1-0	., 31 Bristol III A Won 5	-4
	A.A.C	A	Lost	0-1	Feb. 14 Swansea II H Won 3	-2
		A	Draw	2-2	Mar. 7 Bridgend G.S. A Won 2	-1
Nov. 1	Portishead II	H	Won	6-0	14 W. Glouc. III H Draw 2	-2
	Glouc. III	A	Won	7-3	,, 21 Henleaze II A Won 3	1-1
	Imperial III	H	Won	5-1	Apr. 4 Weston II A Lost 1	-3
	Cardiff Univ.		Won	5-0	,, 5 Brean II A Lost 0)-2
Dec. 6	Firebrands II	A	Draw	2-2	,, 11 Bath III H Lost 4	1-5
,, 13	B.P. Llandarcy	A	Won	3-1		
,, 20	Newport III	H	Won	3-0		
,, 27	Penarth II	A	Lost	0-1		_

FOURTH X1

,, 18 ,, 25 Nov. 1	B.A.C. III Cardiff H.S W. Glouc. IV Abergav'ny II Bridgend G.S. Alcan	H H A H	Lost Won Lost Draw	1-2 3-1 1-2 1-1	Feb.	17 31 7 14	C.E.G.B Bristol IV Abergav'ny II Swansea U. II	A H H H	Won Lost	3-3 2-1 1-4 1-1
,, 25 Nov 1	W. Glouc. IV	H	Won	3-1 1-2	Feb.	31 7	Bristol IV Abergav'ny II	H	Won Lost	2-1 1-4
8	Bridgend G.S.	H	Draw	1-1		14	Swansea U. II	H	Draw	1-1
,, 22	Alcan O. Bristol. III	A	Lost	0-4	Mar.l	21	W. Glouc. IV City Hall II		Lost	
Dec. 6	Bristol YMCA II	A	Lost	0-2	11.		. 15. 11			
	Alcan Penarth III									

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Records of Past Seasons

Season	Captain	Pla	yed	Won	Drn.	Lost	Go For	als Agst
1896-97	E. W. BENNETT		*					-
1897-98	E. W. BENNETT	***	23	8	7	0	90	10
1898-99	THE PARTY OFFI		7	8	6	8	38	46
1899-1900	W. BIELSKI		23		6	7	38	26
	N. D. WARE			14	6	3	68	24
1900-01			26	20	2 2	4	82	33
1901-02	N. D. WARE G. N. HOWELL		9	15	2	2	81	13
1902-03 1903-04	O M. Trouwer		20	16	1	3	81	22
1903-04	E. W. EVANS		20	18	2 2	4	110	31
1904-5	TO MIL TONIANIO		5	15 11	2	3 3	119	27
906-07	E. W. EVANS		7	13	1 2 2 3	3	78	27
907-08	F. B. M. BULMER		6	12	2	2 2 3	68	25
908-09	E. R. SWEET-ESCOTT		23		2	2	62	23
909-10	B. TURNBULL		8	17	3	3	101	26
910-11	H. H. SWEET-ESCOTT		8	14	0	4	109	26
911-12	I. W. DUNCAN			14	2	2 2 5	107	22
	II DEDECODO		8	15	1	2	95	26
912-13 913-14	I. O. TURNBULL		5	10	0	5	70	57
919-20	To merce traces		7	19	2	1	115	30
920-21	TT O OMESTICATION			10	2 4	5	64	45
920-21	n m a reverse		5	7	4	4	41	34
922-23				14	3 3	7	92	51
923-24	III a company		9	10		6	73	34
924-25	A THE THEODER		3	9	4	10	63	68
925-26	A. T. HARPER	•••	*					
929-30	F. L. LAMAROUE		5	10				
930-31	F. L. LAMARQUE			12	4	9	79	59
31-32	V C HUCHEC		9	17	3	10	126	50
932-33	C C DAMBURY		8	16	4	9	87	77
933-34			0	13	6	9	77	77
934-35	C C DAMBUBY			11	5	14	53	57
935-36	C D DATIFIE		4	13	7 2	14	64	71
936-37	C D DATIFIE		5	14	6	11	60	64
937-38			1	11 20	3	8	48	50
938-39	G. R. FAULKS G. R. FAULKS		5	14	6	8 5	64 62	40 30
945-46	G. PERCIVAL	3	2	25	2	5	139	49
946-47	G. PERCIVAL		0:0	10	3	7	65	36
947-48	K. G. HUGHES	2	26	14	3	9	57	42
948-49	G. A. L. TUCKER		26	15	1	10	72	45
949-50	W. N. FRANCIS	3	2	22	3	7	110	56
950-51	W. N. FRANCIS		26	14	8	4	87	44
951-52	W. N. FRANCIS		0	17	6	7	96	47
952-53	W. N. FRANCIS		0	18	8	4	98	43
953-54	N. C. PALLOT		0	18	6	6	89	34
954-55	N. C. PALLOT		29	20	6	3	100	31
955-56	W. A. THOMAS		29	19	3	7	103	52
956-57	M. H. C. MEGGITT T. D. H. THOMAS	2	28	16	5	7	83	59
957-58	D. J. O'BRIEN	3	0	20	2	8	93	54
958-59	M. H. C. MEGGITT		28	15	5	8	64	41
959-60	G. T. WHITEWAY	2	26	9	5	12	62	67
960-61	M. H. C. MEGGITT		5	13	4	8	60	47
961-62	P. WILKINSON		0	16	8	6	90	59
962-63	P. WILKINSON		3	15	3	5	61	32
963-64	G. T. WHITEWAY		9	17	3	9	71	47
964-65	G. T. WHITEWAY	3	2	22	9	8	98	51
965-66	G. T WHITEWAY	2	2	5	2 2 6	15	32	57
966-67	J. R. COCKS		5	7	6	12	37	46
967-68	J. O. ROCH		2	13	7	12	54	74
968-69	J. R. ELLIS		ō	13	9	8	50	36
969-70	R. K. O. GODDARD		6	24	5	7	75	26

^{*} Records not available.