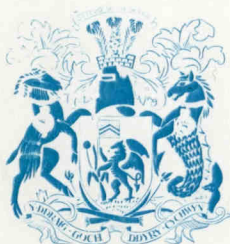


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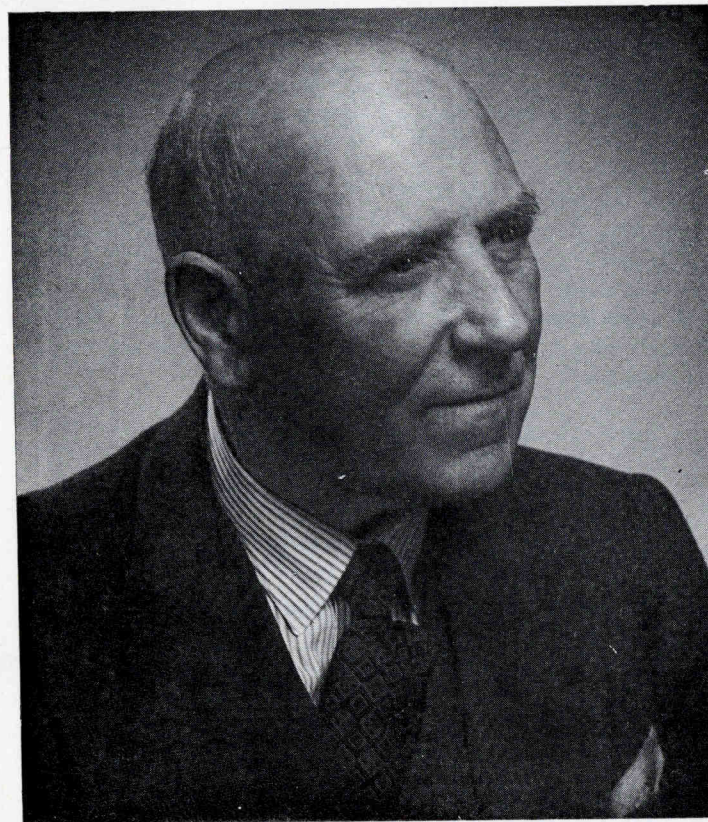
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General Secretary: D. G. GRANT

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N. V. H. RICHES

President of the Cardiff Athletic Club

CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB

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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, J.P.	J. R. THOMAS
F. P. DAVIES	COL. SIR CENNYDD TRAHERNE
W. J. EVANS	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 *B. R. TURNBULL *K. H. INGLEDEW

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

<i>To retire in 1969:</i>	<i>To retire in 1970:</i>	<i>To retire in 1971:</i>
F. P. DAVIES	D. A. BROWN	P. COLLIER
W. LEWIS, J.P.	G. CHUGG	W. J. EVANS
G. L. PORTER	J. DESMOND	W. N. FRANCIS
F. W. SOMERS	J. D. H. RICHES	L. M. SPENCE
J. R. THOMAS	E. C. HALL	J. H. WEBB
R. F. TROTT	A. T. THOMAS	W. H. WILKINS

Co-opted Members: P. T. GOODFELLOW, 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

D. A. BROWN	G. L. PORTER	B. R. TURNBULL
K. H. INGLEDEW	N. V. H. RICHES	W. H. WILKINS
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P. COLLIER	E. C. HALL	F. W. SOMERS
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GROUND COMMITTEE

Chairman: L. M. SPENCE

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W. J. EVANS	A. T. THOMAS	J. O. WEBB
W. N. FRANCIS	J. R. THOMAS	

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

FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

Chairman : P. T. GOODFELLOW

Vice-Chairman : B. MARK

Hon. Secretary: R. F. TROTT

Club Captain: C. H. NORRIS

Captain Athletic XV : J. E. DAVIES

A. D. S. BOWES	P. NYHAN	A. T. THOMAS
D. A. BROWN	G. L. PORTER	W. H. WILKINS
C. T. HOWE	A. J. PRIDAY	LLOYD WILLIAMS
H. JOHNSON	K. A. ROWLANDS	T. L. WILLIAMS
W. J. LEWIS	L. M. SPENCE	

CRICKET COMMITTEE

Chairman: W. J. EVANS

Hon. Secretary: B. KEMPSON

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	J. I. HERBERT	A. J. PRIDAY
G. ECCLES	W. LEWIS, J.P.	H. SHEWRING
Dr. P. GATEHOUSE		

BOWLS COMMITTEE

Chairman: F. W. SOMERS

Hon. Secretary: T. PHILLIPS

Asst. Hon. Secretary: J. H. WEBB

Captain: P. E. RIDD

Vice-Captain: M. SMALLDRIDGE

Captain "A" Team: A. BOUND

E. H. BAINES

C. BLOODWORTH

R. GOODING

E. JONES

J. A. JUDD

L. M. SPENCE

LAWN TENNIS COMMITTEE

Chairman: F. P. DAVIES

Hon. Secretary: E. J. NURTON

Captain: P. COLLIER

Ladies Captain: Miss J. L. HOWELLS

Hon. Match Secretary: E. HUDSON

R. BLANCHFLOWER

G. CHUGG

C. WEST

Miss S. BETTS

Mrs. M. BLANCHFLOWER

Mrs. J. COLLIER

Miss J. PEXTON

HOCKEY COMMITTEE

Chairman: J. P. ROBERTS

Captain 1st XI: J. R. ELLIS

Captain 2nd XI: M. G. B. WARFIELD

Captain 3rd XI: M. D. PRICHARD

Captain 4th XI: M. J. GRIFFITHS

Hon. Secretary: J. S. MARSHALL

Hon. Team Secretary: P. B. SPARKES

Hon. Fixture Secretary: P. H. SWAIN

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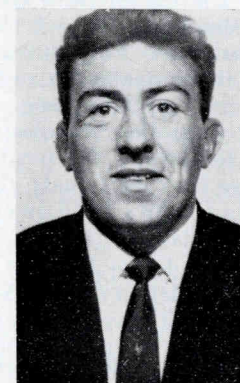
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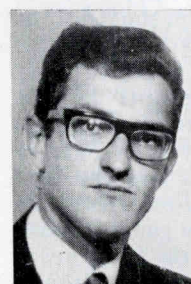
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(Bowls)



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(Rugby)



JOHN ELLIS
(Hockey)



P. I. COLLIER
(Lawn Tennis)

CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB

Chairman's Report for the Year ending 30th April, 1969

Dear Members,

At the conclusion of that section of my last year's report which dealt with the finances I said: "This year has seen the start of a period of reconstruction which obviously will make inroads into the Club's financial resources. The support of all members is essential to the financial well-being of the Club during this period—a period which will be trying in the extreme to the Club as a whole and to its Members as individuals".

A careful study of the Income and Expenditure Account will bring home to Members the fact that *your support is vitally necessary to your Club!* Very shortly, after the start of the last financial year, it became apparent that the Club faced a loss of £7,500 on its year's working. The Management Committee, together with the Standing Committees, took immediate decisions to remedy the position for the future. Some of these decisions took immediate effect, others did not take effect until 1st May, 1969. I will defer dealing with these decisions until later in this Report.

The Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30th April, 1969, reveals a deficit of £6,065—the highest deficit ever recorded. A study of the various items of income shows the far reaching effects of the reconstruction period of the redevelopment scheme. Income from football gates at £7,671 shows a drop of £1,718, brought about in the main by the temporary loss of all covered accommodation in the field, the temporary loss of the floodlights and the poor start to the season by the 1st XV. Very early kick-offs were necessary for certain mid-week matches, and the receipts for the Pontypool and Newbridge games were in tens of pounds instead of hundreds. The Pontypridd and Penarth matches clashed with televised international matches and the gate receipts were only a percentage of the match expenses. In addition, the mid-week Cape Town University game was not the money spinner that was envisaged when the fixture was first made. The income from season tickets shows a drop of £352 and is purely on field seasons again caused by the loss of covered accommodation.

Profit on sale of programmes shows a drop of £321. This is related to the previous two items, but, in addition, the previous year's figures included an amount of £174—the profit on the East Wales v. New Zealand match programmes.

The drop in income from the Snelling Sevens Tournament reflects the loss of stand accommodation and covered field accommodation, as the day of the Tournament was one of the wettest on record.

Car park receipts show a net loss of £530 and were brought about by the loss of the following parking areas:

Park Street, the river bank, the North Stand and the Quay Street entrance. The loss of these areas is only temporary and they will again be available to the Club on the completion of the present building programme. Your Committee did arrange for the construction of temporary car parking areas to the west of the Clubhouse during the re-construction period, but these temporary areas only give us twenty-three per cent. of our previous capacity.

Bar takings show a drop of £5,311 and fruit machines a drop of £478. These losses are related to the small attendances at rugby matches and the inconvenience experienced by the members during the year.

This year the Club did not receive the £1,000 donation from the Greyhound Company. This is because of the future financial arrangements for Cardiff Arms Park. In all, the Club suffered a total drop in income of £9,715. But for certain savings on the expenditure side of the account the loss would have been far greater than it actually was. Certain items of expenditure did increase. The cost of "Upkeep of Grounds and Clubhouse" went up by £578 and the main items of football expenditure also increased, the highest increase being £516 for away match expenses, brought about by the Scottish tour and the Headingly fixture.

Now to the decisions taken by the various committees to improve the finances. Firstly, those that had an immediate effect.

In previous reports I have mentioned that it was necessary to employ two extra groundsmen during the transitional period and that this position would be reviewed in 1970. In the autumn of last year, the Ground Committee considered

the purchase of a set of "close cut" gang mowers at a cost of £503, for delivery in the spring of 1969, with a view to making an immediate cut back in the staff. This recommendation was approved by the Management Committee and two groundsmen left our employment—one in October, 1968, the other in February, 1969. This saved the Club £500 in the last financial year and in future years should save the Club between £1,500 and £2,000 per annum. In addition, changes have recently been made to the framework of the part-time staff employed, which will institute a further small saving.

The House Committee spent many hours at the commencement of the year in breaking down individual prices, both for liquid refreshments and food. As from 1st July, 1968, increases in the prices of certain alcoholic refreshments came into effect. As far as the catering was concerned, it was felt that this should no longer be a service to members at no profit to the Club and all prices were therefore increased by fourteen per cent. from the same date. The catering is now making a net profit, but the food served is still excellent value for the prices charged.

In January, 1969, the House Committee decided to increase the charges for the hire of the Top Lounge.

The Rugby Committee was able to cut back on the number of Gatemens, Police and Firemen in attendance at Matches and also discontinue certain items of pre-match advertising.

The other Sections have drastically cut back on expenditure and there is far more evidence of "self-help" in operation.

Secondly, the decisions which will take effect during the next financial year. After long discussion, the Management Committee was forced to take the decision to increase the rates of Membership Subscriptions — the first increase since 1962. You will, by now, have realised that this increase will not on its own solve the financial problems that were facing the Club this time last year. In addition, Season-ticket prices have been increased, together with the Prices of Admission for the First XV matches for next season.

The Football Committee has decided to discontinue the running of the Extra XV, although this decision was not taken primarily for financial reasons.

When the Welsh Rugby Union requested the Club to agree to a deferment in the completion of the Club's new facilities, it was pointed out that if the transitional period was extended for a much longer period than was at first envisaged, the Club would be financially crippled and it was therefore necessary for the Welsh Rugby Union to accept financial responsibility for the main stadium at an earlier date than the completion date. The Welsh Rugby Union agreed to accept financial responsibility from the 1st September, 1969. The first XV will continue to play all matches there until such time as the Club's new ground is finally completed. In addition, the Welsh Rugby Union will also be responsible for any extra operating costs falling on the Club due to any extension of the transitional period.

Despite the loss on the year of £6,065, it has been possible to place money on one side for future development. During the year the weekly Lottery made a net profit of £2,871 and the "200" Clubs, instituted for the first time, made a net profit of £1,546. All in all, a total of £4,417, and a sum of £22,970 is now earmarked for future development. The Club's investments only exceed this figure by an amount of £2,556. Ten years ago, at 30th April, 1959, with only £665 standing to the credit of the Development Fund, the Club's investments totalled £10,277.

Subscriptions

The increase in the subscriptions, regretted and reluctantly agreed by the Management Committee has been found necessary by the steady, consistent increase in costs of which S.E.T. is only a part, although the cost of S.E.T. to the Club with the increase now imminent, will be £2,000. With wages and all services and costings on the increase, it was no longer possible to postpone the first increase for seven years.

It has been thought by many people that as big rugby, etc., has now become big business, a purely business approach would solve the problem during the transitional stage and for the future. I would like to point out, however, that as an amateur body concerned chiefly with the Welsh Rugby Union we are unable to accept business sponsors for matches, we are not allowed to increase income by allowing advertisement hoardings, etc., on our ground or take part in any business undertaking that would contravene the strict amateur laws.

Our Clubhouse Licence does not include Public entertainment of any nature, such as Public Dances, Cabaret Shows, Public Bingo, Gambling, etc., so that our only income is that which has been in vogue for many years.

We can, however, continue to offer to old and new members, membership of one of the greatest Rugby Clubs in the World, a seat in the Stand for all Home games on our fixture list unless otherwise stated, and every service possible for tickets for Home International matches. There are four Cricket teams, four Hockey teams, three Rugby teams, Tennis and Bowls, a Golfing Society, Skittle Teams and a very enthusiastic Choir.

In addition, a magnificent ground at Sophia Gardens and a new rugby ground to follow at Cardiff Arms Park.

Also the very good catering for lunches and refreshments for Members' Private parties at a low cost, with the finest sandwiches in Europe, plus the Rugby atmosphere of Bars and Trophy Room. This, plus low cost car parking—with free parking for luncheon members and free car parking during evenings, all day Saturday (during Summer) and Sundays, with, we hope, Squash Courts to follow in the near future as a possible extra Section. All this, in spite of the increased subscription for less than a packet of ten cigarettes per week.

Fifty years ago the subscription was two guineas just to join the Rugby Section without any other amenities whatsoever. There were in 1905-6-7 nearly 2,000 members.

The Management Committee has considered the position of our "Senior Citizen" members and has decided that any of them who so desire, may apply to the Committee for a reduced subscription.

New Ground.

There is little more to report at this moment than there was last year except to comment on the good rate of progress in building the colossus. This will bring nearer the completion of our ground and in the meantime we will continue to play the first team games on the Main Stadium and the new ground at Cardiff Arms Park and Sophia Gardens for our Athletic XV and Junior XV.

As soon as the seating on the portion of the new Stand is completed the Welsh Rugby Union will commence on our South Stand. They hope to use their new North Stand for the Cardiff/South Africa game in December and the Wales/South Africa game in January.

I am pleased to say that members of the Cardiff Athletic Club have, I understand, led the field in the purchase of Debentures.

Staff

With Mr. David Grant still organising, with Mr. John Grubenman, the weekly prize draw and the "200" Club (apart from his other multitudinous duties), I once again have nothing but praise for his efforts on behalf of the Club when it is realised that through these efforts, and offsetting the loss of £6,065 for the year's working, the result is a sum of £4,417 to invest for future development.

It is not just a habit to praise our office staff—they have once again proved efficient, willing and have taken on any extra work with pleasure—so thanks to Miss Anne Davies, the Chief Clerk, Susan Allen and Angela Donovan for their unstinted support.

Cardiff Athletic Club Choir

The Choir's officers are: W. A. Carter, Chairman; Emlyn Thomas, Secretary; Graham Coles, Treasurer.

The Choir entered its third year with the annual outing which was held at the Fontygary Country Club, where all members thoroughly enjoyed a musical evening and supper in a very relaxed atmosphere.

It was decided that the Choir should now have its own distinctive tie and this has been achieved. Each Monday evening it will be noticed in the Club that Choir members are attired in the proper dress, wearing their own tie.

During the past twelve months the Club has chiefly been engaged in building up a repertoire of various items to enable the Choir to hold concerts and perform various functions in the future. Several enjoyable social evenings have been held

in the lounge which has given members of the Choir and their wives the opportunity of getting to know one another and these social evenings have also been enjoyed by Club members in general with benefits to bar takings.

One of the highlights of the past year has been a visit from the well known Gentlemen Songsters from Tonyrefail, who spent an enjoyable evening with our Choir rendering items of their own and joining in with our own members in a very pleasing impromptu concert.

One or two charity concerts have been given in the Cardiff district and a contribution was made towards the late Mr. Peter Walsh, the rugby referee.

Among other outdoor engagements have been concerts at the Ty Celyn Secondary Modern School, a social evening and a couple of concerts at the Indoor Bowling Club; the latter one in particular being devoted to the entertainment of the English Ladies International Bowling Team who were delighted with the rendering of the various numbers.

We are still anxious for any new members to join the Choral Section and, at the same time, would draw attention to the fact that the services of the Club Choir are available for any function the sections may wish to hold in the Club, and would be delighted to oblige anyone who would care to contact Mr. Stan Thomas, the present Chairman or the Club Secretary.

Golfing Society

The Society had a very good season last year with three successful meetings at the Royal Porthcawl, Cardiff and Radyr Golf Clubs and concluded the season with a very enjoyable time at the Annual Dinner.

At the General Meeting, Austin C. Thomas was elected Captain and they are in the middle of another good season.

The Golfing Society would be very interested to hear from any members of the Athletic Club who wish to become members.

Trophy Room

On a personal note, I would like to thank the following members of the club for their services and help in the construction of the above room, in which they helped in the best possible manner, proving their loyalty as club members and giving assistance to myself: John Webb, of Osborne V. Webb and Partners, for his excellent plans and supervision; Mr. Evan G. Jones, Main Contractors; Richard Beer, of Hartlowes Furnishings Ltd.; Don Stokes of Stokes Decorators, for his generosity; S. Shepherd of Welsh Glass Works; and Arran Lerman, for providing the expert services of a window dresser at no cost.

Committees

The President, Mr. N. V. H. Riches, the Management Committee and all Standing Committees once again met regularly, with the three Chairmen of Standing Committees, Mr. J. R. Thomas, Mr. L. M. Spence and Mr. G. L. Porter, on the ball as usual. Mr. G. L. Porter, as Vice-Chairman of the Management Committee, was always in support and available at all times to be called on. I appreciate the support I received from all committees during this last year.

Bar Staff

With the Catering and Bar Staff as ever efficient with smiling service and Miss Filer with her control of Catering and Staff as good as ever, all Members and visitors were given a Cardiff Club welcome.

Ground staff

Extra work and general upheaval did not dismay Les Gerry and his staff, and a great deal of work and improvements were carried out with cheerfulness and success.

Yours sincerely,

HUBERT JOHNSON



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Mitchells and Butlers

Caledonian Scotch Ale

Carling Lager

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THE TROPHY ROOM

May I, as Vice-Chairman of the Cardiff Athletic Club, on behalf of the President, the Management Committee and all Members express appreciation to our Chairman, Hubert Johnson for his magnificent gift to the Club.

For many years our wonderful collection of Rugby mementos has been housed in old display cabinets in the Committee Room, but as more and more trophies were donated to the Club it became impossible to display them adequately. Hubert, ever far-seeing (who else could have visualised and set in motion the planning and change over of Grounds at the Arms Park?) decided that he would like to re-design the layout, decor, lighting and provide adequate modern display cabinets and present them to the Club. With customary persuasiveness, Hubert enlisted the help of many prominent Club Members who gave their professional advice or assistance gratuitously for the benefit of the Club.

It was decided in advance that Brigadier Glyn Hughes, President of the Barbarians Football Club, should be asked to perform the opening ceremony on the day of the annual Cardiff v. Barbarians match. Unfortunately, owing to unavoidable delays in the supply of certain materials, it was not possible to complete the work in time for the day. The opening was performed on the morning of Saturday, 12th April, 1969 by Brigadier Hughes and attended by notabilities of the rugger world including the Presidents of the English and Welsh Rugby Unions.

I feel that too often in the world of amateur sport the efforts of men like Hubert Johnson are allowed to pass with little comment. Hubert has been connected with the Cardiff Rugby Club and Cardiff Athletic Club as a player and administrator for more than 40 years and during this time he has devoted his boundless energy and enthusiasm to the cause of our great Club both on and off the field. He is one of this City's finest ambassadors and is known and respected wherever rugger is played throughout the world.

As Chairman of the Cardiff Athletic Club, Hubert will see most of the material contained in this Annual Report before it "goes to print" but not this appreciation, for I know that if he were to do so he would not allow it to be included.

Once again Hubert, a big thank you on behalf of all Club Members.

GWYNNE PORTER

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

1968 £	EXPENDITURE	£	£
13,485	To Salaries, Wages and S.E.T.	12,770	
3,247	„ Upkeep of Grounds and Clubhouse ...	3,825	
2,929	„ Football—Away Match Expenses ...	3,445	
2,002	„ Football—Home Match Expenses ...	2,268	
489	„ Football—Players' Out of Pocket Expenses	549	
373	„ Football—Junior XV Expenses ...	473	
1,298	„ Stationery, Telephones and Postages ...	1,239	
308	Cost of Annual Report and Postages ...	275	
88	Less Advertising in Annual Report ...	63	
220		212	
863	„ Advertising, Season Tickets, etc ...	667	
790	„ Share of Gates ...	525	
1,337	„ Gatekeepers, Police and Firemen ...	959	
762	„ Rent and Rates ...	778	
1,063	„ Rent and Rates—Sophia Gardens ...	824	
2,851	„ Water, Light and Heat ...	2,601	
500	„ Sundry Items ...	507	
115	„ Legal Fees re Sophia Gardens' lease ...	443	
444	„ Laundry ...	1,545	
1,530	„ Cleaning Services—Clubhouse ...	216	
227	„ Cleaning Materials and Window Cleaning ...	584	
678	„ Dinner, Dance, Ladies' Night, Photographs and Awards ...	807	
1,016	„ Football Equipment ...	45	
45	„ Loudspeaker Rental ...	105	
105	„ Audit Fee ...	1,081	
1,154	„ Insurances ...	200	
200	„ Football Insurance Fund ...	262	
280	„ Medical Expenses ...	110	
271	„ Donations ...	1,236	
1,085	„ Plant Repairs, Petrol and Oil ...	548	
824	„ Sectional Expenses ...	312	
264	„ Depreciation—Motor Roller, Mowers, etc. ...	385	
—	„ Fruit Machine ...	100	
—	Less Allowance ...	285	
40,447		39,421	
1,644	„ BAR PURCHASES		
30,401	Opening stock ...	1,825	
	Purchases ...	26,186	
32,045		28,011	
1,825	Less Closing Stock ...	1,659	
30,220		26,352	
2,259	„ Bar Purchases—Sophia Gardens ...	1,681	
5,325	„ Catering Purchases ...	5,055	
8,867	„ Bar Wages, S.E.T., Equipment, Renewals and expenses ...	8,554	
127	„ Depreciation—Furniture, Fittings and Equipment ...	114	
143	„ Depreciation—Furniture, Fittings and Equipment—Sophia Gardens ...	132	
46,941		41,888	
£87,388		£81,309	

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1968 £	INCOME	£	£
9,389	By Football Gates ...	7,671	
1,888	„ Season Tickets ...	1,536	
11,277		9,207	
400	„ Snelling "Seven-a-side" Tournament ...	200	
1,034	„ Profit on Sale of Programmes ...	713	
50	Less Donation to Cardiff & District Rugby Union ...	50	
984		663	
163	„ Share of Gates ...	350	
12,824		10,420	
11,453	„ Members' Subscriptions ...	11,137	
20	„ Cricket Collections ...		
870	„ Ground Earnings ...	870	
2,722	„ Car Park Receipts ...	2,035	
1,150	Less Attendants' Wages and S.E.T. ...	993	
1,572		1,042	
350	„ B.B.C. and Harlech Fees ...	786	
23	„ Competition Fees ...	21	
34	„ Catering Concession ...	15	
	INVESTMENT INCOME:		
	Dividends: Arms Park (Cardiff)		
44	Greyhound Racing Co. (1956) Ltd. ...	88	
84	Preferred Income Unit Trust ...	84	
	INTEREST:		
41	Glamorgan County Council ...	28	
78	Barry Corporation ...	79	
334	Cardiff Corporation ...	345	
27	3% Savings Bonds ...	27	
	South Wales (East) & Mon. Trustee		
276	Savings Bank ...	302	
369	Lloyds Bank Ltd. ...	420	
483	Income Tax Refund ...	427	
1,736		1,800	
	DONATIONS:		
	Arms Park (Cardiff) Greyhound Racing Co. (1956) Ltd. ...	—	
1,000		26,091	
29,882		36,833	
42,144	„ Bar Takings ...	2,445	
3,138	„ Bar Takings—Sophia Gardens ...	7,171	
6,659	„ Catering Takings ...		
3,243	„ Fruit Machine Takings ...	2,765	
150	Less Licence Duty ...	150	
3,093		2,615	
13	„ Hire of Rooms ...	66	
30	„ Profit on Sale of Club Ties ...	23	
2,429	„ Excess of Expenditure over Income ...	6,065	
£87,388		£81,309	

BALANCE SHEET

1968	LIABILITIES				£	£
823	Football Insurance Fund	...	...	...	890	
	Creditors					
3,217	Subscriptions Prepaid	...	...	...	3,051	
2,515	Accrued Expenses	...	...	...	857	
						3,008
	Development Fund					
18,180	Balance as at 1st May 1968	...	...	...	18,553	
2,744	Add Income for year ended 30th April 1969	...	...	...	2,871	
20,924						21,424
	<i>Less:</i>					
243	Club Scoreboard—Sophia Gardens	...	...	...	—
420	Sight Screens—Sophia Gardens	...	...	...	—
724	Extensions to Tarmacadam Areas and Car	...	...	...	—
984	Park—Sophia Gardens	...	...	...	—
	Hard Tennis Court	...	...	...	—
2,371						21,424
18,553						
	Creditors re Development Fund					
43	Subscriptions Prepaid	...	...	...	15	
	Club Rugby Ground Development Fund					
—	Profit on "200" Clubs—year ended 30th April 1969	...	...	...	1,546	
	"200" Clubs					
2,418	Subscriptions Prepaid	...	...	...	1,555	
	Lloyds Bank Limited					
—	Welsh Rugby Union Debenture Scheme A/c.	...	...	...	395	
	Income and Expenditure Account					
36,253	Balance as at 1st May 1968	...	...	...	33,824	
2,429	Less Excess of Expenditure over Income for Year ended 30th April, 1969	...	...	...	6,065	
33,824						27,759

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 Rules.

RICHARD DAVIES & CO.

Chartered Accountants

CARDIFF
18th July, 1969

£61,393

£57,501

as at 30th April, 1969

1968	ASSETS				£	£
15,000	Clubhouse at written down value	...	...	...	15,000	
4,378	Head Groundsman's Flat—Sophia Gardens	...	...	...	4,378	
1,141	Clubhouse—Furniture, Fittings & Equipment	...	...	...	1,141	
	Less Depreciation	...	...	...	114	
						1,027
1,288	Pavilion—Sophia Gardens—Furniture, Fittings & Equipment	...	...	...	1,288	
	Additions during year	...	...	...	30	
						1,318
	Less Depreciation	...	...	...	132	
						1,186
25	Bowls Pavilion	...	...	...	25	
1,055	Motor Roller, Mowers, etc.	...	...	...	1,055	
	Additions during year	...	...	...	503	
						1,558
	Less Depreciation	...	...	...	312	
						1,246
10	Office Furniture	...	...	...	10	
	Investments:					
1,000	Glamorgan County Council 7% loan	...	...	...	—
1,000	Barry Corporation 7% loan	...	...	...	1,000	
1,000	Barry Corporation 6½% loan	...	...	...	1,000	
2,500	Cardiff Corporation 7% loan	...	...	...	2,500	
6,500	Cardiff Corporation 6½% loan	...	...	...	6,500	
2,100	Preferred Income Unit Trust 6½% 8,400 X 5/-	...	...	...	2,100	
	Units fully paid	...	...	...	1,500	
1,500	3% Savings Bonds 1965/1975	...	...	...	1,500	
109	Arms Park (Cardiff) Greyhound Racing Co. (1956) Ltd.—200 X 1/- Ordinary Shares	...	...	...	100	
	fully paid	...	...	...	56	
54	South Wales & Mon. Trustee Savings Bank...	...	...	...	5,770	
5,469	South Wales & Mon. Trustee Savings Bank—Special Investment Department	...	...	...	5,000	
5,000	Lloyds Bank Limited—Deposit Account	...	...	...
26,223						25,526
	Current Assets					
2,412	Stocks	...	...	...	2,250	
3,178	Sundry Debtors	...	...	...	995	
1,193	Recoverable Expenditure re Cardiff Arms Park Debtors re Welsh Rugby Union Debenture Scheme	...	...	...	395	
	LLOYDS BANK LIMITED					
1,853	Current Account	...	...	...	577	
823	Football Insurance Fund	...	...	...	899	
246	Development Fund	...	...	...	1,089	
2,418	Development Fund No. 2 Account, '200' Club	1,555	
150	Cash in Hand	150	
						9,103

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CARDIFF RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Report for Season 1968-69

Cardiff 1st XV

The team got off to a fine start by winning, on 4th September, the first ever Sevens Tournament organised at Twickenham by the Harlequins Club. Our congratulations to Tony Williams and his magnificent six, on this fine achievement. Reports were received from various clubs and spectators that the Sevens display by Cardiff on that day was the finest seen for many years.

September, as far as fifteen-a-side rugby was concerned, was not very encouraging for the first XV. Eight matches were played, resulting in four wins and four defeats. We lost to Bridgend, Coventry, Gloucester and Aberavon. Without a doubt, this was the worst start to a season for many years.

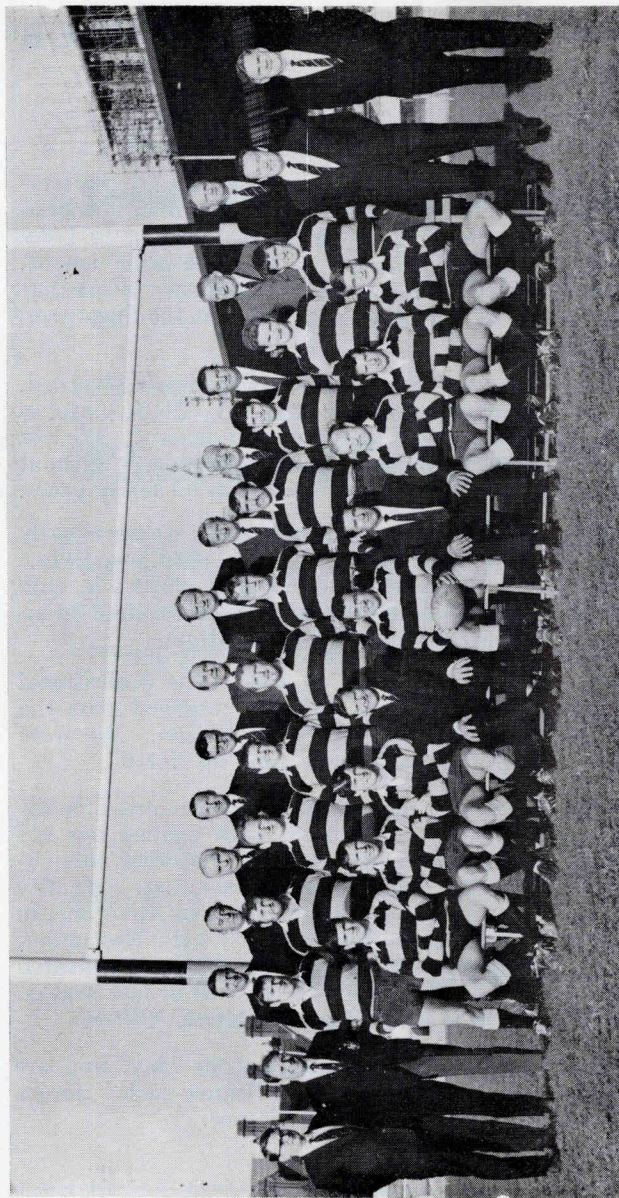
One fact emerged from our opening months: we were badly affected by injuries. Surely the time is very near when substitutes must be brought in for injured players in club matches. Three matches during September resulted in us being reduced to fourteen men before half-time.

The opening months also saw us lose to the professional ranks, two wingers, Keri Jones (recently returned from the Lions tour to South Africa) and Frank Wilson. We were sorry to see them go, but wish them well "up North".

October and November proved to be better months for the club, and only two defeats resulted, both against our old rivals, Newport. We had some excellent victories, particularly against Cambridge and Oxford Universities. We also accepted an invitation to play the Provence of Auvergne, in France, on their "National Heroes Day", 11th November. A fine victory was achieved here by 20-6, which compensated somewhat for our tour in France at the end of last season, when we lost two of the three matches played.

The French were very impressed by our play, and are endeavouring to make this an annual fixture each "Heroes Day", which is a national holiday in France.

CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB (First XV) — Season 1968-69



Back row: B. MARK, T. L. WILLIAMS, H. JOHNSON, A. J. FRIDAY, P. NYHAN, L. M. SPENCE, K. A. ROWLANDS, W. H. WILKINS, A. T. THOMAS, C. T. HOWE, W. J. LEWIS, D. A. BROWN.

Centre row: K. HARSE, R. BISH, G. DAVIES, R. BEARD, A. PENDER, E. WILLIAMS, M. BRAITHWAITE, I. ROBINSON, L. BAXTER, J. HICKEY, M. JOHN, D. GETHIN, L. WILLIAMS, T. HOLLEY.

Front row: R. DUGGAN, J. EVANS, B. JOHN, P. T. GOODFELLOW (*Chairman*), C. H. NORRIS (*Captain*), R. F. TROTT (*Hon. Secretary*), A. D. WILLIAMS, G. EDWARDS, A. FINLAYSON.

In December, we lost our first match, somewhat surprisingly, against Swansea. Some fine victories followed against the South African Universities Touring Side, Galashiels and Liverpool.

The final game in 1968 saw us win an excellent match against London Welsh. This game was one of the very few played in Wales on that day, and full credit must go to both sides for agreeing to play on a surface which was hard in parts. Thanks must also be extended to the crowd of volunteers who assisted the ground staff and committee in getting the pitch firstly covered, and then, just prior to kick-off, removing the straw.

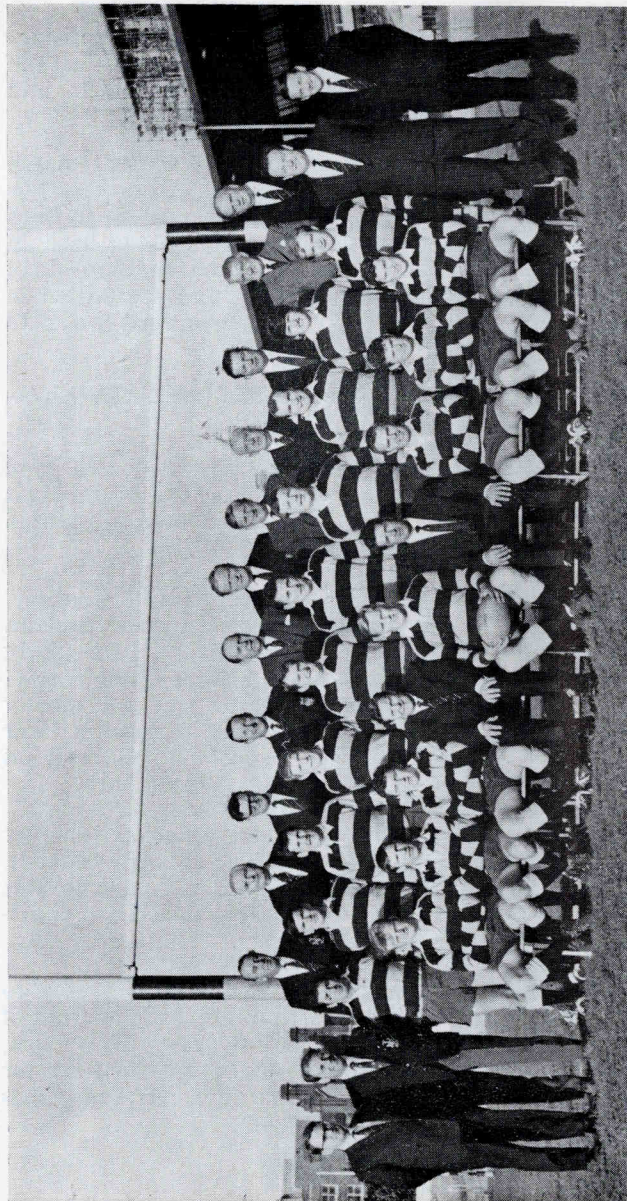
This victory gave us the double over the London Welsh, as we had won earlier in the season in London.

A short tour to Scotland at the New Year saw two good victories over Galashiels and Watsonians. The Watsonians were very pleased to see us again in Scotland—the last match between our clubs in Scotland being in 1957.

We had a tremendous game at Coventry on 11th January, losing finally by 14-11. Our team received great acclaim from the Press for their excellent performance, particularly for the clean play in what is usually a “rough and tough” battle. We were also honoured by a letter received, shortly afterwards, from the Coventry committee, expressing their greatest respect for our team performance and behaviour on the field in what could easily have been a “blood bath”.

February gave us three games and three victories over Pontypridd, Bristol and Llanelli. The Llanelli match, played away in almost monsoon conditions, gave us a notable double over the Scarlets. Gareth Edwards kicked two penalties out of the mud, for our 6-nil victory.

The 1st March saw us lose our third game of the season to Newport, when a penalty in the last minute, from in front of the posts, could have given us a 6-6 draw. This kick, unfortunately, just missed and the stage was then set for Newport's effort to beat us, for the first time ever, four times in a season.



Back row: T. L. WILLIAMS, H. JOHNSON, P. NYHAN, A. J. PRIDAY, L. M. SPENCE, K. A. ROWLANDS, W. H. WILKINS, A. T. THOMAS, C. T. HOWE, W. J. LEWIS, D. A. BROWN.

Centre row: K. HARSE, R. BISH, A. HARDWICKE, R. DUGGAN, C. JONES, I. HARRISON, G. THOMAS, M. TRURAN, G. WALLACE, J. HARDING, J. JAMES, D. MORGAN, L. L. WILLIAMS, B. MARK.

Front row: T. STEPHENSON, J. EVANS, M. DAVIES, P. T. GOODFELLOW (*Chairman*), J. DAVIES (*Captain*), R. F. TROTT (*Hon. Secretary*), J. H. WILLIAMS, P. THOMAS, B. COLES.

Three victories followed in March, including a game against Swansea, which was won 27-11. Barry John made history by being the first player to wear a microphone during part of the game. This was used for a documentary film which was later seen on television.

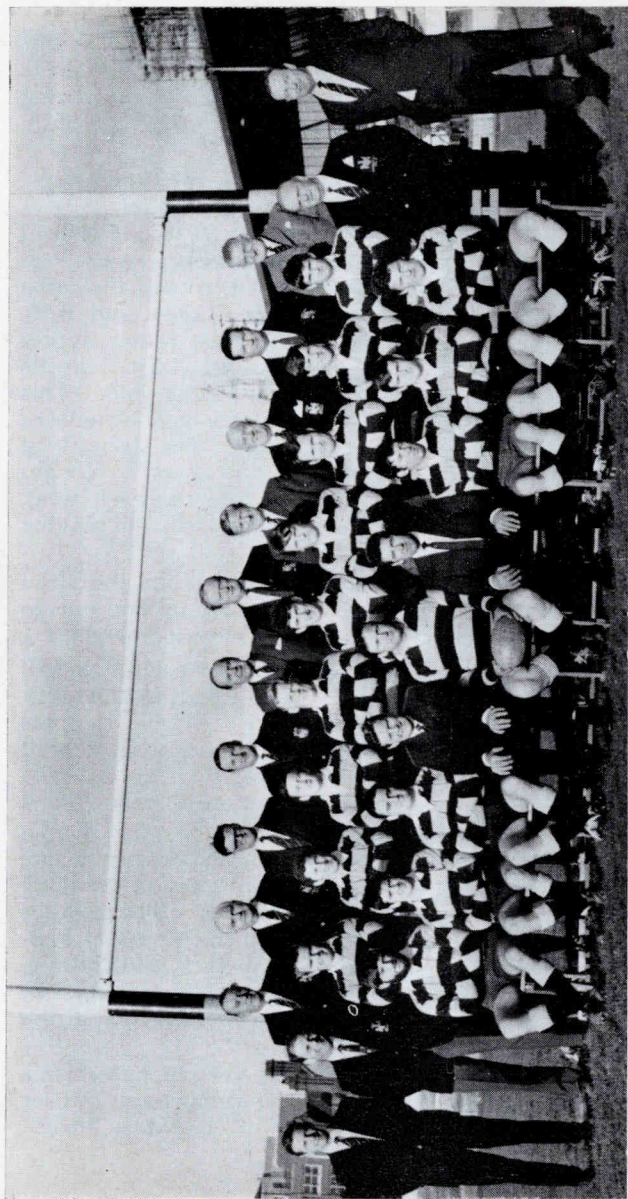
Easter Saturday saw again the visit of the Barbarians. One of the best games took place before one of our biggest gates, and we ran out worthy winners by 20-16. The lead changed hands several times, until Howard Norris scored one of his rare tries, just when it was needed, to put the issue fairly safe. Gareth Edwards was unable to play, and Billy Hullin was in the Barbarians side. We were rather apprehensive about the scrum half position, but Gary Samuels (Sambo) played one of his best games ever for the club. This bears out the statement, made many years ago, by one of our old captains, Haydn Tanner, who said: "The strength of the first fifteen, lies in the strength of its reserves". We are extremely grateful for the players who turn out each week for the "Rags", when many of them could easily be playing first class rugby with other clubs.

Wednesday, 16th April arrived—our last home match of the season. Our opponents—Newport, three up and one to play, hoping for that elusive four wins in a season over us.

We had easily the biggest gate of the season, and at half time were leading by 9 points to 3. Two penalties and a try from Gareth Edwards made up our score. Within minutes of the restart, Newport, now with a very strong wind behind them, scored a try. After fifteen minutes they had levelled the scores to 9-9, and for the last twenty minutes or so seemed to be camped permanently in our twenty-five.

The team tackled and covered like men possessed: at one time it seemed that Newport had thirty players on the field, and the pressure they exerted was continuous. The minutes ticked slowly by, and after what seemed like hours of nail-biting, the final whistle went, and that was that, a 9-all draw, and the record still intact. Poor Newport, who seemed to have achieved their final ambition, were thwarted right at the very end.

The general opinion was that we were very lucky to come out of that final game with a draw. True, perhaps, but let us not forget the magnificent effort of the whole fifteen



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Front row: M. WILLIAMS, G. SERVINO, G. HUGHES, P. T. GOODFELLOW (*Chairman*), D. J. HAYWARD (*Captain*), R. F. TROTT (*Hon. Secretary*), K. EVANS, M. ALEXANDER, M. DAVIES.

players, who tackled and covered in a great rear-guard action, never flinching against the tremendous pressure put on by Newport.

A very successful tour of Merseyside took place at the end of the season, and three fine wins were obtained at the expense of Liverpool, Birkenhead Park and Chester.

The Snelling Sevens Competition on 26th April proved to be one of the highlights of the season. The conditions were difficult owing to heavy rain, and the competition started off in heavy rain. During the afternoon conditions improved somewhat and the sun shone brightly for the latter part of the event.

The "Magnificent Seven" were in tremendous form, and swept through to the final, beating Llanelli in a thrill-packed game by 17 points to 13. The "seven" deserve special mention—Tony Williams to be an excellent captain, with a special knowledge of sevens technique; Barry John, scoring a record number of points and the worthy winner of the Everson Trophy award; Billy Hullin for consistently clever running and getting the winning try just before the final whistle; Nick Williams for some great running and covering and collecting four tries; the three forwards, Lyn Baxter, Meirion Davies and Tony Pender, for getting plenty of the ball for the "backs", and running and covering like three-quarters.

The following Saturday saw us take part in the Welsh National Sevens. Tony Williams leading the team again, but without Barry John, Nick Williams and Billy Hullin, who were replaced by Alex Finlayson, Brian Coles and Gary Samuels. Again Tony Williams, a superb "Sevens" general, led the team right through to the final, and accounted for Neath by 11-3 to be trophy winners on our own ground on the first occasion for the National Sevens to be staged at the Arms Park.

Thus Tony Williams completed a great hat-trick of seven-a-side rugby victories for the season: the Harlequins Sevens in September, the Snelling Sevens and, finally, the National W.R.U. Sevens, to take over the mantle as undisputed Sevens Champions in Wales.

CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB (Junior XV) — Season 1968-69



Back row: W. J. LEWIS, H. JOHNSON, D. A. BROWN, K. A. ROWLANDS, A. J. PRIDAY, P. T. GOODFELLOW, R. F. TROTT.

Centre row: P. HARRY, T. ELLIS, M. HAMILTON, P. HOSGOOD, K. MEAD, R. LYNCH, P. DAVID, D. BURKE.

Front row: P. BRADSHAW, R. DIAMOND, G. GODFREY, S. SOLOMON, P. BARRY (*Captain*), R. WOODWARD, I. GRIFFITHS, P. JONES, R. HARRIES

At the National Sevens Tony Williams earned the accolade of "Sevens Player of the Year" from W.R.U. President, Mr. Ivor Jones—a thoroughly deserved distinction which is likely to lead to the award of a special trophy.

After a poor start to the 1968-69 season, the Club finished up on a very high note, having only two defeats after Christmas, and both these away from home.

Howard Norris, as Captain, can feel justly proud of a great team, with a great "general", Tony Williams, as his second-in-command. The team finished up in the unofficial Welsh Championship as runners-up to our great friends and rivals, Newport.

The full record for the first XV is as follows:

P.	W.	L.	D.	Points	
				For	Against
45	33	9	3	648	317

Scorers

The top points scorer was Dennis Gethin with 80 goals and conversions, and one try—199 points. Dennis beat the first team club record which was 176 points, scored by Alun Priday in season 1962-63.

Another record was that of Mervyn John, our back row forward, who scored 13 tries to beat the record of 12 previously jointly held by Les Spence and Cliff Howe. Mervyn also scored nine tries for the Athletic XV. This record of the number of tries scored by a forward was achieved despite a ten week lay-off with an injury.

Other top try scorers were: Alex Finlayson with 18, Maurice Richards (13), Tony Williams (9), Ken Jones (7), Brian Coles, Barry John, P. Lyn Jones, Elwyn Williams and Ian Robinson (5 each). With a mixture of tries and goals, Gareth Edwards scored 49 points and Barry John 40.

New Caps for the 1st XV were awarded to: Roger Beard (33 matches), Alex Finlayson (29) and Mervyn John (25).

Players Match Record—The inimitable Tony Williams played 40 in all, Dennis Gethin (39), John Hickey (38), Elwyn Williams (37), Ian Robinson and Howard Norris (34), Gary Davies and Maurice Braithwaite (33), Ken Jones (24) and Maurice Richards (23).

CARDIFF SEVEN-A-SIDE TEAM — Season 1968-69 **Winners of the Harlequins Sevens, Snelling Sevens and the Welsh National Sevens Tournaments**



Back row: N. WILLIAMS, E. WILLIAMS, J. HICKEY, L. BAXTER, A. PENDER, A. FINLAYSON.

Front row: B. COLES, B. JOHN, A. D. WILLIAMS (Captain), J. H. WILLIAMS, M. DAVIES.

Not in photograph: W. HULLIN AND G. SAMUEL.

Gareth Edwards, Barry John, Maurice Richards and Gerald Davies represented Wales, and all were selected for the short Welsh Tour to New Zealand and Fiji in May, 1969.

Billy Hullin and John O'Shea have been honoured by selection for the Barbarians Tour to South Africa in May, 1969.

Cardiff Athletic XV

Under the captaincy of "skipper" John Davies, the Athletic team had another successful season, particularly as many established players were called for duty with the first XV, resulting in the Athletic XV fielding a different side most Saturdays.

<i>P.</i>	<i>W.</i>	<i>L.</i>	<i>D.</i>	<i>Points</i>	
				<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
30	27	2	1	677	184

This is another remarkably good record, comparing well with the last two great seasons.

1966-67—Played 38, won 34, lost 3, drawn 1, points for 977; Captain D. J. Hayward.

1967-68—Played 30, won 27, lost 1, drawn 2, points for 760; Captain, J. Price.

An excellent scalp was the taking of Pontypool United's two year old ground record.

The 1968-69 records illustrate the club playing strength, seventy players taking part.

On four occasions, over 40 points were scored:

<i>v. Old Illydians (Home)</i>	48-3
<i>v. Neath Athletic (Home)</i>	52-0
<i>v. Newport H.S.O.B. (S.G.)</i>	41-0
<i>v. Cilfynydd (Home)</i>	57-3

In the match against Cilfynydd, Terry Stephenson probably set up an Athletic record with seven tries. In all he scored 22 tries in the season.

Another remarkable feat was that of a forward, popular Chris Jones, who scored 14 tries (including four in one match) and kicked four goals. Mervyn John scored nine tries, Alex

Finlayson seven and Barry Winter seven. Bob Bassett scored 79 points before he left us. John Evans scored 40 points with a mixture of scores, and Mike Knill, similarly, next with 28 points. With goals alone (14), David Lloyd got 32 points.

New caps were awarded to: Brian Coles (20 matches in all), Ian Harrison (21), Terry Stephenson (26), Gerry Wallace (24) and Martin Truran (23). All include some first XV matches.

Match playing records (including some first XV matches), John Davies (20 games), Meirion Davies (23), Roy Duggan (23—18 in 1st XV), John Evans (27), John Harding (20), John O'Shea (21) and Gwyn Thomas (21).

Cardiff Extras XV

Record was:

<i>P.</i>	<i>W.</i>	<i>L.</i>	<i>D.</i>	<i>Points</i>	
				<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
24	15	8	1	351	206

This is quite a good season for a team which has to play its matches away, and at Sophia Gardens.

On two occasions the Extras ran riot when they beat Canton at Sophia Gardens 54 points to nil and Penallta at Sophia Gardens 47 points to 6.

The leading scorers were: Peter Richards (11 tries and 4 conversions), Robert Lloyd (9 tries), Alun Davies (6 tries), and Stan Thomas (5 tries).

David Lloyd kicked 11 goals, Mike Knill kicked 9 goals and scored a couple of tries, and Wyn Watkins kicked six goals and also scored a few tries.

Players' Match Records

Stan Thomas played most matches for the Extras with 20 games; Wyn Watkins played 16 and 3 for the Athletic; Robert Lloyd played 18 and 1 for the Athletic; Peter Richards (15 and 3); Nigel Biggs (15); Geo. Hoskins (13 and 8); Mike Alexander (14 and 7); Alun Davies (13), Barri Evans (12 and 4); Robert Geddes (14 and 2); Keri Thomas (12 and 3); Gerald Hughes (12) Mike Knill played 20 with the Extras and Athletic and a match with the first XV.

In all, 63 players were played during the season.

Cardiff Junior XV

The start of the season heralded certain changes in the Youth administration and, after many years of faithful endeavour, we bade farewell to stalwarts Duncan Brown and Bill Lewis, who were replaced by Keith Rowlands and Alun Priday.

The season was a long one, with rather more matches played than in recent years, and generally was a successful campaign especially with regard to the age of the "squad", sixteen of whom are eligible for next season.

Training was centred at Whitchurch Secondary School, whose facilities, including indoor training hall and swimming pool, ensured the interest during the winter months and produced a very high standard of fitness throughout.

The season saw several new features, including a visit from the American Youth Side, St. Francis of New York City, who were hosted by the Youth XV and friends of the club; introduction of a Colours Award (after twenty appearances) and a "Youth Player of the Year" award.

The Northern Tour, to Orrell, Lancashire, was a fitting end to the season and the Club can be proud of the play and general behaviour of the "squad", which was glowingly complimented upon by our hosts.

Thanks are due to Les Jones, our trainer, for his untiring work, and to our faithful supporters, Mr Frank Geddes and Dennis McCarthy.

Colours were awarded to: K. Mead, C. Bradshaw, G. Godfrey, R. Woodward, R. Goodfellow, S. Solomon, R. Harris, P. Jones, T. Ellis, P. David, D. Burke, I. Griffiths and P. Barry.

Player of the Year, 1968/69 : Ian Griffiths.

<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Points</i>	
				<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
32	19	12	1	358	197

Appreciation and Thanks

The usual functions were held during the year, the Annual Dance, the Old Players' Re-Union and Ladies' Night. All again proved very popular and were well attended functions.

Thanks are due to the Hon. Secretary, Frank Trott for his fine work throughout the season. The Committee generally and in particular the Selection Committee under Gwynne Porter.

The General Secretary and his staff of Ladies for their willingness to help out at all times.

Thanks are extended to Miss Babs Filer and her staff for their services. Their coolness and tact in dealing with abnormal numbers is much appreciated.

We are indebted to the Club Hon. Medical Officers, who make a point of always being in attendance at every home match. The Hon. Masseurs for the time and attention they devote to the players' knocks and bruises.

Thanks are also due to the club coach, Roy Bish, for the tremendous amount of time he spends with the players. His efforts are greatly appreciated, and he can be justly proud of the record of the club this season.

We are also very much indebted to Mr. D. E. Davies (Massa Dan) for the records he keeps of all matches played by the Club.

Thanks are also due to Les Gerry, Head Groundsman and his staff for the tremendous amount of work under difficulties.

P. T. GOODFELLOW.

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RECORD OF RESULTS—SEASON 1968-69

CARDIFF FIRST FIFTEEN

Date	Opponents	H. or A.	Rslt.	Score for					Score against						
				G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.	G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.
1968															
Sept. 4	Glam. Wanderers ..	H	Won	3	1	2	1	..	27	..	3	..	1	..	12
" 7	Welsh Academicals ..	H	Won	6	..	..	..	..	30	..	..	..	..	..	0
" 11	Bridgend ..	H	Lost	..	..	2	..	..	6	1	2	..	..	..	1
" 14	London Welsh ..	A	Won	2	2	..	1	..	19	1	..	..	1	..	8
" 18	Bristol ..	H	Won	2	..	..	3	..	19	..	1	..	2	..	9
" 21	Coventry ..	H	Lost	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	1	1	..	6
" 25	Gloucester ..	A	Lost	..	..	..	2	..	6	..	..	..	5	..	15
" 28	Aberavon ..	A	Lost	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	1	..	6
Oct. 2	Penarth ..	A	Won	1	4	..	..	..	17	..	..	..	..	..	0
" 5	Newport ..	H	Lost	..	..	..	2	..	6	1	1	..	1	..	11
" 9	Newbridge ..	H	Won	2	1	..	1	..	16	1	..	..	1	..	8
" 12	Northampton ..	A	Dra'n	..	..	..	2	..	6	..	..	..	2	..	6
" 16	Pontypool ..	H	Won	4	4	..	1	..	35	..	2	..	1	..	9
" 19	Cambridge University	A	Won	2	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	1	1	..	6
" 26	Glamorgan Police ..	H	Won	8	1	1	..	..	46	1	2	..	2	..	17
Nov. 2	Oxford University ..	H	Won	..	1	..	2	..	9	..	1	..	1	..	6
" 9	Newport ..	A	Lost	..	1	..	1	..	6	..	1	..	2	..	9
" 11	Auvergne* ..	A	Won	1	3	..	2	..	20	..	1	..	1	..	6
" 16	Wasps ..	H	Won	1	4	..	1	..	20	..	1	..	1	..	6
" 23	Llanelli ..	H	Won	..	2	..	1	..	9	..	..	..	1	..	3
" 30	Ebbw Vale ..	H	Dra'n	..	1	..	1	..	6	..	2	..	..	..	6
Dec. 7	Swansea ..	A	Lost	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	2	..	6
" 11	Cape Town University	H	Won	1	..	1	1	..	11	..	1	..	1	..	6
" 14	Harlequins ..		Canc	elled	-f	rost									
" 21	Gala ..	H	Won	2	3	..	2	..	25	..	1	..	..	..	3
" 26	Liverpool ..	H	Won	..	2	1	1	..	12	1	..	..	..	..	5
" 27	U.A.U. ..	H	Canc	elled	-f	rost									
" 28	London Welsh ..	H	Won	..	3	..	..	..	9	1	..	..	..	..	5
1969															
Jan. 1	Gala ..	A	Won	..	3	..	..	..	9	..	1	..	1	..	6
" 2	Watsonians ..	A	Won	1	3	..	2	..	20	..	1	..	..	..	3
" 11	Coventry ..	A	Lost	1	2	..	..	..	11	1	3	..	..	..	14
" 25	Aberavon ..	H	Won	2	..	1	..	..	13	..	2	..	..	..	6
Feb. 1	Pontypridd (a.m.)	H	Won	1	1	..	..	..	8	..	1	..	..	..	3
" 8	Bristol ..	A	Won	2	2	..	1	..	19	..	1	..	1	..	6
" 15	Newport ..	H	Canc	elled	-f	rost									
" 21	Llanelli ..	A	Won	..	..	..	2	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	0

Cardiff First Fifteen—continued

Date	Opponents			H. or A.	Rslt.	Score for					Score against						
						G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.	G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.
Mar. 1	Newport	..	..	A	Lost	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	1	..	1	..	6
„ 15	Swansea	..	..	H	Won	3	3	..	1	..	27	1	..	1	1	..	11
„ 22	Penarth	..	..	H	Won	1	2	..	1	..	14	..	1	..	..	..	3
„ 29	Headingley	..	..	A	Won	1	1	..	2	..	14	1	..	..	2	..	11
April 5	Barbarians	..	..	H	Won	1	2	..	3	..	20	2	1	1	..	..	16
„ 7	Harlequins	..	..	H	Won	2	2	..	2	..	22	3	..	..	..	..	15
„ 14	Bridgend	..	..	A	Won	2	..	..	..	..	10	..	2	..	..	..	6
„ 16	Newport	..	..	H	Dra'n	..	1	..	2	..	9	..	2	..	1	..	9
„ 19	Liverpool	..	..	A	Won	1	1	1	..	..	11	..	1	..	1	..	6
„ 21	Birkenhead Park	..	..	A	Won	4	2	..	2	..	32	..	1	..	..	..	3
„ 22	Chester	..	..	A	Won	2	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	1	..	3
„ 30	Pontypool	..	..	A	Won	1	1	..	1	..	11	1	..	..	..	..	5
	TOTALS	..	..			60	60	7	49		648	16	38	4	37		317

Record for season: Played 45, Won 33, Lost 9, Drawn 3

Captain: C. H. Norris

Extra Scratch, Charity, etc. matches not included in official records

Mar. 25	Selected Welsh XV*	H	Won	1	2	..	1	..	14	..	2	6
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*In aid of Peter Walsh Dependents Fund

Seven-a-Side Tournaments

Harlequins Invitation Sevens

Sept. 9	Loughborough College	1rd	Won	2	2	..	..	..	16	..	1	..	1	..	6
	Blackheath ..	sf	Won	3	1	..	..	..	18	2	1	..	..	..	13
	Harlequins ..	f	Won	3	2	..	..	..	21	2	1	..	..	..	13

Welsh (Snelling) Sevens

April 26	Pontypridd ..	1rd	Won	..	4	..	..	..	12	1	..	..	..	..	5
	Cross Keys ..	2	Won	3	2	..	..	..	21	2	..	..	..	..	10
	Ebbw Vale ..	sf	Won	3	3	..	..	..	24	..	2	..	..	..	6
	Llanelli ..	f	Won	3	1	..	..	..	18	3	..	..	..	..	15

W.R.U. National Sevens

1969	Kidwelly ..	1rd	Won	3	1	..	..	..	18	..	1	..	..	..	3
	Llanelli ..	2	Won	3	1	..	..	..	18	1	1	..	..	..	8
	Cross Keys ..	sf	Won	2	4	..	..	..	22	1	..	..	..	..	5
	Neath ..	f	Won	1	1	..	1	..	11	..	1	..	..	..	3

Harlequin Sevens at Stoop Memorial Ground, Snelling & WRU National at Cardiff

CARDIFF ATHLETIC FIFTEEN

Date	Opponents	H. or A.	Rslt.	Score for					Score against							
				G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.	G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.	
1968																
Sept. 4	Old Penarthians ..	A	Won	2	3	1	..	..	22	..	..	..	1	..	3
„ 7	Taibach ..	A	Won	1	..	..	3	..	14	..	1	..	2	..	9
„ 12	Treorchy ..	A	Won	2	..	..	1	..	13	..	..	..	1	..	3
„ 14	Senghenydd ..	H	Won	..	4	..	1	..	15	..	..	1	..	..	3
„ 18	Bristol United	A	Won	3	..	..	..	..	15	2	..	..	..	..	10
„ 21	Coventry Extra 1sts	A	Lost	..	2	..	..	..	6	1	3	..	1	..	17
„ 25	Gloucester United ..	H	Canc	elled	-	ra	in									
„ 28	Old Illydians ..	H	Won	6	5	..	1	..	48	..	..	..	1	..	3
Oct. 5	Newport United ..	A	Lost	2	..	..	..	..	10	2	1	..	2	..	19
„ 12	Harlequin Wanderers	H	Won	3	2	1	..	..	24	..	..	2	..	..	6
„ 19	Neath Athletic ..	H	Won	5	8	1	..	..	52	..	..	..	..	..	0
„ 26	Old Illydians ..	A	Won	4	1	..	2	..	29	1	..	..	2	..	11
Nov. 2	Cwmgrawch ..	A	Won	3	..	1	..	..	18	..	..	..	2	..	6
„ 9	Taibach ..	H	Won	..	..	..	2	..	6	..	1	..	..	..	3
„ 16	Briton Ferry ..	A	Won	2	2	..	2	..	22	..	*1	..	..	..	3
„ 23	Pontypool United*	A	Won	..	2	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	1	..	3
„ 30	Llanelli Wanderers	A	Won	..	3	..	..	..	9	1	..	..	..	..	5
Dec. 7	Swansea Athletic ..	H	Won	3	1	2	..	..	24	..	..	..	..	..	0
„ 14	Cardiff H.S.O. Boys ..	H	Canc	elled	-	f	ro	st								
„ 21	Neath Athletic ..	A	Won	2	4	..	1	..	25	..	2	..	..	..	6
„ 28	Old Penarthians ..	A	Canc	elled	-	f	ro	st								
1969																
Jan. 4	Cwmgrawch ..	SG	Won	5	2	..	..	..	31	1	..	..	..	..	5
„ 11	Coventry Extra 1sts	SG	Won	1	*5	..	..	..	20	1	1	..	..	..	8
„ 18	St. Paul's Coll, Chel'm	A	Dr'n	1	1	..	2	..	14	1	1	..	2	..	14	
„ 25	Cardiff H.S.O. Boys ..	A	Won	6	3	..	..	..	39	..	..	..	3	..	9
Feb. 8	Bristol United ..	H	Canc	elled	-	f	ro	st								
„ 15	Wasps Vandals ..	A	Canc	elled	-	f	ro	st								
„ 22	Llanelli Wanderers	H	Canc	elled	-	f	ro	st								
Mar. 1	Newport United ..	SG	Won	2	2	..	..	..	16	2	1	..	..	..	13
„ 15	Swansea Athletic ..	A	Won	5	2	..	1	..	34	..	..	..	..	..	0
„ 22	Newport H.S.O. Boys	SG	Won	4	7	..	..	..	41	..	..	..	..	..	0
„ 29	Cilfynydd ..	H	Won	6	9	..	..	..	57	..	..	..	1	..	3
April 5	Porthcawl ..	A	Won	1	..	..	2	..	11	..	..	..	2	..	6
„ 12	Penygraig (a.m.)	SG	Won	2	7	..	..	..	31	1	..	..	1	..	8
„ 25	Tenby United ..	A	Won	1	1	1	..	..	11	1	1	..	..	..	8
„ 26	Pembroke ..	A	Won	1	2	..	1	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	0
TOTALS ..						73	78	7	19		677	14	13	3	22	184

Cardiff Athletic Fifteen—continued

Record for season: Played 30, Won 27, Lost 2, Drawn 1

*Includes one penalty

*Penalty try

*Pontypool United lost 2 year ground record sg—Sophia Gardens

Captain: John Davies

CARDIFF EXTRAS FIFTEEN

Date	Opponents	H. or A.	Rslt.	Score for					Score against							
				G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.	G.	T.	D	PG	MG	Pts.	
1968																
Sept. 7	Pyle	A	Lost	..	1	1	..	..	6	3	3	..	1	..	27
„ 14	Old Howardians ..	A	Won	1	..	1	3	..	17	..	..	..	4	..	12
„ 21	Bridgend Sports II ..	A	Lost	..	..	..	1	..	3	1	1	..	2	..	14
„ 28	Cefn Cribbwr ..	A	Won	..	1	1	1	..	9	..	2	..	..	..	6
Oct. 5	Rhiwbina ..	A	Won	1	2	..	..	..	11	..	2	..	..	..	6
„ 12	Cardiff Medicals ..	SG	Dr'n	2	1	..	1	..	16	2	1	..	1	..	16	
„ 19	Canton ..	SG	Won	6	5	..	3	..	54	..	..	..	..	..	0
„ 26	St. Peters ..	A	Lost	2	1	..	1	..	16	1	6	..	..	..	23
Nov. 2	St. Albans ..	A	Lost	..	..	..	1	..	3	2	..	..	2	..	16
„ 9	Rhiwbina ..	SG	Lost	..	1	1	..	..	6	1	1	..	..	..	8
„ 16	Old Howardians ..	SG	Won	3	3	..	..	..	24	..	..	..	1	..	3
„ 23	Penallta ..	A	Won	1	1	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	1	..	3
„ 30	Pontypool Athletic ..	SG	Won	1	1	..	1	..	11	1	..	..	..	..	5
Dec. 7	St. Peters ..	SG	Lost	..	..	..	..	..	0	1	..	..	..	..	5
„ 14	Glamorgan Trg. College	A	Cancell	ed	-	f	rost									
„ 21	Chepstow II ..	SG	Won	3	6	..	..	..	33	..	1	..	..	..	3
„ 28	Cefn Cribbwr ..	SG	Cancell	ed	-	f	rost									
1969																
Jan. 4	Old Cantonians ..	A	Won	3	4	..	..	..	27	1	1	..	..	..	8
„ 11	St. Albans ..	SG	Won	..	2	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	0
„ 18	Canton ..	A	Cancell	ed	-	rain										
„ 25	Penallta ..	SG	Won	7	4	..	..	..	47	..	1	..	1	..	6
Feb. 1	Cefn Coed ..	A	Lcst	..	..	..	2	..	6	1	..	..	1	..	8
„ 8	Glamorgan Trg. College		Cancell	ed	-	f	rost									
„ 15	Pyle ..	SG	Cancell	ed	-	f	rost									
„ 22	Old Cantonians ..	SG	Cancell	ed	-	f	rost									
Mar. 1	Bridgend Sports II ..	SG	Won	..	3	..	1	..	12	1	2	..	..	..	11
„ 15	Aberaman ..	SG	Lost	..	1	..	1	..	6	..	1	..	..	..	9
„ 19	Cyncoed Wanderers ..	SG	Won	1	1	..	..	..	8	..	1	..	..	..	3
„ 22	Chepstow II ..	A	Won	1	2	..	1	..	14	1	1	1	..	..	11
„ 29	Pontypool Athletic ..	A	Won	1	1	..	..	..	8	..	1	..	..	..	3
TOTALS ..																
					33	41	4	17		351	16	25	1	16		206

Record for season: Played 24, Won 15, Lost 8, Drawn 1.

Hon. Assistant Secretary, Hugh Williams, is gratefully acknowledged and his attendance at Selection Committee was a particular relief to the Hon. Secretary.

The Chairman was his ever-present self and has come to be relied on as a tower of strength. Whether in the committee chair or the scorer's chair, Jack Evans' efforts were always motivated by a keen interest, and a deep loyalty to, the Cardiff Cricket Club.

The Committee attended to its duties wisely and conscientiously, as is indicated by the high average attendance figures. Their directions and instructions to the Hon. Secretary were always clear and prevented him from wandering too far from the paths of responsibility.

The Club captain was zealous in his off-the-field duties and attended all committee and selection meetings. He is to be congratulated and thanked for what was a very happy season.

John Riches combined his duties as second XI Captain with those as a member of the Management Committee of the Cardiff Athletic Club. To each he gave his earnest devotion and loyalty and we can be assured that the interests of the Cardiff Cricket Club are jealously guarded by him at the highest level.

Peter Sweetnam's equanimity as Reserve XI Captain remained undisturbed despite the plunderings of his carefully nursed team by his senior captains. He gives zest and selfless enthusiasm to this most difficult of jobs.

Hugh Williams' flair for making the Sunday XI matches interesting was a notable achievement. But it is only fair to add that he suffered from inconsistent team selection, indifferent performances, and inconsiderate opponents. However, his devotion to his duties as captain were unimpaired by these hazards.

The Youth XI was looked after almost solely by Ken Williams and his application to this task was exemplary. A number of new players were found who, if not prodigies, were of encouraging promise. We cannot afford to neglect this very lifeline of recruitment to the club, but help and support is needed.

The Cricket Club continued to enjoy the services and support of the office staff at the Arms Park and our thanks are due to Miss Anne Davies and Miss Susan Allen.

This report cannot be concluded without reference to the departure of a great stalwart of the Club. Brian Corbett has taken up a new appointment in Carmarthen and in offering our congratulations to him on his promotion we commend the service rendered by him in his many years with the Club. Brian was not the man to accept a selectorial difference of opinion without question and many a captain will testify to his reproofs of what he considered were their glaring underestimations of his ability as a player. But wherever he found himself in the next match his loyalty to the game of cricket was never in question.

BRIAN KEMPSON,

June 1969

Cricket Club Captain's Report

Having got off to a fine start the 1st XI flattered to deceive. The first five games were won quite easily, and of these the victories over Bath and Bristol Imperial were excellent. Our Whitsun tour to Gloucester and Stroud was indeed disappointing, although we came back extremely well in both games. Some pathetic batting displays resulted in our losing on each occasion by three wickets with only minutes left for play. Our fielding at Stroud was a credit to the Club and backed up some fine bowling by D. W. Lewis and L. Robinson.

The next four games were against Winget, Cowbridge, St. Fagans and Exeter University, the last game being the most interesting. The University scored 189 for 4 wickets and after a continual chase we were bowled out at the stroke of time 24 runs short. If our fielding at Stroud was a credit then our fielding on this occasion was a disgrace.

On then to Newport, in my opinion the strongest side in South Wales. In the hope of an early break through with the new ball we put them in. However, they slowly but very surely amassed a total of 190-4. Despite an excellent start by K. D. Williams and P. Stimpson the batting again collapsed and it was left to D. W. Lewis and L. Robinson to play out time at 130 for 9.

Our matches with Lydney and Wiltshire Moonrakers were won easily and our batting improved somewhat with R. Thomas making 72 n.o. in the latter game. Widnes, St. Fagans and Brislington all produced results. We lost heavily to Widnes where dropped catches and a lack of runs let us down. A win against St. Fagans is always pleasing and we defeated Brislington by 7 wickets.

We then entertained Ebbw Vale, Neath and Stroud over the Bank Holiday and all three matches were drawn, although we went very near in two of them, requiring only one and two wickets in the Ebbw Vale and Stroud games.

A very low score had been on the cards all season but it was not until we played at Cheltenham that this actually came about. We were out for 80 and they lost only two wickets in getting them. This, incidentally, was our only Saturday defeat.

I think it is apparent that batting was our weakness. Let me illustrate this further, not by opinion, but by matter of fact. These were some of the situations we found ourselves in:

<i>Match</i>	<i>Position retrieved by</i>
Gloucester (31-6)	D. W. Lewis 62
Stroud (35-6)	D. Herbert 51
Winget (41-4)	A. J. Friday 50, R. H. Williams 35
Cowbridge (56-6)	R. H. Williams 32
Exeter Univ. (45-4)	D. Herbert 62
St Fagans (62-5)	N. R. Rees 30, P. Gatehouse 30
Widnes (87-8)	
St Fagans (82-6)	R. H. Williams 35
Ebbw Vale (28-4)	D. W. Lewis 42, P. Sparkes 37
Stroud (55-6)	D. Herbert 60, R. Shah 35
Cheltenham (80)	

The loss of Alan Thomas was a damaging blow in itself, but the further loss of P. Stimpson and J. W. Lewis proved crippling. R. Thomas, A. J. Priday, R. H. Williams and I suffered from spells of loss of form and poor application and it was left to K. D. Williams and Nigel Rees to hold the side together on many occasions. Amongst K. D. W.'s innings were 97 *v.* Bath, 45 *v.* St Fagans and 96 *v.* Wiltshire Moonrakers, whilst Nigel Rees scored 72 *n.o.* *v.* Lydney. But enough of the batting.

The bowlers did well enough considering the number of runs they very often had to bowl at! D. W. Lewis and L. Robinson were the most effective and both had some fine figures. David's 7 for 35 against Lydney was his best and Liam's best was 6 for 40 also against Lydney later in the season.

Other bowlers contributed good figures from time to time, but it was Robert Laycock who impressed later in the season and I believe he has a fine future in club cricket.

Derek Pask was his usual competent self behind the stumps, whilst Nigel Rees, when deputising, did all that was asked of him.

I sympathise with those who were in and out of the side and thank them for accepting the situation. My thanks also go to Jack Evans for his consistent attendance as a scorer, Neil Baddeley for his devotion to duty as umpire and to Brian Kempson in his able capacity as Hon. Secretary. I would also express the gratitude of the Club to the Ladies' Committee for their not-insignificant contribution to what was a very happy season.

D. O. HERBERT

SECOND XI

It would indeed be a red letter day if a report of this nature could make no mention of the vagaries of the British climate. Alas, this is not to be such an occasion. Of the 23 matches which were arranged for the team this season no less than eight were totally abandoned owing to rain and the condition of the ground.

The playing record was rather less successful than in recent previous seasons, eight matches being won, three drawn and four lost. However, having regard to the fact that a number of senior and experienced cricketers had retired or left the area after the 1967 season it was to be expected that the Second XI would be rather less experienced than in former years and that the playing record would correspondingly suffer. Nevertheless, new younger players were introduced into the second XI and gained experience. There is no reason to think that the second XI will not go from strength to strength in future seasons.

As might be expected from the opening remarks in this report, the first match of the season was cancelled owing to rain. The first match in May against Lydney second XI saw the team make the highest score of the season, 221 for 4 wickets declared. Wynne Jones made a very good 115 not out and David Bailey 51. Together they put on over 100

for the second wicket. The weather deteriorated at teatime and the game was played in slight rain for the last hour. Handicapped by a wet ball, the bowlers were unable to bowl out the Lydney side and the match ended in a draw. Nick Edwards celebrated his return to the Club after several years' absence by taking 5 wickets.

After another game abandoned, owing to rain, the Club made the trip to Bath for the first time for many years with disastrous results. The weather could not have been more unsuitable for cricket and it was a day on which polar bears would have been hard pressed to keep warm. A total of 77 all out, of which Reggie Shah made 30, was not nearly sufficient and Bath won by 9 wickets.

A further blank Saturday followed but with the arrival of June came sunshine and Malcolm Page emerged from hibernation having shed his winter coat. The game against Cardiff University was won quite comfortably and Malcolm celebrated his return to the cricket field by taking 5 wickets.

Another win followed in the match against Misken Manor on the Spring Bank Holiday Monday. This victory by 6 wickets was noteworthy for promising innings by Paul Baddeley and Chris Bird, the former making 42.

In June a new venture was the journey to Oxford to play University College in an all day game. Owing to early morning rain the game did not start until about 12.10 p.m. but the weather then cleared and the players who took part in the game thoroughly enjoyed the day. While the students bowled steadily their batting was not very strong and the game resulted in a comfortable win for the Club. The outstanding performance of this game was a fine innings of 45 not out by Peter Sparkes.

Then followed the usual enjoyable game against Crickhowell. No batsman made many runs but most players made a useful contribution to a score of 154 for 9 wickets declared. Although never in any danger of defeat the team were unable to force a victory, Crickhowell being some 35 runs behind with 3 wickets to fall at the close of play.

Then came the first of the season's two games against St. Fagans. Thanks to a powerful attacking innings by Wynne Jones, who made 74, a total of 152 for 8 wickets declared was reached. St Fagans batted poorly on this occasion and a comfortable victory was achieved. Robert Laycock played for the first time in this match and took 2 wickets, showing considerable promise.

It was unfortunate that it was necessary to play two games at Sophia Gardens when Newport were the opposition. Although it made for greater safety that the boundaries of the two games did not overlap, the result was that there was a ridiculously short boundary on one side of the field. A total of 181, of which Reggie Shah made a very good 73, proved insufficient in these conditions and Newport won by 2 wickets after they had lost their first 7 wickets for 99 runs, thanks to a fine spell of bowling by Reggie Shah who took 5 wickets to complete an excellent all round display.

The next match was at Lydney and Eddie Donovan, having temporarily cast aside his golf clubs for a cricket bat, played his first game of the season for the Second XI scoring a very useful 38. David Edwards made 44 in a score of 150 for 7 wickets declared and, after Lydney had scored 65 for the first wicket in about 45 minutes, they were all out for 98. Malcolm Page again was the most successful bowler, taking 5 wickets.

The following game against Ebbw Vale at Cardiff was the least interesting of the season since Ebbw Vale, who were apparently unbeaten, made no attempt to win the match but were content to play for a draw. The match was notable only for another good innings of 44 by David Edwards and for an outstanding bowling performance again by Malcolm Page who took 5 wickets for 8 runs in 13 overs. The next game against the Choristers was another occasion on which two matches were played at Sophia Gardens and this was particularly unfortunate since it was the first time that the Choristers had played the Second XI on a Saturday. Once again the team did not make sufficient runs, having regard to the short boundary, and the Choristers won an interesting game by 3 wickets. It is certainly to be hoped that in future seasons the practice of playing two games on the same day at Sophia Gardens can be avoided until such time as a second square has been laid near the rugby ground to enable two full sized fields to be available.

The return match against St Fagans at Cardiff resulted in another win by 3 wickets. It is always a source of pleasure to beat old friends such as St. Fagans twice in a season. On this occasion Harry Shewring took 4 wickets and David Edwards had another very good innings of 64 ably assisted by Peter Sparkes who made 33.

The second match against Newport was cancelled owing to rain as had been both games against Bristol Imperial. On the second occasion the weather was fine but the Bristol ground had not recovered from the West Country floods when the Pavilion at Bristol had itself been flooded.

There followed a home game against Brislington which produced the most exciting finish of the season. After a most interesting game Brislington won by 3 wickets off the last ball of the last over of the match. The team returned to winning form when Abercarn were beaten at the end of August, Reggie Shah making 40 and Wynne Jones 34. This game produced the best bowling performances of the season to date, Ivor Thompson taking 6 wickets for 18 runs. The team was not at full strength for this game and, without detracting in any way from the performance of Ivor Thompson, Abercarn hardly seemed strong enough to be a Second XI fixture.

The annual game against Neath, which was due to be played on the Bank Holiday Sunday rather than the Monday, was unfortunately another victim of the wet summer and the game was cancelled before the team left Cardiff. There followed a match against Cheltenham which provided another victory. Following good innings of 52 not out by Harry Shewring and 38 by Eddie Donovan the best bowling performance of the season came inevitably from Malcolm Page. Cheltenham seemed to have no answer to his many varieties and he ended with 8 wickets for 23 runs to give the team a handsome victory.

It could perhaps have been reasonably deduced from the opening paragraph of this report that the season would end as it had begun. Such was the case, since the final fixture against Cardiff High School Old Boys was abandoned because of rain, Sophia Gardens being taken over by the seagulls who found the pools on the square much to their liking.

Taking the season as a whole there is no doubt that the batting was not as consistent as in recent previous years. This was not surprising owing to the retirement of various senior players and the fact that a total of 27 players represented the team in the fifteen games which were played. Of the four matches which were lost, three were lost by quite narrow margins and it is reasonably arguable that the team should have scored sufficient runs in each of these three matches to have avoided defeat. The leading batsmen were Wynne Jones (337 runs), David Edwards (243 runs) and Reggie Shah (187 runs) but useful middle order innings were played from time to time by Ian McLean, John Herbert, Paul Baddeley and Iqbal Asim.

The bowling was not particularly penetrative but, for the most part, it was capable of dealing with the tasks which it was set. The bulk of the bowling was done by senior members of the side, the leading wicket takers being Nick Edwards (20 wickets), Malcolm Page (28 wickets) and John Riches (30 wickets), while Tom Oldknow (10 wickets) made useful contributions from time to time.

The fielding was probably rather less stately than in previous seasons as a result of the introduction of some younger players. Certainly this was the case in the final match against Cheltenham when the bowlers were aided considerably by the taking of no less than seven catches with hardly a chance missed. The wicket-keeping duties were shared by David Bailey, Eddie Donovan and Paul Baddeley and it is a measure of Eddie Donovan's ability to take the majority of chances which came his way that he claimed ten victims in four matches.

It is not possible to end this report without thanking the various umpires and scorers who were with the team during the season and particular mention must be made of Alan Jones who was seldom absent from his post as umpire. It is only when the umpire or the scorer are missing that they are fully appreciated and the thanks of the whole team are most gratefully given to all who umpired and scored throughout the year. Mention must also be made of the Honorary Secretary, Brian Kempson, the captains of the other elevens and the ground staff for their assistance and co-operation throughout the season.

Lastly, but certainly by no means least, the grateful thanks of the whole team go out to the charming members of the ladies committee who served so delightfully such excellent teas throughout the season.

J. D. H. RICHES

FIRST XI

BATTING	Innings	Not out	Runs	Highest	Average
K. D. Williams =	18	3	540	97	36.00
D. W. Lewis =	9	3	176	62*	29.33
N. G. Rees =	16	2	359	78*	25.64
A. J. Priday =	14	2	188	52	15.67
D. O. Herbert =	18	3	233	62	15.53

BOWLING	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
D. Lewis =	211.1	65	466	44	10.59
L. Robinson =	224.5	59	587	39	15.05
A. Priday =	98	19	270	15	18.00
R. Laycock =	46	14	110	9	12.22

SECOND XI

BATTING	Innings	Not out	Total	H. Score	Average
Wynne Jones =	10	1	337	115	37.44
R. Shah =	6	0	187	73	31.17
D. Edwards =	9	0	243	64	27.00
D. Bailey =	11	1	146	51	14.6

BOWLING	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. D. H. Riches =	99.3	26	211	30	7.03
M. Page =	107	32	243	28	8.68
T. Oldknow =	56	12	138	10	13.80
N. Edwards =	143.2	29	345	20	17.25

SUNDAY XI

Captain's Report

Record

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Abandoned
19	4	7	4	4

Victories were achieved against The Sphinx, Whitchurch Heath, Cardiff H.S.O.B., and Cardiff Harlequins, whilst defeats were sustained at the hands of Mumbles, St. Fagans, The Choristers and Blaina. The teams were mainly selected with a view to the strength of the opposition and young players, some still at school, were given the opportunity to show their prowess.

Notable batting performances were:

K. D. Williams—138 against Briton Ferry Steel and 73* against St. Fagans, a Sunday aggregate of 541 in 12 completed innings;

E. Donovan—103* against Crickhowell and 238 runs in 3 completed innings;

F. J. Davies—88* against Cardiff H.S.O.B. out of a total of 131;

J. W. Lewis—80 in his only two games of the season;

N. G. W. Rees—77 against Briton Ferry Steel;

D. O. Herbert—2 successive 50's.

The bowling performance of the season was that of Peter Gatehouse when, in taking 6 for 26 against The Sphinx, included Alan Rees, Kevin Lyons, Majid and Eifion Jones amongst his victims. Peter Sweetman took 5 for 32 against Whitchurch Heath in a rare appearance. D. W. Lewis (16) and L. Robinson (14) were the leading bowlers.

I wish to thank my vice-captain, K. D. Williams, for his support and advice; Neil and Paul Baddeley for their practical help in preparing wickets; the ladies for their splendid teas; and, finally, the selection committee and Brian Kempson for their invaluable co-operation.

* Not Out

R. HUGH WILLIAMS.

CARDIFF CRICKET CLUB

CAPTAINS

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 .. Names of Captains	1926 .. N. V. H. RICHES
1882 .. not recorded	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 .. J. 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 .. J. D. RICHES
1899 .. J. G. CLARK	1949 .. G. GIBSON
1900 .. J. H. BRAIN	1950 .. W. H. WILKINS
1901 .. J. H. BRAIN	1951 .. W. H. WILKINS
1902 .. J. G. CLARK	1952 .. G. DAVIES
1903 .. V. T. GILL	1953 .. G. DAVIES
1904 .. V. T. GILL	1954 .. W. H. WILKINS
1905 .. J. P. CADOGAN	1955 .. G. K. WILBY
1906 .. A. GIBSON	1956 .. G. W. WILBY
1907 .. A. GIBSON	1957 .. J. O. WEBB
1908 .. A. GIBSON	1958 .. J. PLEASS
1909 .. A. GIBSON	1959 .. J. PLEASS
1910 .. N. V. H. RICHES	1960 .. J. O. WEBB
1911 .. N. V. H. RICHES	1961 .. J. O. WEBB
1912 .. N. V. H. RICHES	1962 .. A. THOMAS
1913 .. J. HORSPOOL	1963 .. A. THOMAS
1914 .. J. HORSPOOL	1964 .. A. PRIDAY
1915-18 European War	1965 .. A. PRIDAY
1919 .. J. HORSPOOL	1966 .. A. PRIDAY
1920 .. H. G. SYMONDS	1967 .. Dr. P. GATEHOUSE
1921 .. G. E. CORDING	1968 .. D. O. HERBERT

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CARDIFF ATHLETIC BOWLS CLUB

REPORT FOR 1968

It was decided the opening day be on Easter Monday, April 15th. Mr. J. Let Thorn, President of the Glamorgan Bowling Association, was invited to perform the ceremony, but reluctantly declined, owing to a prior commitment. What better than to invite our own past Chairman, Mr. W. T. Griffiths? The invitation was duly accepted. Due to the very unfortunate illness of Mrs. Somers, our Chairman was unable to be present. Mr. Emlyn Jones acted in his stead, being ably supported by Mr. P. E. Ridd, Captain of the Section, Mr. A. G. Bound, Captain of the "A" Team, Mr. J. H. Webb, Assistant Hon. Secretary and members of the Committee. Mr. Trevor Phillips, Honorary Secretary, could not be present, not having fully recovered from his attack of pneumonia. Best wishes were accorded to him for a speedy recovery. The afternoon was sunny and warm, rather a change from opening days experienced in previous years. Approximately forty members were present. Mr. Griffiths welcomed all and particularly new members and wished both captains success during season 1968. He also requested every possible support be given to Mr. Ridd and Mr. Bound. The first wood was then bowled and the green declared open. Both captains suitably responded. Tea was taken and a number of those present took the opportunity of having the first "roll up". Our ladies, as usual, assisted with the teas.

As is customary, we met our near neighbours, Newport Athletic Bowls Club, in friendly games on the following Saturday, 20th April, the first team being at Newport. A number of our members had been playing indoors during the winter and were certainly not yet accustomed to playing on the much slower outdoor greens. Both teams met disaster.

In recent years we have had a fixture with the Ledbury Bowling Club and certainly looked forward to meeting their five rinks on the 27th April. The visitors travelled by coach, the party including the players wives. The weather was at its very worst. Not a wood was bowled. Another friendly match was arranged for the 4th May, our opponents being Cardiff Bowling Club. The first team played at Sophia Gardens whilst the "A" teams met at Arms Park. Both sides were successful.

At this time much dissatisfaction was expressed at the state of our green. On 11th May we commenced our first (of six) W.B.A. games, the results being as follows:

		Shots	
		For	Against
G.K. (Cardiff)	....	75	81
Sploott	....	87	55
Gilfach	....	77	94
Ely	....	96	64
Llandaff Fields	....	92	83
Rhiwbina	....	107	65
		534	442

During this period the "A" Team commenced their P.G.2 matches details being as under:

	Shots	
	For	Against
Dinas Powis	70	91
Newport Athletic	64	84
Llanbradach	67	100
Whiteheads	77	71
Currans	104	50
Penhill	111	58
G.K. (Cardiff)	84	57
Whitchurch	89	66
Barry Athletic	82	74
	748	651

The results of the P.G.1 games were:

G.K. (Dowlais)	74	84
Standard Telephones	122	39
Whitchurch	75	87
Panteg House	108	69
Cardiff	86	67
Penylan	91	71
	556	417

The first of our mid-week games was against Llandaff Fields (away) on 5th June and although we had a fairly strong team lost by 10 shots—85 to 95.

The results of the Sunday and mid-week games are shown below:

		Shots	
Played	Won	Lost	Against
15	10	5	1360
			1116

Five games were declared "off" on account of inclement weather and other reasons. We again met on a home and away basis, our friends of the St. Andrews (Bristol) Bowling Club. For the visit to Bristol the players were accompanied by their wives, the day being an enjoyable one. Abertridwr Bowling Club were also welcomed to the Arms Park for a Sunday game.

Bank holiday Monday there was an innovation in the form of a Pairs Competition, played on the "round robin" principle. The general opinion was "a good day's bowls". The event might well be repeated in future years.

Heartiest congratulations are due to Messrs. D. E. Davies, J. Elliott and R. Gooding on being awarded their County Badges.

The Umbrella Competition commenced on the 4th June. The 1968 season proved to be the most disappointing for many years, for only three evenings were devoted to play. Factors responsible were

inclement weather, the arrangement of matches to be played on Tuesdays, also the fact that quite a number of members had entered the various outside competitions.

Results of most successful Skips

				Shots				
				For	Against			
				P	W			
				D	L			
P.G.1								
B. Hawkins	5	5	0	0	135	76
J. Desmond	6	4	0	2	141	107
K. Rowlands	4	3	0	1	102	62
D. H. Prince	6	4	0	2	108	112
W.B.A.								
B. Hawkins	6	4	0	2	136	103
P. Collins	5	3	0	2	104	102
J. Desmond	3	2	1	0	82	50
D. H. Prince	4	1	0	3	69	93
K. Rowlands	3	2	0	1	68	48
P.G.2								
W. H. Thomas	5	4	0	1	115	80
E. F. Couzens	6	4	0	2	153	83
R. Mills	8	4	0	4	164	153
G. Mahoney	6	3	0	3	113	93

During the season there were notable successes by our members in Open Events. Congratulations are accorded to:

P. Collins and	Runners-up	W.B.A. Pairs
B. Hawkins		(twice in 2 years)
D. H. Prince ..	Winner	Bath Singles Tournament
D. J. Amwel Jones	Winner	Tenby Silver Bowl
K. Rowlands ..	Runner-up	Cardiff Singles Tournament
T. Phillips ..	Runner-up	Pontypridd Singles Tournament
also B. Hawkins ..	Club Singles	Championship—Winner for the first time

Praise is due to the members for playing off competitions in accordance with schedule. All events were brought well up to date before finals day. This was a great improvement on some previous seasons.

Our Annual Social Evening was arranged for Friday, October 4th, when seventy members, wives and friends attended. The presentation of Cups was made by the Chairman. The Choir was in attendance and gave their usual high class performance. The catering, arranged by Miss Filer, was first class. Several of our members—Messrs I. Price, J. H. Evans and Gwyn Jones—gave solos.

The winners of the various competitions were:

	Winner	Runner-up
CHAMPIONSHIP ..	Bryn Hawkins	M. C. Gilmore
HANDICAP ..	D. S. Davies	T. Phillips
PAIRS ..	A. Brunt	D. E. Davies
	R. Gooding	E. B. Williams
TWO-WOOD ..	J. Ryan	F. Barr

TRIPLES	P. E. Ridd	A. L. Brunt
	L. M. Spence	L. K. Morgan
	T. Pearce	W. Dunscombe
UMBRELLA	No competition	

The respective captains wish to express their thanks to all Officers and members for their support and co-operation during the season.

A very big "thank-you" also to all the ladies who again so kindly rendered their most valuable contribution in providing the wants of the inner man.

The officers and Committee express their appreciation for the assistance given to the section by the General Secretary and his staff—office, ground and catering.

Obituary

We regret to record the passing of Fred D'Alton, a past captain of the section, and that of Jack Johnson, a conscientious member of the Committee for a number of years. Our sympathy is extended to both families in their bereavement.

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 .. J. 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 .. J. OXENHAM	1954 .. K. TOOZER
1932 .. L. C. WATERS	1955 .. C. B. WATSON
1933 .. F. DAVIES	1956 .. J. H. 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 .. J. 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	

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CARDIFF ATHLETIC LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Report for Season 1968

It was with some concern that the committee viewed the prospect of the 1968 season. The necessary ground reconstruction with all its inconveniences, together with the general decline of tennis club membership throughout Wales was not too encouraging. We had, further, to implement the experiment of admitting 11-15 year old players to the club and we were anxious for this to be a success. It is to be hoped that this report will indicate the efforts that were made to overcome these and other difficulties.

The season opened on April 29th with the hard courts being out of action, due to resurfacing. This somewhat inauspicious start was not helped by the inevitable bad weather. However, we were able to take advantage of the good weather that eventually came and compensated for our earlier disappointments.

The League Matches

These began on 18th May the results of which were:

		<i>Men's team</i>	<i>Ladies' team (Division 2)</i>	
		<i>Div. 1 East</i>	<i>Section A</i>	<i>Section B*</i>
Played	=	7	7	6
Won	=	0	2	6
Lost	=	7	5	0
Sets for	=	39	12	48
Sets against	=	100	16	0
Games for	=	524	100	295
Games against	=	738	118	68

*Champions of Section B. Result of play off against champions of Section A (Penarth Windsor) was:

Events for	2	Events against	2
Sets for	5	Sets against	6
Games for	52	Games against	54

It is a great disappointment to see that the men's team were relegated to Division 2. The loss of several of our premier players was a prime factor in this result but one must sympathise with the team who, despite some bad luck at times, never gave up trying. This result must not be taken too much to heart and ought to be regarded as a challenge for the future, when our young up and coming players, together with the more experienced players, will enable us to regain First Division status.

The Welsh Lawn Tennis Association, at their Annual General Meeting, concerned at the decline of tennis and in particular the ladies sides, decided to experiment with a reduced team of four players. We thus entered two teams in the division and it is pleasing to see how successful they were.

The 'B' team had the astonishing record of winning every one of their league matches without conceding one set. In the play off to decide the championship we lost by the narrowest of margins, unfortunately thus staying in Division 2.

CARDIFF LAWN TENNIS CLUB (Finals Day—13th July, 1969)



Whether or not the four player team is carried on is in the hands of the W.L.T.A. but we found that in general this was a successful experiment.

Both ladies teams owe much to the enthusiasm of our Ladies Captain, Miss Jennifer Howells, who set a high standard both on and off the court.

The Club is also grateful to the Match Secretary, Mr. E. Hudson, who carried out his task of not only organising the fixtures of three teams but also arranged nine friendly matches in a most creditable way.

New Junior Section

In all twenty-three young players joined and although the initial effort of organising was considerable it was pleasing to see how the popularity grew. In this respect, the valuable help given by Mrs. M. Blanchflower, Mrs. P. Nurton, Mr. P. Lewis and Mr. T. Morgan in coaching was much appreciated.

As a result of a report to the Management Committee it was gratifying to note that at the A.G.M. of the club this year approval was given to a motion amending the rule concerning age limit of members. We are grateful to the support given to us by the Management Committee especially our representatives, Mr. F. P. Davies and Mr. G. Chugg and we are satisfied that this new venture will help to create the future life-blood of the club.

Tournament

The combination of indifferent weather and the playing of three postponed league matches meant that a variety of means had to be used so that the three weeks, from 24th June, would be enough to complete the tournament programme. Even so, one event, the mixed doubles handicap final could not be played until 20th August. The acute shortage of lady competitors was a great problem in both mixed doubles events. Those ladies, who assisted the referee by playing several times in the same event, so as to give the gentlemen a chance of competing, are to be congratulated.

1. Men's Singles	P. Lewis beat D. Court	8-6, 6-2
2. Ladies' Singles	J. Walton beat J. Howells	3-6, 6-4, 6-4
3. Men's Doubles	E. Hudson, D. Court beat P. Lewis, G. Chugg	6-4, 6-3
4. Ladies' Doubles	J. Walton, J. Howells beat A. Ward, S. Betts	6-4, 6-2
5. Mixed Doubles	D. Court, P. Nurton beat P. I. Collier, J. Howells	1-6, 6-4, 6-4
6. Men's Doubles handicap	N. Purchase, J. Curtis beat S. Clarke, D. Jones	2-6, 6-1, 7-5
7. Ladies' Doubles handicap	J. Collier, E. Belman beat H. Speed, C. Blanchflower	6-4, 7-5
8. Mixed Doubles handicap	P. I. Collier, M. Davies beat K. Allen, P. Nurton	6-2, 10-8

Finals Day, 13th July, produced some good tennis and none better than that in the splendid ladies' singles match between Mrs. J. Walton and Miss J. Howells. Mr Peter Lewis became men's singles champion again for the fifth time and is to be congratulated on this achievement.

Facilities

In July we occupied the new, temporary dressing rooms for which we are grateful to the Management Committee. They have proved quite suitable for our needs and it has meant that the section has been able to function without any undue hardship.

At present, the whole ground is severely affected by the reconstruction scheme and in this respect we must be tolerant of any inconvenience. We must look to the future when our facilities will be such that we can be justifiably proud of them.

Members

An increase of playing membership, coupled with the full utilisation of the courts throughout the whole season must deserve some optimism for the future spirit of the section.

It is a matter of regret that the men outnumber the ladies by over three to one which, whilst it may please the latter, does make tournaments and matches more difficult to organise.

We congratulate Richard Morrison, one of our juniors, on winning the singles title of the Boys Clubs of Wales and who also managed to make the semi-finals of the Welsh Junior Open Championship.

Our thanks are also extended to Mr. E. Beim who, after more than ten years loyal service on the Management Committee, has now retired.

Recently a course for the L.T.A.'s Intermediate Certificate in Coaching was held. Of the eighteen people attending, six were from our club.

Social Events

It was a highly successful year from the social point of view. Your committee was instrumental in arranging seven functions, ranging from film show, ten pin bowling to social dances. These events have a high reputation, gained, in no small measure, from the admirable catering that we provide. The entire credit for this must go to our Ladies' committee, led by the ladies captain. However, it is disappointing to note that, in view of the hard work involved, we receive comparatively little support from our own section members. Without guests, these functions would not have been successful, both socially and financially. It could be concluded that to continue efforts on the social side, in this way, would only be of marginal benefit.

Any success that was achieved during the year would not have been possible without the effort and drive of your committee which met frequently and with a high level of individual attendance. It is therefore appropriate to record the sincere thanks of the section to these conscientious committee members whose efforts bring benefit to us all.

In this respect, we should pay tribute to our hard worked, rarely thanked Honorary Secretary, Mr. T. Nurton, who very ably looked after the general administration. In addition, we were very fortunate in having as Chairman, Mr. F. P. Davies whose counsel, in times of difficulty, was invaluable and managed, somehow, to steer the committee along the right path.

We are also indebted to Mr. D. Grant, Mr. Les Gerry and Miss Filer and their respective staffs for their co-operation and kindness during the year.

Finally, the Captain wishes to record his gratitude to all those members who by their tolerance, understanding and loyalty made his job that much easier.

CARDIFF ATHLETIC LAWN TENNIS CLUB

CAPTAINS

<i>Men's</i>				<i>Ladies'</i>			
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	.. ..	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	..	J. BROAD	.. ..	Miss E. BELMAN			
1937	..	J. M. HOPKINS	.. ..	Miss W. CORNWELL			
1938	..	A. C. TAYLOR	.. ..	Miss W. CORNWELL			
1939	..	J. M. HOPKINS	.. ..	Miss M. CORNWELL			
1940-45	..	World War 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	.. ..	Miss J. HOWELLS			
1967	..	F. P. DAVIES	.. ..	Miss J. HOWELLS			
1968	..	P. COLLIER	.. ..	Miss J. HOWELLS			

CARDIFF HOCKEY CLUB

Report for the Season 1968-69

The playing records for the four teams were:

	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>C'ncell'd</i>	<i>Aban.</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Ag'nst</i>
1st XI	30	13	9	8	7	1	50	36
(This includes Cup matches)								
2nd XI	23	11	1	11	9	0	38	35
3rd XI	21	12	3	6	9	1	58	26
4th XI	23	7	5	11	5	0	46	54
	97	43	18	36	30	2	192	151

Congratulations are due to John Ellis who has captained the Club during the past season with great success. The Club won the South Wales Knock-out Cup for the second year running, beating Newport in the final at Margam by 4 goals to 2. The Club went on to win the Welsh Club Championship, also for the second year in succession, by beating Monsanto at St. Athan by 2 goals to nil. The Club once again travelled to the Isle of Man to compete for the Club Championship of Great Britain and Ireland. Unfortunately, they lost to the eventual winners in the first round by 2 goals to one after having been one goal up, scored by Arif Khan. The Club has learned a lot from this second trip and we look forward with a fair amount of confidence for the future and hope that we may make the third trip. The record of the Club is somewhat similar to that of last year. It is interesting to note that the goals scored during cup matches amounted to 24 goals for and 7 against, in five games. If a similar standard of scoring had been maintained throughout the season the playing record would have been much improved.

Our thanks are due to Mervyn Warfield, Michael Prichard and Mervyn Griffiths who have captained the other sides with great distinction. The records of these teams are very similar to those of last season. The potential of these teams gives us great hopes for the coming season.

The chief goal scorers were:

N. Rees 22, N. Francis 17, A. Le Blanc Smith 12, J. Ellis 12, D. Burfitt 10, I. Jones 9, J. Roch 9, M. Prichard 8, P. Sparkes 7.

Representative honours were gained by:

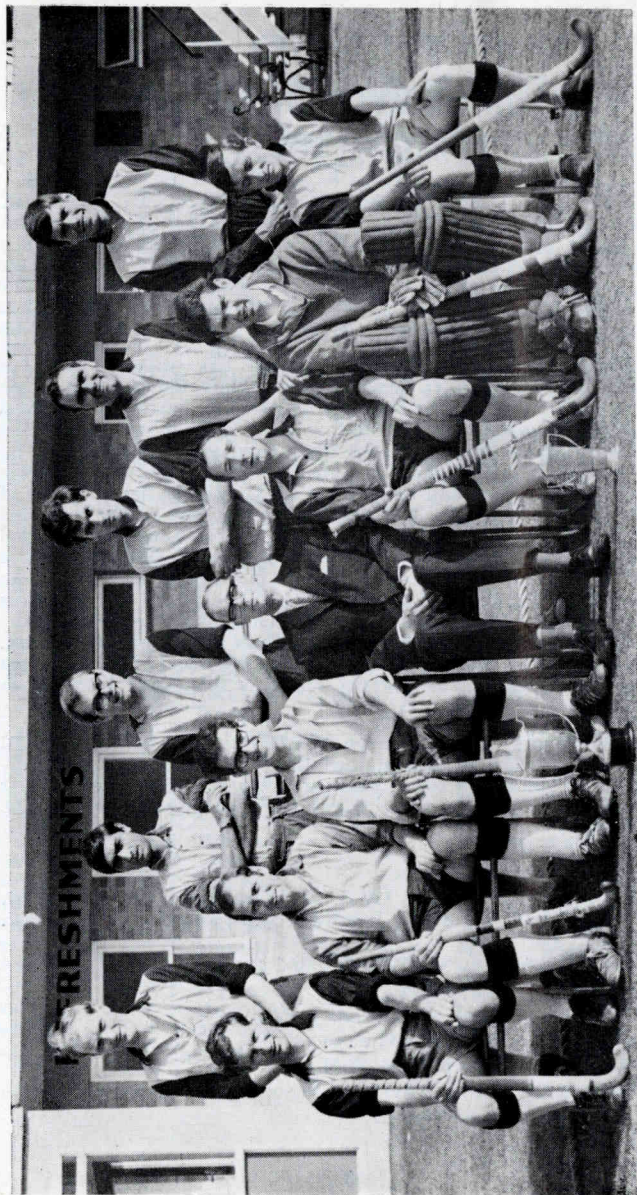
Home Welsh—A. Khan

South-East Region—A. Khan, J. Ellis

Glamorgan Under 23—W. Rees

Welsh Under-23 trial—W. Rees.

Welsh School Boys, Glamorgan School Boys—S. Khan, C. Lawson, P. Kelvin-Smith.



Back row: (left to right) P. SPARKES, A. KHAN, J. MARSHALL, C. RHODES, B. CORNISH.

Front row: (left to right) B. DAWSON, N. G. W. REES, J. ELLIS (*Captain*), J. P. ROBERTS (*Chairman*), K. GODDARD, M. CORNISH, J. C. JONES

Our grateful thanks are due to those hard working members of the committee, namely Peter Sparkes, Paul Swain and last, but not least, our efficient secretary John Marshall. Special mention must be made of Mervyn Warfield and his helpers for arranging such an enjoyable party at Ty Mythe for which effort we are all extremely grateful. Our thanks are also due in no small way 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 so efficiently for our needs. Lastly, our thanks are due to the barmen who have carried out their duties cheerfully with good results.

The Annual Dance was a great success this year with some new catering arrangements which was a great innovation and was remarked upon by those present. Our thanks are due to the committee formed to organise this event.

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

Finally, but by no means least, our thanks are due to David Grant for his help and co-operation at all times and to Miss Babs Filer and her staff for their help and assistance.

CARDIFF HOCKEY CLUB

1968-69 RESULTS

FIRST XI

1968	1969
Sept. 21 Brean A	Lost 0-2
Sept. 28 Weston H	2-2 Draw
Oct. 5 Beckenham .. A	Lost 0-4
Oct. 6 Hounslow .. A	Lost 0-4
Oct. 12 Penarth H	Won 1-0
Oct. 19 Llanishen .. H	Draw 1-1
Oct. 26 W. Gloucester H	Won 1-0
Nov. 2 Abergavenny H	Won 1-0
Nov. 3 Kidderminster H	Lost 0-2
Nov. 9 Evesham .. A	Lost 0-1
Nov. 10 Stourport .. A	Lost 0-3
Nov. 16 Bristol A	Draw 1-1
Dec. 7 O. Grammar'ns H	Draw 0-0
Dec. 14 Bath A	Lost 0-3
Dec. 21 Newport .. H	Won 2-0
Dec. 28 Penarth .. A	Draw 1-1
Jan. 4 Swansea H	Won 1-0
Jan. 11 Llanishen .. A	Draw 0-0
Jan. 25 Newport .. A	Draw 2-2
Jan. 26 H.M.S. Cambria H	Won 3-0
Feb. 1 Bristol A	Draw 0-0
Mar. 1 Old Grammar'ns A	Lost 0-2
Mar. 8 Old Bristolians H	Draw 4-4
Mar. 22 City Hall I .. H	Won 5-0
Mar. 29 Weston A	Won 1-0
Apr. 12 Bath H	Draw 1-1

SOUTH WALES KNOCK-OUT CUP

1st ROUND	24th Nov., 1968	v.	Bridgend	..	won 9-0
2nd ROUND	12th Jan., 1969	v.	Manobier	..	won 2-0
3rd ROUND	23rd Feb., 1969	v.	Plant Breeding Station	..	won 6-1
SEMI-FINAL	30th Mar., 1969	v.	Walk-over (opponents withdrew)		
FINAL	13th Apr., 1969	v.	Newport	..	won 4-2

WELSH KNOCK-OUT CUP FINAL

4th May, 1969 v. Monsanto .. won 2-0

CHAMPIONSHIP OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

24th May, 1969	v.	Cork Church of Ireland	Lost 1-2
24th May, 1969	..	Stepps	Lost 0-2

SECOND XI

1968	1969
Sept. 14 Ross-on-Wye I A	Won 8-0
Sept. 21 Brean H	Lost 1-2
Sept. 28 R.A.F. I .. A	Won 4-3
Oct. 5 B.A.C. I .. H	Won 2-0
Oct. 13 Cardiff Univ. I A	Lost 0-1
Oct. 19 Llanishen .. A	Lost 3-4
Oct. 26 W. Gloucester A	Lost 0-4
Nov. 2 Portishead I .. H	Lost 0-2
Nov. 9 Gloucester .. H	Won 1-0
Nov. 16 Bristol H	Lost 0-2
Dec. 7 Bristol Y.M. I A	Won 1-0
Dec. 14 Bath H	Lost 2-3
Dec. 21 Newport .. A	Won 2-0
Jan. 11 Llanishen .. H	Lost 0-2
Jan. 25 Newport .. H	Lost 0-3
Feb. 1 Bristol .. A	Lost 0-1
Feb. 15 City Hall I .. H	Won 3-1
Mar. 1 Bridgend .. A	Won 3-1
Mar. 8 Old Bristolians A	Draw 1-1
Mar. 15 W. Gloucester H	Won 3-2
Mar. 22 R.A.F. I .. H	Won 2-0
Mar. 29 Whitchurch .. A	Lost 0-2
Apr. 12 Bath A	Won 2-1

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THIRD XI

1968	1969
Sept. 21 I.N.C.O. .. H	Draw 3-3
Sept. 28 Weston II .. A	Draw 2-2
Oct. 5 B.A.C. II .. A	Lost 2-3
Oct. 19 Llanishen .. H	Won 7-1
Oct. 26 W. Gloucester H	Draw 0-0
Nov. 9 Badock A	Lost 0-1
Nov. 16 Bristol A	Lost 0-3
Dec. 7 Bristol Y.M. II H	Won 7-0
Dec. 14 Noral H	Won 3-1
Dec. 21 Newport .. H	Won 8-1
Dec. 28 Penarth II .. H	Lost 0-1
Jan. 4 B.A.C. II .. H	Won 2-0
Jan. 11 Llanishen .. A	Won 3-1
Jan. 25 Newport .. A	Won 4-0
Feb. 1 Bristol H	Draw 0-0
Feb. 15 Swansea II .. H	Won 2-0
Mar. 1 Bridgend G.S. H	Won 4-0
Mar. 8 Cardiff Univ. II H	Lost 2-5
Mar. 15 W. Gloucester A	Won 2-1
Mar. 22 City Hall II .. A	Won 6-1
Mar. 29 Weston II .. A	Won 1-0
Mar. 30 Portishead I .. A	Lost 0-2

FOURTH XI

1968	1969
Sept. 21 R.T.B. A	Lost 0-1
Sept. 28 Penarth G.S. .. A	Draw 1-1
Oct. 5 B.A.C. III .. H	Draw 1-1
Oct. 19 Cardiff H.S. .. A	Lost 0-4
Oct. 26 Swansea II .. A	Lost 0-1
Nov. 2 Abergav'ny II A	Won 4-3
Nov. 9 Gloucester .. H	Draw 1-1
Nov. 16 Bristol H	Won 4-1
Dec. 7 C.E.G.B. .. A	Lost 3-4
Dec. 14 B.P. Llandarcy A	Lost 1-2
Dec. 28 Oystermouth A	Lost 1-3
Dec. 28 Penarth III .. A	Lost 0-1
Jan. 4 B.A.C. III .. A	Lost 0-3
Jan. 11 Bridgend II .. H	Won 2-1
Jan. 25 A.A.C. H	Lost 1-3
Feb. 1 Bristol A	Lost 0-2
Feb. 15 City Hall II .. A	Won 7-2
Mar. 1 City Hall II .. H	Lost 1-2
Mar. 8 O. Bristol'ns III A	Won 3-1
Mar. 15 B.P. Llandarcy H	Lost 2-11
Mar. 22 Whitchurch III A	Won 7-4
Apr. 5 Merthyr A	Won 5-0
Apr. 12 R.T.B. H	Draw 2-2

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Records of Past Seasons

Season	Captain	Played	Won	Drn.	Lost	Goals	
						For	Agst.
1896-97	E. W. BENNETT ...	*					
1897-98	E. W. BENNETT ...	23	8	7	8	38	46
1898-99	W. BIELSKI ...	17	8	2	7	38	26
1899-1900	N. D. WARE ...	23	14	6	3	68	24
1900-01	N. D. WARE ...	26	20	2	4	82	33
1901-02	N. D. WARE ...	19	15	2	2	81	13
1902-03	G. N. HOWELL ...	20	16	1	3	81	22
1903-04	G. N. HOWELL ...	24	18	2	4	110	31
1904-5	E. W. EVANS ...	20	15	2	3	119	27
1905-06	E. W. EVANS ...	15	11	1	3	78	27
1906-07	E. W. EVANS ...	17	13	2	2	68	25
1907-08	F. B. M. BULMER ...	16	12	2	2	62	23
1908-09	E. R. SWEET-ESCOTT ...	23	17	3	3	101	26
1909-10	B. TURNBULL ...	18	14	0	4	109	26
1910-11	H. H. SWEET-ESCOTT ...	18	14	2	2	107	22
1911-12	J. W. DUNCAN ...	18	15	1	2	95	26
1912-13	H. REDFORD ...	15	10	0	5	70	57
1913-14	J. O. TURNBULL ...	22	19	2	1	115	30
1919-20	B. TURNBULL ...	17	10	2	5	64	45
1920-21	H. S. STEPHENS ...	15	7	4	4	41	34
1921-22	R. T. S. HINDE ...	24	14	3	7	92	51
1922-23	H. W. BROWNE ...	19	10	3	6	73	34
1923-24	W. S. COURTIS ...	23	9	4	10	63	68
1924-25	A. T. HARPER ...	*					
1925-26	A. T. HARPER ...	*					
1929-30	F. L. LAMARQUE ...	25	12	4	9	79	59
1930-31	F. L. LAMARQUE ...	30	17	3	10	126	50
1931-32	K. G. HUGHES ...	29	16	4	9	87	77
1932-33	S. C. BANBURY ...	28	13	6	9	77	77
1933-34	S. C. BANBURY ...	30	11	5	14	53	57
1934-35	S. C. BANBURY ...	34	13	7	14	64	71
1935-36	G. R. FAULKS ...	27	14	2	11	60	64
1936-37	G. R. FAULKS ...	25	11	6	8	48	50
1937-38	G. R. FAULKS ...	31	20	3	8	64	40
1938-39	G. R. FAULKS ...	25	14	6	5	62	30
1945-46	G. PERCIVAL ...	32	25	2	5	139	49
1946-47	G. PERCIVAL ...	20	10	3	7	65	36
1947-48	K. G. HUGHES ...	26	14	3	9	57	42
1948-49	G. A. L. TUCKER ...	26	15	1	10	72	45
1949-50	W. N. FRANCIS ...	32	22	3	7	110	56
1950-51	W. N. FRANCIS ...	26	14	8	4	87	44
1951-52	W. N. FRANCIS ...	30	17	6	7	96	47
1952-53	W. N. FRANCIS ...	30	18	8	4	98	43
1953-54	N. C. PALLOT ...	30	18	6	6	89	34
1954-55	N. C. PALLOT ...	29	20	6	3	100	31
1955-56	W. A. THOMAS ...	29	19	3	7	103	52
1956-57	M. H. C. MEGGITT ...	28	16	5	7	83	59
	T. D. H. THOMAS ...						
1957-58	D. J. O'BRIEN ...	30	20	2	8	93	54
1958-59	M. H. C. MEGGITT ...	28	15	5	8	64	41
1959-60	G. T. WHITEWAY ...	26	9	5	12	62	67
1960-61	M. H. C. MEGGITT ...	25	13	4	8	60	47
1961-62	P. WILKINSON ...	30	16	8	6	90	59
1962-63	P. WILKINSON ...	23	15	3	5	61	32
1963-64	G. T. WHITEWAY ...	29	17	3	9	71	47
1964-65	G. T. WHITEWAY ...	32	22	2	8	98	51
1965-66	G. T. WHITEWAY ...	22	5	2	15	32	57
1966-67	J. R. COCKS ...	25	7	6	12	37	46
1967-68	J. O. ROCH ...	32	13	7	12	54	74
1968-69	J. R. ELLIS ...	30	13	9	8	50	36

* Records not available.

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