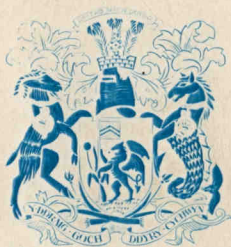


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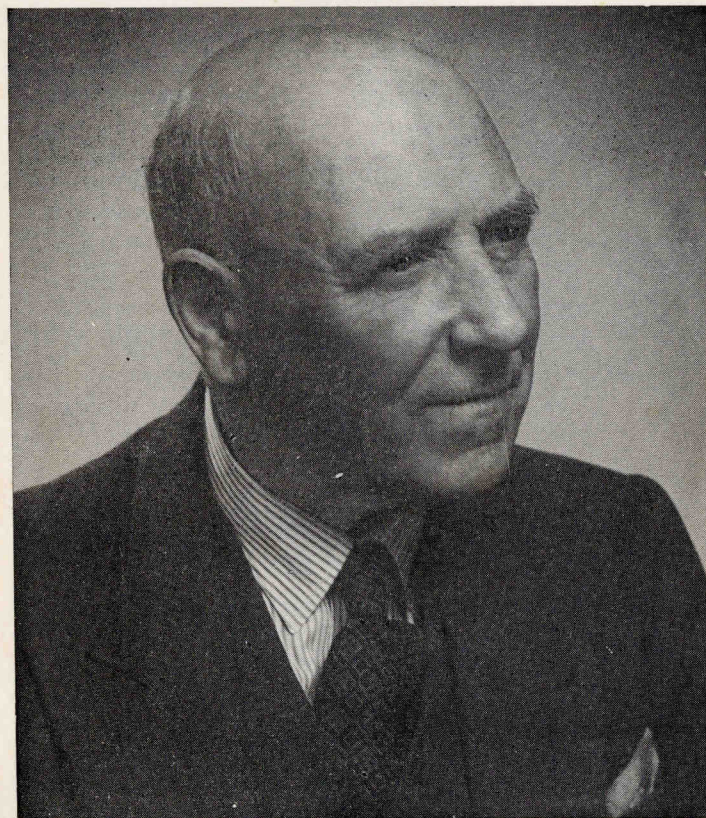
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Telegraphic Address: "FOOTBALL, CARDIFF"

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

General Secretary: D. G. GRANT

CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB



N. V. H. RICHES

President of the Cardiff Athletic Club

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Vice-Presidents :

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Vice-Chairman : R. F. TROTT

*N. V. H. RICHES

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

To retire in 1968:

E. BEIM

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L. M. SPENCE

J. H. WEBB

W. H. WILKINS

To retire in 1969:

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J. R. THOMAS

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To retire in 1970:

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Co-opted Members: W. J. LEWIS, J. D. H. RICHES 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.

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Captain Athletic XV: J. PRICE

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Captain of Club: Dr. P. GATEHOUSE

Captain 2nd XI: J. HERBERT

Captain Reserve XI: P. COOK

Captain Sunday XI: N. G. W. REES

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Chairman: F. W. SOMERS

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Asst. Hon. Secretary: T. PHILLIPS

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Vice-Captain: E. H. BAINES

Captain "A" Team: D. E. DAVIES

J. DESMOND	L. K. MORGAN
J. ELLIOT	L. M. SPENCE
E. JONES	

LAWN TENNIS COMMITTEE

Chairman: J. R. BROAD

Hon. Secretary: W. P. LEWIS

Captain: F. P. DAVIES

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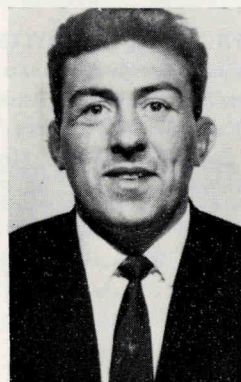
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(Bowls)



P. W. GATEHOUSE
(Cricket)



C. H. NORRIS
(Rugby)



F. P. DAVIES
(Lawn Tennis)

JOHN ROCH
(Hockey)

CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB

Chairman's Report for the Year ending 30th April, 1968

Dear Members,

Last year I reported that :—

- (a) "Next year, of course, we face the burden of a full twelve months of Selective Employment Tax" *and*
- (b) "The Balance Sheet reveals that the Club is in a very healthy financial position, ready to stride forward into a very exciting future".

At the commencement of this Report I would add that the first item has now become reality and we have also started to pay for the Club's future.

Your Committee realised that, during the transitional period, before the completion of the Club's new facilities, the Club would face two years of financial strain. The one item that was not foreseen, was the institution of the Selective Employment Tax, which has cost the Club £1,855 during the last financial year, an increase of £629 over the previous year. In September next, the Government has decreed that this burden will be increased by a further fifty per cent.

At this stage of the re-development scheme, the Club finds itself responsible for the whole of Cardiff Arms Park and the Club ground at Sophia Gardens Field. It will not be until the early seventies that the financial benefits of the re-development scheme will become apparent, and the Club will become a very much closer-knit financial unit. Your Committee is confident that this present period of change, with its related financial commitments, will, in the long run, ensure the future financial well-being of the Club.

The Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30th April, 1968, reveals a deficit of £2,429. A careful study of this Account discloses :—

Selective Employment Tax at £1,855.

Rent and Rates, Sophia Gardens, at £1,063.

plus increases for Insurance Premiums ; Heat, Light and Water ; and Cleaning Materials ; that are due solely to Sophia Gardens Field.

In last year's report I made mention of the fact that during the year, the number of groundstaff had been increased

by two men until 1970. £1,000 of the increase in the figure for Salaries, Wages and S.E.T. is due to this.

Whilst the present financial outlook appears bleak, the future should ensure increased amenities maintained at a more economical figure than has been possible heretofore.

And now to the financial details of last year. The deficit of £2,429 is the highest recorded since 1938, when the Club showed a deficit of £2,545, on a turnover of only £10,440.

The revenue from Football Gates shows an increase of £533, although one less home match was played.

The Club's share of the Floodlight Alliance Pool was £150 and this is included in the figure for "Share of Gates". The share from the Snelling Sevens Tournament was again £400, and in view of the weather on the day was an excellent result.

The income from Season Tickets shows an increase of £355, the first increase from this source for over a decade.

The Profit on Sales of Programmes at £1,034 shows a decrease of £141 and includes £174, the profit on the East Wales v. New Zealand Match Programme. Last year's figure of £1,175, included £304, the profit on the Cardiff v. Australian Match Programme. Unfortunately, the East Wales match was postponed from the Saturday to the following Wednesday because of heavy falls of snow.

Members' subscriptions at £11,453 show a slight increase, and it is pleasing to record that the previous year's high figure has been maintained.

Car Park charges were increased to two shillings per day at the commencement of the financial year, and resulted in an increase of £79 in the net income from this source.

The Accounts show that the items of the income on the General Account show a decrease of £299 on the previous year. In addition, Bar Takings show a decrease of £2,124; Catering Takings a decrease of £316; and Fruit Machines a decrease of £340. These items follow the pattern of a decade ago when they rose sharply during a full Touring year, only to fall back during the following year. Despite this falling back, all these receipts are still substantially higher than the figures for 1966.

At this stage, I would like to refer to the Bar Takings of £3,138, at Sophia Gardens, which produced a gross profit of

£879. The Club Bar Staff only operated at Sophia Gardens during the six County Matches, a matter of eighteen days. During the rest of the year the bar was manned by members of the Cricket and Hockey Sections, and I would like to pay tribute to the way in which this duty was carried out for the financial benefit of the Club and the benefit of their fellow members.

You will note the figure of £271 for Donations. As well as the usual donation of £100 to the Cardiff Schools Rugby Union, this figure includes contributions made to the Cliff Davies Memorial Fund, the David Pask Memorial Fund and the Michael Lawson Memorial Fund.

Items of expenditure on the General Account show an increase of £4,632, details of which have been dealt with earlier in this report. These items on the Bar and Catering Account show a decrease of £808.

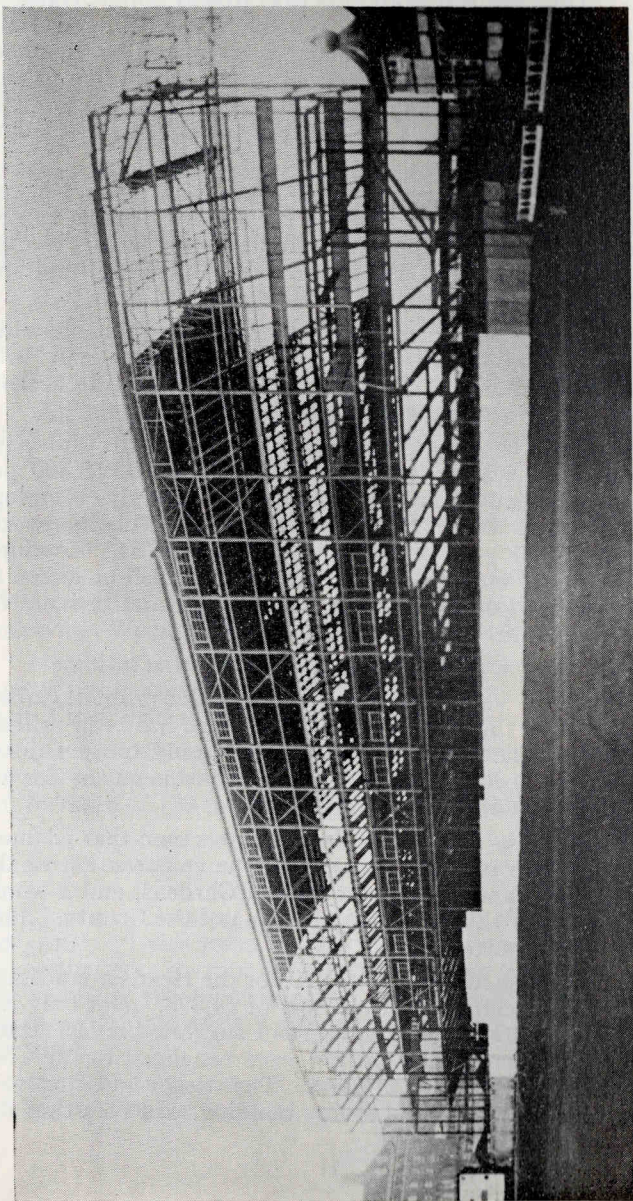
It will not be generally realised that before this Club pays one penny in wages, it has to find the sum of £3,500 per annum to defray its commitments under Selective Employment Tax and National Health Insurance. This figure will rise to £4,500 per annum in the future. It, therefore, behoves me to warn members that this Club will be forced to follow the lead of so many Amateur Clubs, and increase its rates of membership subscriptions.

The Balance Sheet is worthy of careful scrutiny.

During the year, the Club Lottery made a profit of £2,744. You will note that the bulk of this income has been utilised to provide basic facilities, necessary not only to the Cricket and Tennis Sections, but to the establishment of Sophia Gardens as a County Cricket Venue.

You will also note, in this latter connection, that Glamorgan C.C.C. has paid for the cost of the construction of the Dining Room and Kitchen at Sophia Gardens, and I would like to express the Club's appreciation of the County Club's action in this matter.

You will also note that the Flat for the Head Groundsman has been completed at a total cost of £4,378. Not only has this made for a happy employee, as I suggested in last year's Report, but has already proved very beneficial to the Club from the security point of view. The design and construction of this Flat, as a first storey building, was such that the



Skeleton work New North Stand, July, 1933

cost of the construction of the Dining Room and Kitchen was, in relation, comparatively cheap.

In addition, the sum of £1,431 was spent in equipping and furnishing the Pavilion at Sophia Gardens.

When one takes into account the expenditure during the year on the Flat at £3,416 ; the cost of equipping the Pavilion at £1,431 ; and the loss on the year of £2,429 — an overall figure of £7,276 — I feel I must point out that the Club's Investments only fell by £2,724, the balance being found from Current Assets — and yet, this figure is £1,007 higher than it was this time last year.

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.

Cardiff New Ground.

The model of the new ground plan has been on display in the Committee Room and elsewhere. Many members and friends have viewed with pleasure the lay-out of the new National Arena and the adjoining Cardiff Rugby Club ground.

I hope that members are happy about the next 100 years or so of Club rugby being played in such a setting, in the hub of all that rugby can offer.

The demolition of the North Stand to make way for the joint W.R.U. and Cardiff main stands was to have begun on April 16th, 1968. This, through reasons of finance, has been put back until about July, which will be the deadline, so that the W.R.U. new seating will be able to be used v. South Africans, in 1970.

Owing to the control of Government spending and the economies to be practised, there is a delay in receiving a Government grant and no certain date on which the whole scheme can be finished. It may well be that the completion of the Cardiff ground will be delayed for some years leaving us the status quo position we hold today. I am sure, however, that Mr. Ken Harris and the W. R. U. will pull out all the stops to complete this magnificent scheme as soon as possible.

Your Executive Committee and its counterpart in the W.R.U. are meeting frequently and are keeping abreast of all developments.

Section Activities.

You will read reports from all Sections, and I am sure you will realise the work and general keenness they are showing on the field of play and how they are enhancing the image of this great Athletic Club.

Only the enthusiasm of the young members backing up the Elder Statesmen will make certain that the high standard now shown is maintained. Keep it up you young men!

It would appear that the Sections concerned are settling down at Sophia Gardens. The Cricket Section is doing very well, and even have a children's play area so that the cricketing wives can watch their offspring at the same time as they are preparing the afternoon tea, etc.

The Hockey Section is doing its part in building up the Sophia Gardens esprit de corps in every way.

Social Functions.

The Club Top Lounge has not lost its popularity one iota and, in fact, now has more dances and parties, get togethers and Section occasions. With the restriction of the new laws in being it is as well that we have such an amenity.

The Golfing Society, still very enthusiastic, use it frequently, and the Cardiff Athletic Club Choir has put on some shows that would do justice to a professional approach in any hall in Cardiff. These evenings, put on with all they have to give, have been excellent and have given pleasure to an increasing number of members. I hear they are to produce their own tie as the Golfing Society has done. The efforts of the Chairman, Conductor and Committee are showing through in no uncertain manner.

I would like to congratulate both the Golfers and Choir for their support of the Club.

All other Sections are supporting the Club in like manner in Dinners and Dances with the Sophia Gardens Pavilion well in the picture, cricket and hockeywise.

There seems no doubt that when the Club has passed through this difficult transition period it will have a long lasting social background that will be invaluable to its sporting future. So be it.

Obituaries.

The sad loss of Committeeman, Dan Herbert, was felt by all his colleagues on the Management Committee and by myself very much. I always enjoyed his sense of humour mixed up with his fiery enthusiasm for the cricket section, and for the Athletic Club in particular. He is missed as a great Club man.

Rhys Gabe. A Club legend who needs no praise from me except to say that apart from his great prowess in all fields of sporting activities, and his great link with the glorious past, will always be remembered for his gentle manners and the way he epitomised the definition of the word "gentleman". Thank you, Rhys for just knowing you.

Our sympathy to a great stalwart, F. W. Somers, who suffered the loss of his dear wife recently (they were devoted to each other), and was unable to carry out one of his many jobs, *viz.*, to edit the Club Annual Report. We hope that he will feel able to resume the task at a later date.

Management Committee.

It is a pleasure to work with such a consortium of Club Officials. I would like many members to sit in on meetings of the Club Committees. They would realise and enjoy the calm, thorough way in which the Club affairs are conducted. I assure you that there is no sectional axe to grind if the needs of the whole Club are greater.

The President, Mr. N. V. H. Riches, is as spritely and attentive of Club discussions as ever.

The Standing Committees that are really responsible for the efficient running of the Club are as ever doing a fine job, and the three Chairman, J. R. Thomas (Finance), L. M. Spence (Ground), and G. L. Porter (House), with good Committees, are always on top of their responsibilities. Their attention to detail makes the organisation of the Club go very smoothly.

Chairmen of the active Sections, F. W. Somers (Bowls), W. J. Evans (Cricket), W. H. Wilkins (Rugby), F. P. Davies (Tennis), J. P. Roberts (Hockey), are all dedicated men and have once again led their Sections through the seasons in the tradition we have grown to expect.

Regarding the general management and administration of the affairs of the Club, I can report again that we have an excellent team who have the Club very much at heart.

Mr. David Grant, the General Secretary, continues to be a leading light in the Club affairs and management and leaves no stone unturned in the interests of the Club. His work for the Development Sub-Committee is invaluable in addition to his other duties and I rate his co-operation very highly.

With the same office staff of Miss Anne Davies in charge of the office routine and Mrs. Walter John (now unfortunately seriously ill), with rapidly improving junior, Susan Allen, backed up with the C.A.C. Development Organiser, Mr. J. Grubenman, we have a very happy state of affairs.

House.

Miss Filer and her very loyal staff continue to please in providing excellent catering and Bar service. Her catering for private and Section parties is as usual first class and all her staff are to be congratulated on the willing service they provide. There is always a very cheerful atmosphere at lunch time when so many business members enjoy the Club's service.

Ground.

The added work and worry of the additional ground area to be maintained does not worry Les Gerry and his dog. The Head Groundsman and staff are as ever part of the Cardiff Athletic scene, and Sophia Gardens is looking very well through their efforts.

To write a full report of the Club activities and to include all the names of those who have given invaluable help during any one season, would take more space that can possibly be provided.

So to those whom I have not mentioned — "They also serve" (who only stand and wait).

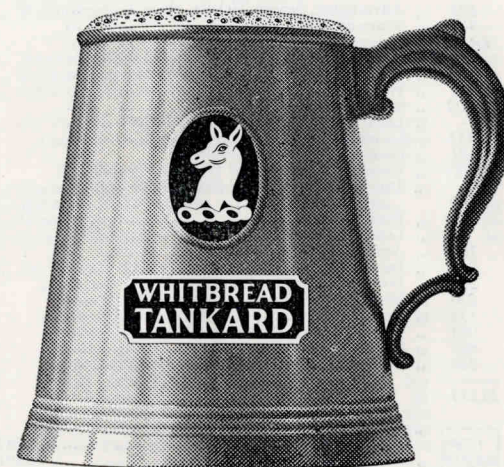
To all the Members.

On behalf of the Management Committee I would thank you for your support in these difficult change-over times.

I would like to add that although many members work hard for the Club I want the whole two thousand of you to back the Club to the hilt for the next few years at least. After all, it is your Club.

Yours sincerely,

HUBERT JOHNSON.



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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

1967	EXPENDITURE	£	£
11,778	To Salaries, Wages, and S.E.T....	...	13,485
2,670	" Upkeep of Grounds and Clubhouse ...	...	3,247
2,632	" Football — Away Match Expenses ...	...	2,929
1,949	" Football — Home Match Expenses ...	...	2,002
731	" Football — Players' Out of Pocket Expenses ...	...	489
389	" Football — Junior XV Expenses ...	...	373
250	" Donation to Aberfan Disaster Fund ...	...	—
1,253	" Stationery, Telephones and Postages ...	...	1,298
269	" Cost of Annual Report and Postages ...	308	
98	Less Advertising in Annual Report ...	88	
			220
171	" Advertising, Season Tickets, etc. ...	...	863
893	" Share of Gates ...	...	790
840	" Gatekeepers, Police and Firemen ...	...	1,337
1,144	" Rent and Rates ...	...	762
746	" Rent and Rates — Sophia Gardens ...	...	1,063
2,229	" Water, Light and Heat ...	...	2,851
502	" Sundry Items ...	...	500
433	" Legal Fees re Sophia Gardens Lease ...	...	115
1,501	" Laundry ...	...	444
200	" Cleaning Services — Clubhouse ...	...	1,530
	" Cleaning Materials and Window Cleaning ...	...	227
660	" Dinner, Dance, Ladies' Night, Photographs and Awards ...	...	678
991	" Football Equipment ...	...	1,016
45	" Loudspeaker Rental ...	...	45
105	" Audit Fee ...	...	105
933	" Insurances ...	...	1,154
200	" Football Insurance Fund ...	...	200
270	" Medical Expenses ...	...	280
135	" Donations ...	...	271
983	" Plant, Repairs, Petrol and Oil ...	...	1,085
896	" Sectional Expenses ...	...	824
286	" Depreciation — Motor Roller, Mowers, etc. ...	...	264
35,815			40,447
1,746	" BAR PURCHASES :		
33,618	Opening Stock ...	1,644	
	Purchases ...	30,401	
35,364		32,045	
1,644	Less Closing Stock ...	1,825	
33,720		30,220	
5,420	" Bar Purchases — Sophia Gardens ...	2,259	
8,468	" Catering Purchases ...	5,325	
141	" Bar Wages, S.E.T., Equipment, Renewals and Expenses ...	8,867	
	" Depreciation—Furniture, Fittings and Equipment ...	127	
	" Depreciation — Furniture, Fittings and Equipment — Sophia Gardens ...	143	
47,749		46,941	
4,552	" Excess of Income over Expenditure ...	—	
£88,116		£87,388	

for the Year ended 30th April, 1968

1967	INCOME.	£	£
8,856	By Football Gates ...	...	9,389
1,533	" Season Tickets ...	...	1,888
10,389			11,277
400	" Snelling "Seven-a-Side" Tournament ...	...	400
1,175	" Profit on Sale of Programmes ...	1,034	
50	Less Donation to Cardiff & Dist. Rugby Union ...	50	
			984
1,125	" Share of Gates ...	...	163
557	" Collection re Aberfan Disaster Fund ...	...	—
87	" Welsh Rugby Union ...	...	—
50			12,824
12,608	" Members' Subscriptions ...	...	11,453
11,436	" Cricket Collections ...	...	20
19	" Ground Earnings ...	...	870
870			2,722
2,557	" Car Park Receipts ...	2,722	
1,054	Less Attendants' Wages and S.E.T. ...	1,150	
			1,572
1,493	" Share of Rent re Park Street ...	...	—
81	" B.B.C. and T.W.W. Fees ...	...	350
329	" Competition Fees ...	...	23
28	" Catering Concession ...	...	34
—			
	INVESTMENT INCOME :		
42	Dividends : Arms Park (Cardiff) Greyhound Racing Co. (1956) Ltd. ...	44	
84	Preferred Income Unit Trust ...	84	
	Interest :		
35	Glamorgan County Council ...	41	
78	Barry Corporation ...	78	
341	Cardiff Corporation ...	354	
26	3% Savings Bonds ...	27	
196	S.Wales (East) & Mon. Trustee Savings Bank ...	276	
317	Lloyds Bank Ltd. ...	369	
504	Income Tax Refund ...	483	
			1,736
1,623	" DONATIONS :		
1,000	Arms Park (Cardiff) Greyhound Racing Co. (1956) Ltd. ...	1,000	
10	Sundry ...	—	
			1,000
684	" Sale of Turf ...	...	—
30,181			29,882
47,406	" Bar Takings ...	...	42,144
6,975	" Bar Takings — Sophia Gardens ...	...	3,138
	" Catering Takings ...	...	6,659
3,583	" Fruit Machine Takings ...	3,243	
150	Less Licence Duty ...	150	
			3,093
3,433	" Hire of Rooms ...	...	13
23	" Profit on Sale of Club Ties ...	...	30
62	" Sundry Income ...	...	—
36	" Excess of Expenditure over Income ...	...	2,429
—			£87,388
£88,116			

BALANCE SHEET

1967	LIABILITIES	£	£
711	Football Insurance Fund	823	
	Creditors :		
2,860	Subscriptions Prepaid	3,217	
544	Accrued Expenses	2,515	
			5,732
	Development Fund :		
15,232	Balance as at 1st May, 1967	18,180	
2,948	Add Income for year ended 30th April, 1968	2,744	
18,180			20,924
	Less :		
	Club Score Board—Sophia		£
	Gardens	243	
	Sight Screens—Sophia Gardens	420	
	Extensions to Tarmacadam Areas		
	and Car Park — Sophia Gardens	724	
	Hard Tennis Court	984	
			2,371
		18,553	
	Creditors re Development Fund :		
74	Subscriptions Prepaid	43	
	"200" Clubs :		
	Subscriptions Prepaid	2,418	
	Income and Expenditure Account :		
36,253	Balance as at 1st May, 1967	36,253	
	Less Excess of Expenditure over Income		
	for Year ended 30th April, 1968... ..	2,429	
			33,824

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 having 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,
1st July, 1968

£58,622

£61,393

as at 30th April, 1968

1967	ASSETS	£	£
15,000	Clubhouse at written down value	15,000	
962	Head Groundsman's Flat—Sophia Gardens	4,378	
	Dining Room and Kitchen — Sophia Gardens	1,799	
	Less Contribution by Glamorgan C.C.C.	1,799	
			—
1,268	Clubhouse — Furniture, Fittings & Equipment	1,268	
	Less Depreciation	127	
			1,141
	Pavilion — Sophia Gardens — Furniture, Fittings and Equipment	1,431	
	Less Depreciation	143	
			1,288
25	Bowls Pavilion	25	
1,144	Motor Roller, Mowers, etc.	1,144	
	Additions during year	175	
			1,319
	Less Depreciation	264	
			1,055
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	
1,000	Barry Corporation 6½% Loan	1,000	
	Cardiff Corporation 7% Loan	2,500	
2,500	Cardiff Corporation 6½% Loan	—	
6,500	Cardiff Corporation 6½% Loan	6,500	
	Preferred Income Unit Trust 6½% 8,400		
2,100	5/- Units fully paid	2,100	
1,500	3% Savings Bonds, 1965/1975	1,500	
	Arms Park (Cardiff) Greyhound Racing Co, (1956) Ltd. —200 1/- Ordinary Shares		
100	fully paid	100	
53	S. Wales & Mon. Trustee Savings Bank	54	
5,194	S. Wales & Mon. Special Investment Dept.	5,469	
8,000	Lloyds Bank Limited	5,000	
28,947			26,223
	Current Assets :		
1,942	Stocks	2,412	
1,506	Sundry Debtors	3,178	
5,146	Recoverable Expenditure re Sophia Gardens	—	
644	Recoverable Expenditure re Cardiff Arms Park	1,193	
	LLOYDS BANK LIMITED :		
639	Current Account	1,853	
711	Football Insurance Fund	823	
533	Development Fund	246	
	Development Fund No. 2 Account —		
	"200" Clubs	2,418	
145	Cash in hand	150	
			12,273

£58,622

£61,393

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CARDIFF RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Report for Season 1967-68

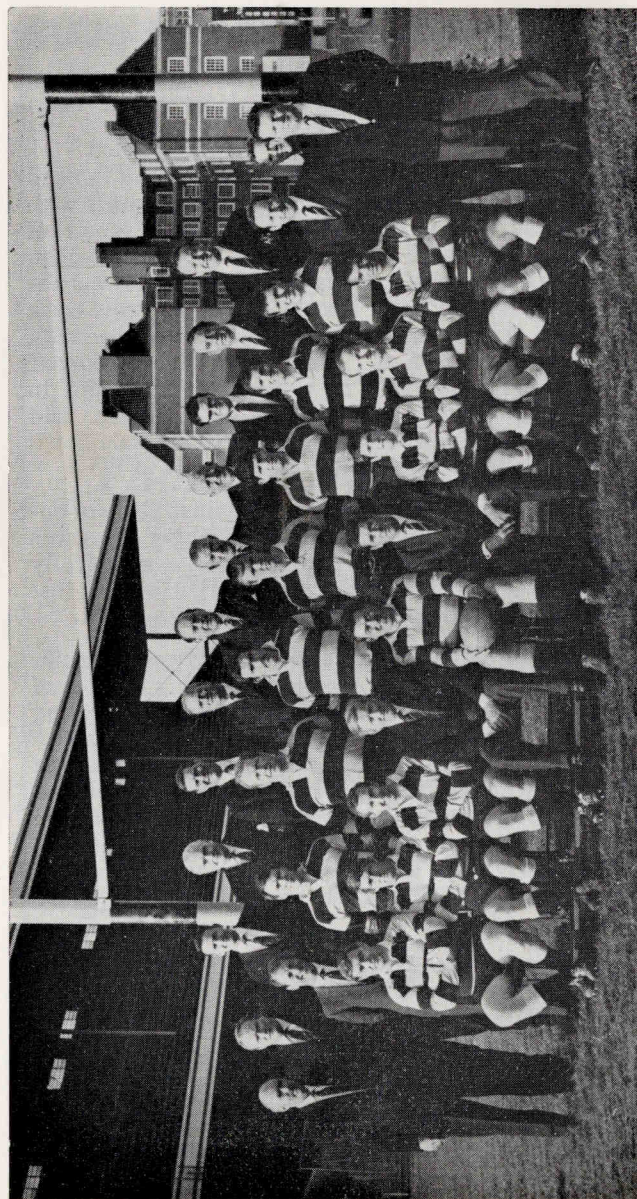
Cardiff 1st XV.

The team started the season in great style and by the end of September we had played 9 games, scoring 222 points with 67 points against. In normal circumstances, a mood of optimism was justified and yet there were misgivings when one considered that of the nine games played, one was the regrettable home fixture with Neath, which we won by a small margin 9-6, and in the other, at home, we drew with a very good Aberavon side 5-5. Then we lost to Newport at Rodney Parade 6-11, won well by 6-3 at Bridgend, and in between amassing points against the Co-optimists and Torquay, we drew with Newport and lost to Ebbw Vale, both at home under floodlights.

In other words, whilst winning well against the not-so-strong opposition, our record against the stronger sides was unconvincing, and yet by the end of December, in a typically strong Cardiff fixture list, our record showed that we had lost only 4 games, and we had scored 474 points.

Our new outside half, Barry John, formerly of Llanelli, was solving our problem in that position following the loss of Phil Morgan to the professional code. Whilst revealing himself as a truly brilliant kicker in defence, there was an opinion that he was prone to exercise the boot too much in attack. Indeed, when he did run with the ball, he displayed a fantastic ability to outwit the defence with a most elusive swerve, and it was felt that with a little more emphasis on running, particularly with the class of three-quarters alongside him, he could establish himself as one of the "greats" in his era of rugby football.

The remaining months of the season from January to April were disastrous from a results point of view. Out of 18 games we lost 8. On the credit side we won handsomely at Aberavon, at Newport and Penarth, and also at home against Bristol, Newport, and Loughborough Colleges, and the best performance of the season surely must have been our great win against a strong Barbarians side, which included amongst other great players, those brilliant French



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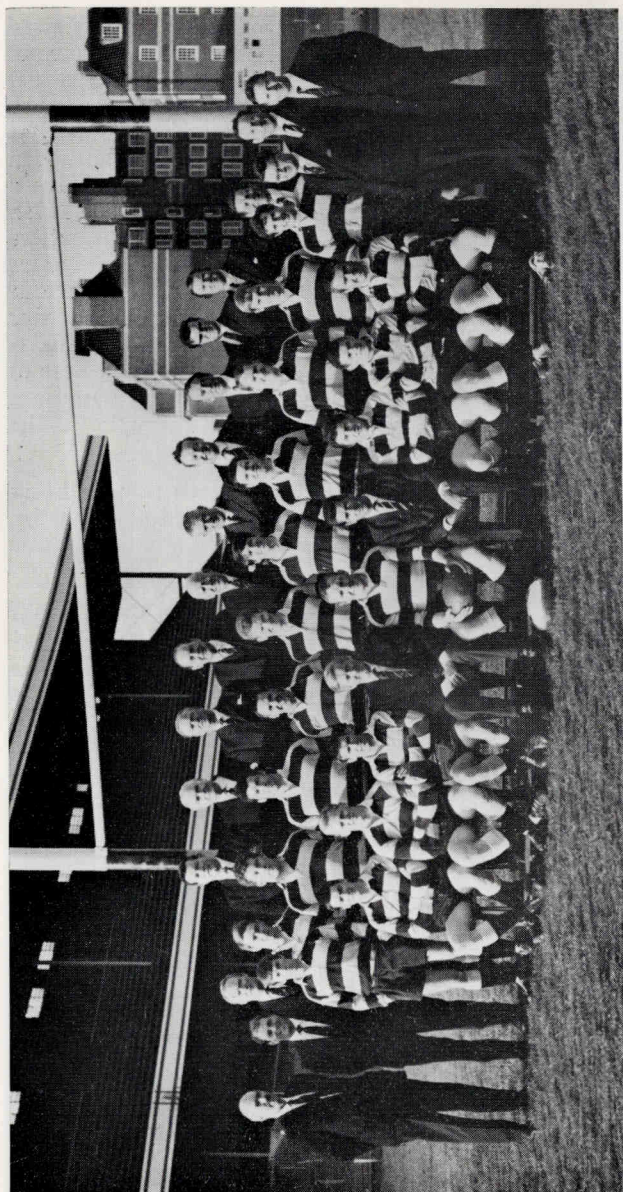
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Front Row : J. O. O'SHEA, C. EVANS, W. K. JONES, W. H. WILKINS (*Chairman*), C. H. NORRIS (*Captain*), R. F. TROTT (*Hon. Secretary*), T. G. R. DAVIES, A. D. WILLIAMS, F. H. WILSON.

footballers, Gachassin and Lacaze. In this game we viewed with pleasure and optimism the most promising form of the young outside half, Ian Lewis. On the debit side we lost to a very good London-Welsh side in London, and it cannot be denied that on this occasion our opponents showed us that running with the ball has distinct advantages. The lesson must be to replace inhibition with exhibition, and achieve a more positive and purposeful approach. We lost again to Llanelli at Stradey Park, to Swansea at St. Helens, where Gerald Davies, returning after injury, looked the great centre that he is. We soon took a lead of 6 points, but then our unlucky Vice-Captain was injured again and we realised later that he would not play again during the season. Unaccountably, we lost at Pontypool and again we had to give best to Newbridge, and by this time the unofficial Welsh Championship "crown" which we had "fitted on" throughout the season was becoming precariously perched.

We journeyed to France for a three-match tour and lost the first and second games, but won the third and thereby sealed our fate as far as the unofficial Championship was concerned.

After promising so much and staying on the "top" right throughout we finished eventually with a record which contained 12 defeats. One is bound to ask why our record in the last four months compares so unfavourably with that of the first four months, and various answers can be suggested, such as the injuries to Maurice Richards, Gerald Davies and the Captain, Howard Norris. Yet, who can deny that the replacements played well. Indeed, Frank Wilson nearly earned a Welsh cap after taking over from Maurice Richards. Perhaps it was because the British Lions took the cream of our team when they selected 6 of them for a tour of South Africa, and yet the replacements helped us to beat the Barbarians and to win the "Bill Everson, Vince Griffiths Memorial Sevens" at Newport, where A. D. "Tony" Williams gave an excellent display as Captain at inside half. Again, it may be ventured that the team members were tired after a strenuous season where club coaching and representative and international squad training made big demands on them in a season which followed a tour of South Africa. Perhaps it was the tour to France, where the accommodation was not up to our normal standard and where the rugby opposition



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was very strong, and yet we won the third and last game against the strongest side, which contained several French Internationals (and we were without our six British Lions). Philosophically it just was not to be and we have to leave behind the Welsh Unofficial Championship for 1967/68 with the thought that we lost a Welsh Championship which does not exist in a foreign land where they do not play the same rules. In case this savours of "sour grapes" it should be stated that no one in Cardiff honestly could begrudge the title to Llanelli, who had beaten us at home and away, and in the National Sevens. Well done, Llanelli.

There is consolation in the records for the skipper, Howard Norris, who led the side so admirably before his injury, in that the number of points scored (703) has been surpassed twice only since the War — in Haydn Tanner's year 1947-1948 (803) and the season of Keith Rowland's 1966-1967, which also included the South Africa Tour (775). Congratulations also to the skipper in being asked to captain the Barbarians side during the season.

The full record of the first XV, including the Floodlight Alliance games where only tries counted is:—

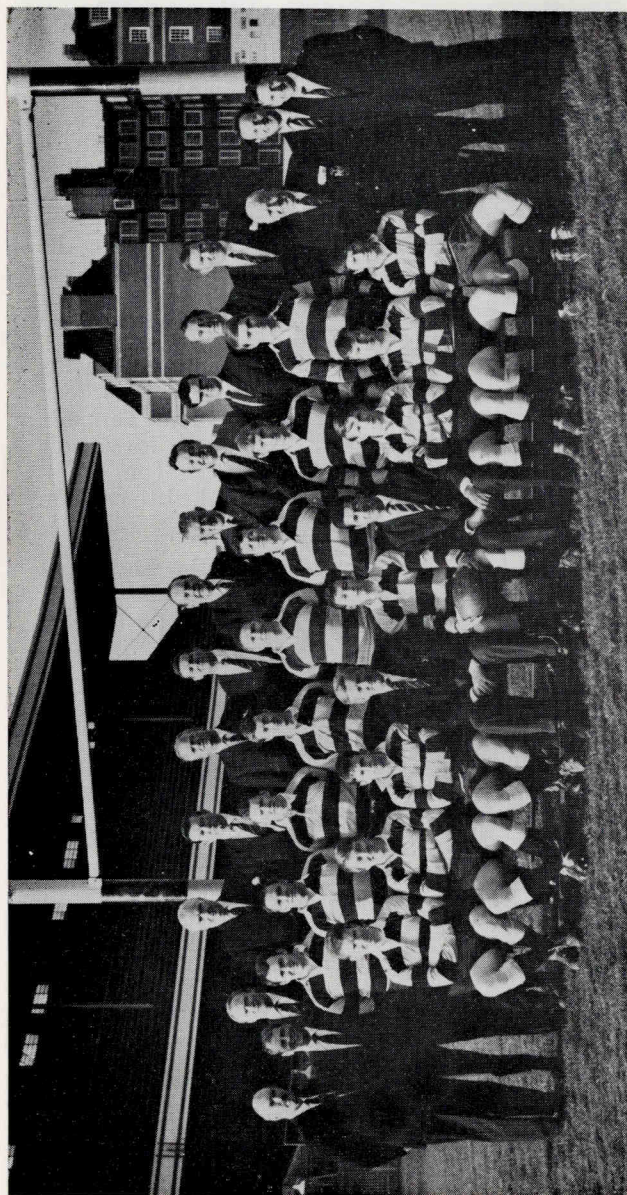
Points.					
P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Against
46	32	12	2	703	314

The top scorers were:—

Tries. Frank Wilson, 17; P. Lyn Jones, 15; Gerald Davies, 10; Maurice Richards, 9; Barry John, 9 (and 9 drop goals and a penalty goal); Keri Jones, 8; W. Hullin, 6 (and a drop goal and penalty goal); A. D. (Tony) Williams, 6 (and a drop goal).

Dennis Gethin scored 157 points and 1st XV caps were earned by Maurice Braithwaite, Dennis Gethin, Barry John, Roy Morgan, Ian Robinson, John Uzzell and Frank Wilson. John Hickey (37) and Tony Williams (36) played the most games in a season where both showed form which should have earned them further honours.

Missing from the team this year, regrettably, was W. J. "Billy" Thomas, who had retired at the end of the South African tour. There has never been a more pleasant straight-forward, humorous and dedicated member as Billy



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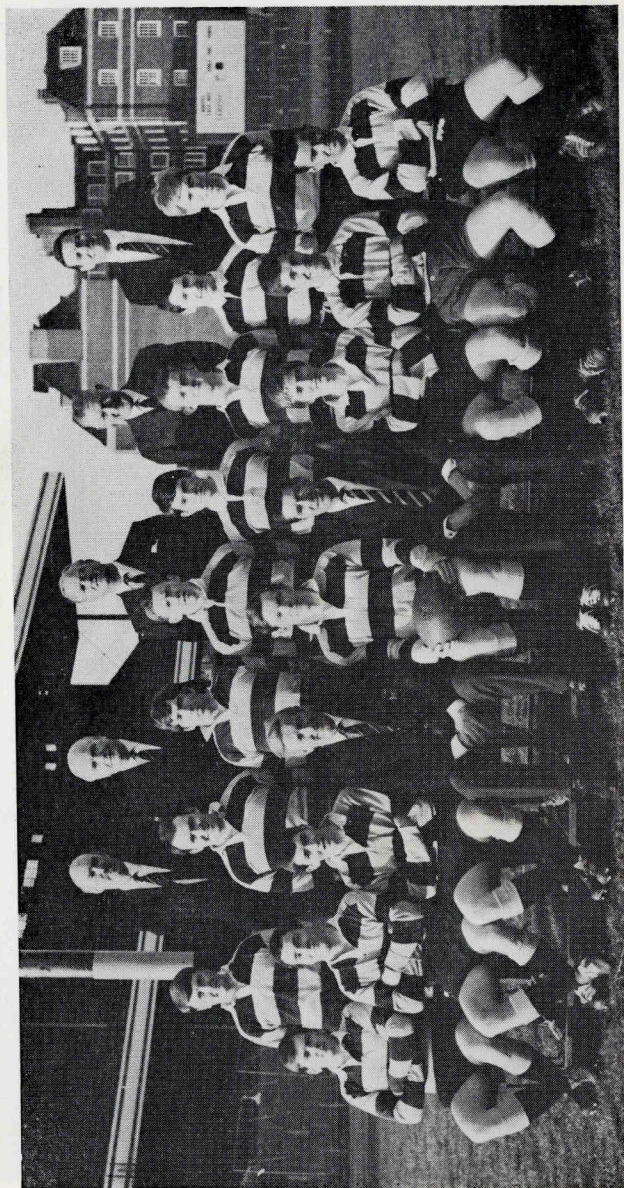
and his spirit and loyalty to the Club he loved, if it could be portrayed, would serve as a wonderful model and pattern to all players, young and old.

During the season, in a most deserving charitable cause, a match was staged between a British Isles XV and Cardiff for the dependants of the late Cliff Davies, the most popular of Cardiff forwards from 1945. His death was mentioned in last year's report, but it is appropriate to recall Cliff again in view of the very special choir night which was arranged at the Club to raise funds for this cause. This youngest group of the Athletic Club (*i.e.* the Choir) is to be congratulated on a most successful evening where star artistes were engaged and Alun Williams did a wonderful job as compere to make it one of the best evenings in the Club for many years.

The season also saw the passing of Rhys T. Gabe, that wonderful personality who had been the "prince of centres" in his era and the Rugby Club was honoured to carry out the duty of bearers.

That part of the Rugby Club's report which concerns the first XV cannot be concluded without reference to the record breaking selection of six of our players to tour South Africa with the British Lions. The Club gave them a good send-off at a very successful Ladies' Night early in May. Gerald Davies, Gareth Edwards, Barry John, Keri Jones, John O'Shea and Maurice Richards take with them to South Africa our heartiest congratulations on their selection and our sincere wish that they will have a most enjoyable tour. We know that they are on the verge of bringing the Club further honours in this grand game of Rugby.

In a season where we witnessed such wonderful football as the New Zealand touring side played, perhaps it is inappropriate that mention should be made of them in this report having regard to the fact that regrettably, but understandably and nevertheless disappointingly, Cardiff did not play them. For many reasons, however, they cannot be left out and at a time when opinions differ as to the merit earned by rugby players who reach the top, the following quote is taken from the editorial in the publication "Diners (N.Z.) Club", received recently from friends in New Zealand ;



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 Front Row : R. BULPITT, R. WILLIAMS, S. OWEN, W. H. WILKINS (Chairman), G. LLOYD (Captain), R. F. TROTT (Hon. Secretary), M. DOWNEY
 S. SOLMAN, R. ALL.

“War or Peace ?

Reference has been made to the part that war plays in maintaining the economy of our civilisation, and the pessimists and critics maintain that without this planned “waste”, both of lives and materials, our system would collapse.

What can we find to replace war as a “waste” outlet for our economy? It is obvious that the development of sport and culture are the outlets that our society needs and it is notable that whilst in Eastern countries the state finances and organises, both sport and culture, in the West we depend upon commercial sponsorship for the major contributions to these activities.

If the amount of money budgeted for defence by the New Zealand Government was to be spent on sport promotion and on cultural facilities and education, what an outcry there would be, but can anyone gainsay that our society would be a much better place in which to live.

The tremendous number of people, and the vast amount of money spent by them, in following the All Blacks to Europe, is evidence of the demand of the individual for access to recreational activity and the planners of the future will need to take careful account of this factor in our communities”.

Finally, before next season, the famous North Stand will be demolished and we look forward with optimism to the changes which are to take place. The reshuffling of member and season ticket stand seats is a task which will require the patience, tolerance and understanding of each person concerned, and it is intended that the measures taken by the Rugby Committee to meet this major upheaval will be sufficient and to the satisfaction of all.

Cardiff Athletic XV

Under the captaincy of that amiable personality, John Price, who joined the Club in 1962/63, the Athletic XV had a very successful season. Many calls are made upon the

Athletic side during a season by the First XV, but in a year where injuries were rife and the calls for trial, representative and international matches appeared to be above normal, it was an outstanding achievement by the Athletic XV to attain the following record:—

<i>Points :</i>					
<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
33	30	1	2	760	149

The team, by the narrowest of margins, 3 points to 5, missed an unbeaten record when they lost at Sophia Gardens to Taibach on "Armistice Day, 11th November". As if in a vindictive mood, however, John Price's team beat Taibach in the "Silver Ball" final at Bridgend by 27 points to 3.

For the record it is reported that on four occasions the Athletic XV amassed more than 40 points—Treorchy (Away) 41-0; Old Illtydians (Home) 45-5; Llanelli Wanderers (Away) 45-8 and Ogmore Vale (Away) 43-3.

During the season 69 players were called upon to play and many more than half of them played for the 1st XV on occasions. The names of 49 players are listed amongst the scorers, the top scorers being:—

Tries. P. Lyn Jones (16); Alec Finlayson (13); John Uzzell (13); F. H. Wilson (12); John Huw Williams (9); and Roy Duggan (8). Ray Cheney scored 77 points and Bob Bassett, 57.

Athletic XV Caps.

Meirion Davies, John Evans, Mike Knill, Gerald Morgan, Fred Phillips.

Congratulations John on your "ATHLETIC PRIDE".

Cardiff Extras XV.

In the fourth season since its inception, the Extras XV was captained by Howard J. Thomas, who regrettably, however, had to resign for personal reasons and the captaincy was taken over by the big unassuming "veteran" Mal Gough.

Nearly all the home games were played at Sophia Gardens

and away games on public parks, but seven matches during the season were cancelled because of adverse weather and ground conditions.

The record is a commendable one, when one considers the many calls made by the 1st XV and Athletic XV and significantly the "Tatters" followed the same pattern of the first XV. Up to the end of December, only one game had been lost, but the final record reads:—

<i>Points :</i>					
<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
22	12	8	2	209	152

In all, 58 players participated and it should be recorded that some of the Committee are still able "to lend a hand and a foot" as instanced by Stan Bowes, Alun Friday and Lloyd Williams who donned the jersey in emergency. Peter Nyhan, who puts in quite a lot of hard work with the Extras, went one better than the others by turning out for the Athletic XV in their last game at Coventry in the "Spanghero" position.

Those who had the most appearances for the Extras were: Stan Thomas (17); Barri Evans (15); Terry Stephenson (15); Tony Cosh (14); Michael Alexander (13); Alan Dent (13); Mal. Gough (12).

Top try scorer was Terry Stephenson with 7 tries, and Howard Thomas scored 37 points.

Cardiff Junior XV.

This season has been rather a disappointing one from the results point of view. The style of play has been modelled upon that of the Club senior XV's. and the team succeeded in producing, at times, some very high class performances, usually against the strongest opposition. Yet sometimes against teams which should not have provided serious opposition the performance was most disappointing and uninspiring. There is no question that the strongest section was in the pack where Gilbert Lloyd, the Captain, very ably led his side, always with confidence and enthusiasm, but the backs, perhaps through injuries and constant

changes, lacked the confidence to produce the skill which they undoubtedly possessed.

Perhaps, on the social side, the members of this year's team were the finest collection of young men that have represented the Club and it has been a great pleasure for Mr. Bill Lewis and Mr. Duncan Brown to have had control of them.

The Club's thanks go to Mr. John Evans, the Coach, for his hard work with the Juniors and to the faithful supporters Mr. D. McCarthy and Mr. F. Geddes.

The record was

<i>Points :</i>					
<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
26	13	10	3	239	219

Appreciation

The Club's thanks are due to many. They are in no selected order of merit and the first out of the hat, as it were, are Miss Babs Filer and her staff for looking after us at all times and particularly on those special Rugby nights. Our gratitude is due also to Mr. David Grant for the great help his efficient administration gives to us in the persons of Miss Anne Davies, Mrs. Nancy John, Susan and, of course, himself. We are also indebted to the Club's Doctors and Masseurs, who all perform a wonderful "sometimes taken for granted" job. It is appropriate to mention that Tom Holley completed 21 years as Club Masseur this season. Our thanks are due also to the Club Coach, Roy Bish, whose dedication to the task is unsurpassed and I would ask Roy to accept our sincere gratitude for all the time and energy that he puts into his job. There is another man to whom we are indebted and that is Mr. Danny "Massa" Davies who devoted so much time to being the Club Archivist. His records are a joy to behold and the Club cannot thank him enough.

Last, but not least, I come to the Committee. It is my privilege to have been Chairman of the Rugby Club on two occasions, a labour of love which has its moments and I will always remember what a grand bunch of workers they were. In one capacity or another they serve the Club. Many hours were put in by the Selectors, Colin Howe, Keith Rowlands Stan Bowes and Alun Priday, and the skipper, of course.

I can then think of Brian Mark, programme Editor, Peter Goodfellow, Fixture Secretary, Gwynne Porter, Social Secretary, Peter Nyhan, Fixture Secretary of the Extras, and, of course, Bill Lewis and Duncan Brown held the Junior XV together. Les. Spence kept the Union in order for us and Hubert Johnson and Akka Thomas did the same on the Management Committee. Lloyd and Lyn Williams served on ad hoc Committees for fixtures, etc. Last, but not least, of course, is Frank Trott who has now been going for some twelve years as Secretary, despite the fact that he is a very busy man in his vocational pursuits.

I shall be for ever grateful that it has been my good fortune to have been Chairman of such an excellent administration.

RECORD OF RESULTS SEASON 1967-68

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.
1967													
Sept. 2	Headingley	H	Won	5	1	1	1	31	2	1	1	1	6
" 6	Neath	H	Won	1	1	2	2	9	2	1	1	1	6
" 9	London Welsh	H	Won	3	2	1	1	27	2	1	1	1	12
" 13	Bristol	A	Won	3	1	1	1	21	1	2	1	1	9
" 16	Coventry	A	Won	3	2	1	1	27	1	1	1	1	8
" 20	Gloucester	H	Won	1	1	2	2	20	1	2	1	1	9
" 23	Torquay	H	Won	6	7	2	2	57	1	1	1	1	3
" 27	Pontypool	H	Won	2	4	1	1	25	1	2	1	1	9
" 30	Aberavon	H	Dra'n	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	5
Oct. 7	Newport	A	Lost	1	1	1	1	6	1	2	1	1	11
" 11	Bridgend	A	Won	2	2	2	2	6	1	1	1	1	3
" 14	Northampton	H	Won	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	0
" 18	Co-optimists .. (F.L.)	H	Won	4	2	1	1	29	1	1	1	1	6
" 21	Torquay	A	Won	1	4	1	1	20	4	1	1	1	12
" 25	Newport .. (F.L.)	H	Dra'n	1	1	1	1	8	1	1	1	1	8
" 28	Cambridge University	H	Cancelled—Wet state of ground										
" 30	Cross Keys .. *	A	Won	3	1	1	1	9	1	1	1	1	0
Nov. 4	Oxford University ..	A	Won	1	2	1	1	14	1	1	1	1	6
" 15	Ebbw Vale .. *	H	Lost	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	3
" 18	Wasps	A	Won	1	3	2	2	20	1	1	1	1	9
" 22	Bridgend .. (F.L.)	H	Won	1	2	1	1	14	1	1	1	1	0
" 25	Llanelli	A	Lost	1	1	1	1	6	1	2	1	1	11
" 29	Cambridge Univ. (F.L.)	H	Won	2	2	2	2	16	3	1	1	1	9
Dec. 2	Swansea	H	Won	1	1	2	2	14	1	1	1	1	3
" 9	Harlequins	A	Cancelled owing to snow										
" 16	Neath	A	Lost	1	1	1	1	6	2	2	1	1	16
" 23	Welsh Academicals	H	Won	1	2	1	1	17	1	1	1	1	3
" 26	Liverpool	H	Won	4	1	1	2	29	1	1	1	1	3
" 27	U.A.U.	H	Won	1	2	1	1	11	1	1	1	1	0
" 30	Gloucester	A	Won	3	1	2	2	21	2	1	1	1	6
1968													
Jan. 13	Coventry	H	Cancelled owing to frost.										
" 20	London Welsh (a.m.)	A	Lost	1	1	1	1	6	1	2	1	1	14
" 27	Aberavon	A	Won	1	1	1	2	17	1	1	1	1	3

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.
Feb. 9	Bristol .. (F.L.)	H	Won	2	1	1	1	1	13	1	1	1	1	1	0
„ 17	Newport	A	Won	2	2	1	1	1	19	1	1	1	1	1	3
„ 21	Bridgend .. *	A	Won	2	2	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	3
„ 24	Llanelli	H	Lost	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	6
Mar. 2	Newport	H	Won	4	2	1	1	1	26	1	1	1	1	1	3
„ 9	Loughborough Coll. ..	H	Won	3	2	1	1	1	27	1	1	1	1	1	3
„ 16	Swansea	A	Lost	2	2	1	1	1	6	3	1	1	1	1	12
„ 27	Penarth	A	Won	4	5	1	1	1	38	1	1	1	1	1	8
„ 30	Pontypool	A	Lost	2	2	1	1	1	9	1	1	1	2	1	11
April 3	Coventry .. (F.L.)	H	Won	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	3
„ 6	Newbridge	A	Lost	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	13
„ 13	Barbarians	H	Won	2	2	1	1	1	16	1	1	1	1	1	11
„ 15	Harlequins	H	Lost	1	1	1	1	1	11	3	1	1	1	1	12
„ 19	Selection Du Lyonnais	A	:Lost	1	1	1	1	1	8	1	2	1	1	1	11
„ 21	U.S. Bressane	A	Lost	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	13
„ 22	Selection Du Lyonnais	A	Won	3	1	1	1	1	12	2	1	1	1	1	9
TOTALS				65	72	18	36	36	703	16	29	7	41	1	1314

F.L.—Floodlight Matches. *Floodlight Alliance Matches.—Tries only counted.

Record of Season : Played 46 ; Won 32 ; Lost 12 ; Drawn 2.

Captain : C. H. Norris.

Extra Charity Scratch Matches, not included in Official Records.

1967															
Sept. 4	Old Iltydians ..	A	Won	4	2	1	1	1	29	1	1	1	1	1	3
Oct. 3	British Isles XV (Cliff Davies' Memorial Match)	H	Won	2	1	1	1	1	13	1	1	1	1	1	8

Seven-a-Side Match Results. Welsh Snelling Sevens

April 27	Neath ..	Won	3	1	1	1	1	9	1	1	1	1	1	3
" "	Bridgend ..	Lost	1	1	1	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	1	10

Welsh (National) Sevens

May 4	Newport ..	Won	3	1	1	1	1	15	1	1	1	1	1	5
" "	Bridgend ..	Won	2	1	1	1	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	8
" "	Llanelli ..	Lost	1	1	1	1	1	0	3	1	1	1	1	9

Newport (W. A. Everson and V.M. Griffiths Memorial) Sevens.

April 1	Monmouthshire ..	Won	2	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	3
" "	Bristol ..	Won	2	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	0
" "	Newport (Final) ..	Won	2	1	1	1	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	5

CARDIFF ATHLETIC FIFTEEN

Date	Opponents	H. or A.	Rslt.	Score for					Score against						
				G.	T.	D.	PG	MG	Pts.	G.	T.	D.	PG	MG	Pts.
1967															
Sept. 2	Old Penarthians ..	A	Won	2	6	1	1	..	34	1	1	..	2	..	14
" 7	Treorchy ..	A	Won	7	2	..	..	..	41	..	..	..	..	..	0
" 9	Old Illydians ..	A	Won	3	2	1	1	..	27	..	1	..	..	..	3
" 13	Bristol United ..	H	Won	2	3	..	1	..	22	1	..	..	1	..	8
" 16	Coventry Extra 1sts ..	H	Won	3	2	..	1	..	24	..	2	1	1	..	12
" 20	Gloucester United ..	A	Won	..	2	..	2	..	12	..	..	..	1	..	3
" 23	Penygraig ..	A	Won	4	3	..	1	..	32	..	1	1	1	..	9
" 27	Newport H.S.O. Boys	A	Won	1	1	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	2	..	6
" 30	Cardiff H.S.O. Boys ..	A	Won	4	5	..	..	..	35	..	2	..	..	..	6
Oct. 7	Newport United ..	H	Won	2	1	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	0
" 14	Quins Wanderers ..	A	Won	2	1	..	3	..	22	1	..	..	1	..	8
" 21	Briton Ferry ..	H	Won	3	3	1	..	..	27	..	1	1	..	..	6
" 28	St. Paul's College, Cheltenham ..	A	Won	3	4	..	..	..	27	..	..	..	1	..	3
Nov. 4	Neath Athletic ..	A	Won	..	2	..	2	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	0
" 11	Taibach ..	sg	Lost	..	..	..	1	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	5
" 18	Old Illydians ..	H	Won	6	5	..	..	..	45	1	..	..	..	..	5
" 25	Llanelli Wanderers ..	H	Won	4	2	..	..	..	26	..	..	..	1	..	3
Dec. 2	Swansea Athletic ..	A	Won	..	3	..	1	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	0
" 9	Old Penarthians ..	sg	Cancelled owing to snow												
" 16	Neath Athletic ..	H	Won	..	..	..	3	..	9	1	1	..	..	..	8
" 30	Gloucester United ..	H	Won	2	7	..	..	..	31	..	..	..	..	..	0
1968															
Jan. 13	Coventry Extra 1sts ..	A	Cancelled owing to frost.												
" 27	Taibach ..	A	Won	1	..	..	1	..	8	..	1	..	..	..	3
Feb. 10	Bristol United ..	A	Won	2	4	..	1	..	25	..	..	..	..	..	0
" 17	Wasps Vandals ..	H	Dra'n	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	3
" 24	Llanelli Wanderers ..	A	Won	3	10	..	..	..	45	1	..	..	1	..	8
Mar. 2	Newport United ..	A	Dra'n	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	3
" 9	Aberystwyth ..	A	Won	3	2	..	1	..	24	..	..	..	..	..	0
" 16	Swansea Athletic ..	H	Won	3	1	..	..	..	18	..	1	..	1	..	6
" 30	Skewen ..	A	Won	4	5	..	1	..	38	..	..	..	1	..	3
Apr. 4	Bridgend Sports Club	*	Won	..	3	..	1	..	12	..	..	..	2	..	6
" 6	Ogmore Vale ..	A	Won	5	6	..	..	..	43	..	..	..	1	..	3
" 15	Cardiff H.S.O.Boys(am)	H	Won	5	3	..	..	..	34	..	..	..	1	..	3
" 25	Taibach ..	†	Won	3	3	1	..	..	27	..	1	..	..	..	3
" 27	Coventry Extra 1sts ..	A	Won	3	..	..	1	..	18	..	2	..	1	..	9
TOTALS				80	93	4	23		760	7	16	3	19	..	149

Cardiff Athletic Fifteen—continued

SG—At Sophia Gardens.

*—At Bridgend (Silver Ball Championship) Semi-Final.

†—At Bridgend (Silver Ball Championship) Final.

Record for Season : Played 33 ; Won 30 ; Lost 1 ; Drawn 2.

Captain : John Price.

CARDIFF EXTRAS FIFTEEN

Date	Opponents	H. or A.	Rslt.	Score for					Score against						
				G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.	G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.
1967															
Sept. 2	Old Cantonians ..	A	Won	4	3	..	..	..	29	..	1	1	1	..	9
" 9	Aberaman ..	A	Won	..	3	..	2	..	15	2	..	..	1	..	13
" 16	Canton ..	A	Won	..	2	..	2	..	12	..	..	..	1	..	3
" 23	Penarth Athletic ..	A	Won	1	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	..	3
" 30	St. Peters ..	A	Won	1	..	..	2	..	11	..	..	..	2	..	6
Oct. 7	Cathays H.S.O. Boys	*	Won	1	2	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	1	..	3
" 14	Rhiwbina ..	A	Dra'n	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	3
" 21	Penallta ..	A	Cancelled—Wet state of ground												
" 28	Bridgend Sports II	A	Cancelled—Wet state of ground												
Nov. 4	Chepstow II ..	A	Cancelled—Wet state of ground												
" 18	Barry II ..	A	Won	5	2	..	1	..	34	..	..	..	3	..	9
" 25	Pontypool Athletic ..	SG	Lost	..	..	1	..	..	3	1	1	..	..	..	8
Dec. 2	Bridgend Sports II ..	SG	Won	1	..	..	1	..	8	..	1	..	1	..	6
" 9	Pontypool Athletic ..	A	Cancelled owing to snow												
" 16	Chepstow II ..	SG	Won	1	3	1	..	..	17	1	1	1	..	..	8
" 23	Cathays H.S.O. Boys	A	Cancelled—Wet state of ground												
" 30	Canton ..	SG	Won	1	3	..	1	..	17	..	..	..	..	..	0
1968															
Jan. 6	Pyle ..	A	Lost	..	..	..	..	..	0	1	..	..	3	..	14
" 13	Barry II ..	SG	Cancelled owing to frost												
" 27	St. Albans ..	SG	Lost	..	..	..	..	..	0	1	1	..	..	..	8
Feb. 10	Cardiff Medicals ..	A	Won	2	1	..	1	..	16	1	1	..	1	..	11
" 17	Pyle ..	SG	Lost	..	..	..	1	..	3	1	1	..	..	..	8

Cardiff Extras Fifteen—continued

Date	Opponents	H. or A.	Rslt.	Score for					Score against						
				G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.	G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.
1968															
Feb. 24	Rhiwbina	sg	Lost	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	2	..	6
Mar. 2	Glamorgan Tg. College	A	Lost	..	1	..	..	..	3	1	1	..	..	..	8
„ 9	Penallta	sg	Cancelled by mutual consent												
„ 16	Old Cantonians ..	sg	Lost	1	..	..	1	..	8	..	2	1	..	..	9
„ 30	Old Howardians ..	A	Lost	..	1	..	..	..	3	1	2	..	1	..	14
April 6	St. Albans	A	Dra'n	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	3
„ 11	Aberaman	H	Won	1	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	0
				19	22	2	14		209	10	12	3	19		152

*—At Ely Race Course. sg—Sophia Gardens.

Record of Season : Played 22 ; Won 12 ; Lost 8 ; Drawn 2.

Captain : Howard J. Thomas.

CAPTAINS AND VICE-CAPTAINS - Rugby - First XV

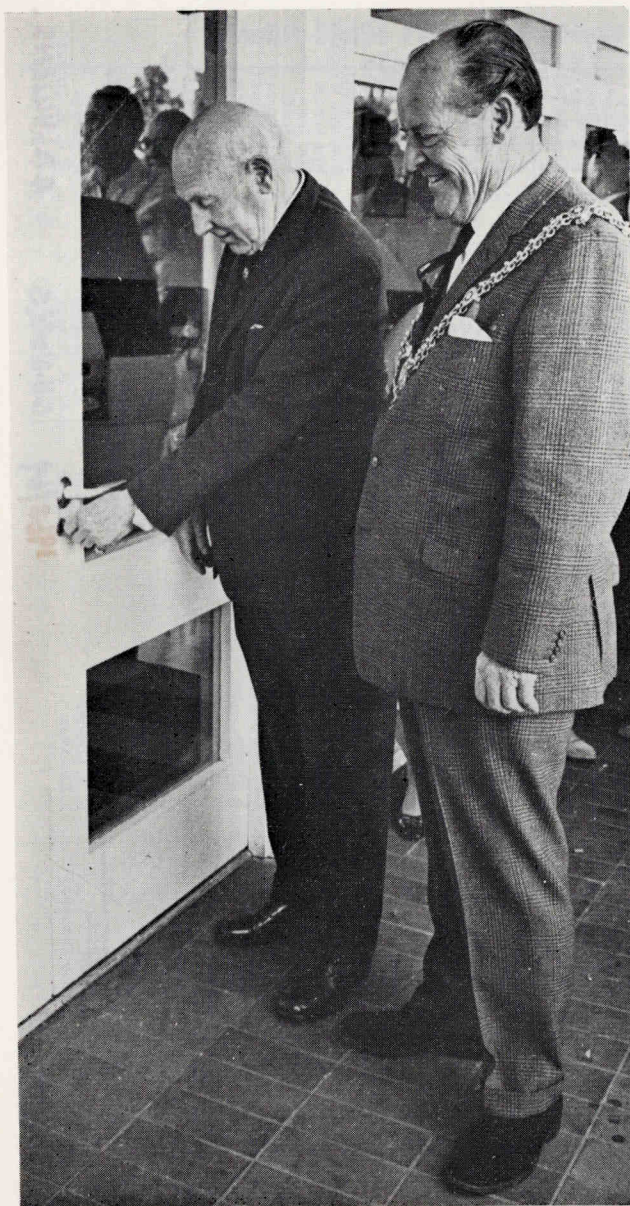
Year	Captain	Vice-Captain
1876-7	T. S. DONALDSON SELBY	W. D. PHILLIPS
1877-8	E. C. FRY	W. D. PHILLIPS
1878-9	R. H. FOA	W. D. PHILLIPS
1879-80	W. D. PHILLIPS	B. E. GRLING
1880-1	W. D. PHILLIPS	B. R. MANN
1881-2	B. E. GRLING	W. D. PHILLIPS
1882-3	W. D. PHILLIPS	W. H. TEATT
1883-4	H. J. SIMPSON	W. D. PHILLIPS
1884-5	H. J. SIMPSON	W. D. PHILLIPS
1885-6	F. E. HANCOCK	A. F. HILL
1886-7	W. M. DOUGLAS	A. F. HILL
1887-8	C. A. YOUNG	A. F. HILL
1888-9	A. F. HILL	C. S. ARTHUR
1889-90	C. S. ARTHUR	C. S. ARTHUR
1890-1	W. E. O. WILLIAMS	D. W. EVANS
1891-2	D. W. EVANS	F. N. JONES
1892-3	T. W. PEARSON	A. LEWIS
1893-4	N. BIGGS	R. B. SWEET-ESCOTT
1894-5	A. F. HILL	R. B. SWEET-ESCOTT
1895-6	R. B. SWEET-ESCOTT	F. MILLS
1896-7	J. E. ELLIOT	S. BIGGS
1897-8	S. BIGGS	E. GWYN NICHOLLS
1898-9	E. GWYN NICHOLLS	T. J. DODSON
1899-1900	E. GWYN NICHOLLS	H. V. P. HUSSEY
1900-1	H. B. W. INFIELD	J. BLAKE
1901-2	H. B. W. INFIELD	C. STRANAGHAN
1902-3	C. F. BIGGS	C. F. BIGGS
1903-4	C. F. BIGGS	W. NEILL
1904-5	PERCY F. BUSH	GEO. NORTHMORE
1905-6	PERCY F. BUSH	GEO. NORTHMORE
1906-7	PERCY F. BUSH	J. BROWN
1907-8	PERCY F. BUSH	F. SMITH
1908-9	R. A. GIBBS	F. PUGLEY
1909-10	L. AL DYKE	J. A. POWELL
1910-11	W. SPILLER	W. J. JENKINS
1911-12	W. J. JENKINS	R. F. WILLIAMS
1912-13	W. J. JENKINS	R. F. WILLIAMS
1913-14	W. J. JENKINS	R. F. WILLIAMS
1914-15	W. J. JENKINS	R. F. WILLIAMS
1915-16	W. J. JENKINS	R. F. WILLIAMS
1916-17	W. J. JENKINS	R. F. WILLIAMS
1917-18	W. J. JENKINS	R. F. WILLIAMS
1918-19	W. J. JENKINS	R. F. WILLIAMS
1919-20	W. J. JENKINS	R. F. WILLIAMS
1920-21	W. J. JENKINS	R. F. WILLIAMS
1921-22	W. J. JENKINS	R. F. WILLIAMS

Year	Captain	Vice-Captain
1922-23	Dr. T. WALLACE	I. RICHARDS
1923-24	IRIS RICHARDS	T. A. JOHNSON
1924-25	T. A. JOHNSON	D. E. DAVIES
1925-26	D. E. DAVIES	W. J. DELAHAY
1926-27	W. J. DELAHAY	B. O. MALE
1927-28	B. O. MALE	H. P. TURNBULL
1928-29	B. O. MALE	H. P. TURNBULL
1929-30	S. C. CRAVOS	S. C. CRAVOS
1930-31	H. R. TURNBULL	H. M. BOWCOTT
1931-32	HOWARD POOLE	B. R. TURNBULL
1932-33	TON LEWIS	R. GABE-JONES
1933-34	GRAHAM JONES	R. GABE-JONES
1934-35	GRAHAM JONES	R. GABE-JONES
1935-36	R. GABE-JONES	T. STONE
1936-37	L. M. SPENCE	L. M. SPENCE
1937-38	A. H. JONES	H. REES
1938-39	W. WOOLER	W. E. N. DAVIS
1939-40	World War 2	
1940-41	JACK MATTHEWS	G. BAILE
1941-42	HAYDN TANNER	LES. MANFIELD
1942-43	HAYDN TANNER	BLEDDYN WILLIAMS
1943-44	BLEDDYN WILLIAMS	BLEDDYN WILLIAMS
1944-45	M. E. TAMPLIN	FRANK TROTT
1945-46	DR. JACK MATTHEWS	BLEDDYN WILLIAMS
1946-47	W. REX WILLIS	REX WILLIS
1947-48	BLEDDYN WILLIAMS	SID. JUDD
1948-49	SID. JUDD	SID. JUDD
1949-50	M. COLLINS	REX WILLIS
1950-51	P. T. GOODFELLOW	G. ROWLANDS
1951-52	C. D. WILLIAMS	G. GRIFFITHS
1952-53	GORDON WELLS	CLIFF MORGAN
1953-54	LLOYD WILLIAMS	LLOYD WILLIAMS
1954-55	LLOYD WILLIAMS	J. D. EVANS
1955-56	LLOYD WILLIAMS	K. D. JONES
1956-57	LLOYD WILLIAMS	C. H. NORRIS
1957-58	LLOYD WILLIAMS	C. H. NORRIS
1958-59	LLOYD WILLIAMS	C. H. NORRIS
1959-60	LLOYD WILLIAMS	C. H. NORRIS
1960-61	LLOYD WILLIAMS	C. H. NORRIS
1961-62	LLOYD WILLIAMS	C. H. NORRIS
1962-63	LLOYD WILLIAMS	C. H. NORRIS
1963-64	LLOYD WILLIAMS	C. H. NORRIS
1964-65	LLOYD WILLIAMS	C. H. NORRIS
1965-66	LLOYD WILLIAMS	C. H. NORRIS
1966-67	LLOYD WILLIAMS	C. H. NORRIS
1967-68	LLOYD WILLIAMS	C. H. NORRIS

A. D. WILLIAMS.

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1968/69



The new pavilion at Sophia Gardens was opened on Monday, July 3rd, 1968, by the President of the Cardiff Athletic Club, Mr. N. V. H. Riches. The Rt. Hon. Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Ald. E. C. Dolman, J.P. looks on.

CARDIFF CRICKET CLUB

REPORT - Season 1967

Hon. Secretary's Report

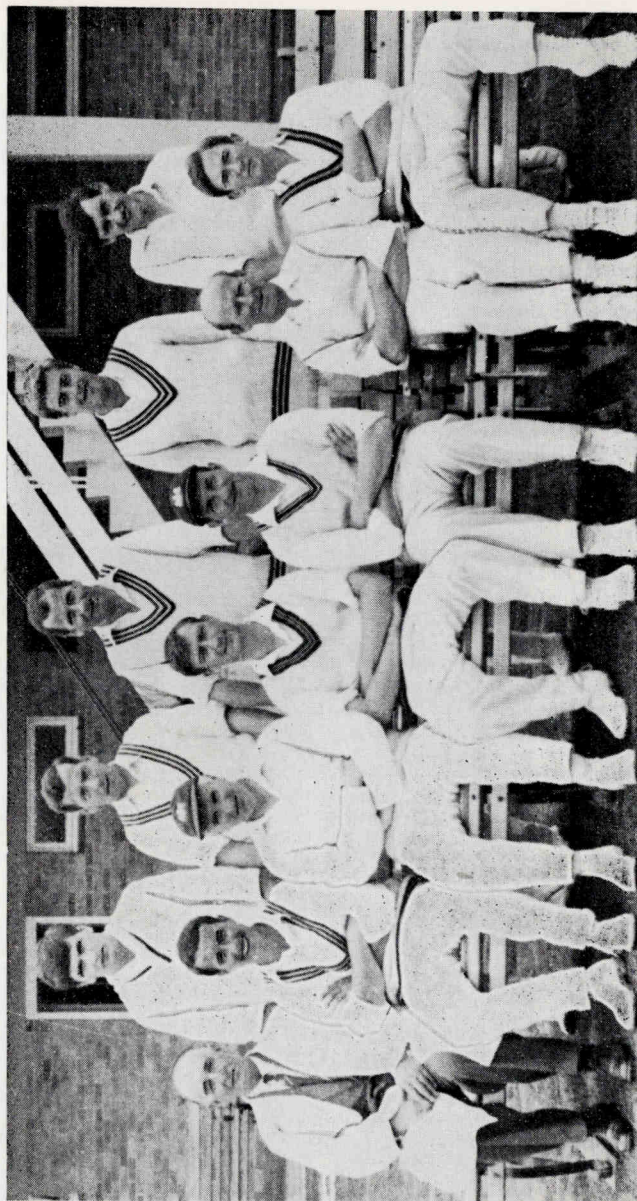
The 1967 Season saw, of course, the celebration of the Centenary of the founding of the Cardiff Cricket Club. It also saw the transition of the Club from its headquarters at famous Cardiff Arms Park to its new home at Sophia Gardens. These two events, coinciding as they did, provided a challenging and demanding call on the resources and loyalties of each and every member. To say that the challenge was met and that the fullest co-operation and support was forthcoming would be grossly to understate the magnificent response which was given by the whole of the membership. From our President, Mr. N. V. H. Riches, to the newest junior member, an enthusiasm to make the year a resounding success was plainly obvious. On reflection, it can be said, with all modesty, that this success was undoubtedly achieved and that 1967 can be looked back upon with some pride.

Your Committee was well ahead with, and committed to a complex plan of celebrations. Since the Section was anxious not to commit the Cardiff Athletic Club to any financial obligation for the inevitable expense that would be incurred by these celebrations, a Centenary Fund was set up. The Committee's confidence was also enhanced by the splendid efforts of a Social Sub-Committee which was responsible for the organising of some extremely enjoyable, not to say profitable, dances and cocktail parties. The happy spirit which attended these events gave a clue to the atmosphere which was to pervade the whole of the Centenary Year.

As part of our celebrations, Alan Thomas had been gratuitously commissioned to produce a Club History. This entailed the devotion of much painstaking research and time-consuming effort and the Section is indebted to Alan for his tremendous contribution in compiling and preparing this work. The cost of producing the book, however, was one which gave your Committee more concern than any other financial obligation. But rather than do less than justice to Alan's efforts, and to produce a book worthy of the occasion, a not insignificant financial commitment of some £400 was undertaken. Very little, of course, of that outlay has been recoverable and the section is grateful to the many Patrons who contributed so generously to the Centenary Fund and so offset this loss.

The Official Centenary Dinner was held at the Angel Hotel on February 8th, 1967, the exact anniversary of our foundation date. The event was the culmination of many months of planning and preparation and those of you who were present to enjoy the contributions of our distinguished guests and, not least, that of the Club Captain, Peter Gatehouse, will vouch for the success of a memorable evening. Amongst our guests were the Lord Mayor (Alderman H. E. Edmonds), who presented the Club with a commemorative plaque, the Lord Lieutenant of Glamorgan, the Marquis of Bute and Mr. J. J. Warr of the Sunday Telegraph, who gave an inimitable performance. The event was included in a television broadcast by Mr. John Arlott in a special feature to mark the Club's centenary.

CARDIFF CRICKET CLUB (First XI) — Season 1967-1968



Back Row : P. STIMSON, K. D. WILLIAMS, G. REES, P. JONES, R. THOMAS.

Front Row : W. J. EVANS, D. HERBERT, A. THOMAS, P. GATEHOUSE, ALUN FRIDAY, R. JOHNSON, D. W. LEWIS.

With the Dinner over our attention was now increasingly attracted to Sophia Gardens. In some respects the progress there seemed agonisingly slow and it hardly seemed possible that everything would be ready for the opening of the season. However, all was in better order than might have been expected when the Reserve XI played the first official match at Sophia Gardens on Saturday, April 29th, 1967. The social evening at the new pavilion that followed was the first of many that were enjoyed throughout the summer. But the early weeks of the season were marred by dreadful weather and our fears began to grow for the success of an elaborate week of celebrations that were planned for July. However, we were to enjoy, in fact, some of the best weather of the Summer and for the whole of nine successive days play was not once interrupted by rain.

The work put in in organising the Cricket Week was splendidly rewarded with the compliment paid us by our visitors in providing fine teams in each of the matches played. Our visitors were West Wales, the Forty Club, M.C.C. and North Wales. The visit of M.C.C. was the first to Cardiff and was marked by a Dinner given at Cardiff Castle by the Lord Mayor (Alderman E. C. Dolman, himself a past captain of the Cardiff Cricket Club). All in all, it was a memorable week and one in which everyone was able to take his full part.

The move to Sophia Gardens had placed too heavy a strain on the resources of our caterers and it was decided in mid-June to look to our ladies to take over these duties. The ladies, to their everlasting credit, readily responded. This decision proved to be probably the most significant in a momentous year. The resultant improvement in the standard of the fare provided was almost dramatic and was immensely appreciated. The very presence of the ladies greatly enhanced the Club's image and for the first time for many years we were operating and enjoying ourselves as a Cricket Club. We are deeply grateful to them for their considerable efforts and it is not intended to attempt to apportion credit for this success to any individuals.

After an uncertain start, the bar at Sophia Gardens was operated with great efficiency and the Section was commended by the Management Committee on the efforts which were put in. Here again, one must say that the bar facilities added not a little to the social success of the season, but one might also add that some more thought must be given to the problem of distributing the work involved a little more widely and fairly.

The various captains, in their reports, will indicate the measure of success, or lack of it, which their respective teams have enjoyed. The fixture list included two more West of England clubs and our journeys to this area were made very much easier by reason of the opening of the Severn Bridge. However, the fixture-making problem is one which gives cause for much concern every year and you are all aware of the difficulties in this direction caused by our relationship with the Glamorgan County Cricket Club. Despite these difficulties our relationship remains an amicable one and I am pleased to report that a plan has recently been devised between us which should obviate some of the difficulties.

Whilst 1967 was a celebration season, 1968 could well be a crisis season on the playing front. Playing membership was almost static in

the season, with only one newcomer, Wyn Jones, showing promising ability. The departure of Alan Thomas, due to his taking up a new appointment, and the retirement of Ross Johnson will cause obvious vacancies. The contribution made by these two players over the last twenty years can be gauged, to a certain extent, from a glance through the Club records. But those records do not indicate the loyalty and service of these two members and they will not be easily or adequately replaced. Peter Cook is another player whom we shall miss for his intense enthusiasm for the game. His contributions, both on and off the field, were always motivated by a keen and knowledgeable interest in the game and by an energetic loyalty to his Club. We wish all three happiness and success in their chosen fields.

This report has, of necessity, been largely concerned with the larger and broader issues which faced the Club during the year. but this is a good point at which to pay tribute to John Herbert and the second XI. To do justice to the lengthy and exacting programme which had been arranged it was essential that we should have the reserve strength readily available. The second XI was never found wanting in this respect and it was a source of great encouragement to the Club Captain and to the Committee to have such quality of strength and loyalty at hand. John Herbert largely deserves the credit for fostering these virtues and he is to be congratulated on his four successive years as Captain and on the success of the team which he has led with such great credit and flair.

The Reserve XI, too, played its part and, as usual, bravely bore the brunt of last-minute alterations to team selection. Here again, we are indebted to Peter Sweetnam for his wholehearted acceptance of the responsibilities of captaincy on the departure of Peter Cook.

Nigel Rees was a conscientious and enthusiastic Sunday XI captain and we are grateful to him for the trouble which he always took in ensuring that his duties off the field were scrupulously carried out. He was always available on those awkward Sunday mornings when decisions regarding the weather might have to be made.

The Youth XI had its most successful season so far with five wins and a draw. The venture of running this XI has not yet provided the Club's senior XI's with any appreciable reinforcement and it is perhaps early days to expect it to have done so. However, one can be hopeful that next season will produce more positive results and that perhaps four who played for the Youth XI this year will be ready to play for the Reserve XI at the outset of next season. This, in itself, would constitute the highest justification and more than ample reward for the effort and time expended in encouraging these young players. It is pleasing to introduce this optimistic note for, whilst it is gratifying to reflect on such a season as 1967, it is to the future that we have to aim.

The season was brought to a fitting finale with a week-end visit to Ireland to play Cork County in Cork. Those of us who were fortunate enough to make the trip will not easily forget the magnificent hospitality which was extended to us from the moment we landed until we sadly departed. Having created a precedent by this visit it is up to us to perpetuate it in one form or another.

My report would not be complete, of course, if I were not to thank and pay tribute to all those who helped me in a busy but happy year. Firstly, our President, who was an inspiration to everyone at whatever occasion he graced; our Chairman, Mr. Jack Evans, for his dependability and encouragement; the Club Captain, Peter Gatehouse, for his earnest and conscientious attitude towards his position, both on and off the field; the Committee and Sub-Committee members, for their high percentage attendance at the many meetings throughout the year; Mr. David Grant, Miss Davies, Mrs. John and Susan at the office, for their efficient attention to our many demands; and, finally, a personal word of thanks to Mr. Wyndham Lewis for his superb and inimitable handling of the not-insignificant amount of public relations work which was entailed in the organisation and presentation of the Centenary Dinner, the Cricket Week and the Cork Tour.

FIRST XI REPORT

Played 28. Won 11. Drawn 7. Lost 7. Abandoned 3.

Season 1967, in addition to being the Club's Centenary year, was notable in that it heralded a new era with headquarters at Sophia Gardens. Despite the fact that the playing record was not up to the standard of previous years, the Centenary events, off the field, made it a highly enjoyable and successful season.

After the poor weather conditions during May, the 1st XI was slow to find its feet and the first win was not obtained until the 10th of June against Barry. However, before this, an exciting game was lost by one run in the last over against Clifton. The absence throughout the season of John Lewis, due to injury was a severe blow, but Ken Williams continued in the role of chief run-maker with 775 runs in 23 innings. Perhaps his best knock of the season was his 77, not out, against Stroud, which won the game when time was against us. Despite sparkling knocks of 112, not out, against the University, and 72 against St. Fagans, Peter Stimpson frequently became bogged down. At times this seemed more connected with his own batting technique than with the bowling. Other notable innings during the season included Alan Thomas' 64 against Brislington, David Herbert's 56 against West Wales and Russel Thomas' 55 against St. Fagans.

The outstanding event of the season was undoubtedly the win against a strong M.C.C. team during the Centenary Week. The opposition, including such names as Reg Simpson and Bob Gale were dismissed for 130 runs, thanks mainly to fine bowling by John Davis (3-43), and David Lewis (6-31). Against an opening attack of Alan Moss and Khan Mohammed, Alan Thomas and John Davis rushed us to a 9 wicket victory with a fine array of strokes.

Once again the brunt of the bowling during the season fell upon the shoulders of David Lewis who in a mammoth 375 overs took 77 wickets. The opening attack of Peter Gatehouse (44 wickets), and Alun Priday (32 wickets), looked at times a little less than quick and the pace of Lian Robinson was sadly missed. Alan Thomas ended the season with 22 wickets including 5-10 against Brislington and 5-17 against Wiltshire Moonrakers.

The pattern set in previous seasons of inserting the opposition as a means of forcing results was not feasible in 1967. This idea will probably have to be abandoned in the near future, at least until more confidence is gained, both in the ability to bowl out the opposition, and in the ability to chase the necessary runs.

Season 1967 sees the passing from the Club cricket scene of Alan Thomas and Ross Johnson. Gwyn Davies has also hinted at retirement. With them go an aggregate of 75 years of fine achievements in club cricket. Who will forget Alan's 100 at Pontypridd in 1963; or Gwyn's whirlwind 50 at the Stroud Centenary match in 1950; and how many Cardiff batsmen have found unknown reserves of speed when forced to take a quick single while batting with Ross?

Our thanks are due to Brian Kempson, for his untiring efforts as Hon. Secretary; Jack Evans, Alan Jones and Neil Baddeley for umpiring; and the Ground Staff, who worked extremely hard, especially during the Centenary Weeks' continuous cricket.

FIRST XI

BATTING AVERAGES:

Name	Innings	Not Out	Runs	Average
K. D. Williams ..	23	4	775	40.78
P. Stimpson ..	18	2	460	28.7
D. Herbert ..	18	5	370	28.4
W. A. Thomas ..	17	2	397	26.4
R. Thomas ..	9	1	194	24.2
A. Priday ..	19	3	377	23.5
D. Lewis ..	20	8	234	19.5
P. Gatehouse ..	16	6	155	15.5

BOWLING AVERAGES:

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
W. A. Thomas	80	15	197	22	8.9
D. W. Lewis	375	120	948	77	12.3
R. Johnson	75	24	172	14	12.3
P. Gatehouse	243	57	615	44	13.9
A. Priday	226	56	505	32	15.8

SECOND XI REPORT

Played 14. Won 9. Drawn 5. Lost Nil.

The Second XI celebrated the Club's move to Sophia Gardens by enjoying another unbeaten season. The third in the last four years.

As can be seen from the above playing record, only fourteen matches were played owing to the poor weather. Nine wins, therefore, is quite a creditable performance.

A definite strengthening of the fixture list was noticeable and it was pleasant to break new ground at Clifton, Brislington and Cheltenham.

The side was composed mainly of the same persons as in the past few seasons and it is somewhat disturbing not to find younger players coming along with sufficient ability to replace some of the more senior members now on the verge of retirement.

Of the few young players, Huw Williams showed the most noticeable improvement in batting form and it is to be hoped that he will continue in similar vein.

The outstanding all-round performance was that of Reggie Shah with an innings of 63 runs and 9 wickets for 35 at Clifton, in his first match for the Club. Good batting performances were also turned in by Nigel Rees and Harry Shewring, while the bowling was usually left in the capable hands of John Riches, Brian Joseph and Malcolm Page. The fielding was generally of a good standard.

Wins were recorded against Cardiff Training College, Clifton, Barry, Newport (twice), Neath, Crickhowell, Cheltenham and Lydney.

Our thanks are due to all those, too numerous to name individually, who contributed to a most enjoyable season.

SECOND XI.

BATTING AVERAGES:

Name	Innings	Not Out	Runs	Average
H. Shewring ..	9	2	238	34.00
E. Donovan ..	10	—	273	27.30
B. Joseph ..	7	2	134	26.80
P. Good ..	8	—	188	23.50
R. H. Williams ..	9	—	201	22.23
M. Page ..	12	1	156	14.18

BOWLING AVERAGES:

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. D. H. Riches	85.1	16	201	17	11.82
B. Joseph	87	23	198	16	12.37
M. Page	95	19	235	17	13.82
H. Shewring	102.1	19	274	17	16.11

RESERVE XI REPORT

The 1967 season was not a particularly successful one for the Reserve XI. The full playing record reads:—

Played 16. Won 4. Lost 8. Drawn 4.

The season, however, did contain two notable events. The first of these was the resignation, early in the season, of the elected captain, Peter Cook. Peter, in his last season with the Club before returning to New Zealand, decided to try to regain his place in one of the more senior XI's. We would like to take this opportunity of wishing Peter, who has been a keen and enthusiastic member of the Club for the last few years, the very best of luck back in New Zealand.

The second notable event was a magnificent run-a-minute century against Ton Pentre at Gelli Park by Gordon Eccles, the senior member of the side. This was the major event in a highly successful season for Gordon who, once again, was the most reliable run-maker in the team, scoring in all nearly 300 runs at an average of over 28. Sadly, this great stalwart of the Reserve XI decided to retire at the end of the season. He will be much missed.

Apart from Gordon, the main bulk of the runs were provided by Paul Baddeley and promising newcomers, Wyn Jones and Richard Hendicott. The most successful of the bowlers was again Brian Corbett.

We were again able regularly to field a full eleven and provide an umpire. In this respect our thanks are due to those players who were always prepared to be called into the side at the last minute and in particular, to Neil Baddeley, our excellent umpire.

OBITUARY :

The Centenary year saw the passing of one of the most loyal and long serving members of the Cricket Club in the person of Dan Herbert.

He joined the Club in the late 1930's and served on the Committee up to the time of his death.

He was also a tower of strength on the playing side, having played for, and skippered the Second XI for a number of years.

His wise counsel, over a long period, on the Management Committee of the Cardiff Athletic Club will be greatly missed.

Geoff Ashe and I, who were his close friends, will long remember him and cherish his memory. He would have been a proud father indeed to have seen his son David elected Captain of the Club for 1968.

WYNDHAM LEWIS.

CARDIFF CRICKET CLUB CAPTAINS

From 1867 to 1876 there is no record of Captains.

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

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CARDIFF ATHLETIC BOWLS CLUB

REPORT FOR 1967

The green was officially opened for play on the warm evening of Monday, 17th April, by a very old friend of the Club, Mr. F. Len Cottle, President of the Glamorgan County Bowling Association.

Mr. Cottle expressed his appreciation at being invited and expressed the wish that the Club continue the previous season's successes by winning either the W.B.A. or P.G.2 Competitions, or both. Mr. Somers then introduced the respective Captains, Mr. J. A. Judd, Captain of the Section and Mr. Danny E. Davies, Captain of the "A" Team. Both Captains requested that members give them every support, by attending regularly for practice and intimating their availability to play in the number of matches arranged. A special welcome was extended to the new members. Mr. Cottle then bowled the first wood and declared the 1967 Season open.

The first matches were with our near neighbours Newport Athletic on 22nd April. The First Team was at home, the "A" side being at Newport. Both games were inconclusive, being interrupted by rain. On the following Saturday (29th April) we welcomed not only five rinks from the Ledbury Bowling Club, but a sunny afternoon. The game was won by 130 to 77 shots. The visiting players and their ladies thoroughly enjoyed their visit.

For the following five weeks the First Team was engaged in the W.B.A. Competition, the results being as follows:—

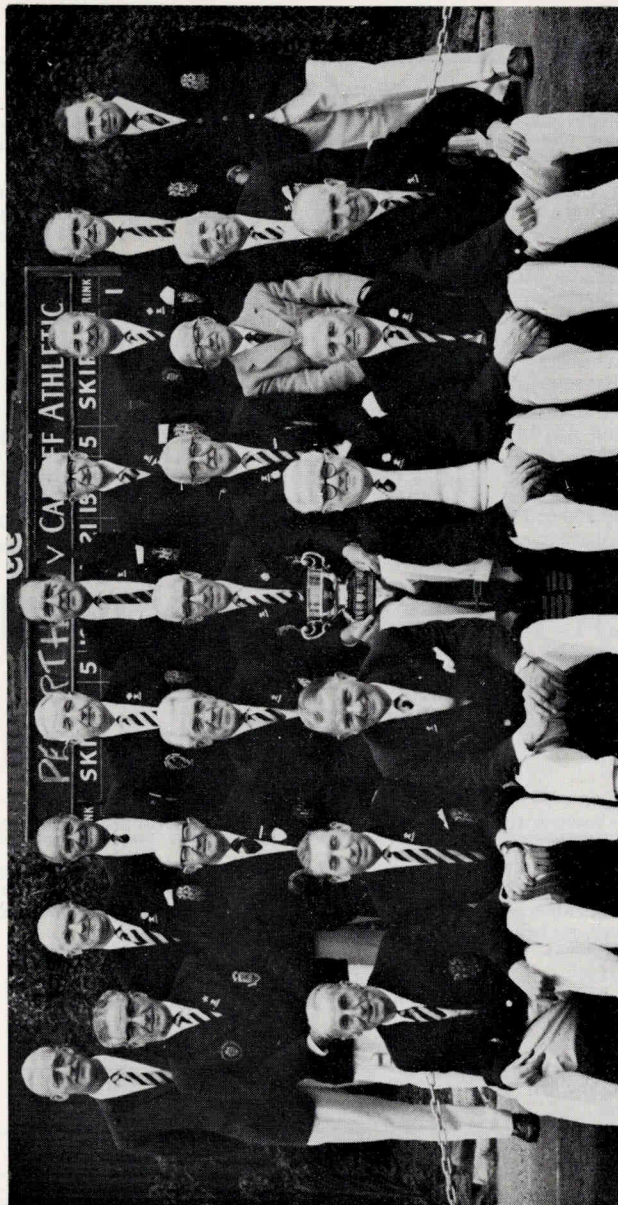
			Shots			
			For	Against	Up	Down
Victoria Park	Home	Lost	75	79	—	4
Senghennydd	.. Away	Won	82	66	16	—
Cardiff East	.. Home	Won	111	54	57	—
Caerphilly	.. Away	Won	91	63	28	—
Penarth	.. Away	Lost	76	92	—	16
			435	354	81	—

The reverse against Victoria Park was most unfortunate, as our Team played very well.

The first team's next competitive matches were in the P.G.1 League, and in view of the previous season's great achievements, high hopes were in evidence that we should again be successful. Such hopes did not, however, materialise as the following figures reveal:—

			Shots			
			For	Against	Up	Down
Abergavenny	.. Home	Won	82	59	23	—
St. Fagans	.. Away	Lost	71	73½	—	2½
Bridgend	.. Home	Away	72	81	—	9
Cardiff	.. Home	Won	89	82	7	—
G.K. (Dowlais)	.. Away	Won	88	54	34	—
Girlings	.. Away	Lost	72	81	—	9
			474	430½	43½	—

CARDIFF ATHLETIC BOWLS CLUB "A" TEAM **Winners Welsh Private Greens (League 2) Cup, 1967**



Top Row : R. GOODING, G. MAHONEY, C. SPEAR, C. F. BLOODWORTH, L. M. SPENCE, E. JONES, E. F. COUZENS, A. BOUND, G. ISRAEL.
Centre Row : J. HARRIS, R. RANDELL (*President, W.P.G.*), F. W. SOMERS, D. E. DAVIES (*Captain*), J. H. WEBB, J. E. EVANS (*Asst. Sec. W.P.G.*), T. PHILLIPS.
Front Row : A. V. LLOYD, J. RYAN, E. A. JAMES, W. H. THOMAS, A. N. LEAR, W. T. WILLIAMS.

The First Team's friendly results were :—
Played 11. Won 8. Lost 3. Shots—For 1045 ; Against 860. Up 185.
Only one game was "rained off", i.e., against Whitchurch.
Below are the records for all Saturday games for the most successful first team Skips:—

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Shots		
					For	Against	Up
J. Desmond	20	14	2	4	448	331	117
B. Hawkins	18	9	1	8	380	319	61
W. Dacey	13	10	—	3	270	210	60
D. H. Prince	17	13	1	3	357	298½	58½

The P.G.2 Competition record of the "A" Team for Season 1967, under its Captain, Danny E. Davies, certainly takes pride of place, as the following results illustrate :—

				Shots			
				For	Against	Up	Down
Whitchurch	..	Away	Won	87	75	12	—
Whiteheads	..	Home	Won	75	64	11	—
Penarth	..	Home	Lost	78	79	—	1
Barry Athletic	..	Away	Won	93	71	22	—
Penylan	..	Home	Won	70	63	7	—
Lovells	..	Away	Won	101	60	41	—
Penhill	..	Home	Won	90	53	37	—
Cardiff	..	Away	Won	89	69	20	—
				683	534	149	—

Being the winners of it's Section of the P.G.2 League, the team played the winners of the remaining Section, i.e., Rhiwbina, on the 23th August at the Guest Keen (Cardiff) green. This game had certainly aroused considerable interest in local bowling circles. The result was a very worthy win, 83 shots to 79 = 4 shots. The Captain had every reason to be the proud recipient of the handsome Cup at the hands of the President of the Welsh Private Greens Bowling Association (Eastern Section).

Eight friendly games were played, the Team being successful on five occasions, drawing one and losing two : Shots for, 654 ; against, 528. The most successful Skips in the "A" Team for all matches are shown below :—

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
J. Harris ..	15	11	4	—
W. H. Thomas	11	9	2	—
E. A. James	11	7	4	—
C. Spear ..	7	5	1	1
G. Mahoney	5	4	1	—
A. L. Brunt	4	4	—	—

The number of games played during mid-week and Sundays totaled 20, the Team being successful on no less than 14 occasions, five being lost and one drawn. Total shots for, 1,795 shots against, 1,482, Net shots up 313. Twenty skips were tried out, some members being given this responsibility for the first time.

Keen disappointment was expressed that none of our players were selected for the Welsh Bowling Association trial held at Sophia Gardens on June 1st.

On the 19th June, the Section lost a lovable character in E. Viv. Tucker. He was playing in a competition during the early evening and suddenly collapsed. He passed peacefully away prior to admission to hospital.

On the 29th September, the Section held the Annual Dinner in the Top Lounge of the Club House. A large number of members and wives attended and it was voted a very successful affair.

The Annual Meeting took place in the Club House on Friday, 27th October, when 47 members were present. Mr. J. H. Webb, who had faithfully served as Hon. Secretary for five years did not seek re-election, on account of health reasons. Mr. Somers paid tribute to the services of Mr. Webb and it was unanimously agreed that the thanks of the members should be minuted.

The winners of the Club Competitions were :—

	Winner :	Runner-up :
Championship	.. C. Spear	B. Hawkins
Handicap	.. J. Desmond	H. Morgan
Pairs ..	.. J. Desmond and J. Ryan	M. Smalldridge and L. K. Morgan
2 Wood ..	.. F. Barr	A. Bound
Triples ..	.. J. Elliott A. M. Lear and D. J. Thomas	E. A. James L. M. Spence and W. Dunscombe

During the Season a number of our members were selected to play for the Glamorgan County, Welsh Private Greens (Eastern Section) and East Glamorgan Bowling Associations and the experience was certainly beneficial.

Messrs. E. H. Baines, D. E. Davies, C. F. Bloodworth, J. Elliott and J. H. Webb were included in the Welsh Private Greens party which toured Cornwall in August, H.Q. being the Cavendish Hotel, Newquay. A most enjoyable tour.

In view of the number of representative and other games played on our green, considerable additional work was thrown on our Ladies in the preparation of Teas. We do most heartily wish to express our thanks again for the wonderful work they carried out.

The Officers wish to record their thanks to Mr. D. G. Grant and his staff for their ready assistance to the Section.

We wish to congratulate the following members comprising the Rink which reached the Final of the W.B.A. Competition. Messrs. W. Dacey (Skip), B. Hawkins, P. E. Ridd and M. C. Gilmore.

Also congratulations to Messrs. B. Hawkins and P. Collins upon reaching the Final of the W.B.A. Pairs Competition.

Bryn also reached the Final of the "John Elias" Pairs in the Porthcawl Tournament and we are pleased to record his success in

winning both the "Builders" and "Garage" Cups at Porthcawl. Well done, Bryn.

Another of our members was also successful at Porthcawl, Mr. D. H. Prince winning the "Sir Leslie Joseph" Pairs competition.

A matter of interest to us is that a popular lady member of the Athletic Club, Mrs. Connie Couzens, has also made her mark in the Bowling world this year.

After a good start with success in the Pairs Championship at the Indoor Stadium for the second time, she went on to battle her way to the final of the Open Singles Tournament at Southsea ; reached the final of the Ladies Open Singles Championship at Llandrindod Wells, and succeeded in winning the Visitors' Cup there.

Well played, Connie.

PAST CAPTAINS OF BOWLS SECTION

1924 .. J. BATSTONE	1946 .. A. F. MALE
1925 .. M. WOOD	1947 .. A. E. TAYLOR
1926 .. W. M. DOUGLAS	1948 .. <u>W. J. POWELL</u>
1927 .. J. PRATT	1949 .. F. E. BONNELL
1928 .. W. H. JENKINS	1950 .. S. JONES.
1929 .. W. C. WILLIAMS	1951 .. A. H. USHER
1930 .. D. L. EVANS	1952 .. F. D'ALTON
1931 .. J. OXENHAM	1953 .. J. S. LEWIS
1932 .. L. C. WATTERS	1954 .. K. TOOZER
1933 .. F. DAVIES	1955 .. C. B. WATSON
1934 .. W. T. GRIFFITHS	1956 .. J. H. WEBB
1935 .. A. MILSOM	1957 .. E. F. COUZENS
1936 .. A. CALDER	1958 .. L. SMITH
1937 .. C. W. STANDFAST	1959 .. W. DACEY
1938 .. T. STRONG	1960 .. A. P. FORSTER, M.B.E.
1939 .. E. RIDD	1961 .. T. PHILLIPS
1940 .. W. J. OLD	1962 .. W. H. THOMAS
1941 .. H. W. TAYLOR	1963 .. J. DESMOND
1942 .. J. D. ROBERTS	1964 .. REX LEWIS
1943 .. W. T. WILLIAMS	1965 .. * L. M. SPENCE
1944 .. H. J. SALTER	1966 .. J. ELLIOTT.
1945 .. A. G. COUZENS	1967 .. J. A. JUDD

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CARDIFF ATHLETIC LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Report for Season 1967

The playing Season commenced on Monday, 1st May, 1967, having been postponed from the previous Saturday because of excessive rain. This change of arrangements caused much disappointment, as your Committee had invited the Club's President, the Club's Chairman and the Chairman of the Ground Committee to open officially the three new hard tennis courts. These new additions are the realisation of a long-felt need and we now have the facilities to play our league and friendly matches in unfavourable weather conditions: an essential facility which had been lacking in the past. So, the tennis section at this opportune moment expresses gratitude to the Management Committee for the generous concession and hopes that this will help in increasing membership in the future. It is also fitting on this occasion to extend to the Bowls Section the thanks of their fellow tennis members for its consideration in granting us the extra few feet which were necessary for the three grass courts to be completed.

The league matches commenced on Wednesday, 10th May, the ladies playing Rhiwbina L.T.C. away, and it is sad to relate that of the seven league matches played, they were successful in winning only one, beating Penylan L.T.C. by 7 events to 2. These results were no doubt caused by the loss of three premier team players, Joy Elvidge and Sandra Morgan, who had got married and were not available, and Jill Pexton who unfortunately had an illness which prevented her playing all the season. So with half the team missing, something had to give and one regrets to say that our ladies were relegated to the second Division. The last time this happened was in 1961, but they managed to return to the first Division the following year, and it is hoped that this success will be repeated.

The men's team results were a little better, two of their seven league matches being won against Penarth — who were relegated — away by 5 events to 4, and Bridgend away by the same score.

The final results were:—

	Played	Won	Lost	Events	Sets	Games
Ladies	7	1	6	17-46	39-99	474-724
Men	7	2	5	20-43	51-91	529-710

The Annual Tournament.

This commenced on Monday, 5th July, and the members decided at the A.G.M. to extend the period of the competition to three weeks, thus giving the competitors the occasional night off. On two nights, Monday and Tuesday of the third week, rain prevented play, but the referee, Mr. Peter Collier, managed to keep the programme up to schedule. Peter did a fine job of work and he must be commended on his forbearance and conscientiousness under sometimes trying circumstances.

The Results of the Tournament :

Men's Singles .. D. Court beat P. Lewis, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3.

Ladies' Singles .. S. Pickering beat J. Howells, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

Men's Doubles	..	G. Chugg and P. Lewis beat A. Bevan and D. Evans 6-4, 6-4.
Ladies' Doubles	..	J. Howells and S. Pickering beat P. Nurton and P. Robson, 6-4, 6-2.
Mixed Doubles	..	P. Collier and J. Howells beat D. Court and J. Court, 9-7, 6-3.

Handicaps :

Men's Doubles	..	S. Clark and D. Jones beat P. Collier and L. Hudson, 6-3, 6-1.
Ladies' Doubles	..	E. Belman and D. Blanchflower beat J. Howells and S. Burley, 6-3, 6-2.
Mixed Doubles	..	S. Clark and S. Burley beat D. Ward and J. Howells, 6-3, 6-4.

Congratulations to the winners and better luck next year to the other competitors.

Social Activities :

With regard to the winter activities of the Section, the enthusiasm and support of certain committee members are to be commended. Firstly, Mr. Peter Lewis on presenting the tennis and rugger films on Tuesday, 7th February, when over seventy members and their friends attended ; the Skittles evening on 7th March when 43 attended and the Club Captain finished the evening looking for his lost voice ; the Ten Pin Bowling evening at Bristol, extremely well organized by Les Podd ; the Annual Dance on Friday, 25th November, when owing to the exceptionally bad weather only 66 people attended, but a profit of over £9 was made, mainly as the result of the raffle ; the work of Cliff West ; the Ladies' Captain and her helpers. The ladies also did a remarkably fine job with the refreshments on a very successful Tournament Finals Night Social, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all those present. So to these committee members let us give them the thanks due for all the work they put in.

The season closed on 25th September, 1967 and the head groundsman immediately set to work to repair the base lines on the grass courts.

In conclusion, the Section would like to thank the committee members for their assistance, especially Mr. Jack Broad, the Chairman, the Ladies' Captain, Miss Jennifer Howells, the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Peter Lewis, the Hon. Match Secretary, Mr. Les Podd, and Mr. Peter Collier for risking his neck by accepting the tournament referee's job. Also to Mr. David Grant, the Club Secretary, always willing to help, and his capable office staff, and again to Babs, that splendid person whose willingness to help deserves grateful thanks ; and last but not least, to the members who have been so co-operative during the season and whose considerable help in retrieving lost tennis balls was much appreciated.

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. HORSPPOOL
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

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CARDIFF HOCKEY CLUB

Report for the Season 1967-68

The playing records for the four teams were :—

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Canc.	For	Goals Against
1st XI	32	13	7	12	7	54	75
		(This includes Cup matches)					
2nd XI	28	12	6	10	6	38	43
3rd XI	24	10	8	6	7	56	41
4th XI	21	6	3	12	10	34	55
Totals	105	41	24	40	30	182	214

The move over to Sophia Gardens at the beginning of this season has shown an increase in the Club spirit which has also reflected in an improved playing record. It has also brought a better social spirit within the Club, as was illustrated by the successful Ladies' Evening held at Sophia Gardens.

Congratulations are due to John Roch who has captained the Club during the past season extremely well, having led them to win the South Wales Knock-Out Cup beating the holders Swansea at Margam by 2 goals to 1 and also winning the Welsh Club Championship by beating Monsanto at Ruthin by 2 goals to nil. The Club travelled to the Isle of Man to compete for the Club Championship of Great Britain and Ireland. Although the team was not up to full strength it gave a very creditable performance losing to the eventual winners by 2 goals to 1. No captain could have expected more from his team. We now look forward with great hopes of returning to the Isle of Man next year to compete again and to win the coveted trophy. A glance at the playing record of the 1st XI shows that there was a great improvement after Christmas, due probably to the establishment of a more settled combination with the forwards taking more advantage of the scoring opportunities created for them. It is hoped that this improvement will be maintained.

The pattern of the 2nd XI, ably Captained by Mervyn Warfield, shows a similar trend as that of the 1st XI. As is always, a settled 2nd XI team can never be fielded, so the results are not to be decied as this team is regarded as a training ground for potential 1st XI players and this season several members of this team have aspired to 1st XI status and retained their position on merit.

The 3rd and 4th XI's had a much happier season than previous years due to the fact that their matches were played on better pitches. Great encouragement was given to the players in these teams by the great playing experience of their respective captains, namely, Michael Meggitt and Norman Francis. These teams have had some extremely good wins and other very enjoyable games in which they were not successful. These sides are invaluable to young playing members as they normally contain a good sprinkling of very experienced players who are not so fleet of foot as in years gone by.

The chief goal scorers were :—

N. Rees, 12 ; A. Le Blanc Smith, 12 ; J. R. Cocks, 11 ; C. Glover, 10 ; K. D. Williams, 10 ; N. Pallo 10.



Back Row : Left to Right—J. JARRETT, B. CORNISH, A. KHAN, P. SPARKES, N. ANDREWS, J. MARSHALL, R. WOODLEY, P. MANUEL, G. S. KALER, J. C. JONES, C. RHODES, M. CORNISH.

Front Row : Left to Right—M. WARFIELD, N. C. PALLOT, J. ROCH (Captain), J. P. ROBERTS (Chairman), J. ELLIS, J. R. COCKS, N. G. W. REES.

Representative honours were gained by :

Welsh Hockey Assoc. . .	G. T. Whiteway, D. Bishop, J. R. Cocks.
South East Region . .	G. T. Whiteway.
Glamorgan . .	G. T. Whiteway, C. Brown, J. R. Cocks, A. Kaler, B. Cornish, M. Cornish.

It is pleasing to note that Tim Whiteway, past captain of Wales, was honoured by being elected Chairman of the newly formed South East Region and also being appointed a Welsh Selector. Congratulations are also due to Glyn Dennis Jones on his appointment as a F.I.H. Umpire, Grade I

Our grateful thanks are due to those most hard working members of the committee, namely, John Marshall, Malcolm Welch and Paul Swain; also to Mervyn Warfield and his aide-de-camp on arranging the very enjoyable Ladies' Evening held at Sophia Gardens; also to the amateur barmen who have officiated so efficiently and cheerfully during the season with creditable results. To the ladies who have helped with the teas throughout the season; our very grateful thanks are due also to Paul Swain for his help in supplying the necessary provisions.

The Annual Dance was once again a success although poorly attended due to the date being different from previous years, which resulted in our friends from other Clubs being unable to attend. Nevertheless our thanks are due to the organising committee, comprised of John Ellis, Colin Jones and Paul Swain, for it's efforts.

At the request of the Welsh Hockey Association the Club undertook to stage the Wales v. Denmark match, the first international game to be held at Sophia Gardens and we hope not the last. The game was played in appalling weather conditions which cut the expected crowd to negligible proportions, but despite this, due to the hard work of the organising committee, a most creditable profit was handed over to the Welsh Hockey Association. In the conditions the match was played, and the game the following day between the Danish national team and a Home Welsh XI, the pitch played extremely well and for this our great thanks are due to Les Gerry and his staff. Our thanks are also due for the good pitches prepared and maintained throughout the season for our own matches.

Our thanks are due to the Chairman and the Management Committee in making available to us the excellent clubhouse and playing facilities which we enjoyed during the past season.

Our thanks are also due to the Sub-Committee, appointed under the chairmanship of Edward Hall, for it's efforts in starting a picture gallery of the Club in the Pavillion at Sophia Gardens.

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 throughout the past season.

It is with deep regret and sorrow that we have to report the death of Miss K. Ingledew, the only lady member of our Section, and a young man who died tragically at the early age of 33, namely, Mr. Derek Phillips, former member and highly respected Captain of our "B" XI.

CARDIFF HOCKEY CLUB

1967-68 RESULTS

First XI

1967					1968						
Sept 23	Brean	..	H	Draw	2-2	Jan. 6	Swansea	..	H	Lost	1-2
„ 30	Weston-S-Mare	..	A	Lost	1-8	„ 20	City Hall	..	H	Won	3-1
Oct. 7	Beckenham	..	A	Lost	1-6	„ 27	Newport	..	A	Lost	1-2
„ 8	Hounslow	..	A	Lost	0-12	Feb 3	Bristol	..	A	Lost	2-8
„ 21	Llanishen	..	A	Draw	3-3	„ 10	Abergavenny	..	A	Draw	1-1
Nov 11	Stourport	..	H	Won	5-3	„ 17	Swansea	..	A	Won	2-0
„ 12	Evesham	..	H	Lost	0-1	„ 24	Imperial	..	H	Draw	2-2
„ 18	Bristol	..	H	Lost	0-4	Mar. 2	O. Grammarians	..	H	Won	2-1
„ 25	Imperial	..	A	Won	4-0	„ 3	Hereford	..	H	Won	2-1
Dec. 2	O. Bristolians	..	H	Draw	2-2	„ 9	O. Bristolians	..	A	Lost	1-2
„ 16	Bath	..	H	Draw	1-1	„ 16	W. Gloucester	..	A	Won	1-0
„ 30	Penarth	..	A	Lost	2-3	„ 23	Bath	..	A	Won	3-1
						„ 30	Weston-S-Mare	..	H	Lost	0-2
						Apr. 6	Brean	..	A	Lost	1-3
						„ 20	City Hall	..	A	Draw	1-1

SOUTH WALES KNOCK-OUT CUP

2nd ROUND	..	28th Jan., 1968	v.	Bridgend	..	won	3-0
3rd ROUND	..	11th Feb., 1968	v.	Penarth	..	H won	1-0
SEMI-FINAL	..	31st Mar., 1968	v.	Llanishen	..	H won	2-1
FINAL	..	21st April, 1968	v.	Swansea	..	A won	2-1

WELSH KNOCK-OUT CUP FINAL

5th May, 1968	v.	Monsanto	..	A won	2-1
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CHAMPIONSHIP OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

1st June, 1968	v.	Cork Church	..	A Lost	1-2
1st June, 1968	v.	Inverleith	..	A Lost	0-4

Second XI

1967					1968				
Sept. 16	Ross on Wye . .	A	Draw	2-2	Jan. 20	Bristol Univ. II	A	Draw	0-0
„ 23	Brean . .	A	Lost	2-4	„ 27	Newport II . .	H	Won	3-2
„ 30	R.A.F. . .	H	Draw	2-2	Feb. 3	Bristol II . .	H	Won	1-0
Oct 7	B.A.C.I. . .	A	Lost	0-3	„ 10	Steel Company I	A	Won	4-1
„ 21	Llanishen . .	H	Won	2-0	„ 17	City Hall I . .	H	Won	1-0
Nov 11	B.A.C.I. . .	H	Lost	0-1	„ 24	Imperial II	A	Won	3-1
„ 12	Hereford . .	A	Draw	1-1	Mar 2	Bridgend	H	Won	3-1
„ 18	Bristol II	A	Lost	0-3	„ 9	O. Bristolians II	H	Won	2-0
„ 19	Cardiff Univ. I	A	Lost	0-2	„ 10	Cardiff Univ. I	H	Lost	0-4
„ 25	Imperial II . .	H	Draw	1-1	„ 16	W. Gloucester II	H	Lost	0-1
Dec. 2	O. Bristol'ns II	A	Won	2-1	„ 30	Whitchurch II	A	Lost	2-3
„ 16	Bath II . .	H	Lost	0-7	April 6	Brean . .	H	Won	1-0
„ 23	Newport II . .	A	Draw	0-0	„ 10	Steel Company I	H	Won	4-0
„ 30	Whitchurch II	H	Lost	0-2	„ 20	B.N.S. . .	A	Won	2-1

CARDIFF HOCKEY CLUB

1967-68 RESULTS

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THIRD XI

1967					1968						
Sept 16	A.A.S.	..	A	Draw	3-3	Jan. 20	Bristol Univ. III	H	Lost	2-3	
" 23	I.N.C.O.	..	A	Lost	1-5	" 27	Newport III	..	A	Won	6-1
" 30	Weston II	..	H	Draw	2-2	Feb 3	Bristol III	..	A	Lost	3-4
Oct. 7	A.A.S.	..	H	Won	4-2	" 10	R.A.F.	..	H	Won	1-0
" 21	Llanishen III	..	H	Won	5-1	" 17	City Hall II	..	A	Draw	3-3
Nov 4	Abergavenny II	..	A	Won	3-2	" 24	Imperial III	..	H	Won	4-0
" 11	Cardiff Univ. II	..	A	Won	1-0	Mar 9	Oystermouth	..	H	Draw	0-0
" 18	Bristol III	..	H	Draw	1-1	" 16	W. Glouc'ter III	A	Lost	0-4	
" 25	Imperial III	..	A	Won	8-0	" 23	Bridgend G. S.	H	Won	3-2	
Dec. 2	Long Ashton II	..	A	Draw	1-1	" 30	Weston II	..	A	Lost	0-3
" 16	Noral	..	A	Draw	1-1	April 6	I.N.C.O.	..	H	Draw	1-1
" 30	Penarth II	..	H	Lost	0-1	" 20	City Hall II	..	A	Won	3-1

FOURTH XI

1967					1968						
Sept 23	R.T.B.	..	H	Lost	1-3	Jan. 6	B.P. Llandarcy	H	Won	2-0	
" 30	Bridgend	..	A	Lost	0-2	" 27	Swansea Un. II	H	Draw	2-2	
Oct. 7	Penarth G.S.	..	H	Draw	2-2	Feb. 3	Bristol II	..	H	Lost	0-1
" 21	Cardiff H.S.	..	A	Lost	0-5	" 10	Abergavenny	..	H	Draw	1-1
Nov 11	Bristol Univ. III	A	Lost	1-5	" 24	Bristol Y.M.I.	..	A	Lost	1-2	
" 18	Bristol	..	A	Won	2-1	Mar. 2	Artillery	..	A	Lost	2-6
" 25	Noral	..	H	Lost	0-1	" 3	Saundersfoot	..	A	Lost	1-7
Dec. 2	O. Bristol'ns III	H	Won	1-0	" 9	O. Bristol'ns III	A	Won	4-0		
" 16	B.P. Llandarcy	A	Lost	1-5	" 23	Cardiff H.S.	..	H	Won	4-3	
" 30	Whitchurch II	A	Lost	2-3	" 30	Penarth G.S.	..	A	Lost	2-3	
					Apr. 6	R.T.B.	..	A	Won	5-3	

RECORD OF PAST SEASON

		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
1967/68	J. O. ROCH	32	13	7	12	54	74

CARDIFF HOCKEY CLUB

Records of Past Seasons

Season	Captain	Played	Won	Drn.	Lost	Goals	
						For	Agst.
1896-97	E. W. BENNETT ...	*					
1897-98	E. W. BENNETT ...	23	8	7	8	38	46
1898-99	W. BIELSKI ...	17	8	2	7	38	26
1899-1900	N. D. WARE ...	23	14	6	3	68	24
1900-01	N. D. WARE ...	26	20	2	4	82	33
1901-02	N. D. WARE ...	19	15	2	2	81	13
1902-03	G. N. HOWELL ...	20	16	1	3	81	22
1903-04	G. N. HOWELL ...	24	18	2	4	110	31
1904-5	E. W. EVANS ...	20	15	2	3	119	27
1905-06	E. W. EVANS ...	15	11	1	3	78	27
1906-07	E. W. EVANS ...	17	13	2	2	68	25
1907-08	F. B. M. BULMER ...	16	12	2	2	62	23
1908-09	E. R. SWEET-ESCOTT ...	23	17	3	3	101	26
1909-10	B. TURNBULL ...	18	14	0	4	109	26
1910-11	H. H. SWEET-ESCOTT ...	18	14	2	2	107	22
1911-12	J. W. DUNCAN ...	18	15	1	2	95	26
1912-13	H. REDFORD ...	15	10	0	5	70	57
1913-14	J. O. TURNBULL ...	22	19	2	1	115	30
1919-20	B. TURNBULL ...	17	10	2	5	64	45
1920-21	H. S. STEPHENS ...	15	7	4	4	41	34
1921-22	R. T. S. HINDE ...	24	14	3	7	92	51
1922-23	H. W. BROWNE ...	19	10	3	6	73	34
1923-24	W. S. COURTIS ...	23	9	4	10	63	68
1924-25	A. T. HARPER ...	*					
1925-26	A. T. HARPER ...	*					
1929-30	F. L. LAMARQUE ...	25	12	4	9	79	59
1930-31	F. L. LAMARQUE ...	30	17	3	10	126	50
1931-32	K. G. HUGHES ...	29	16	4	9	87	77
1932-33	S. C. BANBURY ...	28	13	6	9	77	77
1933-34	S. C. BANBURY ...	30	11	5	14	53	57
1934-35	S. C. BANBURY ...	34	13	7	14	64	71
1935-36	G. R. FAULKS ...	27	14	2	11	60	64
1936-37	G. R. FAULKS ...	25	11	6	8	48	50
1937-38	G. R. FAULKS ...	31	20	3	8	64	40
1938-39	G. R. FAULKS ...	25	14	6	5	62	30
1945-46	G. PERCIVAL ...	32	25	2	5	139	49
1946-47	G. PERCIVAL ...	20	10	3	7	65	36
1947-48	K. G. HUGHES ...	26	14	3	9	57	42
1948-49	G. A. L. TUCKER ...	26	15	1	10	72	45
1949-50	W. N. FRANCIS ...	32	22	3	7	110	56
1950-51	W. N. FRANCIS ...	26	14	8	4	87	44
1951-52	W. N. FRANCIS ...	30	17	6	7	96	47
1952-53	W. N. FRANCIS ...	30	18	8	4	98	43
1953-54	N. C. PALLOT ...	30	18	6	6	89	34
1954-55	N. C. PALLOT ...	29	20	6	3	100	31
1955-56	N. C. PALLOT ...	29	19	3	7	103	52
1956-57	M. A. THOMAS ...	28	16	5	7	83	59
	M. H. C. MEGGITT ...						
	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

1968/9 John Ellis Records not available.

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