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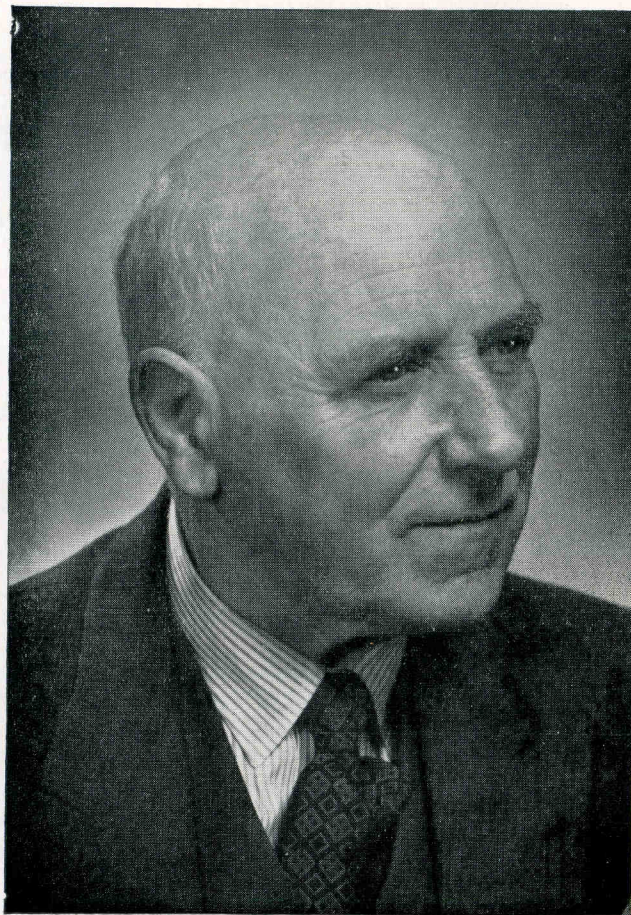
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President of the Cardiff Athletic Club

## CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB

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#### To retire in 1957

D. A. BROWN

\*W. N. HOOPER

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\* W. N. Hooper and F. Somers replaced H. Roy Evans and  
F. E. Bonnell, who resigned.

#### To retire in 1958

D. E. DAVIES

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G. J. LEWIS

L. M. SPENCE

D. A. WALL

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FOOTBALL—W. H. WILKINS

CRICKET—H. J. BARTLETT

BOWLS—J. H. WEBB

LAWN TENNIS—F. P. DAVIES

HOCKEY—E. C. HALL

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*Chairman* : L. M. SPENCE

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*Captain 2nd XI* : Dr. N. K. CONTRACTOR

*Captain Reserve XI* : G. HUNTER

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H. J. BARTLETT	L. KING	W. H. WILKINS
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*Vice-Captain* : E. F. COUZENS

*Captain "A" Team* : F. SOMERS

A. BUCKLEY	J. P. JOHNSON	J. S. LEWIS
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*Captain* : F. P. DAVIES

*Ladies' Captain* : Mrs. R. W. TAYLOR

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T. D. H. THOMAS

*Captain "A" XI* : W. N. FRANCIS

*Captain "B" XI* : M. J. GRIFFITHS

*Captain Extra "B" XI* : K. G. HUGHES

G. J. LEWIS	N. C. PALLOT	G. PERCIVAL
W. A. THOMAS		



## CLUB CAPTAINS



J. H. WEBB  
(Bowls)



G. K. WILBY  
(Cricket)



PETER L.  
GOODFELLOW  
(Rugby)



T. D. H. THOMAS  
(Hockey)



F. P. DAVIES  
(Lawn Tennis)

## CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB

### Annual Report by the Chairman of the Management Committee

THE ACCOUNTS. The Club Accounts for the year ended the 30th April, 1957, show that Football Gates at £11,234 are only £52 less than in 1956. This is very satisfactory as the weather in mid-winter was exceptionally bad; the match versus the Watsonians on December 27th had to be cancelled, and several other games were played in atrocious conditions and before small crowds.

It was disappointing to note that the income from Season Tickets at £4,717 was £777 less than in 1956 and £1,329 less than in 1955. Fortunately this loss of revenue was set off by the increase from share of gates which, at £1,665 was £1,020 more than in 1956. This increase was chiefly due to the success of the floodlit matches.

The Annual Subscription was increased from two guineas to three guineas and this is reflected in the figure for Members' Subscriptions which at £7,255 shows an increase of approximately £2,000 over the 1956 figure.

The New Club House was opened on Saturday, 1st June, 1956 by the President, N. V. H. Riches, and proved such an attraction that Bar Takings reached £25,149 compared with £14,804 in 1956.

The total income of the Club was £52,900 and the surplus after providing for Income Tax was £4,424. This is a disappointingly low figure having regard to the large income. The Committee is very concerned that the expenses of running the Club should have reached the substantial amount of £26,209. Yet many of the items such as the cost of Bar Wages, Communications, Transport, Hotel Accommodation and Materials are largely beyond the control of the Committee. However, having regard to the ever increasing costs of most forms of goods and labour the Committee is conscious of the need for exercising every possible economy without impairing the efficiency and high standard of the Club.

Heavy items of expenditure included under the heading of Upkeep of Ground, Stands and Plant are "Seeds and Fertilizers, £584, Electrical Re-wiring, £394, and Tarmac Roadway behind the South Stand, £353." It should be



noted that this £353 is only part of the total cost, as the Welsh Rugby Union and the Greyhound Company also contributed.

The Balance Sheet shows that the cost of building and equipping the Club House amounted to £34,366 compared with the estimated cost of £32,000 and that expenditure on the South Stand Extension amounted to £15,757. Of this latter sum, £5,000 was written off last year and another £5,000 this year. The General Reserve is increased by £900 representing a profit on Investment.

The Club is very grateful to the Glamorgan County Cricket Club for an Interest Free Loan of £6,000.

**SOUTH STAND.** The Committee is fully aware of the lack of protection from drifting rain in the South Stand and has had the problem under constant review. Several schemes have been submitted and rejected because while the expense of implementing them was considerable, the Committee was not satisfied that the protection afforded would be adequate. Further schemes are being prepared and members can be assured that the Committee is very mindful of its responsibilities.

**NEW CLUB HOUSE.** This has proved a great asset and is the envy of visitors. Its administration has presented new problems and these are being tackled as they arise.

**SECTIONAL REPORTS.** The activities of the various Sections are dealt with fully later, but it is pleasing to note that all are going from strength to strength. The Rugby Club under Peter Goodfellow's inspiring leadership had quite a successful season with a few bad patches. The Cricket Club again won the Knock-Out Cup Competition and has probably now the strongest Club side in South Wales.

The Bowls, Lawn Tennis and Hockey Clubs all did well in spite of very unfavourable weather conditions and for the first time the Hockey Club was able to field four sides.

**RESIGNATION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS.** H. Roy Evans and F. E. Bonnell resigned during the year and were replaced by W. N. Hooper and F. Somers. The Club is grateful to Messrs. Evans and Bonnell for the valuable work they have so willingly done. It is with great regret

that we report that F. E. Bonnell died just after he retired from the Committee.

**EMPIRE AND COMMONWEALTH GAMES.** Before the next Report is issued the Games will be a thing of the past. Your Committee is co-operating whole-heartedly with the Organising Committee to make the Games a success. Immediately before, during and immediately after the Games there will, of necessity, be some curtailment of the usual activities of the Summer Sections. Every effort is being made to reduce the inconvenience and loss of facilities to a minimum and every possible precaution is being taken to ensure that the Ground and Stands will be ready for the opening of the 1958-59 Football Season.

**OBITUARY.** Since the last Report was published three Vice-Presidents, W. H. Bowcott, A. Calder and H. Picherit have passed away. The first two rendered great service during the early days of the Club and Henri Picherit made himself beloved by his great hospitality and friendliness to our Rugby sides visiting Nantes and Cognac and for his sterling work in promoting Nantes-Cardiff fellowship.

**SKITTLE ALLEY.** The Skittle Alley has been re-laid in the old Club Room and proved a valuable centre for Social Intercourse for the members in addition to providing an opportunity for the Sections to meet in friendly rivalry.

**THE FUTURE.** The Club has used nearly all its liquid assets in effecting improvements of a capital nature and during the next few years must by strict economy in all Sections and increased revenue build up its reserves again.

**DONATIONS.** The Club again materially assisted Junior Rugby by making the following donations: Cardiff and District Rugby Union, £350; Cardiff Schools Rugby Union, £100; Cardiff and District Youth Rugby Union, £25.

**APPRECIATION.** The Committee expresses its thanks and admiration for the work done by the Honorary Secretaries, Officers and Committee Members of the different Sections. The work of the Football Club Hon. Secretary and Committee has been exceptionally arduous this year because of the visit of the German and Italian National sides and of the South African Universities XV.



# INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the Year ended 30th April, 1957

1956	EXPENDITURE	£	1956	INCOME	£
3,096	To Upkeep of Ground, Stands and Plant	3,606	11,286	By Football Gates	11,234
4,822	" Salaries and Wages	4,806	5,494	" Season Tickets	4,717
3,113	" Football, Away Match Expenses	3,808			
2,210	" Stationery, Home Match Expenses	2,471	16,780	" Welsh "Seven-a-Side" Tournament	15,951
915	" Stationery, Telephone and Postages	1,089	40	" Profit on Sale of Football Programmes	54
1,135	" Advertising	713	—	" Less Donation to Cardiff & District Rugby Union	350
828	" Share of Gates	1,272	370		
1,209	" Gatemens and Police	1,419	645	" Share of Gates	465
393	" Rents and Rates	626			
881	" Water, Light and Heat	1,265			
258	" Laundry Items	383	17,835		1,665
441	" Cleaning Materials and Window Cleaning	282			18,135
455	" Players' Outing, Dinner, Dance and Photographs	942	5,276	" Members Subscriptions	7,255
391	" Football Equipment	389	74	" Cricket Collections	92
645	" Loud Speaker Rental	684	255	" Ground Earnings and Rents	320
75	" Accountancy and Auditing Charges	75	221	" B.C.C. Fees	203
63	" Insurance	84	35	" Competition Fees	27
636	" Medical Expenses	938	—	" Catering Concession	55
178	" Donations	185	24	" Dividend : Arms Park (Cardiff) Greyhound Racing Co. Ltd.	135
748	" Sectional Expenses	145			
627	" Car Park Expenses	925	414	" INTEREST :	
260	" Rating Fee	102	26	" Building Society	149
			105	" 3% Savings Bonds	26
22,779	" Bar Purchases	26,209	112	" South Wales (East) & Mon.	
10,895	" Bar Wages and Expenses	£18,027	72	" Trustee Savings Bank	20
1,596		3,720		" Lloyds Bank Limited	28
				" Defence Bonds	80
832	" Income Tax	21,747		" DONATION :	
4,222	" Excess of Income over Expenditure	520	1,000	" Arms Park (Cardiff) Greyhound Racing Co. Ltd.	1,000
		4,424			1,303
40,324		£52,900	25,520		27,525
			14,804	" Bar Takings	25,149
			—	" Catering	123
			—	" Billiards	103
			£40,324		25,375
					£52,900

## BALANCE SHEET as at 30th April, 1957

LIABILITIES	£	ASSETS	£
General Reserve, as at 1st May, 1956	29,900	Club House at Cost	30,798
Add Profit on Investment	900	Furniture, Fittings and Equipment at Cost	3,568
Less Written off Expenditure on South Stand	30,800	Total Expenditure re South Stand	34,366
LOAN :	5,000	Less Written off to date	15,737
Glamorgan County Cricket Club	6,000	Bowls Pavilion	10,000
CREDITORS :		Motor Rollers, Mowers, etc.	25
Subscriptions prepaid	2,060	Office Furniture and Equipment	10
Income Tax on Surplus to date	850	INVESTMENTS :	45
Accrued Expenses and Trade Accounts	3,614	2,000 1/- Ordinary Shares Fully Paid—Arms Park (Cardiff) Greyhound Racing Co. (1956) Ltd.	
Due re Club House	3,092	3% Savings Bonds 1965-75	100
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT :		The Cardiff Arms Park Co. Ltd., 195 £5 A Shares	1,500
Balance as at 1st May, 1956	6,457	Post Office Savings Bank	50
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure	4,424	South Wales (East) and Mon. Trustee Savings Bank	431
		Lloyds Bank Ltd. Deposit Account	718
		Loan : Cardiff Arms Park Co. Ltd.	4,000
		CURRENT ASSETS :	6,799
		Stocks	1,500
		Debtors and Prepaid Expenses	1,525
		Lloyds Bank Ltd.	772
		Cash in hand	1,423
			110
			3,830
			£52,297

### TO THE MEMBERS OF THE 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 Bye-Laws.

RICHARD DAVIES & CO.,

Cardiff, 18th July, 1957.

Incorporated Accountants.

# CARDIFF RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

## Annual Report for the Season 1956-57

A strange and complex season for the Rugby Club. Beginning on a high note which resulted in 19 games without loss there was a fade-away in middle season, a black Easter, and somewhat of a "come-back" by victories in all three games on the Cornish Tour followed by a successful tour in Roumania.

The season opened without the usual preliminary match against Cardiff and District, as the German National XV were making their first ever visit to Wales on 1st September. These visitors proved very popular ones, and showed themselves well versed in the basic arts of Rugby Football. However, the extra brilliance of the Cardiff backs prevailed, and the game was won by 25 points to nil.

All games to the end of September resulted in convincing victories and then on 3rd October, history was again made by a visit from the Italian National XV. The Italians proved themselves more experienced than the earlier Continental visitors and the game was a hard one, but resulted in another victory by 8 points to 3.

October and November saw some excellent football, particularly against Swansea, Halifax and Bective Rangers, and the end of November arrived with the First XV still unbeaten, with of course the "unbeaten season" once again in focus. This was not to be however, and the first two games in December, both away, resulted in defeats. Cardiff losing to Swansea by 6 points to 3, and to Harlequins on the day of the First Welsh Trial by 17 points to 11. A period of bad weather during this month resulted in two games being cancelled and by the end of the year 1956, the playing record was—Played 24. Won 20. Drawn 2. Lost 2.

The New Year opened with a tour in Scotland, where our Scottish friends the Watsonians entertained the Cardiff party in their usual grand style. The official game against the Watsonians was won, but the unofficial extra game against the Glasgow H.S.O.B. unexpectedly

resulted in a loss. Defeats, which this season seemed to follow in sequence, were against Moseley and Bath on consecutive Saturdays, but a string of victories including one against Newport away was halted in the "needle" matches against Llanelli, which resulted in Llanelli winning a very hard match by 11 points to 6, and Newport by 10 points to nil, again on consecutive Saturdays.

From 9th March to Easter, of nine games played, 6 were won, 3 lost but the Easter programme resulted in three defeats including that fantastic match with the Barbarians which resulted in a score of 40 points against and none for. The Barbarians on the day looked world beaters, and this was borne out in their tour of Canada which followed immediately after their Easter games.

The Cornish Tour saw a return to form, and Penzance, Camborne and St. Ives were well beaten by good open football.

Three extra matches played during the season need special mention. Two Floodlit games, against the Harlequins at the White City and Bristol at Ashton Gate, were tremendously successful. Both were won by Cardiff and the standard of play was very high; the Bristol game being regarded as a classic. The Combined Universities of South Africa Team which toured under the auspices of the Home Unions was played at the Cardiff Arms Park and soundly defeated.

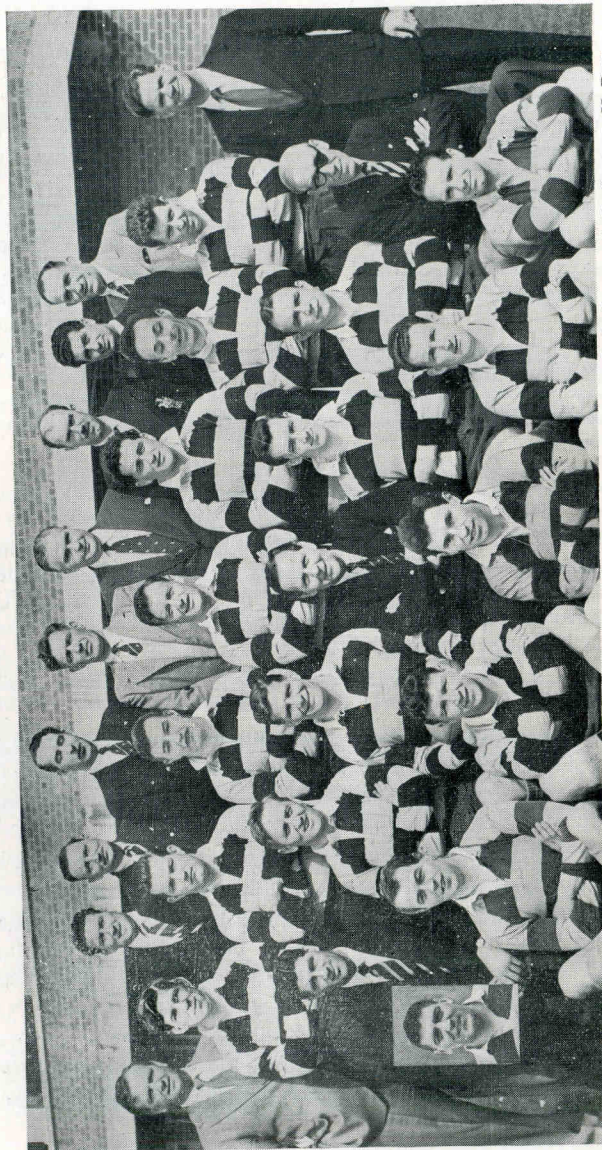
On 6th April, 1957 the Cardiff Club relinquished, with the co-operation of Pontypool the home game arranged for that day, and a special match in aid of the British Empire and Commonwealth Games Fund was organised. This match was highly successful, and resulted in a cheque for over £13,000 being presented to the Fund.

The usual annual functions were held during the year, the Old Players' Re-Union, Ladies Night and the Annual Dance. These were very successful, being held in the New Club House for the first time.

During the season, Cliff Morgan, Gareth Griffiths, Gordon Wells and Lloyd Williams were awarded International Caps and special congratulations are due to Lloyd



**CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB—Season 1956-57**  
**First Fifteen**



Back Row (left to right) : E. ARCAS, L. B. JONES, T. L. WILLIAMS, D. M. JAMES, H. JOHNSON, G. L. PORTER, A. D. CROSTER, H. REES.  
 Third Row : D. A. BROWN, J. D. NELSON, C. HOWE, L. WILLIAMS, G. BECKINGHAM, W. R. EVANS, G. WELLS, M. GOUGH, T. HOLLEY.  
 Second Row : R. F. TROTT, E. THOMAS, P. GOODFELLOW (Capt.), L. M. SPENCE (Chairman), H. NICHOLLS, J. D. EVANS, D. E. DAVIES.  
 Front Row : G. GRIFFITHS, E. LEWIS, CLIFF MORGAN, A. FRIDAY, G. JOHN.  
 Inset : M. COLLINS.

Williams on his becoming an International and Barbarian in his first full season with the Cardiff First XV. Congratulations also go to Cliff Morgan, Gordon Wells and Gareth Griffiths who were selected for the Barbarian Touring Team for its tour of Canada.

Tribute must be paid to Skipper Peter Goodfellow who ably captained the side, and very often under most difficult circumstances. Peter played well and was honoured by selection and captaincy in a Welsh Trial.

One serious problem which arose during the season, was the number of calls made on established stars to play in Charity Matches. This resulted not only in players engaging in far too many games, but resulted often in their not being available for their Club sides ; a serious problem which must be faced and controlled for the benefit of all concerned.

Top scorer for the season was Alan Friday with 158 points. Most tries were scored by Gareth Griffiths and Glyn John with 18 each, followed by H. Nicholls, 14 and Gordon Wells, 11.

During the season, Peter Goodfellow made the greatest number of appearances, viz. 48, followed by J. D. Evans with 46, Colin Howe, 45, Geoff Beckingham, 43, Eddie Thomas, 43 and Glyn John, 42.

First Team Caps were awarded to the following : W. R. Evans and Lloyd Williams.

## **REPORT OF THE ATHLETIC XV**

### **Season 1956-57**

The Athletic XV enjoyed a good season, their record being :

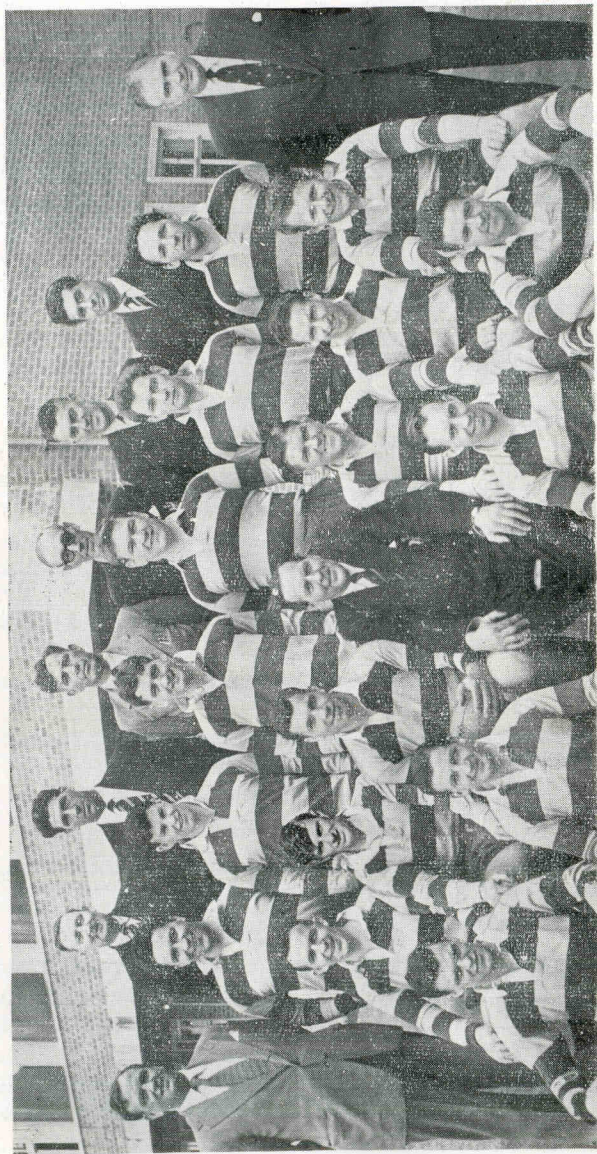
Played 32. Won 21. Lost 8. Drawn 3. Points for 465. Against 183.

Five matches were cancelled owing to bad conditions, including the traditional match on Boxing Morning against Llandaff.

Considering that a large proportion of the Athletic Fixtures are played away from home the record was a



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Athletic Fifteen



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Second Row : D. MURPHY, GLYN WILLIAMS, F. C. FERGUSON (Capt.), L. M. SPENCE (Chairman), S. BOWES, R. PARSONS, B. SADLER.  
Front Row : P. NYHAN, B. MARK, C. HEWITT, C. L. DAVIES.*

good one, particularly as many established players were called for duty with the First XV resulting in the Athletic XV fielding a different side most Saturdays. No fewer than 73 players were tried during the season and credit must be given to F. C. Ferguson for his able captaincy under these difficult conditions.

Very good wins were recorded against Kenfig Hill 27—3, Treorchy 32—3, Gloucester United 26—0, Totnes 32—3, and Wrexham 24—11.

Top scorer for the season was D. G. Murphy, 52 points.

F. C. Ferguson made most appearances with 29, followed by B. Sadler 24, S. Bowes 22, and Kingsley Jones 21.

Most tries were scored by Ray Parsons and Derek Murphy with 16 each.

Athletic Caps were awarded to Cenydd Williams, and Glyn Williams during the season.

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF JUNIOR XV**

### **Season 1956-57**

The Junior XV, again a very successful side, was run on similar lines to last year and showed a very creditable record of : Played 27. Won 24. Drawn 2. Lost 1. Under the superb captaincy of Graham Buck, wonderful traditional football was played, and the usual good team spirit prevailed.

The opposition was of an extremely high standard and the one defeat against Aberavon away was a very hard game. The Harlequins Colts, virtually the pick of the English Public Schools, were beaten by 6 points to 3.

G. Buck, A. Williams and P. Thomas played for the Welsh Youth XV against Germany and all the points scored were by the Cardiff Juniors under the able captaincy of Graham Buck.

As a proving ground for the Senior XV's the running of the Junior Side should now show its real worth, as many of the players are ready to enter first-class football ; a case in point is Lloyd Williams, an ex-Cardiff Junior player who in his first full season with the First XV has become a Welsh International and Barbarian.

Record : Played 27. Won 24. Lost 1. Drawn 2.

Points for 475. Points against 68.



## ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

### THE ROUMANIAN TOUR—MAY-JUNE, 1957

HUBERT JOHNSON

The visit of the Cardiff Rugby Club to Roumania, although it had been pioneered by Swansea, Harlequins and London Counties Clubs, was a new experience and adventure for us. The tour was unforgettable, educational and not without the spice of adventure, but to describe it in detail would take more space than the Report can give.

We flew in 'planes of two countries, each with its own individual idea of air-transport, over a vast area of Europe, with great variations of scenery. Sometimes we passed over wide open spaces criss-crossed with roads that made the great North Road of England look like a country lane; at others we had a view below us of almost primeval forests in which lurked wild bears, boars, deer and all types of game, and finally there was the great thrill of crossing the visual frontier of the Iron Curtain countries which in itself was sufficient to take one's mind completely off the object of our journey. To land in Brussels, Nuremberg, Frankfurt, Prague and Budapest and then after a journey of 1,600 miles to be received in Bucharest with a great bunch of flowers made us feel that Marco Polo's journey to the East was a mere week-end jaunt.

The Cardiff Club were guests of the Roumanian Rugby Federation. I cannot fault our hosts for the way they received us and made us welcome, for we were provided with a First-class Hotel with very good food and accommodation. In fact, nothing was too much trouble for our hosts to make our stay a pleasant one. We were taken to many places of interest in the City including the Czechoslovakian Industries Fair. Of particular interest was a tour of their many sports arenas completed or in course of building. We found that Rugby was fast becoming the National sport and was in the forefront of the scheme for the future development of Roumanian athletics. In two years time they will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the introduction of Rugby to the country and the desire to do well in International games is very much a part of the National programme.

With regard to the performance of our team, I give our boys the highest possible praise for the way they accepted the role of ambassadors of Cardiff and Rugby Football by their immaculate approach to the job in hand. They trained every day under the strict supervision of Maldwyn James and Billy Cleaver. Their smart appearance on and off the field with Peter Goodfellow and Eddie Thomas setting a great example established a standard which will be difficult to surpass on future tours. The play was right up to the best traditions of the Club. We won the first match and were only beaten in the second game before 80,000 spectators in a humid atmosphere which was quite strange to our players. This performance after playing more than 50 games on our fixture list was something that made me feel the trip had been worthwhile.

At this stage I should like to express my personal opinion that if these tours on the Continent are to continue, and I hope they will, it would be advantageous to the spirit and traditions of the great game of Rugby if the top class referees of all countries involved held an annual conference and agreed on the laws of the game and the spirit in which these laws should be enforced.

I thank my colleagues, Billy Cleaver and Maldwyn James and Tom Holley our Honorary Masseur for their very great assistance in making the tour a success. Particularly pleasing was the singing of Welsh songs under Billy Cleaver's conducting at a party given by Group Captain Appleton at his flat. It caused many wet eyes in the ranks of the staff of the Embassy who were present, and affected me similarly.

A tour such as this Roumanian one requires a tremendous amount of organisation and planning and it is a tribute to Frank Trott's efficiency that the trip was so successfully run.

I conclude with thanks to the Roumanian Rugby Federation, the British Embassy Staff in Bucharest and our team and officials and record that the Cardiff Rugby Club is, as ever, a Club we are all proud to serve.

## OBITUARY

The death of Monsieur Henri Picherit, Vice-President of the Cardiff Athletic Club and an Honorary Life Member, was a great loss to the Club.

During the season, T. T. Doyle and W. J. Jenkins, both Old Players, also passed away.

## SUPPORTERS' CLUB

Appreciation is once more recorded of the efforts of the members of the above Club for their valued support during the season.

## APPRECIATIONS

The Club also expresses its appreciation of the work of the Honorary Masseurs, T. Holley, E. Arcas, T. Spillane and J. Spillane, the members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, the police under the Chief Constable Mr. W. F. Thomas and Superintendent E. Parsons, the Fire Service, and the Ground and Office Staff.



# RECORD OF RESULTS

SEASON 1956-57

## 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.
1956															
Sept. 1	Germany ..	H	Won	2	3	..	2	..	25	..	..	..	..	..	0
" 5	Cardiff&Dist.R.U.	H		Cancelled owing to heavy rain											
" 8	Penarth ..	H	Won	4	..	..	2	..	26	1	..	..	..	..	5
" 12	Bridgend ..	H	Won	5	..	..	1	..	28	1	..	..	..	..	5
" 15	Coventry ..	A	Won	1	1	..	2	..	14	..	..	..	1	..	3
" 17	Leicester ..	A	Won	3	..	..	1	..	18	..	2	..	1	..	9
" 22	Aberavon ..	H	Won	1	1	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	1	..	3
" 27	Pontypool ..	A		Cancelled owing to heavy rain											
" 29	Llanelly ..	H	Won	3	2	..	..	..	21	2	..	1	..	..	13
Oct. 3	Italy ..	H	Won	1	1	..	..	..	8	..	1	..	..	..	3
" 6	Newport ..	A	Drn.	..	1	..	1	..	6	..	1	..	1	..	6
" 10	Swansea ..	H	Won	3	1	..	2	..	24	..	1	..	1	..	6
" 13	Halifax ..	H	Won	6	1	..	1	..	36	1	1	1	1	..	14
" 15	Bective Rangers	H	Won	1	1	..	..	..	8	..	2	..	..	..	6
" 20	Cambridge Univ.	H	Won	2	1	..	2	..	19	..	2	..	1	..	9
" 27	Neath ..	H	Won	1	3	..	1	..	17	..	2	..	..	..	6
Nov. 3	Oxford Univ. ..	A	Won	..	1	..	1	..	6	..	..	..	1	..	3
" 10	Newport ..	H	Won	..	1	..	1	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	5
" 17	Wasps ..	A	Won	2	2	..	..	..	16	1	..	..	..	..	5
" 24	Blackheath ..	H	Won	2	1	..	1	..	16	..	1	..	1	..	6
Dec. 1	Swansea ..	A	Lost	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	6
" 8	Harlequins ..	A	Lost	1	1	..	1	..	11	1	1	1	2	..	17
" 15	Rosslyn Park ..	H	Won	2	1	..	1	..	16	..	..	..	..	..	0
" 22	Bristol ..	A		Cancelled owing to fog											
" 26	Wasps ..	H	Won	2	3	..	..	..	19	..	..	..	..	..	0
" 27	Watsonians ..	H		Cancelled owing to frost											
" 29	Ebbw Vale ..	H	Drn.	..	..	..	..	..	0	..	..	..	..	..	0
" 31	Glasgow H.S. F.P.	A	Lost	1	1	..	..	..	8	..	1	1	1	..	9

## 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.
1957															
Jan. 1	Watsonians ..	A	Won	..	3	..	1	..	12	1	..	1	..	..	8
" 5	Moseley ..	A	Lost	1	2	..	..	..	11	2	1	..	..	..	13
" 9	S. African Univ.	H	Won	3	..	..	1	..	18	1	1	..	..	..	8
" 12	Bristol ..	A	Lost	1	1	..	..	..	8	1	2	..	1	..	14
" 19	Bath ..	A	Won	3	1	..	1	..	21	2	1	..	1	..	16
" 26	Aberavon ..	A	Won	1	1	..	..	..	8	..	2	..	..	..	6
Feb. 2	Cheltenham ..	H	Won	1	3	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	1	..	3
" 9	London Welsh	H	Won	..	3	..	..	..	9	1	..	..	..	..	5
" 16	Newport ..	A	Won	1	1	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	0
" 23	Llanelly ..	A	Lost	..	2	..	..	..	6	1	1	1	..	..	11
Mar. 2	Newport ..	H	Lost	..	..	..	..	..	0	2	..	..	..	..	10
" 9	Cheltenham ..	A	Won	1	1	..	1	..	11	..	..	..	1	..	3
" 16	Coventry ..	H	Won	3	2	..	1	..	24	1	..	..	..	..	5
" 23	Gloucester ..	H	Won	..	1	..	1	..	6	..	..	..	1	..	3
" 28	Pontypool ..	A	Won	2	..	..	..	..	10	1	..	..	..	..	5
" 30	Neath ..	A	Lost	..	..	..	1	..	3	1	1	..	..	..	8
Apr. 3	Penarth ..	A	Lost	..	..	..	1	..	3	2	..	..	..	..	10
" 10	Bridgend ..	A	Won	..	2	..	1	..	9	..	..	..	1	..	3
" 13	Gloucester ..	A	Won	1	1	..	1	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	0
" 17	Cardiff&Dist.R.U.	H	Won	2	5	..	..	..	25	1	1	..	..	..	8
" 20	Barbarians ..	H	Lost	..	..	..	..	..	0	5	5	..	..	..	40
" 22	Harlequins ..	H	Lost	1	..	..	..	..	5	1	1	..	..	..	8
" 23	Northampton ..	H	Lost	..	..	..	..	..	0	..	..	..	1	..	3
" 27	Penzance-Newlyn	A	Won	1	3	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	0
" 29	Camborne ..	A	Won	..	4	..	..	..	12	..	..	1	1	..	6
" 30	St. Ives ..	A	Won	1	5	..	..	..	20	1	1	..	1	..	11
Floodlit Matches															
Oct. 24	*Bristol ..	A	Won	1	5	..	..	..	20	2	..	..	1	..	13
(at Ashton Gate)															
" 31	*Harlequins ..	A	Won	1	..	..	1	..	8	..	1	1	..	..	6
(at White City)															
TOTAL ..				66	68	—	31	—	627	32	34	7	21	—	346

Captain : P. L. Goodfellow.  
Record for season :

Vice Captain : G. Griffiths.  
\* Not included in Records.

Played Won Lost Drawn  
50 36 12 2



# SCORERS

## Cardiff First Fifteen

*Tries* 134. Gareth Griffiths, 18; Glyn John, 18; H. Nicholls, 14; G. Wells, 11; Glyn Williams, 7; Lloyd Williams, 6; Cliff Morgan, 5; C. L. Davies, 5; P. L. Goodfellow, 4; M. Gough, 4; C. Howe, 4; P. Nyhan, 4; W. R. Evans, 3; C. Hewitt, 3; E. Lewis, 3; D. G. Murphy, 3; Alan Priday, 3; Ken Richards, 3; Ed. Thomas, 3; R. Mustard, 2; J. D. Nelson, 2; R. J. Parsons, 2; Cenydd Williams, 2; Rex Willis, 2; John Llewellyn, 1; Brian Mark, 1; Dr. G. Rowlands, 1.

*Converted Goals* 66. A. Priday, 43; J. Llewellyn, 12; M. Gough, 5; K. Richards, 2; Dr. G. Rowlands, 2; M. Collins, 1; D. E. Davies, 1.

*Penalty Goals* 31. A. Priday, 21; J. Llewellyn, 5; M. Gough, 4; K. Richards, 1.

*Dropped Goals.* None.

*Appearances.* P. L. Goodfellow, 48; J. D. Evans, 46; Colin Howe, 45; G. Beckingham, 43; Eddie Thomas, 43; M. Gough, 40.

*Awarded Caps.* W. R. Evans, Lloyd Williams.

# CARDIFF ATHLETIC FIFTEEN

Date	Opponents	H. or A.	Rslt.	Score for					Score against						
				G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.	G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.
1956															
Sept. 1	Neath Athletic	A	Lost	..	1	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	5
" 8	Senghenydd ..	A	Won	1	1	..	1	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	0
" 12	Newport H.S.O.B.	A	Drn.	..	..	..	..	..	0	..	..	..	..	..	0
" 15	Kenfig Hill ..	H	Won	3	3	1	..	..	27	..	..	1	..	..	3
" 22	Ogmore Vale ..†	H	Won	2	2	..	..	..	16	..	..	1	..	..	3
" 29	Cardiff H.S.O.B.	A	Won	3	3	..	..	..	24	..	..	..	..	..	0
Oct. 6	Newport United	H	Lost	..	..	..	2	..	6	2	..	..	..	..	10
" 13	Pontnewydd ..	A	Won	2	1	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	0
" 20	Treorchy ..	A	Won	4	4	..	..	..	32	..	..	1	..	..	3
" 27	Barry .. ..	A	Won	3	4	..	..	..	27	..	..	1	3	..	12
Nov. 3	Senghenydd ..	H	Won	3	3	..	..	..	24	..	1	..	1	..	6
" 10	Wasps Vandals	A	Won	2	2	..	1	..	19	..	2	..	1	..	9
" 17	Glynneath ..	H	Won	1	2	..	1	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	0
" 24	Quin's Wand. ..	A	Lost	1	..	1	..	..	8	2	1	..	..	..	13
Dec. 1	Swansea Ath. ..	H	Won	4	1	..	..	..	23	1	..	2	..	..	11
" 8	Pontnewydd ..	H	Won	..	2	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	0
" 15	Nantymoel ..	A		Cancelled owing to heavy rain											
" 22	Bristol United ..	H	Won	..	2	..	2	..	12	..	2	..	..	..	6
" 26	Llandaff ..	A		Cancelled owing to snowy ground											
1957															
Jan. 5	Barry .. ..	H		Cancelled owing to rain											
" 12	Bristol United ..	A	Lost	1	..	..	..	..	5	2	..	..	2	..	16
" 26	Llanhilleth ..	H	Won	2	3	..	..	..	19	..	..	..	..	..	0
Feb. 2	Old Penarthians	A	Lost	1	1	..	..	..	8	2	2	..	..	..	16
" 9	Glynneath ..	A		Cancelled owing to wet ground											
" 16	Llandaff ..	H	Won	1	3	..	1	..	17	..	..	..	1	..	3
" 23	Crynant ..*	H	Drn.	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	3
Mar. 2	Newport United	A	Lost	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	6
" 16	Kenfig Hill ..	A		Cancelled owing to wet ground											
" 23	Gloucester Utd.	A	Lost	1	..	..	..	..	5	1	1	..	..	..	8
" 30	Wrexham ..	A	Won	3	2	..	1	..	24	1	2	..	..	..	11
Apr. 3	Glynneath ..	A	Lost	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	1	1	..	6



# Cardiff Athletic Fifteen—continued

Date	Opponents	H. or A.	Rslt.	Score for						Score against					
				G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.	G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.
1957															
Apr. 6	Crynant ..	A	Won	3	2	..	..	..	21	..	I	..	I	..	6
" 13	*Gloucester Utd.	H	Won	1	5	..	2	..	26	..	..	..	..	..	0
" 15	Blaenau Gwent	A	Won	..	4	..	I	..	15	I	I	..	..	..	8
" 17	*Newport H.S.O.B.	H	Won	..	I	..	I	..	6	..	I	..	..	..	3
" 20	Totnes .. ..	A	Won	4	4	..	..	..	32	..	..	..	I	..	3
" 22	Cardiff H.S.O.B.	H	Drn.	2	I	..	..	..	13	2	I	..	..	..	13
	TOTAL ..			48	60	2	13	..	465	15	18	4	14	..	183

Captain : F. C. Ferguson.

Record for season :

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
32	21	8	3

† Curtain Raiser.

\* At Sophia Gardens.

## SCORERS

### Cardiff Athletic Fifteen

*Tries* 108. R. J. Parsons, 16; D. G. Murphy, 16; C. L. Davies, 9; C. Hewitt, 8; Kingsley Jones, 7; K. Richards, 7; Cenydd Williams, 5; R. Mustard, 4; Glyn Williams, 4; J. H. Thomas, 4; Dr. G. Rowlands, 4; F. C. Ferguson, 2; M. Gough, 2; B. Mark, 2; P. Nyhan, 2.

*One Try each* : A. Bird, J. Brown, J. Crothers, D. J. Dodd, T. Donovan, W. R. Evans, J. M. Griffiths, H. Hughes, G. John, R. Jones, S. Judd, J. Llewellyn, M. Milton, A. Priday, T. Staughton, C. D. Williams.

*Converted Goals* 48. J. M. Fitzgerald, 12; Dr. G. Rowlands, 10; J. Llewellyn, 7; S. Judd, 4; A. Priday, 3; G. Spear, 3; F. C. Ferguson, 2; M. Gough, 2; D. G. Murphy, 2; K. Richards, 1; S. Bowes, 1; D. E. Davies, 1.

*Penalty Goals* 13. J. M. Fitzgerald, 5; D. E. Davies, 3; Dr. G. Rowlands, 2; M. Gough, 1; J. Llewellyn, 1; G. Spear, 1.

*Dropped Goals* 2. J. Llewellyn, 1; K. Richards, 1.

*Appearances*. F. C. Ferguson, 29; B. Sadler, 24; S. Bowes, 22; Kingsley Jones, 21; D. G. Murphy, 20; Cenydd Williams, 20.

*Awarded Caps*. Cenydd Williams, Glyn Williams.

## CAPTAINS AND VICE-CAPTAINS Rugby—First XV

		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. GIRLING
1880-1	..	W. D. PHILLIPS	B. R. MANN
1881-2	..	B. E. GIRLING	W. D. PHILLIPS
1882-3	..	W. D. PHILLIPS	W. H. TREATT
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. J. HYBART
1887-8	..	C. A. YOUNG	A. F. HILL
1888-9	..	A. F. HILL	C. S. ARTHUR
1889-90	..	C. S. ARTHUR	S. H. NICHOLLS
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. DOBSON
1899-1900	..	E. GWYN NICHOLLS	H. V. P. HUSSEY
1900-1901	..	E. GWYN NICHOLLS	J. BLAKE
1901-2	..	H. B. WINFIELD	D. L. BOWEN
1902-3	..	H. B. WINFIELD	C. STRANAGHAN
1903-4	..	E. GWYN NICHOLLS	C. F. BIGGS
1904-5	..	C. F. BIGGS	W. NEILL
1905-6	..	PERCY F. BUSH	GEO. NORTHMORE
1906-7	..	PERCY F. BUSH	GEO. NORTHMORE
1907-8	..	RHYS T. GABE	J. BROWN
1908-9	..	PERCY F. BUSH	F. SMITH
1909-10	..	J. L. WILLIAMS	F. SMITH
1910-11	..	R. A. GIBBS	J. PUGSLEY
1911-12	..	L. M. DYKE	J. A. POWELL
1912-13	..	W. SPILLER	W. J. JENKINS
1913-14	..	W. J. JENKINS	R. F. WILLIAMS
1914-19	..	EUROPEAN WAR	
1919-20	..	F. GACCON—W. J. POWELL	W. J. JENKINS
1920-21	..	CLEM LEWIS	R. A. CORNISH
1921-22	..	R. ARTHUR CORNISH	I. RICHARDS
1922-23	..	Dr. T. WALLACE	I. RICHARDS
1923-24	..	IDRIS 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	D. E. DAVIES
1927-28	..	B. R. TURNBULL	B. O. MALE
1928-29	..	B. O. MALE	K. P. TURNBULL
1929-30	..	S. C. CRAVOS	H. POOLE
1930-31	..	B. R. TURNBULL	S. C. CRAVOS
1931-32	..	HOWARD POOLE	H. M. BOWCOTT
1932-33	..	TOM LEWIS	B. R. TURNBULL
1933-34	..	GRAHAM JONES	R. GABE-JONES
1934-35	..	R. GABE-JONES	
1935-36	..	A. SKYM	T. STONE
1936-37	..	T. STONE	L. M. SPENCE
1937-38	..	L. M. SPENCE	T. STONE
1938-39	..	A. H. JONES	H. REES
1939-40	..	W. WOOLLER	W. E. N. DAVIS
1940-41	..	WORLD WAR No. 2	
1941-42	..	JACK MATTHEWS	R. BALE
1942-43	..	JACK MATTHEWS	LES. MANFIELD
1943-44	..	HAYDN TANNER	BLEDDYN WILLIAMS
1944-45	..	HAYDN TANNER	BLEDDYN WILLIAMS
1945-46	..	BLEDDYN WILLIAMS	FRANK TROTT
1946-47	..	W. E. TAMPLIN	BLEDDYN WILLIAMS
1947-48	..	Dr. JACK MATTHEWS	REX WILLIS
1948-49	..	W. REX WILLIS	SID. JUDD
1949-50	..	BLEDDYN WILLIAMS	SID. JUDD
1950-51	..	SID. JUDD	REX WILLIS
1951-52	..	M. COLLINS	G. ROWLANDS
1952-53	..	P. L. GOODFELLOW	G. GRIFFITHS
1953-54	..		
1954-55	..		
1955-56	..		
1956-57	..		



## CARDIFF CRICKET CLUB

### ANNUAL REPORT for Season 1956

I was able to introduce the report for 1955 by a favourable reference to the weather enjoyed during that summer. For the 1956 season, it is necessary to exercise considerable restraint in referring to the same subject. Suffice it to say that of the Club's Saturday fixtures no less than one in three was either cancelled outright or abandoned at some stage.

The First XI completed 16 games, the Second XI, 15 and the Reserve XI, 10. The playing record shows that the First XI won 4 games, lost 6 and 6 were drawn. The Second XI won 8, lost 0, with 6 drawn, while the Reserve XI won 5, lost 3 and 3 were drawn. It will be seen that whereas the First XI's record was not very commendable, the other two XIs had quite successful seasons.

For the First XI, the high-light was undoubtedly the resounding victory over St. Fagans away from home. This marked the first defeat of St. Fagans by the Club since 1948 and laid a bogey which one hopes may now remain long defunct. The other victories were against Cowbridge, The Steel Company of Wales and Usk. In mitigation of some of our defeats, it can be said that three (versus Bristol Imperials, Newport and Widnes) could well have gone the other way—the final scores being so close. In the game against Widnes, the irony of defeat lay in the fact that the highest score for our opponents was made by a Cardiff player (L. Butler) acting as substitute. Several of the drawn games ended markedly in our favour—we being unable to remove “tail-enders” of opponents who were many runs in arrears. Rain also thwarted us on occasions. The Midland Bank had lost 6 wickets for 54 runs in reply to 236 when rain stopped play. Monmouth were dismissed for a mere 72 runs, but the weather intervened before we could begin our innings. It was, however, extremely weak batting that caused our defeats at Pontypridd and Neath, but our home defeat by Stroud, resulted from our batsmen being caught on an extremely unfriendly wicket. In spite of the team's lack of success, it is fair to say that it always played attractive cricket, getting full enjoyment from it and from the subsequent social activities.

As to individual performances, the outstanding batsman was L. Hughes who had several attractive and long innings. He developed remarkably during the season and headed the averages. A. Thomas and A. Priday were very valuable “middle of the order” batsmen, both showing agreeable intentions at all times to attack the bowling. A. Pleass one of the band of young players, regularly opened the innings and had one or two good performances. During the season there were three century partnerships—of 108 and 171 between G. K. Wilby and L. Hughes against St. Fagans and The Steel Company of Wales, and of 106 between G. K. Wilby and Dr. N. K. Contractor against Gloucester City. Two “old hands” headed the bowling averages and each bowled extremely well on occasions. A newcomer to the Club, C. Bolter, proved very valuable as a slow “leg-

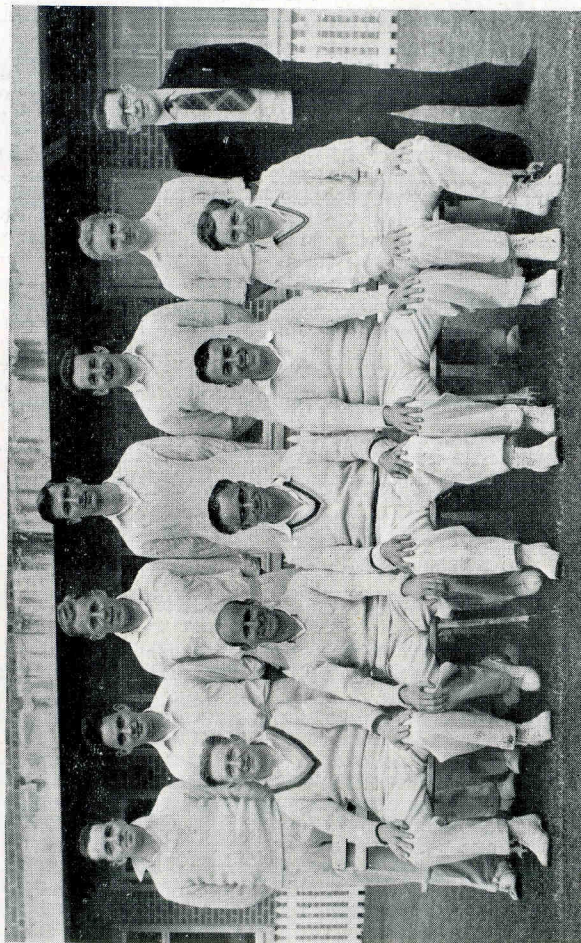
break” bowler and A. Thomas obtained the most wickets. R. Johnson and P. Gatehouse also had considerable shares in the attack. The fielding was generally of an improved standard—helped largely by the presence of several young, keen and active fieldsmen.

The feature of the season for the Second XI, under the captaincy of Dr. N. K. Contractor, was that while winning a record number of 8 games, it sustained no defeat. In their case, too, the weather had its say and but for its interference, the playing record of the side may well have been better. It was recorded by the captain that at no time did the team play defensive cricket in order to preserve an unbeaten record but rather strove at all times for victory. The team also carried out one of its functions—that of sustaining the First XI—in splendid fashion. No fewer than eleven players appeared at one time or another for the senior side. Good batting performances were recorded by Dr. N. K. Contractor, H. Ernest, A. Oaten, K. G. Osment and N. G. Rees who, in addition, showed promise of developing into a useful wicket-keeper. The bowling honours were shared by George Gibson, Stan Manuel and R. H. Stevenson. The double of 50 runs and five wickets in one game was performed by the captain, Dr. N. K. Contractor who, it will be seen, headed the batting averages.

The weather dealt even more harshly with the Reserve XI than with the other two teams. Six games were cancelled and another abandoned after only four overs. This feature apart, the side had a satisfactory season under Gerry Hunter. The batting was a little more consistent than in previous years and G. Eccles, B. Barnes, J. Penzer, H. Bartlett, L. Stockham and D. Thomas all had useful scores. The bowling was not as strong as could have been hoped for and it was again apparent that the Club has a real need of young bowlers of promise. Pride does not prevent the making of special mention of one notable defeat. This was against the “Overseas League” who dismissed the Club side for a mere fifteen runs—of which seven (not out) were collected by Les Stockham. The side tackled its opponents of the following Saturday with undiminished keenness.

Apart from Saturday fixtures, a full list of Sunday and Wednesday evenings games was fulfilled. These games, played in a somewhat lighter spirit, are valuable for bringing forward young players and allowing them to have some experience of playing on the “Park.” In addition, the 24-over Knock-Out Tournament was held on evenings during early summer. Yet again, this competition was won by the Club. We are becoming almost monopolistic. Notable during the series of games was the innings of 73 by Alan Priday in the semi-final, including one “six” which was the biggest hit seen on the ground for some time. A theoretically much weakened team faced a strong St. Fagans XI in the final. Aply led by the vice-captain, Ross Johnson, the side astounded friend and foe alike and emerged winners, after a sound innings by John Herbert and sterling bowling by Ross Johnson and Stan Manuel. A team was also sent to play in the Weston-super-Mare six-a-side Knock-Out Tournament. For the first time since appearing in the tournament, we found ourselves drawn in the First Round against another club rather than a county





*Top Row : C. BOLTER, A. PLEASS, L. HUGHES, P. GATEHOUSE, A. PRIDAY, A. THOMAS, B. KEMPSON (Assist. Secretary).  
Sitting : A. OATEN, R. R. JOHNSON (Vice-Captain), G. K. WILBY (Captain), G. DAVIES, J. D. H. RICHES.*

side. We duly won that round but fell victims to the Somerset County team in the next. As usual, all greatly enjoyed the day across the water. The usual Whitsuntide tour to Gloucestershire was carried out. The two games against Gloucester City and Stroud were drawn. It is rather disturbing to report that it is becoming increasingly difficult to send a truly representative team on this two-day tour.

The season was notable for the visit of a South Australian Touring team to the Cardiff Arms Park. A combined Cardiff and Newport team led by the Cardiff captain met these opponents in a full-day's match and triumphed by 5 wickets. G. Davies had an excellent knock of 62 and C. Bolter was the most successful bowler. The game and the following "get-together" were both decided successes.

On the whole, weather excepted, the Club had another enjoyable and successful season. Concern is still felt at the need to recruit more young members to the Section. The First XI had a strong nucleus of young players but many more are needed if the Club is to maintain its position. The Section's committee is aware of and is endeavouring to solve the problem. At the other end of the scale, this report would hardly be complete without mentioning the retirement from active cricket of one of the Club's outstanding players since the war—Haydn Wilkins. As captain of the Club (four seasons), as batsman, bowler and fieldman, he left a gap that is hard to fill.

It should also be recorded that between the 1955-56 playing seasons a Club annual dinner was inaugurated. Over 80 persons were present at a very successful function and it is hoped that such an annual re-union will be held for many years to come.

Finally, it is my duty and pleasure to acknowledge the part played by W. J. Evans, as Chairman, First XI umpire and selector, by Wyndham Lewis, as Secretary, by Len Thomas, as First XI Scorer, by B. Kempson and F. Shanahan, as Second XI umpires, by F. Brookes, Second XI Scorer, by O. Herbert, as co-opted member of the Selection Committee, and by the general members of the Section's Committee. My personal thanks are extended to Dr. N. K. Contractor and Gerry Hunter, Captains of the Second XI and Reserve XI, for the time, energy and interest they devoted to welfare of the Section and to the First XI Vice-captain, Ross Johnson, for his unfailing support.



# CRICKET AVERAGES FOR THE SEASON 1956

## FIRST XI BATTING

Name	Innings	Not Out	Highest Score	Total	Average
L. Hughes .. ..	12	1	73	371	33.73
A. Thomas .. ..	11	3	68*	226	28.25
A. Friday .. ..	11	2	63	233	25.88
G. K. Wilby .. ..	14	0	81	296	21.14
G. Davies .. ..	12	0	46	176	14.66
A. Pleass .. ..	9	0	47	131	14.55
R. Johnson .. ..	16	0	31	225	14.06
ALSO BATTED					
L. Butler .. ..	6	2	64*	107	26.75
P. Gatehouse .. ..	7	3	35	92	23.00
J. Herbert .. ..	7	0	14	49	7.00
A. Oaten .. ..	6	0	22	37	6.16
B. Joseph .. ..	6	1	26*	29	5.80

\* Denotes not out.

## BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
G. Gibson .. ..	53.4	12	138	15	9.20
J. D. H. Riches .. ..	49.5	9	157	16	9.81
C. Bolter .. ..	80.4	11	183	18	10.16
P. Gatehouse .. ..	72.4	13	169	13	13.00
R. Johnson .. ..	87.3	19	198	15	13.20
A. Thomas .. ..	90.0	17	283	20	14.15
A. Friday .. ..	83.0	15	248	9	27.55
B. Joseph .. ..	54.0	5	174	5	34.80

## RECORD

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Abandoned	Cancelled
20	4	6	6	4	4

# SECOND XI BATTING

Name	Innings	Not Out	Highest Score	Total	Average
N. K. Contractor .. ..	16	1	73	446	29.73
J. Duncan .. ..	9	0	32	108	12.00
J. Webb .. ..	9	0	47	100	11.10
S. Manuel .. ..	9	0	20	60	8.57
ALSO BATTED					
H. Ernest .. ..	6	2	54	132	33.0
A. Oaten .. ..	7	1	51	187	26.7
K. G. Osment .. ..	8	2	33	153	25.5
N. G. Rees .. ..	7	2	26	93	18.6
L. Butler .. ..	5	0	45	82	16.4
G. Gibson .. ..	8	1	39	111	15.8

## BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
G. Gibson .. ..	66	10	156	28	5.57
S. Manuel .. ..	125	21	247	29	8.51
B. Joseph .. ..	42	6	99	11	9.00
N. K. Contractor .. ..	62	7	150	15	10.00
R. H. Stephenson .. ..	103	37	306	21	14.57
B. W. Forster .. ..	63	12	142	7	20.28



## CARDIFF CRICKET CLUB

### CAPTAINS

From 1867 to 1876 there is no record of Captains.

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

## CARDIFF ATHLETIC BOWLS CLUB

### ANNUAL REPORT for Season 1956

The Green was opened by the President of the Club, Mr. N. V. H. Riches, who bowled the first wood. He congratulated the Club Captain, Mr. J. H. Webb, and the Captain of the "A" side, Mr. F. Somers, and wished them and all the members of the Bowls Club, a happy and successful season.

The spirit of comradeship throughout the season was excellent, but the enthusiasm and willingness of the Members to take part in the various games was not up to the standard of previous seasons.

This lack of interest was reflected in the results, which were the poorest for a number of seasons. We hope that members will regain their enthusiasm and so help to bring honour to the Club. A Club of our standing should be able to hold its own with the best and we are hoping that next season, with the help of every member, it will be among the winners in the league competitions.

The Green this season was again on the heavy side and we hope that in 1957 it will be a little faster. A faster green would help our members to regain their keenness for the game.

The Ground Committee, we know, are fully aware of the situation, and we look forward with confidence to an improvement in the near future.

We were honoured again this season by being asked to stage a County game on our Green.

This was the match Somerset versus Glamorgan. It proved an excellent game, and was thoroughly enjoyed, both by players and spectators.

On Whit-Monday we were pleased to receive Abergavenny as our visitors. After a very enjoyable game, which resulted in a narrow win for the visitors, our guests were entertained to tea, and later were taken over the Club premises.

Once again we place on record our gratitude to the ladies, who, week after week, come along on Saturday afternoons to attend to our wants at the tea table. We do appreciate their efforts and hope they will help us for many seasons to come.

The Competition Stewards, Mr. A. Buckley and Mr. H. W. Taylor, again did a grand job, and, with the co-operation of all the competitors, completed the competitions in good time. All this



was accomplished despite the very bad weather experienced during the season. The Competition results were:

#### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Winner .. .. W. Rees  
 Runner-up .. .. D. Abbott

#### CLUB HANDICAP

Winner .. .. H. J. Radford  
 Runner-up .. .. F. Groves

#### PAIRS COMPETITION

Winners .. .. R. Lewis and E. V. Tucker  
 Runners-up .. .. F. D'Alton and H. J. Radford

#### UMBRELLA COMPETITION

Winner .. .. A. V. Lloyd

We congratulate W. Rees on again winning the Club Championship; it was a very worthy performance. We also congratulate the runner-up, D. Abbott, who played good bowls throughout the competition, and was narrowly beaten in the final.

We also congratulate the Rink, skipped by Mr. J. Harris, on its grand performance in the Glamorgan County Rink Competition.

During the season, the Club was honoured by having several of its members selected for representative games. We congratulate A. V. Lloyd on his success in the Weston Tournament.

**OBITUARY.** We regret to have to report the deaths of A. E. Taylor, F. E. Bonnell, T. Baldwin and W. C. Doyle.

They were all good club men and worked hard on behalf of our Club. We extend our sympathy to all their families.

The Captains, J. H. Webb and F. Somers, wish to express their thanks to all the members who supported them during the season.

In conclusion we thank the Management Committee for its help and assistance to the Bowls Club.

#### MATCH RESULTS—FIRST TEAM

Date	Opponents	Venue	Shots For	Shots Against	Result
April 28	Newport Athletic	Home	69	92	Lost
May 5	Cardiff .. ..	Away	67	94	Lost
" 12	Hailey Park ..	Away	98	63	Won
" 19	Victoria Park ..	Home	72	84	Lost
" 26	Penylan .. ..	Home	79	107	Lost
June 2	Grangetown ..	Away	57	82	Lost
" 9	Dinas Powis ..	Home	58	104	Lost
" 16	Wheatsheaf ..				Cancelled
				Bad Weather.	

#### MATCH RESULTS—FIRST TEAM, continued

Date	Opponents	Venue	Shots For	Shots Against	Result
June 23	Guest Keens ..	Away	78	80	Lost
" 30	Penarth .. ..	Home	78	70	Won
July 7	Penarth Windsor	Away	74	75	Lost
" 14	Penhill .. ..	Home	92	59	Won
" 21	St. Fagans ..	Away	74	84	Lost
" 28	Whiteheads ..	Away	81	81	Draw
Aug. 4	Panteg House ..				Cancelled
" 11	Rhiwbina .. ..	Home	69	88	Lost
" 18	Mackintosh ..	Home	70	60	Won
" 25	Llwynypia .. ..				Cancelled
Sept. 1	Lovells .. ..	Away	107	85	Won
" 8	Penylan .. ..	Away	97	114	Lost
" 15	Whitchurch ..	Home	114	107	Won
" 22	Ferndale .. ..	Home	65	75	Lost

#### MATCH RESULTS—"A" SIDE

Date	Opponents	Venue	Shots For	Shots Against	Result
April 28	Newport Athletic	Away	76	79	Lost
May 5	Cardiff .. ..	Home	57	103	Lost
" 12	Roath Park ..	Home	92	62	Won
" 19	Victoria Park ..	Away	57	96	Lost
" 26	Ogmore Valley ..	Away	66	77	Lost
June 2	British Nylons	Home	79	86	Lost
" 9	Stewarts & Lloyds	Away	79	74	Won
" 16	Penarth .. ..	Away	44	54	Lost
" 23	Guest Keens ..	Home	86	66	Won
" 30	Grangetown ..	Away			Cancelled
July 7	Penarth Windsor	Home			Cancelled
" 14	Penhill .. ..	Away	96	71	Won
" 21	St. Fagans ..	Home	78	74	Won
" 28	Barry Athletic ..	Home	69	66	Won
Aug. 4	Panteg House ..	Away	75	78	Lost
" 11	Rhiwbina .. ..	Away	66	81	Lost
" 18	Mackintosh ..	Away	56	98	Lost
" 25	Dinas Powis ..				Cancelled
Sept. 1	Lovells .. ..	Home			Cancelled
" 8	Penylan .. ..	Home			Cancelled
" 15	Whitchurch ..	Away			Cancelled
" 22	Kenfig Hill ..	Away			Cancelled



# MATCH RESULTS—MID-WEEK

Date	Opponents	Venue	Shots For	Shots Against	Result
May 21	Abergavenny ..	Home	118	122	Lost
June 6	Barry Athletic ..	Home	87	53	Won
" 13	United Services Mess ..	Home	73	65	Won
" 21	Newnham (Cambridge) ..	Home	94	101	Lost
" 20	Press ..	Home	76	54	Won
" 27	Press ..	Away			Cancelled
July 4	Cardiff East ..	Home	81	68	Won
" 11	Fairoak ..	Home	95	62	Won
" 18	Barry Athletic ..	Away	67	62	Won
" 25	Pontyclun ..	Home	85	82	Won

# PAST CAPTAINS OF BOWLS SECTION

1924 .. J. BATSTONE	1941 .. H. W. TAYLOR
1925 .. M. WOOD	1942 .. J. D. ROBERTS
1926 .. W. M. DOUGLAS	1943 .. W. T. WILLIAMS
1927 .. J. PRATT	1944 .. H. J. SALTER
1928 .. W. H. JENKINS	1945 .. A. G. COUZENS
1929 .. C. W. WILLIAMS, M.A.	1946 .. A. F. MALE
1930 .. D. L. EVANS	1947 .. A. E. TAYLOR
1931 .. J. OXENHAM	1948 .. W. J. POWELL
1932 .. L. C. WATTERS	1949 .. F. E. BONNELL
1933 .. F. DAVIES	1950 .. S. JONES
1934 .. W. T. GRIFFITHS	1951 .. A. H. USHER
1935 .. A. MILSOM	1952 .. F. D'ALTON
1936 .. A. CALDER	1953 .. J. S. LEWIS
1937 .. C. W. STANDFAST	1954 .. K. TOOZER
1938 .. T. STRONG	1955 .. C. B. WATSON
1939 .. E. RIDD	1956 .. J. H. WEBB
1940 .. W. J. OLD	

# CARDIFF ATHLETIC LAWN TENNIS CLUB

## ANNUAL REPORT for Season 1956

The season opened on Saturday, 26th May, and for a change, the weather was fine enough to allow an American tournament to be played. I make special mention of this fact as for so many years in the past, rain has prevented such an event taking place. Unfortunately, however, due to the fact that a number of players could only stay until teatime, the tournament could not be played to a finish and was abandoned after tea. This seemed rather a pity, as nearly 50 members had turned up, so I take this opportunity of appealing to members to try and reserve the whole of the opening day for future seasons.

May was a glorious month and gave the respective captains a chance to get down a match practice—which brings me to the results of the league matches. As far as the Ladies are concerned, they did very well indeed, and actually came nearer to winning the championship than at any time since before the war, finishing runners-up to the Cardiff Castle L.T.C. They lost only 2 matches out of 7; the one with Newport Athletic by 4 events to 5, the other to the Castle by 3-6. They merit the congratulations of the whole Club.

The following is a summary of the League Matches played:

				Events		Sets		Games	
	Played	Won	Lost	for	agst.	for	agst.	for	agst.
Women	7	5	2	37	24	85	57	688	564
Men ..	6	3	3	26	28	63	65	614	618

I would like to make special mention here of the senior lady members who have served the Club so well—some may say too long—but I know they will be only too happy to step aside when they can be assured that the Club can retain its prestige in the 1st Division. The Club is fortunate in possessing so many promising juniors and with their advent into the team, there is no reason why we should not maintain our present position.

The same remarks can very well apply to the men's team, as there are many younger members who are almost ready to take their rightful places in it. The men's position in the League is practically the same as last year, although it was expected that they would have done better, particularly as two new members of the team were of County standard.

I would like to congratulate Pat Evans on her achievement in the Welsh Junior Championships; she won the Junior Championship for under 16's last year, and this year was only just beaten by Jane Roberts, a Welsh International. We all wish her the best of luck for 1957.



We now come to the Annual Tournament, which was played for the most part, in between the showers. The only fine Saturday was the opening one, and it was just as well that the Committee had decided to include that day, as the other two Saturdays were almost complete washouts. The many nights on which there was no play were bound to cause delays, and naturally, made things difficult for the players as well as for the Referee and his assistants, who had to be present every evening from 5.0 to 10.0 p.m.

On Finals Day, only the Men's Doubles was played, and then it rained before the finish. I may say here that the players concerned, much to their credit, volunteered to play this event. It seems to me that there are many members of the Club who do not appear to appreciate the fact that whilst they are still in a tournament it is incumbent upon them to turn up every night whatever the weather. It is only on the Referee's decision that play can be abandoned. It is most disheartening to the organisers of the tournament, who go to considerable trouble to make it a success, to find that members are not co-operating with them.

The outcome of the bad weather was that 10 events had to be arranged to suit the remaining competitors' convenience. Eventually, with the exception of the mixed doubles handicap, all events were played, but before I give the results, I would like to express my grateful thanks to the Assistant Referee, and those members who, of their own free will, offered to umpire. I can assure you that these offers are deeply appreciated, as so many members seem to do the disappearing trick whenever the referee is seen hovering around with a score pad in his hand.

Now for the results of the "nightmare" tournament:

### CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

#### WOMEN'S SINGLES

C. Hybart beat P. Russell 6—4, 6—4

#### MEN'S SINGLES

E. Beim beat D. Poornan 7—5, 6—3

#### WOMEN'S DOUBLES

C. Hybart and P. Russell beat E. Belman and M. David, 6—4, 8—6

#### MEN'S DOUBLES

D. Poornan and P. Lewis beat E. Beim and B. Edwards, 6—2, 6—3

#### MIXED DOUBLES

D. Poornan and Pat Evans beat G. Chugg and M. M. Davies, 6—4, 6—3

### HANDICAP EVENTS

#### WOMEN'S DOUBLES

C. Hybart and P. Russell beat A. Smith and S. Morgan, 6—4, 4—6, 6—3

#### MEN'S DOUBLES

P. Fearby and B. Mark beat B. Edwards and E. Cross, 6—3, 6—2

#### MIXED DOUBLES

Cancelled

Although there were a number of friendly matches arranged, owing to the inclement weather only a few could be played. Here I must express my thanks to our able Match Secretary, C. G. Lewis—for the splendid way in which he has carried out his arduous duties. Thanks are also due to the Ladies' Captain, Mrs. Win Taylor, for all the help she gave so willingly, as well as to her assistants for their work in the unenviable task of supplying refreshments for the evening matches.

The season petered out as it usually does, but this year even more so. Nos. 3 and 4 courts were closed on 17th September and Courts 1 and 2 on the 24th. The last day of the season turned out a beautiful day, and although the remaining two courts had been freshly cut and marked, as well as new balls provided, only four lady members—and need I mention they were the older ones—took advantage of the amenities. Maybe the Cardiff versus Aberavon Rugby match proved too much of a counter attraction.

It was pleasing to see that within a matter of a few days after the grass courts were closed, the base lines were re-turfed from turf obtained from the area under the nets, and thanks are due to the Head Groundsman for this prompt attention.

The Committee decided to resume the monthly skittle evening; the night selected being the last Tuesday of each month, and resulted in six most enjoyable evenings' entertainment.

It was also decided to run a dance in the new Club House for which a Social Committee was formed from the Section Committee and culminated in a very successful evening, not only socially, but financially as well, and a cheque for £21 was the reward for this Sub-Committee's splendid effort in arranging a very pleasant evening.

Another important matter discussed at a Committee Meeting was a suggestion by E. Beim that a new surface—green tarmacadam—should be laid on the hard courts. Our Chairman, Jack Broad, submitted a most comprehensive letter which was read at the Management Committee in September, and was left in abeyance for further particulars to be obtained. We can only hope that this much-wanted improvement will be granted to the Tennis Section in the near future.



I cannot conclude this report without giving thanks to our Chairman, who has filled the shoes of his predecessor so ably and well ; to the Hon. Secretary, D. A. T. Ashton, for his gesture in offering to carry out the many duties required of him ; to the Ladies' Captain for her valuable assistance and to the members of the Committee. I would like to thank the Club Secretary, Charles Sargent, and his office staff for their help and co-operation, also the Head Groundsman, Desmond Glover, for his willingness in carrying out the jobs requested of him.

## CARDIFF ATHLETIC LAWN TENNIS CLUB

### CAPTAINS

		Men's	Ladies'
1923	..	T. J. HOPKINS	..
1924	..	T. J. HOPKINS	..
1925	..	T. J. HOPKINS	Miss E. CLARE
1926	..	T. J. HOPKINS	Mrs. G. D. HORSPOOL
1927	..	F. C. ORAM	Miss D. A. CALDER
1928	..	F. C. ORAM	Miss D. A. CALDER
1929	..	E. R. HANCOCK	Mrs. M. JERMAIN
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 W. CORNWELL
1940-45	..	WORLD WAR No. 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

## CARDIFF HOCKEY CLUB

### Season 1956-57

The most important event of this season has been the formation of a fourth eleven, the Extra B XI. This is the first time in the Club's history that four sides have been put into the field on a Saturday and this Extra B XI under the able captaincy of K. G. Hughes had a most successful season, winning eleven out of their thirteen games. This result is a tribute to their team spirit as the side was rarely the same from game to game and many members had to play out of position.

Owing to the unfortunate illness of the elected Captain, M. H. C. Meggitt, the First XI was led throughout the season by the Vice-Captain, T. D. H. Thomas. This side did not have as successful a season as the previous one and this was due in the main to the forwards' inability to get goals although in the last four matches it was the defence that was the weak link. The outstanding player in the side was D. J. O'Brien whose ability to be up in the attack and back in defence was of great value to the side.

The "A" XI had a successful season and this was largely due to the leadership and drive of W. N. Francis, the Captain. With the success of this eleven, competition for places in the First XI was keen and no one was certain of his place. The weather interfered with this side's fixtures and unfortunately only five out of the last eleven matches were played.

The "B" XI, under M. J. Griffiths, also had a good season, winning sixteen out of their twenty-four games. The defence in this side was the strong department, for it conceded only thirty-three goals in twenty-four games and a large portion of the credit for this is due to the fine goalkeeping of veterans E. C. Hall and E. J. E. Hitchman.

With the fielding of four sides the task of the Team Secretary, has been a great one and credit is due to E. C. Hall for the way he performed this task. The duties of the Fixture Secretary were taken over by T. D. H. Thomas and both his efforts to obtain additional fixtures for the Extra "B" XI and to improve the pitches on Sophia Gardens deserve the thanks of all members. Finally all those who umpired Club games and N. C. Pallot who organised the umpires throughout the season are thanked for their services to the Club.

Full results for the four teams were :

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals for	Goals against
First XI	.. 28	16	5	7	83	59
"A" XI	.. 22	15	2	5	82	33
"B" XI	.. 24	16	3	5	74	33
Extra "B" XI	13	11	0	2	46	23



Leading goal-scorers :

H. O. J. Gibbon, 31; J. S. Hosgood, 25; R. Jenkin, 23;  
W. N. Francis, 17; W. J. N. Thomas, 16; F. S. Sargent, 13;  
M. G. Thomas, 12; and N. C. Pallot, 12.

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

Wales—R. A. Downard.

Welsh H. A. Tour of Denmark—R. Jenkin.

South Wales—H. R. S. Rhys, P. R. Wilkinson, N. C. Pallot  
and T. B. Kendall.

Glamorgan—T. D. H. Thomas, P. R. Wilkinson, W. J. N. Thomas,  
N. C. Pallot and T. B. Kendall.

CARDIFF HOCKEY CLUB 1st XI



Back Row (left to right) : W. J. N. THOMAS, P. R. WILKINSON, L. H. GODFREY, D. J. O'BRIEN, P. J. HALL, T. B. KENDALL.  
Front Row : R. JENKIN, N. C. PALLOT, T. D. H. THOMAS (Capt.), M. G. THOMAS, C. J. HARRISON.



# CARDIFF HOCKEY CLUB—RESULTS, 1956-57

## CARDIFF

Date	Opponents	Venue	Result
1956			
Sept. 22	Brean .. .. .	Away	Won 2—1
" 29	Weston .. .. .	Home	Drawn 1—1
Oct. 6	Beckenham .. .. .	Away	Lost 0—3
" 7	Hounslow .. .. .	Away	Lost 2—5
" 13	Bridgend .. .. .	Home	Won 5—1
" 20	Penarth .. .. .	Away	Won 2—1
" 27	West Gloucestershire .. .. .	Home	Won 5—1
Nov. 3	Abergavenny .. .. .	Home	Lost 1—4
" 10	Hereford .. .. .	Away	Drawn 1—1
" 11	Ross .. .. .	Away	Won 5—0
" 17	Bristol .. .. .	Away	Won 2—1
" 24	Imperial .. .. .	Home	Won 3—1
Dec. 1	Old Bristolians .. .. .	Away	Lost 3—5
" 8	Lydney .. .. .	Away	Won 4—2
" 15	Bath .. .. .	Home	Cancelled
" 22	Newport .. .. .	Home	Won 3—2
" 29	Penarth .. .. .	Home	Lost 2—4
1957			
Jan. 5	Swansea .. .. .	Home	Won 2—1
" 12	Bridgend .. .. .	Away	Won 3—1
" 19	Ross .. .. .	Home	Won 7—3
" 26	Newport .. .. .	Away	Won 4—3
Feb. 2	Bristol .. .. .	Home	Lost 0—1
" 9	Abergavenny .. .. .	Away	Cancelled
" 16	Swansea .. .. .	Away	Won 3—1
" 23	Imperial .. .. .	Away	Won 5—1
Mar. 2	Lydney .. .. .	Home	Won 5—0
" 9	Old Bristolians .. .. .	Home	Cancelled
" 16	West Gloucestershire .. .. .	Away	Lost 1—4
" 23	Bath .. .. .	Away	Drawn 3—3
" 30	Weston .. .. .	Away	Cancelled
April 6	Brean .. .. .	Home	Drawn 4—4
" 13	Hereford .. .. .	Home	Drawn 4—4

## CARDIFF "A"

Date	Opponents	Venue	Result
1956			
Sept. 22	Brean II .. .. .	Home	Lost 2—4
" 29	Weston II .. .. .	Away	Won 4—1
Oct. 6	Cardiff University .. .. .	Home	Won 10—3
" 13	Steel Co. of Wales .. .. .	Home	Won 4—2
" 20	Bridgend .. .. .	Home	Drawn 1—1
" 27	West Gloucestershire II .. .. .	Away	Drawn 2—2
Nov. 3	A.A.S. Beachley .. .. .	Home	Won 4—0
" 10	Bristol Aero Co. .. .. .	Away	Cancelled
" 17	Bristol II .. .. .	Home	Won 3—0
" 24	Imperial II .. .. .	Away	Won 5—1
Dec. 1	Bristol Aero Co. .. .. .	Home	Lost 1—3
" 8	Clydach .. .. .	Away	Won 4—2
" 15	Bath II .. .. .	Home	Cancelled
" 22	Newport "A" .. .. .	Away	Lost 1—2
" 29	Bridgend .. .. .	Away	Won 5—2
1957			
Jan. 5	Clydach .. .. .	Home	Won 6—0
" 12	Penarth II .. .. .	Away	Won 2—0
" 19	Clydach .. .. .	Away	Won 2—0
" 26	Newport "A" .. .. .	Home	Won 7—3
Feb. 2	Bristol II .. .. .	Away	Cancelled
" 9	Steel Co. of Wales .. .. .	Away	Cancelled
" 16	R.A.F. St. Athan .. .. .	Home	Won 2—1
" 23	Imperial II .. .. .	Home	Cancelled
Mar. 2	A.A.S. Beachley .. .. .	Away	Lost 1—3
" 9	Cardiff University .. .. .	Away	Cancelled
" 16	West Gloucestershire II .. .. .	Home	Won 11—1
" 23	A.A.S. Beachley .. .. .	Away	Lost 1—2
" 30	Weston II .. .. .	Home	Cancelled
April 6	Brean II .. .. .	Away	Cancelled
" 13	R.A.F. St. Athan .. .. .	Away	Won 4—1



# CARDIFF " B "

Date	Opponents	Venue	Result
1956			
Sept. 22	A.A.S. Beachley II .. ..	Away	Won 2—0
" 29	Bridgend .. ..	Home	Lost 2—3
Oct. 6	Swansea University .. ..	Away	Won 5—2
" 13	Llanishen .. ..	Away	Won 2—1
" 20	Penarth II .. ..	Home	Won 7—4
" 27	Mond Nickel .. ..	Home	Won 8—1
Nov. 3	Abergavenny II .. ..	Away	Lost 0—1
" 10	Cardiff High School .. ..	Home	Won 5—3
" 17	Girlings .. ..	Home	Won 3—0
" 24	Imperial III .. ..	Away	Won 6—0
Dec. 1	Old Bristolians II .. ..	Home	Won 2—1
" 8	Cardiff University II .. ..	Home	Drawn 1—1
" 15	R.A.F. St. Athan II .. ..	Away	Cancelled
" 22	Newport II .. ..	Home	Drawn 4—4
" 29	Penarth II .. ..	Away	Won 2—1
1957			
Jan. 5	C.E.A. .. ..	Away	Cancelled
" 12	Bristol Y.M.C.A. .. ..	Home	Won 4—1
" 19	R.A.F. St. Athan .. ..	Away	Lost 1—2
" 26	Newport II .. ..	Home	Lost 1—2
Feb. 2	Cardiff University II .. ..	Home	Won 2—0
" 9	Abergavenny II .. ..	Home	Drawn 1—1
" 16	A.A.S. Beachley .. ..	Away	Won 2—1
" 23	Imperial III .. ..	Home	Cancelled
Mar. 2	Bristol Y.M.C.A. .. ..	Away	Won 7—0
" 9	Old Bristolian II .. ..	Away	Cancelled
" 16	Cardiff High School .. ..	Away	Won 5—2
" 23	A.A.S. Beachley II .. ..	Home	Won 2—1
April 6	Mond Nickel .. ..	Away	Cancelled
" 13	Bridgend .. ..	Away	Lost 0—1

# CARDIFF EXTRA " B "

Date	Opponents	Venue	Result
1956			
Oct. 6	C.E.A. .. ..	Home	Won 3—0
" 20	Cardiff University II .. ..	Away	Won 4—1
Nov. 3	Cardiff Medicals .. ..	Away	Cancelled
" 10	Newport III .. ..	Home	Won 8—3
" 17	C.E.A. .. ..	Away	Won 4—2
" 24	Girlings .. ..	Away	Won 2—1
Dec. 1	Cardiff Training College .. ..	Away	Won 3—0
" 15	R.A.F. Boy Entrants .. ..	Away	Cancelled
" 29	Llanishen .. ..	Home	Won 5—4
1957			
Jan. 12	West Gloucestershire III .. ..	Home	Won 4—1
" 19	Cardiff Training College .. ..	Away	Cancelled
Feb. 9	West Gloucestershire III .. ..	Home	Won 5—2
" 16	A.A.S. Beachley II .. ..	Away	Won 3—0
" 23	Trinity Methodists .. ..	Away	Lost 0—3
Mar. 2	R.A.F. Boy Entrants .. ..	Home	Cancelled
" 16	Cardiff Training College .. ..	Home	Lost 1—4
" 23	A.A.S. Beachley III .. ..	Away	Won 4—2



# CARDIFF HOCKEY CLUB

## Record 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
1904-05	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	70
1931-32	K. G. HUGHES ..	29	16	4	9	87	75
1932-33	S. C. BANBURY ..	28	13	6	9	77	77
1933-34	S. C. BANBURY ..	30	11	5	14	53	57
1934-35	S. C. BANBURY ..	34	13	7	14	64	71
1935-36	G. R. FAULKS..	27	14	2	11	60	64
1936-37	G. R. FAULKS ..	25	11	6	8	48	50
1937-38	G. R. FAULKS ..	31	20	3	8	64	40
1938-39	G. R. FAULKS ..	25	14	6	5	62	30
1945-46	G. PERCIVAL ..	32	25	2	5	139	49
1946-47	G. PERCIVAL ..	20	10	3	7	65	36
1947-48	K. G. HUGHES ..	26	14	3	9	57	42
1948-49	G. A. L. TUCKER ..	26	15	1	10	72	45
1949-50	W. N. FRANCIS ..	32	22	3	7	110	56
1950-51	W. N. FRANCIS ..	26	14	8	4	87	44
1951-52	W. N. FRANCIS ..	30	17	6	7	96	47
1952-53	W. N. FRANCIS ..	30	18	8	4	98	43
1953-54	N. C. PALLOT ..	30	18	6	6	89	34
1954-55	N. C. PALLOT ..	29	20	6	3	100	31
1955-56	W. A. THOMAS ..	29	19	3	7	103	52
1956-57	M. H. C. MEGGITT } T. D. H. THOMAS }	28	16	5	7	83	59

\* Records not available



