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CLUB CAPTAINS

Right: I. D. RICHES (Cricket)

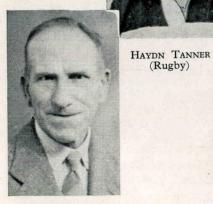


LEN EVANS (Cardiff Athletic XV)



(Rugby)

Moss LLEWELLYN (Lawn Tennis)



W. J. POWELL (Bowls)



G. A. L. TUCKER (Hockey)

Annual Report by the Chairman of the Management Committee, Mr. N. V. H. Riches

We can look back on the year that ended on April 30th, 1949, with considerable satisfaction. The various sections of the Club were well up to standard and the membership was increased to such an extent, that owing to limited accommodation, a waiting list was started.

In this connection, the Committee have given instructions for plans to be prepared for a new Club House, sufficiently large to cope with any demand for membership in the future. Approval for the erection of such a building will have to be obtained from our landlords, the Cardiff Arms Park Co., Ltd., and then we shall have to obtain a licence to build; we can only hope that we shall be able to proceed in the near future. The Football Fifteen, once again, under the able leadership of Haydn Tanner, covered itself with glory, maintaining the high standard set in the previous season, and playing fine open football, according to the best traditions of the Club. We heartly congratulate Mr. D. E. (Danny) Davies, the nominee of the Cardiff Club in his election to the Committee of the Welsh Rugby Union.

Both the Bowling and Lawn Tennis Sections had full memberships and successful and enjoyable seasons. In August, two hard Courts, which were badly needed, were opened by the President, and have proved of great value to the Section.

The Hockey Section added lustre to the Club, by the selection of three players to represent Great Britain in the Olympic Games. We congratulate Kenneth Ingledew, the indefatigable Honorary Secretary of the Hockey Section, on the honours conferred upon him during the year. He was elected Honorary Secretary of the British Hockey Board set up by England, Scotland and Wales in order to enter a Joint British Team for the Olympic Games, and was a member of the Jurie d'Appel for those Games. He is

also the representative of Great Britain on the Federation Internationale de Hockey, and last season umpired two International Hockey Matches. On the death of Arthur Cornish, he was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Cardiff Arms Park Co., Ltd. The Hockey Section will continue to play on the "Park" next season.

The most important fact about the Cricket Section is the starting of a Youths' Section, to encourage the young players of the district, and the opening, by the County Cricket Club, of an indoor Cricket School—both should be great assets leading to the improvement and development of Cricket in the County.

As this point, I should like, on behalf of the whole Club to offer the County our very sincere congratulations on winning the County Championship in 1948, and to express the hope that they will continue to prosper in succeeding years.

At the beginning of September, just before our Annual Meeting, Mr. D. B. Morgan, our President, expressed his wish to resign from the Chairmanship of the Management Committee, owing to pressure of work in other directions. This, after 20 years of able leadership was a great blow, and it was with great reluctance that the Committee accepted his resignation.

During his 20 years in that office, I acted as his Vice-Chairman, and so I had exceptional opportunities of appreciating the truly great work put into the Club by him. I think it right for me to say here, that, but for his great business ability and grasp of financial matters, we should not be in the happy position we are today.

The Management Committee then appointed me to succeed Mr. Morgan, who, fortunately for me, has continued to attend the Meetings, when possible, and give us all the benefit of his sound advice. Mr. Sidney Cravos was offered and accepted the Vice-Chairmanship.

Shortly after I assumed the Chairmanship, it was felt by the Committee that a change of General Secretary was desirable—a Sub-Committee was formed and the post advertised; there were about 140 applicants and from a short list of six, all of whom were interviewed, Mr. H. S. J. Holt, of Thornton Heath, Secretary to the J. Arthur Rank Organisation Sports and Social Club, was appointed.

Among the Club's plans for immediate future developments are the following:

- (I) The Football Section are forming a Junior XV, under the guidance of Messrs. Hugh Johnson, Duncan Brown, and Brice Jenkins, which should, materially, assist in finding and developing young players.
- (2) The Committee have asked their Landlords for permission to enlarge the Club Lounge, and this work will be undertaken as soon as this is granted.
- (3) We are still hoping to build the Groundsman's Cottage when we can get the necessary building license.
- (4) The erection of the proposed Memorial to the late E. Gwyn Nicholls, postponed owing to the war, which is to take the form of Ornamental Wrought Iron Gates at the Quay Street Entrance, is now being proceeded with under the direction of the Memorial Committee, of which Major L. C. Watters is Honorary Secretary and E. Ewart Pearce is Treasurer.

During the year, owing to the large increase in the work, the Committee decided to employ outside Caterers to provide the necessary meals. This was done, very reluctantly, as the voluntary Ladies Tea Committee had worked wonders for the Club Members for many years and our very sincere thanks are due to Mrs. Goldsmith and her lady helpers.

It is with profound regret that I have to record the deaths of three of our friends and fellow Committee men. Mr. R. A. CORNISH.

Arthur Cornish died suddenly in July, 1948, just as he was preparing for the 1948-49 Season. He rendered yeoman service to Rugby in general and the Cardiff Club in particular. An Elementary School-boy International, he played his first game for Cardiff in the late Frank Gaccon's 1914-1919 War-time XV, which had been organised by Jim Batstone. On January 1st, 1921, he broke his leg playing against the Glamorgan League on the Park and this

injury kept him out of the game for many months. In spite of this set-back, he was elected Captain for the Season 1921-22. Further honours soon came his way and Arthur played ten times for Wales in the Seasons 1923-26, and for the England and Wales XV against the Scotland and Ireland XV in the Centenary Rugby Match, played on the Rugby School Close on November 1st, 1923. Of this last honour, Arthur was justifiably proud.

On his retirement from active participation in the game he became a member of the Football Committee and prior to the Second World War was elected to the Committee of the Welsh Rugby Union. In 1933 he was appointed a Trustee of the Club and in that capacity served on the Management Committee until his death. He was also a Director of the Cardiff Arms Park Company Ltd.

During the Second World War he acted with me as an Honorary Secretary of the Club and organised with Mr. Brice Jenkins and others the War-time XV which was instrumental in raising large sums of money for Charities and which formed the nucleus of our successful Post-war Fifteens.

After the war he undertook the arduous duties of Honorary Secretary of the Football Club and became a member and later Chairman of the Welsh Rugby Union Selection Committee.

His sudden death in the midst of his multifarious duties on behalf of the Club deprived it of one whose place will be hard to fill and whose services will be sorely missed.

Mr. GERALD E. HESLOP.

Although Gerry Heslop played for the Club for a few seasons, it is as an administrator that he is best remembered and will be missed. For many years he served as a loyal and enthusiastic member of the Football and Management Committees, where his quiet efficiency and genial personality won him many friends. He will always be remembered for the cheerfulness of his smile and the gaiety of his buttonhole.

Mr. FRANK DAVIES.

The late Secretary of the Bowling Club died in North Wales after a long illness. From the formation of the Athletic Club in 1923 he was active in its administration as a member at various times of the Football, Bowling and Management Committees, and he did especially fine work in the War-time Social Section. As Secretary of the Bowling Club he did much to raise its status and improve its amenities.

CARDIFF RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

1948-49

The Cardiff Club under the captaincy of Haydn Tanner, enjoyed another successful season. Only three matches were lost, and strange to relate, all were at home to English Clubs, viz., Cambridge University, the Barbarians, and Northampton.

The season's record was as follows:

				Pc	oints
Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
44	38	3	3	630	213

One hundred and forty-six tries were scored, of which 57 were converted. In addition there were 3 dropped goals, 22 penalty goals, and 1 goal from a mark.

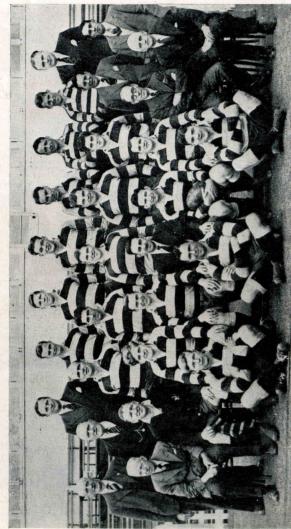
Bleddyn Williams again headed the list of try getters with 25, closely followed by Terry Cook with 23 and Russell Burn with 20 tries.

Ewart Tamplin obtained 72 points and Roy Roberts 58 points by conversions and penalty goals.

Replacements had to be found early in the season for some members of the 1947-48 pack. Such players as Maldwyn Jones, Les Manfield and W. G. Jones were difficult to replace. However, the Club was fortunate in having such excellent substitutes as John Phillips, S. Judd, and J. D. Nelson.

At full-back Frant Trott played with his usual coolness and assurance, and always had the complete confidence of his team mates.

When the season commenced, the Club had three splendid wings in Les Williams, Terry Cook, and Russell Burn. Mid-way through the season, Les Williams left the Club to join the Rugby League. Between them, Cook and Burn scored 44 tries. Both were determined runners who made full use of the opportunities afforded them by two great centres.



S. C. CRAVOS (Chairman), H. TANNER (Capt.)

The centres, Bleddyn Williams and Jack Matthews, were generally at their best. Bleddyn with his bewildering side step, and Jack with his strong sharp bursts continually outwitted their opponents. Both were particularly strong in defence and they are still regarded as the best pair of centres in Wales.

As a reserve centre and general utility man for practically any position in the back division, St. John Rees did much useful work when called upon, particularly in defence.

Haydn Tanner, probably the greatest scrum half of all time, and Billy Cleaver combined brilliantly at half-back. Both were fearless tacklers, and Tanner's long and accurate passes, gave Cleaver such opportunities that opposing wing forwards could do little to upset their plans. Cleaver's defensive kicking which was perfectly executed, wore down many a pack of forwards.

W. E. Tamplin again showed himself to be a splendid leader of the pack. In the front row he generally had Cliff Davies, John Phillips, and Stan Bowes, three great pals both on and off the field.

In the second row with Tamplin was either Roy Roberts or S. Judd. In the back row J. D. Nelson occupied the lock position and was supported by those tireless wing forwards, Gwyn Evans and Elvet Jones.

As substitutes Tamplin had excellent reserves available in G. Beckingham, Bill Douglas, Len Evans, Peter Goodfellow, R. M. Glover, and Gower Jenkins.

Of the 44 games played, Frank Trott and Elvet Jones head the list of appearances, both having appeared in 36 games. Bleddyn Williams came next with 32 appearances.

What of the actual games played?

Following the opening game of the season against the District, the Club had a narrow win at Coventry by a single point. Two days later Northampton was met, and Cardiff won in brilliant fashion by 27 points to 12.



goal which s Cardiff and I W. E. TAMPLIN, the Cardiff forward, making his first shot at rebounded, during the match at Cardiff Arms Park between (

The first eleven games were won, and then on November 2nd, Oxford University was met at Oxford. The game ended in a pointless draw. The outstanding feature of this game was the powerful defence of both sides

Following this game many critics cried out for changes in the pack, maintaining that younger forwards should be introduced.

However, the Selection Committee was not unduly perturbed and continued more or less with the same forwards who had done so well in the previous matches.

In the following match at home against Penarth the Club was without ten of its regular First XV players, due to the Welsh Trial and injuries. It did well to win this match by 11 points to nil.

On December 11th at Cardiff, Cambridge University captured the Club ground record, which had remained intact since 19th April, 1947. It was a thrilling game, Cambridge scoring the winning try in the last few minutes after a brilliant round of passing. The final score was Cambridge, one converted goal, one try, 8 points; Cardiff one penalty goal and one goal from a mark, 6 points.

A week later we played the Harlequins at Twickenham and won by 19 points to 3. Our players were in brilliant form as will be seen from the following extract of a report of the game in a London newspaper:

"Londoners will not see a finer exhibition of how Rugby should be played for many a day. The Cleaver, Matthews, Williams triangle, aided by lightning dashes of Cook and Burn, continually rocked the Harlequins' defence. How well they knew, too, that a movement is not necessarily over when the ball reaches the end of the line. Often the wings returned the ball inside to Bleddyn Williams or Matthews, who allowed fastbreaking forwards to join in the movement with devastating effect.

"The masterful Haydn Tanner sent out passes from every position except standing on his head.

"This sort of Rugby can only come from men playing as a team in the truest sense of the word."



TERRY COOK, the Cardiff left wing, endeavours to race clear of W. D. McKer, the Barbarians Irish International, after being sent away for the line by BLEDDYN WILLIAMS in the Easter Saturday's Match.

On January 15th, when Wales played England at Cardiff the Club visited Bath without seven of their regular players. It was, therefore, no mean achievement to win this match by 9 points to 6.

At Newport on February 19th, defence took main honours—the result being a drawn game. Terry Cook scored a try and Peter Davies equalised with a penalty goal.

In this game the Cardiff forwards utterly confounded the critics. It was generally anticipated that they would be no match for the Newport pack. They rose to the occasion splendidly and for long periods dominated the proceedings.

Our next game against Newport, was at the Arms Park on March 5th. A first-half try by Billy Cleaver, converted by Tamplin, was the only scoring of the match, which was played in a snowstorm. This was the first occasion on which the North Grand Stand, which was badly damaged by enemy action during the war, was in use for a Club game, since before 1939.

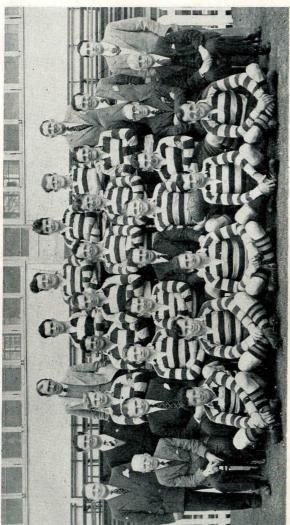
On March 12th, London Welsh were beaten at Herne Hill by four tries to a penalty goal. Only six of our regular team were playing in that game. This was due to International calls and injuries. It was no mean achievement to win this game under such circumstances and clearly indicated the excellent talent available in the Athletic XV.

Swansea were played at home on April 2nd. A pointless draw was the result. Rain fell all through the afternoon and spoilt what promised to be an excellent game.

The Cornish tour once again proved very enjoyable. Owing to injury the Skipper and other players were not available for the three games, which we won.

On Easter Saturday, the team of stars, the ever-popular Barbarians, were our visitors, and it was unfortunate that Haydn Tanner, Jack Matthews and W. E. Tamplin were unable to play owing to injuries.

The Ba-Bas won an exciting game by two tries to a converted goal before a record Club gate of 38,000.



Third Row

This was our second defeat in the 40 games played to date this season.

On Easter Monday against the Harlequins we saw brilliant back play. Bleddyn Williams was in grand form. He jinked and swerved his way through the defence to score four splendid tries, and the game was won by 20 points to 8.

The following day the Club suffered its third defeat of the season, being deservedly beaten by Northampton by 15 points to 8. Owing to injuries, Cardiff was able to field only six of their regular First XV players. Difficulty was experienced in fielding substitutes as many of the Athletic players were also on the injured list.

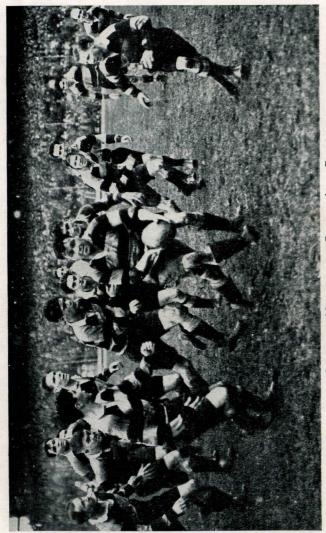
In the last match of the season against Pontypool, the "Gentlemen's Agreement" regarding the wing forwards was observed by both sides. Pontypool were beaten by 17 points to 10 in a game played in a fine sporting spirit.

On 28th April, a game was played between Cardiff and a Rest of Wales XV, a team chosen by Mr. Geoffrey Crawshay. The match was arranged in aid of the Gwyn Nicholls Memorial Fund. A good game was witnessed; Cardiff winning by two tries to nil.

During the season 1948-49, the following represented Wales in International Matches: Haydn Tanner (Captain), Frank Trott, Bleddyn Williams, Jack Matthews, Les Williams, W. B. Cleaver, Gwyn Evans, Terry Cook and Cliff Davies.

There were seven occasions during the season when at least seven of the regular First XV players were not available owing to trial or international calls, yet all the games were won. This is a splendid tribute to the Athletic side, which was able to provide excellent talent as substitutes.

Under the captaincy of Len Evans, the Athletic XV played 38 matches, won 28, lost 8, and drew 2. Points for, 636; points against, 222.



forward rush, and passes the ball to John Phillips CLIFF DAVIES (Cardiff) breaks through during a Cardiff HAYDN THOMAS, the Newport scrum half (

Gwyn Davies, full-back, obtained 115 points by means of penalty kicks, converted goals, and his three tries.

Dai Jones, a very promising wing, was top scorer with 22 tries. J. B. Neagle, another wing, came next with 16 tries. Derek Iles scored 49 points by means of penalty, dropped, and converted goals, and 2 tries. Howell Loveluck, a stirling centre, was injured early in the season and did not take part in any further games.

V. Keitch and Les Roberts proved to be promising three-quarters.

Len Evans had splendid support from his forwards, among whom R. M. Glover, F. C. Glover, Les Hayward, G. Beckingham, K. Brooks, P. Goodfellow, Gomer Jenkins, K. C. Lloyd, D. J. Amos, F. Campbell and W. Wakelin, were prominent.

Derek Iles and Rex Willis played many fine games at half-back and frequently assisted the First XV, where they proved worthy deputies.

In conclusion a word of thanks is due to Jim Pursey and his ground staff for keeping the ground in such excellent condition and to all who assisted in making the season 1948-49 a very successful one.



NNER, the Cardiff Captain, in his last representative game, sends out one of his long passe: in the match between Cardiff and Captain Crawshay's Rest of Wales XV. TANNER,

MY TWO YEARS AS CAPTAIN

by HAYDN TANNER

Looking back over the past two seasons of the Club it is very interesting to note that the success of the side has not been due to a few individuals but to the team as a whole. The backs have received all the praise that they deserve but the forwards have come in for much criticism, yet the fact that the side excelled itself on many occasions was due primarily to the intelligence of the Cardiff pack.

At the beginning of the 1947-48 season we were beaten in our first match by Pontypool because our forwards were not quite good enough. The next few games brought us victories and yet the forwards were not playing their part.

The Australian game created intense interest and it was decided to recall Maldwyn James to hook for us. The game itself is history by now, but the forwards were magnificent and towards the end of the game when I saw two forwards getting to grips in a tackle, I shuddered—not for the small man but for the big Australian forward. The side really settled down and for the remainder of the season worked like a perfect machine.

We were very fortunate in our reserves, two examples of whose strength were provided in the Newport and Bristol games. In our first fixture with Newport at Newport, Gwyn Martin played in the centre and caused consternation by scoring a couple of tries and being the outstanding back on the field. In the game against Bristol, there was tension in the air; Bristol had not been beaten on their own ground and we had to include Haydn Thomas in the centre in place of Iack Matthews. Again the same thing happened-Thomas played magnificently. Who can forget the thrilling run and perfectly timed pass of Maldwyn James at Newport which won the game for us in the last minute. The story behind James' perfect positioning was that he was two moves behind the run of the game. A scrum had been formed, the ball heeled and the threequarter line movement stopped. A loose scrum formed and we heeled the ball and set up another attack. "The Old Gent" had broken up from the original scrum and found himself among the backs taking part in this new attack. He played his part like a born centre threequarter!

The fourth game against Newport was one we wanted to win because it meant four victories in one season against our near opponents. There was really no reason for Billy Cleaver to drop two goals in quick succession during the second half, for we had already obtained a comfortable lead. But Billy with cool indifference did so as if it were too much trouble to run with the ball.

The climax of the 1947-48 season was the game with Gloucester when the side passed the 800 points mark and Bleddyn Williams became the highest try scorer in the Club's history. Few will ever forget the second half of the match, for the display of rugger and also for the atmosphere of hope and anticipation that prevailed.



HAYDN TANNER, the Cardiff Captain, about to dive on the ball in Cardiff's exciting draw with Newport at Rodney Parade.

The 1948-49 season was also a successful one and some very valuable team building was accomplished during the middle of the season. The backs were the same as in the previous year except for the wings, but the constitution of the pack changed gradually and at the end of the season it was a young and very good one. In the early part of the season the backs were in first class form and the win at Newport when only a few chances of scoring came their way was a credit to their wonderful defence and ability to make the most of their chances.

The Club excelled itself against Neath, when the visiting side, with a very good record, was defeated by nearly 30 points. Then, who can forget that last twenty minutes against Newport at the Arms Park, when Newport did everything but score, and the Cardiff defence stood firm against this continuous attack.

Nothing gave me greater pleasure when I was a spectator at the Blackheath and Cardiff game in London when we had eight of our players playing in a trial, to hear the praises of the "Rags" sung by the London crowd. In fact quite a number of well-known Rugby personalities expressed their amazement at the standard of play of our Athletic XV players.

One could continue to recall such events with great pleasure, but what of the future. Bleddyn will, I feel sure, carry on the fine tradition of the Club and we all wish him good luck for the coming season. The experienced members will assist him in every way and the new members will soon learn what is expected of them as playing members.

RECORD OF RESULTS **SEASON 1948/49** FIRST FIFTEEN

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,,	25	Neath	H	Won	4	4				32	I	I				8
Oct.	2	Newport	A	Won		2		I		9						
,,	9	Gloucester	H	Won	I	4		I		20				2		6
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,,	12	Plymouth Albion	Н	Won	4	4				32			•			3
,,	19	Newport	A	Drn.		I				3	•		•	Ι		3
33	26	Gloucester	A	Won	1	I	•		•	8	•	• •	•	1		3

First Fifteen-continued

Da	ite	Opponents	H. or	Rslt.			Sco	ore	for			Score against					
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19	48					1								1			
Mar.	5	Newport	Н	Won	I			2.7		5							
,,	12	London Welsh	A	Won		4				12				I		3	
,,	19	Coventry	H	Won	3	3		I		27				I		3	
>>	24	Birkenhead Park	A	Won	I	3				14				I		3	
,,	26	Wasps	A	Won	I		I	I		II	I			I		8	
Apri	1 2	Swansea	H	Drn.													
33	9	Plymouth Albion	A	Won		2				6							
,,	II	Penzance & Newl.	A	Won	2	2		::		16			I			3	
,,	12	Falmouth	A	Won		2				6				I		3	
,,	16	Barbarians	H	Lost	I					5		2				6	
,,	. 18	Harlequins	H	Won	I	5				20	I	I				8	
>>	19	Northampton	H	Lost	I	I				8		2	2	I		15	
,,	23	Neath	A	Won	I	2				II	I					5	
,,	30	Pontypool	Н	Won	I	2		2		17	2					10	
		TOTALS	194		57	89	3	22	I	630	15	18	9	19		21	

Captain: HAYDN TANNER.

Vice-Captain: BLEDDYN WILLIAMS.

Record for Season:

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
44	 38	 3	 3

SCORERS

Cardiff First Fifteen

Tries 146. Bleddyn Williams, 25; T. Cook, 23; R. Burn, 20; Les Williams, 13; Jack Matthews, 10; Dai Jones, 8; Elvet Jones, 8; W. B. Cleaver, 7; St. John Rees, 6; Gwyn Evans, 5; W. G. Jones, 4; S. Judd, 4; Les Roberts, 3; Roy Roberts, 2; S. Bowes, 1; J. Bladen, 1; H. Cometson, 1; L. Hayward, 1; J. D. Nelson, 1; J. B. Neagle, 1; Haydn Tanner, 1; J. R. Phillips, 1.

Dropped Goals, 3. St. John Rees, 3.

Penalty Goals, 22. W. E. Tamplin, 10; Roy Roberts, 8; Gwyn Davies, 2; R. F. Trott, 2.

Mark Goals, 1. R. Burn, 1.

Converted Goals, 57. W. E. Tamplin, 21; Roy Roberts, 17; R. F. Trott, 10 W. B. Cleaver, 3; Gwyn Davies, 3; S. Judd, 3.

CARDIFF ATHLETIC FIFTEEN

Date		Opponents	H.	Rslt.		7	Sc	ore	for	r		Score against					
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19	48																
Sept	. і	Pontyclun	A	Won	6	3		2		45							
,,	4	Abercarn	H	Won	2					10				2		6	
,,	II	Treorchy	A	Lost		2				6	I	2				II	
,,	15	Barry	H	Won	2	I		3		22	I	I		2		14	
,,	18	Nantymoel	Н	Won	I	1		I		II	2					10	
,,	23	Cardiff City Pol.	H	Won	5	2		2		37	I					5	
,,	25	aSkewen	A														
Oct.	2	Chepstow	Н	Won	7	3				44		2				6	
,,	9	Gloucester Utd.	A	Won	5	3				34				2		6	
,,	16	Swansea Ath	Н	Won	I	2		I		14	2					10	
,,	23	Blackwood	A	Won	4	3		I		32	_						
,,	30	Bristol United	Н	Won		3				9			2			6	
Nov.	_	Nantymoel	A	Lost										I	• •		
22	13	Tredegar	A	Won	3	1				18		· · ·	Ι			6	
33	20	Old Edwardians	Н	Won	5	3				34	* *	2			•	6	
,,	27	Briton Ferry	A	Won	I	I	1	I		14	• •	2	• •		• •		
Dec.	4	Pontyclun	Н	Won	3	4			• •	27	• •	• • •	• •	I	• •	3	
,,	II	Abercarn	A	Won) I	4	*	• •	• •	II	 I	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	
	18	Glamorgan Wand.	Н	Won			• •		• •		1	• •	• •	• •	• •	5	
>>	27	Senghenydd	A	Won	ı		• •	I	• •	3			• •		• •		
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Jan.	19 I	Cardiff H.S.O.B.	A	Won	2	6	Will										
	8	D : . 177.1	A	Lost			• •	I	• •	31	• •		• •		• •	• •	
"	22	Glamorgan Wand.		Won	• •	I			• •	3	I	2	I	• •	• •	14	
>>		Blackwood	A		3	2	• •	• •	• •	21	• •	I	• •	• •	• •	3	
"Feb.	29	Old Edwardians	H	Lost	I	• •	• •	• •	• •	5	Ι	I	• •		• •	8	
	5	Llandaff	A	Drn.	• •	3	• •	I	•	12	٠.	2	• •	2	• •	12	
33	12		A	Won	2	3	• •	• • •		19	• •	I	• •	I		6	
"	19	Skewen N.O.R	H	Won	2	6	• •			28	• •		• •				
>>	26	Gloucester Utd.	H	Won	3	2	• •			21		I	٠.			3	
Mar.	5	Chepstow	A	Won		I				3	٠.						
"	12	Cardiff H.S.O.B.	H	Won	2	I		I		16							
>> "	19	Resolven	A	Lost				I		3	٠.	I		I		6	
>>	26	Llandaff	H	Won	2			I		13	2					10	
33	31	Cardiff City Police	A	Won	3	2		I		24				I		3	

a Skewen failed to fulfil engagement.

Athletic Fifteen-continued

Dat	e	Opponents					S	co	re f	for		- 4	Sco	ore	ag	ain	st
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194	9																5-
April	2	Swansea Ath.		A	Lost								I		I		6
,,	9	Treorchy		H	Won	2	I		2		19		I				3
,,	12	Barry		A	Drn.	I	I				8	I	I				8
22	16	Bedwas		A	Lost				I		3	3			I		18
	23	Ogmore Vale		A	Lost	I			I		8	1	I		2		14
,,	30	Blaenau Gwent		A	Won	I	I		I		II	1					5
DATE:		Totals		i iv		72	67	1	24		636	18	23	4	17		222

Captain: LEN EVANS.

Record for Season:

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
38	 28	8	 2

SCORERS

Cardiff Athletic Fifteen

Tries, 139. Dai Jones, 22; J. B. Neagle, 16; W. Wakelin, 9; H. Lovelock, 9; W. Douglas, 6; J. Carter, 5; L. Manfield, 5; D. St. John Rees, 5; L. Hayward, 4; J. D. Nelson, 4; J. Bladen, 3; Gwyn Davies, 3; Len Evans, 3; M. Evans, 3; D. H. Jones, 3; G. Stanley, 3; Lyn Williams, 3; S. Bowes, 2; H. Cometson, 2; F. C. Glover, 2; D. Iles, 2; R. Johnson, 2; P. Keith, 2; J. Kelleher, 2; I. Morgan, 2; R. Bale, 1; G. Beckingham, 1; R. Burn, 1; T. Cook, 1; Cliff Davies, 1; B. Evans, 1; Gwyn Evans, 1; R. M. Glover, 1; P. Godeflow, 1; N. Keene, 1; J. L. Madden, 1; F. Parry, 1; Gwyn Porter, 1; G. Radford, 1; Ray Roberts, 1; M. Thomas, 1; R. Willis, 1.

Dropped Goals, 1. D. Iles, 1.

Penalty Goals, 24. Gwyn Davies, 15; Roy Roberts, 4; D. Iles, 2; J. Bonells, 1; H. Davies, 1; D. St. John Rees, 1.

Converted Goals, 72. Gwyn Davies, 39; D. Iles, 18; H. Loveluck, 6; Roy Roberts, 6; D. St. John Rees, 2; Ray Roberts, 1.

CAPTAINS AND VICE-CAPTAINS FIRST XV

RUGBY.

		Captain. Vice-Captain.	
1876-7		T. S. DONALDSON SELBY W. D. PHILLIPS	
1877-8		F C FRV W D PHILLIPS	
1878-0		R H EOA W. D. PHILLIPS	
1870-80		W D PHILLIPS	
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1881-2	• •	W. D. PHILLIPS B. B. MANN	
7882-2		B. E. GIRLING W. D. PHILLIPS	
7882-4		W. D. PHILLIPS W. H. TREATT	
1003-4		H. J. SIMPSON W. D. PHILLIPS	
1004-5		H. J. SIMPSON W. D. PHILLIPS	
1005-0		F. E. HANCOCK A. F. HILL	
1000-7		W. M. DOUGLAS A. J. HYBART	
1007-0	• •	C. A. YOUNG A. F. HILL	
1000-9		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		1. W. PEARSON A. LEWIS	
1893-4		N. BIGGS R. B. SWEET-ESCOTT	
1894-5		A. F. HILL R. B. SWEET-ESCOTT	
1895-0		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 PERCY F. BUSH GEO. NORTHMORE	
1907-8		RHYS T. GABE	
1908-9		PERCY F. BUSH F. SMITH	
1909-10		J. L. WILLIAMS F. SMITH	
1910-11		R. A. GIBBS I. PUGSLEY	
1911-12		L. M. DYKE I. A. POWELL	
1912-13		W. SPILLER W. I. IENKINS	
1913-14		W. J. JENKINS R. F. WILLIAMS	
1914-19		Captain. Vice-Captain. Vice-Captain. V. D. PHILLIPS R. H. FOA W. D. PHILLIPS W	
1919-20		F. GACCON—W. J. POWELL W. I. JENKINS	
1920-21		CLEM LEWIS R. A. CORNISH	
1921-22		R. ARTHUR CORNISH J. RICHARDS	
1922-23		DR. T. WALLACE J. RICHARDS IDRIS RICHARDS T. A. JOHNSON	
1923-24		IDRIS RICHARDS T. A. JOHNSON	
1924-25		T. A. JOHNSON D. E. DAVIES	
1925-26		D. E. DAVIES W. J. DELAHAY W. J. DELAHAY D. E. DAVIES	
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	
1920-21 1921-22 1922-23 1923-24 1924-25 1925-26 1926-27 1927-28 1928-29 1929-30 1930-31 1931-32 1932-33	1	GRAHAM JONES R. GABE-JONES	
-733 34	1	R. GABE-JONES	
1934-35		A. SKYM T. STONE	
1935-36		. STONE L. M. SPENCE	
1936-37		L. M. SPENCE T. STONE	
1937-38		A. H. JONES H. REES	
1938-39	1	W. WOOLLER W. E. N. DAVIS	
1939-45		WORLD WAR NO. 2.	
1945-46		ACK MATTHEWS R. BALE	
1946-47		ACK MATTHEWS LES. MANFIELD	
1947-48]	R. GABE-JONES A. SKYM . T. STONE I. STONE . L. M. SPENCE L. M. SPENCE . T. STONE A. H. JONES . H. REES W. WOOLLER . W. E. N. DAVIS WORLD WAR NO. 2. IACK MATTHEWS . R. BALE JACK MATTHEWS . LES. MANFIELD HAYDN TANNER . BLEDDYN WILLIAMS HAYDN TANNER . BLEDDYN WILLIAMS	
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CARDIFF CRICKET CLUB

Season 1948

The 1948 season opened with John Riches as Captain, Haydn Wilkins as Vice-Captain, and George Gibson as the new Secretary. The Vice-Captain was not available for the first few games, having repeated the previous season's performance of sustaining rugby injuries just when the cricket season was about to commence. Prior to the first game, net practices revealed that we had acquired two fine cricketers in S. E. Machray and G. K. Wilby, and the former retained his place in the First XI throughout the season, apart from a period of illness which prevented our seeing more of him at the wicket. A right-handed batsman and a left-arm bowler—he was definitely an acquisition to the side.

The first match of the season against Neath ended in a draw, which was definitely favourable to the opponents, but the second match against the County Club and Ground, which was also a draw was more pleasing, considering the strength of the County side.

In the next match, the Club was in a winning mood against St. Fagans after the tail had wagged to give us a good total. We continued the good work against the Ferry Steelworks and so of the first four matches we had won two and drawn two. With the skipper on duty with the County Seconds, Haydn Wilkins captained a weak touring side in Gloucester and District, where two matches were drawn and the other won. The game with Stinchcombe Stragglers produced many runs. The home side declared at 246 for 6 and we replied with 194 for 5. Bruce Barnes's performance against Gloucester is worthy of mention. Taking 7 wickets for 57 runs and holding a red hot catch he secured victory for us against a strong side. Two more drawn games followed against Barry and Bristol Imperial before we lost to Briton Ferry Town. Another drawn game against Newport and a "wash out" at Cowbridge brought us to another big scoring match against Briton Ferry Steelworks. The home side, batting first scored 245 for 7 in 2 hours and 20 minutes, before declaring and we replied with 205 for 6 in 2 hours and 10 minutes.

The match at Neath on July 3rd was the skipper's last match of the season for he had obtained an appointment in Hazlemere, Surrey. It was regretted that his last match did not result in a win, but, nevertheless the side showed a good fighting spirit. In reply to Neath's total of 149 for 8 declared, we were 17 for 6 before Alan Thomas, H. Wilkins, John Riches and Jimmy Valentine brought the score to 101.

After John's departure the vice-captain took over the captaincy for the remainder of the season.

Jack Evans, 39, John Webb, 57, and Arthur Oaten, 57, were largely responsible for a total of 192 against St. Fagans, who could only manage 115 in reply, thereby providing us with our fourth and

final win and incidentally, the double against St. Fagans. Alan Thomas did well with the ball, obtaining 6 wickets for 25 runs. The game against Bristol Imperial saw Gwyn Davies in good form with a grand 76 not out which enabled us to declare at 183 for 4. Given an hour and 55 minutes to get the runs the Bristol side obtained them for 6 wickets in the last over of an exciting game. Four more drawn games against Welshpool, Newport, Norwals and Newport and a game lost against Pontypridd saw the season out.

So the season ended. Of the 20 games played, 4 were won, 4 lost, and 12 drawn. One game was cancelled owing to inclement weather. We must admit that from the point of view of results, it was a disappointing season with far too many drawn games. With a stronger attack and batsmen able to get runs in quick time, it might have been a far better story. One of the season's redeeming features was the continued consistent form of one of the younger members, John Webb, who although not one of the orthodox county batsman type made runs in good time. It is to be hoped that more youngsters will appear in future seasons, and with that hope in mind, the Club have organised a "Youth Movement" which we sincerely hope will succeed if only to be a reward for George Gibson who put so much work in to get it started. A word of praise is due to George who turned out to be a Secretary of the top class and also to that grand old faithful, Bill Pritchard who fills the position of scorer so admirably.

Three of our Club waited for the end of Season before "going up the Aisle": Skipper John Riches, Vice-Skipper Haydn Wilkins, and Alan Thomas were married during the close season.

SECOND XI.

As usual for the Cardiff Second XI, 80 per cent. of the matches were played away from home, and despite this, a very successful and happy season was enjoyed. The team met with a great measure of success, largely due to very sound batting. Only four defeats and three draws were recorded, and the percentage of completed matches was very high despite inclement weather.

The batting was at all times extremely strong, with Geoffrey Lewis a forceful left-handed bat, and Dick Hendy opening the innings regularly. C. K. Wilby, J. Webb, G. Gibson, and G. Ashe accumulated runs in sufficient quantity on most occasions to give the bowlers a good chance of bowling the other side out. This was necessary as, typical of the modern trend of cricket, the bowling was lacking in attack and bite, and considerably restricted in its variety. The most wickets in the season were taken by D. Herbert at a cost much higher than usual, in most instances, due to the necessity of bowling him as a matter of policy rather than for the sake of the averages. The Skipper ran him a close second for the number of wickets, and finished with a slightly lower average.

Young players received greater encouragement than ever before, and on occasions as many as three or four schoolboys were played in the XI. In very few instances did they do well, and it certainly seems

that the young player of today fails to appreciate the necessity of real hard work at the nets to ensure success.

If there can be one criticism in this report, it is that the Second XI failed to unearth, even after consistent endeavours, four or five good good players likely to take their place in the First XI. Only two could be termed a success, Alan Thomas—a more than useful all-rounder with a knack of bowling a real off-spinner, and John Webb, a forceful—if unusual bat, with as safe a pair of hands in the "Country" as could be imagined.

The season was enjoyable at all times for its humorous situations, and on certain occasions when the team had played indifferently in the afternoon, the players set about showing that socially at least they were no laggards. There was the historic occasion at Lydney when, after an extremely strong team had been badly beaten, midnight found the Skipper scouring the local dance halls for missing players. When the team was finally assembled in the coach, a further search party had to be organised to locate the driver.

In conclusion, the spirit of the team all through the season was good, and the Captain felt that whichever decision he made, or whatever tactics he employed, the players were 100 per cent. behind him.

THE RESERVE XI.

Under the captaincy of Wyndham Lewis, the Reserve XI thoroughly enjoyed a season which, however, produced somewhat poor results from the playing point of view. As it fulfilled its proper functions, which are to provide reserves for the Senior Teams and discover latent talent, it proved impossible to field the same XI players in any two matches, which naturally weakened the side in the field. Another cause of poor results came from the fact that 80 per cent. of all matches were played away from home, and after practising on the Cardiff Arms Park it is not very easy to play on some of the so-called sporting wickets which were provided.

The Skipper bore the brunt of the bowling, and Trevor Page, Hedley Penny, and Lionel King were the most successful batsmen, the latter also keeping wicket very consistently. In August, when absence through holidays made large holes in the three teams, the opportunity was taken to give chances to several of the players from the schools who had taken part in the Schools' Cup matches which are played each year on the Park, and from these players we have since been able to form the nucleus of the Youth Section in 1949. Of these lads, perhaps the most successful were John Herbert and Eddie Donovan.

A full programme of Wednesday evening games was arranged which enabled some of the younger members to take their practice in the middle instead of in the nets. These matches produced a bowler in Ron Lewis who is now a regular performer in the Second team. Sunday matches were played throughout the season, and the

outstanding performances were the opening partnership of Ken Wilby and Geoff Lewis against Mid-Glamorgan, and the batting of Alan Watkins who made a most attractive hundred-odd for Cardiff City in the annual match against our Club—which drew the usual enormous crowd.

Finally, we must refer to the Annual Dance which was held in November and produced the usual social success, though the attendance was very poor.

CARDIFF CRICKET CLUB

CAPTAINS

From 1867 to 1876 there is no record of Captains.

1877 E. W. JONES	1909 A. GIBSON
1878 E. W. JONES	1910 N. V. H. RICHES
1879 E. W. JONES	1911 N. V. H. RICHES
1880 E. W. JONES	1912 N. V. H. RICHES and
T 8 8 T	J. Horspool
1882 Names of Captains	
1883 net recorded.	1913 J. HORSPOOL
1884 J. P. JONES.	1914 J. HORSPOOL
1885 J. P. JONES.	1915-18 EUROPEAN WAR
1886 J. P. JONES	1919 J. HORSPOOL
1887 W. H. WILLIAMS	1920 H. G. SYMONDS
	1921 G. E. CORDING
	1922 G. E. CORDING
1889 W. H. WILLIAMS	1923 T. R. Morgan
1890 . A. MORRIS	1924 H. W. TAYLER
1891 A. Morris	1925 F. W. MATHIAS
1892 W. H. BRAIN	1926 N. V. H. RICHES
1893 W. H. BRAIN	1927 N. V. H. RICHES
1894 W. H. BRAIN	1928 N. V. H. RICHES
1895 J. H. BRAIN	1929 A. N. MORGAN
1896 J. H. BRAIN	1930 A. N. MORGAN
1897 J. G. CLARK	1931 N. V. H. RICHES
1898 J. G. CLARK	1932 E. C. DOLMAN
1899 J. G. CLARK	1933 G. L. RATTENBURY
1900 J. H. BRAIN	1934 J. T. MORGAN
1901 J. H. BRAIN	1935 . J. T. MORGAN
1902 J. G. CLARK	1936 . F. W. MATHIAS
1903 V. T. HILL	
1904 V. T. HILL	1937 F. THOMAS
1905 J. P. CADOGAN	1938 W. J. Evans
1906 A. GIBSON	1939-45 2ND WORLD WAR
1907 A. GIBSON	1946 W. J. Evans.
1908 . A. GIBSON	1947 HAYDN WILKINS.
1900 11. GIBSON	1948 . J. D. RICHES

ANNUAL REPORT—Season 1948

The Bowling Club had a successful and very happy season. The green was better than ever and the new amenities provided were very acceptable and added considerably to the pleasure of the members. We were very proud of our Green and take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to the Management Committee of the Athletic Club and to the Ground Staff for their valuable and very much appreciated work on our behalf.

The First Team under the Captaincy of W. J. Powell (Wick), started the season with high expectations and quickly ran into form. It won the Final of its Section of the W.B.A., and then met Victoria Park in an Inter-Sectional Trial. The game ended in a draw but as some of the players had left the Green, the match could not be replayed that evening. When it was replayed the victory went to Victoria Park. The team did not, unfortunately, maintain the high standard reached in the earlier matches and was less successful later on. The inclement weather of the period may have been partly responsible.

The "A" Team under its Captain, F. D'Alton, had a very successful season and was unbeaten at home. The players had a thoroughly enjoyable time and gave their Captain loyal and effective support.

The record of the Teams is as follows:

FIRST TEAM:

W.B.A.—Played 6. Won 4. Drawn 1. Lost 1. Shots for, 490. Shots against, 409. Shots up, 81.

P.G.A. (1).—Played 5. Won 2. Lost 3. Shots for, 370. Shots against, 390. Shots down, 20.

FRIENDLY MATCHES.—Played 8. Won 2. Lost 4. Drawn 2. Shots for, 584. Shots against, 319. Shots up, 265.

" A " TEAM :

P.G.A. (2).—Played 6. Won 5. Lost 1. Shots for, 520. Shots against, 451. Shots up, 49.

FRIENDLY MATCHES.—Played 9. Won 7. Lost 2. Shots for, 1,266. Shots against, 1,102. Shots up, 164.

MID-WEEK MATCHES (Friendly).—Played 13. Won 8. Lost 5. Cancelled 3. Shots for, 971. Shots against, 859. Shots up, 112.

Totals for all Matches.—Played 47. Won 28. Lost 16. Drawn 3. Shots for, 4,181. Shots against, 3,630. Shots up, 551.

CLUB COMPETITIONS.—Thanks to the Competition Stewards and the ready co-operation of the players, all the Competitions were completed with the following results:

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: F. Groves. Runner-up: O. S. Thomas. CLUB HANDICAP: Len Smith. Runner-up: A. E. Taylor.

CLUB PAIRS: A. E. Taylor and H. L. David. Runners-up: F. Groves and P. J. Bunnell.

SPOON COMPETITION: W. T. Griffiths.

COUNTY HONOURS.

The following members were awarded County Pocket Badges: L. Smith and O. Thomas; and the following were honoured by selection for the County: H. S. Salter, S. Jones, L. Smith, W. J. Powell, O. S. Thomas, T. Strong, and D. W. Griffiths.

Our Chairman, Major L. C. Watters, was honoured by his selection to play for East Glamorgan against the touring South African Bowling Team.

ADMINISTRATION HONOURS.

We congratulate C. A. Williams, M.A., on his selection as President of the Glamorgan County Bowling Association for 1949, and extend to him the congratulations and best wishes of all the members on the honour conferred upon him, one which we know he will bear with dignity and the work of which he will carry out efficiently.

We take this opportunity, too, of congratulating our Chairman, Major L. C. (Jack) Watters, on the honour of being elected as President of the East Wales Private Greens Association, and on his election to the Committee of the East Glamorgan Bowling Association, and to the executive of the Glamorgan County Bowling Association. We are confident that in all these offices he will act with his usual energy, efficiency and charm.

LADIES CATERING COMMITTEE.

Once again we express our very great thanks to the Ladies who, under the Chairmanship of Mrs. P. Goldsmith, catered so magnificently for us. In these days of rationing, they had a very difficult task, yet they performed it efficiently and charmingly. The Bowling Club is very much indebted to the Ladies for the service they have given so willingly to the members since the Club's formation, a service which has added materially to the pleasure of our games on the Green.

OBITUARY.

During the year the Club mourned the passing of its late Secretary, Frank Davies, and E. Townsend. They were both associated with the Club for very many years and we all deeply deplore their loss—they will be greatly missed.

Past Captains of Bowls Section :-

1924	 J. BATSTONE.	1937	 C. W. STANDFAST.
1925	 M. Wood.	1938	T. STRONG.
1926	 W. M. Douglas.	1939	 E. RIDD.
1927	 J. PRATT.	1940	 W. J. OLD.
1928	 W. H. JENKINS.	1941	 H. W. TAYLOR.
1929	 C. A. WILLIAMS, M.A.	1942	 J. D. ROBERTS.
1930	 D. L. Evans.	1943	 W. T. WILLIAMS.
1931	 J. OXENHAM.	1944	 H. J. SALTER.
1932	 L. C. WATTERS	1945	 A. G. COUZENS.
1933	 F. DAVIES.	1946	 A. F. MALE.
1934	 W. T. GRIFFITHS.	1947	 A. E. TAYLOR.
1935	 A. MILSOM.	1948	 W. J. POWELL.
1936	 A. CALDER.		

CARDIFF ATHLETIC LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Season 1948

After a very successful season in 1947, members of the Lawn Tennis Section looked forward to another good year in 1948. Membership continued to flourish, and there was a prospect of great improvement in playing facilities.

Some disappointment was felt that the two new hard courts were not available at the commencement of the season, an earth subsidence having proved an unexpected obstacle. Moreover, the grass courts proved to be less satisfactory than expected after the attention they had received during the winter months, and in order to lessen the congestion likely as a consequence, three courts were made available on the cricket pitch during the week-days and when the County were not playing, in addition to two courts prepared at the river end of the football field.

The Season was to have opened on Saturday, May 1st, with the usual American Tournament, but once again rain made the courts unplayable, and the event had to be cancelled. Play was possible on the Monday, however, and a large number of members turned up for the opening games.

The men's team played in the First Division of the Welsh League, and opened their progamme with a 8-1 defeat of the Penarth side. This was followed by matches against Cardiff, Newport Athletic, and Swansea Rosehill. Against Cardiff, we were soundly beaten by our rivals by 6 events to love, with three unfinished. However, we were successful in our encounter with Newport Athletic, whom we defeated by 6 events to 3, and on the following Saturday we met the strong Rosehill side at Swansea. The latter proved much too strong for us, and we went down to the tune of 7 events to 2. Our next match was against last year's Champions, Port Talbot, and, after a very close match on their own courts we ran out winners by the narrow margin of 5 events to 4. Our Welsh League programme was concluded with a match against Stow Park, Newport, and once more we had to admit defeat by 6 events to 3. The League Championship was eventually won by the Cardiff (Castle) Club, who were undefeated. Our complete results were as follows:

Played 6. Won 3. Lost 3. Events won, 24. Events lost, 27. Events unfinished, 3.

The Women's Team had quite a good season and improved on their last season's results. Their first match was against Penarth, who proved too strong, and we lost by 7 events to 2. Newport Athletic were our opponents in the second match, and our ladies won this away game by the overwhelming margin of 9 events to 0. This was followed by matches against Bridgend, Stow Park, and Cardiff (Castle, with results as follows: Bridgend were defeated 5 events to 4, but we lost to Stow Park and Cardiff, 5 events to 4, and 7 events

to 2 respectively. The last match of the programme was an exciting affair against Swansea Rosehill at the Arms Park, when we just scraped home by 5 events to 4. The Ladies' complete record was:

Played 6. Won 3. Lost 3. Events won, 27. Events lost, 26. Events unfinished, 1.

Early on in the season we had a visit from Mr. E. C. Kelly, the Coach allocated by the Lawn Tennis Association for coaching in South Wales. He was with us for one week and full advantage was taken of his services, preference being given to the younger members.

The Annual Tournament held during the period Monday, June 28th, to Saturday, July 10th, was again ably refereed by Mr. D. Bernard Morgan, assisted by Mr. Wyndham Richards, Mr. A. C. Taylor and members of the Committee. Unfortunately, there were fewer entries than in the past, but the events were keenly contested, and fine weather enabled the Referee to complete the tournament in the allotted time.

The Championship winners were:

Men's Singles: Mr. Gwyn Matthews.

Women's Singles: Miss E. Belman.

Men's Doubles: Messrs. E. Belman and Fred Davies.

Women's Doubles: Miss E. Belman and Mrs. G. Ridd.

Mixed Doubles: Mr. and Mrs. Gwyn Matthews.

Handicap Winners:

Women's Doubles: Miss B. Buckland and Miss N. Jenkins. Mixed Doubles: Miss B. Moseley and Mr. E. Weber.

On Saturday, August 7th, the two new Hard Courts were officially opened by our Chairman, Mr. D. Bernard Morgan, who in an appropriate speech, said how pleased he was that something he had striven for for many years was at last an accomplished fact. These excellent courts should prove a great asset to the Section.

The weather through the Season was somewhat disappointing, but nevertheless the courts were in constant use until August 23rd, when the grass courts were handed over to allow the Head Groundsman an early start on their preparation for Season 1949; the policy being to re-turf Courts 1 and 2, and patch the more severely worn areas of Courts 3 and 4.

Friendly matches were played by men's, women's and mixed teams, and the opportunity was taken to try out a number of promising newcomers with a view to grooming them for the following season's league programme.

It is satisfactory to record that members met frequently during the winter season, when a number of Skittle nights were arranged to the evident enjoyment of those who took part. On Monday, November 29th, a Dance was held at the Park Hotel, and proved to be a most enjoyable affair. Unfortunately, our Chairman, Mr. D. Bernard Morgan, was prevented by indisposition from attending, and we were, therefore, deprived of the pleasure of having the Trophies presented by Mrs. Morgan. However, we were fortunate in having Mr. Norman Riches with us, and he very kindly made the presentation. Several parties attended from neighbouring clubs, and it seemed to be



the unanimous opinion of those present that it was a very happy occasion which they hoped would be repeated. Our thanks are due to the members of the Dance Committee who by their efforts, helped to make the affair such a success.

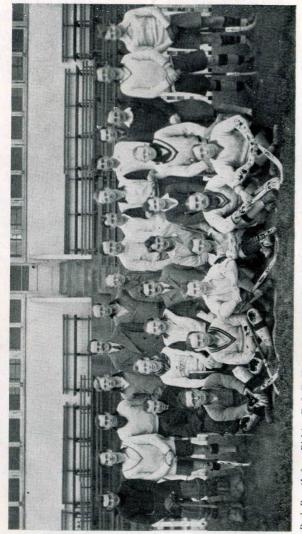
The Club was represented at the Annual Meeting of the Welsh Lawn Tennis Association, and it is pleasing to report that our Secretary Mr. Gwyn Matthews, was duly elected a member of the Council. During the Season, Mr. Matthews was abroad on business for some weeks, and Mr. Len Bright and Mr. Moss Llewellyn undertook the administrative work of the section during his absence.

Many of the more enthusiastic members continued to play tennis on the hard courts during the winter, and at the same time the Committee met regularly preparing for Season 1949. Steps were taken which resulted in the provision of Gates at the entrance to the Grass Courts, the removal of weeds and nettles from the surrounds of the courts, and the general tidying up of the grass verges. Improvements in the changing rooms were put in hand, including the provision of more locker space, and the first moves were made for the erection of a shelter on the river side of Courts 1 and 2.

At the Annual Meeting which took place on March 6th, 1949, D. Bernard Morgan, J.P., was unanimously re-elected to the Chair, Gwyn Matthews became Club Captain, and Miss Marian David was elected Ladies' Captain. H. Royal Evans took over the duties of Club Secretary, and Miss E. Belman, Miss Mollie Davies, Miss Dilys Jones, Mrs. Roy Evans, Len Bright, Fred Davies, Moss Llewellyn, and Phil Ridd were elected to the Committee.

CAPTAINS

	Men's		Ladies'
1923	 T. J. HOPKINS	 	
1924	 T. J. HOPKINS	 	Miss E. CLARE.
1925	 T. J. HOPKINS	 	Mrs. G. D. HORSPOOL.
1926	 T. J. HOPKINS	 	Miss D. A. CALDER
1927	 F. C. ORAM	 	Miss D. A. CALDER
1928	 F. C. ORAM	 	Mrs. M. JERMAIN
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	 4. 34	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
1939-45	 WORLD WAR No. 2.		
1946	 C. T. HEMMING	 	Miss D. JONES
1947	 M. LLEWELLYN	 	Miss D. JONES
1948	 M. LLEWELLYN	 	Miss M. DAVIES



E. HITCHMAN, H. G. HUGHES, P. DOLAN, M. G. THOMAS, S. G. BANBURY, G. E. NEEDHAM, EDMUNDS, A. EVANS, M. STEPHENS, D. H. ANDREWS, V. R. LEWIS, S. A. CRICHTON-BARER, M. DAVIES. C. HALL S. WILLIAMS, D. LLOYD JONES, E. VIS, E. RUTTLEY. H. INGLEDEW, W. N. FRANCIS, B. OWEN, K. G. HUGHES, G. R.

CARDIFF HOCKEY CLUB

Season 1948-49

This was Cardiff's record season in representative hockey. Seven Members of the Club, P. Dolan, W. N. Francis, E. J. E. Hitchman, H. G. Hughes, E. Ruttley, D. B. Thomas, and N. W. Williams—played for Wales and secured sixteen "caps" altogether. The Welsh team against England at Abergavenny included six members of the Club, and this is probably the strongest representation of any one club in an International team since 1904, when nine members of the Palmerston H.C. played for Ireland.

In addition, eight of our players—S. G. Banbury, Dolan, Francis, Hitchman, Hughes, G. Percival, Thomas, and G. A. L. Tucker—represented South Wales, and eight—Banbury, J. E. Bartlett, Dolan, Francis, Hitchman, Percival, Thomas, and Tucker—Glamorgan. Eric Ruttley was awarded his "blue" at Oxford, and thus became a member of one of the strongest University sides for many years.

Unfortunately, the frequent absence of so many players from the Club side in the latter part of the season, and the consequent continual chopping and changing of the team, had a disastrous effect on the Club's own playing record. It is interesting to contrast the First Eleven's results up to the end of 1948 with those in the New Year. They are:

ear. They ar	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals for	Goals against
SeptDec.	 12	II	0	I	36	8
JanApril	 14	4	I	9	36	37

The complete season's results for the two teams were:

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost		Goals against
Cardiff	26	15	I	10	72	45
Cardiff "A"	27	10	3	14	43	48

Leading Goal-scorers:

Cardiff.—W. N. Francis, 18; P. Dolan, 15; H. G. Hughes, 8; R. S. McCallum, 7; J. E. Bartlett, 6.

Cardiff "A."—R. S. McCallum, 12; D. Andrews, 6; E. F. Hill-Snook, 5; J. S. Williams, 5.

On the administrative side, W. N. Francis succeeded E. J. E. Hitchman as Secretary of the Glamorgan County Hockey Association. The other positions mentioned in last year's report were again held by the same Cardiff members. K. H. Ingledew was elected as the representative of Great Britain on the General Committee of the Federation Internationale de Hockey. During the season he also umpired two International Matches—Holland v. Belgium, at Amsterdam, and Ireland v. England, at Dublin.

This report has been somewhat curtailed, as it is considered an opportune time to record the names of those members of the Club who have been "capped" for Wales. They are:

E. W. Evans (14).—E.: 1898, 1903-4-5-6; I.: 1903-4-5-6; S.: 1903-4-5-6-7. G. N. Howell (2).—E.: 1899; I.: 1899. P. B. Turnbull (13).—E.: 1901-8-10-11-12; I.: 1901-2-8-11; S.: 1902-8-11; O.G.: 1908. C. R. Lundle (1).—E.: 1901. W. H. Murreell (2).—I.: 1903; S.: 1903. B. Turnbull (19).—E.: 1906-8-9-10-11-12-13; I.: 1908-9-10-11-12-13; S.: 1909-10-11-12-13; O.G.: 1908. P. G. Wilkins (1).—I.: 1908. H. H. Sweet-Escott (9).—E.: 1910-11-12-13; I.: 1910-12-13; S.: 1912-13. J. W. Duncan (3).—E.: 1910; I.: 1912; S.: 1912. E. R. Sweet-Escott (2).—E.: 1912; I.: 1912. G. M. Turnbull (1).—I.: 1919. R. T. S. Hinde (2).—E.: 1920; S.: 1920. H. W. Browne (2).—E.: 1920; S.: 1920. W. S. Courtis (1).—I.: 1922. K. H. T. Williams (1).—I.: 1937. E. J. E. Hitchman (9).—E.: 1947-48-49; I.: 1947-48-49; S.: 1947-48; N.: 1948. D. B. Thomas (10).—E.: 1947-48-49; I.: 1947-48-49; S.: 1947-48-49; N.: 1948.

W. N. Francis (5).—E.: 1947-49; I.: 1947; S.: 1947-49.

E. Ruttley (6).—E.: 1948-49; I.: 1948-49; S.: 1949; N.: 1948 H. G. Hughes (5).—E.: 1948; I.: 1949; S.: 1948-49; N.: 1948 G. A. L. Tucker (1).—S.: 1948. P. Dolan (2).—E.: 1949; I.: 1949. N. W. Williams (2).—E.: 1949; S.: 1949.

E.—England. I.—Ireland. S.—Scotland. N.—Netherlands.

O.G.—Olympic Games.

RESULTS 1948-49

Date Opponents			Venue	Result		
194	8					
Sept.	18	Brean		 Away	Won	2-0
,,	25	Weston-super-Mare		 Home	Won	3-1
Oct.	2	Bath		 Home	Won	2-0
,,	9	Old Bristolians		 Away	Won	2-1
,,	16	Old Grammarians		 Home	Cancel	led
,,	23	West Gloucestershire		 Away	Won	3—1
,,	30	Hereford		 Away	Won	7-0
Nov.	6	Abergavenny		 Home	Won	5-0
,,	13	Bristol		Away	Won	2-1
,,	20	Imperial		 Home	Won	4-1
,,	27	G. Russell's XI		 Home	Won	3-0
Dec.	5	Newport		Away	Lost	0-3
,,	II	Long Ashton		 Home	Cancel	lled
,,	18	Chepstow		 Home	Cancel	lled
,,	27	Cardiff "A"		 Home	Won	3-0
194	9				Facility.	
Jan.	I	Bridgend		 Away	Cancel	lled
,,	8	Penarth		Home	Lost	2-3
,,	15	Penarth		Away	Won	3-0
,,	22	Newport		 Home	Lost	1-3
,,	29	Chepstow		 Away	Won	8-0
Feb.	5	Bristol		 Home	Drawn	3-3
,,	12	Hereford		Home	Cancel	lled
"	19	Imperial		Away	Won	3-2
"	26	Old Grammarians		 Away	Lost	2-4
Mar.	5	Old Bristolians		 Home	Cancel	lled
,,	12	West Gloucestershire		 Home	Lost	2-3
"	19	Bath		Away	Lost	1-9
	20	Downside School		 Away	Won	6—=
22	22	Cardiff University		Away	Lost	I-2
April	2	Long Ashton		Away	Lost	3-5
	9	Weston-super-Mare		Away	Lost	I—2
33	23	Brean		Away	Lost	0-2
33	43	Dican	•	2		

CARDIFF "A"

Date		Opponents	Venue	Result		
194	18					
Sept.	II	Mond Nickel		Home	Won 3	
>>	25	Army Apprentices School		Away	Lost I-4	
Oct.	2	West Camp, St. Athan		Home	Won 2-1	
25	9	Old Bristolians II		Home	Won 2-0	
>>	16	Bridgend		Away	Cancelled	
,,	23	West Gloucestershire II		Home	Won 41	
,,	30	Clydach		Home	Won 5—I	
Nov.	6	Cardiff Technical College		Away	Drawn I—I	
,,	13	Bristol II		Home	Lost o-5	
,,	20	Imperial II		Away	Lost I-4	
,,	27	Cardiff High School		Away	Won 4-2	
Dec.	4	Newport "A"		Home	Lost 0-2	
,,	II	Cardiff University		Away	Lost o-I	
,,	18	West Camp, St. Athan		Away	Lost o-3	
,,	27	Cardiff		Home	Lost o-3	
194						
Jan.	I	Cardiff Academicals		Home	Cancelled	
,,	8	Cardiff Technical College		Away	Lost 14	
22	15	Steel Co. of Wales		Home	Won 4-3	
22	22	Newport "A"		Away	Lost 0—2	
,,	29	Cardiff University		Home	Won I—o	
Feb.	5	Bristol II		Away	Lost I—2	
33	12	Clydach		Away	Cancelled	
33	19	Imperial II		Home	Drawn I—I	
22	26	Cardiff Technical College		Home	Lost 0-2	
Mar.	5	Old Bristolians II		Away	Cancelled	
,,	12	West Gloucestershire II		Away	Lost 1—2	
22	19	Army Apprentices School	*:	Away	Lost 0—2	
pril	2	Steel Co. of Wales		Away	Won 4—0	
	5	Cardiff High School	-115	Away	Drawn 0—0	
22	9	37 1 371 1 1		Away	Won 6—0	
,,	23	Clydach	•	Away	Won 6—0 Lost 1—2	

CARDIFF HOCKEY CLUB

Record of Past Seasons

Season	Captain	Played	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	als 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	I	3	81	22
1903-04	G. N. HOWELL	24	18	2	4	IIO	31
1904-05	E. W. EVANS	20	15	2	3	119	27
1905-06	E. W. EVANS	15	II	I	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	IOI	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	I	2	95	26
1912-13	H. REDFORD	15	IO	0	5	70	57
1913-14	J. O. TURNBULL	22	19	2	I	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 6	92	51
1922-23	H. W. BROWNE	19	IO	3		73	34
1923-24	W. S. COURTIS	23	9	4	IO	63	68
1924-25	A. T. HARPER	*					*
1925-26	A. T. HARPER	*	11	*			*
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		9	77	77
1933-34	S. C. BANBURY	30	II	5	14	53	57
1934-35	S. C. BANBURY	34	13	7	14	64	71
1935-36	G. R. FAULKS	27	14	2	II	60	64
1936-37	G. R. FAULKS	25	II	6	8	48	50
1937-38	G. R. FAULKS	31	20	3 6	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	I	10	72	45

^{*} Records not available.

