

# **CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB**



## **Annual Report**

*for the year ended*

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President of the Cardiff Athletic Club.

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K. G. HUGHES. G. J. LEWIS. G. A. L. TUCKER.

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## CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB

### The President—Mr. D. B. MORGAN, J.P.

When the first Annual General Meeting of the Post War period was held in September, 1946, one of the most important items on the Agenda was the election of the President to succeed Mr. W. T. Morgan who had held the post since the formation of the Athletic Club. W. T. Morgan had served the Rugby Club and then the Athletic Club for 52 years. In the years, 1887-1891 he had played in the pack, and in 1888 had the honour of scoring against the first Touring side, the Maories. In 1907, he was elected President of the Rugby Club and on the formation of the Cardiff Athletic Club just after the first World War, he became the first President, a post he filled with distinction and dignity until his death in 1939. It may be said of him that he lived for the Club. Rarely a day passed that he did not visit the ground to hold conference with the Secretary, the officers and the staff. For more than 30 years he guided the affairs of the Club quietly, modestly, efficiently and wisely. His passing at the outbreak of another world war was a very great loss. Who was worthy to succeed so great a President? Fortunately, the Club had the man.

In the early thirties, when the financial position was a serious one, a new Management Committee was appointed with Mr. D. B. Morgan as its Chairman, with the task of re-organising the Club, drafting new rules, and placing the Club on a sound financial basis. Since that time the personnel of the Management Committee has altered considerably, but throughout, Mr. Morgan has been the Chairman and retained the confidence of his colleagues. During the second World War he acted as Chairman of the War Emergency Committee and of the Reconstruction Committee. Thus for fifteen years his organising ability, boundless energy, managerial skill, and his patience and tact have been placed wholeheartedly at the service of the Club. He has in truth been the chief of "The Back Room Boys." The vast majority of the members could not possibly know what he had done, but his colleagues on the Management Committee were very conscious of his great services and were appreciative of them. They had very great pleasure in nominating and supporting him for the Presidency, and were delighted when the general body of members assembled at the Cory Hall on September 24th, 1946, endorsed their view by unanimously electing Mr. D. B. Morgan, J.P. as the President of the Cardiff Athletic Club.

We assure the President of the confidence and loyal co-operation of the members and wish him a long, happy and successful tenure of office.

## INTRODUCTION

At the conclusion of the Report for the period, September, 1939 to April, 1946, reference was made to the important changes in the constitution of the Club whereby membership of any section is now confined to members of the Club instead of being open to non-Members as well as to members as was previously the case. The period to which this report relates is the first full year since the new rules embodying the new constitution came into force. As was anticipated, these changes in constitution and rules have already proved of material advantage to the Club. Membership is up to full strength and members take a much greater interest in the Club's affairs than they did in pre-war days. This was shown by the attendance at the Annual General Meeting which was held in the Cory Hall on the 25th September, 1946. Instead of there being a small nominal attendance, as was the case before the war, there was an attendance of some 150 members, representing all sections of the Club. Under the present rules the Management Committee consists of the five Trustees, twelve elected members, four to retire at the end of each year, and one representative from each section of the Club. On this occasion both because of the change in the rules and because no members of the Management Committee had been elected during the war period, all 12 elective places were considered vacant and elections held to fill the vacancies. In this way virtually a new Management Committee was brought into being. Naturally, consequent upon the elections, several members who had had no previous experience of the work of the Management Committee found that some little time was taken up in feeling their feet, but in due course the Committee has settled down into a harmonious whole, and has succeeded in safeguarding and advancing the true interests of the Club without any false regard to party or section.

As will be seen from the particulars given in the opening pages of the Report, to facilitate administration in the



wide field that has to be covered, the Management Committee is divided into three main Sub-Committees :—

*Finance* : responsible for dealing with the Club's finances from every aspect.

*House* : responsible for dealing with the premises occupied by the Club.

*Ground* : responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the grounds used by the members.

The Management Committee is fully alive to many of the present needs of the Club, but throughout the year has been sadly handicapped in its work generally owing to the shortage of supplies which is prevailing and the various controls and restrictions which are in force ; nevertheless, looking at it in retrospective, more has been accomplished in the year than was thought possible. A contract has been placed for the laying down of two new hard lawn tennis courts. Had it not been for the severe winter, it is probable that these courts would have been completed by the time that this report is published. As it is the work is well in hand and there is every hope that it will be completed in the near future. Thus a long felt want of the Lawn Tennis Club will be met, but it is to be regretted that the available space only permitted of the laying down of two courts instead of three as was originally intended.

The site under the Cricket Pavilion has been very successfully converted into new secretarial offices which in itself is a great improvement because any stranger entering the ground by the main members' entrance sees the Secretary's office immediately instead of having to search for it as previously.

Finally, much needed lavatory accommodation has been added and generally good progress has been made towards bringing the ground back to its pre-war condition. under the direction of A. E. Pursey, who was appointed Head groundsman early in 1946. Still, much remains to be done. The Committee realizes that the premises are inadequate for the present membership of the Club and

therefore is in the course of obtaining plans for substantial improvements but knows only too well that there is no hope of the necessary work being sanctioned for several years to come. In a similar way the Committee has approved a plan for the erection of a Groundsman's cottage between the Cricket Pavilion and the Westgate Street flats, but so far, has been unable to secure a licence to enable this work to proceed.

As is well known, a large section of the premises is in a very damaged and dilapidated condition due to enemy action. In this connection our landlords have lodged a substantial claim with the appropriate authorities, on behalf of all parties using the ground, but as yet practically no progress has been made in agreeing the amount of the claim let alone obtaining permission to put the necessary work in hand. This question of War Damage is one which the Committee views with great concern because while appreciating on the one hand what needs to be done as immediately as possible in the interest of all parties, on the other hand it finds that it is powerless to expediate these negotiations which have already been very protracted.

From the financial aspect it may be said that the year which ended on April 30th, 1946, was the most successful in the history of the Club, showing as it did a substantial surplus for the year. In considering this surplus, members should also consider the costs that will be involved in restoring the level of the amenities to that which existed before the war and to carry out the extensions which the Committee has in mind.

In effect this large surplus only exists because of the inability of the Committee to spend money at the present time in the manner which it considers to be necessary. In due course the major portion of it will be used for the purpose of discharging the Club's liability for Income Tax which, consequent upon this successful year, is extremely onerous, carrying out the various extensions to which reference has been made, including the hard Tennis Courts and the Groundsman's cottage and in meeting the charge which cannot at present be estimated but which will necessarily be very heavy, in respect of deferred



repairs, re-decoration and the like when ultimately the War Damage claim is settled and the work put in hand. In view of these heavy future commitments, it should be the policy of the Club to make its financial position safe by continuing to add to this surplus, so that these charges may be met out of accrued revenue, thereby avoiding bringing them into the Club's accounts as heavy capital charges.

The year saw the resumption of the Club's normal activities on something approaching a peace time basis. As will be seen in the appropriate section of this report, the Football Club enjoyed an extremely successful season, which all hope will start a period of post-war successes.

The Cardiff Hockey Club which, as can be seen from the list of Captains, goes back to 1896, has now become an active section of the Club and enjoyed a successful first full playing season on a peace-time basis, on the Cardiff Arms Park.

On the social side the Club has been equally successful. The Club premises were much used by the members, and the Skittle Alley was in great demand.

Following pre-war practice, the Club once again ran a successful Derby Sweep.

Finally, in spite of all difficulties, a Committee of Ladies, under the Chairmanship and guidance of Mrs. Goldsmith, managed to provide teas for members on the principal days on which the Club was used throughout the season. I am sure that I am voicing the wishes of all members in referring to the work done by Mrs. Goldsmith and her Committee of ladies and by thanking them for the services they have rendered, which have been so much appreciated.

As the Annual Report is usually published at least six months after the period to which it refers, there is always a strong temptation to refer to matters of interest which have taken place between the end of the year and the time of publication. Nevertheless, hitherto the report has been solely confined to the period to which it relates. On this

occasion, however, there has been an occurrence which merits a departure from this well established practice, namely, the appointment of Wing Commander R. M. Williams as General Secretary of the Club. Until recently Mr. N. V. Hurry Riches continued to act as Hon. Secretary of the Club as well as Vice-Chairman of the Management Committee. At the end of the year, it was agreed that it was desirable to revert to the pre-war practice of employing a full time paid Secretary and as a consequence, Wing Commander R. M. Williams was appointed to the position, having been selected from a lengthy list of applicants. By now, Wing Commander Williams has become well known to the majority of the members who all wish him a happy and successful period of office in the service of the Club. At the same time we should once again remember the wonderful services which have been rendered by Mr. N. V. Hurry Riches, as Hon. General Secretary of the Club, not only at the latter end of the war, but also in the immediate period after the war when the Club had to face the difficulties of the transition from war to peace. It can be truly said that the present financial strength of the Club is in a large measure due to Mr. Riches's wonderful enthusiasm. As has been suggested earlier in this report, it is hoped to build a larger and more successful club, based on our present strong financial position and when this is done, it is hoped that members will remember the debt they owe to Mr. Riches who made this possible by the work that he did as Hon. General Secretary.



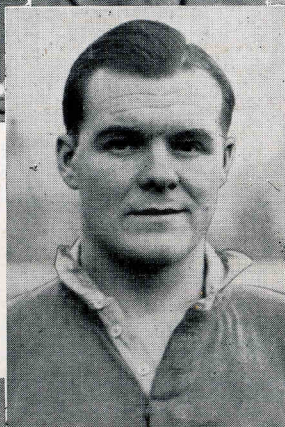
## CLUB CAPTAINS, 1946-47.

(Right)

W. J. EVANS  
(Cricket)



LYN WILLIAMS  
(Athletic Rugby  
XV)



C. T. HEMMING  
(Lawn Tennis)



A. F. MALE (Bowls)

JACK  
MATTHEWS  
(Rugby)



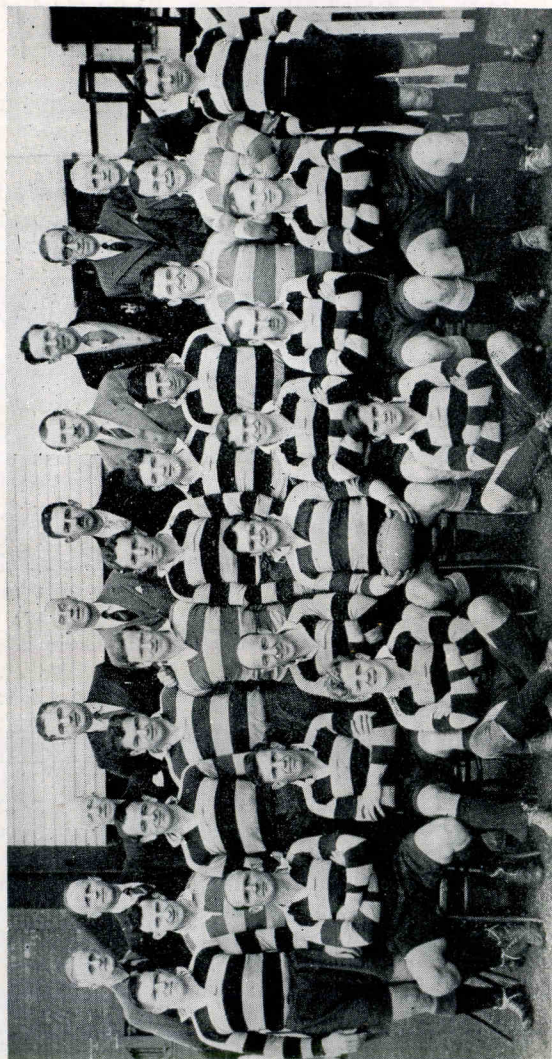
G. PERCIVAL (Hockey)

## CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB—1946-1947

By D. E. DANNY DAVIES

When the season opened, the prospects were good. All the players from last season were available, and some promising new material was on view in the Trial. Don Rees, a Cardiff boy, who had hooked so successfully for Bath, was one of these new players. Yet in the opening matches the play was disappointing. True the first four games were won, but by comparatively small margins. There was a lack of clean cut attacking movements and the finishing generally was bad. Thus it was no surprise when on September 21st, we were beaten at Neath by fourteen points to eight. The Neath pack outplayed ours in the set scrums and in the loose. Their forwards heeled quicker and oftener, and hampered our scrum half considerably. Yet we led at half time, thanks to a splendid opening made by Bleddyn Williams, which led to a try by Jack Matthews which was converted by Roy Roberts. In the second half, the virile Neath pack wore down all opposition and late in the game the home side were rewarded by two tries to the great delight of a large and enthusiastic crowd. On the following Saturday, we returned to winning form and beat our great rivals Coventry on the Park, by 14 points. In this match A. Turnbull was scrum half, Bleddyn Williams was stand off and Cleaver was in the centre. The score rather flattered us as Coventry played really well, while there was still room for improvement in our pack and at the base of the scrum. For the next match against Newport, at Rodney Parade, Darch returned and several changes were made in the forwards. A close game was won by 8 points to six as a result of better team work. It was an excellent game played in a very good spirit. Probably as a result of this victory, and our improved form, there was a good crowd to welcome Gloucester for the next home match. Bleddyn Williams and Darch at half with Cleaver and Mahoney in the centre formed a very dangerous combination, so that on three occasions, Gwynne Porter had a straight run-in. Tamplin was in grand form and kicked four converted goals, three of





*Back Row : C. EVANS, R. A. CORNISH, J. THOMAS, H. JOHNSON, G. E. HESLOP, S. CRAVOS, G. V. WYNNE JONES, L. M. SPENCE,  
D. E. DAVIES, B. H. JENKINS.  
Second Row : S. ROWES, H. TANNER, R. ROBERTS, W. E. TAMPLIN, H. E. JONES, B. EVANS, D. ST. JOHN REES, F. TROTT,  
D. REES, CLIFF DAVIES, H. LOVELL.  
Third Row : GWYN EVANS, M. JAMES, L. MANFIELD, LT. J. MATTHEWS, BLEDDYN WILLIAMS, G. PORTER, R. BALE.  
Front Row : W. B. CLEAVER, W. DARCH.*

which were magnificent efforts from difficult positions. This was a fine game which pleased everybody.

On the following Wednesday, October 16th, Bristol honoured us by asking us to play against them in a match to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the opening of the Memorial Ground at Horfield. Danny Davies, who with Arthur Cornish, took part in the opening match in September 1921, kicked off, and a grand spectacular game, full of examples of copy book rugby followed. At the express wish of the Bristol Club, Haydn Tanner and Frank Trott appeared in the Cardiff Team, which won comfortably by 24 points to Nil. At the Celebration Dinner afterwards, the Bristol President, Mr. George Babbage and their Chairman, Mr. P. Down expressed their thanks to Cardiff for the magnificent exhibition of Rugby.

This high-light was followed by another defeat at the feet of the undefeated All Whites at Swansea by 7 points to five. We were without Tamplin and though we led at half time by five points to four, as a result of an inimitable try from Bleddyn Williams, which was converted, Swansea's somewhat superior and certainly heavier pack exerted sufficient pressure to give their backs an opportunity of scoring a corner try, to win by 2 points.

The next two games against Rosslyn Park at Cardiff and against the Wasps at Sudbury were both won comfortably though the match at Sudbury clashed with the First Welsh Trial.

Then followed a memorable game against Newport on the Park, when a very large crowd saw Cardiff triumph by 11 points to 3. This was an excellent game with an entire absence of the desperately keen spirit which has been so often evident in the past. Cardiff's display as a team was the best shown to date ; there was crisp handling from the backs, and they were well served from the set scrums and by good heeling from the loose, a phase of the game so long regarded as an English prerogative. The three scores came from excellent back play, and whilst Newport were outclassed on the day's play, both sides strove throughout to give us a grand, keen, but clean game.



# GRAND MATCH INTERNATIONAL DE RUGBY

PARC MALAKOFF  
NANTES

11 Novembre 1946  
à 14h30

**CARDIFF**  
RUGBY  
FOOTBALL CLUB  
CONTRE **S.N.U.C**

After the match, while the players were having tea, there came a great shock and disappointment in the form of a telephone call from France, stating that owing to the gales, no planes were leaving France and that the weather conditions were deteriorating. Arrangements had been completed to travel to Nantes the next day to play Stade Nantais U.C. on Armistice Day. These arrangements had meant a considerable amount of work by all concerned, the players, committee and especially the Fixture Secretary, and their disappointment can be imagined. A meeting was hastily called and it was decided to telephone the Nantais Club on Sunday, November 10th to the effect that the Cardiff Team would be ready to fly to Nantes the following week end.

Early on Sunday, however, Monsieur Henri Picherit of the Stade Nantais U.C., having travelled to Paris and contacted the Air Company, found that the weather conditions had improved and that the plane, a J.U. 52 was ready to take off for Cardiff. He telephoned the Fixture Secretary, explained the position and asked if the Cardiff party could be at the Cardiff Air Port at 1.0 p.m. The Ticket Secretary agreed to try to get it there. An exceptionally busy and anxious morning followed, but finally players and officials were at the Air Port in time. However, the plane arrived late. The party proceeded by it as far as Bristol where the Customs officials were, and it was then too late to continue the flight to Nantes so as to arrive in daylight. Consequently arrangements had to be made for sleeping accommodation for the Cardiff party and the three members of the plane's crew. This difficulty was overcome and at 8.15 a.m. on Armistice Day, November 11th, we left Bristol.

Fair weather prevailed and we had a smooth trip. We crossed over the Normandy beachhead, Mulberry Harbour and Caen, the scene of so much bitter fighting after D day. Near Nantes we were met by a light plane and escorted to the Air Port, where the plane grounded at 11.15 a.m. to the relief and great delight of the French Club's officials, including its President, Monsieur Marcel Pedron, and its organising Committee-man, Monsieur Henri Picherit. On leaving the plane we were faced by a veritable battery of cameras.





The CARDIFF TEAM and Officials standing beside the French Airways Plane at Cardiff Airport before leaving for Nantes, where they played STADE NANTAIS R.F.C. on Monday. In the photograph is Mr. ARTHUR CORNISH, the Club Chairman, who saw them off.

Every ticket for the match had been sold, and the ground was packed. Our team gave an excellent exhibition of football and won comfortably by 22 points to 5.

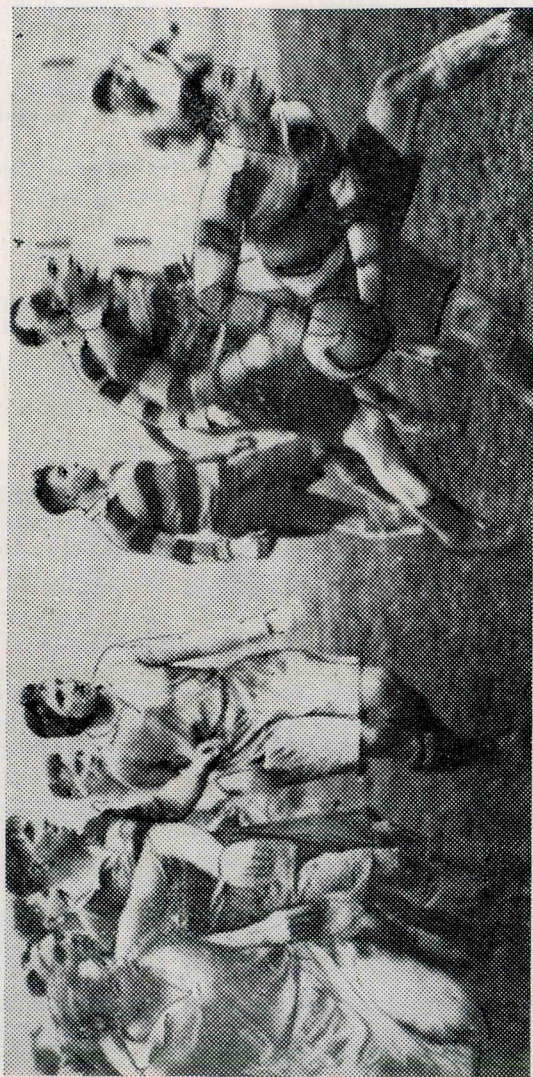
The Football Committee had ordered a wreath in Nantes. It was a magnificent one, and between the really beautiful flowers was spread a broad strip of Blue and Black Ribbon with an inscription in letters of gold which read, "To those heroes of 1914-1918 and 1939-45, the Cardiff Club pays its humble tribute to the memory of those who died in their country's cause that we might live and work and play." This was placed on the Local War Memorial by Messrs. Danny Davies and Brice Jenkins, who were supported by the Captain and Bleddyn Williams in their uniforms of the R.A.M.C. and R.A.F. respectively, while the remainder of our party, officials and players of the French Club and a large crowd stood in silence in attendance.

Letters of greeting from the Lord Mayor of Cardiff and from Mr. Arthur Cornish, the Chairman of the Cardiff Club were handed to the Deputy Mayor of Nantes and to the President of the French Club, Monsieur Marcel Pedron respectively.

The rest of the story is one of wholehearted welcome and splendid hospitality, including a lavish banquet at which the Vice-Consul of Nantes, Mr. Joseph Leete and his wife were present. The players and officials of both clubs certainly got together and a very enjoyable evening passed all too quickly. On Tuesday, after a smooth trip back, we circled over Cardiff and landed at Cardiff Airport about 2.0 p.m. after having fulfilled the first football fixture of the Cardiff Rugby Club by Air Travel.

The first match on our return was against Leicester at Leicester, and is noteworthy for the first official appearance of Haydn Tanner in the Cardiff Team. In spite of the absence of the Captain, Mahoney and Cliff Davies the side played grandly and ran out very worthy winners by 19 points to 8 after a very fine exhibition of attacking football with which the Leicester Players, officials and supporters were very pleased and of which they showed their appreciation.





HAYDN TANNER (Cardiff) starting a passing movement in the Rugby match against Swansea at Arms Park, Cardiff, on Saturday, December 14th, 1946.

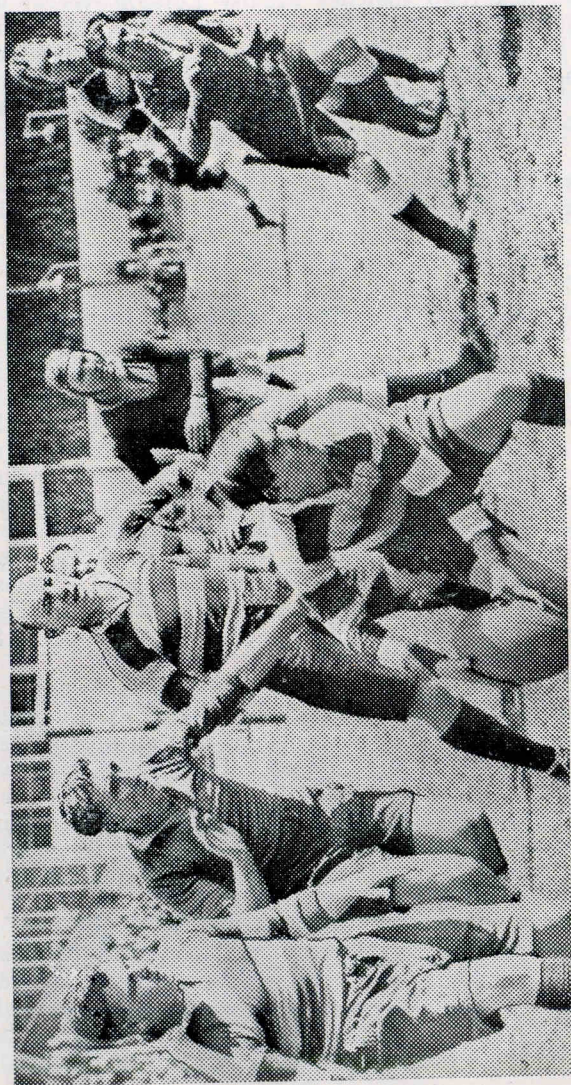
The next two matches against London Welsh and Richmond were played in fearful conditions, the ground being sodden, the ball wet and greasy and a high wind blowing. Typical Cardiff football was impossible, and it is not surprising that we only drew with the Welsh and beat Richmond by the narrow margin of 6 points to 5.

On Thursday, December 12th, we had a visit from the Cambridge University XV. The Light Blues had last played in Cardiff on December 7th, 1902. In contrast to the conditions for the Richmond match, the weather was fine, though the ground was on the heavy side, and the 'Varsity men met more than their match in the Cardiff Team which played grandly, and no-one better than Bleddyn Williams, who had a really brilliant day, scoring two tries and making three others by his elusive running and side stepping. The forwards gave the opposition little rest, and in addition to heeling from most of the tight scrummages, heeled the ball from loose mauls quite as often and as efficiently as the Cambridge men. Darch at scrum half had a good day, and was well supported by the centres who contributed to the many sparkling movements. Bill Tamplin kicked 6 goals—all good, "certain like" efforts. The Crowd thoroughly enjoyed the bright and open football and Cardiff's victory by 34 points to 8.

This match was followed by that against Swansea on the Park on December 14th, and play was not so spectacular. Our visitors adopted negative tactics accompanied by keen and robust marking and tackling. Their backs stood well up and their forwards broke up quickly. Cardiff tried to open up the game, and in spite of the keen Swansea defence should have won by more than 13 to 8. In this match, Haydn Tanner made his first appearance against his own Club and scored two tries.

Then came the Holiday Games. That against the Wasps on Boxing Day was noteworthy for three things: the very heavy rain which fell throughout the game, an exceptionally heavy storm and the amazing handling of the cold wet ball by our backs. Of these, two stood out; Haydn Tanner for his remarkable delivery of accurate passes and Bleddyn





WILLIE DARCH, the Cardiff half, getting the ball away. STAN WILLIAMS (Llanelli) about to pounce on him.

Williams for his uncanny acceptance, good delivery and a brilliant solo effort from 10 yards within his own half. The match was slightly curtailed as conditions became intolerable, and great praise is due to the players for continuing so long and for giving such a fine display of football under such circumstances. Jack Matthews returned home for this game, and played very well. In the evening the Wasps again proved very popular guests at the Club.

For the match versus the Watsonians, the following day, the conditions were much better. True the ground was very heavy but it was drier, and the home side was in irresistible form and won by 35 points to 8. Some brilliant handling movements were executed with Cardiff opening out from all positions, loose mauls, line-outs, and the like. Bleddyn Williams was again the star, as his work was superlative despite the attentions of a very robust and active wing forward—he was certainly at the peak of his form. The following Saturday, we crowned a very fine holiday performance by beating Bristol away by 23 points to nil. of this match the Sunday Press said :—

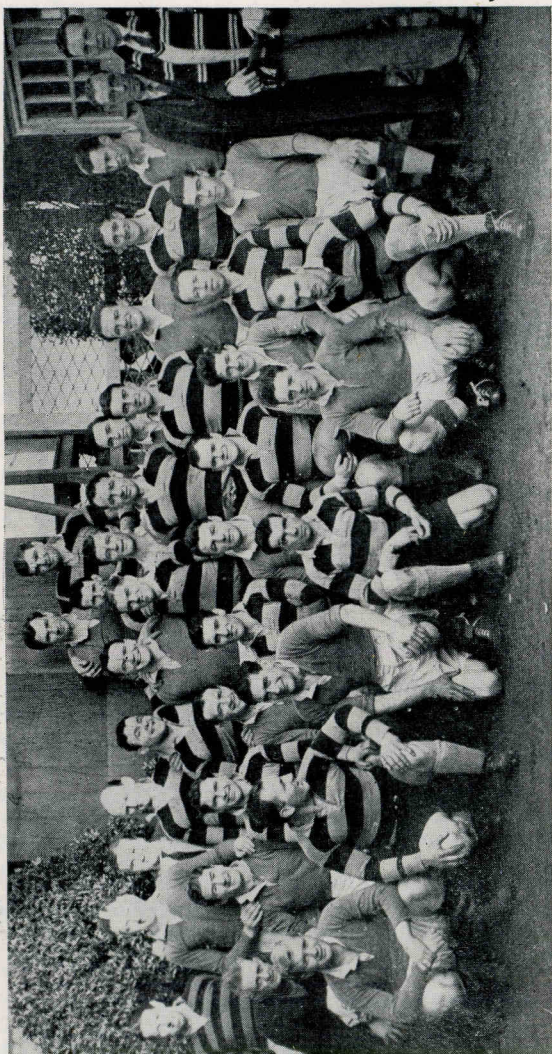
“Paying their second visit to Bristol this season, Cardiff, though without Jack Matthews, gave a delightful exhibition of fast, open Rugby and won easily.

Giving a superb exhibition of Rugby, Cardiff overwhelmed Bristol and 10,000 spectators saw them score a goal, two penalty goals and four tries, without reply at the Memorial Ground.”

Now came the Tour in Ireland. Our party without the stars who were selected for the final Welsh Trial, namely : Bleddyn Williams, Haydn Tanner, Billy Cleaver, Jack Matthews, Les Manfield, Gwyn Evans and Billy Darch (reserve) arrived in Dublin early on Saturday, January 4th, our H.Q. being the Shelbourne Hotel.

We were due to play County Dublin on Saturday and Bective Rangers on Monday, but as so many of our players were engaged in the Trial on the Saturday, the fixtures were reversed and we met the stronger County side on the Monday. The game against the Rangers was played at





COUNTY DUBLIN V. CARDIFF AT LANSLOWNE, DUBLIN—January 6th, 1947.  
Combined Group of Both Teams.

Donnybrook and resulted in a draw. With a little more thrust the match would have been won, but we missed our "Stars" and in very rainy conditions and on a heavy ground neither side scored. On Sunday, the Trial players joined us, and a much stronger side turned out against the County Dublin team on Monday. We had Haydn Tanner's beautiful passes from the scrums and loose mauls to assist the feints and thrusts of Bleddyn Williams and Jack Matthews in the centre, and in addition had the lively help of Gwyn Evans at forward. We produced some excellent scoring movements—typically Welsh—much to the pleasure of the crowd and ran out worthy winners by 18 points to 2 penalty goals. We had a very good Press. Both games were notable for two sterling forward struggles in which no quarter was asked or given; real vigorous yet clean battles which ended with honours even.

The County team was strong and included some 6 or 7 "representative Internationals" of 1945-46. Des. Thorpe played well at full back, and J. Blayne and Brendan Quinn in the backs and C. Callan and E. Connellan at forward played very well. B. Mullan, B. Quinn, C. Callan and D. Hingerty were chosen for Ireland in the first International against France. Our pack played well in both games, and to nobody is more credit due than to W. E. Tamplin, whose grand and heroic example inspired his colleagues, and aroused the admiration of many shrewd Irish critics and officials.

We cannot speak too highly of the Irish hospitality. The officials were splendid fellows and made things very easy for our party on arrival and departure, while during our stay, nothing was too much to do for any of our players or officials. We are particularly grateful to Messrs. Fallon, A. J. Curtis (Secretary of Bective), J. A. (Jimmy) McMarrough and M. Duane of Bective and to "Eddie" Mulhern (Secretary of Leinster), Dan O'Connor, G. P. S. Hogan and Nick Winter from Lansdowne, where the second match was played.

We were repeatedly thanked for resuming the link—broken temporarily, and pressed very strongly to "come



back to Erin " and if possible to maintain regular fixtures. Representations were also made to us by the Constitution (Cork) Club.

The main Cardiff party was in charge of Hubert Johnson, who was assisted by Les. Spence and Danny Davies, the Fixture Secretary, while G. V. Gwynne Jones was in charge of the smaller group of Trial players who made the journey on the Saturday evening.

This was a tour which was well worth while, and it has I think done much to cement that grand feeling which exists between the Irish and Welsh clubs.

Our match against Bath clashed with the International game v. England, and as our representatives were Haydn Tanner, Bleddyn Williams, Jack Matthews and Billy Cleaver in the backs and Gwyn Evans in the forwards, we fielded a weak side at Bath and lost a close game by 8 points to 5. Wales retired losers too, though we might have won with a goal kicker. Gwyn Evans whose rise to first class fame had been so rapid, and whose early and prompt selection in the Cardiff matches had amply repaid the selectors, scored the best try of the match. For the match against Scotland, Jack Matthews was omitted, but the other Cardiff players retained their places and were joined by W. E. Tamplin and Cliff Davies who many thought should have been included against England.

On January 25th, Neath, bringing a large crowd of supporters, were visitors to the Park. The weather had been very cold and the ground was hard—in fact, it was not until 11.30 a.m. that it was decided that the match could be played. Neath made no secret of the fact that they had come for Cardiff's ground record, and they turned out a very powerful team with an exceptionally well built and mobile pack of forwards whose physique was superior to that of our pack. Tamplin and C. Davies stood down to rest for the match against Scotland and Bleddyn was on the injured list.

Apart from the two scores, however in a drawn game—and these were good Welsh tries—the game was noted more for its dourness than for its brilliant play, and at times it was certainly over keen. Very close marking and

deadly tackling—sometimes rather premature—and a real battle between the packs, prevented what, between two such Clubs as Cardiff and Neath with the talent available should have been a football spectacle, representative of the best in Welsh Football.

On February 1st, such Arctic conditions prevailed over the country that the only Rugby match played was the International at Edinburgh. Wales rose to the occasion magnificently and completely outplayed the Scots, and none did better among the forwards than Tamplin and Cliff Davies, whose omission from the side against England had caused such dismay. The whole team was inspired and our other representatives played a very large part in the splendid victory of 22 points to 8.

The following Saturday we were due at Gloucester and felt that the match was certain to be cancelled. However the Gloucester folk informed us that the ground had been covered and hoped that we would play. The journey was made, and after inspection of the pitch by Jack Matthews, Les. Manfield, R. A. Cornish, Danny Davies and others we decided to play though the ground was hard in parts. Bleddyn's place was taken by Gwyn Martin, a former Aberavon player, who played very well. He dropped a really grand left foot goal from about forty yards, took his passes well and fitted into the Cardiff pattern. The game was spirited and open with plenty of back play and robust forward work, and we ran out worthy winners by one point. The star of the Gloucester side was W. E. Jones, the former Neath stand off, whose kicking saved his side on numerous occasions by driving back the ever attacking Cardiff team.

Responding to an invitation from the famous Wasps Club, Cardiff sent Danny Davies to represent the Club at the 80th Anniversary Dinner at Grosvenor House, Park Lane on Wednesday, February, 12th. Old players, officials and guests from many Clubs joined in congratulating the Wasps, and later indulged in an orgy of Rugger Gossip. Our representative returned with happy memories of a grand evening, staged so well by this famous and hospitable Club.



On February 15th, we were again fortunate enough to be able to play at Newport, though the country was under a deep fall of snow. Bulldozers were used to remove the straw and its covering of snow and the game started. The ball was given plenty of air by both sides and play moved rapidly from end to end. We had Maldwyn James hooking and got more than our share of the ball from the scrums, but our backs failed to turn their many chances to account, being foiled by a resolute defence which was very quick to turn to the attack. For the last ten minutes of the first half we were without Cleaver. Early in the second half Newport against the run of the play took the lead, when Baker caught a ball which had been badly sliced by Loveluck and dived over from 10 yards. For a few minutes after this Newport were rampant, but when Cleaver returned, Cardiff asserted strong pressure, and Loveluck, Bale and Cliff Davies were unlucky not to have scored. Finally we were rewarded for our efforts by a penalty goal from Tamplin, and though we attacked strongly to the end, Newport held out. Those who braved the cold weather to watch this exciting struggle, were amply rewarded by a very fine game of football, and both teams are to be congratulated for such a grand sporting struggle. Les Manfield captained Cardiff's Team in the absence of Jack Matthews, and played heroically, his bald head bobbing up everywhere where the struggle was keenest. Frank Trott at full back showed extreme pluck in going down to all forms of rushes on the very treacherous pitch. During the week, the Skipper married and no doubt on his honeymoon at Bournemouth his thoughts on Saturday afternoon were with the Blue and Blacks at Rodney Parade. After the match, there was a really fine gathering in Newport's New Club House, and teams and officials spent a very pleasant evening together.

The frost continued and the match against the Devonport Services had to be cancelled, which was a great pity as a full Royal Navy side would have been seen on the Park.

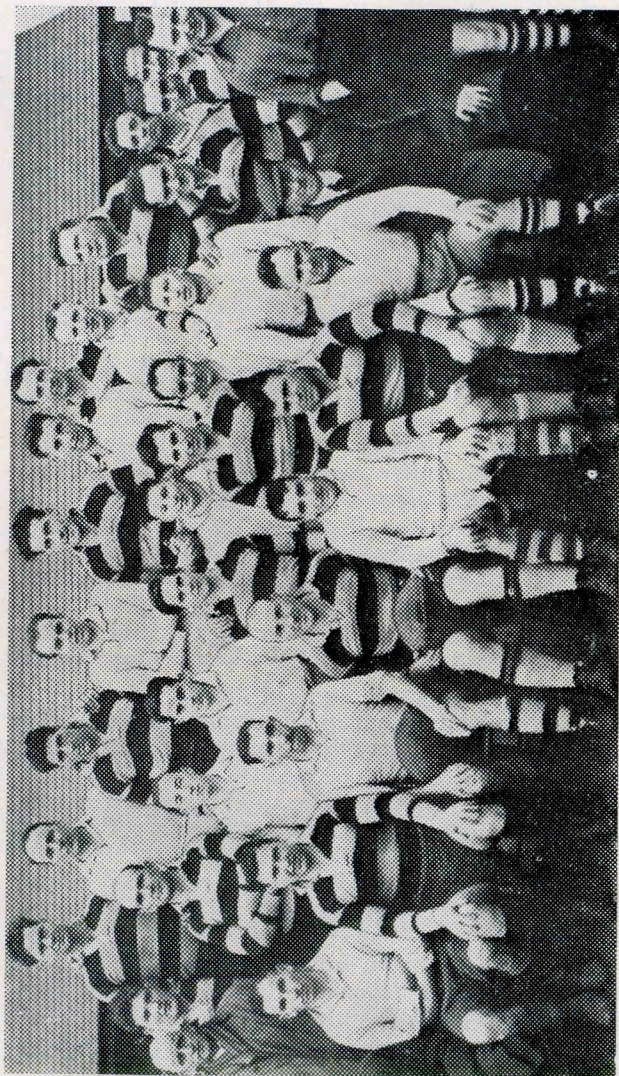
During the ensuing week, Monsieur Henri Picherit of the Stade Nantais University Club visited Cardiff, and stayed with the Fixture Secretary. He brought with him

the photographic plate of the beautiful wreath which the Cardiff Club had placed on the War Memorial at Nantes, and a film taken by Garciau Fils of Nantes which contained shots of the plane arriving at Nantes, arrival scenes and of the game itself. This film together with that of the Club's previous visit to Nantes was shown with the Rugby Instructional Film at a function promoted by the Llandaff Club, and M. Picherit was a welcome guest. The evening was a distinct success, and was evidence of the keen Rugby enthusiasm among the officials, players and supporters of the Old Llandaff Club. Speakers included D. E. Davies, Hubert Johnson, Wilfred Wooller, Les Spence, G.V. Wynne Jones, Bleddyn Williams and M. Picherit who in well chosen words thanked the Cardiff and Llandaff Clubs for the warmth of their welcome.

We were again fortunate enough to play our match against Newport on the Park on March 1st. There was a very good crowd. Slippery conditions on top had first to be mastered, but after twenty minutes play, it was evident that Cardiff's greater thrust was going to be the determining factor, and so it proved, for a grand display by Haydn Tanner, W. Cleaver, Bleddyn Williams and the others behind a very lively and intelligent pack enabled Cardiff to win by 13 points to 3. The game was played in an excellent spirit and well controlled by that fine referee Ivor David of Neath.

We thought now that the worst of the winter was over, but more snow fell and the match with Penarth was cancelled and even on March 15th, when Leicester were due at the Park, heavy snow fell. As the Leicester team had arrived, it was decided to play, and those grand supporters who braved the elements, witnessed a surprisingly good exhibition of football on a ground entirely covered by snow. I doubt whether a match had ever been played on the Park under such conditions. There were many bright movements, and as could be expected, many humorous incidents too. H. Loveluck deputising for Jack Matthews, had a good day and scored two tries. Billy Cleaver also got one following a remarkable soccer like dribble over the snow, and Cardiff were worthy winners by 17 points to 5.





Tumble and Cardiff Rugby Football Club Teams photographed before their match at Tumble, near Llanelli, on Wednesday, March 12th, 1946 to celebrate Tumble R.F.C.'s 50 years jubilee. Seated (centre) are the two captains, LES MANFIELD, Cardiff (striped jersey) and LLOYD WILLIAMS, Tumble.

When we played Coventry, we had six players in the Welsh team which surprised the critics by beating France, and the Captain was playing for the Army against the R.A.F. It was not surprising therefore that we lost by 10 points to 3. It was a really good performance as our line was crossed only once. The following Saturday, six of our players were in the Welsh side against Ireland at Swansea, and before a small crowd a weak Cardiff team beat a weaker St. Mary's side by 25 points to nil. Circumstances had conspired against a fixture which promised so well.

Two days later we played Pontypool away, and in spite of the absence of Tanner, Cleaver, Tamplin and Gwyn Evans, we won a close game on a heavy pitch by 5 points to 3. Our team was again splendidly led by Les Manfield who was acting as Captain. Ross Johnson was Stand Off, St. John Rees and Bleddyn, the Centres.

We are now looking forward to the match against the Barbarians. They came with the usual fine contingent of International Stars and defeated Penarth by 36 points to 10. The weather was, however, very unkind. Rain commenced about 1.15 p.m. and steadily increased in violence. But for this, we should have had a record gate for a Club Match, as our six Internationals who had shared in the Welsh Victory over Ireland the previous Saturday, were turning out. The pitch soon became a waterlogged morass, with the players slithering about in it. Cardiff won by a solitary penalty goal kicked by Tamplin, and were perhaps just three points the better side. As usual, the Barbarians included Emile de Lissa, H. A. Haigh Smith, and Brig. General H. G. L. Hughes and made their H.Q. at the Esplanade Hotel, Penarth. Later in their tour, they were assisted by Jack Matthews, Bleddyn Williams, Haydn Tanner, R. F. Trott and W. Cleaver. After tea at the Club, presentations were made to Jack Powell ("Jack rub-a-dub") and to Danny Davies ("Massa") in appreciation of their honorary services; the former as Masseur, and the latter for his successful organisation of the French tours for two seasons. Jack received a wireless set and Danny a tankard, and responded blushing to the speeches of the Chairman and the Captain who made the presentations.



On Easter Monday we beat the Harlequins by 11 points to 4 and were full value for the victory though our backs have been seen to better advantage.

The Saturday following Easter, the team went on tour in Devon, and in four days met Plymouth Albion, Devonport Services and Exeter. The games were all won and our team played brilliant football. The Cardiff party was privileged visitors to H.M. Aircraft Carrier "Illustrious" the Royal Navy Barracks and the Royal Marine Barracks where many and varied items of interest were readily shown to us. Our thanks are due to many for their kindness and hospitality, but we should like to mention Captain Tom Lanham, the indefatigable Services captain, and C.P.O. James Snowball, the Services Fixture Secretary for their untiring efforts on our behalf.

It was a rather tired team that played Exeter on the Tuesday, but it managed to win by 6 points to nil. At each place the gate was the best of the season, and not once was our line crossed.

On April 19th, a strong and virile Llanelly team came to the Park, determined to take Cardiff's Ground Record. They brought a large number of supporters and to the general surprise, won by 7 points to 6. A fumble by one of our backs on the line in the last minute, allowed Llanelly to get the winning try, at a time when Bleddyn Williams who had played well throughout and had subdued Les Williams, was off the field with concussion. The foundation of Llanelly's win was laid by their virile fast moving and spoiling pack. They heeled oftener, were better in the line outs and were generally quicker on the ball. Their backs did not open out as often as our own, who were provided with fewer chances, but tried repeatedly to drop a goal. Two shots hit the uprights and one the cross bar. While it is true that we were without Jack Matthews and Haydn Tanner, the general opinion was that Llanelly had earned their last minute victory, though it must be said that our players did appear somewhat tired after having played so many games in a short time.

An end of the season atmosphere prevailed in the match against Pontypool on the Park on April 26th, though the game was a very pleasant one to watch. Our side was well led by the skipper, who had a hand in the shaping of many good movements, two of which produced tries by Gwyn Porter. St. John Rees, deputising for Bleddyn Williams also played excellently. An enjoyable game was won by 14 points to 3.

On Monday, April 28th, we journeyed to Llanelly to fulfil a re-arranged fixture. St. J. Rees retired before half time with a damaged knee. End of season staleness was evident among our players and we were beaten by 6 points to nil.

Two days later Tamplin's Cardiff XV, played the Monmouthshire police in a Charity Match and won a very pleasant, open game by 16 points to 13.

The last official match was a re-arranged one on the Park, with Penarth as our opponents. By mutual agreement the gate money was given to the Western Mail Fund for the Relief of Dependents of the Mumbles Life-boat Disaster for which a collection had been made on the ground on the previous Saturday. Cardiff proved too strong for Penarth and in the second half over-ran the visitors.

So ended the Official Season, 1946-1947, which for so many clubs, had been much affected by the exceptionally severe weather. The Record is an excellent one, with which the captain might well be proud and for which our members should be grateful. His team has consistently endeavoured to play the traditional style of open Rugby, and undoubtedly succeeded in doing so. In conclusion, I should like to mention the very able leadership of Les Manfield, the popular Vice-captain, who deputised for the Captain on many occasions; his was always an inspiring example of courage and energy, and he showed unfailing loyalty to the Club.



## CARDIFF ATHLETIC XV

The "Reserve String" had a really excellent season, marred only by exceptional interruptions owing to abnormal wintry conditions. Lyn Williams, the erstwhile first XV player, by undertaking the onerous duties of Captain, joined that band of players who towards the end of their playing career are prepared to give the value of their experience and their guidance to more youthful players who aspire to places in the first XV.

In appreciation, I would say that such an example is much to be admired, and shows a fine sense of Club Spirit, by putting something back into the Club. Lyn's forces were not long getting into winning action, and they won their first three games before journeying to meet Maesteg in the "Old Parish" on September 28th, 1947. They lost that game by 16 points to 14, and according to eye witness reports, it is very much of an understatement to say that they were unlucky to lose.

The Athletic XV won the next eight matches in a row, before bad weather hindered successful operations, and one match in November and two in December were cancelled owing to rain and frost.

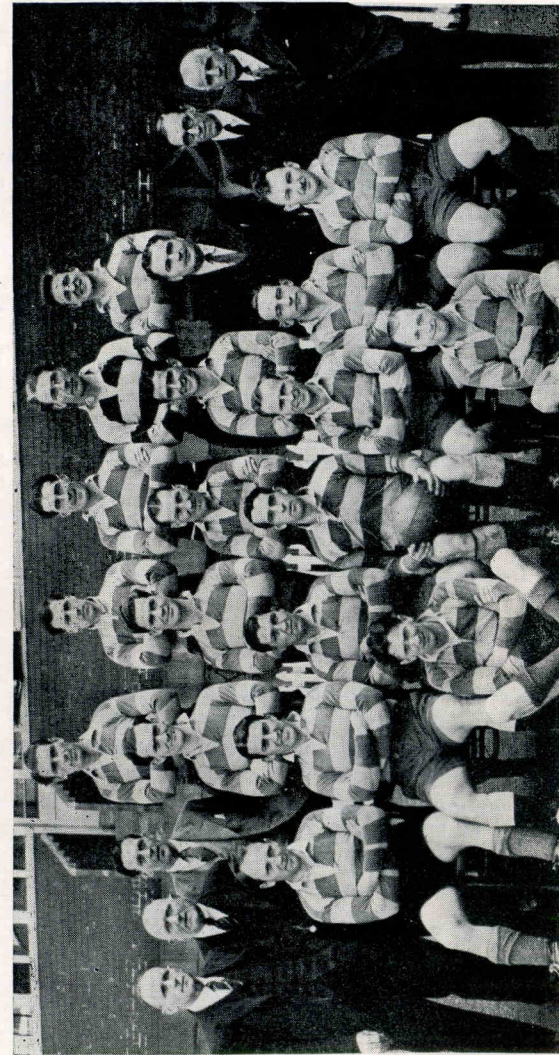
The Report on the first XV refers to the exceptional spell of almost Arctic like conditions, which continued from January into March, and the Athletic XV's fixtures were so affected that matches on seven Saturdays in succession were cancelled, all but one due to frost and snow.

An easy win on the Cardiff Arms Park against Ystrad Rhondda on March 22nd, by 25 points to 3, was followed by another cancelled game.

On April 5th, in a downpour, the Glamorgan Wanderers were held to a draw at Whitchurch, and then the "Rags" won the last five matches, four of which were played on away grounds.

The records show that only one match was lost, that with Maesteg at Maesteg—of the 22 played, and that the extraordinary weather caused the cancellation of eleven

CARDIFF ATHLETIC XV—Season 1946-47.



Back Row : R. M. GLOVER, G. HALE, J. E. CARTER, F. C. GLOVER, I. McJENNETT.  
Second Row : R. A. CORNISH, E. SPILLANE, LES. SPENCE, D. J. PRATER, TOM HOLLEY, R. CAVEIL, GWYN MARTIN, H. JOHNSON,  
D. E. DAVIES, B. H. JENKINS.  
Third Row : A. M. THOMAS, GWYN DAVIES, W. E. JONES, J. T. DAVIES, ROSS JOHNSON, G. BLACKMORE, J. G. DAVIES.  
Front Row : HAYDN WILKINS, H. BITHELL.



matches in the season. What the record would have been had those eleven matches been played, one can but conjecture, but judged by the showing in the 22 played, it is quite possible that all would have been won and that 1946-1947, would have been one of the best seasons on record for the Reserve String.

There was always a spirit of emulation in the Athletic XV, a striving to maintain at all times that typically open style of play for which our first XV is noted.

To have scored 385 points in 22 matches against strong, keen second class fifteens was no mean achievement, and showed power of attack and skill in finishing. Some of the football, that against Newport United, Cilfynydd and Tredegar, for example was almost up to first class standard.

To Lyn Williams and to a lesser degree, to Gordon Williams, the Vice-Captain, go our congratulations on a very fine season.

## RECORD OF RESULTS

### SEASON 1946/47

#### FIRST FIFTEEN

Date	Opponents	H. or A.	Rslt.	Score for					Score against				
				G.	T.	DG	PG	Pts.	G.	T.	DG	PG	Pts.
1946													
Sept. 3	Cardiff & D.R.U.	H	Won	3	2	..	I	24	..	..	..	I	3
" 7	Plymouth Albion	H	Won	..	I	..	2	9	..	I	..	..	3
" 14	Bristol ..	.. H	Won	..	I	..	I	6	..	..	..	..	0
" 16	Cross Keys	.. A	Won	..	..	I	..	4	..	..	..	I	3
" 21	Neath ..	.. A	Lost	I	..	..	I	8	I	2	..	I	14
" 28	Coventry	.. H	Won	I	I	..	2	14	..	..	..	..	0
Oct. 5	Newport	.. A	Won	I	I	..	..	8	..	2	..	..	6
" 12	Gloucester	.. H	Won	4	..	..	..	20	I	I	..	..	8
" 19	Swansea	.. A	Lost	I	..	..	..	5	..	I	I	..	7
" 26	Rosslyn Park	.. H	Won	I	7	..	..	26	I	I	..	..	8
Nov. 2	Wasps ..	.. A	Won	3	2	..	..	21	..	..	..	2	6
" 9	Newport	.. H	Won	I	2	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	0
" 11	Stade Nantais UC.	A	Won	2	4	..	..	22	I	..	..	..	5
" 16	Leicester	.. A	Won	2	2	..	I	19	I	I	..	..	8
" 23	London Welsh	.. H	Drn.	I	I	..	..	8	..	..	2	..	8
" 30	<sup>a</sup> Pontypool	.. A											
Dec. 7	Richmond	.. H	Won	..	2	..	..	6	I	..	..	..	5
" 12	Cambridge U.	.. H	Won	5	2	..	I	34	I	..	..	I	8
" 14	Swansea	.. H	Won	2	I	..	..	13	I	I	..	..	8
" 21	<sup>b</sup> Harlequins	.. A											
" 26	Wasps ..	.. H	Won	I	3	..	..	14	..	I	..	..	3
" 27	Watsonians	.. H	Won	4	5	..	..	35	I	I	..	..	8
" 28	Bristol ..	.. A	Won	I	4	..	2	23	..	..	..	..	0
1947													
Jan. 4	Bective R. & UC.	A	Drn.	0	..	..	..	0	..	..	..	..	0
" 6	County Dublin	.. A	Won	3	I	..	..	18	..	..	..	2	6
" 11	<sup>a</sup> Llanelli	.. A											
" 18	Bath ..	.. A	Lost	I	..	..	..	5	I	I	..	..	8
" 25	Neath ..	.. H	Drn.	..	I	..	..	3	..	I	..	..	3

<sup>a</sup> Cancelled owing to wet state of ground.

<sup>b</sup> Cancelled owing to Frost.



First Fifteen.—continued.

Date	Opponents	H. or A.	Rslt.	Score for					Score against				
				G.	T.	DG	PG	Pts.	G.	T.	DG	PG	Pts.
1947													
Feb. 1	cPenarth ..	H											
" 8	Gloucester ..	A	Won	1	1	1	..	12	1	..	..	2	11
" 15	Newport ..	A	Drn.	..	..	..	I	3	..	I	..	..	3
" 22	cDevonport Serv.	H											
Mar. 1	Newport ..	H	Won	2	..	..	I	13	..	I	..	..	3
" 8	cPenarth ..	A											
" 15	Leicester ..	H	Won	1	3	..	I	17	1	..	..	..	5
" 22	Coventry ..	A	Lost	..	..	..	I	3	..	I	I	I	10
" 29	St. Mary's Hosp.	H	Won	2	5	..	..	25	..	..	..	..	0
" 31	Pontypool ..	A	Won	1	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	I	3
Apr. 5	Barbarians ..	H	Won	..	..	..	I	3	..	..	..	..	0
" 7	Harlequins ..	H	Won	1	2	..	..	11	..	..	..	I	4
" 12	Plymouth Albion	A	Won	2	2	..	..	16	..	..	2	I	11
" 14	Devonport Serv.	A	Won	3	3	..	I	27	..	..	..	I	3
" 15	Exeter ..	A	Won	..	I	..	I	6	..	..	..	..	0
" 19	Llanelli ..	H	Lost	..	2	..	..	6	..	I	I	..	7
" 26	Pontypool ..	H	Won	2	..	I	..	14	..	..	..	I	3
" 28	Llanelli ..	A	Lost	..	..	..	..	0	..	2	..	..	6
May 3	Penarth ..	H	Won	4	3	..	I	32	..	..	..	I	3

c Cancelled owing to Frost and Snow.

EXTRA MATCHES.—Not included in Official Records.

Date	Opponents.	H. or A.	Rslt.	G.	T.	DG	PG	Pts.	G.	T.	DG	PG	Pts.
1946.													
Oct. 16	Bristol ..	A	Won	3	3	..	..	24	..	..	..	..	0
1947.													
Mar. 12	Tumble ..	A	Won	2	..	..	..	10	..	2	..	..	6
May 5	Bridgend ..	A	Won	..	4	..	..	12	..	I	..	I	6

CARDIFF ATHLETIC FIFTEEN

Date	Opponents	H. or A.	Rslt.	Score for					Score against				
				G.	T.	DG	PG	Pts.	G.	T.	DG	PG	Pts.
1946													
Sept. 7	Ystrad-Rhondda	A	Won	5	..	..	I	28	..	..	..	..	0
" 14	Bristol A.	A	Won	..	2	..	..	6	1	..	..	..	5
" 21	Briton Ferry ..	H	Won	3	2	..	..	21	..	I	..	..	3
" 28	Maesteg ..	A	Lost	1	3	..	..	14	2	2	..	..	16
Oct. 5	Newport United..	H	Won	1	7	..	..	26	1	..	..	..	5
" 12	Gloucester United	A	Won	3	3	..	I	27	..	I	..	..	3
" 19	Treorchy ..	H	Won	2	3	..	..	19	..	..	..	..	0
" 26	Cardiff Medicals	A	Won	4	3	..	..	29	..	..	..	..	0
Nov. 2	Cilfynydd ..	H	Won	..	2	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	0
" 9	Newport United..	A	Won	1	1	..	..	8	..	..	I	..	4
" 16	O. Edwardians	H	Won	1	7	..	..	26	..	..	..	I	3
" 23	Abergavenny ..	A	Won	2	1	..	..	13	..	..	..	..	0
" 30	aSkewen ..	H											
Dec. 7	aGlamorgan W. ..	A											
" 14	Cilfynydd ..	A	Won	2	2	..	..	16	..	..	..	..	0
" 21	bTredegar ..	H											
" 28	Bristol A.	H	Won	..	1	..	I	6	1	..	..	..	5
1947													
Jan. 4	Old Illydians ..	A	Drn.	..	3	..	I	12	..	3	..	I	12
" 11	aPenygraig ..	H											
" 25	bSkewen ..	A											
Feb. 8	cGloucester United	H											
" 15	cMaesteg ..	H											
" 22	cNantymoel ..	A											
Mar. 1	cTreorchy ..	A											
" 15	cOld Edwardians ..	A											
" 22	Ystrad-Rhondda	H	Won	2	5	..	..	25	..	I	..	..	3
" 29	dTredegar ..	A											
Apr. 5	Glamorgan W. ..	A	Drn.	..	1	..	..	3	..	I	..	..	3
" 7	Barnstaple ..	A	Won	1	3	..	..	14	..	..	..	2	6
" 19	Old Illydians ..	H	Won	2	..	I	I	17	..	2	I	I	13
" 26	Glyn-Neath ..	A	Won	2	3	..	..	19	1	I	..	..	8
May 3	Treorchy ..	A	Won	3	3	..	..	24	..	I	..	4	15
" 10	Tredegar ..	A	Won	4	2	..	..	26	..	2	..	I	9

a Cancelled owing to wet state of ground.

c Cancelled owing to Frost and Snow.

b Cancelled owing to Frost.

d Cancelled by Mutual Agreement.



## CARDIFF FIRST FIFTEEN.

Captain : Dr. JACK MATTHEWS. Vice-Captain : LES MANFIELD.

RECORD FOR SEASON	{	Played.	41		..	Won.	31		..	Lost.	6		..	Drawn.	4						
		SCORE FOR.														SCORE AGAINST.					
		G.	T.	D.G.	P.G.	M.G.	PTS.	G.	T.	D.G.	P.G.	M.G.	PTS.								
		57	65	3	19	—	549	12	20	8	15	—	197								

### SCORERS.

*Tries* : H. Loveluck, 14; W. B. Cleaver, 13; Bleddyn Williams, 12; Gwyn Porter, 11; Graham Hale, 7; Hubert Jones, 7; Cliff Davies, 6; Gwyn Evans, 5; Gwyn Martin, 5; Jack Matthews, 5; Roy Roberts, 5; J. B. Mahoney, 4; Stan Bowes, 3; Selwyn Evans, 3; Les. Manfield, 3; Ian McJennett, 3; Haydn Tanner, 3; W. Darch, 2; H. J. Houghton, 2; Haydn Wilkins, 2; J. J. Beswick, 1; R. M. Glover, 1; Maldwyn James, 1; Ross Johnson, 1; Raymond Jones, 1; D. Percival, 1; W. E. Tamplin, 1; Geo. Tompkins, 1.

*Drop Goals* : Gwyn Martin, 1; Gwyn Porter, 1; W. E. Tamplin, 1.

*Penalty Goals* : W. E. Tamplin, 11; Maldwyn James, 6; Roy Roberts, 1.

*Converted Goals* : W. E. Tamplin, 40; Maldwyn James, 9; Roy Roberts, 4; R. F. Trott, 2; W. B. Cleaver, 1; Les Manfield, 1.

## CARDIFF ATHLETIC FIFTEEN.

Captain : LYN WILLIAMS. Vice-Captain : GORDON WILLIAMS.

RECORD FOR SEASON	Played.		Won.		Lost.		Drawn.					
	22		19		1		2					
	SCORE FOR						SCORE AGAINST					
	G.	T.	D.G.	P.G.	M.G.	PTS.	G.	T.	D.G.	P.G.	M.G.	PTS.
39	57	1	5	0	385	6	15	2	10	0	113	

### SCORERS.

*Tries* : Graham Hale, 10; D. J. Prater, 9; Lyn Williams, 8; Selwyn Evans, 7; J. E. Carter, 6; R. M. Glover, 5; Ian McJennett, 5; G. Blackmore, 4; Haydn Wilkins, 4; J. J. Beswick, 3; Tom Holley, 3; Raymond Jones, 3; H. Loveluck, 3; G. Stanley, 3; Derek Evans, 2; L. E. King, 2; Dai Jones, 2; Ross Johnson, 2; S. Judd, 2; Godfrey Williams, 2; T. Caveill, 1; Gwyn Davies, 1; R. L. Davies, 1; Arthur Evans, 1; Hubert E. Jones, 1; Don Rees, 1; Geo. Tomkins, 1; R. F. Trott, 1; B. V. Williams, 1.

*Drop Goals* : Gwyn Martin, 1.

*Penalty Goals* : Gwyn Davies, 2; Graham Hale, 1; Maldwyn James, 1; S. Judd, 1.

*Converted Goals* : Gwyn Davies, 9; R. F. Trott, 7; Maldwyn James, 6; Derek Iles, 4; D. St. John Rees, 4; Arthur Evans, 2; S. Judd, 2; Lyn Williams, 2; H. Bithell, 1; Tom Holley, 1; Ron Manfield, 1.

## CAPTAINS AND VICE-CAPTAINS.

### FIRST XV

#### RUGBY.

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. 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	J. RICHARDS	
1922-23	DR. T. WALLACE	J. 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. K. TURNBULL	B. O. MALE	
1928-29	B. O. MALE	K. P. TURNBULL	
1929-30	S. C. CRAVOS	H. POOLE	
1930-31	B. K. 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	JACK MATTHEWS		
1944-45	JACK MATTHEWS		
1945-46	JACK MATTHEWS		
1946-47	JACK MATTHEWS		



# CARDIFF CRICKET CLUB

## Season 1946

The 1946 Season commenced in very good style, there being no fewer than 27 players practising at the nets on the opening evening. The weather for the first week or so was very fine, but after this short spell of good weather, the typical English Summer came along with a vengeance with the result that five 1st XI fixtures had to be abandoned and several other matches were not completed through the interference of rain. The 2nd, 3rd and Wednesday XI matches were also very seriously affected by the bad weather.

For the first time in the history of the Club, Sunday cricket was played, and the games were thoroughly enjoyed by those taking part, although, like the Saturday games, several matches were abandoned or curtailed through the weather.

The respective Captains and Vice-Captains were :—

### 1st XI :

W. J. EVANS (Captain).

N. K. CONTRACTOR (Vice-Captain)

### 2nd XI :

D. HERBERT (Captain).

B. L. S. CASE (Vice-Captain).

### Records

FIRST XI :—Played 15 ; Won 5 ; Lost 5 ; Drawn 5.

### BATTING AVERAGES.

Name	Innings	Times Not out.	Runs.	Highest Score	Average
N. K. Contractor ..	11	1	343	86	34.30
E. Carless ..	11	4	229	68 n.o.	32.71
E. L. James ..	11	1	230	54	23.00
W. J. Evans ..	13	1	218	63	18.16
G. Davies ..	11	1	178	54	17.80
H. Jones ..	5	3	29	11	14.50

### BOWLING AVERAGES.

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. D. H. Riches ..	84.3	26	168	24	7.00
H. Jones ..	99	12	248	25	9.92
J. Valentine ..	97.5	19	306	21	14.57
E. C. Dolman ..	77	19	175	12	14.58
E. R. K. Glover ..	97.4	18	307	18	17.05
H. Wilkins ..	86.2	19	207	11	18.81

# CARDIFF CRICKET CLUB

## 2nd XI Averages for Season 1946.

SECOND XI :—Played 15 ; Won 7 ; Drawn 4 ; Lost 4.

### BATTING AVERAGES.

Name	Innings	Times Not out	Runs	Highest Score	Averages
D. Hammond ..	7	0	190	91	27.14
G. Ashe ..	9	0	218	64	24.22
O. Herbert ..	13	0	254	56	19.53
G. Gibson ..	14	1	249	66 n.o.	19.15
R. D. Folley ..	9	1	132	37 n.o.	16.50
F. Thomas ..	13	1	178	54 n.o.	14.83

### BOWLING AVERAGES.

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
W. Madge ..	88.1	25	198	23	8.60
D. Herbert ..	164.5	39	396	41	9.65
R. Johnson ..	50.1	10	137	8	17.12
G. Alderman ..	45	15	99	3	33.00

## CAPTAINS.

From 1867 to 1876 there is no record of Captains.

1877 .. E. W. JONES	1908 .. A. GIBSON
1878 .. E. W. JONES	1909 .. A. GIBSON
1879 .. E. W. JONES	1910 .. N. V. H. RICHES
1880 .. E. W. JONES	1911 .. N. V. H. RICHES
1881 .. Names of Captains	1912 .. N. V. H. RICHES and
1882 .. not recorded.	J. HORSPOOL
1883 ..	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
1888 .. W. H. WILLIAMS	1921 .. G. E. CORDING
1889 .. W. H. WILLIAMS	1922 .. G. E. CORDING
1890 .. A. MORRIS	1923 .. T. R. MORGAN
1891 .. A. MORRIS	1924 .. H. W. TAYLER
1892 .. W. H. BRAIN	1925 .. F. W. MATHIAS
1893 .. W. H. BRAIN	1926 .. N. V. H. RICHES
1894 .. W. H. BRAIN	1927 .. N. V. H. RICHES
1895 .. J. H. BRAIN	1928 .. N. V. H. RICHES
1896 .. J. H. BRAIN	1929 .. A. N. MORGAN
1897 .. J. G. CLARK	1930 .. A. N. MORGAN
1898 .. J. G. CLARK	1931 .. N. V. H. RICHES
1899 .. J. G. CLARK	1932 .. E. C. DOLMAN
1900 .. J. H. BRAIN	1933 .. G. L. RATTENBURY
1901 .. J. H. BRAIN	1934 .. J. T. MORGAN
1902 .. J. G. CLARK	1935 .. J. T. MORGAN
1903 .. V. T. HILL	1936 .. F. W. MATHIAS
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	1946-47 HAYDN WILKINS



## CARDIFF ATHLETIC LAWN TENNIS CLUB

### Season 1946

The Lawn Tennis Section, not without reason, looked forward to a successful season, firstly because many members would return from the Forces, and secondly, because under the skilful care of our Head Groundsman, A. E. Pursey, the condition of the courts had been greatly improved. In addition to these factors our energetic Honorary Secretary had, by great personal efforts obtained supplies of balls, nets, netting and other essential equipment which had hitherto been unobtainable.

The season commenced with a greatly increased membership, and as time went on, the number of members continued to grow until it reached eighty. At this stage we were provided with two additional courts on the Rugby ground.

Though the Welsh Lawn Tennis Association did not commence League activities, we played a number of friendly matches, and lost only one, to Port Talbot at Port Talbot. In the return match at Cardiff we were successful. These games provided much useful information about the players, information which would be useful for the League matches in 1947.

The only unfavourable factor was the weather, which greatly interfered with play. In spite of this the Tournament under the control of our able Referee, D. B. Morgan, and his assistant, was brought to a successful conclusion within the fortnight allotted to it.

The Championship winners were:—

Men's Singles ..	G. Matthews.
Women's Singles ..	Miss E. Belman.
Men's Doubles ..	G. Matthews and F. Davies.
Women's Doubles ..	Miss M. Davies and Miss M. David.
Mixed Doubles ..	G. Matthews and Miss S. Evans.

Unlike previous seasons the end of the Tournament did not mean the fade out of Lawn Tennis on the Park, for great interest was maintained until late August when the inclement weather put an end to the season.

Three of our members were selected to represent Cardiff in a team of 8 which visited 's-Hertogenbosch in Holland.

They were:—D. E. Smith, *Captain*, M. J. Hopkins and Miss M. Davies.

The matches were played on wonderful hard courts set amid beautiful surroundings to which was attached a very fine Club House. Cardiff was defeated by 9 rubbers to 7, but even more important than the games was the friendly spirit in which they were played, which resulted in many firm friendships being made. The hospitality of the Dutch hosts was truly lavish. A return match took place in Cardiff in September when 14 players travelled from 's-Hertogenbosch.

Five of our Club were in the Cardiff side, namely:—D. E. Smith, *Captain*, M. J. Hopkins, G. Matthews, F. Davies and Miss M. Davies.

The games were played on the Hard Courts of the Cardiff Lawn Tennis Club, and the Dutch visitors were easily defeated by 17 rubbers to 5. Again the contests were keen but friendly, and were accompanied by many happy social functions which gave us splendid opportunities to get together and cement the friendships formed in Holland.

During the winter months, the members were kept together by means of Skittles' Matches and Dance Parties, and as a grand finale, an excellent Dinner Dance was held at the Grand Hotel. The Club looks forward with confidence to a very successful season in 1947.

### CAPTAINS.

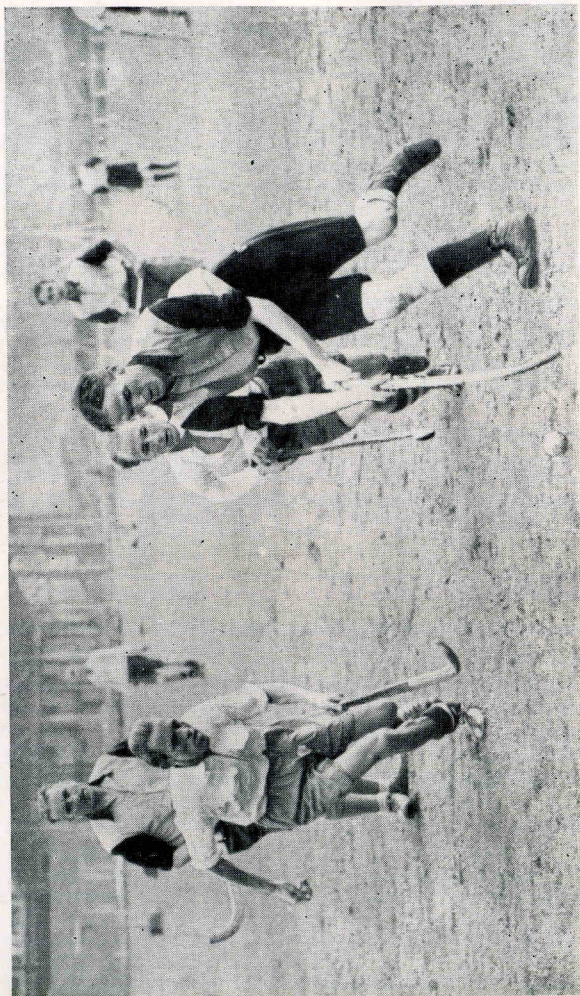
<i>Men's</i>				<i>Ladies'</i>	
1923	..	T. J. HOPKINS	.. ..	—	
1924	..	T. J. HOPKINS	.. ..	Miss E. CLARE.	
1925	..	T. J. HOPKINS	.. ..	Mrs. G. D. HORSPOOL	
1926	..	T. J. HOPKINS	.. ..	Miss D. A. CALDER	
1927	..	F. C. ORAM	.. ..	Miss D. A. CALDER	
1928	..	F. C. ORAM	.. ..	Mrs. M. JERMAIN	
1929	..	E. R. HANCOCK	.. ..	Miss M. OXENHAM	
1930	..	W. L. BRIGHT	.. ..	Miss M. OXENHAM	
1931	..	W. L. BRIGHT	.. ..	Miss M. OXENHAM	
1932	..	T. W. RICHARDS	.. ..	Miss E. TAYLOR	
1933	..	D. B. MORGAN	.. ..	Miss W. CORNWELL	
1934	..	W. DAVID	.. ..	Miss W. CORNWELL	
1935	..	W. L. BRIGHT	.. ..	Miss M. 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.			
1946-47	..	C. T. HEMMING	.. ..	Miss D. JONES	

## CARDIFF HOCKEY CLUB

### Season 1946-1947

1946-47 saw the full resumption of fixtures on a peace-time basis. Many of the leading South Wales clubs were slow in restarting after the break caused by the war, and in order to secure a strong fixture list the Cardiff Committee decided to arrange a large proportion of its matches with clubs in the Bristol area and other parts of the West of England. There is no doubt that the result of this policy has been an improvement in the general standard of play among Cardiff members.





Photograph of CARDIFF v. 's-HERTOGENBOSCH Match on September 21st, 1946.

Chiefly owing to experiments with the team, results of the early matches were disappointing. However, at the beginning of November the side settled down and seven of the next eight matches were won with a goal aggregate during the period of 41 to 12. Just as it looked as though Cardiff were heading for another successful season, the weather took a hand and cancellations due to fog, frost and flood—and of course, snow—followed one another in quick succession. In the thirteen weeks between New Year's Day and Easter only three matches could be played, and these on grounds which made good hockey almost impossible. In the whole season, fourteen matches were cancelled—probably a record for the Club.

Of the 20 matches played during the season, the 1st XI won 10, Drew 3 and Lost 7. Goals for 65. Goals against 36.

Leading scorers were :—L. Bird 15, P. Dolan 12, W. N. Francis 11, and G. Percival 9.

Two of these matches merit special mention. On September 21st, Cardiff welcomed the first continental visitors to the Arms Park. Even then the weather intervened. The 's-Hertogenbosch team arrived in Cardiff on the Friday evening during a torrential downpour, and there was still water standing in places on the pitch when the teams were presented to the Lord Mayor before the game. In spite of the soft ground there was an interesting match. Cardiff secured a two-goal lead by half-time, but were unable to press home their advantage in the second half and had to be content with a 2-2 draw.

On April 12th, the Club visited Weston for the final match of the most successful season in the Weston Club's long history. The game was played in Clarence Park before a large crowd and although Cardiff fielded their strongest side (including five Internationals), Weston were just too good for them and won 2-1, thus finishing their season with a goal record of 103 to 11.

The "A" XI played 16 matches, won 9, drew 1 and lost 6. Goals for 58. Goals against 46. L. Bird again headed the scorers with 19, followed by G. J. Lewis 9, H. G. Pugh 8, and N. Badderley 6. Like the 1st XI, the "A" team also suffered badly from the weather, having fourteen matches cancelled out of the thirty fixtures arranged. However, enough matches were played to show that the Club had several promising players available for promotion in future seasons.

Cardiff players were well to the fore in representative hockey, E. J. E. Hitchman, D. B. Owen and P. Dolan played for Glamorgan County in the two matches against Monmouthshire in the autumn. Hitchman, Owen, Dolan, D. B. Thomas and K. G. Hughes played in the South Wales team which defeated Wiltshire and Dorset in the Western Counties Tournament, while no fewer than six Cardiff players—Hitchman, Owen, Thomas, Dolan, W. N. Francis and D. S. Morgan—were included in the South Wales XI against the West of England in January. Finally, Hitchman, Thomas and Francis played for Wales in all three International matches, while Owen, Morgan and S. G. Banbury were reserves for the Welsh team.



Mention should also be made of Cardiff's share in the winning of the Brean Easter Festival by the Druids, the South Wales touring side. Ten Cardiff players were among the sixteen players in the Druids party, who won all their five matches, scoring nineteen goals against one.

This report would not be complete without recording the very grateful thanks of all members of the Hockey Club to Mrs. Goldsmith and her Committee for providing teas every Saturday. Their support did much to make the home games enjoyable, and was appreciated alike by our own players and by the members of the visiting teams.

## 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
1914-15	B. TURNBULL	17	10	2	5	64	45
1915-16	H. S. STEPHENS	15	7	4	4	41	34
1916-17	R. T. S. HINDE	24	14	3	7	92	51
1917-18	H. W. BROWN	19	10	3	6	73	34
1918-19	W. S. COURTIS	23	9	4	10	63	68
1919-20	A. T. HARPER	*		*		*	*
1920-21	A. T. HARPER	*		*		*	*
1921-22	F. L. LAMARQUE	25	12	4	9	79	59
1922-23	F. L. LAMARQUE	30	17	3	10	126	70
1923-24	K. G. HUGHES	29	16	4	9	87	75
1924-25	S. C. BANBURY	28	13	6	9	77	77
1925-26	S. C. BANBURY	30	11	5	14	53	57
1926-27	S. C. BANBURY	34	13	7	14	64	71
1927-28	G. R. FAULKS	27	14	2	11	60	64
1928-29	G. R. FAULKS	25	11	6	8	48	50
1929-30	G. R. FAULKS	31	20	3	8	64	40
1930-31	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

\* Records not available.

## RESULTS 1946-47

### CARDIFF

Date	Opponents	Home or Away.	Result.
Sept. 21	's-Hertogenbosch .. ..	Home	Drawn 2-2
" 28	Weston-super-Mare .. ..	Home	Lost 1-4
Oct. 5	Bath .. ..	Home	Lost 0-1
" 12	Hereford .. ..	Away	Won 5-0
" 19	Old Grammarians .. ..	Home	Lost 3-4
" 20	Brecon I.T.C. .. ..	Away	Won 4-0
" 26	Old Bristolians .. ..	Home	Drawn 1-1
Nov. 2	West Gloucestershire .. ..	Away	Won 3-1
" 9	Cheltenham .. ..	Home	Won 5-1
" 16	Imperial .. ..	Home	Lost 1-3
" 23	Chepstow .. ..	Away	Won 7-0
" 30	Newport .. ..	Away	Cancelled
Dec. 7	Penarth .. ..	Home	Cancelled
" 14	Abergavenny .. ..	Away	Won 6-3
" 21	Bristol .. ..	Home	Won 6-0
" 26	Cardiff "A" .. ..	Home	Won 8-1
" 28	Newport .. ..	Home	Won 5-3
Jan. 4	Bristol .. ..	Away	Lost 1-4
" 11	Abergavenny .. ..	Home	Cancelled
" 18	Cardiff University .. ..	Away	Cancelled
" 25	Swansea .. ..	Home	Drawn 1-1
Feb. 1	Chepstow .. ..	Home	Cancelled
" 2	Downside School .. ..	Away	Cancelled
" 8	Penarth .. ..	Away	Cancelled
" 15	Old Bristolians .. ..	Away	Cancelled
" 22	Hereford .. ..	Home	Cancelled
Mar. 1	Old Grammarians .. ..	Away	Cancelled
" 2	Chepstow .. ..	Home	Won 3-1
" 8	Bath .. ..	Away	Cancelled
" 15	West Gloucestershire .. ..	Home	Cancelled
" 22	Imperial .. ..	Away	Cancelled
" 29	Cheltenham .. ..	Away	Cancelled
Apr. 12	Weston-super-Mare .. ..	Away	Lost 1-2
" 19	Brean .. ..	Away	Lost 2-4



# CARDIFF "A"

Date	Opponents	Home or Away.	Result.
Sept. 21	Panteg .. .. .	Home	Won 8—6
" 28	Penarth "A" .. .. .	Home	Cancelled
Oct. 5	Newport II .. .. .	Away	Lost 3—5
" 12	Clydach .. .. .	Home	Lost 2—3
" 19	G.K.B., Port Talbot .. .. .	Away	Drawn 2—2
" 26	Army Technical School, Beachley .. .. .	Away	Lost 1—6
Nov. 2	West Gloucestershire II .. .. .	Home	Won 4—3
" 9	Cardiff High School .. .. .	Away	Won 6—0
" 16	Imperial II .. .. .	Away	Won 4—0
" 23	Cardiff University .. .. .	Home	Cancelled
" 30	Cardiff Medicals .. .. .	Home	Cancelled
Dec. 7	Panteg .. .. .	Away	Cancelled
" 14	32 M.U., St. Athan .. .. .	Home	Won 4—3
" 21	Bristol II .. .. .	Away	Cancelled
" 26	Cardiff .. .. .	Home	Lost 1—8
" 28	Newport II .. .. .	Away	Won 7—2
Jan. 4	Bristol II .. .. .	Home	Cancelled
" 11	Penarth "A" .. .. .	Away	Won 4—0
" 25	East Camp, St. Athan .. .. .	Away	Cancelled
Feb. 1	32 M.U., St. Athan .. .. .	Away	Cancelled
" 8	East Camp, St. Athan .. .. .	Home	Cancelled
" 15	Cardiff High School .. .. .	Home	Cancelled
" 22	Cardiff Medicals .. .. .	Away	Cancelled
Mar. 1	G.K.B., Port Talbot .. .. .	Home	Won 6—1
" 8	Imperial II .. .. .	Home	Cancelled
" 15	West Gloucestershire II .. .. .	Away	Cancelled
" 19	Cardiff University .. .. .	Away	Lost 2—3
" 22	Clydach .. .. .	Away	Cancelled
Apr. 12	Bridgend .. .. .	Away	Lost 1—2
" 26	Army Technical School, Beachley .. .. .	Away	Won 3—1

# CARDIFF ATHLETIC BOWLING CLUB

## ANNUAL REPORT—SEASON 1946

Despite the intermittent inclemency of the weather, practically all of the Fixtures arranged for the First and "A" Teams, captained by A. F. Male and D. Dimond respectively, were fulfilled.

Whilst our sides did not attain a high position in the Carruthers Shield Competition and the Private Greens Competitions "A" and "B," each player, in a commendable spirit, gave of his best for the good of the Club.

Now that the Section is on a peacetime footing, we are hopeful that a more prominent position will be attained in competitive play in forthcoming years. A number of new members joined, to whom all accorded a warm welcome.

Competition winners for Season 1946 are as follows :—

CLUB COMPETITIONS :—F. Groves, Runner-up, E. Townsend.

CLUB PAIRS :—D. W. Griffiths and H. Salter.

SPOON COMPETITION :—C. Clouter.

Our member, Fred Groves, won the Glamorgan County Bowling Association Singles Championship and was runner-up for the Glamorgan County Bowling Association Two Bowl Competition, thereby adding honour to our Club.

The Club's Touring Team, which was efficiently organised by W. Gregory, had a most enjoyable tour in Southern England. A splendid start was made on the Saturday, by a convincing win at the Madeira Club, Exmouth, score 154—114. Sunday was spent in a trip to Buckfastleigh. On Monday, a gallant effort was made to beat a Devonshire side at Torbay, score 151—157. On Tuesday, the game was against Torquay, score 108—132. Wednesday was acclaimed the best day of the week, with the Plymouth Clubs giving both sides a great welcome. Scores, versus Sir Francis Drake Club, 83—69. Versus Plymouth Hoe, 82—65. At Teignmouth on the Thursday, one match was lost and the other won. On Friday, at Brixham, the game was lost by one shot, 110—111. The great week finished at Weston-super-Mare, where the game was won by an exciting shot, and at Clevedon, lost by two shots.

Our Touring side won 5 matches, lost 5, and scored 990 shots to 962.

At the Annual Meeting, held on 21st October, 1946, L. C. Watters was elected as Chairman of the Section, A. E. Taylor, Captain, and P. J. Bennell, Captain of the "A" Team, for Season 1947. During the Meeting a tribute was unanimously accorded to the retiring Chairman, C. A. Williams, M.A., for the able manner in which he had carried out the duties of Chairman of the Bowls Section, over a period of many years, and for the unstinted support which he had always given to the Section during his lengthy term of office.



On our bi-annual outing to play the Falcon Bowling Club at Painswick, which took place on 15th August, we were favoured with fine weather, and a pleasant game.

As customary, we place on record our best thanks to Mrs. Goldsmith, and her lady helpers, for the provision of teas during our Saturday matches ; a difficult task in these days of austerity.

Past Captains of Bowls Section :—

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



