

CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB



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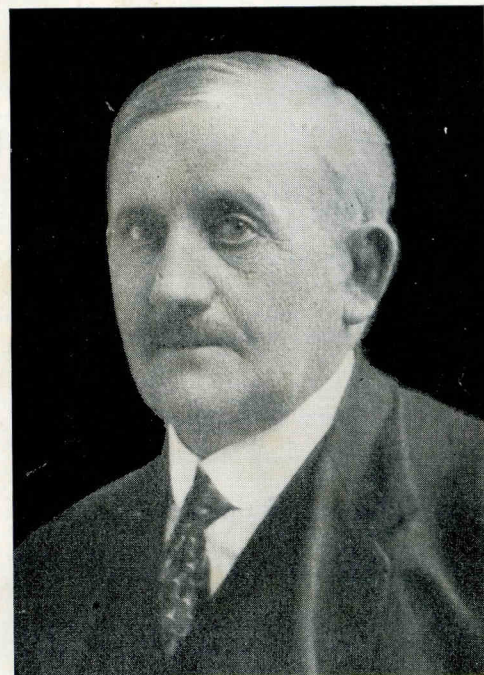


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CARDIFF RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB, 1st XV. Season 1938-39.



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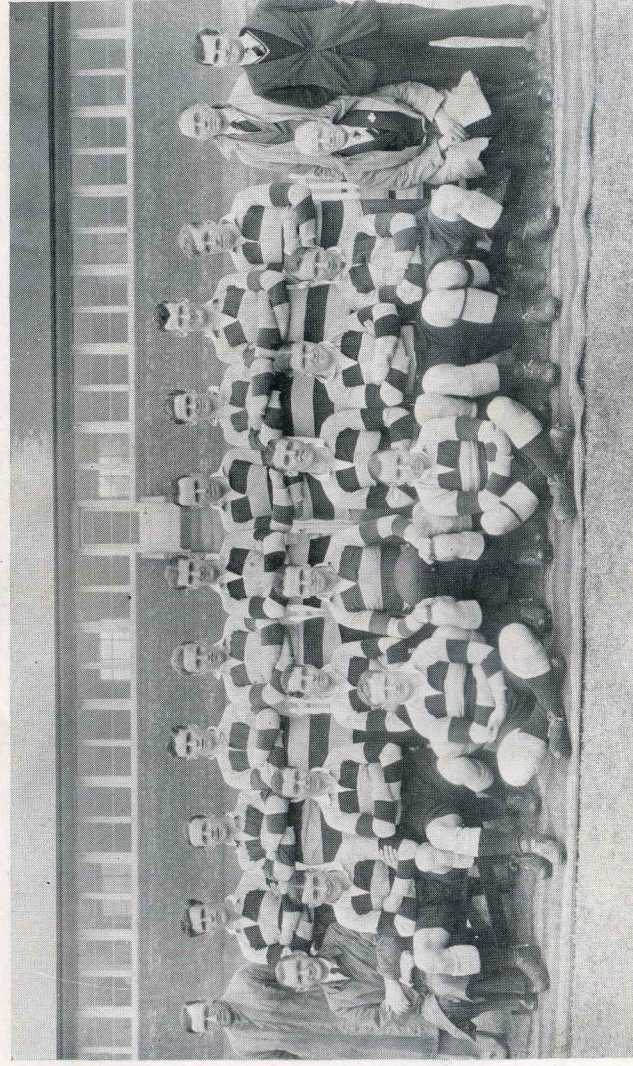


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INTRODUCTION

During the year which ended on May 6th, 1939, the Club lost the services of Mr. E. Gwyn Nicholls, who died on March 24th, 1939. As members will know a subscription list sponsored by an influential Committee, has been opened for the purpose of collecting a fund to provide a fitting Memorial to this great sportsman, a fund to which it is hoped all members of the Club will contribute. As reference is made in the Rugby Club's report at some length to the late Mr. E. Gwyn Nicholls and his many services to the Club during his lifetime, it is sufficient for me to state here that by his death the General Committee lost the services of a friend and colleague whose experience, advice and geniality were appreciated by all.

During the year the members of the Club have enjoyed the improved amenities provided by the new changing rooms, club lounge and cricket pavilion. These amenities have been generally appreciated as will be gathered by reading the various individual sectional reports. In fact, the improvement in the accommodation for members has led to the insertion of a report telling members of the pleasure that has generally been derived from the new Skittle Alley. Further, the members will observe the effect of these improvements when looking at their Annual Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet. On the one hand, as the result of these changes, in one way or another the revenue received by the Club has been materially increased. Against this there has been a corresponding increase in general expenditure, particularly by way of rent and upkeep, with the result that at the end of the year

the Club was only able to show a small balance on the right side.

It is felt both by the General Committee and by the Management Committee that the efforts made in the last few years to provide members with club buildings in keeping with the reputation of the Club in the athletic world has met with considerable success. Much, however, still remains to be done. It is up to the members themselves to consolidate the position by making full use of the Club itself on all occasions and by making every possible effort to increase the membership of the Club, and thereby ensure an income adequate to meet the considerable expenditure which is inevitably connected with the conduct of an organisation of this kind.

In previous reports, members were informed that the annual meeting of the Welsh Rugby Club's Golfing Society was not receiving the support that a meeting of this nature deserved. In consequence of the poor response in past seasons and the few replies that were received to his letter of invitation, Mr. John Duncan, the founder of the Society and the donor of the Cup, decided to abandon the meeting for this Spring. This explains why there is no report from the Cardiff Athletic Golf Club in the Annual Report for this year. As far as the Cardiff Athletic Club is concerned, it is a matter of great regret that this meeting has fallen through. As members know, Mr. John Duncan is a Vice-President of the Club and was at one time a Director of the Cardiff Arms Park Co., Ltd. Further, the Cardiff Rugby Club has held the Cup for the last four years. In consequence of these considerations it was the intention of those responsible for organising the Club's team to send as strong a side as possible to the meeting to support our Vice-President, Mr. John Duncan, and to endeavour to retain the Cup for yet a fifth year.

In a particularly successful football season the outstanding event was the winning of the "Seven-a-Side" competition at Twickenham, to which fuller reference is made in the Rugby Club's report. We would congratulate Mr. Wilfred Wooller, the captain of the side, on his fine achievement and also on the honour conferred on him of captaining the Welsh international fifteen in each of its international matches, one of which, namely the match against Scotland, was played on the Cardiff Arms Park, and resulted in a win for Wales by

We would thank the General Secretary and the permanent staff for the very great interest that they show in the Club and its welfare by doing everything possible to ensure the comfort and pleasure of the members. Equally we would express our appreciation of the Ladies' Committee which is responsible for the catering arrangements during the summer months. The Club which is fortunate enough to enjoy the services of a Ladies' Committee so enthusiastic and unsparing in its efforts as is our Ladies' Committee, is fortunate indeed.

CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB

The Season 1938/39, in common with those of the two preceding years, proved one of outstanding playing success, and it is to the 1908-09 period that we must refer for a season in which less than six matches were lost.

Such a successful year as 1938/39 can only be regarded as extraordinary in view of the most serious inroads of the Northern Union, as no less than five players of international class were prevailed upon to join the ranks of professionalism. These players were: Gwyn Williams, a grand forward; Alban Davies, full-back and final Welsh Trial player who had transferred his services from Cross Keys; next Arthur Bassett, whose magnificent form and combination with our captain was such a brilliant feature; then followed Eddie Watkins, a fine and polished forward; and, finally, Jim Regan, our hooker.

Bearing in mind the calls on the team for International and Trial matches, the high number of wet or rainy Saturdays, the loss of one-third of the team, that only five matches were lost, we may regard 1938/39 as one of the greatest in the Club's long and successful history. It reflects credit on the committee, officials, the loyal players and good leadership of the captain, for without the foundation of club and team spirit—of which Cardiff is so justly proud—success can neither be earned nor deserved.

We should perhaps single out the Captain, Wilfred Wooller, for special praise, for not only was he responsible for some prodigious scoring feats, but he set a fine standard of loyalty and admirably succeeded in maintaining a winning team by force of example and leadership.

Of the style of play, no more need be said than that it was—almost without exception—in keeping with the

traditional Cardiff style of rugby football, and here it would not be inappropriate to quote an extract of a writer's comments on a match against Swansea, away, which we lost by 19 points to 14. It reads:—"In this game of abundant scoring, the outstanding feature was the difference in the manner in which the scoring was achieved. Cardiff got most of their points from beautifully executed back movements, whereas, Swansea obtained theirs as a result of forward rushes and dropped goals."

In the last two games of the season with Newport, a "gentlemen's agreement" was operated to control the spoiling tactics of wing-forward play and to foster thereby the type of open rugby football. Although the results of the agreement may not have been outstandingly successful, there can be no gainsaying the fact that the spirit of the agreement is good.

It is a very rare thing for our traditional Uskside rivals to fail to score one win against us in a season, but they appear to be passing through a lean period from both the playing and financial standpoints, and whilst we will continue to try and defeat them regularly, we are sincere in our desire that Newport will—even next season—succeed in developing a team worthy of its great history.

On the "debit" side we record that our two games with Bridgend were lost, though by the narrowest of margins.

International Honours.—W. Wooller was elected captain of the Welsh team in its series of international matches; W. E. N. Davies very worthily obtained his first cap against England and retained his place against Scotland and Ireland; E. Watkins played against England, and was vice-captain.

Scoring Honours.—The Captain's achievements were magnificent, and he scored 163 points, made up of twelve tries, twelve dropped goals, nine penalty goals and 26 converted goals. For dropped goals alone, his record for first-class matches in any one season is probably a world's record, particularly so, if a dropped goal in a match

against Oxford University (not included in official records) is added, for that would make a total of 13.

Arthur Bassett scored 23 tries in 17 matches before leaving the Club.

Middlesex County Seven-a-Side Tournament.—Sanction having been granted for Welsh Clubs to take part, Cardiff as a "Guest Club" put up a magnificent performance in winning the Competition outright at their first venture into what is regarded as a most exhausting type of game. As a result of this brilliant success, Cardiff hold the "Kinross-Arber" Trophy for one season, and the Cardiff Royal Infirmary benefited to the extent of £96 3s. 11d.

Except for the captain, no member of the team had experience in "Sevens" football, yet under its capable leader it was able to defeat such experienced teams as St. Mary's Hospital, Metropolitan Police, Birkenhead Park and London-Scottish. The names of the team are obviously worthy of reproduction, and they are—W. Wooller (capt.), Gwyn Porter, Graham Hale, W. R. Davies, Selby Davies, Evan (Ianto) Jones, and Les. Spence.

We would like to congratulate young Graham Hale, who, joining the Athletic XV at the beginning of the season, gradually played his way into the first team and succeeded in winning a Cardiff First XV Cap in his first season of first-class rugby.

Ex-Schoolboys.—It is probable that a scheme for the organisation of a unit designed to bridge the gap between the school-leaving age and senior football will be discussed by the Football Committee in the near future.

Colonial Tourists.—"Australia will be there"—to play Cardiff on the Cardiff Arms Park on the 30th September next. The Colonials will receive a very warm welcome, socially, and on the playing field, and with the latter end in view the team are going "all out" to get fit for the encounter which we hope will end in favour of the home Club. Most of our members would prefer the fixture to have been arranged for a later date in the season, but in the

matter of Colonial fixtures, the Club is, of course, in the hands of the Welsh Rugby Union.

Captaincy.—For the second year in succession, Wilfred Wooller has been elected captain of the Club, and we wish him "all the best" for 1939/40.

The task may be a little more difficult as some gaps in very important positions in the team must be filled, but with the co-operation of players and officials, there is no reason why our difficulties should not be overcome and a team once again blended to represent Cardiff and maintain her high standard.

Obituary.—The report must end in a sadder vein, and we have the greatest regret in referring to the passing of E. Gwyn Nicholls—"The Prince of Three-quarters"—at his home in Dinas Powis on the 24th March, 1939.

In the annals of the game, no player stood on a higher plane, for he added glory and lustre not only to the Cardiff Club and his Country, but, above all, to the game itself. By many he is considered as the greatest three-quarter of all time, and by all who met him or had the pleasure of seeing him play, he was regarded as a true sportsman.

His nature was modest and retiring, and those who were fortunate enough to know him, no matter how long or short the duration, were instinctively made to feel very proud of the contact, for of "Gwyn" it may truly be written that nobody has ever uttered an unkind word.

Briefly, we can say with affection that he was one of Nature's gentlemen. When the Great Scorer called him he was still "in harness" as it were, on the Administrative side, an active member of the general, management and football committees of the Club he had so long served as a player.

Born at Westbury-on-Severn, Gloucestershire, on the 15th June, 1874, he joined the Cardiff Club in 1892, and was captain in seasons 1898-99, 1899-1900, 1900-1901, and 1903-4. During the season of 1901-2, he played for

Newport, and on several occasions played for Gloucestershire in the English County Championships. He was selected to play for Wales on twenty-four occasions, and captained the International team many times, including the memorable team that defeated New Zealand in 1905. He was one of the British team that toured Australia and New Zealand in 1899, was a member of the Welsh Rugby Union, refereed many matches, and was untiring in his efforts to further all that was best in sport.

Following the recommendations of the Football Committee, a strong and representative committee has been set up, and is now actively engaged in connection with a universal appeal to provide funds for a suitable form of memorial by which to perpetuate the memory of this great man.

We are confident that all of our own members and supporters will contribute towards this very worthy cause.

CARDIFF ATHLETIC XV.

The Athletic XV results for 1938/39 proved very satisfactory, and under the leadership of Ken. Street, who has in the past served the Premiers so well, the team demonstrated its ability to meet all-comers in second-class football.

The burden of losses in personnel of the First XV is borne ultimately by this nursery side, and the fact that it continues to bear serious losses and yet maintain a good record, points to a healthy state of affairs, which continues to be maintained by the happy co-operation of players and officials.

As a perusal of the First XV report will reveal, five important players were lost to the Premiers whose remarkably good record reflects great credit on those players of the Athletic XV who made good these losses and clearly shows the value of a reserve or subsidiary XV.

Ken. Street's experience with the Premiers proved invaluable, and he proved himself to be a very popular skipper, ready at all times with good example and encouragement to younger players, whilst his own value is reflected by his being selected to play for the First XV on important occasions.

We congratulate him both on the very successful results obtained on the field of play and for the maintenance of that bond of good fellowship in his team without which no team or organisation can hope for success.

Cardiff Rugby tradition counts tremendously and attracts many players, most of whom are moulded to fit themselves eventually for the First XV; scores of famous internationals, including the great centre-threequarter, the late E. Gwyn Nicholls, whose lamented death is referred to elsewhere, first wore the jersey of the reserve side, and we can truthfully say that all have been proud of their early association "with the Reserves."

Team building for 1939/40 will entail, as usual, some energetic and conscientious application, but we are confident that all difficulties and obstacles will be surmounted.

PREVIOUS TOURING SIDES

With the visit of the Australians this coming season, it may be of interest to members to review previous visits of the various Touring sides and their matches against Cardiff.

On the 29th December, 1888, the Maoris played the concluding match of their tour, in South Wales. This team had been beaten by Llanelly and Wales, and for their match against us they adopted the four three-quarters principle, the disposition of their men thus being the same as that of ourselves.

The Cardiff team lined up as follows :—

Back : H. Hughes.

Three-quarter-backs : A. M. Hill, C. S. Arthur, F. N. Jones, Norman Biggs.

Half-backs : Rosser Evans, W. E. Jarman.

Forwards : A. F. Hill (capt.), A. F. Bland, Q. D. Kedzlie, D. W. Evans, R. T. Duncan, W. T. Morgan, J. Mahoney, S. Nicholls.

The result after a grand game was :—

Cardiff	..	1 goal, 1 try, 2 minors.
Maoris	..	1 try, 1 minor.

The next match was against the famous All Blacks on the 26th December, 1905, when a record gate up to this date witnessed a glorious game, but one with a disappointing end. The gate was £1,862 odd, this being more than the total gate receipts of any season prior to 1892/3. Our captain, Mr. Percy F. Bush, took too much time to touch down and Seeling, a New Zealander, diving for the ball made a try which brought the only defeat that we suffered in the season, a game which the captain lost by his lapse. The score was : New Zealand 2 converted goals, Cardiff 1 converted goal, 1 try. The Cardiff team was :—

H. B. Winfield ; J. L. Williams, E. G. Nicholls, R. T. Gabe, R. C. Thomas ; R. David, P. F. Bush, R. A. Gibbs (rover) ; J. Powell, J. Brown, E. Rumbelow, W. Neill, L. George, F. Smith, G. Northmore.

The next match was played on the 1st January, 1907, against the Springboks, under the captaincy of Paul Roos.

The Cardiff team had had a great season, and when they met the Springboks they were on the top of their form, especially the forwards. The ground was in a terrible condition, so much so that the Cardiff team retired to the Pavilion at half-time to clean themselves. A wonderful game finished leaving Cardiff the winners by a record score :—

Cardiff	..	1 converted goal, 1 penalty goal, 3 tries—17 points.
South Africa		Nil.

For the major part of this game, Cardiff only had 14 men, Cecil Biggs being injured.

The team was as follows :—

H. B. Winfield ; C. F. Biggs, R. T. Gabe, E. G. Nicholls, J. L. Williams ; R. David and R. A. Gibbs ; P. F. Bush ; G. Northmore, J. Brown, W. Neill, J. Casey, F. Smith, A. Brice, J. Powell.

Then we entertained Australians, known as "The Wallabies," the result of the game being :—

Cardiff	..	1 converted goal, 1 dropped goal, 1 penalty goal, 4 tries—24 points.
Wallabies	..	1 converted goal, 1 try—8 points.

The Wallabies were overwhelmed by a vastly superior side, and scores came in rapid succession. Unfortunately, in this game, A. S. Burge was ordered off by Mr. Gil Evans, the referee. Another incident took place at the time when J. L. Williams scored a try J. Brown got over the line but lost the ball, and when the excitement was at its highest, the bar at the top of the Stand immediately behind the goal-posts at the Pavilion end gave way, and between twenty and thirty men were precipitated to the ground ; fortunately, no one was seriously injured.

The members were admitted free and a gate of £1,100 was taken.

The Cardiff team was as follows :—

R. Williams ; J. L. Williams, L. M. Dyke, W. Spiller, R. A. Gibbs ; P. F. Bush, W. L. Morgan ; J. Brown, J. Powell, J. Casey, D. Westacott, F. Gaccon, G. Yewlett, J. Pugsley, and J. Daley.

On the 21st December, 1912, we met another Springbok side, when Cardiff's luck was dead out, and we lost, the scores being :—

South Africa	1 penalty goal, 1 dropped goal—7 pts.
Cardiff ..	1 penalty goal, 1 try—6 points.

Our team lined up thus :—

R. F. Williams ; Lt. Gransmore, T. Evans, W. Spiller, W. Brown ; J. Rogers, Clem Lewis ; W. Jenkins, I. Michael, J. Birch, F. Gaccon, A. Baker, M. Griffiths, E. Mithan, C. Palmer.

Of the South Africans, W. A. Millar who, incidentally, was the captain, played in the 1907 Springboks side against Cardiff. The team was guilty of things one would like to forget, and it cannot be understood how a great player like Stegman should do what he did when his knee went into the face of the Cardiff full-back. W. Spiller also got into trouble and received rough handling by one of the forwards. It is to the credit of the Cardiff players that they made no attempt to retaliate when the temptation to do so was great. This game was not a great game and, although South Africa fielded their strongest side and the conditions were entirely in their favour, their exhibition was far from convincing and did not reveal the greatness of their side.

New Zealand Calling. 22nd November, 1924. Result:

New Zealand ..	2 converted goals, 1 penalty goal, 1 try—16 points.
Cardiff ..	1 converted goal, 1 penalty goal—8 pts.

This side came to the Park undefeated ; nineteen sides had previously gone down before them, 468 points having been scored and only 63 points against them. The Cardiff side lined up as follows :—

Dr. Tom Wallace ; T. Johnson (captain), R. A. Cornish, J. Powell, P. Rayer ; W. J. Delahay, D. E. Davies ; Idris Richards, F. Stephens, S. Hinam, W. Ireson, T. Lewis, J. Brown, Con. O'Leary, and W. J. Ould.

It is interesting to note that the ground was closed to all but ticket holders half-an-hour before the kick-off, 40,000 people being on the ground.

W. J. Delahay made a great solo effort in scoring a try in a favourable position by selling a perfect dummy, and Tom Wallace kicked a penalty goal from the touch line. Cardiff played nobly and well and achieved something which was well worthy of Welsh football.

Captain Burge, the referee, seemed to take a dislike to Delahay, for early in the game he gave a penalty against him right in front of the posts, for putting the ball in unfairly.

Now we come to two games with the Maoris. Cardiff had the distinction of entertaining them on two separate occasions—6th November and 28th December, 1926. This side came over as guests of the French Federation, and after the first match, they stated that they had enjoyed their game so much that they asked the Club to give them a further game. Both matches were lost. In the first game there were some clever snap tries. The Cardiff side in the first game on November 6th, 1926, was :—

B. O. Male ; T. Johnson, D. E. Davies, B. R. Turnbull, R. A. Cornish ; W. J. Delahay (captain), G. Richards ; Idris Richards, T. Lewis, D. G. Davies, J. Burns, F. Lee, W. Watkins, K. P. Turnbull, and R. Barrell.

The Maoris were a wonderful sporting side, and the writer could fill a book of the various episodes which took place during the two fortnights they spent at the Grand Hotel.

The game was played on a terrible ground, and at half-time, both teams left the field to change their kit. Considering the conditions, the game was a surprisingly good one, the result being :—

Maoris ..	3 converted goals, 1 try—18 points.
Cardiff ..	1 converted goal, 1 penalty goal—8 pts.

On the 28th December, the Cardiff side consisted of the following :—

B. O. Male ; L. Williams, J. Roberts, B. R. Turnbull, R. A. Cornish ; W. J. Delahay (captain), G. Richards ; T. Lewis, W. J. Ould, J. Burns, F. Lee, W. Watkins, K. P. Turnbull, R. Barrell, and Percy Bunce.

and the score was :—

Maoris ..	1 converted goal.
Cardiff ..	1 try.

On Saturday, 3rd December, 1927, we had the Waratahs with us, and the score was :—

Waratahs .. 1 converted goal, 1 dropped goal, 2 tries
—15 points.
Cardiff .. 2 penalty goals, 1 try—9 points.

The Cardiff team lined up :—

B. O. Male ; E. Gwyn Davies, B. R. Turnbull (capt.),
Graham Jones, W. J. Ould ; H. Poole, R. Gabe-Jones ;
K. P. Turnbull, E. Spillane, P. Bunce,
R. Barrell, A. Cundy, J. Burns, T. Arnott, T. M. Williams.

Male kicked the two penalties and R. Gabe-Jones scored the try.

This was a game of thrills and the visitors put up a wonderful finish in a game which showed rugby of a high standard. Unfortunately John Ford, one of the Waratah's best forwards, was ordered off the field. This was very regrettable, but he had to learn his lesson for challenging the referee's decision.

Then we come to another thrilling game against the Springboks, at the Park on Saturday, 21st November, 1931.

Result :

Springboks .. 2 converted goals, 1 try.
Cardiff .. 1 converted goal.

The Cardiff team was :—

T. Stone ; R. W. Boon, Graham Jones, B. R. Turnbull,
Rev. John Roberts ; M. J. Turnbull, H. M. Bowcott ;
T. Lewis, A. Skym, V. R. Osmond, T. Gadd, I.
Isaac, R. Barrell, Colin Ross, D. J. Tarr.

Up to half-time, it was anybody's game and Cardiff were slight favourites because they had rather better of the argument, and were not flattered by the division of the honours. In the second half, the tourists asserted their superiority, although we put up a gallant fight.

In the last tour to this country, our match was on Saturday, 26th October, 1935, when New Zealand played a wonderful game. The All Blacks in this match never missed a stray chance and took full advantage of the home team's mistakes. Cardiff were outpaced but, nevertheless,

contributed some glorious efforts in which individual brilliance reached a high standard.

The Cardiff side was :—

T. Stone ; A. Bassett, R. W. Boon, H. O. Edwards, A. H. Jones ; J. E. Bowcott, H. M. Bowcott ; V. R. Osmond, J. Regan, R. Bale, Dr. E. Noel Rees,
H. Rees, L. M. Spence, E. Watkins, G. Williams.

and the result was :—

New Zealand .. 2 converted goals, 1 dropped goal, 2 tries
20 points.
Cardiff .. 1 converted goal—5 points.

The winning or losing of a game does not matter so long as football is played as it was in this game. The gems of the game mostly came from the New Zealanders, but early in the second-half, Cardiff threes toyed with the New Zealand defence in much the same way as they did in the first half.

On the 30th September, 1939, we will go on the field to show that Welsh football is as good if not better than ever it was, and that Cardiff, in particular, is still the best Club side.

Cardiff got nearer to success than any other side.

FIXTURES AND RESULTS, 1938-39

FIRST FIFTEEN

Date	Opponents	H. or A.	Rslt.	Score for					Score against						
				G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.	G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.
1938															
Sept. 3	Cardiff & Dist.	H	Won	1	4	..	..	..	17	..	I	..	..	..	3
" 5	Abertillery ..	H	Won	6	3	..	..	..	39	..	..	..	I	..	3
" 10	Bridgend ..	H	Lost	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	I	..	..	4
" 15	Pill Harriers	A	Won	2	3	..	..	..	19	..	I	..	I	..	6
" 17	Bristol ..	H	Won	I	1	..	2	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	0
" 19	Pontypool ..	A	Drn.	..	2	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	2	..	6
" 24	Neath ..	H	Won	I	2	..	..	..	11	..	I	..	I	..	6
" 28	Bridgend ..	A	Lost	..	..	..	..	..	0	..	I	..	..	..	3
Oct. 1	Newport	A	Won	I	2	..	..	..	11	I	..	..	..	..	5
" 8	Gloucester ..	A	Lost	..	2	..	..	..	6	I	..	..	I	..	8
" 15	Llanelly ..	H	Won	2	4	..	..	..	22	..	I	..	..	..	3
" 22	Blackheath ..	H	Won	I	2	2	I	..	22	..	I	..	..	..	3
" 29	Llanelly ..	A	Won	..	..	I	I	..	7	..	I	..	..	..	3
Nov. 5	Blackheath ..	A	Won	I	2	..	..	..	11	I	..	..	I	..	8
" 12	Newport ..	H	Won	2	1	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	0
" 19	Swansea ..	A	Lost	I	2	..	I	..	14	I	2	2	..	..	19
" 26	Pontypool ..	H	Won	I	3	I	I	..	21	I	..	I	..	..	9
Dec. 3	Swansea ..	H	Drn.	..	1	..	I	..	6	..	2	..	..	..	6
" 10	London Welsh	H	Won	..	4	I	..	..	16	..	..	..	..	..	0
" 17	Harlequins ..	A	Won	2	..	2	I	..	21	..	I	..	..	..	3
" 26	London Irish	A	Won	..	5	..	I	..	18	..	I	..	..	..	3
" 27	Watsonians ..	H	Won	..	1	..	I	..	6	..	I	..	..	..	3
" 31	Swansea ..	H	Won	I	1	I	..	..	12	I	I	..	..	..	8
1939															
Jan. 7	aCoventry ..	A													
" 14	bLlanelly ..	A	Drn.	..	..	..	..	..	0	..	..	..	..	..	0
" 28	Swansea ..	A	Won	2	..	2	..	..	18	..	..	..	2	..	6
Feb. 6	Cross Keys ..	A	Won	..	2	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	0
" 11	Gloucester ..	H	Won	2	..	..	I	..	13	I	..	..	..	..	5
" 18	Newport ..	A	Won	..	..	I	I	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	0
" 25	Richmond ..	H	Won	I	2	I	I	..	18	..	I	..	I	..	6
Mar. 4	Newport ..	H	Drn.	..	..	..	..	..	0	..	..	..	..	..	0
" 11	Bristol ..	A	Drn.	..	..	..	..	..	0	..	..	..	..	..	0

First Fifteen—continued

Date	Opponents	H. or A.	Rslt.	Score for						Score against					
				G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.	G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.
Mar. 18	Llanelly ..	H	Won	2	1	..	1	..	16	1	..	..	1	..	8
„ 25	Plymouth Alb.	A	Won	2	2	..	..	..	16	1	..	..	..	..	5
„ 27	Falmouth ..	A	Won	..	2	..	..	..	6	..	1	..	..	..	3
„ 28	W.Cornwall xv	A	Won	1	4	..	1	..	20	..	..	..	..	..	0
Apr. 1	Richmond ..	A	Won	1	1	1	1	..	15	..	..	..	1	..	3
„ 8	Barbarians ..	H	Lost	..	..	..	2	..	6	1	2	..	..	..	11
„ 10	Harlequins ..	H	Won	..	3	..	..	..	9	1	1	..	..	..	8
„ 11	Coventry ..	H	Won	..	4	..	..	..	12	1	1	..	..	..	8
„ 15	Plymouth Alb.	H	Won	1	3	1	1	..	21	..	..	..	..	..	0
„ 24	Neath ..	A	Drn.	..	..	..	..	..	0	..	..	..	..	..	0
„ 29	Pontypool ..	A	Won	2	..	1	..	..	14	2	..	..	1	..	13

a Cancelled owing to snow and frost.

b Abandoned 15 minutes before time owing to torrential rain.

RECORD FOR SEASON	Played.		Won.		Lost.		Drawn.					
	42	..	31	..	5	..	6					
	SCORE FOR											
	G.	T.	D.G.	P.G.	M.G.	P.TS.	SCORE AGAINST					
	37	70	15	19	0	512	G.	T.	D.G.	P.G.	M.G.	P.TS.
							14	21	4	13	0	188

FIRST XV SCORERS.

Tries : A. Bassett, 23 ; W. Wooller, 12 ; Gwyn Porter, 11 ; H. O. Edwards, 9 ; G. Hales, 7 ; L. Spence, 6 ; E. R. Knapp, 5 ; Selby Davies, W. R. Davies, E. Gwyn Lewis, Glyn Morgan, 4 ; Evan Jones, Roy Roberts, 3 ; R. Bale, R. H. Millar, 2 ; D. Brown, Alban Davies, Ron Jones, J. Hickey, H. M. Hughes, L. G. S. Thomas, Gwyn Williams, Lyn Williams, 1.

Drop Goals : W. Wooller, 12 ; W. R. Davies, 2 ; Alban Davies, 1.

Penalty Goals : W. Wooller, 9 ; D. Brown, 4 ; Alban Davies, 4 ; L. Arnold, R. W. Boon, 1.

Converted Goals : W. Wooller, 26 ; Alban Davies, 8 ; D. Brown, 2 ; E. Watkins, 1.

CARDIFF ATHLETIC FIFTEEN

Date	Opponents	H. or A.	Rslt.	Score For						Score Against					
				G.	T.	D.G.	P.G.	M.G.	Pts.	G.	T.	D.G.	P.G.	M.G.	Pts.
1938															
Sept. 3	Bargoed ..	A	Won	1	1	..	1	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	0
" 5	Llanharan ..	A	Lost	..	1	..	..	..	3	1	1	..	..	..	8
" 10	Pontyclun ..	A	Won	2	4	..	1	..	25	1	..	..	..	..	5
" 17	Bristol Utd.	A	Drn.	..	..	..	..	..	0	..	..	..	..	..	0
" 20	Llandaff ..	A	Won	..	4	..	..	..	12	..	1	..	..	..	3
" 24	Treorchy ..	A	Lost	1	1	..	..	..	8	2	..	..	1	..	13
" 29	Porth ..	A	Won	..	3	..	3	..	18	..	1	..	..	..	3
Oct. 1	Newport Utd.	H	Won	2	5	..	..	..	25	..	..	..	..	..	0
" 8	Gloucester U.	H	Won	..	3	..	1	..	12	..	1	..	..	..	3
" 15	Pill Harriers	A	Won	..	1	..	1	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	5
" 22	Penygraig ..	A	Won	1	1	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	0
" 29	Maesteg ..	H	Won	2	..	..	1	..	13	..	2	..	..	..	6
Nov. 5	aPenygraig ..	H													
" 12	Newport Utd.	A	Lost	..	..	..	..	..	0	..	1	..	..	..	3
" 19	Abergavenny	H	Won	2	1	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	0
" 26	b Old Illydians	A													
Dec. 3	Skewen ..	A	Drn.	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	1	..	..	3
" 10	Glam. Wand.	A	Won	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	0
" 17	Cardiff Univ.	H	Won	1	2	..	..	..	11	1	1	..	..	..	8
" 24	cTredegar ..	H													
" 31	Cardiff H.S.O.B.	A	Won	1	7	..	..	..	26	..	..	..	1	..	3
1939															
Jan. 14	Glam. Wand.	H	Won	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	0
" 24	dTreorchy ..	H													
" 28	eSkewen ..	H													
Feb. 11	Gloucester U.	A	Lost	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	6	..	..	..	18
" 18	Newport Utd.	H	Lost	1	2	..	..	..	11	1	1	1	..	..	12
" 25	Abergavenny	A	Drn.	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	3
Mar. 4	Newport Utd.	A	Lost	..	..	..	..	..	0	..	4	..	..	..	12
" 11	Bristol Utd.	H	Won	..	1	..	1	..	6	..	1	..	..	..	3
" 18	Maesteg ..	A	Lost	1	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	2	..	..	6
" 25	Old Edward's	H	Won	..	4	..	1	..	15	..	..	..	..	..	0
Apr. 1	Chepstow ..	H	Won	2	..	..	..	..	10	1	..	..	..	..	5
" 8	Old Illydians	A	Won	3	2	..	1	..	24	1	1	1	..	..	12
" 10	Ebbw Vale ..	A	Lost	1	1	..	..	..	8	1	3	..	..	..	14
" 15	fCardiff Univ.	A													
" 18	Cardiff H.S.O.B.	H	Won	2	1	..	1	..	16	2	..	..	..	..	10
" 22	Pill Harriers	H	Won	1	1	..	..	..	8	..	..	1	..	..	4
May 1	Chepstow ..	A	Won	1	1	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	1	..	3

a Cancelled owing to W.R.U. Trial at Cardiff.

b Cancelled owing to wet state of Ground.

c Cancelled owing to frost.

d Cancelled owing to England and Wales International.

e Cancelled owing to wet state of Ground.

f Cancelled by request of University.

RECORD FOR SEASON	SCORE FOR.									SCORE AGAINST.								
	G.	T.	D.G.	P.G.	M.G.	Pts.	G.	T.	D.G.	P.G.	M.G.	Pts.	G.	T.	D.G.	P.G.	M.G.	Pts.
	25	51	—	13	—	317	12	24	3	7	—	165						

CAPTAINS AND VICE-CAPTAINS.

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. 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	W. D. PHILLIPS
1886-7	W. M. DOUGLAS	A. F. HILL
1887-8	C. A. YOUNG	A. J. HYBART
1888-9	A. F. HILL	A. F. HILL
1889-90	C. S. ARTHUR	C. S. ARTHUR
1890-1	W. E. O. WILLIAMS	S. H. NICHOLLS
1891-2	D. W. EVANS	D. W. EVANS
1892-3	T. W. PEARSON	F. N. JONES
1893-4	N. BIGGS	A. LEWIS
1894-5	A. F. HILL	R. B. SWEET-ESCOTT
1895-6	R. B. SWEET-ESCOTT	R. B. SWEET-ESCOTT
1896-7	J. E. ELLIOT	F. MILLS
1897-8	S. BIGGS	S. BIGGS
1898-9	E. GWYN NICHOLLS	E. GWYN NICHOLLS
1899-1900	E. GWYN NICHOLLS	T. DOBSON
1900-1901	E. GWYN NICHOLLS	H. V. P. HUSSEY
1901-2	H. B. WINFIELD	J. BLAKE
1902-3	H. B. WINFIELD	D. L. BOWEN
1903-4	E. GWYN NICHOLLS	C. STRANAGHAN
1904-5	C. F. BIGGS	C. F. BIGGS
1905-6	PERCY F. BUSH	W. NEILL
1906-7	PERCY F. BUSH	GEO. NORTHMORE
1907-8	RHYS T. GABE	GEO. NORTHMORE
1908-9	PERCY F. BUSH	J. BROWN
1909-10	J. L. WILLIAMS	F. SMITH
1910-11	R. A. GIBBS	F. SMITH
1911-12	L. M. DYKE	J. PUGSLEY
1912-13	W. SPILLER	J. A. POWELL
1913-14	W. J. JENKINS	W. J. JENKINS
1914-19	EUROPEAN WAR.	R. F. WILLIAMS
1919-20	F. GACCON—W. J. POWELL	W. J. JENKINS
1920-21	CLEM LEWIS	R. A. CORNISH
1921-22	R. ARTHUR CORNISH	I. RICHARDS
1922-23	DR. T. WALLACE	I. RICHARDS
1923-24	IDRIS RICHARDS	T. A. JOHNSON
1924-25	T. A. JOHNSON	D. E. DAVIES
1925-26	D. E. DAVIES	W. J. DELAHAY
1926-27	W. J. DELAHAY	D. E. DAVIES
1927-28	B. R. TURNBULL	B. O. MALE
1928-29	B. O. MALE	K. P. TURNBULL
1929-30	S. C. CRAVOS	H. POOLE
1930-31	B. R. TURNBULL	S. C. CRAVOS
1931-32	HOWARD POOLE	H. M. BOWCOTT
1932-33	TOM LEWIS	B. R. TURNBULL
1933-34	GRAHAM JONES	R. GABE-JONES
1934-35	A. SKYM	T. STONE
1935-36	T. STONE	L. SPENCE
1936-37	L. M. SPENCE	T. STONE
1937-38	A. H. JONES	H. REES
1938-39	W. WOOLLER	W. E. N. DAVIS

CARDIFF CRICKET CLUB

Another successful season has passed and all the Elevens have every reason to be pleased with the results of games played, with the enjoyment experienced on the field and with the very happy social relations with all other Sections of the Club, the latter due, in a great measure, to the comfort of the new Club premises.

Although rather uncertain weather prevailed more or less throughout the Summer, very few games were interfered with as the results given here will show:—

	Matches	Won	Drawn	Lost	Abandoned
First XI. A ..	24 ..	8 ..	12 ..	3 ..	1
First XI. B ..	20 ..	7 ..	7 ..	4 ..	2
Second XI ..	18 ..	10 ..	1 ..	3 ..	—
Extras ..	18 ..	10 ..	1 ..	7 ..	—

The First XI, with its full strength available, was probably the strongest in South Wales. The batting, especially on hard wickets, could generally be relied upon to score freely; on soft wickets it was not quite so effective. The Captain, W. J. Evans, who had the support of an enthusiastic side, always went out to win, and of the three games lost, two were due to declarations in the endeavour to force a win, and in the third, opponents were given extra time in which to score the necessary runs. With the excellent cricket invariably played, it is to be regretted that better support is not given by the public.

Centuries were scored for the Club by V. A. Metcalfe (two), and N. K. Contractor, L. G. Jones, F. W. Knowles and F. W. Mathias, one each. Four bowlers took 50 or more wickets: H. Friend, J. Chandless, H. J. Bartlett, and Reed, G. H.

The outstanding player was V. A. Metcalfe, who in 20 completed innings totalled 819 runs, the second highest aggregate recorded for the Club. The record aggregate for the Club is held by N. V. H. Riches, who in the year 1930 totalled 856 runs for 12 innings, six times not out, highest score 118, average 142.6.

The "B" side had a happy season, the results showing a decided advance on previous years; batting and bowling were fairly consistent, but there is room for improvement in the fielding.

The Second XI had a successful run of matches won, and it was not until August, when they were called upon to supply players to the higher elevens that they lost their first game.

The Extras had a very satisfactory record and thanks are due to the Skipper for his efforts in training on the young players to fit them for promotion to the other elevens.

The Captain of the Club for Season 1939 will be L. G. Jones, now in his eighth year as a player with the First XI. At the time of writing it is probable that several old players will be missing but there are young players available who only need experience to enable them to take their places in the best of Club Cricket, and the Captain may be assured he will have the united support of all players and officials.

CAPTAINS.

CRICKET.

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 J. HORSPPOOL
1881 ..	Names of Captains not recorded.	1913 ..	J. HORSPPOOL
1882 ..		1914 ..	J. HORSPPOOL
1883 ..		1915 ..	EUROPEAN WAR
1884 ..	J. P. JONES.	1916 ..	
1885 ..	J. P. JONES.	1917 ..	
1886 ..	J. P. JONES	1918 ..	
1887 ..	W. H. WILLIAMS	1919 ..	J. HORSPPOOL
1888 ..	W. H. WILLIAMS	1920 ..	H. G. SYMONDS
1889 ..	W. H. WILLIAMS	1921 ..	G. E. CORDING
1890 ..	A. MORRIS	1922 ..	G. E. CORDING
1891 ..	A. MORRIS	1923 ..	T. R. MORGAN
1892 ..	W. H. BRAIN	1924 ..	H. W. TAYLER
1893 ..	W. H. BRAIN	1925 ..	F. W. MATHIAS
1894 ..	W. H. BRAIN	1926 ..	N. V. H. RICHES
1895 ..	J. H. BRAIN	1927 ..	N. V. H. RICHES
1896 ..	J. H. BRAIN	1928 ..	N. V. H. RICHES
1897 ..	J. G. CLARK	1929 ..	A. N. MORGAN
1898 ..	J. G. CLARK	1930 ..	A. N. MORGAN
1899 ..	J. G. CLARK	1931 ..	N. V. H. RICHES
1900 ..	J. H. BRAIN	1932 ..	E. C. DOLMAN
1901 ..	J. H. BRAIN	1933 ..	G. L. RATTENBURY
1902 ..	J. G. CLARK	1934 ..	J. T. MORGAN
1903 ..	V. T. HILL	1935 ..	J. T. MORGAN.
1904 ..	V. T. HILL	1936 ..	F. W. MATHIAS
1905 ..	J. P. CADOGAN	1937 ..	F. THOMAS.
1906 ..	A. GIBSON	1938 ..	W. J. EVANS.
1907 ..	A. GIBSON	1939 ..	L. G. JONES.
1908 ..	A. GIBSON		

CARDIFF ATHLETIC LAWN TENNIS CLUB.

Season 1938.

As in the previous Season we were again favoured with sunny weather for our American Tournament held on the opening day. There was a very good attendance which included many new members, whom we were very pleased to welcome among us.

During the preliminary weeks of the Season, the weather was somewhat unreliable, but this did not seriously affect our match programme.

Owing to injuries, it was not possible to field a regular side for the first three League Matches, which were lost; it is satisfactory to record that the last four matches were won and that we were thus able to avoid relegation. Only one Friendly Match could be played.

The Second Team won two of their League Matches and also one Friendly game. This record is not a true guide to the team's ability, as its membership was frequently changed, with a view not only to encouraging new members but also to give as many members as possible match practice.

In the 2nd Division, the Ladies' Team played five matches, won three and lost two, and in the 3rd Division, the Second Team played six and won six, whilst in Friendly Matches they played three, won two and left one unfinished.

Mr. D. B. Morgan our Tournament Referee, and Miss M. Oxenham, his assistant, were favoured with better weather than in recent years with the result that their efforts to make a success of the Annual Tournament were rewarded and their schedule completed in good time. In the Level Events, four Championships changed hands. The results were as follows:—

MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP	.. J. M. Hopkins.
LADIES' SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP	.. Mrs. H. R. Evans.
MEN'S DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP	.. <u>A. Wetherell and C. Williams.</u>
LADIES' DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP	.. Miss V. E. Planck and Miss Oxenham.
MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP	.. J. M. Hopkins and Miss M. Oxenham.
MEN'S SINGLES HANDICAP	.. C. Humphreys.
LADIES' SINGLES HANDICAP	.. Miss E. Wonnacott.
MEN'S DOUBLES HANDICAP	.. <u>A. Wetherell and C. Williams.</u>
LADIES' DOUBLES HANDICAP	.. Miss D. Bowen and Miss Wonnacott.
MIXED DOUBLES HANDICAP	.. N. K. Contractor and Miss E. Belman.

From the beginning of this Season we have had the use of the new changing rooms in the North Stand which are undoubtedly the best in South Wales.

The Third Annual Dinner was held at the Royal Hotel and we were favoured with the presence of Mrs. D. B. Morgan who presented the Tournament prizes. There was an excellent attendance at this function, following which, a large Dance Party proceeded to Barry, whilst the remainder of the members and guests visited the Prince of Wales' Theatre. For a very successful evening, our thanks are due to the Committee and, in particular, to our willing Honorary Secretary, Mr. R. G. Pritchard.

In conclusion, it should be mentioned that an attempt has been made during the winter to develop the Social side of the Club. In this connection, Skittle Matches have been arranged between teams of ladies and gentlemen of the Club and several Dance Parties have also been taken to Barry. The apparent enjoyment and success of these functions should benefit the Club in various ways during the coming Season.

CAPTAINS. LAWN TENNIS.

		<i>Men's</i>		<i>Ladies'</i>
1923	..	T. J. HOPKINS	.. ..
1924	..	T. J. HOPKINS	.. ..	Miss E. CLARE.
1925	..	T. J. HOPKINS	.. ..	Mrs. G. D. HORSPPOOL
1926	..	T. J. HOPKINS	.. ..	Miss D. A. CALDER
1927	..	F. C. ORAM	.. ..	Miss D. A. CALDER
1928	..	F. C. ORAM	.. ..	Mrs. M. 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

CARDIFF ATHLETIC BOWLS CLUB.

Season 1938.

At the outset, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all officials and members of the Bowls Section for their loyalty to the Club and for giving their best in all the matches played. We have had a fairly good Season under the Captaincy of a popular Captain, Mr. T. E. Strong. Each member has done his share and each has played for the good of his Club. It is a spirit to be commended. It is very pleasant to record the splendid relations which exist between other Clubs and our own and I may say that we are welcomed as opponents by any club in South Wales.

The visit to Painswick as guests of our friends, the Falcon Bowling Club, was a most enjoyable one. Each visit is recorded as the best ever. We returned to the Longford Hotel, near Gloucester, for supper to wind up a thoroughly good day. We are glad to renew fixtures for 1939.

We have also added to our list, the well-known Weston Victoria Bowling Club, the Nottinghamshire Bowling Association, and Clevedon for the first time. I would also report the Committee's recommendation whereby the nine lady helpers, lead by Mrs. L. C. Watters, were invited to accompany us to Bailey Park, Abergavenny, on the 4th August, 1938. It was a glorious day and all were invited to high tea in the open at the kind invitation of the Bailey Park Bowling Club. Our Captain, Mr. Strong, thanked the home side for their spontaneous gesture. On the way home, Mrs. Watters, on behalf of herself and the other ladies, spoke a few words of thanks for the most enjoyable day.

The Ladies, I would like to add, deserve our sincere thanks for the great assistance they give our visitors and ourselves at all times in providing the teas. The relations between the members and the ladies are extremely happy.

Records as follows for the Season 1938:—

	Played	Won	Lost
First Team	46	27	19
"A" Team	23	11	12
Club Championship - Mr. W. Tucker	Club Handicap - Mr. Stan Jones		
Club Pairs Championship - Messrs. C. W. Standfast and D. Dimond	Spoon Competition Mr. J. E. Maile		
Bowcott Cup - Mr. C. A. Williams			

The following members of the Club were honoured by the Glamorgan County Bowling Association in their matches played in 1938: Messrs. L. C. Watters, H. J. Salter, Stan. Jones, F. Davies, and C. A. Williams.

CAPTAINS.

BOWLS.

1924 J. BATSTONE	1929 C. A. WILLIAMS, M.A.	1934 W. T. GRIFFITHS
1925 M. WOOD	1930 D. L. EVANS	1935 A. MILSOM
1926 W. M. DOUGLAS	1931 J. OXENHAM	1936 A. CALDER
1927 J. PRATT	1932 L. C. WATTERS	1937 C. W. STANDFAST
1928 W. H. JENKINS	1933 F. DAVIES	1938 T. E. STRONG

CARDIFF BASEBALL CLUB.

Season 1938.

The Season opened with a change of Match Secretary, for W. I. Beynon on his election as Assistant Secretary of the Welsh Baseball Union, resigned in favour of W. H. Crocker. W. H. Crocker has been associated with the Section since its inception, first as a player and since his retirement as a member of the Committee.

One player was sadly missed at the commencement of the Season, namely, Wheeler, one of our most consistent players, who died during the close season.

The Committee too, suffered a loss as H. D. Evans, who had proved such a splendid supporter, was prevented from giving his whole time to the Section owing to illness.

The team was considerably strengthened at the commencement, because all old players reported for "duty," and D. Charles of Penylan, and V. Lewis of Adamsdown, threw in their lot with the Section.

The Season's Captain was an excellent choice, and to J. Desmond will go a great deal of praise for the excellent spirit which prevailed and the position of the Club in the League. The playing Season was an excellent one, but if the section had been able to field its full side right from the "off," Cardiff would have finished higher in the League Table than it did.

The team opened with a fine win against the Albions, but four heavy defeats followed in Cup and League. Then followed a period of varied form until Penylan were heavily defeated, for the first time in the history of the Section. From thereon the team improved and a series of wins over the Albions, Canton, the Harlequins and Newport, helped the Section to finish third in the Welsh League.

To V. Lewis, the bowler, goes a great deal of the credit. He easily headed the bowling averages and smashed all existing Club records by getting 187 out for an average of only 3.94 runs, including the extras.

The batting averages were this year headed by H. Rowlands, the backstop, with an average of 7.11, followed by F. Fish, who had the highest aggregate, together with A. Presdee, D. Charles, and W. George, who all bagged hundreds.

To D. Charles all baseballers send their congratulations on his excellent performance for Wales in the International Match.

The Captain, J. Desmond, figured in two season's records, the highest total of 20, versus the Albions, and the greatest number of "ducks."

In the field, W. Jenkins, again held the greatest number of catches.

In addition, great praise must go to the whole team for their excellent work in the field.

The Season ended on a pleasant note, as through the organising efforts of Mrs. P. Crocker and Mrs. R. O. Beynon, the team and Committee spend a pleasant day visiting buildings of interest in the Wye Valley.

CAPTAINS.

BASEBALL.

1935	..	F. FISH	1937	..	T. H. MAILE
1936	..	H. J. ROWLANDS	1938	..	J. DESMOND.

CARDIFF ATHLETIC LADIES' HOCKEY CLUB.

Season 1938-39.

We were unable to hold our Trials on the 17th September as originally arranged, because—although the weather had been fine all the week—rain fell heavily from mid-day and play was out of the question.

Training evenings, however, were held on the following Monday and Wednesday, and the Season opened on Saturday, 24th September.

On the 8th October, we had Miss V. Brain, a well-known English Hockey Player to coach us. We received valuable hints on tactics and stick work from her and hope to make this coaching an annual event.

The Season on the whole was wet ; eight of the First XI matches were cancelled because of the weather, and 15 of the Second XI Matches.

The First XI played 15 games, of which 10 were won, 1 was drawn and 4 were lost. Sixty-five goals were scored for us and 43 against. The top scorers were Misses G. P. Evans and B. Jones with 8 goals each.

The Second XI played 12 games ; they won 8, drew 1 and lost 3. Eighty-two goals were scored by them and 25 against. The top scorer was Miss O. Bateman with 14 goals.

Miss E. Winfield who has been Club Captain since 1933, resigned this year. Her resignation was accepted with regret and Miss D. Bowen was elected in her place. Miss Bowen was also chosen to be Captain of the Glamorgan First XI.

Miss T. Hughes and Miss G. P. Evans again played for Glamorgan and Miss B. Powell played for Glamorgan Seconds.

Miss Winfield was chosen to act as a Selector for Glamorgan and South Wales again this Season and Miss O'Brien was chosen as a Selector for Glamorgan.

We were invited to take part once again in the Tournament organised by the Monmouthshire Ladies' Hockey Association, and once again we won the Trophy.

We welcome back to Cardiff Miss C. Holley who has been a member of the Club since it was founded in 1927. We are very grateful to her and to Miss W. Cornwell for so ably umpiring our matches.

CAPTAINS.

LADIES' HOCKEY.

1927-28	..	C. HOLLEY	1933-34	..	E. WINFIELD
1928-29	..	C. HOLLEY	1934-35	..	E. WINFIELD
1929-30	..	C. HOLLEY	1935-36	..	E. WINFIELD
1930-31	..	G. WILLIAMS	1936-37	..	E. WINFIELD
1931-32	..	G. WILLIAMS	1937-38	..	E. WINFIELD
1932-33	..	G. WILLIAMS	1938-39	..	D. BOWEN

SKITTLES.

For many years past, the Club had considered the possibility of the laying down of a Skittle Alley, but have had to shelve the idea principally owing to not having a suitable site. When the new Pavilion was ordered, provision was made for an Alley and last September it was opened.

The great advantage has been the cementing of the Sections into one happy band.

Two permanent sides were run by the Club—"The Innswingers"—composed of Cricket Members, and "The Originals"—Bowls Members. "The Originals" have been in existence for 12 years but had no home, playing on other alleys; however, they appreciated their alley to the full last year by playing 59 matches, winning 48 and losing 11. Over 40,000 pins were floored with an average per roll of 4.53, a result giving satisfaction, and the alley is now known as a sporting 4-5 alley.

All visiting sides were unanimous in stating that the Alley is one of the best in South Wales.

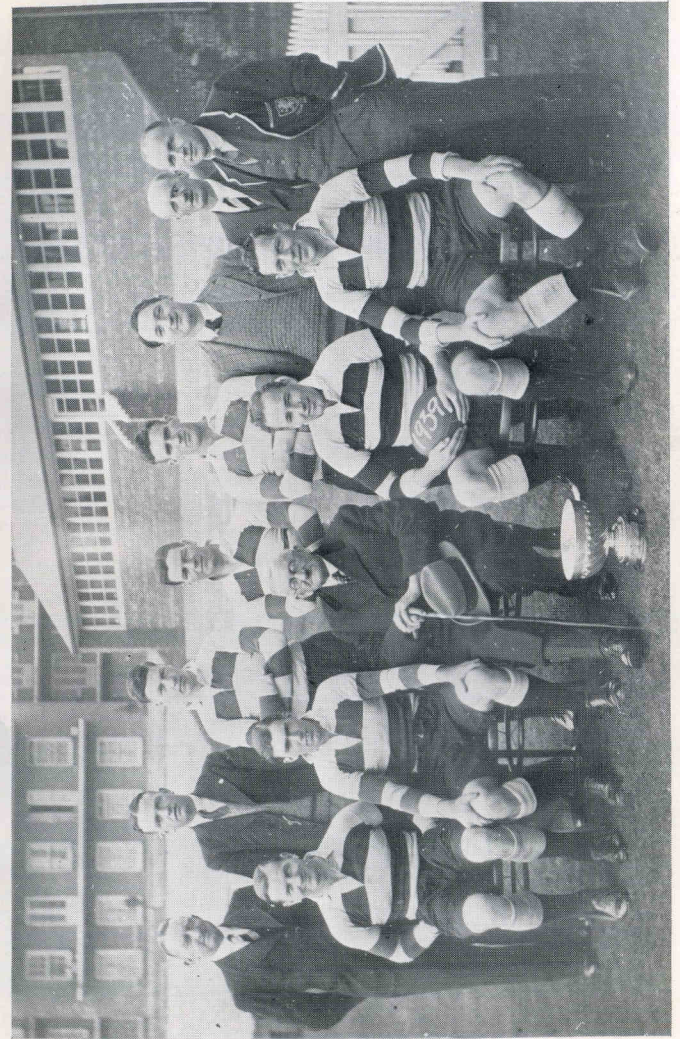
Apart from the regular fixtures of the two sides mentioned above, special matches were played by the Management Committee against other sections of the Club, thereby bringing them into close contact with the members of the various sections, and these matches proved to be all for the good of the social side of the Cardiff Athletic Club.

Excellent suppers were provided with great variety of menus by Mrs. L. Smith, and our best thanks go to her and we trust she will undertake the arduous task during the forthcoming Season.

Heavy fixture lists have already been arranged for the coming Winter and all look forward to many happy evenings.

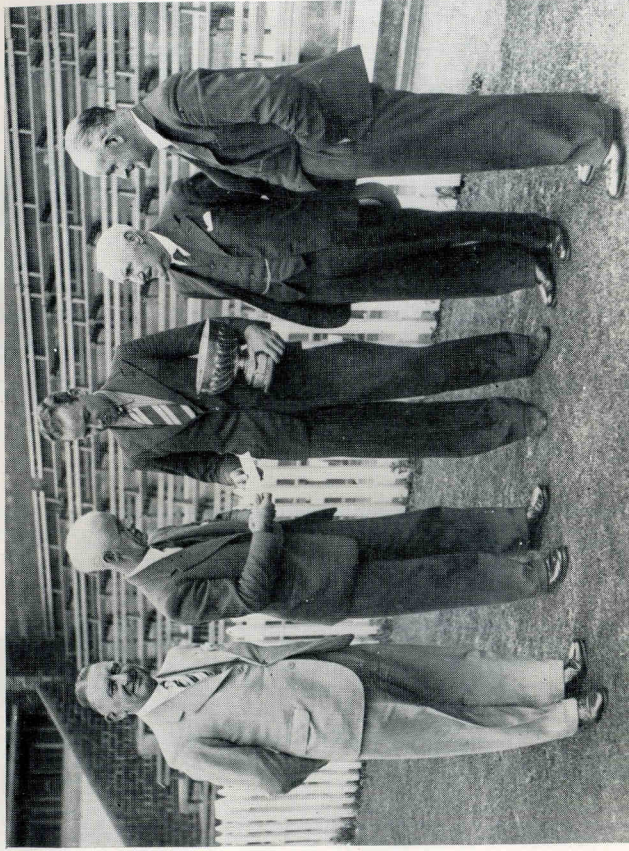
The various sides do not propose to enter any Leagues.

SEVEN-A-SIDE TEAM. SEASON 1938-39.



Back Row : L. C. WATERS, D. BROWN, G. HALE, W. R. DAVIES, E. JONES, W. E. N. DAVIS, J. POWELL, R. A. CORNISH.
Front Row : S. DAVIES, G. L. PORTER, W. T. MORGAN, Esq. (President), W. WOOLLER (Captain), L. SPENCE.

W. WOOLLER (Captain) Presenting Cheque to Dr. ARMSTRONG, Cardiff Royal Infirmary.
Proceeds of Seven-a-Side Game at Twickenham.



L. C. WATTERS, Dr. ARMSTRONG, W. WOOLLER, W. M. DOUGLAS, VICTOR LEWIS.

CLUB CAPTAINS

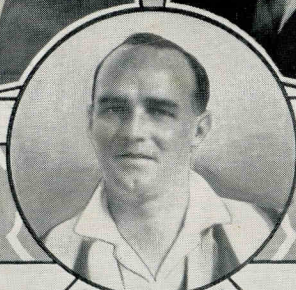
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W. WOOLLER
1ST XV RUGBY

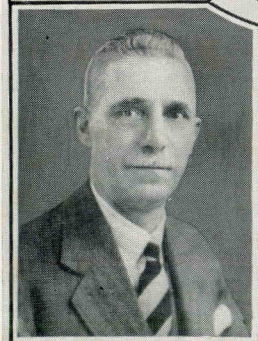


K. STREET
ATHLETIC XV



CYRIL TAYLOR
TENNIS

T. STRONG
BOWLS



J. DESMOND
BASEBALL

