

CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB



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President of the Cardiff Athletic Club

CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB

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His Honour JUDGE W. N. FRANCIS	B. R. TURNBULL
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T. G. MORRIS	T. L. WILLIAMS

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W. H. WILKINS

Vice-Chairman: G. CHUGG

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

To retire in 1981

M. COLLINS
E. COUZENS
A. T. M. RHYS-JONES
G. STONE
D. WARD
T. L. WILLIAMS

To retire in 1982

C. T. HOWE
D. M. JAMES
L. K. MORGAN
T. PHILLIPS
Miss G. RAWSON
J. D. H. RICHES

Co-opted Members:

J. R. THOMAS, J. O. WEBB, H. NORRIS, C. D. WILLIAMS

Of the above, each elected member holds office for three years and the co-opted members hold office for one year.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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G. CHUGG

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

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		J. O. WEBB

The Chairman of the Management Committee is an ex-officio member of the Ground Committee.

FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

Chairman: C. D. WILLIAMS

Vice-Chairman: A. D. WILLIAMS

Hon. Secretary: A. J. PRIDAY

Club Captain: J. SCOTT

Captain Athletic XV: R. LAKIN/I. ROBINSON

A. D. S. BOWES	D. M. JAMES	K. A. ROWLANDS
M. COLLINS	M. JOHN	L. M. SPENCE, M.B.E.
J. E. DAVIES	B. MARK	W. H. WILKINS
P. T. GOODFELLOW	C. H. NORRIS	LLOYD WILLIAMS
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CRICKET COMMITTEE

Chairman: G. STONE

Hon. Secretary: C. N. FOOKES

Asst. Hon. Secretary: E. EVANS

First XI Captain: H. J. SLADE

Vice-Captain: D. COOPER

Second XI Captain: S. P. LANG

Vice-Captain: G. MILLS

Sunday XI Captain: A. C. EDWARDS

D. C. COOPER	Dr. T. LITTLEWOOD	R. PATEL
I. N. HOLMES	R. NAPIER	J. D. H. RICHES
		D. SINCLAIR

BOWLS COMMITTEE

Chairman: E. F. COUZENS
Hon. Secretary: T. PHILLIPS
Asst. Hon. Secretary: J. H. WEBB
Captain: R. G. MILLS
Captain 'A' Team: J. H. EVANS

A. G. BOUND, M.B.E.	L. M. SPENCE, M.B.E.
M. C. GILMORE	T. O'HALLORAN
J. A. JUDD	C. WILLIAMS

LAWN TENNIS COMMITTEE

Chairman: G. B. HIGGINS
Hon. Secretary: Mrs. AVERILL MATTHEWS
Captain: T. R. MORGAN
Ladies' Captain: Miss G. RAWSON
Hon Match Secretary: A. W. BUTCHER

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Captain Second XI: T. M. G. JONES
Captain Third XI: M. R. GREENWOOD
Captain Fourth XI: A. D. PARSONS
Captain Fifth XI: D. YOUNG
Hon Secretary: P. KELVIN-SMITH
Fixture Secretary: E. COOPER
Team Secretary: M. CHINN
Match Secretary: S. McCARTHY

Committee:

D. JOHN	R. C. McKERLICH
D. P. LE MASURIER	R. R. WILDBLOOD

CLUB CAPTAINS



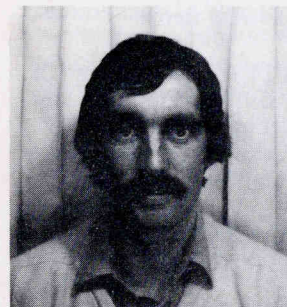
R. G. MILLS
(Bowls)



H. SLADE
(Cricket)



J. SCOTT
(Rugby)



R. B. WILLIAMS
(Hockey)



T. R. MORGAN
(Lawn Tennis)

CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB

Chairman's Report for the Year Ended 30th April, 1981

Dear Members,

It is pleasing to report that the Club in 1980/81 has again achieved a welcome surplus of income for the year, due in the main to the success of the Rugby Club. In my report last year I indicated that the financial state of the Club had continued to improve since a loss reported in 1976. This improvement continues and management and members may look with confidence to the future. The developments itemised in the report of last year are still in the programme and it is hoped that a start may be made in the near future on one or two of them.

Management will be considering at an early date the development of the R.F.C. Physiotherapy and Sponsors room which will be partly financed by the funds held in the R.F.C. Centenary Fund.

Other projects will be looked at from time to time and according to the financial resources available management will assess the priorities.

Meanwhile, members will have noted the improvements made in the downstairs toilets and work is still proceeding in the efforts to improve the office accommodation.

Perusal of the financial statement for the year ended 30th April, 1981 will show that we are continuing on a sound basis and I am grateful to the General Secretary, Mr. K. H. George, for the detailed statement which he has supplied to me and from which I have been able to compile this short report.

The new style of accounts adopted by the Auditors is more enlightening and supplies more understandable information to members. Most of the items of expenditure show an overall increase and particular attention is invited to the following items:

Salaries and Wages

Administrative staff show an increase of £4,314. However all of this figure is not increases in salaries but also includes a certain amount of extra help in the office in connection with big matches.

Groundstaff-increase £4,502. The whole of this figure again does not represent increases in salaries of regular staff as extra labour was employed during the year.

During the year we have employed extra personnel on Commissionaire duties in the clubhouse and this has resulted in an extra cost of £1,696.

Upkeep of Grounds and Clubhouse-this item shows the largest

increase of all expenses. However it is difficult to reserve each year for an equal charge in connection with decorating and repairs and, unfortunately, this year has stood the brunt of items of this nature. The decorating and renovation of the ladies downstairs toilets cost approximately £3,600 together with another charge for decorating the Club's stairways and lounge of £2,673. Pavilion roof repairs also cost another £750. More seed, turf and fertiliser etc. was used this year for all areas of the ground and this item cost approximately £1,485.

South African Tour-the Club and team photographs in connection with this tour have only just been received and, unfortunately, overlooked in the previous year.

Zimbabwe Tour-whilst certain items of expenditure have still to be finalised before printing, the estimated figure of £10,000 will only slightly be increased when the actual figures are known.

Players' Out of Pocket Expenses-during this season and particularly in connection with the Cardiff/New Zealand fixture, more training was undertaken and more players were retained initially by the Club due to a heavy injury problem.

Football Home Match Expenses-the majority of this increase relates to increased costs for catering and refreshments.

Football Junior XV Expenses-the Youth squad had a particularly successful year but they played a vast number of matches. The majority of this increase relates to the hire of coaches for away matches. The extent of fixtures are being looked into very carefully this year.

General rates, water rates, rent, light, heat, telephones and postages-these expenses unfortunately cannot, in the main, be controlled by the Club and in fact show an increase of just under 30% over the year compared with most other items of expenditure showing approximately 12%. Unfortunately during the year we received an extra demand due to revised assessments of £2,916 for the period April 1st, 1979 to September 1980. In addition general rates half yearly have increased to £6,500.

Football Equipment-a pleasing reduction this year due to the efforts of the Section in obtaining sponsors for rugby balls and other rugby equipment.

Income:

Gate receipts-whilst we have achieved an excellent increase this does include £10,000 for winning the W.R.U. Cup and also extra money for semi-finals etc. After deducting this sum and taking into account increases last year on match day admission prices, this income is not as high as that of the previous year.

Mr. Brian Mark, the Rugby Fixture Secretary, must receive special credit for endeavouring to arrange home fixtures under the most trying circumstances. He has warned the Club that with the increased use of the National Stadium in connection with more representative games and Touring sides etc., the Club's traditional home and away fixture dates must now be revised so that matches on both grounds do not clash.

Season Tickets—receipts always tend to increase when the Club has a fixture with the "All Blacks". The Committee was obliged to restrict the sale of season tickets as if this had not been done there would be very few stand seats available on match days.

Members' Subscriptions—the increase relates to all types of Membership and in particular ground membership where Members pay an extra charge for reserved parking.

Investment Income—substantially higher due to the Club being able to invest all available funds at much higher rates.

Bar takings—to all Members who consider that bar prices are too high, the Auditors' notes attached show quite clearly that although we have achieved an increased "take" of £26,660, after paying expenses related to the bar, and statutory bar wage increases of £4,357, the ultimate increase in profit only amounts to £3,267.

Profit on shop sales—I must refer to the additional profit achieved from selling rugby souvenirs in the Club Shop and warmly thank Mr. and Mrs. Eddie John for their "labour of love" in working every day for the benefit of the Club free of charge.

I wish to thank the Management Committee for their support during the year, and particularly I am sure the Management Committee would want me to thank on their behalf the most valued contribution made by Mr. J. D. H. Riches as the Club's Hon. Solicitor and Mr. J. O. Webb, the Club's Hon. Architect. Their assistance in conducting the affairs of the Club through negotiations with the Welsh Rugby Union, Glamorgan County Cricket Committee and the Welsh Water Authority is very much appreciated.

Our gratitude must be expressed also to Mr. K. H. George and his office staff, Mrs. Gaynor Parsons and staff for looking after our refreshment needs, and Mr. Albert Francis and staff for their untiring efforts in maintaining the grounds etc. in good order.

Our congratulations to the Rugby Club on winning the Welsh Rugby Union Cup and also to the Hockey Section on winning the Welsh Hockey Cup. Our best wishes are extended to the Hockey

Section who will now represent Wales in the European Club Championship. Good Luck!

Mr. Lynn Williams, who has served the Rugby Club as a player and administrator with distinction for many years has finally decided to "hang up his boots" and we wish Lynn well in his retirement from the Club's administrative affairs.

Another landmark in the Club's history is the retirement of Mr. L. M. Spence, our President, from the administration of the Cardiff Rugby Football Club and it is highly unlikely that anyone, at any time, will surpass the record of Mr. Spence as he has completed more than 50 years as a player and administrator of the Cardiff Rugby Club. Les has now indicated his desire to devote his attention to that of being President of the Club and we wish him well and thank him for the outstanding service to the Cardiff Rugby Club.

Obituaries

At this time each year we record the passing of those Members who have died during the Season and on this occasion it is with great regret that we record the death of three stalwarts of the Club.

Miss Babs Filer

Babs, as most members will know, was initially appointed as a member of the staff in 1930 and she became well known and respected all over the world as "mine host" of the Club which she loved so well. She retired in 1973 and many were the tributes made to her at the time. It is now sufficient only to record that she leaves behind many friends and memories and we say "Bye Bye Babs and thanks".

Jim H. Webb

Jim of the Bowls Section, as he was affectionately known, has been a Member since 1950 and he held many positions with the Bowls Section and Members, particularly of the Bowls Section, will mourn his loss.

Fred P. Davies

As in the other two cases, we could fill pages in tributes to people like Fred Davies and we mourn his loss during the Season. Fred was an outstanding Member of the Tennis Section and the success of that Section can in no small way be attributed to the efforts of Fred during his many years of service.

Other obituaries during the season were: J.A. Benjamin, A.R. Cornish, E.C. King, J.D. Cowdery, W.A. James and R. Stephenson.

W. H. WILKINS, Chairman.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

INCOME	Note	1981	1980
		£	£
FOOTBALL INCOME			
Football gates		63,626	50,258
Season tickets		36,785	27,368
Snelling "seven-a-side" tournament		240	-
Profit on sale of programmes		3,699	891
Ground earnings		15,394	15,050
Broadcasting fees		2,769	2,810
		122,513	96,377
MEMBERS' SUBSCRIPTIONS		111,108	83,932
BAR PROFIT	1	20,645	17,378
OTHER INCOME			
Fruit machine income less expenses		9,641	9,414
Car park receipts		5,776	5,089
Profit on shop sales		2,837	2,330
Investment Income		12,140	7,817
Catering takings		1,168	1,078
Hire of rooms		979	505
Assignment of ticket rights		581	581
Profit on sale of club ties etc.		313	487
Sponsorship income... ..		1,800	1,994
Profit on 300 club		1,632	1,668
Sundry income		72	162
Donations received		634	-
		37,573	31,125
		<u>£291,839</u>	<u>£228,812</u>

For the Year ended 30th April, 1981

EXPENDITURE	1981	1980
	£	£
Salaries and wages	75,360	62,421
Upkeep of grounds and clubhouse	23,609	11,045
Football-away match expenses	10,268	8,682
South African tour expenses	850	11,366
Provision for Zimbabwe tour	10,000	-
Football players out of pocket expenses	6,150	3,306
Football-home match expenses	16,791	14,239
Football-junior XV expenses	4,539	3,192
Stationery, telephone and postages	7,064	6,725
Cost of annual report	1,813	1,729
Advertising, season tickets etc.	6,274	6,090
Gatemen	6,241	5,946
Car park attendants' wages	6,087	6,993
Rates	15,014	9,307
Rent and rates-Sophia Gardens	4,355	3,352
Light and heat	20,815	20,771
Sundry items... ..	830	1,072
Laundry	2,472	2,366
Cleaning	10,701	9,483
Dinner, dance, photographs and awards	3,012	3,528
Football equipment... ..	2,939	4,815
Audit and accountancy fee	1,630	1,320
Professional charges... ..	600	671
Interest on loan accounts	1,338	1,401
Insurances	4,453	3,785
Football insurance fund	200	200
Medical expenses	2,407	1,701
Donations	210	310
Plant, repairs, petrol and oil	2,446	2,324
Sectional expenses	3,235	1,836
Depreciation	5,878	4,978
Total expenses	<u>257,581</u>	<u>214,954</u>
Transfer to sponsorship fund	1,800	1,994
Transfer to repairs and maintenance fund	10,000	5,000
Excess of income over expenditure for the year	<u>22,458</u>	<u>6,864</u>
	<u>£291,839</u>	<u>£228,812</u>

BALANCE SHEET as at 30th April, 1981

	Note	1981	1980
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Land and buildings	2	145,671	139,342
Other fixed assets	3	8,726	9,330
		<u>154,397</u>	<u>148,672</u>
INVESTMENTS	4	<u>7,400</u>	<u>7,400</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks		15,691	15,324
Sundry debtors		35,360	24,831
Cash at bank	5	117,344	74,653
Cash in hand		2,085	1,940
		<u>170,480</u>	<u>116,748</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Subscriptions prepaid		19,237	21,310
Accrued expenses		91,121	60,798
Deferred credit-assignment of ticket rights ...		2,906	3,487
		<u>113,264</u>	<u>85,595</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>57,216</u>	<u>31,153</u>
		<u>£219,013</u>	<u>£187,225</u>
Financed by:			
Members' fund	6	159,393	136,935
Repairs and maintenance fund	7	26,622	16,622
Sponsorship fund	8	5,195	3,044
Football insurance fund		1,946	1,746
		<u>193,156</u>	<u>158,347</u>
Loans	9	25,857	28,878
		<u>£219,013</u>	<u>£187,225</u>

CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB

Statement of Source and Application of Funds **Year ended 30th April, 1981**

	1981	1980
	£	£
SOURCE OF FUNDS:		
From operations:		
Excess of income over expenditure for year ...	22,458	6,864
Increase of football insurance fund... ..	200	200
Increase of sponsorship fund... ..	2,151	1,994
Adjustment for items not involving the movement of funds:		
Depreciation	5,878	4,978
Net transfer to repairs and maintenance reserve ...	10,000	2,622
Total funds generated from operations	<u>40,687</u>	<u>16,658</u>
Loan received	-	15,000
	<u>40,687</u>	<u>31,658</u>
APPLICATION OF FUNDS		
Purchases less disposals of fixed assets	11,603	22,757
Repayment of loans	3,021	1,122
	<u>14,624</u>	<u>23,879</u>
	<u>£26,063</u>	<u>£7,779</u>
MOVEMENT IN WORKING CAPITAL		
Increase in stocks	367	2,380
Increase in debtors	10,529	3,339
(Increase) in creditors... ..	(27,669)	(31,511)
	<u>(16,773)</u>	<u>(25,792)</u>
Movement in liquid funds:		
Increase in cash at bank	42,691	32,625
Increase in cash in hand	145	946
	<u>42,836</u>	<u>33,571</u>
	<u>£26,063</u>	<u>£7,779</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements

	1981 £	1980 £
1. BAR PROFIT		
Bar takings	160,082	133,422
Less Cost of sales		
Opening stock	6,691	4,595
Purchases	101,535	86,829
	108,226	91,424
Closing stock	6,569	6,691
	101,657	84,733
Gross profit 36.5% (1980 36.5%)	58,425	48,689
Less Bar wages, equipment, renewals and expenses	37,780	31,311
	£20,645	£17,378
2. LAND AND BUILDINGS		
	CARDIFF ARMS PARK	SOPHIA GARDENS
	Ground Development £	Club House £
	Bowls Pavilion £	Pavilion and Flat £
	Tennis Courts £	Total £
COST		
As at 1st May 1980	44,007	49,656
Additions	4,239	1,580
	48,246	51,236
At 30th April, 1981	£48,246	£51,236
	£10,733	£19,053
	£16,403	£145,671
3. OTHER FIXED ASSETS		
	Furniture and Fittings Cardiff Arms Park £	Sophia Gardens £
	Ground maintenance equipment £	Office furniture £
	Total £	
COST		
At 1st May, 1980	15,650	1,499
Additions	-	3,127
Disposals	-	(450)
	15,650	4,626
At 30th April, 1981	£15,650	£4,626
	£13,148	£1,389
	£34,813	
DEPRECIATION		
At 1st May, 1980	8,508	1,341
Provided	2,347	694
	10,855	2,035
At 30th April, 1981	£10,855	£2,035
	£12,148	£1,049
	£26,087	
NET BOOK VALUE		
At 30th April, 1980	£7,142	£158
	£1,482	£548
	£9,330	
NET BOOK VALUE		
At 30th April, 1981	£4,795	£2,591
	£1,000	£340
	£8,726	
4. INVESTMENTS		
	1981 £	1980 £
WRU-Debentures repayable 2026 (interest free)	5,200	5,200
Target Preference Share Fund-8,400 units	2,100	2,100
Arms Park (Cardiff) Greyhound Racing Co. (1956) Limited 200 Ordinary 5p shares-fully paid	100	100
	£7,400	£7,400

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

	1981 £	1980 £
5. CASH AT BANK		
Current account	31,019	14,700
Repairs and maintenance deposit account	15,376	14,000
Short term deposit accounts	60,000	35,000
300 Club account	3,681	1,964
Sponsorship account	5,195	1,834
Football insurance accounts	1,988	1,743
Cardiff v. New Zealand ticket account	-	5,330
Trustee Savings Bank account	85	82
	£117,344	£74,653
6. MEMBERS' FUND		
	1981 £	1980 £
At 1st May, 1980	136,935	130,071
Add excess of income over expenditure for the year	22,458	6,864
	159,393	136,935
At 30th April, 1981	£159,393	£136,935
7. REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE FUND		
At 1st May, 1980	16,622	14,000
Transfer from income and expenditure account	10,000	5,000
	26,622	19,000
Less Amount utilised from the fund for repairs during the year	-	2,378
	26,622	16,622
At 30th April, 1981	£26,622	£16,622
8. SPONSORSHIP FUND		
Balance as at 1st May, 1980	3,044	1,050
Add Received during year	1,800	1,910
Interest	351	84
	5,195	3,044
Balance at 30th April, 1981	£5,195	£3,044
9. LOANS		
S A Brain & Co. Ltd	13,482	14,649
Scottish and Newcastle Breweries Ltd.	12,375	14,229
	£25,857	£28,878
The loans are repayable by monthly instalments. The final instalment on the loan from S A Brain & Co. Ltd. is due on 1st May, 1991 and the final instalment on the loan from Scottish and Newcastle Breweries Ltd. is due on 1st June, 1989. Interest is chargeable on both loans at 5% p.a.		
10. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS		
	1981 £	1980 £
Capital expenditure that has been contracted for but has not been provided in the accounts amounts to	£3,850	£6,840
11. CONTINGENT LIABILITY		
Having examined records for the last six years, the Inland Revenue Authorities have intimated that there is an accumulated liability in respect of certain payments which should have suffered PAYE. This liability has yet to be agreed.		

CARDIFF R.F.C. CENTENARY FUNDS

	1981 £	1980 £
INCOME		
Short term deposit and bank interest	1,896	742
	<u>1,896</u>	<u>742</u>
LESS: EXPENDITURE		
Bank Charges	-	17
Excess of income over expenditure	<u>£1,896</u>	<u>£725</u>
<i>BALANCE SHEET at 30th April, 1981</i>		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Lloyds Bank Ltd.-current account	70	70
-deposit account	14,591	12,695
	<u>£14,661</u>	<u>£12,765</u>
ACCUMULATED FUND		
At 1st May, 1980	12,765	12,040
Excess of income over expenditure for the year	1,896	725
	<u>£14,661</u>	<u>£12,765</u>

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis of accounting.

FIXED ASSETS

Freehold and leasehold land and buildings are included in the accounts at cost.

No depreciation has been provided against buildings as the trustees are of the opinion that the market value of land is greater than the value at which the land and buildings appear in the accounts.

Ground maintenance equipment, furniture, fittings and office furniture are included in the accounts at cost less depreciation.

DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is calculated so that ground maintenance equipment, furniture, fittings and office furniture are written off by equal annual instalments over their estimated useful lives at the following rates:

Ground maintenance equipment	20%
Furniture and fittings	15%
Office furniture	15%

STOCKS

Bar stocks have been professionally valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Other stocks have been valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Report of the Auditors to the Members of Cardiff Athletic Club

We have audited the financial statements on pages 12 to 18 in accordance with approved Auditing Standards.

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Club's affairs at 30th April, 1981 and of its excess of income over expenditure and source and application of funds for the year ended on that date.

DELOITTE HASKINS & SELLS
Chartered Accountants

Cardiff, 19th August, 1981

CARDIFF RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT SEASON 1980/81

One of the greatest honours which can be attained by a Cardiff player is to be elected Club captain; as a Cardiff Committee man the greatest honour is to be Chairman of the Cardiff Rugby Football Club. It was one of the proudest moments of my life when I was elected Chairman for this season and I felt I had attained both "the penny and the bun"!

The season was also the Welsh Rugby Union Centenary Year and part of the celebrations would be the visit of the All Blacks; the challenges were there for all to see. Could the Cardiff team emulate the famous victory of the 1953 Cardiff XV and having just failed to win the Schweppes Challenge Cup in our Centenary Year could we go one better this year? Time would tell and it did; no repeat victory over the men from "Down Under" but "Glory Be!" the Schweppes Cup at last; but more of this later.

The start in September was far from auspicious with three defeats — albeit all away to Bristol, Neath and Aberavon — but what was of greater concern was the immediate lack of key players as a result of injuries. With the first visit of Nice to the Cardiff Arms Park another chapter was written in our "French Connection". It was also our pleasure to welcome at this game the Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Councillor John Edwards, who proved to be a staunch supporter throughout the season.

On behalf of District B of the Welsh Rugby Union it was our privilege and pleasure to host, at a farewell luncheon, overseas delegates to the very successful W.R.U. Conference of Coaches and Referees. Although not all the representatives of the forty six countries present at the conference were at this function, it was even so a unique occasion.

October saw the final build-up to the New Zealand game but because of injuries—at one stage twelve players with first XV experience were undergoing treatment—we were never able to field a settled team. Defeats by Bridgend and Pontypridd, again away and under floodlights, although doing nothing to help our confidence undoubtedly made the side more determined. This became evident in the New Zealand game for although we lost by 16pts. to 9pts. we did, as John Scott pointed out at the after-match dinner, win the second half 3pts. to nil. On the strength of this he suggested that the

'81 side could join the '53 side for the "Sweet Course" at their annual re-union!

During the month it was also the privilege of the Club to entertain the Zimbabwe team and officials who were on tour in England. This was a small gesture of appreciation for the fabulous hospitality which had been extended to us when touring Rhodesia, as it then was, in 1972. As events have turned out it would appear that we are again in debt to our rugby friends from Zimbabwe.

A series of victories followed the game against the All Blacks but again we lost, albeit narrowly, in another away game under floodlights, this time at Moseley. However, the month of November saw us through the First Round of the Schweppes Cup in atrocious conditions at Tonyrefail.

In December the side began to realise its full potential. Seven wins were recorded and amongst our victims were Pontypool, where the second half in particular contained everything good in rugby, and Pontypridd and Newbridge—the latter two in the space of two days. We also defeated British Steel at home in the second round of the Cup and, perhaps even more significantly, Swansea at St. Helens. There was now no doubt that the side was responding to the leadership of John Scott, who was probably playing his best ever rugby.

Even though injuries were still with us it was thought that New Year's Day would see us lay the "Bridgend Bogey" of 12 games at the Arms Park without a win. It was not to be and Steve Fenwick's "Siege Gun" kicking won the day. The third round of the W.R.U. Cup saw Tredegar visiting the Arms Park for the first time but a comfortable win for John Scott's team saw them into the quarter finals. This game was midway through January and although victories were recorded over Moseley, London Welsh and Aberavon, Llanelli avoided our completing the double over them by virtue of a great display by Phil Bennett in what was probably his last game against us.

February saw the quarter finals of the Cup and again we were fortunate enough to be drawn at home. Whilst I cannot but agree that we had been favoured with home draws I felt it was only recompense for the injuries which had ravaged the side since the commencement of the season. Our opponents on this occasion were Cross Keys, a club who could boast of having beaten us more times than we had beaten them – nine to eight in fact. After playing somewhat loosely to begin with and trailing by 10pts. to 9pts., we tightened up and eventually won by 22pts. to 10pts.

We drew Swansea in the semi-final but with the weather interfering it looked as if the fates were against us. The game had had to be postponed and because neither side could agree on a mutually convenient date the Welsh Rugby Union had decided that we had to play mid-week, under floodlights and obviously away from home! To offset this our record against Swansea was good and we had been allocated the home dressing room! Came the night and inspired by the captain the side gave a masterly display under atrocious conditions with Terry Lee reaching a pinnacle of a performance. The encouragement given by our supporters was superb and I only wish the chant of "Cardiff, Cardiff" could be heard more often; I can assure all and sundry that the players appreciated it.

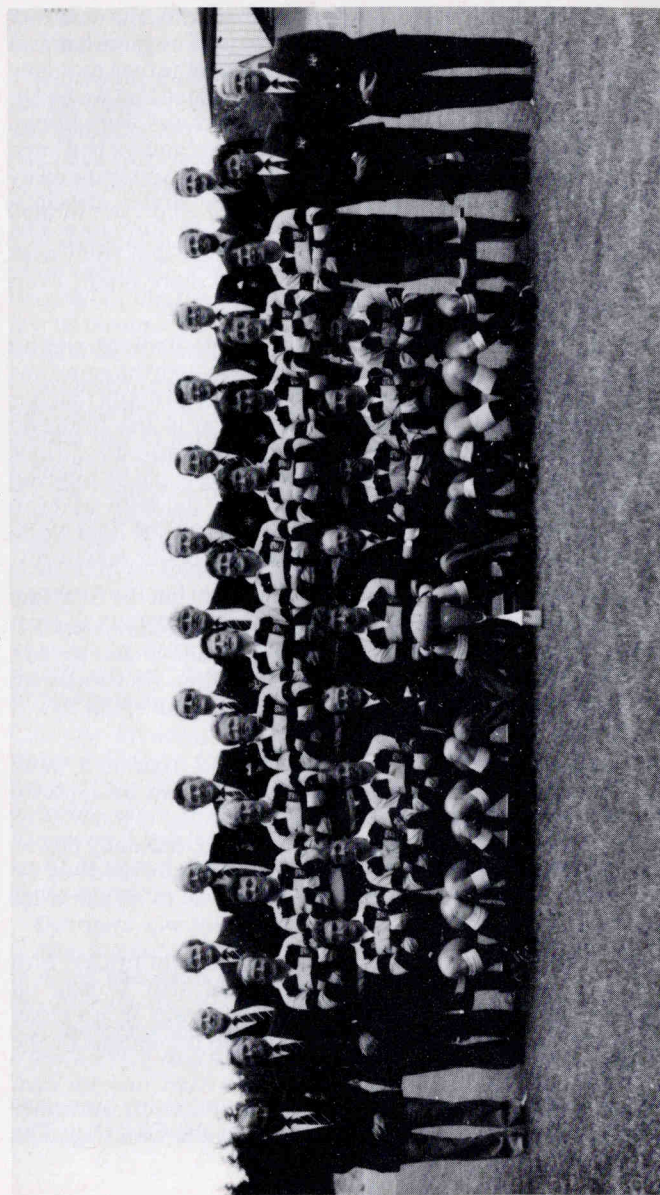
A draw at Newport, a handsome win against Bedford and an almost injury-free side. Came "The Day" and although the game was not the classic that it was expected to be there was no doubt that our tight, workmanlike approach created frustration in the Bridgend ranks with resultant errors. Even so Neil Hutchings scored a glorious try and the build-up to it was superb. At times one could be forgiven for thinking that the "Bridgend Hoodoo" was still with us—even though we had drawn the away dressing room!—but the final score, 14pts. to 6pts., two tries to nil, was a fair reflection of our superiority.

There is no doubt that we will win the Cup again but the first time is always the best and April 11th, 1981 will be remembered as a great day in our history. Well done John Scott and your boys, particularly Robert Lakin who was voted "Man of the Match" by the Welsh Sportswriters Association, although with so many playing well it must have been a close decision.

One week later saw the side reach the heights again and, in an entirely different type of game, defeat the Barbarians by 45pts. to 19pts. Unfortunately the season was not over; because of the W.R.U. Presidents XV versus Wales game the Cup Final, normally played on the last Saturday of the season, had been brought forward and we still had to play postponed matches. These proved to be a disaster particularly at Pontypool.

The Old Players' Re-union did not take place until Friday, 24th April. The attendance was tremendous and that it was an unqualified success and well worth waiting for was in no small measure due to the fact that it was held in the top lounge of the Clubhouse.

The season with its few disappointments and many successes culminated in the holding of a Gala Dinner at the City Hall. The



Back Row:

D. M. James, M. John, L. M. Spence, C. H. Norris, J. E. Davies, M. Collins, L. Williams, C. T. Howe, P. Nyhan, A. D. S. Bowes, A. D. Williams, B. Mark.

Middle Row:

T. Lyn Williams, P. T. Goodfellow, D. Burcher, J. Whitefoot, R. Lakin, K. Edwards, T. Mogridge, R. Norster, I. Eidman, N. Hutchins, G. Davies, D. Barry, J. Ryan, T. Holley.

Front Row:

M. Watkins, S. Evans, T. Lee, C. D. Williams (Chairman), J. Scott (Captain), A. J. Priday (Hon. Secretary), W. G. Davies, R. Williams, D. Preece.

object was to raise money for the W.R.U. Charitable Trust Fund and what a fitting climax it proved, not only socially but also financially. As far as I can ascertain ladies were invited for only the second time in 104 years; they, the Athletic Club Choir and the St. Albans Band made it a night to remember, as did our guest speakers John Young and Gareth Daniel.

May I take this opportunity to thank all Committee men for the loyalty and support which they gave throughout the season and although it would be invidious of me to mention individuals I feel I must pay special tribute to our Hon. Secretary Alun Priday; I cannot express adequately the debt I owe to them all. To Lynn Williams who has decided to "hang up his boots" after a marvellous forty five years of service as player and committee man, a happy retirement!

My grateful thanks to Messrs. Ken George, Albert Francis and their staff; also to Mrs. Gaynor Parsons and her staff. To Mr. Harold Richards, the Club doctors, the Club physiotherapists and masseurs my thanks for not only helping to keep the players fit but also for restoring them to fitness after a season in which we surely suffered more serious injuries than at any other time. Although I referred to our supporters earlier may I now thank the best and most loyal Supporters Club in existence and in particular Ted John and his cohorts; to the St. Alban's Band and their conductor John Williams our sincere thanks.

Full playing record for the Season:

Played 48 Won 32 Lost 13 Drawn 2 Points for 968 Points against 615

W.R.U. Cup:

1st Round v. Tonyrefail Won 15-0
2nd Round v. British Steel Won 41-0
3rd Round v. Tredegar Won 22-0
4th Round v. Cross Keys Won 22-10
Semi-final v. Swansea Won 18-7
Final v. Bridgend Won 14-6

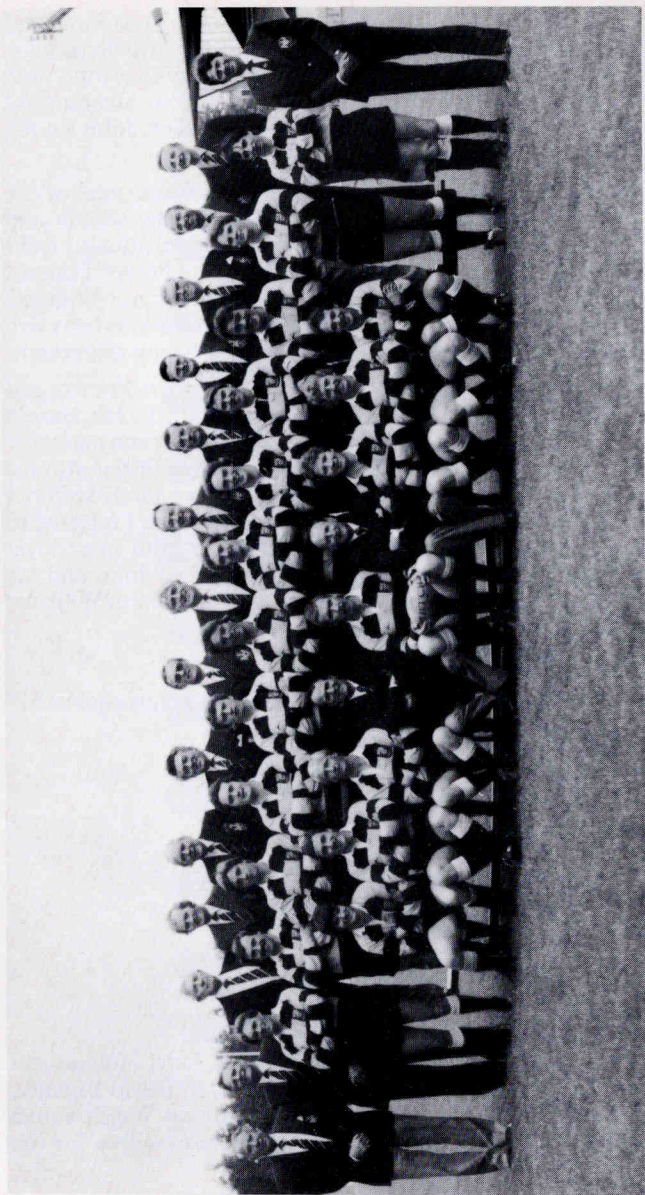
Sevens Tournaments:

Middlesex 7's-

1st Round v. Exeter University Won 18-12
2nd Round v. London Welsh Lost 6-22

Congratulations to John Scott, Gareth Davies, Terry Holmes and Alan Phillips on gaining international honours; to David Burcher, Kevin Edwards and Robert Norster for obtaining Welsh squad selection and to Brian Lease for his selection as reserve for the

CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB (ATHLETIC XV) – SEASON 1980-81



Back Row:

D. M. James, M. John, L. M. Spence, C. H. Norris, J. E. Davies, M. Collins, L. Williams, C. T. Howe, P. Nyhan, A. D. S. Bowes, A. D. Williams, B. Mark.

Middle Row:

T. Lyn Williams, P. T. Goodfellow, S. Evans, R. Williams, T. Lee, A. Edwards, S. Stuart, T. Charles, H. Jones, C. Stone, C. Webber, L. O'Brien, O. Golding, J. O'Brien, J. Ryan (Coach).

Front Row:

W. Tyler, M. Watkins, A. Yeandle, C. D. Williams (Chairman), I. Robinson (Captain), A. J. Priday (Hon. Secretary), M. Hadley, R. Newman, K. Swain.

England tour. New Barbarians included Alan Phillips and Robert Lakin.

First XV Caps were awarded to:

Kevin Edwards, Steve Evans, Ian Eidmann, Terry Lee, Tony Mogridge, Jeff Whitefoot and Rhys Williams.

Highest number of games:

Jeff Whitefoot (44), Robert Lakin (42), David Burcher (40), Tony Mogridge (36).

Points Scorers: Gareth Davies 264pts., Geraint John 62pts.

Try Scorers: Derek Preece (14), Steve Evans (13), Robert Lakin (12).

Youth Representation: Mark Ring (1).

In ending this report I make no apologies for the amount of space I have given to the Welsh Rugby Union Schweppes Cup. Once again may I pay tribute to John Scott for his leadership, to the team for their response and to the coaches John Ryan and Roger Beard for their dedication. At the time of writing John Scott is in the Argentine with England, whilst our own touring party will shortly be leaving for Zimbabwe. Good luck to them all and remember 11th April, 1981!

C. D. WILLIAMS,
Chairman, Cardiff Rugby Football Club

CARDIFF ATHLETIC XV SEASON 1980/81

Captains: Robert Lakin and Ian Robinson.

Results:

Played 38 Won 27 Lost 10 Drawn 1 Points for 917 Points against 453

At the commencement of the season Robert Lakin, a former captain of our Junior XV and former Youth international, was appointed captain of the Athletic XV. Because of injuries Bob's services were required by the First XV and with his form improving every week he relinquished his appointment just after Christmas. For the remainder of the season the captaincy was entrusted to our oldest serving player Ian Robinson who was capped for Wales in 1974. "Robbo", as he is affectionately – if that's the right expression – known to all, settled in very quickly and brought stability.

Athletic XV Caps awarded to:

Alan Edwards, Mathew Hadley, Geraint John, Mark Rogers, Stephen Stewart, Howard Stone, Wayne Taylor.

CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB (YOUTH XV) – SEASON 1980-81



Back Row: J. O'Donnell, D. Parsons, P. Johnson, A. McLean, A. Rhys-Jones, S. Lakin, G. Phillips, M. Daly, T. O'Donnell, J. Poyner.
Seated: R. Williams, N. O'Brien, R. Morgan, M. Ring (Captain), P. Davies (Coach), S. Blackmore, S. Pill, J. Taylor.
On ground: N. Jury, R. Chilcott.

Most Appearances: Julian O'Brien (27), Tim Crothers (23), Lawrence O'Brien (22), Mark Rogers (21), Howard Stone (20).

Points Scorers: Julian O'Brien 74pts., David Barry 65pts., Geraint John 64pts.

Try Scorers: Leighton May (11), Wayne Tyler (11), Richard Griffiths (9), Terry Charles (8).

Youth Representation: Peter Goodfellow (3), Gareth Phillips (2), Bob Morgan (1).

In terms of results the playing record was on a par with the previous season. This was quite remarkable since the "Rags", because of injuries to the First XV players, were even more unsettled in their team composition. A fact well illustrated in that one of our club coaches Roger Beard turned out on three occasions, and well did he play.

C. D. WILLIAMS,
Chairman, Cardiff Rugby Football Club

CARDIFF YOUTH XV SEASON 1980/81

On 28th March, 1981 at Neath, Cardiff Youth were beaten by Neath Youth 13pts. to 10. Most people will ask why on earth the annual report should begin with a particular result. I will explain immediately by stating the fact that previous to this game Cardiff Youth had chalked up 82 consecutive victories stretching back to season 1978-79. A remarkable record in anybody's book.

In 1979-80 season I had the pleasure of being associated with a squad that proved to be genuine Cambridge blue and black both on and off the field. With seven Welsh Youth internationals in their ranks they broke all sorts of records on their way to a memorable season of 40 victories.

In 1980-81 season almost a new squad of players had the unenviable task of "following that". Our only international cap of the season was Mark Ring, our popular captain. A prolific points scorer, he accounted for 13 tries, 6 drop goals, 36 penalties and 88 conversions, a total of 354 points. Mark was the spearhead of a good all-round team and indeed looks very much like a senior Wales outside-half of the future. Without the individual brilliance of the 1979-80 squad his team demonstrated just how important team spirit is. With good coaching and the atmosphere of being a Cardiff Club

player in close second the ingredients of another successful season became evident.

Of the 45 games played—certainly too many at any level—only one was lost. Neath were successful on that day; they overcame a Cardiff Youth side that were reluctant to their eternal credit to resort to similar “over vigorous” tactics as the Neath side—but I am better qualified than to complain.

During the season ex-Cardiff Youth captain Anthony Bartlett, who enjoyed early success, Joseph Souto, Phil Ford and Kevin Trevett all played in senior Cardiff XVs out of the Cardiff Youth fraternity of 1979-80, a good omen. I mention especially prop Alan Edwards and back row forward Howard Stone of the same vintage as having the potential to make their mark in no uncertain fashion next season.

The Full Record for 1980-81:

Played 45 Won 43 Lost 1 Drawn 1
Points for 1196 Points against 198 Tries for 211 Tries against 21

Highest Try Scorers: Robert Morgan 25, Richard Chilcott 24.

Notable victories were recorded against Bristol home and away, 18-4 and 6-4 respectively. On 13th September Leicester were unlucky at the Arms Park and lost 57pts. to 3 (they have not been beaten since). In two truly classic games, Pontypridd were beaten 10pts. to 9 and 7pts. to 3 followed by Bridgend losing 20pts. to 10 at the Brewery Field and 21pts. to 15 at the Arms Park. In November Swansea were beaten by 56pts. to nil and Llanelli by 16pts. to 10. January and 1981 saw the Spanish National XV suffer by 54pts. to 4, Neath at Sophia Gardens were beaten 33pts. to nil and Newport lost 23-7. In March a delightful match at Nuneaton resulted in a 36pts. to 4 victory for Cardiff and on a hard tour at the end of a long season Worcester were beaten 10-0, Davenport 9-7 and Orrell 12-0.

At Caerphilly on 29th April, 1981 we retained the Welsh Youth Rugby Union Esso K.O. Cup beating our old rivals Newport 18pts. to 3, thus joining the senior XV in wresting the most important trophy in Welsh rugby.

My thanks to Jim O'Donnell, Don Reed and faithful followers for their help and support throughout the season. To stewardess Gaynor Parsons a special thank you and appreciation to Kathy, Vicky and Miss Ann Davies at the office.

Finally may I personally congratulate our coach Peter Davies on

another highly successful season. Surely one defeat in 93 games is something for all of us to think about.

GARY DAVIES,
Hon. Secretary, Cardiff R.F.C. Youth

Functions and Trips arranged by the Supporters Club during the year ending 30th April, 1981 included the following:

July 25th:

The occasion of our Player of the Year presentation night, delayed to await the return of the Cardiff players chosen to tour with the Lions in South Africa and Wales 'B' in Canada. The following awards were made: Salvers to the Lions, Tankards to the First and Second fifteen captains, a special trophy to the Youth fifteen to commemorate their invincible season, the Rags Player of the Year Cup to Julian O'Brien, and last but not least, the Player of the Year trophy to John Scott. The usual high standard buffet was provided.

October 3rd:

Film show and buffet, better supported than usual, and well received.

November 12th:

Our second Race Meeting evening attracted a larger and more adventurous crowd than our first, and the result was a most enjoyable evening.

November 21st:

The first leg of our annual Quiz competition with the Aberaman Band Club was played away. Our hosts received us with generous hospitality and proceeded to defeat both our teams.

December 5th:

Our Seventh Annual Dinner Dance was not a complete sell-out, but was generally considered to be our most successful to date.

March 5th:

Once again an eventful Paris trip, with our headquarters at the Hotel Brebant. The adverse result of the game did not spoil our enjoyment, nor indeed did our encounter with a force 8 gale on the return journey.

March 13th:

Our third Race Meeting evening attracted a maximum capacity crowd, and consequently enabled us to make a donation to the

Cardiff Rugby Football Club's gift to the W.R.U. Charitable Trust Fund.

April 23rd:

Our home leg in the Quiz competition with the Aberaman Band Club afforded us the opportunity to repay their hospitality. It also gave us the opportunity to gain revenge, as both our teams triumphed over their opponents.

In addition to the above, trips were made to support Cardiff on most of their away games.

A love spoon carved by Mr. Dave Parry to commemorate the Cardiff v. New Zealand game has been sent to the New Zealand Rugby Museum, and Dave has received a very generous acknowledgment.

RECORD OF RESULTS - SEASON 1980/81

CARDIFF FIRST FIFTEEN

Date	Opponents	H. or A.	Result	Score for					Score against						
				G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.	G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.
1980															
Sept. 3	Glamorgan Wanderers	H	Won	3	1		1		25				5		15
6	Nice	H	Won	8	5				68	2	1		3		25
10	Bristol	A	Lost		2				8	3	1		2		28
13	Neath	A	Lost		2		2		14	1	2		2		20
17	Penarth	H	Won	2	4		2		34						0
19	Coventry	H	Won	4	2		1		35	1			1		9
24	Maesteg	H	Won	1	1		4		22				1		3
27	Aberavon	A	Lost						0	1	3				18
Oct. 1	Bridgend	A	Lost			1	3		12	1	3				18
4	Newport	H	Won	2			3		21	2	1		1		19
8	Pontypridd	A	Lost				1		3		2		1		11
11	Northampton	A	Won		1	1	2		13		1		1		7
18	New Zealand	H	Lost			2	1		9	1	1	1	1		16
25	Harlequins	A	Won	2	4		1		31	1			2		12
Nov. 5	Oxford University	H	Won	3	1		1		25	1	1		1		13
8	Ebbw Vale	A	Draw	1	1	1	1		10		1		2		10
15	Tonyrefail (Cup)	A	Won	2			1		15						0
22	Bristol	H	Won	2	2		2		26		1		1		7
28	Moseley	A	Lost		1		1		7		2		1		11
Dec. 3	Pontypool	H	Won	2	2	3	1		32	2			1		15
6	Swansea	A	Won	1	2		3		23	1			4		18
13	London Welsh	A	Won	1	4				22	1			2		12
17	Llanelli	H	Won	2	1		2		22	1					6
20	British Steel (Cup)	H	Won	3	5		1		41						0
26	Pontypridd	H	Won	1	1		2		16		1				4
27	Newbridge	H	Won	1			2		12		1		1		7
Jan. 1	Bridgend	H	Lost				2		6	1	1		4		22
3	Moseley	H	Won		2		3		17		1		3		13
12	Tredegar (Cup)	H	Won	2	1		2		22						0
16	London Welsh	H	Won	1	2		1		17		1				4
24	Aberavon	H	Won	1	3		1		21	1			3		15
31	Llanelli	A	Lost	1			3		15		3		4		24
Feb. 6	Heriots FP	A	Won	3	2				26		2				8
11	Neath	H	Won	1			1		9	1					6
14	Bristol	H	Won	1	2		4		26	2	1				16
20	Bective Rangers	H	Won	3	3		2		36				1		7
28	Cross Keys (Cup)	H	Won	2	1		2		22	1	1				10
Mar. 21	Ebbw Vale	H	Won	2	4				28						0
24	Swansea (Cup semi-final)	A	Won	2			2		18		1		1		7
28	Newport	A	Draw	1	1		1		13		1	3			13
April 4	Bedford	H	Won	4	4				40		3				12
11	Bridgend (Cup Final)		Won		2		2		14				2		6
15	Swansea	H	Lost		2		1		11	1	2		2		20
18	Barbarians	H	Won	2	6		3		45	2	1		1		19
20	Harlequins	H	Won	2	1		1		19	1	1	1			13
24	Bath	A	Lost		2		1		11	2			2		18
28	Pontypool	A	Lost						0	5	4	2			52
30	Côte Basque	A	Lost				2		6	3	2				26
TOTALS				68	80	8	72		968	39	48	7	56		615

Cardiff First Fifteen - (continued)

W.R.U. Cup -

Opponents				H. or A.	Result	Score for					Score against					
						G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.	G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.
1st Round	Tonyrefail	..	..	A	Won	2					15					0
2nd Round	British Steel	..	..	H	Won	3	5				41					0
3rd Round	Tredegar	..	..	H	Won	2	1				22					0
4th Round	Cross Keys	..	..	H	Won	2	1				22	1	1			10
Semi-final	Swansea	..	..	A	Won	2					18				1	7
Final	Bridgend	..	..		Won		2				14				2	6
TOTALS						11	9			10	132	1	2		3	23

Seven-a-Side Tournaments:

Middlesex Sevens:

Exeter University Won 18-12
London Welsh Lost 6-22

Club Captain: JOHN SCOTT

Vice-Captain: GARETH DAVIES

TOTAL PLAYING RECORD: Played 48, Won 32, Lost 13, Drawn 2.

CARDIFF ATHLETIC XV

Date	Opponents	H. or A.	Result	Score for					Score against							
				G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.	G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.	
1980																
Sept. 3	Llanharan	A	Won	2	2		1		23		1				7	
6	Llantwit Major	A	Won	5	3		2		48		3				12	
10	Bristol United	H	Won	2	5		2		38		1		1		7	
16	Treviso	H	Lost	1			3		15	1	2		1		17	
17	CHSOB	A	Won	4	3				36		1		1		7	
20	Coventry Extras	A	Lost	1		1		1	7	2	2				26	
27	Cilfynydd	H	Won	4	1		3		37				3		9	
Oct. 1	Bedwas	A	Won		3				12				1		3	
4	Newport United	A	Won	2			1		15	2					12	
11	NHSOB	H	Won	2	3	1	3		36		2		1		11	
11	Quins Wanderers	H	Won	6	7				64						0	
15	Treorchy	A	Draw				2		6				2		6	
25	Pontypool United	H	Won	3	1		1		25				1		3	
31	London (NZ)	H	Won	2	3		2		30		1	1	3		16	
Nov. 8	Ebbw Vale Athletic	H	Won	4	5		1		47						0	
26	Pontypridd Athletic	A	Lost		1		2		10	2			1	1	18	
28	Ynysbwl	H	Won	3	4		1		37	1			2		12	
Dec. 3	Pontypool Athletic	A	Lost				1		3	2	4		1		31	
6	Swansea Athletic	H	Won	3	1				22	1	1				10	
13	Senghenydd	H	Won	4					24	1					6	
1981																
Jan. 3	Llandaff North	H	Won	6	2				44				2		6	
7	Penygraig	A	Won	2	1				16	1					6	
10	Garndiffaith	A	Lost		2				8	1			3		15	
24	Talywaun	A	Won	4	3	1	2		45	1					6	
31	Neath Athletic	H	Lost				2		6	1	1		2		16	
Feb. 7	Caerleon	H	Won	1	2		3		23	1	2				14	
14	Bristol United	A	Won	2	2				20	2	1		1		19	
20	Pengraig	A	Won	2	1		1		19		1		3		13	
Mar. 4	Pontypridd Athletic	H	Won		1	1	3		16	1			2		12	
28	Newport United	H	Won	3	7		1		49	2	1				16	
April 1	Ebbw Vale Athletic	A	Lost	1			6		24	2			5		27	
4	Neath Athletic	A	Won	3	4				34	1					6	
10	Swansea Athletic	A	Lost		1		1		7	2	2				20	
14	Abercynon	A	Lost						0	1			3		15	
18	Rumney	A	Won	3	2		1		29	2			1		15	
22	Wirralians	A	Won	1	1		2		16	1			1		9	
23	Caldey	A	Won	1	1		2		16	2					12	
28	Pontypool Athletic	H	Lost	1	1				10		1		3		13	
	TOTALS			77	74	3	50		917	33	27	2	47		453	

Captain: ROBERT LAKIN (TEMPORARY), IAN ROBINSON

RECORD FOR SEASON: Played 38, Won 27, Lost 10, Drawn 1.

CAPTAINS AND VICE-CAPTAINS – Rugby First XV

Captain	Vice-Captain
1876-77 T. S. DONALDSON-SELBY	1928-29 B. O. MALE
1877-78 E. C. FRY	1929-30 S. C. CRAVOS
1878-79 R. H. FOA	1930-31 B. R. TURNBULL
1879-80 W. D. PHILLIPS	1931-32 H. M. BOWCOTT
1880-81 W. D. PHILLIPS	1932-33 H. M. BOWCOTT
1881-82 B. E. GIRLING	1933-34 R. GABE-JONES
1882-83 W. D. PHILLIPS	1934-35 A. SKYM
1883-84 H. J. SIMPSON	1935-36 T. STONE
1884-85 H. J. SIMPSON	1936-37 L. M. SPENCE
1885-86 E. HANCOCK	1937-38 A. H. JONES
1886-87 W. H. TREAT	1938-39 W. WOOLLER
1887-88 A. YOUNG	1939-40 W. WOOLLER (2 games)
1888-89 A. F. HILL	1940-41 W. WOOLLER
1889-90 C. S. ARTHUR	1941-42 JACK MATTHEWS
1890-91 D. E. O. WILLIAMS	1942-43 JACK MATTHEWS
1891-92 W. E. EVANS	1943-44 H. J. SIMPSON
1892-93 T. W. PEARSON	1944-45 H. J. SIMPSON
1893-94 N. BIGGS	1945-46 JACK MATTHEWS
1894-95 A. F. HILL	1946-47 JACK MATTHEWS
1895-96 R. B. SWEET-ESCOTT	1947-48 JACK MATTHEWS
1896-97 J. E. ELLIOTT	1948-49 H. J. SIMPSON
1897-98 S. BIGGS	1949-50 H. J. SIMPSON
1898-99 E. GWYN-NICHOLLS	1950-51 W. E. TAMPLIN
1900-01 E. GWYN-NICHOLLS	1951-52 DR. JACK MATTHEWS
1901-02 E. GWYN-NICHOLLS	1952-53 W. REX WILLIS
1902-03 H. B. WINFIELD	1953-54 BLEDDYN WILLIAMS
1903-04 E. GWYN-NICHOLLS	1954-55 SID JUDD
1904-05 PERCY F. BUSH	1955-56 M. COLLINS
1905-06 PERCY F. BUSH	1956-57 P. T. GOODFELLOW
1906-07 RHYD T. GABE	1957-58 E. THOMAS
1907-08 PERCY F. BUSH	1958-59 C. D. WILLIAMS
1908-09 J. L. WILLIAMS	1959-60 GORDON WELLS
1909-10 R. A. GIBBS	1960-61 LLOYD WILLIAMS
1910-11 L. M. DYKE	1961-62 LLOYD WILLIAMS
1911-12 W. SPILLER	1962-63 LLOYD WILLIAMS
1912-13 F. GACCON	1963-64 D. J. HAYWARD
1913-14 EUROPEAN WAR	1964-65 MEIRION ROBERTS
1914-15 F. GACCON	1965-66 K. ROWLANDS
1915-16 W. J. POWELL	1966-67 K. ROWLANDS
1916-17 C. LEWIS	1967-68 C. H. NORRIS
1917-18 R. ARTHUR CORNISH	1968-69 J. O'SHEA
1918-19 DR. T. WALLACE	1969-70 J. HICKEY
1919-20 IDRIS RICHARDS	1970-71 J. H. JAMES
1920-21 T. A. JOHNSON	1971-72 G. WALLACE
1921-22 D. E. DAVIES	1972-73 G. DAVIES
1922-23 T. A. JOHNSON	1973-74 M. JOHN
1923-24 D. E. DAVIES	1974-75 T. G. R. DAVIES
1924-25 D. E. DAVIES	1975-76 T. G. R. DAVIES
1925-26 W. J. DELAHAY	1976-77 T. G. R. DAVIES
1926-27 B. R. TURNBULL	1977-78 T. G. R. DAVIES
1927-28	1978-79 W. G. DAVIES
	1979-80 JOHN SCOTT
	1980-81 JOHN SCOTT

CARDIFF CRICKET CLUB

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The marked improvement in Club fixtures during 1979 continued throughout 1980 for the Section as a whole, despite the disappointing results of the First XI.

Several difficulties arose during the year and, although they seem very distant now, they should certainly be recorded. The flooding, which took place at the end of 1979, delayed the relaying of the cricket square and prevented us from using the indoor nets at the Sports Centre. When the season finally got under way we were restricted in the use of the square as a direct result of the flooding.

The First XI under new Captain, Howard Slade, began the year with an emphatic 8 wicket victory over Newport in what is euphemistically called a friendly. Unfortunately at this stage of the season we lost the services of John Solanky who was offered a coaching position in Northern Ireland. One newcomer, South African Dudley Palmer, went North for most of the season in order to play in Lancashire League cricket. Furthermore, David Lewis, our last year's captain, was unable to play because of injury and later, business commitments.

We lost to Gorseinon in the Haig Competition in a closely contested game, Cardiff scoring 199 for 5 and Gorseinon reaching our score with only a few balls remaining. The highlight of this game, as far as Cardiff was concerned, was an 85 by Howard Slade which must have been noted by the Welsh Selectors as he was selected for the Welsh team during the season. In the Welsh Cup we beat Senghenydd quite easily, Chris Day taking 7 wickets for 10 runs in his 8 overs. We beat Bridgend, last year's runners-up, thanks to a team effort but Graham Bruce should be mentioned for his knock of 63: unfortunately, we lost the next game to St. Fagans in a match restricted by rain on a slower scoring rate. This was despite the fact that we were ahead of St. Fagans at a similar stage in their innings.

Later in the year in the Western League we convincingly beat St. Fagans, even though they had in their ranks former Cardiff player A. E. Cordle. During the year several players performed notably, once again Paul Good topped the Batting averages with 22.6 and vice-captain David Cooper topped the bowling averages with 25 wickets at 18.76.

The Second XI, also under a new Captain, S. P. Lang, started off with a string of victories against some of the better sides in the League and were leading the table for some time. Notable performances were by Martin Warren, 70 against Westbury, and Richard Lewis helped us beat Keynesham with 75. Paul Good and Kevin Hibbert both scored 65 against Chippenham and, at Brislington, Steven Lang reached 100. The leading wicket taker was Chris Day with 24 including 8 for 76 against Chippenham; he was backed up by Gary Hibbert and E. Evans, both taking 19, and Steve Price with 12.

The side finally finished sixth in the League. This is quite an achievement for a side which contains many young players. Certainly if the side continues to learn from experience and mature, there is every reason to expect a further improvement in the next few years.

The Third XI also did well in their division of the Morgannwg League. Duties of captaincy were shared between J. D. H. Riches, R. Patel and G. Stone. The success of the side is somewhat secondary as the team is used mainly as a blooded ground for young players. This year Huw Owen, Jock Day, Michael Cann and Hugh Roberts all performed with distinction. If the strongest side had been picked each week the Thirds could have finished top of their League but the policy of introducing new players inevitably meant that the strongest side was not always put into the field. Even so, they finished in third position in the League, which is commendable, especially as the side had the satisfaction of beating the leading clubs in the League.

Perhaps those players who play on Sundays are able to get the most enjoyment out of the game. They are not involved in the restricted over cricket of Cup and League. During the year there were plenty of exciting finishes, there was only one defeat and that was at the hands of Maesteg Crusaders, one of the weaker opponents. Perhaps the closest game was against Barclays Bank who were chasing 177 for victory and their number 11 batsman came to the wicket with one ball to go needing 5 runs to win. Despite some unorthodox fielding their attempts to run 5 to win were dashed during the third run.

We had our closest fixture to date against the South Wales Hunts. Cardiff totalled 216 for 4 declared and our opponents ended on 198 for 9. J. D. H. Riches, appearing for the Hunts, proved his usual "dogged" self and thwarted his club mates.

We enjoyed the luxury of a double over Briton Ferry. The Cardiff match was particularly notable, a century by Peter Crowther in Briton Ferry's 171 for 5 was bettered in Cardiff's innings which was dominated by Graham Bruce. He scored 105 not out in our reply of 172 for 3 off only 33 overs.

A double was also achieved against Cardiff High School Old Boys, P. Morgan taking 5 wickets for 21. He also took 7 for 22 in 11 overs against Llantwit Fardre.

Our highest score of the season was against Barry, where we reached 255 for 4 off 45 overs (Chris Elwood 135 not out). Later in the season we gained revenge against Maesteg Crusaders by recording an 8 wicket victory at their ground.

We were not as lucky in our second visit to Maesteg to play the Celtic team. They scored 184 for 6 off 50 overs, leaving us only 40 overs to score the runs. We finished 12 short with two wickets left in a most exciting game.

Perhaps the outstanding performance of the season was against the Lisvane side when we scored a meagre 116 runs but Lisvane were bowled out for 27. John Riches returned the remarkable figures of 6 wickets for only 11 runs.

Sunday games are particularly important in that they give players the opportunity of performing under less pressure than on Saturdays and it gives the occasional bowlers the opportunity of long spells, something not possible in limited over cricket.

Similar cricket is of course played on our Club tour. This year was our fifth in the Hampshire area and once again we were favoured with fine weather,

all five matches being played with 2 wins, 2 draws and 1 defeat. We lost our first match at Corsham but the second game at Hambledon, although ending in a draw, was very much in Cardiff's favour. Games at Portsdown (Tim Littlewood 82) and St. Cross were won by 5 and 4 wickets respectively. Against Alton we hung on to draw.

Once again the tour was based on the Westgate Hotel in Winchester and we now look forward to returning there in the summer of 1981.

Our Youth Section again did us proud and although we were not able to retain the Under 18 Western League Trophy, our Under 15's performed admirably in winning the Youth Competition at Newport. Hugh Roberts, who captained the side, and Michael Cann both showed considerable maturity in their batting, particularly in the game against St. Fagans when Michael Cann scored 152.

I should like to thank R. Patel and G. Hibbert for looking after the Youth teams at this event and R. Patel for his organising of the Sunday morning Youth nets and the Schools Competition.

The finalists in the Schools Competition, the Dan Herbert Cup, were once again Whitchurch and Llanishen. Llanishen, captained by Gary Hibbert, retained the trophy.

In addition to the league and cup commitments, we have several mid-week fixtures, unfortunately the weather took its toll of these but I should like to thank our Secretary, Chris Fookes, for the wide and varied fixtures arranged for all teams.

At the end of June the Club was successful at the Newport Fugitive Six-a-Side Competition but unfortunately the following week at our own Six-a-Side, sponsored this year by the Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society, we were eliminated at an early stage. The winners were Cefn Fforest and we are pleased to offer them our congratulations. I should particularly like to thank Ian Holmes and Richard Napier for working so hard in making the event the success it was. Thanks to all members for their support and to our President, Mr. Les Spence, who presented the various trophies. An extra special thanks to our ladies for providing us with refreshments throughout the day.

In 1981 a slightly different format is envisaged, when all teams will have the opportunity of playing more than one game. This will mean that the members of the rugby section will have the opportunity of gaining experience ready for our fixture against them later in the season.

We were pleased the rugby section put out a side on September 7th last year—we thoroughly enjoyed the day and I hope that this will now become an annual event. A further fixture has been arranged this year for September.

The first event of the year was our Dinner. Vic Marks of Somerset was our main speaker with David Yendol who also spoke later in the year with Alec Bedser and John Dawes at a dinner arranged to boost the funds for Alan Jones Testimonial. Both dinners were most successful.

I am pleased to have the opportunity of formally thanking all who have supported us during the year particularly Gordon Eccles who regularly turns out to umpire our Second XI, Sunday XI, Youth games and mid-week

games, also all the other scorers and umpires. Special thanks must also go to Albert Francis and his ground staff, who despite very difficult circumstances have provided us with improving facilities that are certainly better than any club in South Wales. Our appreciative thanks must go to the ladies who help us raise money and who give up their weekends to help prepare our teas. We are most grateful to all of them and appreciate so very much the efforts they put in to give us excellent teas at a very modest cost.

Finally, a word of thanks to the Management Committee for their support in regularly opening the bar at Sophia Gardens, I am sure that given time this will develop in the summer months and I look forward to seeing all members giving it their full support in the 1981 season.

GWYN STONE

CARDIFF CRICKET CLUB

CAPTAINS

From 1867 to 1876 there is no record of Captains.

1877 .. E. W. JONES	1928 .. N. V. H. RICHES
1878 .. E. W. JONES	1929 .. A. N. MORGAN
1879 .. E. W. JONES	1930 .. A. N. MORGAN
1880 .. E. W. JONES	1931 .. N. V. H. RICHES
1881 ..	1932 .. E. C. DOLMAN
1882 .. Names of Captains	1933 .. G. L. RATTENBURY
1883 .. not recorded.	1934 .. J. T. MORGAN
1884 .. J. P. JONES	1935 .. J. T. MORGAN
1885 .. J. P. JONES	1936 .. F. W. MATHIAS
1886 .. J. P. JONES	1937 .. F. THOMAS
1887 .. W. H. WILLIAMS	1938 .. W. J. EVANS
1888 .. W. H. WILLIAMS	1939 .. L. G. JONES
1889 .. W. H. WILLIAMS	1940-45 WORLD WAR II
1890 .. A. MORRIS	1946 .. W. J. EVANS
1891 .. A. MORRIS	1947 .. W. H. WILKINS
1892 .. W. H. BRAIN	1948 .. J. D. RICHES
1893 .. W. H. BRAIN	1949 .. G. GIBSON
1894 .. W. H. BRAIN	1950 .. W. H. WILKINS
1895 .. J. H. BRAIN	1951 .. W. H. WILKINS
1896 .. J. H. BRAIN	1952 .. G. DAVIES
1897 .. J. G. CLARK	1953 .. G. DAVIES
1898 .. J. G. CLARK	1954 .. W. H. WILKINS
1899 .. J. G. CLARK	1955 .. G. K. WILBY
1900 .. J. H. BRAIN	1956 .. G. W. WILBY
1901 .. J. H. BRAIN	1957 .. J. O. WEBB
1902 .. J. G. CLARK	1958 .. J. PLEASS
1903 .. V. T. GILL	1959 .. J. PLEASS
1904 .. V. T. GILL	1960 .. J. O. WEBB
1905 .. J. P. CADOGAN	1961 .. J. O. WEBB
1906 .. A. GIBSON	1962 .. A. THOMAS
1907 .. A. GIBSON	1963 .. A. THOMAS
1908 .. A. GIBSON	1964 .. A. PRIDAY
1909 .. A. GIBSON	1965 .. A. PRIDAY
1910 .. N. V. H. RICHES	1966 .. A. PRIDAY
1911 .. N. V. H. RICHES	1967 .. Dr. P. GATEHOUSE
1912 .. N. V. H. RICHES	1968 .. D. O. HERBERT
1913 .. J. HORSPOOL	1969 .. D. O. HERBERT
1914 .. J. HORSPOOL	1970 .. K. D. WILLIAMS
1915-18 EUROPEAN WAR	1971 .. D. J. PASK
1919 .. J. HORSPOOL	1972 .. D. O. HERBERT
1920 .. H. G. SYMONDS	1973 .. P. F. GOOD
1921 .. G. E. CORDING	1974 .. D. O. HERBERT
1922 .. G. E. CORDING	1975 .. K. D. WILLIAMS
1923 .. T. R. MORGAN	1976 .. R. THOMAS
1924 .. H. W. TAYLOR	1977 .. R. W. WEBB
1925 .. F. W. MATHIAS	1978 .. DAVID LEWIS
1926 .. N. V. H. RICHES	1979 .. DAVID LEWIS
1927 .. N. V. H. RICHES	1980 .. HOWARD SLADE

CARDIFF ATHLETIC BOWLS CLUB

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CAPTAIN'S REPORT

I really thought that we were going to swing into the 1980's with such a fine turnout on our opening day. Well over 80 people were there to witness Mr. Haydn Wilkins, Chairman of the Cardiff Athletic Club, address the assembled members and guests and open the Green. A wonderful buffet supplied by our own ladies and liquid refreshment provided mainly by many of our most generous members.

On then to the first meeting of a new and untried selection committee for a friendly match. The next game was listed as W.B.A. against Whiteheads at Newport, but this turned out to be a friendly game, but on arrival we discover that it was a P.G.1. We overcame this obstacle by winning, besides the fact that one car containing three skips and the captain were lost and arrived late.

We then commenced our W.B.A. games in earnest, winning the five games to win our Section and then three friendlies to keep in trim. It was then Abertridwr away. A great win, which left us with one more hurdle to reach the semi-final of the Carruthers Shield, but it was not to be. On a neutral green Cardiff (Sophia Gardens) proved too good for us on the day.

We were then faced with our P.G.1 games. Winning five but again unfortunately losing to Llanbradach. This particular game was a re-arranged game and had to be played on a Sunday. I personally do not think that we are at our best playing competitive bowls on a Sunday. A great effort all round and to think that only two losses in my opinion kept us from victory in both competitions. A new innovation then to a game between the so called Firsts and the "A" side. A great afternoon and I think this should be a regular fixture.

Then to Finals Day. What a wonderful turn-out. Over 50 members sitting down to tea and to witness one of the most junior members, Gordon Hazell, beating Bryn Hawkins in the Club Championship, and our almost most senior member, Trevor Phillips win the over 60's. The Pairs final was completed under floodlights and it would seem that youth told in this.

We congratulate J. Stevens And A. L. Brunt upon winning the South Glamorgan B.A. Pairs competition. We must also congratulate all winners in our competitions, all those who took part, all volunteer members and the competition organisers who did a magnificent job.

My thanks then to our worthy Chairman and the Section Committee for their wisdom and advice during for me a very happy season. To the Selection Committee for a lot of hard thought and work for nearly making it. I must add that at no time did any member of the Selection Committee (except myself) make any changes to the side without consulting other members.

Thanks then to our two Secretaries, Trevor and Jim, who do so much work, a grand crowd of ladies, who look after us so well, to the Groundsman and his staff, to Gaynor and the bar staff and to all those members who fulfil so many behind-the-scene tasks that we all take for granted.

My thanks to all members for allowing me the honour of captaining the Cardiff Athletic Bowls Club and I sincerely hope that our next year's captain, Stan Hull, can have that little bit more luck to win the titles that we so nearly achieved.

R. G. MILLS

First team results:

	Played	Won	Lost	Shots
W.B.A.	8	7	1	167
P.G.1	6	5	1	87
Friendlies	6	5	1	108

Club competitions:

	Winner	Runner-up
Championship	G. Hazell	B. Hawkins
Handicap	M. C. Gilmore	S. T. Hull
Two Wood	S. T. Hull	G. Hazell
Special Singles	J. Stevens	W. Light
Over 60's	T. Phillips	G. Israel
Pairs	D. Teague	J. Stevens
	A. L. Brunt	J. A. Judd

"A" TEAM CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Sustaining a serious breakdown in health prior to the playing season I was made doubly conscious of the honour conferred upon me when I was appointed captain of the "A" side. My physical incapacity sabotaged my playing participation but strengthened my resolve to undertake the captain's duties to the utmost of my ability even though from "off the bank". Despite not playing myself my body and soul were with my team throughout what proved to be an enjoyable season.

If the weather and Lady Luck had been kinder we may have captured a greater measure of success in the P.G.2 matches. We won our section but fell foul of our bogey opponents—the "Brad" in the closing stages. However, my illness must prompt me to emphasise that the playing of the game in the true spirit of comradeship is the "heart of the matter". All should be more than grateful for the privilege of being fit and well to enjoy the splendid facilities that our Bowls Club affords.

My sincere gratitude I proffer to all members for their sympathetic and courteous support during my term of office. I would like to extend a very special "thank you" to Jack Stevens, Stan Hull and Eddie Walters for their unstinting services and unfailing loyalty to me by stepping into the breach on many occasions. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of our ground staff for providing us with a playing surface which at the commencement of the season was fraught with problems but came good at the end. To our band of lady helpers who, in providing refreshments of a calibre unsurpassed by any other club, no tribute could be too high. God bless them for their tireless devotion.

In conclusion I was pleased to observe how our happy throng of new members fitted into our scene. This augurs well for the future—not only for the Bowls Section, but for the C.A.C. in general. I feel content and assured

that we can look ahead with confidence to many years of joyful bowling on our beloved green.

Once again, many thanks—one and all—for your camaradie and cordial support.

J. H. EVANS

"A" team results:

	Played	Won	Lost	Shots
P.G.2	9	5	4	74
Friendlies	9	3	5	50

Skip Results (P.G.2):

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
T. Phillips	7	5	2	
J. Stevens	8	4	4	
E. Chapple	4	3	1	
J. A. Judd	7	3	4	
A. G. Bound	5	2	3	

Skip results (WBA):

D. C. Osling	8	7	—	1
B. Hawkins	8	7	1	
S. T. Hull	7	5	2	
R. Pullen	6	4	2	

Skip results (P.G.1):

R. Pullen	6	5	1	
D. C. Osling	3	3	—	
B. Hawkins	5	3	2	
S. T. Hull	2	2	—	
R. G. Mills	4	2	2	

During the month of May we were honoured to stage the match between the South Glamorgan B.A. and Jersey. This is the first time for many years that Jersey have visited South Wales. In June we were hosts to the Cirencester B.C. and in July the Plymouth Retired Civil Servants paid us a visit. Finally in September we entertained the Devon and Cornwall Police.

In April 1980 we bid farewell to Mrs. Sheila Candlish, a member of our Ladies Tea Roster for very many years. We miss her generous contributions to our teas and wish her well in her new surroundings at Birkenhead.

Our sincere thanks are once again due to Mr. Ken George and his staff for all their help and consideration to the many demands we make upon them.

Obituary:

We regret to report the death in December of Mr. Rex Lewis, a former member of the Bowls Section. In February this year we also lost by death another dear friend and helper for many years in the person of the late Mrs. Hockey.

T. PHILLIPS

PAST CAPTAINS OF BOWLS SECTION

1924 .. J. BATSONE	1952 .. F. D. ALTON
1925 .. M. WOOD	1953 .. J. S. LEWIS
1926 .. W. M. DOUGLAS	1954 .. K. TOOZER
1927 .. J. PRATT	1955 .. C. B. WATSON
1928 .. W. H. JENKINS	1956 .. J. H. WEBB
1929 .. W. C. WILLIAMS	1957 .. E. F. COUZENS
1930 .. D. L. EVANS	1958 .. L. SMITH
1931 .. J. OXENHAM	1959 .. W. DACEY
1932 .. L. C. WATTERS	1960 .. A. P. FORSTER, M.B.E.
1933 .. F. DAVIES	1961 .. T. PHILLIPS
1934 .. W. T. GRIFFITHS	1962 .. W. H. THOMAS
1935 .. A. MILSOM	1963 .. J. DESMOND
1936 .. A. CALDER	1964 .. REX LEWIS
1937 .. C. W. STANDFAST	1965 .. L. M. SPENCE
1938 .. T. STRONG	1966 .. J. ELLIOTT
1939 .. E. RIDD	1967 .. J. A. JUDD
1940 .. W. J. OLD	1968 .. P. E. RIDD
1941 .. H. W. TAYLOR	1969 .. G. ARTHUR
1942 .. J. D. ROBERTS	1970 .. R. GOODING
1943 .. W. T. WILLIAMS	1971 .. L. K. MORGAN
1944 .. H. J. SALTER	1972 .. A. G. BOUND, M.B.E.
1945 .. A. G. COUZENS	1973 .. BRYN TALLIS
1946 .. A. F. MALE	1974 .. D. H. PRINCE
1947 .. A. E. TAYLOR	1975 .. M. C. GILMORE
1948 .. W. J. POWELL	1976 .. I. C. PRICE
1949 .. F. E. BONNELL	1977 .. D. S. DAVIES
1950 .. S. JONES	1978 .. COLIN WILLIAMS
1951 .. A. H. USHER	1979 .. S. J. STEVENS
	1980 .. R. G. MILLS

CARDIFF ATHLETIC LAWN TENNIS SECTION

CAPTAIN'S REPORT FOR SEASON 1980

This was our best year at Sophia Gardens so far and I am sure that we all feel more "at home" now.

Conditions continue to improve but we were again unable to use the grass courts until late in the season when the league programme had been completed. This was due, in the main, to inclement weather and to the necessity for the ground staff to devote the greater part of their time to other areas.

This year, for the first time, a professional coach was engaged. He began by coaching the Junior members. The sessions were enthusiastically attended and there are great hopes of a rise in the standard of play of our younger members.

The men's teams fulfilled almost all their fixture during the season, but difficulty was experienced in raising a side for the first team on a number of occasions. Both teams were able to retain their league positions in Divisions II and III respectively.

In the running of the annual tournament we reverted to the normal practice of setting commencement and completion dates, but the weather being what it was, it took longer to complete, and was not finished in time for the trophies to be presented at the annual general meeting, which was itself held later than usual.

T. R. MORGAN

LADIES TENNIS SECTION

In general the 1980 summer season was a disappointing one for the ladies' team. It was seldom possible to field our strongest team due to non-availability of players, and this was reflected in the results. However, it was pleasing to see the new lady members taking an enthusiastic part in club activities—both social and competitive—which is a good omen for the future.

Finally, I would like to wish the new captain every success for the 1981 season!

J. G. RAWSON
Ladies' Captain

CARDIFF ATHLETIC LAWN TENNIS CLUB CAPTAINS

		<i>Men's</i>	<i>Ladies'</i>
1923	..	T. J. HOPKINS	
1924	..	T. J. HOPKINS	Miss E. CLARE
1925	..	T. J. HOPKINS	Mrs. G. D. HORSPOOL
1926	..	T. J. HOPKINS	Miss D. A. CALDER
1927	..	F. C. ORAM	Miss D. A. CALDER
1928	..	F. C. ORAM	Mrs. M. GERMAIN
1929	..	E. R. HANCOCK	Miss M. OXENHAM
1930	..	W. L. BRIGHT	Miss M. OXENHAM
1931	..	W. L. BRIGHT	Miss M. OXENHAM
1932	..	T. W. RICHARDS	Miss E. TAYLOR
1933	..	D. B. MORGAN	Miss W. CORNWELL
1934	..	W. DAVID	Miss W. CORNWELL
1935	..	W. L. BRIGHT	Miss N. NIGH
1936	..	J. BROAD	Miss E. BELMAN
1937	..	J. M. HOPKINS	Miss W. CORNWELL
1938	..	A. C. TAYLOR	Miss W. CORNWELL
1939	..	J. M. HOPKINS	Miss M. CORNWELL
1940-45.	..	WORLD WAR II	
1946	..	C. T. HEMMING	Miss D. JONES
1947	..	M. LLEWELLYN	Miss D. JONES
1948	..	M. LLEWELLYN	Miss M. DAVIES
1949	..	GWYN MATTHEWS	Miss M. DAVID
1950	..	GWYN MATTHEWS	Mrs. N. EVANS
1951	..	GWYN MATTHEWS	Mrs. N. R. EVANS
1952	..	F. P. DAVIES	Miss M. M. HAZELL
1953	..	H. ROY EVANS	Mrs. E. YOUENS
1954	..	F. P. DAVIES	Mrs. M. WHEELER
1955	..	F. P. DAVIES	Mrs. G. RIDD
1956	..	F. P. DAVIES	Mrs. R. W. TAYLOR
1957	..	F. P. DAVIES	Mrs. M. WHEELER
1958	..	F. P. DAVIES	Mrs. M. WHEELER
1959	..	F. P. DAVIES	Mrs. M. WHEELER
1960	..	F. P. DAVIES	Mrs. M. WHEELER
1961	..	F. P. DAVIES	Miss P. RUSSELL
1962	..	F. P. DAVIES	Miss E. BELMAN
1963	..	F. P. DAVIES	Miss P. WILLETT
1964	..	F. P. DAVIES	Miss P. WILLETT
1965	..	F. P. DAVIES	Miss J. HOWELLS
1966	..	F. P. DAVIES	Miss J. HOWELLS
1967	..	F. P. DAVIES	Miss J. HOWELLS
1968	..	P. COLLIER	Miss J. HOWELLS
1969	..	P. COLLIER	Mrs. J. H. COLLIER
1970	..	P. COLLIER	Mrs. J. H. COLLIER
1971	..	P. COLLIER	Mrs. J. H. COLLIER
1972	..	P. COLLIER	Mrs. J. H. COLLIER
1973	..	D. F. WARD	Miss K. CHIVERS
1974	..	D. F. WARD	Miss K. CHIVERS
1975	..	D. F. WARD	Mrs. C. JEANS
1976	..	A. W. BUTCHER	Mrs. C. JEANS
1977	..	P. COLES	Mrs. J. RAWSON
1978	..	T. R. MORGAN	Mrs. J. RAWSON
1979	..	T. R. MORGAN	Mrs. J. RAWSON
1980	..	T. R. MORGAN	Mrs. J. RAWSON

CARDIFF HOCKEY CLUB

REPORT FOR THE SEASON 1980/81

It is customary to commence the report with the statistics of the Section's teams, and this year it is a pleasure to do so as for the 1st and 2nd XI in particular they are most impressive. The table of results is:

Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	Can.	For	Agst.	
1st XI	27	19	2	6	4	78	20	} 106 - 23
Cup games	9	7	1	1	-	28	3	
2ndXI	28	22	4	2	2	79	19	} 102 - 22
Cup games	4	3	1	-	-	23	3	
3rd XI	25	10	6	9	3	29	43	
4th XI	20	6	6	8	6	31	45	
5th XI	8	3	-	5	13	14	21	
Totals	121	70	20	31	28	282	154	

The last occasion on which the 1st XI scored over 100 goals in a season was in 1975/76, when we reached the European Club Cup Finals in Amsterdam, when 105 goals were scored in 47 games. To go further back, in 1949/50 110 goals were scored from 32 games under the captaincy of Norman Francis, and back in 1945/46 139 goals were scored also from 32 games. The last season when both the 1st and 2nd XI's each scored over 100 goals was in 1954/55 when the 1st XI scored 100 goals and the 2nd XI 101.

The leading goal scorers were:

S. Sparkes	37	R. B. Williams	9
J. Daffu	24	C. Brown	9
C. Grafton	19	S. Morgan	9
P. Kelvin-Smith	14	A. Rhys-Jones	9
T. Percival	14	T. Rhys-Jones	8
M. Sohenpal	13	S. Fleming	8
R. McKerlich	10	P. Rees	8
S. Sharma	9		

A total of 50 players scored for the Club. In one game Stephen Sparkes scored 8 goals, 5 players scored 4 goals in one match, and there were 9 hat-tricks.

Representative honours were gained by the following players:

Wales	R. B. Williams (Captain), H. D. J. Williams, A. Gowman, M. Bishop.
Wales Indoor	H. D. J. Williams, A. Gowman, T. Percival.
Wales U-21	T. J. Percival.
Wales Schools	Andrew Rhys-Jones.
Martin Gallivan	gained his "cap" as an indoor umpire.

It was a great pleasure to congratulate the 1st XI on a truly marvellous season in which they won the Welsh Cup, the Premier League, the Indoor League, have reached the Final of the Indoor Cup (yet to be played) and have only a slight hiccup in the Wares Nibrahim Cup when a 0-1 defeat cost the

Club the maximum possible number of Welsh trophies. These results are due to the number of players in the 1st XI squad and to firm selection policies rigorously applied without fear or favour; on one occasion Howie Williams was a substitute! Regular training on the astro turf also helped a great deal, but undoubtedly the leading factor was the captaincy of Bryn Williams who, even though he did not play a lot, provided guidance and leadership to the squad. It is important to emphasise the squad, since six 1st XI players missed most of the League games as a result of their participation in International matches and training weekends.

The strength in depth of the Club is emphasised by the excellent season also enjoyed by the 2nd XI. Tribute must be paid to the work that Terry Jones has done in not only running the 2nd XI but also helping out with the 1st XI. The 2nd XI won their Cup and finished second in the League. It was most unfortunate that the only two matches which the 2nd XI lost were in the League, on each occasion by only 0-1. It is ironic that despite scoring so many goals in the season they lost the 2nd XI league by virtue of scoring 3 goals too few.

The 3rd XI also finished second in their League; they took three points from the League winners, but gave away three points each to Newport and Cwmbran, who finished well down.

One of the highlights of the season has been the Under-14 mini-hockey team. This started in September with a tournament on the astro turf pitch when we lost in the semi-final to Swansea, the winners of the tournament. The level of skill and understanding of the team has steadily improved ever since and in May they reached the final of the Welsh Mini-Cup which was held at Aberystwyth. Besides all this, they have been strong enough to prop up the lower XI's during the season. Our thanks must go to Shri Sharma for the hard work that he has put in in coaching and encouraging the youngsters; a number of future 1st XI players are likely to come from these boys.

Also of note during the season was our changing shirts at the beginning of January. We did, of course, retain the same colours but the new shirts are made of a much lighter and more modern material. With only one or two exceptions, the new shirts have been welcomed throughout the Club.

Unfortunately, there have also been a number of disturbing factors to the season.

First, the state of discipline within the Club—the number of cautions, sending-offs, retaliation, vicious tackles and comments about and to umpires—is unacceptable. To my mind we reached the depths of bad behaviour when a member of the opposition complained to me that he had just played in the worst game of hockey ever. It is easy to get a bad name; it is difficult to live it down. Next season action will be taken against anybody who lets down the name of Cardiff Hockey Club.

The other disturbing factor is the lack of social activities. After producing a programme of events we failed to deliver the goods. For this I apologise.

We did have a successful cheese and wine evening at Jacksons when we honoured the long playing career of Mervyn Griffiths. The dinner was again very successful but not as well attended as it might have been. Two poor

promotions were the "conker night" and the "skittles evening". The "dance" just did not materialise. We will endeavour to do better next year.

When I took the chair the outgoing Chairman, Rod McKerlich, commented on the Committee that had been elected and said that with that Committee I would have a good year. How true that was; each member of the Committee has performed his function so well that there have been few crises. Each individual has sorted out any problems as they have seen them arise. We changed the selection system, doing away with Monday night meetings and the new system did falter a little until Mike Faires took on the 4th XI and sorted out the selection. To him and all the captains-Bryn Williams, Terry Jones, Mervyn Greenwood and Dave Parsons—who carried the brunt of the work I say thank you for a job well done.

To the Secretaries—Paul Kelvin-Smith, Channi Kaler, Sean McCarthy and Ed Cooper—who have each done their jobs efficiently I also offer the Club's thanks. I am happy to report that telephone calls from Sean to myself have gradually reduced from two a day at the start of the season to less than one a week now as he has learnt the job and learnt to make his own decisions.

To the "keeper of the tin", Rod McKerlich, I say thank you. Rod's job is so important to the smooth running of the Club and besides handling £1,000 odd he has to chase captains for money, organise the food and girls for the teas and generally prompt me. All these tasks he has performed with his usual precise efficiency. Perhaps he will also accept on behalf of the girls who served the tea and now, thank goodness, do the washing up, namely Sally Kear, Sean, Stephen, and the others.

Finally, I wish to thank the people who are really appreciated.

The umpires, without whom we cannot play; they are always available, always abused and frequently shunned—please accept our grateful thanks.

The groundsmen, whose work is taken for granted and yet plays so important a part in our game—our thanks.

I conclude by saying that I understand the slitting work at Sophia Gardens appears to be successful and we hope not to see so many lakes next season.

CARDIFF HOCKEY CLUB — RESULTS 1980/81

First XI

WELSH CUP

November 16	Cwmbran	.. ..	H	4-0
December 9	U.C. Cardiff	.. ..	H	5-0
February 1	Swansea	.. ..	H	3-0
February 15	(Semi-final) Pilkingtons	.. ..		3-0
April 26	(Final) Newport	.. ..		3-0

WARES IBRAHIM CUP

November 30	Abergavenny	.. ..	H	7-0
February 8	U.C. Swansea	.. ..	A	1-0
March 22	(Semi-final) Newport	.. ..		2-2
				(won 7-5
				after penalty
				flicks)
April 5	(Final) Whitchurch	.. ..		0-1

First XI — (continued)

1980					
Sept.	20	Brean	A	0-2	
Sept.	27	W. Gloucester	A	0-2	
October	2	1st Bn. Welsh Guards	H	12-0	
October	4	Beckenham	A	0-1	
October	5	O. Kingstonsians	A	1-2	
October	11	Marlborough	A	1-2	
October	18	Whitchurch	H	2-2	
October	25	Llandaff City	A	7-0	
November	1	Swansea	A	2-1	
November	8	Gloucester	H	3-0	
November	15	Cwmbran	H	4-0	
November	22	Llanishen	H	3-0	
November	29	Penarth	A	3-0	
December	6	Newport	H	5-1	
December	13	Bath	A	0-0	

1981							
January	3	BAC	..	..	..	A	3-0
January	24	Llanishen	..	..	..	A	6-0
January	31	Newport	..	..	..	A	4-0
February	7	Swansea	..	..	..	H	2-0
February	21	Whitchurch	..	..	..	A	1-0
February	28	Llandaff City	..	..	..	H	3-1
March	14	Cwmbran	..	..	..	A	1-3
March	21	Bristol	..	..	..	H	3-0
March	28	Bridgend	..	..	..	A	4-0
April	4	Weston	..	..	..	H	3-1
April	11	Morlands	..	..	..	A	2-0
April	24	Penarth	..	..	..	H	3-2

Second XI

CUP

November 27	U.C. Cardiff II	.. ..	H	13-0
January 25	Cwmbran II	.. ..	A	4-0
February 22	(Semi-final) Northop Hall II	.. ..		4-1
March 8	(Final) Whitchurch	.. ..		2-2
				(won 7-6
				after penalty
				flicks)

Second XI — (continued)

1980						
Sept.	20	Brean II	H	1-0		
Sept.	27	W. Gloucester II	H	2-0		
October	4	Gatton II	H	4-0		
October	18	Whitchurch II	A	1-0		
October	25	Llandaff City II	H	2-1		
November	1	Swansea II	H	4-0		
November	2	Lydney	H	2-1		
November	8	Gloucester II	A	1-1		
November	15	Cwmbran II	A	2-0		
November	22	Llanishen II	A	2-0		
November	29	Penarth II	H	0-1		
December	6	Newport II	A	1-1		
December	13	Bath II	H	5-0		

1981						
January	3	BAC II	H	4-3		
January	10	Hereford II	H	3-0		
January	17	Firelands II	A	2-2		
January	24	Llanishen II	H	2-0		
January	31	Newport II	H	3-0		
February	7	Swansea II	A	4-0		
February	14	Swindon II	A	4-0		
February	21	Whitchurch II	H	0-1		
February	28	Llandaff City II	A	5-0		
March	14	Cwmbran II	H	7-3		
March	21	Bristol II	A	2-2		
March	28	Bridgend 'B'	H	10-0		
April	4	Weston II	A	1-0		
April	11	Morelands II	A	4-2		
April	24	Penarth II	A	2-1		

Third XI

1980						
Sept.	20	B.P. Llandarcy	A	1-4		
Sept.	27	W. Gloucester III	A	0-6		
October	11	Marlborough III	A	0-7		
October	18	Whitchurch III	H	1-1		
October	25	Llandaff City III	A	4-0		
November	1	Swansea III	A	2-0		
November	8	Gloucester III	H	1-2		
November	15	Cwmbran III	H	2-2		
November	22	Llanishen III	H	2-1		
November	29	Penarth III	A	0-0		
December	6	Newport III	A	2-2		
December	13	Bath III	A	1-4		

Third XI — (continued)

1981						
January	3	RAC III	A	2-0		
January	10	Hereford III	A	1-0		
January	27	Llanishen III	A	3-1		
January	31	Newport III	A	2-3		
February	7	Swansea III	H	0-0		
February	14	Swindon III	H	2-1		
February	21	Whitchurch III	A	1-0		
February	28	Llandaff City III	H	5-0		
March	14	Cwmbran III	A	1-2		
March	28	Newent	H	0-1		
April	4	Weston III	H	0-6		
April	11	Morelands III	A	0-0		
April	24	Penarth III	H	1-0		

Fourth XI

1980						
September	27	W. Gloucester IV	H	0-9		
October	4	B.P. Llandarcy	A	4-1		
October	18	Whitchurch IV	A	0-9		
October	25	U.C. Bristol III	H	1-0		
November	8	Gloucester IV	A	0-6		
November	15	Lansdown IV	H	0-0		
November	22	Llanishen IV	A	2-0		
November	29	Penarth IV	H	2-2		
December	6	Newport IV	A	0-2		
December	13	Bath IV	H	4-1		

1981						
January	10	Hereford IV	H	1-1		
January	17	Firelands IV	A	0-4		
January	24	Llanishen IV	H	2-1		
January	31	Newport IV	H	0-4		
February	7	Bristol V	A	0-0		
February	14	Swindon IV	A	1-1		
February	21	Whitchurch IV	H	0-3		
February	28	Hereford IV	A	6-0		
March	14	R.A.F. St Athan	H	7-0		
April	4	Weston IV	A	1-5		

Fifth XI

1980						
October	4	Stanwell C.S.	A	1-0		
October	18	Whitchurch V	H	6-3		
November	22	Cardiff H.S.	H	0-3		
December	6	Cardiff H.S.	A	0-3		
December	19	Fitzalan H.S.	A	2-3		
1981						
January	7	Fitzalan H.S.	H	5-0		
January	24	Newport V	A	0-4		
January	31	Whitchurch V	H	0-5		

CARDIFF HOCKEY CLUB – RECORDS OF PAST SEASONS

Season	Captain	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
1896-97	E. W. BENNETT	*					
1897-98	E. W. BENNETT	23	8	7	8	38	46
1898-99	W. BIELSKI	17	8	2	7	38	26
1899-1900	N. D. WARE	23	14	6	3	68	24
1900-01	N. D. WARE	26	20	2	4	82	33
1901-02	N. D. WARE	19	15	2	2	81	13
1902-03	G. N. HOWELL	20	16	1	3	81	22
1903-04	G. N. HOWELL	24	18	2	4	110	31
1904-05	E. W. EVANS	20	15	2	3	119	27
1905-06	E. W. EVANS	15	11	1	3	78	27
1906-07	E. W. EVANS	17	13	2	2	68	25
1907-08	F. B. M. BULMER	16	12	2	2	62	23
1908-09	E. R. SWEET-ESCOTT	23	17	3	3	101	26
1909-10	B. TURNBULL	18	14	0	4	109	26
1910-11	H. H. SWEET-ESCOTT	18	14	2	2	107	22
1911-12	J. W. DUNCAN	18	15	1	2	95	26
1912-13	H. REDFORD	15	10	0	5	70	57
1913-14	J. O. TURNBULL	22	19	2	1	115	30
1919-20	B. TURNBULL	17	10	2	5	64	45
1920-21	H. S. STEPHENS	15	7	4	4	41	34
1921-22	R. T. S. HINDE	24	14	3	7	92	51
1922-23	H. W. BROWNE	19	10	3	6	73	34
1923-24	W. S. COURTIS	23	9	4	10	63	68
1924-25	A. T. HARPER	*					
1925-26	A. T. HARPER	*					
1926-27	W. H. FAIRLAMB	*					
1927-28	R. J. RICHING	*					
1928-29	D. G. SHAW	*					
1929-30	F. L. LAMARQUE	25	12	4	9	79	59
1930-31	F. L. LAMARQUE	30	17	3	10	126	50
1931-32	K. G. HUGHES	29	16	4	9	87	77
1932-33	S. C. BANBURY	28	13	6	9	77	77
1933-34	S. C. BANBURY	30	11	5	14	53	57
1934-35	S. C. BANBURY	34	13	7	14	64	71
1935-36	G. R. FAULKS	27	14	2	11	60	64
1936-37	G. R. FAULKS	25	11	6	8	48	50
1937-38	G. R. FAULKS	31	20	3	8	64	40
1938-39	G. R. FAULKS	25	14	6	5	62	30
1945-46	G. PERCIVAL	32	25	2	5	139	49
1946-47	G. PERCIVAL	20	10	3	7	65	36
1947-48	K. G. HUGHES	26	14	3	9	57	42
1948-49	G. A. L. TUCKER	26	15	1	10	72	45
1949-50	W. N. FRANCIS	32	22	3	7	110	56
1950-51	W. N. FRANCIS	26	14	8	4	87	44
1951-52	W. N. FRANCIS	30	17	6	7	96	47
1952-53	W. N. FRANCIS	30	18	8	4	98	43
1953-54	N. C. PALLOT	30	18	6	6	89	34
1954-55	N. C. PALLOT	29	20	6	3	100	31
1955-56	W. A. THOMAS	29	19	3	7	103	52
1956-57	M. H. C. MEGGITT	28	16	5	7	83	59
	T. D. H. THOMAS						
1957-58	D. J. O'BRIEN	30	20	2	8	93	54
1958-59	M. H. C. MEGGITT	28	15	5	8	64	41
1959-60	G. T. WHITEWAY	26	9	5	12	62	67
1960-61	M. H. C. MEGGITT	25	13	4	8	60	47
1961-62	P. WILKINSON	30	16	8	6	90	59
1962-63	P. WILKINSON	23	15	3	5	61	32
1963-64	G. T. WHITEWAY	29	17	3	9	71	47
1964-65	G. T. WHITEWAY	32	22	2	8	98	51
1965-66	G. T. WHITEWAY	22	5	2	15	32	57
1966-67	J. R. COCKS	25	7	6	12	37	46
1967-68	J. R. COCKS	32	13	7	12	54	74
1968-69	J. R. ELLIS	30	13	9	8	50	36
1969-70	R. K. O. GODDARD	36	24	5	7	75	26
1970-71	J. R. COCKS	42	27	6	9	96	46
1971-72	J. R. COCKS	33	13	9	10	66	46
1972-73	J. R. COCKS	45	23	7	15	84	78
1973-74	H. M. O. GIDDY	35	23	6	6	85	33
1974-75	P. HORSFIELD	40	21	6	13	82	52
1975-76	P. HORSFIELD	47	23	10	14	105	71
1976-77	R. C. MCKERLICH	36	20	5	11	59	25
1977-78	R. R. WILDBLOOD	31	18	2	11	59	35
1978-79	R. B. WILLIAMS	27	15	2	10	47	34
1979-80	R. R. WILDBLOOD	33	15	5	12	66	43
1980-81	R. B. WILLIAMS	36	26	3	7	106	23

* Records not available

CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB GOLFING SOCIETY

The season continued with Captain's Day at Cardiff Golf Club on Thursday, 29th May. This meeting is always something special. The course is ever a delight to play on and the reception in the Clubhouse always warm and friendly. The competition was a Singles Stableford for the Rhys T. Gabe Cup. We were indeed grateful to our President Mr. Les Spence who kindly shared our table for supper in company with Mr. Bernard McQuistin, Captain, Cardiff Golf Club.

Winner — Derek Hale, 35 points; Runner-up — Ralph Goode 32 points; Best Guest — David Evans (Ashburnham G.C.) 40 points.

Glamorganshire Golf Club were hosts to the Society for the Summer Meeting on Thursday, 24th July. The pleasant atmosphere and congenial company help to make this one of the most popular meetings on the fixture list. The competition was a Four Ball B/B Stableford for the Hubert Johnson Trophy. Local knowledge is obviously a great help to winning at golf and Glamorganshire is no exception. If proof were needed, the winners this year were Brian Joseph, a past captain of Glamorganshire and his guest Peter Pryce. Members will remember them winning this competition last year. The winning score of 47 points equalled that of last year. Three scores of 42 points were achieved by Cyril Jones and his guest Dave Hopkins; Lionel King and Clive Williams and Ian Brice and his partner Paddy Murphy. Cyril Jones and Dave Hopkins were awarded the runners-up prize by virtue of a best last nine holes. We were particularly indebted to Mr. Les Spence for his great effort to attend the supper. A prior business appointment in London meant a round trip of over 350 miles. We count ourselves fortunate to have him as our President. Mr. George Walker, Captain, Glamorganshire Golf Club was our guest for the day.

Winners — Brian Joseph, Peter Pryce, 47 points; Runners-up — Cyril Jones, David Hopkins, 42 points (on last nine).

The 1980 fixture list was brought to a close with the traditional Autumn Meeting at Whitchurch Golf Club on Thursday, 2nd October. A glorious day giving the first hint of the approach of Autumn saw members and guests tee off in a Singles Stableford Competition for the Gwyn Nicholl Rose Bowl. Again local knowledge played a part because the winner was John Povall. Following an excellent supper meal, in a speech which emphasised the natural gifts of the raconteur, the Captain, Colin Howe, unfolded the day's events on the course. Only those who attended the meeting would appreciate his remarks that the course was between Whitchurch and Rhiwbina. Our guests for supper were Mr. Les Spence, Mr. W. Creemer, President Whitchurch G.C., Mr. Ken George, General Secretary, Mr. Haydn Wilkins and Mr. Gerry Hunter, Captain Whitchurch Golf Club.

Winner — John Povall, 33 points; Runner-up — Ted Williams, 32 points; Best Guest — Philip Williams, 38 points.

The culminating high spot of the Society year is the Annual Dinner which is always held on the last Friday in January. Members and guests could not wish for a more congenial atmosphere for such a grand affair than that engendered by the gathering together in the Athletic Club. A splendidly

convivial evening made all the more pleasurable by the presence and personality of our principal guest His Honour Judge Derek Howells. The speeches were eloquent and humorous, adding to the total enjoyment of the evening which is the hallmark of the Annual Dinner. One of the highlights was the presentation of the L. M. Spence Salver, a magnificent trophy donated by the President, to the Society Man of the Year. The first recipient of this honour was Mr. Jake Morgan, a founder member of the Society and a past Captain. Appropriately, the presentation was made by the President as were the presentations to the competition winners of the past year. Our thanks go to Mrs. Gaynor Parsons and her staff for their kindness and courtesy which helped to make the evening the undoubted success it was.

The Annual General Meeting was held in February 1981. Keith Allan was nominated and duly elected as Captain of the Society for the ensuing year. The Captain's nomination of Roger Bird as Vice-Captain was similarly approved.

The opening of the new season is always eagerly awaited and the excitement of the day is enhanced by the welcome members and guests receive at Llanishen Golf Club. There can be few clubs more accommodating and enjoyable. This year was no exception. The competition was a 4 Ball B/B Stableford held on Thursday, 23rd April for the C.R.F.C. Centenary Cup presented by T. Lynn Williams. A huge attendance — over 60 — saw David Jones and his guest Dan Jones score the highest number of points ever recorded at a Society meeting. The weather was superb for golf and the course played magnificently. Our guests for supper were Mr. D. C. Underwood, Captain Llanishen Golf Club and Mr. E. H. Pearson, Secretary.

Winners — David Jones, Dan Jones, 50 points; Runners-up — Selwyn Davies, J. L. B. Lewis, 47 points.

Miss "Babs" Filer

For five decades and more she was known to all as "Babs". And if someone should ask — who was Babs?, we who remember will speak of a grand lady with a delightful sense of humour, a welcoming host generous in hospitality, a confidante with absolute loyalty to friends. She will be remembered . . . always.

ELFED DAVIES,
Hon. Secretary

CARDIFF ATHLETIC MALE VOICE CHOIR

The past season proved quite an eventful one for the Choir. Shortly after returning from our third successful visit to the Royal Albert Hall for the 1,000 Welsh Male Voice Festival in October, we were very fortunate indeed to acquire the services of a new Conductor, Mr. Bill Cooper, and a new pianist, Mrs. Dorothy Lewis, since when the Choir has shown a marked improvement and has provided first class entertainment for numerous charities and organisations, including a massed concert at the New Theatre, in the presence of H.R.H. The Duchess of Kent, the proceeds of which went to the St. John's Ambulance Brigade, an excellent concert at the No. 1 Lecture Theatre of the Heath Hospital for the Leukemia Research fund, and various other concerts in the locality. We also had a very good evening of Carol Singing at the Xmas Draw in the top lounge, which was enjoyed by everyone fortunate enough to attend. We were part of the 2,000 voices that sang at the opening of the W.R.U. Centenary season, and performed at the Cardiff Rugby Club's Gala Dinner at the City Hall.

In November of last year we recruited about ten members of the recently disbanded Fire Service Choir. The enthusiasm and dedication of these new members has greatly enhanced the performances of our Choir.

We have trips in the planning stage to Exeter, Northampton, the Cotswolds etc., so we are looking forward to our most successful season yet.

If any Club member reading this report is interested in choral singing, and would like to spend a few hours a week in happy, congenial company, come along to the top lounge of the Club on any Monday evening throughout the year at 7.30 p.m. and I can assure them of a very warm welcome.

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